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On opening day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, Karen and Mya Hamstra, Jeannine Ross, Lisa Moore and Nancy Riggins teamed up to catch and release a big blue marlin, estimated at 800 lbs., while fishing on the "Jezebel" with Capt. Chester Sadowski and mates Tim Kane and Jason Courtney. They hooked the blue marlin at 2:10 PM while trolling the 100 fathom line between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. The anglers were almost spooled twice after hooking it on a TLD 50. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City.

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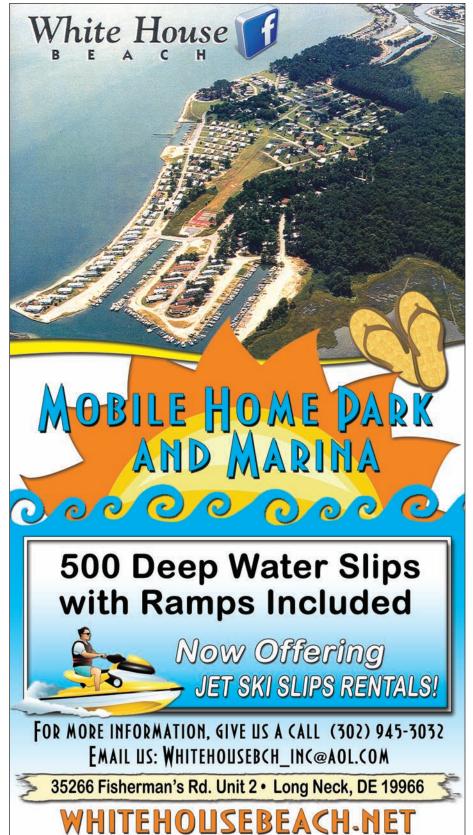


While fishing on natural bottom in 90-feet of water, Jack Kunkle of York, PA captured this 24 1/2-inch flounder after hooking it on a white Gulp! artificial bait. Jack was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The "Fish Bound" is docked at Bahia Marina.





Dockhands extraordinaire, Cynthia Delaney and Hailee Phillips took the day off from Sunset Marina to go fishing on the "Sea Hag" in the Wilmington Canyon and were rewarded with their first white marlin releases. They went 10 for 12 on whites and caught 6 mahi.





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Ocean City-Fishing Report by Larry Jock

As this report is being written we are only a few hours away from the start of the 43rd Annual White Marlin Marina. This year, 329 boats are competing for over \$4,400,000 in prize money. Weather is predicted to be nice all week, so I would expect to see a good number of fish being brought to the scale at Harbour Island.

This past weekend saw a couple of tournaments in town. On Saturday, the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament was held Saturday with 201 anglers looking for flatties in the bay. Although we saw some nice size flounder caught last week, anglers fishing in the bay behind Ocean City are still contending with a large number of small fish, so it was no surprise that most of the flounder brought to the scale were in the 16 to 17-inch range. The winner, Robert Densomore, did manage a 21 1/8-incher that ate a minnow he was drifting in the Ocean City Inlet. Other than Robert's fish, none cracked the 20-inch mark. Overall, it was great another flounder tournament and it looked like everyone had a great time.

The other tournament last weekend was the 8th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament. This is another tournament that has



It's been pretty dismal for tuna fishermen lately, but that didn't stop Colin McNamara of Charleston, SC from muscling in this 161.8 lb. bigeye tuna last Saturday. Colin was fishing on the "Inappropriate" with his dad, John McNamara (left) and Capt. Andy Krews when the bigeye ate a horse ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Pictured with Colin and John at Atlantic Tackle is owner of the "Inappropriate" Frank Holtham.

really grown in popularity with 42 boats registered in this years event, an increase of 10 boats versus last year. Payouts have

also grown, with lady anglers looking to cash in on part of the \$46,250 purse.

The tournament was dominated by billfish and dolphin. No tuna were caught during the 2 days of fishing.

On the first day, anglers on the "Tra Sea Ann" took the early lead and never looked back, releasing 13 white marlin while trolling in 200 to 500 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. www.coastalfisherman.net

Although we saw some boats looking for marlin in the Poor Man's Canyon, most headed to the Wilmington to take advantage of the good marlin fishing in water that pushed down from the Spencer Canyon late in the week. Right behind the "Tra Sea Ann" was the "Brenda Lou" who also trolled in the Wilmington Canyon and picked up 9 white marlin releases. Anglers on the "Brenda Lou" ended up tied with the ladies on the "Max Bet", who also released 9 whites in the Wilmington, but won the tiebreaker by releasing their 9th fish earlier in the day.

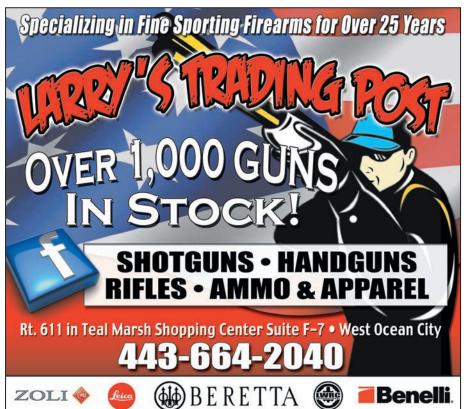
Another notable catch was the blue marlin, that some folks estimated at close to 800 lbs., caught on the "Jezebel" in 100 fathoms, south of the Poor Man's Canyon.

The second and final day of the tournament was dominated by dolphin and the leaderboard changes were fast and furious. The first change occurred when the "Lucky Duck II" weighed a 24.8 poounder they caught in 79degree water in the Baltimore Up next was the Canyon. "That's Right" who showed up to the Atlantic Tackle scale with a 36.4 lb. bull that they caught on the troll in the Wilmington Canyon. This fish moved them into 1st place in the Dolphin Division and they never looked back. The next boat to the scale was the "Last Call" with a 36.4 pounder that was caught on the troll in the Poor Man's Canyon and ended the tournament in 2nd place.

With a \$15,000 payout for the first place finish in the Billfish Release Division and an \$18,000 payout for the 1st place dolphin, we are sure to see his tournament continue to grow.

Marlin

Last week, anglers chasing billfish saw some fantastic





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fishing on a batch of water that started in the Lindenkohl Canyon, moved south to the Spencer Canyon and into the Wilmington Canyon towards the end of the week. Several boats ventured to the Wilmington and returned with double-digit releases of white marlin. One of the boats that saw some great fishing was the "Billfisher" who went 20 for 26 earlier in the week while trolling in the Lindenkohl Canyon. They then released 8 white marlin and a blue marlin on Thursday and followed that up with an overnight trip where they went 23 for 31 for white marlin on Friday and 3 for 4 on Saturday. This was the case for most boats in the Wilmington, where they saw incredible numbers during the week and release numbers reduced dramatically over the weekend.

Tuna

Right now, it would safe to say that tuna fishing is pathetic. The chunk bite in Massey's Canyon is down to practically nothing and with most boats chasing billfish further north, we didn't see many head elsewhere looking for yellowfins.

On Saturday, Colin McNamara did muscle in a 161.8 lb. bigeye while trolling in the Wilmington Canyon.

Keep an eye on the Lobster Claw this week. It just seems like this area is hit hard during the White Marlin Open and many years one of the top tuna came from this area. In addition, I'm sure some boats will be pounding the Bigeye Hole in the Washington Canyon looking for big eyeballs.

Dolphin

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen some really big dolphin brought to the scales and Jimmy Willey's 54 pounder was the largest one we have seen so far this year. Jimmy hooked the dolphin last Tuesday in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. In addition to the pair of big ones caught in the Ladies Tournament, Erin McCulloch-Nadolny on the "Last Call" boated a 45 pounder in the Poor Man's Canyon early last week. We also saw many gaffer dolphin caught from the Wilmington Canyon down to the Washington Canyon throughout the week. It's been a good dolphin season so far off the coast of Delmarva.

Flounder

mentioned As earlier, flounder fishing continues to be a struggle in the bay, although we are starting to see some improvement. As always this year, flounder pounders struggle with warm water, forcing them to look for deeper holes holding cooler water around the bay. The holes in the East Channel, both north and south of the Rt. 50 Bridge usually hold big flatties during August and we saw some life in the Thorofare as well.

When it comes to bait, minnows have been really producing lately along with Gulp! Swimming Mullets in white or pink.

As predicted in the last issue, after a brief lull for flounder fishing on ocean structure, the bite improved dramatically last week. Boats heading to the Old Grounds continue to bring back catches and those good venturing out to 120 feet of water also see their chances enhanced to land a big flounder while fishing with strips of flounder or mahi belly. Those that can get a hold of sea robins find that flounder eat those strips like candy.

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Last Friday, Harrison Schline, age 9, caught and released his first white marlin while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon on the "Canyon Hunter" with Capt. Mike Vaughan. The white marlin was 1 of 5 released that day by Harrison, Sean Davie, Brian Stempowski and Don Schline.



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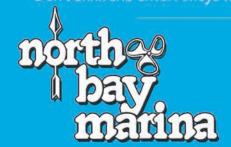
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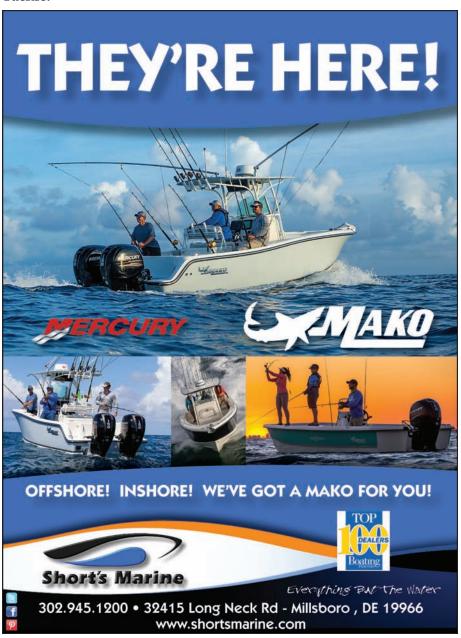


Glenn Rothchild, Preston Walls and Brooks Rothchild, all from Pasadena, MD, had a very good day of flounder fishing last Friday, boating 7 keepers (6 pictured) while drifting bunker in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Preston landed the largest flattie of the day, a 25-incher that weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. They also caught a 23-incher that weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz. and a 24-incher that tipped the scale at 4 lbs. 10 oz. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



If there was a Best Dressed Division in the 8th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, the anglers on the "Haulin n Ballin" would have definitely taken top honors. In addition to looking good, the ladies released 6 white marlin, including a first for Kristin Jezierski and Brianna Hall, while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Also fishing with Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Tyler Green were Karen Turner, Kristy Frashure and Jenn Blunt. In addition to the white marlin releases, the ladies caught a 16.6 lb. dolphin. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.









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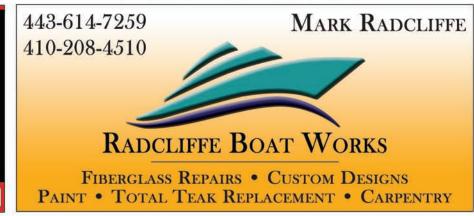
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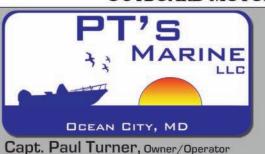
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The other day, I had a guy aboard my charter boat crawling around the cockpit with a paper towel to wipe up some cola that he spilled. I told him not to worry about cleaning it up, but he insisted, claiming that he didn't want to leave a sticky mess on the deck. Thinking about how considerate it was for him to be worried about a little Coke on a fiberglass deck and how much of a switch his actions were from some of the folks come aboard absolutely trash the boat inside and out, I jokingly suggested that he must be vying for the "Client of the Year Award." comment prompted someone else to ask me what traits might help put them in the running for such an honor.

I think my answer sounded something like, "You'd have to be rich enough to book us seven days a week, pay even when we don't go out, and never complain when we don't catch fish." Of course, I've never met a person who conforms to those standards and doubt I ever will, but in 30-some years of working this charter gig I've certainly had my share of clients who have been an absolute joy to have aboard as well those who, shall I say, were more than a bit "challenging" to spend a day on the water with!

The good, the bad, and the ugly - we get them all on charter boats and while every captain has their definition of what qualities make for a "perfect client", I came up with a short list of things that can make some of us happy to see a client walking toward our boat in the morning balanced by what might have some of us breathing easier when we "finally" watch them walking away in the afternoon.

Don't trash the boat!

I sometimes get the impression that certain folks think that at the end of the day some professional cleaning service comes aboard and makes everything sparkle again. The cleanup crew is my mate and myself, and believe me, we know who it was that left the pile of peanut shells in the cup holder, the smashed donut under the table and the head in ugly (yuck) condition. We don't harp on our clients about these things because we want them to have a good time while they're out on the boat with us so they'll come back next year, and cleaning the boat at the end of the day is what we do. It's just a little perplexing when we have someone who makes absolutely no effort to clean up their own mess. My perfect

client would always pick up after themselves.

Be careful with the equipment.

Most folks are very, if not "overly" careful with the tackle and other equipment they use aboard the boat. And that kind of concern for the tools of our trade is always appreciated by those of us who not only have to purchase it, but also maintain it in good working order so it can be used every day. Some folks, however, are not so gentle with our tackle and put enough of a hurting on whatever rods and reels they use that we have to spend extra time putting things back together. A perfect client would always be careful with the tackle and equipment we use on the boat.

Alcohol would not be an issue.

