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On Sunday, May 29th, the crew on the "Marli" ventured out on a fun fishing trip to 100-300 fathoms outside the Rockpile and were rewarded with a spectacular day of fishing, highlighted by Anthony Pino's release of the first white marlin of the season. The white marlin was hooked on a naked ballyhoo in 71.9-degree water where the anglers also hooked 1 bluefin tuna and 40 yellowfin tuna (keeping 8) all on trolled ballyhoo and artificial lures. Pictured with Anthony Pino are Mike Runk, Joe Jasilaitis, Jeff Maul, Ray Stuckey, R.J. Stuckey, Bob Blasetti, Bob Pino, Capt. Brian Porter and mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk. This is the earliest recorded catch of a season's first white marlin, beating the fish caught in 2002 on the "Enticer", also with Capt. Brian Porter at the helm. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Fish Facts



Black Sea Bass *Centropristis striata* (aka: Sea Bass)

Key Distinguishing Markings:

- They are typically large-mouthed, bottom dwellers that are bluish black in color with light spots that form longitudinal stripes.
- Their scales are relatively large and their dorsal fin is continuous, but notched with 10 slender spines.

Size:

- The fish can grow to a maximum of 24-25" in length and live 15-20 years.

Distribution:

- Along the Atlantic coast, black sea bass are divided into two stocks for management purposes. The northern stock resides north of Cape Hatteras and is seasonally migratory. The southern stock resides south of the Cape and is not migratory.

Habitat:

- Bottom dwelling marine fishes and are most often found on rocky bottoms near reefs, wrecks, oyster bars, pilings, or jetties.
- Adults migrate inshore and northward as water temperatures increase in the spring. They return to coastal and ocean waters, moving southward and offshore in the fall as water temperatures drop.

Food Preference:

- Black sea bass typically feed on crabs, mussels, razor clams, and fishes.

Spawning:

- Female black sea bass usually mature by ages 2-5 and produce approximately 280,000 pelagic eggs which are buoyant and contain a single oil globule.

Fun Facts:

- Black sea bass are protogynous hermaphrodites, functioning first as females and then as males.

Reference: www.dnr.state.md.us



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Freddy Salloum of Northampton, PA, Amy Smith and Gary Payne from Knoxville, MD, Brett Haller from Boonsboro, MD and Cody Tracey of Glen Rock, PA had a good day fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. The anglers hooked into flounder and small snapper bluefish while fishing in the East Channel using shiners, minnows and squid for bait. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Bob Spetzler from Ocean Pines, MD was fishing off of the 4th Street Bulkhead when he landed this 28-inch flounder after hooking it on a live minnow. The 8 lb. 8 oz. flattie was caught at the beginning of the outgoing tide and weighed at Skip's Bait & Tackle.

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Kurt Hofschild from Berlin, MD took advantage of the excellent striped bite off Assateague Island, landing this 39-incher while using bunker for bait. Kurt beached 2 stripers the day before measuring 37 and 38-inches.



Larry Wenger from Orrstown, PA and Jerry Wadel from Shippensburg, PA boated a cooler full of sea bass while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The fish were caught with squid and clams at a natural reef with the heaviest tipping the scales at 3 lbs. Pictured in the slip at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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Thomas Pranzatelli from Bethesda, MD made the most of his first fishing trip ever, landing a 39-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Lisa" with his dad John Pranzatelli, grandfather Douglas Rasmussen and Capt. Stu Windsor. The bluefin and 9 bluefish were caught on trolled J&J lures north of the Jackspot and 2 sea bass were hooked while dropping over an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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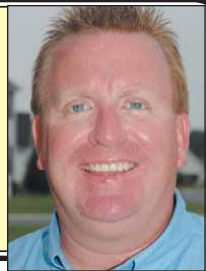
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



What an incredible long weekend of fishing, highlighted by the first white marlin of the season released by Anthony Pino on the "Marli". The marlin was hooked outside the Rockpile, where most boats had their sights set on yellowfin tuna. This is the earliest recorded catch of the first white marlin of the season. Ironically, it beats the June 1st catch made on the "Enticer" back in 2002 with Capt. Brian Porter at the wheel, the same captain who was on the "Marli" last Sunday.

Tuna

Outside of the white marlin release, the star of the weekend was the arrival of yellowfin tuna. Boats returned on Saturday and Sunday with good numbers of yellowfins in the box in addition to large numbers of releases. The better bite was definitely on Saturday, when boats arrived back from outside the Rockpile with a bluefin tuna and high single digit catches of yellowfins. The "Restless Lady" (6), "Always Late" (8), "Reel Naughty" (7) and "Grande Pez" (9) all had good



Greg Walker, Eric Polansky, Capt. Brandon Speilman and mate Joe Polansky teamed up to land 1 bluefin tuna and 6 yellowfins while fishing on the "Always Late" in 100 fathoms outside the Rockpile. The fish were caught on ballyhoo, green machines and spreader bars in 72-degree water. The largest yellowfin weighed in at 30 lbs.

days trolling for yellowfins.

On Sunday, we didn't see the strong numbers of yellowfins caught like the day before, but the "Marli" really got on them, hooking 40 while trolling between 100 and 300 fathoms outside the Rockpile. The "Jade II" also had a good day, capturing 6 yellowfins and releasing 30 outside the Rockpile.

Quite a few boats returned with the allowable 1 bluefin tuna with many reporting

multiple releases.

On Saturday, the "Grande Pez" reportedly landed a 115 lb. bigeye tuna and another boat captured 3 around the 461 Lump. Hopefully, we will have pictures of those catches for next week's issue.

Bluefish

The 2nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament was held on Friday and Saturday. Friday's action was slow with only 2 boats weighing fish. The "Reel Estate" boated a 13.4 lb. chopper at the Hambone that ended up tying for 1st place in the tournament. On Saturday, quite a few bluefish hit the scales, led by the 13.4 pounder caught on the "Big

Herring" that tied for 1st place. The fish was also caught at the Hambone.

By far, the majority of the big bluefish we saw this weekend were caught at the Hambone. Others were caught at the Fingers, Sausages, Hot Dog and Chicken Bone.

As we have been reporting for the last month, smaller snapper bluefish are still roaming the bay around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Anglers are having the best results when tossing small lures towards the end of the incoming tide.

Sharks

Just in time for next week's Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina, we are beginning to see some makos and threshers hit the scale.

The wildest catch of the week had to be the 470 lb. thresher shark that was caught on Sunday by anglers fishing at the Fingers on a 22-foot Sea Ray. The fish obviously wouldn't fit in the cockpit of the boat, so it had to be dragged all the way to Sunset Marina.

Also on Sunday, the "Reel Serenity" returned with a 197 lb. mako shark hooked on a bluefish fillet at the Fingers. The "Cheryl Lynn" also weighed a mako shark that was caught on a mackerel at the Marine Electric. This mako tipped the scales at 133 lbs. The last mako weighed on Sunday came in on the "10-Seven" when the anglers returned from southeast of the Jackspot with a 224 pounder. Capt. Mike Riley reported

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water temperatures hovering around 66-degrees.

Striped Bass

Over the long weekend, there was a tremendous striper bite around the South Jetty, although the vast majority of fish were too small to keep. Drifting over the tip with live bait was definitely the trick with several boats reporting hook-ups on every drift. The charter boats, "Get Sum" and "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" had several good trips during the last week, returning with good numbers of keepers in the box and plenty of action for their customers with 20+ throwbacks per trip. Angler Dave McKay told me that he got worn out after a couple of hours tossing a white bucktail tipped with a white worm at the rocks and hooking up on almost every cast.

Sea Bass

Anglers are ecstatic about the opening of the 2011 sea bass season on May 22nd and are hitting the ocean reefs and wrecks like crazy.

Headboats are returning with good numbers of sea bass caught on clams and squid.

We also saw some really nice size sea bass, highlighted by the 6 lb. 4 oz. knothead landed by Ricky Herbert on Wednesday during a trip aboard the "Morning Star". Ricky hooked the fish on a diamond jig at a natural reef.

A couple other big sea bass were caught over the weekend when, on Saturday, Dae Kim

boated a 4 lb. 1 oz. sea bass after hooking it on a squid and Gulp! combination at a natural reef. Then on Sunday, Jeff Lin captured a 5 lb. 12 oz. beauty on a chunk of clam at an ocean wreck.

Tautog

With most anglers now targeting sea bass, the number of tautog hitting the scales has definitely decreased. The two largest tog weighed this week were Secarr Fullenwilder's 12.7 pounder caught on Friday at an ocean wreck aboard the "OC Girl" and Melanie Hohrein's 11 pounder caught on Saturday while fishing on the "Morning Star".

Flounder

We didn't see a lot of flounder caught this past week, but we certainly saw a few really nice fish. One thing I have noticed this year is that the flounder are fat! Anglers are still reporting a lot of throwbacks which is surprising since the minimum size was reduced to 18-inches. As proof of this claim, on Saturday the "Bay Bee" had over 60 throwbacks!

