

Fishing this week was exciting from start to finish. On Wednesday, Terry Layton of Ocean City, MD released the first white marlin of the year while fishing on the "Nontypical" with Jim Hughes. The white was released in 1,200 fathoms outside the Poorman's Canyon after being hooked on a naked ballyhoo. Only a mile away, Jake Burger of Williamsport, MD released the first blue marlin of the year while fishing on the "Marlin Magic" with Amanda Hutzell, Bobby Carson, Christopher Pino, Capt. Marty Moran and Mate Anthony Pino. The blue marlin, estimated at 275 lbs., hit a skirted ballyhoo in 73-degree water. On Sunday the "Marli" returned to the dock with 17 yellowfins caught while fishing with Capt. Brian Porter and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk, Jr. in 100 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon. The tuna, along with 37 that were released, all hit ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina are Roger Meekins, Mike Herrmann, Jay Moynihan, Tim Bosley, Ron Los and Eric Bethke.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons

Talk about being on a roll! I have to congratulate angler Terry Layton and the crew of the "Nontypical" for catching and releasing the first white marlin of the Ocean City season last week, just after they took first and third places in the Mako Mania Tournament. All this after they caught the first mako of the season as well. I have known Terry for many years, and he is a gentleman in addition to being an excellent angler. He is also an avid deer hunter, which probably accounts for the name of the boat (whitetail deer either have "typical" antler racks or "nontypical" antler racks, depending on how the points grow out from the main beam). Congratulations also go out to Capt. Marty Moran on the charter boat "Marlin Magic" for catching and releasing the

season's first blue marlin...nice going, gentlemen...

I see where the RFA (Recreational Fishing Alliance) has announced that U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) is planning to introduce legislation already authored in the House of Representatives by Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) that will, in the words of the RFA, "bring much-needed science-based modernization and flexibility to the outdated federal rules currently stifling America's once thriving fishing industry."

"We need better science and more flexibility in our fishing management regulations. We can rebuild fishing stocks and allow for a more nuanced approach to regulations that is not overly onerous on our fishing communities," said Schumer. "Keeping our fishing stocks healthy is absolutely critical, but – because it is based on outdated science – the current system not only falls short of achieving this goal, but it's taking the Long Island fishing community down with it." Schumer said.

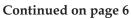
"The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) as presently written requires most fisheries designated by the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service as 'overfished' be completely rebuilt within 10 years," the RFA stated, "a timeline Schumer argues is arbitrary, often too broad, not based on available science, and lacking reasonable exceptions. The 10-year deadline has produced stringent quotas imprecisely limiting Long Island fishermen's catch, and the lack of management flexibility in the current regime prevents regulators from pursuing a more balanced approach based on the most upto-date science."

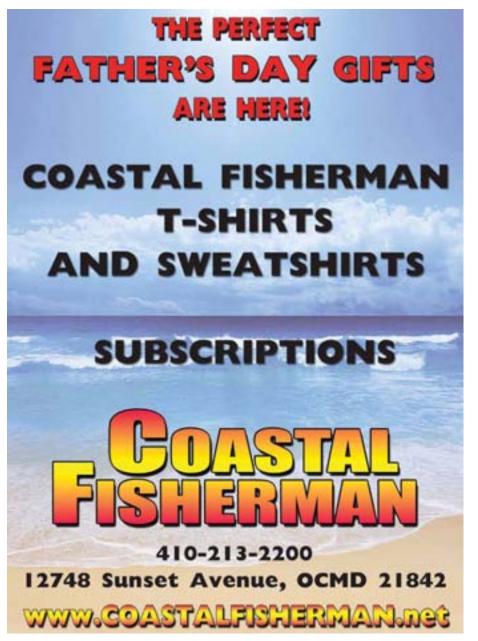
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Delmarva anglers that Schumer is concerned about Long Island fishermen? It matters because behind the reason the legislation is basically the summer flounder or fluke. New anglers have York been hammered with а high minimum, a low creel limit and a very limited flounder season this year, and that is undoubtedly why Schumer has become involved. I'm not a big fan of the Schumer, Pelosi, Kennedy, etc. ultra liberal clan, but this legislation could ultimately benefit all anglers by allowing fisheries managers to use a little common sense and not be afraid of being sued by the eco-nazis for every decision they make.

"Both the House and Senate bills," the RFA stated, have been crafted to allow fish stocks to rebuild while also taking consideration of the economic consequences to fishermen and fishing communities. In the case of the summer flounder or fluke, the latest assessment data released shows that the stock is not overfished and that







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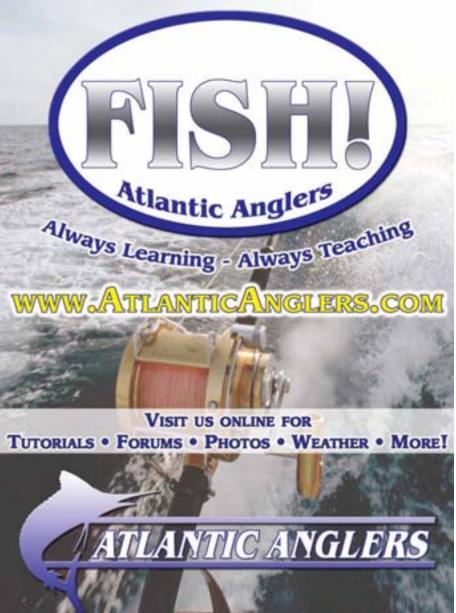


The heaviest thresher shark landed so far this year was caught on Saturday by Bob Wenger of Mountville, PA. Bob was fishing on the "Game Over" with John and Josh Cantler of Lancaster, PA, John Albring of Lancaster, PA, Shawn Marley of Lititz, PA, Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and Mate Nick Pfeiffer. The 506 lb. thresher ate a whole mackerel in 20 fathoms at the Fingers and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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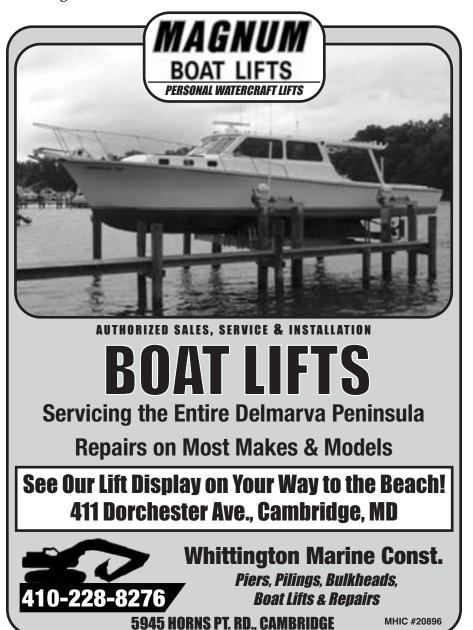
On Tuesday, Daina Kazmaier of West Ocean City, MD gets some help holding up her first tuna from Brian Behe, also of West Ocean City, MD. Daina caught the 25 lb. yellowfin on a Squidnation.com Big Heavy in 600 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. This was the first reported yellowfin landed in Ocean City this year. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Wesley Stine of Hagerstown, MD caught this 130 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Marlin Magic" with Thomas Browning, Joshua Shinham and Gary Stine, all from Hagerstown, MD, Paul Crampton, III from Funkstown, MD, Capt. Marty Moran and Mate Anthony Pino. The mako was caught on a mackerel at the Fingers and weighed at Sunset Marina.



Big thresher sharks hit the docks on Saturday and one of them was caught by Dylan Ronayne of Stevensville, MD while fishing on the "Bill\$ 4 Bills" with his dad, John Ronayne, Ray and Lynn Wilkerson of Halethorpe, MD, Capt. Mike Conner and Mate Fred Husman. The 443 lb. thresher ate a bluefish fillet at the Fingers and took 2 1/2 hours to get to the boat. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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overfishing is not occurring. Regardless of the continued growth of the stock, which fisheries experts say is at its highest level ever in the past 40 years, rigid mandates written into the MSA require that New York anglers continue to fish on tighter restrictions."

The same mandates are why Delaware, Maryland and Virginia flounder fishermen are operating under such high minimum sizes and low creel limits, not to mention a season closure in Maryland in mid-September. Under the current law, even though the flounder population is now estimated to be 75 per cent rebuilt, fisheries managers are forced to keep reducing the overall flounder quota because they are so worried about meeting some arbitrary population figure by the required deadline. This time, at least, I hope Schumer and the RFA are successful in getting the necessary changes passed...

Received a call from "a voice from the past" recently. It

was Bill Bennett, the angler who caught the 857-pound mako shark that is mounted and on display in a case at the south end of the Ocean City boardwalk. The shark would have been a Maryland state record, except for the fact that it had been shot (several times by a small caliber handgun, if I recall correctly) which is against IGFA rules. It made for а verv interesting story, The big however. female actually hit a trolled lure in 500 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon, and the lure was made from a Foster Lager beer can, a blue and white skirt, two 16/0 hooks and some 600 lb. test mono leader. Mate Grant Joss, who I believe was originally from Australia, made the lure himself. The shark came completely out of the water and "crashed" the lure, Bennett said at the time, and on its second jump "it was horizontal in the air and Mitch (Capt. Mitch Pierson) said it was even with the bridge" of the boat, which was the "Job Site." "What is that?" Bennett said at the time, "About 15 feet? It was like a

tarpon or something." To complicate matters, another mako tried to bite the bigger shark while it was being fought. The smaller fish may have been a male trying to mate with the larger female. Female mako sharks apparently do not even reproduce until they weigh at least 500 pounds, and the males generally do not grow much larger than 250-300 pounds. During the mating process, the males bite the females, and Bennett's shark showed very clear bite marks on her side. Some were old scars, some fresh. I can't imagine going up to some female twice my size and biting her on the side to get her in the mood, but hey, whatever does it...anyway, the big mako came to the boat in just 45 minutes on 80 lb. test line, still green, which is one reason the crew elected to use the gun. Finally, I don't usually quote myself, but writing that week in my column I noted, "A large crowd gathered for the weigh-in of the huge mako in this week's issue,

and cheers went up when the

fish was hoisted into the air.

