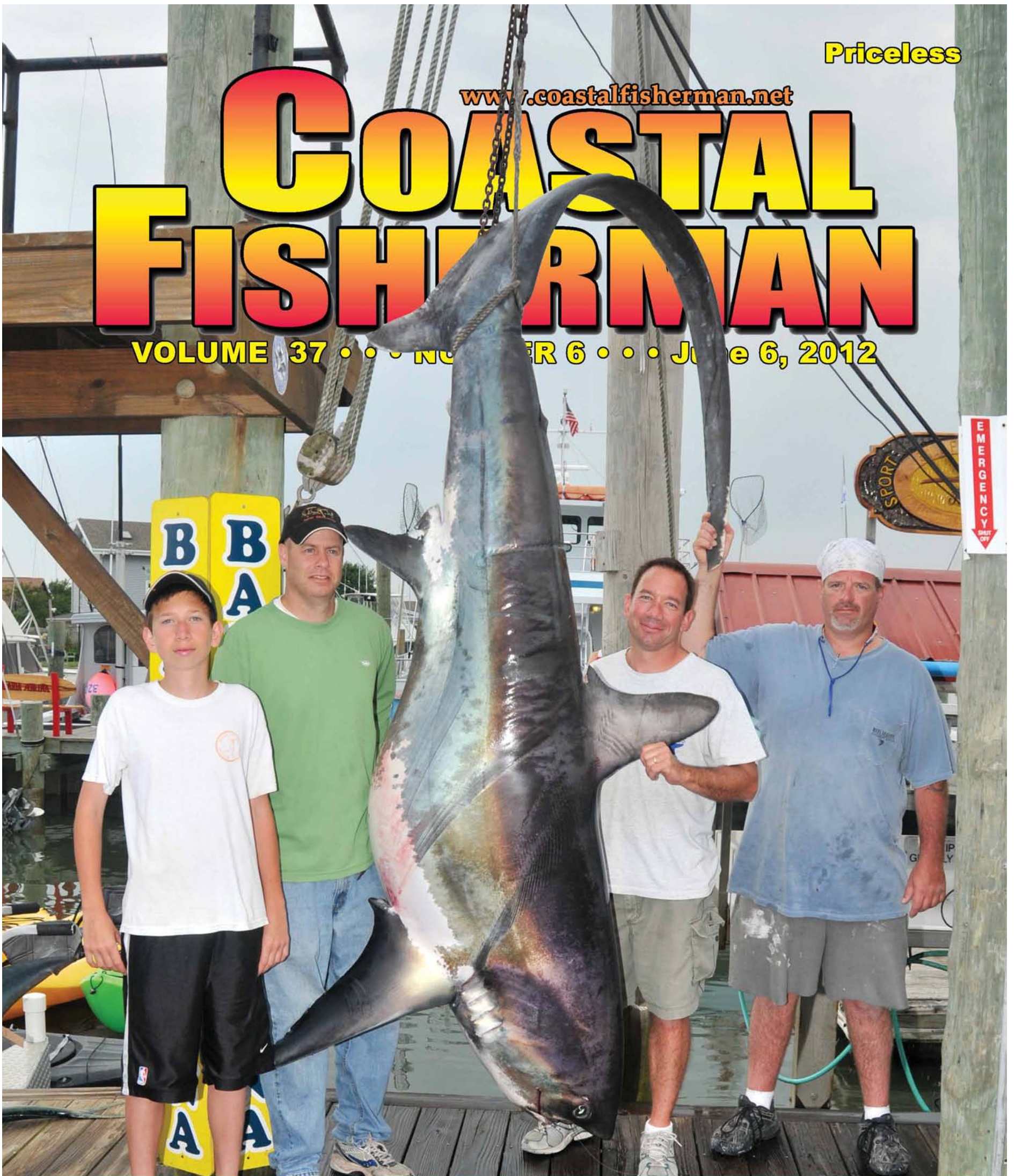


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On the first day of the 16th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Dave Nolan of Pasadena, MD muscled in this 576.5 lb. thresher shark and held on to win 1st place in the Thresher Division. Dave was fishing on the "Runnin' Late" with his son, Tyler, Steve Serio and Dave Blanch. The big thresher ate a whole mackerel bait in 20 fathoms at the Fingers and almost spooled their Penn 50 during the 1 hour fight. The fish was too large to fit into their 23-foot Grady White, so they towed it back to the dock at Bahia Marina. Dave won a check for \$3,750 for his 1st place finish. The crew also took home 3rd place honors in the Mako Division with a 194.4 pounder caught by Dave Blanch on the final day of the tournament. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

Ask a Pro Captain Steve Whitelock

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Q: When flounder fishing in the spring, what tactics can you use if you are only able to fish the incoming tide? Where would you recommend looking for warmer water? If you do find warmer water do the fish usually bite even though it is incoming tide?

Justin Fischer
Forest Hill, MD

A: In the spring, the main thing I am looking for when flounder fishing is water temperatures that are between 60 and 65-degrees. The closer to 65-degrees the better. With this in mind, fishing the end of the outgoing tide is going to give you the best chance of finding this range of water temperature because the

sun has had a chance to warm the water up, hopefully close to the 65-degree mark.

However, that doesn't mean that I will completely rule out fishing the incoming tide. Again, if I can get water temperatures up to around 65-degrees, then I like to fish the last 1/2 of the incoming tide.

We are fortunate since we can really play the tides at different locations. For example, if you want to fish the last part of the outgoing tide in the Inlet, you can do so and move to another good flounder spot later on and fish the same point in the tide. Typically, the tide in the bay behind Assateague Island near the airport runs around 2 hours later than the inlet. Up north, around the Rt. 90 Bridge it runs 3 hours later. Playing these tides can really extend

your fishing day.

Playing these tides can also help you out in another area that is critical to good flounder fishing, and that is water clarity. Flounder are site feeders that ambush their prey, so having clear water is crucial. You need the fish to be able to see your bait. Sometimes, after a storm when the ocean is rough, the incoming tide will bring cloudy water into the bay, shutting down flounder fishing. However, if you can fish the tide in an area further from the inlet, where the dirty water hasn't had a chance to reach, then you have a better chance of catching a flounder. The area north of the Rt. 90 Bridge, the flats above the Thorofare and south near the Assateague Bridge are all spots you can fish if you aren't

happy with the water clarity closer to the inlet.

In the spring, I also like to use smaller baits. Colder water temperatures make for lethargic fish and I feel that flounder will go after a smaller bait than the larger ones we fish with in the summer. Minnows or the Gulp! Alive Swimming Mulletts are both good baits to use in the spring. This year, the white Swimming Mulletts are working well, which is odd since red is usually my go-to color in the spring.

During the summer, when the water can really get warm in our bays, our

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Ask a Pro continued:

tactics change. That time of year, the cooler water being brought in from the ocean makes the incoming tide the preferred time to flounder fish. But again, having clean water is key, and is probably more important than water temperature during the summer months.

When we are flounder fishing in late July and throughout August, I like to find deeper holes in the bay where the water temperature will be cooler. I also like to drift the edges of the channels working my baits from the shallow water into the deeper holes. This time of year, we can also fish larger baits such as spot, squid, shiners, cut bluefish and tuna.

When it comes to water temperature in the summer, one of the things we sometimes see occurs when we have a consistent south wind. This causes a phenomenon that is known as upwelling, where the wind drives the deeper cooler water to the

surface, replacing the warmer surface water. This can cause a shutdown in our flounder fishing.

Justin, I hope this answers your questions. Just remember that water temperature and clarity are the keys when fishing for flounder. Focus on water temperatures in the spring and water clarity during the summer.

On a side note, we have a lot of boats fishing for flounder in our bays and common courtesy can play a role in the amount of fun we all have on the water and the number of fish we catch. If you pull up on a spot and everyone is drifting in one direction, don't keep your boat in one spot by bumping your motor in and out of gear. Drift in line with all of the other boats. It makes for a better day for everyone.

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



Frank Clark has caught some big stripers this spring and on this day he landed a 33.7 lb. linesider while casting a bunker colored Storm lure off the North Jetty in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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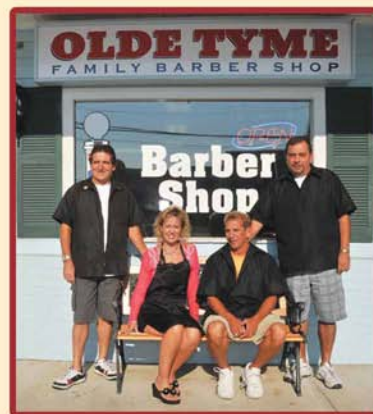
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On Friday, these anglers on the "Sea Slammer" ended their day with 10 yellowfin tuna and 2 dolphin in the box after trolling ballyhoo in 65 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured are Pat Mylett, Rick Hearn, Richie, Debbie and John McCann, Capt. Joe Nolan and mate Josh Ruskey. The trip was taken in memory of John McCann's father's birthday. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Fred Barone of Newark, DE was fishing off the bulkhead behind a friend's house and landed this 25.5-inch flounder. He also caught a 20-incher that same day.

