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Team Martz is all smiles after a hard day's work offshore during the Ocean City Marlin Club's 43rd Annual Small Boat Tournament. As the first tournament of the season for the club due to windy weather, cold offshore water and high fuel prices, there was pent up demand. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, but the fish... not so much. To get this winning fish Capt. Stephen Martz took the crew of Willie McGill of Hampstead, MD, Carl Kindig from Annapolis, MD, Robert Nolte over from Queenstown, MD and Karen Martz from Severn, MD deep into the blue and had to be patient. They found success outside the Baltimore Canyon in 800 feet of water when this yellowfin hit on a blue flander. Coming to the scales late on the first day of the event, the yellowfin tuna weighed in at 66.6 lbs. and held off all challengers to take 1st Place in the Heaviest Tuna Division securing \$5,242 in prize money for the team.





Don't tell the sheriff, but there are convicts on the loose! Shane Jester and Matt Callahan got in on the hot sheephead bite recently to land 2 nice fish. One at 6.5 lbs. and the larger one at 7.2 lbs. They were fishing with Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat "On The Run" at the Ocean City Inlet using peeler crab for bait. Pictured at Fish Tales at the Bahia Marina.

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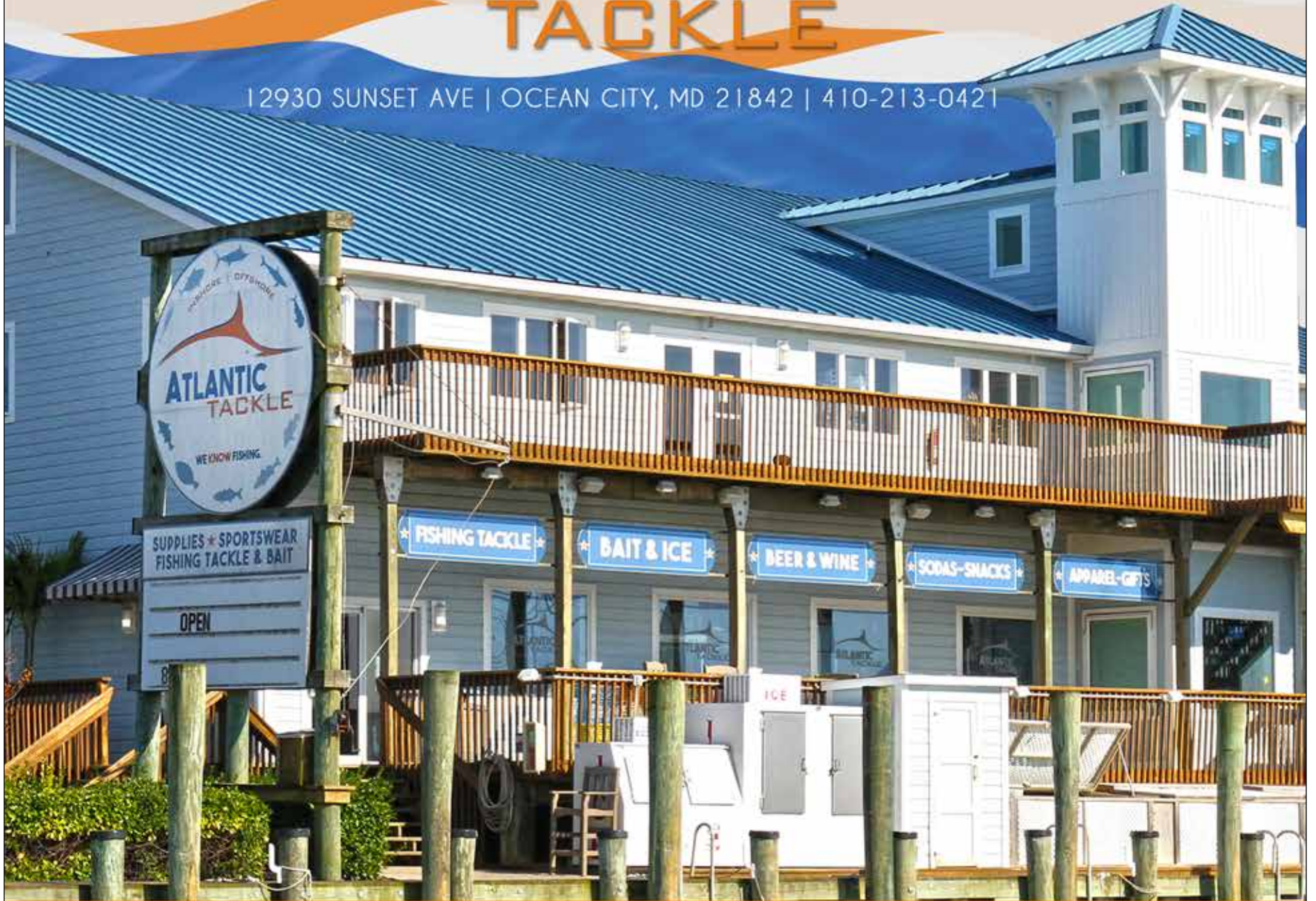


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12 year old Lydia Greene from Glen Rock, PA has a big smile as she shares this 20" flounder she caught. She was fishing with her Pop Pop Ronald Greene in the Indian River Bay using white Gulp and minnows to fool the flatties.



Night fishing for bluefish and stripers has been hot lately at the Rt. 50 Bridge. Nick Ager managed to get this big 10 lb. blue to the bridge deck and found it's belly full of 3-4" spot. Bait was a Swim Shad from Lunker City.

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# THE Offshore Report

by Larry Budd



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1 qualifying 30 lb. fish to the scale. The leaderboard did move however when two 51 lb. yellowfins came in back to back mixing things up. The big move came toward the end of day when the aptly named "Game Changer" dropped a 54 lb. tuna on the dock taking first place in the event. Check out our full coverage starting on page 68.

The two day OC Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament kicked off on Saturday. 51 boats entered this year's field with 33 fishing on Day 1 and the remaining 18 on Sunday. Not all of these were in the offshore categories. In general, the captains found similar conditions on Friday, early morning bites with frequently only 1 bite all day. The top tuna for the event stood out. "Team Martz" fished outside the Baltimore Canyon and found a 66.6 lb. yellowfin tuna that held the lead for the rest of the event, securing \$5,242 in prize money. The Mahi Division came down to the wire with no qualifying fish weighed until nearly the end of Day 2. "Sea Biscuit" was first with a 12.4 lb. fish, only to be upstaged by the next boat. The "Humpin' Along" threw some small gaffers on the dock that did not meet the tournament minimum of 10 lbs., only to reveal a bull dolphin that checked in

### This Week Last Year

- 61 boats registered for the OC Marlin Club's Annual Small Boat Tournament! The top tuna was a 74 lb. yellowfin caught on the "Tellum". The 1st place mahi was only 15 lbs, caught by the "Fishizzle" in the Washington Canyon earning almost \$10,000. This reminds us to weigh every fish!
- Mark Perez boated a 233 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing in the Washington Canyon on the "Whiskey Kilo". This was the heaviest of the season, but only for a day when Greg Eckard on the "Ro Sham Bo" brought a 235 lb. eyeball to the scales, also from the Washington Canyon.
- Chelsea Trimper was recognized by the OC Marlin Club as the first member to release a blue marlin for 2021 while on the "Blood Money" in the Norfolk Canyon.

Weather wise it was the week we have been waiting for. We had several days offshore of fair winds and waves, and only a couple days of blow. So while the weather got in line, the fish decided to chill for most of the week offshore! There is a lot of action to cover both inshore and off with 4 tournaments running concurrently over the weekend in addition to all the boats that took advantage of the weather to finally get to the canyons.

### Tournaments

Two tourneys this weekend focused on or had calcutta's in the offshore categories. The first was the 2nd Annual Tuna & Tiara's Ladies Tuna Tournament that started Friday (postponed from the week before), followed by the Ocean City Marlin


Club's 43rd Annual Small Boat Tournament. The other two were bay or mainly nearshore focused. The 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam kayak fishing tournament was held at Atlantic Tackle and the 7th Annual Kid's Catch-All Tournament was held over the weekend at the Indian River Marina.

It was great to see our first couple of annual offshore events after several earlier in the season were canceled due to weather or fuel prices, or both! Last Friday saw the first 'fish one of two' days for the Tuna & Tiara's Ladies Tuna Tournament. Despite the push back a week, 33 boats registered with 10 selecting



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to fish on Day 1. The bite was to say the least, tough. Only 3 boats brought fish to the scales and each had only 1 fish, and most reported only 1 bite for the day early in the morning. First to the scales was the "Billfisher" with team 'Tunalicious'. They put a 47 lb. yellowfin on the dock that Sarah Evans caught as the only bite for the day. They closed the day at the top of the leader board for the 2 tuna weighed. Day 2 saw the remaining 23 boats head out. Again, the bite was tough with no boats bringing more than



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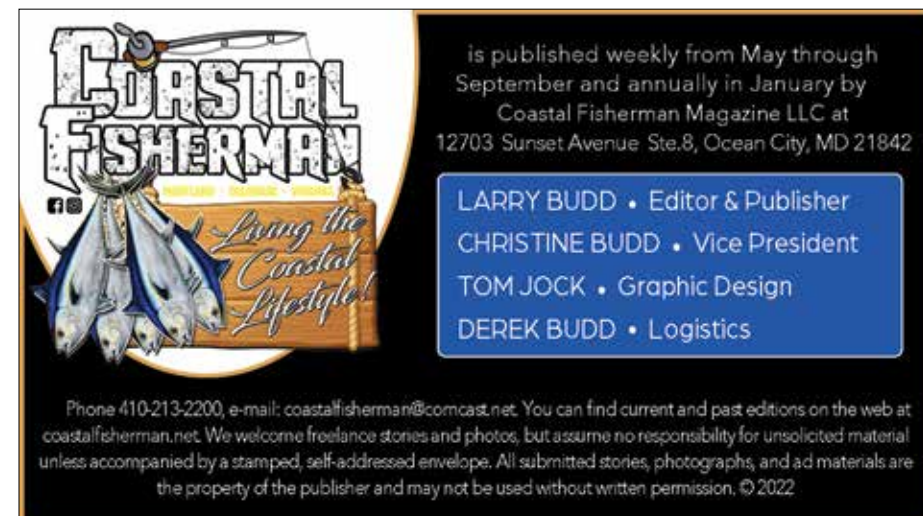
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at 20.6 lbs. Check out the picture of that pretty fish, plus our coverage starting on page 72.