The largest flattie we have seen in Ocean City this year was caught on Saturday by Bob Spetzler while fishing from the 4th Street Bulkhead. Bob hooked the fish on a live minnow at the beginning of the outgoing tide. Earlier in the week, Tom Walas caught a 26-inch, 6 lb. 12 oz. flounder on a bridge spreader bar while fishing off of the Rt. 50 Bridge and on Thursday, Noel Cook

was drifting a minnow in the Thorofare when he boated a 26 incher that weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz.

The best baits to use seem to be live minnows, shiners and the Gulp! artificial baits (swimming mullet) with fishing in the East Channel, Thorofare and around the Rt. 90 Bridge affording anglers the best shot at a keeper.

In the Surf

After a spectacular spring run, action off the beaches is beginning to slow although anglers are still catching a few large stripers with some black drum, snapper bluefish, kingfish, skates and sharks

This weekend is the 15th Annual Mid-Atlantic Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina. This is the first shark tournament of the year and always provides a lot of excitement for spectators. Weigh-in's are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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Phil and Evan Falgowski of Lewes, DE captured the first reported yellowfins of the year while fishing on the "Sea Dog" with Capt. Mark Stephens and Capt. Charlie Horning. The fish, weighing 35 lbs. and 37 lbs., were hooked on skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On Friday, Noel Cook was drifting a live minnow in the Thorofare near Buoy #6 when he hooked into this 26-inch flounder. Noel was fishing on the "Money Pit" with Mike Wright when he boated the 6 lb. 1 oz. flattie. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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Hobby Isaacs caught this 5 lb. 10 oz. sea bass, the largest landed in Delaware so far this year, while fishing at Reef Site 11. The big knothead was caught on a clam and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Capt. Devon Fernandez traveled to Ocean City from Alaska to do some striper fishing with Capt. Skip Maguire of "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" and was rewarded with 2 stripers caught on live bait at the tip of the North Jetty. The largest linesider measured 46-inches and weighed 30 lbs. Weighed at Skip's Bait & Tackle.



Bill Swords landed a pair of nice codfish while fishing on the "Swords Fish" at an ocean wreck. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"I want to go out on a party boat!"

Party boat fishing is a lot of fun, especially if you wake up feeling good after a night's rest. I can get a little sea sick out there in the rolling water, and I have seen I'm not alone. I always take a Dramamine or a Merazine an hour before we sail, and I am just fine. If you have never been out in the ocean before, tuck a pack in your bag just in case. It takes

about an hour to kick in, so take it at the first sign of discomfort.

If you flip through the *Coastal Fisherman*, you will see party boats that go out for a full-day and other boats that go out for a half-day. The serious angler should always go for the "full-day." Full-day in Ocean City usually means you're back at the dock by 3:00 pm with plenty of time to get cleaned up and go out to dinner! When you venture offshore for a full-day, the Captain can travel farther and hopefully find more and larger fish. Half-day boats are limited to how far they can go and usually fish areas like the Bass Grounds and African Queen where many of the private boaters and half-day charter boats spend their days.

If you have limited time, or just want to get your feet wet and see what it's all about, a half-day boat is a good idea. If you have a spouse who is not sure he or she really wants to go out or a child that might get bored, the half-day boat is for you. It's always a nice boat ride on a nice day no matter what boat you take.

Look at the weather forecast, and I don't mean a local beach forecast. Check out the marine forecast at <http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts/marine/coastal/an/anz650.txt>. This is COASTAL WATERS FROM FENWICK ISLAND, DE TO CHINCOTEAGUE, VA OUT TO 20 NM. It tells you the wind predictions and direction of the wind. Anywhere from 5 to 15 miles per hour and 2 to 4 feet is usually a nice day. When you see winds increasing to over 20 knots, and waves building to the 4 to 6 feet range, it's



generally "not so good." Weather can change all the time, so keep checking it. Call the boat and make reservations and make sure you know what time the boat leaves. Just showing up at a marina without a plan is not the best choice, unless that is what the marina told you to do. Sometimes party boats have special trips with special hours, a private charter, or are already booked up.

Be sure to take something to eat and drink, suntan lotion, hat, boat shoes, sunglasses, ice, a light cover-up if it gets chilly and a rain jacket if rain is predicted.

"Anything special I should know about party boat fishing?"

The most valuable lesson is to listen to the Captain and mates. Let them rig up your lines properly and watch the people around you that are catching fish.

Let your line go straight

down until the sinker hits the bottom and then reel in the slack. Most party boats will be fishing over artificial and natural wrecks and yes, there are snags out there. If you keep a tight line, you will less likely get snagged and you can feel the bites better. If you do get snagged, don't reel and reel and fight the snag. It's not a fish, it's a snag. Stop, put some slack in your line, and gently lift your rod tip up and down and maybe it will come out. Capt. Monty says it's like getting a hook in your finger. The harder you pull, the deeper it will go! Let off, and try to work it out.

Keep your bait on your hooks fresh. If you are using clam, thread it on so the dark, yucky stuff is at the tip of the hook. If you are fishing for sea bass, you are trying to catch a 12 ½ inch so it can go in your box. Bigger pieces of bait will generally catch you bigger fish. If you are fishing

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with crab for tautog, it is very important to keep your bait very still on the bottom. Move your body up and down with the rocking of the boat, not your sinker. Keep that sinker totally still and not moving.

When you get a bite, set the hook and start reeling and get the fish off the bottom immediately before it goes into some part of the wreck or artificial reef structure and gets you snagged. If you hook a fish and get hung-up in the bottom, give the line slack for a few seconds, then try again. Sometimes the fish will swim out of the snag. That happened to me last week. We were fishing the cables at the African Queen, and I put my rod down and had a good bite. The fish was on, but then it got snagged tight. I let my line go slack, counted to 10, then tried again and came up with my very first codfish!

When the Captain moves to a new fishing spot, the fish will often jump on the baited hooks right away. Then the fishing spot may peter out as the hungry fish are caught, so when the Captain moves to a new spot and tells you to "let 'em down" do it quick and maybe you'll catch the big one!

It doesn't take rocket science to catch a sea bass. You just have to keep bait on your hook and get to the bottom. Tautog and some of the other offshore fish are a little trickier. Look, watch, and listen.

Party boat fishing is fun. You meet new friends, enjoy fresh air and hopefully catch some dinner. It's a nice way to spend the day. Always remember to tip the mate, and if you miss a fish, or the fish is a 1/2-inch too short, don't get mad. It's just a fish!

Good fishing....

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

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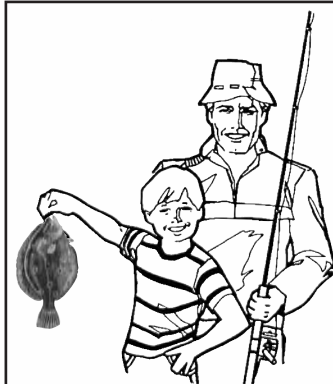
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Brian Janczak from Baltimore, MD landed a 25-inch, 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Greg Williams of Baltimore, MD, Bob Houser of Carlisle, PA, Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. Greg caught himself a 26-inch cod and Bob boated an 18.5-inch sea bass during the trip. All three of the fish were caught on clams. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



David, Janet and Jonathan Skoner from Pittsburgh, PA boated 3 striped bass during a trip with Capt. Skip Maguire on "Skip's Charter & Guide Service". The fish were caught on live bait at the South Jetty with the largest fish measuring 42-inches. Pictured at Skip's Bait & Tackle.

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NO OCMC MEMBERSHIP NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE
Chairmen: Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick
Registration: September 1, 6:30 p.m.
Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 2, 3, & 4
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Chairmen: Jon Duffie & Pat Svehla
Registration: September 15, 7 p.m.
Fishing Days: (2 of 2) September 16 & September 17
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On Saturday, Chris Graham and Adrian Stabley, from Windsor, PA, Steve Graham from Wrightsville, PA and Bill Sterner from York, PA teamed up to land this 264 lb. thresher shark while fishing at the Fingers. The thresher was hooked on a bunker and weighed at Ake Marine.



Kahekili Gomez muscled in this 67.8 lb. black drum from the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay after fooling it with a chunk of clam. Kahekili was fishing on the "Joint Venture" with Capt. Jeff Hoepfl and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Niko, Saki, Basil and Elena Papoutsis from Camp Hill, PA got into a good striper bite at the South Jetty on Saturday, returning to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 5 linesiders, all caught on live spot. The largest fish measured 34-inches. The group also recorded 15 throwbacks during the trip.

