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7th Annual ocmc Ladies' Tournament	
Species	Yellowfin-56.4, 48.4 Dolphin-20.2 40.4
Weight	White marlin release 2:59 100pts.
Angler	CREW
Boat	Miss Annie
Date	07/31/2015

On opening day of the 7th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament, anglers on the "Miss Annie" captured 3 yellowfin tuna, weighing 40.4, 48.4 and 56.4 lbs., to sweep the Tuna Division and a 20.2 lb. mahi that hung on to take 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Fishing on the "Miss Annie" with Capt. Randy Yates and mates Tyler Morris and Greg Bogden were Amanda Strayer, who released a white marlin during the trip, Katie Tyler, Brandi Zirckel and Kristy Zik. All of the action took place while trolling ballyhoo at the 000's. For their sweep of the Tuna Division and their 1st place in the Dolphin Division, the lady anglers won a total of \$16,920 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



You really need to wonder how many bigeye tuna are still at the Bigeye Hole in the Washington Canyon because they just keep snapping. On this overnight outing, anglers on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" ended their trip with 6 eyeballs caught while chunking, trolling and greensticking. Their first bigeye hit at 5:00 PM last Wednesday and the rest were caught between 8:30 PM and 2:00 AM. The fish weighed 138, 167, 170, 203, 214 and 254 lbs (74.5"). Pictured are Bruce and Weston Nutter from Johnson City, TN, Brad Nutter from Wesley Village, CA, Robert Johnson and Shelly Nutter-Johnson from Berlin, MD, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Will Hathaway and Doug Jacobs. Pictured back at the Talbot Street Pier in downtown Ocean City, MD.

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Frank Given caught this 76 lb. swordfish and Paul Given landed a 29.5 lb. wahoo, both while fishing on the "Work Release" with Brian Wolfenburger, Bill Deihm and Clay Harrison. The swordfish ate a whole squid at night and the following morning, the wahoo was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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With the Lewes Harbour Stretch in turbo mode, Robert Karpovich shows off the fat 7 lb. 3 oz. flounder he caught while fishing with squid and shiners at Reef Site 10. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



There were a lot of mahi fillets heading back to Pennsylvania after this crew on the charter boat, "Marli" spent the day trolling ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens were Nick Crist and Telly Weitzel from Downingtown, PA, Rob Giza from Lansdale, PA, Guy Petrucci from Willow Grove, PA, Randy Bell from Norristown, PA and Kevin Kramer from Phoenixville, PA. Pictured at Sunset Marina on West Ocean City.



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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



OCMC Ladies' Tournament

Last weekend, the Ocean City Marlin Club held their 7th Annual Ladies' Tournament. This year, 31 boats competed (up from 29 last year) with over \$39,000 in prize money at stake in the 2-day tournament. Anglers on the "Miss Annie" stole the show, sweeping the Tuna Division with 3 yellowfins and also winning the Dolphin Division with a 20.2 pounder caught near the 000's. The Billfish Division came down to the final boat on the final day, when the "Grande Pez" arrived with 4 white marlin and a blue marlin hooked in 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon.

Ocean Pines Flounder Tournament

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce held their Flounder Tournament on Saturday and 259 anglers signed up to participate. This tournament uses length as the determining factor, so Greg Donahue's 26 5/8-inch flattie took top honors, followed by Brian Snyder's 22 3/4-incher and Ron Fisher's 22 1/2-incher caught on the "Lucky Break". This tournament is a load of fun, but anglers can win some serious money also with this year's winner pocketing \$1,700 for the flounder he caught in the West Channel. If you like



Flounder fishing on ocean wrecks and reefs has been nothing short of tremendous over the past several weeks and on this day, anglers aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" ended their day with 14 quality keepers in the box. Caleb Hufnel, David Qualls, Carrie Qualls and Zach Duck, all from Middletown, DE used squid and Gulp! to fool the flatties at Russell's Reef while fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker.

flounder fishing, make sure you mark this week on your calendar for next year!

Flounder

Flounder fishing in the bay is very slow right now. This doesn't mean that keepers aren't being caught, but they are very few and far between. Bay anglers are finding a lot of fish, but 90% are too small to keep. The East Channel and the West

Channel are the 2 top spots right now for those soaking live minnows or white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts. With water temperatures into the 80's, look for those deep holes that flatties like to lie in this time of year.

If you have the means to head outside the Inlet, now is the time to take advantage of the outstanding flounder bite on ocean reefs and wrecks. This is really where the action is right now, and a great way to learn where to go is to join the Ocean City Reef Foundation, where for as little as \$50 you will receive a book of their entire reef system, including coordinates. Once you get to the wreck or reef,

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dropping 2-5 oz. bucktails, depending on the current, tipped with flounder belly or mahi belly will give you the best chance at a doormat. The African Queen, Purnell's Reef, Winter Quarter Shoal and the Bass Grounds were the top producers last week.

Red Drum

We are seeing some red drum being caught and released by anglers fishing in the Ocean City Inlet. Last year, we had a tremendous run of red drum in the Inlet, so hopefully this year will produce the same results.

Sea Bass

Unfortunately, there isn't much to report when it comes to sea bass fishing. Local headboats are having some luck but flounder fishing has been keeping their customers busy.

Croaker

Croaker continue to be found all over the bay, but primarily in the Inlet and at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Small hooks tipped with Fishbite clams really does the trick. When you get on them, the action can be fast and furious, making it a great time for small kids who like to stay occupied.

Striped Bass & Bluefish

The only action we are seeing for stripers and small bluefish is around the Rt. 50 Bridge, primarily at night. Both are still on the small side but an occasional keeper size linesider can be found lurking in the shadows.

Bigeye Tuna

You really have to start wondering how many bigeye tuna can be caught in the Bigeye Hole. You also have to wonder if the feds will put a limit on the number and size of the fish being caught. So far, there are no limits whatsoever.

Last week, we saw impressive catches arrive at the

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dock, led by anglers on the "Restless Lady" who racked up a pair on Tuesday and another 6 on Thursday, both during overnight trips. On Wednesday, the "Singularis" also caught 6 bigeye tuna during an overnight trip to the Baltimore Canyon. On Thursday, the charter boat, the "Marli" ended their overnight trip with 3 bigeyes in the box after fishing at the Bigeye Hole.

Yellowfin Tuna

The yellowfin bite is extremely slow right now. The best catch we saw last week came in on the "Miss Annie" during the Ladies' Tournament when they caught 3 yellowfins on Friday at the 000's. The fish weighed 40.4, 48.4 and 56.4 lbs.

Dolphin

Catches of dolphin are coming in up and down the coast, from as close as 3 miles off the beach out to the canyons. The largest dolphin we have seen so far this year came in on Tuesday when Darryl Boyer on the "Seaquel" landed a 56 pounder in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's. The average size of the mahi we are seeing has definitely increased, with most in the mid-to-upper teens mixed in with the small bailers.

Billfish

Anglers pecked away at white marlin all week with the bite scattered across the canyons with most of the releases coming in from the Washington Canyon and the Rockpile. The majority of boats returned with 1 to 4 white marlin flags flying, but the "Absolut Pleasure" recorded 6 white marlin releases on Wednesday in the Washington.

A few blue marlin were also released last week. On Saturday, the "Grande Pez" released one estimated at 350 lbs. while

trolling in 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. On Tuesday, the "Pumpin Hard" released a blue marlin and a spearfish in the Washington Canyon and the "Restless Lady" also caught a swordfish there as well in addition to releasing a spearfish.

Wahoo

Wahoo are being caught near the Hot Dog, the Hambone and down by the Rockpile where the charter boat, "Last Call" captured a 53 pounder in 82-degree water. On Tuesday, the "Seaquel" caught a wahoo in the Poor Man's.

Upcoming Tournament

If you are looking to fish in a tournament or just watch the action at the scales, when it comes to pure fun, the Poor Girl's Open on August 13th, 14th and 15th is a tough one to beat. Known as the largest billfish tournament in the world for female anglers, the Poor Girl's is always packed with excitement, and at Bahia Marina you have a chance to really get close to the weigh-ins, making it an especially good time for kids. Festivities are held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Right after the Poor Girl's Open comes the MidAtlantic (formally known as the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000). This is one of the premier tournaments on the East Coast with weigh-ins at the South Jersey Marina in Cape May, NJ and at Sunset Marina, here in Ocean City. This tournament has really grown in Ocean City and now rivals the number of boats fishing out of New Jersey. Weigh-ins are Monday through Friday (8/17-8/21) from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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Gene Parker captured a 25-inch flounder and junior angler, Layton Cathell landed a 24-incher, both while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Dale Cathell, Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. The anglers ended up with 18 keeper flounder in the box after fishing with Gulp! baits at the Bass Grounds. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.



During an overnight trip to 500 fathoms in the Washington Canyon, Jerry O'Brien from Parkton, MD battled this 200 lb. bigeye tuna after hooking it on a mahi colored Fathom Lure. Jerry was fishing on the "Heavy Metal" with Jeff Gray from Middle River, MD, Capt. Tom Dvorak and mate Pat Pope. They also boxed a few bailer dolphin during their trip.



