

On the 4th day of the 38th Annual White Marlin Open, John Schindler of Severna Park, MD had the crowd on its feet when he arrived at the scale with a 699.5 lb. blue marlin boated after a 55 minute fight while fishing on the "Restless Lady". The fish took 1st place in the Blue Marlin Division and was caught in 650 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon on a green Eye Catcher artificial lure. John was fishing with Barry Turner, Mark Marstella, Crystal Frye, Katie Tyler, Aaron McAdoo, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Brandon Baiocco and Sean Welsh. The "Restless Lady" crew took home \$379,677 in award money for their 1st place blue marlin. Earlier in the tournament, Brandi Zirckel on the "Restless Lady" landed a 68 lb. wahoo that won 2nd place in the Wahoo Division. Weighed at Harbour Island.

# Figh Facts



# North Atlantic Swordfish Xiphias gladius

### Key Distinguishing Markings:

- Swordfish have a long, flattened bill, which is used for slashing and stunning prey.
- Their color is darkest on top, generally black or brown, and fades to a lighter color below.
- Swordfish have a streamlined body that facilitates swimming at high speeds.

### Size:

 Females grow faster than males, and the maximum size for a swordfish is up to 1,165 lbs.

### Distribution:

- Gulf Stream of western North Atlantic Ocean, extending north into the Grand Banks; the North Atlantic stock is also in eastern Atlantic along Africa/Europe.
- Swordfish are found in surface waters but feed throughout the water column.

### Food Preference:

 Groundfish, pelagic fish, deep-water fish and invertebrates such as squid.

### Spawning:

• Swordfish spawn numerous times throughout the year. Females produce a highly variable number of eggs: from 1 to 16 million in a 370 lb. female to 29 million in a 600 lb. female.

### **Fun Facts**

• Swordfish have special eye muscles and a heat exchange system, both of which allow them to swim in deep cold water in search of prey.



Joe Walker whacked this 8 lb. 12 oz. flounder during a trip to Reef Site #7 in the Delaware Bay and weighed his catch at the home of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch", Lewes Harbour Marina.

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It was happy days for Ron Howard of Georgetown, DE when he released this white marlin while fishing on the "Partnership" with Capt. Mark Cropper and mate Spencer Cropper. The fish was hooked at the Rockpile on a trolled ballyhoo.



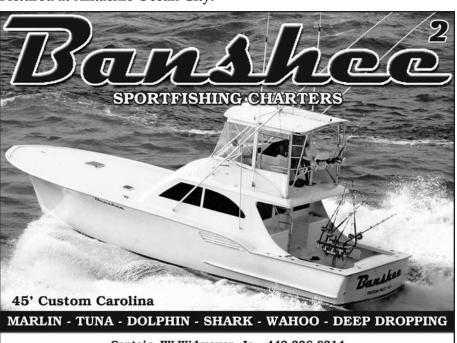
Tom Coyle has to be smiling on the inside after catching this 7 lb. 2 oz. flounder while drifting shiners and squid at Reef Site #10. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Joseph Rankin from Abingdon, MD caught this 29.5-inch striper while tossing an albino Fin-S Shad from the Rt. 50 Bridge at night. Pictured at Alltackle Ocean City.



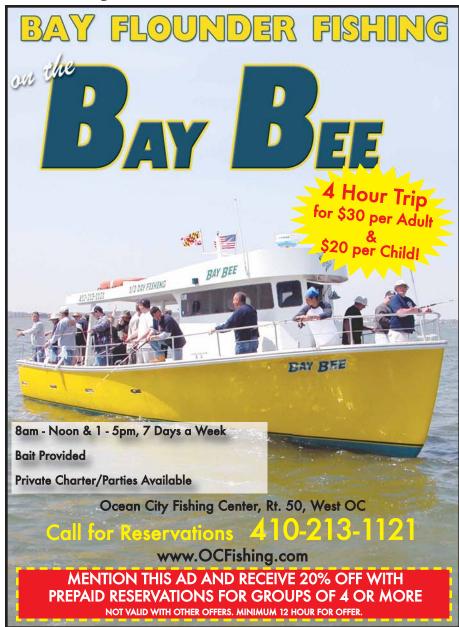
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Mike and Dylan Popiel from Coatesville, PA were bottom fishing at Isle of Wight Shoal when Mike hooked into this 24-inch, 4 lb. 13 oz. flounder. Weighed at Ake Marine.





Connor Motsko from Owings Mills, MD was fishing off the bulkhead at Harbour Island when he hooked into this 23-inch flounder while using minnows for bait. Connor was fishing with Tristan Drenner, Tate Hutchinson and Owen Drenner when he landed the 4 lb. 13 oz. flattie. Also pictured is Connor's dad, Andy Motsko.





While fishing at night around the South Jetty, Dan Wagner from York, PA hooked into this 25.5-inch, 12 lb. 8 oz. sheepshead while using live spot for bait. Dan was fishing with Chris Patrone from Mechanicsburg, PA. Weighed at Ake Marine.



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Pam Hess of Millsboro, DE (center) released her first white marlin while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Smokin' Tuna" with Capt. Mark Hess and Bryanna Faust.



Ed Markiewicz, Ron Hoffmann and Roy Dillion returned with this 49 lb. yellowfin in the box of the "Defiant" after trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Water temperature was reported at 76-degrees. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Brian Arni from Nottingham, PA and Frank DeLuca from Baltimore, MD had a great day flounder fishing at the African Queen, returning with their limit of flatties. Brian landed the largest fish of the day, a 26.5-incher that tipped the scale at an even 7 lbs. The fish were caught on squid, clam and flounder belly. Pictured at Ake Marine.



# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

With the White Marlin Open going on last week, there wasn't much happening offshore outside the tournament. A big congratulations go out to our local boats who really did us proud in the tournament.

### **Billfish**

This year's White Marlin Open saw quite an increase in the number of billfish hooked, but most were on the small size. Here's the stats:

White Marlin Released & Boated 2011 - 808 2010 - 589

Blue Marlin Released & Boated 2011 - 41 2010 - 24

With these types of numbers, the scale should have been action packed. Besides Thursday, this wasn't the case.

On the first day of the tournament, no billfish qualified. On Tuesday, the "Tighten Up" arrived with an 86.5 lb. white marlin that set the bar for the rest of the week, only to be beaten by the "WeeWun IV" on the final day of the tournament with an 88.5 pounder. The "Tighten Up" hooked their fish in the Norfolk Canyon on a ballyhoo, while the

On Saturday morning, Steve Meadowcroft of Salisbury, MD and Tom Hughes from West Ocean City, MD boated a pair of beautiful flounder while drifting live spot around the South Jetty. Steve's fat 25.5-incher weighed 8 lbs. 3oz. Tom's flattie taped out at 23-inches.

"Wee Wun IV" hooked theirs on

a whole mackerel in the

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699.5 pounder caught outside

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www.coastalfisherman.net measured 120-inches and took 55 minutes to get to the boat.

Outside of the tournament, the big news was the "Billfisher" venturing down to Washington Canyon Saturday and returning to Sunset Marina with 20 white marlin releases. Capt. Jon Duffie reported 30 bites in 650 fathoms and was surprised they had that many since it didn't look like anything was holding the fish. No bait... nothing. On Sunday, a couple of boats went down to the Washington Canyon, where the "Reel Chaos" released 2 whites and the "Billfisher" released 4 whites.

### Tuna

Bigeye tuna dominated the scales at the White Marlin Open. On the first day of the tournament, the "Playmate" weighed a 241 pounder caught in the Washington Canyon. The fish held on to 1st place until the "Pipe Dreamer" threw a 279 lb. bigeye on the scale the following day. Also on Tuesday, the "Last Straw" weighed a 225 lb. bigeye that ended the tournament in 3rd place after being caught in the Washington Canyon. The 1st place bigeye on the "Pipe Dreamer" was caught in the Norfolk Canyon in 250 fathoms.

### Dolphin

Local charter boat, the "Ranger", took first place in the Dolphin Division with a 41.5 pounder caught in 500 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. Another local boat, "Reel Estate", ended the tournament in 2nd place with a 39.5 lb. mahi caught on the first day in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Alexis" landed the 3rd place dolphin, weighing 39 lbs., also on the first day in the Norfolk Canyon.

Wahoo



The fish



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The largest wahoo in the tournament was caught on the first day, when the "Reel Desire" ventured to the Poor Man's and hooked a 71 lb. speedster. The "Restless Lady" boated a 68 pounder in the Washington Canyon on the 2nd day of the tournament and held on to win 2nd place in the WMO. Third place went to local charter boat, "Marli", with a 58 pounder caught on the 1st day in the Washington Canyon.

### Sea Bass

Sea bass fishing is hanging in there for those venturing off to ocean reefs and wrecks. Those fishing with clams and squid are having the best luck. African Queen, the subway cars at the Jackspot and the San Gil wreck are some of the top producers.

Took a neat photograph this week of Susan Power and her husband Jack. The duo donated the money to create the Susan Power Reef at the Jackspot and Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" took them out to do some sea bass fishing. They returned with 22 keepers. Good things for good people!

# Flounder

It's getting to be prime time for those looking for large flounder. Just take a glance through the pages of this issue and you will see what I mean. We saw numerous flatties 23inches and larger caught last week.

Friday and Saturday in the Inlet and around the rocks was very productive. A couple of 26inchers topped the list last week. Bob Sharbaugh caught a 26incher by the South Jetty on Saturday and Brian Arni landed one on Friday at the African Queen.

Saturday was an especially good day. Steve Meadowcroft caught a fat, 25.5-inch flattie that tipped the scale at 8 lbs. 3 oz. He was fishing around the Jetty with Tom Hughes, who landed himself a nice 23-incher. Dan Wagner was also drifting live spot around the Jetty and came away with a 25.5-incher.

These fish are big, and require big baits to whack them. Spot or live bunker are the baits of choice right now.

This is also the time of year when the shoals off the beach start heating up. Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" and Capt. Chris on the "Angler" have both been putting their customers on to some nice flounder. Mike Popiel caught himself a 24incher while drifting over the Isle of Wight Shoal in the middle of the week.

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### Croaker

The elusive croaker has arrived in the bay again. These fish showed up a while ago, only to vanish after a couple of days. They have shown up again, but the fish are small. Best bet is to fish around Harbour Island or around the mouth of the commercial harbor. Use small hooks, because the fish are tiny.

### In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay "Kingfish, Tackle reports, Norfolk spot, croaker, sand perch, snapper blues, and occasional sea trout are biting from the beach. The best bite is early in the morning. At night, we're still seeing sharks, skates, huge rays and snapper bluefish. Remember, you cannot keep a sand tiger, sand bar, or dusky shark. If in doubt, always release any sharks with teeth."