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Later, I couldn't help but think that despite all of our modern civilization, the scene must have been very similar when the cave men managed to kill a saber toothed tiger or a mighty mastodon...maybe we really haven't changed all that much, after all...but did they have Margaritas?..."



Want to wish good luck to everyone fishing in the Ocean City Shark Tournament and/or the Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament this weekend. The season is finally starting to sizzle, both with a wider range of fish species and more and more people coming to the area, so get out there and enjoy. And for all you dads out there, happy Father's Day...go fishing, and above all else, enjoy the family...

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

It was quite an exciting week of fishing in Ocean City. It started off with a bang and ended with a sonic boom, and it wasn't from the Air Show flying overhead.

MARLIN

Early in the week, you could feel it in the air. Someone was going to release the first white marlin, and boats were gearing Reports showed warm up. water outside the Poor Man's Canyon and a Jersey boat lost a white between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. It was game on!

Well, on Wednesday not only did the first white marlin get released, but the first blue marlin got released as well, both within a mile of each other.

Layton Terrv on the "Nontypical" kept his hot streak alive, releasing the first white marlin of the season in 1,200 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Terry, coming off Canyon. catching the first make shark of the season along with a 1st place finish in the Mako Mania tournament, was fishing with Jim Hughes when they found 74-degree water in some dense fog. As they were ready to call it a day, the 69-inch white hit a naked ballyhoo and the fight



Soldiers recuperating at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center were treated to a little R&R in Ocean City through funds raised by the Maryland VFW. Part of their stay included a day of fishing, sponsored by Sunset Marina and the charter boats "Press Time", "Bay Bee" and the "Marli". Pictured above are Brandon Thornton, Samantha Weaver and John Longendorf, all from Catonsville, MD and David Howard of Ft. Meade, MD. John landed this 111 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Press Time" with Capt. Luke Blume and Mate Jason Genthner. The mako ate a bluefish fillet at the Sausages. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

was on. Terry said the fish put up a heckuva fight, peeling off 3/4's of the line on his Shimano TLD 25. Congrats to Terry and Jim on another super catch and for winning the \$10,000 cash prize awarded this year for the first white marlin (\$5,000 each

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from the Ocean City Marlin Club and the Town of Ocean City).

Marty Moran on the "Marlin Magic" found a 67 to 73-degree temperature break. As the second line was being put out, a blue marlin piled on for angler Jake Burger to fight. The marlin, estimated at 275 lbs., was safely released and was followed up before days end by another blue that didn't come tight. Congratulations to the entire "Marlin Magic" crew!

Only a mile away, Capt.

www.coastalfisherman.net TUNA

The "sonic boom" I referred to in my opening paragraph was the "Marli" returning to the dock on Sunday night with 17 yellowfins. Yep, you read it right 17 YELLOWFINS! What a great sight to see, especially coming off the last few years where yellowfin have been scarce. Remarkably, the "Marli" released 37 other yellowfins during their trip to 100 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon. All of the yellowfins hit ballyhoo or spreader bars.

Single digit catches of vellowfins were caught on Saturday by the "Knot Rite" (5) and the "Marli" (6). The "Knot Rite" actually caught their yellowfins a little further north of the "Marli", finding them in between 150 and 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon.

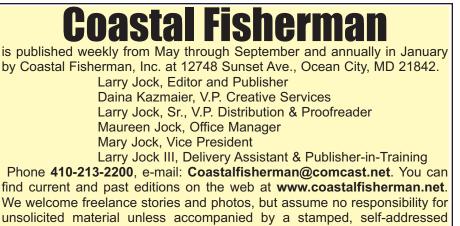
Bluefin tuna continue to get caught primarily around the Hambone area where the "That's Right" caught 2 on Saturday and released 6 others. The largest bluefin we saw this week was a 135 pounder caught on the "Jo Jo" at the Hambone on Friday. On Saturday, the "Always Late" kept 1 bluefin and released 9 others at the Marine Electric.

SHARKS

Just in time for this weekend's Ocean City Shark Tournament, quite a few makos and some big threshers hit the scales at local marinas.

The highlight came on Saturday when the "Game Over" weighed in a 506 lb. thresher shark that was caught in 20 fathoms at the Fingers. This is the largest thresher shark we have seen this year. Kudos to Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and his crew!

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Immediately following the "Game Over" weigh-in at the Ocean City Fishing Center, the "Bill\$ 4 Bills" put a 443 lb. thresher on the scale that was also caught at the Fingers.

On Sunday, the "Teaser" weighed in a 450 lb. thresher that was caught in 20 fathoms, a little south of the Fingers.

Quite a few makos were caught during the week, with most in the 90 to 125 lb. range. Early in the week, Doug Sims on the "Catfish" did land a nice 180 pounder at the Hambone, definitely the hot mako spot for the week. Other makos were landed at the Sausages.

FLOUNDER

There was a good flounder bite in the East Channel, starting around the Coast Guard Station and heading north of the Rt. 50 Bridge towards Harbour Island. We also saw some limits caught by anglers drifting or slow trolling the flats, north of the Thorofare. The "Bay Bee" had a nice catch of flatties on Saturday in the bay behind Assateague Island.

The two largest flounder we saw this week was a 7 pounder boated near the Rt. 90 Bridge and a 6 lb. 15 oz. flounder caught on Sunday south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Off the coast we saw some nice flounder being hooked on ocean wrecks and reefs by anglers snagging flatties that are on their way to bay waters.

Anglers are still having good success using minnows, shiners and Gulp! Alive Swimming Mullets.

SEA BASS

The sea bass bite continues to be pretty good on ocean reefs and wrecks, although anglers are weeding through numerous throwbacks to put some meat in the cooler. Squid and clams are the baits of choice.

STRIPED BASS

You don't hear many people talking about it, but there has been a very good striper bite around the South Jetty. On Friday, "Skip's Bait & Tackle Charters" had 4 keepers and over 50 throwbacks during one trip. All of the fish were caught on live spot.



They're here!!! Yellowfin tuna started arriving at the scales both in Ocean City and at marinas in Delaware. This group of anglers had a super day fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Brian Porter and Mate Rick Tshudy. The anglers ended their day with 6 yellowfins in the box, all hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms at the Rockpile. Pictured on the dock at Sunset Marina are Ed Schafer, Bob Peel, Mike Novak, Jim Scott, Joe Hollar, Whitey Schafer, Lamar Carter and Bob Roby.

One word of caution. Some of the stripers we are seeing are pretty beat up, worse than I have seen in a long time. Be careful holding these fish. If you catch one covered in sores, keep it in the water and use your dehooker to set it free. Otherwise, clean your hands with a disinfectant wipe, just to be safe.

IN THE SURF

Surf fishing was kind of slow this past week with small bluefish dominating the surf action and occasional catches of striped bass, kingfish, skates and sharks.

This weekend is the Ocean City Shark Tournament at the Ocean City Fishing Center and the Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, with weigh-ins at Sunset Marina. Fishing days for the Shark Tournament are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, while the Small Boat Tournament is Saturday and Sunday.

See you at the scales!

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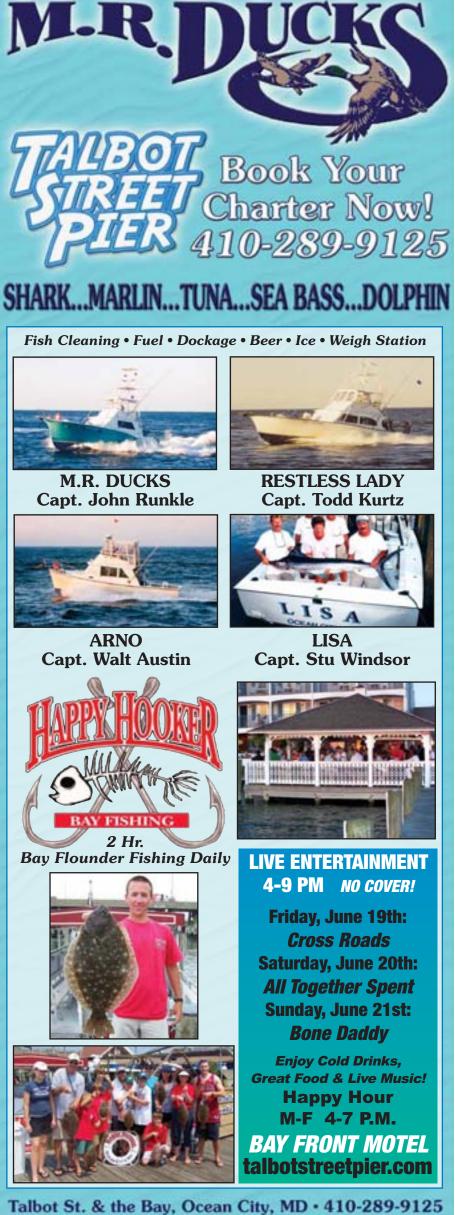
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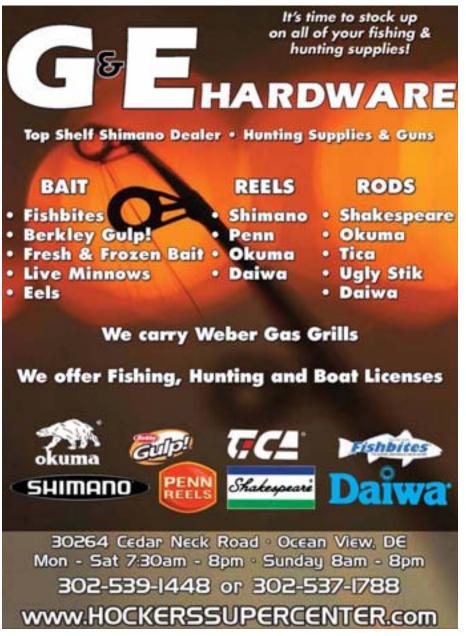


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John Mendenhall of Ocean View, DE was fishing with a Storm lure in the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 27-inch flounder.





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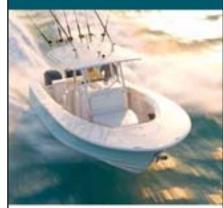
- by Sue Foster

"My bait won't stay on the hook!"