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Jimmy Bunting, Mark Key, Eric Milton, Kody Milton, Bob Felts and Guy Smith ventured out on an overnight trip aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Will Hathaway and Sean Welsh and returned with a pair of bigeye tuna, a 93 lb. swordfish, yellowfin tuna, dolphin and a spearfish release. All of the fish came from the Washington Canyon where the 150 lb. bigeye was hooked on the greenstick and the 250 pounder, along with the swordfish, were both caught on the chunk. The anglers had some additional excitement when they hooked up a doubleheader of bigeyes, but both were lost when the fish completely destroyed the tackle they were hooked on. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Frank Felbaum used a squid and shiner combination to fool this 6 lb. 13 oz. flounder while fishing on ocean structure aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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This 60 lb. wahoo was caught on a ballyhoo at the Hambone by Ted Garman while fishing on the "Bikini Bottom" with Greg Pearson. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Bruz Herbert of Berlin, MD caught this 22-inch, 3 lb. 14 oz. flounder while fishing with a Gulp! and minnow combination in the East Channel during the incoming tide.

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CHUM LINES

BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



It's been about a decade since the tuna-chunking craze simmered down enough to allow the "old-way" of trolling for sushi to come back into style. Since then, a lot of anglers have reacquainted themselves with the art of rigging ballyhoo and perfecting their "spread." But this season it would seem that past history is beginning to repeat itself as evident by the number of tuna that have been picked off by anglers who, instead of dragging ballyhoo and birds around the ocean, are spending their time offshore slicing and slinging butterfish and successfully drawing tuna to their chunk-line.

I expect that it's too early to tell if chunking is destined to become the overwhelming method of choice for local fishermen for the rest of the summer, but I fully expect that there will be times when chunking, rather than trolling, will be an easier and more effective way to hook our local tuna. Therefore, whenever the weather is decent and the chunking bite is "on", some of the popular tuna hotspots could become loaded up with boats. Offshore anglers who fished back in the 90's will

remember the days when, on a calm weekend in July or August, it was not uncommon to have 100 or more boats jammed into a few acres of water, all plying to draw their share of fish from schools of tuna that would meander around the fleets munching-out on the steady flow of hand cut chunks of fish that rained from the vessels above.

Tuna fishing in tight quarters creates procedures and challenges boaters don't typically have to deal with in other types of fishing. Unlike fishing a crowded channel in the Chesapeake Bay for stripers or the back bays for flounder, offshore tuna chunkers are faced with the unique challenge of landing 30-100 tuna capable of running off hundreds of yards of line and dragging out battles for over an hour or more.

Such close quarter big game fishing requires that boaters demonstrate extra courtesy to nearby fishermen to avoid unwanted tangles and heated confrontations. Such consideration should begin long before the first hook is baited or handful of chunks hits the water.

When approaching a fleet of

chunking boats, it's only right to SLOW DOWN at least a third of a mile from anyone already fishing. You've arrived, there's no need to come blasting in like a bunch of "Yahoos" rocking everyone else with your wake and driving down fish that might be close to the surface. Don't make enemies right away (there will be plenty of opportunities for that later). Approach slowly and look to see what the other boats are doing. Are they anchored, or drifting? Is there a hot bite going on right now, or is it just a slow pick of fish here and there? It's important to know these things before setting up so that you'll be able pick the right spot to start from and get in on the action as soon as possible without interfering with anyone who is already there.

If the rest of the fleet is drifting - you drift. If everyone else is anchored - you anchor. Breaking this rule only leads to chaos. If you want to do something different, move well outside of the fleet so your activities don't goof up everyone else.

If you're going to anchor, it's important to note how the other boats are laying on their anchor lines and which way their fishing lines are running. This will tell you which way the current is running (which is often different from the wind direction) and where to drop your own anchor so that your lines don't end up under someone else's boat.

Don't anchor too close to other boats. On a small shoal with a lot of boats, it's

sometimes tough to spread out. But when possible, anglers should try and avoid getting any closer than 100 yards for other fishermen.

It's also important to have adequate grounding (anchoring) tackle. A hefty anchor attached to 6-8 feet of chain, and then 300-500 feet of line is needed to properly get set up over most of Ocean City's more popular tuna hot spots. Those without proper grounding tackle will often find it difficult, if not impossible to anchor, especially when the water is deep and the current is running hard. Dragging anchor through the middle of a chunking fleet won't win you any friends!

Finally, anglers should keep in mind that just because a large fleet of boats is congregated in one area doesn't mean that it's the only place they can catch fish. Tuna are fast moving and wide-ranging. The same school could be on the Hot Dog in the morning, at the Jack Spot for lunch and the Twin Wrecks by mid-afternoon. Fishermen not wanting to deal with the aggravations that sometimes go along with fishing in a pack shouldn't think twice about finding a little corner of the ocean all by themselves where they can fish their own way, free of headaches and hassles so often created by inconsiderate "Yahoos".

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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Jillian Dramarck from Newark, DE is all smiles as she proudly displays 2 of the 4 mahi caught while fishing on the "Catch 23" with Steven and Kelly Kramarck and Jody Williams. The fish were caught on the troll in Massey's Canyon.



Dennis O'Neill from Garnet Valley, PA and Felix Strater from Chadds Ford, PA boxed a couple of 22-inch flounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Both fish were caught on flounder belly over ocean structure.

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To celebrate his 30th birthday, Adam Lovenguth spent the day deep dropping in the Wilmington Canyon with Chip Graves, Jeff Drury and Matt Baker. The foursome caught golden tilefish, weighing up to 20 lbs. and more than 50 blackbelly rosefish. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Braden Flohr and Frank Lanigan were fishing behind the Hot Dog and ended their day with a 55 lb. wahoo and a pair of mahi, weighing 12 lbs. and 25 lbs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	June 7, 2015 Gary King "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	May 30, 2015 Mike Surowiec "Katydid" 3 lbs. 3 oz.	 Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	June 5, 2015 Joe Stein "Marli" 281.6 lbs.	July 18, 2015 Christian Ostrowski Fingers 667 lbs.
 Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley Ocean Wreck 15 lbs. 2 oz.	 Thresher Shark	June 6, 2015 Jeff Green Fingers 500 lbs.	June 7, 2015 "Indian" Crew "DB" Buoy 509.5 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray Ocean City Surf 42 lbs. 8 oz.	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniung Indian River Inlet 43 lbs. 2 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 24, 2015 Lawrence Sutter "That's Right" 129 lbs.	June 19, 2015 Ed Brown Poor Man's Canyon 104.9
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	 August 1, 2015 Jenn Harpel Delaware Bay 1 lb. 2 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 26, 2015 Adam Glushakow "Pumpin' Hard" 106.5 lbs.	July 7, 2015 Bobby Dunn Washington Canyon 72 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	June 23, 2015 Bob Weaver East Channel 9 lbs. 6 oz.	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream VFW Slough 9 lbs. 10 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 30, 2015 Crew "Pumpin' Hard" 296 lbs.	July 7, 2015 George Merrick Washington Canyon 242 lbs.
 Bluefish	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton Indian River Inlet 19 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin	 July 28, 2015 Darryl Boyer Poor Man's Canyon 56 lbs.	July 24, 2015 Brad Cave Baltimore Canyon 37 lbs.
 Sheepshead	July 10, 2015 Scott Burns South Jetty 10 lbs.	June 16, 2015 John Lindsay Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 11 oz.	 Wahoo	July 14, 2015 Judd Fitchett Hambone 84 lbs.	July 19, 2015 Dean Dibler Hot Dog 84.2
 Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf 20 lbs.	May 25, 2015 Kyle Moore Coral Beds 71 lbs.	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day July 24, 2015  August 1, 2015 "Moore Bills" 11 releases "Knot Again" 6 releases	

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200



Henry, Lillian, Chloe and Julia Groyzman from Owings Mills, MD had a great day fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. The anglers fished with Gulp! and cut bait at Russell's Reef and ended their day with 11 flounder, up to 24-inches, in the box. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.

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BAY FISHING CHARTERS



It looks like Tyler Gurreri from West York, PA is having a better year than the Philadelphia Phillies! Tyler landed a pair of flounder, measuring 18 and 20-inches, while drifting Gulp! and minnows on "Pappy's Boat" in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Unfortunately, we aren't seeing the weakfish run that anglers experienced last year in both Delaware and Maryland, but on this day, Jenn Harpel found a 1 lb. 2 oz. weakie while dropping squid at a Delaware Bay reef. Jenn was fishing on the "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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19.5	5.0	6.1
20.0	5.2	6.4
20.5	5.4	6.7
21.0	5.6	7.1
21.5	5.8	7.5
22.0	6.0	7.9
22.5	6.3	8.3
23.0	6.5	8.8
23.5	6.8	9.3
24.0	7.0	9.9
24.5	7.3	10.5
25.0	7.6	11.2
25.5	7.9	12.0
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Wyatt Painter from Boyertown, PA fooled this pair of flounder with minnows while drifting in the Indian River Inlet. Wyatt's largest flattie measured 19.5-inches. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Reed Verner of Jarrettsville, MD muscled in this 18-inch flounder after hooking it on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet at the north end of the bay behind Assateague Island. Reed was fishing with his brother, Jack Verner, his dad, Ben Verner, Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham.

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Bryce Schell and Mason Burke, from Felton, PA, are pretty excited about the keeper flounder they caught while fishing in the Isle of Wight Bay.

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Last week, the bigeyes were really snapping for anglers fishing overnight Wednesday into Thursday at the Bigeye Hole. This group on the charter boat, "Marli" battled 3 bigeyes to the death and caught 10 mahi while fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. Pictured at Sunset Marina are Troy Rogers, Scott Miller, Chad Rogers, Alan Bough and David Bough.



