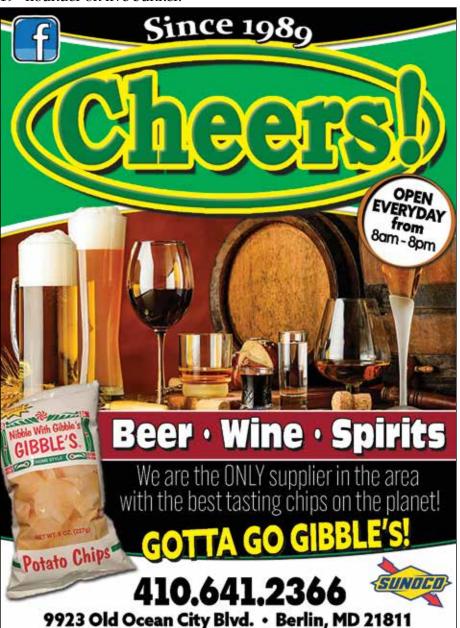


There were a lot of marlin releases reported during the 64th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, but none could beat the 7 caught by the "Buckshot" over their 2 days of fishing. Capt. Gary Stamm with anglers Bryan Brady, John Thibodeau, Heather Melson, Scott Schneck, Shelby Zimmer and Eric Thibodeau with mates Kyle Pelino & Andres Perez spent their time in deep water on the 1000 fathom line northeast of the Poor Man's Canyon. Day 1 saw 2 releases around the 230 to 300 line and they went 5 for 8 on Day 2 around the 160 line. Their combined 700 points locked them into 1st Place in the Billfish Release Calcutta as well as taking the Daily Billfish Release for Day 3 earning a total payout of \$5,100. Picture at Sunset Marina.



It was all smiles for Jack Harris while he was fishing just outside the mouth of the Commercial Harbor in West Ocean City. He caught this 19" flounder on live bunker.





John Spence pulled in a nice 18" tog at the Wall outside Roosevelt Inlet in Lewes using sand fleas. He also reports seeing a triggerfish followed a flea all the way to the boat, but did not bite.



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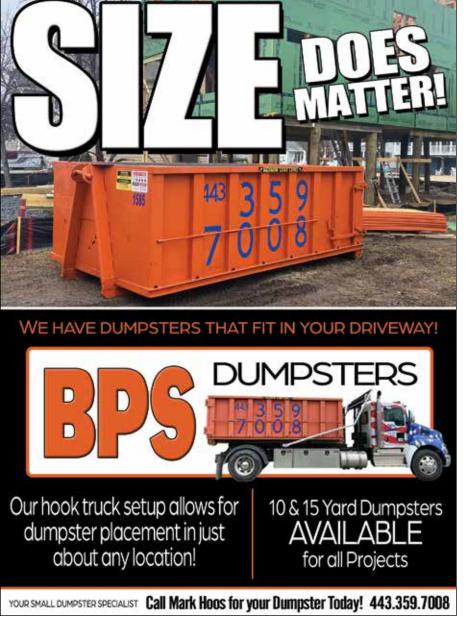
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Gerard Chaveca took his friends visiting from Canada for their first ever offshore fishing trip. Sabrina Naud, Marie-Lou Fontaine, Pierre Moreau, and Maxime Benoit headed out about 24 miles offshore to some inshore lumps on the "Turn Me Loose" with Capt. Dave Weller and ended the day boating 2 mahi, 3 tunnys and missing many more. The gang reported great fun despite some 6-8' swells on the ride in!





Offshore Report

This Week Last Year

- The "Blood Money" took 1st Place in the Release Division of the OC Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament releasing a total of 5 white marlin and a blue from 1,000 fathoms outside of the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons. Top tuna came from the "Sea Wolf" with a 75 lb. yellowfin they weighed just 15 minutes before the scales closed.
- The "Long Shot" boated a 93" make shark from the Poor Man's Canyon in 84° water.
- Tuna anglers were returning to the docks with 5 to 10 yellowfin tuna and getting multiple hook ups. The Poor Man's Canyon and the Rockpile were the hot spots.
- The "Quick Draw" caught a 101 lb. wahoo at the Rockpile in 350' of water.

It was beautiful and sunny with delightful temperatures throughout Delmarva week, especially for the Labor Day weekend. It seems even the billfish were excited as they showed up in numbers we have not seen all summer, with many boats returning to the docks with multiple flags flying. The other big catch over the week was mahi, and lots of it! Several boats reported boating over 40 dolphin on a single trip. Sizes are still modest with most under 10 lbs. and only a few gaffers in the mix. Still great eating for these crews. Tuna fishing has remained consistent, but still challenging with most boats catching only a few per trip and many with one. They are still mainly vellowfins, however several reports of longfin tuna made their way to us. It is that time of year for these tasty tunas to make their arrival. Captains also continue to see solid fishing for tilefish and as we reported last week, there are two pending

state records for both Delaware and Maryland! It is also getting to that time of year when crews begin to target swordfish, and several nice catches were reported this week.

Also this weekend, the last of the summer tournaments was held by the Ocean City Marlin Club with their 64th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. So overall a great week offshore with lots to target, so let's get into some details!

Right off the bat we need to highlight a super rare catch on Saturday. A local group of spear fishermen gave us a call Saturday afternoon from the Ocean City Fishing Center to come take a look at a cubera snapper they caught! Kai Cropper was diving in about 30' of water on a shallow wreck just off of Ocean City when he saw the orange and brown fish come into site. While I have been told that this fish has been caught off Delmarva before, I could not find anyone who had a recent memory of one! Wikipedia states these snappers can be found as far north as Nova Scotia, but they are mainly a southern fish, and the adults are solitary fish who can live up to 55 years. They are also the largest of the snapper family and are a predatory fish with a wicked set of teeth! Congrats to Kai and crew who also speared a 63 lb. cobia.

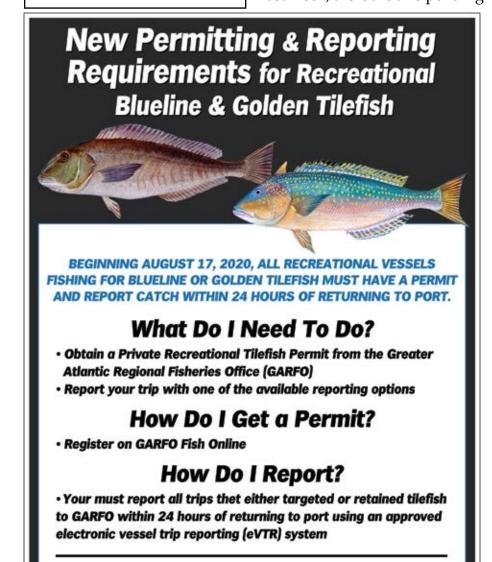
As we mentioned, the Marlin Club held the 64th edition of the Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. This year 11 boats entered the fray competing for prizes and bragging rights toward the end of the season. The "Buckshot" jumped into 1st Place on the last day of the

www.coastalfisherman.net event reporting 5 white marlin releases from northeast of the Poor Man's Canyon in 1000 fathoms. This combined with 2 released the day before from a little further north on the 1000 fathom line gave them the lead with 7 white marlin releases. Just behind them was the "Southern C's" in 2nd Place releasing 3 white marlin each of their 2 days fishing for a total of 6. Picking up third was "D.A. Sea" releasing a total of 5 whites. All of this action was in deep water over 80 miles out and mostly in 1000 fathoms from the Wilmington Canyon down to the 120/130 line.

Only 4 yellowfin tunas made it to the scales, with top honors going to the "Grandé Pez" for the 77 pounder they raised from between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons, also in 1000 fathoms. The other three caught were all from the "Billfisher" who took both 2nd and 3rd Places with a pair of 69.5 lb. and 68 lb. yellowfins respectively. These also came from deep water well east of the Baltimore Canyon. I don't think the "Billfisher" has fished within 90 miles of Ocean City all summer!

Billfish

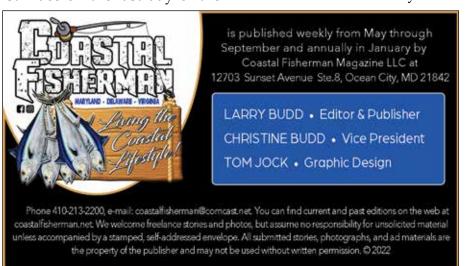
While were waited at the scales at Sunset Marina we saw boat after boat returning to their slips flying marlin release flags. The "Reel Chaos" had a great week releasing 6 whites on Thursday, 3 on Saturday and another 4 on Sunday, also from deep water. One exception to the deep water trend was from the "C-Boys". They went 4 for 6 on whites last Thursday trolling in only 500 fathoms in the Baltimore, and they also boated 2 yellowfins up to 75 lbs. Two boats had notable trips last week. The "Par Five" returned Sunday from an overnight trip to the deep reporting 5 white marlin releases and one blue marlin, and the "Reel Joy" slipped into the dock last Thursday with



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7 white marlin release flags flying. Overall, some excellent September fishing! The hot spot remains the 1000 fathom line east of the canyons from the southern Wilmington through the Baltimore to north of the Poor Man's Canyon.

A couple of swordfish catches came in last week as well. On Sunday the "Cabana" found 3 in the Wilmington and the "Just One More" hand cranked a 109 lb. sword from the "Poor Man's"

Mahi & Wahoo

The other bright spot as I mentioned was the dolphin bite. Peanut sized to mid teen mahi were swarming inshore with most big catch reports coming from the Jack Spot followed by the southern lumps. The "Spring Mix II" had back-to-back trips over the weekend with over 40 fish each, and the "Restless Lady II" boated over 50 when they found a trash crate floating in the Poor Man's Canyon. The Jack Spot was also a hot spot for wahoo caught on a fast troll.

We hope the fishing stays strong; however it looks like tropical storm Earl could have an impact over the next few days. Let us know what you are catching by texting or emailing us at CoastalFisherman@comcast. net

Until next week I will see you at the docks! §

Upcoming Tournaments

- The <u>21st Annual Memorial</u> <u>Spot Tournament</u> will be held on September 10th. This family event focuses on fishing from the docks at the Ocean City Fishing Center with categories for spot and other fish. No skill is needed and the entry fee is only \$5. Awards at 5PM. For more info call 410-213-1121.
- The <u>Bahia Marina Flounder</u> <u>Pounder</u> is next Sunday, September 11th and is hosted at Fish Tales in Ocean City. This fun tournament is great for families, kids and serious bay anglers. More info at BahiaMarina.com under tournaments.
- Old Inlet Bait & Tackle host the <u>Delaware Seashore</u> Fall Surf Fishing Classic on September 24th & 25th. This event offers over \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the very coveted bronze trophies! More at OldInlet.com.