This is the biggest complaint I hear from new anglers. Some baits stay on the hook no matter how hard you cast them. Other baits are softer and more delicate and you have to know how to hook them and be careful when you cast them.

Sometimes, it's little fish or crabs that are nibbling off your bait. The angler can barely feel them feeding away, so the angler thinks the bait is falling off the

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hook! If you are surf fishing with a top and bottom rig with Styrofoam surf floats, examine the floats and see if you can see teeth or claw marks in the Styrofoam floats. This is a tell-tale sign. If you are having trouble with crabs stealing your bait on the beach, switch from a two hook rig to a longer one hook rig so the Styrofoam float keeps your bait further off the bottom.

It's harder to tell if the crabs or little fish are stealing your bait in the bay. I add a piece of squid to my bait, and let it dangle longer than the other bait and wait and see if crabs are hanging on. If you reel in slowly, a crab will hang on to the squid strip!

"What is the toughest bait that I can keep on my hook?"

Good old fashioned squid is one of the toughest baits there are. It's a good all around bait and will stay on the hook better than any other bait. Just keep in mind that it is a crab and skate attractor! Box squid are smaller and thinner than the "cleaned and cut" squid which comes in a little tub and sold by most bait companies and tackle stores. Most of that is marinated in peeler crab oil. It's extremely tough! Personally, I think the box squid is more effective bait when using it alone, but if you are sandwiching baits, or fishing in deep water where changing your bait is a pain, go with the "cleaned and cut."

"My shiners fall right off when I cast them!"

Frozen shiners are really good bait for flounder and snapper blues. But they are delicate, and you must cast gently. You can cast them FAR, just don't throw so HARD. The recoil of the tip whipping through the air when the bait hits the water will jerk them off the hook! To help alleviate this problem, put the shiner on first, hooked simply through the eyes, and attach a strip of squid or Fish Bites artificial bloodworm or squid strip to the same hook. This second, tougher bait will help stop the shiner from coming off the hook when casting. If you are still having problems or you are trying some larger varieties of shiners out there such as smelts, glass minnows, and sand eels that aren't staying on the hook so well, try hooking them through the gill plate. The gill plate is very hard.

Live minnows are tougher, so if you are still having trouble, switch to these baits. Hook them under the chin and up through both lips. Again, a strip of squid or artificial strip bait will help hold the minnow on if you are a forceful caster. Fish Bite strips are especially good because they have that tough mesh that helps hold the other bait on the hook. Then if you fling your natural bait off, you'll still have some bait on your hook!

"I was trying clam for bait, and it was terrible! It would fall right off!"

Clam is one of those baits that are hard to keep on the hook, even for an experienced angler. Hook it through the hard part first, and then drape the softer part over the barb of the hook if you are dropping straight down. If you are casting the clam, start with the hard part, hook the soft parts a couple times, and then end with the hard part so it won't fly off the hook. Buy the salted clam, or if you have fresh clam, pour kosher salt over the meat of the clam to toughen them up. Many anglers use a rubber band or elastic thread material bought in a sewing, crafts, or tackle store to keep the bait on the hook.

"I'm having the same problem with peeler crab!"

After sectioning the peeler crab, hook the peeler crab in the hard part of a leg socket. Anglers also use rubber band or elastic thread material. Kosher salt will help you out with peelers too. Actually, Kosher salt will help you out with any kind of bait!

"My bait turned to mush when I cut it!"

Cutting bait such as finger mullet or bunker needs to be cut with a sharp knife. Overhandling the bait will make it fall off the hook even on an easy cast. Keep in mind, when cutting up a whole fish for bait, you need to keep the skin on. If it has scales, scale it first. Also, the toughest piece of bait if you are "chunking" is the hard piece right next to the tail. Cut off the

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tail, pierce that piece of meat right thru the bone, and it will stay on really good. Belly pieces of bait are softer. The head part of a bait is always tough of course. Anglers can bait up a chunk of bait through the head, piercing it through the eyes or snout.

If you fillet a fish such as spot, bunker or mullet for strip baits for surf fishing or drift fishing in the bay, use a sharp knife and a cutting board. Trying to fillet and cut a bait into strips on the beach or boat without a hard surface to work on makes it very difficult. Once you have your strips cut, put them back in the cooler on ice so the sun does not deteriorate them. Sprinkle them with a little salt if you like. Be sure to use sharp hooks too! Trying to hook a delicate piece of meat on a dull hook will mush it up as well!

Hint: If you fish a lot, keep one of those little ceramic knife sharpeners in your box. They only cost a couple bucks and will quickly re-sharpen your bait knife. Also, a little hook hone to keep your hooks sharp is a very handy tool. Both are small and easy to stash in the box.

"My finger mullet just won't stay on the hook when I cut it, no matter what I do!"

Then use it whole! Small



finger mullets make great "big flounder" baits when simply hooked through the eyes or snout. If you are fishing for bluefish (butt biters as the old salts call them), use a whole mullet rig. It's a popular surf fishing rig, but can also be used in the bay or piers for bluefish. The mullet will not come off the hook! These rigs are made specifically to bait a whole finger mullet. It is a rig made with a wire rod and a detachable hook. Several companies make this rig and it is extremely easy to use. It is made with a two-hook treble hook that can be removed, allowing you to push a metal rod through the mouth of a finger mullet and out the anus. Then you re-attach the hook. It has a 3way swivel and a Duo-Lock snap for simple attachment. These come with a pear-shaped float. You attach your sinker to the

Duo-Lock and the three-way to your line or snap swivel.

If you are fishing the bay and decide you don't want the float, cut it off with a sharp knife. Sometimes I cut off the float when I'm surf fishing for flounder with finger mullet or stripers. If you cut off the float, you got to keep your bait moving. Cast and slowly retrieve.

"How the heck do you keep a live eel on the hook?" Under the chin and out through the eye socket for the best results. (Editors note: an easy way to handle eels is to put them into a bucket of ice, which puts the eels in a coma-like state. Once they hit the water, and thaw out a bit, they come alive and are frisky as ever.)

"Live spot and live bunker sometimes fall off!"

Take the hook in the mouth and up through the roof of the mouth, thru the snout. This part is very tough. Sometimes when you hook them thru the eyes, they swim sideways and fall off.

Bait! There are more baits, but we're out of space.... If you can't keep it on the hook, you can't catch fish. Use a sharp knife, check your bait more often, use sandwich baits (squid and Fish Bites), and keep Kosher salt in your pantry.

Good fishing....

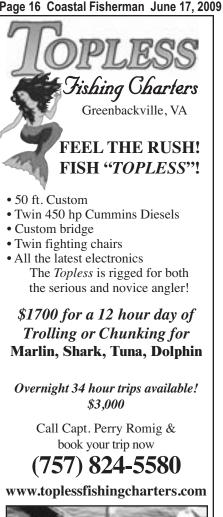
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Russ Garufi of Titan Yachts in Bishopville, MD caught this 26.5inch flounder, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. while fishing on the "Thumbtack" with his wife, Linda Garufi and his sister-in-law, Wendy Sloan of Selbyville, DE. The anglers caught 12 flatties, releasing 10, on live minnows in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



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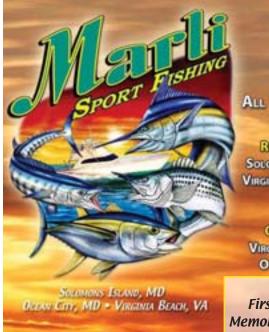
Kelly McCullars of Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle captured this 169 lb. mako shark while fishing at the Fingers on the "Bullheaded M" with Brenton McLeary, Jody Goldstein and Capt. Bruce McGuigan. The mako was lured to the boat by Capt. Mac's Monster Mash chum and was hooked on a whole mackerel. Pictured at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle.





The newly formed Stephen Decatur High School Fishing Club took its first trip in the ocean aboard the "Judith M" with Capt. Kane Bounds and Mate Anton Postnikov and returned with over 75 sea bass, ling or ocean pout. The heaviest sea bass weighed 4 lbs. and was caught by Scott Sterhoff. The group also tagged 10 sea bass and tog for the American Littoral Society. Pictured are Tyler Stierhoff, Luke Bargar, Bobby Layton, Todd Martinek, Brad Boone, Brian Clubb, Mr. Kerns, Cody Smith, Mike Murray, Mr. Pylpczuk, Colby Macomber, Tommy Hinkle, Nick French, Kevin Hudson, Seth Donofrio, Drake Cropper, Frank Kerns, Spencer Cropper, Jeff Evans and Mrs. Cater. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Bluefish with Lime Aioli

2 to 3 lb. bluefish fillets cut into 1-inch pieces and set aside.

Season some flour with cayenne, cumin and coriander.

Coat pieces in flour mixture, then dip in egg wash, using 2 eggs and 1/2 cup milk.

Place pieces in bread crumbs and coat well.

Lime Aioli:

1 egg

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 whole shallot
- 4 limes squeezed
- 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar

Place all ingredients in a blender and slowly add 1 cup olive oil, salt and pepper to taste.

Fill a heavy duty fry pan

half way with oil to 350 degrees. Reduce temperature and add a few pieces at a time, cooking for $\overline{4}$ to 5 minutes or until light brown. Pat fish dry.

Bring oil temperature back up to 350 degrees before starting process again.

Dip cooked fish pieces in lime aioli.

Oven Fried Shark

2 lbs. shark fillets 1/2 cup whole milk 1/2 tsp. salt Dash pepper 2 TBSP. parsley, chopped 1/8 tsp. basil 1 cup bread crumbs 1/2 cup butter, melted

Pat fillets dry. Pour milk in a mixing bowl. Add salt, pepper, parsley



and basil; stir well. Dip each fillet in seasoned milk then in bread crumbs.

Arrange in buttered, shallow baking dish and pour melted butter over the fish.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

Shark with White Wine

2 lbs. shark fillets 3 TBSP. canola oil 1 onion, minced 1 TBSP. parsley, chopped 1 clove garlic, minced 1/2 cup dry white wine 3 tomatoes, diced Salt and pepper

Pat fillets dry.