The other two tourneys were inshore/bay events, but a few catches are worth a mention. During the 7th Annual Kid's Catch-All Tournament hosted by the Indian River Marina, 10 year old Francesca Gessler took top honors with a 49 lb. yellowfin she caught in the Wilmington Canyon while fishing on the "Trouble Maker". Check out the cute kids and catches starting on page 62.

While the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam kayak tournament was mainly a bay and near shore event, it also saw a unique offshore catch. Angler John Stackhouse paddled 2 miles out of the Ocean City Inlet close to Kelly's Reef and connected with a 48.5" and 46.25 lb. cobia. A nice catch in general, exceptional on a kayak! More on that event can be found starting on page 76.

Outside the tournament, most anglers that went out mid week last week were rewarded with some good yellowfin action. Last Monday through Wednesday were the best with several boats posting 10+ catches of good size tuna, with the southern Poor Man's Canyon to the Washington Canyon being the hot spot. That rush however did lead to many boats in those canyons on Friday and Saturday and that puts pressure on the bite.

No reports of bigeye, bluefin or longfin tunas over the last week made it to our ears.

Those struggling with tuna did find some action with tilefish and rosefish. We have a number of reports of limit blueline tilefish catches and some very nice size golden tilefish, including two big golden tilefish caught on the "Jacked Up" last Sunday. Capt. Nick Skidmore reported them at 52.6 lbs.

and 48.4 lbs.

Lastly, billfish and mahi continue to be a struggle. The "Ro Sham Bo" has a nice white release in the middle of the Washington Canyon last Friday in 2,000 ft. and 69 DEGREE water. The "HotLine" released a blue marlin on Saturday after running almost 99 miles from the Ocean City Sea Buoy. The "No Limits" had a release on Saturday as well during the Small Boat Tournament. Angler Matthew Aichinger released a white in the early morning at the Rockpile. All of these fish hit on a blue & white Ilander. Notable for mahi was the 20.6 pounder mentioned above during the Small Boat Tournament.

The current offshore forecast looks good for most days. As always, if they're catching, we will report it here in the Coastal Fisherman.

Until next week, I will see you at the scales! §

### Upcoming Tournaments

•The OC Marlin Club hosts the 40th Canyon Kickoff Tournament on July 1st - 3rd. Registration is June 30th for this fish 2 of 3 day event. Weigh ins are at Sunset Marina every day from 5:00-7:30PM. More at OCMarlinClub.com.

•The MidAtlantic Cup will be held July 4th and offers anglers from anywhere from Sandy Hook, NJ to Virginia Beach to participate. Overall there are 4 weigh stations with one at Sunset Marina. More at SouthJerseyTournaments.com.

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We don't get a lot of reports from the Rehoboth Bay, so we appreciated when Mike Smith from Middleton, DE shared his catch. He caught this nice 22" flounder and two other keepers using bucktails with Gulp.



We have had a couple of reports of sand tiger shark releases this past week. Richard Hoenes from Harbor Island used a fresh bonita he caught in the Poor Man's Canyon to catch this tiger at a shoal 1/2 mile south of the OC Inlet. He used a 7' rod with a Penn 975 reel and spent 30 minutes to get the fish to the boat to be quickly and safely released.



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# OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



It was Fireman's Week in Ocean City last week as well as the finale of Senior's Week. Moving forward, we will see a big influx of tourists and our waters will become very crowded. Decent catches of sea bass are still around, but many juvenile fish are mixed in making keepers harder to find.

## Sea Bass & Flounder

Sea bass brought tons of small fish. Many boats reported catching dozens of fish with only a handful of keepers to bring home. Captain Chris Mizurak of the headboat "Angler" reported that the fishing was a mix of sea bass and

flounder. Captain Chris said that fishing was fair with some keepers coming over the rail mixed in with lots of small ones. Flounder were also caught, including fish up to 5 lbs. The flattie was caught by Peter Chung. Squid and clam combo was the bait of choice. Chris also reported they caught their biggest sea bass last week. The knothead was 4 lbs. For those of you looking to get out in the ocean and have a great day on the water, Chris has been a captain for many years and has a great crew. The "Angler", like all headboats in the area, are great for novice anglers as well as serious hardcore veterans. The Bass Grounds gave up a lot

of fish last week, however keepers were hard to come by. The African Queen site did a little better for keepers, but the star of the week was the deeper Great Eastern Reef. The deeper water and further ride out kept pressure down on these wrecks. Anglers that fished the deeper water were rewarded with much better catches of keeper fish. Fresh clam is still the best bait, but squid and sand fleas are also doing well. Jig fishing for sea bass has slowed down, with not as many big fish are around after the last few weeks of fishing. Flounder has really turned on this week with some big fish coming over the rails. A number of anglers

are using squid strips with minnow and finding success. Gulp baits are also working well. Looking to the bay, John Lewis of the "Happy Hooker" reported that the fishing was hit or miss. The water clarity has been up and down with the thunderstorms. The dirty water had slowed the bites. John also said that the bridge fishermen were catching some small stripers.

Mark Berry reported he and his buddy were on the bulkhead and caught several nice flounder while drifting live spot.

Michael Marisa reported a great day flounder fishing in Ocean City, returning home with a nice limit of big fish. Pete Renzi of "Fish Frenzi" reported a few keeper sea bass with lots of throwbacks to keep anglers busy.

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Cannuli were also out for flounder this week and returned to the docks with a boat load of limits and tons of smiles. Vince is on the charter boat "Running Tides". The Thorofare was the hot spot of the week with the back side of Assateague Island being a close second. This coming week is currently calling for calmer winds, so hopefully the bay area will start to see cleaner water. Long strips of squid and minnow combos are your best bait for targeting flounder in the back bays. Live spot are also around and are a fantastic bait for big flounder. If you don't have a boat, the bulkhead along 2nd Street is a great place to do some fishing from the shore. Staying with the bay the Rt. 50 Bridge is still seeing good catches of bluefish and small rockfish. Cut bait and swim jigs are

the ticket when fishing the pilings of the bridge. On the bridge itself, fish the down current side and drop your bait right along the pilings to the bottom, and then let the current take the bait away and out into the open bay. Offshore flounder are staging on the down current side of wrecks and will attack a bait coming off the wreck onto the sandy bottom below. Expect to lose a few rigs due to the longer leaders of flounder rigs. The loss of rigs is worth it as many of the biggest flounder each year come off the near shore wrecks. Big Gulp are a great bait for this type of fishing as they can be rigged fairly weedless and won't hang up as much as squid strips. Bucktails are another great bait choice when targeting wreck flounder. Ribbon fish are also around the

wrecks and I've heard they are the thickest we have seen in years. Matt from the "Ocean Princess" said they started catching some this week, and with the slow sea bass catch, it was a welcome catch. A few bluefish are also coming off the wrecks, so keep a rod rigged up with a bucktail to capitalize on these fish passing by.

### Bluefish, Spadefish & Cobia

Fenwick Shoals have also been good for slow trolling. Small spoons and mahi style plugs are working well for spanish macs as well as bluefish. This style of fishing is just beginning and often overlooked by anglers. For those not wanting to run offshore and troll for pelagics, this is a good alternative. Many new anglers who want to get some experience in how to troll will learn a lot

from this style of fishing. If the bluefish and macs are around, they will charge your spoons and plugs. Not many cobia have been seen this far north as of yet, however with Virginia on fire now it's only a matter of days before these fish venture into our waters.

The Fenwick Shoals as well as the shoals just south of the OC Inlet are great spots to target the "man in the brown suit". Live eels and mullett heads are a great bait for targeting moving cobia. Chumming is also a great too, however, be ready for tons of near shore sharks to attack your baits.

This week also saw a few sheepshead caught off the rocks at the inlet. Sand fleas are a top bait on a small circle hook. §

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Gavin German from Pottstown, PA certainly got some nice fish from the north side of the Indian River Inlet. He was using sandfleas and ended the day with 2 sheepshead and a black drum.



Cathy Roth of Lancaster, PA caught this 16.5" keeper flounder in the Indian River Bay using Gulp. Despite her best efforts to stretch the fish it remained 16.5"!

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We suspect Kevin Scruggs may be enjoying some Papa Pilar rum after he landed this 23" and 6.5 flounder at the Fenwick Shoals. This was a personal best for Kevin in over 45 years of fishing. He was fishing in some pretty sporty weather in the morning with Capt. John Beauregard on the "Sea Beau" that fortunately settles down around noon.

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	<b>June 5</b> Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	<b>May 27</b> Mike Greene 3 R's 10 lbs. 12 Oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	<b>May 30</b> Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>April 16</b> CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	<b>May 22</b> Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>June 12</b> Richie Widmayer Baltimore Canyon 191.5 lbs.	
 <b>Cobia</b>	 <b>June 25</b> John Stackhouse Kelly's Reef 46.25 lbs.		 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>June 10</b> Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>May 24</b> Dave Skirka Thorofare 5.5 lbs.	<b>June 9</b> John Gudneck Ocean Structure 6.35 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		<b>June 5</b> Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>May 31</b> Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	<b>May 20</b> Randy Meyers Ocean Structure 3.50 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>June 1</b> Mick Young Wilmington Canyon 80.6 lbs.	<b>June 10</b> John Savoca Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	 <b>June 24</b> Hunter Barone OC Inlet 8 lbs.	<b>June 12</b> Denise Threadwell Outer Wall 10.9 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	 <b>June 26</b> Joe Rogers Norfolk Canyon 20.6 lbs.	
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>May 20</b> Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 <b>Swordfish</b>	 <b>June 12</b> Joe Tight Baltimore Canyon 106 lbs.	
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>April 22</b> Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	<b>April 22</b> Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>		
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While the wind kept the offshore boats at the dock that day, it did not stop Ruth Kloetzli and long time Coastal Fisherman subscriber Lynn 'Baby' Hallard. They fished on the charter boat "Gale Force" with Mate Logan Serpico on the south wall of the Indian River Inlet where Ruth took top fish at 23" and Baby got a 17" keeper, both caught with shiners. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Angler Tom Brinker from Selbyville, DE was at it again on the "Carol's Teakettle" taking a trip to the Baltimore Canyon for some tile fishing. He landed this 22 lb. golden tilefish using squid.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



It was a family affair for Ryder and Ryan Miller with their dad Nick. The 3 booked a trip on the deep sea fishing vessel "Angler" from the Talbot Street Pier. They caught these keeper flounder and sea bass at a natural reef using clams.