There was a ceremony last week at the Ocean City Marlin Club to remember Capt. Franky Pettolina who left us too early last year. His parents Maddie and Frank had arranged to have some of his ashes spread in the waters off of Kona Hawaii where he had fished so many times. Several dozen gathered at the club to watch the beautiful event online. The family would like to thank Bomboy Llanos and his family as well as Capt. Jon Yost and the Marlin Club for making this celebration possible.





Capt. Jeremy Michalski of Ocean City along with Jay Werner from Fenwick and Cameron Ball of Salisbury headed out to Blackfish Bank off of Chincoteague on the "Bound and Determined" for some flounder fishing. Overall they boated 10 keeper flatfish, 5 sea bass and a bailer mahi using a Gulp & mahi belly combo.



Preston and Debbie Walls got in on the recent mahi action. They took a morning trip near the Jack Spot and caught 17 dolphins using cut bait.

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There are nice size croakers in the bays this time of year and 7 year old Cole Domin from Chicago, IL got a nice 9" one. He was fishing with his dad Christian Domin on the "CSide" in the Fenwick Ditch, just north of the Rt. 54 Bridge.





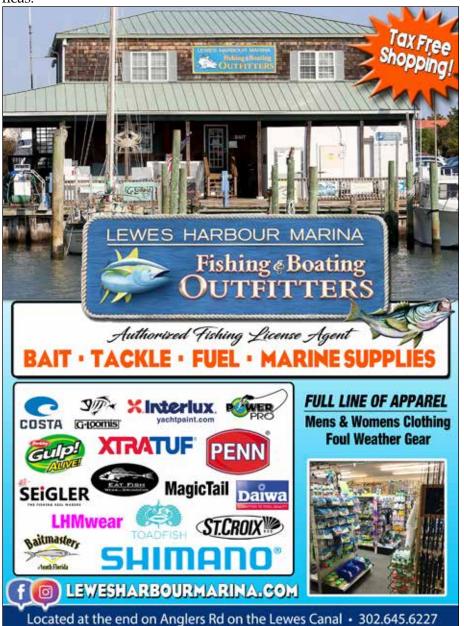
Joan Martin from Plymouth Meeting, PA found success fishing around the Rt. 90 Bridge in Ocean City with Capt. Carlo Augustine. She caught this $20\frac{1}{2}$ flounder and another keeper using minnows for bait.



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11 year old Brody Wilson brought this big sheepshead to the Lewes Harbour Marina to check out the weight. At 14.07 lbs. and 22" the big convict earned young Brody a Delaware State Citation! He was fishing on the "Keel-Bro" with Dave Wilson at a Delaware bay structure using sand fleas





Joe Collins may be only 3½ years old, but it looks like he has more fishing gear than most! He shares the first mahi he caught as well as 3 others when he as fishing at the Jack Spot on the charter boat "Bill Collector" with Capts. Lisa Dudley and Buddy Whetzel with his father Joseph acting as mate.



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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT by Capt. BJ Pietryak

This past week saw Ocean City with minimal traffic on the water. The lessening of boat and bank anglers made the back bay areas much easier to fish. The near shore waters were productive with several unique species coming back to the docks including barracuda and moonfish.

Near Shore Wrecks & Reefs

The artificial reefs have been hit hard during the summer months resulting in a smaller amount of keeper fish, however the slower week allows the wrecks to refill with fish. Anglers found the fish more willing to bite as well as being of a better size class. The African Queen site remains your hot spot with some decent sea bass catches as well as flounder. Justin Mazurek, Stacey Sullivan and Aubrey from PA caught 6 keeper flounder at the African Queen on the charter "Grim Reaper" with captain J.D. Eddy. Matt Seeley, Dave Seeley, Chris Binder and Ionathan Drake from NY

were out at the twin wrecks bringing home 15 keeper sea bass with numerous throwbacks. Chase Porter was out at the Bass Grounds trolling for spanish mackerel and was rewarded with numerous ribbonfish. Capt. Chris Mizurak of "Angler" headboat reported that minus a few sloppy sea conditions on a few mornings, they had some nice catches of keeper sea bass. Clam and squid are catching about the same now with sand fleas doing just a little better. They also hooked several nice trophy flounder. Gulp and long strips of squid account for the majority of these fish.

"Bottom Bouncer Fishing" reports the ribbon fish are still chewing and they appear to have them dialed in. Many times they're finding it hard to get away from them!

Kevin McNelis went out with his dad and was rewarded with his father catching his personal best fluke measuring 23". Kevin states even though they brought home a limit, watching his father bring in the big one made it his best trip this McNelis is another name we have seen several times this past summer. It's great to see these fine anglers who remain so consistent in their catches. When looking for your restock of lures and baits, Atlantic Tackle reported they just restocked their Ottertails and added some new rattletail as well as Cobia Crushers to their shop. Ottertail are often hard to find but work really well for deeper flounder. Many of us get stuck using the same Gulp baits on our rigs, however I have found that changing it up every once in a while to a bait like Ottertails can really spark a bite. The fish have seen so many Gulp baits go by their faces at this time of the year and a new eel type tail may be just the ticket.

Out at the Old Grounds, Gary Chandler was fishing on the "Flip N Fins" boat with Capt. Rich Harpel catching some nice flounder up to 6 lbs. with squid and cut bluefish. Jeremy Michalski and Cameron Ball had a great day of fishing on "Tipsy Tiki", boating 10 keeper fluke as well as 5 keeper sea bass.

Ocean City fishing report had a new species reported when 3 Atlantic Moonfish were caught last week. Moonfish are usually a more southern fish and often found in around 300 feet of water. They eat various foods but their main staple is crustaceans such as sand fleas and small crabs. Moonfish do enter brackish water and school near the surface at certain times of the year.

Capt. Monty Hawkins of the "Morning Star" also had a strange catch last week when they boated a tripletail. Many anglers in Florida target these fish on a daily basis however, they are only seen in our waters on very warm summers and even then, only one or two are ever caught. Talk about a great catch and even better table fare!

A rarely seen barracuda was caught on the surf this past week on chunk bait. Barracuda are seen in our waters each year but this 25 incher is much bigger than we usually see.

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Virginia line I know of a lot of big ones being caught including local Tim Tribbits and his 100 plus pounder he caught a few weeks ago. Tim and Tyler were also out this week in Oyster, with 6 year old Hobie Savage from Lewes DE and Hobie caught a citation 25", 10 lb. 2 oz. sheepshead caught at the CBBT.

Bay Area

Joan Martin of Plymouth Meeting, PA caught a nice 20.5" flatfish along with a second keeper at the Rt. 90 Bridge using minnows under the guidance of captain Carlo Augustine.

7 year old Cole Domin was also fishing above the Rt. 90 Bridge and returned with a big 9" croaker. The fish was caught on bloodworm Fishbites. He was aboard his dad's boat the "C Side" out of Sunset Marina. Behind Assateague Island, young Don Martz was able to bring in a nice 17" fluke. Once again the kids are showing the adults how it's done! Jack Harris caught a nice 19" fish on a live bunker drifting at the entrance to OC. Tanner Adkins was near the Rt. 50 Bridge and pulled in a trophy 28.5", 6.9 lb. weakfish. Tanner was using a live mullet. We don't see many big weakfish like this as often as we did years ago. Great hook up Tanner!

Clams & Crabs

Crabbing remains good but slowed down a bit last week with averages being around 8-10 keepers per pot with fresh bunker being the best Behind Assateague bait. Island the clamming has been good with clams shallow in the sandy bottom, however most are very large and good only for soup and stuffed clams.

Until next week... Tight lines and fins up §





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It was a new personal best catch for Greg Morgan from Beltsville, MD! He caught this 23¾" and 6.5 lb. fattie at the African Queen on a hot and flat calm day. He was fishing with Lucas and Jeremy Siple using Gulp and strip bait.



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Kai Cropper and crew were at it again, spear fishing on a shallow nearshore wreck in about 30' of warm 76° water when something unusual came into view, a cubera snapper. Kai was quick to action using his 90cm speargun to capture the 66.5 lb. fish. These snapper are rare but not unprecedented in Maryland waters and can be found as far north as Nova Scotia. Kai and Dominic Catrino, Travis Baker, Kyle Baker, Nick Smallwood, Jon Bayly and Jason Whaley also caught a 63 lb. cobia, not a bad day!



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Offshore over the past week has been mainly about billfish and mahi. Most of the dolphin reported are in the under 10 lb. range. Lamont Hilbert however reeled in this 30 lb. bull mahi while trolling the southern inshore lumps on the "Seabum". The crew finished the day with 6 in the box.







Will Dyer of Lutherville, MD had a blast fishing with Capt. Walt Hammond on the headboat "Judith M". They fished at the Bass Grounds catching some nice sea bass including Will's double hookup!



The Rt. 50 Bridge in Ocean City is always a hot spot and angler Tanner Adams from Frankford, DE got a real treat last week. He reeled in this Maryland Citation sized 28½" and 6 lb., 9 oz. weakfish using a live mullet.