# **Upcoming Tournaments**

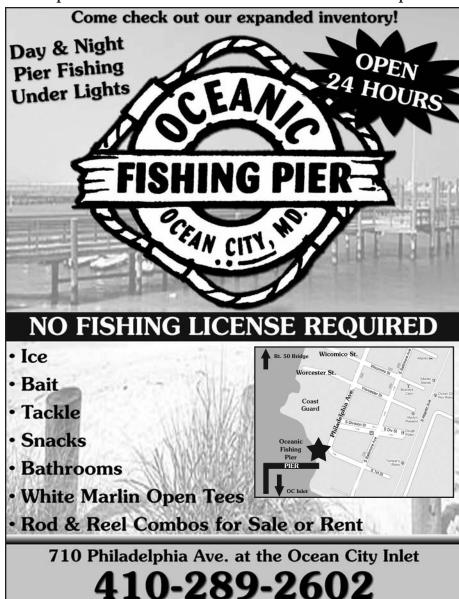
This Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open at Bahia Marina. Weigh-ins are each day from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This is a great tournament and you will see a lot of excitement at the scale.

Monday starts the 20th Annual Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 at Sunset Marina. Like the White Marlin Open, this is one of the premier billfish tournaments in the world. The tournament runs out of both Cape May, NJ and Ocean City, MD. Weigh-ins are each night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Swing on by and check out the action.

See you at the scales.



Dakota Meitzler from Kutztown, PA reeled in this 6 lb. dolphin at the Jackspot while fishing with a chunk of clam aboard the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple.



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Bill Bundy, Jr. from Sault Sainte Marie, MI muscled in this 23.5inch flounder while drifting a minnow in the West Channel off Gudelsky Park. Pictured at the Commercial Ramp in West Ocean





Shawn Gallagher boated this 30 lb. wahoo while fishing in Massey's Canyon on the "Miss Five-O". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Bobby Bryant was fishing at Reef Site 10 when he hooked into this 6 lb. 1 oz. flounder and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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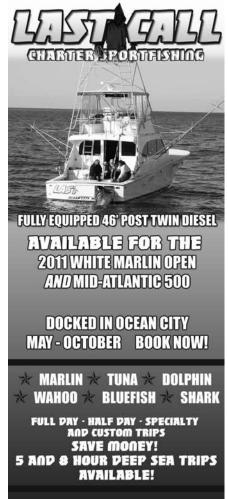


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Bob Sharbaugh from Ellicot City, MD took advantage of a good flounder bite on Saturday, landing a 26-inch flattie around the South Jetty. Bob used bunker to fool the 6 lb. 5 oz. flounder and weighed his catch at Ake Marine.



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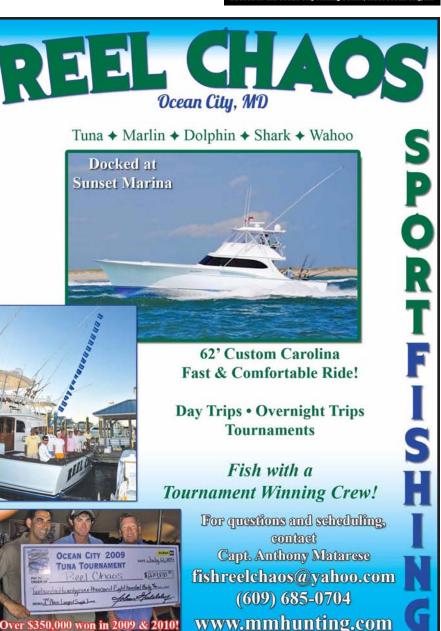
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by Sue Foster

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Bunker is also called Atlantic menhaden or sometimes alewives. Locally, they are found













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If you see bunker in our Coastal Bays you are usually looking at juvenile bunkers; those little bunkers that are only one to three inches long we locals call "peanut bunker." They also run in large schools and make great live bait!

Bunker or menhaden were first discovered by the Indians. They dug a hole and put a bunker next to each corn stalk to grow corn. In the old days, bunker oil was used as a lubricant and in lighting, just like whale oil. The carcasses were used as fertilizer. Now bunker are used to make fish oil supplements, fertilizer and a protein additive for poultry feed. They are also sold as bait to us tackle stores of course!

A lot of bunker is processed right in Reedville, VA which is located in the Northern Neck between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Omega Protein industrial organization maintains a fleet of large oceangoing harvesting boats, using a number of spotter planes, to catch the bunker. Quoted from Wikipedia, the free internet encyclopedia:

"Reedville was named for Captain Elijah W. Reed (1827-1888). In 1874, Reed, a sea captain from Maine, came south to the Chesapeake Bay and recognized the potential of the menhaden fishing industry." The rest is history!

"The Atlantic menhaden (Brevoortia tyrannus) is a silvery, highly compressed fish in the herring family, Clupeidae. A filter feeder, it lives on plankton caught in mid-water. Adult fish can filter up to four gallons of water a minute; and they play an important role in clarifying ocean water. They are also a natural check to the deadly red tide."

"Menhaden historically occurred in large numbers in the North Atlantic, ranging from Nova Scotia, Canada to central Florida, USA, although their presence in northern waters has diminished in the 20th Century. They swim in large schools, some reportedly up to 40 miles long. As a result of their abundance they are important prey for a wide range of predators including bluefish, striped bass, cod, haddock, halibut, mackerel, swordfish and tuna."

"The menhaden is also called pogy, mossbunker, bug fish, alewife, shad, greasetail, bunker, bunker fish and fat back."

Large adult bunker are very popular in our area for two things, crab pot bait and striper bait. Crabbers slide two bunker in the cylinders of their crab pots to catch crabs. Bunker tends to work better than chicken and believe it or not, after a couple days in the warm water, smells better! (But not much...)

Large adult bunker are the favorite baits for striper fishermen in the spring and fall. In the summer months, they make great shark baits as they are oily and have good scent. What many anglers don't realize is that a fresh bunker, filleted with a good sharp knife also makes a good "anything" bait. Small strips are good for whiting, snapper blues and even flounder. It makes a great combo bait in the surf. Tip the Fishbite bloodworms or real bloodworm with a little strip of bunker for a great combo bait.

My father, Irv Mumford, said anglers always used bunker for flounder in the old days. "People didn't even use live minnows back then!"

"I threw my cast net last night and filled it with little live "peanut bunkers." I put them in my live well overnight, and all of them were dead!"

Small peanut bunker make great bait but unlike live finger

mullet and spot, they are very delicate. Since they make great flounder bait when they are alive, it's best to hunt for them first thing in the morning before your fishing trip. You can walk around your boat dock, any marina basin, or around the Northside Park dock early in the morning. Generally you see the flashes underneath the water when you wear your polarized Cast net the sunglasses. bunkers, but don't try to keep hundreds of them. Just keep two or three dozen in your battery operated aerated bucket or boat live well. Hook them through the roof of the mouth. Great flounder bait, but also good for stripers, bluefish or trout.

"What kind of rig should I use in the bay if I bait up with" peanut bunker"?"



It's best to use a single leadered hook about 30 to 36inches in the #1/0 to #3/0 size range. Sea Striker makes leadered packs of hooks that are 36-inch long that are prefect for live baiting small live fish. S409-36-XX is on the package, designating that the Gold Wide Gap hooks are 36-inches long. The last 2 numbers specify the size of the hook. Rig the hook up on a 3-way swivel and snap for a quick rig but I much prefer to use a fish finder rig. Attach a fish finder rig to your line, attach a barrel or snap swivel to the end of your line and then attach the



leadered hook. Put a sinker on the clip of the fish finder rig and you are ready to fish! Sea Striker also makes a neat fish finder rig called a "Quik Slide. It has a

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Since peanut bunker are delicate, you need to treat them carefully. You can't cast them real hard or constantly pull them up and down to check your bait. Some people like to hook these live baits through the back, but when you pull them in to check the bait, it can kill it just dragging it through the water. Only hook live bait through the back when the tide is still. Cast your bait where you want it, and leave it there until you get a bite. Otherwise, hook it though the lips or through the eyes so it doesn't "drag" against its body when you reel your line in to check your bait.

"Can I freeze bunker baits?" Don't even bother freezing peanut bunker. It will become mushy. Large bunker can be frozen if it is extremely fresh when you do it. Bunker that is sold as frozen bait in vacuum sealed packages is treated with the utmost speed. Only the freshest bunkers are chosen and then they are "blast frozen" in a

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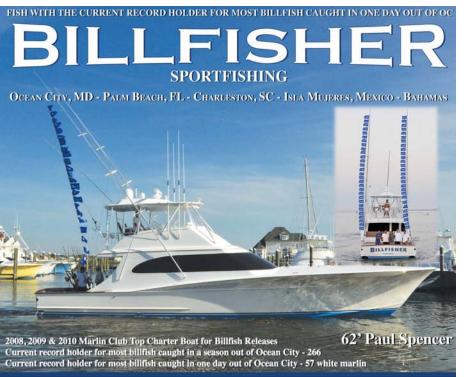
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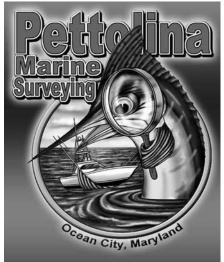
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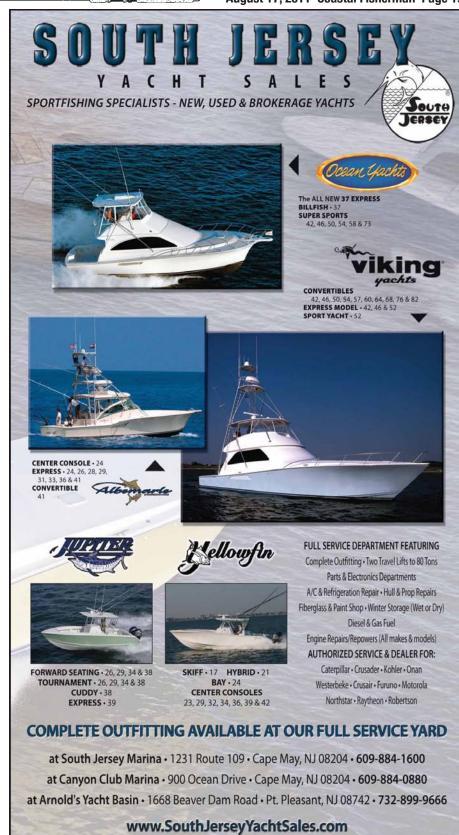
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Antonio Lisboa from Germantown, MD boated this 25.5-inch, 7 lb. flounder while fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder, Greg Beard and Nick Abbatichio. The big flattie ate a squid and minnow combination. Weighed at Bahia Marina.