Heat oil in oven proof dish. Add onion, parsley, garlic, tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste.

Place fillets over top of vegetables; cover and bring to a boil.

Lower flame and simmer for 15 minutes.

Add wine and bring back to boil.

Place dish in a 350 degree oven; bake 10 minutes.

Remove fish and keep warm; strain sauce through sieve and heat to boiling.

Sauce should be reduced by this time.

Pour over fillets and serve.

Flounder with Tomato, **Capers and Olives**

2 lbs. of flounder fillets Extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper to taste

Coat the fillets with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Roast in a 350 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 135 degrees.

For the tomatoes:

- 3 TBSP. olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (28 ounce) tomatoes
- 4 ounces kalamata olives,
 - halved
- 2 TBSP. basil leaf, chopped
- 2 TBSP. capers, rinsed

Red pepper flakes to taste

In a 12-inch skillet over

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medium-low flame, heat the olive oil and garlic. Cook for 1 minute; do not let the garlic brown.

Add tomatoes and juices, olives, capers and red pepper flakes.

Bring sauce to a brisk simmer and cook about 8 minutes, stirring frequently. Spoon sauce over fish.

Shark Braised in Red Wine with Tomato and Anchovy

2 TBSP. olive oil 1 small red onion, thinly sliced 1/2 cup chopped canned tomatoes 2 anchovy fillets, finely chopped 1/4 tsp. dried oregano 1/2 cup red wine 4 shark fillets (each 3/4 inch thick) 1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper 2 TBSP. flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In an oven-safe large skillet, heat 1 TBSP. of the oil.

Add cook, onion and stirring occasionally, until

lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, anchovies and the oregano.

Cook for 30 seconds, stirring.

Pour in the wine, cook 30 seconds, and remove to a bowl.

Season the shark steaks with the salt and pepper.

Coat with the flour and pat off excess.

Heat the remaining 1 TBSP. olive oil in the same skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the fish and cook until brown on the first side.

Turn and brown on second side.

Remove from heat and pour the tomato-wine sauce over and around fish.

Cover and bake until fish is opaque, 10 to 12 minutes. Serves 4.

All of the recipes shown in the *Coastal Fisherman are now available* online at www.coastalfisherman.net.





Shallow water is still yielding some nice flounder as shown by the 4 flatties caught by Paul Caras, Jr. and Paul Caras, Sr. The duo were jigging Gulp! artificial baits in depths of less than 10 feet along Broadkill Beach when they captured these flounder that weighed up to 5 lbs. 12 oz. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.



Never one to turn down a photo opportunity, Brittany Adams of Hook'em & Cook'em poses with her 5 lb. 5 oz. flounder caught while drifting a live spot in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





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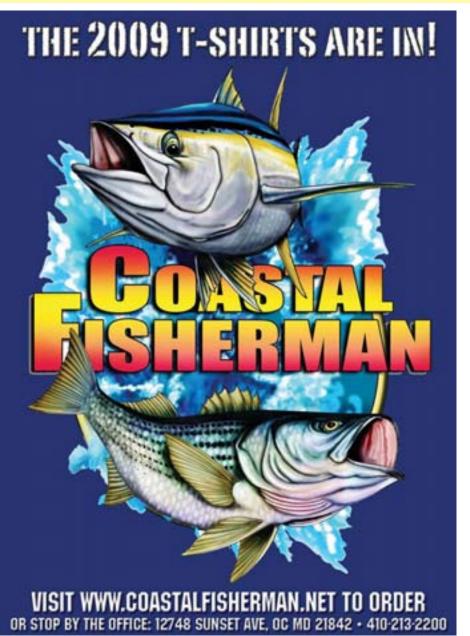
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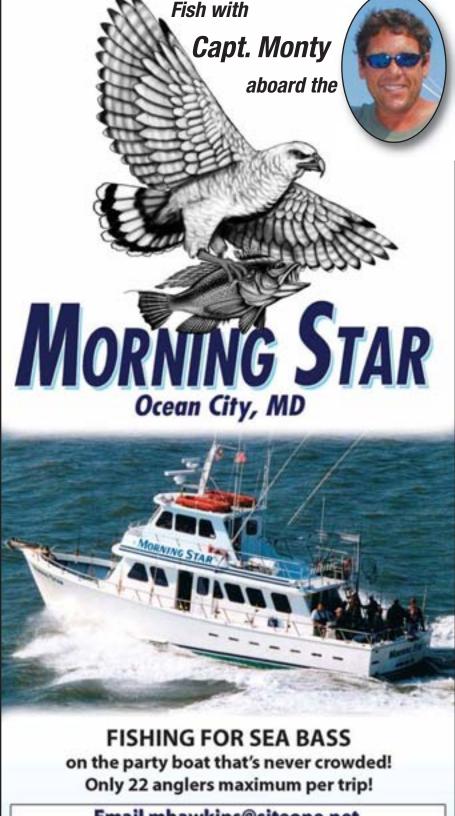
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Jessica Pollmeier of Selbyville, DE and Linda Rasnake of Deale, MD caught these two flounder while fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. Jessica's flounder measured 22-inches, while Linda's measured 18-inches. Both fish were caught on squid and shiner combinations in the Thorofare. The trip was sponsored by Sunset Marina and the Maryland VFW as part of their weekend in Ocean City for soldiers and their families from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.





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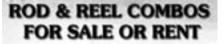
When first learning the basics of surf fishing, new anglers are required to learn quite a bit of information. They need to find out what species of fish are commonly found in the surf during that time of the year. With guidance from an experienced angler or а friendly tackle shop they can choose the correct rod, reel and terminal tackle needed. Once they have been taught how to safely control their casts,



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Gary Savage of Pittsville, MD caught and released this 48-inch red drum while fishing with his brother, Rick and father, Lee off Cobb Island. The big red was hooked on a peeler crab. Rick released a 35-inch red and Lee released a 46 incher during the trip. detrimental.

properly bait hooks and correctly tie fishing knots, they will most likely catch a fish. Now that the basics of surf fishing are understood, this angler feels confident enough to go out and put in the necessary time. Unfortunately, understanding the importance of when to fish is often neglected. There are rarely any certainties when it comes to catching fish but we do have an understanding of how weather conditions can be beneficial and sometimes

An onshore wind (an easterly wind blowing off the ocean) will blow the ocean's clean, clear surface water towards the shore. This surface water has been heated by the sun, and depending on the wind's duration, can travel many miles bringing with it a variety of sea life. A strong onshore wind can increase the size of waves and make the inshore breakers more turbulent. These strong waves crash hard on the sand,



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churning up the seabed and exposing bait such as small fish, calico crabs and sand fleas. Of course, where there is bait, you often find larger fish.

An offshore wind (west wind blowing from the shore) blows against the incoming waves. Depending on the speed and duration, this wind can significantly decrease the size of the waves, making it difficult to read the water. If the offshore wind is strong enough, it can blow the loose, dry sand into the surf giving the water a brownish tint which reduces the water clarity. Have you ever gone to the beach on a hot day during the summer and found the water much cooler than you had expected? Believe it or not, this can also be caused by a warm wind blowing from the land. This dry wind blows across the ocean surface pushing the clean, clear surface layer of water further out to sea. As a result, cooler water rises from the ocean floor pulling up sediment, seaweed, shell fragments and many other tiny particles of debris. When fishing during these conditions, frequently check your line for abrasions caused by this floating debris.

A consistent, light wind will help calm the water and increase the clarity. If there is a sudden change in wind due to an approaching storm or an offshore swell, the previously calm water will suddenly become turbulent. The bait fish become confused and are easy prey for the larger predatory fish. If the conditions continue to worsen, strong winds and ripping current can turn your feeding frenzy into an unfishable situation. Serious storms can sneak up on you very fast when you are near the water and holding a fishing rod when lightning strikes is not worth any fish. If the wind is blowing 25 mph or more, you are probably going to find it difficult to keep the sand out of your eyes and your bait from drifting down the beach.

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conditions frequently, for at least 24 hours prior to your surf fishing trip, will allow you to be better prepared. A great place to find both past and upto-date ocean information is at The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website, www.noaa.org.

Check out the tide charts and allow yourself some time at low tide to scout the beach. Keep in mind, the moon causes the tide to change and during the full moon and new moon, you will see a higher tide than normal. Combine an incoming tide with strong wind and you could find yourself fishing in deep water. Check out the latest fishing reports online. Not only can you find out if the fish are biting, but other anglers can provide valuable information regarding the recent beach conditions. Call our local tackle shops for additional help and advice. They can be a great source of current information and you can also find out who has the freshest bait.

Sam Kilgore is an avid surf fisherman and administers AtlanticAnglers.com, a free, family friendly website devoted to helping anglers learn all aspects of fishing.



Al Boyd of Lancaster, PA caught this 40-inch striped bass on a rigged eel in the Indian River Inlet. The striper weighed 21.74 lbs. on the scales at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.





Tassos Argyros speared this 11 lb. 4 oz. sheepshead while Travis Schmitdz captured this 9 lb. 8 oz. tog, both while spearfishing at the Barn's Table Wreck. Weighed at John Henry's Bait & Tackle.



Jennifer Pettolina of West Ocean City, MD is on fire, taking a commanding lead over her husband, Capt. Franky Pettolina in their personal fishing competition. Jenn landed the 101 lb. mako and a 39.5-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Blackjack" with Capt. Franky, Capt. Eric Schline and Mate John Adams. The mako ate a bluefish fillet at the Fingers and the bluefin hit a cedar plug trolled at the Hambone. Weighed at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.





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Flounder action is heating up in the Delaware Bay Anchorage where Mike Lewis caught his limit of flatties, weighing up to 5 lbs. 1 oz., while fishing on the "Angler" out of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jeannie Spittle of LaPlata, MD (center) captured this 5 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing with her husband, Ronnie and her daughter Bethany Righter, also of LaPlata, MD. The trio ended their day with 7 flounder in the box, all caught in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.