Every captain wants their clients to have a safe and enjoyable time on the water, and if having a beer or two or three during the course of the day adds to their enjoyment then that's usually just fine. However, when someone takes it to the point that alcohol is affecting their words, judgment or actions, then it becomes a problem. More important than catching fish and driving the boat is the and responsibility to keep their clients safe at all times. Having one or more clients who are not firing on all cylinders only adds additional concerns to a crew's already busy and

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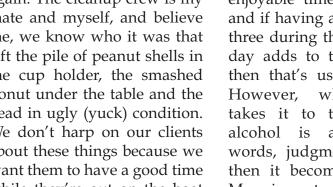
stressful day. Not too many people "enjoy" dealing with others who have had too much to drink. It's even worse when you're responsible for their well-being and stuck on a boat with them all day! The perfect client would enjoy their time on the water so much that they would not want it to be altered or impaired by alcohol.

Prepared for seasickness

No one wants to see their clients seasick, but we all know that in the course of the season we will have manymany people yacking over the side of the boat. This not only makes us feel sorry for their misery, but also because it's bad for business - a seasick client might not be a returning client. Some people are just prone to getting sick and others bring it themselves by partying it up too much the night before. For a lot of people, the chances of becoming sick can minimized if they take precautions. Dramamine works for a lot of people and the Scopolamine "patch" works for most. Getting a good (sober) rest the night before improves everyone's chances of holding down their breakfast. The perfect client will take precautions to help ensure that they, and the rest of their party, don't have their day ruined by seasickness.

Too much "stuff"

We run a lot of half-day trips and fishing sometimes amazed at how much gear some folks think



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they need to bring along for just five-hours. It's even worse on full-day trips! I always recommend that folks bring what they know they will need and use while we are out there, but leave behind all the "just in case" stuff that only clutters up the boat. I've had people bring large pillows, blankets, folding chairs, enough tackle to fill a shop, tackle computers, guitars, drones, pets, empty coolers and enough food and drink to feed an army! It's always a hassle to spend the day tripping over or working around extra stuff that was brought aboard but never used. The perfect client brings only what they will truly need for the time they'll be on the boat.

The end of the trip

When we get back to the dock, my mate and I have an entire boat to clean and a lot to get ready for our trip tomorrow. It's not uncommon for our clients to wait until the boat is in the slip and tied up before they get up out of the

seats or off the bunks and start packing up their gear. It's not that we want to rush them off the boat, it's just that we have a lot of work ahead of us, and if they can use a little of the ridehome time to get their gear in order so the transition from boat to dock doesn't take a half hour, it can help us finish our duties and maybe get home at a somewhat reasonable time in the evening. The perfect client would show consideration for our end of the day workload.

Be prepared NOT to catch fish

Fishing is fishing, and no matter who or how good the captain and crew are at what they do, or how much money was paid for a charter, there is always a chance that a trip will not produce even a single fish. Getting "skunked" is as disappointing to the crew as it is to the anglers they take out. The perfect client will recognize that the crew did their best to get them on the fish and take it in stride that today just wasn't their day.

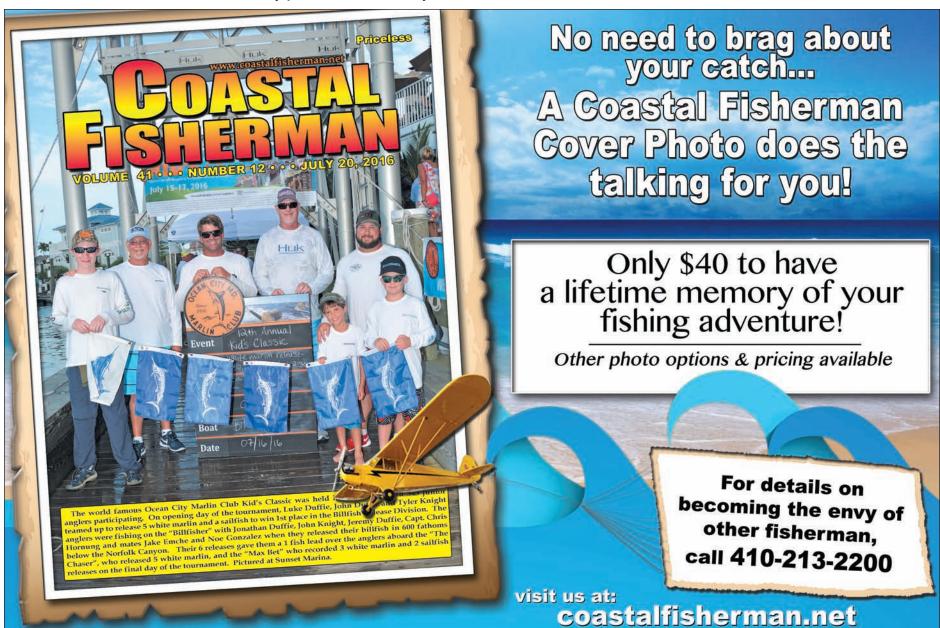
Of course, nobody's perfect, and none of us charter guys can or should expect that any or all of our clients will fit into the mold we cast exactly the way we would like. I'm guessing as well that if our clients were all "perfect" our jobs wouldn't be as interesting as they sometimes are. I'm also guessing that my discussion of "perfect client" prompted some folks to consider what qualities the "perfect captain" would possess, and I'd like to hear those thoughts and, if possible, do a story from that angle in a week or so. If anyone would like to share with me their thoughts on that issue in a short narrative they can do so by emailing me at ModernSharking@Gmail.com. The names of those who make comments will NOT be

Capt. 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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Gale Grey from Berlin, MD was drifting a live spot in the Thorofare when she hooked into this 24 1/2-inch, 6 lb. flounder during a trip aboard the "12 Pack".



Kathy Deppe from Crownsville, MD and Maureen McShane from Ellicott City, MD are smothered in white marlin flags after releasing 4 during a trip on the "Kingfisher" with angler, Claudia Lehnert, Capt. Ted Deppe and mates Greg Jones and Ben Miller. The whites were hooked while trolling ballyhoo in the Spencer Canyon. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.

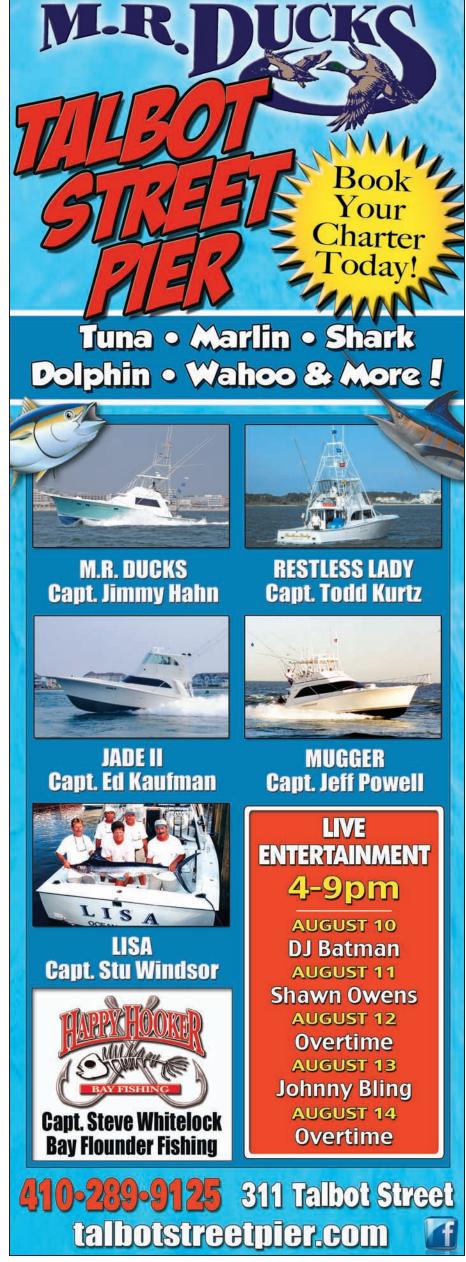






During a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts, Bob Telford of Pocomoke City, MD wrestled this 3 lb. flounder after hooking it on a strip of squid at a natural ocean reef. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.









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HEAVIEST HEAVIEST FISH of the (As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - Ties go to first fish reported)

Species Ocean City Delaware Species **Ocean City Delaware Mako Shark** Sea Bass May 29, 2016 June 13, 2016 June 3, 2016 June 16, 2016 100 lb. minimum **Irving Drummond Kevin DiPoalo Rich Galante** Luke Brubaker "Morning Star" DelJerseyLand Reef "Jade II" "Michael D" 5 lbs. 6 lbs. 3 oz. 220.8 lbs. 231 lbs. **Tautog Thresher Shark** May 9, 2016 March 1, 2016 June 4, 2016 June 4, 2016 Karl Maier Jeff Green **Rick Passwaters Rich Seagraves** "Fish Bound" Ocean Wreck **Fingers** "A" Buoy 20 lbs. 2 oz. 14 lbs. 455 lbs. 477 lbs. **Striped Bass Bluefin Tuna** May 9, 2016 April 23, 2016 July 11, 2016 April 24, 2016 **Josh Ensor Brooks Vaughn Rick Findley Nick Rholetter Ocean City Surf Upper DE Bay** Wilmington Canyon Massey's Canyon 133 lbs. 35 lbs. 31 lbs. 15 oz. 142 lbs. Weakfish **Yellowfin Tuna** July 19, 2016 July 18, 2016 June 2, 2016 July 3, 2016 **George Durrant** Finn McCabe Rod Grodzicki Brian Stempowski **West Channel Inner Wall** Rockpile Massey's Canyon 125.8 lbs. 65.6 lbs. 3 lbs. 10oz. 7 lbs. 8 oz. Cobia **Longfin Tuna** August 1, 2016 June 5, 2016 June 30, 2016 July 2, 2016 **Darin Cathell** John Brittingham Jeff Drury Emma Zajdel Lindenkohl Canyon **Delaware Coast** Little Gull Shoal **Fingers** 76.6 lbs. 54 lbs. 94.6 lbs. 48 lbs. **Flounder Bigeye Tuna** July 28, 2016 July 3, 2016 August 1, 2016 July 5, 2016 **Scott Shockley Bob Kannenberg Mark Stanley** Jennifer Vojna Massey's Canyon **Washington Canyon Indian River Inlet** Martha's Landing 179 lbs. 233 lbs. 10 lbs. 3 oz. 9 lbs. 13 oz. **Bluefish** May 7, 2016 May 1, 2016 Dolphin August 3, 2016 **Ayrton Pryor Andrew Stuchlik** Jimmy Willey No Weights **Assawoman Bay** Henlopen Pier **Washington Canyon** Reported 12 lbs. 10 oz. 17 lbs. 11 oz. 54 lbs. July 18, 2016 July 20, 2016 July 1, 2016 June 29, 2016 Sheepshead Wahoo **Bill Bollhorst Joseph Crowley** Nick Turner **Charlie Long** Washington Canyon **Chicken Bone Ocean City Surf Outer Wall** 10 lbs. 3oz. 14 lbs. 6 oz. 102 lbs. 63 lbs. Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) May 15, 2016 May 14, 2016 **White Marlin Black Drum Timothy Witig Rylie Tingle** NEW August 5, 2016 NEW August 7, 2016 "Fish Bound" **Coral Beds** "Billfisher" "Boy's Toy" 65 lbs. 66.7 lbs. 23 releases 10 releases

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During the 2016 Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament, Jeff Pinca boated an 18 7/8-inch, 2 lb. 7 oz. flattie while fishing on the "About Time" with his dad, Jack Pinca and Bob Daniels. The flounder was caught on a Z-Man artificial bait in the Thorofare. Pictured at Pines Point Marina.



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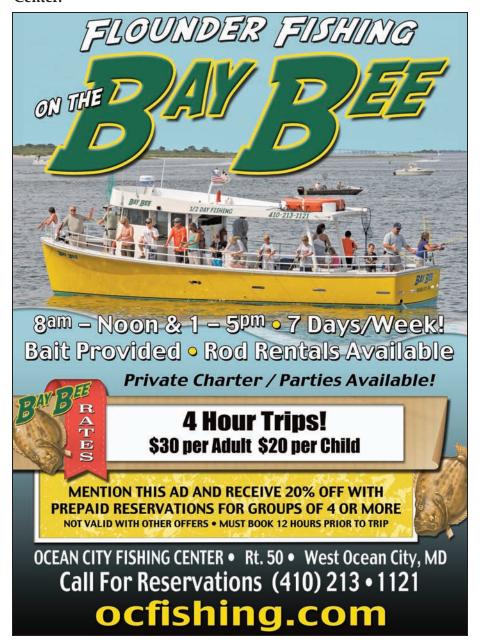


Ricky Hooper from Westminster, MD, Mike Day from Bel Air, MD and Joey Gloeckler from Brookeville, MD took a trip on the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle and ended up with 4 keeper flounder, measuring up to 19-inches. The fish were caught in the Thorofare on squid, shiners and pink Gulp! artificial baits. Pictured at the dock behind Hooper's Crab House.



After fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham, Tom and Mary Jo Morris from Milton, DE, Mike Schmidt from Severna Park, MD and Eric Bunting from Philadelphia, PA went home with 4 keeper flounder after drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague. Their largest fish measured 18-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.









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Ryan Steinbeck from Meadville, PA caught a 16-inch flounder, Ryan O'Rourke from Albany, NY landed a 16 1/2-incher and Kim Maiden from Pittsburgh, PA captured a 17-incher while fishing on the headboat, "Happy Hooker" with Capt. Steve Whitelock and mate Charlie Coats. All of the fish were caught on squid and shiners in the East Channel. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Sean Barwick from Fallston, MD joined Jennifer, Dave, Connor and Dylan Cadigan from Phoenix, MD for a flounder fishing trip aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" and were rewarded with 7 flatties weighing up to 3 lbs. 6 oz. All of the fish were caught on Gulp! and Z-Man artificial baits near the Duck Blinds behind Assateague Island. The anglers are pictured back at the Frontier Town dock with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker.