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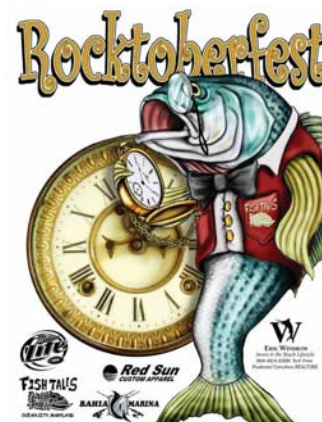
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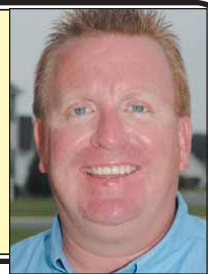


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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Overall, bad weather kept anglers at the dock for a good part of the week, but those that were able to venture out over the weekend found good size sharks and a load of tuna.

Sharks

As you saw on the cover, the Mako Mania Shark Tournament was held over the weekend and it was one of the best in recent memory. On the first day, the big news was the 576.5 lb. thresher shark caught by Dave Nolan on the "Runnin' Late". This was a big fish and remarkably it was caught from a 23-foot Grady White, so it had to be towed back to Bahia Marina. It set the mark pretty high in the winner-take-all Thresher Division, so it was no surprise that it was the only thresher weighed in the tournament. The fish was caught on a whole mackerel in 20 fathoms at the Fingers.

The second day of the tournament slowed with only 12 of the 35 boats fishing in some sloppy seas. The "Jade II" did land a 213.0 lb. mako on a strip of tuna and held on to win 2nd place in the Mako



Big thresher sharks are being caught in increasing numbers off our coast, and on this day, Carl D'Allura of Fayetteville, PA muscled in this 356 pounder while fishing on the "Jak'd Up" with Donnie Butler of Frederick, MD and Chris Knott of Woodsboro, MD. The shark ate a tuna fillet in 70.5-degree water between the Hambone and the Fingers. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

Division.

The final day saw quite a few leaderboard changes in both the mako and bluefish divisions.

"Keep Er Wet" found a 280.9 lb. mako near the

Sausages to take 1st place in the Mako Division. They also caught a 13.3 lb. bluefish while trolling a hoochie between the Fingers and the Jackspot. This fish was good enough to win 1st place in the Bluefish Division.

Thresher Division leader, "Runnin' Late", saw lightning strike twice when they boated a 194.4 lb. mako to win 3rd place in the Mako Division. This fish was caught on a bluefish chunk in Massey's Canyon.

Outside of the tournament, we didn't see many other sharks caught throughout the week since bad weather kept shark fishermen at the dock.

Tuna & Dolphin

The yellowfin bite we have been seeing moved from the Baltimore Canyon down to the Poor Man's Canyon where, on Sunday, offshore anglers really got into big numbers of yellowfins with a few dolphin mixed in.

Early in the week, the "Reel Addiction" went on an overnight trip in less than desirable sea conditions and caught 7 yellowfins and 9 dolphin south of the Baltimore Canyon.

On Saturday, the "Sea Slammer" started the weekend off right with 10 yellowfins and 2 dolphin caught in 65 fathoms in the Poor Man's.

Sunday is when we really saw the tuna action explode. The "Reelentless" continued their assault on yellowfins, catching 18 in the Poor Man's Canyon. The "Lady J" ended up with 15 yellowfins in the box after trolling in 66-degree

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water in the Poor Man's. "Reel Country", with Capt. D.J. Churchill at the helm, had a good day, landing 13 yellowfins in 50 fathoms inside the Poor Man's. Anglers on the "All In" also smoked the yellowfins pretty good, returning with 11 in the box along with a dolphin and a 103 lb. mako shark.

White Marlin

On Sunday, the "Reel Chaos" released a white marlin while trolling south of the Baltimore Canyon. I believe this is the first white marlin released by a Marlin Club member, so they would win the \$5,000 annual award.

Sea Bass

Anglers fishing on inshore wrecks and reefs continue to find good sea bass fishing while using clams and squid for bait. The throwback ratio is still running high with most anglers able to manage keepers in the low teens.

We haven't seen anyone crack the 5 lb. barrier.

Tautog

With most inshore boats looking for sea bass, we don't see as many tautog arriving at the dock as earlier in the year.

The best catch of the week was Dayan Worrell's 18 pounder caught on an ocean wreck on Friday. Dayan

hooked the 30.5-inch blackfish on a chunk of clam.

Striped Bass

Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen an influx of small-to-medium size stripers in our Inlet, especially around the South Jetty.

Anglers working the point with spec rigs and small jigs have been able to catch a load of fish.

The King unveiled his "Septor" rig and was rewarded on many nights with catches of upwards of 50 linesiders. The "Septor" rig is nothing more than a spec rig set up with green, bullet headed, "glass minnow" jigs he purchased at All Tackle in West Ocean City. Letting the jig work its way through the water column seems to be the trick and green has been the best color.

Larger stripers are being caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge by anglers pitching live bait near the pilings.

Flounder

Flounder fishing continued to be slow, except on Sunday when the water in the bay started to clear up and anglers were able to catch quite a few right in the Inlet.

Big Bird Cropper had a heckuva day on Sunday, landing a bunch of flatties while drifting a 3/4 oz. jig

head tipped with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet.

Bluefish

Finally, we are seeing some good size choppers being caught. In the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Lauren Stinchcomb boated a 13.3 pounder while trolling a hoochie between the Fingers and the Jackpot. A couple of other bluefish over 11 lbs. were caught by anglers at the Fingers and Sausages.

Earlier on Sunday, junior angler Alex Grapes had to be exhausted after catching 16 choppers at the south end of the Fingers. Alex's heaviest bluefish weighed 11 lbs. 12 oz.

Smaller bluefish continue to be caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge and in the Inlet.

Upcoming Tournaments

Locally, we have an off weekend, but some local offshore boats will be heading to Cape May, NJ for the 32nd Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament starting on June 8th, and down to Morehead City, NC for the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament beginning on June 11th.

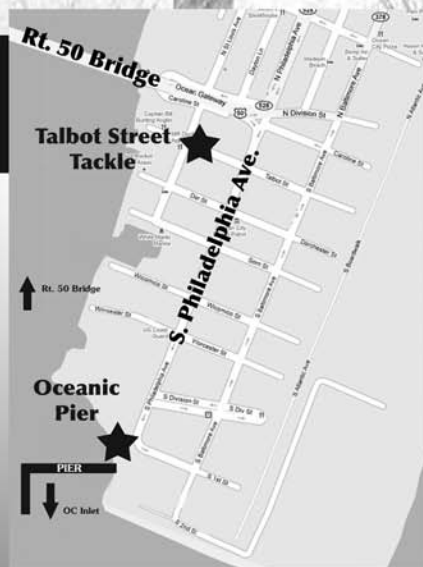
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On Saturday, Mike Baker from Baltimore, MD caught a 3 lb. 12 oz. sea bass and Ed Fitz from Ocean View, DE landed a 3 lb. 7 oz. sea bass, both on clams while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Tucker Colquhoun. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This 253 lb. thresher shark was caught by Tim Apollo of Coatesville, PA during a trip on the "Local Hooker" with Ray Upton of Ocean City, MD and Mike Buckley of Zihuatanejo, Mexico. The shark was hooked while using mackerel for bait at the Fingers. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Nick Psaroudakis is overcome with happiness after catching this 6 lb. 6 oz. flounder while drifting live minnows in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Richard Martin was spearfishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay when he captured this 34.4 lb. striper. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Lamont Hillbert was fishing around the South Jetty when he caught this 29-inch striper and a 23-inch tautog.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"I want to catch some bluefish!"

During the last few weeks when flounder fishing was slow there was quite a bit of action with bluefish around the Rt. 50 Bridge, in both Inlets and at the Oceanic Pier. Shad were also mixed in with the blues. Shad are fun to catch but must be released.

People always used to say that blues will hit just about anything, and some days that is true. Other days you need to change your lures and find the one that works best for you! When you are fishing on a pier, bridge or in the Inlet, you need to work the lure with the currents and tide. When it hits the water you want it to immediately fall down into the depths like a wounded baitfish. Too often anglers throw out a lure and immediately start cranking as soon as it hits the water. Often times, the predator fish will grab the lure on this initial drop. When the lure hits the water, let it sink for a count of maybe 10, then start to work the lure up and down a few times as the tide takes it along. Then bring it back and start over again.

How long you count and how long you let it move with the current depends on where you are, how many people are fishing in one place and how fast the current is running. If you are fishing around good anglers that are catching fish, seriously watch them and see what they are doing. Don't just watch the lure in the water, but watch their reel and see how long they are letting out line before reeling.

If you are on a structure like the Route 50 Bridge, you can even work against the tide! You can cast your lure against the current so it comes back towards you as it sinks.

Then as it comes back towards you, you can work the lure (jig it up and down) before reeling it back in and starting over. Experiment. If casting straight out doesn't work, cast to the right a little. If that doesn't work, cast to the left. BUT NEVER cast to the left if everyone else is casting to the right or you will lose friends you never had!!!

"What kind of lures are good for blues?"