# The Galley

by Mama Jock



2 tsp. minced fresh garlic

1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes

36 oysters on the half shell

In a small bowl, combine butter, parsley, garlic, lemon zest,

Brush each oyster on the half

Position half of oyster shells

Cover with grill lid and cook

until juices are bubbling and

edges of oysters curl, 3-5

tongs,

transfer oysters to a serving

**Broiled Stuffed Tomatoes with** 

Tuna

10 oz. fresh cooked tuna

6 ripe beefsteak tomatoes

1/2 medium onion, chopped

5 oz. crimini mushrooms,

1 cup shredded mozzarella

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Halve each tomato; hollow

Add mushrooms; cook 2

Carefully break up tuna with

In a large bowl, combine

mixture,

garlic

finely chopped

3 cups breadcrumbs

Repeat grilling process with

carefully

1 tsp. lemon zest

Preheat grill.

and red pepper flakes.

on grill.

minutes.

platter.

Using

remaining oysters.

Serve immediately.

Yield: 3 dozen.

2 TBSP. butter

cheese

with foil.

softened.

minutes.

a fork.

tuna,

1-2 TBSP. olive oil

1 tsp. minced garlic

shell with butter mixture.

## Lemon-Thyme Flounder Jewels

- 2 lbs. flounder fillets, baked, skin removed and cooled
- 3 TBSP. prepared mashed potatoes
- 3 TBSP. roughly chopped green onion
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme leaves Pinch ground red pepper 2 large eggs
- 1 2/3 cups plus 2 TBSP. plain bread crumbs
- Peanut or vegetable oil for frying
- 2 cups prepared tartar sauce

Line a large baking sheet with foil.

In a food processor bowl, add flounder, mashed potatoes, green onion, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt, thyme leaves and red pepper; pulse until smooth.

Add eggs and 2/3 cup plus 2

TBSP. plain bread crumbs.

Place remaining crumbs in a shallow baking dish.

Form flounder mixture into 1inch balls.

each ball in the remaining 1 cup bread crumbs and place on prepared pan.

Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Line a baking sheet with paper towels.

In a dutch oven or deep fryer, pour oil to a depth of 3 inches; heat oil to 360 degrees.

Fry fish balls in batches in hot oil until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes.

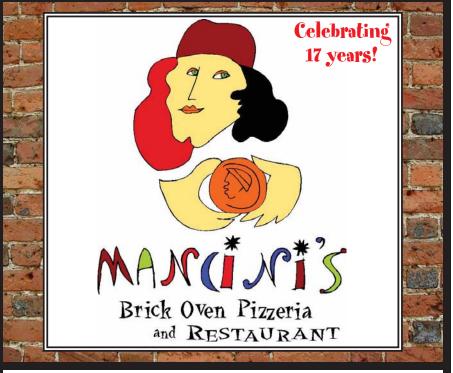
Drain; serve warm or at room temperature with tartar sauce.

Serves 12.

# **Grilled Oysters**

6 TBSP. unsalted butter, melted

1 1/2 TBSP. minced fresh parsley



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1 cup red wine 1 bell pepper, diced Salt and pepper, garlic powder and oregano, to

2 tsp. olive oil

Place olive oil in a stock pot. Add all of the above ingredients except the mussels.

Stir well and let simmer on low until onions and peppers begin to soften.

Place mussels in the sauce.

Cover and steam until all shells open; stirring every few minutes.

The liquid from the mussels will dilute the sauce, but also flavors it as well.

Serves 4.

# Sweet Chili Wahoo

2 lbs. wahoo

1 medium carrot, cut into thin strips

1/2 bunch of broccoli crowns

1/2 of a container of mushrooms, quartered

1/2 each red, yellow and

orange bell pepper, thin strips 2 small cans sliced water

chestnuts, drained 1 can baby corn

1 jar sweet chili sauce

1 jar black bean garlic sauce Flour, seasoned with salt and

pepper Olive oil

8 servings of cooked rice

out to make a shallow well. Place on baking sheet lined Note: You can find black bean garlic sauce and the sweet Heat butter over low heat, chili sauce in the Asian section of add garlic and onion; cook until your supermarket.

Cut wahoo into bite size cubes.

Flour the cubes.

In a shallow sauté pan fry the cubes until tender.

Set aside on paper towels.

In the same pan, sauté the vegetables with 2 TBSP. of olive oil, starting with the carrots.

Add 2 TBSP. of black bean sauce to the vegetables.

Add the baby corn and water chestnuts; heat through.

In a large sauce pan at medium heat, pour half of the jar of sweet chili sauce; simmer for a couple of minutes, then add the cubed fish, just making a thin layer of sauce over the fish.

Heat through.

On dinner plates layer rice, vegetables, then fish.

Serves 4.

# breadcrumbs and cheese. Fill each tomato half with 1/2 cup of the filling. Drizzle olive oil over each half. Bake 10-12 minutes.

Place under broiler until tops are lightly browned and crisp. Serves 12.

# **Steamed Mussels Italian Style**

3 lbs. mussels, scrubbed, whiskers removed 1 large can tomatoes

1 small can tomato paste

2 onions, chopped



Katie Benton of Bangor, PA landed her first two keeper flounder while fishing west of the Thorofare during the incoming tide. Katie used Gulp! and squid combinations to fool the 20 and 21.5-inch flatties.



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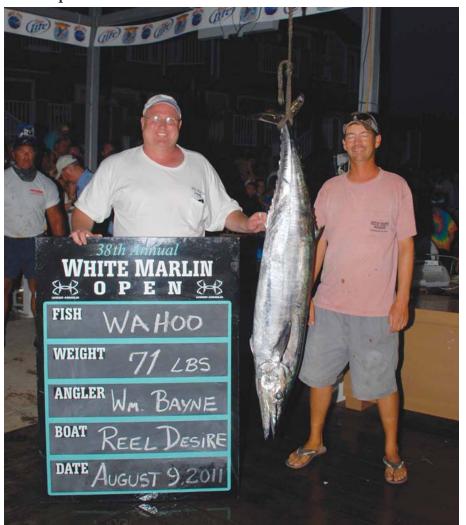
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On the final day of the 2011 White Marlin Open, Paul Coen captured this 88.5 lb. white marlin to win 1st place in the White Marlin Division and a check for \$289,063. Paul was fishing on the "WeeWun IV" with Bill Tucker, John Robert Devenny, Walte Herrington, Capt. John Devenny and mates Greg Streb and Anthony Arcidiacono. The white was hooked on a whole mackerel in 79.4-degree water near the 461 Lump. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On day 2 of the 38th Annual White Marlin Open, William Bayne from Arlington, VA captured this 71 lb. wahoo and held on to win 1st place in the Wahoo Division. The speedster was hooked on a ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. William was fishing on the "Reel Desire" with Capt. Dave Peck and mate Sean Houdek and took home \$26,325 for the 1st place catch. Weighed at Harbour Island.



First place in the Tuna Division of the 38th Annual White Marlin Open was won by Chip Caruso with a fat 279 lb. bigeye caught on a pearl "Brutus" Makaira lure in 250 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon. Chip was fishing on the "Pipe Dreamer" with Bob Hertling, C.J. Nesti, Andy Confortini, Capt. Max Morris and mates Geoff Flynt and Dan Prettyman. The 1st place finish earned the crew \$312,990 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



Gordon McNamara from Baltimore, MD caught this 41.5 lb. dolphin on the third day of the 2011 White Marlin Open and held on to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Gordon was fishing on the "Ranger" with Tony Gay, Dustin Albers, Mark Kerner, Chris Kerner, Skip James, Jim Bouchal (not pictured), Capt. Jason Norton and mate Austin Bickford. The mahi was hooked on a ballyhoo in 500 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and earned the crew \$2,000 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.

# Amoual White Marlin August 8-12, 2011

# WHITE MARLIN

# TUNA

### **BLUE MARLIN** TOP ANGLER

1<sup>st</sup> Place Paul Coen "WeeWun IV" 88.5lbs. \$289,063

1st Place Chip Caruso "Pipe Dreamer" 279.0 lb. bigeye \$312,990

1<sup>st</sup> Place John Schindler "Restless Lady" 699.5 lbs. \$379,677

1<sup>st</sup> Place John Janaskie "Over the Top" 11 white marlin 1 blue marlin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Susan McCart

"Reel Joy"

10 white marlin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Brian Kline** "Tighten Up" 86.5 lbs. \$758,828

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dale Christiansen "Playmate" 241.0 lb. bigeye \$58,342

1<sup>st</sup> Place **Matt Cusamano** "Canyon Lady"

107.5 lbs.

\$6,500

SHARK

3rd Place

3rd Place John Schmitz "Sea Note" 79.5 lbs. \$126,377

3rd Place Wayne Bowden "Last Straw" 225.0 lb. bigeye \$2,000

**Scott Steele** "Toplesss" 10 white marlin

# **DOLPHIN**

# **WAHOO**

RELEASE **CLASSIC** 

5 blue marlin

\$40,326

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

"Over the Top"

**STATISTICS Total Prize Money** 

1<sup>st</sup> Place Gordon McNamara "Ranger" 41.5 lbs. \$2,000

1<sup>st</sup> Place William Bayne "Reel Desire" 71.0 lbs.

\$2,188,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place "Alexis" **Total Boats: 237** 8 white marlin

\$26,325

Boated: 18 Released: 790 (97.7%)

WHITE MARLIN

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Donald Schline** "Reel Estate" 39.5 lbs. \$11,930

2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Brandi Zirckel** "Restless Lady" 68.0 lbs. \$3,000

**BLUE MARLIN** 15 white marlin Boated: 1 1 blue marlin Released: 40 (97.8%) \$21,996

3rd Place **Kevin Stafford** "Alexis" 39.0 lbs.