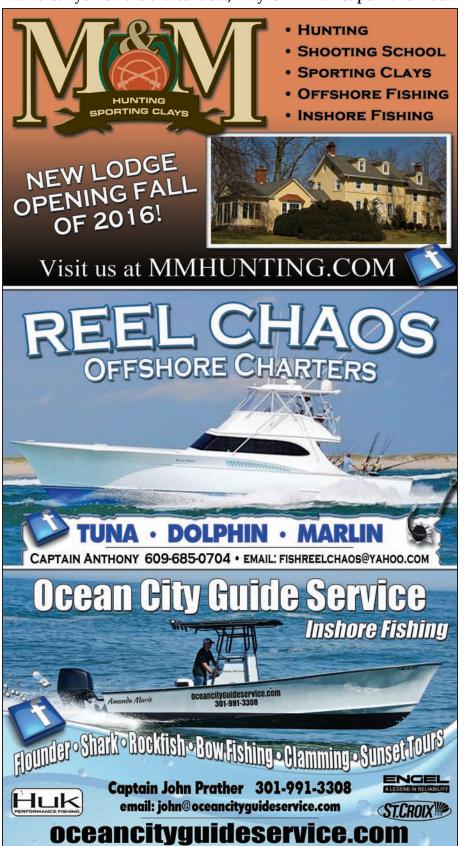


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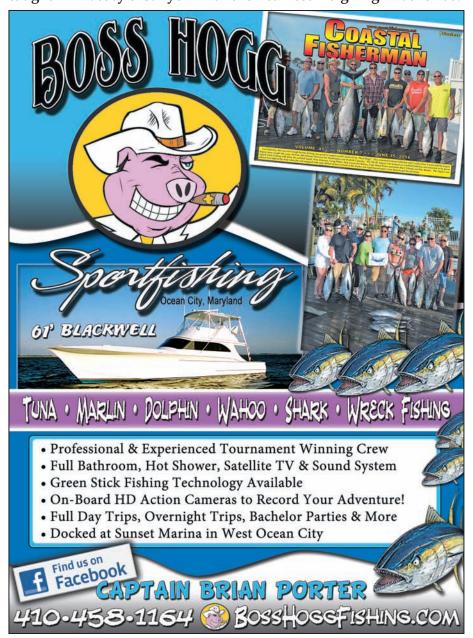


John Rohr, Matt Conner, Mike Ihnat and Mike Kempe boated this blue marlin while fishing in 1,200 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon on the charter boat, "My Cin" with Capt. Dave Black.





A love of butterfish chunks doomed these 3 yellowfin tuna captured by Logan Cavanaugh of New Castle, DE, Jason Panico of Wilmington, DE and Chase Newberth of Ellicott City, MD. All were caught in Massey's Canyon with the heaviest weighing in at 45 lbs.





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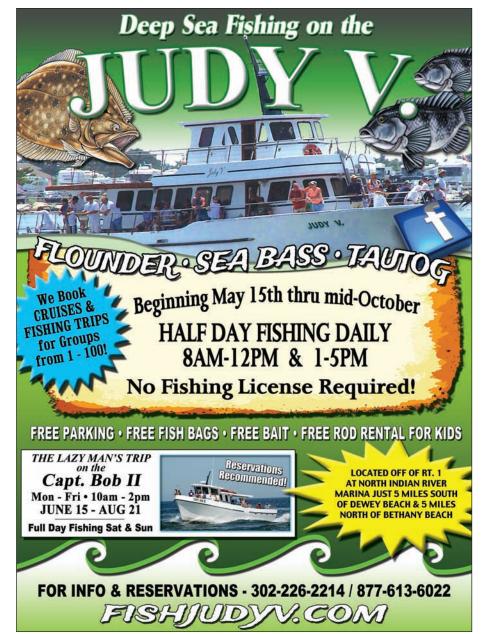


Anglers Robert Montague (left) and Rachel Keel boated a pair of bluefin tuna while trolling ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon. Rachel's tuna was the largest of the day, measuring 47-inches and weighing 65 lbs. Both were caught during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Game On" with Capt. Jon Yost and mate Ian Rodgers (center). Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Alex, Mike and Maxwell Davis from Albany, NY caught a pair of triggerfish while fishing on the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. Both were caught on sand fleas by the Pipeline off the coast of Bethany Beach, DE. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.







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Jerome, Jr., Michael, Jemika, Nikkia and Jerome Hansberry from Upper Marlboro, MD, Tia and Emmanuel Dixon from Atlanta, GA and John Strother from District Heights, MD teamed up to land 9 yellowfin tuna while chunking in 80-degree water in Massey's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Mike Mason and Sean O'Donnell.









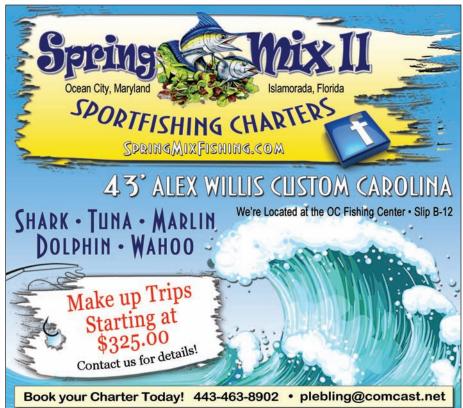
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While deep dropping in the Baltimore Canyon for tilefish, Nino Mallari of Newark, DE couldn't believe it when he reeled in this 19.2 lb. snowy grouper while fishing with Mo Hussin of Middletown, DE. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





John Niedermair, Ken Hinkleman, Lamont Williams and Tom Worden display a good catch of flounder caught during a day of fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollitt. All of the fish were caught on an artificial reef with Lamont leading the way with a 24 1/2-inch, 6 lb. 3 oz. flattie caught on a strip of flounder belly.





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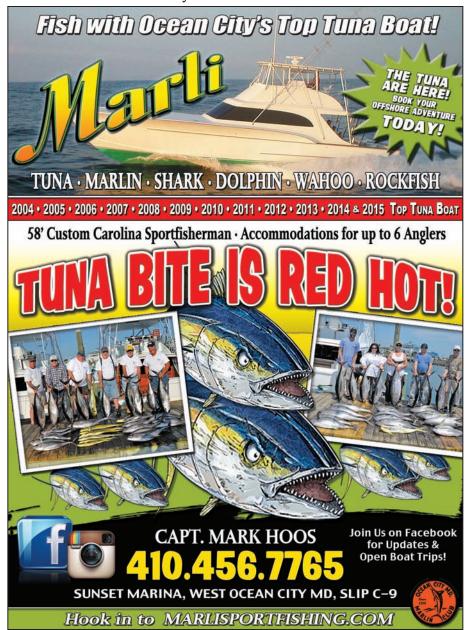


Mark Rodowicz from Catonsville, MD was chunking with butterfish in Massey's Canyon when he hooked into this 19.3 lb. dolphin. Mark was fishing on the "Miss Donna" with Capt. Joe Noble and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em.





Junior angler, Nick Donsidus boated a pair of good size flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Marty Trautwen, Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. During a quick 3 hour trip, Nick hooked the 21 and 23-inchers on strips of false albacore tuna at Kelly's Reef. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





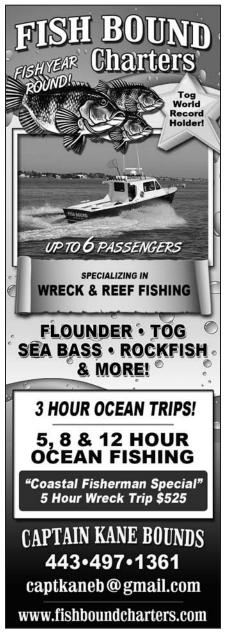


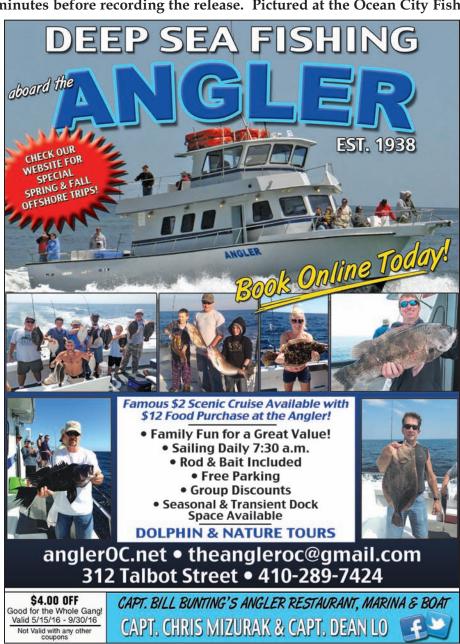
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Before the madness of the White Marlin Open began, Connor Motsko, Garrett Motsko, Chuck Motsko and Andy Motsko spent the day fishing on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Frank Pettolina and mates Franky Pettolina and Chris Evans. In addition to the 9 dolphin they caught while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon, Chuck caught and released his first blue marlin, hooking the fish on ballyhoo with 30 lb. test. Chuck fought the fish for 50 minutes before recording the release. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







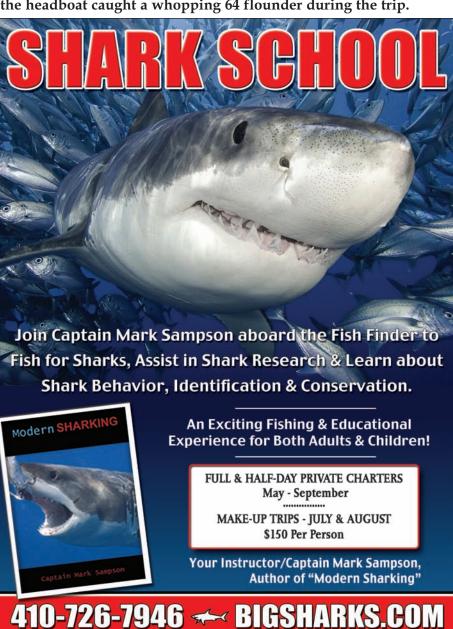




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Susan, Nicholas and David Taylor of Bishopville, DE had a great day fishing at the Old Grounds on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II", returning with a dozen keeper flounder and a sea bass. Anglers on the headboat caught a whopping 64 flounder during the trip.





We're not quite sure how the photographer was standing, but it is a cool catch none the less. Tom Dicampli took his family surf fishing for the first time and he ended up catching this pompano at Savages Ditch while using Fishbite artificial baits.

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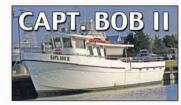


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The Harman family has been a fixture in the Ocean City fishing community for many years and they not only run a top tier marina, they are also know for putting on some of the best tournaments on the Atlantic coast. We had a chance to interview Shawn Harman about the marina business, their tournaments and their association with the American Cancer Society.

Let's talk about Bahia Marina. How long has your family owned Bahia Marina and how did it all come about?

My father, Bill Harman bought Shaffers Marina with his friend and golfing buddy, John Greenein in 1970. The marina, at that time, had 6 rental boats and 4 engines. You could rent a rowboat with oars for \$4.00 per day. By 1974, the fleet swelled to 35 wooden skiffs, all with engines.

How many boats can you accommodate at Bahia

Marina?

Bahia Marina can now handle around 50 boats, depending on their size. Part of what one sees is the Phillips property, which we handle for them, but isn't owned by Bahia Marina.

How has the marina business changed in the years that you have been involved?

The marina business has changed dramatically over the years. In the 70s, Bahia had the largest charter fleet in town, but now with world class dockage located south of the Rt. 50 Bridge, most of the larger boats are docked in West Ocean City.

One of the things that has always impressed me about Bahia Marina is how well maintained it is. I'm sure a lot of work goes on in the off season. Can you give us a feel for what you and your staff do to prepare Bahia Marina for the summer season?

Every year we try to add

or improve upon the previous summer. We paint a lot! Every bench, table and boat receive attention during the winter. We also keep an eye out for any cool new things, like the Hydrobikes we added this year. They have become very popular.

Can you tell us what you have planned for the upcoming seasons?

No one knows what the future holds. We just commit to having a family friendly business that provides quality products at a fair price.

You run several tournaments out of the Bahia Marina. Your tournaments always seem to have a good vibe and a good number of anglers participating. What is your philosophy on running fishing tournaments?

Our philosophy on tournaments is easy. Keep it simple! With the help of Earl Conley from the Bank of Ocean City, we strive to keep it straight forward and return www.coastalfisherman.net as much money back to the anglers as we possibly can. Oh yeah... and we like good food, too.

The next tournament on your schedule is the famous Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open on August 18th, 19th & 20th. This is the 23rd year of the tournament. How did it start and how has it developed over the years?

The Poor Girls Open began as a way for service industry ladies to fish in a tournament against women who had more time to pursue fishing. In the beginning, the tournament donated to different causes or needs, such as helping our families who were touched by tragedy.

Just before Steve's passing (Shawn's brother, Steve Harman), the American Cancer Society became our sole beneficiary and money raised are used on the shore for cancer patients travel expenses.

Are there any changes planned for this years tournament?

No changes are planned for this years event because if it isn't broken, don't fix it. We did, however, add a \$1,000 calcutta for last years tournament that boosted both the payout and the donation to the American Cancer Society.

The interesting part of





the Poor Girls Open is that it is a women-only tournament. Last year, 634 anglers fished on 136 boats in the tournament and anglers won a whopping \$174,250 with the winners of the Billfish Release Division winning over \$89,000. Were these tournament records?

Last year, we set records for the number of anglers and boats participating and the payout to anglers. It was a great tournament!