It's that time of year when we start to see the delicious trigger fish showing up in the mix. Mary Eddie of Ellicott City, MD with "Green Reaper" charters took their other boat "Reel Steel" to a wreck about 8 miles offshore and tricked this one with Gulp.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



It appears last Wednesday was a harbinger for the tuna bite that emerged over the following days. This crew of Rob Grabowski, Fran Scholl, Greg Maroudas, Mark Hutton, Bruce Thompson and Steve Scholl took a trip with Capt. Mike Burt and mate David Burt on the "Pumpin' Hard" to the Poor Man's Canyon and brought back these 5 chunky yellowfins and a gaffer mahi.



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# FISHING CHARTERS



Capt. Brian Porter on the "Boss Hogg" certainly beat the odds last Friday. While most boats were finding one or two tunas, this crew of Glenn Orr, Mike Dahl and mates Alex Beane & Jack Hannum boated 5 nice sized yellowfins and a mahi



Last Friday was a good day on the headboat from Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE. Capt. Parker got his anglers onto lots and lots of good size flounder (up to 7 lbs.) and some chubby sea bass.

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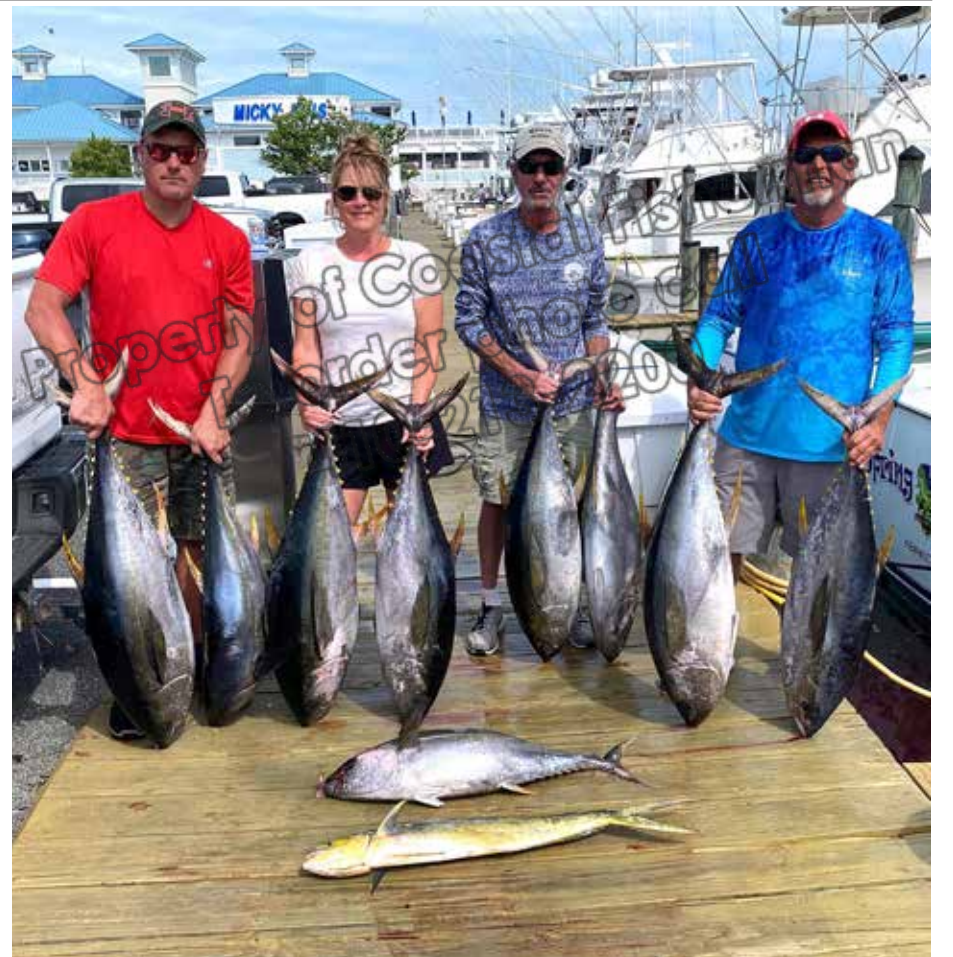
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# FISHING CHARTERS




The sea bass bite continues, even as the waters warm. The best option is to get a little further offshore for cooler water and bigger fish. Brian Shaver from Chicago, IL did just that, taking a trip to the Bass Grounds on the "Judith M". He got this keeper, but had a lot of 'shorts'.



Capt. Chris Watkowski with mate Jason Bialk on the charter boat "Spring Mix II" found 71° water at 100 fathoms at the Washington Canyon last Wednesday and put PA anglers Tim Brindle, Chris Kokenzie, Todd Shillito and Dave Leitzell onto 9 keeper yellowfins and a gaffer mahi.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



The "Marli" lead the way when the tuna bite picked up last Thursday bringing back 12 good sized yellowfin tunas to the dock. As always, Capt. Mark Hoos was at the wheel with mate Danny Prettyman keeping it strait in the pit.



The headboat "Judy V" based at the Indian River Marina is on their summertime 1/2 day trip schedule for offshore fishing. Capt. Roger Meekins has been getting anglers on a nice mix of large flounder and sea bass recently.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Another successful trip for Capt. Joe Drosey with mates Eric Strauss and Mario Rosales on the "Rhonda's Osprey". Anglers Patrick Seay from Burke, VA, Matthew Delsignore of Annapolis, MD, Mitch Reavis & Ryan Tully from Arlington, VA, and Erik Kaniecki of New Market, MD had a busy morning catching these 9 nice sized yellowfin tunas in the Baltimore Canyon before noon.



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# FISHING CHARTERS



The Ocean City Inlet has been producing a good mix of fish recently. Bethany Nicholson, Sara Brannon and Tyler Warnick from Centerville, MD boated these 3 chopper bluefish as well as an 'in the slot' striper last week. They were fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break".



Natalie Fox from Pennsylvania got a workout hoisting these two keeper flounder. She hooked these flatties in the Thorofare with Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On The Run" charters using Gulp for bait.

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Big fish, little fish, inshore, and offshore from late May until Labor Day. Scarcely a week passes that there isn't at least one or two species of fish swimming around with a bounty on their heads and plenty of anglers eager to sign-up for a chance to stand on the winners platform and pose for the cameras with a trophy and a fake oversized check that might represent sufficient funds to cover next month's car payment or, in some cases, enough cash to buy a nice home - a VERY nice home!

Of course, like all competitions, fishing tournaments have their rules which for some events are as simple as; "catch the fish and tell us how long it measured or how much it weighed". Other tournaments go into much more detail with guidelines that stipulate what kind of baits may be used, where anglers are allowed to fish, what type of hooks or what lines must be used. Some even regulate the size of boats and how long a fish can be played before it's either landed or disqualified.

Generally speaking, the greater the value of the cash or prizes given out - the more demanding the rules will be.

Of course without rules you've got no event, just a free-for-all to see who can be the first to grab the golden-ring, so all competitors must be ready for the fact that if they are going to enter a tournament - any tournament, they are going to have to agree to play by whatever rules the tournament committee has set forth. If they say you must use circle hooks, then you use circle hooks. If they say no lines or teasers in the water until 8:30 then nothing goes in until 8:30. If they say all anglers must wear blue and pink socks then ... well you get my point. When I hear anglers complain about tournament rules, all I can say is, "As long as the rules were set before anyone paid their entry fee and signed up for the competition, then no one can really gripe, because if they don't like the rules - then they shouldn't enter the event. It's that simple!"

Naturally, tournament directors must enforce the

rules they set forth otherwise it can severely compromise the legitimacy of the event, not to mention the possibility of ending up in a courtroom. Of course the published rules provided to fishermen before an event cannot take into account every variable that could occur, so many tournaments have their own appointed judges to settle disputes that require some kind of interpretation of the rules. In many cases the judges are a part of the tournament committee who actually came up with the rules in the first place. So unlike our Supreme Court justices who must interpret what our country's founding fathers' intent was when they penned our Constitution and Bill of Rights, tournament judges typically know exactly what they were trying to accomplish when they formulated each rule.

Competitions of all sorts seem to bring out the best and worst in people, and fishing tournaments are certainly no different. In 35-years of being a part of fishing tournaments either as an angler, captain,

www.coastalfisherman.net or director, I've seen anglers helping other competitors in all sorts of ways from providing fishing information, helping with mechanical breakdowns, rigging tackle, acquiring bait, and sometimes even tipping them off to where the fish are located. The flip-side is that I've also seen competitors act like spoiled children when things aren't going the way they think they should. Cussing, shouting, and throwing "hissy-fits" before crowds of men, women, and children isn't exactly what most would consider an example of "good sportsmanship". I once had a fellow who was absolutely livid as he complained to me after our award presentation. According to him we gave too much recognition to the angler who caught the winning fish and not enough to himself, who was a part of the crew and helped rig the baits and run the boat. The sad thing about his complaint was that the angler was his very own 12-years old son. Like I said, fishing tournaments aren't much different from most other events... crowd enough people in the same arena and you're sure to have a typical cross-section of humanity - the good, the bad, and the ugly!

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“money” tournament is painfully aware that when it comes to divvying out the cash at the end of the show they had better be 100% accurate on who-gets-what or there is going to be hell to pay. When the fishing is over and it’s time for “payday”, anglers who fished hard and played by the rules can (perhaps rightfully) become quite upset if they think they’re being shortchanged so much as a penny, and woe be it to the tournament directors who make a mistake and assign winnings to the wrong team!

Which brings us back to the tournament rules and how they’re enforced. In many big money events these days the rules state that teams which end up in the winners circle must subject themselves to lie detector tests to help prove that they didn’t break any rules when they were on the water and out of public view. This requirement in itself should help to keep a lot of anglers honest. But I surely wouldn’t want to be in the position of a tournament director who has a winning fish caught by someone who ends up failing the polygraph. What do you tell the guy? “Sorry bud, you caught

a nice fish and no one is suggesting that you broke any rules, but that machine over there either doesn’t like you or thinks you’re lying about something, so we’re going to have to disqualify you from the event, take your boat, your dog, and ban you from ever fishing again!”

