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On the final day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Pascual Jimenez on the "Weldor's Ark" captured an 83 lb. white marlin to tie for 1st place in the White Marlin Division. However, Pascual's fish won the tiebreaker against the 83 pounder caught on the "Underdog" because it was boated without being gaffed. Gary Johnson also caught a white marlin during the trip, with his tipping the scale at 71.5 lbs. All of the action took place in the Norfolk Canyon while using tinker mackerel for bait. Rounding out the "Weldor's Ark" team were John and Judy Roberts, Rhonda Johnson, Dawn Murphy, Capt. Mike Taylor and mate Dustan Tilley. For their first place finish, the team took home a record-setting \$2,584,260 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



We realize the picture of the winning white marlin in this year's White Marlin Open is on the cover of this issue, but you don't get a chance to see a group of anglers with a check for \$2,584,260. Pascual Jimenez from Puerto Aventuras, Mexico on the "Welder's Ark" out of Morehead City, NC captured the winning fish on the final day of the tournament to win the record payout. This year, 382 boats competed for a tournament record \$5,461,560 in prize money.

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During an overnight trip on the "Restless Lady II" with Capt. Ed Kaufman and mate Bryan Hazard, Scoutmaster Chris Dernoga and Troop #427 from Edgemere, MD caught 3 bluefin tuna and 4 mahi while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Anglers included James Grace, John Reid, Justin Kihn, Kyle Christensen, Nick Dernoga, Marshall Hammond, Mitchell Hammond, Max Hammond, Gavin Kihn and Skip Hammond. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



Well, the 45th Annual White Marlin Open is in the books and it was a record-setter. This year, 382 boats competed for a record \$5,461,560 in award money. This is an increase of 29 boats and \$504,595 in payouts.

Although we saw an increase of 1 white marlin weighed this year (18 vs. 17), there were considerably more releases of white marlin (702 vs. 385) and blue marlin (56 vs. 34). Heading into the tournament, tuna fishing was slow and it reflected in the number hooked during the 5 days of fishing. Last year, 42 tuna were boated and this year only 14 ended up at the scale.

The White Marlin Division saw a unique situation when anglers on the "Underdog" and the "Weldor's Ark" both boated 83 lb. white marlin.

However, since the fish caught on the final day by Pascual Jimenez on the "Weldor's Ark" wasn't gaffed, it won the tiebreaker because the fish caught the day prior on the "Underdog" was gaffed. Both were hooked on tinker mackerel in the Norfolk Canyon. Earlier in the week, on the second day of the tournament, Bill Haugland on the "Lights Out" caught a 75 lb. white marlin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon and held on to win third place in the White Marlin Division.

One of the highlights of the week occurred on the first day of the tournament when the "Auspicious" arrived with an 881 lb. blue marlin caught in 1,200 fathoms outside the Wilmington Canyon. This was the 6th largest blue marlin

caught in the 45 year history of the White Marlin Open and was worth over \$900,000 in award money.

The other stunner was the 75.5 lb. yellowfin caught on the local boat, "Buckshot" that brought in a record \$924,936. This was the highest payout for a tuna in tournament history. The winning fish was caught by Gary Stansberry on Thursday while trolling a plug in the Norfolk Canyon. A day earlier, Charles Matatall caught a 73.5 lb. yellowfin that ended the event in 2nd place. The yellowfin, caught on the "Blinky IV" was hooked north of the Lindenkohl Canyon. Third place in the Tuna Division was won by the team on the "Brass Monkey" with a 71 lb. yellowfin caught on a ballyhoo in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog.

The Wahoo Division saw some final day excitement when local boat, "Over-Board" arrived with a 63 lb. speedster to jump into 1st place and win over \$115,000 in award money. Capt. Dustin Lorah said the wahoo hit a lure inshore of the Rockpile. Luckily, the anglers did a good job boating the wahoo since the lure broke sometime during the fight. Second place in the Wahoo Division went to the "Desperado" with a 58 pounder. Justin Ratcliff, captain of the "Desperado" gets an A+ for effort for driving the second place fish to Ocean City from Rudee Inlet, VA and

arrived only 6 minutes before the scales closed on Wednesday night.

Compared to last year, the Dolphin Division saw the largest increase in activity with 14 fish weighed versus only 2 in 2017. This year's winner was a 50 pounder caught on the "Fin•Nominal" in 60 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon on the second day of the tournament. The 2nd place dolphin, caught by George Mess on the "Rigged Up" was also caught in the Poor Man's Canyon on a trolled ballyhoo. In 3rd place was a 36 lb. bull caught by Rob Overfield on the "Moxie Boys" while trolling a horse ballyhoo north of the Poor Man's.

Two heavyweights battled it out for Top Release Boat with the "Viking 72" edging out the "Billfisher", 875 points to 840 points. The "Viking 72" released 10 white marlin and a blue marlin while the "Billfisher" released 12 white marlin during their 3 days of fishing. The "Viking 72" split their time between the Norfolk, Washington and Spencer Canyons. The "Billfisher" hit the Washington Canyon on their first day of fishing and the Spencer Canyon on their remaining two days. This year was truly a family event on the "Billfisher" with 3 generations of Duffie's participating.

Overall, it was another exciting tournament. Hats off to the Motsko family and all of the volunteers who work very hard to put on a world class event! If President Trump keeps our economy cranking, there's no telling how big the tournament will be next year. We could be seeing our first \$1,000,000 tuna!



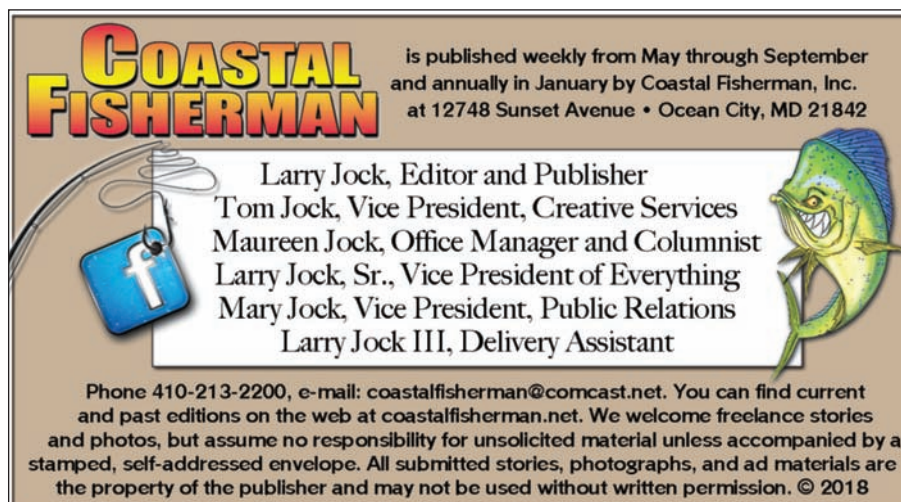
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Outside of the tournament, flounder fishing continues to roll along with good catches coming in from anglers fishing in the bay and out on ocean structure.

In the bay, the best bite has been in the East Channel for anglers fishing with live spot or mullet. White Gulp Swimming Mullets are still producing for anglers choosing to fish with artificial baits, but this time of year, castnetting live bait will give you a definite advantage. Looking for deeper holes in the East Channel and around the Rt. 50 Bridge where the water is slightly cooler is a good idea right now. We also saw fish pulled out of the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and in the Fishbowl, which is located between the East and West Channels, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Inshore structure continues to produce better catches than what we are seeing in the bay. The Bass Grounds, Russell's Reef and up north at the Old Grounds are all good summertime spots for targeting larger flounder. Anglers dropping Spro bucktails tipped with Gulp or strip baits do well when fishing structure or coral bottom off the coast. You will see what I mean when you read through this issue. It is loaded with pictures of good size flounder caught on ocean reefs and wrecks!

The other exciting news is that cobia are showing up in good numbers right off the coast of Delaware and are heading our way. They have been found cruising the surface or just under schools of bunker.

Anglers have had luck tossing them live eels (always a cobia favorite), live bunker or even bucktails tipped with Gulp Swimming Mullet. Just last Friday, John Burbage from Ocean View, DE caught a 79.4 lb. cobia to set a new Delaware state record. John was just a mile and a half off the Bethany coastline when he spotted some big cobia around a school of bunker. He tossed it a live bunker and fought the fish for over an hour before getting a chance to sink a gaff in it. John said that he saw a good number of fish in the area and they were moving south. Cross and Nicky Ferrara have also had good luck in recent weeks tracking down cobia right off our coast while fishing from their jet skis. Last weekend, they boated a couple more cobia after hooking them on live eels off the coast of Fenwick Island. We even saw a cobia caught and released last Friday by Chris Clasing while fishing with live bunker in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Upcoming Tournaments

This weekend is the world famous Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open at Bahia Marina. Lady anglers will be fishing Thursday, Friday and Saturday with weigh-ins from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM each day.