Maryland Volunteer Angler Summer Flounder Survey

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ - ____ - _____

Date Fished: _____

Location Code (circle one): Atlantic Ocean 012 Assawoman Bay 001 Isle of Wight Bay 049 Sinepuxent Bay 084 Chincoteague Bay 033

Time Started: _____ am/pm Hours Fished: _____

Number of Anglers: _____

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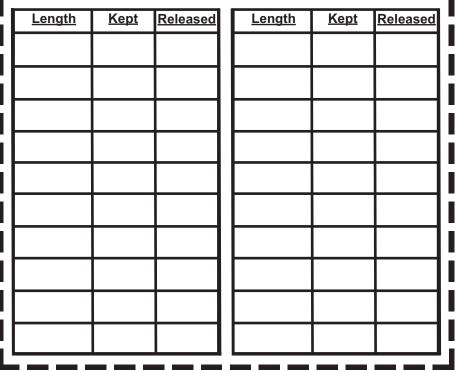
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For each trip, measure each summer flounder caught, kept or released, up to a maximum of 20. Place an "X" in the appropriate kept or released box for each summer flounder caught. <u>If you don't catch any flounder during your trip, still complete the survey and mail to the Maryland DNR.</u>





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Paul Elwood caught this 6 lb. 1 oz. flounder near "G" Buoy in the Delaware Bay Anchorage. The flattie ate a bull minnow and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Dave Burke of Gaithersburg, MD caught this 159 lb. mako and Muhammad Choudhury of Laurel, MD landed this bluefin tuna, both while fishing on the "Lisa" with Sean O'Brien of Beltsville, MD, Tom Wilson of Columbia, MD, Dan Berkowitz of Lisbon, MD, Capt. Stu Windsor and Mate Steve Moore. The mako ate a whole bluefish east of the Hambone, while the bluefin was caught on a trolled artificial lure. The group also released 2 other makos and a bluefin during the trip. Weighed at the Talbot Street Pier.



Austin Berger of Fairfax, VA, Kevin Javins of Havre de Grace, MD and Steven Daugherty of Fairfax, VA teamed up to land 5 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Knot Rite" with Capt. Lonnie Mazza and Mate Wayne Daugherty. The yellowfins, ranging from 27 to 36 inches, were caught between 150 and 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Delaware Fishing Report

Hi folks. The recent storms passing through have kept the back bay waters kind of dirty and in turn have slowed the fishing action.

Some flounder are still being taken in areas that are not quite as cloudy and it seems the outgoing tide is still producing the most fish. Bluefish and stripers are still providing action in the backwaters as well as in the Indian River Inlet. Incoming tides are bringing schools of shad that provide some real hot action.

Ocean fishing continues to be slow but I'm sure that will improve as water temps rise. It has been tough on most days to find any amount of keeper size sea bass. Flounder numbers seem off but it seems most of the flatties that are caught are of the keeper size. Brian Harner on the "Fender Bender" took Rob

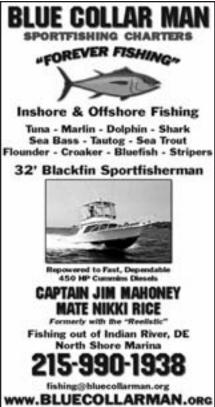




The first yellowfin tuna of the year were caught by Kelly and John Horning while fishing with their dad, Capt. Charlie Horning. The yellowfins were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon and weighed 29 and 34 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em. They also landed a dolphin during the trip.

Moore to the Hambone where they trolled up a 38 lb. bluefin tuna. They also found themselves just covered up with blues.

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While talking to Ron at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road he reported plenty of flounder in the Rehoboth Bay and Indian River along with pretty good action on bluefish. Stripers are being caught in the Indian River Inlet during morning hours on live spot. Mike Britton weighed in a 5.8 lb. flattie he caught in the Rehoboth Bay using a pink GULP! and a minnow.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle on Savannah Road in Lewes, Dan said that flounder fishing in the Delaware Bay has been hot and cold. The Anchorage has been the "Hot

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Spot" when fishing is good. The Broadkill River is producing just a few trout at night, but has been spotty at best. A few kingfish have shown up on the beaches. Sharks and skates are still plentiful and providing most of the action along with an occasional striper.

Bert at Hook'em Ŀ Cook'em Bait and Tackle at North Shore Marina in the Delaware State Park reports flounder, bluefish and stripers in the Indian River Inlet. Flounder are being caught on live spot, shiners, or pink GULP! artificial baits. Striper action is fair but most are too short to keep. In the surf, action consists of sharks and skates along with some blues measuring up to 18 inches. A few kingfish have also been showing up. The ocean is providing good catches of sea bass, but Bert said that only about 5% are of keeper size. Thresher sharks can be found in the same areas as sea bass, and are being caught in good numbers.

Massey's Canyon and the Hambone are holding loads of bluefish along with some bluefin tuna. One of the few yellowfins we have seen was caught by Matthew McMenamin on "Boy's Toy" who headed south to troll up a 38 pounder.

At Bill's Sport Shop on Rt #1 in Lewes, we received reports that George Walton from Havertown, PA caught a 38", 19 lb. 4 oz. striper at the Indian River Inlet on a Storm lure. Captain Bill Baker hosted family members on the "Slicker Three" where they released six blue sharks and one mako at the Tea Cup. Al Boyd of Lancaster, Pa, caught a 21.74 lb., 40-inch striper at the Indian River Inlet on a rigged eel.

Ioe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said sharks and tuna were the topic this week. The crew of Price Lindsay, Jim Azato, "Boot" DeHoys, Jason Lesniczak and Tom Wilkie teamed up for a 180 lb. thresher while sharking at Delaware Light. Jonathan "Bubba" Hastings was drifting Reef Site #11 with John Hazzard and Kevin Beam when he hooked a 163-pound

www.coastalfisherman.net longtail.

Reports of mako sharks came from the Hambone and Sausages. Blue sharks have been numerous on structures between twenty and thirty fathoms. Perhaps this is a good sign, since there haven't been many blue whalers inshore the past several seasons. Bluefish have been plentiful across the Fingers, in Massey's Canyon, on the Chicken Bone and Hambone, so there seems to be good forage for the sharks. Bluefin tuna have shown up on the inshore grounds as well. Boats trolling ballyhoo at the Hambone connected with tuna in both the 27 to 47 inch and 47 to 73 inch classes. Brian Prout brought in a 45 lb. bluefin he caught at the Hambone on the "Skipjack". Randy Doyle got a 10 lb. bluefish on the same trip. When tuna are marked at midwater or close to the bottom on the inshore lumps, the situation offers a great opportunity to jig the fish. Shimano Butterfly Jigs and the new Jerk That Jig lures have proven highly effective on tuna, and the jigging technique often produces reactive strikes,

even when fish won't rise to trolled lures. Also, casting out a jig when a tuna bites on the troll might result in an additional hookup.

Yellowfin tuna, and blue and white marlin were reported from a large warm eddy offshore of Poorman's Canyon. The billfish were in warm water, and tuna hung out on the cool side of the break.

Closer to the beach, flounder action remained good. Flatties continued to come from the Lewes Canal, Broadkill River and Roosevelt Inlet. The Cape Henlopen, Cape Shores and Port Lewes piers yielded fish too, as did shallow water along Broadkill Beach. Paul Caras Sr. and Paul Caras Jr. scored 5 quality keepers weighing up to 5.74 pounds while casting Gulp! grubs in skinny water. Paul Jr. also nailed a 3.71-pound trout. Jesse Baird brought in a 4.58-pound flatfish from the Canal. John Weber got a 4.95-pound flatfish with a minnow, also from the Canal. Michael Lindale used a jig tipped with squid to tempt a 4.83 lb. flounder from the

Broadkill River.

The bay bite in the Anchorage off cooled somewhat, but fluke were found at other locations. The bottom at Buoy #10 also produced some flatties. The artificial structures of Reefs #5, #6, #7 and #8 held flounder as well. Al Grenfell checked in a 6.66 lb. flounder that he caught on Saturday aboard the "Pirate King" on a Delaware Bay structure. Minnows, shiners, smelt, squid, shark strips and Gulp! were effective offerings for Bay fluke. Flatfish were also reported from the Old Grounds surrounding "DB" Buoy in the ocean. Spro Jigs tipped with strips of bluefish, shark, squid or Gulp! worked well. Joe said if readers want to check of recent out pictures catches, they're posted in the photo gallery section of store's website the at www.lewesharbourmarina.com.

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!

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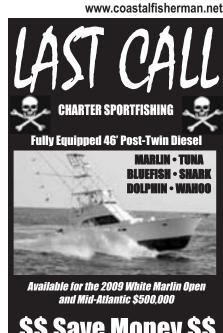
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Mark Beam and Stephanie Born, both from Lancaster, PA and Christopher Byler of Orrstown, PA had a great day fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple. Mark caught 2 flounder with the heaviest tipping the scale at 4 lbs. Stephanie caught herself a 4 lb. sea bass and Christopher landed a 2 lb. 8 oz. sea bass. The sea bass were caught on clams and sand fleas, while the flounder were hooked on bucktails. Pictured in the slip at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Restaurant & Marina.