Wayne Wise (4.8 lbs.), Dave Wise, Jeremy Lloyd (6.4 lbs.), Dave Wise, Sr. and Ken Wise, all from Kiberton, PA took advantage of the great flounder bite on ocean structure during a trip aboard the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Darryl Boyer from Lincoln, DE muscled in a 56 lb. dolphin during a trip to 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Darryl was fishing on the "Sequel" with Martin Aldred, Dale Hangstefer, Tim Coverdale and Brent Counselman. The anglers also caught a wahoo and smaller dolphin during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.


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The Poor Man's Canyon was the place to be for these anglers aboard the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" out of the Ocean City Fishing Center. Charlie Brinker released a white marlin during a trip with his dad, Randy Brinker, Calvin Jones, Ayrton Pryor, Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Marshall Freng. The white marlin, and 11 dolphin, were caught on trolled ballyhoo.



Nick Lavardara, Kevin Bradshaw, Kyle Brown and Skip Clary were trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon when they captured this 57 lb. wahoo, a 20 lb. dolphin and recorded a blue marlin release, all while fishing on the "Offshore Addiction".

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John Salbeck from Abingdon, MD caught 3 flounder, weighing up to 4 lbs., while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The fish were caught at a natural reef on strips of squid.

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Garth Beall was fishing on the "Reel Ledo" with Jamie Beall, Gary Wells, Bob and Peggy Bell and John and Justin Quattlebaum when he caught and released this shortbill spearfish. The fish ate a naked ballyhoo trolled in the Baltimore Canyon.

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Bryan Becker from Bel Air, MD caught and released his first and second white marlin while fishing on the "Tinman" with his dad, Paul Becker and Jeff Mullins. The whites were caught on ballyhoo during an overnight trip in the Washington Canyon and were estimated to weigh 40 and 60 lbs.

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I hope everyone is enjoying the White Marlin Open and looking forward to this month's many other tournaments. Whether catching a big fish, small fish, first fish or prize winning fish, capturing the moment on video is a great way to remember and enjoy the moment for years. Unfortunately, as we all know, having the right equipment when the fish are ready is hard to do.



There are many systems and products on the market that are designed to help you capture video of your fishing trip. A top of the line system would include multiple HD cameras strategically placed on the boat, feeding an on-board recorder. At the other end of the spectrum is the now common Smartphone that you just take out and start recording. Many popular videos have been recorded by a simple Smartphone. What's best for you? Let's review the

popular options.

Depending on the size of your boat, mounting multiple cameras feeding into a digital video recorder (DVR) can be set-up with guidance from the equipment manufacturer or a professional marine electronics company. Mounting the cameras, running the wires and configuring the system may take some professional assistance and a fair amount of time. There are marine retailers who sell pre-packed kits that include all the necessary hardware to install an onboard camera system. These systems benefit from the ability to capture multiple streams of digital video for playback at a later time and the ability to transfer the video from the DVR to a computer where the video footage can be edited.

The smart phone, whether Apple iOS or Android, both now offer great video capture ability, including the ability to record in High Definition (HD). The newest iPhone can capture video at 1080p HD at 60 frames per second. Features like slow motion and time-lapse are great options and easy for most anybody to learn if you have the patience to study the owner's manual. Using a phone as a video camera seems like a good way to capture video, but taking a

\$600+ phone out on a boat to use a video camera may not be the best option.



A good alternative is an action camera, with the GoPro brand owning a majority of the market. If you are not familiar with the GoPro camera, it is a compact, versatile camera in a waterproof case. GoPro currently offers five different models, starting at \$130. The GoPro uses a very wide angle lens that allows you to easily capture high definition video from most vantage points, since you do not have to be perfectly steady or pointed exactly on the subject you are filming to get great results. The Garmin VIRB action camera is also a great camera, even better if you have a newer Garmin chart plotter that feeds data into the camera to track and overlay how fast, how far, how deep and how intense the moment truly was. The Garmin VIRB starts at \$269.

Having a camera in the right place and ready to go is always a challenge. A fixed mount for an action camera on the boat is a great way to cover the fishing activity and the camera's recording controls can usually be operated viewed by a remote. Some cameras allow you to record in

a loop, allowing you to stop the camera and have the last period of video saved. Mounting the camera on a stick or pole and placing it as close as possible to the action is a great way to record images that make you feel like you are there. Often, these poles and mounts are designed to be used to record underwater action while fishing or bringing a fish to the boat. There are many companies that sell pre-engineered camera mounts to be used while boating or fishing, often making use of equipment you may already own.



Some of the most exciting fishing videos are the ones where the action camera is lowered into the water and towed behind the boat with the bait. A local charter boat, "Pumping Hard", was one of the originators of attaching a GoPro camera behind their trolling dredge. Mike Burt, mate on the "Pumping Hard", indicated their GoPro footage was recently featured on the Discovery Channel's Shark



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Garrett Penley, Professional mate and filmmaker, indicated it was easy to capture the video but hard to take the time to sit down and edit the video into a short, action packed clip. Garrett spends a lot of time at home carefully watching his captured footage to select only the best segments to be used to create an enjoyable and exciting video. Garrett uses a combination of Instagram and YouTube to share his videos with friends and followers.

Some of the best video editing software packages are available at no cost. This software can be used to create a short video from the hours of video you have after days of fishing. Garrett uses the free Windows Movie Maker software to edit and create his videos. GoPro users can download the free GoPro studio software and Apple users can use iMovie to edit videos. Whichever software you use, be sure to edit your videos to include your best action clips to keep it interesting and enjoyable to the viewers. Garrett indicated that videos over 10 minutes are too long to keep peoples interest, and videos running 6 minutes or less seemed best.

No matter what method you choose to record your fishing trip, don't let the videos get lost on a memory card. Edit them to create a interesting and entertaining clip to share with family, friends and the *Coastal Fisherman*.

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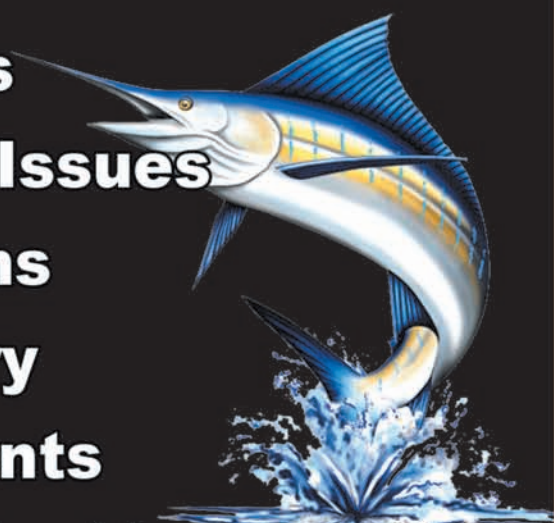
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60	26	50.70
60	28	58.80
60	28.25	59.90
61	24	43.90
61	26	51.50
61	27	55.60
61	28	59.80
61	29	64.10
61	29.25	65.20
62	24	44.60
62	26	52.40
62	27	56.50
62	28	60.80
62	29	65.20
62	30.25	70.90
63	24	45.40
63	26	53.20
63	27	57.40
63	28	61.70
63	28.75	65.10
63	30	70.90
64	24	46.10
64	26	54.10
64	27	58.30
64	28	62.70
64	28.5	65.00
64	29.75	70.80
65	24	46.80
65	26	54.90
65	27.25	60.30
65	28	63.70
65	28.37	65.40
65	29	68.30
65	29.37	70.10
66	24	47.50
66	25	51.60
66	26	55.80
66	28.25	65.80
66	29.25	70.60
66	30.25	75.50
66	31	79.30
67	24	48.20
67	24.5	50.30
67	25	52.30
67	27	61.10
67	28	65.70
67	30	75.40
67	31	80.50
68	22	41.10
68	23	45.00
68	25.5	55.30
68	26.75	60.80
68	27.75	65.50
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70	29	73.60
70	30	78.80
70	32	89.60
70	22	43.00
71	23	46.90
71	24	51.10
71	25	55.50
71	26	60.00
71	27	64.70
71	28	69.60
71	29	74.60
71	30	79.90
71	32	90.90

BLUE MARLIN

LENGTH	GIRTH	POUNDS
78	36	126.40
78	38	140.80
78	40	156.00
79	36	127.98
79	38	142.60
79	40	158.00
79	42	174.00
80	38	144.40
80	40	160.00
80	42	176.40
80	44	193.60
81	40	162.00
81	41	170.20
81	42	178.61
81	43	187.21
82	40	164.00
82	42	180.81
82	44	198.44
82	46	216.89
84	40	168.00
84	48	241.90
84	50	262.50
84	60	378.00
86	40	172.00
86	46	227.47
86	48	247.68
86	50	268.75
88	48	253.44
88	50	275.00
88	52	297.44
88	54	320.76
90	48	259.20
90	54	328.10
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90	66	490.10
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It is pretty evident that the dolphin bite has dominated offshore action lately, as shown by this catch from anglers on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mate Mike Morgan. The group ended up with 25 dolphin and a spearfish release after trolling at the 800/800. Fishing on "That's Right" were T.J. Jones, Keith Powers, Haley Wrotten, Tom and Dana Jones, Jake Farley and Matt Hall.