Right on the heels of the Poor Girls Open is the MidAtlantic tournament that starts on August 20th and runs through the 24th. Weigh-ins are each night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sunset Marina.

Until next week, I'll see you at the scales!

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Nicky Ferrara has had good success this year chasing down cobia off the Delaware coast and last week, while fishing with his son, Cross on their rigged-up jet skis, the duo found them again off the coast of Fenwick Island. The cobias were swimming around schools of bunker and were fooled with live eels.

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Joe McNeal caught flounder measuring up to 23-inches while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Joe hooked the fish on jig heads tipped with Gulp artificial baits on natural coral bottom. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Gary Ebling reeled in this 46.5 lb. bluefin tuna while chunking at the 12 Fathom Lump with Scott Mohn and Brian Piger. Weighed at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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Josh Fallon (left) of Yellowfins Bar & Grill gave the stripers a break and targeted flounder in the East Channel during a trip with Tyler Travers of Bishopville, MD. The duo ended up with their limit of fish hooked on Gulp Swimming Mulletts.



On the 2nd day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Rob Howes of Columbia, MD weighed a 62 lb. yellowfin tuna caught while fishing on the local boat, "Game Changer". Rob was joined by Dan Lauer, Matt Husman, John O'Neill, Thomas Spencer, Carl Parker and Capt. Neil Brosnahan. Also pictured is Fred Husman. In addition to the yellowfin tuna, the team also recorded a blue marlin release by John O'Neill. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Last Thursday during the 45th Annual White Marlin Open, Glenn Orr captured a 32 lb. dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in 60 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Glenn was fishing on the "Killin Time" with Chuck Lovendusky, Capt. Jason Norton and mate Aaron Rosenberg. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Aidean Dawson of Townsend, DE was soaking some squid near "B" Buoy when he hooked into this 25 1/2-inch, 5 lb. 13 oz. flounder. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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FISH STORIES

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



I was talking with my mate Mr. Evans while we were getting rigged up for the White Marlin Open. He was rigging ballyhoo on O-rings and copper wire while I was twisting up mullets for a dredge teaser. We both have been fishing the White Marlin Open for over 30 years now and we were discussing how much bait rigging has changed over time.

Our boat cooler for the week consisted of several dozen small "dink" ballyhoo. Some were rigged to skip behind Squidnation Slammer chugger heads and others were rigged with a 3/8 ounce egg sinker to swim. We also had a teaser bait cooler that held "horse" ballyhoo behind assorted Island Lures to put behind our Squidnation squid chain teasers (I love the new shade of blue squids - and so did a white marlin on the first day!) and also forty or so chin-weighted mullets for our left dredge teaser. A fair quantity of baits, but not much in the way of variety. Our best spread for white marlin fishing has become very simplistic.

The first White Marlin

Open I fished in as a mate was in 1986. My memory might not be one hundred percent accurate on the quantities, but I know it was jam packed with rigged squid, flying fish, mullets with hooks, double hooked eels, bonita belly strips, Spanish mackerel and of course, assorted sized ballyhoo. All were rigged on steel leaders that were between 18 and 25 feet long. Looking back, I am not sure how it wasn't a big tangled mess! Unlike the bait pattern behind the "Last Call" these days, the trolling spread was pretty complicated in the 80s. The left flat line was usually a mullet. The right flat was either a mullet or a squid. The right short rigger held a Spanish mackerel and the left was either a flying fish or a ballyhoo. The long riggers were strip baits or ballyhoo and the center rigger shotgun bait was the double hooked eel (whitey looked awful silly with one of those slimy suckers wrapped around his snoot!). For teasers we usually had a chain of "natural" colored rubber squid on the left side and a tandem of Mumford lures on the right

(black and purple on the back and green and yellow in the front). Dredges were not yet in use (although they were being developed by some super secretive guys).

So what led to the big change? In my case it was a gradual evolution. The first key factor was better quality and diameter monofilament for leader material. Jinkai brand was one of the first that had a soft, yet durable mono that was suitable for natural baits. Stiff, thick, heavy mono was fine for lures but we needed something a little more forgiving for our baits. Jinkai was just the ticket. By 1990 my natural baits were almost exclusively on monofilament leaders.

The next big change was the size of the hooks and the baits. By the mid 90s things had downscaled tremendously. This was due in large part to traveling fisherman bringing back techniques from exotic locales like Isla Mujeres and Venezuela. Guys were putting up good numbers of billfish in these places using smaller, short shanked hooks on small to medium ballyhoo. My trolling spread in Isla Mujeres in 1997 was exclusively small swimming ballyhoo on 6/0 9175 Mustad J- hooks. Those hooks were roughly the same size, or maybe even slightly smaller than what I used for

flounder in the 80s!!! And of course the dredge teaser had come into play by then so we were experimenting with different ways to attach massive amounts of mullets to umbrella rigs and spreader bars.

The ease of rigging ballyhoo on short shanked hooks and the success we were having slowly made sewing eels and squid a thing of the past for all but a few crews. Spanish mackerel were still a "go to" big bait but the bait coolers had mostly ballyhoo in them. Steel leaders were all but forgotten for marlin fishing.

In the early 2000s the biggest change occurred. Circle hooks. Legendary globe trotting Captain Ron Hamlin began promoting the use of circle hooks for billfish trolling in the late 90s, but it didn't take hold until the new millennium. Many of us were slow to change, but the federal government helped to make up our minds for us. A study was done on billfish mortality rate using J-hooks versus circle hooks. Twenty white marlin were released with satellite tags. Ten on circle hooks and ten on Js. I think the sample size and the release techniques were both ridiculous, but that is yet another conversation for another time. The fish released on circle hooks did significantly better than those

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on Js and the NMFS/NOAA higher ups proposed a law requiring circle hooks in any tournament that had a prize for white marlin. We had to learn to fish circles then! I now embrace the circle hook system and use it any time I am marlin fishing. Everybody should.

I guess the question you might ask is whether we do better now than we did then. There is more competition on the water now, but the fish stocks seem very healthy. My favorite rigs from the 80s wouldn't see the light of day behind the "Last Call" in 2018,

but we caught fish then and we catch fish now. I don't know. Maybe Mr. Evans and I will go retro one day before the end of the season and I will post the results! I wonder if any tackle shops have eels or flying fish in stock?

Capt Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call", owner of Pettolina Marine Surveying, Inc. and multi-term President of the Ocean City Marlin Club. To book a trip on the "Last Call", call 443-783-3699.

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The father and son team of John and Steve O'Donnell from Hanover, PA arrived at the scale on the final day of the White Marlin Open with a 25 lb. dolphin caught while trolling ballyhoo in 125 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Bare Necessities". Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Nathan Mangiafico, Loudon Swain and Zack Mangiafico teamed up to catch 10 flounder, 5 bluefish, a pair of Spanish mackerel and a greenie while fishing on ocean structure and trolling around Fenwick Shoal.



On the last day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Anthony Anello brought a 20 lb. dolphin to the scale that was caught while fishing on "In the Doghouse" with Steve Benson and Ed Meadows. The dolphin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in 160 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Also pictured is their mascot, Cash.

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Dominic Davis from Millsboro, DE was fishing at "B" Buoy with smelt and shiners when he hooked into this 25 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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George Henning kept his reputation in tact by coming in as high man with 3 keeper flounder while fishing with John Neidermair, Bryce Stuart, Carson Askey and Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat, "Morning Star". The largest flounder measured 19 1/2-inches. All of the fish were caught on cut bait, clams and Gulp on natural bottom and at an artificial reef site.

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Dan Cathell, Jr. and Albert Gravenor each released a white marlin while fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Donald Bounds, Claude Littleton, Brady Mitchell, Luke Cathell, Dan Cathell, Sr., Jack Fisher, Capt. John Oughton and mates Austin Bickford and Nick Ewald. The anglers also caught a yellowfin tuna and 6 mahi on the troll in the Baltimore Canyon.



Steve Kiibler caught his limit of flounder and even added a sea bass to the mix during a trip aboard the headboat, "Thelma Dale IV" with Capt. Ricky Yakimowicz. Steve's largest flounder weighed 8 lbs. and was caught on strip bait on ocean structure. The "Thelma Dale IV" is docked at Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE.

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These smiling sisters couldn't be happier after a trip spent fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Matt Harris and Nathan McGinnis. Erin and Shannon Kelly from Clifton, NY caught a pair of flounder, measuring up to 20-inches and weighing 2 lbs. 12 oz., while drifting squid and shiner combinations in the Thorofare. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Last Saturday morning, this group of anglers ventured out on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. They ended their trip with 5 keeper flounder in the box with fish measuring up to 18-inches and weighing 2 lbs. 4 oz. All were caught on squid and shiner/minnow combinations in the East Channel. Pictured back at Bahia Marina are anglers Justin Romanuski, Norby Brennan, Derek Christensen and Greg Jones.