\$2,000

3rd Place Shawn Hann "Marli" 58.0 lbs. \$24,325

SAILFISH Boated: 0 3rd Place Released: 3 "No Quarter" 14 white marlin

**SPEARFISH** 1 blue marlin Boated: 0 1 sailfish Released: 4 \$10,998



On Thursday, Matt Cusamano from Stone Harbor, NJ boated this 107.5 lb. mako shark and held on to win 1st place in the Shark Division of the 38th Annual White Marlin Open. Matt hooked the fish on a trolled ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon while fishing on the "Canyon Lady" with Steve Salvesen, Tom Deross, Dave Bowman, Capt. Jamie Diller and mate Dave Outen. The "Canyon Lady" crew took home \$6,500 for their 1st place catch. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The crew on the "Playmate" set the bar high with this 241 lb. bigeye caught on the 1st day of the 2011 White Marlin Open by Dale Christensen. The 76-inch tuna attacked a trolled ballyhoo in 150 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Fishing with Dale were Mike DeLuca, Chris Kavanaugh, Jack Shandrowski, John O'Neill, Capt. Jeremy Shandrowski and mates Mike Moss and Matt Husman. The fish held on to win 2nd place in the Tuna Division worth \$58,342 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



On the 2nd day of the 38th Annual White Marlin Open, Brian Kline of Laytonsville, MD caught this 86.5 lb. white marlin to take the early lead in the White Marlin Division. Brian was fishing on the "Tighten Up" with Jay, Chandi, Cristy and Phillip Keller, Steve Casey, Capt. Jason Genthner and mate Michael Murray. The 71-inch white marlin was hooked on a ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon and earned the "Tighten Up" crew the largest check in the tournament, worth \$758,828. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On opening day of the 2011 White Marlin Open held at Harbour Island, Don Schline of Phoenix, MD landed this 39.5 lb. dolphin and held on to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$11,930. Don was fishing on the "Reel Estate" with Thomas Biddison, Hank Holmes, John Morton, Greg Digiovanni, Drew White, Capt. Bruce Campbell and mate Curtis Campbell. The mahi, along with 3 yellowfin tuna, were caught in 1,000 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon while trolling ballyhoo.

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On the 2nd day of the 2011 White Marlin Open, Brandi Zirckel from Ocean City, MD muscled in this 68 lb. wahoo that ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Wahoo Division. Brandi was fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Mark Marsteller, John Schindler, Katie Tyler, Aaron McAdoo, Barry Turner, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Brandon Baiocco and Sean Welsh. The wahoo was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 80.5-degree water in the Washington Canyon and earned the "Restless Lady" crew \$3,000 in award money.



In the 38th Annual White Marlin Open, Wayne Bowden from Ocean City, MD captured this 225 lb. bigeye tuna and held on to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division. Wayne was fishing on the "Last Straw" with Bill Leash, Barbara Wilson, Mike Slocum, Capt. Martin Groff and mate Bill Bower. The bigeye attacked a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon and was worth \$2,000 in award money. Pictured at the tournament scale at Harbour Island.



Third place in the White Marlin Division of the 2011 White Marlin Open went to John Schmitz for his 79.5 pounder caught on a ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. John was fishing on the "Sea Note" with John Jeffries, Matt Norkunas, Jim New, Ryan New, Shane Gorman, Joe Stansky, Capt. Benji Stansky and mate William Combs. The "Sea Note" team won \$126,377 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On opening day of the 2011 White Marlin Open, Shawn Hann landed this 58 lb. wahoo and ended the tournament in 3rd place in the Wahoo Division. Shawn was fishing on the "Marli" with George Ralli, Jamie Nichols, Kevin Burroughs, Steve Shultie, Tom Beck, Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. and mates Anthony Pino and Frank Mattes. The wahoo was caught in 80.5-degree water in the Washington Canyon and was worth \$24,325 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



The crew on the "Alexis" had a fantastic week during the 38th Annual White Marlin Open. Kevin Stafford landed a 39 lb. dolphin to win 3rd place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$2,000. The crew also won the Release Classic Division and Top Boat honors with 1,435 points from releasing 5 blue marlin and 8 white marlin during their 3 days of fishing. In addition to Kevin, the crew consisted of Matt Gunter, Charles Barker, Mike Atkinson, Capt. Andy Morris and mate Matt Serafin. As Top Boat, the "Alexis" gets invited to fish in the I.G.F.A Tournament of Champions. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Top Angler honors in the 2011 White Marlin Open was won by John Janaskie of Staten Island, NY. During the 3 days of fishing, John released a blue marlin and 11 white marlin while fishing on the "Over the Top" with Eric Smith, Matt Lonuzzi, Rich Stallings, Rob Killey, John Kubrak and Joe Blanda. John is pictured with Kerriann and Marguerite Connelly, both of Staten Island, NY.

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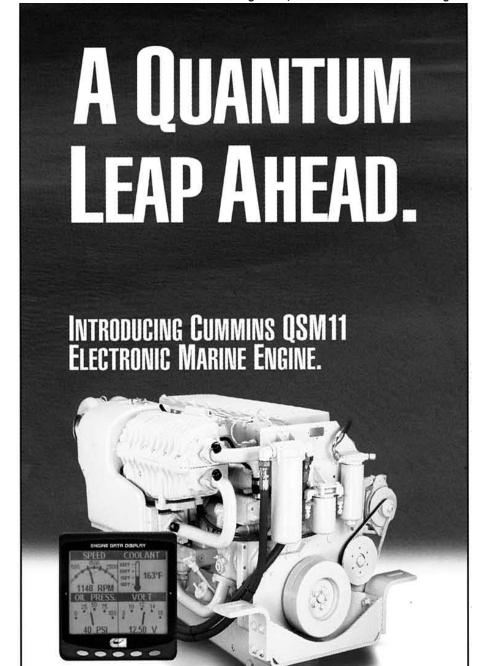
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Susan McCart of Ocean City, MD won 2nd place - Top Angler in the 38th Annual White Marlin Open. Susan was fishing on the "Reel Joy" with John Gudelsky, Taylor McCart, Capt. Dale Gurgo and mates Andy Helms and Daniel Reid when she released 10 white marlin during their 3 days of fishing. Three of the top 5 anglers in the tournament were lady anglers. Pictured with Tournament Director Jim Motsko.



Frank Criscola muscled in this 209 lb. bigeye tuna during the 2011 White Marlin Open held at Harbour Island. Frank was fishing on the "Crisdel" with Joseph Presti, Russ Garufi, John Magursky, Charlie Scoble, Capt. Paul Dalik and mate George Steller. The bigeye was hooked in the Wilmington Canyon on an artificial lure.



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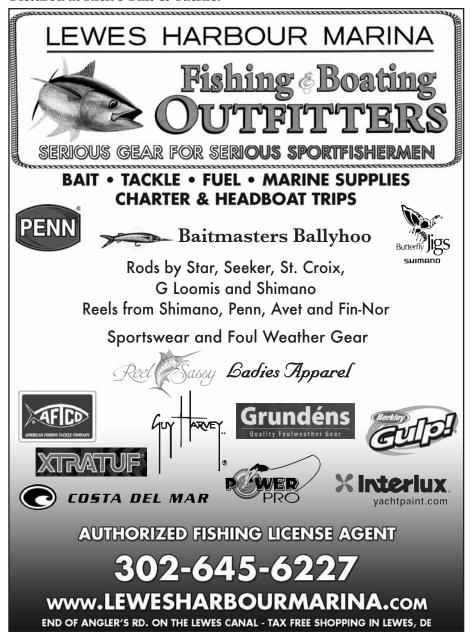
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Brandon Davidheiser from Douglasville, PA ended his day with 2 flounder in the box, measuring 19.5 and 21.5-inches. The fish were caught on minnows and squid near "DB" Bouy at the Old Grounds. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.





Jeff Kirk from Ocala, FL landed this 58.5 lb. yellowfin tuna on the 1st day of the White Marlin Open. Jeff was fishing on the "Taxability" with Shane Heimer, Greg Richardson, Mike Broadbent, Capt. James Kirk and mate Matt Vigliotti. The yellowfin was caught on a ballyhoo in 79.5-degree water in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.





Laurie Chvatal from College Park, MD caught this 26-inch cod on a chunk of clam at the Great Eastern Reef. Laurie was fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple. Pictured in the slip at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

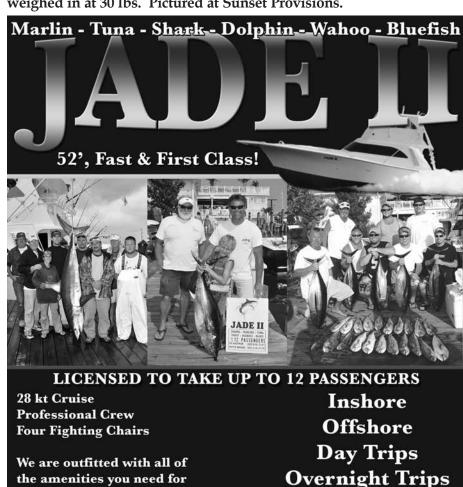


Mohamed Rustam landed this 34 lb. dolphin on the 3rd day of the White Marlin Open while fishing on "Doc's Toy" with Yakov Deitch, Lynn Jarmon, Cary Vandenbroecke and Capt. Fazil Mohamed. The bull dolphin was caught on an O.C. Lure in 500 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Harbour Island.





Paul Single from Harford County, MD released a white marlin while fishing on the "Jezebel" with Ryan Fitzgerald from Baltimore, MD, Bob Sharbaugh from West Friendship, MD, Mark Fitzgerald from Monkton, MD, Terry Newnam from Woodbine, MD, Todd Newnam from Whitemarsh, MD, Capt. Chester Sadowski and mate Frank Steuernagle. The white marlin, along with a tuna and a couple of dolphin, were hooked on ballyhoo near the Rockpile and inside the Poor Man's Canyon. The heaviest dolphin, caught by Mark Fitzgerald, weighed in at 30 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



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# **Delaware Fishing Report**

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! It's been pretty much the same summertime fishing, and offshore action has slowed down except for anglers catching dolphin. Back bay activity continues to be full of throwback flounder with the occasional keeper.

Some good news is that the croakers have appeared in greater numbers, and are providing anglers with plenty of action and fun. The best way to tangle with croakers is to use light tackle and bloodworms or FishBites artificial bloodworms. Just a small piece on a #6 or #8 long shank hook will open the door to plenty of fun. If the croakers are over 12 or 13-inches, they make for some great table fare.





The Old Grounds has been producing some quality catches of flounder lately, as shown by the 12 flatties brought back by Barney Gallagher, Wes Olsen and Beaver Ruff. The fish were caught near "DB" Buoy while fishing on the "Bad Habit". Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

The Old Grounds and the DB Buoy areas are producing a few more keeper flatties. The Indian River Inlet is still giving up some stripers on the end of an incoming tide. Late night or early morning seems to be the best time to fish.

