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With the annual northern migration in full swing, schools of striped bass have been found hugging the coastline and in our inlets for the past couple of weeks. Sean Tate of Ocean View, DE was trolling Stretch 25 lures off the coast of Bethany, DE when he landed his limit of stripers, including this 41 pounder. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

Ask a Pro Captain Monty Hawkins

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Q: What separates an exceptional tautog fisherman from an average tautog fisherman?

**Keith Bradley
Monmouth Beach, NJ**

A: Tautog fishing can be the most frustrating and addictive fishing there is. Why is that, you ask?

Every scientist I know who has personally worked with tog in tanks thinks they're smarter than most species. Therefore, exceptional tautog fishermen need two things - patience and practice. Having the right equipment doesn't hurt either.

Motor past 2 miles of diving gannets with 30-pound striper swirls all around to get to your favorite tog reef before the tide slacks and it won't matter if you're average or exceptional - you're done. You've got the tog bug bad!

Good baits, good rigs &

any artificial reef, wreck or rock pile in our local waters will get you into tog. It's a fishery where fisheries management in combination with artificial reef construction is making this fishing better and better.

Angling techniques vary from place to place and over different habitats. Best baits vary from season to season and also over different habitats. I've seen one angler outfish all aboard with (whiteleg) rock crabs, another with stinking dead frozen sand fleas and even watched a lady outfish dyed-in-the-wool toggers with Gulp! crab ...plastic!

Can't predict everything, especially genetically impure plastic-eating tog, but live hard baits generally work best.

Rods: Where fishers in DE & Chesapeake Bays seem to prefer shorter, even 5 1/2 foot rods, at sea we'll often have to compensate for wave action. Length then becomes an asset as

anglers raise & lower rod tips to avoid bouncing sinker & bait. While I prefer 7 1/2 to 8-foot St. Croix fast action musky sticks, among the anglers I know who have caught tog over 20 lbs. (and a few anguished souls just beneath that benchmark) many prefer a much softer tip. The classic "blackfish stick" will be a traditional glass blank that's very soft, but sturdy enough to rarely need a net.

Your rod must be able to handle whatever sinker conditions call for. On Ocean City's reefs we often fish with 10 and 12 oz. leads.

A handful of anglers favor spinning tackle. They too win the pool and can be high-hook for the day. However, far more tog sharpies favor conventional tackle.

Stand-up tuna tackle is never perfect, but if that's all there is handy, go ahead and use it.

Reels: American made Avet reels in MXJ & SX are very

popular as are similar sized Diawa's, new Penns and Shimano's. If you see a strange looking over-grown sort of fly fishing reel, they're called sidewinders and are almost always mounted on soft, traditional glass blanks that can flip big fish over the rail.

Line: For line selection I offer Capstick's instruction on elephant hunting: "Use Enough Gun."

I advise clients to use at least 50 lb. spectra micro-braid (with 65 pound better) and top-shot the braid with 40 to 80 lb. clear mono or fluorocarbon.

Leaders are important. One trip, we were enjoying a nice, steady bite of keeper tog when an angler commented

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that he'd caught all his fish on 30 lb. leader and none were breaking him off or getting back into the wreck.

You have to know what happened next. A good fish broke off and he went to a heavier top-shot. Use enough gun!

Hooks: We were double-anchored over a small wreck near the Bass Grounds around 7 or 8 years ago and my clients were into good fish with an occasional 10 or 12 pounder coming up. I lowered my rig with a whole blue crab for bait and never felt so strong a pull on a bottom rig. Unfortunately, it turns out you need strong hooks too.

Nowadays "octopus" style hooks in 3/0 to 6/0 are favored by exceptional tautog fishermen along my partyboat's rail. We allow "J" hooks with tog because deep hooking is very rare. Strangely, going to 3X strength wire seems counter productive.

Conservation: Exceptional tautog fisherman take an interest in conservation of the species.

Support the Ocean City Reef Foundation & the Maryland Artificial Reef Initiative. Tell the

people you buy your fishing license from you'd like to see some of those revenues go toward building reef.

I've looked at underwater video for years trying to create a real picture of productive reef habitat. The single greatest assemblage of large tog I've witnessed was on a barge where the walls had fallen away, leaving 'bookshelved' reinforcing cubicles we call "tog condos".

If you don't believe that tautog are a man-made fishery along coastal Maryland then picture barren sand where all of our artificial reefs, wrecks, jetties, bridge pilings & rip-rap are. Do you see any tog on all that sand? How about sea bass?

Learn to tell male tautog from female tautog. Take fewer females if you can. When you're tossing back 10 pound females without a care, you're no longer average.

Meanwhile, enjoy our tog fishery -- right through doing the dishes.

Do you have a question for a local pro? Email your question to coastalfisherman@comcast.net. Don't forget to include your name, town and phone number.



Right after last week's Coastal Fisherman was sent to the press, this group of anglers on the "Always Late Too" arrived at the dock with a 47-inch bluefin tuna and a couple of gaffard dolphin. The dolphin were hooked in 75-77 degree water outside the Baltimore Canyon and the bluefin was caught in 100 fathoms on the way back to the dock. Fishing with Capt. Brandon Speilman (not pictured) were Eric and Joey Polansky and Joe Wilkinson.



John Bieberich ventured down from Olney, MD to do some surf fishing off Assateague Island and was rewarded with this 43-inch striper on Friday night. The 30 lb. fish was fooled with a chunk of bunker and weighed at Ake Marine.

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Hugh Thomas Cropper of West Ocean City, MD was fishing around the South Jetty on Saturday morning when he hooked into this 42.5-inch striped bass. Hugh Thomas was fishing with his dad, Hugh Cropper when he landed the 26.5 pounder on a bucktail. Weighed at All Tackle Ocean City.



Bert Long used a green crab to entice this 7 lb. 10 oz. tautog while fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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This group of happy anglers from Warrington, PA had a good day of fishing aboard the charter boat "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. They landed a couple of flounder on Gulp! artificial baits in the Thorofare and some tautog on green crabs at the South Jetty. Pictured are Jim Zeblowski, Beau McKeivitt, Tom McKeivitt, Jim White, Mike Sarrasin and A.J. Dessino.



Striper sniper, Frank Clark from Ocean View, DE landed a pair of big fish while tossing Storm lures on the north side of the Indian River Inlet at night.

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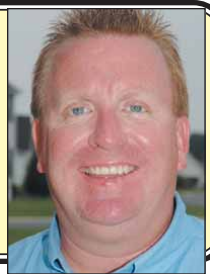
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was a very strange week for weather in Ocean City. When it wasn't foggy it was windy. When it wasn't windy, it was rainy. However, during a few windows of opportunity, anglers were able to get into some nice fish.

STRIPED BASS

As stripers hug our coastline during their annual northern migration, it is primetime for surfcasters from the VA line all the way up into Delaware to land trophy fish that are feeding on big schools of bunker and cobb mullet.

Surf fisherman off Assateague Island experienced some excellent days of fishing last week. Casting out fresh bunker or peeler crabs over the first sandbar during the incoming tide produced the best catches.

The striper bite along the beaches north of the inlet has been very good. Probably the best we have seen in a few years. Rich Bell has been hitting them pretty hard while fishing around 138th Street. On Saturday, Rich ended his day with a pair of linesiders that measured 37 and 43-inches.

Anglers fishing around the



Dave Leizear and Big Bird Cropper, both from Powellville, MD, braved the dense fog on Saturday morning and were rewarded with 4 stripers measuring between 33 and 43-inches. The fish were caught while tossing Roy Rigs around the South Jetty. The largest linesider tipped the scale at 29 lbs. 5 oz. at Ake Marine.