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by Mama Jock



Baked Tautog in Wine

2 lbs. tautog fillets
1/4 tsp. paprika
2 TBSP. butter, melted
1 tsp. fennel seed
1 tsp. parsley, minced
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1 TBSP. lemon juice
1/2 cup dry white wine

Cut fillets into serving pieces; place in a shallow oven proof baking dish.

Combine the butter and rest of ingredients and pour over the fish.

Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes.

Serves 6.

Striped Bass with Mushroom-Rice

6 striped bass fillets

Sauce:

3 (8 oz.) bottles clam juice
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1/4 cup dry white wine

Boil all ingredients in saucepan until reduced to 2/3 cup, about 15 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper.

Mushroom-Rice Mixture:

4 cups chicken broth
2 cups white rice
1/4 cup butter
3 shallots, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
9 oz. assorted mushrooms, diced

Cook rice in chicken broth in large saucepan until tender.

Melt the butter in a large skillet; add shallots, garlic and mushrooms.

Saute 10 minutes; season with salt and pepper.

Add mixture to rice in saucepan.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Heat oil in large ovenproof skillet.

Season fish with salt and pepper.

Cook skin side down 4 minutes then place skillet in oven (do not turn fish).

Bake 4 minutes.

Divide rice among 6 plates.

Top with fish, skin side up; drizzle with sauce.

Sprinkle with parsley.

Serves 6.

Codfish Creole

4 codfish fillets
1/2 cup flour
1 cup milk

1 egg
3 cups panko bread crumbs
vegetable oil

Thoroughly dry cod; flour both sides.

Beat egg and milk together; completely cover the fillets with bread crumbs.

Fry in vegetable oil.

Creole:

4 TBSP. butter
1/2 cup celery, fine chop
1/2 cup onion, fine chop
1 green pepper, diced small

Tomato sauce (16 oz.)

Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter; add the veggies and sauté until soft.

Add the tomato sauce, salt and pepper and simmer for 20 minutes.

Serve over fish.

Serves 4.

Flounder Mediterranean

5 roma tomatoes
2 TBSP. olive oil
1/2 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
Pinch Italian seasoning
1/4 cup white wine
24 Kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
4 TBSP. capers
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
6 basil leaves, chopped
3 TBSP. parmesan cheese
1 lb. flounder fillets

Preheat oven 425 degrees.

Bring a saucepan of water to a boil.

Plunge tomatoes into the water; boil 30 seconds and immediately remove to a bowl of ice water.

Drain, remove skins, chop and set aside.

Heat olive oil in a skillet; sauté onion until tender.

Stir in garlic and Italian seasoning.

Stir in tomatoes; cook 2 minutes.

Mix in the wine, olives, capers, lemon juice and 1/2 of the basil.

Reduce heat, blend in parmesan cheese and cook until mixture is reduced to a thick

sauce; about 15 minutes.

Place flounder in a shallow baking dish; cover with sauce and top with remaining basil leaves. Bake 12 minutes.

Serves 4.

Baked Bluefish

3 lbs. bluefish fillets (leave skin intact)
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1 large onion, sliced
1/4 tsp. peppercorns
1/4 tsp. allspice
1/2 cup sour cream

Place fillets in a shallow glass baking dish.

Combine next four ingredients.

Spread over fish, turning to coat.

Marinate, skin side up, at room temperature, for 1 hour.

Pour off vinegar, but not the onion or spices.

Turn skin down and spread top with sour cream.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serves 5.

Honey-Lime Sea Bass

3/4 cup lime juice
1/2 cup honey
4 sea bass fillets
2 tsp. chili powder

In a small bowl, combine lime juice and honey.

Pour 1/2 cup into a large resealable plastic bag; add the fish.

Seal the bag and turn to coat; refrigerate up to 1 hour.

Place remaining mixture in a small saucepan; set aside.

Drain fish and discard marinade.

Sprinkle fillets with chili powder and place on a greased broiler pan.

Broil 12 to 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Bring reserved lime juice mixture to a boil.

Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered until reduced by half.

Spoon over fillets.

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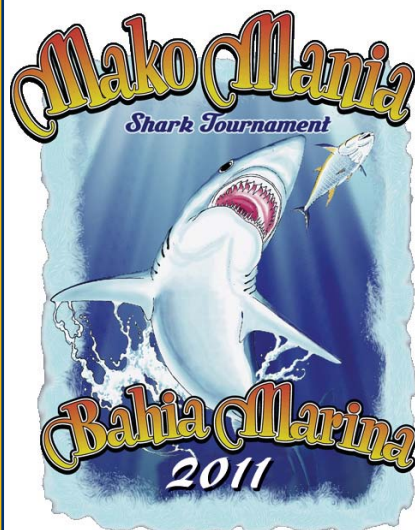
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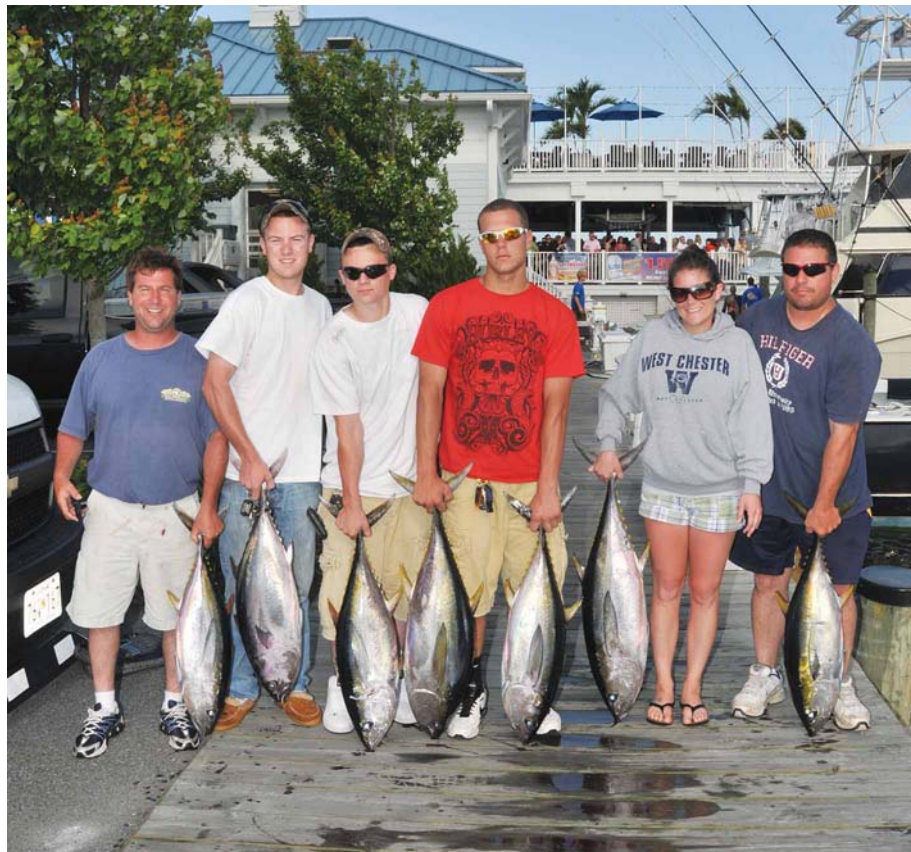


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This 42-inch striper was caught by George Wadron of Ocean City, MD while fishing from the surf in North Ocean City. The fish was caught on a chunk of bunker and weighed 28 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.



On Sunday, anglers on the "Jade II" took advantage of a good tuna bite outside the Rockpile while fishing with Capt. Ed Kaufman and mate Phil Knapp. The group ended their day with 1 bluefin and 6 yellowfin in the box, all caught on trolled ballyhoo and artificials. They also released 30 yellowfins during the trip. Fishing on the "Jade II" were Paul Cirillo, Joey Cirillo, Stan Zulkowski, Anthony Susi, Franny Trincia, Lauren Losito and Frank Cerminaro. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Charlie Lutes from Delmar, MD landed the heaviest thresher shark so far this season, a 470 pounder caught while fishing on a 22-foot Sea Ray with Don King and John Menzel of Salisbury, MD. The big thresher had to be towed to the dock after being hooked on a bluefish fillet at the Fingers. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