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Greg Avedon of Arnold, MD and Ron Peacock of Wilmington, DE were fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins when they caught a pair of big flounder and a knothead with strip baits over an artificial reef site. The largest fish measured 22-inches. The "Morning Star" is docked at the OC Fishing Center.



There were a lot of smiling faces on the "Morning Star" last week when this group of anglers hooked into good catches of flounder and sea bass during a trip with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Jessica Norkis and Hadley Horensky led the way with flounder and sea bass that both measured 19 1/2-inches. Also pictured with nice catches are Chris Sammond, Andrew Sammond, Brian Horensky and Zach Horensky.

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John Yoder and Conrad Lesnewski had a good day of flounder fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. The anglers ended up with 5 keepers weighing up to 3 lbs. 8 oz. All were fooled with cut bait on an artificial reef.



During a trip on the charter boat, "Ivy Sea" with Capt. Jeff Powell, anglers Tom Barley, Cindy Barley, Austin Barley and Dave Lutz caught 6 keeper flounder while fishing with cut bait at the First Lump. Their largest fish measured 23-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Last week, Steve Trumpler from Annapolis, MD hooked a pair of 22-inch flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The flounder ate squid and Otter Tail combinations on natural ocean bottom. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Denise Eddinger from Long Neck, DE caught a 23 1/2-inch, 7 lb. 3 oz. tautog while fishing at the DelJerseyLand reef with Randy Eddinger on the "Paul B. Sands". Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Tom Traxler of State College, PA was trolling spoons along the Fenwick, DE coast when he hooked this 7 lb. 13 oz. king mackerel. Tom was fishing on the "Razorback" with Roger Quigley and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On opening day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Al Aus from Chester, MD weighed a 30 lb. dolphin caught on a Black Bart plug. Al was fishing on the "Halcyon" with Kat and Luke Baxter, Rudi Schlesner, Capt. Andy Baxter and mate Nick Schlesner. Pictured at Harbour Island.



While fishing on an ocean reef site, Danny Cox of Ocean City, MD captured his limit of 4 flounder while using live mullet for bait. Danny's fish measured between 19 1/2 and 23-inches.

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Chris Clasing was drifting live bunker in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge, when he caught and released this 33-inch cobia last Friday. The fish was sitting under a bait ball of bunker and was battled on light tackle.



This group of anglers loaded up the fish box of the charter boat, "Katydid" after spending their time fishing on ocean structure with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Pictured are anglers Jeff and Matt Sherwood, Mike Thompson, George Burris, Van Adams, John Carlyle, Mark Meleski and Mark Cruise. The largest flounder caught during the trip weighed 4 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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While fishing on the headboat, "Judith M", angler Justin Grynovicki caught a 25-inch, 4 lb. flounder on a white Spro bucktail tipped with a Gulp artificial bait. Pictured with Justin is Gavin Valenti. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Paul Mills caught a 17-inch flounder and Michael Mills edged him out with a 22-incher, all while fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Julia Mills and Capt. Dave Caffrey. Both fish were caught on Gulp Swimming Mulletts at an ocean reef. Michael's big flattie weighed 4 lbs. on the scale at Bahia Marina.

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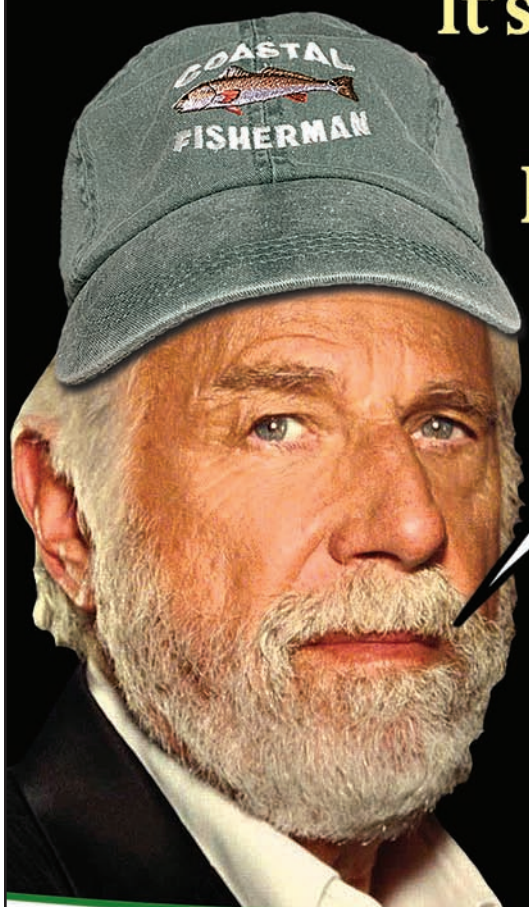


Richie Leverage from Bear, DE didn't want to give up any of his flounder fishing secrets, but with a little coaxing, he reported that this 17-inch, 2 lb. 8 oz. flounder ate a squid and clam combination. Richie hooked the flattie on an ocean wreck while fishing on the headboat, "Judy V". Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Kristalynn Wilson, age 11, from Severna Park, MD muscled in this fat 33-inch striped bass while fishing with her uncle, Josh Fallon of Yellowfins Bar & Grill. Kristalynn hooked her first linesider at the South Jetty while using live spot for bait. Providing assistance with the picture is her cousin, Parker Fallon.

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



Already into the back half of August, this summer has really flown by, but there is still plenty of fishing left this season and from the looks of it, we could have plenty of good days ahead of us, especially for flounder and cobia.

Right now, the big news is the cobia bite off the Delaware coast. Avid angler, John Burbage of Ocean View, DE was out on Friday and found several good size fish cruising the surface around schools of bunker only 1.5 miles off the Bethany coast. John had caught some bunker earlier in the day, so he tossed one to a big fish and the fight was on. It took John, who is an excellent angler and was fishing alone, over an hour to get the fish to the boat and stick it with a gaff. The big "man in the brown suit" tipped the scale at 79.4 lbs.

The question is, "Does Delaware have a state record classification for cobia?" I guess it depends on who you ask, because when you look on their website there isn't a category for cobia, yet state representatives have told folks that they added one. They did send a person out to verify the weight of the fish so perhaps they will start recognizing the state record for cobia with John's fish.



On their rigged-up jet skis, Cross Ferrara and his dad, Nicky have had good luck tracking down cobia cruising the coastline 1.5 miles off Bethany Beach. Last weekend, both Cross (pictured) and his dad hooked good size fish while tossing live eels to fish found under schools of bunker.

We also saw cobia caught off the beach in Fenwick Island. One of Matt Shoup's customers at Fenwick Bait & Tackle reported catching a cobia on 2 consecutive days last week. I also received pictures from Nicky and Cross Ferrara, who like to fish for cobia from their rigged-up jet skis. They captured another two over the weekend while fishing with eels off the Fenwick coast.

From the multiple reports I have received, the cobia are following schools of bunker and are heading south. Some very big fish have been seen, so it

could be a perfect time to do a little searching. You won't have to go far, since it looks like they are mainly staying within 2 miles of the coastline. Fish have been caught on live eels, bunker and bucktails tipped with Gulp artificial baits.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle, Capt. Mike was excited about this weeks Paradise Grill Flounder Tournament that starts on Wednesday. This year, it is a 5-day tournament and Mike said that the Spro bucktails have been flying off the shelf. Chances are the winning fish is going to come from "B" Buoy or

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somewhere around the Old Grounds.

Capt. Mike said that the flounder bite has picked up on ocean structure with most of his flounder pounders forgetting about the bays and inlets and just heading out to "B" Buoy and the Old Grounds with Gulp, minnows and strip baits. Not only are flounder becoming more plentiful, but they are getting larger as well. Several fish over 5 lbs. were caught last week with a couple in the 7 lb. range and one reaching 8 lbs. On Sunday, Mike weighed a 7.2 pounder (26") that was the largest flounder to come into his shop this season. It was caught at the Old Grounds.

Anglers on the headboat, "Thelma Dale IV" out of Lewes, DE have caught some big flounder lately, led by Steve Kiibler's 8 pounder hooked with a strip bait on ocean structure.

Flounder fishing in the Indian River Bay has been decent but anglers have had to deal with a lot of throwbacks.

Mike said that croakers have started to show up on the south side of the Indian River Inlet and just outside by the can. Some of his customers also complained about how thick the hardheads were around Site 10 where they couldn't get their baits down to the flounder.

Mike's customers fishing in the Indian River Inlet also found short stripers mixed in with shad and snapper bluefish at night under the lights near the Coast Guard Station.

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Triggerfish were also caught along the rocks by anglers using sand fleas for bait. A few triggers were also hooked at the Massey's Landing Pier.

In the back bays last week, anglers mainly caught croaker and spot on bloodworms or Fishbites.

