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The last day of the MidAtlantic Tournament has been called 'Moving Day' due to the history of changes in the leaderboard that day. This year looked like that might change however, with solid fish in the White Marlin Division and especially the Blue Marlin Category with a 958 lb. sitting in the top slot. That 'moved' at 5PM when the scales opened with the "Billfisher" waiting at the docks. Capt. Jon Duffie had brought in a blue marlin caught by Billy Gerlach deep below the Washington Canyon along the 471 line. They hooked up around 1:30PM on a 130 rod and spent the next 3 hours fighting to get the beast to the boat. They got to the leader 25 times, but the fish kept dragging back out, and when they got to leader the last time it still took another 30 minutes to get it to the boat! Of the over 1000 blue marlin caught by the "Billfishers" past and present, this is the first one not released and was even sweeter being caught on the new "Billfisher" built at Jon's Duffie Boatworks. At 136.5" and 1,135 lbs. the blue not only secured 1st Place in the Blue Marlin Division earning a combined \$1,167,762 in award money, it also set a new Maryland State Record. Fishing with Jon and Billy on that eventful day were Jonathan, Judy and Jeremy Duffie with Danny Gough, Chris Wyant and mate Noah McVicker.



The wahoo are on the run with many pretty speedsters showing up at the docks and tournament scales. Anglers Derek Tranter, Chris Haley, Jeff Jaras with Capt. John Sipple and mate Mike Williams were fast trolling for wahoo in the Washington Canyon on the "Wire Nut" when this approximately 70 lb. wahoo hit their black & purple Black Bart lure.

The advertisement features a large, vibrant image of a fish, likely a wahoo, being reeled in from the ocean. The fish is silver with a dark stripe and is splashing water. In the top left corner, the logo for "bank of ocean city" is displayed in a stylized blue font. Below the image, the text reads "SUPPORTING THE FISHING COMMUNITY SINCE 1916". At the bottom, it provides the "Ocean Pines Branch" phone number "410-208-9380" and the website "BANKOFOCEANCITY.COM". A small "Member FDIC" logo is in the bottom right corner.

The advertisement is for "OCEANIC FISHING PIER". At the top, it says "Pier Fishing under the Lights!". The main title "OCEANIC FISHING PIER" is in large, bold, italicized letters. A starburst graphic says "OPEN 24 Hours! In Season". Below this is a photo of the pier building with signs that read "FISHING PIER", "NO LICENSE REQUIRED", "ROD & REELS", "SALES & RENTALS", and "LIVE SPOT". A list of services includes "Bait & Tackle", "Rod Rentals", "Rod & Reel Sales", "Apparel • Ice • Snacks", and "Restrooms". A Facebook icon is shown in the bottom left. At the bottom right, it says "visit us at oceanicpier.com", "710 S. Philadelphia Ave. at the Ocean City Inlet!", and the phone number "410-289-2602".

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11 year old Lilly Bergersen from Dunkirk, MD got in on the hot flounder action last week! She caught this 23" flattie in the West Channel in the Ocean City Bay with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break"



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This Week Last Year

- The top fish from the The MidAtlantic Tournament in 2020 were the “Griffin” with an 815 lb. blue marlin earning \$692,764, the “Blood Money” boated a 91 lb. white marlin that took the top spot and \$267,085, no Ocean City boat posted in the top 3 for tuna and the “Billfisher” won 1st place in the Dolphin Division with a 46 lb. bull.
- Boats were still chunking at the Hot Dog and getting limit catches of 18 yellowfin tunas.
- Large catches of bailer dolphins were being found in the Baltimore and Poor Man’s Canyons on the troll.

The offshore action was again dominated by a tournament, specifically the 30th rendition of The MidAtlantic held all last week! This year saw a record 203 boats participate with 128 based in Ocean City berths and 78 in New Jersey slips. That was a noticeable increase over 2019 and 2020 and the ratio between ports also came to bare in this year’s results with Ocean City boats scoring all three tops slots in all the catch Divisions except the 3rd place tuna! To be sure, the 30th MidAtlantic will be talked about for some time to come.

There were more records set as well;

- The record for blue marlin was broken twice, first by the “Wolverine” with their 958 lb. big blue and then another record set for not only the tournament by the “Billfisher” with a 1,135 monster blue, but also a new Maryland State Record!
- A record purse was set at \$5,929,050 that bested the previous record set last year by over 145%. This was aided

in large part by the special 30th Anniversary Mega Marlin Calcutta with an entry fee of \$30,000.

- Both the heaviest white marlin and blue marlin payouts set records with million dollar payouts as did the tuna division with a combined award to the “Pipe Dreamer” well over a million. Overall 9 boats saw payouts over \$100,000 with another 5 receiving greater than \$50,000.

Several great catches dominated this year’s event, but none more than that of the “Billfisher”. Capt. Jon Duffie entered the tournament with the new boat he just finished at Duffie Boatworks a few weeks ago. Last Friday as he waited for the scales to open, Jon shared it was only the 14th day the boat had been fished. It was angler Billy Gerlach that hooked up with and landed the 1,135 lb. blue below the Washington Canyon in deep water. Capt. Jon and the “Billfishers” past and present have caught over 1,000 blue marlins and it is notable that this one was the first not to be released. This one also bested the existing Maryland State Record by over 70 lbs.

Not to be overshadowed in this category is the fish from the “Wolverine” on Day 3 that broke the tournament record for the first time. Angler Gary Fletcher spent 4 hours on the rod to boat a 958 lb. blue while fishing between the Wilmington and Spencer Canyons.

The white marlin category saw most of the action on the first two days with 7 total qualifying fish making it to the scales. There has been some noise lately about the use of sonar in tournaments and

especially around this event so it was nice to see Capt. Donnie White on the “Sea Wolf” with angler Pete Roskovich hold the top spot from Day 2 to win overall on a non-sonar boat! Also of interest were the 2nd and 3rd Place winners as both were in the small boat 50’ and Under Calcutta. The 37 foot “Lucky Duck II” took 2nd Place in the Heaviest White Marlin and 1st Place in the Small Boat Division with the 80 lb. white they caught just east of the Rockpile. 3rd Place overall and 2nd Place in the Small Boat went to “Fish On” with a 75 lb. white they raised in the Norfolk in only 300 feet.

Rounding out the big fish category was the “Pipe Dreamer” with a standout catch of 2 bigeye tuna last Wednesday. Most of the eyeballs we have seen over the past few weeks were in the low 100 pound range so it was a great surprise to see Capt. Bryan Boyle and anglers Chip Caruso and Andy Confortini show up with a pair of 235 and 227 lb. bigeyes locking in both 1st and 2nd Place. They were actually caught as part of a triple hookup in the Wilmington Canyon in only 50 fathoms as the boat was moving from the flats to deeper water searching for blue marlin!

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Wahoo and dolphin was also active with the mahi mostly reported off the Baltimore Canyon with mixed reports of catching larger fish while trolling as well as when finding a weed line or other floating debris. The big wahoos came from a little more inshore at the Fingers and Sausages. Longer wire leaders were common comments as many were lost when the fish bit through the line ahead of the wire.

There is a lot more info and details in our tournament review section starting on page 64. Enjoy!




Upcoming Tournaments:

- The Ocean City Marlin Club hosts its 6th Annual Marlin Club vs OC Light Tackle Club Shoot-Out from August 27-29th. There are not weigh-ins for this event and more information may be found at ocmarlinclub.com
- The Ocean City Marlin Club will also host it’s 63rd Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament on September 3-5 with anglers fishing 2 of the 3 days. Always a popular end of season event with lively action at the Sunset Marina Tournament Scales from 6-8PM daily. You do not need to be a member of the club to participate in this event

The main tournament season may be winding down, but we still have some fun ones to go! There are also more fall events, so keep an eye on our schedule in the paper and on-line to keep up to date!

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



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It was taco Wednesday for Selbyville anglers Walt Cunningham, Dave Vetter and Capt. Gordy Kautz. They took on 3-6 foot seas at the Jack Spot on the "If Knot 4 U" to catch this mix of gaffer mahi, sea bass and a flounder. Extra points if you can spot the flounder that Dave is trying to hide for himself!

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Angler Rachel Engler entered the fray and decided to compete in the 2021 Bayside Beach Flounder Pounder Open. She headed out to Delaware Site 11 with Capt. Mark Engler on the "Reel Chaos" and landed this 25 3/4" and 7.4 lb. using Gulp. and taking 3rd Place overall for this doormat!



The Hot Dog has been hot this past week for wahoo and mahi. Richard Hoenes snagged this bull while trolling a Sea Witch rigged with a ballyhoo. Caught on a Shimano 20 rig, it took 3 long runs to work the fish before mate Cake Christy got it on the gaff.



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2021 SCHEDULE

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6th ANNUAL OCMC vs. OCLTC SHOOT-OUT

Angler Meeting: August 26, 7:00pm
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63rd ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT*

Registration: September 2, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 3,4,5
Weigh-Ins: September 3,4,5 6:00 - 8:00pm at Sunset Marina
Banquet: September 5, 6:30-9:00pm at the Club

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Fishing Days: (2 of 2) September 17 & 18
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Jason Snead is in the club catching his first flounder at the tender age of 4 and a keeper to boot. He caught the 20" flat fish with his father Skylar was caught using live minnows from the western shore of the Ocean City Bay north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Perhaps one of the best dressed anglers we have seen in a while, young Charlie Rothschild struggles to hold up this 24" fattie she caught in the Thorofare on a live minnow during the outgoing tide. Pictured and measured at All Tackle in West Ocean City.

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27" to <47" curved fork length
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2 per Headboat/day or trip



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Boat Limit 60
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1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter)
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2 per person/day

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Fishing this past week has been great! With less boat traffic and more fish around, now is the time to get out and catch a nice dinner or just enjoy a day on the water. Flounder in the back bays as well as the near shore reef areas has been the best in years.