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2008 2009 2009 2008 **Species Species** Sea Bass Mako Shark January 26, 2009 March 27, 2008 May 22, 2009 April 26, 2008 Dean Lo Thomas Dame Susan Samsock Jim Hughes "Arno" "Nontypical" "Free Spool" "Morning Star" Wilmington Canyon Artificial Reef Baltimore Canyon Elephant's Trunk February 4, 2008 June 10, 2009 Tautog January 4, 2009 White Marlin June 9, 2008 **Billy Collins** Joe Restuccia Terry Layton Jim Miner Ocean Princess" "Karen Sue" "Nontypical" "Judge" Offshore Wreck Wreck Poor Man's Canyon Norfolk Canyon **Striped Bass** January 3, 2009 **Blue Marlin** June 10, 2009 June 9, 2008 January 1, 2008 **Baron Daiker RJ** Roppelt Jake Burger Jason Hinton "Marlin Magic" "Baron Sea" "Reel Persuasion" "No Limits" Little Gull Little Gull Poor Man's Canyon Middle Sausage Weakfish **Bluefin Tuna** May 13, 2009 May 16, 2008 May 23, 2009 April 11, 2008 **Rich Bell** Nick Sharp **Butch Bradshaw** Greg Hook Sinepuxent Bay **Roosevelt Inlet** "DILLIGAF" "Stress Reel-ief" Baltimore Canyon Wilmington Canyon Flounder Yellowfin Tuna March 23, 2008 April 18, 2009 June 8, 2009 May 25, 2008 Bo Smeltzer Kelly Horning Kevin King Preston Walls "Fish Whistle" "Marli" "Gotta Jones" Rt. 90 Bridge Poor Man's Canyon Verrazano Bridge Norfolk Canyon Longfin Tuna June 20, 2008 Bluefish May 13, 2009 April 24, 2008 Henry Busby John Foreman None Jim Short "Not Right" **Bethany Surf** Assateague Surf Reported Baltimore Canyon **Bigeye Tuna** Black Drum April 25, 2009 April 24, 2008 August 25, 2008 Chris Tenbusch Capt. Mac Simpson None Bert Long Assateague Surf Assateague Surf "Lewestown Lady" Reported Wilmington Canyon Sheepshead June 5, 2008 Dolphin May 23, 2009 May 25, 2008 May 21, 2009 Tassos Argyros Joe Shaffer Janan Mohamed Chuck Dammann Ocean Wreck North Jetty "Marli" "Restless Lady" Norfolk Canyon Poor Man's Canyon **Thresher Shark** May 25, 2009 May 24, 2008 Wahoo

July 1, 2008 None Matt Migliore Reported "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

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Ralph Sita of Calvert County, MD caught this 5 lb. sea bass and a 21-inch flounder, while Sergio Pecora of Baltimore, MD landed this 24.5-inch, 6 lb. flounder during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Tucker Colquhoun and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The fish were caught on clams at an ocean wreck. Pictured at the **Ocean City Fishing Center.**

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by Pat Schrawder

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One thing we know for sure is that no one knowingly goes out for a fun day of fishing/boating expecting to have any problems, but problems do arise. Over the years, the technology has developed to offer several devices to help you out when you and/or your vessel is in distress. One of these is often overlooked and is something about which many boaters are unaware. That item is the Search and Rescue Transponder or SART.

Simply put, the SART is like an interactive radar reflector. It is an electronic device that reacts to the emissions of X-band radar units. Whenever the SART detects a pulse from an X-band radar, it "answers" the call by transmitting a signal that is displayed on the X-band radar unit's display as a series of twelve echoes looking sort of like a dotted line. The first dot is the position of the SART with the following eleven dots radiating in a straight line towards the edge of the screen.

The SART is placed on a vessel only to be switched on if the vessel is in distress. It is designed to be a "call for assistance". It is hoped that a nearby vessel with X-band radar (most radar units on pleasure

and light commercial vessels are X-band) will activate the signal, letting that vessel know you are in trouble. If the nearby vessel is able to assist, they can use their EBL (electronic bearing line) and VRM(variable range marker) functions to pinpoint your location and head towards you.

As the "rescue" vessel approaches the SART, the twelve dots slowly become arcs that increase in size as the two vessels get closer together. When the two boats have arrived, the arcs become concentric circles. The distance between the two vessels that will cause the SART to be activated is about 7-10 miles but varies with the height and location of the SART.

If you want to be in alert mode to stand by for a signal, your best radar range in which to operate is 6-12 miles. If you cannot assist, for whatever reason, you can still record the location of the vessel in distress and call that distress in to the US Coast Guard. The SART is designed to operate in stand-by for an average of 96 hours or 8 hours of actual transmission. Its battery needs to be replaced about every five years.

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One manufacturer, ACR, has a built-in test mode for visual and audible feedback. Most units will, once activated, show a light to indicate it is on and either a flashing light or buzzing sound to let you know the signal has been activated by a near by vessel.

SART units are mandatory aboard commercial vessels that must conform to federal regulations. Other vessels and life rafts may contain them by choice. With an average cost of a little under \$1,000, it is true that many small boaters will not have one of these, but the important thing to remember is if you have a radar on your boat and you see this characteristic twelve dotted line signal, you know that there is a vessel in distress and that you have it within your power to lend assistance by proceeding to the vessel or calling the Coast Guard.

Pat Schrawder and her husband Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.









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| Sea Bass | March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs. | February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz. | Mako Shark | June 7, 2009 Don Clawson "Nontypical" 224.4 lbs. | June 9, 2009 Kelly McCullars Fingers 169 lbs. |
| Tautog | March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz. | May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz. | Thresher Shark | June 13, 2009 Bob Wenger "Game Over" 506 lbs. | May 31, 2009 Kevin Compton "MEGA-BITE" 232 lbs. |
| Striped Bass | May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz. | May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz. | Cobia | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
| Weakfish | May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz. | May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz. | Bluefin Tuna | June 12, 2009 Debbie Timchula Sausages 135 lbs. | May 31, 2009 Tommy Hinkle "Fish Whistle" 39.5 lbs. |
| Speckled Trout | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported | Yellowfin Tuna | W June 9, 2009 Daina Kazmaier Poor Man's Canyon 25 lbs. | June 8, 2009 John Horning "Fish Whistle" 34 lbs. |
| Flounder | May 14, 2009 Scott Peters Thorofare 7 lbs. 12 oz. | May 26, 2009 Joseph Parsons Indian River Inlet 9 lbs. 13 oz. | Longfin Tuna | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
| Bluefish | June 7, 2009 Roland Hubbard "Jezebel" 10.4 lbs. | May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz. | Bigeye Tuna | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
| Sheepshead | June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz. | No Weights Reported | Dolphin | May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs. | May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs. |
| Black Drum | No Weights Reported | May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs. | Wahoo | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |

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Jesse Baird used a live minnow to hook this 4 lb. 9 oz. flounder in the Lewes Canal. Jesse was assisted by young Jimmy Larsen and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.



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Sue Foster of Oyster Bay Tackle and Fenwick Tackle caught this 3 lb. sea bass on a chunk of clam during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mate Tucker Colquhoun.

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Chum Lines by Mark Sampson

Last week a couple of my charter clients began bellyaching about how so many charter boat captains are "arrogant jerks" because they act as though they own the waters and all the fish, and they never do a thing to help other fishermen unless it's another captain. I was kind'a glad that they were speaking primarily about captains on the "other side" of the shore because that's something I really know nothing about, and I was happy to stay out of the conversation, but eventually they made a few references about some of our local captains and I decided it was time to "take arms" and defend the homeland!

I explained that because they really don't know us or what it's like to be in this business, a lot of folks probably get the wrong impression when they interact with charter captains on the dock or out on the water. "To know us is to love us?" Well, I don't know about that, but I think if folks knew more about what a captain's daily routine can be like, they might not be so quick to condemn.

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Besides catching fish, captains must also ensure that their crew stays both entertained and safe, and because captains have so much on their plates they may be inclined to take things a lot more seriously than the average group of friends who hop in a boat a couple times a week and head out strictly for fun. I can't speak for everyone, but as for me, whenever I'm just out

fishing for fun, I'm able to maintain a much more carefree attitude then when I'm taking out clients. But when I'm working, I'm working and I don't want to be chitterchattering on the radio, have to worry about what other guys are doing on their boats, or deal with someone who decides to pull up and fish right next to me. Basically, I just want everyone to let me get my job done. Back at the dock it's the same thing, after a long day on the water. I've only got a short amount of time to get the boat cleaned, fueled, and prepped for tomorrow's trip so that I can hopefully get home in time for dinner, (usually around 8 pm) and off to bed so I can get up and do it all over again.

That kind of schedule doesn't allow much time for swapping stories with other fishermen or long conversations with folks who stop by to "pick my (feeble) brain" for pointers on where, how, and what they need to know to catch a fish. Most charter captains know that in order to fish every day they must manage their time closely so that they don't burn out from fatigue and not be able to maintain a busy schedule throughout the entire season.

So folks should try and understand that even if, for them, the docks, marinas, and fishing grounds are places for weekend fun and recreation, for most charter captains these places are "job-sites" and as long as they're on the premises they're officially "punched-in" and working. With that in mind it should be easier to see why a captain might not be able to offer much time to everyone who comes along and wants a



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piece of it. Of course captains do network a lot with each other. They often share techniques, strategies, and locations, and this in itself is the likely reason a lot of anglers contend that charter captains want to keep all the fish for themselves. "They'll tell each other where the fish are - but no one else!"

Captains who fish a lot get to know and often swap fishing info with other captains who they trust and share the waters with day after day. They can do this because there's a sort of an unofficial understanding that if someone calls you onto fish, that you don't go blabbing about it to everyone else on the radio or at the dock. Captains know that a lot of times if they can keep some news from going public for a few days or sometimes just a few hours that they can have at least a short period where their work on the water will be just a little bit easier. Sooner or later the word will get out (it always does) and everyone and their brother will be there chasing the same fish with the same tactics, which of course can mean the beginning of the end to a hot bite and back to the grindstone for everyone.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting that I, or other, captains don't want folks calling us on the radio, asking advice, or stopping by the boat at the end of the day to say a quick hello. Heck, I'll be the first to admit that more than once, private boaters have made my day by calling me to say where they've caught fish, and I'll continue to do the same for them when it's appropriate. There's no excuse for any captain ever to be rude to other fishermen, but I just hope that folks will understand that, if they get the impression that a charter captain is being a bit too selfish or evasive, it might just be that he's putting his livelihood before his concerns for being sociable, and I don't see how anyone could fault a fellow for doing that!

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



David Guinto from Hampstead, MD was drifting a live minnow in the East Channel aboard the "Wizzy" when he captured this 20-inch flounder.



Alex Edwards of South Canaan, PA caught this 18.5inch flounder while fishing on the "Sod Bank". Alex hooked the flattie on a squid and minnow combination in the bay behind Assateague Island.