At Fenwick Bait & Tackle, Capt. Matt reported kingfish in the Fenwick surf in addition to bluefish and loads of sharks. The good news is that there are some decent size bluefish mixed in with the snappers. A few surfcasters hooked into bluefish in the 18 to 20-inch range while fishing with meat.

Matt also said that the striper bite in the Fenwick Ditch has improved. Anglers who were mainly catching small fish when they finally showed up are now seeing fish in the 30-inch range interested in their offering of live eels.

Inshore, Matt's customers are finding good flounder fishing on ocean structure. Matt took some time last week to head to Russell's Reef where he and a buddy caught 6 nice flatties.

Capt. Bert at Hook'em &

Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina said that he had a few anglers catch their limit of flounder last week while fishing along the rocks in the Indian River Inlet. Flounder fishing isn't hot in the inlet, according to Bert, but it has improved.

Headboats fishing out of Indian River found mixed results for flounder fishing on ocean structure, but the one thing that has been consistent is the number of throwbacks that are being caught. However, patience is rewarded, like on Friday, when the full-day headboat, "Capt. Bob" returned with 48 keepers.

Offshore, the bite is slow right now. Anglers looking for tuna have mostly been chunking in Massey's Canyon at the 12 Fathom Lump. Billfish action is scattered with fish caught in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. Dolphin are all over with some of the bigger fish coming in from the Poor Man's Canyon.

Until next week, have fun and tight lines!

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While chunking in Massey's Canyon, Addison Browne from Dagsboro, DE muscled in this 54 lb. bluefin during a trip aboard the "Work Release" with Quinn Finnegan and Clay Harrison. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Kathy Miller from Mohnton, PA caught this 4.2 lb. flounder while fishing with minnows at "B" Buoy. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



With 319 of the 382 boats fishing on opening day of the 2018 White Marlin Open you knew that the scales were going to be active and one of the boats that showed up was the "Bent Tent" with a 22.5 lb. dolphin caught by Miles Norris of Chestertown, MD. Miles hooked the dolphin on a ballyhoo while fishing with Billy Norris, C.J. Morales, Billy Coxon, Albie Kimble, Capt. Jonathan Mason and mates Spencer Sharp and A.D. Burt. The team also recorded a white marlin release during their trip. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Atlantic Coast

	MD	DE
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"
Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	45 lbs. or 48"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	34 lbs. or 44"
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"

* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program
*** Use curved-fork-length measurements

Shark:

Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Hammerhead *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"

Swordfish

Tilefish - Blueline		10 lbs. or 28"
Tilefish - Golden		35 lbs. or 40"

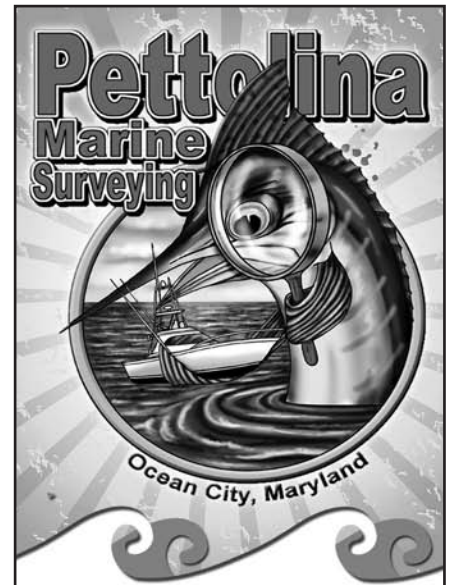
Tuna:

Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size

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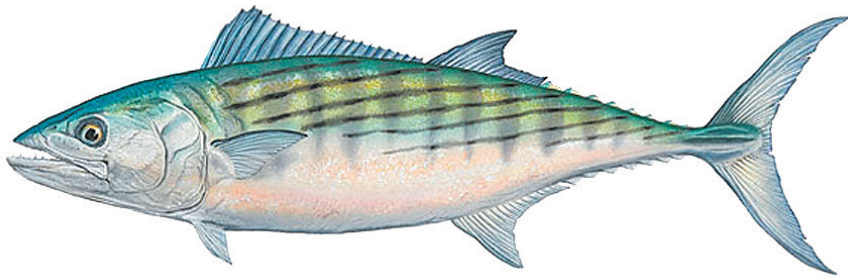
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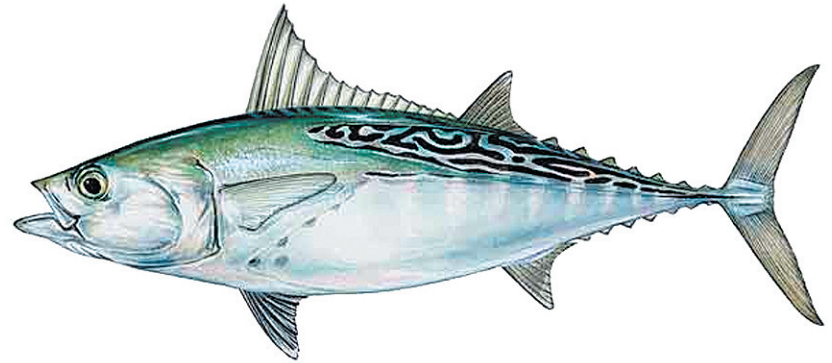
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- Straight horizontal markings on upper half of body
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Salsa

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- 1 red pepper small diced
- 1/2 green pepper, small diced
- 1 plum tomato, seeded & diced
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
- Juice of 1 1/2 limes
- 1/2 TBSP. ground cumin
- Dash of salt & black pepper
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper, seeded & diced (optional for some added kick)

Prepare salsa by combining ingredients in a medium bowl

Place in refrigerator for at least 3 hours.

Rub the fish of choice with a generous amount of olive oil and season with salt & pepper.

Place on a hot grill.

Once done spoon over some fresh salsa and enjoy!!!

Creamy Lemon Shrimp with Spinach

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lemons
- 2 TBSP. butter
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 3 cups baby spinach
- 2 TBSP. Sliced scallions

Dry shrimp with paper towels and season with salt and black pepper. Set aside.

Cut 1 lemon into wedges, set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter and 1 TBSP of olive oil.

Sauté garlic and onions for 4 minutes.

Add chicken broth, heavy cream, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/2 tsp. black pepper. Bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add zest and juice of remaining lemon, toss in shrimp and cook until pink, about 3 to 4 minutes.

After cooking shrimp, season with salt to taste.

Add spinach and stir until wilted.

Garnish with scallions and lemon wedges.

Serve immediately.

Coconut Shrimp with Spicy Honey

- 1 cup jasmine rice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 lb. tail-on shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 large egg, beaten with 1 TBSP. water
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 green onions, chopped

Prepare rice according to package instructions.

In a small sauce pan over medium-high heat, combine honey, 1 tsp. lemon zest, 1 tsp. lemon juice and cayenne pepper.

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Turn off heat and cover with lid to keep warm.

Season shrimp with salt and pepper, then dredge in flour, dip into egg mixture, and dredge in bread crumb and shredded coconut mixture.

Shake off any excess and set aside.

In a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat, heat 2-inches of oil to 350-degrees.

Working in 2 to 3 batches, fry shrimp and turn evenly to brown all sides, 3 to 4 minutes.

Transfer to paper-towel lined plate and season with salt immediately after frying.

Serve shrimp with rice, garnish with green onions and drizzle with warm, spicy honey.

Slow-Cooker Crab Dip

12 oz. cream cheese
1/2 cup freshly grated
Parmesan cheese, plus
more for garnish

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup thinly sliced
green onions, plus
more for garnish
3 cloves garlic, minced
Juice of 1 lemon
1 1/2 TBSP.
Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 tsp. Old Bay
seasoning, plus more
for garnish
12 oz. crab meat
RITZ Crackers, for serving

In a slow-cooker, combine cream cheese, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, green onions, garlic, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and Old Bay. Stir until combined.

Fold in crab meat and cook on low, 2 hours.

Garnish with Parmesan cheese, green onions and Old Bay.

Serve with crackers.

Calamari Fritti

1 lb. cleaned squid
5 TBSP. all-purpose flour



Charlie Greenwood, age 12, from West Ocean City, MD caught his first mackerel while trolling a spoon at the First Lump with his dad, Jeff Greenwood.

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Flounder sniper, Marie Renzi of West Ocean City, MD ventured out to the Bass Grounds with her husband, Pete Renzi on the "Fish Frenzi" and captured this 20-inch flounder while fishing with Gulp artificial baits. The duo ended their day with 8 keeper flounder in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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5 TBSP. semolina flour or stone-ground yellow cornmeal
2 tsp. salt, preferably kosher
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
3 to 4 cups peanut oil
Lemon wedges or 1 cup marinara sauce, for serving

Cut the squid horizontally into 1/2-inch thick rings.

Cut the tentacles in half lengthwise.

Pat the squid dry with paper towels.

In a shallow bowl or a plastic bag, mix the flour, semolina, salt, and pepper.