One of the all time favorite lures for bluefish are Sea Striker Got-cha Plugs. They come in a variety of colors and sizes. On the back of the package it describes how to work the lure; retrieve using short, sharp jerks of the rod to produce a deadly swimming action. I first saw anglers using these lures on a pier in North Carolina and everyone was jerking and jigging with their rod tips down. If you drive across the Route 50 Bridge and see the guys up there working the lures you will see them leaning over the rail, and you can bet they are working their lures with the rod tips down!

Most anglers say, even if they work against the current, they cast slightly diagonally instead of straight out when working the lure. If it's at night, you play your lures in and out of the shadows. If the tide totally slacks, you can let them drop straight to the bottom and jig up and down with the sharp, short jerks of your rod tip. The main thing to remember is that the water beneath the bridge itself is shallower and full of rocks. That means snags, so don't let it go underneath the bridge too far.

There are lots of colors available in the 7/8 oz. and 1 oz. Got-cha Plugs. Anglers fishing for bluefish find that



Sammy Thorpe of Bear, DE captured this 7 lb. 11 oz. bluefish while fishing with minnows in the Indian River Inlet. The chopper was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

the metal or prism colored ones attract the blues better than the plain red/white or yellow/white ones. Of course, on some days that might be the ones they want!!! Always take extra lures and try different colors. Sometimes, in the spring a pink one will work wonders. Some anglers want the ones with the bucktail on them. If you need a heavier one, in the 1 1/4 and 2-ounce varieties, there are only a few colors to choose from. You'll have to pick the red head with white body or the yellow head with the white body. Both are always good and sometimes if you are at the Inlets or Rt. 50 Bridge in a heavy tide you will need the extra weight.

Anglers fishing closer to the water, like off the Oceanic Pier, stick to the lighter weight Got-cha Plugs and also use a lot of Spec Rigs for bluefish. Spec Rigs come in 1/4 or 1/8 oz. sizes and are basically two shad darts tied together in tandem. That's a good description because shad are mixed in with the bluefish at night and they are lots of fun to catch and will surely hit on Spec Rigs! Shad also hit the smaller Got-cha Plugs as well.

One thing about Spec Rigs is that they are very versatile. If you need more weight on them, you can slip an inline

sinker on the loop or crimp on a couple of split shot. If the flounder start biting, you can slide a couple shiners on the hooks or add small strips of squid. Cast the Spec Rigs out, let them sink and then jig them back up.

In the Inlet, anglers use Got-cha Plugs and Spec Rigs but they also use bucktail jigs with plastic worms attached, spoons or jig heads with soft bodies or Gulp Swimming Mulletts. If your jig is not heavy enough to get it out there where the fish are breaking, add a 30-pound test mono leader to the lure and attach a 1, 1 1/2, or 2 oz. trolling type (torpedo shaped with a sinker eye on both ends) sinker to the leader. Cast out against the current and count to 10 to let it sink. Then jig up and down a few times as the current brings the lure in front of you. After it starts to pass you, bring it back in with your rod tip up so it doesn't get snagged in the rocks. If you are in a place like the Indian River Inlet, get in the rhythm and cast like everyone around you so you don't get tangled together.

Good fishing....

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



Jim Lewis caught this 34-inch striped bass on a peeler crab while fishing off Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Buck's Place.



Patty Price of Palm City, FL was fishing with live minnows in the Thorofare when she hooked this 23-inch, 5 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Patty was fishing on the "Tiderunner" with her husband, Pat Price. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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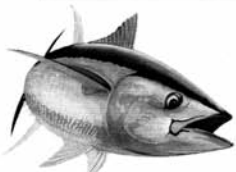
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Ben Wagner of Ocean Pines, MD struggles to hold up the 29-inch striped caught while casting a bucktail at the South Jetty with his dad, Steve Wagner. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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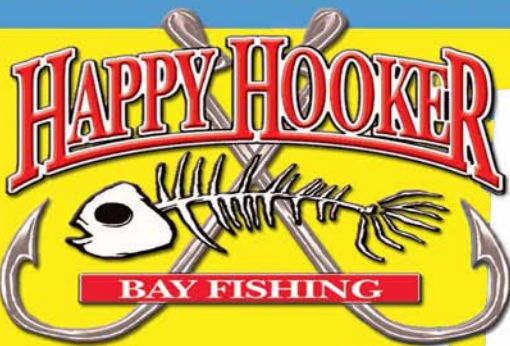
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Corinna Giles of Berlin, MD captured this 22-inch flounder on a shiner and squid combination during the outgoing tide in the Thorofare. Corinna was fishing on the "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle and mate Christopher Bowden.

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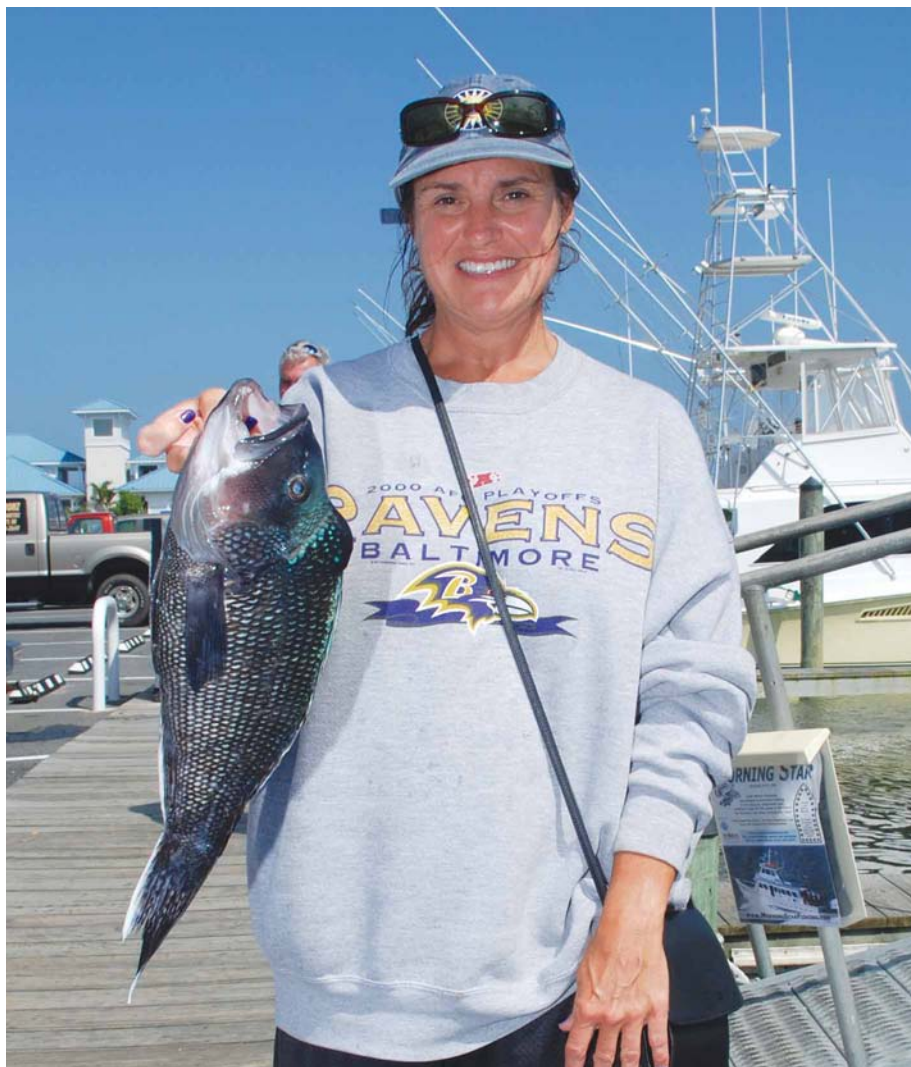
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Kelli Hull from Woodlawn, MD boated this 2 lb. 8 oz. sea bass during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Anthony Cannuli. The knothead ate a chunk of clam at an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Crab Quesadillas

- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 1/3 medium red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 TBSP. pickled jalapeños, optional
- 1 tsp. orange zest
- 1 TBSP. orange juice
- 8 oz. fresh crabmeat
- 4 (8-inch) tortillas
- 2 tsp. canola oil, divided

Combine first 8 ingredients in medium bowl. Gently fold in crab.

Lay tortillas out on a work surface. Spread 1/4 of the filling on half of each tortilla.

Fold in half, pressing gently to flatten.

Heat 1 tsp. of oil in a large nonstick skillet.

Place 2 quesadillas in pan; cook, turning once, 3 to 4 minutes total.

Repeat with remaining quesadillas.

Cut each into 4 wedges. Serves 4.

Oysters with Pasta Sauce and Crispy Breadsticks

- 1 dozen raw oysters on the half shell, drained
- 1 1/2 cups tomato-basil pasta sauce

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup grated Asiago cheese

Arrange oysters on a microwavable plate.

Combine pasta sauce with garlic and top each oyster with approximately 2 TBSP. sauce mixture to cover.

Sprinkle 1 tsp. cheese on top of each.

Microwave on high 3 minutes.

Serve immediately.

4 appetizer servings.