The heaviest sea bass weighed since 2009 was caught by Ricky Herbert from Langley Park, MD while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins, Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The big knothead tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was caught on a diamond jig at a natural reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Jimmy Robinson was trolling Stretch 25's in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this 45-inch, 31 lb. 4 oz. striper. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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 Tautog	January 6, 2011 Mike Grybos "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	January 7, 2010 John Smith "Morning Star" Offshore Wreck	 White Marlin	May 29, 2011 Anthony Pino "Marli" Rockpile	June 8, 2010 Eric Van Orden "Bimini" Washington Canyon
 Striped Bass	April 14, 2011 Capt. Skip Maguire "Skip's Charter" Sinepuxent Bay	January 1, 2010 Max Thumma "Hard Times" Little Gull	 Blue Marlin	None Reported	June 8, 2010 Scott Brooks "Stress Reel-ief" Outside 461 Lump
 Weakfish	None Reported	April 16, 2010 Tim Thorpe Assateague Surf	 Bluefin Tuna	May 1, 2011 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Washington Canyon	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart "Margin" Norfolk Canyon
 Flounder	April 17, 2011 Tommy Fowler Thorofare	April 5, 2010 Paul Turner Thorofare	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 26, 2011 Phil Falgowski Wilmington Canyon	June 11, 2010 Tom Zapf "Darlin" 461 Lump
 Bluefish	May 1, 2011 Alex Levantovsky "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	April 17, 2010 Dana Zapcic "Get Sum" Sinepuxent Bay	 Longfin Tuna	None Reported	None Reported
 Black Drum	April 30, 2011 Melson MaGee Fenwick Surf	May 2, 2010 Lucas May "Jam-Man" Coral Beds	 Bigeye Tuna	None Reported	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" Washington Canyon
 Sheepshead	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas "Kimberly Ann" Winter Quarter Shoal	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck	 Dolphin	May 22, 2011 Daryl Bathelmess Linden Kohl Canyon	June 8, 2010 Tina Boykin "Lucky Duck II" Poor Man's Canyon
 Thresher Shark	May 25, 2011 Jimmy Bunting "B" Buoy	May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier "Hookin' Wubbas" Jack Spot	 Wahoo	May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon	None Reported

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



Mason Newsham captured this 27 lb. 13 oz. striped bass on a trolled Stretch 25 in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Scott Stapleford from Milford, DE took a trip out to the Baltimore Canyon with Jimmy Hughes from Lincoln, DE and caught this 52.9 lb. bluefin tuna. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On the 1st day of the 2nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament, Brewer Butler from Baltimore, MD captured a 13.4 lb. chopper bluefish and held on to tie for 1st place in the tournament. Brewer was fishing on the "Reel Estate" with Connor Campbell, John Morton, Don Schline, David Butler, Grayson Gable, Capt. Bruce Campbell and mate Curtis Campbell. The bluefish was caught while trolling lures at the Hambone and won the "Reel Estate" crew \$2,444 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Aaron Strausbaugh from Lewes, DE caught a 13.4 lb. bluefish on the final day of the 2nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament to tie for 1st place. Aaron was fishing on the "Big Herring" with Jeff Ferguson (pictured), Dick Keck, Graham Wooten, Pat Canning and Capt. Alan Steele (pictured). The big chopper, along with 2 other bluefish that weighed 12.4 and 12.6 lbs., were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone and was worth \$3,724 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

2ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

May 28 - 29, 2011

1st Place (Tie)

**Brewer
Butler**

"Reel Estate"

13.4 lbs.

\$2,444

**Aaron
Strausbaugh**

"Big Herring"

13.4 lbs.

\$3,724

3rd Place

**Sandy
Crickenberger**

"Dilligaf"

13.0 lbs.

\$503

The tournament donated \$3,830 to the Catherine and Charles Kratz Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund



The first boat to hit the scales on the final day of the 2nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament was the "Dilligaf" with a 13 lb. bluefish, good enough to win 3rd place in the tournament and \$503 in prize money. The big chopper was caught by Sandy Crickenberger of Thurmont, MD while fishing with Fred Crickenberger and Fred Crickenberger, Jr. The 3rd place fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. The striper activity in the Indian River Inlet has certainly slowed but has not stopped. Some nice fish are still being caught at the end of the incoming tide. Live eels, bucktails with white worms and Storm or Tsunami lures are still doing the trick. Bluefish and shad are also providing plenty of angling entertainment.

In the back bays, flounder fishing has surely slowed in numbers and size. Lack of cooperation could be due to tons of boat traffic or may be just a normal lull on their part. I am sure the flounder fishing will pick up and give us plenty of action in the coming weeks.

Sea bass fishing has not been as good as I thought it would be after the season re-opened. Some nice fish are



Tony Burr of Newark, DE, Jon Kitchen of Rehoboth, DE, Dave Woods from Northeast, MD and Daryl Bathelmess from Bethany Beach, DE ventured out to the Lindenkohl Canyon and returned with a couple of wahoo and dolphin. The wahoo weighed 9.8 lbs. and 11.9 lbs. with the heaviest dolphin tipping the scales at 17.8 lbs. The wahoo were the first landed this season. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

being caught at Site #11 and other structures.

In the surf, anglers are hooking into kingfish, bluefish, stripers and flounder.

According to Capt. Bruce McGuigan at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick, there is a mixed bag coming from the surf. Stripers, black drum, and bluefish, along with plenty of sharks and skates have been keeping anglers busy. Clams seem to be the hot bait and Bruce has had stripers measuring up to 36 inches brought into the shop. Anglers fishing in the bay have been catching flounder and 1 to 4 lb. bluefish. The offshore tuna bite is starting to pick up with yellowfin and bluefin tuna taken on the troll. Two makos were brought in from the Fingers in addition to a thresher.

Capt. Bill at Bill's Sport Shop reported the following notable catches in the Indian River Inlet: Gus Nikolaou from Rehoboth Beach used a saltwater fly to catch his limit of stripers measuring up to 40-

inches. Dominic Coviello of Lewes captured a 44-inch striper on a Storm lure. Merrill Pusey of Lewes nabbed a 35.15-pound striper using a Storm lure, likewise for Kent Brittingham's 40-incher.

Elsewhere, Grant Gano of Frankford, De. nailed a 64.40 lb. black drum while fishing with clams in the Delaware Bay. Jeff Bowers caught a 25.5-inch, 6.4 lb. flounder on a minnow from the Cape Henlopen Pier. Anglers are also catching keeper flatties on white and chartreuse Gulp! artificial baits as well.

The current standings in Bill's Flounder Tournament are:

1st - Scott Bucka 4.10 lbs.

2nd - Oak Thompson 3.50 lbs.

3rd - Mike Bott 3.24 lbs.

At Hook'em and Cook'em Bait and Tackle in North Shore Marina, Deanna said, that although the rockfish bite has slowed it has not disappeared. The fish are on the smaller size and there are few of them, but anglers are still catching them

from the rocks and from boats. Storm or Tsunami Lures, white bucktails with white worms, live eels, live bunker or herring are all doing the trick. With less of the "SLOB" stripers in the inlet, it has made way for the bluefish to start showing up. Most of these fish are in the 2-5 lb. range and are also mainly being caught on bucktails, but Hopkins or Kastmaster lures are producing also. Remember to use some steel leader on those rigs.

The flounder bite seems to have slowed down a little bit. You will still find some being caught in the Indian River Bay and around by the VFW Slough. You will have to work for them using minnows and squid, herring or Gulp baits.

The surf also seems to be a slow pick with some stripers still being caught.

With the return of black sea bass season, boats are heading out to the wrecks in good numbers. Anglers on the "Judy V" have had some good days. Chris Adams had a nice catch of sea bass along with a 7 lb pollock. Others are going home with anywhere from 5-10 fish per person.

Now that the sea bass have shown up there are some guys trying their hand at shark fishing. Jimmy Bunting and David Long caught a 135 lb. Thresher shark out at "B" Buoy.

There have been some successful offshore trips to the canyons recently. Last Sunday, Scott Stapleford and Jimmy Hughes went to the Baltimore Canyon and came back with a 52.9 lb bluefin tuna caught using ballyhoo. A 75.2 lb bluefin was caught by the crew of the "Reel Life" while fishing on the 100-fathom line, halfway between the Poor Man's and the Washington Canyon. They hooked the bluefin on a blue and white Ilander/ ballyhoo combination. The "Liquid Handler" went all the way to the Lindenkohl and brought back the first wahoo of the season. Phil and Evan Falgowski brought in the first



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yellowfin of the season. They were fishing with Mark Stephens and Charlie Horning out at the Wilmington Canyon and caught these 35 and 37 lb tunas using skirted ballyhoo.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said sea bass action was pretty good since the season opener on May 22nd. Most crews concentrated on the rubble of Reef Site 11, but bass also came from numerous wrecks in 80 to 120 foot depths. Anglers had to weed through lots of short fish, but usually ended up with decent numbers of keepers. Some sizeable knotheads were checked in. The most impressive was a 5.62 pounder landed by Hobby Isaacs. James Rodek reeled in a 3.8 pounder. Captain Brent's bassers aboard the "Katy Did" enjoyed fine fishing, returning with a boat limit on Sunday, and good catches throughout the week. Among the bass were several nice cod, and it's great to see them making such a comeback. Sea bass should spread out onto open bottom between "DB" and "DA" Buoys and the Old Grounds soon.

No word of an ocean or bay flounder bite yet, but plenty of flatties continued to come from the Lewes Canal and shallow water near Lewes Beach and around the Cape Henlopen Pier. Minnows, shiners and

Gulp! artificials were the most productive offerings.