This 7 lb. flounder made the mistake of going after a whole squid dropped at the Old Grounds by Jason Beakes while fishing on the "Grizzly" with Capt. Carey Evans. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



Outside of flounder fishing on ocean structure, it was a fairly calm week. We can't blame it on the weather, although water temperatures are too warm.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said strong currents around the recent "Blue Moon" were an issue for Delaware Bay fishermen, but ocean anglers fared well with flounder at Reef Sites 9, 10 and 11, and also on natural bottom of the Old Grounds between "DB" and "DA" Buoys. The best bites seemed to occur during morning flood tides. Flukers reported success using squid and other fresh cut baits such as sea robin, bluefish and croaker, plus shiners and smelts. Gulp! Swimming Mulletts and 6-inch Grubs, especially in Nuclear Chicken color, were quite effective, either on a bottom rig or a bucktail jig. Tandem rigged bucktails with Gulp! or cut baits worked well.

Flounder specialist Captain Brent on the "Katydid" was dialed in on flattie action last week. His Monday group had a limit of quality fish, including Jim Osborne's 6.55 pounder. Tuesday's gang got their limit of 28, with Bill York's 5.5 pounder on top. The Wednesday regulars reeled in 22 keepers including Brent's

citation worthy 7.27 pounder. On Thursday, flukers from Harrisburg scored a limit of 36 chunky flatfish aboard the "Katydid" topped by Frank Felbaum's 6.81 pounder. The flounder were chewin' hard Friday morning, and patrons on the "Katydid" returned early with their limit of 40 flatfish. Kathy McClune broke in her new rod and reel with a pair weighing 3.8 and 3.9 pounds as part of her limit. Saturday saw another 36 keeper limit for "Katydid" anglers. Larry McDonald landed a 6.6 pounder for top honors. A 40 fish limit finished out the weekend on Sunday with fish up to 6 lbs..

Fluke fans fishing with Captain Carey on the "Grizzly" had nice catches during the week too. Friday's group took home their limit of 24 flatties. Carey's young son, Josh Evans is a real chip off the old block when it comes to flounder fishing, and put a brace of beauties weighing 5.5 and 6.25 pounds in the boat on Wednesday. Jason Beakes deployed a whole squid while drifting aboard the "Grizzly" on Saturday to tempt a 7 pound fluke. Bob Kauffman had an unusual flounder experience on Thursday while bouncing bottom off Bethany aboard the "Last Dollar". He had a double header of fluke

weighing 5.03 and 3.28 pounds on the same hook of a Capt. Joe's Tinsel Rig. Not just the same rig, the same hook! Joe and Michael Walker, Bill Wiest and Robert Karpovich worked Site 10 for their limit of keepers Saturday. Robert reeled in his personal best flounder that trip, a 7.18 pound citation earner.

The Old Grounds yielded some impressive flatfish recently. Whopper of the week went to Billy Talbot for his awesome 10.2 pound doormat decked aboard the "Thelma Dale IV". Despite hard running currents in the Delaware Bay, there were windows when fish bit. Bob and Buckwheat Bryant, Bobby Fleming and Al Riberio drifted Site 4 in the Upper Bay all by themselves on Tuesday for 14 chunky flatties. Flounder also came from Site 8 at the beginning and end of the tide. Joe Walker and Tony Vansant limited out there on Monday.

Croakers were a little finicky, but Captain Dave put together a catch of 45 nice hardheads for his group aboard the "Indian" on Saturday afternoon at the northeast corner of the Star Site. Croakers continued to come from the Lewes Canal, along with a few flounder and slot size stripers. Donna

Muller was fishing the Canal for croakers when a 4.13 pound flounder pounced on the small piece of bloodworm she was using for bait.

More spot of varying sizes are starting to show in Lewes Canal. Good news for guys who like to catch and stockpile them for flounder and striped baits.

Further south at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported that fishing in the Indian River Inlet is very slow right now. Spot have finally showed up at the Inlet and back in the creeks. Bert said that the spot, like minnows, have been very difficult to keep alive due to the extra warm water temperatures. Those catching minnows are finding their traps full of dead fish due to the warm water temperatures creating depleted oxygen levels.

Flounder fishing continues to be slow. A few barely keeper size striped bass, are being caught on live spot near the Coast Guard Station.

Croaker fishing has improved but hasn't reached it's peak yet. Fishbites or small chunks of cut bait seem to be the best baits to use at this time.

Some barely legal size striped bass are being caught in the Inlet, also on live spot, but the real rod bending action is at night, when it is all the small fish you want mixed in with 1 lb. bluefish.

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the Inlet? Bert said that it could be the large numbers of sharks being spotted. Last week, a couple of thresher sharks were hooked by anglers in the Inlet, but black tips and bull sharks are also being spotted. If these creatures are roaming the Inlet than there is not doubt that it is spooking other fish into leaving the area.

Inshore, headboats continue to pound the flounder pretty hard, which is a good thing since sea bass fishing is pretty bad. Good numbers of big flounder are being pulled from the Old Grounds and off of various reefs and wrecks. Bert said that it all depends on your drift. If you can get your drift between .5 and 1.2 knots, than you have a good chance of getting good bites. Anglers dropping 3-5 oz. bucktails tipped with strips of flounder belly, mahi belly or strips of bluefish are having the best results.

Good numbers of bluefish

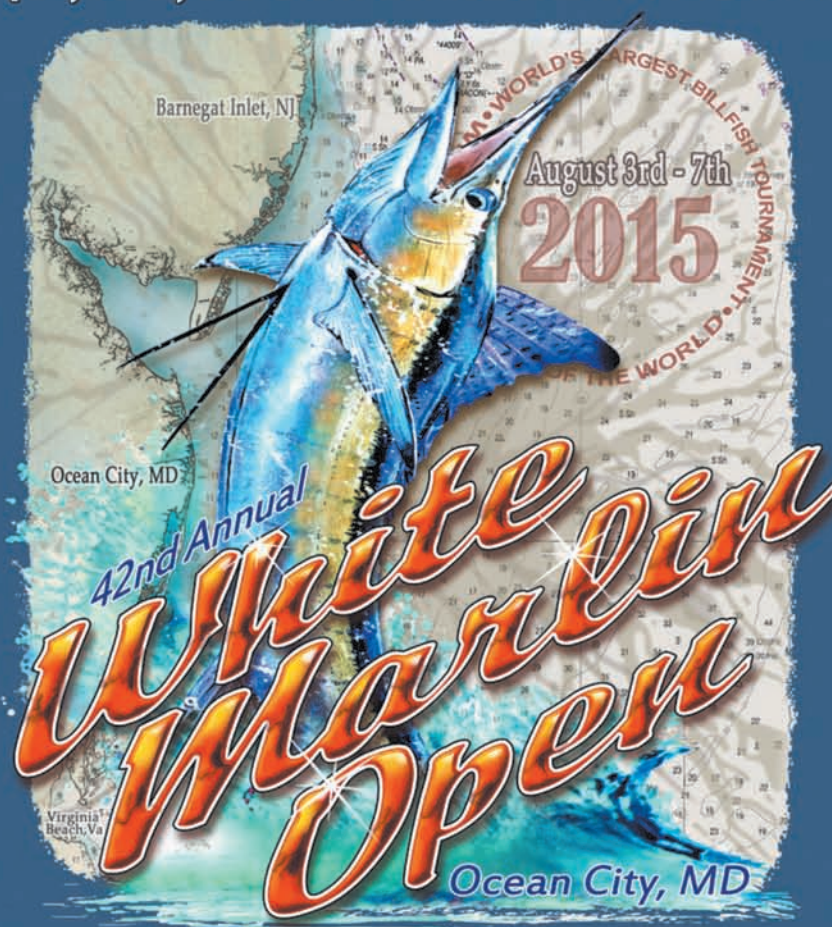
continue to be caught by those trolling spoons at Fenwick Shoal. Anglers are also finding schools of croakers scattered within a couple of miles from the beach.

Offshore, tuna fishing continues to be slow, so anglers are looking for wahoo, primarily between the Hot Dog and the Hambone. Dolphin continue to dominate the action in the canyons but can also be found on shoals as close as 2 miles off the beach. Bigeye tuna are still being caught at the Bigeye Hole in the Washington Canyon where the "Boy's Toy" caught 3 eyeballs on a Friday/Saturday overnight trip.

White marlin continue to be scattered and are being found in 50 to 1,000 fathoms up and down the coast. The "Knot Again" released 6 white marlin over the week, which is the most by a Delaware boat so far this season.

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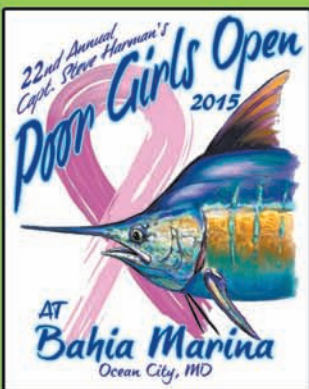


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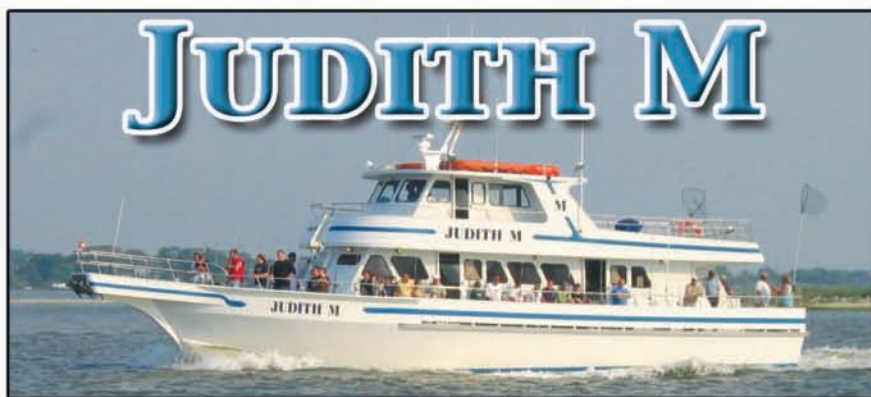
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Cooking spray
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper

Combine syrup, Dijon mustard, juice, oil and red pepper in a shallow dish, stirring with a whisk.

