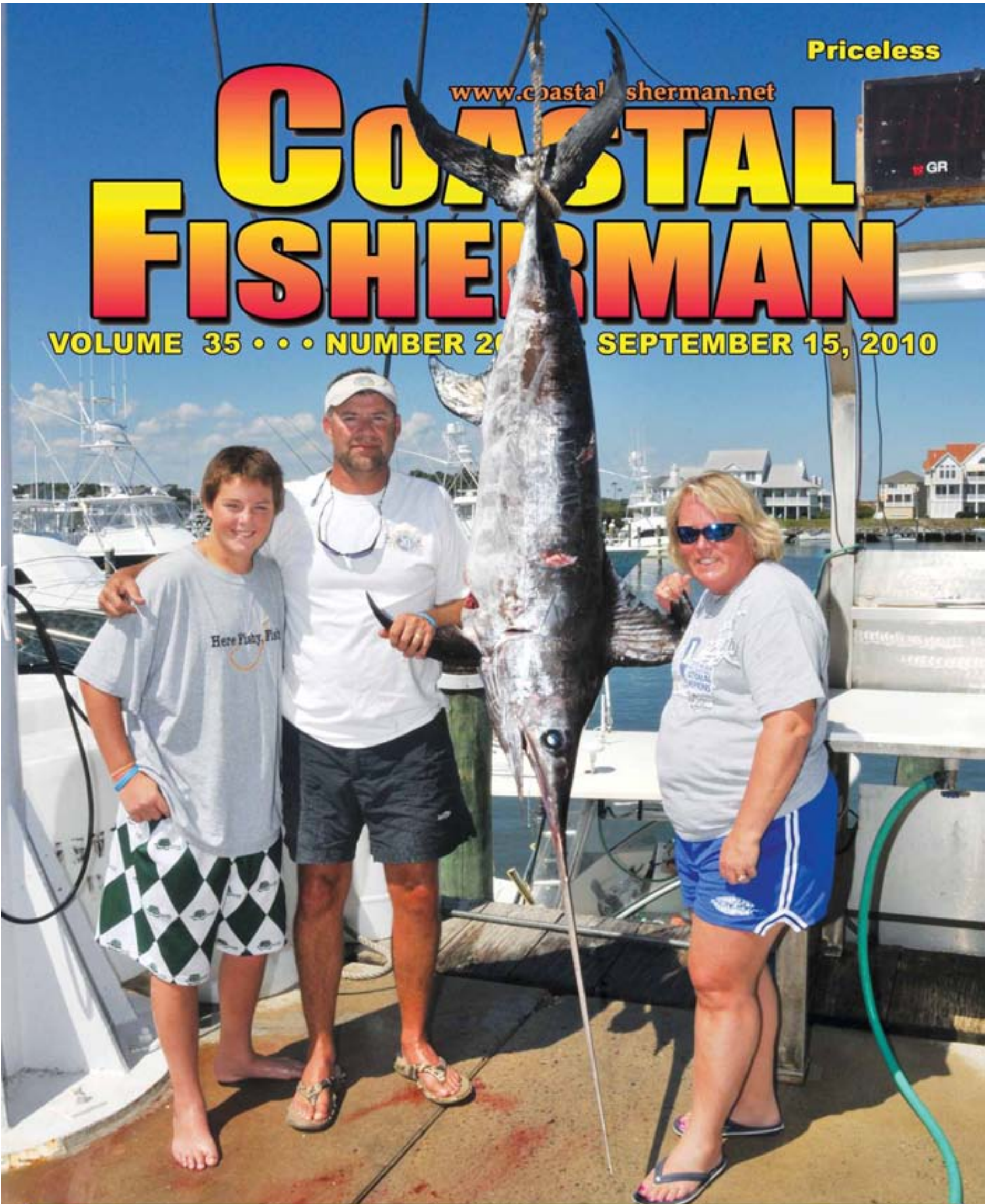


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Dave, Steve and Natalie Magdeburger from Baltimore, MD ventured to 500 fathoms outside the Wilmington Canyon early last week aboard the "Gettin' Jiggy" and ended up hooking this 140 lb. swordfish on a tinker mackerel. The fight lasted for 2 hours with Natalie battling the fish for a short time before Steve took the rod and got the fish to the boat. The anglers also released 2 hammerhead sharks and a small mako during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Word is that the season's first few red drum were caught in the Assateague Island surf last week, so let the games begin. Big reds on the beach, plus the chilly mornings we had last week, are a sure sign that fall is here, even if the calendar says it is officially still summer. Finger mullet should also be migrating along the beaches by the time you read this, and this phenomenon should really bring the drum into the suds, along with other predators like bluefish, stripers and perhaps even a stray weakfish or two. For the next few weeks, bleary eyed "drum heads" with their favorite "8'n bait" heavers will be soaking spot, bunker or mullet heads, or maybe their favorite "tenderloin", in hopes of experiencing that screaming run, the "head shakes" and the

big tail waving in the shallow water as a drum tries to rid itself of that 8/0 or 9/0 circle hook in the corner of its mouth. It's an exciting time of year for beach fishermen, from the most experienced to that "newbie" still looking for his or her first big red.

While the drum fishermen, and later the striper fanatics, get the most press when it comes to the surf, there is another smaller group of beach anglers who pursue another species, a fish that many don't think of in the surf, and that is the flounder. There have been good numbers of flatfish in the surf this summer, and it may only get better as the fluke migrate out of the bays and spend some time along the beaches to take advantage of the fall smorgasbord of bait. The largest flounder ever caught in the

state of Maryland was a 17-pound doormat caught in the Assateague Island surf in October of 1974, and while I wouldn't expect a fish that big, there will definitely be some keepers over the 19-inch minimum taken from the beaches.

Flounder in the surf will take both natural bait and artificial lures. Most natural bait anglers use a medium action rod in the 7 to 8 foot range, with either a spinning reel or a small conventional bait caster. I would suggest using 20 lb. braided line, not only for the sensitivity, but in case you happen to hook a big drum or striper. This happens more often than you might think. The favorite method is to cast and slowly retrieve the bait along the bottom, stopping occasionally. Instead of casting straight out, I like to cast slightly up or down the beach and retrieve along the edge of the shorebreak. Rigs are fairly simple, usually either a single hook off a three-way swivel with a fairly long leader or a simple top and bottom rig.

Hooks are generally in the 2/0, 3/0 or 4/0 range, either "wide gap" or "octopus" style. Most anglers fish "naked" rigs, but there is no reason that a spinner blade and beads or even a skirt will not work. Some anglers even like a small float pegged about half way up their long leaders so the bait will bounce up and down off the bottom. Use a bank sinker or other round sinker rather than the normal pyramid style you usually use in the surf. Strip baits cut from squid, bluefish, spot or mullet all work well. Cut a tapered strip about three to four inches long, and just hook it once so it will flutter in the current. Frozen silversides can be another effective flounder bait in the surf. In the Carolinas, fresh shrimp also works well.

As for artificial lures, the most popular is probably a three-eighths or half-ounce jig head with a four-inch curl tail grub attached. I kind of like a red head with a chartreuse tail. I have caught some nice flounder "accidentally" while

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Jessie and Michael Maurer took the trip down from Long Island, NY and went fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The duo caught 2 keeper flounder, measuring 19.75 and 20.75-inches, while drifting peanut bunker in the West Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





The "Cerveza" returned from an overnight trip with 67 white marlin releases and 2 sailfish releases in 1,000 fathoms south of the Norfolk Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Butch Davis and Mate John Meade were Tom Russell of Reston, VA, Nina Davis from Middletown, DE and first time anglers, Bob and Robbie Weatherwax from Reston, VA. The team released 42 white marlin on their first day of fishing and another 25 whites and 2 sailfish on day 2 of their trip. Capt. Butch reported water temperatures at 77-degrees.