If you are an angler who wants to participate in the Poor Girls Open, but doesn't have a boat or a group to fish with, is there a way for them to still fish the tournament?

If there are ladies who wish to fish, but don't have a boat, we can try to put together a group or put someone on a boat that is looking for anglers. All they need to do is call the tackle shop at Bahia Marina. Also, social media has become an excellent way to connect people who are looking for anglers to fish with.

Last year, your family and the tournament donated \$89,400 to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Was this the most ever raised? How much have you raised over the years for the American Cancer Society?

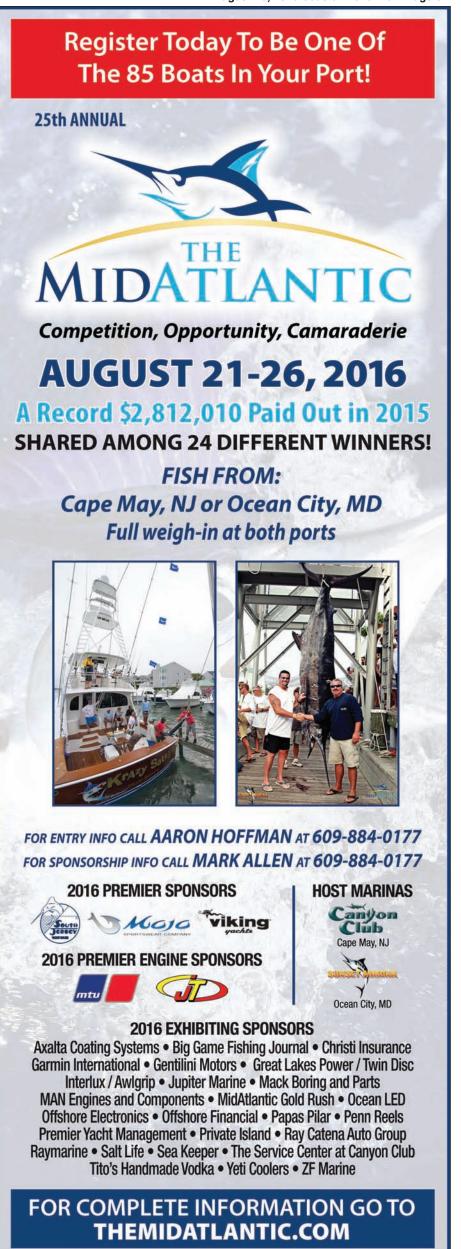
Last years donation was

the largest we have ever made to the American Cancer Society. Since the start of the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, we have donated \$696,900 to the American Cancer Society. This donation is not only from the proceeds of the tournament, but it also comes from the "Clammin' for a Cure" fundraiser organized by my wife, Donna and Brandon Hemp. Last year, that event raised \$20,000. This year they did even better and the donation will be around \$21,600. Donna and Brandon really do a great job with that event!

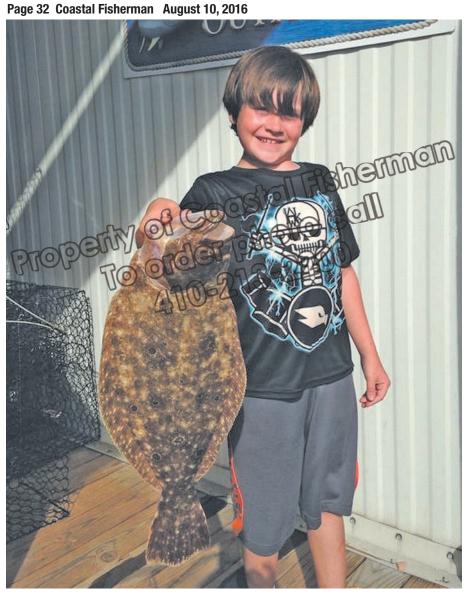
I know you do a television spot called "Tellin' Tales" on the local Ocean City Comcast channel where folks can find out what is happening at Bahia Marina and Fish Tails. You still have some events remaining this season. What are they?

After the Poor Girls Open, we still have two tournament left on the schedule. The Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder, a local favorite, will be held on September 11th and the Rocktoberfest, 24 hour fishing tournament will be on October 22nd and 23rd. really Both are tournaments, Whichever one you enter, try to take a kid fishing.

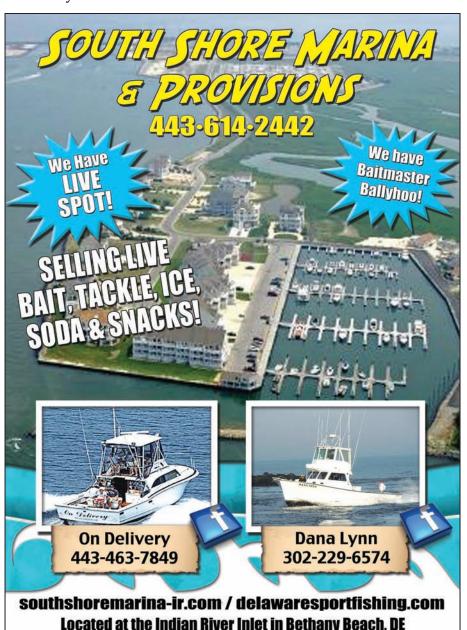








Jacob League, age 8, caught his very first flounder, a 21-incher, while drifting a top and bottom rig tipped with a minnow and squid in Massey's Ditch. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Flounder, along with an occasional sea bass, were really snapping on ocean structure last Sunday and anglers on the headboat, "Morning Star" had a good day around the rail while fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollitt. Pictured are Shane Green, Mark Brown, Mike Fry, William Campbell, Joey Dorman and Jack Dorman. The "Morning Star" sails out of the Ocean City Fishing Center.



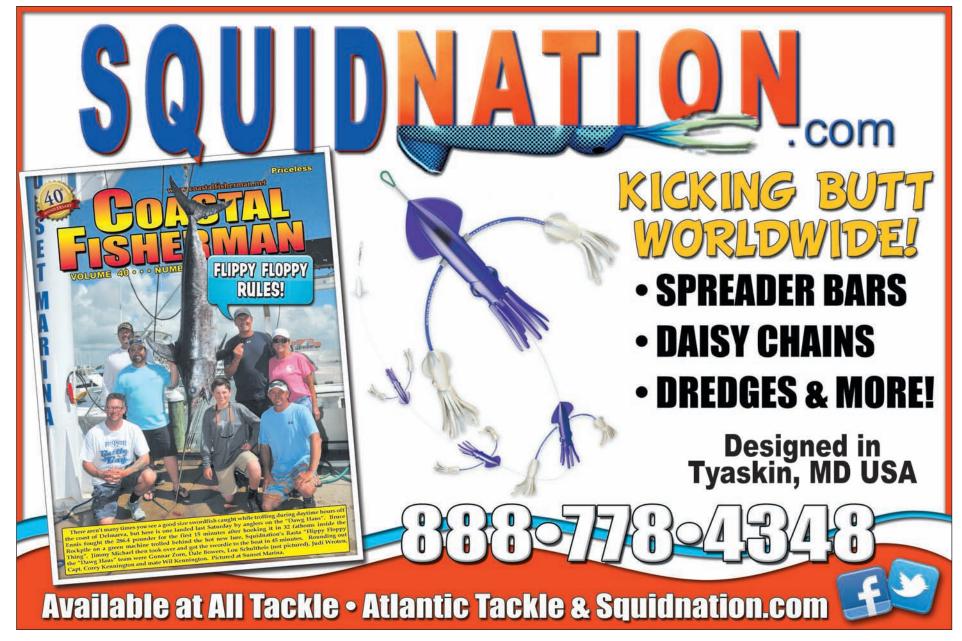




Well at least we know there is one person in the Chaveca family that can catch flounder! Georges Chaveca came down from Montreal, Canada and took a trip on the "Miss Dolly" with his brother, Gerry. He was drifting a minnow in shallow water near the Duck Blinds behind Assateague Island when this 17 1/2-incher made a grave mistake and went after George's minnow. Now, if we could only get Gerry to catch a keeper!

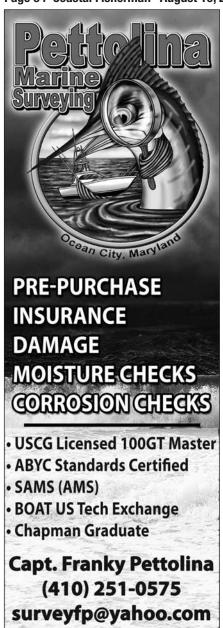


Last Sunday, Robert and Tres Harris, Chuck Crockett, Steve and Donnie Scrivener and Mike Yowell spent the day fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. While trolling in the Baltimore Canyon, Tres caught and released a blue marlin, estimated at 400 lbs., after tossing it a pitch bait. The group also caught 38 blueline tilefish, 6 golden tilefish and 4 dolphin during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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This 24 1/2-inch, 6 lb. flounder should have never went after the strip of squid being offered by Evan Knight of Wilmington, DE. Evan hooked the big flattie at the Old Grounds and weighed his catch at Rick's Bait & Tackle.









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The weather has been absolutely beautiful lately and anglers are flocking to the water. Luckily, we are seeing a large variety of fish being caught in the canals, bays, on the inshore lumps and out in the canyons.

At the Lewes Harbour Marina, Matt reported that there are a decent amount of spot and croaker in the Lewes Canal right now. Spot being caught are a perfect size to use for flounder and striper bait and croakers are in the 6 to 8-inch range. Flounder fishermen in the Canal are still pecking away at flatties and Matt said they are seeing 3 to 4 keepers a day being brought to the cleaning table.

It's still slot season for striped bass and anglers fishing by the Drawbridge and the Research Station are finding some for the cooler. Those fishing at night are catching smaller ones as well. Anglers are mainly jigging, tossing topwater lures or flyfishing.

In the Delaware Bay, weakfish are everywhere, but they are small. The size of croaker in the Bay has definitely improved with fish being caught around the Inner and Outer Walls, in the Broadkill Slough and at Site 5. Matt said that they even saw a black drum brought in by an angler who was fishing with clams at Site 8 on Sunday.

Flounder fishing in the Bay is decent but you really have to work for them. One group of anglers on Saturday had to move between a half dozen spots to get their 16 keepers, but it was worth



Jimmy Taylor, Johnny Horning and Stephen Schwing took an overnight trip on the "Fish Whistle" and ended up with a pair of bigeye tuna weighing 112 and 158 lbs. in addition to 3 dolphin weighing up to 21 lbs. All of the fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

the effort.

Triggerfish and sheepshead are still being caught around the Outer Wall, the Haystacks and at the Ice Breakers.

Boats heading out to the ocean really pounded flounder last week at the Old Grounds and around Buoys "A" & "B". Although minnows and squid are the old standbys, flounder and dolphin belly strips are an absolute killer when it comes to catching big flounder. In addition to the Old Grounds, both private and charter boats

are returning with good catches from ocean structure in 120 feet of water.

For those looking for sea bass, Matt said that the DelJerseyLand Reef has been producing some nice catches of knotheads.

The tuna bite at Massey's has really died off, but boats that trolled in the Wilmington Canyon late in the week found incredible white and blue marlin action. If you weren't interested in billfish, there are plenty of good size dolphin from the

Wilmington Canyon down to the Washington Canyon. In Ocean City, they weighed dolphin up to 54 lbs. last week.

Further south at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Lauren Adams reported that small, bait size spot are being hooked in the back bays along with only a few flounder around Can #19. Spot are being caught on small pieces of cut bait or Fishbites, while flounder are mainly being fooled with Gulp! artificial baits. No croaker yet in the back bays.

In the Indian River Inlet, short flounder dominated the with one action angler reportedly hooking 18 fish with only 1 keeper in the bunch. The keepers are mainly being caught around the Coast Guard Station and by the Red Roof House on the south side. Anglers are stumbling on a few shad in the inlet and striped bass are being caught at night during the incoming tide.

Action on Indian River headboats picked up last week with flounder dominating the rail. Cut bait, minnows, Gulp! and strips of dolphin or flounder belly are the top producers. Those looking for sea bass found them at the DelJerseyLand Reef. In addition, a few ling and cunners have also been hooked.

If you are looking to tangle with small bluefish on light tackle, Lauren said that Fenwick Shoal is the place you want to be.

Although a few yellowfin were caught while chunking at Massey's Canyon, most of the offshore boats out of Indian River chased white and blue marlin throughout the week in the Spencer and Lindenkohl Canyons.

Until next week, tight lines!