Flounder, Croaker & Bay Fish

Flounder in the back bays of Ocean City remains very good. The Bay Bee reports good catches on all of their day trips. Some nice flounder as well as schools of croaker can be found in many of the normal spots. The main channel along the Second Street Bulkhead is the hot spot this week with the channel near the airport as a close second. Many citation flounder are being caught on


squid and minnow combos. Drifting a bucktail tipped with long squid strips is a good way to target big trophy flounder. Using this method will not give you the numbers of strikes as a smaller more traditional rig will, however, the fish you catch will be mostly larger citation size. When drifting bucktails or using a live spot for the bigger fish make sure you drop the bait back to the fish when you feel a bite to allow the fish to eat before setting the hook. Many of these big fish will nip at the back of the trailing bait before engulfing it. The area near the Verrazano Bridge is a great place to target croaker as well as lesser abundant species such as sea trout and redfish. Swimbaits or paddle tails are a great way to search

the area for these fish. The local Roy Rig is also a great lure to throw when searching. A jerk jerk, pause, retrieve works the best and will draw the fish away from the structure of the bridge or away from the grassy shoreline. The redfish will search out the bottom for crabs and shrimp, so bouncing along the bottom will be the method for them. The sea trout will stay close to the bottom and watch as bait swims above darting out to attack it. Redfish and sea trout will remain strong now through the fall season. Many anglers overlook these fish as they are not a targeted fish by many in the summer. Many anglers don't realize that redfish and trout are readily available along the Rt. 50 Bridge as well as the Verrazano Bridge now

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Sea Bass & Near Shore Species

Sea bass remains very strong this year with anglers returning to the docks with multiple keepers or even limits. Normally this time of year even catching one or two keeper sea bass is hard to do. Last year as well as this year we are seeing multiple catches of not only keepers but big keepers. Many attribute this to the lack of fishing pressure last year during the Covid crisis. Victor Bunting on the Ocean Princess reports good catches of sea bass on all of his half day trips and very good catches with some limits on the 6 hour trips. The African Queen reef is the hotspot of the week. The cable piles are holding a ton of sea bass with large flounder along the sandy edges. Victor reports salted clam is



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his bait of choice with squid being a close second. Monty Hawkins on the Morning Star reports he has been adding concrete blocks and other reef structures to the Ocean City reefs. These reefs hold tons of fish in what would otherwise be a sandy dead area. Capt. Monty further reports that they are catching nice sea bass and flounder on most of their trips. Monty has also caught several nice mahi as well. The Angler and Judith M are also reporting many good trips with anglers slinging some nice fish over the rails. Deeper wrecks and snags near the Jack Spot and Great Eastern Reef are accounting for some big sea bass. Many of these deeper wrecks as well as the ones closer to shore are loaded with triggerfish this time of year. These fish are very tasty and have very nice white fillets that can be prepared in different ways. Small pieces of crab or squid chunks on a small circle hook are a good way to fool these fish. Once hooked, leave the fish in the water and more will follow it to the surface. This fish is one of the hardest ones to fillet and a very sharp knife will be dull after filleting just one. Using the fish fillet service at Sunset Marina is a great idea for those not wanting to try knife skills on their tough skin. The cutters

are very experienced and will cut your fish for a reasonable charge. On the near shore humps the cobia have started to really bite. Chumming early in the morning or late in the evening is the best time to set up for this specie. Site casting while slowly motoring around the shoals just south of Ocean City is also a good strategy. Live eels will be the preferred bait but bucktails with an eel or worm off the back will also get the job done. Many sharks have now inhabited our waters with the warmer weather. Large dusky sharks as well as many other species can be caught while chumming for cobia. Looking south from OC to Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel has tons of cobia that showed up in May and have simply not left. There are almost daily reports of trophy fish coming into Virginia tackle shops every day and Virginia has not seen this good a cobia catch in years. Makes you wonder what the fall rockfish season will be like. Looking back to the wrecks outside of OC, many are now loaded with sheepsheads. If you can find the correct wreck you can load up on these tasty critters. Shrimp or crab is the bait of choice.

Until next week...

Tight lines and fins up



It was a pan fry kind of day for Bailey Smythe and Travis Hoffman from Pennsylvania. They caught a 4 lb. weakfish and a mess of croaker and spot at the Ocean City Inlet fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break".

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The sheephead are definitely back in town so get your sand fleas! Tom Smith used them to get this 13.6 lb. citation fish that used to live around the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay! Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.



Part of the fun of the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open is the costume contest. Anglers not only compete for top fish, they also create team names and costume themes and we were not disappointed in this year's outfits. One of the most creative was from the "Kilo Charlie" with Kristin Jezierski, Toni Lauer, Kristy Frashure, Tamara Brelot, Breanna Hall and Jackie Teller with mate Burro Gonzalez as the baseball on the end!

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. AUG 25	High 10:43 am High 11:02 pm	Low 04:27 am Low 04:43 pm
THUR. AUG 26	High 11:24 am High 11:38 pm	Low 05:07 am Low 05:33 pm
FRI. AUG 27	High ----- High 12:06 pm	Low 05:46 am Low 06:26 pm
SAT. AUG 28	High 12:17 am High 12:51 pm	Low 06:26 am Low 07:21 pm
SUN. AUG 29	High 12:59 am High 01:43 pm	Low 07:07 am Low 08:18 pm
MON. AUG 30 <i>3rd Quarter Moon</i>	High 01:48 am High 02:43 pm	Low 07:51 am Low 09:15 pm
TUE. AUG 31	High 02:44 am High 03:47 pm	Low 08:38 am Low 10:14 pm
WED. SEPT 1	High 03:42 am High 04:47 pm	Low 09:30 am Low 11:10 pm

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
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 Bluefish	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 Mako Shark	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 Cobia	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna	July 28 John Edward Washington Canyon 257 lbs.	July 11 Fiore Celano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
 Flounder	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	July 20 Mark Bonk Site 10 8.8 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4.05 lbs.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	 August 16 Tom Smith Outer Wall 13.6 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 24 Shane Surrency Spencer Canyon 111 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	August 11 Mike Hendrickson Poor Man's 49 lbs.	July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
 Tautog	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 Wahoo	July 19 Brian Jacobs Hot Dog 90 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	May 27 Cole Singer Indian River Bay 8 lbs.	 White Marlin	August 6 Butch Wright Norfolk Canyon 85.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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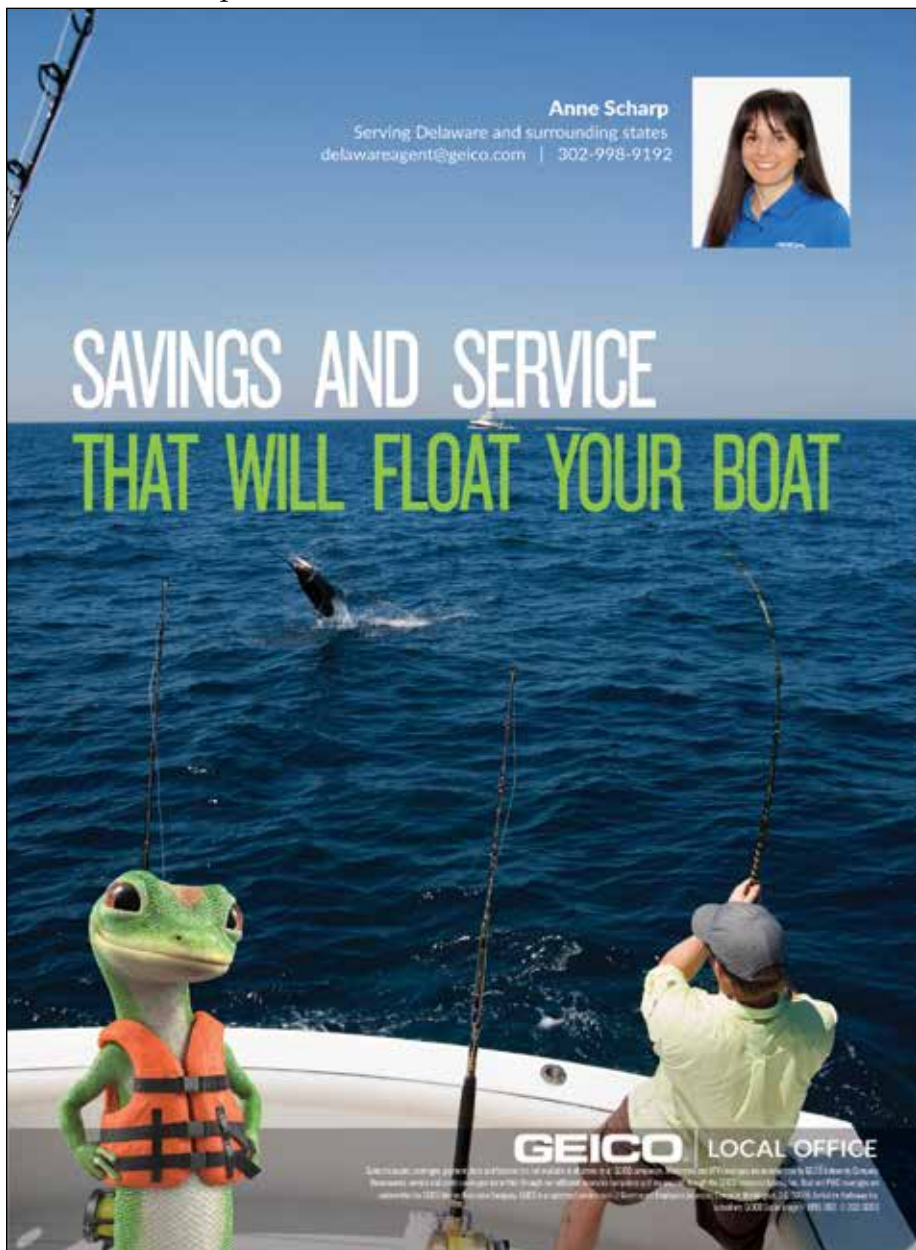


Another successful trip on the "Lucky 1" for Charlie Donohue and Ben Semiatin. This one was to the Old Grounds where Charlie got his limit of flounder using a jig with Gulp, with two of the flatties measuring 21". Ben played his part catching the smaller fish so Charlie could focus on the keepers.