South Jetty also experienced some excellent striper fishing last week. Although it was sporadic, on a few days it was as best as it can be. Early in the week, one angler caught 16 fish,

all between 38 and 43-inches. His bite came on trolled bucktails tipped with curtails. On Saturday, the bite picked-up again in the morning. Hugh Thomas Cropper took his dad to school when he landed himself a beautiful 42-5 incher on a bucktail. The dynamic duo of Big Bird Cropper and Dave Leizear caught their limit while tossing Roy rigs. Their largest measured 43-inches.

I didn't really hear of any

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stripers being caught in the familiar haunts such as the Thorofare, around the Rt. 50 Bridge and down by the Verrazano Bridge.

FLOUNDER

Flounder fisherman continue to be frustrated by the incredible amount of slur in the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island. This has been going on since opening day and coupled with the windy weather we had last week, really made things tough.

A few flounder were caught by surf fisherman last week but the best spots for this time of year are usually in the Thorofare, behind Frontier Town, in the Sinepuxent Bay and in the East Channel.

Gulp! Swimming Mullet in white, chartreuse and pink have worked well in addition to bull minnows and squid. Pink, for some reason, seems to work best only in the spring.

TAUTOG

This is the time of year when tog fanatics hit the ocean in search of once-in-a lifetime fish.

Fishing has been hit-or-miss but some big fish are definitely coming over the rail. On Saturday, Trisha Onuschak caught and released a 15.7 lb. blackfish. According to Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star", Trisha caught more tautog on that trip than the rest of the boat combined. Quite a day!

On Friday, Sherry Stewart on the "Ocean City Girl" landed a 19 lb. 3 oz. tautog on an ocean wreck.

I haven't heard of many tautog being caught around the South Jetty but that could only

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SEA BASS

Sea bass season is "officially" closed until May 22nd, but I know state and federal representatives are looking into opening it on May 19th. Stay tuned!

Although the season is closed, anglers are still catching and releasing some good sized knotheads on ocean wrecks and reefs while using squid and clams for bait. On the "Morning Star" trip mentioned early, Trisha also caught and released a sea bass estimated at just under 5 lbs.

BLUEFIN TUNA

Right after the Coastal Fisherman went to press last week, the "Always Late Too" returned from a marathon trolling trip with a 47 lb. bluefin from 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

On Thursday of last week, the "Magic Moment" took a trip to between the Rockpile and the 461 Lump and trolled up 8 bluefin tuna. The one

bluefin they kept weighed an even 50 lbs.

DOLPHIN

The "Always Late Too" started their trip last week 113 miles from the inlet in the Washington Canyon and trolled up the Gulf Stream, 48 miles to outside the Baltimore Canyon. Captain Brandon Speilman reported flying fish and weeds in 75 to 77-degree water where they hooked 2 gaffer dolphin.

SHARKS

On Saturday, the "Out-Rea-Geous" returned from outside the Marine Electric with a 197 lb. mako shark that was caught while using mackerel for bait.

The 3rd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Bluefish Tournament is right around the corner, running on May 26th and 27th. You do not need to be a member of the Marlin Club to participate in this tournament. For more information, check out their ad on page 48.

Till next week... see you at the scales!



Jim Thompson of Wilmington, DE was fishing with bunker off Cape Henlopen when he landed this 38-inch striper. The fish weighed 21.5 lbs. on the scale at Fenwick Tackle.

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Carter Dudzinski of Elkton, MD got in on the good striped bite in the Indian River Inlet, landing these two that tipped the scale at 23.8 lbs. and 36.7 lbs. The fish were caught on swim shads during the outgoing tide. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Anna Neely caught this 9 lb. 8 oz. citation tautog while fishing with green crabs on Delaware Bay structure. Anna was fishing on the "Katy Did" with Capt. Brent Wiest and weighed her fish at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jack Kutcher of Salisbury, MD had to be the best dressed surf fisherman on Assateague Island when he landed this 40-inch striper on his second cast. Jack caught the fish on fresh bunker from Buck's Place.



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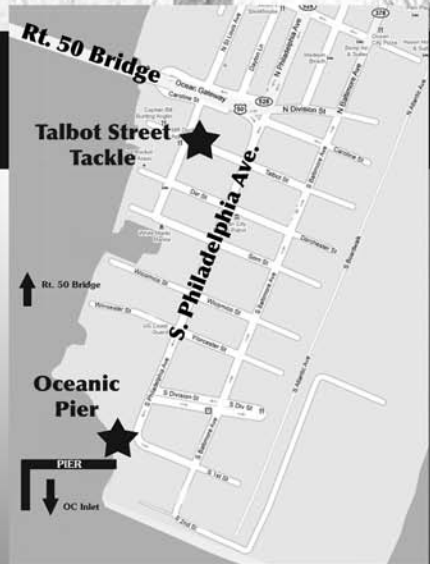




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Clint Smullen of Pittsville, MD landed this 38-inch striper while fishing with peeler crabs off Assateague Island. Pictured at Buck's Place.



On Saturday, Trisha Onuschak from Coopersburg, PA had an incredible day of fishing on the head boat "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Tucker Colquhoun. Trisha caught and released a 15.7 lb. tautog along with a 21-inch sea bass estimated to weigh 4 lbs. 8 oz. Trisha was on fire, catching more keeper tautog than the rest of the boat combined. All of the fish, including the only cod of the day, were caught while using green crab for bait.

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by Sue Foster



"Some like 'em big. Some like 'em little!"

I get all kinds of folks coming into my tackle stores looking for action on the beach. Some want to only catch a big fish, no matter what species it is. Others want to catch a big striper or "bust". Still others don't care what they catch as long as something is shaking on the other end of the line. A big ray or skate will get their adrenalin going! Then there are those guys or gals that would just as soon catch a 14-inch snapper blue or a 12-inch kingfish to eat rather than horse in a dozen big sharks.

"I just want to catch a big striper from the beach!"

Catching a big striper on the beach can be a waiting game. But, if that's what you want to do, now's the time of year to do it! While you are waiting you may also tie into some big dog sharks, a big ray, a skate or possibly a black drum. It's hard to avoid the rays and skates but if you don't want to catch them, don't use squid!

Bait of choice for the big stripers is bunker. Fresh bunker is preferred, but frozen will work fine as long as it is freshly frozen and used the same day as you thaw it out. Please don't try to re-freeze bunker as it gets mushy. Don't let your fresh bunker lay in the cooler in melting ice. Keep the cooler drained, or keep the bunker in a plastic bag (freezer zip lock bags are the best!)

Use a striper rig with no surf floats. Wire leaders are not necessary. A couple of my customers who catch nice stripers from the Ocean City beach like the plain high/low rigs made by Eagle Claw. These rigs have a loop at the bottom for the sinker with two hooks (5/0-6/0) with fairly short leaders for the bait. The whole rig is made out of heavy duty monofilament. Don't be afraid to use rigs with short leaders as they are easier to cast when

using chunks of bait. Some of the striper rigs hanging on a tackle store wall are for drift fishing and have about a 36-inch leader! Way too long for trying to cast off the beach. If you buy one of those by accident, cut some of the leader off and re-tie it so you can cast it comfortably. The long leader doesn't bother the fish, just the fisherman!

Aqua-Clear makes a couple of nice high/low striper rigs as well. Lone Ranger makes some single rigs with an "easy cast" mechanism that's worth looking at. Otherwise, you can simply get a heavy duty top-and-bottom rig and buy a pack of leadered circle hooks or Octopus Multi-Purpose hooks in the 4/0 to 8/0 size range and make up your own rig.

The good ol' fish finder rig is great for stripers. The rig is so simple it's often overlooked. Slip the plastic sleeve of a fish finder rig on your line coming off your fishing rod. Attach a barrel swivel or a snap swivel to the end of your line, and attach a leadered hook (4/0 to 9/0) to your barrel swivel or snap swivel. Put your sinker on the snap attached to the fish finder. The whole point of a fish finder rig is when Mr. Striper picks up the chunk of bait and starts to swim away with it the sinker stays on the bottom for a moment or two as the line moves thru the plastic sleeve of the fish finder. The fish does not feel the weight of the sinker so it does not get spooked and does not drop the bait.