Add the squid pieces, and stir or shake to cover with the flour mixture.

Remove the squid, shaking the excess flour off the pieces, and place them on a wire rack.

Let them sit for 10 minutes to allow the coating to adhere well.

Pour the oil 2-inches deep

into a large saucepan and heat until it registers 375-degrees on a deep-frying thermometer.

Carefully add 1/4 to 1/3 of the squid pieces to the oil without crowding them and fry for 1 1/2 minutes.

Remove immediately with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.

Let the oil temperature rise back up to 375-degrees and repeat with the rest of the squid.

Serve immediately with lemon wedges or a side dish of Marinara Sauce.

Striped Bass Poached In Spicy Soy Sauce

1/3 to 1/2 cup good soy sauce

2 tsp. sugar

About 15 scallions,

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pepper (optional)
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Combine the soy sauce, water, sugar, scallions, chile (if using) and 1/2 to 2/3 cup water in a skillet just large enough to hold the fish.

Turn the heat to medium high, and bring to a boil.

Add the fish and adjust the heat so the mixture bubbles, but not furiously.

Cook 8 to 10 minutes, turning once or twice, until the fish is coated with a brown glaze and cooked through.

Serve with white rice, spooning the sauce over all and garnishing with the scallions.

Cheesy Mushroom-Fish Bake

4 frozen flounder fillets
2 TBSP. Italian Dressing
1 cup sliced fresh
mushrooms
1/2 cup mozzarella

cheese, shredded
1 TBSP. chopped fresh
parsley

Heat oven to 450-degrees.
Place frozen fish in 13x9-inch baking dish and drizzle with dressing.

Bake 25 min.

Top with mushrooms and cheese.

Bake 5 min. or until cheese is melted and fish flakes easily with fork.

Sprinkle with parsley.

Swordfish Balls and Red Gravy

1 lb. swordfish
3/4 cup fresh
breadcrumbs, soaked
in 1/2 cup water
1/4 cup chopped fresh
Italian parsley
1/2 cup grated Pecorino
Romano cheese
4 cloves garlic, finely
minced
1 egg
Salt and ground pepper

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This 4 lb. 4 oz. black sea bass made the mistake of going after the strip of squid that Josh Higgins of Baltimore, MD dropped on a natural reef. Josh was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.

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Rich Daiker wasted no time breaking in his new boat, "Delicious" with a pair of tuna last week caught while fishing with Ed Amadio. The 48-inch bluefin and 55-inch yellowfin were hooked within 90 minutes of each other while chunking at Massey's Canyon.

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Red Gravy

3 TBSP. olive oil
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup fresh capers,
rinsed if salted
1/4 cup pitted Italian
black olives, quartered
1 TBSP. tomato paste
1 (28 oz.) can crushed to
tomatoes
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
Salt and ground pepper
1/4 cup olive oil
Pasta, for serving

For the swordfish balls, remove the skin from the swordfish and cut into chunks.

Place the chunks in a food processor and pulse until the texture resembles ground beef.

Place in a large bowl and add the breadcrumbs, parsley, cheese, garlic, egg and some salt and pepper. Mix well.

Cover the bowl and place in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

For the red gravy, heat the olive oil in a large pot over

medium heat.

Add the garlic and onions and saute until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add the capers, olives and tomato paste. Saute for 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the crushed tomatoes, fresh basil and salt and pepper to taste.

Let simmer on low for 30 minutes.

Remove the swordfish mixture from the refrigerator.

Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat.

Form the mixture into balls a little smaller than a tennis ball. You should get about 12 balls.

Place into the frying pan and fry to golden brown on each side, 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Remove and add these balls to your gravy.

Simmer for another 30 minutes.

Serve the swordfish balls and gravy over your favorite pasta.

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1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 large egg
1 TBSP. Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
1/4 tsp. sweet paprika
3 scallions, green parts only, thinly sliced
1 lb. lump crabmeat
3/4 cup finely ground hard pretzels
2 TBSP. unsalted butter
1 TBSP. vegetable oil

In a bowl, whisk the mayonnaise with the egg, mustard, Old Bay, paprika and scallions.

Fold in the crabmeat and 1/2 cup of the pretzels.

Refrigerate the crab mixture for 1 hour, until the pretzels are moist.

Preheat the oven to 400-degrees.

Form the crab mixture into eight patties.

Coat the crab cakes with the remaining 1/4 cup of

ground pretzels.

In an ovenproof nonstick skillet, melt the butter in the oil.

Add the crab cakes and cook over moderately high heat until browned on the bottom, about 3 minutes.

Turn the crab cakes and transfer the skillet to the oven.

Bake the crab cakes for about 5 minutes, until they are browned all over, then serve.

Serve with mayonnaise whisked with roasted garlic and mustard.

The Shark Fin

2 parts tequila
1 part Blood Orange Liqueur
2 parts fresh lemon sour
Juice of one whole lime
Lemon wedge (for garnish)

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with Coastal Fisherman readers, you can email it to coastalfisherman@comcast.net.



Keith Frasure and Pete Renzi hit Purnell's Reef for a quick flounder trip and returned with their limit of 8 flounder (3 pictured) in the box of the "Fish Frenzi". Keith muscled in the largest flattie of the day when he hooked a 24 1/2-incher that weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. All of their fish were caught on Gulp Swimming Mulletts.

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Raymond McCall caught his first wahoo and released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Outrageous" with Julie Tricky, Bryan McCall, Capt. Roy Ray and mate Anthony Chioki. The wahoo was estimated to weigh 25 lbs. and was caught on a spreader bar in the Baltimore Canyon where the anglers also caught 5 mahi during their trip.



With obviously no restrictions on the color of sunglasses you can wear while fishing on the headboat, "Thelma Dale" out of Fisherman's Wharf, angler Noel Picard jumped on for a day of flounder fishing and was rewarded with a pair measuring 17 1/2 and 18-inches and numerous throwbacks. Noel used bucktails tipped with white and Nuclear Chicken Gulp artificial baits. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Dave Beach caught this 17-inch flounder while fishing with minnows off the 2nd Street Bulkhead during the incoming tide.

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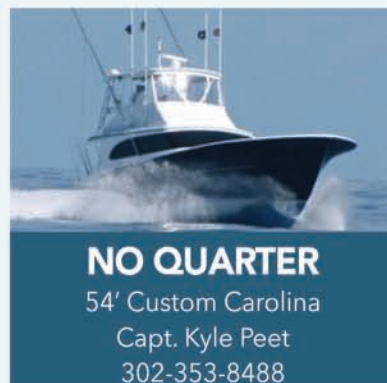
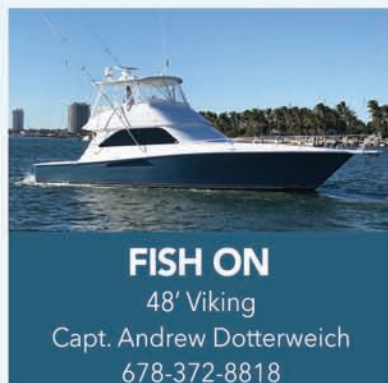
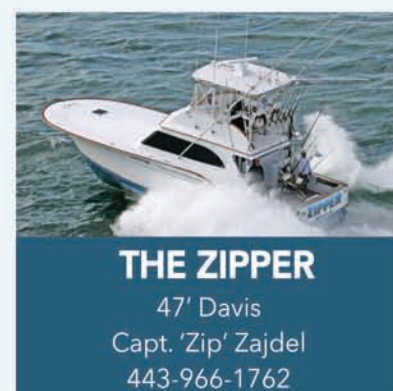
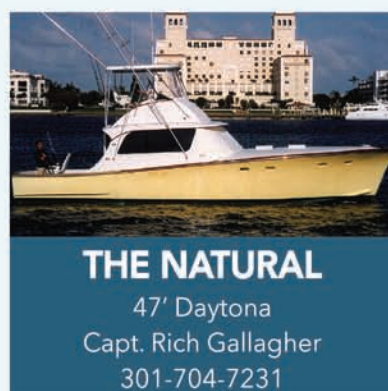
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Angela Pretzler-Campbell made the most of catching her very first flounder when she muscled in this 28-inch, 8 lb. flattie. Angela was fishing on the "Renovator" with Leo Kuneman and Rich Watts when she hooked the doormat on a Spro bucktail tipped with a Gulp artificial bait at a reef site off the coast of Ocean City.

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It used to be that regulations for bluefin tuna and flounder were always in such a constant state of turmoil that each spring anglers were constantly on the edge of their seats waiting to find out what the new catch and creel limits were going to be that season. Proposals would be made, public meetings scheduled, letters written and through it all it was not uncommon for fishermen to get more than a little hot under the collar about the way it would all work out in the end.