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The charter boat "C-Boys" was first to the scales on Day 1 of the 30th Annual MidAtlantic Tournament and really kicked things off bringing in a 69½" and 69 lb. white marlin! They crew of Paul Crampton, Jr, Freddy Baron, Michael Slocum, Paul Crampton III, Robert Messina and Bill Leash with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Josh Blume & Nathan Lang had only 1 bite for the day. Angler Paul Crampton Jr. drew the lucky card and landed the white outside the Baltimore in 1100 fathoms. The fish held on to finish 4th Place overall earning \$48,598 in combined award money.

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Trini Crawford of Baltimore, MD caught this 5 lb. and 23½ flounder in the Indian River Bay using a live minnow. She was fishing on "Gale Force Charters" with Capt. Aaron Hurd.



The head boat "Judith M" with Capt. Eric Shoaff at the helm has been catching a nice mix of triggerfish, sea bass, flounder and mahi this past week. This junior angler found this triggerfish at the Bass Grounds.

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Despite some swells left over from the overnight winds last Thursday, this group of anglers got a good mix of fish including sea bass, flounder and a mahi fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat "Morning Star".



Tom Adkins was certainly the flounder catching captain last week landing these 4 keepers at a natural reef. He was fishing with the real Capt. Chris Mizurak on the deep sea fishing vessel "Angler".

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Seven year old Cole Edelman from Sellersville, PA already looks like an old salt showing off his first tuna catch! He found this 40 lb. yellowfin while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon with Capt. Josh Wentling and mate Kyle Shipp on the charter boat "Instigator".

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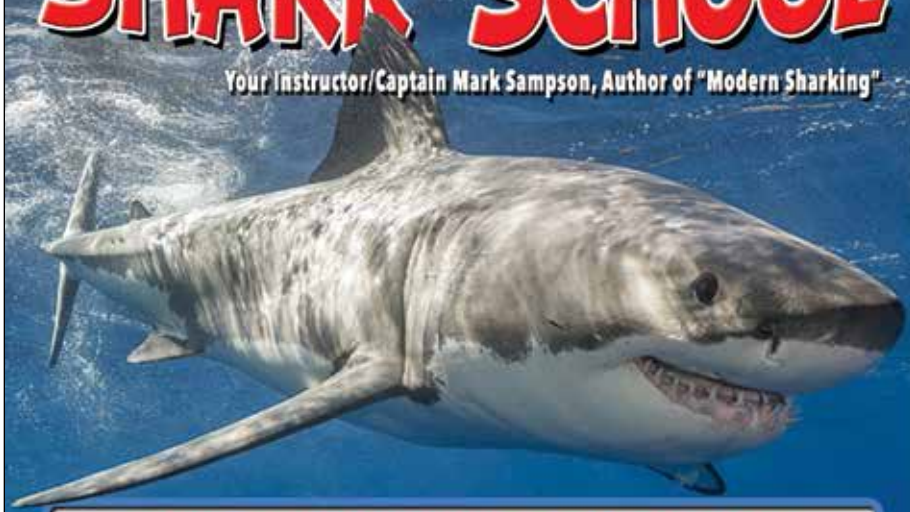
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Mike Burger and Brad Thomas from Reading, PA with Zach Rohrback are all smiles after a day with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break". They fooled these 3 keeper flounder in the Ocean City East Channel with white Gulp.



Jackie Sarbu got her hands on a very large cutlass fish this week. She caught this large approximately 42" bait stealer while fishing on the headboat Angler.

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Tammy Little from Pasadena, Md and mate Josh Lowrey show off of one of 8 yellowfin tuna they caught with skirted ballyhoos and Green Machine Lures while trolling near the Baltimore Canyon on the charter boat "Talkin' Trash". Fishing with the pair were Maryland lady anglers Rachel Frazetti, Nicole Frost and Carrie Winterbottom with Jim Frazetti, Evan Winterbottom, Josh Roach and Capt. Chris Little at the wheel.

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Danny Villanueva amazes the crew on the "Angler" with his flounder catch last week, the largest up to 25"! Capt. Chris Mizurak had the boat over natural reefs with anglers using cut bait.



The charter boat "Blood Money" had a big week during the 30th Annual MidAtlantic Tournament. Anglers Bill 'Squidnation' Pino, Zak 'Rt 113 Boats Sales' Smith, Ernie Eckenrode, Pete Gudaitis, Bill Keller and Donnie Moore with Capt. Anthony 'Hook Optics' Pino and mate Kevin Knotts released a total of 15 white marlin and 1 blue marlin to score 1275 points and secured 2nd Place overall in the Billfish Points Calcutta earning \$15,510 in award money. Bill Pino also caught this 4th Place Dolphin at 31 lbs trolling deep in the Baltimore Canyon at 900 fathoms.

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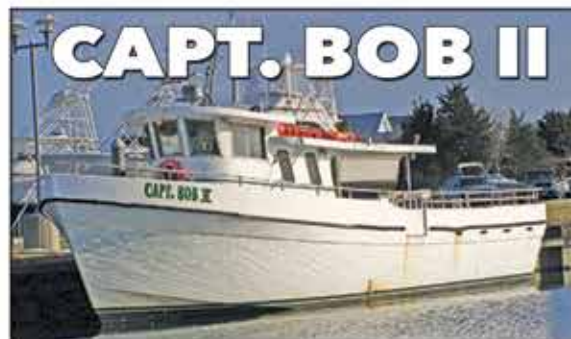
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As a teenager fishing offshore with friends in the late 70's, we had a first aid kit on the boat; a few band aids, maybe some gauze and the most sophisticated item in the first aid kit was the bolt cutters - presumably to cut an errant fishhook that could become embedded in one of us.



Today's modern first aid kits are available from many sources and their contents vary widely. The type, size, and contents of your first aid kit needs to be tailored to your boat and where you travel. The more passengers you carry, the more supplies you should

carry. If you travel to areas where medical help is not immediately available, the first aid kit needs to be more inclusive, to potentially include items that are needed to sustain a life until professional help arrives or a swift return to port is possible.

Opening a top-of-the-line first aid kit may be overwhelming for many boaters and anglers without recent training on how to use the contents of the kit. While many of us have taken a first aid class in the past, keeping up to date requires recurrent training and new skills to go along with new tools. The most modern contents of today's first aid kit is the AED. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

NOTE: An AED is not initially used to help a person experiencing a heart attack (myocardial infarction).

Heart Attack or Cardiac arrest

The Cleveland Clinic says "sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) isn't the same as a heart attack, though people often use the terms

interchangeably. While both are life-threatening heart conditions, understanding the differences could be lifesaving. Cardiologist Nicholas Ruthmann, MD, clears

CPR for an Adult

<p>1 Check the person and the person's ABCs (Airway, Breathing, Circulation). If the person is unresponsive and not breathing normally, call EMS/9-1-1 and get an AED or have someone else do this.</p> 	<p>2 Place both of your hands on the center of the person's chest. Do 30 chest compressions. Push deeply and steadily.</p> 
<p>3 Open the airway by tilting the head back and lifting the chin. Place your barrier device over the person's mouth and nose. Give 2 breaths.</p> 	<p>4 Repeat cycles of 30 chest compressions and 2 breaths. Continue CPR until an AED arrives or more advanced care takes over.</p> 

up the confusion below": Heart attacks are primarily a plumbing (blood flow) problem; SCA is an electrical (heart rhythm) problem. But heart attacks can create problems that lead to sudden cardiac arrest.

Your coronary arteries are the pipes that supply blood to the heart.

Sometimes, heart arteries get clogged by fatty deposits called plaques (a condition called atherosclerosis). When that happens, it's harder for the blood to flow around the plaque. Think of a slow-draining sink - when the pipe gets clogged with hair or debris, water doesn't flow freely. And this problem can be life-threatening when it's your heart:

If not enough oxygenated blood reaches the heart muscle, the muscle tissue begins to die - a heart attack.

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The heart has a built-in electrical conduction system that keeps it beating at a steady pace. Underlying conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or previous heart attacks, can result in problems with that electrical system. The malfunction could lead to a dangerously fast and erratic heart rhythm (arrhythmia). As a result, the heart stops beating effectively - it quivers or appears "stunned," and it can no longer pump blood to the brain and other organs. Cardiac arrest often affects older people. But young people with genetic heart problems are also at risk.

How does an AED work?

An AED is a type of computerized defibrillator that automatically analyzes the heart rhythm in people who are experiencing cardiac arrest. When appropriate, it delivers an electrical shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm. The conversion of a ventricular arrhythmia to its normal rhythm by an electrical shock is called defibrillation. Consumer grade AED are designed to be used by everyday people with little or no training. Defibrillation is time sensitive. The FDA indicates the probability of survival decreases by 7 percent to 10 percent for every minute that a victim stays in a life-threatening arrhythmia. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates AEDs as medical devices and evaluates them for safety and effectiveness.

This is how an AED works:

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follows the voice prompts. Some devices turn on automatically when the user opens the lid.

The user attaches two sticky pads with sensors (called electrodes) on the chest of the person in cardiac arrest.

The electrodes send information about the person's heart rhythm to a processor in the AED, which then analyzes the rhythm to find out whether an electric shock is needed.