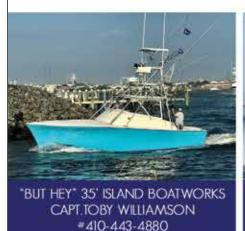


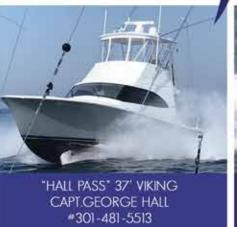
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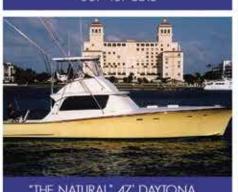


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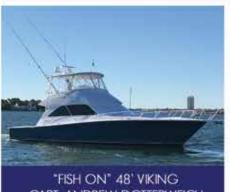
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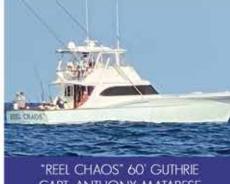
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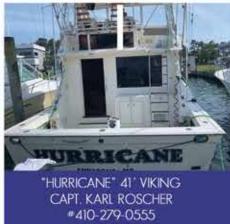


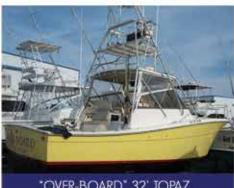
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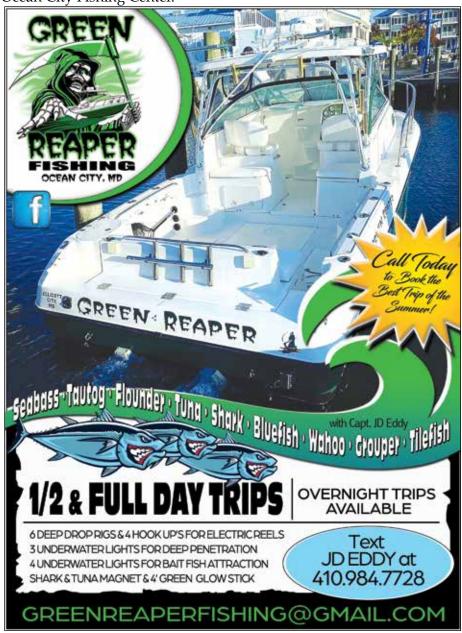


The sea bass bite was a little slow on this trip on the "Morning Star", but anglers got some nice ones as well as flounder and false albacore.





It was a busy day for Mathew Seeley, Dave Seeley, Chris Binder, Jonathan Drake and Savanna Seeley from Pine City, NY. They headed out to the Twin Wrecks in the charter boat "Green Reaper" and caught 15 keeper sea bass and many more throwbacks using sand fleas. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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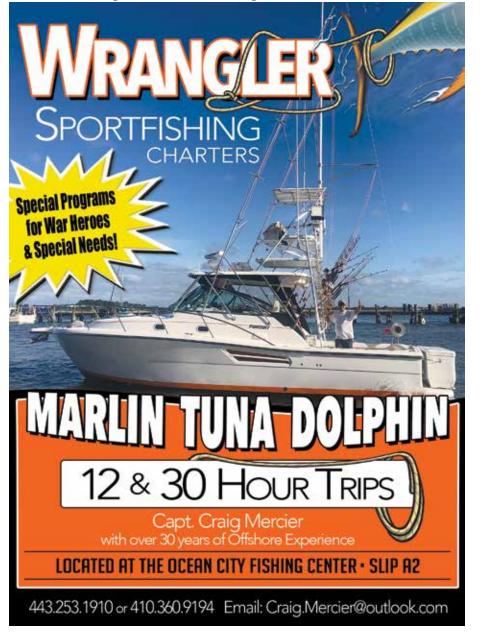


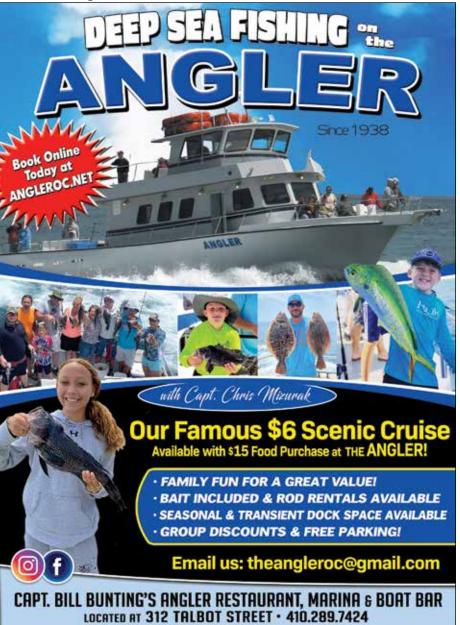


Another crew had a busy day catching fish! Anglers on the charter boat "Restless Lady II" were fishing with Capt. Chris Huk and mates Shane Noll & Tanner Virden when they found a trash crate floating just inside the Poor Man's Canyon catching over 40 mahi. They also boated some nice blueline tilefish and a couple rosies from the deep. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" reports the sea bass bite over the weekend was tough, however later in the day the flounder bite came on strong with some fish almost 5 lbs.

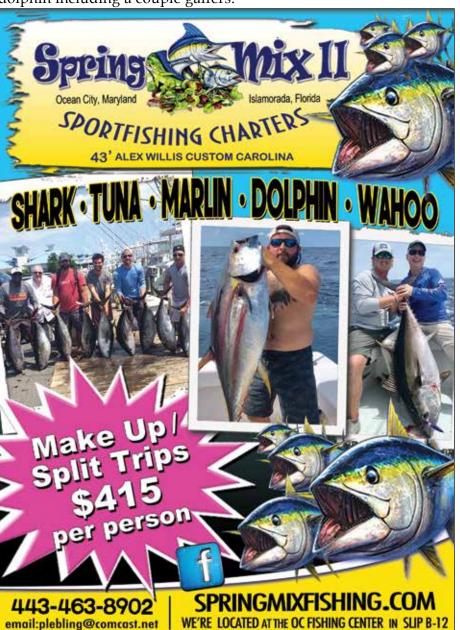




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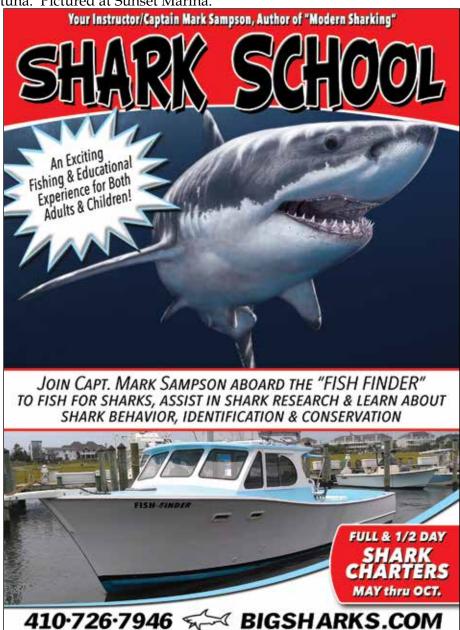


It was a mess of mahi for Eugene Kline and friends on the charter boat "Spring Mix II" last weekend. Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jacob Bialk kept the gang busy returning to the dock with over 50 dolphin including a couple gaffers.





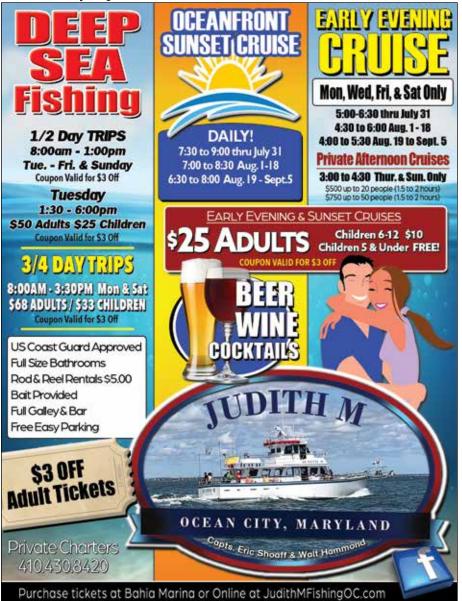
Anglers Rick Pitcairn, Paul DiFebo with Capts. Anthony Matarese Sr. and Anthony Matarese Jr. and mate Wyatt Melocik had a good day in the Wilmington Canyon releasing 5 white marlin and boating 2 longfin tuna. Pictured at Sunset Marina.







The party boat "Judith M" based at the Bahia Marina has been seeing a good mix of sea bass, flounder, trigger fish and the occasional mahi on their half day trips.

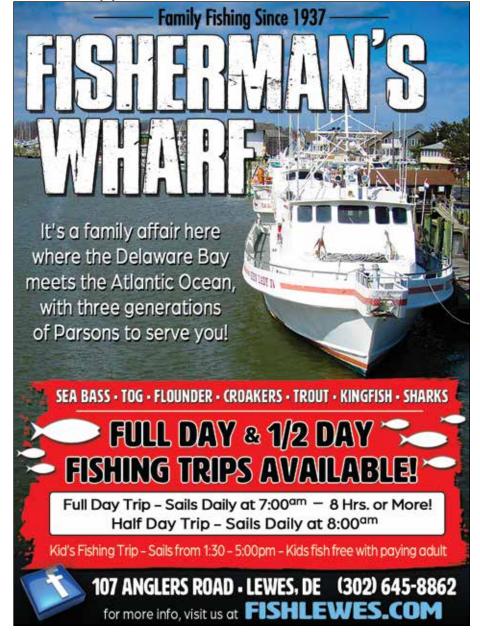


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Ted Wolf, Hailey Wolf, Courtney Wolf, Nelson Burch, Bill Caspari and Billy Reagan had an epic day on the "C-Boy's" with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Nate Lang and Josh Blume. The were trolling in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where they went 4 for 6 on white marlin and boated 2 heavy yellowfin tuna.

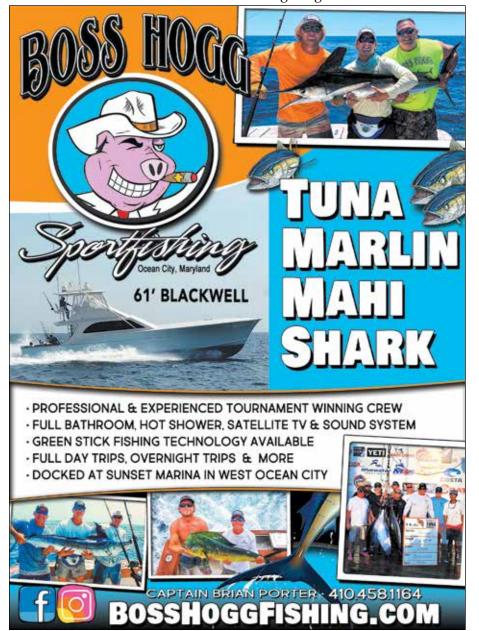


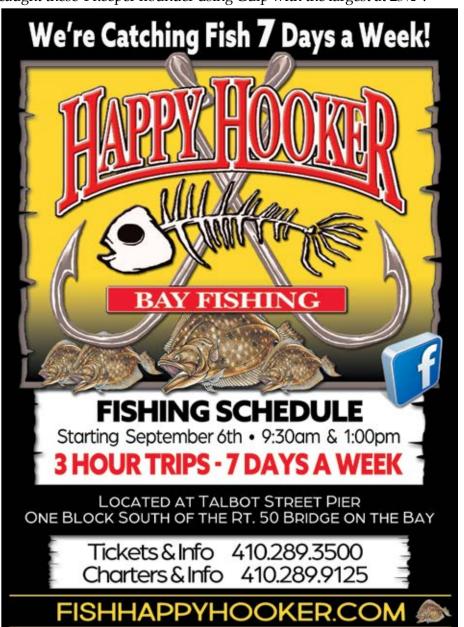
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The time had come for Richard Stark to make good on his promise to his grandson Dominic to take him marlin fishing when he turned 9, so off they went on the charter boat "No Quarter". As Capt. Kyle Peet worked the boat up the east wall of the Baltimore Canyon, mates Miles Damitio and Jeremy Snapp set the spread with naked ballyhoo. Mid morning the right long rigger popped and after a few runs the leader was to the boat getting Dominic his first release!