These days it seems as though things have leveled off enough for those species that there's not as much sticker-shock going on each spring when the new tuna or flounder regulations are announced. But it's not quite that way for sharks, which have become the new "problem child" for marine managers trying to strike a balance between effective fishery management and happy fishermen.

It wasn't too long ago that shark fishing regulations were so simple that few anglers had to ask or even worry so much about what they legally could or couldn't keep if they wanted to bring one home for dinner. For the most part, it was simply

one shark a day at 54-inches and a few species that were prohibited. But considering that off Delmarva alone we have about 14-species of relatively common sharks, all of which have their own unique biology, habits, travel patterns, life history and fishing pressure, it's become obvious that one set of rules to cover all sharks just doesn't cut it anymore. Such diversity among the different types of sharks is why these days marine managers are employing more "species specific" management practices when dealing with sharks.

This species specific approach is why we now have separate and unique size limits for mako sharks and hammerheads, a comprehensive list of prohibitive species, a fishing season that doesn't open for many species until July 15, the required use of circle hooks and the requirement to have a shark endorsement on one's annual HMS permit. If you want to fish for sharks these days you'd better have your ducks in a row!

Because the populations of some of the shark species commonly caught and released by local anglers are determined to be so critically low, fisheries

has determined that an increased level of conservation is needed to protect them from the post-release mortality that occurs as a result of the catch and release fishery. Therefore, the intent of some of these regulations is to help provide sharks the "best" chance of surviving encounters with recreational anglers.

In efforts to help provide additional conservation to local sharks and bring state regulations more in line with those that apply to anglers fishing in federal waters (more than 3-miles out), Maryland's Department of Natural Resources is considering some changes to state recreational shark fishing regulations. One of these changes will be that (just as it is in Federal waters) anglers who are fishing for sharks in state waters will be required to use non-offset, non-stainless steel circle hooks. With studies showing that the use of circle hooks greatly decreases the chances of a shark being hooked anywhere but in the jaw, that one regulation alone will go a long way to ensure that a lot less sharks will die from internal injuries caused from being hooked in the gut.

Maryland DNR is also planning to put on the books a regulation that prohibits anglers from removing sharks from the water that are going to be released. This same regulation is already in effect in Federal waters, so just like the

requirement for the use of circle hooks, in this case all they are doing is extending the requirement to cover state waters as well. This regulation applies to all sharks that are being released, not just those that are on the prohibited species list or are undersize. So, in other words, even if you "could" keep it if you wanted to, but choose not to, the shark must be released in the water by either cutting the leader or using a de-hooking tool to pop out the hook.

From a boat it's pretty obvious what they mean by "not remove a shark from the water", but beach fishermen are sometimes confused by what exactly constitutes being in or out. I've heard some say that "in the water" means still floating and not in contact with the bottom, while others contend that being in a couple inches of water would have them in compliance and others claim that it's OK as long as the fish is still on wet sand. I expect DNR will clarify what constitutes being "in" or "out" of the water when they put this law on the books.

Don't sit your fat butt on the shark! Yea - I know, that sounds kind of stupid, but navigate you're way through enough social media photos and you will find plenty of stupid people doing stupid things with sharks and that includes "sitting" on them for photos prior to release. If hauling them



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out of the water wasn't bad enough (and will soon be illegal) sitting on a shark that's out of the water increases the chances for internal injuries that could kill the animal. Apparently DNR takes such stunts serious enough that the ridiculous practice will be addressed in the new regulations.

So that's what's coming down the pike in the way of new Maryland state regulations. On the Federal side, one thing concerning sharks is going to happen this fall and winter that won't really be a "change" in regulations as much as an "official continuance" of what we fished under this season.

If you recall, this season we fished under a new 83-inch minimum size limit for mako sharks. An 83-inch mako is roughly a 200-pound fish, so the size limit has made it extremely difficult for anglers to land a keeper size mako - something not too many folks have been happy about. That size limit came into effect after an emergency ruling this winter by

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Emergency rulings are temporary and this one will end in late August. But before any fishermen get their hopes up that the size limit is going to revert back to 54-inches, let me say that it's not. NMFS will file for an extension on the emergency rule, which will give them enough time to make the 83-inch size limit permanent. If passed, this new regulation will show up as an amendment to the current fishery management plan for sharks, so get used to the 83-inch limit - it's not going away anytime soon!

So even though between now and next season there will be a lot of new regulatory stuff going on concerning sharks, for the most part there's no real earth-shattering changes that are drastically different from the way anglers are able to fish right now - uh, unless you like to sit on sharks!

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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Pat Hurley of West Ocean City, MD has every reason to smile after muscling in this 15 lb. tautog while fishing north of Massey's Canyon. Pat was fishing with Joe Hurley, known to be the top fisherman in the Hurley household, and hooked the blackfish on a jig while sea bass fishing on ocean structure. Pat said the fish hit like a freight train!

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40" minimum
1 per person/day or 3 per boat/day
6/1 - 9/30



CROAKER
9" minimum
25 per person/day



RED DRUM
18" - 27"
1 per person/day



SHEEPSHEAD
No limit



SPECKLED TROUT
14" minimum
4 per person/day



STRIPED BASS
28" - 38" and 44" and greater
2 per person/day



TAUTOG
16" minimum
4 per person/day



SUMMER FLOUNDER
16.5" minimum
4 per person/day



WEAKFISH
13" minimum
1 per person/day

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MAFMC and NEFMC Launch Northeast Offshore Wind Webpage

The New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils launched a new webpage that's designed to serve as a repository for information relevant to offshore wind development activities in the Northeast Region.

The Councils worked closely with NOAA Fisheries on this collaborative effort. The easy-to-navigate webpage provides one-stop-shopping for fishermen and other stakeholders who are searching for essential resources associated with offshore wind energy production. The page provides direct links to government agencies, offshore wind developers, fishery liaisons, Council-developed comments and more.

Fishermen in the region are highly interested in better understanding the impacts of offshore wind development on both commercial and recreational fisheries. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils want to ensure that any potential impacts on Council-managed species and the marine environment are fully considered. In light of these factors, the Councils developed the offshore wind webpage as a tool to: (1) help facilitate the exchange of information; and (2) provide quick access to available resources. The website can be found at <http://www.mafmc.org/northeast-offshore-wind>.

The site will also provide links to The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), along with BOEM's Fishing Industry Communication and Engagement page, BOEM's State Activities page and BOEM's email updates registry.

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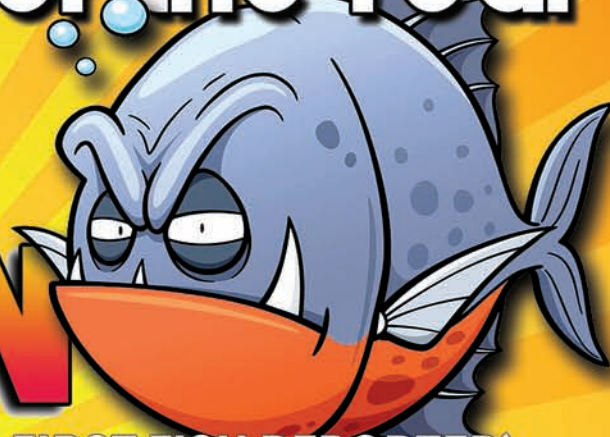
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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Bluefish 	May 9, 2018 John Unkart Assateague Island 12 lbs.	May 30, 2018 John Douds Fenwick Surf 12 lbs. 3 oz.	Mako Shark 	June 16, 2018 Crew "Foolish Pleasures" 636 lbs.	June 18, 2018 Crew "FOMO" 205 lbs.
Black Drum 	June 28, 2018 John Collins "On the Run" 10 lbs.	May 24, 2018 Trent Hill Coral Beds 66.5 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	June 2, 2018 Nick Skidmore Cigar 644.9 lbs.	June 7, 2018 Jamal Merrell "DB" Buoy 232.5 lbs.
Cobia 	July 10, 2018 Mitchell Clark "Judith M" 31 lbs.	NEW August 10, 2018 John Burbage Bethany Coast 79.4 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 20, 2018 John Curry Baltimore Canyon 235 lbs.	June 19, 2018 Debbie Mumford "Last \$" 106.5 lbs.
Flounder 	NEW August 7, 2018 Angela Campbell Reef off OC 8 lbs.	May 11, 2018 Sheila Stohler Delaware Bay 9 lbs. 13 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 24, 2018 Justin Burt "Over-Board" 185 lbs.	July 20, 2018 Rob Thompson Massey's Canyon 186 lbs.
Sea Bass 	July 11, 2018 Tim Matteson "Angler" 4 lbs. 5 oz.	June 16, 2018 Randy Eddinger Radford Wreck 4 lbs. 10 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	June 10, 2018 Pete Gudaitis Wilmington Canyon 41 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	June 8, 2018 Andrew Truitt South Jetty 15 lbs.	August 1, 2018 Ted Garman Ice Breakers 10 lbs. 10 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna 	July 5, 2018 Chris Melocik "Rhonda's Osprey" 111 lbs.	July 5, 2018 Johnny Coffiey Baltimore Canyon 97.1 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 28, 2018 Rick Thomas Assateague Island 26 lbs. 12 oz.	May 24, 2018 Susan Krepshaw Indian River Inlet 31 lbs. 10 oz.	Dolphin 	NEW August 7, 2018 Lou Genello Poor Man's Canyon 50 lbs.	July 9, 2018 Jeff Becker Washington Canyon 21.5 lbs.
Tautog 	April 18, 2018 Ron McClelland "Fish Bound" 23 lbs. 9 oz.	April 16, 2018 Paul Daisey Ocean Wreck 12 lbs.	Wahoo 	July 27, 2018 Jake Wainglass Massey's Canyon 71 lbs.	July 20, 2018 Mo Hussin Massey's Canyon 66 lbs.
Weakfish 	June 21, 2018 Jennifer Kellington "Get Sum" 6 lbs.	June 2, 2018 Matt Boyer Indian River Inlet 6 lbs. 6 oz.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in 1 Day (trolling only)	
				July 5, 2018 "Tighten Up" 9 releases	NEW August 9, 2018 "Hollywood" 5 releases