Mark Frees and Tony Eitnier from Ephrata, PA caught 6 bluefish (4 pictured) while fishing with live spot around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Their largest fish measured 22-inches.

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John Knight, Jon Duffie, Sr. and Judy Duffie ventured out to 50 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons and returned with 19 white marlin releases for the day. The anglers were fishing on the "Billfisher" with Capt. Jon Duffie and Mates John Prather and Billy Gerlach. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Double Lines continued:

fishing this combination in the surf for speckled trout or stripers. The recently popular "Gulp!" 4-inch Swimming Mullet should also be a killer for flounder in the surf. Fish the grub slowly, with a slight twitch of the rod tip, so the lure will swim just above the bottom and occasionally bounce in the sand. Flounder will also hit swimming plugs like a Mirr-O-Lure or Rebel minnow that is fished slowly, and I have even caught them on a small Hopkins metal or a Sting Silver.

The most important thing to remember about surf flounder is that they will usually be close, often just behind the shorebreak. I cannot emphasize enough how close this can be, and they will sometimes chase a bait or lure up out of the "dropoff" into just a few inches of water. Don't end your retrieves too soon.

Flounder can be found around the rock jetties in the Ocean City surf, and again, they might be very close to the rocks. A beach with a deep dropoff is

another good area to fish, and some anglers like to target very small "holes" in the surf. Low tide can often be the most productive, and it is definitely easier to fish the low water if you prefer to stand right in the surf and fish.

Some anglers travel to places like Buxton, NC in the fall and do nothing but fish for flounder in the surf. Like I said, this fishery is not as glamorous as the popular red drum or stripers, but if you want to fish light and put some meat in the freezer, flounder fishing from the beach might be just the ticket...

Saw a blurb on the Internet describing how an angler in the Bahamas recently got more than he bargained for. He caught a large tiger shark, and just as he was about to release it, the shark threw up a man's leg. After trying unsuccessfully to reach authorities on the VHF, the angler and his crew boated the shark and brought it to shore. The shark was cut open, and the rest of the body, minus

the head, was found in the stomach. Authorities believe the man drowned first, then was eaten by the tiger. Like I have said before, nature doesn't waste too much...

A friend of mine set a "fatback" net last week in one of the bayside creeks off Newport Bay on the west side of South Point. He was targeting "cob" mullet and spot to use as surf bait, but he told me he also caught quite a few (50 or 60) small, 8 to 10 inch speckled trout. He released as many of the fish as he could alive, of course, though the crabs had already started attacking some of the fragile spotted sea trout. It remains to be seen in the next month or so whether or not we will have a run of larger specks this fall, but the abundance of small trout bodes well for the future, or at least I hope so...

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Kathy Miller from Mohnton, PA landed this 7 lb. 3 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Livin' Large". The 26.5-inch flounder ate a strip of squid at Site #10 and was weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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John Gudelsky and Susan McCart had to be arm weary after finishing their day with 20 white marlin releases in 50 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. John and Susan were fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mates Andy Helms and Daniel Reid. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was a crazy week of fishing in Ocean City. Billfishermen returned with riggers full of flags and inshore and bay anglers continued to battle the effects of Hurricane Earl. However, as each day passes, fishing improves.

Marlin

The 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament was held over the weekend, having been rescheduled from its original date back in late July. No blue marlin were weighed, but there were quite a few white marlin released. The "Billfisher" led the way with 14 releases during their 2 days of fishing, followed by the "Reel Joy" with 3 releases and the "Four Play" with 2 releases.

The white marlin bite moved south into the Norfolk Canyon last week where, on Monday, the "Cerveza" returned from an overnight trip with 67 white marlin releases and a couple of sailfish. The "Reel Chaos" were also on an overnighter and ended up with 47 white marlin releases. The bite was deep in 1,000 fathoms. It was a great day, with several other boats posting big numbers:



Scott and Roger Hoffman were drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge, and ended their day with 3 nice flounder in the box. Scott caught a 26-inch, 5 lb. 10 oz. flattie and his dad landed 2 flounder, measuring 20 and 22-inches.

- "Reel Joy" - 20
- "Billfisher" - 19
- "Miss Annie" - 12

The bite continued in the Washington/Norfolk Canyons

on Tuesday with some more impressive numbers of white marlin released:

- "Playmate" - 14
- "Billfisher" - 12
- "Moore Bills" - 10
- "Lil' Man" - 10

The weather was snotty for the next couple of days, so billfishing didn't really resume until Saturday when anglers headed south of the Norfolk Canyon. We didn't see any

double-digit catches, but several boats posted nice numbers:

- "Wave Paver" - 8
- "Billfisher" - 8
- "Par V" - 7
- "Reel Joy" - 6

On Sunday, boats continued to make the trek to the Norfolk Canyon. Several boats released one or two white marlin and a couple of boats posted higher numbers:

- "Billfisher" - 7
- "Alican" - 3

The "Grandé Pez" returned from an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon with 7 white marlin releases.

There were also several blue marlin released during the week and several more broken off.

On Tuesday, the "D.A. Sea" released a blue marlin in the Norfolk Canyon. On Friday, the "Wave Paver" released a blue in the Washington Canyon where, on Sunday, the "Marli" also released a blue marlin. During the Blue Marlin Tournament, the "Shelly II" broke off 2 blue marlin in the Washington Canyon on Sunday. The "Tighten Up" also reported seeing a blue marlin in the Washington Canyon on Sunday.

Swordfish

As you saw on the cover, the "Gettin' Jiggy" was on an overnight trip in 500 fathoms outside the Wilmington Canyon and captured a 140 lb. swordfish on a tinker mackerel.

Tuna

Tuna fishermen hoping that the effects of Hurricane Earl would jump start the tuna fishery were disappointed last week with only a few boated. Those that were caught were scattered, with catches recorded

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in the Poor Man's, near the Hot Dog and in the Washington Canyon.

Some years, we have seen a good shot of tuna caught late in the year, so everyone is holding out hope that the yellowfin season, which had been good prior to the last month, will continue.

Dolphin

Those in search of mahi had all they could handle over the last month and the bite continued last week with boats returning with very large catches of mostly bailer dolphin. Like the white marlin bite, dolphin action centered around the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. Uriah and John, fish cleaners at Sunset Marina, were up to their elbows in dolphin when some boats returned with 40-60 dolphin.

In the Blue Marlin Tournament, the "Four Play" won the Dolphin Division with a 26 pounder caught in 45 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon.

Shark

We haven't seen any mako sharks in quite some time, so I was somewhat surprised to see the "Jade II" roll up to the OCFC scale on Sunday with a 170 pounder caught during an overnight trip to the Washington Canyon.

Wahoo

The wahoo bite is definitely heating up. In the Blue Marlin Tournament, the "Shelly II" boated a 44 pounder on Friday and followed that up with a 49 pounder on Sunday. The large wahoo was one of four caught by the crew that day in 35 fathoms north of the Washington Canyon.

On Saturday, the "Reel Chaos" threw a 66.4 lb. speedster on the scale at Sunset Marina after hooking it in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. On Friday, the "Marlin Magic" boated a wahoo at the Hot Dog and the surprise catch of the week occurred on Tuesday when the headboat, "Morning Star" captured their 2nd wahoo of the

season.

I would guess that there were over 12 other wahoo caught over the weekend that we didn't take pictures of, so it was a good week for wahoo fishermen.