Paul Unangst and Morgan McCollian had a solid fishing trip to an inshore reef with Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat "On The Run". They caught these 4 keeper flounder using Gulp with the largest at $23\frac{1}{2}$ ".



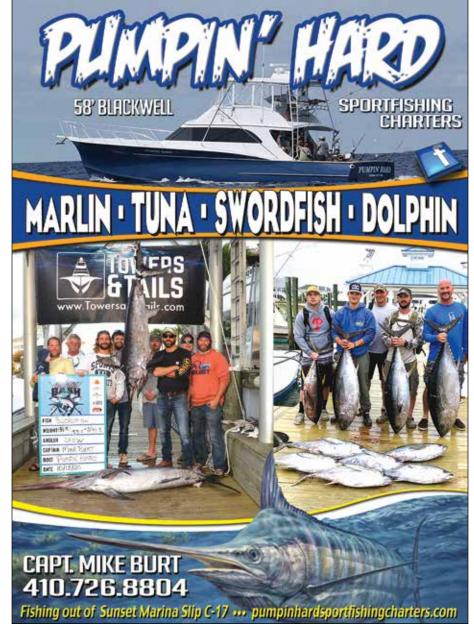


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It was an epic day for New Jersey based anglers Jen Porcelli, Jay Saredy, Nick Vasquez, Stephen Lane and Ken Funkhouser. They were fishing on the charter boat "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mates Ethan Nock & Jonas Cole and caught 17 keeper flounder using minnows and green & white Split Long Otter Tail strips! All came from the East Channel with the heaviest at 5.5 lbs and 3 others at 4.5 lbs.



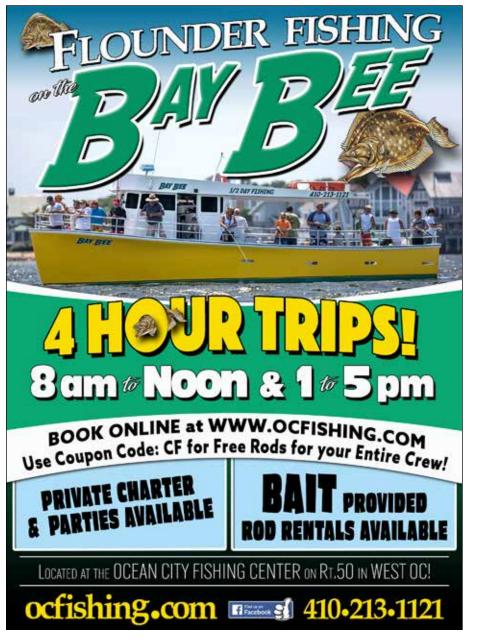


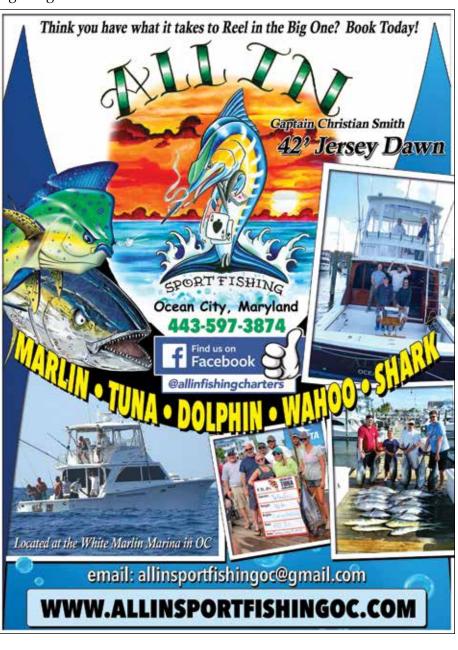


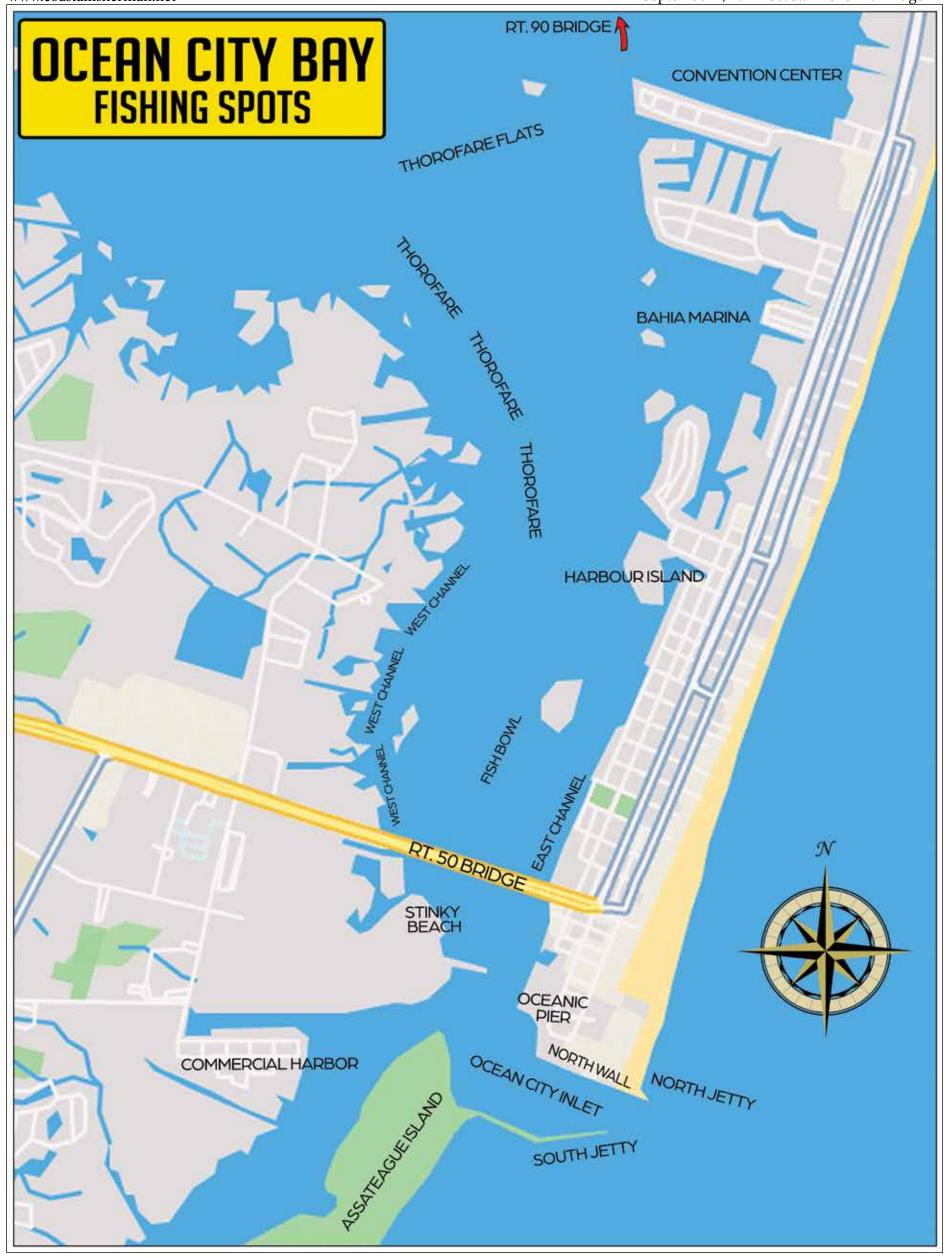
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Chris Frazier and his crew had a good day with Capt. Dave Midgett and mate Hunter Gilmore on the charter boat "All In". They trolled in the Baltimore Canyon and raised this white marlin that was released as well as getting 13 mahi in the box!









The crew of the "The Bear" headed offshore and worked around some sea bass pots and did pretty well on peanut mahi. Brian Yakimowicz from Leesburg, VA with OC's Steve Diffenderfer and Pat Tucker of Bethany Beach also managed 2 false albacore.



Bucks County, PA friends Scott Moll and Brian Steely headed out to the Indian River and Rehoboth Bays for some fishing on Brian's Birthday. They crushed it getting their 2 man limit of 8 keeper flounder using minnows and Gulp.

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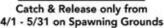
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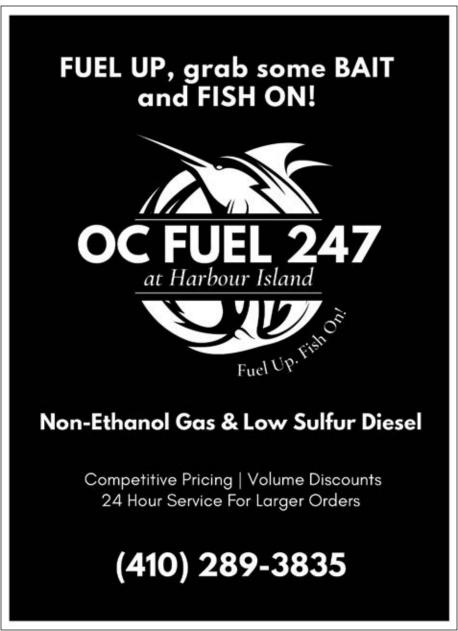


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The target was mackerel, however when Chase Poter from Olney, MD and Richard Hoenes of Lutherville, MD got out to the Bass Grounds the cutlass fish kept taking the bait. These are only 2 of many that were then turned into bait themselves for marlin.





It was a family fishing day for Neil, Eva, Alex and Olga Etter and Olga's mom Elena Kolmakova. They headed offshore with Capt. Dan Stauffer on the "Fin Chaser" to 5 miles inside the Baltimore Canyon in 50 fathoms where they released a tiger shark and caught their limit of 35 blueline tilefish.