Reserve 4 tsp. syrup mixture.

Add tuna to remaining syrup mixture, turning to coat.

Let stand 10 minutes, turning once after 5 minutes.

Heat a cast iron skillet over medium high heat.

Coat pan with cooking spray.

Remove tuna from marinade; discard marinade.

Sprinkle tuna with salt and black pepper.

Add tuna to pan; cook 1 1/2 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness.

Remove tuna from pan.

Cut across the grain into thick slices.

Drizzle with reserved 4 tsp. syrup mixture.

Serves 4.

Spinach Stuffed Flounder with Mushrooms and Feta

8 large mushrooms, diced
8 oz. fresh spinach, rinsed and chopped
1 TBSP. feta cheese

4 flounder fillets

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray an unheated medium skillet with no-stick spray.

Heat the skillet over medium heat.

Add mushrooms; cook 5 minutes or until the liquid released from the mushrooms has evaporated, stirring occasionally.

Add the spinach to the skillet; cook until spinach has wilted.

Remove from heat and drain all excess moisture.

Sprinkle the feta cheese over the vegetables, then stir it in.

To assemble the fish rolls, place 1/4 of the spinach onto the wide end of each fillet.

Carefully roll the fillets around the spinach mixture.

Use toothpicks to hold the end of each roll in place.

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Salt and pepper
2 TBSP. vegetable oil
4 TBSP. unsalted butter
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup beer
1/2 cup clam juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
3 scallions, sliced thin
2 TBSP. Frank's Red Hot sauce

Pat shrimp dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper.

Heat 1 TBSP. oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking.

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brown on one side, about 1 minute; transfer to plate.

Repeat with remaining oil and shrimp.

Melt 1 TBSP. butter in empty skillet over medium heat.

Add garlic; cook until fragrant.

Stir in beer, clam juice and any accumulated shrimp juice, scraping up any browned bits.

Bring to a boil and cook until sauce is reduced to 1/3 cup.

Return shrimp to skillet; cook, covered over medium-low heat until shrimp are cooked through, 2 minutes.

Off heat, stir in cilantro, scallions, hot sauce and remaining butter.

Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi with Red Pepper Sauce and Potatoes

4 mahi steaks
3/4 tsp. kosher salt, divided
1/2 tsp. black pepper, divided
3/4 lb. new potatoes (about 12)
1 cup bottled roasted red bell peppers, rinsed, drained
3 TBSP. slivered almonds
7 tsp. olive oil, divided
1 small garlic clove, crushed
Chopped parsley

Rinse mahi; pat dry with paper towels.

Sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise.

Place a vegetable steamer in a large saucepan filled 1/3 full with water; bring to a boil.

Add potatoes; cover and steam for 12 minutes.

Place bell peppers, almonds, 2 TBSP. olive oil and garlic in the bowl of a food processor; process until smooth.

Add remaining 1/4 tsp. salt and remaining 1/4 tsp. pepper; pulse to combine.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a skillet



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over medium-high heat.

Add fish to pan; cook 4 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness.

Serve with potatoes and sauce.

Garnish with parsley.

Serves 4.

Foil-Baked Mediterranean Flounder

4 flounder fillets
4 large lemons
2.5 oz. drained, pitted
Kalamata olives, sliced
16 grape tomatoes, cut in half
1 small red onion, cut in half, thinly sliced
2 TBSP. fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Thinly slice 3 lemons.

From remaining lemon, grate 2 tsp. zest and squeeze 2 TBSP. juice.

In a small bowl toss olives, tomatoes, onion, basil, oil and lemon zest and juice until well combined.

Sprinkle both sides of the flounder fillets with salt and pepper.

Cut 4 12x18 inch sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil or parchment paper.

Place 1 sheet of foil on work surface.

Arrange 3-4 lemon slices in a single layer on half of foil sheet; place 1 fillet over lemon slices and top with 2/3 cup olive oil mixture.

Fold over to cover fillet and olive mixture.

Fold edges several times to seal tightly.

Repeat with remaining foil sheets, lemon slices, fillets and olive mixture.

Place foil packets on rimmed baking pan.

Bake 14 minutes or until fillets turn opaque throughout.

With kitchen shears, cut an "X" in top of foil packets, then carefully pull back to open.

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Kristen Kemper, Angela Keith and Kerrie Jones each released a white marlin on the final day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament held at Sunset Marina. The lady anglers were fishing on the "Haulin' N Ballin'" with Jovita Lynch, Brianna Lynch, Shantel Willey, Aaron Jezierski, Capt. Howard Lynch and mates Tyler Green and Josh Farr. The white marlin were hooked on ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.



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2 TBSP. olive oil
1 TBSP. minced garlic
4 cups fresh tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup basil leaves, chopped
1 tsp. minced fresh oregano or marjoram or 1/4 tsp. dried
1/2 tsp. black pepper
Salt to taste
1 lb. spaghetti
1 1/2 lbs. medium to large shrimp, peeled

Start the water for the pasta.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-low.

Add the garlic, cook, stirring occasionally until golden.

Add the tomatoes; raise the heat to medium-high; let bubble for 10 minutes.

Add half the basil, the oregano, pepper and salt.

Stir and taste for

seasoning.

Reduce the heat to medium and let simmer while you cook the pasta.

Just before the pasta is done, add the shrimp to the sauce; cook until the shrimp are firm and pink, about 5 minutes.

Remove 3 or 4 shrimp from the sauce and set aside.

Drain the pasta, toss with the sauce and top with the remaining basil and the reserved shrimp.

Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Sauteed Soft-Shell Crabs with Tomatoes and Capers

Tomatoes:

2 TBSP. olive oil
1 shallot finely chopped
1/2 clove garlic, chopped
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2 TBSP. unsalted butter, cut in small pieces
Salt and pepper to taste

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Capers:

4 TBSP. capers

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Rinse capers, dry them and
sprinkle with flour.

Heat oil; fry capers until
light golden brown and crisp.

Drain; discard oil.

Crabs:

8 soft-shell crabs

Milk for dipping

Flour for dredging

Salt and pepper to taste

3 TBSP. peanut oil

Parsley for garnish

4 lemon wedges

Dip crabs in milk, then in
flour; season with salt and
pepper.

Heat oil in large skillet;
saute crabs, starting with the

shell side, down first, for a few
minutes.

Turn over; saute 1 to 2
minutes.

Drain on paper towels.

Divide the tomatoes on the
plates topped with the crabs.

Sprinkle with the fried
capers; garnish with parsley
and lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Sauteed Scallops with Lemon-Garlic Butter Sauce

2 TBSP. olive oil

1 tsp. minced garlic

1 to 1 1/2 lbs. sea scallops

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat a large skillet over
high heat until almost
smoking.

Add the olive oil and
garlic.

Place 2 to 3 scallops at a
time, turning them as they
brown.

Season them as they cook
and remove them to a bowl as
they finish.



Monica Freese released a white marlin on the final day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament while fishing on the "Brenda Lou" with Brenda Goodhart, Capt. Frank Goodhart and mates Ryan Freese and Chris Hardesty. The white marlin was hooked on a ballyhoo near the 461 Lump. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Lemon-Garlic Butter Sauce:

- 1/2 cup clam juice
- 1/2 cup dry sherry
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 TBSP. each of minced

garlic and shallots

- 1 bay leaf
- 1 TBSP. unsalted butter
- 1 TBSP. flour
- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. white pepper
- 1 TBSP. lemon juice

Reduce first 6 ingredients by half in small saucepan.

In 1 qt. saucepan, heat 1 TBSP. butter on medium heat until foamy.

Sprinkle in the flour, stirring a couple minutes with a wisk until tan but not browned.

Slowly add the reduced mixture to the roux, stirring quickly to incorporate.

Keep whisking to blend completely.

Lower the heat and wisk in the butter, 2 TBSP. at a time.

Add lemon juice, salt and white pepper.

Add more clam juice or water if the sauce is too thick.

Serve with the scallops.

Makes 2 cups.

Serves 4.

Tuna Hash

- 1/4 cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh dill
- 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cups cubed hash browns
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 bell peppers red or green, chopped
- 1 lb. skinless tuna fillet, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 8 cups baby arugula
- Lemon wedges, for serving

Mix the yogurt, mustard and dill in a small bowl.

Heat 1 1/2 TBSP. olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the hash browns, sprinkle with 1/4 tsp. each of

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On opening day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament held at Sunset Marina, Shannon Hoover and Kristy Frashere each released their very first white marlin while fishing on the "Haulin' N Ballin'" with Jennifer Blunt, Jessica McKeldin, Kristin Jezierski, Capt. Jeremy Blunt, Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Tyler Green. The whites were hooked on naked ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

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salt and pepper; cook until browned.

Transfer to a bowl.

Heat remaining 1/2 TBSP. olive oil in the skillet; add the onion, bell peppers and 1/4 tsp. salt.

Cook until golden brown.

Add the tuna; cook stirring occasionally, just until heated through.