If a defibrillation shock is needed, the AED uses the voice prompts to instruct when to press a button to deliver the shock. In some devices, the voice prompts announce that a shock is going to be delivered and the AED delivers the shock without intervention by the user.

AEDs are not difficult to use, but training in the use of AEDs is highly recommended. This training, in connection with CPR training, is offered by many major health organizations. Some training is available online. Classes can teach you how to recognize the signs of a sudden cardiac arrest, when to call emergency medical services, how to do CPR, and how to use an AED.

An AED requires periodic maintenance; the battery and

electrodes both have expiration dates, as short as 2 years after purchase.

The AED device may not always be available or appropriate for every situation, learning and practicing Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is also a fantastic tool to help save a life. CPR is an emergency procedure that can help save a person's life if their breathing or heart stops. CPR uses chest compressions to mimic how the heart pumps.

These compressions help keep blood flowing throughout the body. Acquiring a first aid kit that meets your fishing and boating requirements may save a life of your crew or even help render aid to someone nearby - emergencies can happen at the dock or offshore - be prepared and remember the three C's of first aid - Check, Call and Care.

Sidebar

One company providing a variety of first aid kits tailored to offshore boats is D-Dey Offshore, they offer first aid kits, AEDs and hands-on full day training at their Stuart, Florida facility for boat owners, families, captains, and crew to handle medical emergencies at sea.

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Until next time...

Keep it safe...



The mahi have definitely been getting bigger over the past 2 weeks. Abby Cermak from Pittsburgh, PA landed this bull and 5 other gaffers about 70 miles out, east of the Washington Canyon while fishing on the charter boat "Skeets" with Capt. Stu Windsor and mate Tom Coates. They also boated a 52 lb. wahoo.

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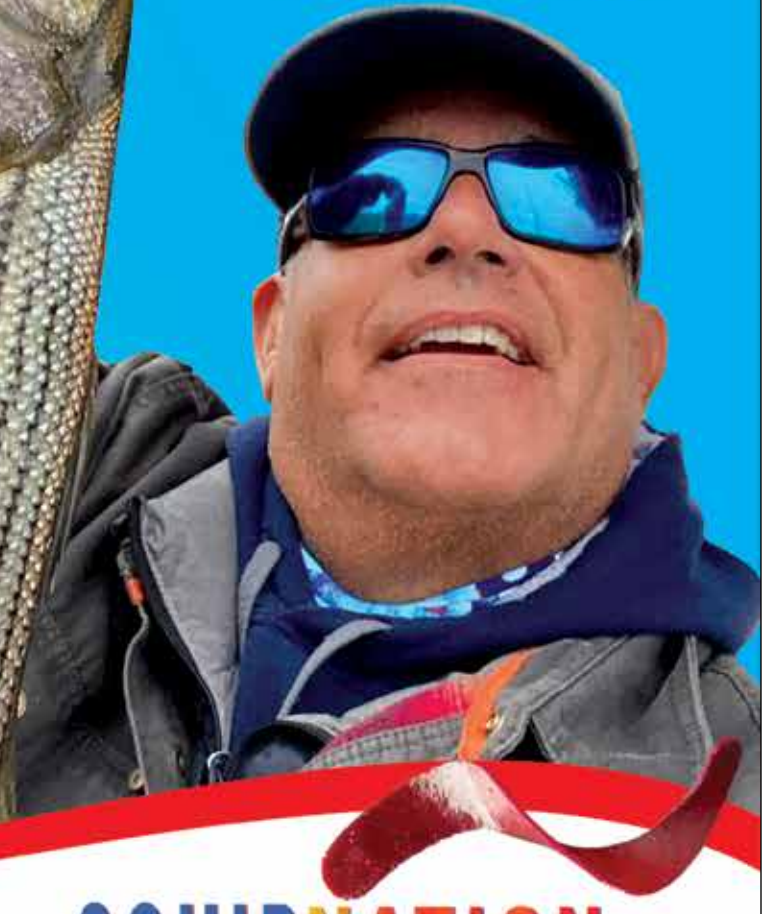


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The Dolphin Division during the 30th Annual MidAtlantic Tournament last week saw a lot of mahi brought to the scales including this 17 lb. gaffer caught by Shaheen Mazloom while fishing on the "Reel Gi" with Capt. Nick Parks and mate Howard Todd. Fishing with fellow anglers Zach Crowley and Andrew White the crew also released a white marlin.



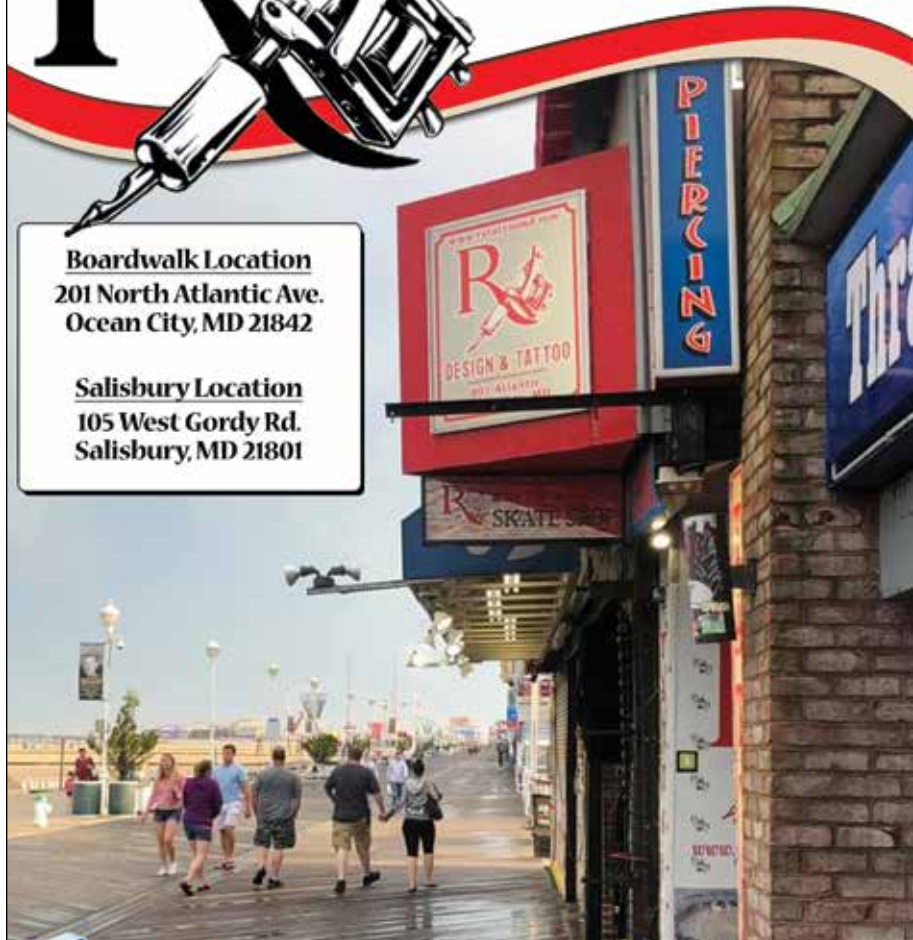
Steve Smith Jr. released his first white marlin deep in the Baltimore Canyon last week while fishing on the charter boat "Skeets" with Capt. Stu Windsor & TJ Coates with fellow anglers Tom Sparks and Steve Smith Sr.

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Ben Seibert from York, PA got himself onto a pair of bookend doormats with both measuring 28 1/4"! They did vary in weight with one at 6.5 lbs. and the other tipping the scales at 9.1 lbs. They were caught on consecutive drifts at the Old Grounds on the "Mickey Rig" using bucktails with Gulp.



Jennifer Frushon from New Park, PA found a little striper action in the Fenwick Ditch last week. She caught and released this 25" undersized rock on a spec rig.

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Cobia	44"	45 Lbs. or 48"	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
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Red Drum*	36"	45"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
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Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
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Striped Bass	40"	34 lbs. or 44"			
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"			

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- Wedges from 1 lemon for garnish, if desired

Directions:

In a large skillet (that has a lid), melt 2-1/2 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant (about 30 seconds).



Add wine and lemon juice. Bring to a boil.

Add clams and remaining butter. Cover and steam until clams have opened (about 7-8 minutes). Occasionally shake skillet while steaming.

Discard any clams that do not open. Sprinkle evenly with

parsley and garnish with lemon wedges, if desired. Serve with a french baguette or over a bed of cooked pasta.

Easy Lobster Bisque

Ingredients:

For the bisque:

- 4 lobster tails
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped thyme
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped tarragon, plus more to serve
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour, (or plain flour)
- 1 1/4 cup dry white wine, or sherry

4 cups lobster stock (recipe as follows), OR seafood or fish stock

3/4 - 1 cup heavy cream

For the garlic butter lobster meat:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt, pepper & cayenne to taste

Directions:

Lobster Stock:

Fill a large pot with 5 cups of water. Stir in 1 teaspoon sea salt and bring to a boil.

Add the lobster tails, cover with lid and let boil for 5 minutes, or until bright red.

Remove lobster tails, reserving the liquid stock. When the lobsters have cooled slightly, remove the meat from the shells, reserving the meat and any liquid that comes out of the shells.

Return lobster shells back to the

water in the pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer for a further 15 minutes to draw as much flavor out of the shells as possible.

While stock is simmering, chop the meat into bite-sized pieces and refrigerate.

Bisque:

Heat butter and oil in a large, heavy-based pot over medium heat, Sweat the onions, carrots, celery and fresh herbs. Cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Season with the bouillon powder, salt and pepper/s. Stir in 4 cloves of minced garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Mix in tomato paste, cook for a further minute to coat vegetables. Sprinkle over flour and cook, while stirring occasionally for a further 2 minutes.