"How do I cut the bunker?"

Cut the tail off and cut the bait straight thru with the knife. This piece next to the tail is very boney and stays on the best! Use a good-sized bait, at least 4 inches. Chunk the rest of the bait as you need it using a sharp knife so it doesn't mush up the meat. Hook it thru the dark side of the meat which is tougher.



Striper fishing has really picked up off Assateague Island as shown by the 46-incher caught by Mike Faulker of Pasadena, MD. Mike used fresh bunker for bait. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

Some people use the head of the bunker on a big hook. If your hook is on the small side, don't try to use the head. The point of the hook needs to be exposed, not buried. Most anglers hook the head thru the jaw.

"What street in Ocean City should I fish on?"

Well, you just have to go and look at the beach at low tide and try to find some cuts, deeper pools of water close to shore, rips or back wash of dirty water amongst the clean water just offshore. Rock jetties usually have deep water on one side. Go back and fish these areas at high tide. If it's low tide, just get out there as far as you can and cast as far as possible. Then, just put the rod in the rod holder and wait! Structure of the beach changes all the time. Time of day is important also. First light and last light of the day can produce fish coming close to shore looking for sand crabs and other critters to eat.

"Clam?"

Some people like to use salted clam for bait for stripers and it works. It's harder to keep on, and I'd say more people use bunker, but still, it's worth trying. You can buy elastic sewing thread to help hold it on. We carry a brand by "Atlas" called "Magic Thread".

"I want to catch sharks and

skates!"

Fish the same way as you would for the stripers. If you're catching sharks and skates you're in a likely hole for a striper as well. It's a waiting game with no guarantees. If you are the antsy type and get tired of waiting for the big fish, you can fish with two or even three rods! (Or more if you want. There's no law against it!) Just make sure the drags are set and the sand spikes are jammed hard into the sand. Cast out a smaller bluefish high/low rig or a kingfish high/low rig baited with smaller strips of bunker, bloodworm, squid or bloodworm Fish Bites.

Besides stripers, sharks and skates, there are snapper blues, blowfish and maybe some tasty kingfish to be caught as well! Cast a rod out with a whole finger mullet on a mullet rig and see if there's any decent sized bluefish around. A few weeks ago a guy was fishing at the Oceanic Pier with a whole mullet rig for bluefish and came up with a 36-inch striper!

You just never know.... that's fishin'!

Good fishing....

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



Brittany Adams of Hook'em & Cook'em landed this 18 lb. striped bass during a trip to the northern end of the Delaware Bay. Brittany fooled the big linesider with a chunk of bunker.



Steve Perrin from Wilmington, DE caught two stripers while trolling Stretch lures south of the Indian River Inlet. The fish measured 34 and 38-inches. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

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Ryan Freese and Randy Kephart ended their day with 3 keeper flounder in the box after drifting aboard the "Get Fishy With It" in the Thorofare. The fish measured between 18 and 21.5-inches and were caught on white and pink Gulp! artificial baits.



On Friday, Sherry Stewart from Lewes, DE muscled in a 19 lb. 3 oz. tautog during a trip aboard the "Ocean City Girl" with Scott Clempner of Ocean City, MD, Nikki Rice from Lincoln, DE, Meagan Qualls from Milton, DE, Capt. Jeff Stewart and mate Aaron Stausbaugh. The group caught 5 tautog during the trip including a 16.4 pounder caught by Nikki and a 14.2 pounder landed by Scott. All of the fish were caught on an ocean wreck in 58-degree water while using green crabs for bait. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Back in February, Justin Hart and Andy Smelter of Berlin, MD and Jim Hughes and Terry Layton of Ocean City, MD caught 6 keeper striped bass just outside the Indian River Inlet on trolled mojos custom made by Justin. The group was fishing on the "Nontypical" and celebrated with Slurpees for the entire crew.



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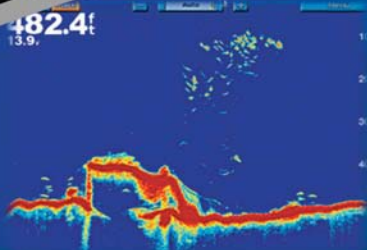
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David Mather of Baltimore, MD was fishing off the Ocean City Pier when he caught this 36-inch, 20 lb. striped bass on a finger mullet. Pictured with David is his dad, Cory Mather, also from Baltimore, MD.



Steven Warren, Mikey Payne and Aleah Switchenbank, all from Georgetown, DE caught 3 keeper flounder while drifting Gulp! 6-inch Nuclear Chicken Grubs in the Indian River Inlet. Their largest fish weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 cup chicken broth
3/4 tsp. pepper, divided
1/2 tsp. salt, divided
6 to 8 flounder fillets
1 TBSP. olive oil

In a large skillet, melt 2 TBSP. butter over medium heat.

Add mushrooms, shallot and garlic; cook for 6 to 8 minutes or until mushrooms are tender.

Add wine; cook for 2 minutes.

Add broth, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. salt; cook for 2 minutes or until slightly

thickened.

Stir in 2 TBSP. butter.

Remove from heat.

Sprinkle flounder with remaining pepper and salt.

In another large skillet, heat remaining 2 TBSP. butter and olive oil over medium heat.

Add flounder, in batches if necessary, and cook for 4 to 5 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily when tested with fork.

Serve mushroom sauce over flounder.

Serves 6 to 8.

Shrimp Bisque

1/2 cup butter, divided
1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup flour

3 cups water
1 TBSP. ketchup
1 chicken bouillon cube
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. seasoned salt
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper, optional
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
2 TBSP. white wine or water

Melt 2 TBSP. butter in medium saucepan over medium heat.

Add shrimp, onion and celery; cook, stirring occasionally, until shrimp turn pink.

Remove from saucepan; set aside.

Melt remaining butter in same saucepan.

Stir in flour.

Gradually stir in the water, ketchup, bouillon, bay leaf, salt and pepper.

Boil, stirring occasionally, reduce to low.

Cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add shrimp mixture; cook 2 minutes.

Discard bay leaf.

Stir in milk and wine.

Heat through; do not boil.

Serves 6.

Stir-Fried Tautog

1 lb. skinless tautog cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
1/2 cup orange juice
1 tsp. sesame oil
1 1/2 TBSP. canola oil, divided
1 tsp. soy sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup sliced water chestnuts
1 shallot, minced
1 carrot, thinly sliced
1 cup red pepper, chopped
1 cup celery, thinly sliced
2 tsp. corn starch
1 tsp. rice vinegar
2 cups cooked brown rice
Scallions for garnish

Soak fish in salt water 30 minutes, rinse well and pat dry.

Heat 1 TBSP. canola oil in wok or large heavy skillet over med-high heat.

Add fish; stir fry 3 minutes.

Remove fish and set aside. Add remaining 1/2 TBSP. canola oil and stir fry garlic and shallot for 1 minute.

Add red pepper, celery,

carrot and water chestnuts; cover pan and steam 2 minutes.

Combine corn starch, orange juice, sesame oil, rice vinegar and soy sauce in a separate bowl.

Add mixture to pan; cook 1 minute.

Add fish back to pan; cook 1 minute.

Place mixture over the rice on a platter.

Garnish with thinly sliced scallions.

Serves 4.

Flounder and Pasta Puttanesca

1 TBSP. olive oil
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1 TBSP. capers, drained and rinsed
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
1 bay leaf
Pinch red pepper flakes or a few drops hot pepper sauce
1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 lb. skinless flounder fillets
1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives
3 TBSP. chopped parsley
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 cups hot cooked spaghetti
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat.