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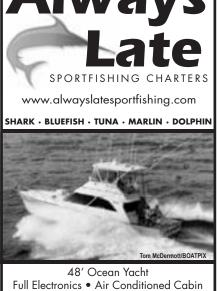


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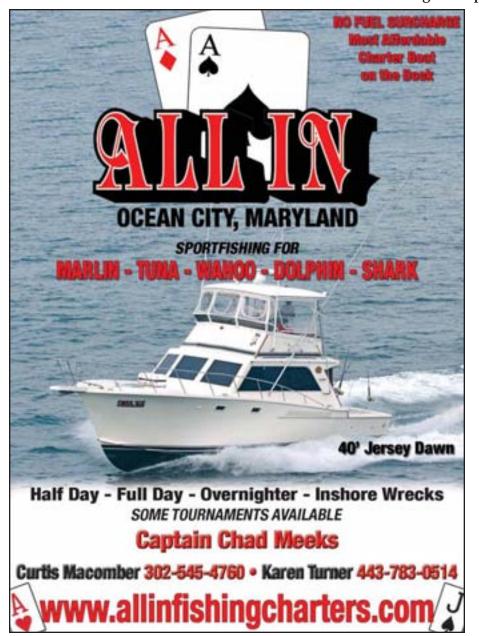
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Patrick Smith of Salisbury, MD, Kory Watson of Hebron, MD, Debbie and Brian Lowe of Delmar, MD and Nicole Achenne of Salisbury, MD had a good day fishing on the "Always Late" with Capt. Larry Richardson and Mate Neil Messick. The anglers ended their day with a mako shark and a 38 lb. bluefin tuna in the box, both caught at the Marine Electric. They also released 9 bluefins and another mako shark during the trip. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina. June 17, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 47 John Henry's **Bait & Tackle** Live Big Minnows Fresh Bunker Live Eels Crabbing & Clamming **Supplies** Fish Bites Bloodworms \$7 a Dozen Rod & Reel Combo Sale LIVE HARD CRABS \$75 - Bushel, \$15 - Dozen \$40 - 1/2 Bushel PEELERS & SOFT CRABS Call for Availability **OPEN DAILY** FRI & SAT: 6AM - 8:30PM SUN - THURS: 6AM - 8PM Stop by and enter our monthly rod and reel drawing! West OC on Rt. 611 **Sunset Business Park** Just North of Sunset Ave. 410-213-9378 (west) www.JohnHenrysBaitAndTackle.com





Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball

The summertime fishing trend is still on the rise, with cobia as the main attraction week. Catches this are improving each day, and so are the sizes. The folks at Bayside Bait and Tackle report that cobia are popping up everywhere, and some of these fish are big, with several weighing from 60 to 100 lbs. this week. Fish are taking bait from both chummers and top water casters. Bottom anglers are finding action off of Back River, Grand View, and Buckroe, as well as the Latimer and the Nine Foot Shoal areas. Keith Cole of Virginia Beach took the lead in the state when he tricked a 105 lb. monster with bunker while chumming this week. Casters are also pulling brown-suited brutes from the Bay Bridge Tunnel, where Keith Legrande of Virginia Beach subdued a nice 77 pounder on an eel.

Although still available, drum red are losing popularity as more species debut in the Bay. Bulls are still active off Fisherman's Island and near Buoy 10, where the best action is occurring after dark. Daren Abreu of Virginia



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Dr. Julie Ball is pictured with a blueline tilefish caught while fishing with Capt. Skip Feller, Capt. Darren Foster and Sean Doran. most any inshore structure, as Beach found this to be true well as along the CBBT. when he released a 49-inch red Sheepshead are yet to using crab in this same area.

Black drum are on the downside of their early season bite, but fish are still hitting near Buoy 10, mixed in with red drum.

On other fronts, spadefish are schooled around most near-shore and Bay structures. The most popular spot is still the Chesapeake Light Tower, although reports indicate that divers are beginning to interrupt much of the action. Most fish are ranging around 6 lbs.

Nice trigger fish are beginning to take residence on

really transpire, but hopefully this will change soon.

If Spanish mackerel is your pleasure, these fish are making a great introduction along the oceanfront and on up to the Middle Bay areas. Cape Henry is the hot spot this week. Plenty of keeper-sized Spanish mackerel are chasing small Clark spoons in 30 to 50 feet of water. Gold is reported as the best color recently. These fish offer good, fast action. Watch for their close cousin, the king mackerel, to make its debut soon.



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The flounder scene could use a boost. Boats are finding steady action with undersized fish, but keepers are still not the norm. Those working hard for their fish are finding a few doormats coming from the Bay Bridge structure, Oyster, and the Cell areas. Live bait is working best for the bigger flatfish.

Reports of puppy drum are still coming from within Rudee, Lynnhaven Inlets, and the Elizabeth River, with an outgoing tide offering the best results. According to Steve at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle, cut mullet is the best bait.

Decent croaker and 3 to 8 lb. bluefish are available near the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, while smallish croaker are also biting off Ocean View, and around the CBBT. Rich at Ocean's East 2 tells of hand-sized spot available off of Sewell's Point and Little Creek Inlet lately.

Nice black seabass are hitting on many mid-range and near-shore structures and wrecks. Jigs and squid will work well for these tasty fish.

Several varieties of deep water bottomfish are active in water ranging from 300 to 800feet. Grouper, blueline tilefish, black belly rosefish and the much coveted golden tilefish are possibilities. Captain Skip Feller led myself and crew to the edge of the Norfolk Canyon in search of deep dropping species recently. The crew returned to the dock with 16 golden tilefish, which is an amazing catch for this fishery. Six fish were over 40 lbs., and four fish weighed in at 50 lbs.

Things are beginning to look up for the offshore season. One boat from the Fishing Center returned from trolling the Canyon with 13 yellowfin tuna weighing up to 40 lbs., and several gaffer dolphin this week.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. You can find Dr. Julie's reports at www.drjball.com.



James Rodek from Odessa, DE caught this 71.9 lb. black drum while fishing at the Pin Top aboard the "Reel Passion". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Samantha Roberts of Kent Island, MD was casting a bucktail tipped with a white curly tail at the South Jetty when she hooked into these 2 striped bass measuring 30 and 32 inches.





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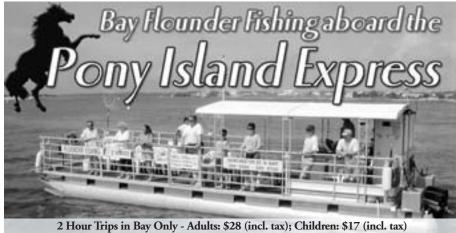
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Capt. Alan Steele was casting a white bucktail tipped with a purple worm at the Outer Breakwater when he hooked into this 42-inch, 24 lb. 8 oz. striped bass. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Debbie Timchula of Baltimore, MD landed this 120 lb. mako and bluefin measuring 39.5 and 63-inches (135 lbs.) while fishing on the "Jo Jo" with Capt. Steve Moore and Mates David Walker and Tony Congialdi. The mako was caught on a mackerel at the Sausages, while the bluefins were caught at the Hambone on trolled ballyhoo. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



A little early to see sheepshead showing up around the South Jetty, but Tyler Green was there to snag one measuring 18.5-inches and weighing 4 lbs. 13 oz. Tyler caught the sheepshead on a sand flea and weighed the fish at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.



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Tucker Colquhoun of Rehoboth Beach, DE left his Speedo at home before heading out on the "Morning Star" where he used dolphin belly and a green grub to hook this 10 lb. 8 oz. tautog.





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George Walton of Havertown, PA caught this 34-inch, 15 lb. 4 oz. striper on a Storm lure at the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.



Mike Burt of Ocean City, MD caught 3 keeper flounder, measuring between 18.25 and 19-inches, while fishing in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Mike hooked 2 flatties on Gulp! Swimming Mullets and one on a live minnow.