That’s a tough corner that I’m sure no tournament director would want to be in. But then again, if a description of what will happen if the machine doesn’t like your answers is written and published ahead of time, then “the-rules-are-the-rules” and I guess those running the show have an easier way out – though I’d expect they’d still end up in court over the matter.

Moral of this story: Tournament fishing isn't for everyone and there's nothing wrong with that, but if you do enter a tournament make sure you read the rules very carefully and follow those rules precisely. If you’re a tournament director, make sure your rules are clear and cover as many scenarios as you can imagine - and always have a plan to handle the unexpected cases that will surely come along. §



Some nice grey trout are being reported. This 4 lb. one from Kevin Duane of Coatesville, PA was pulled out of the OC Inlet using a bucktail. He was fishing on the “Lucky Break” with Capt. Jason Mumford.




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The South Jetty at the Indian River Inlet has been a good spot for fattie flounders. Jason Cunningham from Lewistown, PA used white Gulp to trick this 23¾" and 4 lb. flatfish!



Hunter Barone of Hebron, MD made his way to Ocean City for some fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break". He picked this 8 lb. sheepshead from the rocks by the Ocean City Inlet.

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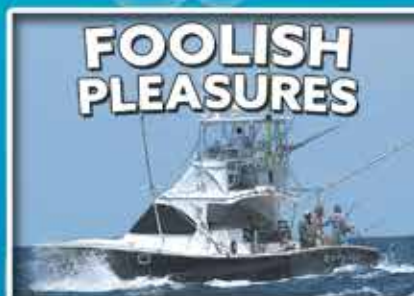
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# DELAWARE

## FISHING REPORT *by Capt. BJ Pietryak*



In Delaware we saw a little slow down in overall fishing. Seas were relatively calm, but there were lots of throwbacks. For those that put in the time good fish could still be had, but summer is upon us with hopes of better quality fish.

### Sea Bass, Flounder & Rockfish

Most charters as well as deep sea headboats reported a lot of throwbacks this week. The inshore wrecks and coral have been hit hard in the past few weeks. Site 11 is your best spot right now for sea bass, with some nice keepers coming in off the wrecks. The problem has been that a large number of small fish have moved on to the wrecks causing anglers to wade through 10-15 under sized fish before finding a

nice keeper. The "Judy V" had a few good trips last week with some real nice flounder catches. Sea bass was slow though, with each angler getting a few keepers for dinner but very few limits were caught. Hook 'em and Cook 'em reported that flounder have really started to show up and continue to get better each day. Long strips of squid are the primary bait with various Gulp baits a close second.

Scott Sharpe was fishing out of Indian River and got himself a keeper flounder and a nice size sea trout. I am beginning to hear of more and more sea trout being caught with each passing day. The guys from "@delawareoutdoorsguys" caught a fat 22" flounder on

their outing at Site 10 early Saturday morning using bucktails. Richard Harpel said that the guys at "Flip and Fin" caught both flounder and ribbonfish on Tuesday. The ribbons were a good size, and many anglers find them quite tasty. Jimmy Bing was out with his son Robert Abraham, age 7, and they had an awesome time catching keeper flounder and skates. Robert told his dad catching skates are like catching dinosaurs. Great to see dads teaching their kids about fishing and the great waterways and systems we have in our state. Great job guys! Capt. Brent Weist from the "Katydid" was at it again, finding more flounder for his clients. Fish were brought back to Lewes Harbour Marina for cleaning. Corey Brossman was also out on the water with his kids and managed to find a few nice flounder. The Indian River bay area has really started to heat up with the main channel on the south side of the inlet being your hot spot of the week. Strip baits such as squid and tails are your best bait.

Lewes Harbour Marina reported that Sawyer Carter, Evans Burriss and John Keys landed 3 nice keepers out of the Lewes Canal. All the fish were caught on Gulp baits on an incoming tide. John Keys was also in the Lewes Canal and caught three nice flounder. Lewes Harbour reports that more keeper flounder are coming to the cutting table each day, which is a good sign for the upcoming weeks as water continues the warming trend. Old Inlet Tackle reports that they have a fresh load of bunker in and the bluefish have been blitzing the rocks at the inlet. The runs are not every day, but most

www.coastalfisherman.net days fish can be found both in the inlet and on the surf in good numbers. It is reported that small stripers are under the schools of bluefish. An anonymous angler checked in a big 15 lb. sheepshead this past week. The fish was just one pound short of the state record. The rockfish bite at night has been consistent while anglers fished the south jetty wall of the Indian River Inlet. Most of them are small, but still fun to catch and every once in a while a keeper can be found. Plugs are working to some degree, but floating live eels appear to be the best baits for stripers in the inlet. Be advised, Delaware has a 9" minimum on American eels. Floating live sand eels is also starting to become more effective.

### Surf Fishing

The beach was alive with bluefish, a common sight on many days. Old Inlet Bait & Tackle reports that kingfish have really turned on for surf fishermen. Real and artificial bloodworms are the best bait, with small top and bottom kingfish rigs in a bright color. The hour before until the hour after high tide is reported to be the best time. As we get further into the summer, kingfish will become the most sought after fish in the surf. They are easy to catch and fun for kids. Live sand fleas are also great to use for bait, and a prime bait for both sheepshead and rockfish. Willow Mallery-Smith was also on the beach fishing with grandmother Christine when she hooked a remora. Although not an unheard of catch from the beach it is still a rare one. The fish was caught on a piece of squid. Great catch Willow! Most of the beaches are open now, but a few are closed on a temporary basis to perform maintenance on the entrances. Sea trout are also beginning to show up on the surf as well as the bay with Darlene Sip having a nice day



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Mike Marisa from Johnstown, PA had a stringer any angler would be proud of. He caught his limit while fishing with Gulp and minnows at the end of the outgoing tide near the South Ocean City Jetty.

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. JUNE 29</b>	High 08:43 am High 09:27 pm	Low 03:06 am Low 02:29 pm
<b>THUR. JUNE 30</b>	High 09:26 am High 10:05 pm	Low 03:45 am Low 03:06 pm
<b>FRI. JULY 1</b>	High 10:10 am High 10:41 pm	Low 04:22 am Low 03:44 pm
<b>SAT. JULY 2</b>	High 10:52 am High 11:18 pm	Low 04:59 am Low 04:26 pm
<b>SUN. JULY 3</b>	High 11:35 am High 11:56 pm	Low 05:36 am Low 05:12 pm
<b>MON. JULY 4</b>	High ----- High 12:18 pm	Low 06:13 am Low 06:02 pm
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## Cheesy Hot Crab Dip

### Ingredients:

8 ounce package cream cheese or Neufchatel (light cream cheese) softened

½ cup mayonnaise

½ cup light or regular sour cream

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1 tablespoon grated white onion

2 (6 ounce) cans lump crab meat

1 teaspoon all-purpose seasoning ex. Lawry's Seasoned Salt

½ teaspoon Worcestershire

½ lemon, juiced

2 tablespoons finely chopped Italian parsley

A few shakes of Tabasco, to taste

Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

Crackers, baguette slices, or tortilla chips for serving



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place cream cheese, mayonnaise, and sour cream in a medium mixing bowl and stir until creamy. Add remaining ingredients and stir again until well combined. Transfer to a small baking dish and transfer to oven.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until browned and bubbly.

Serve with crackers, baguette slices, or tortilla chips.

### Slow Cooker Instructions:

Add the ingredients to a small (3 to 4 quart) slow cooker, stir to combine, and set it on LOW for 2 hours. It needs to cook until the cream cheese melts completely. Stir the dip and then let it cook for an additional 15 to 20 minutes.

It should keep well for up to an hour on the "Keep Warm" or "Low" setting. Be sure to stir it occasionally to prevent it from burning or separating.

## Tuna Mushroom Pasta

### Ingredients:

4 oz pasta (or egg noodles)

2 tuna steaks (4 - 6 oz. each)

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 Tablespoon olive oil

1 Tablespoon butter

1 cup sliced white mushrooms

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1/2 cup chicken stock

1/4 cup heavy cream

Chopped fresh parsley (optional for garnish)

### Directions:

Cook the egg noodles according to the package directions.

At the same time, season each tuna steak with salt and pepper.

In a medium non-stick skillet, heat the olive oil and butter over medium heat. Click for a



medium non-stick skillet.

When the butter is melted, add the tuna steaks to the pan. Cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side. Remove tuna from the pan and place on a plate. Set aside.

Add more oil to the pan if needed. Add mushrooms and cook until soft, about 5 minutes.

Add the chicken stock and minced garlic and bring to boil. Scrape the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon so all of the browned bits from cooking the tuna are mixed into the sauce.

Remove the skillet from the heat, add the cream and stir well.

Return the tuna steaks to the skillet. Place back on the heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until the whole dish is hot.



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Place the egg noodles on two plates, divided evenly.

Top each with a tuna steak.

Spoon the mushroom sauce over each tuna steak, divided evenly.

Garnish with chopped parsley and more black pepper, if desired.

### Creamy Garlic Butter Tuscan Scallops

Ingredients:

28 oz scallops

2 tablespoons salted butter

4 cloves garlic, finely diced

1 small yellow onion, diced

1/2 cup white wine, optional

5 oz jarred sun dried tomato strips in oil, drained (reserve 1 teaspoon of the jarred oil for cooking)

1 3/4 cups heavy cream (or half and half)

Salt and pepper, to taste

3 cups baby spinach leaves, washed

1/2 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese

2 teaspoons dried Italian herbs

1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Directions:

Thoroughly pat scallops dry with paper towels.

Heat olive oil in a large pan or skillet over medium-high heat until hot and sizzling. Add the scallops in a single layer without over crowding the pan (work in batches if needed).

Season with salt and pepper to taste and fry for 2-3 minutes on one side (until a golden crust forms underneath), then flip and fry again for 2 minutes until crisp, lightly browned and cooked through (opaque). Remove from skillet and transfer to a plate.

Melt butter in the pan. Sauté onion until soft (about 4 minutes). Add in the garlic and sauté until fragrant (30 seconds). Pour in the white wine (if using), and allow to reduce to half, while scraping any bits off of the bottom of the pan. Add the sun dried tomatoes and cook for 1-2 minutes to release their flavors.

Reduce heat to low-medium



heat, add the heavy cream (or half and half) and bring to a gentle simmer, while stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper to your taste.

Add in the spinach leaves and allow to wilt in the sauce, then add in the parmesan cheese. Allow sauce to simmer for a further minute until cheese melts through the sauce.