Add onion; cook and stir 2 minutes.

Add capers, garlic, Italian seasoning, bay leaf and red pepper flakes, if desired; cook 1 minute or until aromatic.

Add tomatoes with their juice, flounder and olives, stirring to break up flounder into chunks.

Cook 4 to 5 minutes until heated through.

Just before serving, stir in the parsley and lemon juice.

Divide spaghetti evenly among the bowls; top with sauce.

Sprinkle each serving with the cheese.

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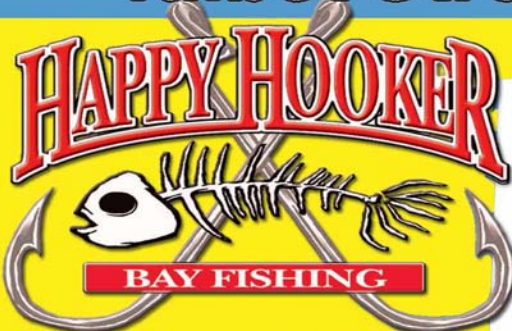
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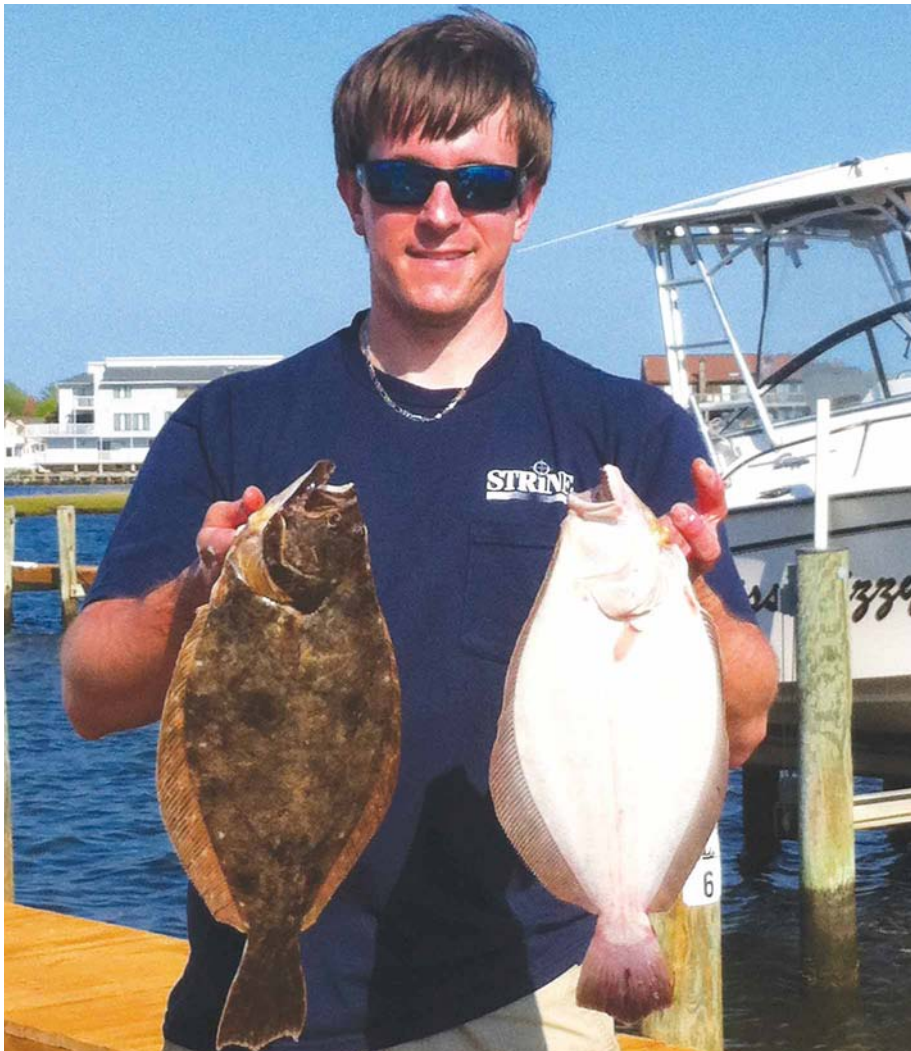
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Pat Strine, Jr. of Reisterstown, MD was fishing with his dad when he caught these two flounder on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the Fenwick Ditch at the end of the incoming tide. The fish measured 17 and 18.5-inches.



John, Annette and Chris Junek from Leonardtown, MD, Sophie Heinsohn from Great Mills, MD and Jimmy Green from Fredricksburg, VA had a great day fishing on the charter boat "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The anglers ended their day with 6 flounder in the box after catching them on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the Thorofare. The fish measured between 17.5 and 21-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Bob Murphy muscled in this 9 lb. 1 oz. tautog while wreck fishing with green crabs. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



David Moore of Salisbury, MD caught a pair of striped bass measuring 37 and 41-inches while fishing off Assateague Island. The 41-incher was caught on fresh bunker and the 37-incher ate a peeler crab. Pictured at Buck's Place.

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Early in the week, the striper bite really turned on around the South Jetty where Kevin Weber of Ocean City, MD caught 16 (kept 2) ranging in size from 38 to 43-inches. All were caught on trolled bucktails aboard the "Patty Wagon".



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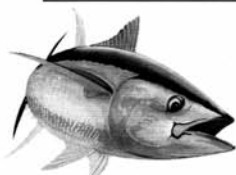
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Tautog 	January 1, 2012 John Murter "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 6, 2011 Mike Grybos "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin 	None Reported	May 29, 2011 Anthony Pino "Marli" Rockpile
Striped Bass 	January 1, 2012 Josh Fallon "Patty Wagon II" Little Gull	April 14, 2011 Capt. Skip Maguire "Skip's Charter" Sinepuxent Bay	Blue Marlin 	None Reported	June 10, 2011 Stevie Ramsey "Lady Luck V" Baltimore Canyon
Weakfish 	None Reported	June 4, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel	Bluefin Tuna 	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Baltimore Canyon	May 1, 2011 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Washington Canyon
Flounder 	April 14, 2012 Aric Gilley "Martini Time" Thorofare	April 17, 2011 Tommy Fowler Thorofare	Yellowfin Tuna 	None Reported	May 26, 2011 Phil Falgowski Wilmington Canyon
Bluefish 	None Reported	May 1, 2011 Alex Levantovsky "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Longfin Tuna 	None Reported	August 21, 2011 Al Rittmeyer "Dog Haus" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum 	April 20, 2012 Lennie Foxwell Assateague Island	April 30, 2011 Melson MaGee Fenwick Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	None Reported	May 31, 2011 Aaron Saulsbury "Magic Moment" Washington Canyon
Sheepshead 	None Reported	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas "Kimberly Ann" Winter Quarter Shoal	Dolphin 	May 1, 2012 Eric Polansky "Always Late Too" Baltimore Canyon	May 22, 2011 Daryl Bathelme Linden Kohl Canyon
Thresher Shark 	None Reported	May 25, 2011 Jimmy Bunting "B" Buoy	Wahoo 	None Reported	May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon

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Art and Alex Pacione of Marlton, NJ, along with Abuir Shaid took a trip on Saturday aboard the head boat "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder and Anton Postnikov. The trio each returned with a keeper flounder caught in the Thorofare on squid and shiner combinations. The largest fish measured 20-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



Joe Barbee was fishing off the beach in Delaware when he landed this 40-inch striper while using fresh bunker for bait. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Tackle.