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



On the second day of the 45th Annual White Marlin Open, Scott Krawiec of Mullica Township, NJ brought a 24.5 lb. dolphin to the scale that was caught while fishing on the "Seekeeper" with Ronald Semprevino, Brook Stevens, Brian Stevens, Todd McConnell, Capt. Pete Nolan and mate Andrew Semprevino.



Avid surf fisherman, Marc Turner of Ellicott City, MD caught and released this blacktip shark while soaking bunker in the suds off 123rd Street in Ocean City.



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What time is it?

Congratulations to the all of the participants and winners of this year's White Marlin Open. The challenge of running offshore for consecutive days in all weather conditions is a lot of work for the crew, and catching a prize winning fish is even more difficult. Great job to all!

We wish all crew and anglers good luck in The MidAtlantic next week.

Let's review a popular topic during fishing tournaments - time of day.

While many crew members do not wear a watch while fishing, keeping track of the correct time is even more critical during a tournament. With so many electronic gadgets supplying the time, we expect it to be correct and synchronized between all devices. A marine chartplotter or GPS, as with most modern timekeeping devices, it needs to be properly programmed to

your location for the proper time zone and the use of day light savings time. Many of us on a boat have come to rely on the time displayed on the chartplotter or related device for being the proper time.

How does a GPS chartplotter know the correct time?

Chartplotters receive the time from GPS satellites. In addition to longitude, latitude, and altitude, the Global Positioning System (GPS) provides a critical fourth dimension - time. Each GPS satellite contains multiple atomic clocks that contribute very precise time data to the GPS signals. GPS receivers decode these signals, to the UTC standard, and effectively synchronize each GPS receiver to the world's atomic clocks. This enables users to determine the exact time to within 100 billionths of a second, without the cost of owning and operating atomic clocks.

The manufacturers of

these GPS receivers generally automate the device's time settings, allowing it to be automatically adjusted based on your GPS location, just like a smart phone. Seems like a good idea, right? Well many of the devices may be too smart. They know when your boat moves into a different time zone or time of year and even when it has exceeded the coastal 12-mile territorial waters of the USA. Once beyond the 12-mile coastal limit, the chartplotter often automatically eliminates the daylight savings time (subtracting one hour in the summer) on the way to the distant fishing grounds and then adding back the one hour on the return trip to port, at that same 12-mile territorial water limit.

The best way to deal with this issue and synchronize the vessels time to the same time zone at port, is to manually configure the time zone (or offset) of your GPS display systems. Often, the time of day menu on the chartplotter has a setting for display format and offset adjustment from UTC. Keeping the same time at

sea and at port will also allow your calculated ETA to be correct. Here in Maryland during the summer, the time zone is -4 (minus 4 hours) from UTC.

The Garmin chartplotter devices seem to need manual time zone configuration more than other brands since they default to the automatic time zone settings for simplicity. The steps below are for the most popular current Garmin devices. Other brands may be similar.

- Start from Home screen
- Select Configure/Setting
- Select Preferences
- Select Units
- Select Time
- Select Time Zone
- Select Custom

GMT or UTC?

Many of us once referenced time based on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

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kept within 0.9 seconds of the mean solar time by the introduction of occasional leap seconds. If you are curious, there are currently 37 worldwide time zones, with some zones having 30 or 45 minute intervals as compared to the traditional 1 hour differentials based on 1 hour per 15 degrees longitude.

If you are using a digital video camera or still camera (especially in tournaments), be sure you check and set the devices time so the images timestamp is correct with the time zone and season.

Setting your ships clocks and devices to the correct time will allow you to be sure you start and stop fishing at the correct time, fill out the catch reports properly and have the correct estimated time of arrival (ETA) for your trip.

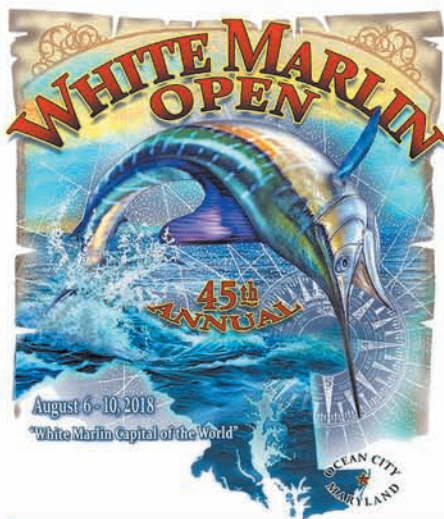
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Evelyn Schutz from Longneck, DE used a live spot to fool this 25-inch flounder while drifting at Site 10 off the coast of Delaware. The big flattie weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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83 LBS.
\$2,584,260

2ND PLACE
GREGORY GIRON
"UNDER DOG"
83 LBS.
\$129,784

3RD PLACE
BILL HAUGLAND
"LIGHTS OUT"
75 LBS.
\$85,804

TUNA

1ST PLACE
GARY SANBURY
"BUCKSHOT"
75.5 LBS.
\$904,851

2ND PLACE
CHARLES MATATALL
"BLINKY IV"
73.5 LBS.
\$135,421

3RD PLACE
JAKE PILKERTON
"BRASS MONKEY"
71 LBS.
\$215,916

DAILY WINNER
KEN DOODY
"GAME OVER"
59.5 LBS.
\$50,400

BLUE MARLIN

1ST PLACE
JOE RAHMAN
"AUSPICIOUS"
881 LBS.
\$924,936

DOLPHIN

1ST PLACE
LOUIS GENELLO
"FIN-NOMINAL"
50 LBS.
\$19,646

2ND PLACE
GEORGE MESS
"RIGGED UP"
41 LBS.
\$18,646

3RD PLACE
ROB OVERFIELD
"MOXIE BOYS"
36 LBS.
\$16,646

DAILY WINNER
NORMAN ROCKWELL
"SEA NOTE"
23 LBS.
\$15,300

KEVIN STEINHICE
"BONNIE LYNN"
22 LBS.
\$15,300

BOATS REGISTERED 382

White Marlin	Blue Marlin
Boated 18	Boated 1
Released 705	Released 57
97.4%	98.2%

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KEVIN GRAYBILL
"OVER-BOARD"
63 LBS.
\$115,271

2ND PLACE
KENNY SEXTON
"DESPERADO"
58 LBS.
\$1,846

3RD PLACE
CHARLES DAWSON
"CANYON HUNTER"
55 LBS.
\$21,471

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47 LBS.
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Joe Rahman of Wanaque, NJ picked a good time to catch the 6th largest blue marlin in White Marlin Open history when, on the the first day of the 2018 tournament, he muscled in this 881 pounder after hooking it on a plug in 1,200 fathoms outside the Wilmington Canyon. Joe was fishing on the "Auspicious" with Mark Brochu, Brook Schnoor, Lorry Rahman, Linda Murray, Ken Houle, Capt. Cookie Murray and mates Paul Murray, Carl Copeland and Kevin Stafford. The 128-inch blue marlin put up a 45 minute fight and earned the "Auspicious" team a 1st place finish in the Blue Marlin Division and \$924,936 in award money. Joe also won 2nd place in the Top Angler Division for catching the blue marlin and releasing 4 white marlin during the three days of fishing. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the fourth day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, anglers on the "Buckshot" brought 3 yellowfin tuna to the scale including a 75.5 pounder caught by Gary Stansberry of Woodbine, MD that held on to win 1st place in the Tuna Division. The winning yellowfin was part of a tripleheader that included a 51 pounder caught by Dion Stanton and a 67.5 pounder captured by Billy Miller. All of the action took place while trolling ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon. Rounding out the "Buckshot" team were C.J. Miller, Capt. Gary Stamm and mates Steve Eakle and Andreas Mayorca. For their 1st place finish, the team almost became the first \$1,000,000 winners in the Tuna Division when they took home a check for \$904,851. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Spectators at the 45th Annual White Marlin Open saw quite a few dolphin arrive at the Harbour Island scale but none were heavier than the 50 pounder caught by Lou Genello of Scranton, PA on the second day of the tournament. Lou was fishing on the "Fin & Nominal" with Jack McLain, Todd Fritchman, Chris Lloyd, Tony DiLeo, Fred Wick, Sr., Anthony Genello, Capt Fred Wick and mates Andy Nowakowski and Karl Zierfuss. The winning dolphin was hooked on a dink ballyhoo in 60 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon and earned the "Fin & Nominal" team \$19,646 in award money.