Pour in wine, simmer and let reduce to half. Stir in lobster stock, reduce heat and gently simmer while stirring occasionally, until liquid has thickened slightly and flavors have blended, about 30 minutes.

Take off the heat, transfer mixture to a blender and blend until smooth. Alternatively, purée with an immersion blender until very smooth. Return to medium-low heat and stir in heavy cream.

Garlic Butter Lobster:

Melt butter a skillet pan over medium heat. Sauté garlic for 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add in chopped lobster meat, season with salt, pepper and cayenne to taste. Lightly sauté for 1 minute while stirring



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To Serve the Lobster Bisque:

Mix 3/4 of the lobster meat into the bisque. Pour into individual serving bowls. Top each bowl with remaining lobster meat and extra tarragon.

Nicoise Salad with Grilled Fish

Ingredients:

4-6 fish boneless, skinless fillets (4-6 ounces each, thicker cut) use a grillable fish: salmon, rockfish, mahi or tuna

Fish marinade:

1/4 cup olive oil

4 cloves garlic, finely minced

1 T whole grain mustard

1 tsp kosher salt

Fresh ground pepper

Zest of one lemon

Salad ingredients:

1 x 15 oz. can cannellini beans rinsed and drained (or 1 1/2 C cooked) or sub 3 boiled eggs, cut in half



10 baby new potatoes halved and blanched

1/2 lb. green beans trimmed and blanched

1/4 cup kalamata or niçoise olives sliced

2 Tbsp. capers, drained

1/2 C sliced roasted red bell pepper

Greens, spinach or arugula for 4-6 people, approx 1 lb.

8 oz. cherry tomatoes

Nicoise Dressing Ingredients:

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice and zest of one lemon

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 C red onion- finely diced

1 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves or oregano

1/2 cup chopped italian parsley

2 teaspoons whole grain mustard

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Fresh ground black pepper

Directions:

Mix all ingredients for the fish marinade in a medium bowl and coat fish with it, marinating for at least 1/2 hour or preferably overnight.

Blanch potatoes and green beans. Cool, set aside.

Preheat grill to medium heat.

For the Nicoise Dressing:

Mix all the ingredients together in a medium-size bowl. Add cannellini beans, roasted peppers, capers, olives to the dressing to marinate.

Grill fish over a medium-high grill, and with a metal spatula, carefully flip after 5 minutes, and if needed, lower heat

or move to a cooler spot- or place on foil, or even on a bed of lemon slices, until cooked to your desired done-ness. Set aside and cover lightly with foil.

Assemble the salad:

Lay down a hearty bed of greens onto an extra-large platter. Spoon a little Nicoise dressing from the bowl to coat the greens -and 1/2 of marinated vegetables over the greens.

Arrange the potatoes and green beans and top with charred fish. Garnish with sliced cherry tomatoes and spoon remaining dressing (depending on the size you may not need all the dressing) and white beans/peppers over top.

Give fish a little squeeze of lemon and cracked pepper to taste.

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serving.

Directions:

Combine the cream cheese, jalapeno, celery, onion, Worcestershire and hot sauce in a food processor and mix until smooth. Break up the fish into the processor and process again until just mixed but not mushy. Thin the mixture with sour cream to a spreading consistency.

Chill for 1 hour before serving. Serve with crackers or fresh raw vegetables.

Easy Mediterranean Baked Cobia

Ingredients:

1 pound cobia fish fillets

14 ounces artichoke hearts, quartered drained

1 pint cherry tomatoes halved

2 Tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 Tablespoon balsamic vinegar

2 garlic cloves minced or pressed

1/2 teaspoon salt



1/4 cup feta cheese crumbled

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 °F

Place fish fillets in a shallow baking dish.

Layer tomatoes and artichokes on and around the fish.

Whisk together the olive oil,

balsamic vinegar, garlic and salt.

Drizzle vinaigrette over the top of everything.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the fish cooks to 145 °F and flakes with a fork.

Sprinkle with feta cheese and enjoy!

Thai Yellow Fish Curry

Ingredients:

2 tsp. peanut oil

2 red onions, cut into wedges

1/3 cup Thai yellow curry paste

10 oz. coconut cream

1 lb. white fish fillets, cut into 1.5" pieces

10 oz. snow peas, ends trimmed, halved diagonally

2 Tbsp. lime juice


1 Tbsp. brown sugar

2 tsp. fish sauce

1/2 cup cilantro leaves

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- 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl and serve it as a condiment.

Directions:

Heat the oil in a wok over high heat. Add onion and stir-fry for 2 mins or until lightly browned. Add curry paste and stir-fry for 1 minute or until fragrant.

Stir in coconut cream and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium low. Add fish and snow peas. Cook, gently stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until the fish and snow peas are just cooked through. Remove from heat. Stir in lime juice, sugar and fish sauce. Season with more lime juice, sugar or fish sauce, if desired.

Divide the curry among serving bowls. Sprinkle with cilantro leaves. Serve with steamed rice



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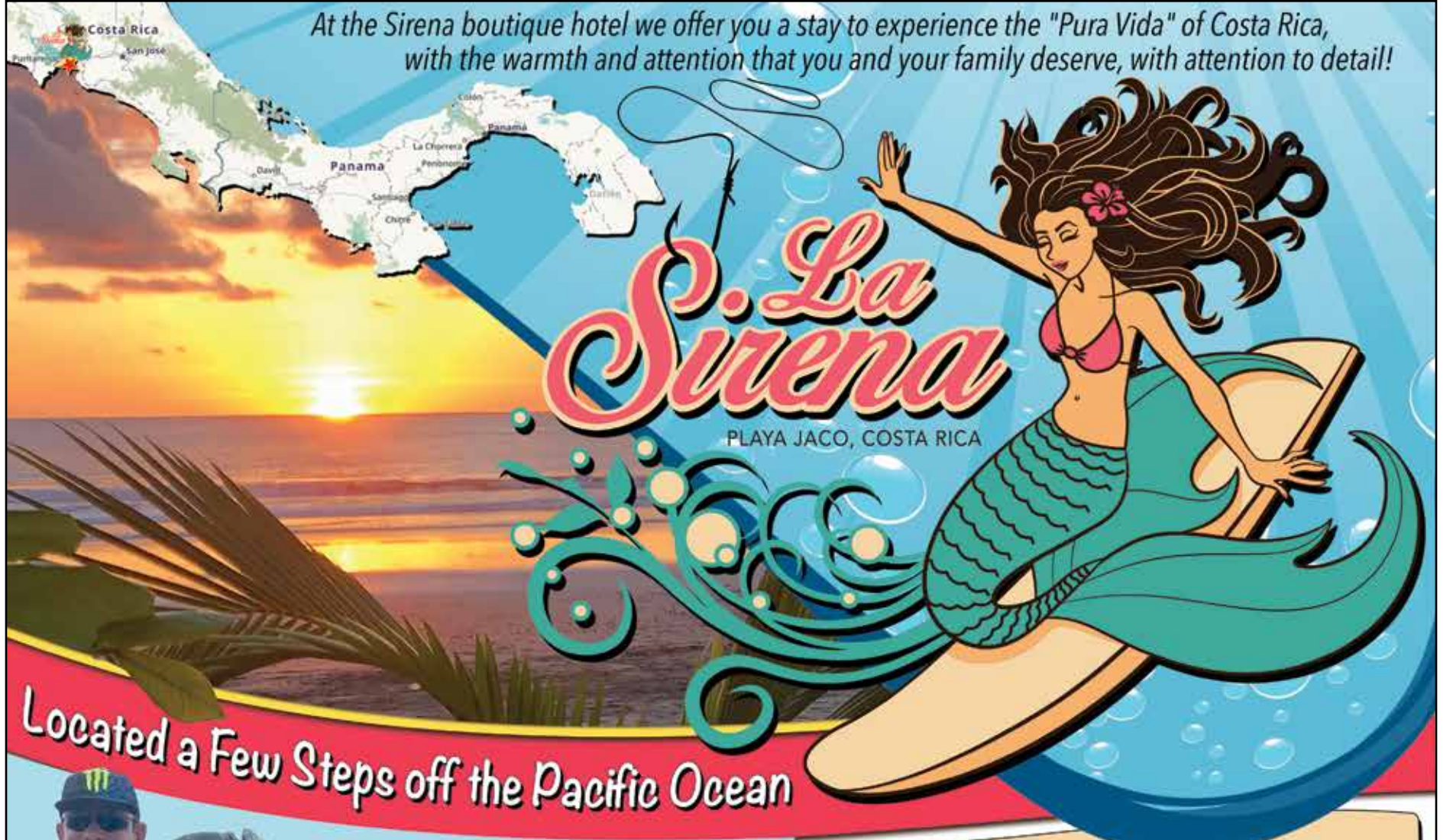
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The sea bass bite is still on in shore, but some work is involved to find them and to get to double digits. Amy Lopata from Pittsburgh, PA headed to the African Queen Wreck Reef inshore and raised this 13" knothead using squid strips.

This may look like surf fishing, but technically it is not! Capt. Dave Weber is on the sand, a low tide sandbar specifically, behind Hooper's Crab House in the Ocean City Bay where he caught this 22½" flounder on a white Spec Rig using minnows. He got there on his boat the "Miss O'Webb III".

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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



As the second season begins many anglers head to the bay and ocean wrecks to fish the less crowded water. Almost all the species we see on our coast are now present. Flounder remains the main catch for many anglers. Lesser targeted species like redfish and sheepshead are now being targeted by local anglers. Croaker are everywhere both in the back bays as well as near shore. Triggerfish, weakfish, and sea trout are also readily available for the taking.