Flounder

No doubt, flounder fishing has been horrible ever since Hurricane Earl rolled by off of our coast. Bay waters have looked like mud, leaving flounder fishermen frustrated. The good news is that slowly but surely, our bay water is starting to clean up and it looks like flounder fishing is turning on with some larger fish in the mix.

There were some really nice flounder landed in the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder on Sunday, led by Finn McCabe's 27-inch, 8 lb. 1 oz. flattie caught on a live mullet in the West Channel.

The West Channel must have been a hot location on Sunday with the top three finishers in the tournament hooking their fish near Hooper's Crab House.

We also saw flounder being caught in the East Channel near the Cement Plant and by anglers fishing between the East and West Channels.

Live bait is the ticket right now, whether it is spot or mullet. Both are available in our bay right now but if you don't have a chance to catch or net either of these 2 species, you can always fall back on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts or the larger Gulp! Grub.

Sheepshead

There is a good sheepshead bite around the South Jetty right now. We saw several last week by anglers fishing with sand fleas. The "Honey One" caught 4 on Saturday and Steve Joyce landed one on Monday morning.

Striped Bass & Bluefish

As always, anglers fishing from the Rt. 50 Bridge are very quietly landing good numbers of striped bass and bluefish at night. The bite on Friday night, around 10:30 PM, was particularly good with one angler saying that it looked like

it was "raining rockfish" from anglers tossing short stripers from the bridge back into the water.

Those anglers fishing from a boat had good luck bouncing live spot under the bridge during the outgoing tide.

In the Surf

As you may have read in Dale's column on page 2, reports of red drum being caught have come in from anglers fishing off Assateague Island. One angler released a 51-incher, estimated to weigh over 60 lbs., after hooking it on a large mullet.

Anglers have also been catching spot, flounder, stripers, croakers, kingfish and

snapper bluefish in the suds.

Upcoming Tournament


The Challenge Cup, pitting Ocean City and Cape May anglers against each other in a billfish release tournament, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Last year, the Cape May Tuna & Marlin Club won the tournament and early reports have over 28 boats venturing down from New Jersey to defend their title. Our guys have been on a roll lately, and I'll go out on a limb and predict that the trophy will be coming back to Ocean City on Sunday. Best of luck to all of the anglers participating in the tournament.

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On Saturday, Greg Bull from Sykesville, MD caught this 66.4 lb. wahoo during a trip on the "Reel Chaos" with Rico Liberto, Capt. Anthony Matarese and Mate Joe Bonvetti. The wahoo was hooked on a ballyhoo in 60 fathoms inside the Washington Canyon. Also pictured on the dock at Sunset Marina is Lauren Plantas and Coltyn Bull.

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Spencer Paquette released his 1st and 2nd white marlin while fishing on the "Pumpin' Hard" with his dad, Robbie Paquette and Capt. Gary Stamm. The crew ended up with 13 white marlin releases during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Stephanie Timmons from Berlin, MD landed her first wahoo while fishing on the "TunaVision" with Ivan Hardnett (pictured) and Capt. J.T. Timmons. The 50 lb. speedster was hooked on a Squidnation Matanza in 40 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon.

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Grapes, Hart and Stinchcomb wrestle in 8 1/2-inch spot to share 1st place in OCFC Spot Tournament



Seventy anglers competed in the 10th Annual September 11th Memorial Spot Fishing Tournament hosted by the Ocean City Fishing Center and first place was shared by Rick Grapes of Rockville, MD, Justin Hart of Berlin, MD and Barb Stinchcomb from Randallstown, MD, each with an 8 1/2-inch spot. Spencer Mears and Nathan Thompson came up a 1/4-inch short of 1st place, landing 8.25-inchers to win 2nd place in the Longest Fish Division. Third place went to Spencer Mears and Charlotte Sampson for their 8-inch spot. Avery Scott from Berlin, MD won an award for "Best Effort Angler" in the tournament. Pictured are some of the participants at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"I hear the blues are finally biting in the surf!"



Yes, our spring run of bluefish was very short-lived. We had blues in the bay all summer around the Rt. 50 Bridge and Oceanic Pier, but surf fishing for blues in the spring was very lame. Now finally, we are hearing about

snapper blues in the surf once again.

"How do you catch them?"

Catching snapper blues in the surf is one of the easiest kinds of surf fishing you can do. You don't even have to cut up any bait if you don't want to!



The easiest rig to use is the finger mullet rig and bait up with a whole fresh or frozen finger mullet. The finger mullet rig is made out of a piece of wire with a detachable double hook. You simply put the metal piece of wire into the mullet's mouth, out its anal canal and attach the double hook. Position the double hook so that only the two wire prongs of the hook hang out of the mullet's body. The rest of the hook will be tucked into its anal canal. (This generally happens naturally after the pressure of one cast.) The rig is usually sold with a three-way-swivel, a sinker snap and a styrofoam float that elevates the mullet bait off the bottom floor away from the crabs.

I always like to tie a good snap swivel to the end of my line and attach it to one end of the three way swivel to help eliminate line twist. Personally, I usually replace the three-way swivel that comes with "certain brands" of mullet rigs with a larger, heavier one. I like to use at least a size #1/0 or #2/0. The larger 3-way swivels also help eliminate line twist. I have also been known to shorten the rig up a bit if I find I can't cast out as far as I would like. The shorter the rig, the easier it is to cast out, BUT if you

shorten it up too much, the crabs will get to your mullet!!!

If you've had the rigs in your tackle box for a year, sometimes you will need to re-tie them with some new 40 lb. test leader material. If your leader line gets "squirrely", the mullet can twist around and foul itself on the mullet rig. This also happens if the "wire" gets bent. Always try to straighten them out if that happens. Sometimes you have to bite the bullet and spend \$3.00 on a new one!!!

ALWAYS buy extra hooks when buying mullet rigs. The Mustad #7826 replacements hooks are inexpensive and usually available in sizes #1/0 through #4/0. This is another important thing to know about mullet rigs. When you buy one, it may have a #1/0 hook on it, or it might have a size #4/0 on it. If the blues are running small, like they usually do this time of year, you'll catch a whole lot more with the smaller #1/0 or #2/0 size double hook. So eyeball the rig you are buying and have yourself an array of different size double hooks to match the size of the bluefish you are catching. If you are a newbie and have no idea, go with the smaller hooks!

Hooks get lost, fall off, get bent, get dull and get rusty. If you lose the hook, your mullet rig is useless, so always grab at least two extra hooks per rig.

Some people complain that the hooks just come off in the surf. I rarely lose a hook so I think it's got to do with slack getting in the line, or allowing the blues or crabs to eat the bait off without realizing you're having a bite. Well, that's purely not paying attention! To seriously catch snapper blues, you need to either hold the rod or put the rod in a rod holder and watch the tip. As soon as you get a bite, set the hook and start reeling in.

Here's my technique and I'm pretty good at catching snapper blues. I cast out with just enough sinker weight to barely hold the bottom. I use

pyramid, storm or frog tongue sinkers. Frog tongue weights are quite aerodynamic and you can cast quite a bit farther, though I don't think they hold as well. I also like to fish with a sensitive medium-weight graphite surf rod with a reel spooled with 20-pound test Power Pro braid. Power Pro has a thin diameter and cuts through the water quickly requiring less sinker weight to hold the bottom. (30# test has an 8-pound test diameter; 20# test has a 6-pound test diameter.) It is also more sensitive and you can feel the bites better. I cast my line out as far as I can. I wait for maybe 5 minutes. Then if I don't get a bite, I start slowly bumping it in towards the shore. If the blues are there, I will get a bite somewhere. They become more aggressive if the bait is moving slightly and they grab it before it disappears. If they miss it the first time, blues will usually come back again and again until only the head of the finger mullet is left.

