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The crew of the charter boat "Wrecker" closed out the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament with a bang last Sunday. Braving the weather Friday, they fished in 250 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and put 3 yellowfin tuna on the scales at the Ocean City Fishing Center. The heaviest was 39 lbs. and the stringer weight was 117.5 lbs. Capt. Bobby Layton knew their Day 2 would need to deliver something big, and it did. Anglers Mike Killelea, Dan Steadman, Megan Humphry, Rich Olson, Joe Rodgers, Eric Siegel and Steven Humphry with boat owner Jeremy Blunt and mate Cody Smith spent Sunday in the Washington Canyon again. In the morning Megan landed a 39 lb. yellowfin tuna that secured her the Top Lady Angler Award and a \$2,000 prize. Around midday a line went tight, and they knew they had a bigeye. It was not until it got to the boat the Jeremy knew what they had. Once on the scale the eyeball weighed 191.5 lbs. easily taking first place where it finished the event. The big fish earned the crew the tournament's top prize money payout of \$198,475.



Cole Rice and his cousin Johann Myles spent the night shark fishing off the beach in South Bethany, DE. using tuna belly. Cole hooked into this 7 foot sand tiger shark at 2:30 in the morning and reported an epic battle to get it to shore. It was estimated to be over 100 lbs. and was quickly released and swam peacefully back into the deep.

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Our 2024 First Fish dance card is finally complete! Gregory Stansky filled the last open spot catching the first wahoo of the season on June 17th. He was on the "Jacke Boo" in the Poor Mans Canyon where he caught the 37.9 lb. speedster. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.

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This Week Last Year

- The “Cabana” was the big winner in the 36th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament. They earned both top tuna with a 236 lb. bigeye and top stringer with a total of 763 lbs. All were caught in the Norfolk Canyon. Winning both was a tournament first.
- The “No Wake Zone” released the first sailfish of the season in the Wilmington Canyon.
- The “MARLI” was drifting in the Baltimore Canyon to fight a couple yellowfins when a swordfish hit on one of the tuna baits before it could be reeled in to fight the ones on the hook. 2.5 hours later the 284 lb. sword was on ice.

It feels like Mother Nature was playing with us last week. Midweek saw winds and the forecast for the weekend looked like a washout except for Sunday. That definitely affected the participation on the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament as captains weighed the weather and the poor tuna bite of late. It turned out that both expectations were off! Billfishing while slow, was consistent and we also saw the arrival of wahoo with several speedsters over 60 lbs.

Most of the action offshore was tied to the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament. As mentioned, the largest tuna tournament in the world took a hit on participation this year due to the forecast. Still, 51 boats registered and generated a purse of just under \$650,000.

Friday saw half the fleet head

out into what was expected to be sporty weather. Turns out the ride out was fairly smooth, but not so much the ride home. Day 1 was a pleasant surprise. The “Shorebilly” was at the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center waiting for the scales to open. Once 4PM hit they slid a big bluefin tuna on the dock. It was their only bite for the day and it took the entire crew 3.5 hours to get to the boat. It counted though, as it remained the heaviest tuna through day 2 and finished in 2nd Place. They were followed by two more bluefins from the “Playmate” and the “Bad Habit 37”. The “Reel Tight” brought the first bigeye to the scales that weighed 103 lbs. They had actually caught two but the larger one got bit by a shark as it got to the boat. About a dozen yellowfins over the tournament limit of 30 lbs. also got on the scales. Most were in the mid 30 to 40 pound range. The 5 yellowfins brought in by the “Cabana” slid them into the top spot for the day with a stringer at 218 lbs. Nine of the 25 boats that fished came to the scales, not a bad first day.

Day 2 again saw 32 boats head out into even sportier weather than Friday. While the top spots on the leaderboard did not change, there was movement and two additions for Mahi and Lady Angler. The center console “Reelentless” took a beating in the Wilmington Canyon but were able to raise 7 yellowfin tunas and put the 5 heaviest on the scales. Their stringer weight

of 203.5 lbs. placing them in 2nd Place at the end of the day. They also caught a 28 lb. mahi that put them on the board in that calcutta as well. It turned out to be the only qualifying mahi for the tournament over 20 lbs., earning the crew over \$20,000.

Laina Herbert on the “Back In Black” put up a 35 lb. yellowfin to take the top Lady Angler spot for the day. Two bluefins shuffled the Heaviest Tuna Category. The “Charlie’s Plunder” pulled a 148 pounder from the 12 Fathom Lump and slid into 2nd Place where it finished the event. The “Poorman” boated a 62” and 144 lb. bluefin caught about a mile west of the 12 Fathom Lump that finished the day in 3rd Place.

With much better weather, Day 3 saw 46 of the 51 boats in the tournament head out. Since the Stringer Calcutta is the sum of both fishing days, we knew there were going to be changes to that category. While bluefins dominated Day 1 & 2, it was bigeyes for this day. The “Game On” brought in one of the larger yellowfins of the event. They caught a 102.5 lb. yellow at the Teacup. The playfully named “Cookie Monster” fished the Wilmington Canyon and brought back a 161 lb. bigeye. The “RoShamBo” returned from the Wilmington as well with 2 yellowfins and a 128 lb. bigeye giving them a 2 day Stringer total of 306 lbs. That was enough to take 3rd Place for the tournament. The “Charlie’s Plunder” reinforced their 148 lb. bluefin from Saturday with a 210.5 lb. stringer for a 2 day total of 358.5 lbs. locking in 2nd Place for the tournament. The top spot for Stringer however when to the “Shotski”. They fished the corner

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Bill Pino of Squidnation, Zak Smith of Rt. 113 Boats Sales, Donnie Moore and Pete Gudiatis caught an interesting triple header while fishing with Capt. Anthony Pino on the private boat "Sea Hag". They fished the Baltimore Canyon and hooked 2 bigeyes and a white marlin at the same time. They all got to the boat, releasing the white and putting the 135 lb. and 103 lb. tunas in the box. They also released another white and a blue marlin. Zak even fought a giant bluefin tuna for a short battle on a dink rod.

of the Wilmington Canyon where they hooked up with 4 bigeyes, getting 3 to the boat. Those three weighed a combined 412.5 lbs. besting all others and securing 1st Place in the Stringer Calcutta and a combined payout of \$171,700!

The day was not done with changes to the leader board. The "Primary Search" was the last boat to the scales with a solid catch of 4 yellowfins and a large bigeye tuna. It was however their 167.5 lb. eyeball that hit the board taking 3rd Place for the day and the event for Single Heaviest Tuna. The charter boat "Wrecker" wrecked the leaderboard after sliding into the scales with a bigeye and a yellowfin from the Washington Canyon. Megan Humphrey caught the 39 lb. yellowfin earning her the Top Lady Angler award. The bigeye that was caught midday tipped the tournament scale to 191.5 lbs. jumping into 1st Place for Single Heaviest Tuna where it finished the event. That fish earned the tournament's top payout of a combined \$198,475. Our full coverage starts on page 56.

The action outside of the

tournament was early last week. Weather and tournament prep kept many boats off the water midweek. Despite the strong eddy that dissipated over the weekend after the 4th, several boats reported some nice billfish trips and as the speedsters showed up.

While still small compared to prior years, tuna were still the main canyon catch with more bigeyes showing up at the scales. The charter boat "Rusty Reel" put a big 212 lb. eyeball on the scales at the Indian River Marina to set a new seasonal record for Heaviest Bigeye for a Delaware boat. Their bachelor party crew spent just over 3 hours fighting the big tuna in the Baltimore Canyon that hit on the short rigger with a naked ballyhoo. Another notable catch came from the crew of the private boat "Sea Hag". Capt. Anthony Pino had his crew in the Baltimore as well billfishing. They had an interesting if not unusual triple hookup. At the same time they had hooked two bigeyes and a white marlin, getting all to the boat! The eyeballs were almost twins at 135 lbs. and 130 lbs. They even had a giant bluefin on the

hook for a short while, but it had hit on a dink rod. However, they were not done for the day, more on that when I cover billfish. Many other bigeye bites were reported that did not come tight.

The yellowfin bite remained mostly unchanged from prior weeks, meaning low single digit catches per trip with most caught at first light or just thereafter. What was different was the size. Many close to or over 100 lb. yellowbirds hit the scales, with many from inshore lumps. Capt. Dale Lisi on the charter boat "Foolish Pleasures" stayed a little closer to home to find his record catch. He was trolling at The Wrench near the Hambone where anglers Keeghan and Pat O'Rourke battled a 57" and 107 lb. yellowfin. That is the largest yellow Dale has caught. Capt. Nick Parks on his recently acquired 50' Alex Willis "Tuna Ink" headed to the northeast corner of the Baltimore and brought home 6 good sized yellowfins.