Crispy Breadsticks

Mix 2 TBSP. olive oil, 1 tsp. each fennel seeds, poppy seeds and sesame seeds, 1 tsp. each of salt and pepper in a bowl.

Roll out an 11 oz. package refrigerated breadstick dough into a 16 x 8 inch rectangle.

Cut into 16-inch strips and twist into breadsticks.

Brush with the oil

mixture.

Place on 2 non-stick baking sheets and bake in a 400 degree oven about 12 minutes.

Serves 4.

Oven Baked Sea Bass with Scalloped Potatoes

- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- 4 sea bass fillets
- 2/3 cup white wine
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh parsley leaves
- Lemon wedges for garnish

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In a small bowl mix garlic, oil, salt and pepper.

Place fish in a shallow 1 quart glass or ceramic baking



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dish.

Rub fish with oil mixture.

Pour wine over fish.

Bake uncovered for 15 minutes; sprinkle with parsley and bake 3 minutes longer. Test for doneness with fork.

Drizzle any pan juices over fish and serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Simple Scalloped Potatoes

2 TBSP. butter, plus more for baking dish
1 garlic clove, minced
3 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and sliced thin
1 1/4 cups whole milk
1 1/4 cups heavy cream
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Butter a 2 quart shallow baking dish and rub with garlic.

Layer potatoes in dish, overlapping slightly.

In a small bowl, combine milk, cream, salt and pepper.

Pour cream mixture over potatoes and dot with butter;

cover with foil.

Place dish on a rimmed sheet and bake on top rack until potatoes are tender when pierced with a knife, about 1 hour.

Uncover and bake until top is golden in spots, about 30 minutes.

Let rest 20 minutes before serving.

Serves 8.

Skillet Grilled Flounder with Glazed Baby Carrots

1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup cornmeal
1 tsp. onion powder
1/2 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
4 flounder fillets
1/4 cup butter

In a large resealable bag combine all of the ingredients.

Add flounder one piece at a time and shake to coat.

Place large skillet on stove on medium-high heat.

Melt butter in skillet and add flounder; cover and cook 6-8 minutes on each side until

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Remove to a platter; garnish with lemon wedges and parsley.

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Glazed Baby Carrots

Cook 1 lb. of baby carrots in 1-inch of boiling water for 12 to 15 minutes or until crisp tender; drain.

Stir in 6 oz. of orange marmalade.

Serve with a slotted spoon.

Baked Bluefish with Buttermilk Cornbread

2 1/2 lbs. bluefish fillets
1 (8 ounce) container herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix
1 1/2 cups boiling water
1/2 cup butter, melted
Salt and pepper to taste

2 TBSP. butter, melted
1/2 cup minced onion
4 sprigs fresh dill weed

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

Trim all dark meat from fillets.

Rinse in cold water, dry and season with salt and pepper.

Combine stuffing mix with boiling water and 1/2 cup melted butter.

Cover a baking sheet with a lightly greased double thickness of aluminum foil.

Spread stuffing mixture on top of foil.

Place fillets on top of stuffing.

Brush fillets with the 2 TBSP. of melted butter and sprinkle with minced onion.

Top with dill sprigs and crimp together edges of tin foil to seal.

Bake in oven 10 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 400 degrees and bake for an

additional 60 minutes.

Serves 6.

Buttermilk Cornbread

1 1/4 cups flour
1 cup plus 3 TBSP. plain white cornmeal
1/4 cup sugar
1 TBSP. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup butter, melted
2 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Lightly grease an 8 inch cast-iron skillet or baking pan, and heat in oven for 5 minutes.

Whisk together first 5 ingredients in a bowl; whisk in melted butter.

Add eggs and buttermilk, whisking until smooth.

Pour batter into hot pan or skillet.

Bake 30 to 33 minutes or until golden brown.

Serves 8.

Sea Scallops with Shallots and Walnuts

6 TBSP. unsalted butter
4 TBSP. olive oil
2 lbs. sea scallops, patted dry
4 tsp. shallots, finely chopped
3/4 cup toasted walnuts, coarsely chopped
4 tsp. chives, finely chopped
Salt and white pepper, to taste

Heat butter and oil over medium heat; when hot, add scallops and saute for 2 to 3 minutes, then add shallots and stir.

Add walnuts and chives; cook for 1 minute.

Drain off excess fat.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Transfer to serving plates and garnish with lemon wedges.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Bad weather made it tough to venture out into the ocean for offshore species and sea bass, but anglers were still able to stay inside and peck away at flounder, trout and bluefish.

Striped Bass

Striped bass was a mixed bag last week. When the bite was on, it was pretty good. Otherwise, nothing.

Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em said that anglers are still catching them in the Indian River Inlet on swim shads and Bomber lures, but the bite is inconsistent. The best action has been between 1 AM and 3 AM off the tip of the Indian River Jetty and by the Coast Guard Station.

Up in Lewes, Capt. Joe Morris, inventor of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch" that can



Paige Psaroudakis caught her first weakfish and a flounder while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal. Both fish measured 20-inches. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Bert mentioned that flounder fishermen using Bass Assassins and Z-Man artificials in the "Opening Night" color of purple and silver did well.

Further north, Capt. Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said, "There was a decent sign of flounder in the Delaware Bay this past week. Crews putting in time drifting artificial reef sites 5, 6, 7 and 8 found flatties willing to cooperate during moving tides. With Delaware Bay water temps rising into the 70's, flatfish are starting to move through shallow water along the shore also. Small boaters close to Broadkill and Lewes Beaches caught flounder while casting Gulp! artificials. Flatties continue to come from the Broadkill River and the Lewes Canal where Nick Psaroudakis pulled in a 6.4 pound doormat."

Familiar inshore haunts, like the Old Grounds, are beginning to give up catches of good-size flounder. Commercial anglers are reporting solid catches of flatties not far off the beach and on inshore reefs and wrecks.

Trout

In the Delaware Bay, anglers continue to hook into weakfish where surfcasters caught spike trout along Broadkill Beach. Peeler crabs and chicken did the trick for beach anglers in the early evening. The Roosevelt Inlet also gave up some weakfish to anglers tossing Bass Assassins, Fin-S Fish and Gulp! artificial baits. The best bite occurred at the end of the morning incoming tide.

Bluefish

Capt. Bert reported a bluefish bite that was "off the hook" in the Indian River Inlet. Anyone throwing metal lures, spoons and Gotcha plugs had an excellent shot at catching some snappers.

Around the Fingers and the Sausages, anglers are starting to get in on larger bluefish, up to 11 lbs., while trolling

make a 20 lb. linesider look like a 50 pounder, said that, "Striper action slowed compared to what it was in past weeks, but bassers willing to lose some sleep had linesiders during hours of darkness along the Outer Wall and Ice Breakers. Live eels, Gulp! Eels, Storm Shads, Rat-L Traps and Bomber plugs were favored offerings."

Flounder

The good news is that flounder are beginning to show up in larger numbers in the Indian River Inlet according to Capt. Bert Adams. He said that the fish are definitely getting larger and are feeding on very small spot, in the 2-inch range. So, if you can catch yourself some of these small baitfish, you have a good chance at getting a nice flatie.

Anglers crushed the flounder in the Inlet on Saturday night, right up to 9:00 PM, and again on Sunday by the Coast Guard Station. Capt.



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Sea Bass

Due to the windy weather and rough seas, it was tough to get out to the sea bass grounds last week. When anglers could venture out, a lot of sea bass were caught although the throwback ratio continues to run very high.

Up in Lewes, Capt. Joe said that sea bass action is still pretty good at Reef Site 11, but many popular spots have been hit hard, and the fish that remain are shy of the 12 1/2-inch minimum. It takes more anchor drops to put a good catch in the box. Wrecks and structure a little farther offshore seem to be holding more quality bass, along with big ling and the occasional cod.

Tuna & Dolphin

When they were finally able to venture offshore, anglers found plenty of yellowfin tuna on Sunday with

some dolphin in the mix, in 40-70 fathoms from the south end of the Baltimore Canyon to the Poor Man's Canyon.

Sharks

In the middle of the week, the crew on the "No Slack" returned with the first mako shark caught out of Indian River. They boated a 125 pounder at the Hambone while using whole mackerel for bait.

White Marlin

The first white marlin released by a boat out of the Indian River Marina occurred on Sunday when Josh Gessler released one in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Josh was fishing on the "Boy's Toy"

Blowfish

Those who are interested in catching blowfish are finding 12-inch fish in the Rehoboth Bay. Fishbites or small pieces of clam or squid are the baits of choice.

Until next week, tight lines!



Lilly Shively of Chantilly, VA captured this 36-inch, 18 lb. 10 oz. striped bass while fishing with her dad, Wayne in the Indian River Inlet. Lilly hooked her fish on a bunker colored Storm lure. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Registration: August 30, 6:30 p.m.
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Chairman: Jon C. Duffie
Registration: September 13, 7 p.m.
Fishing Days: (2 of 2) September 14 & September 15
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Awards Banquet: September 15, 6:30-9 p.m.
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Ship to Shore

by Pat Schrawder



TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF INTERFACING

No matter what item of new marine electronics you are installing these days, you will most certainly run into the issue of proper interfacing. That's because these days, just about everything "talks" to everything else in some way or another and making that happen can be a frustrating experience for the novice. Without a doubt, successful interfacing of your equipment can be made easier if everything is of the same brand name but that is not always the case.