The Coral Beds off Slaughter Beach gave up black drum during the week. Kili Gomez got a 67.8 lb. boomer on the "Joint Venture". Matt Bailey boated a 66.7 lb. drum and Bill Grieser decked a 61-pound drum aboard the "Martha Marie".

Surf fishermen along Broadkill Beach had smaller drum in the 15 to 35 lb. range, along with some stripers and the first few croakers. Stripers were also caught by anglers using cut bunker at Roosevelt Inlet. Ocean trollers told of bluefish on traditional structure. Lex Robertson fished outside Delaware Light with Doc Peoples on the "Spectacle" and put several slammers in the box near the Twelve Fathom Lump. Big blues were also found at the Jackspot, Massey's Canyon, the Hambone and throughout the Fingers. Bluefin tuna and a few yellowfins were hooked by boats trolling temperature changes in 50 to 100 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons.

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!

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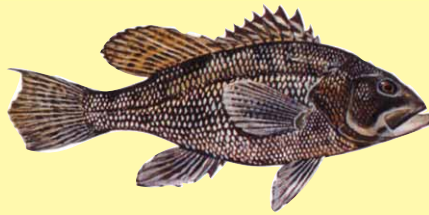
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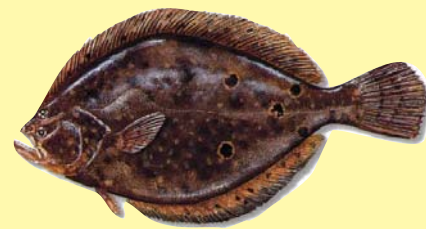
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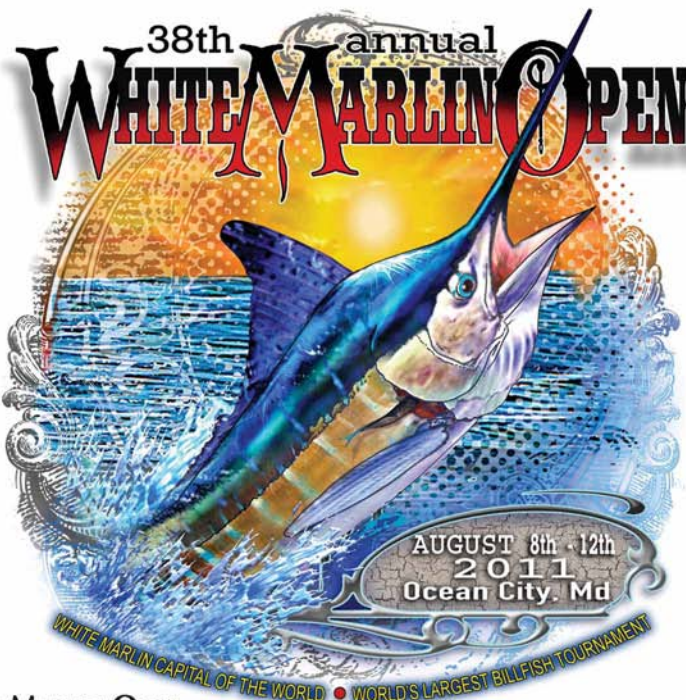


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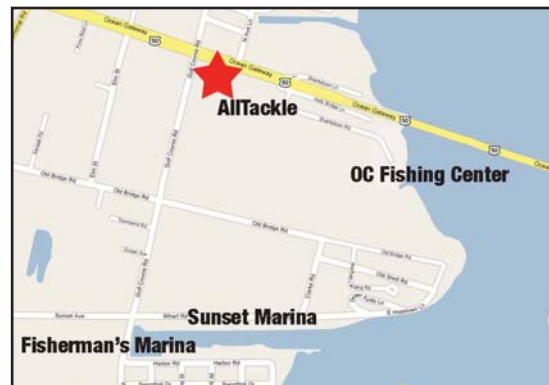
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Ship to Shore

by Pat Schrawder



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Last week, we talked about satellite phones in general- their design, how they work, etc. If you missed it, you can go on the *Coastal Fisherman's* website at: www.coastalfisherman.net and find the May 25th edition under "Issues". There you will see last weeks "Ship To Shore" column. With that information in hand, let's look at the major players in the satellite phone business, their phones and their service plans.

Inmarsat started in 1979 and provides very good coverage from a network of geosynchronous satellites. Known primarily for their fixed station satellite phones, their hardware is larger and more expensive to purchase, and their service plans are mostly higher

in cost. However, Inmarsat provides the greatest range of voice and data features. They have recently introduced a 2nd generation "IsatPhone Pro" portable that will cover North America with phone, voice mail, text messaging and email. The phone runs around \$600 and measures roughly 7x2x1.5. It advertises 8 hours of talk time and 100 hours in stand-by. Service for this phone starts at \$15/month with talk time costing .99 per minute.

Iridium began service in 1998 but met with some business plan problems that resulted in it filing for bankruptcy in 1999. However, they were purchased by another company and restarted operations in 2001 with improved phones and prices. Today, they are the only satellite phone company offering total

planetary coverage with their 66 satellite LEO system. Their service rates have become very competitive. They start at \$39.99/month with an airtime rate of \$1.39/minute.

Globalstar also uses LEO satellites and put up several additional satellites in 2009. They too have re-emerged from bankruptcy. Today, they offer the least expensive phones and plans. They offer you a US phone number with no country codes but their coverage is a great deal less, covering only Canada, the Continental US, Eastern Caribbean, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Alaska. However, they have experienced problems with dropped calls and service gaps.

Researching the various satellite companies and plans can drive you a little crazy. Each company touts theirs as the best, of course, and the plans are hard to compare since they have different packages. Quite honestly, I am surprised that it has not become more standardized by now. Perhaps the prospect of cellular towers being placed on satellites has created some sluggishness among the manufacturers.

If your boating takes you into a lot of areas that are not reliably covered with other communications devices, then a satellite phone may be just the thing for you. However, you need to check them all out before committing to buy. Prices are changing frequently.

Right now, several cellular companies offer something they call a "global phone" or "world phone" that uses CDMA and Dual Band or Quad Band GSM technology and UMTS. They are

small like your cell phone and will enable you to make and receive phone calls in 205 or more countries. The process is basically one of using that country's cellular network to pass through the call. It is somewhat complicated, but it works. You need to contact the cellular company, such as Verizon, and make sure the phone will work in the area(s) to which you are traveling. You can also verify the rates. You can purchase a Global Ready phone to use as your regular cell phone and add international service to it, or you can rent one of these phones in the same way you can rent satellite phones. At this time, if I didn't need a satellite phone except on certain occasions, I would be inclined to rent one, or rent one of the cellular global phones when I needed it.

If you have decided to get a satellite phone, be sure to consider several things such as: cost, security deposit if any, activation fee, monthly service rate, cost of calls, roaming costs, whether or not you are charged for both incoming and outgoing calls, area of coverage, capability of sending both voice and data, speed of data communication and whether there is any airtime included in your monthly service rate. Most importantly, ascertain whether or not the phone can be expected to both make and receive calls in the area to which you are traveling.

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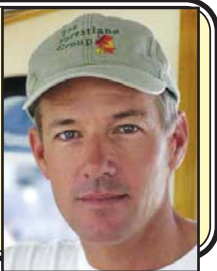
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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Even though we don't see too many of them shooting around local bay waters, most fishermen are well aware of what a "bass boat" is all about. Averaging 16 to 20-feet long, they are somewhat specialized boats designed primarily with the freshwater bass fisherman in mind. Sporting fast hulls and big outboard motors, modern bass boats can almost be considered a cross between some sort of race boat and a high-tech fishing machine.

Often bass boats are well equipped with all kinds of livewells, bait tanks, rod lockers, built in tackle boxes, fish finders, oxygen meters, temperature gauges, pedestal seats and so forth. Above all else, one accessory that is found on almost every bass boat is the electric trolling motor. Trolling motors are so commonplace on bass boats that it might be next to impossible to find such a vessel without one.

Electric trolling motors are typically mounted on the bow of the boat by way of a bracket that allows the motor to be tilted up and locked out of the water when the unit is not being used. When needed, the motor is easily pivoted into the water and is ready for service.

The title "trolling motor" may be a bit misleading because most of the time the motor is not used for trolling as much as it is for positioning or moving the boat little bits at a time. Since they are usually mounted on the bow and may be rotated 360-degrees, these motors are extremely efficient at twisting and turning a boat in tight locations. At the same time, the electric motors produce very little sound, which often allows anglers the opportunity to approach fish that might otherwise be spooked by a noisy outboard.

So what's all this have to do with local bay fishing? Actually, more than you may think. While electric trolling motors are still rare sights on bay fishing boats, they're certainly showing up with greater frequency, a trend that may well be induced by new fishing options being pursued by local anglers.