The billfish bite definitely dropped off from the quantity of 4th of July weekend, however

we heard of a lot of sightings and some nice catches. The aforementioned "Sea Hag" finished the day after their triple header in the Baltimore by releasing another white as well as a blue marlin. The charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" released their first blue marlin of the season in the southern Poor Mans. It was the second bite of the day taking a skirted ballyhoo. The first bite was a blue that hit a spreader bar, taking that rig with him! The private boat "Sea V" went to deep water east of the Baltimore in 1000 fathoms and went 2 for 2 on whites as well as seeing a third in the spread that did not bite.

The boat "Team Harvey" reached out about a trip they had early last week. They had just arrived at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City for the tournament season and were on a practice trip preparing for the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring Tournament being held this week. They were billfishing in the Poor Mans Canyon and released 6 whites. They also put a couple of yellowfins on ice as well as a 67 lb. wahoo. The speedster was caught on a billfish bait that hooked in the corner of the mouth. It is currently the Heaviest of the Season.

That was not the only wahoo we heard about for the week. Gregory Stansky reported his catch from the Poor Mans in mid June. It weighed 37.9 lbs. at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina, making it the First Fish Wahoo of the Season. More recently Parry Sparr of Bel Air, MD snagged a 65 lb. speedster trolling from the Hambone to Massey's Canyon. That one weighed 65 lbs.

Mahi were well represented last week with anglers finding larger ones hitting on billfish and tuna baits and larger quantities when targeted under flotsam or at lobster trap balls.

That's a wrap for this week. The weekend weather is looking fair in the canyons and inshore for the 20th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kids Classic. The kids may seem some rain, but hopefully lots of fish. Share with us what's in your fish box! \$

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Rex and Leland Rice ventured out in the fog to the Poor Mans Canyon on their dad's boat the "Kerry On" where they found 78 degree water. They were rewarded with a few nice mahi and unfortunately lost a bigeye after an hour fight. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.



Leah Romanowski from Salisbury, MD with Brayden Romanowski of Parkville, MD fished the banks of the Tangier Sound with their dad Matt on the "Crushin It". They caught and released 2 striper using a chartreuse One Knocker Zara Spook Top Water Lure. Brayden's was 23.5" and Leah's was 19.5".

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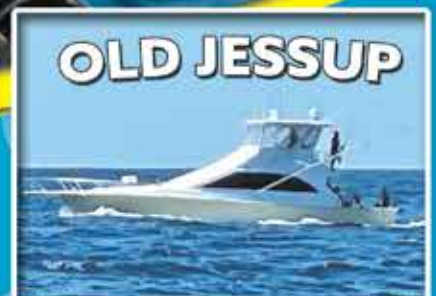
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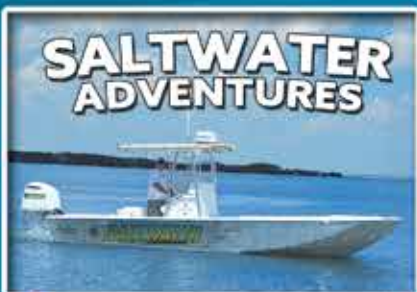
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by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The past week in Ocean City was hot and humid with large storms at the end of the week churning up the water and making it dirty for weekend travelers.

The bays are producing several good catches of fluke along with stripers and blues at night. Red fish are still being found in the surf and along the rock walls of the inlet.

Sheepshead are showing up at the end of the south jetty and can be caught on sand fleas and crab. Deeper wrecks are still holding a few sea bass however the fish are mostly small and not in great numbers.

Nearshore Wrecks & Coral

The nearshore reefs are beginning to return to normal as the water warms back up. The bottom temperature is still cold compared to normal but the fluke are biting much better than last week. Cobia are on the humps near the inlet as well as on the deep wrecks. Live spot seem to be the best baits for these hard fighting fish however bucktails and chunk baits are also working well. Kevin McNelis stated that his season is coming together very well this year. Kevin

placed first and second in the first two tournaments he fished with some big flounder. The big money winning fish were caught using Freedom baits lures. The "Judith M" found some quality fish this past week. The anglers discovered some big sea bass on their 8 hr trip. Deeper water is always the ticket for bass this late into the season as the water on the bottom is still around 60 degrees. Fresh clam as well as jigs are your best baits although squid and Fishbites will also work. The "Angler" also had a good week catching some big flounder as well as a few respectable sea bass for their clients. The boat showed off big flounder on their web page all week. Captain Chris wanted to remind people that although the restaurant has new owners you can still take the evening cruise if you don't want to eat dinner. For those who have never been on the cruise it is a great way to see an evening view of the Ocean City skyline as well as just enjoying an evening on the water. This is a definite sight that should not be missed for anyone new to Ocean City and even for those who have been here their whole life. The "Ocean Princess" stated

they are seeing steady action from their half day schedule with many anglers catching sea bass, flounder, and ribbon fish. Luke Wrye trolled the Fenwick Shoals and other inshore humps with clark spoons for spanish mackerel, however reports he only caught a ton of ribbon fish. He stated the first couple were fun but after the non-stop action of ribbons he was done with it. He also caught some small sea bass on the inshore wrecks.

"MandaLu Sportfishing" fished the inshore humps targeting sharks and rays. The crew had the Kahn family on board and safely caught and released 2 sand tigers, 2 dusky, and a few skates. On another trip they released around 6 more sharks. "Just a Toy Sportfishing" spent the day inshore targeting flounder and reports they had limits of big flatfish up to six pounds.

"Fish Bound Charters" had some fun trips last week with a few big fluke tossed in the cooler. They said fishing was not red hot, but still very productive. They further stated that as anticipated, the 1 1/2 inch size jump has made boat limits a little harder. The strong winds have not helped either.

Back Bays & Inlets

The back bays are producing some nice fish. As the waters warm and the season continues big flounder are arriving in the back bays. The main thoroughfare and inlet areas are the big producers. The back bay behind Assateague Island is also starting to produce some nice flounder along with the occasional redfish. Mark Jameson got lucky casting his light action rod while using a small trout lure. The big 30 inch rockfish slammed the lure.

Small rockfish along with bluefish and even sheepshead have been pulled off the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Edwin Luciano fished the evening on Tuesday from the bridge using cut bait. He was targeting rockfish and bluefish when he hooked into a nice 20 inch sheepshead. He stated although not targeting sheepshead he was happy to make the catch. The "Miss Ocean City" had several fun groups of anglers this past week. Even the novice anglers managed to catch some nice fish. Several keepers of good size flounder were caught by their clients. A few bluefish and rockfish also got hooked by the too. James "Doc" Jacobs was out fishing with his family on the "Miss OC" and scored a keeper flounder for dinner. The group used minnows and squid to catch the big flatfish. "Get Sum

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Charters" says it's always a little cooler on the water for anglers. They stated that although the clients are enjoying the cooler temps the fishing is getting hot. Big flounder along with rockfish, blues and weakfish are being pulled in on most trips. The crew further reports crabbing and clamming is also at its summer height. "Flip N Fins" fished the Ocean City Inlet and said it was a wild week with bluefish in the double digits. The anglers also fished up in DE and pulled in some big sheephead that they caught off the outer wall.

Surf Fishing

The main catch last week on Assateague Island has been kingfish. Kingfish can be caught using a small pompano rig tipped with Fishbites. By catches of sharks and rays are also being caught giving anglers a workout on the light line rigs used for kingfish and spot. John Unkart had a good morning bite of kingfish right at first light. He couldn't keep the lines in the water for more than a minute before getting another bite.

Bryon Vadakin was out with his son on his 2nd birthday and put him on his first fish from the ocean. He stated the size of the fish is only important to older anglers. He said his son might as well have caught a blue marlin for the joy it brought him.

Clams & Crabs


The warm water has slowed crab catches and is causing the baits to last about half the time in the pots. Last week brought yields of 5-7 keepers per pot with the average crab in the 7 inch range. Pulling pots every 2 days as opposed to every 3 has made a difference in the amount of dead loss found in the pots. Some of this loss is due to lower oxygen levels and some due to the baits disintegrating faster in the warmer bay water.

Clamming is now yielding mostly larger chowder clams, however the clams are very close to the surface of the sand and easy to rake up.