Dennis Muhlenforth of Hockessin, DE landed this 14.4 lb. tautog after fooling it with a white crab over an ocean wreck. Dennis was fishing on the head boat "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Mike Kinder. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Dave Popovich landed this pair of striped bass while fishing with clams from the surf of Cape Henlopen. The fish weighed 19.4 and 25.4 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It's that time of year when striped fishermen lose a lot of sleep, tackle shops sell a lot of rubber swim shad lures and anglers wrestle tautog from ocean reefs and wrecks looking to enter the coveted "20 lb. Club".

STRIPED BASS

Last year at the beginning of May, anglers experienced what everyone agreed on was an "epic" bite in the Indian River Inlet. Once again, easterly winds have helped to move schools of bunker and shad into the Indian River Inlet, bringing with it good numbers of stripers. The bite hasn't been super consistent, but when it is hot it is really on fire. Even on the "slow" nights, some anglers are still bringing in a few big fish measuring in the upper 40-inch range.

According to Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em, the best bites have come at night and at sunrise for anglers casting Storm and Tsunami swim shads. Anglers trolling into the tide with Purple Crush Bomber A-Salt CD lures have also done well and those casting swim shads and bucktails off the wall are catching their share of fish.

The striper bite in the surf from Fenwick to Indian River has been better than it has been in years. According to Capt. Bruce



Bill Love was surf fishing at Cape Henlopen when he hooked this 27.1 lb. striper while using bunker for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

McGuigan at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle, anglers fishing with fresh bunker and clams during the incoming tide have been hooking into good numbers of quality fish. Fish that he has seen have had bellies loaded with cobb mullet.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the beach between Cape Henlopen and Gordon's Pond yielded many striped bass to anglers soaking clams and bunker. The stretch near the Herring Point jetties was particularly popular. The best bites happened near the top and bottom of the tide. Often, fish were close in, and a long cast was not necessary. Numerous rockfish had gobs of sand fleas in their stomachs, indicating that they were feeding right in the wash.

BLACK DRUM

Delaware anglers are fortunate to have the number of big black drum available to them this time of year.

Joe Morris reports that the weekend full moon also brought on the black drum bite in the Delaware Bay. Captain Brian

anchored the "Lil' Angler II" in shallow water at the Coral Beds and had 4 boomers weighing up to 35 lbs. while baiting with clams. Captain Ted took the "Angler" to the drum grounds Saturday night and caught three drum up to 40 lbs. Other drum were reported by boaters during daylight hours as well as after dark. Kenneth Raffensberger was surprised when he hooked a 62.9 pounder while toggling at the Inner Wall on Saturday aboard the "Grizzly".

FLOUNDER

Unfortunately, flounder fishing has been sporadic, but that seems to be mainly from the weather and not an indication of the number of fish in our local waters. Windy weather and dirty water plagued flounder fishermen all week.

Joe Ribinsky of Whitetail Taxidermy & Outdoor Supplies reported that a few keeper flounder were caught in the back bays during the outgoing tide on Gulp! and minnow combinations.

Capt. Bruce McGuigan said that the flounder bite in the

Indian River Inlet and bays seems to be better than what he is seeing in Ocean City. The water is definitely cleaner and almost free from the slur Ocean City anglers are battling.

Joe Morris, inventor of the Lewes Harbour Marina Stretch, said that the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River have given up flounder, but in general the bite has been slow because of dirty water. However, Lex Robertson managed a 5.12 pound flattie while working a minnow tipped Spro jig in the Canal. Flounder also came from the Cape Henlopen Pier, but most were shorts. Sonny McClure stopped in with one keeper he caught on the Pier Friday night. He released six others while casting jigs sweetened with shiners.

Don't forget the annual Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament on Friday, May 18th.

TAUTOG

Just a reminder that the Delaware tautog season closes from May 12th to July 16th.

According to Joe at Lewes Harbour Marina, tautog action was good along the Walls and Ice Breakers.

Bert from Hook'em and Cook'em told me that the head boat, "Judy V." released a lot of tautog during a trip to Site 10.

IN THE SURF

As mentioned earlier, the striper bite right now in the surf is as good as it has ever been. Other than that, skates, sharks and the occasional bluefish and flounder have kept surfcasters busy.

SHARKS

Last Thursday, Jimmy Bunting and Zak Smith were fishing around "B" Buoy when they hooked into a thresher shark, estimated at 350 lbs. Unfortunately, after a good fight, the fish pulled the hook right at the boat.

TUNA

The first bluefin tuna out of the Indian River Marina this year was caught on Saturday by Tony Burr. Tony and his crew took a trip to outside the Baltimore Canyon and caught 6 bluefins on the troll. Largest weighed 38 lbs.

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Striped bass have started their migration north and are hugging the beach all along the Delmarva shoreline. Jim Heeley of Bethany Beach, DE was there to take advantage of the situation, landing this 27 lb. 8 oz. striper while using bunker for bait at 3R's Road. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (AIS)

Every season there are certain items that seem to "catch on". The progression is almost always the same. First one or two manufacturers will come out with a product and the price is usually fairly high. As seasons progress, more and more companies will jump on board until it seems like all the major players are making a version of it. At that point, the prices start to drop and then we can really compare features versus price and reliability. And so this season, we take another look at AIS.

Since 9/11, the Federal Communications Commission has set standards for and has required that certain vessels be

equipped with AIS to support Homeland Security. Simply put, AIS is a shipboard broadcast system operating in the VHF maritime band that provides "real time" detailed information between vessels and/or shore-based stations allowing you to identify and track certain vessels in the surrounding area providing collision avoidance data. It requires a VHF AIS antenna, an AIS device (a "receive only" Class B unit or a "send and receive" Class A unit) and a GPS. The Class "B" unit allows you to receive detailed information about other Class "A" AIS equipped vessels but will not allow other vessels to "see you". The Class A device will allow you to both "see" other AIS equipped vessels and for AIS equipped vessels

to "see you". Certain vessels are required to be equipped with Class "A" AIS transponders but the system as currently implemented only works for those that are equipped.

When an AIS system is installed on a vessel, several items of data are programmed into the unit to be transmitted via the system. Among those items are: ship's name, type, call sign, IMO number, length and beam, antenna location, draft, cargo information and destination. The GPS interfaced with it will calculate and display the vessel's ETA (estimated time of arrival). The incoming information from other vessels will be displayed in rotation on your AIS receiver, your radar screen, if it is interfaced, or other screen. Depending on the brand of equipment, the vessels show up on the screen as little mosquito looking marks or other symbols. Periodically the information is updated and, if the vessel is under way, your AIS system "tracks" its position, course over ground, speed over ground, gyro heading, rate of turn, navigational status and direction of travel. It will also check for dangerous targets within a safe zone that you have set up, sounding an alarm. AIS installed in Coast Guard stations aids them in implementing Homeland Security by increasing their awareness of vessels in the water and especially of those entering US ports. A "tail" on the target displayed on your display screen will indicate the direction the vessel is traveling.

The advantage of AIS is that the target will be located and identified regardless of whether or not it can be "seen". For example, if you and another vessel are hidden from each other's view either because you do not have radar or because there is significant land mass between the two of you, the VHF transmitted signal of AIS will still show your presence. AIS also gives

you a lot of information about the ships in your area that you may "see" with radar but which will not have all that data set.

Most of the major manufacturers now offer one or more AIS units. You can find product from SiTex, ACR, Furuno, Simrad, Icom, Garmin and Raymarine to name a few and ranging in price from \$299 to over \$4,000. Standard Horizon even makes one that is built into one of its VHF radios but its small display screen makes it one of my least favorite. Obviously, with that much of a price spread, you can expect to find a wide range of features that are in some and not others. There are two big items to determine right off the bat. See if the unit is Class A or Class B and then see if it has its own display screen or if it is a so-called "black box" that connects to your other display device such as your cartography plotter and/or radar. Beyond that they all work on the same basic principle, so you are paying for additional features and name brand confidence.