Return the hash browns to the skillet to heat through, then remove from the heat and stir in 3 TBSP. of the yogurt mixture.

Season with salt and pepper.

Stir 1 TBSP. water into the remaining yogurt mixture and toss with the arugula in a medium bowl.

Serve the hash with the salad and lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Baked Whole Striper

4 medium yukon potatoes

4 TBSP. olive oil

1 large onion, thinly sliced

1 large red bell pepper, cut into strips

4 garlic cloves, crushed

2 sprigs thyme, leaves only

3/4 cup white wine

1 1/2 cups chicken broth

Salt and black pepper

2 to 3 lbs. striped, head on, scales removed, gutted

1 lemon, juiced

Parsley, chopped for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Place potatoes in a small pot; bring to a boil, add salt

and cook for 10 minutes.

The potatoes should still be firm.

Drain and set aside.

Heat the oil in a roasting pan until it almost sizzles.

Add the onions and peppers; cook until the vegetables are soft and browned.

Add the garlic; cook another 2 to 3 minutes.

Stir in the wine, scraping the bits on the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon.

Stir in the chicken broth and bring mixture to a boil.

Season the fish with salt and black pepper inside and out.

After the broth and vegetables have been boiling for 5 minutes, place the fish in the pan, add the potatoes and place in the oven; bake about 30 minutes, basting the fish with the pan juices 2 or 3 times during cooking.

Change the oven setting to broil, remove pan from the oven and then remove the fish from the roasting pan.

Place the fish on a baking tray and place under the broiler 3 to 5 minutes, or until brown and crusty.

Be careful not to scorch the fish.

Transfer the fish to a serving platter.

Add the lemon juice to the bell pepper and potato mixture and season with salt and pepper.

Spoon the mixture over and around the fish.

Garnish with parsley and serve immediately.

Serves 3.

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Kiley and Brinley Hess were trolling at the Twin Wrecks on the "Slaughterhouse" with their grandparents, Pam and Mark Hess, when they landed a pair of good size mahi.





Ann O'Hagan caught an 18 1/2-inch flounder and her daughter, Cindy Corcoran captured a lobster that was going to be used as stuffing for her Mom's flounder. Both were caught at the Old Grounds. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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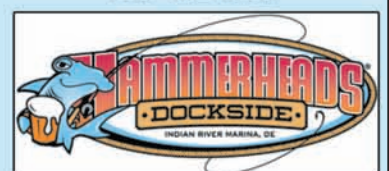
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Brayden Coverdale caught his first keeper striped bass after hooking it on a Gulp! artificial bait in the Lewes Canal. During the Delaware Slot Striper Season, which runs from July 1st to August 31st, anglers are only allowed to keep stripers that measure 20 to 25-inches that are caught in the Delaware Bay, river and its tributaries. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Fran DeWitt of Cumberland, MD is all smiles after catching a 3 lb. sea bass while dropping squid at an artificial reef. Fran was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo (pictured).



While drifting in the ocean off Bethany, DE on the "Last Dollar", Bob Kauffman felt that something was different when he started reeling in what was hopefully a big flounder. Much to his surprise, Bob caught not only 1 big flounder, but 2 big flounder ON THE SAME HOOK! The fish weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. and 5 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Jill Murray reeled in her very first wahoo after hooking it on a ballyhoo at the Tea Cup while fishing on the "Debaitable".



A wreck outside the mouth of the Delaware Bay the wrong place to hang out for this 6 lb. 13 oz. flounder that was caught on a squid and minnow combination by Steve Price. Weighed at LHM.

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In the Huk Big Fish Classic, Rob Manetta on the "Tra Sea Ann" caught the second heaviest yellowfin tuna, a 66 pounder, while fishing with Tracy and Christian Manetta, Nick Camerada, Capt. Koby Treadwell and mates Matt Carter and Jay Richardella. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Matt Jenkins caught a 49 lb. wahoo during the Huk Big Fish Classic held at the Talbot Street Pier. Matt caught the speedster on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Reel Intent's" with A.D. Burke, Darren Helwig, Myles Norris, Capt. Jonathan Mason and mate Luis Ramirez.

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Rodney Lentz, Bruce Dorr and John Dietrich each released a white marlin and Jason Dorr and Jarod Lentz teamed up to release a blue marlin, all while trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Steve Selander and mates Ayrton Pryor and Chris Watkowski. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Blaine, Peyton and Brody Dail from Churchville, MD were flounder fishing with Capt. Lance Smith on the "Longfin Too" when they ended their day with 3 flatties in the box, including a 21-inch and two that measured 17-inches. The fish were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts and a live mullet. Pictured with the crew is "mate" Sonny Briggs.

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BY CAPT. LANCE SMITH



Well, it is White Marlin Open week again and with any luck my crew and I are on the leaderboard somewhere. Even if we aren't, and don't end up winning anything at all, this is still my favorite week of the year. Three days of offshore fishing while competing against the best captains, mates and anglers in the world with a chance to win a load of cash! What's not to like? There is absolutely nothing in the world like pulling up to the dock at Harbour Island with a "money fish" onboard and hearing that huge crowd just explode when the scale settles on your fish's weight. Just being a spectator at the afternoon weigh-ins can be a thrill for visitors.

With millions of dollars in prize money, this is one of the biggest billfish tournaments in the world and attracts fisherman from around the globe. Not only are there prizes for white marlin, but also for blue marlin, tuna, wahoo, dolphin (mahi-mahi) and sharks! My crew and I have been blessed to catch a fish worth money three times in the past. Our first experience was with an 80 pound wahoo that was good enough for first place in the tournament and was

caught by my mother. It was one of the greatest days of my life. The second fish was an 85 pound white marlin that came in second place. That fish was the largest caught in the tournament in the preceding 20 years (except for the 95 pounder that took first place!). Our marlin was hooked on the last day of the tournament with ten minutes left to go before it was all over. Talk about a clutch catch! Our last trip to the scales was with a 120 pound mako shark that ate a trolling lure meant for blue marlin. We were sure that this fish would end up in first place, but we were beaten by a scalloped hammerhead that became the new state record. It just goes to show that you never really know what is going to happen in the crazy world of offshore tournament fishing.

Whenever I mention the White Marlin Open (WMO), the first question I get asked is, "How much does it cost to enter?" The answer is "it all depends". All boats must pay the basic entry fee, which is \$1,200 this year. This entitles you to a share of the \$50,000 guaranteed prize money. Most boats however, choose to pony up more cash and enter the

"calcuttas." Calcuttas are simply extra money that you can pay towards the added entry levels and a percentage of the total gets split between the other boats that have also entered that specific calcutta. For instance, if you **only** pay the basic entry fee and catch the first place white marlin, you may win around \$25,000. However, if the crew that catches the second place white marlin is in the expensive white marlin calcuttas, they stand a chance at winning well over a million dollars, even though their fish was smaller! We actually won less money for our second place white marlin than the fellows with the third place one because they were in more added entry levels than us. To enter all of the calcuttas this year will cost a crew more than \$25,000! I don't know about you, but that is a very significant chunk of my annual salary!

Since this is in essence a "how to" column, let us talk about how you can go about catching some marlin. If you aren't in the tournament, the sight of all those huge fish hanging at the scales may just convince you that you need to get out there and try this for yourself. Actually, marlin fishing is just beginning to heat up off of Ocean City and the best to come is still about a month away. This gives you plenty of time to prepare your own boat or book a trip on one of the many charter boats

advertising here in the *Coastal Fisherman*. While white marlin may not possess the sheer power, endurance and tastiness compared to most tuna species, their acrobat leaps into mid-air summersaults when caught on light tackle more than make up for it.

The most important factor in catching any marlin is to first find where they are. While white marlin can be caught from 20-100 miles or more offshore, most captains will start their search somewhere around the 100 fathom line where the continental shelf drops off sharply in areas known as "canyons." Starting to the south and moving northward, the most frequently fished canyons are the Norfolk, the Washington, Poor Man's, Baltimore and the Wilmington Canyons. Which canyon to choose depends mostly on recent fishing activity, but temperature and current charts produced by satellites play a huge role in finding the blue Gulf Stream waters that marlin prefer. One of my favorite areas to fish, although it is a massive pain in the rear because of the constant bait checking, is where there are scattered clumps of sargassum algae. These floating yellow "weeds" provide refuge for hundreds, if not thousands of small baitfish and larger flying fish that pelagic fish like to feed upon. Your mate may give you or your charter captain a nasty look for all the work he

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has to do shagging weeds off of the trolled baits, but fishing in this mess can pay off immensely.

Once a temperature break/color change in the surface water is located, or schools of bait are marked on the depth sounder, it is time to get busy. The first thing most skilled crews will do is to deploy one or two dredges off the stern corners of the boat. These dredges are essentially large wire rigs resembling an umbrella frame with multiple rubber baitfish/squid, or natural ballyhoo/mullet trailing behind them with no hooks. Rigged with up to 40 or more baits per dredge, these "teasers" do exactly that, they tease the fish to the boat. While trolling and constantly moving forward at a rate of around 6 knots, these teaser dredges resemble large schools of baitfish from below and are used to attract marlin to the rigged baited hooks behind them. Most dredges are run between 10 and 30-feet behind the boat and about 10 feet or so below the surface so that the captain, who with his height advantage on the bridge, can clearly see a fish following them.