Stir in herbs through; take pan off the heat and add the scallops with their juices into the pan. Mix through slightly before serving.

Serve over pasta, rice, zoodles, cauliflower mash, cauliflower rice or steamed vegetables.

Add fish fillets to bowl and marinate for 30 minutes or longer if desired.

In a separate bowl, drizzle avocado oil, salt and pepper on the trimmed asparagus.

Add both the marinated fish and asparagus to the prepared baking sheet.

Layer lime slices on top of fish.

Bake for 18-20 minutes. Serve with rice and garnish with fresh parsley and extra lime slices. Serve warm.



### Bruschetta with Shrimp, Tarragon & Arugula

Ingredients:

Toasts:

1 (1-pound) loaf ciabatta bread, trimmed and cut into 14 (1/2-inch thick) slices

Olive oil, for drizzling

1 garlic clove, halved

Topping:

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 large or 2 small shallots, thinly sliced

1 clove garlic, chopped

1 pound extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 Roma tomatoes, chopped

1/4 cup white wine

1/4 cup low-sodium chicken stock

3 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves

1 packed cup arugula, chopped

1/2 cup mascarpone cheese, at room temperature

Directions:

For the toasts: Put an oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 400°F.

### Chili Lime Mahi Mahi

Ingredients:

For the fish:

4 (5 oz.) mahi fish fillets, frozen

2 tbs lime juice

1 tbs lime zest

1 tsp garlic powder

1/2 tsp smoked paprika

1/2 tsp chili powder

1/2 tsp dried oregano

2 tbs soy sauce

1 lime, sliced

For the asparagus:

16 oz asparagus spears, trimmed

1 tbs avocado oil

1/4 tsp pepper

1/4 tsp salt

Extra lime slices and parsley for garnish

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F and line a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.

In a bowl, combine the lime juice, lime zest, garlic powder, paprika, chili powder, oregano and soy sauce.

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Arrange the bread slices in a single layer on a baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Bake until light golden, about 10 minutes. Cool for 2 minutes. Rub the warm toasts with the cut side of the garlic. Set aside.

For the topping: In a medium skillet, heat 3 tablespoons of oil over medium-high heat. Add the shallots and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until soft, about 2 minutes. Season the shrimp with salt and pepper, to taste, and add them to the skillet. Cook until the shrimp are pink and cooked through about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove the shrimp and chop into 1/2-inch pieces. Set aside.

In the same skillet, add the tomatoes and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook over

medium-high heat until the tomatoes start to soften, about 4 minutes. Turn the heat to high. Add the wine and scrape up the brown bits that cling to the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the stock and cook until most of the liquid has evaporated, about 2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and add the tarragon, arugula, mascarpone cheese, and chopped shrimp. Stir until the mixture is creamy. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Arrange the toasts on serving plates and drizzle with the sauce. Sprinkle with salt and pepper before serving.

### Flounder Stuffed with Shrimp & Crabmeat

Ingredients:

Stuffing:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 stalks celery, chopped fine
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped fine

- 4 ozs. shrimp, chopped fine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt to taste
- 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning, to taste or 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
- 6 ozs. lump crabmeat, or more if desired

3-4 tablespoons italian seasoned breadcrumbs, more as needed

Fish:

- 1 lb. flounder (8 large fillets)
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges for garnish

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. In a sauté pan, heat the olive oil and butter. Add the onions, garlic, celery, and peppers. Sauté for 2 minutes, or until the vegetables are wilted.

Add the shrimp and season with salt and Old Bay (to taste). Sauté for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and place mixture into a

June 29, 2022 Coastal Fisherman Page 45 bowl. Gently stir in the crabmeat, then the bread crumbs a little at a time, adding more as needed to gently bind. Set aside to cool.

Place equal amounts of filling onto each fillet and roll up. (alternatively, you can place one fillet on the baking sheet, place filling atop the fillet, then place another on top, off to the side, to resemble a pocket of stuffing).



Place the fish on a baking dish (seam side down if rolled). Drizzle the fish with the butter and sprinkle with lemon juice. Sprinkle top of fish with salt, black pepper and paprika.

Place the pan in the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes until fish is cooked through. Remove the fish from the oven and serve with lemon wedges. §

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It was a good day on the "Spring Mix II". Dean Miller, Rick Miller, Stan Sand, Matt Sands and Barry Lake from Reading, PA, Pottstown, PA and West OC went 5 for 6 on yellowfin tuna while fishing with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jason Bialk in the Baltimore Canyon.



The bulkhead and boardwalk along the bay between 2nd and 4th Streets as well as the new section behind and adjacent to the Cambria Hotel are very productive fishing spots both during the day and at night. Jim Lutz of Newark, MD snagged 3 keeper flounder there using live spot.

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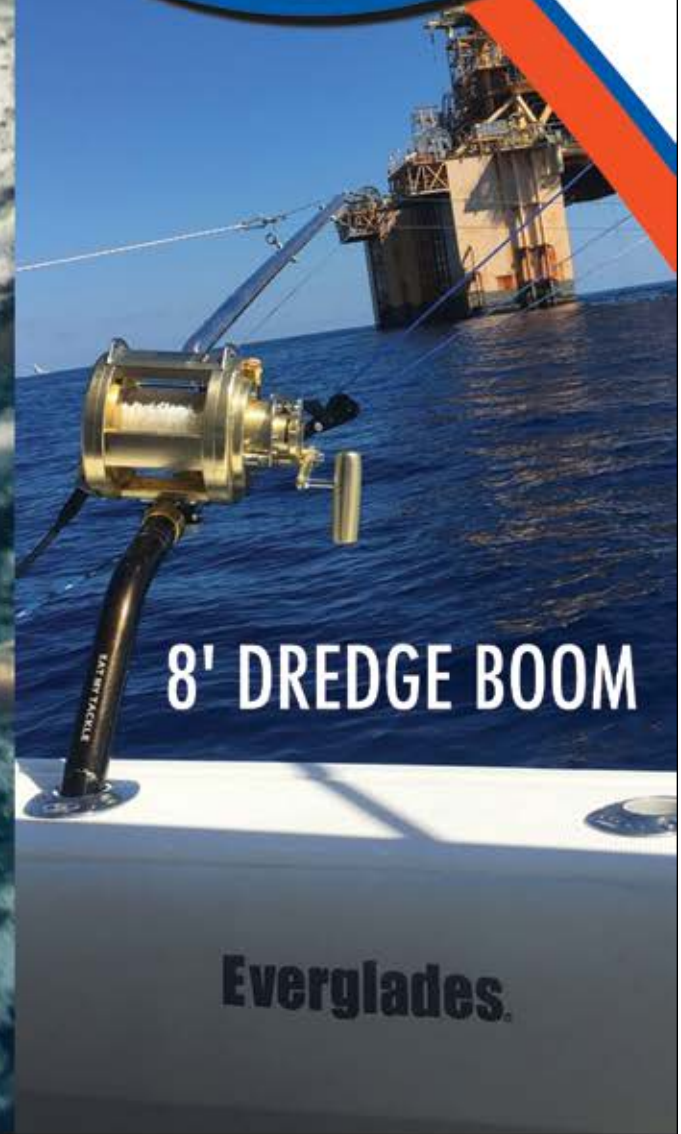
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## Fuel Sense

With today's higher fuel prices many boaters are paying more attention to their fuel usage. Some boaters are reducing the frequency of their fishing trips, some are shortening their trips, some are running at slower speeds along with implementing other fuel savings ideas.

### Proven ways to reduce your fuel consumption

One way of optimizing your fuel usage is to operate your boat at the most efficient speed. That speed is where you travel the farthest with the least amount of fuel. If you own a later model boat, the manufacturer may have test reports matching your boat and engine combination. Using precision test equipment, they operate the boat at various speeds and record the fuel usage. Generally plotting the results on a graph. This allows you to visualize the optimum speed or RPM range that results in the best miles per gallon (or gallons per mile for some larger boats). Unlike a car, slower is not always more efficient, the power needed to push the boat through the water is not linear, most boats can achieve

an optimum mile per gallon and speeds much faster than expected.

For example, a 31 Regulator center console with twin Yamaha 425's gets the best cruising fuel mileage at 34 MPH. Instinctively, operating a slower speed, such as 24 MPH would reduce your fuel economy by over 10%.

Looking at another boat, a 70

for fuel economy. Though it may be surprising to some that the difference in MPG between 30mph and 37mph is only negligible .03MPG, again shows that there is a sweet spot for speed and fuel economy on every boat.

### Fuel saving maintained tips

In your vehicle, spinning wheels does not get you far quickly. A boat's propeller is like a car tire,

propeller increasing your fuel consumption. Additionally using the correct propeller for your boat will help you get the best performance and often the best fuel mileage too. Finding the best propeller often starts with the boat manufacturer recommendations or propeller manufacturer recommendations along with on water testing. When testing different propellers be sure to carefully record, speed, RPM, and fuel consumption, this will help determine both the optimum propeller and the most fuel-efficient cruising speed.