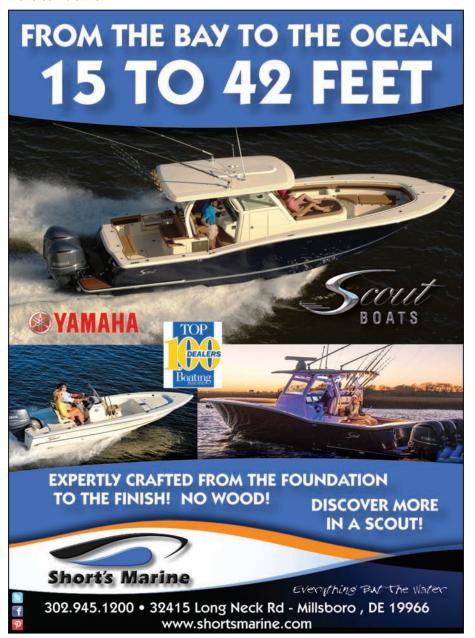


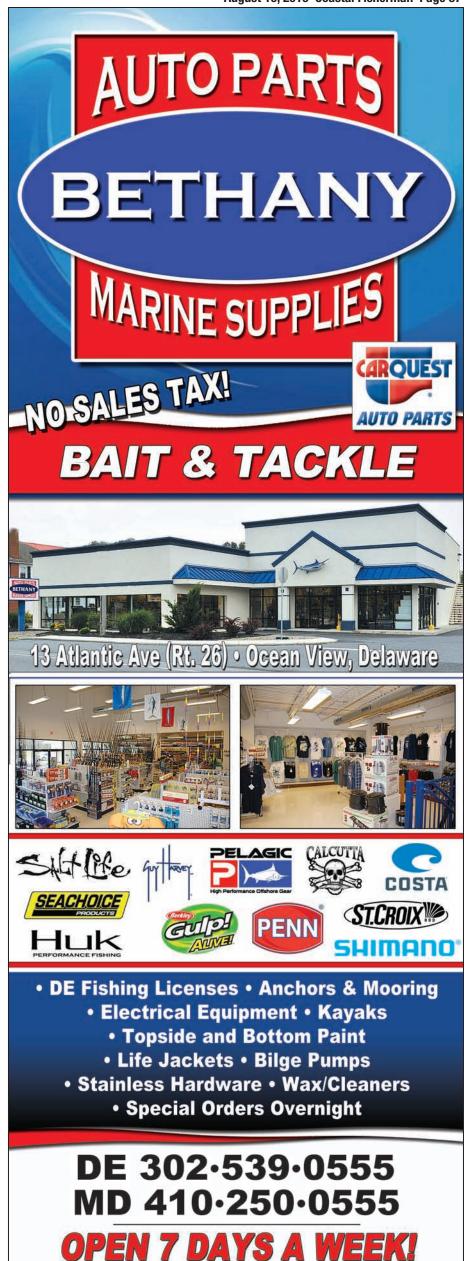
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Austin Einsig from Dover, PA caught his first keeper flounder while drifting minnows in the Indian River Bay. Austin's flattie measured 21-inches and weighed an even 3 lbs. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.









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Jeff Bryant is always good for some nice size flounder each season and on this day he boated a pair of big ones while drifting spot north of Harbour Island. Jeff's flatties measured 22-inches and 24 1/4-inches with the larger one tipping the scale at 7 lbs. 8 oz.





On the final day of the 8th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, Jennifer Cosgrove released a blue marlin, Sandy Bass released a white marlin and they teamed up with Jenn Burger, Vicki Burger and Taryn Crampton to capture 3 dolphin weighing up to 22.6 lbs. The anglers were fishing in the Wilmington Canyon on the "C-Boys" with Paul Crampton, Capt. Luke Blume and mate Jon Henry. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.













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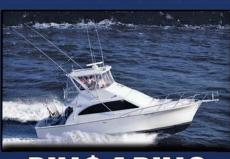
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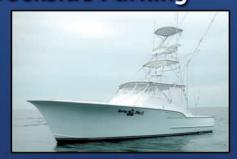
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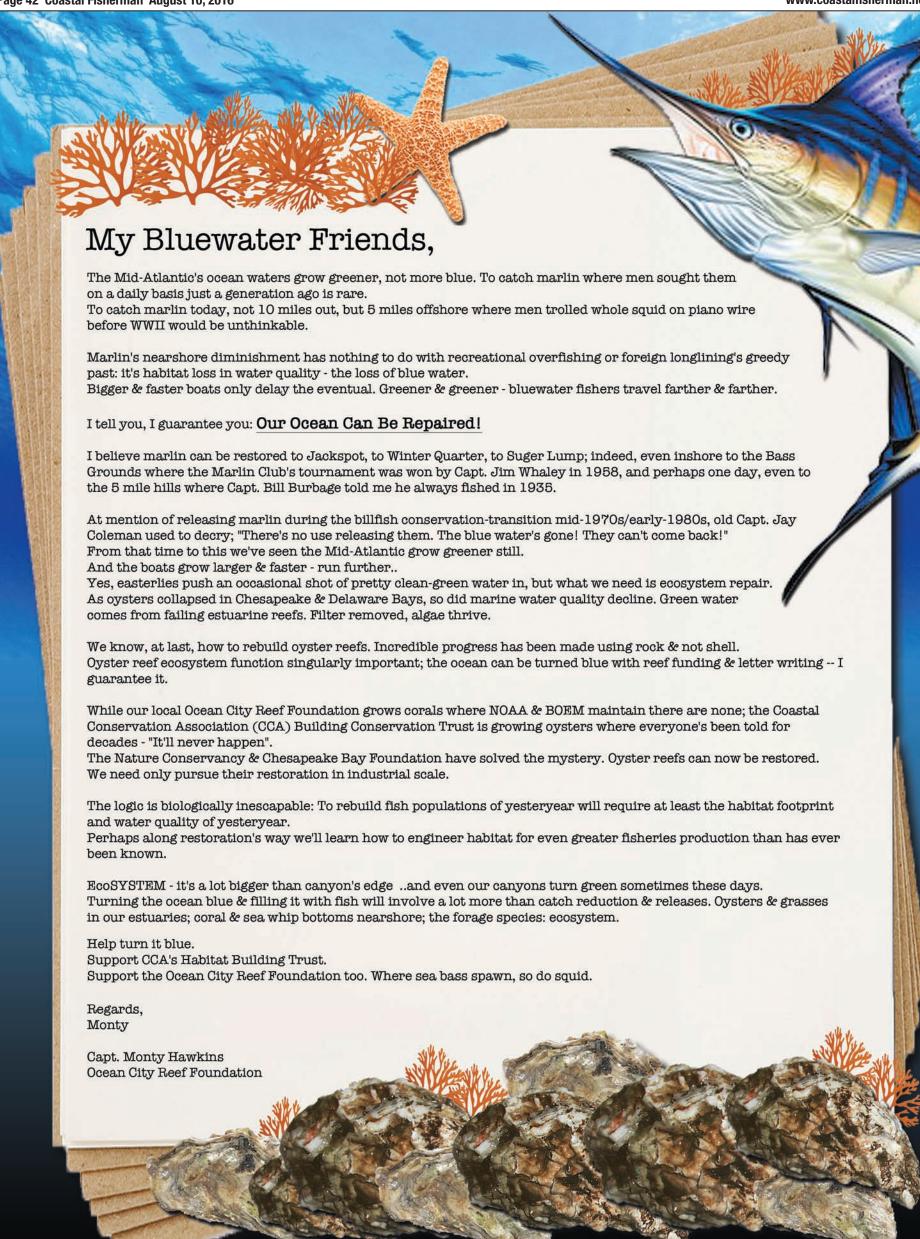
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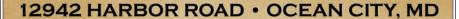








Darin Cathell of Frankford, DE, Chuck Sharp of Dagsboro, DE and Patrick Montague of Fenwick Island, DE were spearfishing while free diving off the coast of Delaware when they came upon this 76.6 lb. cobia. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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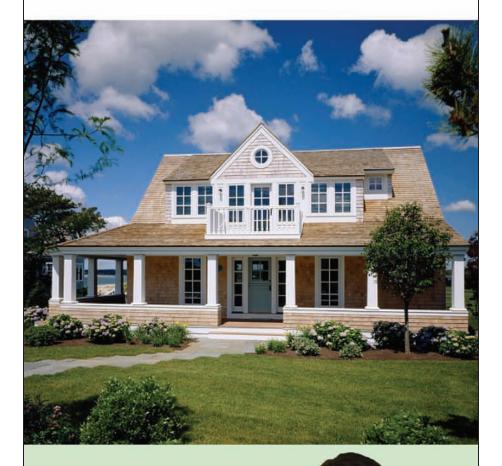
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Baked Flounder with Shrimp Sauce

6 TBSP. butter

1/4 cup flour
2 cups whole milk
Salt and white pepper
1 lb. spinach, stemmed,
 washed but not dried
4 flounder fillets
1/2 lb. cooked cocktail
 shrimp
1/2 cup low sodium
 chicken broth
1 TBSP. tomato paste
Pinch of cayenne pepper
 or to taste
Minced fresh chives for
 garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Lightly butter a medium sized dish, about 8 by 12 inches.

In saucepan over medium-

low heat, melt the butter.

Stir in the flour to make a roux and cook, stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes.

Gradually whisk in the milk.

Raise the heat to medium and bring the mixture to a simmer, whisking frequently.

Cook until thickened into a white sauce, about 10 minutes.

Whisk in 1 tsp. salt and pepper to taste.

Cover and set aside.

In a small stockpot, place the spinach, cover and cook until wilted, about 3 minutes.

Empty into colander and run cold water to cool.

In small handfuls, squeeze as much water from the spinach as possible.

Chop the spinach finely. Transfer to a bowl and stir in 1/2 cup of the white sauce.

Season with salt and

-

pepper to taste.

Lay out 4 fillets, smooth side down, checking and discarding any bones you may find.

Spoon 1/4 of the spinach mixture onto the center of each fillet; fold the 2 ends of the fillet over the top of the spinach.

Transfer each fillet into prepared dish, seam side down.

In a blender combine all but a 1/4 cup of shrimp, the remaining white sauce, the stock and the tomato paste.

Puree until smooth.

Place in bowl and season with salt and pepper.

Pour the sauce over the fillets; bake 25 minutes.

Sprinkle the remaining shrimp on top of the fish; bake 5 minutes longer.

Sprinkle with chives. Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi with Pepperonata

Pepperonata

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1/4 cup olive oil 1 medium onion, cut in

thin slices
2 garlic cloves, minced

4 anchovies, minced

2 large bell peppers, yellow and red cut in thin slices

Pinch of crushed red pepper

Salt and white pepper 1 1/2 cups chopped tomatoes

2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves

In a hot, deep skillet, add the oil and onion.

Saute, stirring often, until onions softens.

Add the garlic and anchovies, cook about 30 seconds.

Add peppers, season with salt and pepper; cook 30 seconds.

Add tomatoes and thyme, cover, reduce heat to medium low; simmer 30 minutes.

Add a pinch of crushed red pepper.

Mahi 4 Mahi fillets







- 1/3 cup minced kalamata olives
- 1 TBSP olive oil
- 1 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Tear off four 18x12 pieces of heavy-duty aluminum foil.

Fold in thirds lengthwise and reopen.

Divide the peperonata among the pieces of foil, spooning it into the center of each.

Season the fish with salt and pepper and set it on the pereronata.

In small bowl stir together the minced olives and olive oil; divide this paste among the fillets, spreading with the back of a spoon.

Close up the packets and place on a baking sheet; bake 15 minutes.

Open each packet carefully. Slide the fish and pereronata out into a soup plate with all the juices.

Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Serves 4.

Sea Bass with Zucchini, Tomato and Parsley Pesto

2 small zucchini, cut in

thin slices
Olive oil
Salt
16 cherry tomatoes, halved
4 sea bass fillets
White pepper
4 TBSP. parsley pesto
Extra virgin olive oil

Pesto

- 2 cups flat-leaf parsley, stems removed, about 2 bunches
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 TBSP. pine nuts
- 1/3 cup olive oil, plus a little more

Salt

Place parsley and garlic in food processor; pulse until finely chopped.

Add cheese and pine nuts; pulse once or twice.

Turn processor on and



Steve Cooper from Pittsville, MD used squid to fool this 3 lb. sea bass while fishing on a natural reef aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. The "Angler" runs out of Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.







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Israel Lopez ventured all the way from Mexico City, MX and spent a day fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Israel ended up boating a 2 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing with squid at a natural

Where the Locals Go! HAPPY HOUR 11-7 DAILY OUR NEW MENU! 302-436-0122 33195 Lighthouse Rd. · Selbyville, DE pour in the oil in a steady stream.

> Process to a fine paste. Season with salt.

Take four 18x12 inch pieces of heavy-duty of aluminum foil. Fold in thirds lengthwise and reopen.

Toss the zucchini with a drizzle of olive oil and some salt and divide it among pieces of foil, spooning it into the center of each piece.

Toss the tomatoes with a drizzle of oil and spoon over the zucchini.

Season the fish with the salt and white pepper and set it on top of the vegetables.

Spread a generous TBSP. of the pesto on the top of each fillet.

Close and secure the packets.

Set the packets on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Be careful of the steam when opening the packets.

Serves 4.

Baked Scallops with

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Butter

1 3/4 lb. sea scallops, tough bits removed Salt and pepper 6 TBSP. Sun-Dried Tomato Butter

Sun-Dried Tomato Butter 4 sun-dried tomatoes (8 halves; not packed in

3 TBSP. bread crumbs

1/2 packed cup fresh basil leaves

8 TBSP. unsalted butter, softened

1 small garlic clove, minced to a paste Salt

Cover tomatoes with very hot water; let them sit for 20 minutes to reconstitute.

Drain, blot dry and chop. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil.

Blanch the basil, leaves for 30 seconds.

Drain, then shock the basil in a bowl of ice water.





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Drain, squeeze basil dry with a clean kitchen towel.

Give basil a rough chop.

Combine tomatoes, basil, butter and garlic in a food processor.

Process until tomatoes are almost pureed and butter is fluffy.

Season with salt and pepper.

Pack into a small bowl. Let flavors develop for an hour, then cover with plastic wrap and chill until firm.

For Scallops
1 3/4 lbs. sea scallops
Salt and pepper
6 TBSP. Sun-Dried Tomato
Butter
3 TBSP. breadcrumbs

Heat oven to 450-degrees with rack in the upper third of the oven.

Season scallops with salt and pepper.

Smear 2 TBSP. of the butter in the bottom of a 1- 1/2 quart dish.

Set scallops in the dish in a single layer and spread the rest

of the butter over the top of the scallops.

Sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Bake until bubbling, about 10 minutes.

Serves 4.