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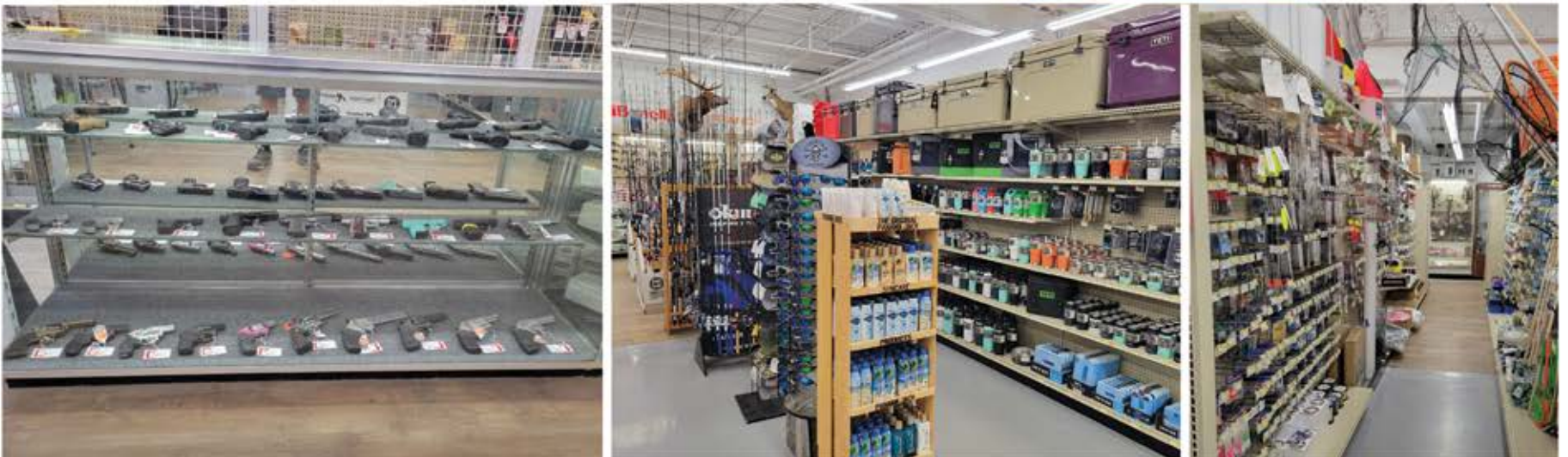


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The Washington Canyon was the hot spot for Andrew Reier, Ryan Kaler, Hannah Brown and Olivia Cossette. They were fishing on the "Long Shot" and caught 22 mahi including an 18 pounder. They also got their limit of 15 blueline tilefish and a sea bass for good measure.



3-year-old Berkley Hynson of Pasadena, MD had her first flounder fishing trip on her Pop Pops boat "the Screaming Eagle" out of Bishopville, MD. Pictured here with her mom Megan and father Ryan, she had a hand in reeling in both of these keeper flounders - 18½" & 19". They were fishing at the north end of the West Channel using a skinner rig with a White Bucktail and a white and green grub on an outgoing tide.

2024 FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

3-200 Miles

 <p>BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p>YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p>GOLDEN TILEFISH No minimum • 8 per person/day</p>
 <p>WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p> <p>NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit</p>	 <p>BLUEFIN TUNA 27" to <47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to < 73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 12 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to < 73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip</p>	 <p>SWORDFISH 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat</p>	 <p>BLUELINE TILEFISH 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)</p>
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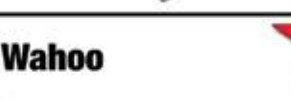


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 Bluefish	April 19 Aiden Sparano Assateague	April 19 Dave Moore Assateague	 Weakfish	May 2 Jim Hitchens Delaware Bay	
 Black Drum	March 31 Chris Taylor Assateague	April 3 Jeremy Zinn 145th Street, OC	 Bigeye Tuna	May 31 Tyler Lanza "Canyon Crew" S. of Poor Mans Canyon	May 5 Jeff Rosenkilde "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon
 Cobia	June 1 Chuck Guerra OC Beach	July 4 Gabiella Kendus Faithful Steward	 Bluefin Tuna	May 31 Andrew Link "Marli" Poor Mans Canyon	May 29 The Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon
 Summer Flounder	April 8 Paul Musser Jr. Thorofare	March 27 Dakota Bittner Thorofare	 Longfin Tuna	June 18 Mark Steiner "Don't Ask" Baltimore Canyon	
 Sea Bass	May 17 Bob Houser Ocean Structure	May 15 Mike DePalma Sr. Great Eastern Reef	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 18 Chris Mentlik "Full Service" Washington Canyon	May 6 Chris Kroh "Kilroy" Poor Mans Canyon
 Sheepshead	May 7 Joe McNeal Ocean Structure	May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty	 Dolphin	May 28 Finbar Rishko Baltimore Canyon	May 6 Brad Hubbard "Talkin' Trash" Poor Mans Canyon
 Striped Bass	January 3 Brian Reynolds Rt. 90 Bridge	April 15 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	 Swordfish	June 1 Bobby West "Relentless" Poor Mans Canyon	June 16 Crew "Wrecker" Poor Mans Canyon
 Tautog	January 8 Anthony Emerick Ocean Structure	January 31 Josh Schwemiein Ocean Structure	 Blue Marlin	June 12 Tom Healy "Elizabeth Ann" Poor Mans Canyon	June 1 Steve Sylvester "Talkin' Trash" Norfolk Canyon
 Wahoo	 June 17 Greg Stansky Poor Mans Canyon	June 9 Josh Short Poor Mans Canyon	 White Marlin	June 1 Jake Emche "Fish On" E. of Baltimore Canyon	June 2 Joe Huk "RESTLESS LADY II" Baltimore Canyon

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FISHING CHARTERS



Capt. Walt Hammond on the headboat "Judith M" reported a solid half day trip. They were 9 miles out finding 71° water that was the clearest he has seen this year. A few keeper sea bass were mixed in with a lot of shorts.

The white marlin bite had a moment over the weekend after the 4th of July, however there were very few blue marlin releases reported. Capt. Mike Burt with mate David Burt on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" got their first blue and went 1 for 2 on the day. They were in the southern Poor Mans where the blues hit on skirted ballyhoo. They also boxed a beautiful bull mahi.

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Capt. Alex Beane with mate Jack Hannum on the charter boat "Boss Hogg" found a welcome catch and a lot of action for these anglers. The tuna were not biting in the Poor Mans Canyon, however they came upon some floating debris and cleaned up on mahi, catching almost a boat limit! Some deep dropping also threw a few blueline tilefish in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The sea bass fishing has been tough this year with most dealing with many throwbacks to find some keepers. This trip however on the headboat "Angler" saw a little more keeper action and even some double keeper hookups like this one. Capt. Chris Mizurak had the boat over a natural reef that day with squid being the most effective bait.

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The headboat "Judith M" saw some decent sea bass trips last week. Capt. David Goldman had the boat 18 miles offshore for this 8 hour trip with anglers using shiners and squid. Colton Wilson from Pittsburgh, PA snagged a couple keepers on one drift.



It was a good day on charter boat "Just A Toy Charter" out of the Bahia Marina. Capt. Wayne with mate Chris were just outside of the OC Inlet with Michelle Decroce, Mike Anderson, Roo Szeles and Alexis fighting through rough waters. It paid off as they boated 5 keeper flounder, the biggest at 6 pounds.

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Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On The Run" charters reported a decent week catching sea bass and flounder at inshore wrecks, as well as big sheepshead like this one from the southern Ocean City Jetty.

Capt. Dale Lisi on his new and much larger charter boat "Foolish Pleasures" hit a new personal best on yellowfin last week. He had anglers Keeghan O'Rourke, Pat O'Rourke Sr., Pat O'Rourke Jr., Michael Kunert, Jeffrey Marlatt and Troy Warehime trolling at The Wench when Keeghan and Pat Sr. reeled in this 57" and 107 lb. yellowfin. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Just How Bad Can it Get?

Anyone who knows anything about boats is aware that at any time, and even on the best of days, the unexpected can happen. Like when you get up early in the morning, hop into your container ship for a simple cruise down the Chesapeake Bay and end up knocking down a major highway bridge. Or when someone flips you the keys to their brand new cruise ship for a jaunt to New York City but you bump into an iceberg along the way and find yourself treading in ice water. When you have a boat things like that just happen, and as much fun as it sometimes is to chuckle at the follies of someone else, every boater knows that we're all just one zig or zag in the wrong direction from our own calamity on the water.

For instance, I've got a good friend (for anonymity let's just say his name is "Dick") and he's been a boater all his life. In his long boating career he's had boats ranging from 10 to 45 feet long and had more of them

than most boat dealerships might sell in a decade. In his lifetime Dick has gained a lot of boating experience and yet has had more than his share of boating mishaps. One of his most classic, occurring about 15 years ago, was when he was fueling his 22 foot boat at a local West OC marina and suddenly realized that he was pumping gas into one of his rod holders.