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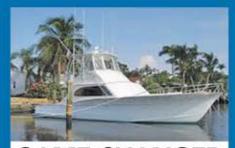


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Boaters know all about what wind will do for their travels across open water. When it blows hard it's going to be a choppy ride, and when there's little wind, it'll be smooth. What some folks don't realize is that, while wind "speed" will affect the surface of the water in the form of waves, wind "direction" will help determine the characteristics of the water beneath the surface including water temperatures, clarity and the life within.

we transition through As a normal summer season, the most common weather patterns produce winds that typically come up from the south and southwest, but weather patterns over the last few weeks have produced a lot of days dominated by light easterly winds that have created some very unique conditions offshore. Recently we've been doing a lot of fishing within five miles of the beach, and on some days the water has been so clear it appeared as if we were 30 or more miles out! With that kind of clarity and water temperatures pushing 80-degrees, you'd think you were fishing much farther

south than 38-degrees latitude!

And it's not just water, but the fish as well that seem to be trying to fool us into believing that we've been fishing somewhere other than off the coast of Delmarva. For instance, last week we landed a 24-pound dolphin on shark bait just five miles out. The next day we had another dolphin of about six pounds in the same area. We also had a school of "Atlantic moonfish" come



into our chumline. I could see them in the clear water but didn't know what they were until we caught one on a small hook. Even then I had to go online to figure out what we had swimming around in our livewell - I had never even heard of such a thing until then!

Of course, since we mostly chase sharks, we've also noted that along with other fish, the tropical-like waters have ushered in some tropical-like predators as well. Take the "blacknose" shark for instance. Growing to a maximum length of 4-5 feet this is a relatively small species that to the untrained eye might be mistaken for a dusky or sandbar shark, but the lack of an interdorsal ridge on its back is proof positive that it's neither of those species that are common to our waters. A decade or so ago we caught a blacknose off Ocean City and recognized it as the same critter we sometimes catch down in the Florida Keys. But when we sent the tagging details to NMFS they questioned our identification claiming that the species had never been reported north of North Carolina. When they reviewed the photo I sent them of the shark they agreed that we had indeed caught a blacknose.

Since then we've landed about 2-4 blacknose each season with



the catches usually occurring when the waters are warm in August or early September. However, in the last few weeks this batch of extra warm clear water has already brought ten blacknose sharks to our hooks and I'm guessing that we have a shot of seeing a few more before it's all over.

Another shark that is known





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more in the south than up here is the blacktip. We usually pick away at this species throughout the summer and end up logging maybe a dozen or so catches. We're currently involved in a blacktip research project that requires data from 30 animals. We expected it would take a couple summers to get what we needed but as we're now already up to 21 blacktips it's possible that we might make our goal in this one season alone.

Tiger sharks are warm water sharks that have been off our coast forever but seldom encountered less than 15-miles offshore. Those taken closer to shore are typically little guys weighing in at well under 100 pounds. But in the last couple weeks a 10-footer was taken in the surf off Assateague, we watched one of the same size swimming close to our boat ½ mile off the Island, and another good size one was landed from a Delaware beach. Large tiger landings and encounters so close in are not common in

these parts.

Finally, no discussion about southern sharks would be complete without a mention of bull sharks. Bulls are quite common in tropical waters and we often hear of them as far up the coast as Virginia Beach but not so much along the coastal side of the Eastern Shore including the Virginia part of it. As they are encountered with some frequency in the Chesapeake Bay, it would almost seem that, as bulls work their way up the coast they hang a left and go into the bay rather than continuing straight north to our Mid-Atlantic waters.

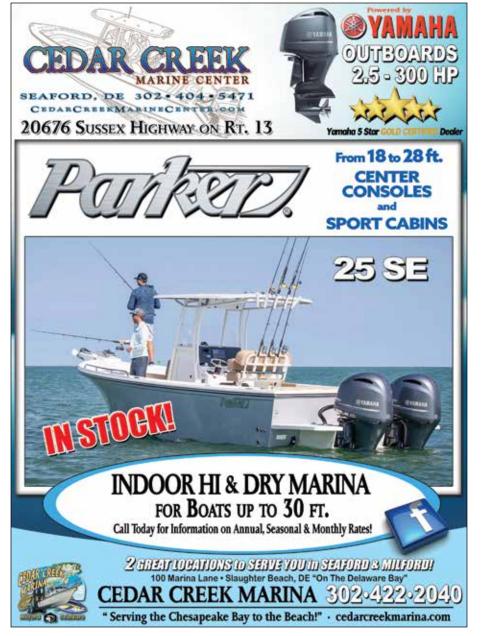
In over 40-years of sharking we've never caught a bull shark, but hearing that some of our local commercial fishermen have taken a few over the years I always figured it would happen sooner or later. That day occurred in 2020 when we released one that we estimated at about 150-pounds. After forty years in the making I didn't think it would happen

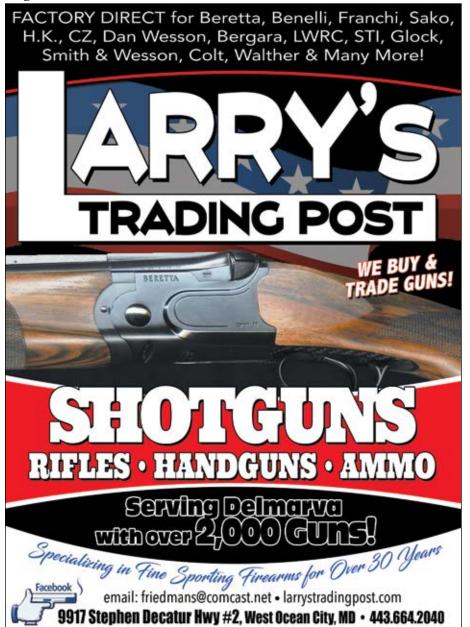
Bull Shark

again so soon, but last week while fishing in the unusually warm, and clear water we tagged an 8-foot bull we estimated at about 300-pounds! I'm still not expecting to catch any more bulls anytime soon, as a matter of fact, I kinda hope we don't start seeing more of them as they're not exactly a happy shark to have in the neighborhood, but with some

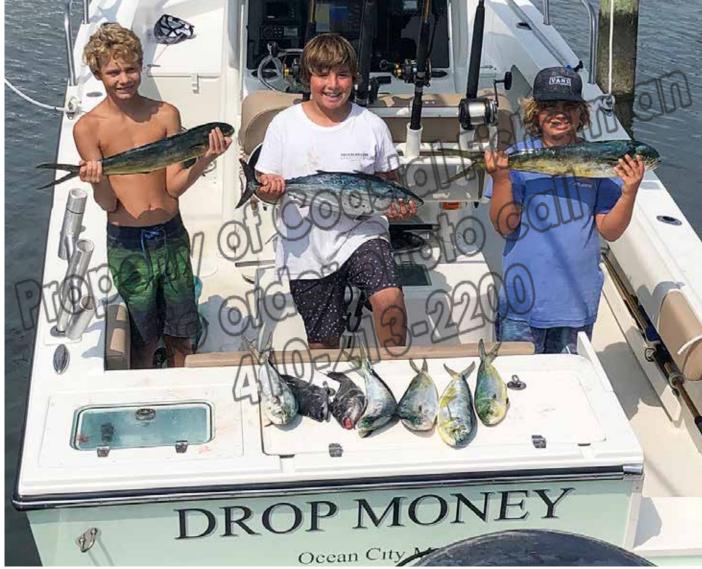
of the crazy stuff that's been swimming about offshore lately I'm about ready for anything to show up under the boat these days.

As I write this, the extended forecast for the week after Labor Day is for more easterly winds that should help to keep the water warm, clean, and full of surprises. §









West OC natives Gabe Dalfonso, Luke McAteer and Lee McAteerall had a great day fishging just east of the Jack Spot aboard the "Drop Money" with Gabe's dad Dave. They managed 7 mahi, a tunny and some sea bass!





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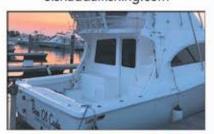


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We finally saw a little cool down in the temps. The average day temperatures hovered around 83 last week with medium to light winds for the weekend making for a beautiful Labor Day weekend. Flounder fishing remains very strong with mixes of sea bass and other fish thrown in.

Near Shore Wrecks & Reefs

On the near shore waters flounder remains the most targeted fish. Big Gulp baits on a high/low rig are the prime rigs being used by most anglers. Anglers targeting the bigger flatfish are using live spot on a circle hook in deeper water between 100 and 130 feet. Duane Brown was on a lower Delaware Bay reef site and caught a whopper of a fluke weighing 8.1 lbs. John Coffee made a quick trip on his 41' Regulator. He stated that the trip started off slow, but after a move to a new site he began to hook up. The fish were 7.6 lbs. down to 4.9 lbs. They ended with a total of 15 keepers weighing 57 lbs. The fish were weighed

at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle at the Indian River Marina. Carl Gutberlett was on his boat "A-sea D-sea" and hooked a monster 25.5", 6.3 pound doormat fluke. He also caught several other flatfish along with some big sea bass. Kevin McNelis Sr. was out on ocean structure and caught his personal best 23", 5.1 lb. flounder. Brett McKune found some quality fish between 38 and 45 feet of water. Brett stated he lost a few heart breakers, but did manage enough flounder and mahi to make fish tacos for the next few months. The mahi are still around, however, many reports are saying that when you find them they are very reluctant to bite at any bait thrown their way. For those anglers that can find an active bass pot the action is fast and furious, but for many it is a matter of seeing the fish but not getting a single hook Angler Walter Moore reported that the storms followed him right back to the dock but not before he landed some nice flounder including a big 24.5" one.

Kenneth Webb was at Site 10 and came home with a few fluke up to 17". John Graham was also out on the Old Grounds and picked up 5 nice keepers for himself and his crew. Jonathan Fazakes was on the boat "Bottom Line Sportfishing" and went pot hopping. The crew caught some nice mahi for dinner. They also mentioned they are offering upcoming 10 hour pot hopping trips for up to 6 people.

With the cool down in temperatures these mahi will not hang around much longer, so if you're looking to cash in on this pelagic inshore bonanza, now is the time! Ted Proseus was out at the Old Grounds and managed to find an active pot with tons of mahi ready to bite. After picking a few of these fish they turned to sea bass and boated several decent keepers to add to their coolers. Kenneth Decker also found a few pots with some mahi and returned to the docks with a few fish dinner tacos. Bob for Edelen forgot to sign up for the Lewes Harbour Marina

www.coastalfisherman.net Dorado/Mahi Tournament, but I'm sure he was wishing he had after returning with a 12 lb. mahi. The fish was one of the brightest blue hues I've ever seen. Payton Balliet was out 20 miles offshore and hooked into a beautiful 50" cobia. Payton did a great job reeling it in. A fantastic trophy fish and great angling!