Shrimp and Pineapple Teriyaki

1 lb. shrimp
1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
1/4 cup pineapple juice
1 TBSP. oil
1/4 cup pureed pineapple
1 pineapple cut in small

pieces 1 tsp. sesame oil

1 green onion, chopped

Marinate the shrimp in the teriyaki sauce and pineapple juice for 10 to 20 minutes in refrigerator.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan.

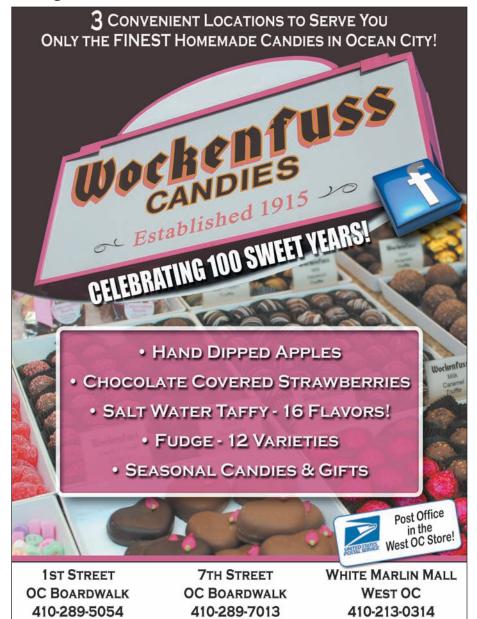
Add the shrimp and sauté until cooked, 2 minutes per side.

Remove shrimp to a bowl, leaving the marinade in pan.



Tuna fishing has been slow in Massey's Canyon but Scott and Shane Drollette rolled into town from Illinois and captured their first yellowfin tuna while chunking with Brad Taylor on the "Fighting Lady". They went 2 for 4 on yellowfins and also picked up a false albacore during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







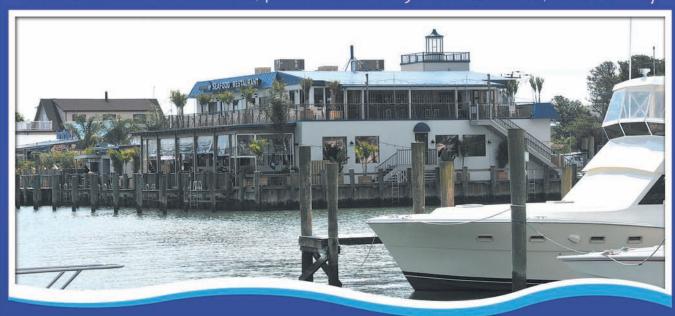
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Turn heat up a little and reduce the marinade by half in the pan.

Mix in the pineapple.

Remove pan from heat and mix in shrimp and sesame oil.

Garnish with green onion. Serves 4.

Shrimp Fritters

Dipping Sauce
1/3 cup fish sauce
1/3 cup fresh lime juice
2 TBSP. sugar
2 tsp. minced garlic
1 small habanero chile, cut
in thin rings

Stir all of the ingredients together in a small bowl.

Let the sauce sit for at least 30 minutes.

For the Fritters

2 large eggs

1/3 cup cold seltzer or club soda

2 TBSP. fresh lime juice

3/4 cup flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/tsp. salt

1 1/4 lbs. large shrimp, shelled and chopped

1/2 cup minced red onion

1/2 cup minced red bell pepper

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Peanut or vegetable oil for frying

Whisk the eggs in a medium bowl.

Pour in the seltzer or club soda and lime juice; whisk until smooth. The mixture will foam up.

Add the flour, baking powder and salt and wisk until the batter is smooth.

Stir in the shrimp, onion, red pepper and cilantro.

Heat at least 3-inches of oil in a dutch oven pot to 350-degrees.

Set a rack over a baking sheet next to the stove.

When the oil is hot, drop a heaping TBSP. of batter. Do not crowd them because the temperature will drop too much and the fritters will be greasy.

Fry the fritters turning

them with a slotted spoon, so they cook evenly until golden brown, about 3 minutes.

If the fritters break apart when you add them to the oil, add another TBSP. or two of flour to the batter.

Serve with a dipping sauce and some boston lettuce leaves for wrapping fritters.

Makes 24 fritters.

Chicken Fried Soft Shell Crabs

For the Marinade
1 cup buttermilk
1/4 cup minced red onion
1/4 cup chopped scallions
3 TBSP. chopped fresh dill
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. grated lemon zest

Combine all of the ingredients in a baking dish and stir well.

1/2 tsp. chili paste

For the Crabs 12 soft-shell crabs, cleaned Salt and pepper 3/4 cup flour 3/4 cup cornmeal Peanut oil for frying

Lay the crabs in the marinade making sure they are completely coated.

Cover and marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Remove crabs from the marinade and season with salt and pepper.

Combine the flour and cornmeal.

Dip the crabs, patting to coat well.

Lay them on a rack over a baking sheet.

Refrigerate for about 1 hour to set the coating.

Heat 1/4-inch of oil in a heavy skillet until very hot but not smoking.

Fry the crabs in batches for 2 minutes on the first side, turn and fry for another minute.

The crust should be golden. Use a splatter screen when frying.

Drain on paper towels. Serve with tartar sauce.



When he isn't fixing props at "Propeller Fellers" or chasing whitetail deer, Mark "Fish" Fisher can usually be found casting from the beach, or in this case, heading offshore in search of tuna. On this day, Fish, along with his wife Jenn, Randy Shields and Chris Shields headed to Massey's Canyon on the charter boat, "Playtime" with Capt. Ron Taylor and mate John Hardy and caught 4 yellowfins on the chunk. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

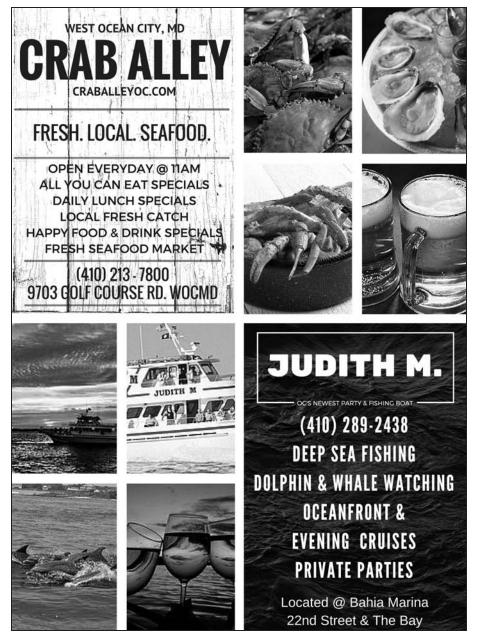




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Ray Townsend captured a 25 1/2-inch, 6 lb. 9 oz. flounder to win 1st place in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament and a check for \$945. Ray caught the winning flounder on a squid and smelt combination at Site 10.







Tom Porambo is \$630 richer after winning 2nd place in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament with a 22 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 12 oz. flattie caught on a minnow dressed up with a white teaser at the Old Grounds.



Third place in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament was won by Scott Mohn with a 22 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 4 oz. flounder caught on a white Gulp! artificial bait at the Old Grounds. Scott won a Penn rod and reel for his 3rd place finish.



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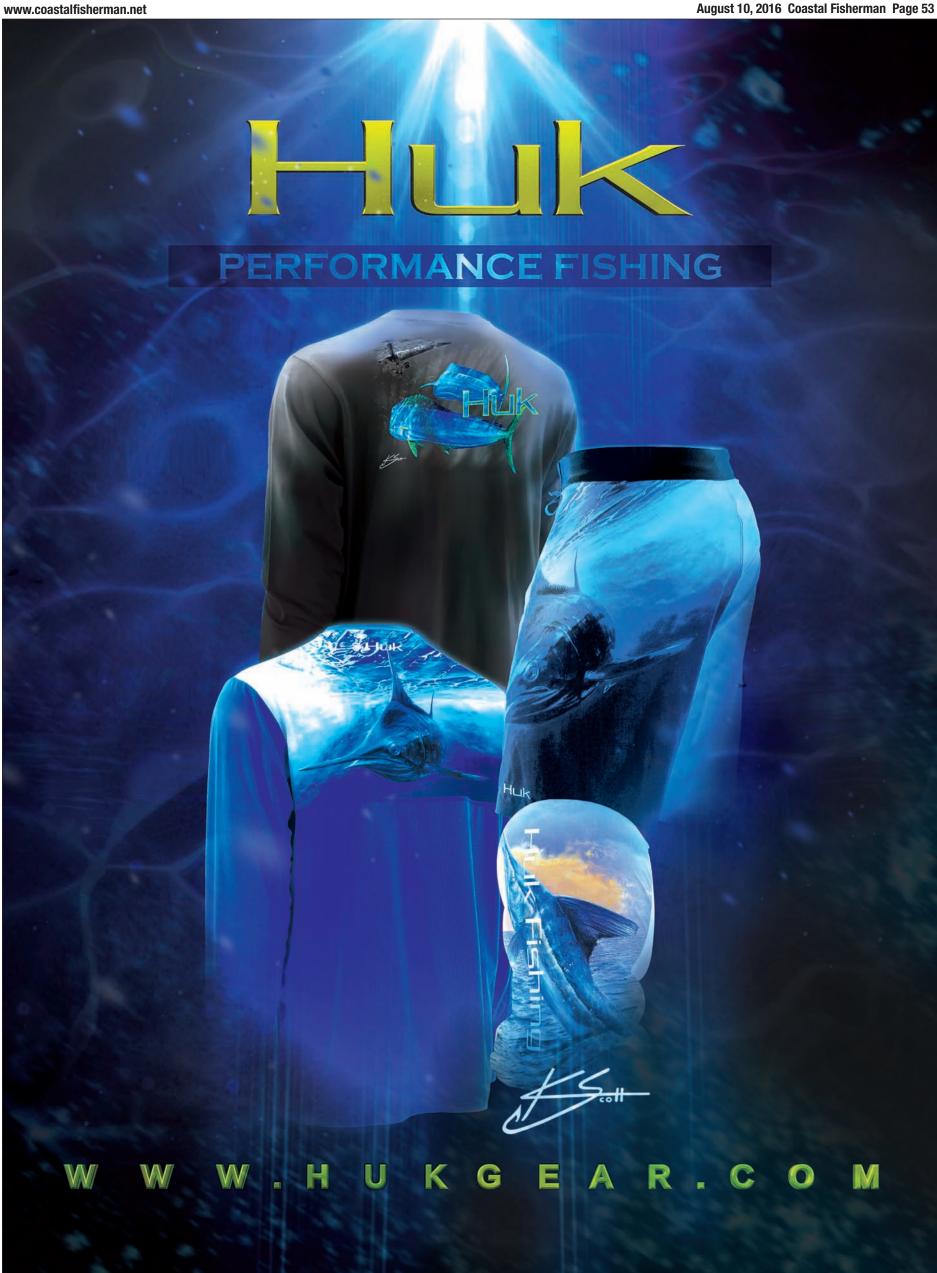


While fishing on headboat, "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Roger Meekins, Jon Willis of Shortsville, NY captured this 25 1/2-inch, 6 lb. 5 oz. flounder after hooking it on cut bait at "A" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



This plump 26-inch, 7 lb. 5 oz. flounder was caught by Eugene Foreman of Lewes, DE while fishing with shiners at Site 10. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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Pish by Capt. Franky Pettolina Stories

As I stood in the cockpit with lightning flashes streaking through the night sky, a mortal battle was waging just a few feet away from me. Actually "battle" is probably the wrong name for it. It was more of a slaughter than a battle. After what I witnessed this past Saturday night just north of the 461 Lump, I can unequivocally say that 4 to 6-inch flying fish are no match for a squid of just about any size.

Throughout the day on Saturday, we spotted flying fish on the surface many times. Fishing was pretty slow, but there were flyers everywhere. When we set up to drift for the night, with our bright spreader lights shining and our chum pot dispersing fishy snacks, we soon had bunches of those little flyers hanging all around the boat. Quite often they would take flight and land on our covering boards or even on the deck near our feet.

An hour or two after dark the squids showed up. If you have never seen a live squid, let me tell you this. They are fast! I mean Ricky Bobby fast when they want to be and they can be just as fast going forwards as they are in reverse. I am pretty sure they are the only creature that can make that claim. If you don't believe me, try dip netting them when they aren't preoccupied eating chum or baby flying fish. If you are not super sneaky and quick on the draw, your net will come up empty more often than not. Like I said, they are fast!

Soon after the squids showed up, I witnessed the great flying fish feast come to pass. Flyers only have one strategy. There is no fight only flight. Squids apparently utilize a singular strategy as well. Spook the flyers into the air and then be there when they land. The little flyers would launch themselves up and away from the squids, and no sooner were they in the air when the squid would hit it's high speed turbo water jet and catch the flyer when it splashed down. From that point on, it would be a struggling flying fish held by tentacles, all the while being eaten alive by Squidward and his buddies. Pretty gruesome when you think about it. Being ripped to shreds by a hooked beak. Squids are mean! And scary! For their size at least.

Later on towards morning, I heard a conversation on the radio between my buddies Gary and Big Al. They were talking about a big school of two tones (a type of dolphinthe mammal, not the fish) tearing apart a bait ball of mackerels. Yup, good old Flipper and his pals were decimating an population of mackerels. Big Al was talking about the quick work the two tones made of the bait ball. He said it was really cool to watch, and I am sure it was super cool, unless you were one of mackerels!