The most widely used bait for white marlin is the ballyhoo, and the fresher they are the better. Many crews spend thousands of dollars for bait just for these 3 days of fishing. These ballyhoo are typically rigged "naked," which means that they

have no artificial lure or skirt draping over them, just a hook and perhaps a small oval egg sinker. Tournament rules dictate the mandatory use of circle hooks when using bait in the tournament and there are as many ways to rig a circle-hooked ballyhoo as there are mates that rig them. Most captains tend to change out their usual 50 and 80 pound trolling gear for 30 pound outfits to match the smallest ballyhoo and lightest leaders they can get away with. While most tuna lures/baits are rigged on 100-200 pound monofilament leaders, white marlin crews tend to use 80 pound or less fluorocarbon leader for its clarity and abrasion resistance. Because circle hooks typically hook a fish right in the corner of the mouth in the jaw hinge, they allow for lighter leaders and more humane releases of smaller fish. I can remember 20 years ago when all we used was single-strand wire leader and we caught loads of white marlin. In fact, this past weekend we caught a white on a horse ballyhoo behind a heavy trolling lure trolled at high speed for wahoo. I noted to my father how invisible those wire leaders were from above while being trolled behind the boat. Something I will remember if the fish get picky this week.

Most marlin that are successfully hooked are spotted by the captain before the fish ever attacks the bait. In fact, the

key to being a good marlin angler is getting to the rod before the fish does. Trust me when I say that there is nothing in the world like viewing a white marlin coming into a spread of trolling lures with all of his colors lit up. The neon blues and purples on these fish are amazing! When a fish does show, the captain will yell down which bait the fish is behind so that the mate or anglers can get to it. Then the tricky part comes. White marlin do not have that long bill on their upper jaw for no reason. Their feeding technique involves using that weapon to stun or disorientate their prey. If a white attacks your trolled ballyhoo and there is no one there to react, the fish will most often just turn around and swim away. If you are lucky, he may try one of the other baits trolling along. The idea is to have the rod in hand when the fish strikes and drop the reel into freespool allowing the bait to drift back away from the boat. This simulates what the marlin expects, a stunned baitfish that he has isolated from the rest that he can now easily swallow. If a ballyhoo gets whacked and keeps moving forward, the marlin will know that something isn't quite right.

A good billfishing mate can hook 1 out of every 4 marlin that commits to eating a trolled bait. Most professional mates around the Atlantic will tell you that the white marlin is the trickiest of all fish to

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successfully bait, hook and land.

White marlin are not the only game in town this week though. Most crews will also include a large natural spanish mackerel or a jumbo plastic trolling lure to their spread to entice blue marlin which, in recent years, have weighed over 1,000 pounds in the WMO! Some crews will fish solely for large, bigeye tuna that can be worth several hundred thousand dollars. Every year epic tales of multiple hour battles are told when one of these submarines is hooked on a light outfit meant for white marlin. Dolphin, wahoo and sharks are also always a possibility for a crew to win some cash when they are incidentally hooked.

One of the greatest things about white marlin is that they can be successfully wound in by both junior and our ever popular lady anglers, so don't be surprised to see some kids and some gals holding some big checks at the awards ceremony. This is sure to be another exciting year at the weigh-ins, so find yourself a parking spot early and get a good seat near the scales. Hopefully one afternoon I will see you there, from the opposite side of the scale of course!

Lance Smith is an outdoor writer and Captain of his family's boat, the "Longfin".

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Here’s a catch we don’t see very often. Jack Hannum on the “North Haze” was fishing in the Vicking Ocean Showdown in New Jersey when he caught this Rainbow runner on a pitched ballyhoo in 40 fathoms among a school of mahi. The Rainbow runner is a member of the jack family and is commonly used as bait, either live or dead, when targeting large billfish and tuna. Pictured at Hook’em & Cook’em.



Jeff Widders, Mike Goodhart and Joe Hollister, Jr. each released a white marlin during a trip to the Poor Man’s Canyon on the “Brenda Lou” with David Conner (pictured), Joe Hollister and Frank Goodhart. Joe, Jr.’s white marlin was his very first. Pictured back at Sunset Marina.



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Speckled Trout	24"	-	White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			

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Mike Whaley from Berlin, MD caught this 19-inch *Paralichthys dentatus* while fishing with white Gulp! and minnows at the South Jetty.



Kaitlyn Hess from Guilderland, NY caught this 21-inch flounder on cut bait over coral bottom during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins.

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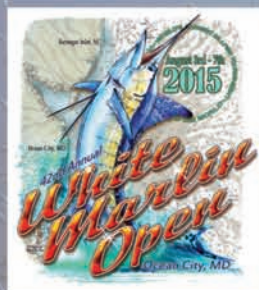
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Donahue wins Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament



On Saturday, Greg Donahue captured a 26 5/8-inch flounder to win 1st place in the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament and a check for \$1,700. Greg caught the winning flounder on a Gulp! artificial bait in the West Channel while fishing with Brad, Fin and Brian McCabe on the "Green Submarine".



The last fish to arrive at the scale of the 2015 Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament was a 22 3/4-inch flattie caught by Brian Snyder that vaulted him into 2nd place in the tournament. Brian caught the flounder on a Gulp! and minnow combination in the Thorofare while fishing with Blair Snyder, Christie Patrick and Ben Briles. For his 2nd place finish, Brian took home a check for \$700.



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In the 2015 Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament, Ron Fisher boated a 22 1/2-inch flattie to win 3rd place and a check for \$300. Ron was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Tom Hubicki, Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker when he caught the flounder on a bucktail tipped with squid on an ocean wreck. Tom also caught himself a nice 23 3/8-inch fish during the trip.



This 23-inch flounder made the mistake of eating the Gulp! and minnow combination offered by Darren Diaz of York, PA while fishing at the Bass Grounds. Darren was fishing on the "Cat Tails" with Dick Miller and Katie Wright.



Fenwick Trimble, age 12, from Virginia Beach, VA caught and released this dusky shark, estimated at 25 lbs., while fishing from the surf off Fenwick Island. Fenwick hooked the shark on a chunk of fresh spot during a trip with his brother, South and his parents, Jim and Diana Trimble.

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Brett Bathurst of Ocean City, MD caught this 21-inch flounder on a live minnow in the East Channel.



Charlie Coates, mate on the "Happy Hooker" flounder boat, ventured offshore to the Baltimore Canyon on the "Jane B" with Capt. Eric Abell and Sam Coates where he captured this 82 lb. yellowfin tuna on a Shimano TLD 25. The guys also caught some mahi and released a spearfish during their trip.



George Durant was drifting cut bait at the Old Grounds when he tangled with this 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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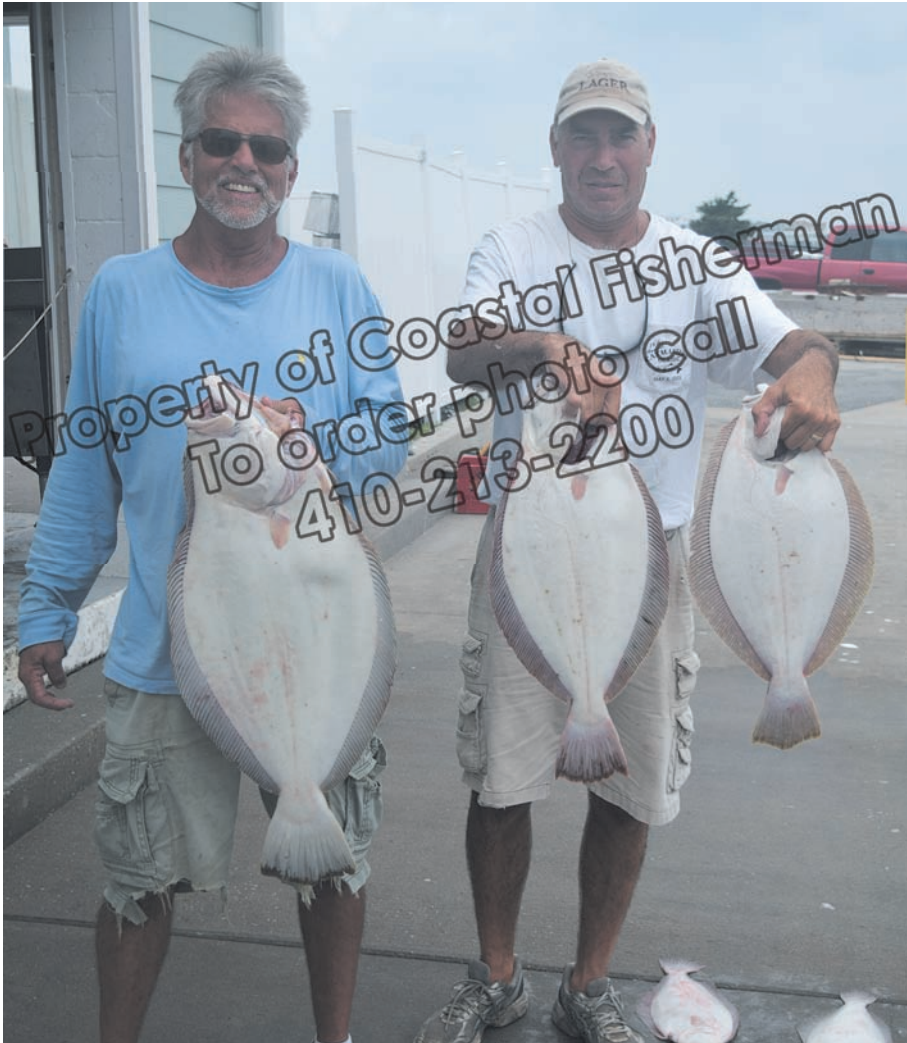
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John Dougherty and Kenny Harwanko were fishing near "B" Buoy when they landed 8 flounder (5 pictured), including a 9 lbs. 10 oz. flattie muscled in by John, tying the record for the heaviest flounder caught in Delaware so far this year. The fish were caught on bucktails tipped with Gulp! artificial baits. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Sam Remo and her husband, Robert Remo teamed up to catch 4 mahi (1 pictured), 20 sea bass and 2 cod while fishing at an ocean wreck, 40 miles off the beach.