Bay Area

Gary Mastracche couldn't wait to tell Lewes Harbour Marina that their minnow worked when he brought in his 3.47 lb. fluke caught on minnows and Gulp. The Lewes Tog Club reported that John Spence caught a nice tog on sand fleas as well as a triggerfish up by the Ice Breakers. Nick Garcia was fishing the Delaware Bay with his cousin Caleb and his grandfather last Monday. The crew managed 4 keepers up to 22". Nick reports they also caught a nice 15" weakfish. He said the only reason they didn't fish longer was that a stray storm popped up and he wanted to be safe. Nick continues to always find the fish and really seems to have the DE bay dialed in. Great job! Young 11 year old Brody Wilson brought in a super 14.07 lb. sheepshead. The fish was 22 by 26 inches and caught on bay structure with sand fleas. Brody was



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www.coastalfisherman.net fishing on the "Keel-Bro" boat with Dave Wilson. Just another reason to take a kid fishing. Great angling Brody! At the Indian River Inlet the flounder bite has been steady near the Coast Guard Station. Brian Steely was fishing the bay with minnows and Gulp and caught a few nice flatfish. The evening bite for rockfish as well as blues remains slow, but a few keepers are still being reported. Sand fleas and cut bunker are the prime baits for these fish with sand fleas for the tog along the rock jetties.

Crabs & Clams

Crabbing remains very strong. Samantha and I have been averaging 12-14 keepers per pot on a 2 day soak with at least 15 being over 7". This year our numbers are a bit down however, the size quality is the biggest I've seen in years. Lots of jumbos and super jumbos in each haul. Chris Moody put out 4 pots in Rehoboth Bay and hauled

in 31 crabs using bunker. Chris stated he soaked his pots for about 1.5 days. Chris further confirmed that this year's crabs seem to be a lot bigger as well. I actually put in chicken as opposed to bunker this past week just to see, and the numbers were very close between the two baits.

Clamming is very hot right now with lots of clams to be found near all the state park areas on both Indian River Bay as well as Rehoboth Bay. They are close to the surface and easily raked up by even a novice angler. With the cooler temps this is a great activity for the whole family taking little effort with big rewards. Delaware has a limit of 100 clams per person and that can be found with only a couple hours of time on the water.

Until next week...
Tight lines and fins up §



Harvey Gaugler of Stowe, PA and his brother spent a day fishing off of the Cape Henlopen State Park Fishing Pier where Harvey landed this 2.22 lb. spadefish.



THE GALL Ey Chef Christine

Buttery Tilefish

Ingredients:

1 tilefish fillet

2 tablespoon butter

1 clove garlic

1/3 cup chopped green onions

1/2 lemon

1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Season fish with salt and pepper. Melt butter in the pan.

Add tilefish fillet and chopped green onions to the pan and sear over medium heat for about 2-3 minutes.

Flip the fillet and add chopped garlic and lemon juice to the butter.

Scoop some butter on to the fish while cooking (tip the pan if needed).



Notes:

Do not add garlic early, because it will burn. Add with lemon juice after you flip the fish. Make sure there are no bones and no scales left in fillets.

Cook on medium heat.

lemony flavor.

Store leftovers in the fridge for up to 3 days, covered. Reheat in the microwave or in the oven.

Skate with Capers & Brown Butter

Ingredients:

4 pieces skate wing, not filleted (about 2 1/2 pounds in all)

41/2 cups water, or more if needed

1/2 cup plus 1 1/2 tablespoons red-wine vinegar

1 teaspoon dried thyme

13/4 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon peppercorns

2 bay leaves

1/4 pound unsalted butter

1/3 cup capers

1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

1/8 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper



Directions:

Put the skate in a large deep frying pan in one layer. Pour the water and the 1/2 cup vinegar over the fish. Add the thyme, 1 teaspoon of the salt, the peppercorns, bay leaves, and more water if needed to cover. Bring to a simmer and cook, partially covered, at a gentle simmer for 3 minutes. Raise the heat and bring to a rolling boil. Remove from the heat and let sit until the fish is just done, about 5 minutes. Carefully remove the fish and drain on paper towels.

Meanwhile, in a medium stainless steel saucepan, melt the butter over moderate heat. Cook until the butter turns a medium brown, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and carefully stir in the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons vinegar, the capers, the parsley, the remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt,

www.coastalfisherman.net and the ground pepper. Serve the fish topped with the sauce.

Easy Clam Chowder

Ingredients:

4 slices bacon, diced

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 onion, diced

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 cup milk

1 cup vegetable stock

2 (6.5-ounce) cans chopped clams, juices reserved

1 bay leaf

 $2\,\mathrm{russet}$ potatoes, peeled and diced

1 cup half and half*

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Directions:

Heat a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about 6-8 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate, reserving 1 tablespoon excess fat in the stockpot.

Melt butter in the stockpot. Add garlic and onion, and cook, stirring frequently, until onions have become translucent, about 2-3 minutes. Stir in thyme until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Whisk in flour until lightly browned, about 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk, vegetable stock, clam juice and bay leaf, and cook, whisking constantly, until slightly thickened, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in potatoes.

Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender,





Stir in half and half and clams until heated through, about 1-2 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste. If the soup is too thick, add more half and half as needed until desired consistency is reached.

Serve immediately, garnished with bacon and parsley, if desired.

Notes:

*Half and half is equal parts of whole milk and cream. For 1 cup half and half, you can substitute 3/4 cup whole milk + 1/4 cup heavy cream or 2/3 cup skim or low-fat milk + 1/3 cup heavy cream

*Cooking time may need to be adjusted depending on the thickness of the potatoes.

Grilled Mahi with Grilled Avocado Peach Salsa

Ingredients:

The salsa:

1 1/2 avocados

1 large peach slightly under ripe Olive oil spray

Juice of 1 small lime divided



1 tablespoon minced jalapeno pepper

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 tablespoon minced cilantro

The fish:

4 (6 oz. each) mahi fillets

Olive oil spray

2 teaspoons paprika

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon dried thyme

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon garlic powder

1 tablespoon olive oil

Directions:

The salsa:

Preheat the grill to medium heat. Lightly oil the grates.

Cut each avocado half into 6 slices and cut the peach into 8 slices. Arrange on a cutting board or baking sheet. Lightly coat both sides of the avocado and peach slices with olive oil cooking spray and drizzle a little of the lime juice over the avocado.

Place the avocado and peach slices on the grill. Cook just until grill marks appear, about 2 minutes per side. Remove from the grill.

Once the fruit is cool enough to handle, roughly chop and transfer to a bowl. Gently mix with the remaining lime juice, jalapeno pepper, salt and cilantro.

The fish:

Turn the grill to high heat. Lightly oil the grates.

Place the fillets on a baking sheet or cutting board. Lightly spray both sides with olive oil spray.

In a bowl, stir together the paprika, chili powder, cumin, thyme, salt, garlic powder and olive oil until a paste forms.

Rub the spice paste all over the

mahi fillets.

Place the fillets on the oiled grill.

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Place the fillets on the oiled grill. Cook for 2 minutes, then flip and cook until the fish is just cooked through, 1 to 2 more minutes.

Crab Stuffed Flounder

Ingredients:

16 ounces crab meat lump or jumbo lump

24 ounces flounder fillets

2 Tablespoons melted butter

Imperial Sauce:

½ cup mayonnaise

1 large egg lightly whipped

1 tsp fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon sugar

1 tsp Italian parsley finely chopped

1 teaspoon old bay seasoning

Sprinkle Old Bay seasoning on top of the flounder before baking.

Directions:

In a small bowl mix all the ingredients for the imperial sauce together until well blended.

Gently blend the sauce into the crab meat, don't add it all in just in case you don't need quite that much sauce.





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Place a small piece of flounder in the bottom of your baking dish, and place some crab imperial mixture on top of each fillet.

Place a piece of flounder on each side of the stuffing, leaving the top visible. It will look great as it browns, and you want your guests to see all of that lovely crab meat!

Place a little water in the pan with your stuffed flounder to help keep them moist, and if you're feeling really decadent, top the stuffed flounder with a little melted butter (that's how we would have done it in the restaurant) and a sprinkle of old bay or paprika. It's definitely worth the extra effort!

Place the baking dish in a 350 degree preheated oven for 20-25 minutes. It's important not to let the flounder dry out, but you do want your crab imperial to be hot enough (if you have a food thermometer check its internal temperature to make sure its at least 165 degrees).

Serve with your favorite side dish and sit back and enjoy!

Cobia Ceviche

Ingredients:

1 lb. Fresh white fish 5 limes

2 lemons

1 grapefuit

1 jalapeno

1 mango

1 avocado

1/2 red onion

1 large cucumber

2 plum tomatoes

Salt to taste

1/2 Tablespoon sesame oil

1/2 Tablespoon honey

Tabasco to taste

1/2 tsp. red wine vinegar

Dash of worcestershire sauce

Cilantro

Directions:

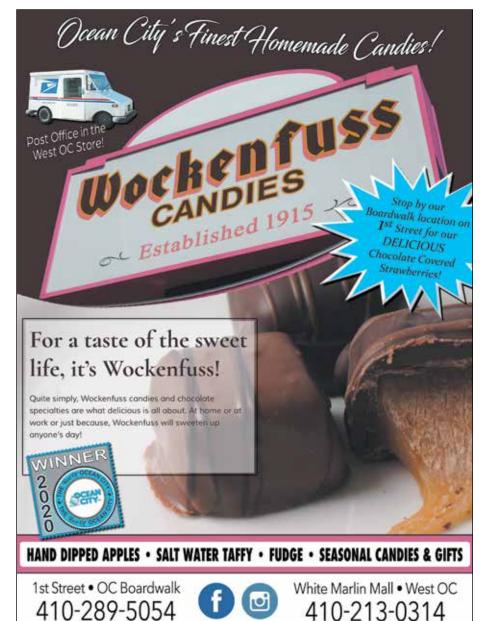
Cut the fish into small pieces, roughly 1/2". Dice the red onion into slightly smaller pieces than the fish. Placew the fish and onion in a shallow glass baking dish. Squeeze 4 limes, the lemons and half the grapefruit on top. Be sure it covers the fish. Place in fridge for 2 hours or until the fish is not translucent in the middle.