Flounder & Back Bay Fish

Flounder in the back bays has been the best it's been in years. The main channels are producing the best fish, however, the lesser known small deeper holes are giving up a few monster fish. The main channel leading into the bay from the ocean is the hot spot this week

with Massey's Ditch and the VFW channel. John Krempa got a nice 20" flounder from the bay on Monday. Looking back he has made quite a few nice catches this year and it seems that any time I check social media he is posting another nice fish. Todd Szymusaic scored a nice 28.5" and 7.9 lb. flounder from the Old Grounds earlier this week. Lee Steph and crew got a nice limit at the Old Grounds on Tuesday. This appears to be the hot spot for flounder near shore. Debbie Mumford and Dawn Holton fished with Capt. Andy and were rewarded with a limit of flounder up to 22". Great job ladies! Carl Shuck had another good day out of Indian River with his biggest being a 22" slob. Carl also got to bring home a few nice sea bass. James Albany caught a 20" flounder on his first cast. Not a bad way to start

a day. Croaker are all over the bay with the best concentration of fish near the mouth of the inlet. Bloodworms and small squid pieces are the best baits. Schools of these feisty fish can be found along the rocks near the Coast Guard station as well as just outside the inlet on the shoals. The fish will mark up on your sounder much like bait fish only in a deeper red coloring. The Bethany discharge pipe at night is also a great spot to target these fish. The inlet area is also producing some nice weakfish as well as sea trout. Swimbaits, paddle tails, and small bucktails are accounting for these catches. Cast along the rocks and swim the bait back to you in a staggered retrieve. The area near the power plant as well as the canal opening both at Massey's Ditch and the north part of Rehoboth Bay are

great spots to target. Speaking of the power plant, redfish are really snapping along the channel behind the power plant. Bucktails and paddle tails are the main lures being used, however, a top water plug early in the morning can be deadly. With the warm water many more redfish can be spotted tailing along the grassy shores.

Sea Bass & Near Shore Species

Sea bass remains good despite the warm water. Many of the anglers fishing for flounder with squid strips are rewarded with a nice keeper sea bass instead of the targeted flattie. Deeper water is still the best, however, the Old Grounds and coral near A Buoy are producing a few keeper fish. Anglers fishing the wrecks at Site 11 are also hooking a few tog as well as some nice sea bass. I have received a few reports of limits at both Site 11 as well as the NJ/DE reef. Limits at this time of year have not been seen for many years. This may just be a change in cycle of the fish or a rebound from last year's

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 pandemic causing a lull in fishing pressure. Either way it is a nice thing to see. The Capt. Bob and Judy V report great catches of flounder and sea bass on the near shore grounds. Triggerfish are also on many of the wrecks as well as being able to find a few wrecks loaded with sheepshead. Croaker on the near shore ground also remains strong. Many of the boats out of Lewes Harbour Marina are reporting that not only are they catching some trophy flounder but also loading the coolers with croaker. Most boats have switched to squid for all these species as fish seem ready to bite even a dry hook. The area of the Fenwick Shoals is also a great place to troll small spoons. Bluefish and trout are being caught on a fairly regular basis. The wrecks along the shoals here are also loaded with tons of triggerfish. Small pieces of squid or sand fleas are the best bait for triggers and should be left in the water to see if any other follow them up. Mahi are on many of the buoys and sea bass pots that are scattered

around the near shore waters. The deeper balls outside the shipping channel have the best concentration of fish. Trolling small chuggers and spoons are a great way to target dolphin. When the fish are spotted on the surface near the balls, casting small pieces of cut bait or squid to them will likely draw a strike. Most of these fish are peanuts and not very big, however, they will give enough meat for a taco or two. Cobia fishing has started to get rolling as well. Chumming with live eels around the Fenwick Shoals or near the shipping channel is the best location.

Surf fishing is steady with small pompano and kingfish being the most common catches. Croakers and sharks are all over the beaches and make for a fun catch. Small kingfish rigs with squid or sand fleas are your best strategy. Don't cast out too far as many of these fish are right in the breakers or just beyond.

Until next week...

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The doormats do seem to come from Delaware waters. Flint Sherman also leverages the 'Delaware Stretch' to show us the 7.45 lb. flounder he caught fishing over an oceans structure.

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Liam Emmert is already a self made man at 7! He landed this 5.8 lb. flounder after rigging his own bait, working the rod and setting the hook! It's time for him to get his own tackle box! Pictures at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina..



Derek Gogov from Ocean View, DE has been a tournament fisherman since the age of a year and a half after entering the Spot Tournament at the Ocean City Fishing Center! A little older now, his prey on this trip was a 49" ribbon fish caught at Site 10 on a green top & bottom rig with a strip of squid. He was fishing inshore on the "Hammer Head" with his grandfather Tom Vogel.

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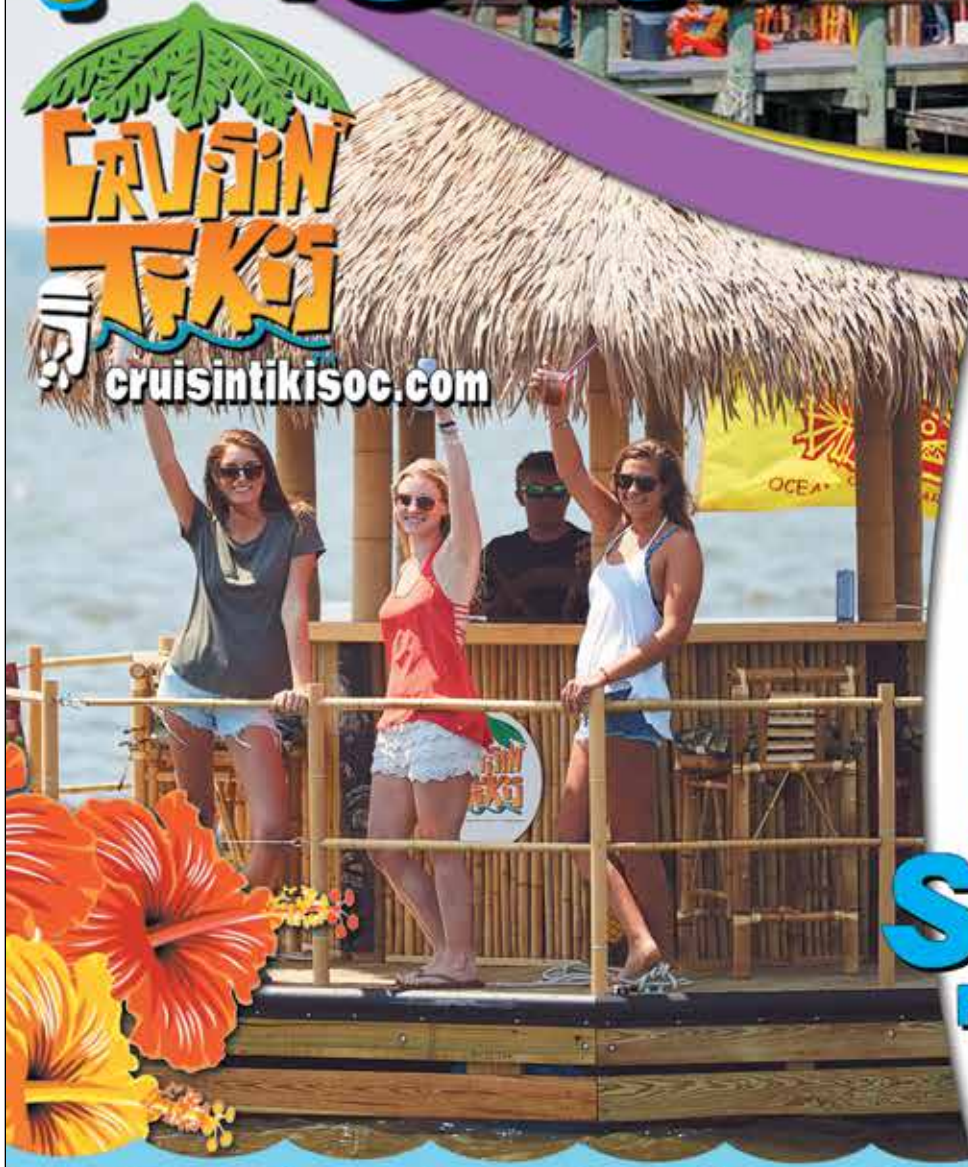


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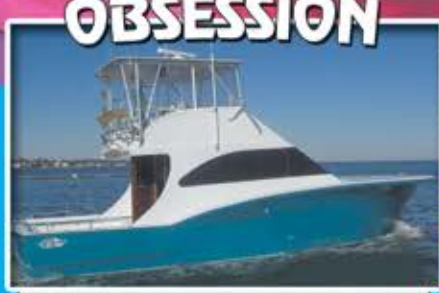
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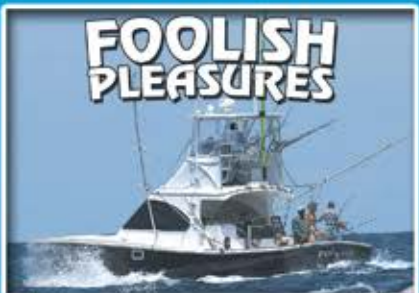


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It was a great day on the water for Mike Conklin when he caught his first ever keeper flounder and a spanish mackerel. He got the 21" flattie on the outgoing evening tide using Nuclear Green Gulp and cut squid and snagged a nice mackerel trolling spoons over an offshore reef.



Angler Skylar Snead has been sending us some interesting catches lately. This one is a 19 1/4" large mouth bass showing some melanosis pigmentation (blotchy blacks spots). He used a white fluke that was rigged 'weightless' and was casting onto Lilly Pads in Wicomico Creek.