As anglers discover that there's a whole lot more options to bay fishing than simply "bottom bouncing" for flounder, many find themselves using techniques like plugging, jigging or fly casting. All require precision casting and makes boat positioning a very critical



Charles Sweitzer from York, PA, Sambo Tob from Lancaster, PA and Elias Rosato of Lancaster, PA ended their day with 3 keeper flounder in the cooler after fishing on the "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberly and mate Joey Jenkins. The fish were caught on shiners, squid and Gulp! artificial baits. Charles' flattie was the largest of the day, measuring 20.5-inches. Pictured in the slip behind Hooper's Crab House in West Ocean City.

component for success.

After watching how effectively a local angler was able to maneuver his own boat around the inlet jetty, I realized when I was rigging a boat for bay fishing charters, that a trolling motor was something I just had to have. At that time I had never owned an electric motor, so I did a bit of research to determine what the best brand and model would be to fit my needs. It didn't take long to discover that, for saltwater use, either the "Great White" series made by Motor Guide or the "Riptide" series made by Minn Kota was the way to go. I chose the Great White - imagine that.

Since my 19-foot center console boat is a good bit higher out of the water and heavier than the average bass boat, I needed a motor with a lot of thrust and a long shaft. The exact model I chose produces 67 pounds of thrust and has a 60-inch shaft.

Originally, I thought I'd only use the trolling motor on fly fishing charters, but the more I used it, the more new applications I found for the trolling motor. For example, when I am drift fishing down a channel and suddenly find that we're getting too close to another boat, pier or sandbar, it's nice to be able to hit a button and move over just enough to

clear the obstacle without ever having to start up the main engine.

The trolling motor is a great way to hold the boat in position when I don't want to drift away from a particular fishing area too quickly. With 67 pounds of thrust I can buck all but the strongest currents. The little motor also allows us to meander in and out of the bridge pilings whether casting plugs to rockfish or slinging baits to sea bass and tautog.

Finally, when my little "Fish'n Fly" ends up in water that's too shallow for the big motor to operate (yes I've been known to whack a sandbar too), I can adjust the trolling motor to where it's operating just below the surface and easily move back to the channel - without ever getting my feet wet!

All in all, the electric trolling motor has become a valuable addition to my inshore fishing equipment and has opened up a world of new fishing options. It has definitely helped me put more fish in the boat. I wonder what other kind of secrets those freshwater bass guys are keeping from us!

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Dave McKay of West Ocean City encountered a thick school of striped bass at the South Jetty and came away with this 29-inch hooked on a white bucktail tipped with a white worm. Although there were a lot of stripers schooled up around the jetty, the majority of them were too short to keep. Pictured on the "UT-O" at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball
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One of the main species on the menu is still drum. Although we are rotating out of the peeler run with the full moon behind us, folks are still encountering big red drum roaming the shoals and breakers off Fisherman's Island and within the inlet, especially at night in 5 to 8-feet of water. Blue crabs are still working well.

Scattered black drum are still responding along the shoals near Buoys 10, 13, and 16 where chowder clams and sea clams are the top baits. Although we are on the downward trend for these brutes from the shoals, they are still available in these areas for those willing to put in the time. Most of these fish are averaging around 30 lbs. or less. The larger fish seemed to have dispersed to the artificial islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Chris' Bait and Tackle reports some anglers are also finding



Hugh Cropper of West Ocean City, MD caught and released this red drum while fishing with his son, Hugh Thomas Cropper off Parramore Island. The big red was fooled with a peeler crab.

scattered catches of sheepshead and sea mullet while fishing for drum on the shoals, with a 12 lb.

sheepshead surprising one drum angler last week.

Now local anglers have another species to get excited over. Right on time, one of the most anticipated summer residents quietly slipped into the lower Bay last week. Sightings of cobia in Chesapeake Bay waters have anglers searching for eels and chum.

Spadefish are appearing on the Chesapeake Light Tower, and a few inshore wrecks, but water temperatures need to rise a few more degrees for the action to really take off. Hopefully this year's bite is more promising than last year's spade run.

Flounder action is still picking up, but there is room for improvement. Folks are catching plenty of flatfish, but finding keepers is still a challenge. A few fish, with an occasional nice one, are coming from the bend at the 3rd Island and along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, but the best catches are still coming from the inlets, where Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle reports that scattered keepers are taking minnow and squid combinations within

Lynnhaven Inlet. On the Eastern Shore, the flounder action out of Oyster is about the same, with strips of squid and Gulp! baits working best in Sand Shoal Inlet lately.

According to The Virginia Beach Fishing Center, snapper bluefish and a few keeper flounder are still biting within Rudee Inlet. Bluefish are also available inside Lynnhaven Inlet, along with some nice croaker pushing to around a pound. Some speckled trout are responding on the Eastern Shore, but most anglers are looking for flounder.

Striped bass are still a good choice, with catches of rockfish to over 40-inches coming from the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, especially at dusk and daybreak on topwater lures. Casting to the pilings along the light lines of the Bridge Tunnel at night is also providing some decent action ranging from 18 to 36-inches lately.

Several boats took advantage of the decent weather window last week to check out the deep dropping scene. If you want to burn the fuel to make the run out to 50-fathoms or more, scattered blueline and golden tilefish, grouper, and black bellied rosefish await offerings. With sea bass now legal, many boats hit the wrecks last week with success. Anglers found decent hauls of sea bass, with some ranging mostly from 4 to 6 lbs.

The offshore trolling scene should heat up soon off Virginia. In Carolina, the offshore fleet is enjoying plenty of good gaffer dolphin and some yellowfin action. Scattered blue marlin are beginning to make things interesting as they enter trolled spreads. A few boats out of Virginia are making the run to the accessible water with the same results. Hopefully, this trend will continue as it moves north to Virginia waters. For more info, go to www.drjball.com.

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Don Zotcavage tried for a long time to land a sizable striper and finally did so, landing this 35-incher from the Assateague Surf. The 15 lb. linesider was fooled with a strip of squid and weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Matt Snyder of Baltimore, MD boated this 5 lb. 12 oz. sea bass during a trip to the Great Eastern Reef. Matt was fishing with Shane Heimer, Steve Schonberger and Jeff Pfarr on the "Tuna Box" and hooked the fish on a strip of squid.

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On Sunday, Rob Johnson of Point of Rocks, MD captured this 224 lb. mako shark during a trip aboard the "10-Seven" with Brian Elder, Robby Doran and Capt. Mike Riley. The mako ate a bluefish in 66-degree water southeast of the Jackspot. The anglers also released another mako, 3 brown sharks and 1 blue shark during the trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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On Saturday, Mike O'Connor boated this 161 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Cop Out" with Dave Lewis, Mike McComas, and Brian Skillman. The mako was hooked in 30 fathoms inside the Fingers and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Bill Lux captured this 29 lb. 2 oz. striped bass while tossing a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Paul Bupp from Dover, PA hooked these two flounder while bouncing a bucktail tipped with a minnow in the West Channel. The heaviest fish weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



Lauren and Brad Carhart, Shannan Lamplugh, Chris Durbano, Fonse Brooks and Scott Lamplugh returned with 1 bluefin tuna and 7 yellowfins after trolling in 300 fathoms outside the Rockpile in 68.5-degree water. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Naughty" with Capt. Chris Watkowski. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Known flounder slayer, Amanda Schmidt of West Ocean City, MD was fishing off of the 4th Street Bulkhead on Sunday when she caught this 19.75-inch flattie while fishing with 4 minnows on her hook. Amanda is pictured with her dad, Jeff Schmidt.



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Straight from the Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

Marty Gary
Assistant Director - Fisheries Ecologist

Fishing License Sales Update

Great news for fishermen and bait and tackle stores in the Ocean City area. As promised in last week's update, several local bait & tackle stores are now selling fishing licenses. Here is the complete list with locations and phone numbers:

- Frontier Town, 8430 Stephen Decatur Hwy - (410) 641-0880
- John Henry's Bait & Tackle, 12507 Sunset Ave #15 - (410) 213-9378
- AllTackle Ocean City, 12826 Ocean Gateway - (410) 571-1111
- Sharkey's Market, 8315 Stephen Decatur Hwy - (410) 641-0537
- Oceanic Pier, 710 S Philadelphia Ave # 1 - (410) 289-2602
- Skip's Bait & Tackle, 210 Talbot St - (410) 430-5436
- Oyster Bay Tackle, 11615A Coastal Hwy - (410) 524-3433
- Fenwick Island Tackle, 101 Coastal Hwy Unit 4 - (302) 539-7766
- Captain Mac's Bait & Tackle, 37320 Lighthouse Rd - (302) 436-2445
- Walmart, Rt. 50 in Berlin - (410) 221-0292

These stores have all of the necessary supplies to sell you a State of Maryland fishing license, including the boat decals that cover everyone on board the

vessels. Please remember that all anglers 16 years of age or older need a Maryland fishing license to fish in Maryland's coastal waters, including the back bays, inlet, surf and out 3 miles into the ocean. Exempted are those anglers under the age of 16, owners of private property and their guests fishing from their property, and passengers on vessels with a pleasure boat license decal.