Chop the tomato, cucumber and mango into the same size pieces as the onion and add. Place in fridge www.coastalfisherman.net for another 15 minutes.

Take ceviche out and carefully drain the liquid. Pat dry with a clean paper towel. Add the juice of 1 lime, honey, sesame oil, vinegar, tabasco, worcestershire sauce and a splash of grapefruit juice. Add salt to taste, garnish with fresh cilantro and stir. When you are ready to serve, add the avocado. If you add the avocado too early it will become mushy.

Serve with crackers, tortilla chips or just in a bowl with a spoon! §









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Stacey Sullivan, Justin Mazurek and Aubrey from Pittsburgh, PA were certainly the most colorful anglers at the African Queen last week! They took a trip on the charter boat "Green Reaper" and caught 6 keeper flounder with the largest at 21". 8 year old Aubry did most of the work boating 4 of the 6!



The boys were back on the blues again after chasing flounder for a while. Big Bird Cropper with Shaun Flaherty got these 4 bluefish at the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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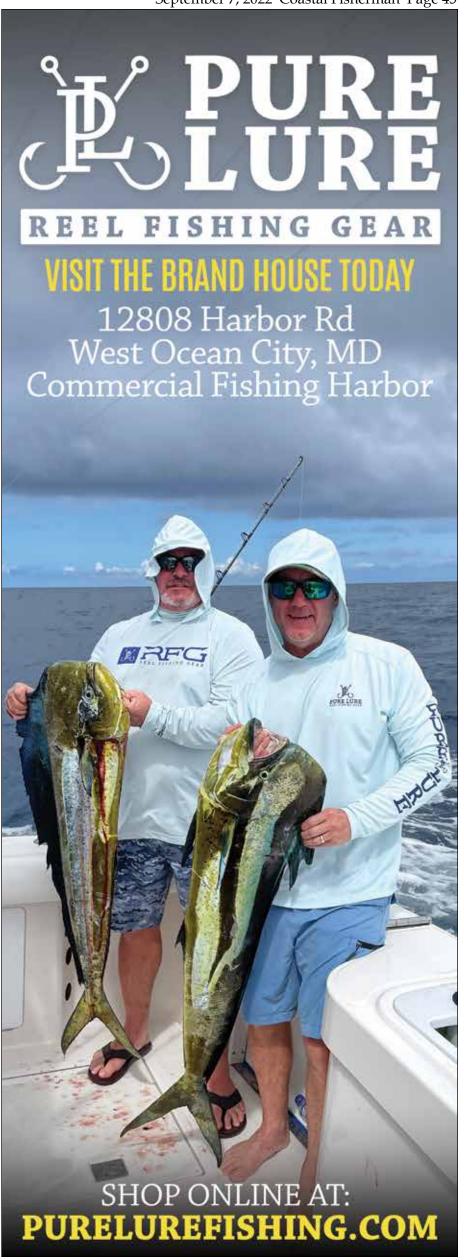
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Resources: eregulations.com & NOAA.gov



It was a very nice 'in the slot' 29"rockfish for Elizabeth Adkins of Frankford, DE. She was fishing with Tanner Adkins at the Rt. 50 Bridge using live spot.







(AS REPORTED TO THE COASTAL FISHERMAN - TIES GO TO FIRST FISH REPORTED. HOOK & LINE ONLY)					
Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
Bluefish	June 5 Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	July 18 Tommy Schlauch Jr. Fenwick Ditch 12 lbs. 3 0z.	Thresher Shark	May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
Black Drum	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna	July 23 Crew - Wrecker Washington Canyon 276 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
Cobia	August 17 Kai Cropper Inshore Shoal 77 lbs.	July 15 Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
Flounder	July 29 Mike Brockmeyer East Channel 7.85 lbs.	July 20 Jesse Norman Ocean Structure 10.4 lbs.	Longfin Tuna	July 31 Zach Bower Wilmington Canyon 38.5 lbs.	June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
Sea Bass	May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 26 Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna	July 22 Jim Clarke Massey's Canyon 89.2 lbs.	August 27 lan Beall 800 Fathom Line 151.6 lbs.
Sheepshead	June 27 JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	August 18 Vee Sisounthone Lewes Wall 16 lbs.	Dolphin	August 11 Frank Sinita Jr. Poor Man's Canyon 59.5 lbs.	
Striped Bass	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		Swordfish	June 30 Steve Stallings Poor Man's Canyon 288 lbs.	
Tautog	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	Blue Marlin	August 24 Andrew Kinsley Lindenkohl Canyon 607 lbs.	
Wahoo	August 26 Charlie Phelan Spencer Canyon 104 lbs.		White Marlin	August 12 Jeremy Duffie Baltimore Canyon 77.5 lbs.	



Some jigging at the Del-Jersey Reef was the ticket for Julia Millichap and Carl Kennedy. They were using bucktails tipped with Gulp to fool these mahi, up to $11\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Pictured and weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.





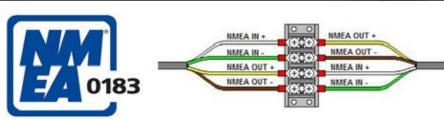
STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE by Steve Katz

Networking

While the calendar has turned a page and the Labor Day holiday just passed marking an eventual change of seasons, thankfully the fishing and the weather remain hot, with anglers and boaters looking forward to less busy waterways and fishing grounds.

The slowdown from the busy summer season can allow anglers time to look forward to their next season; next summer or for some, winter fishing in warmer destinations. This future planning often includes boat maintenance and upgrades.

When it comes to marine electronics and related systems, adding on to an existing system is a popular way to upgrade to new features. Most of these add-on components connect your existing marine electronics using a network. There are a few popular types of marine networks -NMEA0183, NMEA2000 and Ethernet. These networks are all different and independent and are often required to be present in parallel on a modern boat with multiple marine electronic displays and accessories.



NMEA 0183

The NMEA 0183 Interface Standard is used worldwide across many industry segments. The standard defines electrical signal requirements, data transmission protocol and time, and specific sentence formats for a 4800-baud serial data bus. Each bus may have only one talker but many listeners. This standard is support oneintended to way serial data transmission from a single talker to one or more listeners. This data is in printable ASCII form and may include information such as time, position, speed, water depth, etc.

NMEA0183, while it had been around for many years, it is still commonly used, mostly with VHF radio connectivity and other basic devices.

NMEA 0183 HS (High Speed)

The NMEA 0183-HS

standard defines electrical signal requirements, data transmission protocol, and timing for a 38.4K-baud serial data bus.

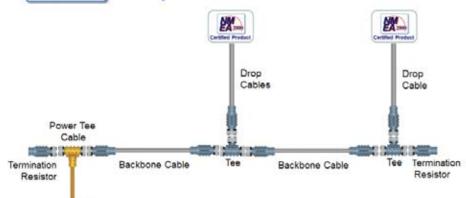
Each bus shall have only a single TALKER but may have multiple LISTENERs. Specific sentence formats are common to both NMEA 0183 and NMEA 0183-HS and are defined in NMEA 0183.

NMEA 2000® Interface Standard

The most popular standard record containing a Parameter

www.coastalfisherman.net for serial-data networking of marine electronic devices is the NMEA 2000® standard. This network contains the requirements of a serial data communications to interconnect marine electronic equipment on vessels. The standard describes a lowcost, moderate capacity, bidirectional, multi-transmitter/ multi-receiver instrument network to interconnect marine electronic devices. It is multimaster and self-configuring, and there is no central network controller. Equipment designed to this standard will have the ability to share data, including commands and status with other compatible equipment over a single channel. It is based on CAN (Controller Area Network). All NMEA 2000® products must be certified by the NMEA. The data messages area organized by PGN, "parameter group." It is a data







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Group Number (PGN) and a set of data fields. The number and meaning of the data fields vary from one PGN to another. Typically, a sensor device sends out PGNs at regular intervals, or when a value changes, and this PGN can then be read by any other device on the network. Some marine electronics manufactures have put their own spin on the standard and NMEA2000 gave it a new name, such as Raymarine's SeaTalkNG Simrad's Simnet. While these re-branded networks are often compatible with NMEA2000, caution should be used with installing a mixed network.

Ethernet

Ethernet is a computer term describing a protocol that allows electronics to talk to each other over wired networks that use shared devices to direct traffic. Ethernet also works seamlessly with wireless protocols, too. Ethernet networks often use common hardware, such



as the RJ45 connection and twisted pair wiring. When it comes to marine electronics networks, there are a variety of connectors, cabling and functionality adapted by each manufacturer to make use of Ethernet network. Marine Ethernet networks can carry a lot of information very quickly, typically used for radar images, sounder images, weather data and much more.

OneNet

An upcoming new NMEA standard will incorporate ethernet style high speed

data and bandwidth with the stability of NMEA2000 PGN's, this new standard is called OneNet. The OneNet Standard for IP Networking of Marine Electronic Devices is a marine industry standard, developed by members of NMEA, based on Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) and IEEE 802.3. OneNet provides a common network infrastructure for marine devices and/or services on IPv6. This allows OneNet to coexist with other protocols and services that operate parallel on the same network, including

other marine standards such as IEC 61162-450. Like NMEA 2000, all OneNet products will need to be certified by the product manufacturer and verified by NMEA.

When it comes to your own boat, you may find that your modern marine electronics communicate with many sensors and accessories on-board, often using one or more networks. It is important to learn what is required to add a new piece of hardware but even more important to understand how your existing equipment is interconnected. §









Sea Hawk Charters with Capt. Matt Abell put angler Bruce Davis onto a nice 50" red drum in the lower Chesapeake Bay on cut spot.

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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

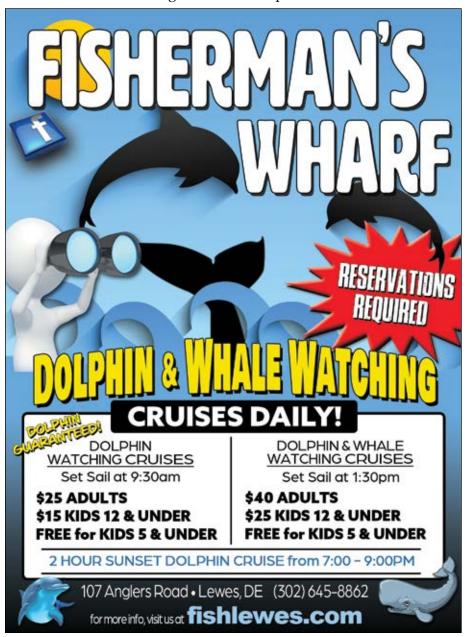
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Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide - 21 minutes for low tide Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.