Now before anyone thinks too critically about Dick for putting gas into a rod holder, let me suggest that, as most fuel pier attendants will tell you that while a goof up like that doesn't happen often, it's certainly not unheard of. And for that I place some of the blame on the makers of rod holders. After all, fuel fills on boats are always clearly marked "DIESEL" or "GAS" and water fills are always marked "WATER", so shouldn't rod holders have in big letters "ROD" stamped on them? And for that matter, just to prevent any more confusion on a boat than usual perhaps cup holders should

be marked "CUP, BOTTLE or CAN", coolers labeled "ICE, FISH, BAIT and BEER" and seats labeled "BUTT or A... Well I think you get my point so let's get back to Dick:

After realizing that the 20 or so gallons of gas he pumped into his rod holder was now residing in his hull, my friend knew his plans to fish that day were over and he needed to get his boat back to the public ramp at the harbor and out of the water where he could safely drain out the gas. He also knew that sloshing around beneath the deck of his boat was essentially a bomb just waiting for a wire from a bilge pump or any other electrical device to spark and send him and his no-longer-going-fishing-that-day partner "James" up to the great fishing hole in the sky. He also knew that if any of the fuel ended up in the water or found not to be properly disposed of he could be in big trouble with the EPA, DNR, NOAA, SPCA, PETA, DNC... need I continue?

So with essentially no clue

what to do other than to get the boat out of the water and figure it out along the way, it was with more than a little apprehension that Dick hit the outboard's starter switch, and the fact that nothing immediately went "BOOM" gave him and James enough of a confidence boost to carefully idle the boat from the marina back to the ramp. Along the way the two discussed options and eventually hatched a plan they thought would solve their dilemma of not only how to get the gas out of the boat but also how to dispose of it. And if all went as well as they hoped, they might even be back on the water by the afternoon.

The plan was simple but "prrrroabablllly nnnnot" what I would recommend anyone to do under similar circumstances. They decided to load the boat on the trailer, head west on Rt.50, and when they got down the road a bit, stop for a moment and loosen the drain plug on the hull just enough that the gas would slowly drain out on the road as they went along. Figuring that by the time they got to Salisbury the gas would be gone, they would stop at a car wash, put some soapy water in the hull that would slosh around as they drove back to

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OC, and drain the mixture out over the last few miles before they got back to the ramp.

So that was the plan, but no sooner had they arrived at the ramp before realizing that things might not go as smoothly as they hoped. It was Saturday, and to Dick and James' horror it just happened to be a day that the Coast Guard Auxiliary were performing courtesy safety inspections of pleasure boats at the ramp. Since the last thing the guys wanted was attention from anyone who knew anything about boats and had any kind of authority, they were close to panic when a uniformed Auxiliary guy with a big smile and a clipboard met them where they landed and asked if they'd like a quick inspection. "Uh, uh, ummmm uh no thanks buddy we're kind of in a rush. We've got to get the boat out of the water and down the road. Maybe next time..."

After the short exchange Dick made a quick dash for the truck and trailer leaving James to prep the boat for haul-out and its trip down the highway. One of the tasks being to ensure that all the switches were turned off. What he didn't know was that in order to avoid pumping gas into the water or blowing the boat out of the water, Dick had already turned off the automatic bilge pump switch. So when James started flipping off all the switches he actually turned the pump "on" and (you guessed it) out of the side of the boat came a beautiful fountain of pink liquid and it was "not" lemonade!

Could it get any worse for Dick and James? Well actually "yes" it could, and in fact it did.

Unfortunately I'm out of space so you'll have to wait until next week to hear "the rest of the story" about just how bad it can get. §



A new seasonal Heaviest Fish record was set for a Delaware boat on the 4th of July. It took the entire bachelor party crew of Seth Eisenhart, Ryan Hash, Doug Hunter, Chris Strausbaugh, and Ryan Schriver from over 3 hours to get this 212 lb. bigeye tuna in the boat! They were fishing in the Baltimore Canyon on the charter boat "Rusty Reel" with Capt. Steve McGeehan and Tom Vogel with mate Derek Gogov. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.

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Carson Guinther from Leesburg, VA knows how to present a fish! He caught this chopper 35" bluefish in a light fog on the northwest side of the Rt. 50 Bridge using live spot. His picture caught the ship "Nao Trinidad" in the top right corner that is docked at the 3rd Street Bulkhead. It is a replica of the single ship that survived Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe in the mid 1500's and is open for tours through September 1st.

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 <p>CROAKER 8" Minimum • No Limit</p>	 <p>RED DRUM 20-27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p>SHEEPSHEAD No limit</p>	 <p>SPECKLED TROUT 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
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Young Brody Barrowcliff caught his personal best flounder last week, a 22 incher. He was fishing in the Indian River Bay with his buddy Robbie Lowry using a top & bottom rig baited with minnows.



Jen Rakoczy from Lancaster, PA caught herself a trophy sized sea bass. The 17" knothead was reeled in at an ocean wreck using live spot.

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JULY 17	High 04:48 am High 05:46 pm	Low 10:38 am Low _____
THUR. JULY 18	High 05:39 am High 06:37 pm	Low 12:08 am Low 11:31 pm
FRI. JULY 19	High 06:30 am High 07:28 pm	Low 12:58 am Low 12:25 pm
SAT. JULY 20	High 07:23 am High 08:18 pm	Low 01:44 am Low 01:17 pm
SUN. JULY 21 Full Moon	High 08:16 am High 09:07 pm	Low 02:27 am Low 02:08 pm
MON. JULY 22	High 09:10 am High 09:54 pm	Low 03:10 am Low 02:59 pm
TUE. JULY 23	High 10:04 am High 10:39 pm	Low 03:55 am Low 03:51 pm
WED. JULY 24	High 10:56 am High 11:25 pm	Low 04:41 am Low 04:47 pm

source: usharbors.com

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide - 21 minutes for low tide
 Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

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Current is an important value whether it is the current of the water under your boat or the electrical current flowing through your boat's wires.

Electric current refers to the flow of electricity in an electrical circuit. It is measured in amperes (A). The larger the value in amperes, the more electricity is flowing in the circuit.

Why is this important? Wires are rated to carry or "conduct" certain amount of amperage, exceeding this amount can cause overheating conditions that could lead to wire insulation damage, shortened lifespan and melting of the wire insulation causing an electrical fire. The current is related to the voltage and resistance of a given circuit, but for most purposes, the rated amperage capacity of a wire is the determining factor when selecting the proper wire size. The larger the diameter the wire, the more amperage or current it can carry; this is also referred to as ampacity.

Ampacity

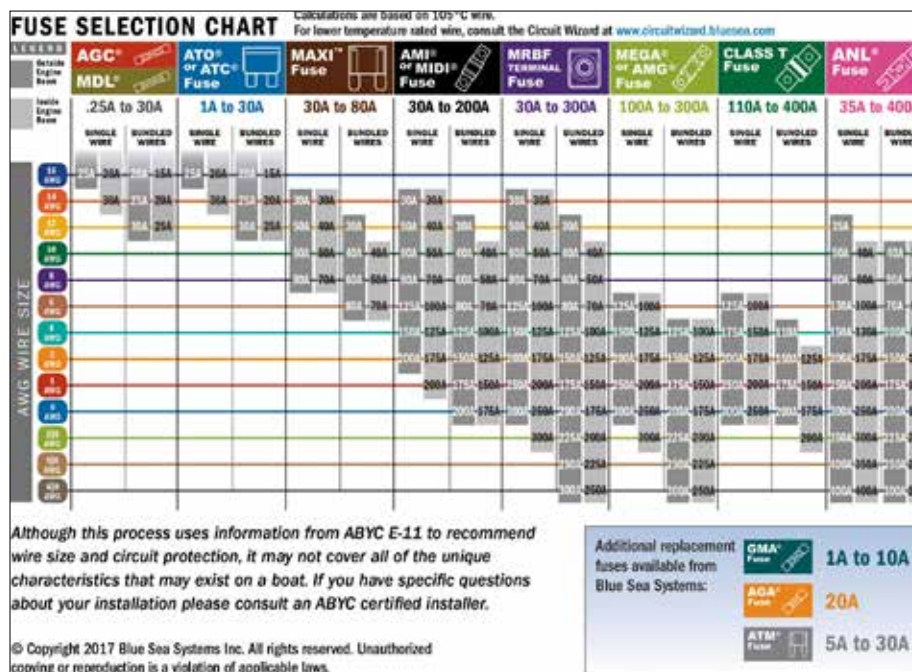
Ampacity is the capacity of a wire to carry a given amp of electrical current. There are many factors that calculate the ampacity ratings.