In fact, if the blues are biting off the tail or lower body of the finger mullet, I simply throw it back out there until they either take it, or only the head is left. I've had some days where I actually cut the mullet in half to get a bite! If the blues are small, just keep jerking your rod tip until you hook one. Once you hook one, reel it in and don't let slack get in your line.

Sometimes blues run different sizes with the tides and weather. High tide equals bigger blues, low tide produces smaller blues. Weather is a factor. When it's a calm day the blues can run smaller; when it's a little rougher, the blues run larger. When the wind blows from the east, the blues run a little larger. When the wind blows from the west, they may tend to run a little smaller. Regardless, a 12 to 18-inch bluefish is a really good size to eat. They are much better than the larger ones. Trim out the dark meat and eat it fresh. Broiled, grilled or baked is

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Charles Jenkins was fishing at the Rt. 50 Bridge when he landed this 29.25-inch, 9 lb. 12 oz. flounder on a live minnow. Weighed at Harbor Tackle.

generally the best.

Finding a hole on the beach is also another important factor. Look at the beach at low tide and find a hole, rip, slough or change of bottom. Any area near the rock jetty is usually good. A flat beach can be unproductive. If you're not catching fish or getting any bites, move!

Catching blues in the surf is lots of fun. People ask, "How do you know if you have a bite?" Well, if the blues are biting, you'll know you have a bite!

Good fishing...

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.

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Michele Fodi from Dagsboro, DE caught and released her first white marlin while fishing on "Crystal's Caper" with Dylan and A.J. Fodi, Capt. Andy Fodi and Mate Andy Fodi, Jr. The white was released in 42 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.



Porter Neese from Springfield, VA boated this 11 lb. 9 oz. sheepshead while drifting a sand flea around the South Jetty aboard the "Honey One" with Brian Reidy of Arlington, VA.

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Ken Oberforf from Hellam, PA caught a 21.5-inch flounder and Herm Gross from Lewisberry, PA caught a 19.25-inch flattie, both while drifting live spot in the East Channel aboard the "Rusty Reel". Also fishing were Bud Hoois and Donald Groff from Lewisberry, PA and Alan Witmer from Dover, PA. Pictured at Ake Marine.



Sam, John and Max Homick from Edgewater, MD and Kyle and Kevin Stakes from Frederick, MD returned to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center with a couple of wahoo and 3 dolphin after fishing in 30 fathoms outside the Sausages.



Andrew and Dana Schenker, Amanda, Anthony and Donna Matarese, and Chad and Bob DiFebo went out on an overnight trip, deep outside the Norfolk Canyon aboard the "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and Mate Mike Matarese, and teamed up to release 47 white marlin. They released 28 on their first day of fishing and followed that up with another 19 on day 2. Also pictured with the crew at Sunset Marina is team mascot, Hook.

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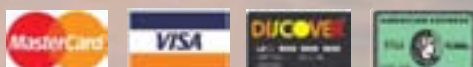


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1 TBSP. seasoned salt
Canola oil, for frying

Dip the fillets in the beaten egg, then dip evenly but lightly in the flour.

Dust off any excess flour and allow the fillets to air-dry on waxed paper for 5 minutes.

Whip the pancake mix with the club soda to the consistency of buttermilk; not too thin and not too thick.

Beat in the onion powder and seasoned salt.

Add 1-inch of oil to a heavy saucepan and heat to 425 degrees.

Dip the fillets into the batter

and slide into the oil a few at a time. Fry for 4 minutes on each side.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Place fried fillets on a cookie sheet, place in oven to keep fish warm until all the fillets are fried.

Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi Fajitas with Salsa Verde

1 1/2 lb. mahi-mahi fillets, skin removed
Salt and pepper
1 fresh lime
1 TBSP. olive oil
8 flour tortillas
Salsa Verde, recipe follows
1 avocado, sliced

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat.

Cut the fish into 1-inch strips; season with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle with lime juice.

Grease the grill with the oil. Place fish on grill; cook 3 minutes on each side turning carefully with tongs.

Salsa Verde:

1 slice white bread toasted until dry but not brown
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 TBSP. fresh lime juice
2 cups fresh parsley
1/4 tsp. sugar
2 anchovy fillets
2 TBSP. capers
1 garlic clove, minced
1 jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped, optional
Salt and pepper

Trim crust from bread; tear into pieces.

Process bread pieces, oil, and lime juice in a food processor for 10 seconds.

Add parsley, sugar, anchovies, capers, jalapeno (if using) and garlic; pulse until the mixture is finely chopped but not smooth.

Season with salt and pepper.

To assemble, divide the fish among tortillas and top with salsa verde and avocado slices.

Squeeze lime juice over all and roll up tortillas.

Serves 8.

Shrimp and Pasta Parmesan

2 TBSP. olive oil
1 tsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. salt
Black pepper
15 large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1/2 stick butter
1 lb. cremini mushrooms, sliced
1 large onion, finely chopped
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
1 TBSP. fresh thyme, chopped
1 large tomato, halved and seeded, and diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/3 cup flour
4 cups milk
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup chicken broth
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 box penne pasta (16 oz.)
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

In a small bowl, mix first 4 ingredients together and brush

the mixture over the shrimp.

Preheat a griddle on medium-high; add the shrimp and sear 2 minutes per side.

Transfer to a medium bowl.

In a saute pan, melt 1 TBSP. of butter in the remaining 1 TBSP. olive oil.

Add the mushrooms; saute until the liquid from the mushrooms evaporates.

Add the onion, red pepper flakes and thyme; saute 8 minutes.

Add the chopped tomato and garlic, saute 2 minutes, then add the wine; simmer 2 minutes or until the liquid evaporates.

Transfer the mushroom-tomato mixture to the bowl with the shrimp.

Melt the remaining 3 TBSP. butter in the same pan.

Whisk in the flour until well blended, 2 minutes.

Whisk in the milk, cream, broth and nutmeg.

Stir often to prevent scorching.

Reduce heat to low and adjust seasonings.

Simmer uncovered, whisking often, about 15 minutes.

Cook the pasta.

Drain and toss with the sauce.

Remove from stove and add the shrimp.

Add the parmesan and toss.

Serves 4 to 6.

Broiled Flounder with Citrus Marinade

4 flounder fillets
Cooking spray
1/2 cup fresh orange juice
3 TBSP. fresh lime juice
1 TBSP. brown sugar
1 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
2 tsp. lower sodium soy sauce
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cumin
1/4 tsp. black pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp. paprika

Arrange fish in a single layer in a shallow roasting pan coated with cooking spray.

Combine orange juice and next 9 ingredients; pour over fish. Let stand 15 minutes.

Preheat broiler.

Sprinkle fillets with paprika; broil 15 minutes or to desired degree of doneness.

Drizzle sauce over fish.

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Rose Hobbs from Reading, PA used a Gulp! artificial bait to trick this 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing near "DB" Buoy aboard the "Heather Lynn". Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Jane Emerson from West Ocean City, MD hooked this 23-inch sheephead on a sand flea while drifting around the South Jetty aboard "Dawn's Hope".