Let's take a look at these options. The first major interfacing format was NMEA 0183 and it is still in use today, but it has been upstaged by the

newer NMEA2000 that connects devices using CAN (Controller Area network) technology originally developed for the automotive industry. Whatever format you use, they all have the same purpose and design. They are data network designs that make possible the interconnection and the transfer of data between two or more items of equipment such as GPS, plotters, Radar, autopilot, additional displays, instruments, etc.

The newer NMEA2000 is faster than the old 0183, uses standard connectors, will multi-task, has lower power consumption and is supposed to operate better in noisy electrical conditions. Their cables are premade for the most part and include terms



Right before the Delaware tautog season closed for the spring, Bob Trento tangled with this 9 lb. 15 oz. tautog during a trip aboard the "Katy Did" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The tog ate a green crab at the Outer Wall and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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unheard of before such as "backbone", "T-joint", "drop cable", "Can bus", "daisy-chain" and "termination". While NMEA2000 equipment is designed to be used with others of its kind, manufacturers have made it possible to mix-and-match different formats with the use of converters. Some manufacturers have their own type of interfacing that is basically a NMEA2000 design, with the addition of certain data feeds and features designed specifically for their equipment. Three such formats are Simrad's "Simnet", Raymarine's "Seatalk" and Furuno's CAN bus. Depending on the equipment, interface cables may consist of twisted pairs that supply data alone or also supply power to items that require less current.

A basic NMEA2000 data network system consists of a network "backbone" cable with a designated beginning and end using a terminator. Devices are connected to the backbone by the use of "drop

cables".

"T-Joints" are used to connect lengths of backbone cable together and to take off one line to go to a piece of equipment. Although Simrad's Simnet and Raymarine's "SeaTalk" are NMEA2000 they use their own type of connectors so adapters may have to be utilized to connect to a NMEA2000 backbone. Drop cables can only be a maximum of 6 feet in length, so that must be considered when laying out the overall design of the NMEA2000 network. The other thing that must be observed is that the final end of equipment must have a terminator installed. Some equipment models are designed with their own internal terminators.

The big advantage of the NMEA2000 network system is the backbone and its ability to easily add new items of equipment without running all new cables through the boat. You can simply add a T-Joint anywhere along the backbone cable where a

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John Hutchinson ventured down from Crofton, MD to do some surf fishing north of the Indian River Inlet. John landed this 41-inch, 23 lb. 8 oz. striper while using squid for bait.

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connection already exists. It can be at the end of the network, between two T-Joints, between a T-Joint and a backbone extension cable or between two extension cables. Separate the existing connection and attach a new T-Joint, then connect the new equipment to it using another drop cable.

The disadvantage of the new system is that it takes a while to get used to the new way of doing things.

Additionally, it involves a certain amount of pre-planning to design where the backbone cable will run and how you will access it in the

future to troubleshoot or to install new equipment. You must also factor in the cost of these NMEA2000 cables, T-Joints, etc. As great as this system is, it still seems to me that the old NMEA0183 format is perfectly fine for a basic equipment package that is not likely to add additional items down the line. When purchasing new equipment, you would do well to check out its data format because, whatever my views or yours, NMEA2000 is here to stay.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



The Hotdog, Hambone, Twin Wrecks and the Baltimore and Washington Canyons are just a few of many well known and popular locations for offshore fishing. Over the years, all of these places have contributed in some way to help build the reputation of Delmarva's waters as a prime destination for world-class fishing. There are so many places to fish, and every season there's a reshuffling of the deck as the action at last year's hot-spots dry up and the best bites shift to different shoals, drop-offs or canyons. "Fishing is fishing", and just as there are no guarantees that they are going to bite on any given day, there are certainly no assurances that they'll be in the same place tomorrow as they were ten years ago, or even last season.

Of all the famous places scattered across an offshore fishing chart, none of them rival the history and reputation of the shoal that lies about 20 nautical miles southeast of Ocean City's Inlet and is known as the "Jackspot". Surrounded by 85-115 feet of water and rising to within 50-feet of the surface, the depth changes at the Jackspot create increased current flow and upwellings

that attract both predator and prey of all sizes and species. Just a few miles to the northeast and a few more miles to the southeast is the 20-fathom line that is so often used as a travel highway for game fish on their annual migrations, and the Jackspot's close proximity has made it a great rest-stop and smorgasbord along the way.

These days, when billfish are thought of as mostly "canyon fish", it's probably hard to comprehend that the Jackspot is a big reason why Ocean City is known as the "White Marlin Capital of the World." But back in the 50's and 60's it was the place to go if you wanted to tangle with a white or blue marlin. In fact, back then, a trip to the Jackspot was considered a "long run" because those fish were also routinely taken on the Bass Grounds and even as close as Great Gull Shoal, a scant 5-mile run.

The Jackspot was the billfish hot-spot for a lot of years, but by the 70's its reputation shifted to becoming the place to go to consistently troll-up a catch of big bluefish. Though marlin were still caught on the Jackspot, hooking one became a tough thing to do with so many schools of

hungry blues waiting to swarm on and shred every marlin bait that hit the water, prompting bill-fishermen to push farther offshore and leave the Jackspot in their wake as they looked for water with hungry marlin and less bluefish.

Even though it was no longer a destination for billfish, the Jackspot was far from being down for the count. Bluefish remained strong throughout the 80's and 90's, but anglers found that if they trolled a little faster they could avoid a few of them and have a decent chance of hooking into a tuna, dolphin, bonito or king mackerel.

For a lot of years the "Spot" held the reputation for being one of the hottest places to be on the East Coast to hook a tuna and boats routinely traveled all the way from Indian River and Cape May to get in on the fun. During the 90's when chunking was king it would not be uncommon to see as many as 200 boats anchored on the shoal trying to land a limit of bluefin and yellowfin tuna.

Even after the mother-load of tuna shifted their residence to the Hotdog and Hambone, the Jackspot continued to provide anglers with consistent summertime action with king mackerel, bonito, bluefish, false albacore and dolphin. Recently king mackerel and big bluefish have been scarce, but bonito and dolphin have continued to keep fishermen happy, and in September false albacore have been showing up on the shoal, making for some of the best light tackle action on the East Coast.

As if all that wasn't enough, as a part of the Ocean City Reef Foundation's network of artificial reefs, the Jackspot has been the recipient of many barge loads of subway cars and other reef building material making it a

destination point for bottom fishing as well.

Maybe compared to some points in history, the action on the Jackspot has been rather pale lately, and consequently there hasn't been many anglers fishing it. But in just the few days I fished there last season we caught sea bass, jacks, bonito, false albacore, sharks, bluefin tuna, dolphin and bluefish, and I'm looking forward to giving the old shoal a good working over again this year. While I don't expect we'll catch any marlin, I'm sure we'll find plenty of "something" prowling about that will make for some great fishing and pleasant memories of the good-old-days!

By the way, while this has nothing to do with the Jackspot, now that the makos are running I just wanted to point out that NMFS has a neat website that allows anglers to log-in their mako releases and get their catches listed on an online chart. Anyone can go to the chart and see their own catches as well as those listed by other anglers up and down the coast. There's also a lot of good info about the biology and life history of makos. There's even an Android app for the site that lets anglers log-in their fish from their smart phones. But don't worry, even though the program asks for the coordinates where the sharks are caught, they don't post the numbers on the chart. They only put a pin in the general area - so your secret hotspots are safe! The website can be accessed at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm.

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

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Jimmy Ryan, Nick Cahall, Steve Cahall, Matty Ryan and Mark Massey, all from Smyrna, DE returned to the Indian River Marina with a 125 lb. mako shark that was hooked on a whole mackerel at the Hambone. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.


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On the final day of the 16th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina, this 280.9 lb. mako shark gave John Loar of Newburg, MD all he could handle after hooking it on a whole bluefish near the Sausages, and was good enough to take 1st place in the Mako Division. John was fishing on the "Keep Er Wet" with Jeremiah Leader of Chestertown, MD, Lauren Stinchcomb of Annapolis, MD, Billy Marvel of Chestertown, MD, Capt. Dave Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. The 1st place mako earned the "Keep Er Wet" team \$33,935 in award money. Pictured at the scale at Bahia Marina.