Capt. Dave Weller on the "Turn Me Loose" had a busy week. On this trip with his father Jim from Towson, MD and Jeff Weeks of OC, the group boated 15 lifter mahi using live bait at the pots in the Bass Grounds.





You are looking at a pending new state record blueline tilefish for Maryland! Angler Darwin Kunth from Duncannon, PA hand cranked this 21.8 lb. blueline tilefish from 360' while fishing with Capt. Steven Danner on the "Still Lucky". The crew also had several other tilefish and some nice mahi while fishing around the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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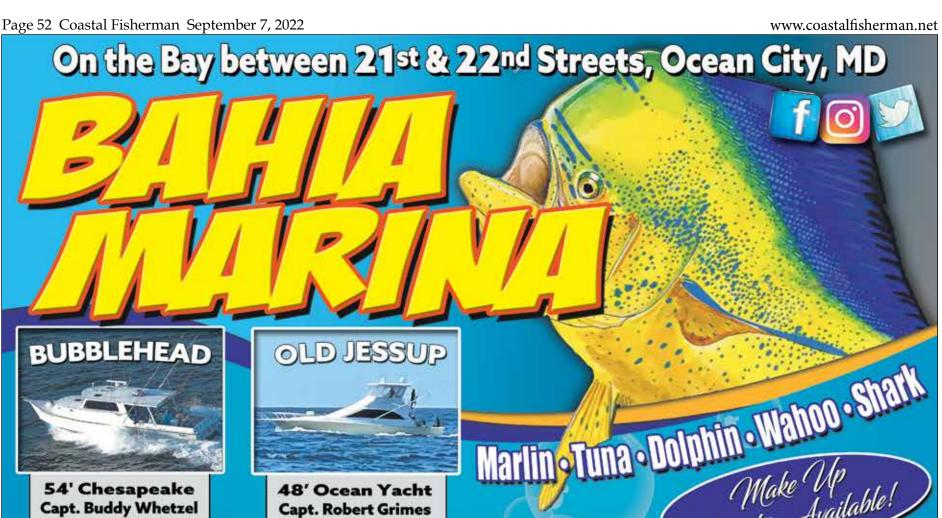
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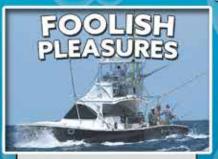
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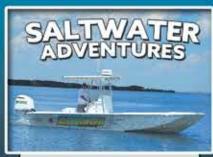
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Isabella Rice of Bishopville, MD found a beautiful day to go fishing with her dad Brad on their boat "Bella". She also caught a beautiful mahi trolling at the Jack Spot.





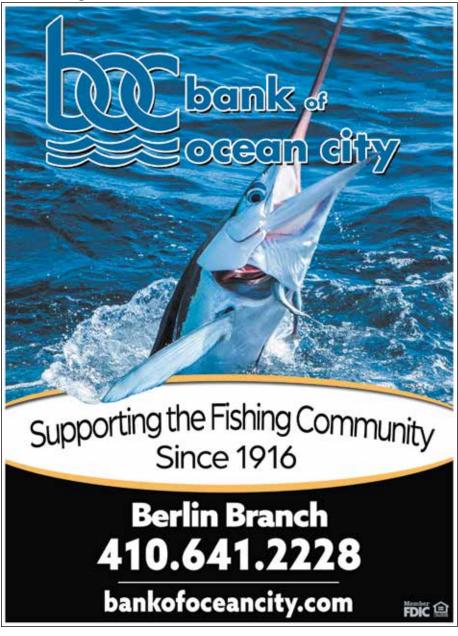
Kevin McNelis Sr. has some big hands on some big flounder! He caught his personal best last week at 23" and 5.1 lbs. while fishing at an Ocean Structure. The other one was not too bad either at 20".

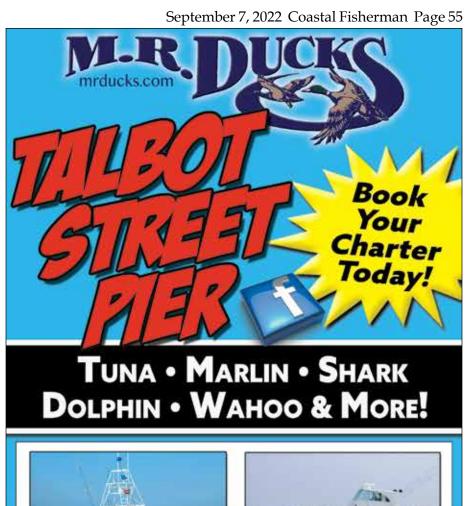


It sure looks like Ava Hull from Chincoteague had a good time fishing with her dad Jeff, Peter Dell, Jackson Dell and Cliff Smith. The gang headed out in the Kegotank Bay just south of Wallops Island and boated 5 keeper flounder and just missed a couple more at the boat.



6 year old Hobie Savage from Lewes, DE took a trip south to the Eastern Shore of VA. to fish with Capt. Tim Tribbitt, Tyler Tribbitt and Ryan Savage on the "Smoken' Oyster". Hobie earned a Virginia State Citation for this sheepdhead at 10.125 lbs. and 25".







FISHING REPORT by Capt. Matt Abell

If you have ever fished the ESVA, or anywhere for that matter, you know the change of a tide can bring a whole new spread of opportunities to all of us in pursuit of battles from beneath. With fall impending, we are experiencing a change of season that will offer new chances to enjoy fishing much like a seasonal tide. Days shrinking and warm water cooling will help mix up the hook ups on our beautiful eastern shore.

The Chesapeake continues to bless us with world class trophy red drum fishing from Cape Charles north to the Maryland line. Bait fishing with cut spot has been the most productive method for targeting fish in 15-30 feet of water around structure. The structure can be man made

like the many reef sites in the lower Chesapeake as well as natural shoals and sloughs that provide baitfish a refuge from tide and current. Their have been a few puppies showing up on seaside and bayside alike. Most of these bronze bullet shaped brawlers have been in and around shallow grass beds and oyster rocks.

The offshore scene has been dominated by a great mahi bite. Most of the action has taken place inshore of the 20 fathom line. Any kind of floating flotsam has held schools of small to medium dolphin that are a delight to wrestle with on light tackle as well as with a fork on your dinner plate. While in search of mahi laden reefs floating in the Atlantic, trolling small

skirted ballyhoo as well as wahoo walkers and diving plugs have accounted for a fair number of bites from fat alberts, wahoo, kings and a stray tuna. If all else fails there are always seabass, triggers and spade opportunities on the wrecks just off the ESVA coast. Spanish mackerel have been pretty plentiful off the coast of Chincoteague. Anglers have been trolling clarkspoons behind planers to tempt these torpedos full of teeth into the cooler.

Sheepshead continue to provide action as they struggle in the structure of the Tangier Sound and lower Chesapeake. Fish have been lured by chunks of crab fished right in the middle of the ragged reef that they had taken up residence in. Some of these

www.coastalfisherman.net trophies with funny looking teeth have topped the scales at 10 plus pounds, so get ready for a fight and hold on!

The seaside continues to support a pretty good flounder bite. However, a few specs have shown up in the shallows. Sammy and I went out to test the warm waters of the Chincoteague bay with paddle tails. We quickly picked up a couple of spotted beauties before darkness pushed us back to the dock. While we were slowly moving along the banks of the salt marshes, my son Sammy who has an fondness for toothy tussles with sharks, put out a line with cut bait on a wired up circle hook. With in seconds Sammy's rod was bent and my hopes of catching a pile of nice seaside specs vanished faster than a full moon tide. But that's the awesome thing about the Eastern Shore, things may not go as planned, but you will always have a blast in this wonderful place we call home! §





Capt. Matt Abell from Seahawk Sports Center shared this striking picture of a sheepshead that Pennsylvania native Scott Greevy caught in Pocomoke Sound with Capt. Steve Mason on the "Bay to Beach Charters".



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Carl Gutberlet on his boat "A-Sea D-Sea" caught a whopper of a flounder near A Buoy using red and white Gulp. The fattie measured 25.5" and 6.3 lbs at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.





There were only 4 tunas brought to the scales during the 64th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, and only from 2 boats. It was this 77 lb. yellowfin tuna caught by Woody Payne in deep water east of the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons that was weighed as the last fish of the tournament that secured 1st Place in the Tuna Division. The crew of Capt. Pat Svehla with mate Harrison Thresher and anglers Mike Frack, Eric Van Orden, Woody Payne, Jim Giles and Jim Frack also took 1st Place in the Billfish Release Non Sonar as well as the Daily Billfish Release Non Sonar for Day 2 earning a combined payout of \$3,555.





It was the "Billfisher" that brought in 3 of the 4 tunas during the 64th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. Capt. Billy Gerlach had the boat over 90 miles out, east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1000 fathoms when they raised these three yellowfin tunas. The largest at 69.5 lbs. was caught by Michael Murray and a 68 lb. fish was boated by Danny Gaugh to lock in 2nd and 3rd Place in the Tuna Division earning a combine total of \$4,932 in prize monies. Rounding out the crew were Jonathan and Judy Duffie with mate Noah McVicker.



Capt. Gus Croll with anglers Megan Bisasky, Kyle Salmon, Paul Aguillon and crew of the "Southern C's" accept their award for placing 2nd in the Billfish Release Division with 6 white marlin released during the 64th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. They also captured the Daily Billfish Release calcutta for Day 2 for the 3 released that day earning a combined payout of \$1,860 in prize money. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club with tournament directors Jim Giles and Gary Stamm.



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CONSTELLATION- 37' 1984 Sunny Briggs **Call Ronnie Fields**



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DOUBLE NICKEL - 1997 42' Buddy Harris - Call Ronnie Fields



LADY B - 33' 2006 Custom Carolina **Call Jeff James**



28' 1986 Ocean Master **Call Glenn Cameron**



2006 38' Fountain Tournament Edition **Call Terry Layton**



2003 28' Albemarle Express **Call Terry Layton**



FOWL HOOKED - 35' 1979 Custom Carolina Sportfish - Call Jeff James



29' 1996 Luhrs



25' 1984 Blackfin **Call Chris Workman**



DOWN TIME - 35' 1975 Bertram **Call Jeff James**



30' 1988 Blackwatch **Call Terry Layton**