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While shallow water is interesting to look at from the land, if you're in a boat it's not usually what you want to see. Every boat has a minimum depth or "draft" that they can operate in without striking bottom and when the depth of the water is less than the draft of the boat that boat is going to come to a grinding

halt! Running aground or "grounding" is something every boater in every size boat anywhere on the planet needs to be wary of because no matter if they're paddling a canoe that needs three-inches beneath the hull to float or steering a cruise ship that requires thirty-feet, at some point they might find themselves in the wrong place during the wrong state of the tide and "oops" suddenly slam to a complete stop, or at the very least start churning mud.

Anyone who spends much time navigating the back-bay waters around Ocean City must accept the fact that sooner or later they'll run aground, there's just too many shoals and shallow water not to. I've grown up on these waters and still find myself grinding sand more than just a few times each year. Channels fill in, sandbars shift, new shoals form after storms, or sometimes you just don't pay close enough attention to where you are and suddenly two feet of draft meets one foot of water. Depending upon the vessel and what's going on aboard it at the time, running a boat aground can result in a minor inconvenience or catastrophic event - I think that an Italian cruise ship a few years ago proved that one out.

Fortunately most of the boats that operate in our local bay waters are either outboards or inboard-outboards that have the wonderful ability to lessen their draft by raising the lower unit. With just the push of a button a two-foot draft can be reduced to a foot and allow the operator to slowly motor their way out to deeper water. The key word there is "slowly" because with the motor

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 trimmed up the boat simply won't perform any other way. Even if it cannot be powered out of the shallow water, raising the lower unit allows a boat to be more easily pushed or pulled from the shallows with little risk of damage.

Inboard boats with fixed running gear (propellers, shafts, rudders) typically fare worse in a grounding because nothing is retractable. When an inboard is "stuck" she's typically going to be there until the tide rises enough to float the boat up or another vessel pulls it off. Unless the vessel has a deep keel to protect the running gear, grounding an inboard often leads to costly repairs if the prop, rudder or shaft strike bottom hard enough to be bent or broken. Plenty of inboard boats are used in our back-bays but the operators typically know that they must take extra caution to stay in deep water to avoid the inherent pitfalls of their vessel's design.

Operators of vessels propelled by water-jet type engines such as small (or large) jet-boats or personal watercraft (jet-skis) have the advantage that they have no prop, rudder or lower unit projecting below the hull and so are able to skitter across much shallower water than other vessels of the same size. That's the "good" part about that type of propulsion system. The downside is that even though a jet-boat can shoot over a sandbar just inches of water, when that vessel is not running up "on plane" the hull will settle back down into the water and have a deeper draft. For example; a 20-foot jet-boat that draws 15-inches of water going slow might only need five inches under the hull when it's running hard

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so it should be able to easily get across a sandbar that's 6-inches deep. However, if that boat were to slow down or stop in 6-inches of water it now needs 15-inches under the hull to float and it's going to be very high and very dry and will in no way be able to get off the bar without a lot of help either by Mother Nature in the form of a rising tide (let's hope they didn't ground at high tide!) or by a strong pull by a towboat (let's hope they didn't ground so far up on a shoal that a tow line won't reach them). Jet-boats can be great for traveling across shallow water, but every boat, even a canoe, has its minimum operating depth, and when a jet-boat grounds - it's grounded!

Every boater must consider the risk of grounding and take steps to minimize the risk as well as have a plan of action in case a grounding does occur. Getting a small skiff unstuck might be as simple as hopping off and pushing out to deeper water, but that simple act gets more complicated in the winter when the water is dangerously frigid or if no one in the crew is physically capable of doing such. In some cases a stout boat-hook or push-pole might be all that's needed to get to deep water without getting wet. Big boats can rarely be pushed off by hand so the knowledge of how to get towing assistance is crucial. Of course the best option is not to get stuck in the first place, knowing the water will help with that. Preparing ahead of time and always traveling at a safe speed can go a long way to ensure that, if a vessel does find the bottom, the result is only a minor inconvenience - not a major catastrophe. §



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The second boat to the scales on the final day of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament was "The Zipper" with a beautiful 107" and 472 lb. blue marlin. Capt. Ed 'Zip' Zajdel was trolling outside the Baltimore Canyon when angler and son Ed Zajdel hooked up with the blue taking 45 minutes to land. While the crew of Matt Groff, Chase Groff, Chris Miller, Andy Green, Jacob Wainglass and mates Dominic DiSanto & Matt Baranco only had one bite for the day, they made the most of it taking 1st Heaviest Blue Marlin in the 50' and Under Overall Calcutta, 5th Place overall and earning \$36,600 in award monies.

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The "Reel Moore" was one of only 14 boats that went fishing out of Ocean City on the 4th day of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament and were first to the scales after a rough day offshore. They were working the Sausages and Fingers where Matt Greer caught this 21 lb. mahi that hit on a flatline, then took a Green Machine. Jason DeLucia landed the 50 lb. wahoo that ate a DTX Minnow and took 1st Place in the 50' and Under Heaviest Wahoo Division. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Kevin Moore, Melissa Moore and mate Troy Cook.



The 'Lady in Pink', Ginger Henrikson caught a nice flat fish while on the Lewes, DE based charter boat "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. This one was hooked at an offshore structure and tipped the scales at Lewes Harbour Marina at 4.2 lbs.

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WHITE MARLIN

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BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$505,344 2ND - "GOIN IN DEEP" 681 LBS. \$284,256

MIDATLANTIC OVERALL

WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "SEA WOLF" 82 LBS. \$91,368
2ND - "FISH ON" 75 LBS. \$45,684
3RD - "C BOYS" 69 LBS. \$22,842

BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$68,526
2ND - "WOLVERINE" 895 LBS. \$45,684
3RD - "GOIN IN DEEP" 681 LBS. \$22,842

TUNA

1ST - "PIPE DREAMER" 235 LBS. \$68,526
2ND - "PIPE DREAMER" 227 LBS. \$45,684
3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 188 LBS. \$22,842

DOLPHIN

"AMARULA SUN" 45 LBS. \$11,421

WAHOO

"AMARULA SUN" 57 LBS. \$11,421

IN DEEP DIVISION

WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "SEA WOLF" 82 LBS. \$187,248
2ND - "LUCKY DUCK II" 80 LBS. \$93,624
3RD - "FISH ON" 75 LBS. \$46,812

BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$140,436
2ND - "WOLVERINE" 958 LBS. \$93,624
3RD - "GOIN IN DEEP" 681 LBS. \$46,812

TUNA

1ST - "PIPE DREAMER" 235 LBS. \$140,436
2ND - "PIPE DREAMER" 227 LBS. \$93,624
3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 188 LBS. \$46,812

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"AMARULA SUN" 45 LBS. \$23,406

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"AMARULA SUN" 57 LBS. \$23,406

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HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "SEA WOLF" 82 LBS. • \$71,440
2ND - "FISH ON" 75 LBS. • \$35,720
3RD - "C BOYS" 69 LBS. • \$17,860

HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "BILLFISHER" 1,351 LBS. • \$53,580
2ND - "WOLVERINE" 958 LBS. • \$35,720
3RD - "GOIN IN DEEP" 681 LBS. • \$17,860

HEAVIEST TUNA

1ST - "PIPE DREAMER" 235 LBS. • \$53,580
2ND - "PIPE DREAMER" 227 LBS. • \$35,720
3RD - "TAYLOR JEAN" 179 LBS. • \$17,860

HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

1ST - "AMARULA SUN" 45 LBS. • \$8,930

HEAVIEST WAHOO

1ST - "JUST ONE MORE" 58 LBS. • \$8,930

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3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 188 LBS. • \$42,065

HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

1ST - "AMARULA SUN" 45 LBS. • \$54,684
2ND - "TAYLOR JEAN" 36 LBS. • \$33,652
3RD - "PICASSO MOON" 33 LBS. • \$16,826

HEAVIEST WAHOO

1ST - "JUST ONE MORE" 58 LBS. • \$54,684
2ND - "AMARULA SUN" 57 LBS. • \$33,652
3RD - "MACK 900" 32 LBS. • \$16,826

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BLUE MARLIN PRO JACKPOT

"BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$391,980

TUNA PRO JACKPOT

"PIPE DREAMER" 235 LBS. \$346,860

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HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN

"SEA WOLF" 82 LBS. \$7,896

HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN

"BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$7,896

HEAVIEST TUNA

"PIPE DREAMER" 189 LBS. \$7,896

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With most of the white marlins caught being brought to the scales on Monday and Tuesday, Capt. Donnie White and angler Pete Roskovich set the bar high on Day 2 of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament last week with this 71" and 82 lb. white marlin that put them in 1st Place for Heaviest White Marlin. They also released 6 whites the same day. Capt. Donnie and Pete along with fellow crew members Stephen Lewis, Charlie Griffin, Chris Wood, Shaun Wood, Denis Kalchthaler held their breath for the rest of the event, but this fish remained unchallenged and held onto 1st Place earning a combined payout of \$1,017,127 in award money, the second highest for the tournament!



No strangers to big tournaments, big fish and big money, the “Fish On” came to play going ‘across the board’ at the 30th Annual MidAtlantic Tournament. Anglers Josh Jasper & Andy Strine with owner Todd Willard were waiting at the dock for the scales to open on Day 2 of the event. Like in 2020, Josh had caught another nice white marlin, this time trolling in 300 ft. in the Norfolk Canyon and measuring 69” and 75 lbs. Capt. Andrew Dotterweich with mates Jamie Barnett and Jake Emche also got the crew to 2 for 3 on whites with a release in addition to the boated fish. The big white held on to win 1st Heaviest White Marlin in the 30th Anniversary Mega Marlin Calcutta, 2nd Heaviest White Marlin in the 50’ and Under Calcutta and several others to earn a combined total of \$680,387.