If you have a computer, here is a great web site you can visit that actually monitors vessel traffic and displays it on-line. Their site is: <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>. Check it out. It will give you a very clear idea of what AIS offers you and will be interesting to view even if you never add AIS to your equipment package. You will find that there is a lot more traffic out there on the water with AIS than you imagined and it is expected to increase more as seasons go by. I would expect that at some point they will need to develop another frequency for large ocean going vessels because there will be just too much out there.

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

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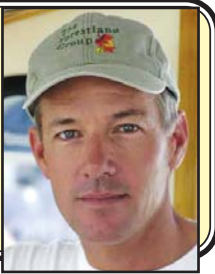
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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



I just got back from a 6-week stint of flats-fishing down in the Florida Keys. Those who know about that type of fishing are aware that it's a "visual thing" where anglers pole their boats around the shallow flats looking for fish and when the quarry is sighted the boat is moved to a position where the angler can "hopefully" pull off an effective cast and hook the fish.

When I first got started in flats-fishing it didn't take too many failed encounters to realize how easily a fish can be spooked by the wrong approach and how challenging it can sometimes be to go from spotting one to actually hooking it. Having the opportunity to see the way in which fish react to a boat and the efforts directed upon them by the anglers aboard has been an invaluable lesson that can be drawn upon to help catch fish anywhere, including our home waters of Delmarva.

After witnessing a multitude of reactions from many different species under various situations, it has become obvious that every fish has its own tolerance level and will allow a boat to be only so close before it decides it has had "enough" and decides to get the heck out of there! Just how much a fish will put up with

depends both on the species, as well as the individual fish. Down south it's not uncommon to encounter either bonefish or permit up on the flats. The problem is seeing them before they see you and then getting close enough to make a cast count for something because those two species are notorious for fleeing from the slightest hint that a boat might be near. Other fish such as barracuda, sharks and snapper will often allow a boat to get very close to them before taking flight. Then there are tarpon, jacks, redfish and a few others that might go either way.

But just because a certain species is known to be easily spooked, or not easily spooked doesn't mean that all the members of its family will react in similar fashion when a boat is near. Just as sharks are sometime known to literally bang up against a boat to get at a chum bag hanging off the side, other times, at the first sight of a boat they pull a quick 180 and zip out of the area at warp speed. Same type of shark, similar conditions, totally different reaction - go figure! And this is not unique to sharks. I've had bonefish in a foot of water swim almost right under the boat just as I've seen barracuda 100-yards away take

off when someone thumps the butt of a rod on the deck.

So, if any fish has at least the "potential" of being scared off by the presence of a boat it would stand to reason that anglers should be able to increase their chances of success if they employ stealthy tactics to whatever type of fishing they do, no matter where they do it, and that includes right here on the good old Delmarva Peninsula. Know also that stealth can be just as advantageous to anglers fishing for flounder in six-feet of water as it can to those vying for billfish or tuna in 600-feet.

Adding stealth to a fishing routine starts with the knowledge that sound travels far underwater and that fish have evolved to be very alert to sound because it can indicate both the location of food as well as the presence of danger. Anglers should also know that different boats transmit sounds into the water differently. Drop a soda can on the deck of a wooden boat and the sound is not likely to be noticed by as many fish as if it's dropped into the bottom of an aluminum Jon-boat. The sound transmission of fiberglass is probably somewhere in between that of wood and metal.

Engine noise is something else to consider when trying to sneak up on unsuspecting fish. While some fish might grow rather immune to the sound of boat motors, many times I've seen them flee from an area at the start of an engine or when another boat cruises past. Whenever possible, anglers should shut off their engine and drift up to their fishing spot rather than come in under power and risk spooking away all the fish.

Whatever type of craft you're in, always strive to keep the banging and clanging to a bare minimum. Anglers should particularly keep that in mind when they set their anchors which should be readied before getting close to the fish and then quietly slipped into the water and lowered to the bottom. That's a whole lot better than letting it splash into the water and then freefalling to the bottom with a resounding "clank-clunk!" When possible,

anglers should anchor far up-current and then let the boat silently fall back to the fish on a very long anchor line.

Shadows are something else to consider. So many times I've witnessed fish casually swimming close by until a shadow from the boat passes over them and causes them to spook. Many fish are constantly on the lookout for danger from above, which could come from another fish or from a dive-bombing bird. It's likely that fish know that a sudden shadow is the first warning sign of danger approaching and a reason to bolt out of there. Even if the water is murky and the angler cannot see the fish but has some idea where they might be holding, it can help to try and keep the shadow off that patch of water. It can also help to keep the sun at your back because you don't want it to reflect your presence back to the fish. Of course, if you're directly between the sun and the fish your shadow might be falling directly on them if they're close and your shadow is long. In that case, anglers can cover both issues by positioning themselves slightly off to one side or the other.

When anglers find fish that are schooled up on the surface they should always try to avoid getting any closer than they must to get their baits or lures in the strike zone. When trolling, fishermen can let their lines out extra long and then make a big wide turn around the fish so that the lines pass near the fish but the boat never does. When casting, anglers should start off throwing to the school from as far away as possible and only work in closer if absolutely necessary. Pulling up close to surface fish will likely result in putting them down and ending the opportunity.

Whether anglers are fishing in clam crystal clear water or the murky chocolate-milk we often see after a storm, stealthy techniques will always provide more and better opportunities to hook any type of fish anywhere.

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

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Tautog 	January 11, 2012 Charlie Donohue "Morning Star" 23 lbs.	April 21, 2012 Clark Koehn Delaware Bay Reef 17 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Striped Bass 	February 10, 2012 ★ NEW John Rogowitz Little Gull 41 lbs.	April 28, 2012 Sean Tate Bethany Surf 41 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna 	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs.	May 5, 2012 ★ NEW Tony Burr Baltimore Canyon 38 lbs.
Weakfish 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	April 14, 2012 ★ NEW John Brockmeyer Behind OC Airport 8 lbs. 4 oz.	April 29, 2012 Steven Warren Indian River Inlet 5 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
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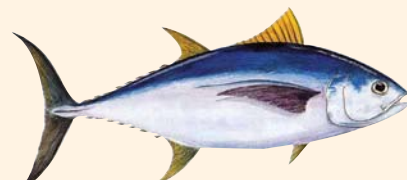
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Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball
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With stiff breezes continuing last week, the spring Mid-Atlantic fishing scene is a little off since anglers are finding it difficult to reach the fishing grounds.

When boats can get out, many are taking advantage of the Spring Trophy Striped Bass season which kicked in last week. Stripers are providing a good alternative for those looking for some variety. Anglers working topwater lures along the rocks at the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel are content with hits from fish exceeding the 32-inch minimum size requirement. Storm Lures cast around the pilings of the CBBT and the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel are also working well. Anglers can keep one fish per person over 32-inches right now.

The biggest interest is still in the developing drum scene, and with the super-full moon at hand, a boost in the action seems eminent. Red drum are still providing some action among the shoals and breakers near Smith and Fisherman's Island. The best action is still happening in the surf lines where kayakers and surf anglers are taking advantage of this trend. Peeler crabs, blue crabs and bunker fished on the Eastern Shore



David Phares of North Chesterfield, VA landed this 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder to win first place and \$2,000 in the 22nd Annual Capt. Zed's Flounder Tournament. John Rupp took 2nd place with a 6 lb. 3 oz. flattie and third place was won by Jim Shutty with a 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder. David was fishing with his wife, Joan, between Buoy 7 & 8, when he hooked the fish on a squid and minnow combination dressed up with yellow feathers. Pictured at Capt. Zed's Bait & Tackle in Wachapreague.

shoals and in the surf of the barrier islands will put you in the zone. These fish are fierce fighters and can weigh upwards of 50 lbs. Big stripers are also taking these same baits within the surf, with

some rockfish pushing to around 40 lbs.