Lauren Stinchcomb of Annapolis, MD captured this 13.3 lb. bluefish to win 1st place in the Bluefish Division of the 16th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament. Lauren was fishing on the "Keep Er Wet" with John Loar of Newburg, MD, Jeremiah Leader of Chestertown, MD, Billy Marvel of Chestertown, MD, Capt. Dave Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. The chopper attacked a hoochie between the Fingers and the Jackspot and earned the team \$4,542 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



On the second day of the 2012 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Matt Keller from Westminster, MD boated this 213.0 lb. mako shark in some rough seas and held on to win 2nd place in the Mako Division. The mako ate a strip of tuna and took 40 minutes to get into the boat. Fishing with Matt on the "Jade II" were Trey Rider, Russell Shiflett, Keith French, Capt. Ed Kaufman and mate Will Hathaway. The "Jade II" team took home a check for \$10,101 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



RESULTS MAKO DIVISION

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
John Loar	Matt Keller	Dave Blanch
"Keep Er Wet"	"Jade II"	"Runnin' Late"
280.9 lbs.	213.0 lbs.	194.4 lbs.
\$33,935	\$10,101	\$4,214

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Second place in the Bluefish Division of the 16th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament was won by Baron Daiker of Reisterstown, MD for this 11.5 pounder caught on the final day of the tournament. Baron caught the chopper on a bluefish fillet at the Fingers while fishing on the "Teaser" with his dad, Rich Daiker (pictured), Mike Fritsch and Mike Miller. The 2nd place bluefish was worth \$1,638 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



After catching the winning thresher shark on the first day of the 2012x Mako Mania Shark Tournament, the anglers on the "Runnin' Late" returned on the final day with a 194.4 lb. mako shark, good enough for a 3rd place finish in the Mako Division. The shark was caught by Dave Blanch of Pasadena, MD in 25 fathoms on a bluefish chunk in Massey's Canyon. Also pictured are Dave and Tyler Nolan, Cheri Coley and Steve Serio, all from Pasadena, MD. The 3rd place mako was worth \$4,214 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Kevin Compton, Brenden Sullivan, Tommy Altemus, Greg Loker, Ken Slater and Patrick Byerly teamed up to catch 9 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Mega Bite" with Capt. Tom Murphy. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball
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The good weather over the long Memorial Day weekend allowed anglers to make the most of the early summer fishing opportunities. Both the inshore and offshore fishing scenes afforded plenty of action with a variety of fish.

Much of the attention is now aimed towards the recent cobia development. True to form, these beasts are quietly



gliding into local and Bay waters, where many of the largest fish will stop off in the lower Bay rivers to spawn. Although still skittish, a few nice fish ranging to over 50 lbs. are beginning to take baits from sightcasters along the pilings of the CBBT, and in

open waters along the Baltimore and Thimble Shoal Channels. Cut bait and live bait presented by chummers is also working for some boats, with the best action coming



from the Buckroe area off of Hampton, the Nine-foot Shoals and the Middle Grounds area.

Red drum action resurged this past week along the Eastern Shore area. Some boats are releasing dozens of big bull reds from the Nine-foot Shoals, Fisherman's Island Inlet, and near Nautilus Shoal. Peelers and blue crabs are working during any time of the day. A few smaller black

drum are still taking clam offerings near Buoys 10, 13 and 16 off the Eastern Shore, but most of the larger fish are migrating into deeper waters within the Bay.

The flounder action had a boost last week, but with the remnants of the tropical storm dumping over 2-inches of rain and stirring up the water again, this positive trend could be compromised. Some of the best flatfish action is occurring around Buoys 42 and 36A, around the 1st and 2nd islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel and along the southern shorelines of the Bay. Most fish are nice, with several fish pushing to over 7 lbs. recently. Action within the seaside inlets on the Eastern Shore is still good, while Lynnhaven Inlet also had an upswing in flounder activity last week. Many of these fish are ranging



from 19 to 22-inches, and are taking drifted baits within the Basin area and near the Lesner Bridge.

The Fishing Center reports that tailor and snapper blue fish are still available along the oceanfront and within the local inlets, and a few speckled trout, croaker and flounder are still coming from within Rudee Inlet.

Another summertime favorite, Spanish mackerel, are beginning to respond for trollers along the oceanfront. The folks at Ocean's East 2 convey that big hardheads



ranging to around 1.5 lbs.

were active near Willoughby and the Hampton Bar areas last week.

Spadefish are moving into local waters where they are beginning to set-up around the Chesapeake Light Tower, the CBBT and other inshore and Bay structures. Spades averaging from around 4 to 7 lbs. are beginning to respond to clam offerings. Anglers are also finding a few responsive



sheepshead pushing up to 12 lbs. while targeting spades around the Bridge Tunnel last week.

Although interest is waning with so many other species becoming available, striped bass are still biting very well around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT on topwater lures, especially in the evenings. Many of these fish are measuring up to 38 to 40-inches.

For those venturing a little further offshore, keeper-sized seabass are biting on many wrecks. The Triangle Wreck area is a popular seabass destination this time of year. Captain Steve Wray had a good trip to the Traingles recently, where he put his crew aboard the "Ocean Pearl" out of Lynnhaven on a limit of nice seabass. Further out, deep dropping is still a good choice. For those fishing on the bottom near the Norfolk Canyon, big tilefish, with a smattering of grouper, wreckfish, and black bellied rosefish are providing good results.

Good water is becoming more approachable offshore for the Virginia fleet, where good catches of dolphin and yellowfin tuna are happening near the Norfolk Canyon. Mako sharks, wahoo and billfish are also starting to show for blue water trollers.

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On Sunday, the yellowfin bite was red hot in the Poor Man's Canyon where this group of anglers on the "Lady J" ended their day with 15 in the box. The tuna were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 66-degree water. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Ron Bortnick of Upper Marlboro, MD, Matt and Steve Magassy of Bethesda, MD, Barry Kopit of Bethesda, MD and Capt. Jeremy Blunt.



Bill Jarmon, III of Whaleyville, MD took a trip on the "Angler" in memory of his dad, Bill Jarmon, Jr. and was rewarded with this 3 lb. 15 oz. cod that he hooked while using squid for bait. The fish was caught at the Bass Grounds with Capt. Chris Mizurak at the helm and mate Dean Lo working the deck.

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Volunteers needed for Inland Bays Cleanup on June 23

The DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Section, along with Enforcement Section volunteers, the Center for the Inland Bays and the Division of Parks and Recreation, are seeking volunteers and boats for the Eighth Annual Cleanup of the Inland Bays beginning at 9 a.m. and finishing up about 2 p.m., Saturday, June 23.

This year, the cleanup will take place at Massey's Landing Public Boat Ramp at the end of Long Neck Road and concentrate on the Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Bay areas. A Little Assawoman Bay Cleanup will be scheduled for later in the summer.

Volunteers should dress to get dirty and be prepared for cooler conditions on the water, as well as wet walking conditions on land. Rubber boots are also suggested. Those who have access to lifejackets should bring one, as they are required on boats. Otherwise, lifejackets will be provided. This event is not recommended for children under the age of 10.

Last year's event drew 100 volunteers who collected a large quantity of debris, including soda bottles and cans, tires, derelict crab pots and a lot of plastic.

"With this event, we are continuing our public outreach on behalf of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Delaware State Parks, the Center for the Inland Bays and our Fish and Wildlife Enforcement volunteers. We hope that through activities such as the clean-up, people using the Inland Bays will pause long enough to make decisions that truly benefit these waterways," said Sr. Cpl. Casey Zolper of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance, as lunch and t-shirts will be provided. To volunteer or for more information, please contact E.J. Chalabala, Delaware Center for the Inland Bays, at 302-226-8105 or by email at restoration@inlandbays.org.

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Species	2012	2011	Species	2012	2011
 Sea Bass	May 22, 2012 J.C. Dennis "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	May 22, 2011 Tyler Sumpter "Keep 'Er' Wet" Jack Spot	 Mako Shark	April 29, 2012 Joseph Cangianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon	May 1, 2011 Brett Coakley "Wrangler" Washington Canyon
 Tautog	January 1, 2012 John Murter "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 6, 2011 Mike Grybos "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	 White Marlin	May 27, 2012 Grant Clubb "Chain Reaction II" Baltimore Canyon	May 29, 2011 Anthony Pino "Marli" Rockpile
 Striped Bass	January 1, 2012 Josh Fallon "Patty Wagon II" Little Gull	April 14, 2011 Capt. Skip Maguire "Skip's Charter" Sinepuxent Bay	 Blue Marlin	NEW May 28, 2012 John Elmes "Reel Desire" Washington Canyon	June 10, 2011 Stevie Ramsey "Lady Luck V" Baltimore Canyon
 Weakfish	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach	June 4, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel	 Bluefin Tuna	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Baltimore Canyon	May 1, 2011 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Washington Canyon
 Flounder	April 14, 2012 Aric Gilley "Martini Time" Thorofare	April 17, 2011 Tommy Fowler Thorofare	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 11, 2012 Eric Myers "Foolish Pleasures" Baltimore Canyon	May 26, 2011 Phil Falgowski Wilmington Canyon
 Bluefish	May 13, 2012 Big Bird Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	May 1, 2011 Alex Levantovsky "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	 Longfin Tuna	None Reported	August 21, 2011 Al Rittmeyer "Dog Haus" Baltimore Canyon
 Black Drum	April 20, 2012 Lennie Foxwell Assateague Island	April 30, 2011 Melson MaGee Fenwick Surf	 Bigeye Tuna	None Reported	May 31, 2011 Aaron Saulsbury "Magic Moment" Washington Canyon
 Sheepshead	May 26, 2012 Robert Reno "Stroker" African Queen	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas "Kimberly Ann" Winter Quarter Shoal	 Dolphin	May 1, 2012 Eric Polansky "Always Late Too" Baltimore Canyon	May 22, 2011 Daryl Bathelme Linden Kohl Canyon
 Thresher Shark	May 26, 2012 Baron Daiker "Tuna Tango" Fingers	May 25, 2011 Jimmy Bunting "B" Buoy	 Wahoo	May 27, 2012 Michael Willis "Karen Leigh" Baltimore Canyon	May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon

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

Tackle Shop

by Larry Jock



From talking to tackle shop owners, I'm hearing that Fin-Nor is really coming out with some impressive new products that are priced right.