Fischer Edmondson was fishing at Massey's Canyon with his dad aboard the "Miss Five-O" with Capt. Keith Orndorff at the helm, when he landed his first dolphin that weighed 2.2 lbs. Then his father, Josh, and friend Shawn Gallagher scored a 30 lb. wahoo and 3 dolphins weighing up to 15 lbs. Joe Hasselhan landed a gag grouper in the Indian River using Gulp!. Jessica Boyer of Frederica, DE used squid and a strip of sea robin to trick a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder at the "DB" Buoy. Rine Duncan used live spot to score a 12 lb. 6 oz.

bluefish in the Indian River Inlet. Wyatt Shatzer of Shippensburg, PA fished with a minnow and Gulp! to fool a 5 lb. 9 oz. flattie.

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center, Mickey reported a slight increase in the number of keeper flounder being caught. In offshore news, Scott Swarther took his 22foot "Reelentless" to the Baltimore Canyon to score 5 white marlin releases.

Capt. Bill Baker at Bill's Sport Shop reported that Ellie Stull, age 7, of Newark DE, was fishing at Port Lewes with squid and came away with 6 croakers. Ellie and her sister Amanda were rewarded with a couple of new fishing poles from their dad. Don Coffin of New Castle, DE used spec rigs for the first time tipped with Gulp! shrimp, and he caught a 19inch flounder at Massey's Landing. Bill received an email from a customer, Frank: "I fished at Site 6&7 with my brother and his friend and did pretty good. We got 9 keeper flounder, 33 croakers, 19 blues, 5 sea bass, 2 trout and 3 fish that we were told were barjacks. I have been fishing the Delaware Bay for over 40 years and have never seen a barjack. I'll stop in and see ya in your store again soon and show you a pic. THANKS again!!!"

James Nolt, age 8, from Leola, PA, caught a 2.83 lb., 20-inch flounder while fishing at the Indian River Inlet using minnows. Tom Bailor called in to say he took his nephew, 11-year-old Frank Bailor, IV, out to catch spot with FishBites on Sabiki rigs. They were just outside of Massey's Ditch and wound up with over 50 croakers and 2 keeper trout - they never did get to fish for the spot! Aaron Tharp caught a 21-inch pickerel at Red Mill Pond on a green and white jig.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said if you can't catch a croaker in Delaware Bay now, you better take up golf! Boats fishing Site 8, the Star Reef, had all the hardheads they could handle. Croakers were also found in the Roosevelt Inlet, along the Ferry Jetty, around the Inner and Outer Walls and in the Broadkill Slough. Some larger specimens have showing, with more over 12inches mixed in. Clams, bloodworms, shrimp FishBites have been favorite baits for the scrappy panfish. Hardheads are fun to catch and are great table fare. They're quite tasty fried, or can be turned into delicious fish cakes. When the bite is good, it's easy to get caught up in the catching, so try to keep only what you can use. Patrons on the "Angler", the "Indian" and the "Pirate King" had hot hardhead fishing all through the week.

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The "Hawkeye", "Miss Kirstin", "Top Fin" and "Martha Marie" got in on the croaker action too. Bottom bouncers also found spot, kingfish, blowfish, porgies and snapper blues with hardheads, making for a nice summertime mixed bag. Despite tidal effects from the full moon, flounder fishing was good for guys working the rubble of Bay reef sites.

Captain Carey's flukers on the "Grizzly" got 10 keepers at Site 7 on Friday. The largest was a 6.25 pounder decked by Fish. Flounder Dennis specialist Joe Walker checked in an 8.77 lb. doormat that he also hooked at Site 7 on Friday. Ocean flattie fishermen had success as well. The rocky, live bottom between "DB" and "DA" Buoys held plenty of fluke. On Thursday, Edwin "Max" Maxwell scored his limit of quality flounder while jigging with Captain Ricky Yakimowicz. "Beaver" Ruff,

Barney Gallagher and Wes Olson iced their limit of fine flatties and some nice sea bass southeast of the "DB" Buoy on Thursday aboard the "Bad Habit". The Friday gang aboard the "Katy Did" caught 136 flatfish, putting 19 keepers weighing up to 6.8 lbs. in the box. Jigging was highly effective, and the majority of flounder fell for bucktails. The "Lil' Angler" returned from Saturday's trip with 7 keeper fluke. Wayne Wilson and his buddies on the "Reel Passion" had 8 for the box on Saturday, along with some chunky ling. Surface water over the Old Grounds has been pretty warm, and several fishermen encountered small dolphin, which made a nice addition to the day's catch. Reef Site 11 also produced good numbers of flounder for boaters who located fish staging on underwater structure. Inshore trollers had scattered catches of mahi and wahoo between

20 and 30 fathoms. On Thursday, Captains Brent and Dave on the "Katy Did" found a floating tire in the Baltimore Canyon. growth encrusted chunk of flotsam yielded 15 dolphin, including Brandon Border's pounder, and triggerfish. They topped the trip off with 10 tilefish weighing up to 33 lbs. Captain John Schneider and his crew aboard the "Patient Lady" had some fun deep dropping in the Norfolk Canyon. Among their take was a 15 lb. gray tilefish for Andrew Schneider, and a 17.1 lb. pound gray tilefish for Bill Quirk. The highlight of the day was Bill's 28.8 lb. snowy grouper.

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!

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Chris Brown from Sayre, PA caught this 19.5-inch flounder while fishing on the "Flounder Magic" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and mate Sonny Layton. The fish was caught near the South Jetty on a squid and minnow combination. Pictured at Old Town Marina.

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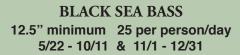








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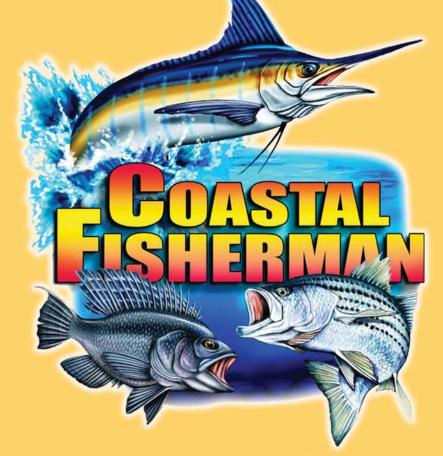
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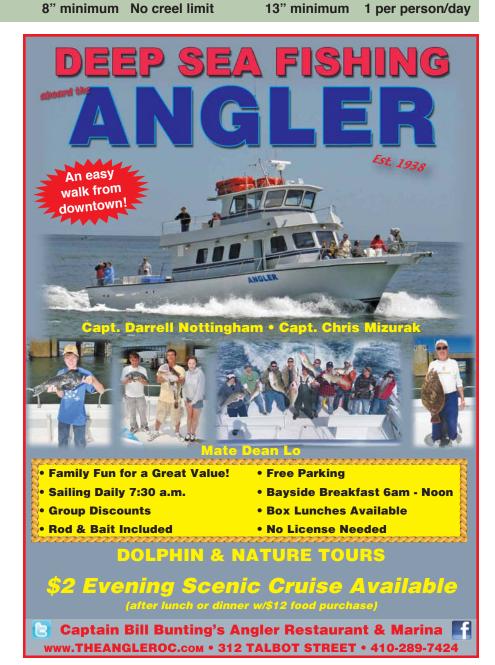




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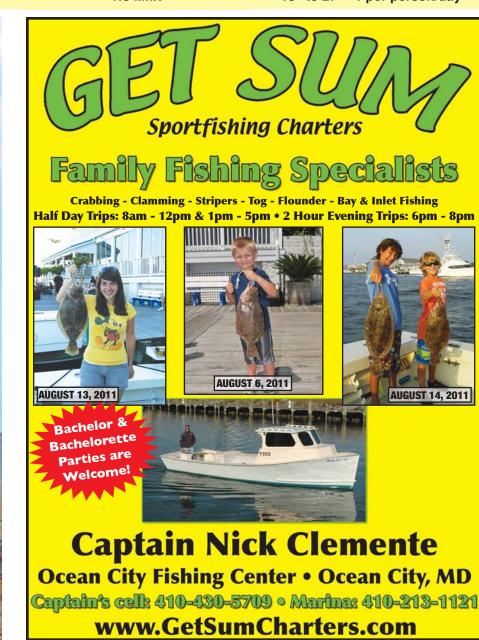
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## Ship to Shore

by Pat Schrawder



#### THE IMPORTANCE OF **GOOD GROUNDING**

Obviously, the equipment on your boat will operate to its best if it is installed properly and you understand how to use it. For all your equipment to work at its optimum requires that it have sufficient input power and that it be as free as possible from "noise" or interference from other This sources. best accomplished by using the proper gauge wire for the power and by providing adequate ground. Why is this important? It is a matter of safety and performance.

Adequate ground reduces noise and interference in some and is absolutely essential for successful performance of your single sideband radio. Most manufacturers recommend running a separate ground wire to their unit. Many of them provide a ground bolt or wing nut on the back of the unit for just that purpose. It usually isn't a difficult thing to do and I would highly recommend you take the time and effort to do it. The way equipment ground connections are designed, they make it somewhat more cumbersome to remove your equipment from the boat and, for that reason, people often ignore them. For example, it is more often than not, a bolt with a wing nut onto which you put a wire with a ring tongue terminal. A good solution is to make that wire connection to the equipment a short one of six inches or so and on the other end, place a "quick disconnect" terminal end that connects to another long wire which is permanently linked to your ship's ground system.

A good ground for your boat consists of a complete system, not just one or two critically run wires. Ideally, it starts with a ground plate. Ground plates are made of thousands of tiny copper beads, fused together into a rectangular block that is about one half-inch thick and comes in several sizes. Because the beads are round, they provide a great deal of copper surface in a small space. The larger the block, the greater the resulting ground equivalent. In any case, a ground plate provides ground that is electrically equal to a huge copper plate. They have a hole drilled in each end so that the ground plate can be secured with copper bolts which through the hull to the outside in order to make contact with the water. The ground plate is then attached to the bolt at one end with a copper strap, braid and/or wire which is then run to a central place on the boat that is accessible. A single large bolt run through a bulkhead to which the ground wire is attached makes a good, easy source for a ground hookup. The important thing is that your ground is completely bonded to a single point. In

other words, you do not want several separate grounds, each doing its own thing. You need all of your grounding run to one central location and then connected to a single wire that runs straight to the ground (water).

If you do not have a ground plate, you can use an existing through-hull fitting. Do not use a transducer through-hull fitting, however, as that can only lead to another problem like electrolysis. If you are problems having through-hull fittings corroding off or taking on a strange color, you already have evidence of electrolysis and need address it soon before it causes damage that can be very costly.