If readers of this column have a business that would see a benefit in selling fishing licenses and are interested in becoming an official DNR agent, please contact me via email: mlgary@dnr.state.md.us

National Saltwater Angler Registry

We'll continue to keep reminding sportfishermen that in addition to the new Maryland fishing license requirements, all anglers 16 years of age or older fishing in coastal waters of the United States need to be registered in the National Saltwater Angler Registry. If a fisherman purchases an individual Maryland Saltwater license online or at one of the locations we listed previously, they are automatically entered into the National Saltwater Angler Registry. That will accommodate most of the anglers fishing in Maryland, but there are others that will still need to register. The lions share of those fishermen that need to

register are the guests that are fishing on boats that have a Chesapeake & Coastal Sport Decal, and waterfront property owners and their guests that are fishing from their property. Those anglers should register through Maryland DNR's FREE registration located on our website at:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/swregistry.asp>

If the readers of the Coastal Fisherman have any questions on license requirements or the National Saltwater Angler Registry, they can call 410-656-9526.

Bluefin Tuna

As I write this column, NOAA Fisheries just completed a National stakeholder conference call to discuss a ruling on bluefin tuna. With the annual Tuna Tournament just a few weeks away, certainly the implications of NOAA's decision had the eyes and ears of many fishermen and businesses in the Town of Ocean City. The good news for anglers (and presumably and more importantly, the fish) is that NOAA found that bluefin tuna did not warrant an endangered species status listing. They have instead formally designated the western Atlantic, eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean stocks of bluefin tuna as "species of concern". This places the species on a watch list for concerns about its status and threats to the species under the Endangered Species Act. NOAA will revisit this decision by early 2013 after more information becomes available from the next stock assessment from ICCAT and more is known regarding the impact of the oil spill from the Deep Water Horizon to larval and juvenile bluefin in the Gulf.

For now the daily bluefin tuna retention limit for private vessels is one school or large school BFT (measuring 27 to less than 59 inches) per vessel per day/trip and for charter/headboat vessels to one

school BFT (measuring 27 to less than 47 inches) and one large school BFT (measuring 47 to less than 59 inches) per vessel per day/trip; and (2) closure of the southern area large medium/giant "trophy" BFT fishery (for BFT measuring 73 inches and greater). The Angling category North/South line is at 39°18' N. lat. (off Great Egg Inlet, NJ).

The Case of Atlantic Cod

The catches of Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) by headboats, and some private boats, have really caught my eye. I'm sure many of the old timers recall instances in the past where cod were being caught off Maryland's coast, but the latest reports prompted me to pull an old Maryland Tidewater Fisheries publication, dated 1960, off my office shelf in Annapolis. I'll leave you this week with the following excerpted quote as it appeared in 1960 from this publication:

"Codfishing is New to Offshore Anglers" - Codfish, bottom feeders of the Atlantic, are something new to both Maryland's recreational and commercial fishermen. Little attention was paid to the cod until the fall of 1959 when commercial netters found them in appreciable numbers off Ocean City's Fenwick Wrecks. Then Captain Ward Brex decided they might be worth a try with hook and line, so he took his big headboat out of winter mothballs and gave them a try. The results were fabulous for the few hardy anglers that braved the chilled ocean winds to work clam baits on the bottom. Oftentimes, each fisherman could claim 100 to 250 pounds of these delicious steak fish, some of them going 20 pounds each. Bigger ones are out there in the wintertime, and probably, they'll be caught as soon as better codfishing techniques are learned. A stout boat rod, with heavy line and sufficient lead to keep big hooks baited with large globs of clams right on the bottom, is needed for 'em."

Until next week... good fishing!

Marty Gary is Assistant Director/Fisheries Ecologist at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service.

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- possesses a valid commercial tidal fish license
- is fishing from a licensed commercial fishing pier
- is a registered angler with the State of Maryland and is fishing on a free fishing pier
- is the owner or the owners non-paying guest fishing from private real property or an attached pier in the Potomac River
- is fishing from a licensed charter boat
- is fishing on a free fishing day - the first two Saturdays in June and July 4
- is a registered angler with the State of Maryland and possesses a Virginia Saltwater recreational fishing license
- possesses a Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing license

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• BAY & COASTAL SPORT CHARTER BOAT LICENSE allows individuals on board chartered vessels operated by MD licensed fishing guides to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and the state waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic coastal bays and tributaries in lieu of individual licenses. There are separate licenses for charter boats that carry 6 passengers or less and those that carry more than 6 passengers.

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WHERE CAN I BUY A LICENSE?

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- Your local tackle shop may provide sale of a Maryland license online through a third party vendor.
- Any regional service center; the closest location to Ocean City is Salisbury, MD: 201 Baptist St. #22. Hours of Operation: M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm. (410) 713-3840
- Local license agent; the closest location to Ocean City is the Wal-Mart in Berlin, MD: 11416 Ocean Gateway. (410) 629-0502

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FISHING REPORT

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by Larry Jock

WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2011 - The "Get Sum" returned from their morning trip with an 18-inch keeper flounder and 8 throwbacks. They were fishing west of the Thorofare. The keeper was caught on a squid and minnow combination.

TUESDAY, April 19, 2011 - Flounder were reported hooked in the Thorofare, but not many keepers. The fish were around Dog and Bitch Islands.

Mike Kurtz did catch his limit of flaties in the Thorofare including a 5 lb. 10 oz. fish that measured 25-inches. All the fish were caught on live minnows.

Mate on the "Morning Star" landed a personal best tautog while fishing at an artificial reef today. The tog tipped the scales at 10 lbs. 3 oz. and was hooked on a green crab.

Tom Hart emailed me to say that he caught 3 throwback flounder, but no keepers during the 3 hours he fished in the bay behind the northern end of Assateague Island.

MONDAY, April 18, 2011 - Saw one flounder today, a 20-incher caught by Paul Vreeland down near the Assateague Bridge. Paul used minnows for bait.

Jake Emche landed a 31-inch striper in the Thorofare

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To celebrate National Fishing Week, June 4th - 12th, the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife invites anglers to fish, clam or crab in their favorite Delaware waters on free fishing days, Saturday June 11th and Sunday June 12th. On these two days, anyone may fish the state's waters without a fishing license. Anglers are reminded that even though they don't need a license on those two days, they are still required to obtain a free Fisherman Identification Network (F.I.N.) number.

National Fishing Week festivities will also include the Division's 25th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 11 at Ingrams Pond in Millsboro, Wyoming Pond in Wyoming's Town Park and the dog training area at Lums Pond State Park in Bear.

With the exception of this one weekend, resident and non-resident anglers between the ages of 16 and 64 fishing in any Delaware waters - including ponds, impoundments, streams, rivers, bays and ocean - are required to purchase a fishing license. Clammers and crabbers are also required to have fishing licenses. Delaware residents older than 65 and both residents and non-residents under age 16 do not have to purchase a license. Licenses are required for non-residents age 65 and older.

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DNREC opens new Baker's Channel

Secretary Collin O'Mara announced that a partnership with the Center for the Inland Bays has led to the marking of a new and safer boating channel around Massey's Ditch, the primary navigation channel that connects Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Bay. Massey's

Ditch has also been the site of occasional collisions on the water that have marred Delaware's perennial ranking as one of the best states in the country for boating safety.

The new Baker's Channel was marked in February and boaters have begun using it to alleviate boating bottlenecks in the older channel and for floating outbound traffic from the Massey's Landing boat ramp.

DNREC and the Center for the Inland Bays' Water Use Plan Implementation Committee first conferred about marking a new channel for navigation after the Massey's Ditch channel experienced shoaling issues, according to Chuck Williams, Division of Watershed Stewardship program manager, who noted that Baker's Channel "is an average of 3-4 feet deep below mean low water" which also makes the navigation route around Massey's Ditch less turbulent.

Baker's Channel was named in honor of Captain Bill Baker who is a member of the Inland Bays' Water Use Plan Implementation Committee. Captain Baker owns Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes and has been an avid boater and fisherman in the area for many years. Beyond partnering with the Center for the Inland Bays on the new channel, DNREC also has a collaborative agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard to place navigational aids in waterways throughout the Inland Bays and to supplement navigational routes (federal channels) that the Coast Guard is responsible for marking.

The Baker's Channel markers were established under the purview of this agreement, Mr. Williams said, and through a similar agreement the Division of Watershed Stewardship has with DNREC's Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section for marking channels. Meanwhile, the Coast Guard has recommended a change in the numbering system used in placing the "Baker's Channel" markers, and DNREC will make the changes over the next few weeks.