Wires are made of 2 basic components: a copper conductor and the insulation that surrounds it. The temperature of the conductor will rise as the current level increases. The wire ampacity calculation is critical in that it will determine the wire size and temperature rating required of the wire's insulation required for the application.

When it comes to boat specific wiring (versus household),

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WIRE / CABLE COLOR CODE	COLOR NAME	ITEM USED FOR	USAGE / APPLICATIONS
	RED	DC +Ve Conductor "L"	Positive Mains "+"
	BLACK or YELLOW	DC -Ve Conductor "L"	Negative Mains "-"
	YELLOW w/Red Stripe	Starting Circuit	Starting Switch to Solenoid
	BROWN	Generator Armature, Pumps, Alternator Charge Light	Generator Armature to Regulator, Fuse or Switch to Pumps or Lights, Generator - Terminal - Alternator or Light to Regulator
	BROWN w/ Yellow Stripe	Bilge Blowers	Fuse or Switch to Blower
	DARK BLUE	Cabin & Instrument Lights	Fuse or Switch to Lights
	LIGHT BLUE	Oil Pressure	Oil Pressure Sender to Gauge
	TAN	Water Temperature	Water Temperature Sender to Gauge
	ORANGE	Common Feed & Accessory Feed	Distribution Panel to Accessory Switch, Ammeter to Alternator or Generator Output & Accessory Fuses or Switches.
	PURPLE	Ignition & Instrument Feed	Ignition Switch to Coil & Electrical Instruments, Distribution Panel to Electrical Instruments
	PINK	Fuel Gauge	Fuel Gauge Sender to Gauge.
	GRAY	Tachometer & Navigation Lights	Tachometer Sender to Gauge, Fuse or Switches to Lights or Bonding Wires (if insulated)
	GREEN or GREEN w/ Yellow Stripe	Protective Ground "PG" DC Grounding Conductor	Bonding System, Bonding Wires if Insulated



The American Boat and Yacht and Council (ABYC) has developed an industry standard for determining the ampacity of a wire and calculations to determine the proper size wire to accommodate voltage drop.

Voltage drop is the effect of resistance of a wire, due to the cross section and length of a circuit and the resulting reduction of voltage at the delivery end as compared to the supply end of the wire.

Luckily, to determine the proper size wire for a boat

project, you do not need to be a math wizard, ABYC has developed look-up tables that help you determine the proper size by knowing the maximum amperage load for the circuit and the insulation (temperature) rating. There are separate tables that are specific to how the wires are run such as: are the wires sheathed, bundled, or enclosed in conduit and if the wires are in an engine space.

While these tables allow you to determine the minimum size wire to meet the ABYC standards, it does not address

the voltage drop at the end of the run This can be determined by another ABYC table, that requires you to know the voltage, amperage, and circuit length circuit (round trip).

ABYC offers numerous charts that are used to determine the maximum ampacity and the minimum size wire based on the 3% and 10% voltage drop for any given circuit. Locating the correct chart for your project allows you to quickly look up the proper size wire for most any electrical project on a boat.

Overcurrent Protection

Once the proper wire size is selected, the proper overcurrent protection device AKA Fuse or circuit breaker is required at the source of power. This fuse or circuit breaker is there to protect the wire from excessive current. Using the ABYC tables to determine the wire size also allows you to select the fuse size that matches the wire size, though a fuse up to 150% of the wires' ampacity is acceptable in many situations.

The electrical equipment manufacturers will often incorporate fuses in their equipment or built into the power cords. These fuses are there to protect the device, not the wire. It is up to the installer to properly fuse the wire run, based on the ABYC ampacity tables in addition to the fuse used to protect the equipment and the source of power. For instance, many chart plotters contain an inline fuse in the power cord, which is often much lower amperage than the maximum the power cord can manage. In this case the power cord needs to be connected to a fuse or circuit breaker no larger than the ampacity of the wire. If two devices are connected to one circuit breaker, each device or wire run needs to be properly fused based on its individual characteristics.

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- ✗ Easy to oxidize

standards are available to members only, many of the marine manufactures, such as Blue Sea Systems and Paneltronics offer the above referenced wiring charts for all their customers at no charge.

Learning about fuses, circuit breakers and wires will help you make informed decisions when working on your boat's electrical systems and avoiding an issue due to improperly applied current limiting devices. §

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Capt. Nick Parks had a successful day on tuna last week. He was piloting his recently acquired 50' Alex Willis boat "Tuna Ink" in the northeast corner of the Baltimore Canyon getting 6 chunky yellowfins. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Pan-Seared Tilefish

Ingredients:

Tilefish:

14 oz golden tilefish, two 6-8 ounce fillets

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

Lemon Butter Sauce:

1 tbsp shallots finely minced (or substitute garlic)

1 tbsp unsalted butter

1 tablespoon lemon juice fresh

2 tablespoon chicken broth

1 tablespoon white wine

1 tbsp all-purpose flour

2 tablespoon unsalted butter



1 teaspoon Italian parsley finely chopped

Lemon circles for garnish

Directions:

For the Tilefish:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Rinse the tilefish in cold water

and pat them dry with paper towels. Liberally season both sides of the tilefish with sea salt and black pepper.

Dredge the tilefish in the seasoned flour, coating both sides of the fillets. Add one tablespoon of butter and one tablespoon of olive oil to a pan over medium-high heat. Add the tilefish to the hot pan and sear the fillet on both sides for 3-4 minutes per side.

Add the seared tilefish to a baking dish. Then add one ounce of white wine and one tablespoon of lemon juice to the baking dish. Place the baking dish on the center rack of the preheated oven and bake for 12-15 minutes (time depends on how thick the fillets are).

For the Lemon Butter Sauce:

Add one tablespoon of butter to a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallots to the pan and cook for one minute.

Add the chicken broth, white wine, and lemon juice to the sauce pot and bring to a light boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Take pieces of butter and roll them in flour, pushing the flour into the butter. The butter should be just a little soft.

Add the beurre manie (the butter pieces rolled in flour) to the pan and whisk it to thicken the lemon butter sauce. Taste and re-season with salt and pepper if necessary and add the chopped Italian parsley to the sauce.

Mix the parsley into the sauce and keep on the stove.

Creamy Mahi Mahi

Ingredients:

3-4 mahi fillets

2 garlic cloves, finely minced

½ teaspoon lemon zest

¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, optional

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon paprika

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon butter



1 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon capers

1 teaspoon lemon juice

2 tablespoons parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Pat dry the fillets with a paper towel. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and paprika.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the fish to the skillet and cook for 2 minutes on each side. Remove the fish from the skillet and set it aside.

Add the butter, garlic, red pepper flakes, capers, and lemon zest. Saute for 10 seconds and then add the heavy cream and parmesan cheese. Cook for 1-2 minutes or until the sauce thickens.

Once the sauce thickens add the lemon juice, check for seasoning, and add salt and pepper if needed.

Place the fish back into the skillet, cover, and cook for 1-2 minutes or until the fish is fully cooked through.

Garnish with parsley, if desired, and enjoy!

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Ingredients:

- 1 lemon, halved
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 tablespoon pickle relish
- 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pound flounder or other firm white fish, cut into 4 portions
- 2 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 slices sourdough bread, toasted
- 1 cup mixed herbs and greens, such as parsley, chives, basil, cilantro, spinach and/or sorrel,



coarsely chopped

Directions:

Juice half of the lemon. Cut remaining half into wedges. For sauce, in bowl combine juice, mayonnaise, shallot, relish, and mustard. Season with black pepper.

Lightly season flounder with kosher salt. Sprinkle flour onto a large plate. Dip fish into flour, shaking off excess. In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully add fish to skillet (do not crowd; cook in batches if necessary). Cook 4 to 6 minutes per half-inch thickness or until fish flakes easily with a fork, turning once.