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Susan McCart and John Gudelsky released 3 white marlin to win 2nd place in the Billfish Points Division of the 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament. Susan and John were fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mates Andy Helms and Daniel Reid. Andy and Daniel are shown accepting the check for \$7,550 from tournament organizers Barb Glinka and Brian Tinker. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



David Lynam from Rehoboth Beach, DE boated this 26 lb. dolphin and held on to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division of the 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament hosted by Sunset Marina. The mahi was hooked in 45 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Four Play" with Todd Richmond, Capt. Steven Wright and Mate Bill Vernon (not pictured). Todd also released 2 white marlin during the trip to win 3rd place in the Billfish Points Division. The "Four Play" crew took home \$3,150 for their catches.

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The "Billfisher" continued their hot streak, winning 1st place in the Billfish Points Division of the Branch Kreppel Blue Marlin Tournament held at Sunset Marina. Anglers Jon, Judy and Jeremy Duffie, Capt. Jon Duffie and Mates John Prather and Chris Hornung (not pictured) teamed up to release 14 white marlin during their 2 days of fishing in the Norfolk Canyon and took home \$11,050 for their 1st place finish. The "Billfisher" team is shown accepting their check and trophy from Barb Glinka of Sunset Marina and Tammy Kreppel and plan to donate \$2,000 of their winnings to the Jimmy Jackson Reef Fund and the remainder to the Kreppel family.



On the final day of the 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament held at Sunset Marina, Tom Foor (left) landed this 49 lb. wahoo to win 1st place in the Wahoo Division. Tom was fishing on the "Shelly II" with Brian Roberts, Bo Duke, Greg Steen, Tim McClanahan, Capt. Don Haines and Mate Jay Phillips. The winning wahoo was hooked on a pink and black Moldcraft Wide Range in 35 fathoms north of the Washington Canyon. The crew donated their winning check of \$3,750 to the Kreppel family.



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<p>Blue Marlin Division</p> <p>NONE QUALIFIED</p>		



Adam Hoerner from Ocean City, MD and Katie Bohn from Bishopville, MD landed 2 beautiful flounder, weighing 3 lbs. 11 oz. and 3 lbs. 12 oz., while drifting live spot in the East Channel. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Bill McMahon was trolling artificial lures at the 19 Fathom Lump when he boated this 20.7 lb. dolphin. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Capt. Chester Sadowski showed how it's done, landing 2 beautiful flounder, weighing 5 lbs. 12 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz., while fishing on the "Jezebel" with Joe Maffei and Tim Kane. The flounder, along with some sea bass, were caught at the Great Eastern Reef on squid and minnows. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



Some nice sheephead have been caught around the South Jetty recently as shown by this catch by Brian Reidy from Arlington, VA, James Tog from Ocean City, MD and Porter Neese from Springfield, VA. The anglers landed these 4 sheephead (3 pictured) and 3 tautog, all on sand fleas. The 2 largest sheephead weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz.

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Kelly Cruickshank from Bloomsburg, PA caught a 19.25-inch flounder, Kevin Cruickshank from Honey Brook, PA landed a 20.5-inch flattie and Irina Camp boated a 21-incher, all while fishing on the "Happy Hooker" with Capt. Steve Whitlock and Mate Drake Cropper. The fish were caught on shiners between the East and West Channels. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



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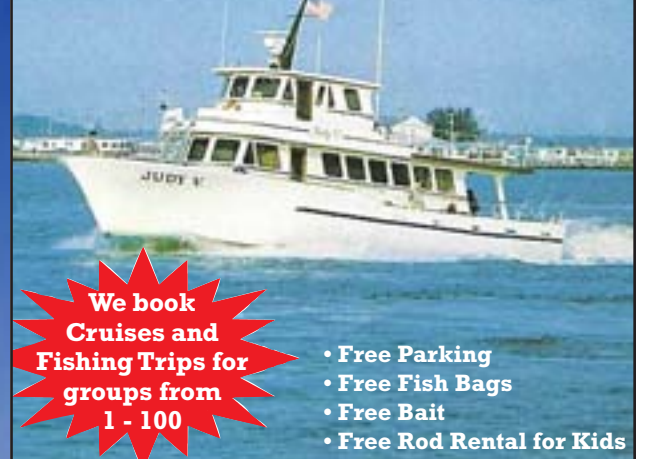
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Jacob and Justin Eddy from Ellicott City, MD caught 3 flounder while fishing on the "Green Reaper" with Capt. J.D. Eddy II. The fish, measuring 19.5, 20 and 22.5-inches, were hooked on skipjack tuna belly at the Concrete Barge located 4.5 miles from the Ocean City Inlet. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Joey Ribinsky released his first white marlin while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Predator" with Capt. Mark Hess. Photo courtesy of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.



Brad Pecoraro decked this 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder while drifting strips of squid at Reef Site #8. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Finn McCabe of Ocean City, MD was fishing with live mullet in the West Channel when he hooked into this 27-inch, 8 lb. 1 oz. flounder to win 1st place in the 5th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder. Finn was fishing on the "Green Submarine" and won \$2,480 in award money for his catch. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Walt Belczyk of Newark, DE captured this 6 lb. 13 oz. flounder to win 2nd place in the 5th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held on Sunday. Walt was fishing on the "Hop" and caught the flattie on a live spot in the West Channel. Walt took home \$600 for his 2nd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



3rd place in the 5th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder was won by Calvin Keeney of Red Lion, PA (second from left) with a 6 lb. 7 oz. flounder caught while fishing on the "Easy Livin'" with Derek Thomas, Steve Fink, Steve Stuber and Zachary Snyder. The 3rd place flattie was caught on a live spot in the West Channel and was worth \$400 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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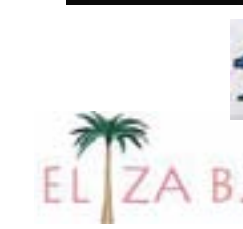
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. Fall is approaching and in many anglers' opinions the real fishing season is just getting under way.

In the back bays you still have a good flounder bite. As the water cools, the flatties will school up and start their trek to the deeper waters. As this takes place we will have more large fish being caught in a more concentrated area.

Croakers and spot are here to provide us with plenty of bends in the rod. Bluefish continue to put a smile on many faces during and incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet. Striper fishing will just begin to turn on with the water cooling. We can't forget about our friend, the tautog. This bait thieving critter makes many a man's blood boil when he pulls up an empty hook. When you get the hook-



This 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder was captured by Tom Kemper while fishing at Reef Site #8. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

up be ready for a real tussle and be sure to keep him out of the structure that he is sure to dive back into if you give him a chance. Sea bass fishing usually picks up in the fall and we will have to see the final regulations to see when we can catch these tasty guys. All in all, there is a lot to look forward to on the fall fishing scene.

Don't give up on the offshore action as many a tuna and dolphin have been taken on a chilly day.

Some of the successful anglers this past week have been Buster Davis who caught a 5 lb. 4 oz. flattie in the Indian River Inlet on a fly. Tom Breen of York, PA fished Reefsites #10 using Gulp! swimming mullet to score a 5 lb. 9 oz. flounder while fishing aboard "One More Drift". Damion Thomas of Bear,

DE used squid at Site #10 and fooled a 5 lb. 1 oz. flounder that measured 25 inches. Anthony Semonelle of Newark, DE used shiners in Massey's Ditch to trick a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Preston Miller of Mohnton, PA took his wife, Kathy, to Site #10 where she scored a citation 7 lb. 3 oz. flattie. Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Dave Walker took their party to Reefsites #6 & #7 in the Delaware Bay and ended up with 13 keeper flounder in the box.

Bill at Bill's Sport Shop reported that Dan and Matt Langdon on the "Offishal" caught 2 longfin albacore tuna, weighing up to 40 lbs., using spreader bars and green machines. The team also boated a bunch of dolphin on ballyhoo deep in the Baltimore.