This got me thinking about something I always tell my charter clients. The ocean is extremely violent ecosystem. When you are small you get eaten. When you are slow you get eaten. When you get old or careless you get eaten. Big fish eat little fish. That's what they do. Most fish are cannibals. Big tunas eat little tunas. Momma mahi eat baby mahi. When it comes down to it, mahi eat just about anything turtles, filefish, pufferfish, crabs, shrimp, mini marlins, squid, mackerel, sea horses and micro swordfish. These are all things I have found in the bellies of mahi when I cut them open, or when they throw up all over my deck! Mahi are eating machines! I saw a picture on Facebook recently of a pile of dead baby sea turtles. There were probably 30 or more of them. They were all the contents of a big gaffer mahi's stomach. I watch enough Discovery Channel to know that something like one out of every couple hundred baby sea turtles survives the crawl from the nest on the beach to the ocean. So, in essence, this one mahi wiped out the entire year's crop of newborn sea

Disney has it all wrong. There are no musical numbers under the sea. Fish don't have friends. Predators do not protect their prey. Neptune may be the King of the Sea, but I am pretty sure a hungry mako shark would make pretty quick work of him given the opportunity! And poor Ariel wouldn't stand a chance. Little Mermaid my butt, more like Little Lite Fare! My biggest fear is to be reincarnated as a bait fish.

turtles!

I am writing this a few days prior to the start of the White Marlin Open. This issue will have the winners of the Ocean City Marlin Club Heels and Reels Ladies Tournament in it. There may even be an early front runner from the Open pictured on



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these pages. All of them are big fish that ate little fish (or maybe a piece of plastic that looked like a little fish). Yup, the ocean is a violent ecosystem. Humans are the only ones out there for fun. To everything else, it truly is a matter of life and death.

To all of the participants in the Heels and Reels I hope you had a blast! To everyone in the WMO, I hope you have the luck of the squid and not the fate of the flying fish. Also, no matter what happens to be on the leaderboard prior to Friday night, remember, to quote one of my favorite Jedi... "There is always a bigger fish!"

One last thing. I apologize to the internet fish police for my excessive use of the word "Mahi" this week. It is just so much easier to type than Atlantic dolphin fish!

Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



Erin McCulloch-Nadolny from Towson, MD muscled in this 45 lb. bull dolphin while fishing on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Jeff and Matt Nadolny from Townson, MD, Eryn Nadolny from Stewartstown, PA, Nick Vrankin from Stewartstown, PA, Tim Kratz from Towson, MD, Capt. Frank Pettolina and mates Franky Pettolina and Chris Evans. The 58-inch dolphin was hooked while trolling ballyhoo in 120 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Frank found 83-degree water. The anglers ended their trip with 11 dolphin in the box. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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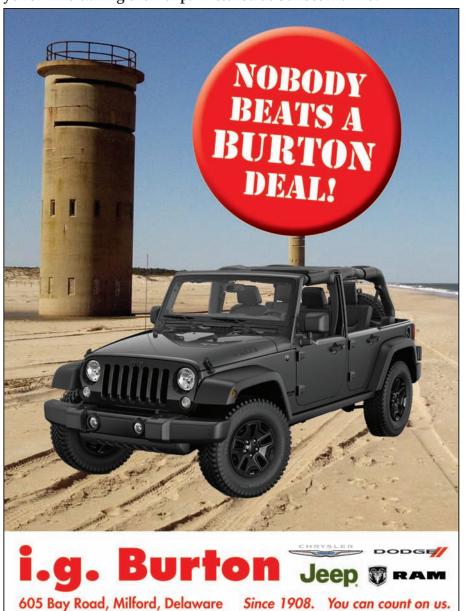




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Chris, Blake, Dylan and Angela Wagman from York, PA teamed up with Brandon Wiseman and Austin Grove from Spring Grove, PA to catch 5 yellowfin tuna while chunking in Massey's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Matt Bierley, Muskrat Doerzbach and the famous Sasha Lickle. The anglers also released 3 other yellowfins during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Jack Sandlas from Ocean City, MD caught this 19 1/2-inch sea bass on a chunk of clam at an artificial reef. Jack was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Dave Moore. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Researchers find abrupt changes in habitat could impact striped bass populations

Striped bass are known to have favorite summer swimming spots to which they return every year. They are creatures of habit. However, when a hurricane everything can change very quickly. The water level rises rapidly. Runoff floods the river with sediment and chokes off the oxygen. Heavy rains create rushing currents and a sudden drop in water temperature. And the fish leave the area in a hurry. Scientists call it "evacuating" to better conditions.

Researchers from University of Maryland Center Environmental Science wanted to know the impact of severe storms on fish populations that have to make sudden and unexpected trips downstream, away from their preferred habitat, to more hospitable waters. Thanks to global warming, waterways that make up important habitat for fish are likely to experience an increased frequency of such extreme conditions.

"These events happen naturally, but having them occur more frequently may have a bigger impact on the fish," said the study's lead author Helen Bailey. "If you get more frequent storms during the year, it is possible you could interrupt their breeding and feeding in ways that impact their population."

Bailey and Dave Secor tracked 22 striped bass in the

Hudson River Estuary (which hosts one of the largest populations of this species) and New York Harbor during the Tropical Storms Irene and Lee in 2011. Occurring about a week apart, the significant weather events caused heavy rainfall, major flooding, and sudden influxes of fresh, cold water into the waterways.

The year before, during normal conditions, researchers had tagged the fish that lived there with small electronic transmitters that regularly pinged their every move. After the storms, they were able to compare the data to examine how their behavior was impacted by the extreme storm events.

"There are very few studies on this because it so hard to sample during these storm events. You can't predict when they will happen and these can be hazardous conditions to work in," said Bailey. "Telemetry data gave us the opportunity to do it."

The researchers discovered that when the storms hit, most of the fish rapidly left the Hudson River and New York Harbor, moving south along the coast. A few remained in the harbor and were able to avoid being displaced. Others did a few exploratory trips later back to the harbor to check on conditions over the next few months and eventually returned up the river.

"It's not unusual for fish to be leaving this area at this time of year," said Bailey. "What was very unusual was that so many of them did it, they went so far south, and they did it so quickly."

There were several changes to the behavior that the

researchers didn't expect. Most concerning, depending on when the storm events occurred, some of the striped bass that evacuated the areas did not immediately return, adopting new migration behaviors.

"The responses of fish species to extreme weather events will need to considered when planning management strategies to ensure efforts are appropriately targeted to maintain key population segments and critical evacuation routes," said Dave Secor, the study's co-author at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.

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the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is the oldest publicly supported marine laboratory on the East Coast. Founded in 1925, it has long been a national leader in fisheries, environmental chemistry and toxicology, and ecosystem science restoration ecology with a focus whole ecosystem management and restoration. From developing successful fisheries management plans and breaking new ground in understanding how chemicals move between the atmosphere, sediments, and water renowned work on nutrient dynamics and the food web, the lab is developing new scientific approaches to solving environmental management problems that face our world.











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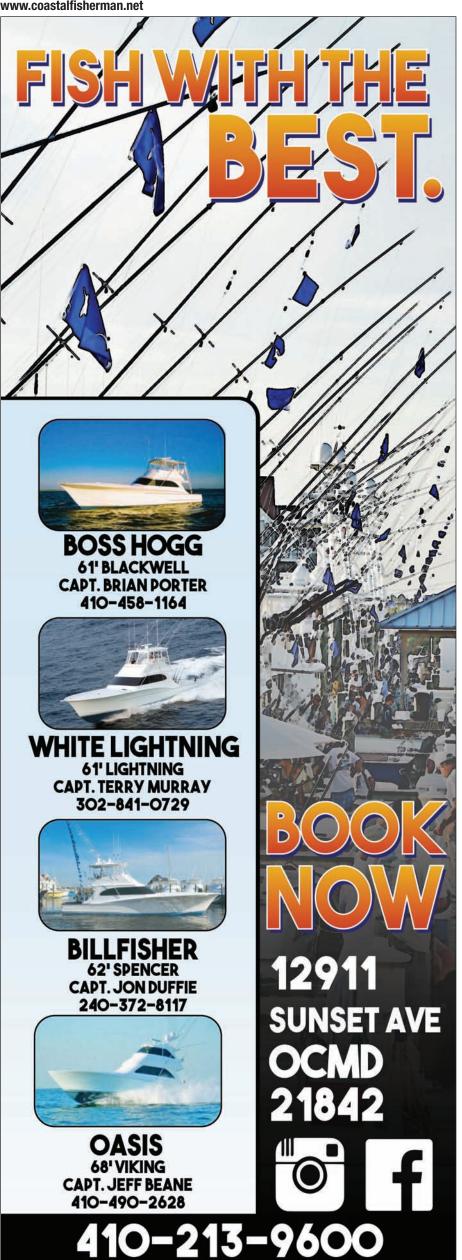
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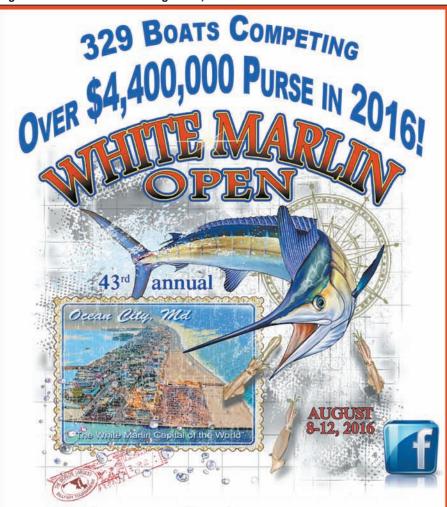


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Kylie Archambault, age 11, from Mt. Airy, MD made the most of her first offshore fishing trip by capturing a 40 lb. yellowfin tuna while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Kylie was fishing on the "Fishin' Magician" with her dad, Jeff Archambault, P.J. Folland, Capt. Sam Folland and mate Dakota Bittner. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Three yellowfin tuna fell at the hands of Damien Fuscellaro, Ashley Starratta and Brian Mulvena while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





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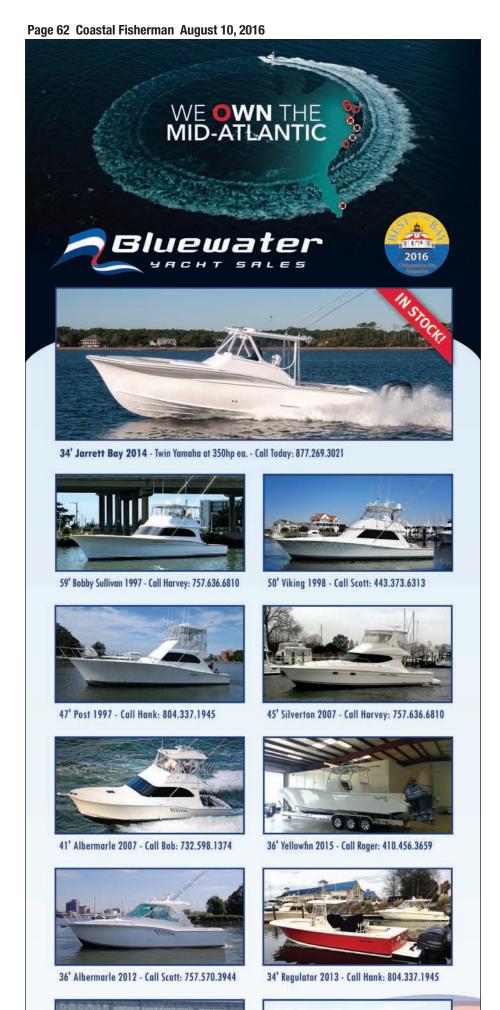


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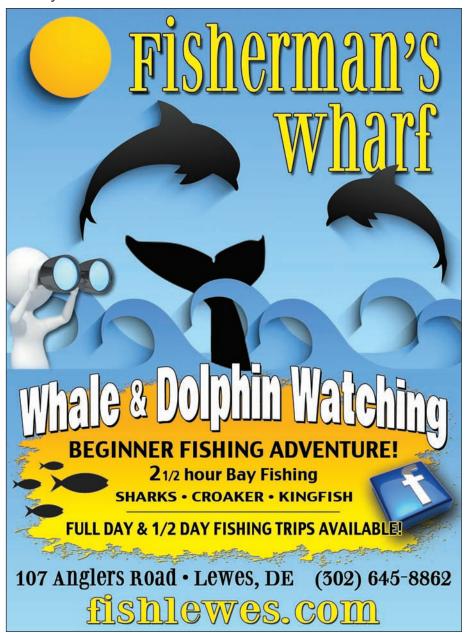
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Brennan Lorence from Forest Hill, MD, swung by the *Coastal Fisherman* office in West Ocean City to have his picture taken with the 19-inch flounder he caught while fishing with minnows off 28th Street in Ocean City. Joining Brennan in the picture is Ryan Mosier and Bryce Lorence.





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Hugh, Hughie and Jack Larkin were fishing on the "Baron Sea" with Capt. Rich Daiker when they captured a bluefin tuna, 3 yellowfin tuna and 2 dolphin while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



The bay behind Assateague Island has been good to anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" this summer, and on this day, Ty Bosack from Forrestville, PA caught a 22-inch flounder on a live minnow by Marker 10. Ty is pictured with Capt. Jason Mumford. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.



This 30-inch bluefish made the mistake of attacking the Gotcha Plug being tossed from the Rt. 50 Bridge by Kyler McGowan.





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Gabriel Dalfonso, age 6, from Parsonsburg, MD caught this 17-inch flounder on a Gulp! and minnow combination in the Ocean City Inlet while fishing on the "Intensity".



Scott Manning of Long Neck, DE looks thrilled with the 25 1/2-inch, 10 lb. tautog he caught while fishing with sand fleas at Site 11. Scott also caught 2 other tog that weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and 6 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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The largest flounder caught so far this year was captured by Mark Stanley of Millersville, MD. Mark hooked the 29 1/2-inch, 10 lb. 3 oz. flattie while fishing with a pink Gulp! artificial bait on the north side of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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During the Paradise Grill Bay Flounder Tournament, John Coleman of Smyrna, DE caught a 5 lb. 5 oz. flounder while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with Brittany Adams of Hook'em & Cook'em. John ended up taking 2nd place in the tournament.