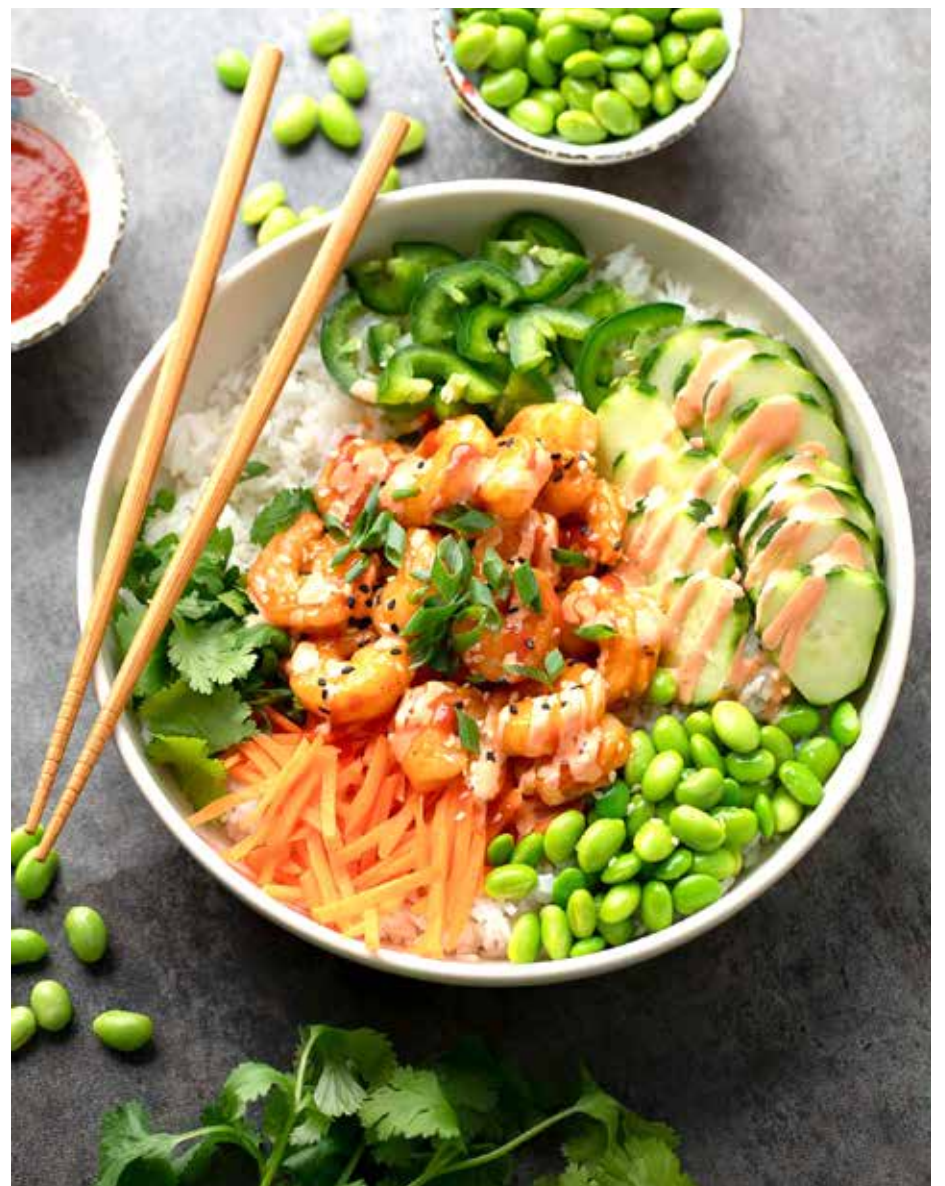
Spread sauce on each bread slice; sprinkle with half the herbs. Top with fish and remaining herbs. Serve with

lemon wedges.

Spicy Shrimp Rice Bowls

Ingredients:

- 8-10 oz fresh raw shrimp or thawed frozen shrimp
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1-2 tsp light sesame oil or avocado oil
- 1 1/2 TBSP low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 1/2 TBSP sweet chili sauce
- 1 TBSP Sriracha, plus extra for topping
- 1 clove garlic (peeled, smashed, and minced)
- 1/2 tsp freshly grated ginger
- 1/4-1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes to taste
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 english cucumber
- 1 cup shelled edamame (steamed)
- 1 jalapeño pepper
- 2 TBSP fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion
- Sriracha chili sauce for topping
- Toasted sesame seeds for topping
- Spicy mayo for topping (see below)
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Clean and peel shrimp, defrosting if needed. Lately I've been buying frozen, deveined, easy-peel shrimp. All I have to do is defrost, peel, and cook! You can also buy your shrimp already peeled if you'd like. Pat dry and season with a little salt and pepper.

Cook rice via desired method. You can take a shortcut with easy heat rice or leftover rice, or cook it from scratch on the stove, in a rice cooker, or in a pressure cooker. I aim for 1 cup cooked rice per bowl which is 2 servings each. If less rice is desired you can add a half cup or so of shredded lettuce to each bowl.

Whisk together sauce ingredients in a small bowl: soy sauce, sweet chili sauce, sriracha, garlic, ginger and red pepper flakes. Set aside.

For the spicy mayo, whisk together mayo and sriracha sauce until desired spiciness is reached. Set aside.

Prep the veggies! Steam shelled edamame (or shell if using pods) and thinly slice an english cucumber into halves or quarters. Slice jalapeño and either use pre-shredded carrots or shred them at home from whole.

Bring a pan or high-sided skillet to medium heat with a little light sesame oil or avocado oil. Add shrimp and sauce. Allow to simmer for a couple minutes, uncovered, to thicken the sauce and fully cook the shrimp, stirring occasionally for approx. 3-4 minutes. Adjust cook time based on the shrimp size chosen. Look for slightly curled, opaque shrimp then check for doneness.

Assemble bowls first starting with base of fluffy cooked rice (or a rice and lettuce combo) and then add cucumber, jalapeño, carrots, edamame and saucy shrimp.

Top with a hearty drizzle of spicy mayo, toasted sesame seeds, and sliced green onion.



You can even add extra sriracha if you want. Enjoy!

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Arrange sliced peaches evenly in an 8x8-inch baking dish.

Mix flour, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl using a pastry cutter until crumbly.

Fold oats into flour mixture.

Sprinkle mixture evenly over peaches, pressing down lightly.

Bake in a preheated oven until crispy and golden brown on top, about 30 minutes. §













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- 4 cups sliced fresh peaches
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup cold butter
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup rolled oats

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Recently retired Jim Bentzel ventured to Site 10 on "The Compromise" with his brother in law and oldest son. The water was difficult to navigate due to the intense fog which hung on the coastline into the afternoon. The crew managed through it and Jim caught multiple flounder using a minnow/Gulp combo on a bucktail bringing home two keepers.



Capt. Rich Harpel of Lewes, DE was out once again, this time at the Icebreakers in the Delaware Bay. He caught this nice sheephead using sand fleas on a 3/8 oz. orange and black tog jig with a 2/0 circle hook on a dropper loop.



Brooks Huyett released his first white marlin on July 9th, just outside of the south Poor Mans Canyon. Brooks was fishing with his family, parents Jared and Kathy and his brother Bryce aboard the "Shotski" with Capt. Josh Rose and mates Austin Bowden and Spencer Gibbons-Neff. The crew also released 2 other blue marlins and had a handful of mahi for the fish box.

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 Bluefish	June 7 Craig Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs.	July 2 Capt. Rich Harpel Indian River Inlet 13 lbs.	 Weakfish	May 21 Jim Hitchens Delaware Bay 7.26 lbs.	June 17 Claude Davis Indian River Inlet 11 lb. 6 oz.
 Black Drum		May 3 Lacey Moffett Coral Beds 58 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 18 Tony Nicholas Washington Canyon 229 lbs.	 July 4 Crew "Rusty Reel" Baltimore Canyon 212 lbs.
 Cobia	June 8 Tyler Adams OC Beach 40 lbs.		 Bluefin Tuna	 July 12 Richie Martin North of the Hotdog 168 lbs.	June 12 Will Hall Poor Mans Canyon 143 lbs.
 Summer Flounder	June 19 Chris Boaston OC Inlet 7 lb. 3.5 oz.	June 16 Mike Newcomb Ocean Structure 9.6 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna		 June 18 Mark Steiner Baltimore Canyon 38 lbs.
 Sea Bass	May 24 Tom Sullivan Ocean Structure 5 lbs.		 Yellowfin Tuna	June 22 Crew "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon 161 lbs.	
 Sheepshead	June 23 Capt. Wayne Anderson Ocean Wreck 11 lbs. 10 oz.	June 19 Dan Sander Ocean Structure 10.8 lbs.	 Dolphin	June 14 Lisa Cherivtch Poor Mans Canyon 30.5 lbs.	July 2 Owen Conrad Inshore Lump 20 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 19 Justin Field Rt. 50 Bridge 13 lbs.	May 13 Chic Stearrett Indian River Inlet 42 lbs.	 Swordfish	June 1 Bobby West Poor Mans Canyon 125 lbs.	
 Tautog	February 5 Jeff Johnson Ocean Structure 22 lbs.	April 15 Scott Shoup Ocean Structure 8.4 lbs.	 Blue Marlin		
 Wahoo		 July 8 Kevin Alexander Poor Mans Canyon 67lbs.	 White Marlin		

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It was a good day on the Little Assawoman Bay for Dave Lindquist of Lancaster, PA and Kevin Nunn from Olney, PA. Kevin caught and released 3 short stripers and Dave caught 4 shorties and this 23" speckled trout.