Short weakies are being

caught in the Rehoboth Bay along with sea bass, croaker and flounder. Flounder, croaker and sea bass are being caught at "B" Buoy and the Old Grounds. At the Indian River Inlet, blues and plenty of short flounder are showing up. There are also reports of nice croakers and spot.

In the Baltimore Canyon at the 40-fathom line, yellowfins, false albacore, and dolphin are being captured while trolling naked ballyhoo behind an Ilander daisy chain.

Chris Wagner and crew trolled from the Tea Cup to the tip of the Baltimore using ballyhoo and picked up 24 mahi weighing up to 20 lbs. Louie Sartori and crew went to the 30-40 line behind the Tea Cup and came back with 19 mahi.

At Rattle & Reel Sports Center Ron said that keeper flounder are being caught but the majority are coming up short of the 18-1/2 inch size limit. A few stripers are still being taken in Indian River Inlet.

Capt. Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the offshore billfish blitz continued as a big body of white marlin moved south. Some of the hottest action took place in the Norfolk Canyon. Many crews enjoyed fantastic fishing, recording double-digit release days.

Tuna were harder to come by this past week, but in addition to marlin, canyon fishermen had good success with dolphin. Vince Scheivert, David Barger, Jake Boyer and Gary Socco spent the night at the tip of the Baltimore on Sunday and released a white marlin and put a load of dolphin in the box. The highlight of the trip was a large hammerhead shark that they battled on a 20 lb. spinning outfit for quite some time before being released. Vince ran the "Black Bart" to the Poor Man's on Saturday where the guys caught several gaffer dolphin and a mess of triggerfish off a floating barrel.

Inshore, trollers encountered dolphin, skipjacks, false albacore and a handful of small



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Kevin Burdett from Newark, DE was trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog aboard the "Black Dog" when he hooked into this 40-inch, 20 lb. dolphin. Kevin was fishing with Capt. Bill Kommer and Mate Tony Dambro. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

yellowfins at the Nineteen Fathom Lump, the Hot Dog and in 30 to 40 fathoms east and southeast of the Dog.

Bill McMahon weighed in a 20.7-pound mahi he hooked at the 19 Fathom Lump. The wahoo bite was pretty good on structure between 20 and 40 fathoms also. Donnie Weitzel wound in a 24.3 pounder at the Hot Dog aboard the "Snow Goose". Donnie said the crew also released a sailfish at the Dog during the same trip. Jog Beudet boated a 27.7-pound wahoo in 35 fathoms on the Triple Play.

Closer to the beach, bottom bouncers enjoyed better catches of croakers and sea bass on the Old Grounds. Bill Swords brought back a nice batch of 28 quality sea bass from structure changes east of the shipping lane. Fishermen on the "Pirate King II" had a bucket full of bass and hardheads from live bottom north of "DB" Buoy on Saturday. Captain Vince's patrons on the "Miss Kirstin" returned from the Old Grounds on Saturday with several nice sea bass, some blues and a 5 lb.

fluke. With proper drift conditions, flounder came from Reef Site 10. On Monday, Captain Brent on the "Katy Did" worked site 10 for 15 keepers. Brent ran the "Lil' Angler II" on Tuesday, and went back to Reef Site #10 for 16 more keeper flatties.

Artificial reefs in Delaware Bay still gave up a few flatfish. Sites 4, 6 and 7 yielded some fish. Tom Kemper caught a 6.2 pounder, and Brad Pecoraro put a 5.75-pound fluke aboard at Reef Site #8. Tom Gehman was surprised when he landed a 17 lb. black drum at Reef Site #8 on Saturday.

Croakers were a little more cooperative in the Bay over the weekend. Better catches of hardheads were reported from Reef Sites #6 and #7. Croakers also came from edges of The Lower Middle shoal. Clams, bloodworms, shrimp and FishBites were favored baits.

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 Striped Bass	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	July 7, 2010 George Poveromo "That's Right" 126 lbs.	July 3, 2010 Thomas Miles Southeast Grounds 109 lbs.
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	August 20, 2010 Brian Thompson "Reel Chaos" 105 lbs.	August 25, 2010 John Kucyk "American Ambition" 80 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	August 20, 2010 Harvey Fisher "Jade II" 40 lbs.	July 16, 2010 Jimmy Saunders Spencer Canyon 47.3 lbs.
 Flounder	August 31, 2010 Jerry Gray East Channel 10 lbs. 6 oz.	July 27, 2010 Lisa Koshinskie Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 11 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" 211 lbs.	August 25, 2010 Pat Hanley "Pandemonium" 188 lbs.
 Bluefish	June 5, 2010 Jeremiah Leader Inside Rockpile 14 lbs. 5 oz.	June 12, 2010 Kyle Falgowski Hot Dog 12 lbs. 6 oz.	 Dolphin	August 17, 2010 Vincent Baiocco "American Lady" 56 lbs.	July 8, 2010 Jere Bryant "Wave Dancer" 37.8 lbs.
 Sheepshead	September 5, 2010 Mark Fleetwood South Jetty 11 lbs. 9 oz.	July 23, 2010 Herbie Shorthose Ice Breakers 12 lbs. 15 oz.	 Wahoo	July 11, 2010 Gary Tanner "Bill\$ 4 Bills" 75 lbs.	August 14, 2010 Johnny Horning Baltimore Canyon 62 lbs
 Cobia	June 24, 2010 Juan Franzetti African Queen 61 lbs.	July 27, 2010 Porter Krisher "A" Buoy 51.9 lbs.	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day	
				August 30, 2010 "Billfisher" 57 releases	August 31, 2010 "Fish Whistle" 15 releases

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George Miller of Felton, PA muscled in this 24-inch, 5 lb. flounder while fishing on the "Morning Star" with his daughter, Debbie Miller, Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Tucker Colquhoun. The big flattie was hooked on a strip of squid at the Great Eastern Reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Mike Zeigler from York, PA caught this 3 lb. 12 oz. sea bass while fishing with clams at an ocean wreck. Mike was fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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These anglers on the "Playmate" took advantage of the great white marlin bite, releasing 14 while fishing in 44 fathoms inside the Norfolk Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart were Larry Layton, Jeff Greenwood, Josh Dolan (not pictured), Jacque Rimmell, Andy Smelter, Jim Hughes and Terry Layton. This catch put the "Playmate" at 104 white marlin releases for the year. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City.

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LuAnn and Holly Harding from Smyrna, DE were fishing at the mouth of the Indian River Inlet when they hooked these 2 flounder on squid and minnow combinations. The fish measured 18.5 and 22-inches. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Matthew Frigm of Fenwick Island, DE (right) released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Barbed Wire" with Capt. Justin McGinnis and Mate Jeff Landis (pictured). The crew also caught 6 dolphin during the trip with the heaviest tipping the Bahia Marina scales at 27 lbs.



David Leizear from Willards, MD (right) was fishing with Big Bird Cropper around the Rt. 50 Bridge when he caught an inshore "grand slam" consisting of a 20-inch bluefish, a 21-inch flounder and a 31-inch striper. All of the fish were caught on roy rigs.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Two days after Hurricane Earl slipped past our coast we headed offshore for a day of shark fishing. The waters had settled down quite a bit, but when we arrived at our fishing spot I didn't exactly like what I saw. The water was extremely murky; in fact it looked more like we were floating in chocolate milk than the same ocean we had fished prior to the storm. It was so bad that I contemplated running a bit farther offshore in the hopes better (cleaner) conditions, but after reminding myself about how effectively sharks use their nose to locate prey and how good the fishing had been in that location, I decided we'd give the dark water at least a couple hours to produce something before we tried someplace else.