Larger black drum are becoming more active in the Eastern Shore seaside inlets and should begin moving onto the Latimer Shoal and the Cabbage Patch areas in larger numbers soon. This action will heat up over the next few weeks and the larger fish will become more common.

The flounder scene is still inconsistent within Chesapeake Bay waters and around the CBBT, but some folks are finding luck around the 1st and 2nd Islands this week. The best numbers of keeper fish are coming from the Eastern Shore seaside inlets and back waters of Oyster where most fish are

ranging to around 20-inches. The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle report that flatfish anglers are also catching a surprisingly high number of nice sea mullet in these same areas. Both Rudee Inlet and Lynnhaven River are providing some good fish, with a few flatfish ranging up to 5 lbs.

Speckled trout are also showing some activity within the Eastern Shore seaside inlets and the back waters of Oyster, with some topping 4 lbs. lately. Folks working the Elizabeth River are also still finding a few keeper specks along with healthy puppy drum. Speckled trout are faring well inside Rudee Inlet where anglers are experiencing good catches of healthy keeper-sized specks averaging to around 21-inches. According to The Fishing Center, anglers are also finding bluefish pushing to 4 lbs. within the Inlet and along the oceanfront, along with a few grey trout and croaker.

Croaker are scattered around the lower Bay, but the best hauls are still coming from the James and York Rivers where squid and crab are doing the trick. Decent fish in the 17 to 18-inch range are biting from near the Coleman Bridge, York River State Park and the James River Bridge. Anglers fishing from the Ocean View Fishing Pier are still filling coolers with nice croaker and big sea mullet ranging to over half a pound. Bloodworms are the key for everything right now, with the night-time bite the best.

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ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Board Approves Draft Addendum III for Public Comment

The Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has approved for public comment Draft Addendum III to Amendment 6 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. The Draft Addendum proposes implementing a mandatory commercial tagging program for all states and jurisdictions with commercial striped bass fisheries and increasing penalties for illegally harvested fish. These options are intended to prevent commercial striped bass quota overages and the illegal harvest of striped bass. Both undermine the sustainability of striped bass populations, as well as reduce the economic opportunities of law abiding commercial fishermen. Options include increased accounting of unused tags, timely reporting of catch, the point at which tagging must occur, standardization of tag type, and development of biological metrics for determining state/jurisdiction tag quantity.

The Draft Addendum responds to recommendations of the Interstate Watershed Task Force (IWTF). The IWTF conducted a multi-year, multi-jurisdictional investigation on illegal commercial striped bass harvest within the Chesapeake Bay, resulting in over \$1.6 million dollars in fines against 19 individuals and three corporations for more than one million pounds of striped bass harvested illegally. The investigation revealed some current control measures for regulating the harvest of striped bass were ineffective or inadequately designed to maximize compliance. The investigation also found that greater accountability of wholesalers would be difficult to achieve without uniform tags (colors, design) and tagging requirements, valid year and size limits inscribed on tags, and increased dealer compliance education.

Several states will be conducting public hearings on the Draft Addendum; information on those hearings will be released when they are

finalized. Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on the Draft Addendum either by attending state public hearings or providing written comment. The Draft Addendum will be available on the Commission website (www.asmfc.org) under Breaking News or by contacting the Commission at 703.842.0740 by May 11, 2012. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on July 13, 2012 and should be forwarded to Kate Taylor, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or ktaylor@asmfc.org (Subject line: Atlantic Striped Bass Draft Addendum III).

ASMFC American Eel Assessment Indicates Stock is Depleted

In its report to the Commission's American Eel Management Board, an independent panel of scientists endorsed the findings of the 2012 benchmark stock assessment, which concluded the American eel population is depleted in U.S. waters. The stock is at or near historically low levels due to a combination of historical overfishing, habitat loss, food web alterations, predation, turbine mortality, environmental changes, toxins and contaminants, and disease. The panel urged the Board to examine alternative reference points to provide more protection to the spawning stock biomass.

Both trend and model analyses results indicate the American eel stock has declined in recent decades and the prevalence of significant downward trends in multiple surveys across the coast is cause for concern. Based on these findings, the stock is considered depleted. No overfishing determination can be made at this time. However, the Commission's American Eel Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Subcommittee caution that although commercial fishery landings and effort in recent times have declined in most regions (with the possible exception of the glass eel fishery), current levels



Tony Burr of Newark, DE landed the first bluefin tuna caught out of the Indian River Marina this year when he boated this 38 pounder while trolling ballyhoo in 400 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Tony was fishing on the "Liquid Handler" with Cee Cee Lee of Newark, DE and Jon Kitchen of Lewes, DE. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

of fishing effort may still be too high given the additional stressors affecting the stock such as habitat loss, passage mortality, and disease. Fishing on all life stages of eels, particularly young-of-the-year and in-river silver eels migrating to the spawning grounds, could be particularly detrimental to the stock, especially if other sources of mortality (e.g., turbine mortality, changing oceanographic conditions) cannot be readily controlled. Management efforts to reduce mortality on American eels in the U.S. are warranted.

In response to the findings, the Board tasked the American Eel Technical Committee with developing potential management actions for Board consideration at its next meeting. A more detailed overview of the American eel stock assessment is available on the Commission website at http://www.asmfc.org/species/Documents/eel/AmericanEelStockAssessmentOverview_May2012.pdf. It was developed with the intent of aiding media and interested stakeholders in better understanding the Commission's stock assessment results and process. The American Eel Stock Assessment Report and Assessment Peer Review Report will be posted to the Commission website under Breaking News on May 7. For more information, please contact Kate Taylor, Fishery Management Coordinator, at ktaylor@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

NMFS Proposes to Adjust 2012 Swordfish Quotas

Based on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Recommendation 11-02 for North Atlantic swordfish and Recommendation 09-03 for South Atlantic swordfish, NMFS proposes to:

For North Atlantic Quotas:

- Maintain the existing US baseline quota at 2,937 metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw)
- Transfer 112.8 mt dw to Morocco

- Change the underharvest carryover from 50 percent of the baseline quota to 25 percent of the baseline quota (734.3 mt dw)

- For 2012, adjust the baseline quota to 3,672 mt dw.

For South Atlantic Quotas:

- Maintain the existing U.S. baseline quota at 75.2 mt dw, carryover allowances, quota transfers, and other regulations

- For 2012, adjust the baseline quota to 75.2 mt dw.

For Commercial and Recreational Minimum Sizes:

- Implement a 25 inch cleithrum to keel (CK) measurement per ICCAT Recommendation 11-02

- Allow the existing 47- inch lower jaw fork length (LJFL) measurement to apply to swordfish without a bill

- Consider a range of other minimum sizes.

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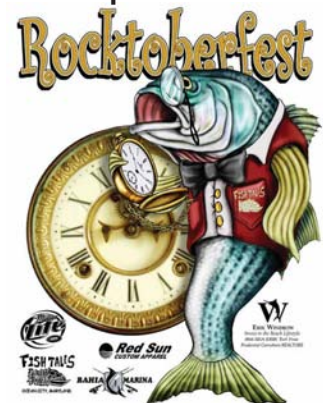
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King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
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Sailfish *	Any Size	-
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4.18.12 12:39 pm

by Larry Jock

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TUESDAY, April 17, 2012

Flounder fishing was tough today. Anglers had to put up with the bad slurry we have had since opening day. Makes it tough to fish when that gunk gets on your lure almost immediately upon entry.

MONDAY, April 16, 2012

Paul Vreeland from West OC stopped by the office this morning with 3 keeper flounder caught on live minnows in the bay behind Assateague, south of the OC Airport. Largest measured 22-inches.

The "Get Sum" had 4 keeper flounder measuring between 17.5 and 21-inches during their morning trip. Fish hit on chartreuse and pink Gulp artificial baits in the Thorfare during the outgoing tide.