Rick Valderas of Ocean City, MD caught this 24-inch, 4 lb. flounder while drifting a squid and minnow combination in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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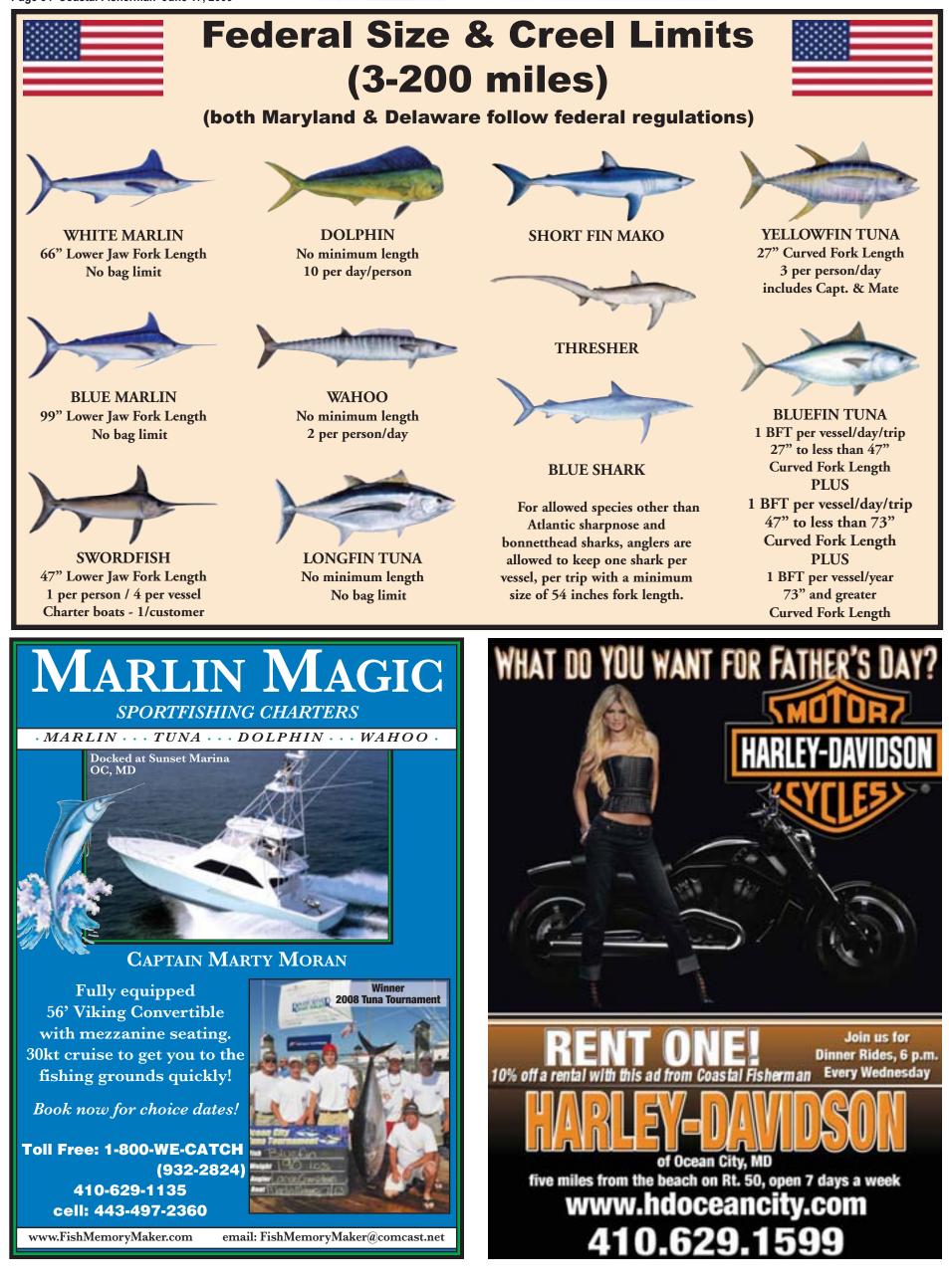
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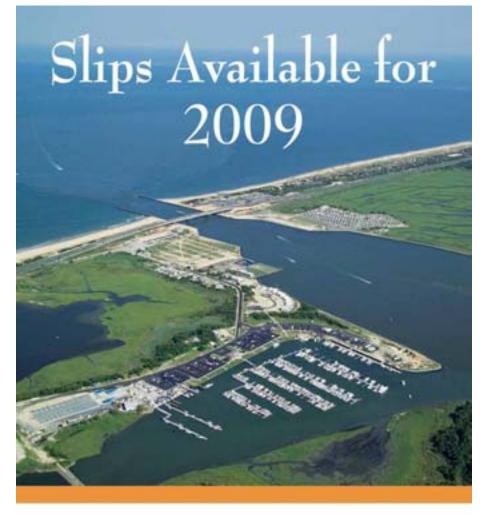
Dann Carr of Lewes, DE caught this pair of striped bass, measuring 35 and 38-inches while fishing with bunker head at slack tide at the Cape Henlopen State Park. Photo courtesy of Henlopen Bait & Tackle.



On Sunday, Kevin Viens of Crownsville, MD muscled in this 450 lb. thresher shark during a trip aboard the "Teaser" with his dad, Roger Viens of Crownsville, MD, James and Jimmy Hammond of Baltimore, MD, Capt. Rich Daiker and Mate David Wine. The big thresher hit a whole bluefish in 20 fathoms, south of the Fingers and took Kevin 1 hour to get to the boat. Weighed at Ake Marine.



Ben Mumford, Jackson Mumford and Jake Emche (not pictured) caught these 8 keeper flounder off a dock in Ocean City during the outgoing tide. Two of the keepers were caught on a fly rod with a grey over white clouser, while the other six were hooked on Gulp! Swimming Mullets. All were lured close by chumming with corn and cat food.



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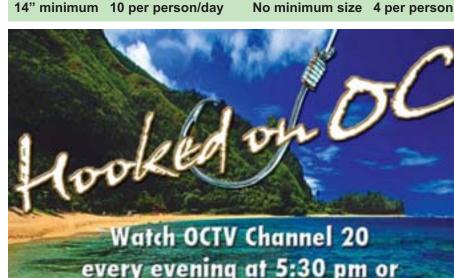
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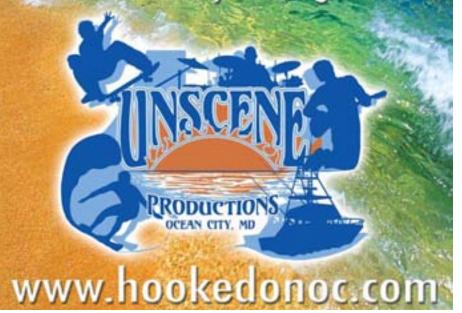
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DNREC Issues New Shark Regs

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has issued modifications to the state's Tidal Finfish Regulations that take effect June 11 for conservation of Atlantic sharks and for expanding the commercial fishing catch for spiny dogfish.

regulations bring The Delaware into compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Commission's **Fisheries** Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Coastal Sharks liberalize commercial and requirements in concert with the most recent revision to the ASMFC's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Spiny Dogfish.

The Interstate Plan for Coastal Sharks mirrors requirements for shark fishing in federal waters by requiring all states from Virginia to New Jersey to prohibit recreational and commercial landings of 10 shark species known to reproduce in the mid-Atlantic area - silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, bull, lemon, nurse, scalloped hammerhead, great hammerhead and smooth hammerhead - from May 15 through July 15.

Delaware and all other states also must prohibit recreational and commercial landings of sandbar sharks year-round, except for those commercial fishermen who hold a valid sandbar shark research permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Sandbar sharks have been declared overfished and the population of these slow-to-mature, longlived species is in need of recovery.

The Delaware Bay is an important pupping and nursery area for this species, which migrates extensively along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico. Even though juvenile sandbar sharks are abundant locally in our waters in the summer, these juveniles are critical to the survival of this depleted species and are in need of additional protection. Sandbar sharks can be identified by their relatively large single dorsal fin and sharp teeth. Many shark species resemble the sandbar shark, but sandbars are by far the most abundant shark of this type in Bay the Delaware and nearshore Delaware ocean waters. They can reach weights of several hundred pounds when mature.

Additional revisions to the coastal sharks plan are as follows:

Shore-bound anglers may harvest one shark per day not otherwise prohibited, excluding smooth dogfish sharks, plus one additional bonnethead and one Atlantic sharpnose shark per day.

Recreational fishing vessels will be allowed to harvest and possess one shark not otherwise prohibited per trip, regardless of the number of people on the vessel.

In addition each recreational angler aboard a vessel may harvest and possess one bonnethead and one Atlantic sharpnose shark per person per trip.

All sharks possessed by recreational fisherman must have the heads, tails and fins attached naturally to the carcass prior to landing on shore.

When the NMFS closes the recreational or commercial fishery for any species of shark in federal waters other than the spiny dogfish, the recreational or commercial landing, harvest and possession of that species shall be prohibited in Delaware waters until the NMFS reopens the fishery.

For more information, please contact the Fisheries Section at 302-739-9914.

39 More Subway Cars Sunk at Redbird Reef

The DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife's Artificial Reef Program today oversaw the sinking of another 39 New York City subway cars at Delaware's largest and most popular artificial reef, Redbird Reef.

The subway cars were sunk to expand the capacity of the reef, enhance fisheries habitat,



Bill Ziskay of Ocean View, DE caught this 6 lb. flounder while drifting a live spot in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

and increase fishing and diving opportunities for thousands of recreational anglers and divers who visit the site each year.

With the total surface area of the cars at more than 2.5 million square feet, Redbird Reef supports a marine life community up to 400 times richer than the natural bottom. In the Mid-Atlantic region, the ocean bottom is usually featureless sand or mud. Subway cars make ideal reef material, because voids and cavities in its structure provide the perfect sanctuary for reef fish. Within a few weeks, blue mussels, sponges, barnacles and soft corals attach to the structure, and in about a year, the reef will be fully productive, resembling natural habitat.

The addition of 39 subway cars brings the total number of sunken subway cars on Redbird Reef to 973. Although the artificial reef was created in 1997, the first subway car sinking at the reef occurred in August of 2001, when 27 cars were sunk. The most recent sinking at Redbird Reef was in April of this year, when 44 subway cars were sunk.

Redbird Reef is now more than 1.3 square nautical miles of ocean bottom located 16 nautical miles off the coast of the Indian River Inlet. Since the reef was first created, a variety of materials have been deployed at the site including the subway cars, 11 large vessels - including decommissioned barges, commercial vessels and tugboats, 86 armored military vehicles and 6,000 tons of ballasted truck tire units. The reef now supports more than 13,000 angler visits per year, up from fewer than 300 in 1997.



Steve Allender from Parkville, MD was fishing with his grandfather when they weeded through 10 flatties to land these 2 keepers measuring 19.5 and 22-inches.



Price Lindsay, Bucky Lindsay and David Anderson teamed up to land this 143 lb. thresher shark while drifting a mackerel near "DA" Buoy. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Hopefully, Dan Fair of Lewes, DE had his eyes open when he hooked into this 34-inch, 11 lb. 14 oz. striper while fishing with mullet at the Cape Henlopen State Park.





While fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz, Tom Walker of Leesburg, VA caught 3 flounder, Dale Kline of Riverdale, MD landed 2 flatties and Austin Walker of Parkton, MD caught one, all in the bay behind Assateague on squid and shiners. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Andy Burkholder from Denver, PA was drifting a minnow and squid combination in the bay off 26th Street when he hooked into this 25.5-inch, 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



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Phil Fraley of Baltimore, MD caught these sea bass while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mate Tucker Colquhoun. The largest sea bass weighed 3 lbs. and was caught on a chunk of clam at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This good group of guys took a bachelor party fishing trip to celebrate Kyle Chacon's upcoming wedding and had a great day on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. The group ended up with two bluefin tuna in the box, measuring 38.5-inches and 60-inches, along with 6 bluefin being released. All of the fish were caught at the Hambone. Pictured with Kyle are Kevin McGrath of Hanover, MD, Christian Chacon of Owings Mills, MD, Evan Gambrill of Winsor, MD, Paul Kwon and Eric Trocher, both from Baltimore, MD, T.J. Gleason of Savage, MD and Ryan Dear of Catonsville, MD.



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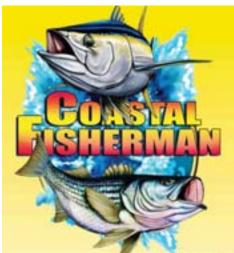
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