We didn't have to wait that long. Just ten minutes after putting the first line in the water we had the first shark hooked-up and for the rest of the morning we were getting bites every 15-20 minutes. You've got to hand it to the sharks; they have one heck of an olfactory system!

But sharks aren't the only critters that rely heavily on the use of their "snouts" for their daily routines. Within the entire animal kingdom, scent plays a huge role in not only "finding" food but also avoiding "becoming" food for other

creatures. The sense of smell also helps animals locate their own offspring, potential mates and even to navigate through areas of decreased visibility or on long migrations. I'm surely not telling my fellow deer hunters anything they don't already know when I say that it's absolutely unbelievable how well some animals can detect, and react to the slightest scent from potential predator or prey.

The sense of smell in some animals is so acute that they're often described as "being able to smell in color." To us "humanoids", that concept is pretty much incomprehensible but that's only because over the last few million or so years we've pretty much evolved away from the need to use our noses to put food in our bellies, keep predators off our backs, and a mate in our cave. They say that now our "larger brains" compensate for the decreased efficiency of our other senses. I don't know about all that, but I do know that even though I might be able to tell if one of my neighbors has a barbecue grill going, I can't always discern exactly what they're cooking up for dinner, and I surely don't want to waste a visiting privilege by "just dropping over to say hello" if all they're doing is grilling a few tube-steaks.

On the other hand, fish (and I don't mean just sharks) have their snouts so well dialed-in that they can indeed tell if the aroma up current is worth honing in on or is better off avoiding. As fishermen, we can and often do take advantage of this by considering the scent trail that our baits or lures leave in the water as we work them up, over and around the fish we pursue. Nothing speaks more to this than our use of fresh baits. In side-by-side comparisons, fresh baits almost always outperform baits that have been previously frozen or sitting on ice for a while. Sure there are times when the fish are so intent on feeding that without hesitation they will quickly whack the oldest and nastiest bait in the cooler, but you can bet they know what they're doing and the quality of what they're slurping down, it's just that at that time, for whatever reason - they don't care.

Of course, fishermen also know that there are too many times when fish "do care" about freshness and the quality of what we have hanging on our hooks, and it's those times when anglers who make the extra effort to ensure that their offerings are fresh and smelling as good as possible will get the bites when others won't. But, securing fresh bait isn't always as easy as wandering into a local tackle shop because rarely will such patrons have the opportunity to purchase baits such as squid, shiners, clams, mackerel or ballyhoo in anything but frozen form. If they absolutely positively have to have "fresh", anglers can sometimes catch their own bait such as clams, shiners, crabs, sand fleas, bunker or mullet. Or, if they're willing to pay the premium price, folks can sometimes solve the problem by purchasing squid, fish, clams, soft crabs or shrimp at a local seafood market.

These days, scent appeal doesn't just stop with natural bait. Over the past couple of decades, tackle companies have put a lot of research into the development of artificial lures and chemical compounds that

either attract fish, stimulate them to feed or achieve some combination of both. Berkley's "Gulp!" baits are an excellent example of just how far this research has come by providing a product that's simple to use, easy to transport and store and catches the heck out of fish. In many situations the Gulp! lures have proven so successful that anglers have actually had better success with these scent-activated artificials than with fresh or even live bait. Historically, lure manufacturers have focused mostly on developing artificials that invite fish to bite by sight (size, color, shape, or movement) or by sound (vibrations, rattles) but almost never by smell. Now it's "all" about smell and it will be interesting to see in the future how stimulants to the three senses will be combined to produce products that will surely outperform even the best of what's on the market today.

Anglers will sometimes enhance the scent from natural baits by soaking them in fish oil or certain products made specifically for that purpose. I've experimented a little with that myself but haven't seen enough definite results for me to consider that the outcome was worth the effort. However, one scent trick that I often use when fish are visible but ignoring my bait is to squish it up in my hand or put a few slices in it to make it release more scent. We used to do that a lot when we would chunk for tuna and have finicky fish that needed a little extra incentive to take the bait. I've seen it work for sharks, dolphin and different bottom fish as well.

When the wind and rain comes through and our local waters turn into a murky mess it certainly doesn't get any easier to catch a fish, but thanks to a few tricks, some new products and our scaly friends keen sense of smell, fishing in chocolate milk can still be both fun and productive.

Captain Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



IT'S ALL ABOUT SAFETY - ON LAND OR SEA



Now that the fishing season is winding down for some Mid-Atlantic anglers, many thoughts are turning to other forms of recreation like hunting, hiking and snowboarding. Yes, there is still some great fall fishing ahead of us and there is no doubt that the fish are "plentiful", but the main objective with all this fun activity is to be safe at all times.

I recently ran across an item

that caught my attention, mostly because of its inexpensive price tag. It is normally discounted, but even at its list price of \$169.95, this is a useful tool. It is called the SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger.

According to the manufacturer, "SPOT is the world's first satellite messenger. In the event of a minor mishap, SPOT lets you request non-emergency help from friends or family, or if things get truly out of hand, you can call in the cavalry via 9-1-1. In addition, SPOT lets you send a message to friends and family so they know you're okay, allows them to track your progress and even saves your waypoints for later, all with virtual views provided by Google Maps. SPOT gives you a vital line of communication with friends and family when you want it

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Powered by two AA Lithium batteries that will transmit SOS/help signal for 14 days and track progress for 7 days, it will also send up to 1,900 messages. The unit is about 3 1/2 inches high, 2 1/2-inches wide and 1-inch thick. It is waterproof and even floats. It is simple to operate, containing just four key functions.

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SMS to up to 10 pre-determined contacts and your waypoint is stored in your SPOT account for later reference. Your stored waypoints can be easily integrated into a SPOT Shared Page or SPOT Adventure account. SPOT sends three identical messages to the SPOT service for redundancy. The first of those three messages is delivered.

- Track Progress - Send and save your location and allow contacts to track your progress in near real time using Google Maps. With your SPOT account you have the ability to set up a SPOT Shared Page which allows you to show your SPOT GPS locations to others on a Google Map. SPOT sends one message every 10 minutes for 24 hours or until SPOT is powered off.

The one disadvantage is the service charge of \$99.99/year or about 28 cents a day for full functionality, but this unit is still worth looking into and could be a real life saver in many situations. You can see several video examples of the use of SPOT at their website www.findmespot.com.

The one question that is valid is why not just use your cell phone and call in these cases but the answer is simple. The SPOT unit used GPS and can reach signals in areas where a cell phone may not work.

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We haven't seen many mako sharks caught recently, but this crew on the "Jade II" muscled in this 172 pounder during an overnight trip to 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon with Capt. Ed Kaufman and Mate Will Hathaway. Pictured are anglers Ron Soltes, John Branconi, Dave Hesson, Dave Roper, Matt Murphy, Pete Hesson and Lynn Ceritano, who also released a white marlin during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Vince Holt, Tom Ellis, Adam McDonald and Mike Zeccola teamed up to land bluefish, a 20-inch flounder and a 29-inch striper while fishing with live spot near the Rt. 90 Bridge on the "Pumpkin Patch".



John, Andrew and Wade Bondrowski caught these nice flounder while drifting the Old Grounds near "DB" Buoy. They ended up with 10 keepers (6 pictured) caught on squid and minnows. John's 6 lb. 5 oz. flattie was the heaviest of the trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Alexis Knotts from Lewes, DE muscled in this 47 lb. wahoo while trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Alexis was fishing on the "Hobie 2" with Capt. Chris Eby and Mate Chris Ragni (pictured).