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Viking (2010 model) evaluated by Power and Motor Yacht in December 2010 showed that the 70 Viking obtained the best fuel mileage at 13 knots, which is understandable for a large boat like this, where slower is better

it transfers the engine's power to the water. A propeller that is not in perfect condition will not propel the boat through the water effectively, small nicks, bends, dings etc. can all add up to an inefficient

### Hull running surface or boat bottom

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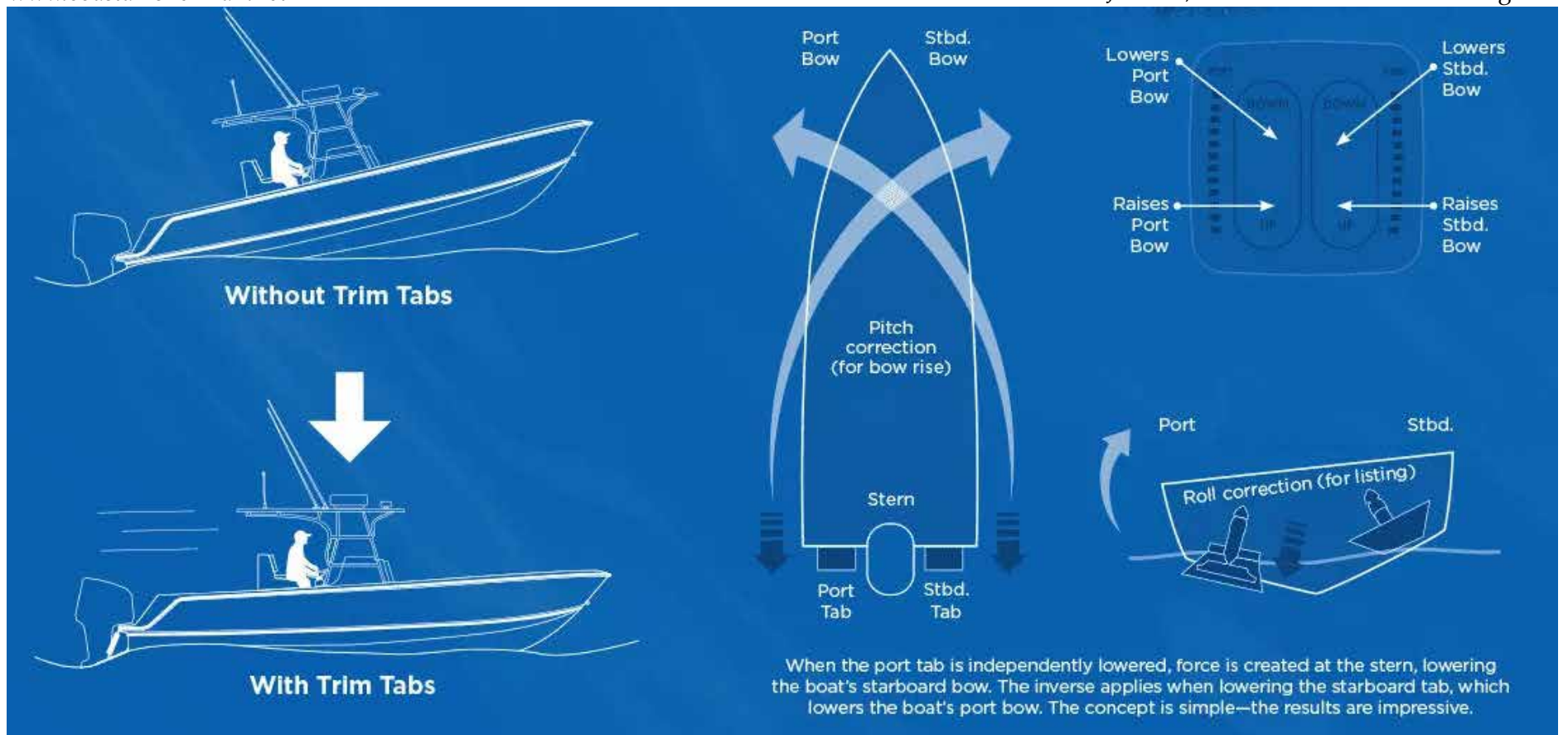
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to performance. Regarding fuel efficiency, a smooth, clean bottom will move through the water with less resistance and therefore less fuel for the same speed. If your boat is kept on a trailer or stored out of the water, you may not have bottom paint and therefore maintaining a clean and smooth bottom is accomplished by cleaning and waxing. There are products such as Hull Maxx and Hullspeed,

paint. Once the hull is clean, a new bottom paint can be applied. There are some "hard" bottom paints like VC Offshore, which is a multi-season, super slippery, hard vinyl antifouling paint that can help improve the speed and performance of your boat as compared to traditional ablative bottom paints or traditional single season hard bottom paints. VC offshore paint can also be burnished

water and may be difficult to steer. Captains should use the engine's power trim and trim tabs, if fitted, to achieve the best trim for the sea conditions and load on the boat. If your boat has a fuel flow instrument or MPG display, be sure to monitor the gauges while you

operate the trim, often you will find the most comfortable ride will also be fuel efficient.

Improving your boat's fuel effecting is a combination of items that most boat owners can easily accomplish. Attention to these details will result in savings at the pump. §



both modern coatings designed to be used on fiberglass hulls that promote an increase in speed and fuel economy after coating the boat bottom with their product. If your boat has traditional anti-fouling bottom paint, there are many options available that may increase your performance. One of the simplest tasks is to remove all the old bottom paint and start with new. Many boat owners choose to "soda blast" the bottom in place of manual hand sanding to strip the old bottom

with fine bronze wool until a shiny, super smooth finish is obtained.

### Trim

Most boats have a method of adjusting the running angle of the boat, using trim controls on the boat or engine, depending on the type of boat. The boat's trim also controls the amount of drag on the boat. A boat trimmed with too much bow up is dragging at the stern, while a boat with its bow down is plowing through the





Here at the Coastal Fisherman, we do not recommend kissing your catch, but since Louie Hionis from Fenwick Island is a long time subscriber to the paper we will give him a pass! He caught his first striper of the year at the Fenwick Ditch using a bloodworm.

We continue to be amazed at the diversity of color and patterns that we see in flounder. Michelle Humphress of Berlin, MD shares this dark 19" fish she caught using live peeler crabs in the bay behind Assateague Island.

# 2022 FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

## 3-200 Miles

 <p><b>BLUE MARLIN</b> 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>BIGEYE TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>GOLDEN TILEFISH</b> No minimum • 8 per person/day</p>
 <p><b>WHITE MARLIN</b> 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p> <p>NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFIN TUNA</b> 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to &lt; 73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 6 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to &lt; 73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip</p>	 <p><b>SWORDFISH</b> 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat</p>	 <p><b>BLUELINE TILEFISH</b> 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)</p>
 <p><b>DOLPHIN</b> No minimum Length Boat Limit 60 Charter Limit 10 per person/ 60 per Boat</p>	<p><b>SAILFISH</b> Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>WAHOO</b> No minimum Length • 2 per person/day</p>	
<p><b>SHARKS AUTHORIZED SPECIES</b></p> <p>No Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead</p> <p>54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p>NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.</p>		<p>71" Minimum Fork Length Male Shortfin Mako</p> <p>78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead</p>	<p>83" Minimum Fork Length Female Shortfin Mako</p> <p><b>PROHIBITED SHARKS</b> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p> <p>Resources: eregulations.com &amp; NOAA.gov</p>





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The yellowfin were chunky from this trip on the charter boat "Marli". Scott Ewell and Ralph Newswanger of Lititz, PA with Steve Ewell of East Earl, PA, Tom Spring from Quarryville, PA, Jarad Smith of Mohnton, PA and Jake Holzhaler also from Quarryville, PA spent the day with Capt. Mark Hoo's on the charterboat "Marli" with mate Danny Prettyman. They were in 800-1000 fathoms of the Baltimore Canyon in water that was about 68° when they caught these 14 yellowfin tuna.

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Scott Sharpe of Lancaster, PA had two nice catches from the south side of the Indian River Inlet. He caught both this 2.1 lb. flounder and a 4.6 lb. sea trout using a bucktail tipped with Gulp bait. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



We don't know what's more striking, the beautiful yellowfin tuna Nick Horner caught or the shorts and socks he's wearing! Nick with Capt. Todd Sauerwald with Hunter Morris, Alex Jakubowski and Adam Higgs went 6 for 8 that day in the Poor Man's Canyon using Crazy Eight Daisy Chains and ballyhoo.



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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



The ESVA has had a lot to offer as June comes to a close. Fisherman have enjoyed an array of angling opportunities that would rival any world class destination which lures rod and reel laden folks like us.

Flounder have been in the spotlight this past week. The Sea Hawk Jones spent this week fishing the inlets of the ESVA for inshore summer flounder.... which, I guess just makes them flounder. All jokes aside, fishing was excellent with limits of fish going home with happy clients. The key was not necessarily the bait or rigs or even the boat captain, it was definitely the tide. Those fish turned on, with the last couple of hours of the flood and continued to bite on into the start of the ebb. We did well on Aquaclear rigs with pink, white, and chartreuse teasers tipped with swimming mullet Gulp

and large bull minnows or silversides. The bulk of the fish were coerced from depths of 5-15 feet of clean, clear water in or near the inlets of the barrier islands. Elsewhere, these compressed predators are making an appearance on nearshore wrecks and reefs. The Blackfish Banks Reef off of Chincoteague has produced good numbers of flatfish. They were tempted by not only the typical top and bottom style rigs adorn with minnows, long strips of squid, silversides and smelt, but also 1 1/2 to 4 oz bucktails with 5"-6" gulp grubs. These spro/Gulp lures do best when jigged directly over the structure in reach of hungry flounder. Along with the prize of a flounder dinner, anglers have enjoyed a bycatch of ribbonfish, spadefish and triggers. The spadefish and triggers have been chummed up and taking small bits of clam fished on 20-30#

fluorocarbon with #4-#1 short shank hooks under a slip float.

Cobia have commanded the majority of attention in the lower Chesapeake Bay area as anglers have pursued these scrappy brown suits with a combination of bunker chunks fished near the bottom along with live eels and brightly colored (pink and orange) jigs tipped with 7-9" jerk style soft plastics. However, the majority of fish have come on cut bait fished in a chum slick in water depths of 15-25 feet from the CBBT north to the lower reaches of the Pocomoke Sound. Anglers who have ventured south in pursuit of cobia have also had the opportunity to troll Clarkspoons for spanish mackerel and fish crab baits for some trophy sheepshead around the pilings. There is always something to do in the lower Chesapeake!

The surf and inland waters

www.coastalfisherman.net of the VA islands have also produced decent kingfish and croaker activity. These fish, small but numerous, have helped add a positive spin on many young anglers' experiences. They readily take small pieces of squid fished on top and bottom rigs and are the antidote to any family fishing trip that is in danger of being labeled boring. Along with these promiscuous panfish, our krankin' kiddos also have had a blast with Grade A catch and release shark fishing. These inshore sharks have been gobbling up cut chunks of mackerel and bunker fished on wire leaedered 8/0 circle hooks. While some of us as seasoned fishermen turn our nose up at some of these trashy trophies, we sometimes forget that our number one goal is to have fun, fellowship and fishing memories forever.

Whether your fishing the salty seaside of the VA Barrier Islands or the excellent estuary of the Chesapeake, we need to remember that we are truly blessed to have a place like this that we call home. §

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The cobia are getting thick off of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Angler Mike Hole of Thurmont, MD caught this 54" cobia off of Cape Charles while fishing with Capt. Chad Parks of "Earning Stripes" sportfishing.