Howard Mei was tossing a Gotcha plug off of the Oceanic Pier when he captured this 40-inch striped bass. The fish weighed 25 lbs. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Sea Bass 	NEW May 25, 2011 Ricky Herbert "Morning Star" 6 lbs. 4 oz.	NEW May 27, 2011 Hobby Isaacs Reef Site 11 5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mako Shark 	NEW May 29, 2011 Rob Johnson SE of Jackspot 224 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Tautog 	March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz.	April 26, 2011 Sam Green DE Bay Reef 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark 	NEW May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs.	NEW May 25, 2011 Jimmy Bunting "B" Buoy 135 lbs.
Striped Bass 	April 20, 2011 Robert Remo Rt. 50 Bridge 36 lbs.	May 18, 2011 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 45 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	May 20, 2011 Shane Moore "Moore Bills" 50 lbs.	NEW May 27, 2011 Joseph Cangianelli Poor Man's Canyon 75.2 lbs.
Weakfish 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	NEW May 29, 2011 Scott Dailey "Restless Lady" 35 lbs.	NEW May 26, 2011 Phil Falgowski Wilmington Canyon 37 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	NEW May 28, 2011 Bob Spetzler East Channel 8 lbs. 8 oz.	May 7, 2011 Mark Lowman Indian River Bay 8 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2011 Daryl Bathelmess Linden Kohl Canyon 17.8 lbs.
Sheepshead 	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas Winter Quarter Shoal 3 lbs. 3 oz.	No Weights Reported	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	NEW May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon 11.9 lbs.
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	White Marlin 	Most Releases in One Day May 29, 2011 "Marli" 1 release	None Reported

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



The striper blitz off the North Jetty of the Indian River Inlet was good to Al Restaneo of Wilmington, DE as shown by the 28 pounder Al caught on a Tsunami lure. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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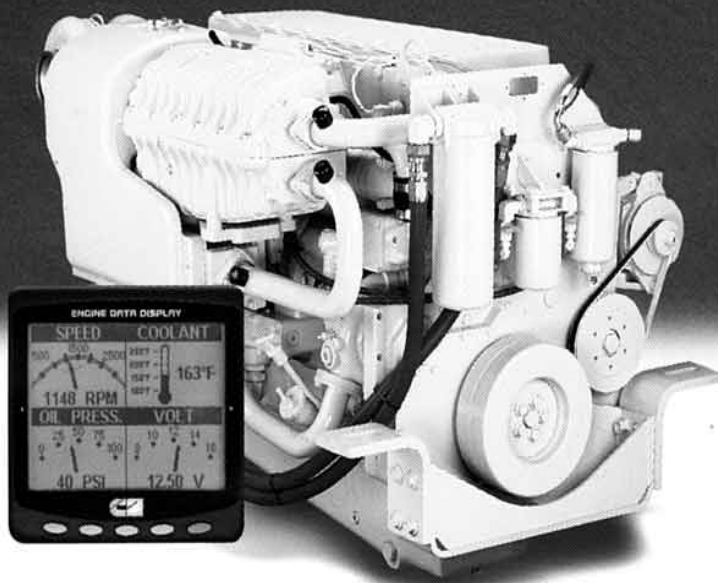
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Shawn Gray of Ocean City, MD took advantage of the excellent codfish bite we have seen so far this year, landing this 25 1/2 inch while fishing at an ocean wreck aboard the "Sportcatcher" with Paul Turner and Bob O'Malley. The fish weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was caught on a chunk of clam.



It was "thumbs up" for Al Boyd of Lancaster, PA after capturing this 41.5-inch striper at the Indian River Inlet. Al caught the 30 pounder on a Calcutta Flashfoil and weighed the fish at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Some large sea bass have hit the scales recently as shown by Jeff Lin's 5 lb. 12 oz. knothead. Jeff fooled the fish with a chunk of clam while fishing at a wreck on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Tucker Colquhoun. Jeff is pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center with his wife, Sandra Lin.



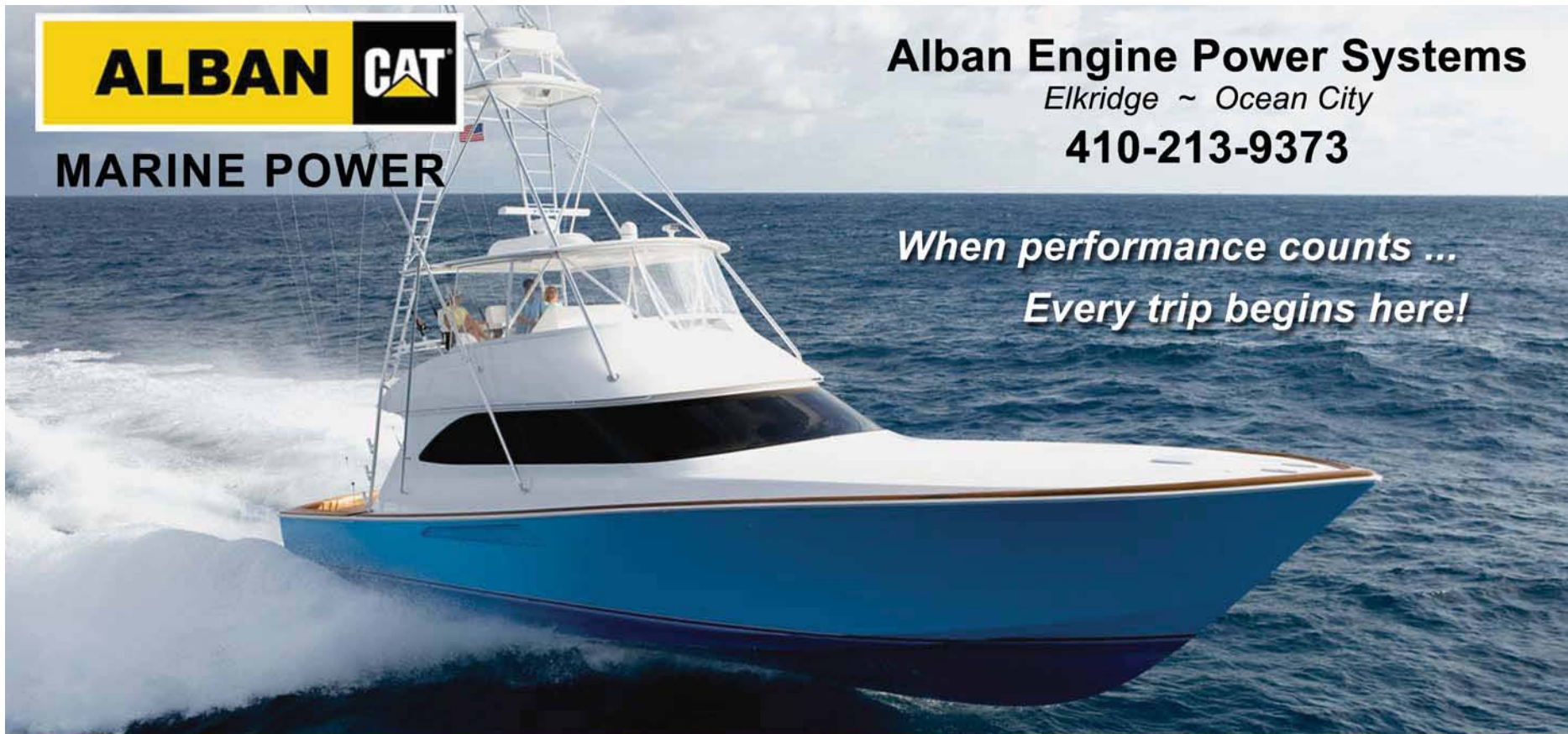
J.L. Cropper of West Ocean City, MD was fishing on the "Top Dog" at Latimer Shoal with her son Hugh Thomas, daughter Myra and husband Hugh, when she caught this black drum while using clams for bait.



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Chris Adams took some time off from cleaning fish at Hook'em & Cook'em to go fishing and ended up with some sea bass and a 7 lb. pollock. The fish were caught on an orange Shimano Lucanus jig. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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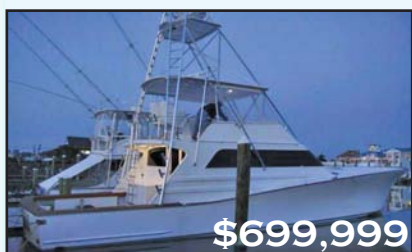
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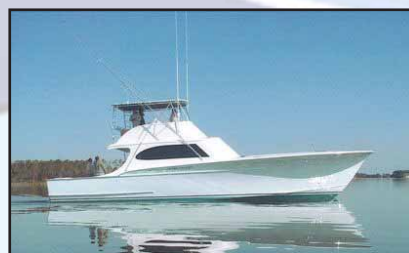
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