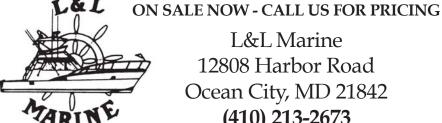
During a storm event, a good bonding system can save you from very expensive damage to your electronics. Lightning is looking for a connection to ground. It will instinctively seek the shortest path with the least resistance. If your vessel's ground system is to be effective, you need to provide just that, a short, easy path to ground for the lightning bolt to follow that doesn't compromise your electronic equipment.. If you don't, lightning will "wander" around your boat, looking for a way out to ground. This can cause complete melt-downs of equipment and mini "explosions" of electrical

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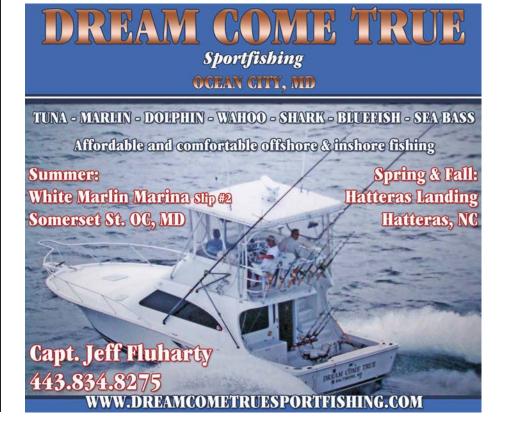
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components your in equipment that can rarely be fixed.

There are a number of products out there that help you achieve the desired results. There are the basic grounding components such as copper strap and/or wire and ground plates. There are also other products such as noise filters to eliminate alternator interference, other line filters, power management systems, isolators, etc.

One of the manufacturers with the most comprehensive line of products for this purpose is New Mar. They can be found on the internet at

www.newmarpower.com. It is well worth a look just to see the wide range of available items. Installation of these items and correct bonding of your vessel can be time consuming but the results are worth it. Unless you are very comfortable in your own knowledge of how to design and install correct grounding, etc. on your boat, this is a job that might be better left to the professionals

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## **Chum Lines**

by Capt. Mark Sampson



A couple weeks ago I wrote about navigation rules and touched on topics about right of way, conduct between two vessels, and signaling. In that article I mentioned an incident I had with a fellow in a small boat. That article prompted someone to send me an email citing that I had "missed a big point in the story" and how "big boats very seldom give little boats a break in O.C." Considering it was my article and therefore my point to make, I'm not sure how I could accused of missing anything. The point I was making was about navigation rules, not big boat vs. small boat. Aside from that, the fellow did bring up a good topic for discussion.

Friction between big and small boat operators has



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probably gone on for as long as there have been big and small boats, and I doubt it's going to come to an end in any of our lifetimes. Of course, what constitutes a "big" or a "small" vessel is all relative to the deck of what boat you're standing on at the time. Some fat-cat up on the bridge of his 65-foot yacht might think he's top-dog on the pond until the day he has a cruise ship bearing down on him! I've got a 14-foot skiff that really feels small until I get close to someone paddling around in a kayak. Like I said, it's all relative, and by having at least some understanding of what might be going on aboard the "other" boat, folks on different size crafts might find a way to spend time on the waters with a few less headaches and hassles.

Large boat skippers will argue that they are restricted to running in the channel, while small boats can often safely operate outside of it and small boat operators have no right to expect everyone to slow down just because they decide to stop their boats and fish in the channel. With a small boat, it's quick and easy to come up on plane or fall back to idle speed. Big boats different animals altogether. Speeding up and slowing down can be a hassle, taking time, distance and a lot of extra fuel to bring that much weight up to cruise speed. In some areas, a big boat might not be able to be brought back up on plane after it slows down because when it squats during acceleration the draft increases and it can hit bottom if the channel isn't deep enough, and when a big boat hits bottom it can result in some very costly repairs.

Small boat owners make a good point that big boats should slow down in the channels because everyone is "responsible for their wake" and unnecessarily rocking could potentially swamp their boat as they go past. They'll also site that regardless of the size of the boat, everyone has the right to have access to, and use of, our waterways without the fear of being put in an unsafe situation by someone in a large boat that passes too fast or too close to them. Having spent plenty of time on vessels of all sizes I'm inclined to agree that both camps have valid arguments.

Since channels are where

most big and small boats interact, I think that we must first recognize that the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers design, dredge, mark and maintain channels with the primary intention of providing safe waterways for boats to transit. Channels are basically "roads" on the water, and just like roads on land are often used for things other than strictly transit (such as fishing), these activities must not inhibit the safe passage of vessels trying to run up or down the channel. I once had to get on my PA-system and ask a couple of boats that were fishing under the Rt. 50 Bridge to move so I could pass thru that was pretty ridiculous! In relatively narrow channels or channels clogged with a lot of fishing boats it can sometimes be tough for a big boat to wiggle its way through unless the other boats do what they're supposed to do and move out of the way.

But just because channels are made for transit and there's no set speed limit doesn't mean that those doing the transiting can go blasting along without concern for anyone else. As on roads, where we slow down or swing wide around pedestrians or bicycles, boaters must take into consideration every vessel they encounter in a channel and determine if the best action is to slow, swerve or keep on truck'n. Regardless of whether or not the person up ahead in the channel is right or

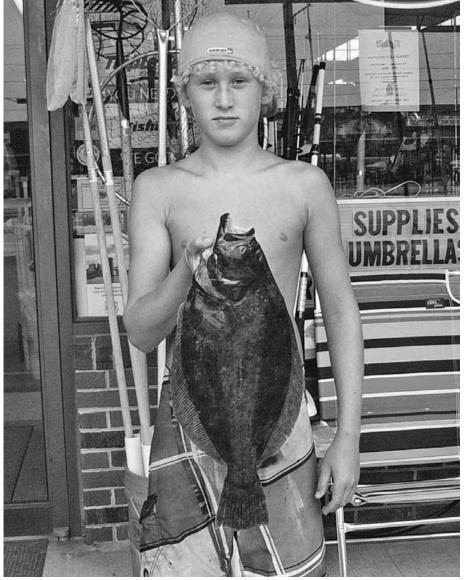
wrong in their actions, safety must be the number-one consideration when making the decision of how to get past them. Just because someone is foolish enough to anchor their 12-foot jon boat in the inlet doesn't mean that a big boat has the right to blast-past and swamp him. You can call him an idiot, stop and give him a lecture on boating safety or report him to the Coast Guard if you wish, but don't be the one who sends him to the bottom just because he did something stupid to begin with.

So even though the bigboat-little-boat controversy will never go away, it could be a lot less heated if more skippers would be less bullheaded in their actions. If you're in a small boat and you wish to fish the inlet or a narrow channel, you have to accept the fact that those areas are maintained for transiting boats of all sizes and you'd better be ready to get "waked" once in a while because you can't just park your butt in a heavy traffic area and expect everyone else to alter course and speed just because the flounder decided that was the place to feed that day. Likewise, like it or not, if you're running a big boat you have to know that when you get inside the inlet there's going to be a lot of little boats everywhere you go, and it doesn't matter if they're doing right or wrong, you have to watch your actions and your wake to make sure that each pass is a safe one for every vessel involved.

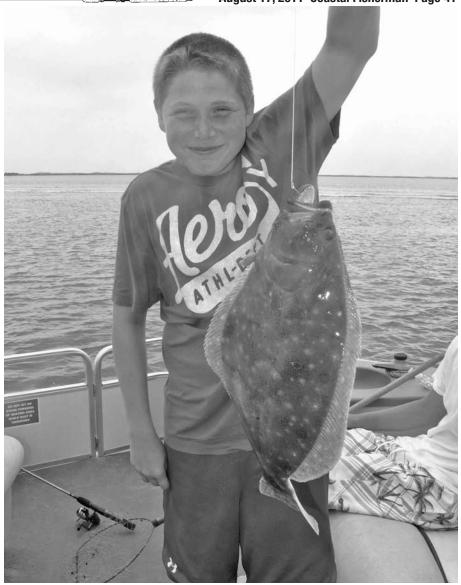
I guess the best thing everyone can do is to follow the "golden rule" and treat other boaters as we would like to be treated outselves. And anyone who can't do that should remember the "other rule" that "what goes around comes around"!

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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Travis Baker from Ashburn, VA was fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge when he caught this 19.5-inch flounder on a live spot. Pictured at Fenwick Tackle.



Tim Joy from Charlestown, WV caught this 20-inch flounder on a white Gulp! artificial bait in the bay behind Castaway's Campground.



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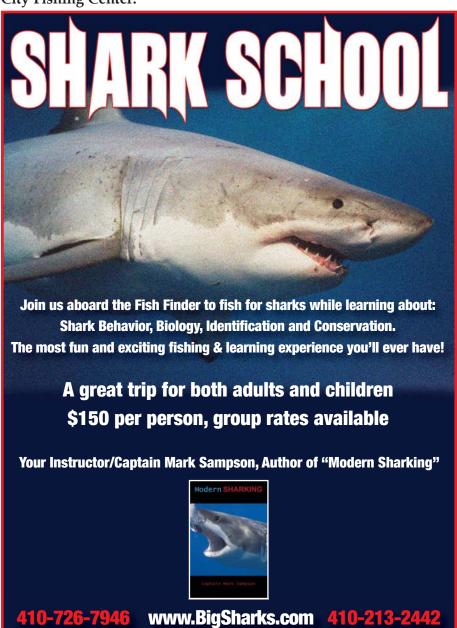


Scott Smith from Dundalk, MD caught this 28-inch, 15 lb. yellowfin tuna while trolling in the Washington Canyon. Scott was fishing on the "Bad Habit" with his brother, Steve Smith.



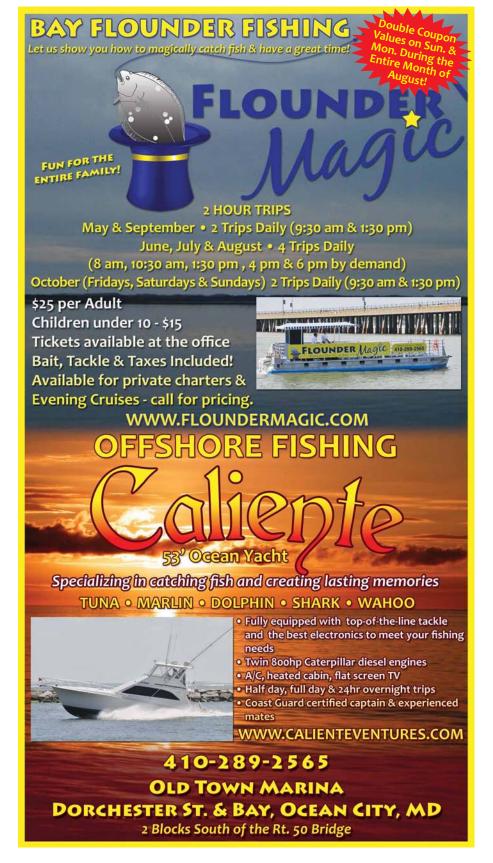


Susan Power from Holland Point, MD along with her husband, Jack, had a chance to fish her namesake reef, the Susan Power Reef at the Jackspot and came away with 22 keeper sea bass beween them. The anglers were fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. Jack's sea bass was their largest, weighing in at 3 lbs. 10 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Scott Usner from New Holland, PA released this white marlin, estimated at over 80 lbs., while trolling at the Hot Dog on the "Mugger" with Capt. Jeff Powell and mate Ben Mumford.