Dense fog did not deter Perry Sparr, Dexter Sparr and Gary Beards. They headed out with Capt. Perry Sparr on the "South Bound" in eerie conditions and set to troll from the Ham Bone to Massey's Canyon where Perry hooked this 65 lb. wahoo on a lure. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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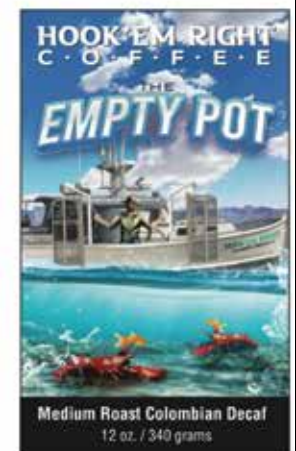
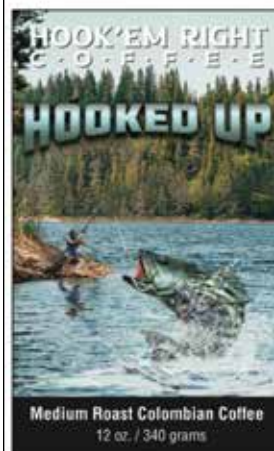
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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week in Delaware started out hot and sticky with dense fog in the mornings and 90 degree temps by mid afternoon. The end of the week brought strong storms and wind. Bay fishing remains great with some big flounder being caught at the inlets and in both the Indian River Bay and Delaware Bay. More big sheepshead are being caught off the ice breakers each day along with lots of speckled trout and weakfish.

Nearshore Wrecks & Reefs

The nearshore wrecks and coral have begun to return to a better catch ratio last week as the water warms back up from the cool down we have the previous week. Strong winds as well as cooler bottom temperatures have still stunted hookups, but the fish do seem to be more willing to bite as the water warms. The "Thelma Dale" out of Lewes Harbour had a good week putting their anglers on some quality flounder. The crew reports that anglers caught sea bass and ribbon fish but the main attraction was the

big flatfish willing to bite most lines. Brandon Miller caught his limit while fishing an ocean structure and stood smiling in front of Hook'Em & Cook' Em Tackle holding all 4 for his moment of glory photo. Brandon stated, if you don't have a picture then it didn't happen!

Back Bays & Inlets

The best place for big fish was actually the inlet and back bays. Warmer water has motivated these fish to bite more regularly than their ocean counterparts. The main inlet areas are producing the best with the area in front of the Coast Guard station being your hotspot of the week. Ed Bachman got a nice overslot rockfish in front of the Coast Guard Station. His fish had sores on its side. We have seen this on many of the stripers caught this year. Jules and Billy Mister fished the bay structure and ended up with a stringer of keeper flounder. The couple were all smiles as they returned to the dock. Price Lindsay got a 24", 6 pound fluke from the inlet

using Gulp. The Delaware Bay has been producing big sheepshead off the ice breakers and outer wall. Fresh or live sand fleas are the best bait for these convicts. The Indian River Inlet is also producing some keeper tog off the rocks on slowed or slack tides. John Coffey headed north to the DE Bay and landed 16 sheepshead up to 11 pounds. He then returned to Indian River the next day and ended up catching 15 flat ones and even a sea trout. That's a big two day haul. Lewes Harbour Marina had Chris Colpo, Jason Samples, and Steven Connors show off their big haul from the Delaware Bay last week. The group pulled in some nice sheepshead and tog off the bay structure. The Delaware Bay has also had croaker being caught all over. Many of these fish are still small but it's good to see them arriving early in the season. Eric, Mason, and Roman fished with Dave Houser and came home with two nice sheepshead. Lewes Marina also had Mark Angeline check

in with a big 5.07 pound flounder he caught in the Lewes Canal. The heavy fish measured 25" long. The fish was caught with Gulp and squid. Tom Passwaters also fished the canal and caught two nice keepers at around 20 inches. Mark Angeline was using Gulp in the canal when he hooked and landed a beautiful 25 inch, 5.07 lb flounder.

Yaj Jay fished the Indian River Inlet and finally hooked a nice size rockfish. Although not big enough to be a keeper it was still a great battle on light tackle. Wayne Simons checked into Old Inlet Tackle with a citation 37", 12 pound, 8 oz. bluefish he caught on a bucktail and yellow worm combo. Nick Garcia fished the lighthouses in the bay trying for sheepshead but only found oyster crackers. He then went south and pulled in a few keeper flounder up to 20.5 inches. Eryk Lewandowski fished the north jetty in the early morning and was rewarded with a beautiful keeper flounder. The Flounder Pounder Bay Tournament ran this past Saturday and Sunday with dozens of anglers targeting the flatties in the Indian River Bay. A total of 701 anglers entered the tournament. First

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place went to Randy Swain with a 7.3 lb. fish, David Law was second place with a 7.2 pounder, John Coffey placed third with a 6.1 lb. fish, Logan Behney was 4th with a 6.0 lb. fish, 5th place went to Ryan Shupp at 5.5 lbs., and 6th place was Jim Fallers at 5.3 lbs. Congratulations to all the winners!

Surf Fishing

The surf is producing a ton of kingfish and spot. The big catches last week were huge redfish swimming through. Charles and Mildred Ritten had a great day, first starting out on the sand bars catching a big 43 inch redfish along with some large sandbar sharks. The duo then fished the beach and pulled in another couple big reds, including a whopper at 50 inches caught by Mildred. That is one epic weekend on the beach!

Chase Haugh landed 5 drum and had 2 more spit the hook when fishing the beach. All the fish were in the sub 40 inch range with the biggest being 38 inches. April Marie caught a few nice kingfish using squid and sand fleas. Andrew Riehl was at Conquest Beach and caught double digit dogfish, 6 kings and a skate. The fish were caught on cut bait, squid, and sand fleas. George Frigm pulled ten kingfish along with several spot fish from the surf. He stated that the frenzy started about two hours before high tide. The fish were a mere 30-40 feet from the surf edge. This has been one of the best years for the kingfish run I have seen in years. Gerry DiMarco III had a rare catch while fishing the beach. He caught an angel shark. It reportedly popped off the hook right at the water's edge. Chuck Thornton was at 3Rs Beach and caught kingfish up to 13 inches.

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Angler James Jamison from Coatsville, PA reeled in some nice sea bass on his 8-hour trip aboard the headboat "Judith M" out of Bahia Marina. Capt. David Goldman had the crew about 18 miles east of Ocean City fishing with squid and shiners.



Capt. Phil Lyons on the private boat "Reel Blessed" shared that this season has been one of slow picks. This trip to the Baltimore Canyon saw the crew go 2 for 2 on yellowfins and then deep dropping for blueline and golden tilefish.

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The Lewes, DE power couple Jules and Billy Mister were at it again last week. They fished a structure in the Delaware Bay and nabbed some nice keeper flounder.



The Torres family shared their trip to Assateague Island for some surf fishing. They fished using cut spot and croaker and got their first red drum at 4PM. 5PM saw them connect with a ray and then just after 6 another red. Clockwork fishing!

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Bethany Beach, DE anglers Vanessa and Brandon Glover had a solid day in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the private boat "Sea V" out of the Indian River Marina. They were trolling for white marlin and mahi in 1000 fathoms and the pair went 2 for 2 on whites including Vanessa first! Hers was 61" and Brandon's was 58". They also saw a third one that did not bite.



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Heaviest Stringer -	"Shotski"	\$ Included in Total

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2022 Boats Entered - 51

Boats Days Fished

Day 1 - 24 Day 2 - 32 Day 3 - 46



The lesson from the boat "Reel Naughty" is to always weigh your fish. Angler Jimmy Wingo caught this 28 lb. dolphin northeast of the Hot Dog. It hit on a Sea Witch and as the only qualifying mahi of the Tournament, it earned \$21,450! He is pictured here at the Ocean City Fishing Center Tournament scale with Capt. Tony Bauer, mate Kyle Shalanklin, mate Justin Strous, Mark Stasuk, Allan Manning, KC Miller, Bryan Compher and Greg Charvat.



Megan Humphry took home 1st Place in the Lady Angler Division for this 39 lb. yellowfin tuna earning a \$2,000 cash prize. She caught it in the Washington Canyon on Sunday while fishing with Capt. Bobby Layton on the charter boat "Wrecker". Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The last day of the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was pivotal for the crew of the "Shotski". Capt. Jose Rose was looking for bigeyes and headed to the corner of the Wilmington Canyon with anglers Casey Zolder, Spencer Neff, Jay Huss, Caden Schell, Preston Schell, Jack Giles and Kevin Ruppert with mate Austin Bowden. Around 10:30 AM they ran across a school of bigeyes and hooked four at the same time. The crew worked hard and were able to get all four to the boat, but only 3 in the boat! One broke off at the last moment. The heaviest weighed 149 lbs. at the scales at the Ocean City Fishing Center and the three together created a stringer of 412.5 lbs. That easily moved them into 1st Place in the Heaviest Stringer Division and earned the second largest prize of the event at \$171,700.