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by Larry Jock



I've been using braided fishing line on all of my reels since around the year 2000 and can't imagine ever going back to monofilament, even though in some instances where you want a little stretch in your line



at strike, it would probably be better. I'm a big fan of the Momoi Diamond Braid and I

really love the Daiwa Samurai braided line that really feels like silk. Although I used PowerPro braided line early in my switch from monofilament, I eventually stayed away from it because it felt so rough and really caused damage to the eyes on my fishing rod. Well, no more!

Dr. Dennis at Ake Marine convinced me to use the new PowerPro Super 8 Slick braided line and I couldn't be more surprised or happier. This new line, like the Samurai braid, is smooth as silk. Hard to believe it's PowerPro.

The smoothness comes from the line being constructed with 8 yarn Spectra fiber that is braided under high tension. The line is round like monofilament so it sails through your guide with ease. I've also had no problem with

slippage when tying knots with the braid. I still like to use a double polymar knot when tying any braided line.

The line comes in 8 sizes between 10 and 80 lb. test and 4 colors (Aqua Green, Marine Blue, Timber Brown and Hi-Vis Yellow). Check with your local tackle shop for availability.

A new product just hit the market by an Australian Company called CGear. They have rolled out their Sand-Free Rugs and Mats that are designed to allow sand to flow right through it.



The rugs and mats have a dual layer weave design that utilizes gravity to prevent sand and dust from coming back up.

The difference between the Rug and the Mat is that the Rug has a smoother surface, more suitable for laying on, where

the Mat has a rougher weave texture. The Mat has D-Rings positioned around it so it can be staked to the ground.

When the company sent me the product, I couldn't quite think of how it would be of use to fisherman. However, the more I thought about it, I can see several ways it would come in handy. Surfcasters would have a surface where they could place their rods and reels onto without having to worry about the effects of sand on their reels. Boaters pulling up on Assateague Island could lay the Mat out in front of their boat as a place to clean their feet before getting back into the boat.

The company also has a Sand-Free Tote Bag that features the same technology.

The Sand-Free Mat retails for \$49.99 and the Sand-Free Rug goes for \$45.99. The Tote has an MSRP of \$24.99. Check with your local tackle shops for availability. You can also get more information on the products at www.cgear-sandfree.com.

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If you are at least 16 but younger than 65, you must purchase a Delaware fishing license and have it with you while fishing, crabbing or clamming. Delaware fishing licenses can be purchased online at www.delaware.gov and at many bait and tackle shops and chain stores. There

are exemptions other than age to the fishing license requirement. The 2012 Delaware Fishing Guide, available online at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/Fisheries> or as a booklet anywhere fishing licenses are sold, has all the information you need to find out whether you need a license and which license is right for you.

If you fish in Delaware you must get a Delaware FIN (Fisheries Information Network) number regardless of whether you need a Delaware fishing license. A FIN number is issued to you when you purchase your fishing license, so you are automatically covered if you buy a license. If you do not need a license, you can get your FIN number by calling toll-free 1-800-432-9228 (for live operator/customer service, call 1-866-447-4626) or by visiting the website www.delaware-fin.com.

You must have your FIN number with you when you fish. If you have a Delaware FIN number and fish the New Jersey side of the Delaware Bay, the Delaware River or in New Jersey coastal waters, you are required to register with New Jersey's Saltwater Recreational Registry Program. Participation is free of charge. For more information, visit www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov. FIN numbers are not reciprocal between states, so you must get a Delaware FIN number even if you have a FIN number from another state.

The 2012 Delaware Fishing Guide not only has all the information you need about licensing, it also has the location of all of our boat ramps, all of our fishing regulations, information about our artificial reef guide and much more. Please visit the aforementioned web site or

pick one up when you buy your license.

Now let's look at the status of some of our most popular fish and the latest regulations covering them.

Weakfish, known to many Delawareans as sea trout or just trout, have long been identified with the Delaware Bay, so much so that this beautiful, delicious, fun to catch was made Delaware's state fish. Although the weakfish population in the Delaware Bay fluctuated in the past from periods of high abundance to periods of scarcity, the disappearance of weakfish from the Bay over the past fifteen years has been unprecedented. Delaware commercial weakfish landings dropped 99.4% between 1997, the last peak landings year, and 2009. The recreational harvest dropped 99.1% during the same period. However, there have been some promising signs this spring that a weakfish recovery may be underway. The latest weakfish stock assessment showed that an increase in the natural mortality of weakfish due to predation (fish eating fish), and not overfishing, was the likely cause of the decline. However, the bag limit on weakfish was still dropped to protect the stock as it rebuilds. You can keep only one weakfish measuring 13" or greater per trip.

The striped bass population is declining from the historically high level it was at for much of the past ten years, but it is still healthy and well above the overfishing threshold. The summer slot striped bass season, which targets resident male striped bass, will begin on July 1 and continue through August 31. The slot fishery is open only in the Delaware Bay, Delaware River and their tidal tributaries. The limit is two

striped bass measuring from 20 to 26-inches. The limits remain at two fish at 28-inches in coastal waters and Delaware's Inland Bays year round.

The summer flounder population is healthy, but the stock assessment showed a population decline last year. Delaware's quota for 2012 was reduced by 8% from the 2011 level, but this decrease was small enough that we did not need to change our regulations for 2012. The summer flounder season will be open until October 23 and the limit remains at four fish that are at least 18-inches long.

Black drum fishing in the Delaware Bay has been increasing in popularity over the past ten years. Black drum get huge and it is not unusual for anglers to haul in fish weighing 50 lbs. and more from the bay. Although black drum fishing is open year round, May is usually the best month. The limit is 3 black drum that are at least 16-inches long.

Delaware's black sea bass regulations will now be identical to the regulations the National Marine Fisheries Service has set for black sea bass fishing in Federal waters (the ocean beyond 3 miles from shore). Although the Federal regulations have not been finalized, we anticipate they will add three more days to the coming fall season, three days to the 2013 spring season and add a winter season in 2013. The limit will be 25 fish that are at least 12.5-inches long (excluding the tail filament).

Our tautog regulations are in the process of being changed to comply with a 39% reduction in catch mandated by the latest amendment to the tautog management plan. There are two options being considered; each will require an increase in the minimum size. The regulations should go into effect by fall, in the meantime the current regulations are in effect.

So hit the water and have a great time fishing in Delaware. Good luck!



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Alec and Jack Burbage of Ocean View, DE took a trip to Duck Key, FL and had a great day of yellowtail fishing aboard the "Tailwalker 2" with their dad, John Burbage and Capt. Scott Walker.

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TIDES & MOON PHASES

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Wed. May 9	Low 05:06 am Low 05:02 pm	High 11:19 am High 11:58 pm
Thurs. May 10	Low 06:03 am Low 06:01 pm	High ----- High 12:14 pm
Fri. May 11	Low 07:01 am Low 07:03 pm	High 12:54 am High 01:15 pm
Sat. May 12	Low 07:58 am Low 08:06 pm	High 01:56 am High 02:20 pm
Sun. May 13 Last Quarter	Low 08:54 am Low 09:10 pm	High 02:57 am High 03:28 pm
Mon. May 14	Low 09:47 am Low 10:12 pm	High 03:57 am High 04:29 pm
Tues. May 15	Low 10:37 am Low 11:12 pm	High 04:50 am High 05:22 pm
Wed. May 16	Low 11:24 am Low -----	High 05:36 am High 06:09 pm

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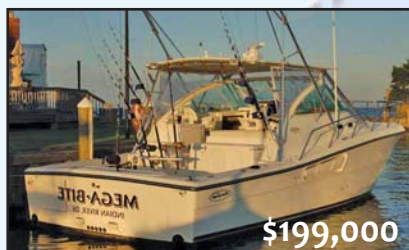
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