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Species	2022	2021	Species	2022	2021
 <b>Bluefish</b>	<b>April 26</b> Morgan Mericle South OC Jetty	<b>May 8</b> Gavin Murray Gull Island	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	<b>May 20</b> Mike Eid "HotLine" Fingers	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks
 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>March 29</b> Jay Phillips Assateague Island	<b>March 31</b> Allen Sklar Assateague Island	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>June 12</b> Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon	<b>May 28</b> Pete Gudatis "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 <b>Cobia</b>	<b>June 11</b> Numen Bilal Fenwick Beach Island	<b>June 17</b> Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>May 17</b> Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	<b>May 7</b> James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>April 3</b> Scott Lenox Thorofare	<b>April 18</b> Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	<b>June 5</b> Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon	<b>July 17</b> Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>May 15</b> Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	<b>April 12</b> Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>May 17</b> James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	<b>May 28</b> Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>June 4</b> Blake Gunther OC Inlet	<b>June 17</b> Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<b>May 29</b> Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's	<b>June 10</b> Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>April 20</b> Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	<b>May 6</b> Buddy Martin East Channel	 <b>Swordfish</b>	<b>June 4</b> The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>March 27</b> Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	<b>January 1</b> Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>	<b>June 13</b> The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 <b>Wahoo</b>		<b>June 17</b> Gary Welch Washington Canyon	 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>June 6</b> Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon	<b>June 13</b> Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon

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Start them young so they have more time to get more tackle! Anthony O'Connor lives in Arlington, VA but has a family home in Ocean View, DE. He caught this 22" keeper flounder off the rocks at the Indian River Inlet using live minnows.



The evening hours have been the most productive for keeper rockfish recently. Nick Kleiderein from Fallston, MD fished from the shore at the Ocean City Inlet and reeled in this 29" 'in the slot' rockfish that tipped the scales at 15 lbs. The lure of choice was a Rapala Xrap XR10.

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It was Father's Day all over again on the "Big Stick" last week when Capt. Ronnie Fields took his dad Capt. Allen Fields, Jackie Tenuto and her father Jeff Johnson with Allen Willey out on the rip. Capt. Ronnie with mate Brad Wilson had the crew trolling in the Washington Canyon in 600 ft. and 67° water where they pulled in 12 good sized yellowfin tunas in total, with one hook up that had 6 on at the same time. Not bad for Jeff Johnson's first time offshore!



Some nice fish on the deck of the headboat "Angler" for Peter Chung. He was fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak and caught these 3 keeper flounder offshore at a natural reef on bucktails. The largest was 5 lbs.



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It was a beautiful day for the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina both inshore and off. 10 year old Francesca Gessler and the crew of the "Trouble Maker" chose to test their luck offshore. Capt. Kayvan Bahrami put them in the Wilmington Canyon where they got their first and only bite early in the morning on a ballyhoo, catching this 49 lb. yellowfin tuna and taking 1st Place in the Tuna Division.



Top honors in the Flounder Division of the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina went to Payton Berger for her 3 lb., 11 oz. flatfish she caught at the Old Grounds using Gulp. She was fishing with Capt. and proud papa Heath Berger on the "Stress Relief". The crew also boated a shiny ribbonfish.

## 7TH ANNUAL KIDS CATCH-ALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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<b>BLUEFISH</b>	<b>Gardy Fallon</b>	<b>6 lbs. 8 oz.</b>
<b>CROAKER</b>	<b>Hudson Sollenberger</b>	<b>7oz.</b>
<b>FLOUNDER</b>	<b>Payton Berger</b>	<b>3 lb. 11 oz.</b>
<b>MACKEREL</b>	<b>Kevin Foskey</b>	<b>2 lb. 9 oz.</b>
<b>SEA BASS</b>	<b>Kase Andrews</b>	<b>3 lb. 2 oz.</b>
<b>SHARK -Most</b>	<b>Cooper Sargent</b>	<b>3 Catch n Release</b>
<b>SPOT</b>	<b>Olivia Bachman</b>	<b>4 oz.</b>
<b>TRIGGERFISH</b>	<b>Isabelle Hein</b>	<b>2 lb. 14.5 oz.</b>
<b>TROUT</b>	<b>Brian Marks</b>	<b>1 lb. 2 oz.</b>
<b>TUNA</b>	<b>Francesca Gessler</b>	<b>49 lbs.</b>
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Pictures like this are why we love the Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina! The Spot Division is often one of the most fun ones due to younger kids targeting that species. 1st Place in the 7th Annual running of the tournament went to 3 year old Olivia Bachman for her 4 oz. spot, the first fish she had ever caught. She was fishing with her brother Dawson on his birthday on the Pier at the Cape Henlopen State Park.





It's nice to catch a fish almost as big as you are! That is what young Grady Fallon did during the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina. He and his crew made the long run down to the Rt. 50 Bridge in Ocean City and caught this 1st Place Bluefish using spot, tipping the scales at 6.5 lbs.



4 year old Kase Andrews was more interested in the fish than the camera during the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina! He was fishing with Capt. Eddie Wagner and fellow anglers Faythe Pauley & Leo Pertman on the "Miss Ene". The crew also caught ribbonfish, triggerfish, bluefish and more sea bass.



Hudson Sollenberger from Lancaster, PA may only be 5 years old, but he already has the fishing bug, having started when he was only 4! His passion paid off during his first time at the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina. He took top honors in the Croaker Division with a 7 oz. pinhead he caught from the Cape Henlopen State Park Pier using bloodworms.

















It was 'peace out' for the sharks last Saturday during the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina. 15 year old Cooper Sargent took 1st Place in the Shark Release Division while fishing on the "Mystery Machine" just offshore of the Rehoboth Beach Lifeguard Station. He actually caught and released 4 sand tiger sharks using tuna heads for bait, but only 3 qualified.



Anglers on the "My Girl" took dual honors at the 7th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament at the Indian River Marina. Isabelle Hein, 5 of Millsboro, DE, hooked the Heaviest Triggerfish at 2 lbs. and 11 oz. while Brian Marks locked in the top spot for sea trout with his 1 lb., 2 oz. fish. It was the first time in the tourney for both. They were fishing with Capt. Billy Hein of Millsboro, DE and fellow angler Brent Linus from Lewes, DE at the Fenwick Shoals.

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The "Old Hatt" was at it again last week in the Poor Man's Canyon catching 6 yellowfin tuna in total to keep 4½! They got sharked near the boat on one, but got the chunky part in! Fishing were Brian Fink, CA Hunter, Jake Hunter, Rich Reider, Scott Meyer with Capt. Al Hunter and mates Jim Frazetti & Steve Hunter. Largest fish was 68.5 lbs. Weighed and pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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With three fish already weighed at 51 lbs. and a tough bite, the vibe at the scales toward the end of Day 2 of the 2nd annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament was that the Heaviest Tuna Division was set. That was until anglers Tabitha Howell, Beth Burton, Connie Hamm, Brooke Moretz, Tracey Shanklin, Suzy Campbell of team 'Girls got Game' brought in a tuna that was fitting for a crew fishing on the boat "Game Changer"! They did just that, putting a 54 lb. yellowfin on the dock, leaping into 1st Place in both the Heaviest Tuna and Winner Take All Divisions earning \$23,760 in prize money. Capt. Kurt Howell was at the helm with mate Zane Rutt working the lines.



Everyone was anxious for the first fish to be weighed during the 2nd annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament. It was the "Billfisher" that was first to the scales and Capt. Jon Duffie shared that the fishing was tough. Mates Noah McVicker and Will Larberston set the spread and they started trolling in the Washington Canyon in 65 DEGREE water. Team 'Tunalicious' of Kourtney Duffie, Sara Evans, Jessica Giardina and Eric Brashear had a hit in the morning and Sarah landed this 47 lb. yellowfin on a ballyhoo. This fish set the bar for day 1, but slipped to 2nd in the Heaviest Tuna Division earning \$8,910 in prize money.

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$78,920**

## Tournament Results

Heaviest Tuna		
1ST - "GAME CHANGER"	54 LBS.	\$23,760
2ND - "BILLFISHER"	47 LBS.	\$8,910
3RD - "ON THE HUNT"	45 LBS.	\$3,600

Heaviest Stringer		
1ST - "LUCKY DUCK"	51 LBS.	\$12,360
2ND - "ESPADON"	51 LBS.	\$12,360
3RD - "HOCUS POCUS"	42 LBS.	\$7,430

Mahi		
1ST - "TIGHTEN UP"	14 LBS.	\$6,750

TOTAL BOATS ENTERED - 33 · TOTAL ANGLERS - 163



Day 2 of the 2nd annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament saw two 51 lb. yellowfin tunas brought to the scales, one after the other! The "Lucky Duck" with Tina Boykin, Donna Adams, Rhona Pelarski, Lora Walinskas, and Julie Johnson of team 'Bodacious Biscuits' were fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Art Boykin and mate Bill Mengason. Their single bite/single fish finished the event in a tie in the Heaviest Stringer Division, banking \$12,360 for the day!





No boats during the 2nd annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament last weekend brought more than one tuna to the scales! Anglers Dana Espadon, Kelsey Anning, Tricia Walsh, Ellen Aldrich, Kelly Bunting and Jennifer Hybki came close getting tight with 2 tunas in the morning, but one pulled the hook. They were fishing on the “Espadon” with Capt. Sylvain Cote and mate James Cote in the Washington Canyon. The one that did get to the boat tipped the scales at 51 lbs. and did well finishing the event in 2nd Place Heaviest Stringer Division earning \$12,360.

It was the ladies of ‘Team Tight’ - Chrissy Starener, Christy Keller, Alice Pierce, Erin Janes, Shelby Zimmer and Mary Lambree on the ‘Tighten Up” that had a good day on the rip during the 2nd annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament. They spent the day in the Washington Canyon with Capt. Jason Genthner and mate Brant Murry and caught both the Heaviest Mahi for the event at 14 lbs., but they also wrestled and released a mako shark estimated at 200 lbs! The mahi caught by Christy earned the team \$6,750 in prize money.

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Mike Bearddick's group on the charter boat "Ro Sham Bo" had a busy day last Friday. They could catch as many yellowing tuna as they wanted, just all were too small! The excitement did pick up as they were trolling in 2000' in the middle of the Washington Canyon when this white marlin hit on a blue & white Ilander. The water temp was 69°.