With 163 boats fishing on the first day of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament, spectators were expecting some nice fish to hit the scales. One of those was this 681 lb. blue marlin caught by Mike Cassidy that ended the tournament in 3rd place in the very active Heaviest Blue Marlin Division as well as 2nd Place in the 30th Anniversary Mega Marlin Calcutta. Mike hooked the big blue around 8AM trolling at almost the edge of the Wilmington Canyon in 1500 feet and only took 36 minutes to boat. He and owner Larry Hess with fellow crew Nick Franzoso, Sal Iodici, Bobby Memmen, Anthony Scardino and Carolina Irias also caught 3 yellowfin tuna fishing on the “Goin’ In Deep” with Capt. Walter Harmstead and mates Lawrence Aliseo & Mike Ajamian. This catch earned the crew a combined total of \$412,237.



The Tuna Division of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament was looking pretty solid on Day 3 of the event with a 188 lb. bigeye tuna holding the top spot. The boys from the “Pipe Dreamer” blew that up bringing not one, but two bigeyes to the scales weighing over 200 lbs. each! The pair were part of a triple that were hooked on their blue marlin spread in the Wilmington Canyon in 40-50 fathoms. While one got off, owner Chip Carusa landed the larger 235 lb. fish in about an hour followed by Andy Confortini boating the 227 lb. tuna 30 minutes later. These two remained unchallenged finishing the week in both 1st and 2nd place in the Heaviest Tuna Division earning a combined total of \$1,000,066 in award money. Pictured with Chip and Andy are fellow anglers Robbie Inglim, Jeremy Liedtka, Ed Lippincott and Bob Hertling with Capt. Bryan Boyle and mates Spencer Counterman & Hayden Browning.



There was much excitement when the “Wolverine” came to the dock on Day 3 of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament with the tail of a blue marlin hanging out of the transom door. It was too big to pull through! It took some engineering for the weigh masters to pull the big blue back through the door and onto the scales. Once they did the 135” monster tipped the scales at 958 lbs. Capt. Rocky Hardison was in between the Wilmington and Spencer Canyons in 250 fathoms when angler Gary Fletcher got on the rod with this big blue taking 4 hours to boat. Fellow anglers Josh Schulz, Wes Nardoni and Rob Helzer with mates Andy Cranford and Chase Pake also released a white as well and boated one that was just ½” too short for the tournament minimum. While most thought this would be a lock for the Heaviest Blue Marlin, it moved to 2nd Place in that Division when a record breaking 1,135 lb. blue arrived to the scales on the last day of the event. The still impressive fish earned the crew \$198,716 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina’s Tournament Scale.



The team on the "Lucky Duck II" are all smiles having gone 2 for 4 on white marlins including this 74" and 80 lb. winner they weighed on the 1st Day of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament! Capt. Corey Kennington with mate Bill Mengason had angler Donnie Messick on the edge outside of the Rockpile in 70-80 fathoms when they hooked this one at 1:10PM. Despite a lot of whites weighed on the first 2 days of the event, Donnie's white finished for 2nd Heaviest White Marlin overall and 1st Heaviest White Marlin in the 50' and Under Calcutta earning a combined total of \$162,604 in prize money. Rounding out the crew were owners Art & Tina Boykin.



The aptly named "Just One More" did just that on the last day of the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament by bringing in a 58 lb. wahoo that was just one more pound heavier than the former 1st place fish! Angler and mate Sam Thorpe caught the winner at the Hot Dot where he and John Peet were targeting wahoo. After missing several that bit thought the line ahead of an 8" wire leader, they changed to a 24" one to boat this one and that was almost not enough. Overall for the day they went 1 for 4 on wahoo, 2 for 4 on tuna and caught a gaffer mahi. The wahoo ended the event as the 1st Place Wahoo in the Tuna, Dolphin and Wahoo Calcutta as well as another to take home a combined total of \$63,614 in award money.

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Jamestown, RI boat "Picasso Moon" ended the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament with a bang, sliding into 3rd Place in the Tuna, Dolphin and Wahoo Calcutta with this 33 lb. mahi caught by Luke Lulfs and earning \$16,826. Capt. Trevor Cockle was fishing for white marlin and tuna and was moving the boat from the flats to the deep in the Baltimore Canyon when he came upon a weed line and a floating bucket. After a few passes with peanut mahi hooked they landed this winner in about 1000 ft. For the week the crew of Thomas Henglein, Alex Hodosh, John Henglein, Luke Lulfs with owner Randy Gibbs and mate Jason Berk also boated a 104" blue marlin in the Wilmington Canyon that had died during the fight to the boat missing the tournament minimum by only a few pounds but finding a good home with the Maryland Food Bank.



The "Taylor Jean" had a busy week during the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament coming to the scales all three of their fishing days. Day 1 saw angler Ron Wagner with clearly the best hair in the tournament catch of a 179 lb. bigeye tuna deep in the Poor Man's Canyon in 1000 fathoms to take 2nd Place for the day. He returned on Wednesday with another tuna and again on the last day with a 36 lb. mahi caught in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon that ended the event 2nd in the Heaviest Dolphin Division. Overall, the crew of Capt. Blaine Burch, mate Louis "Bumpy" Sanchez, owner Ken Hager and anglers Ron Wagner, Tony Chieffo and Dave McKendrick earned a combined \$71,346 in award money for the mahi and placing 2nd in the 50' and Under Calcutta for the tuna.



Angler Gerry Imperato had a good birthday week fishing on the "Amarula Sun" in the 30th MidAtlantic Tournament catching both the 1st Place Dolphin and the 2nd Place Wahoo that earned the crew a combined \$166,920 in award money! First came the 57 lb. wahoo on his actual birthday Wednesday from the Baltimore inw 700 fathoms where they also release 3 white marlin. The winning 45 lb. mahi came on Friday from deep in the Baltimore Canyon in 1200 fathoms where they found a temperature break. Capt. Danny Veid with mates Ricky Testa and Mike Julian were lucky to get that one in before the storms hit. Pictured with Gerry at the Sunset Marina Tournament Scales are fellow anglers Shon Craig, Sharyn Craig and Cole Hevnandez.



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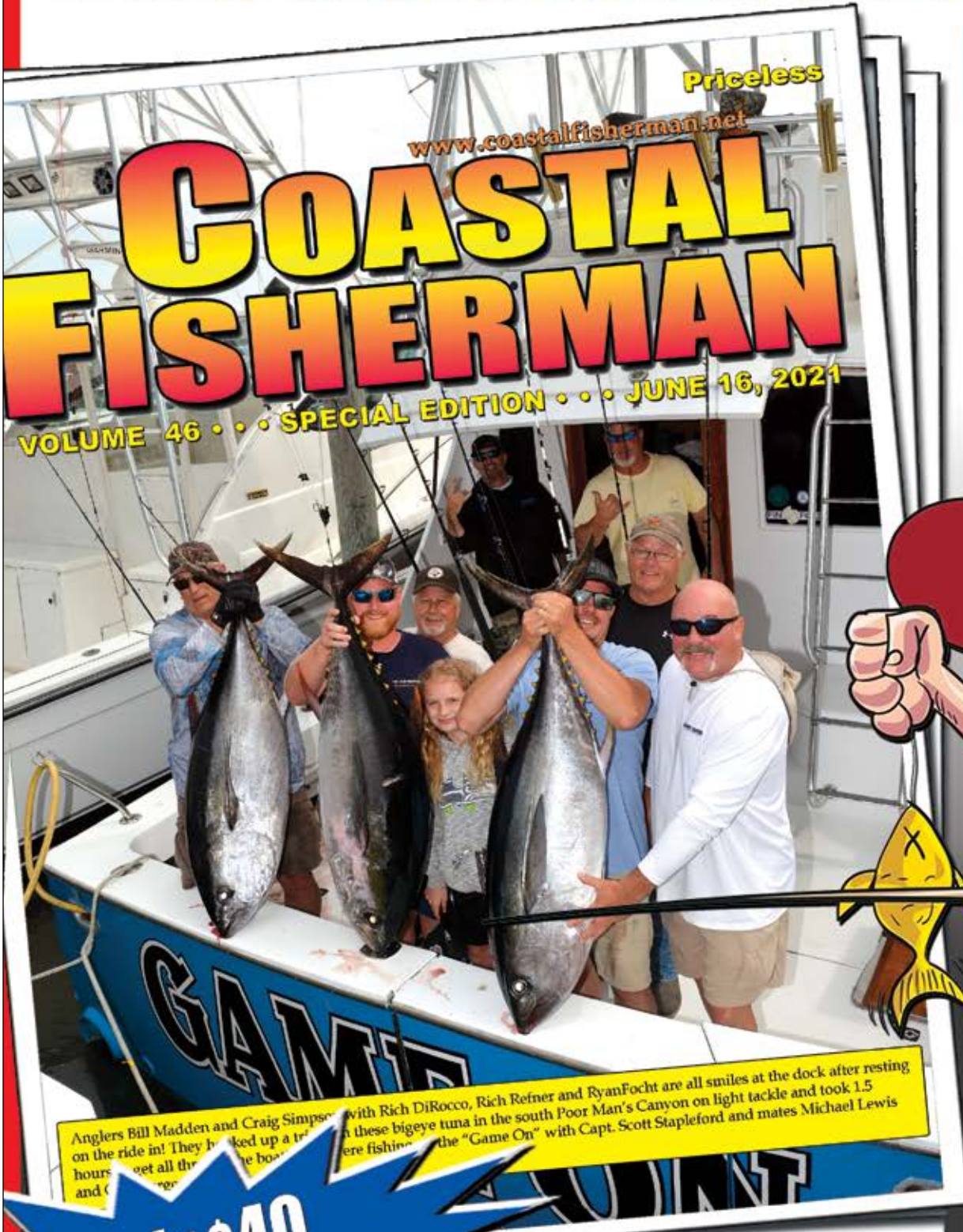
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