Rick and Kyle Rummage were trolling northeast of the Hot Dog when they caught a pair of dolphin weighing 18 and 30 lbs. The larger mahi was caught on two rods, not settling to eat just one bait.







Last Saturday, the 9th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament was held with 201 anglers competing to catch the flounder with the greatest length, and at the end of the event, none were larger than the 21 1/8-incher caught by Robert Densmore. Robert hooked the flattie on a live minnow in the Ocean City Inlet and won \$1,352 for his 1st place catch. Pictured at Pines Point Marina.



In the 2016 Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament, Vince Cannuli captured a 19 3/8-inch flounder while drifting a minnow in the East Channel. Vince won 2nd place in the tournament, with his 3.61 pounder winning the tiebreaker versus Preston Walls' 19 3/8-inch flounder that weighed 3.36 lbs. For his 2nd place finish, Vince won \$584 in award money. Pictured at Pines Point Marina.



1ST PLACE

ROBERT DENSMORE 21 1/8" · 3.44 LBS. · \$1,352

2ND PLACE

VINCE CANNULI 193/8" · 3.61 LBS. · \$584

3RD PLACE

PRESTON WALLS 193/8" · 3.36 LBS. · \$242



Preston Walls boated a 19 3/8-inch flounder to tie for 2nd place in the 9th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament, but finished in 3rd place after coming up on the short end of the weight-based tiebreaker. Preston caught the 3.36 pounder while drifting bunker in the West Channel off Martha's Landing and won \$242 for his 3rd place finish. Pictured at Pines Point Marina.





Courtney Van de Wal, age 15, from Tanawanda, NY caught and released her first white marlin while trolling at the 461 Lump. Courtney was fishing on the "G-FORCE" with Seth Obetz (pictured), her dad, Tony Van de Wal, Capt. Tony Diesel and mate Marston Jones. The white marlin came in hot on a pink squid teaser and ate the short line naked ballyhoo that was dropped back to it.



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Trevor and Mark Lawrence from Ocean City, MD caught sea bass and Spanish mackerel while fishing at an ocean wreck on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollitt. The sea bass were caught on chunks of clam and the mackerel were hooked on spoons. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Dennis Robbins and Dwayne Dodd were fishing on the "Double D" when they ventured out to Massey's Canyon for a day of chunking. The anglers caught 3 yellowfins, totalling 120 lbs., in addition to 3 dolphin. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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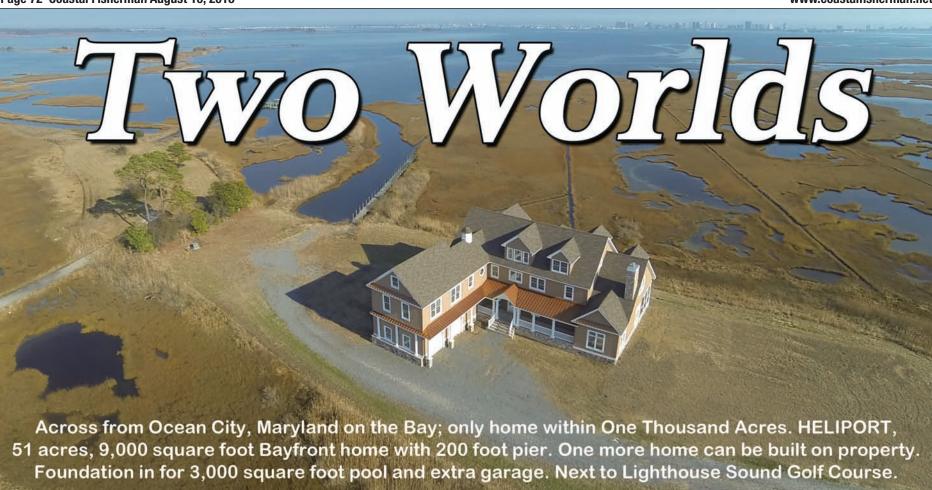
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Dan Mattio from Kingville, MD was drifting a homemade jig tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait when he hooked into this 23-inch flounder during the incoming tide. Dan's only keeper of the day, after hooking several throwbacks, weighed 4 lbs. 12 oz. including 3 bunker in it's belly. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle. August 10, 2015 Coastal Fisherman Page 73



Willie Hardman from Magnolia, DE, T. Anderson and Cathy Anderson from Dover, DE, Tami and Scott Creech from Smyrna, DE, David Dill from Wyoming, DE and Ernest Stevens from Smyrna, DE ended their day with 2 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin after spending the day chunking in Massey's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Mike Mason and John Griffith.



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On the first day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, anglers on the "Tra Sea Ann" had a great day, releasing 13 white marlin in 200-500 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. Their 13 releases gave them 1st place in the Billfish Release Division and \$15,210 in award money. Fishing with Capt. Jeff Thiel and mates Rob Manetta, Rob Manetta, Jr. and Chris Manetta were Vanessa Bogan, Diane Camerada, Ann Wilusz, Traci Manetta, Mary Aliseo and Joann Cina. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



Michele Lambie, Darlene White, Renee Finnegan and Andrea Oughton are all smiles after weighing a 36.4 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$18,045. The dolphin was caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Mike Mason and Aaron Brawer. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



On opening day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, Emma Campbell of Baltimore, MD released 3 white marlin and was named Top Junior Angler in the tournament. Emma was fishing on the "Reel Estate" with Tatum DiGiovanni, Bruce Campbell, Tom Biddison, Capt. Curtis Campbell and mate Connor Campbell. The white marlin, along with a 12.6 lb. dolphin, were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where Capt. Curtis found 79-degree water. Emma won \$500 for her Top Junior honors. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.

8th Annual OCMC LADIES' TOURNAMENT "Heels & Reels" RESULTS

BILLFISH RELEASE

1ST PLACE · "TRA SEA ANN" 1,300 PTS. · \$15,210 2ND PLACE · "BRENDA LOU" 900 PTS. · \$1,512

3RD PLACE · "MAX BET" 900 PTS. · \$2,952

DOLPHIN

1ST PLACE · "THAT'S RIGHT" · 36.4 LBS. · \$18,045

2ND PLACE · "LAST CALL" · 33.8 LBS. · \$4,347

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Brenda Goodhart, Allison Bucher and Monica Freese teamed up to release 9 white marlin on opening day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament and held on to win 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division. The lady anglers were fishing on the "Brenda Lou" and hooked the whites while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon with Capt. Frank Goodhart and mates David Connor and Ryan Freese. The "Brenda Lou" team tied the anglers on the "Max Bet", who also recorded 9 releases, but won the tiebreaker based on the earlier time of their last release. For their 2nd place finish, the ladies took home \$1,512 in award money. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



Third place in the Billfish Release Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament was won by the anglers on the "Max Bet" with 9 white marlin released in the Wilmington Canyon on the first day of the tournament. Although they tied the anglers on the "Brenda Lou", who also recorded 9 releases, they lost the tiebreaker based on a later time for their last release. Fishing with Capt. Robbie Valco and mates Tony Aliotta and Austin Robins were Kelly Weber, Sarah Weber and Carla McMenamy. For their 3rd place finish, the ladies won \$2,952 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club.



On the second and final day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, anglers on the charter boat "Last Call" captured 3 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Their largest fish, caught by Missy Evans, weighed 33.8 lbs. and ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Fishing with Missy were Jen Otto, Chrissy Auker, Jen Pettolina, Maddie Pettolina, Capt. Frank Pettolina, Capt. Franky Pettolina and mate Chris Evans. Making a good day even better, Chrissy Auker released her first white marlin! For their 2nd place finish, the lady anglers took home \$4,347 in award money. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City.



In the 8th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Heels & Reels Ladies Tournament, anglers on the "Lucky Duck II" caught 12 dolphin including a 24.8 pounder that took 3rd place in the Dolphin Division. The dolphin were caught while trolling ballyhoo in 130 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Art Boykin and mates Jeff Green and Buster Richards were Megan Green, Jordan Shaffer, Courtney Richards, Jodi Siebenberg, Donna Adams and Tina Boykin. For their 3rd place finish, the "Lucky Duck II" anglers won \$1,224 in award money. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.







Anglers are enjoying the milder temperatures lately as a coldfront makes its way through the Mid-Atlantic area.

Inshore, cobia got the nod again last week as decent numbers of solid fish kept most cobia hunters content. Many fish are ranging in the 50 to 60-pound class, with small pods of fish becoming more common in open water as well as on structure.

Schools of big red drum are still meandering near the entrance of the Bay and along the oceanfront, providing good opportunities for casters. Spanish mackerel action also remains excellent along coastal waters, with an exceptional number of big

fish making a showing this season. Some huge mackerel, with a few stretching to over 27-inches, were boated again last week while trolling small spoons. Small bluefish are always a given when trolling for these fish. King mackerel anglers are still waiting for the king bite to materialize, with only a few catches to report so far this season. On the other hand, a persistent presentation of sharks along Virginia's coastal waters will satisfy enthusiast's any shark interest.

The flounder bite was hit and miss last week. Some respectable fish are responding to jigs and live bait presented along structure in the lower part of

the Bay, and drifters are enjoying catches of keepers ranging to around 20-inches along drop-offs and channel edges. Offshore and nearshore wrecks continue to hold some willing flatfish, along with nice black sea Inlet bass. The Rudee flounder action reasonable, with a few decent flatties along with plenty of throwbacks hitting mostly gudgeons last week.

Interest in spadefish is waning, with nice spades still available along the northern span of the CBBT, around the four artificial islands, and on many inshore structures. It's been a great sheepshead year, as big fish continue to strike at crab, clam and fiddlers

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presented along the pilings of the CBBT. Many of these fish are exceeding 12pounds. Triggerfish are also competing for these same offerings.

Some speckled trout, along with scattered catches of spot and croaker, are available in most lower Bay inlets, while anglers fishing in Oyster are filling coolers with croaker from the back waters. Sea mullet are still available near the Concrete Ships and Fisherman's Island Inlet. Tarpon are active in the back waters of Oyster, with plenty of sightings and a few jumpoffs reported last week.

Amberjack are available near offshore wrecks and at the Southern Towers, but there is still little interest due to the good offshore scene. Deep dropping is still decent off Virginia, although several boats reported a slower catch last week.

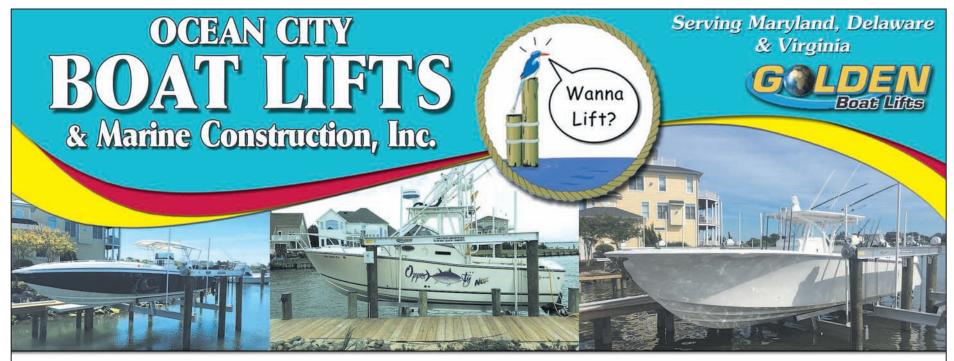


billfish Offshore, the action is still on the rise with multiple white marlin releases, a few blue marlin encounters and even some sailfish action happening lately. According to Captain Jake Hiles of "Matador Sportfishing", trollers are finding the best luck near the Cigar, while live-baiters are scoring better in the Norfolk Canyon. Further to our north, Ocean City is enjoying an exceptional run of white marlin just in time for the famous White Marlin Open billfish tournament this week. A few nice yellowfin and bigeye tuna are also available for meatfish lovers. Boats are also finding a few willing wahoo and plenty of big dolphin.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go to drjball.com.



Nate Yerkes, Tim Yerkes, Mary Leiby, Kraig Leiby and Matt Saunders had a great day of flounder fishing while drifting squid and minnows between "A" Buoy and the Old Grounds. The anglers brought back 10 flounder, measuring up to 20-inches and weighing up to 3 lbs. 8 oz. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



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Thurs. August 11	Low 08:26 am Low 09:29 pm	High 02:18 am High 03:13 pm
Fri. August 12	Low 09:12 am Low 10:26 pm	High 03:13 am High 04:12 pm
Sat. August 13	Low 10:02 am Low 11:20 pm	High 04:09 am High 05:06 pm
Sun. August 14	Low 10:56 am Low	High 05:03 am High 05:55 pm
Mon. August 15	Low 12:09 am Low 11:48 pm	High 05:54 am High 06:41 pm
Tues. August 16	Low 12:53 am Low 12:39 pm	High 06:43 am High 07:26 pm
Wed. August 17	Low 01:34 am Low 01:27 pm	High 07:32 am High 08:12 pm
Thurs. August 18	Low 02:14 am Low 02:15 pm	High 08:21 am High 08:57 pm
Fri. August 19	Low 02:55 am Low 03:03 pm	High 09:11 am High 09:41 pm
Sat. August 20	Low 03:37 am Low 03:53 pm	High 10:00 am High 10:26 pm
Sun. August 21	Low 04:22 am Low 04:47 pm	High 10:49 am High 11:11 pm
Mon. August 22	Low 05:10 am Low 05:45 pm	High 11:41 am High
Tues. August 23	Low 06:02 am Low 06:47 pm	High 12:00 am High 12:37 pm

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