Late last week was tough for tuna, they just weren't biting! Still, Capt. Mike Malamphy on the "Finatic" with mate Brandon Malamphy got anglers Crystal and John Failor from PA onto two solid yellowfins. They were trolling at the 000' using spreader bars and ballyhoo. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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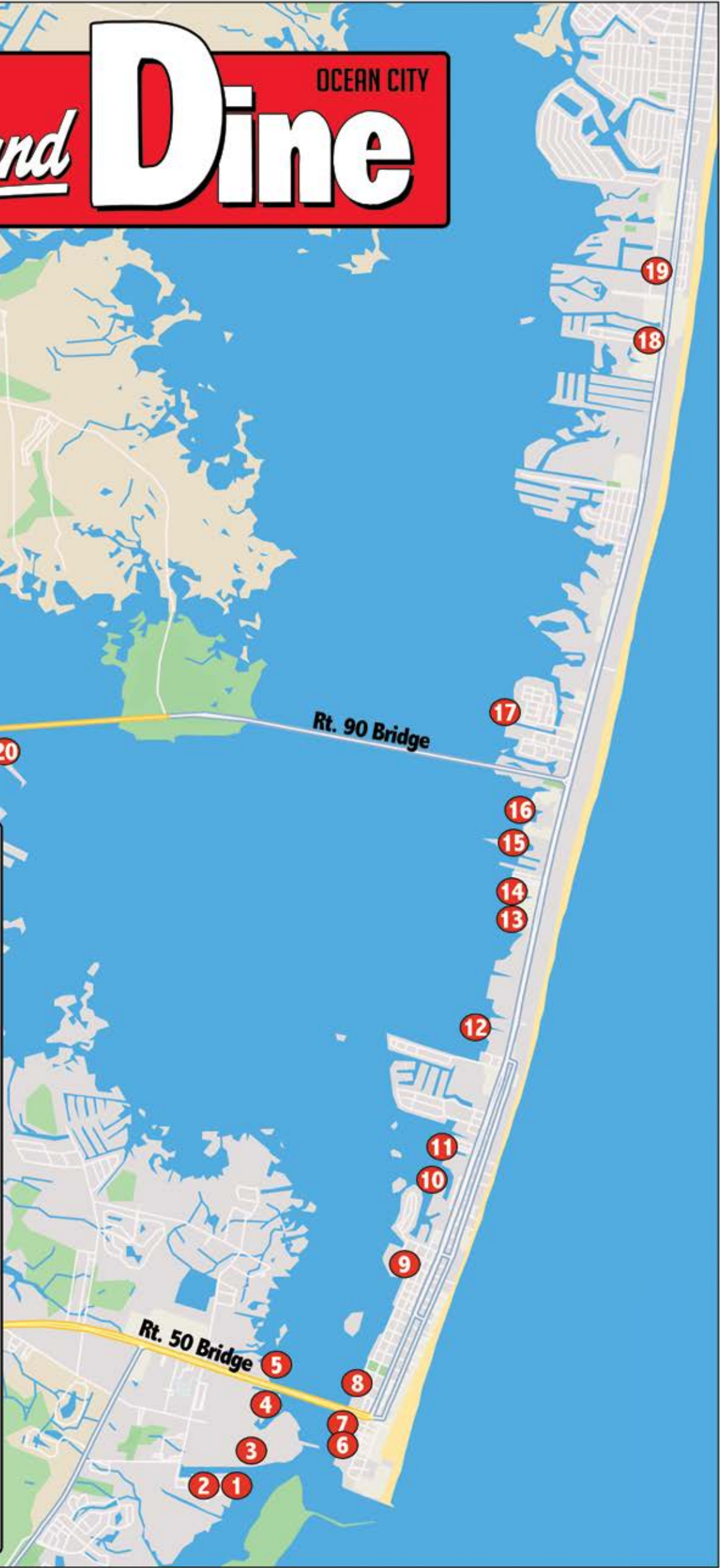
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43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club

# SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

JUNE 25-26, 2022

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$23,403**

## OFFSHORE DIVISION

### BILLFISH RELEASE

1ST "NO LIMITS" WHITE MARLIN RELEASE

### TUNA

1ST "TEAM MARTZ"	66.6 LBS.	\$5,243
2ND "FULL STEEM"	56.8 LBS.	\$473
3RD "BANKER'S HOURS II"	53 LBS.	\$1346
3RD "ISLAND HOPPER"	53 LBS.	\$1346
3RD "KELLY JEAN"	53 LBS.	\$594

### DOLPHIN

1ST "HUMPIN' ALONG"	20.6 LBS.	\$7,183
2ND "SEA BISCUIT"	12.4 LBS.	\$1,818

## INSHORE DIVISION

### BLUEFISH

1ST "LOST TIME"	3.8 LBS.	\$900
2ND "OG REEL ESTATE"	2.2 LBS.	\$450
3RD "WORLD CAT 230"	1.6 LBS.	\$270
4TH "WORLD CAT 230"	1.6 LBS.	\$180

### FLOUNDER

1ST "READY OR NOT"	3.2 LBS.	\$1,350
2ND "NO MERCY"	3.0 LBS.	\$270
3RD "SEA SLAMMER"	2.6 LBS.	\$180

### SEA BASS

1ST "WORLD CAT 230"	3.8 LBS.	\$1,350
2ND "WORLD CAT 230"	3.6 LBS.	\$270
3RD "READY OR NOT"	3.4 LBS.	\$180



**51 BOATS ENTERED**

DAY 1 (33 BOATS) DAY 2 (18 BOATS)



Like most of the other boats during the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, the anglers on the "No Limits" saw their action for the day in the morning. Matthew Aichinger released his first ever white marlin at 8:08am that morning after it took a blue & white Hander with a ballyhoo at the Rockpile. He was fishing with Capt. Mariah Bachman from Chesapeake City, MD and mate George Bachman.



All the dolphin activity at the scales during the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament was compressed at the end of Day 1. The "Sea Biscuit" had just left the scales posting the first mahi of the event at 12.4 lbs., only to be bumped moments later when angler Joe Roberts on the "Hump'n Along" brought in a 10.6 lb. bull mahi from the Norfolk Canyon. Fishing with Joe were Rusty Raider, Paul Ridge, Jeremy Fisher and Manny Fente with Capt. Steve Humphrey. Prize money for 1st Place in the Dolphin Division was \$7,182.





The boat "Full Steem" shook up the leaderboard for Heaviest Tuna on the second day of the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament! Stu Farrell from Salisbury was fishing with Capt. Eric Farrell in the Washington Canyon trolling a purple & black Wide Tracker Spreader Bar that raised two yellowfin tuna. The largest at 56.8 lbs. was enough to lock them into 2nd Place and winning \$472 in awards. Rounding out the crew was Steve and Sam Hadley from Berlin.



The first boat to bring a qualifying mahi to the docks during the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament was the "Sea Biscuit" late on Day 2. Chris Blanchett, Zach Bower and Joe Marino with Capt. David Stevens and mate Bill Bower were excited to be the first and potentially only qualifying dolphin they caught trolling south of the Washington Canyon. They caught a 2nd one in the 68° - 72° water. Their fish was only 1 of 2 and slipped to 2nd Place, but still earned them a cool \$1,818 in prize monies.



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If you are in a tournament competing in the Bluefish Division, then Craig "Big Bird" Cropper is hard to beat. The team of Bird with Chuck and Lauri Maxwell of Milton, DE pulled a repeat win from 2021, taking top honors in the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament with a 3.8 lb. blue caught on a Roy Rig at the Rt. 50 Bridge. They also caught another smaller blue and a keeper flounder.

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A lot of flounder were brought in early to the scales on Day 1 of the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. Most were in the same size range, however it was the 3.2 lb. flatfish that stood atop the rest to take 1st Place in the Division! It was caught by Chase Groff of Hersey, PA at the Twin Wrecks using strip baits & clams. He was fishing with Jack Groff also of Hershey and Capt. Matthew Groff and mates Spencer Cropper & Brandon Solomon on the "Ready or Not".



Anglers David Geidl and Samantha Suschke with Capt. Brian Suschke and mate Andrew Suschke trekked down from North Hanover, NJ to compete in the 43rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. They brought a bevy of fish from the Jack Spot to the scales they caught using clams and squid on Day 1 of the event, including these 3 big sea bass. The largest was 3.8 lbs. They finished the event taking 1st Place for the 3.8 lb. fish as well as 2nd Place with a 3.6 lb. knothead for a combined prize of \$1,620.

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**3RD PLACE**  
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With 1st Place most likely locked into a large cobia catch, the competitors at the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam last weekend targeted second place. Angler Brian Scharle focused on finding some fat stripers to build up his 2 day stringer total. Day 1 saw a 28.5" and 8.8 lb. as well as a nice 8.75 lb. bluefish. On Day 2, he added an 'slot' rockfish at 10.5 lbs. for a 2 day total of 28.05 lbs. It was enough to secure 2nd Place at the event and \$2,000 in awards.



Last year's 2nd Place winner Daniel Son returned for this year's 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam held last weekend. Over the two day event he brought 5 bluefish to the scales for a combined total of 21.4 lbs. He might have pulled ahead to 2nd Place on Day 2, but two big blues got off before he could get them to the kayak. He did hold onto 3rd Place overall earning \$1,000.



The top Junior Angler in the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam this year was first time participant Alexa Leslie Robinette. Over the course of the 2 day event she weighed 6 fish for a combined total of 2.05 lbs. She also took 2nd Place earning two prizes... an NRS Pike Inflatable Kayak for 1st and a NRS Inflatable Chinook PFD.





Kayak angler John Stackhouse smashed the competition during the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam held last weekend at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City. The kayak only competition is for the heaviest stringer of fish over the 2 day event with anglers being able to weigh 3 fish per day. John literally tipped the scales on Saturday bring a 48.5" and 46.25 lb. cobia to the dock. He paddled 2 miles out of the OC Inlet to Kelly's Reef and started fishing his way back in when he got a hard hit on a 7" Z-Man Minnow. It took 30 minutes to get the fish to the boat as the rod only had 20 lb. test line on it! The cobia and mackerel Brian caught gave him a 2 day stringer total of 48.8 lbs., over 20 pounds more than the next competitor and earning him 1st Place with \$5,700 in prize money.

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The crew of the "Top Dog" got in a nice trip before the mid week blow last week. Christian 'WMO' Phillips, Joey Gilkerson, Chris Gilkerson, Matt Taylor and Brad Gillis caught 14 yellowfins in the Poor Man's Canyon. They has so many they ran out of fish box space and had to improvise to keep the last one cool in a Yeti. I will let you guess which one!

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