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Brandon Kelly of Bel Air, MD was fishing in the Indian River Inlet on the "Mullet Head" with Capt. Mike Amrhein when he captured this 20-inch, 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Weighed at Fenwick Tackle.

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## Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball I.G.F.A Representative



As summer presses on, many favorite species are available within Mid-Atlantic waters. Flounder continue to please this week with plenty of decent-sized flatfish filling Trophy-sized coolers. doormats are common lately, with plenty of big fish coming from the 3rd and 4th Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Live bait and jigs donned with plastics or stripped bait are working well for anglers working structure. Drifters are also finding good with keepers doormats scattered along lower Bay channels, deep water drop-offs, and near Buoys 36A, 42 and the Cell. Both Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlet are also still providing some good catches of keepers.

The rest of the inshore scene is mostly dominated by cobia and red drum. Cobia are making a strong showing for both chummers and top water casters, with several fish pushing over 60-pounds hitting the docks last week. Many cobia are beginning their late summer trend of favoring buoys and bridge pilings, and cruising on the surface in lower Bay waters and off the

oceanfront. Pods of multiple fish are also becoming more abundant. As for chumming, this messy technique continues to be very effective this year.

Red drum are making an incredible showing this year all over the lower Bay and along the Virginia Beach shorelines. These fish are providing endless casting action for anglers seeking out the huge roaming schools. The fish are so plentiful right now that many anglers are hooking bull reds as a by-catch while fishing for other species such as flounder and croaker. Sightings of fleeting schools of Jack Crevelle continue to surface as these fish prepare to settle on nearshore structures for the remainder of the season.

Croaker are everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The bite out of Oyster continues to yield coolers full of nice hardheads from the deeper part of the channel. Medium sized spot are still hitting near Ocean View, off the Concrete Ships and from Lynnhaven, Rudee and Little Creek Inlets. Scattered puppy drum and speckled trout encounters also occurred in

Lynnhaven and Rudee last week, with nicer specks responding on the Poquoson Flats, Back River, the Bayside and seaside creeks on the Eastern Shore and Elizabeth River.

Sheepshead are still a sure thing along the Bay Bridge Tunnel structure, with more fish beginning to respond over the tubes. Smaller spadefish are still available along the Bridge tunnel and around the islands, but most folks are not interested. Triggerfish are hitting in these same areas, with some pushing to over 3pounds. Spades, triggers and tautog are also feeding on inshore and nearshore wrecks, along with some keeper seabass.

Trollers are finding lots of accommodating Spanish mackerel off the oceanfront, Cape Henry Sandbridge. Small gold and silver spoons are the best lures for these fish. Captain David Warren, skipper of the "Sea Witch" out of The Fishing Center, reports that a recent inshore trip produced over 40 Spanish mackerel weighing up to around 3.5pounds. Plenty of greedy sharks along Virginia's coastal waters are providing some interesting catches, although most are too small to keep. Be sure to review the regulations

before targeting sharks. A few boats out of Rudee Inlet had a surprise catch of mahi while trolling inshore of Chesapeake Light Tower recently.

Tarpon sightings and hookups on the Eastern Shore are always hush-hush, scattered releases and a barrage of sightings are keeping a handful of anglers interested. A silver king landing from Virginia waters is a rarity, with few members belonging to that select club.

Deep dropping action is still good. Boats running out to investigate the Canyon edges are still scoring with big blueline tilefish, grouper, blackbellied rosefish and nice seabass. Amberiack available on several wrecks and the around the southern towers. Plan an early morning trip to avoid the heat and be prepared for fish holding very tight to the tower legs lately.

Bluewater anglers experiencing scattered billfish action lately, but hopefully this will pick back up over the next few weeks. Most catches are coming from around the 450line in around 50 to 100 fathoms of water. The tuna bite is something to be desired right now, but nice gaffer dolphin and a few wahoo and mako sharks are available to take up the slack. For more information, www.drjball.com.

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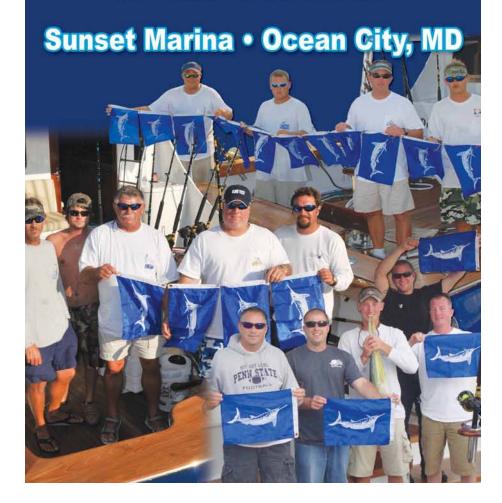


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Menel Harris from Annapolis, MD captured this 20.5-inch sea bass while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Yanni Harris and Jackson Killelea of Annapolis, MD, George Connolly from Princeton, NJ, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The sea bass ate a chunk of clam over natural bottom. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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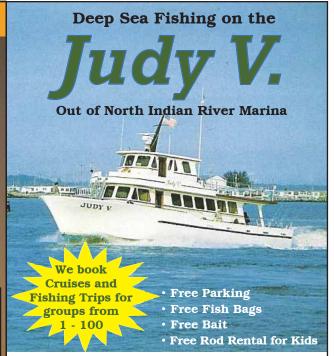
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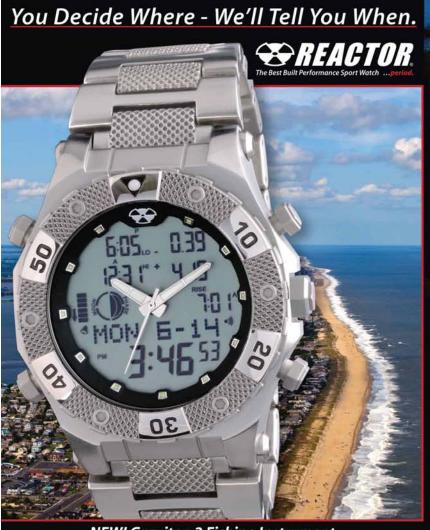
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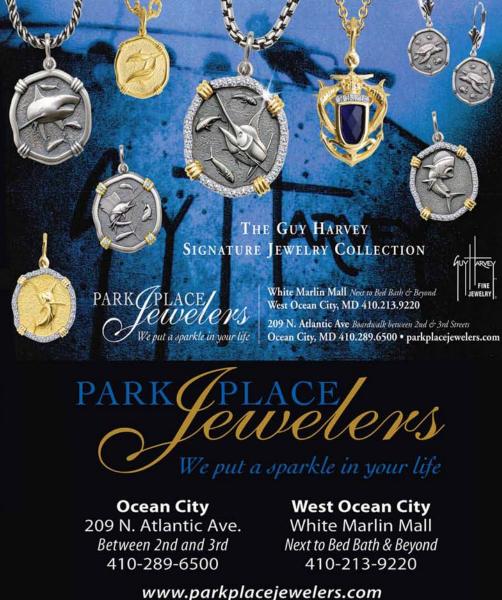
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# Straight from the Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

Marty Gary
Assistant Director - Fisheries Ecologist

#### Radford is Finally Reefed!!!

The Radford has finally been sunk! On a picture perfect day last Wednesday, August the 10th, the Radford went to the sea floor in 130 feet of water on a permitted reef site known as Deljersevland. The tri-state effort of Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland, along with the U.S. Navy, was a complete success. After several hours of seemingly little progress to flood her lower compartments, the vessel lurched to her port side. Minutes later the stern dipped and bow rose slightly. One minute and 8 seconds later, she slipped under the gentle swells of the Atlantic on her way to the bottom. The plan was to have the stern impact first, followed by the bow, allowing the vessel to sit upright. If executed properly, this would allow for the vessel to rise upright 70 feet off the sea floor, still providing the requisite 60 feet of clearance for shipping traffic required by the permit.

Bill Maxwell of the NJ Reef Program surveyed the vessel after the trapped air bubbles had dissipated. He indicated the coordinates for the USS Radford are N38 30.850 W074 30.656. Attached are a few of the side scan images taken from New Jersey's R/V Reefbound using a Humminbird 1197C SI right after the Radford sank. You can see the upper decks and the empty Tomahawk missile area out towards the bow. Hope you enjoy the photo! (Image compliments of Bill Maxwell, NJ Reef Program)