The first Fin-Nor big game reel was produced in 1933. Renowned angler and collaborator on the reel design, Tommy Gifford, proceeded to catch a 527 lb. bluefin tuna at Cat Cay on the reel and the Fin-Nor Company never looked back, now holding over 380 world records.

The company is now owned by the W.C. Bradley corporation, owners of other brands such as Van Stall, Quantam PT and Zebco.

Although I haven't tested the reel myself, Capt. Bruce McGuigan at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE is really singing its praises. "This is a well made reel with a very strong drag

system. It is also priced very competitively when compared to other company's reels," said Capt. Bruce.



Fin-Nor's new Inshore series reels are built for anglers who like to use braided line for close-to-shore fishing.

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One additional feature that we are starting to see in many inshore spinning reels is the ability to tie braided line directly on the spool, eliminating line slippage. You don't think it is much, but if you are like me and had your braid start slipping during a fight with a nice size striper, you wish your reel had that feature.

The Fin-Nor Inshore series comes in 4 models. All have a 5.2:1 gear ratio with "inches per turn" retrieve rate ranging from 28" to 36". The M.S.R.P. on all four models is \$129.00.

I am a long time fan of Costa sunglasses. I love their styles, the clarity of their lenses (especially the 580 lens) and their customer service in case something goes wrong.

Costa has partnered with country music star, Kenny Chesney, to come out with five handcrafted Kenny Chesney

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Limited Edition Costa sunglasses. Each pair features Kenny's signature and unique hand-drawn artwork etched into the side of the frame.

The five styles are the Caballito, Hammerhead (my favorite), Howler, Little Harbor and Rincon.



Hammerhead

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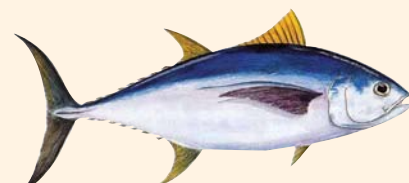
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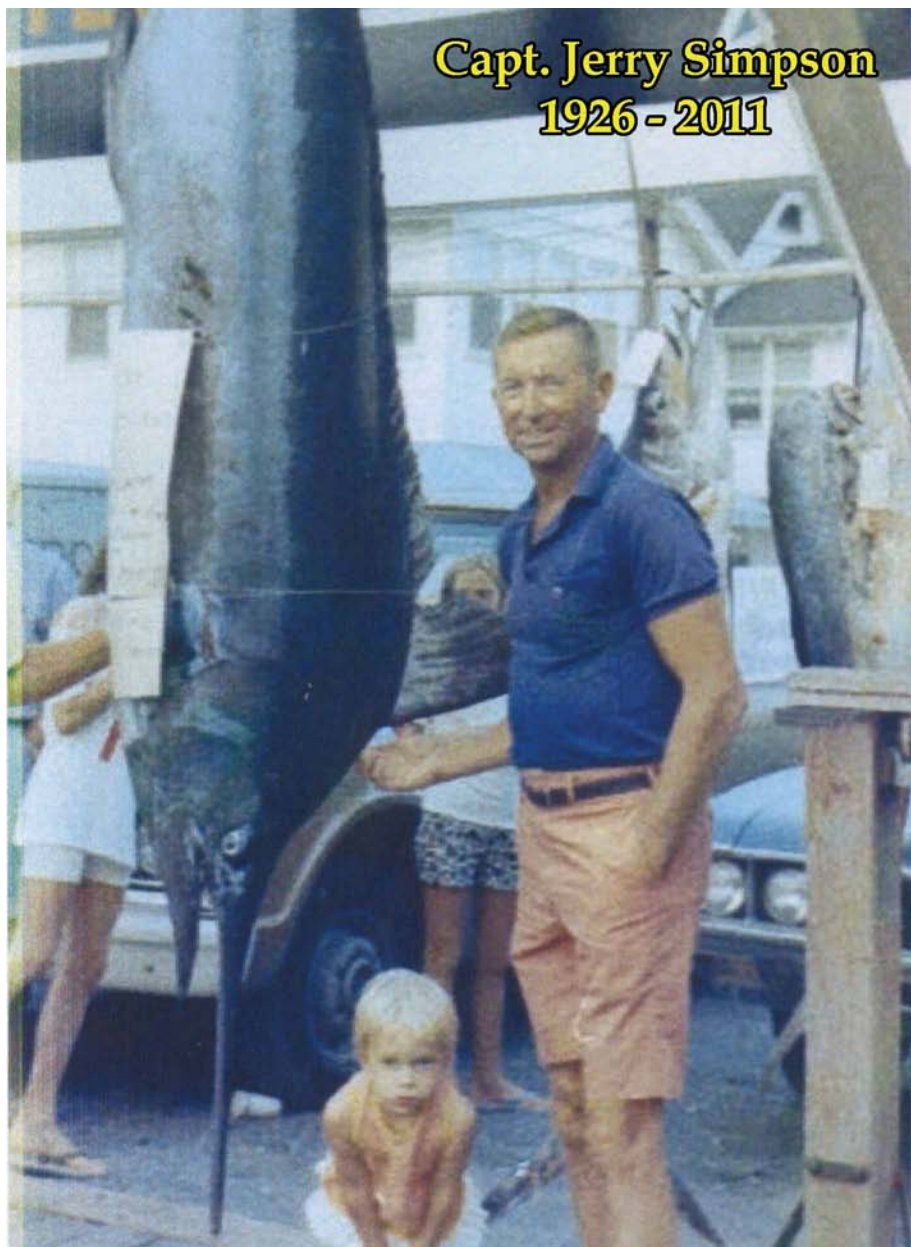
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Brian Simmons from Bethany Beach, DE, Don Wall from Rising Sun, MD, Curtis Macomber from Ocean City, MD, Todd Martinek from Berlin, MD, Scott Pringle from Newark, DE and John Ness from Elkton, MD got in on the good yellowfin bite on Sunday, returning with 11 yellowfin, a dolphin and a 103 lb. mako shark. The fish were caught in the Poor Man's Canyon on ballyhoo and spreader bars. The anglers were fishing on the "All In" with Capt. Chad Meeks and mate Steve Moore. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Straight from the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife

Management of marine finfish such as summer flounder, black sea bass and bluefish, which are all extremely popular species for recreational fishers in Delaware, is a complicated process. All of the Atlantic coast states, including Delaware, have jurisdiction to formulate laws for managing fish within an area extending from the state shoreline out to three miles. The Federal Government has jurisdiction to formulate laws for managing fish from the three mile state boundary seaward out to 200 miles. This authority was granted to the Secretary of Commerce by Congress in 1976 through the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which also established eight regional fishery management councils in the United States. The Councils recommend fishery management measures to the Secretary of Commerce through the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The decisions made by the Councils are not final until they are approved, or partially approved by the Secretary of Commerce through NMFS.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) is responsible for managing thirteen species of marine organisms that are harvested by both recreational and commercial fishers. Summer flounder, black sea bass and bluefish are just three of the thirteen species managed by the Council. Since fish move between boundaries without regard for spatial jurisdictions, the Council's fishery management plans (FMP) must be coordinated with the states through the Atlantic State Marine Fishery Commission (ASMFC) and adjacent Councils such as the New England Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic



Noulack Mouynivong of Frankford, DE was fishing with live spot at the Indian River Coast Guard Station when he hooked into this 8 lb. flounder. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

Fishery Management Council. Summer flounder, black sea bass and bluefish are jointly managed among these agencies in an effort to implement a compatible conservation management system within federal waters (EEZ) as well as in state waters.

Seven states (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina) comprise the MAFMC. There are 21 voting representatives of whom seven represent the constituent states' fish and wildlife agencies. One voting member is from the federal government representing the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Administrator. Thirteen are private citizens knowledgeable about recreational or commercial fishing or marine conservation that are nominated by the governors of their respective states and

appointed to the Council by the Secretary of Commerce. There are also four non-voting members representing the ASMFC, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Council meets six times a year, alternating meeting sites within the member states of the Council. Council meetings normally last three or four days, depending on the number and complexity of issues that must be addressed at each meeting. All meetings are open to the public, except for sessions in which the Council deals with personnel and litigation issues. All Council meetings are recorded and verbatim transcripts of the meeting are stored at the Council office, and the transcripts are also posted on the Council's website (www.mafmc.org).

The Council works from an

agenda, which is posted on the Council's website and distributed to those on the Council's mailing list and email list. The Executive Director works with the Council Chairman and Council staff in developing the agenda. In order to place an item on the agenda one should talk to the Executive Director, suggest the item at a Council advisory body meeting, or suggest the item during the Council's public comment period. Draft agendas for the Council meetings are emailed to Council members for input two weeks prior to finalizing it for submission to the Federal Register.