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Nine-year-old Ryan Niemczuk from Kensington, MD caught 3 keeper flounder while fishing on the "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer. Courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Chincoteague

According to Donna at Captain Bob's, the flounder throw-back ratio was pretty high last week (with 25 throwbacks for every keeper). The best catches were near the tip of the island, in front of Captain Bob's, and in the Assateague Channel. A large flounder (almost 7 pounds) was brought in last Monday from the pier at Inlet View Campground. A few croaker were reported at Buoy 10 and the Assateague Channel. It has been a banner year for crabbing, and large crabs are still being caught everywhere. Winds and rough waves kept many anglers inshore last week, although a citation wahoo (45 pounds) was brought in from the Washington Canyon. Dolphin, as close as the Parking Lot, were also biting. Black sea bass and flounder were brought in from the wrecks.

Wachapreague

Staff at the Wachapreague Marina reported slow fishing over the past few days. Anglers reported wahoo catches just after the storm passed, but few anglers have gone out lately.

At Captain Zed's Marina, several citations were reported. Local anglers are catching flounder and croaker in the Wachapreague Inlet and at the mouths of Green and Drawing channels.

Cape Charles

Staff at Chris' Bait and Tackle report that fishing was slow last week. A few croaker were reported in the Bay, and decent flounder catches were reported before the storm, but little have been spotted since. Black drum and puppy drum (juvenile red drum) were hooked from the local beaches, and one angler even hooked a tarpon from the

surf.

Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

Staff at Cobb's Marina reported that small spot and croaker have been caught in the area, along with flounder and cobia.

Two citations were reported from Salt Pond's Marina last week. The first was a 7-pound, 9-ounce, 26-inch flounder caught at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, and the other was a 7-pound, 2-ounce flounder also caught in the Chesapeake Bay with bucktail.

Virginia Beach

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

Although Hurricane Earl stirred the waters into a muddy mess, the tremendous early fall fishing action is picking up where it left off as the waters clear. The fall heavy hitters such as spot, speckled trout, and puppy drum will become of more interest as the waters cool. Anglers are also imparting farewells to exiting summer favorites such as flounder, cobia, and red drum as they stage to head out.

Flounder action was very good before Earl but has been slow to recover. Anglers are working hard for their catches, but those using live bait and drifting with cut bait near the third island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel are finding some keeper fish, with a few doormats in the mix. Drifting along the Thimble Shoal and Baltimore Channels are also good places to try right now. Flatties in the 22 to 24-inch range are also available within Lynnhaven in about 20 feet of water this week. Strip baits bounced over the structure works well for wreck flounder.

Cobia are on the move as they prepare to head south, generating outstanding top water action. Before the hurricane, boats were hooking up to as many as a dozen or

more fish per day. The best catches are coming from casting live bait and jigs to large pods of cobia swimming on the surface and pairs circling buoys lining the channels heading out of the Bay. Many of these fish are ranging in the 50- to 70-pound class. Bay pier anglers are also getting in on the great top water scene, with a number of cobia landed off several lower Bay and oceanfront piers recently.

Fall speckled trout are starting to present in Lynnhaven Inlet, the Poquoson flats, the seaside of Oyster, and the Elizabeth River. Although most fish are on the smaller side, this action and the size of the fish will only improve as the waters cool.

A few puppy drum are available to those casting jigs or offering fresh bait within Lynnhaven or Rudee inlets. The Elizabeth River is also producing pups lately. Big red drum will continue to delight anglers on the lower Bay shoals and near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, while surf and pier casters are especially interested in the prospect as they await the run off Sandbridge.

The folks at the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier are reporting catches of nice pompano and horse croaker weighing almost 2 pounds this week. Medium-sized hardheads are all over the lower Bay and along the Virginia Beach shorelines, but the run of big hardheads out of Oyster slowed after the storm.

Sheepshead are still taking late-season offerings along the entire span of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Lots of hungry triggerfish are in the same vicinity. Spadefish ranging around 3 to 4 pounds are still around the 3rd and 4th islands, although this action has slowed.

Spanish mackerel are zipping through tide rips near the Bridge Tunnel, along Cape Henry, and along the buoy lines at the mouth of the Bay, where 20-inch fish are the average size lately. Schools of false albacore are moving in closer to the beach, which can be sporting on light tackle.

Big amberjack are still swarming around offshore wrecks, the South Tower, and the Chesapeake Light Tower. Crevalle jack could be a nice

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Naomi Hutchins from Middletown, PA used squid to fool this flounder while fishing at the Old Grounds with Capt. Vince Keagy aboard the "Miss Kirstin". Courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

consolation prize. Deep-dropping for blueline and golden tilefish is still a good choice.

Offshore billfish action resumed to off-the-charts intensity after the hurricane passed. Boats are reporting dozens of releases for mostly white marlin. Several sailfish, spearfish, and blue marlin are also visiting trolled spreads. A true grand slam was reported last week when a crew released 18 white marlin, a blue marlin, and an Atlantic spearfish. Dolphin action is good, with many gaffers over 30 pounds hitting the docks. Nice wahoo are also becoming more common in 50 to 100 fathoms.

Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Oregon Inlet has slowed down some from the prior week. Anglers hooked dolphin, wahoo, tuna, and amberjack but were having a harder time getting their limits. Billfishing also slowed down, but all three species were available.

Eight to ten miles offshore, king mackerel, red drum, cobia,

and striped bass were caught.

Bottom fishing was producing sea bass, triggerfish, snapper, grouper, and blackbelly rosefish.

Close to shore, boat, pier, and surf fishermen reported Spanish mackerel, bluefish, spot, croaker, pompano, and sea mullet.

Inside the inlet, speckled trout were being caught in the early morning and late afternoon. Flounder catches were mostly undersized, and legal-sized striped bass were around the bridges.

South of Oregon Inlet, the fishing was a bit slow. Bluefish were at the point along with a few red drum. Sea mullet could be caught on the north and south beaches. Spanish mackerel and bluefish were at the point jetties as well.

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\$2,449,000

SALTY ~ 63' Weaver Boat Works Custom 2010. Twin C30 Caterpillar 1550 hp. Twin 21.5 Onan gens. 3 SR, beautiful interior, full tower, teak cockpit. Eskimo ice. Loaded. Call Jimmy



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62' Titan Custom SF ~ 1675hp CAT C-32s, 32/42 kts. 3/2.5 layout, luxury décor, Furuno electronics, mezz, Eskimo Ice chipper. Call Jimmy



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Patsy Ru ~ 60 Spencer 2006. CAT C-32 1650 hp. Pipewelders custom tower. Elegant cherry interior. 7' mezz seating w/AC vents. In Costa Rica. Call Jimmy



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Reel Deal ~ 2005 57' Dean Johnson. C-18 CATs. Cherry interior. Well maintained. Raises fish, great sea ride. Call Jimmy



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Grand Slam ~ 54' Spencer 2004. CAT 1000hp C-18's. 3/2 layout. Figured maple interior, granite, updated fabrics. Call Jimmy



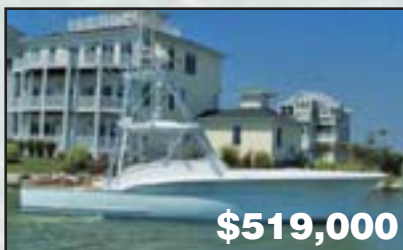
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Two Days ~ 54' Omie Tillet Sportsman 1986. Single 1271 Detroit Diesel. Excellent maintenance program, in great condition! Call Steve



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Candy's Reel Choice ~ 1995 50' Viking. 820 hp MANs, port w/low hrs. New Onan 15kw gen w/350 hrs. Extensive interior refit in 2008. Super clean! Call Steve



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