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The crew of the charter boat "Shorebilly" set the tone and bar high on the first day of the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament! They were waiting at the dock for the scales to open and the crowd cheered as they slid this bluefin tuna onto the dock! They had fished north of the Hot Dog, dealing with the big rollers offshore that day, and this was their only bite. It took Richie Martin and fellow anglers Thumper Blake, Chris Bucevicius, Ryan Earls, Will Abell and Eric Abell over 3.5 hours to get this bluefin tuna on ice. The 168 lb. tuna secured 1st Place for Single Heaviest on Day 1 and remained unchallenged through Day 2. It slipped to 2nd Place on Day 3 where it finished earning \$19,540. Capt. Doug Bramble was at the wheel with mate Zach Bramble in the pit. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Anglers Scott Johnson, Michael King, Jason Brown, Johnny Kriener, Dave Kern and Matt Keller used a combination of bluefin and yellowfin tuna to make a winning two day stringer during the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Capt. Vernon Rothschild with Capt. Phil Rothschild and mate Fred Crickenberter spent Saturday at the 12 Fathom Lump and put this 148 lb. bluefin on the scale. They combined it with 3 yellowfins from the Hot Dog on Sunday, one of which weighed 105.5 lbs. to create a 2 day stringer weight of 358.5 lbs. This took 2nd Place for Heaviest Stringer and \$8,520 in prize monies.

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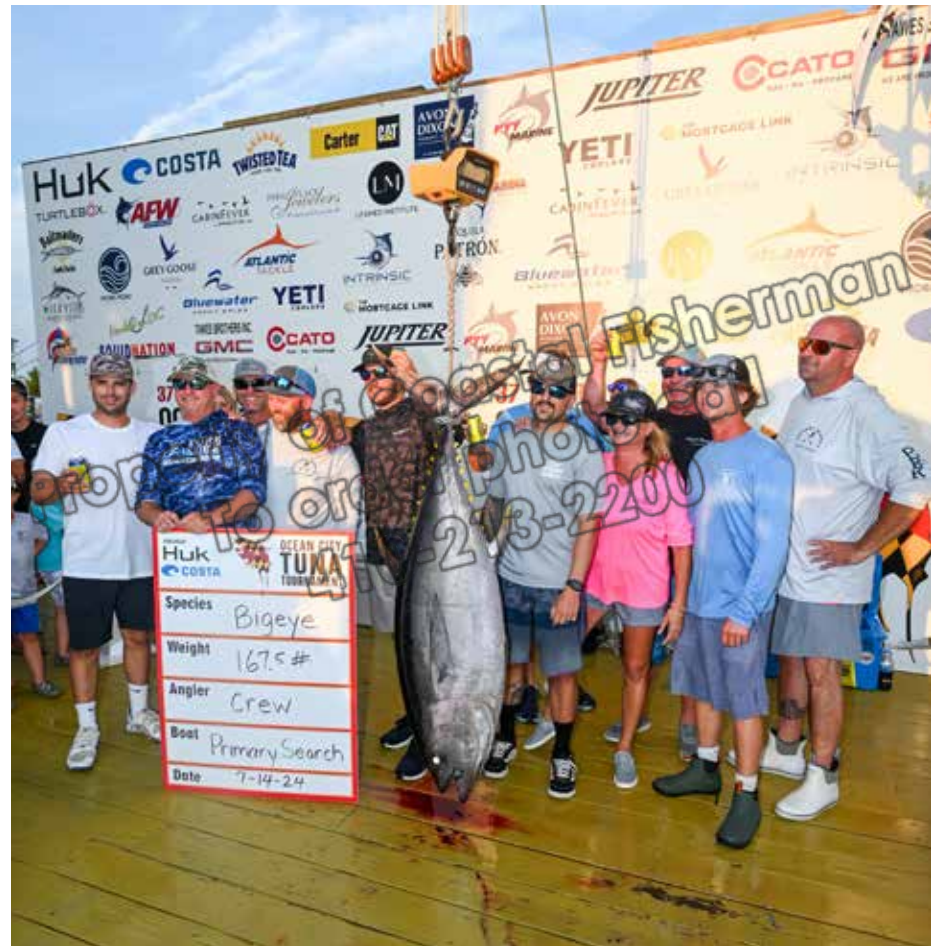
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The charter boat "Ro Sham Bo" brought in two balanced catches during their two days of fishing during the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament. They fished Day 1 of the event and caught 2 yellowfin tunas with a stringer weight of 83 lbs. The crew of Capt. Willie Zimmerman with mates Evan Evans and Joey Marowski and anglers Bill Zimmerman, Mike Weaton, Glen Heitman, Rusty Shriver, Douglass Reynolds, and Nick Shriver then spent their Day 2 in the Wilmington Canyon finding 2 yellowfins and a 128 lb. bigeye to boost their 2 day stringer total to 306 lbs. That was enough to secure 3rd Place in the Stringer Category and \$16,165 in prize monies.



The charter boat "Primary Search" was the very last boat to the scales on the final day of the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament! Capt. Austin Ensor with anglers Tina Boykin, Art Boykin, Bill Vanarsdale, Steve Hull, Steve Strawberry, Will Porter, Dave Allen and mates Brian Suschke & Wyatt Melocik were trolling in the Baltimore Canyon where they caught 4 yellowfin tuna and this bigeye tuna. At 167.5 lbs. it locked into 3rd Place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Calcutta, missing a tie for 2nd Place by just half a pound and earning \$19,540.

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Crew, family and friends of the charter boat "Wrecker" celebrate their win for Single Heaviest Tuna during the 37th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament awards banquet last Sunday night. In addition to the 1st Place Award, they were across the board earning several winner take all calcuttas for a top tournament payout of \$198,475. In addition they received a \$5,000 gift card from Atlantic Tackle, Ocean City Tuna Tournament custom Huck Buckets and a Turtlebox waterproof speaker.

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VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



Well, if the fishing was as hot as the weather then every rod on the shore would be bent to the water. Unfortunately, the temperature is scorching... I mean scoring higher than our fish count. Nevertheless, there's still some pretty "cool" fishing to do on our lower Eastern Shore.

The Seaside has probably been the most notable action from this week. A fresh batch of flounder moved inshore and took up residence at some of the nearshore structures such as the blackfish banks site. Catches have been down this past week. However, Monday and Tuesday, just before the wind kicked up again, the bite was much more aggressive. Our buddies Crazy Larry, and Jigging Jacob, drifted away with a limit of tasty flounder

fillets. There have also been a good number of spades, sheepshead, and even a couple of cobia spotted on some of these same structures. These bonus bites have been fairly uncooperative and will hopefully get more consistent as the hot summer continues.

The little town of Chincoteague, not only was able to commence with their famous Fireman's Carnival and delicious oyster fritters, but also has been able to offer folks some pretty good mid summer inshore floundering. The fish have been aggressively taking Sea Hawk Flounder Rigs, along with Fish in OC's Deadly Doubles. Chartreuse and pink have done the trick with Gulp shrimp and swimming mullets tipped with a silverside or big bull

minnow to sweeten the deal. Most fish have been fairly shallow, at the top of a ledge during the time surrounding high water.

The deep depths of blue continue to conceal pelagic pullage, as anglers troll the canyons abreast of the ESVA. A few yellowfin, some mahi, and a white or two are what is available to bloody an otherwise clean boat deck. Bottom fishing for tiles continues to be the saving grace for those looking for a fair table fare.

The central Chesapeake surprisingly is still providing potential puppy play. These spot tails are keeping to the shallows and around structure while taking paddletails as well as chunks of crab tied both on








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The southern Chesapeake has been the setting of this week's best cobia combat. Anglers are both sight casting eels as well as jigs to battle with the brown suits. The CBBT has offered some red to go along with the brown as rods have been bent by battling drum around the pilings.

Let neither rain, wind or wives stop you (with this weather you'll already be in hot water)... so get out there, grab a rod and catch a fish in this wonderful place that we call home! §

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The Old Grounds was a hot spot for Chuck Dixon of Crapo, MD. He fished there with Capt. Moon out of the Indian River Marina and caught this 20 1/4" and 4 lb. 6 oz. flounder using an OC Deadly Double with cut bait.



Danielle Boyer is all smiles after catching this 28" bluefish. She caught the beast on the north side of the Rt. 50 Bridge on an outgoing tide using a rattle trap lure. It sets a new personal best for her!

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