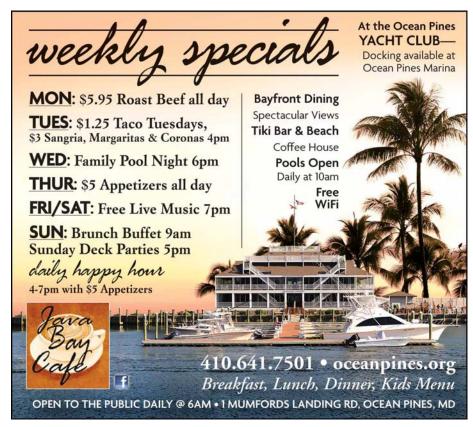
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#### **Tautog Management Update**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Tautog Management Board met during the first week of August to review 2010 state compliance and consider state proposals. The Plan Review Team presented findings that all states met or exceeded all Fishery Management (FMP) Plan measures in 2010. Following the presentation, the **Board** 

accepted the 2010 Tautog FMP Review and de minimis status Delaware and North Carolina in 2011. De minimis status allows a state to apply their recreational regulations to commercial fishery (bag/size limits). States are still required to implement recreational or monitoring measures in the FMP. The next order of business was a Technical Committee review of state proposals to implement the Addendum VI Ftarget = 0.15. Based on the coastwide assessment (Fcoastwide = 0.38), states must implement regulations achieve a 53% reduction in harvest to achieve the Ftarget= 0.15. Addendum VI allows states that can demonstrate a regional F that is lower than the coastwide assessment "at the same level of precision as the coastwide assessment" to only reduce harvest based on their regional F rate. The Tautog Technical Committee provided a guidance document to help states calculate reductions on June 19, states submitted proposals for TC review around July 15, and the TC held its meeting to review state proposals on July 25, 2011. Massachusetts and Rhode Island submitted a regional VPA assessment (MA/RI VPA) using identical methodology as the coastwide assessment and demonstrating a regional F below the target. The TC endorsed the MA/RI VPA as at the same level of precision as

on a mean square residual (MSR) value of 0.69 compared to MSR = 0.61 for the coastwide assessment. Due to a lack of fishery-independent several states are unable to run a regional VPA and directly compare precision with a metric in the coastwide VPA. New York, Maryland, and Virginia submitted catch curve analyses demonstrating lower regional than the coastwide assessment for TC review. The TC could not determine the precision of the New York or Maryland catch curve analyses suggested some modifications. The TC did not suggest any modifications to the Virginia catch curve proposal and recommended that the Board consider the analysis. After considering the TC's review, the Board agreed to postpone taking action on all catch curve proposals until the ASMFC Annual Meeting (November, 2011), allowing New York and Maryland to modify their proposals as requested by the TC. The TC found that regulations in state plans to achieve a 53% reduction are risk neutral for Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The Board unanimously approved these states proposals to achieve the 53% reduction based on the TC recommendations. Following the approval of these plans, the Board agreed that states will submit all new and revised proposals by September 15, 2011 to allow for TC review prior to the November ASMFC meeting week. All states will be required to implement regulations to implement Addendum VI by January 1, 2012. For more information, please contact Christopher Vonderweidt at cvonderweidt@asmfc.org 703.842.0740.





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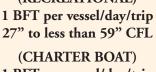
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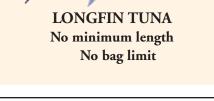
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Tautog	March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz.	July 2, 2011 William Bonniwell Wreck 11 lbs. 11 oz.	Thresher Shark	May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs.	May 31, 2011 Alex Capozio "DB" Buoy 487 lbs.
Striped Bass	April 20, 2011 Robert Remo Rt. 50 Bridge 36 lbs.	May 18, 2011 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 45 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	July 17, 2011 J.L. Cropper Hot Dog 128 lbs.	July 23, 2011 Chip Roman Poor Man's Canyon 108 lbs.
Weakfish	June 1, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel 4 lbs. 6 oz.	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	June 10, 2011 Joe Cox Baltimore Canyon 103 lbs.	June 12, 2011 Tony Burr Wilmington Canyon 90.6 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	August 2, 2011 Trace Shaffer West Channel 9 lbs. 3 oz.	July 22, 2011 Randy Colona Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna	July 6, 2011 Crew "Marli" 280 lbs.	June 12, 2011 C.C. Lee Wilmington Canyon 157.6 lbs.
Bluefish	May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs.	July 17, 2011 Quinton Kramarck Indian River Inlet 11 lbs.	Dolphin	July 30, 2011 Noah Citron Washington Canyon 65 lbs.	July 7, 2011 Kelly Horning Baltimore Canyon 42.6 lbs.
Sheepshead	June 18, 2011 Michael Guigley South Jetty 13 lbs.	July 2, 2011 Kyu Sok Yi Ice Breakers 12 lbs. 9 oz.	Wahoo	July 16, 2011 Jason Andrews Poor Man's Canyon ' 81 lbs.	July 23, 2011 Jeff McMahon 'American Ambition" 41 lbs.
Cobia	July 10, 2011 Gail Pulvere "Lisa's Way" 35 lbs.	No Weights Reported	White Marlin	August 13, 2011 "Billfisher" Washington Canyon 20 releases	July 5, 2011 "Outlet" Baltimore Canyon 5 releases

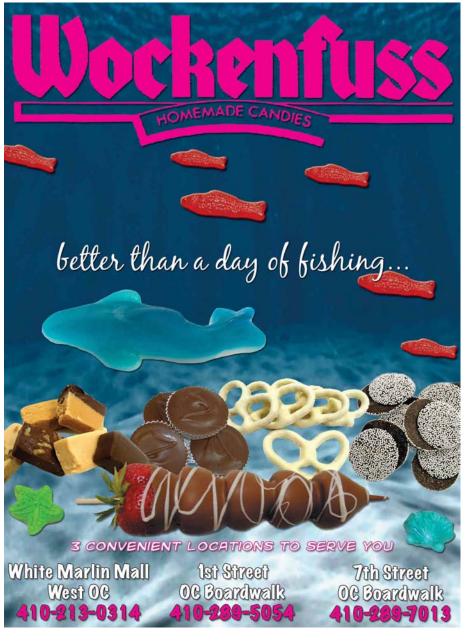
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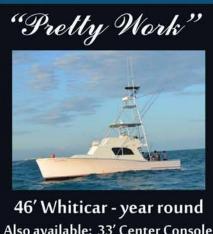
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final resting place as an artificial reef.



The Radford, her hull spanning 563 feet and the longest vessel ever reefed in the Atlantic, was sunk at the Del-Jersey-Land Inshore Reef site located 26 miles southeast of the Indian River Inlet. The Del-Jersey-Land reef is a collaborative effort of the three states cited in its name -Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland and equidistant from fishing ports in Indian River, DE, Cape May, NJ and Ocean City, MD.

After the Navy's announcement of the Radford's availability reefing in January 2008 and a 2½-year application process, the ship underwent 14 months of preparation by American Marine Group, a Virginiabased marine towing, salvage and reefing contractor. The company, which has extensive experience reefing ships in the Atlantic, cleaned prepared the Radford to EPA specifications. Much of her armored hull and other equipment were nautical recycled for reuse. Funding for the ship's transportation,

cleanup, preparation, sinking and monitoring was shared among the three states and the Navy. Delaware's portion came from the Sportfish Restoration Program that includes federal excise taxes on fishing and boating equipment in the state.

The destroyer, named for Navy admiral Arthur W. Radford who served as the commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Command and chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was commissioned in 1977 and decommissioned in 2003.

#### CT Angler Lands Pending World Record Striped Bass



On August 4th, Greg Myerson of Westbrook, CT landed an 81.6 lb. striped bass, breaking the previous world



record of 78.8 lbs. set in 1982 by Albert McReynolds.

Myerson hooked the 54-inch striper as he drifted a monster eel over a submerged boulder near Outer Southwest Reef off the coast of Westbrook, Connecticut around 8 pm. The fight lasted 20 minutes. Incredibly, the fish had been recently hooked by another angler, evidenced by a hook and a 6-foot leader

#### Maryland Summer Flounder Survey Hits Halfway Point

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) report a positive response at the halfway mark of their summer flounder survey.

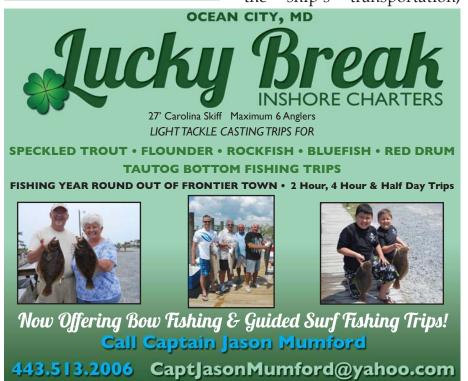
"We have a 43 percent mail-in return rate. All of the responses have been accurate, legible and 100 percent useful," said Linda Barker, Ph.D., DNR's lead statistician on the survey. "This great feedback could help fisheries managers better interpret the data used in determining the overall catch of these fish."

Beginning in July, volunteers from MSSA began working Flounder Alley, a popular fishing area in the Isle of Wight and Sinepuxent Bays west of Ocean City, to explain the program and distribute survey cards. At the midway point, more than 300 cards have been handed out.

About 80 percent of the responses have come from anglers who access Flounder Alley from private launching locations such as community marinas and private docks. These anglers are the focus of the joint venture and the ones who are usually missed in traditional surveys conducted at public launches and marinas.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is interested in the results of this survey as a possible check of the standard intercept surveys that NOAA uses to assess recreational fishing activity and contribution. The results will also be presented at the national conference of the American Fisheries Society in September.

For more information on this program visit dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/c oastal/



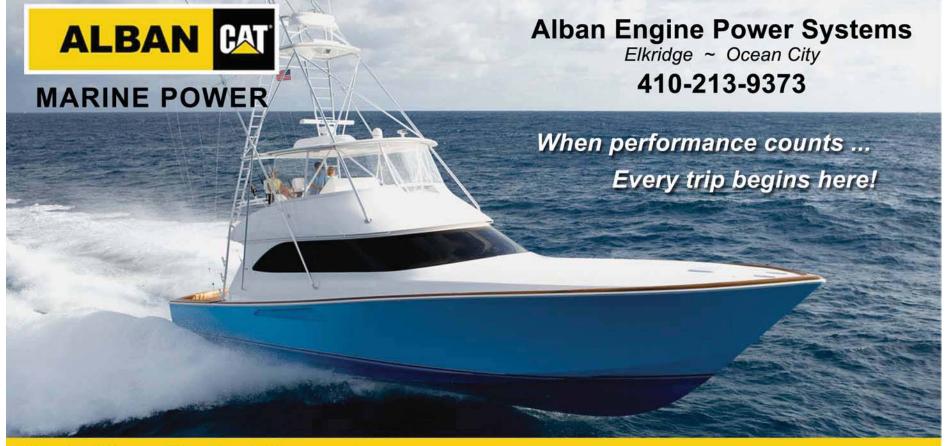
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Kyle Sanchez from Camden, DE was drifting a squid and minnow combination in the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 3 lb. 11 oz. flounder.



Ryan Needle from Potomac, MD caught and released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Flying Needle" with his grandfather, Lloyd Needle and his dad, Martin Needle in the Baltimore Canyon.



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Matt Baden of Ocean City, MD was fishing from his kayak near the South Jetty when he captured these 2 flounder measuring 20 and 25-inches. The fish were fooled with chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullets. The largest flounder tipped the scales at an even 5 lbs.

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Fri. August 19	Low 05:48 am Low 06:24 pm	High High 12:18 pm
Sat. August 20	Low 06:30 am Low 07:14 pm	High 12:32 am High 01:04 pm
Sun. August 21 Last Quarter	Low 07:16 am Low 08:08 pm	High 01:17 am High 01:55 pm
Mon. August 22	Low 08:07 am Low 09:05 pm	High 02:09 am High 02:53 pm
Tues. August 23	Low 09:01 am Low 10:04 pm	High 03:07 am High 03:53 pm
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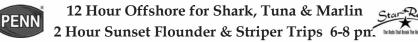
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