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The last boat to arrive on the final day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament was the "Grande Pez" with 4 white marlin releases and a blue marlin release, giving the lady anglers 1st place in the Billfish Division. Lynn Miller and Amy Miller each released a pair of white marlin and Christine Svehla released a blue marlin, all while trolling ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. Joining the lady anglers were Capt. Pat Svehla and mates Jacke Emche, Austin Brittingham and Chris Svehla. For their 1st place finish, the "Grande Pez" team took home \$13,995 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Pam Hess boated a 20 lb. dolphin to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament. Pam hooked the dolphin on a ballyhoo in 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "Slaughterhouse" with Kim Baer, Corky Mock, Heather Hess, Capt. Mark Hess and mate Ron Baer. For their 2nd place finish, the lady anglers won \$1,674 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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On the first day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament, Carla McMenamy and Sarah Weber each released their first white marlin and Kelly Weber added 2 more to give the lady anglers 4 white marlin releases for the day. They ended the tournament tied with the team on the "Lights Out" but won 2nd place based upon the time of their last fish released. The ladies were fishing on the "Max Bet" with Capt. Matt Carter and mate Austin Robbins when they hooked the whites on ballyhoo at the Rockpile. For their 2nd place finish, the team won \$3,267 in award money.



On the last day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament, Kelley Ricketts, Farron Sims and Ella Peters teamed up to catch and release 4 white marlin while fishing on the "Lights Out" with Capt. Chester Sims and mates Raul Gonzalez, Jeffrey Leaderman and Tommy Holder. The whites were caught in 82-degree water near the 800/800 with their last white being released at 2:40 in the afternoon. This put them in a tie with the "Max Bet" but earned them a 3rd place finish based upon time of their last release. For their 3rd place finish, the "Lights Out" team took home \$2,178 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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In the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament, Tamara Miller muscled in a 15.4 lb. dolphin and held on to win 3rd place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$1,116. Tamara, who also released a white marlin, was fishing on the "Buckshot" with Lindsay Stanton, Diane Safford, Capt. Gary Stamm and mate Drake Cropper. In addition to the dolphin, Tamara and Diane's white marlin were hooked on ballyhoo at the Rockpile. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The first boat at the scale on opening day of the 7th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies' Tournament was the "Reel Estate" with Emma Campbell, Capt. Curtis Campbell, Capt. Bruce Campbell and mate Connor Campbell. Emma went 1 for 3 for white marlin at the Rockpile and held on to win 1st place in the Junior Angler Division and a check for \$500.

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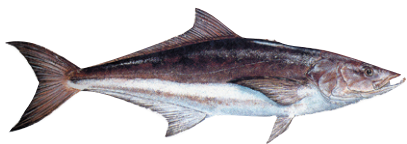


VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

BY DR. JULIE BALL
I.G.F.A REPRESENTATIVE



Decent weather has offered some good opportunities to get out on the water lately. Both inshore and offshore prospects are providing anglers some decent catches recently.



Inshore, cobia got the thumbs-up again last week. Good numbers of solid keepers are keeping most cobia hunters content, with many fish ranging in the 40 to 60-pound class. Pairs and small pods of fish are becoming more common in open water as well as on structure. Chummers continue to battle sharks and rays on the lower Bay shoals, with scattered catches of cobia for patient anglers. Big red drum

are also roaming in many of these same locations, providing good action for casters, while a few interested anglers are still picking away at reds from the shoals lining the Eastern Shore via bottom fishing.

Flounder action is still steady in the Bay recently, but the hottest action is still happening on coastal and deeper structures. Both the Tower Reef area, and the Triangle wreck area are productive lately, with most flatfish stretching up to around 23-inches. In Bay waters, anglers drifting with strip baits and minnows are finding some nice fish at the Cell, the Hampton Bar and the Thimble Shoal Channel. Plenty of keepers are taking bait, with several fish pushing near 8-pounds in the mix.

Those dropping live bait and jigs on lower Bay structures are also finding nice fish along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) near the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Islands, as well as the High Rise. Within Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, flounder enthusiasts are finding fewer keepers, but those working for their catches are hooking fish ranging to 21-inches.



Croaker are everywhere, with the bigger hardheads now moving into lower Bay waters. The biggest fish are coming from the deeper areas north of the 3rd Island of the CBBT, the MMBT, Back River Reef, and the Cell, with many

fish ranging to over a pound. Anglers fishing Oyster are still filling coolers from the back waters.

Spot are hitting within Rudee, Lynnhaven, and Little Creek Inlets on bloodworms, along with scattered puppy drum, which are responding to jigs, grubs and cut bait. Some roundhead are also still coming from off the concrete ships.

According to the folks at the Virginia Beach Fishing Center, the Spanish mackerel fishing along the coast of Virginia Beach is still very good. In general, the fish are on the larger side, with many pushing to over 2-pounds in water ranging from 18 to 40 feet. Plenty of Tailor bluefish are also around. King mackerel made a low-key introduction along the coast of Virginia this summer, with a few hook-ups and landings so far this season. These elusive fish will continue to provide opportunities for action into the fall. A good number of



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sharks, especially black tips, are still sniffing out chum slicks in coastal and lower Bay waters, with some of these beasts pushing to over 6-feet.

Interest in spadefish is fading, but fish averaging to around 6-pounds are still available along the northern span of the CBBT, the four artificial islands and many inshore structures.



It's been a great sheephead year, as nice fish continue to strike at crab, clam and fiddlers presented along the pilings and tubes of the CBBT. Big triggerfish are also active around these same areas, with catches pushing to over 4-pounds occurring near the 2nd island last week.

Tarpon continue to mystify anglers out of Oyster. Intel of actual catches is hard to come by since these anglers tend to

stay quiet.

Amberjack are still circling many offshore wrecks and are available at the Southern Towers. Deep dropping is still decent off Virginia, with good catches of big blueline tilefish, black bellied rosefish and sea bass common lately.



The billfish action offshore continues to heat up. Although there are a few slower days mixed in, multiple white marlin releases and scattered blue marlin and sailfish have been the norm recently. This trend should improve over the coming weeks. Gaffer and bailer dolphin are plentiful around the Canyon lately, while a few wahoo and some nice big eye tuna catches are making things interesting.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go to drjball.com.

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Sunny, John, Caleb and Tae Kim joined up with Ki Nam and Nam Park for a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley and ended up with 32 flounder caught at Purnell's Reef on squid and Gulp!.

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Sat. August 8	Low 09:03 am Low 10:06 pm	High 03:05 am High 04:24 pm
Sun. August 9	Low 10:03 am Low 11:09 pm	High 04:11 am High 05:25 pm
Mon. August 10	Low 11:02 am Low -----	High 05:13 am High 06:21 pm
Tues. August 11	Low 12:07 am Low 11:58 pm	High 06:07 am High 07:10 pm
Wed. August 12	Low 12:58 am Low 12:49 pm	High 06:55 am High 07:54 pm
Thurs. August 13	Low 01:44 am Low 01:35 pm	High 07:40 am High 08:31 pm
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Sat. August 15	Low 03:03 am Low 02:58 pm	High 09:03 am High 09:32 pm
Sun. August 16	Low 03:38 am Low 03:37 pm	High 09:42 am High 10:04 pm
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MECHANICAL MAN - 2008 68' Weaver
Call Jimmy Fields



RAVAGANZA - 2008 70' Jarrett Bay
Call David Fields



CAROL LIBBY - 2013 60' Spencer
Call Jimmy Fields



SHIP'S CAFE - 1987 60' Merritt
Call Alan Fields



SUSHI - 2014 57' Island Boatworks
Call Jimmy Fields



BLUE DOG - 2006 64' Caison
Call Jimmy Fields



1988 58' Monterey
Call Jimmy Fields



REEL HOOKER - 1998 60' Ricky Scarborough
Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



BOBCAT - 1995 42' Liberty
Call Jeff James



TAILWALKER 2 - 1998 50' Viking
Call David Fields



BLACK WIDOW - 1999 45' Ocean
Call Steve Trattner



KILLER WHALER - 2008 34' Boston Whaler
Call Gary Stamm



8 LURES - 2006 41' Luhrs Convertible
Call Steve Trattner



MISTRESS - 2008 33' Albemarle
330 Express - Call Jeff James



NATURAL ABILITY - 2006 32' Carolina Classic
Call Steve Trattner



PEGASUS - 1998 48' Ocean
Call Gary Stamm



GROUPE THERAPY - 2001 30' Pursuit
Call Steve Trattner



PEZ VELA - 1971 36' Hatteras Convertible
Call Jeff James



SEA NOTE - 2001 32' Luhrs Convertible
Call Steve Trattner



SEA ROBIN - 2000 28' Carolina Classic
Call Steve Trattner



M'mM'm Good - 2000 28' Albemarle Express
Call Steve Trattner



BIG DOG - 1994 26' Albemarle 160 hrs. on New Engine
Call Steve Trattner

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