The Council management process is based on fishery management plans (FMPs). An FMP is a set of management objectives and strategies. FMPs are initially developed, and then amended over time as stock conditions change and fishing practices also change. In this decision making process, the Council is required to use the best scientific information available and to meet the National Standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. In addition, other Federal laws must be followed as they may pertain to aspects of the FMP. Public comment is encouraged and invited during this FMP development process. This can be accomplished during a Council meeting after being recognized by the Council Chairman or through participation in one of the species advisory groups or by providing written comment which is accepted during the public hearing process that occurs when an FMP is developed or amended.

The MAFMC will address annual quota setting issues for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish at the August Council meeting. At this meeting Council staff present the most up-to-date information available regarding the status of these stocks. In addition, recommendations from the Council's Science and Statistical Committee, Monitoring Committees and



Eleven yellowfin tuna and three dolphin fell at the hands of John Donahue, Jay Cranston, Mike Ransing, Bill Laird, Bob Ficoturo and D.J. Ficoturo during a trip to the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Free Spool". Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

Advisory Committees will be reviewed and considered during the discussions regarding the setting of harvest quotas for these four species. After considerable discussion, the Council will vote to adopt a quota recommendation for each species which will be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce with the necessary administrative record detailing the Council's justification for the recommendation. If adopted by the Secretary these quota recommendations will become federal law.

Recreational management measures for the upcoming fishing season for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass and bluefish are addressed by the Council which meets jointly with the ASMFC Boards at the December meeting. It is necessary to wait until December to insure that most of the recreational harvest data collected through the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) is available for inclusion in harvest estimates, which are a key measurement of the success or lack of success

in achieving the various harvest caps for each species. For example, until the recreational harvest numbers for Delaware's 2011 summer flounder fishery were finalized, it was not evident if the 87,500 fish harvest cap required for the 2011 fishing season had been exceeded. If Delaware's 2011 harvest had been higher it would require the development of more stringent management measures for the 2012 fishery. Conversely, if the 2011 harvest estimates were significantly lower, management measures could be liberalized. The final harvest estimate was 66,820 fish, slightly below the 2012 cap and the ASMFC approved status quo management measures for Delaware during the 2012 summer flounder season. Once again, all Council meetings are open to the public and public comment is welcome at Council meetings. If you want to contribute to the quota setting process or wish to comment on future recreational management measures you have the means to do so through the Council system.



Donnie Weitzel caught this 3 lb. 4 oz. sea bass while fishing at an ocean wreck on the "Katy Did" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The fish fell for a clam and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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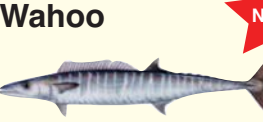






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Heaviest Fish of the Year

(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - ties go to first fish reported)

Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	May 26, 2012 Sandra Lin "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 8 oz.	NEW June 1, 2012 Donnie Weitzel "Katy Did" 3 lbs. 4 oz.	 Mako Shark	NEW June 3, 2012 John Loar Sausages 280.9 lbs.	NEW May 31, 2012 Jimmy Ryan Hambone 125 lbs.
 Tautog	January 11, 2012 Charlie Donohue "Morning Star" 23 lbs.	April 21, 2012 Clark Koehn Delaware Bay Reef 17 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	NEW June 1, 2012 Dave Nolan Fingers 576.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Striped Bass	February 10, 2012 John Rogowitz Little Gull 41 lbs.	May 18, 2012 Chris Long Upper DE Bay 42 lbs. 14 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs.	May 13, 2012 Ron Steen Baltimore Canyon 79.1 lbs.
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach 6 lbs. 2 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 13, 2012 Amanda Matarese "Reel Chaos" 50 lbs.	May 13, 2012 Jeff Griffin Baltimore Canyon 37 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	May 7, 2012 Tony Diesel Indian River Inlet 2 lbs. 10 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	April 14, 2012 John Brockmeyer Behind OC Airport 8 lbs. 4 oz.	NEW May 31, 2012 Noulack Mouynivong Indian River Coast Guard Station 8 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Bluefish	NEW June 3, 2012 Lauren Stinchcomb Fingers 13 lbs. 5 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	May 27, 2012 Robert Reno African Queen 11 lbs. 13 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Wahoo	NEW May 28, 2012 Nate Berkheimer & Katrina Taylor "Reelentless" 74 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Golden Tilefish	May 25, 2012 Sam Gass Washington Canyon 48 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 White Marlin	NEW Most Releases in One Day May 27, 2012 Grant Clubb Between Baltimore & Poor Man's 1 release	June 3, 2012 Josh Gessler Poor Man's 1 release

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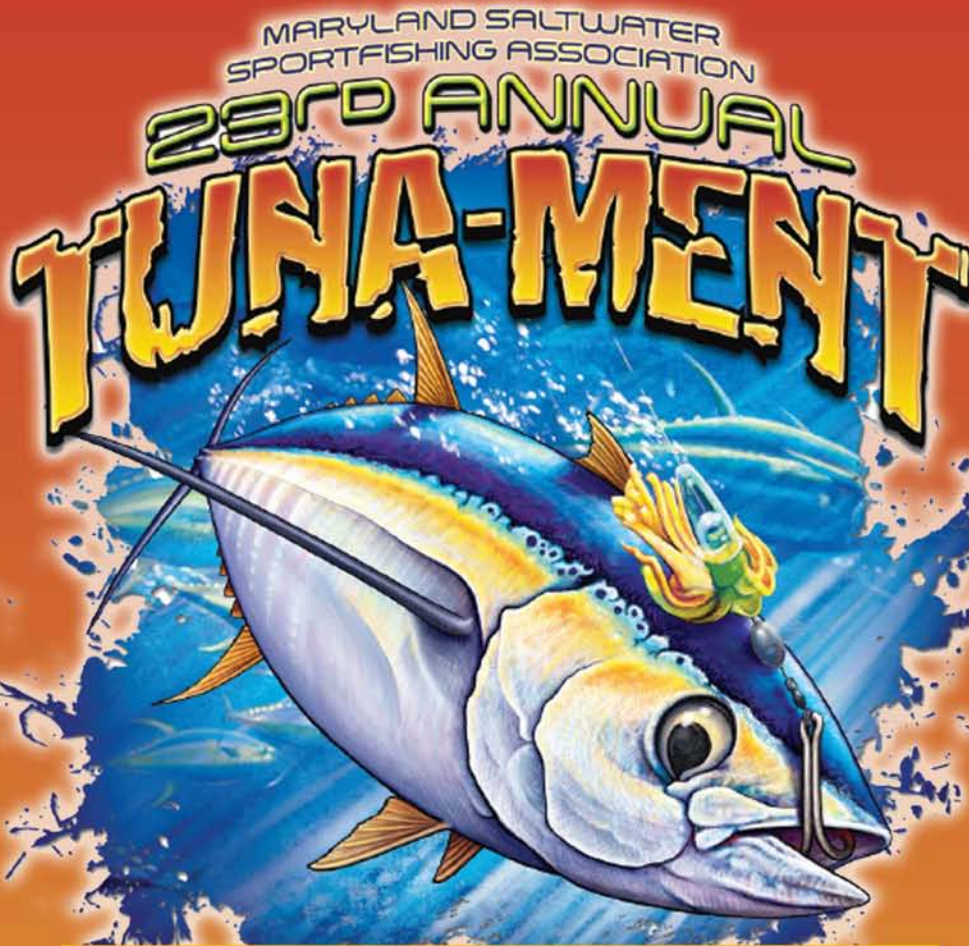


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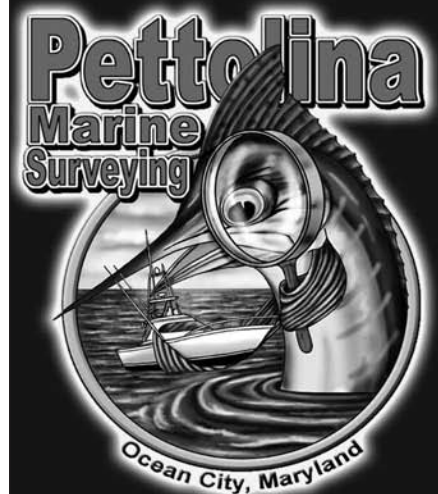
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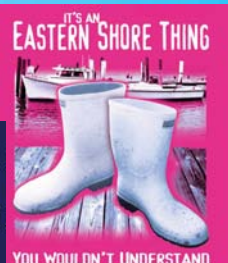


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On Sunday, Gary Brittingham, Troy Graham, Bobby Grays, Steve Eccleston and Elaina Dutter (not pictured) caught 13 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Country" with Capt. D.J. Churchill and mate Jake Graves. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Alex Grapes of Rockville, MD had to be tired after reeling in 16 bluefish at the south end of the Fingers. Alex was fishing on the "Binnacle" with his dad, Rick Grapes and Randy Stinchcomb. All of the fish were caught on skirted ballyhoo. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Big Bird Cropper of Powellville, MD caught his limit of flounder (2 pictured) while drifting a 3/4 oz. jig tipped with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Ocean City Inlet on Sunday. Could it be the lucky suspenders?

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