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On the final day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Kevin Graybill of Morgantown, PA had the crowd on their feet when he arrived at the scale with a 63 lb. wahoo that ended the tournament in 1st place in the Wahoo Division. Kevin hooked the speedster on a trolled lure in 38 fathoms inshore of the Rockpile while fishing on the "Over-Board" with Charles Hash, Kevin Martin, Joel Wadkins, Capt. Dustin Lorah and mate Rick Fritz. In addition to the Wahoo Division, the team also won the Small Boat - Big Fish Division. For their 1st place finish, the "Over-Board" team took home \$115,271 in award money. Also pictured with the crew is Avery Lorah.



On opening day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, Jake Pilkerton caught a 71 lb. yellowfin tuna and held on to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division and 1st place in the Small Boat - Tuna Division. Jake was fishing on the "Brass Monkey" with Mike Riley, Andy Nelson, Jason Willis, Robert Beard, Bill Priddy, Dylan Patton and Capt. Jim Pilkerton. Jake hooked the yellowfin on a trolled ballyhoo at the end of a light leader in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog and took 1 hour and 45 minutes to get to the boat. The "Brass Monkey" team took home a check for \$215,916 for their 1st and 3rd place finishes.



Heading into the 4th day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, the "Lights Out" was sitting in 1st place in the White Marlin Division with a 75 pounder, but that changed when Greg Giron on the "Underdog" arrived with an 83 pounder caught on a tinker mackerel in the Norfolk Canyon. Greg was fishing with Shawn Lednick, Debbie McDowell, Brandon Bartlett, T.J. Berry, Eric Whitlow, Jake Boltz, Jorge Rivera and Capt. Jake Hiles. The 69 1/2-inch white marlin sported a 29-inch girth and ended the tournament in 2nd place when they lost the tiebreaker to the "Weldor's Ark" because their fish was gaffed and the "Weldor's Ark" white marlin was not. For their 2nd place finish, the team took home \$129,784 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



In the 45th Annual White Marlin Open, 2nd place in the Tuna Division went to Chuck Matatall from Blackstone, MA for the 73.5 lb. yellowfin tuna he caught while trolling a green machine north of the Lindenkohl Canyon. Joining Chuck on the "Blinky IV" were Chip Sciacca, Patrick Sciacca, Richard Brienza, Capt. Tom D'Angelo and mate Roddy Haines. For their 2nd place finish, the "Blinky IV" team won \$135,421 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



In the 2018 White Marlin Open, Ron Kawaja on the "Fin Planner" won the prestigious Top Angler Award for 8 white marlin releases during his 3 days of fishing. Ron released a white marlin on Monday, 3 white marlin on Thursday and finished strong with 4 releases on Friday. This gave Ron a total of 560 points, besting Jo Rahman on the "Aspicious" who ended the tournament with 503 points from 3 white marlin releases and an 881 lb. blue marlin. Third place went to Greg Lentz on the "Trust Me Too" with 455 points after releasing 3 white marlin, a blue marlin and a spearfish. The "Fin Planner" took 3rd place in the Top Boat Division 2 with 11 white marlin releases. Ron is pictured with tournament director and founder, Jim Motsko.



The winner of the Top Release Boat Division in the 2018 White Marlin Open was the "Viking 72" with 875 points from 10 white marlin releases and a blue marlin release during their 3 days of fishing. They released 4 white marlin and a blue marlin on Tuesday, 4 white marlin on Thursday and 2 white marlin on Friday. Fishing on the "Viking 72" were anglers Drew McDowell, Mike Penza, Sr., Mike Penza, Jr., Sean Healy, Eric McDowell, Pat Healey, Justin Healey, Capt. Ryan Higgins and mates Stephen Ehrbar and Hectore Torres. The crew covered a lot of ground, fishing in the Norfolk, Washington and Spencer Canyons. For their 1st place finish, the "Viking 72" team took home \$71,370 in award money. Also pictured is tournament director and founder, Jim Motsko.

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With only 6 minutes left before the scales closed last Wednesday during the White Marlin Open, Capt. Justin Ratcliff on the "Desperado" arrived with a 58 lb. wahoo that held on to win 2nd place in the Wahoo Division. After the fish was caught by Kenny Sexton of Manteo, NC on a plug in the Norfolk Canyon, Capt. Justin loaded up the fish, his wife and 4 month old twins into the car and drove up from Rudee Inlet, VA, reaching the scale at 9:09 PM. For their 2nd place finish, the "Desperado" team won \$1,846 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the 4th day of the 2018 White Marlin Open, angler George Mess muscled in a 41 lb. dolphin and ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. George hooked the bull mahi on a trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "Rigged Up" with Eric Stump, Jeff Deiter, Steve Nulph, Anthony Marco, Emil Axelsson, Capt. Charles Haywood and mate Graham Alexander. The "Rigged Up" team ended up taking home a check for \$18,646 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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There aren't many times you see a good size swordfish caught while trolling during daytime hours off the coast of Delmarva, but here is one landed last Saturday by anglers on the "Dawg Haus". Bruce Ennis fought the 26.4 pounder for the first 15 minutes after hooking it in 32 fathoms inside the Rockpile on a green machine trolled behind the hot new lure, Squidnation's Rasta "Flippy Floppy Thing". Jimmy Michael then took over and got the sword to the boat in 45 minutes. Rounding out the "Dawg Haus" team were Gunnar Zorn, Dale Bowers, Lou Schullheis (not pictured), Judi Wroten, Capt. Corey Kennington and mate Wil Kennington. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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On the second day of the 45th Annual White Marlin Open, Bill Haugland from Miami, FL boated a 75 lb white marlin and sat in 1st place in the White Marlin Division right up until Thursday when the "Underdog" arrived with an 83 pounder. Bill's white marlin ended the tournament in 3rd place and was worth \$85,804 in award money. The marlin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Lights Out" with J.J. Haugland, Mike Repetti, George Troutman, Capt. Chester Sims and mates Tommy Holder, Jeffrey Liederman and Steven Stallings. During their 3 days of fishing, the "Lights Out" team released 4 white marlin in addition to boating the 75 pounder.



In the 2018 White Marlin Open, 319 of the 382 boats fished on opening day and none brought in a larger dolphin than the 36 pounder caught by Rob Overfield of Fawn Grove, PA. Rob's bull dolphin ended the tournament in 3rd place in the Dolphin Division and was worth \$16,646 in award money. Fishing with Rob on the "Moxie Boys" were Alan Webster, John Zuramski, Jackson Zuramski, Joey Zuramski, Wes Miller, Allen Cheves, Capt. Joe Zuramski and mate Kevin Grapes. The 3rd place dolphin was hooked on a trolled horse ballyhoo in 1,500 fathoms, north of the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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C.J. Dawson of Partlow, VA captured a 55 lb. wahoo on the 3rd day of the White Marlin Open and hung on to win 3rd place in the Wahoo Division. C.J. was fishing on the "Canyon Hunter" with Damien Rexrode, William Scott, Steve Samluk, Allyson Samluk, Dan Youngs, Keith Wiseman, Matt Schneider, Christy Smack, Capt. Travis Scott and mate Adam Eby. The speedster was hooked on a blue marlin plug in the Poor Man's Canyon and earned the "Canyon Runner" team \$21,471 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the final day of the 45th Annual White Marlin Open, Ken Doody of Fenwick Island, DE arrived at the scale with a 59.5 lb. yellowfin tuna caught on a naked ballyhoo at the 461 Lump. The fish ended up taking 4th place in the Tuna Division in addition to winning the Daily Tuna competition. Ken was fishing on the "Game Over" with Steve Ludwig, Tom Buch, Evan Thompson, Mike Harrop, John Zimmerman, Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and mate Nick Pfeiffer. The team ended up winning \$50,400 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



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In the 2018 White Marlin Open, the "Billfisher" took 2nd place in the Top Release Boats Division with 840 points, getting edged out by the "Viking 72" who earned 875 points by releasing 10 white marlin and a blue marlin. The "Billfisher" anglers released 12 white marlin with Judy Duffie releasing 5, Danny Gough releasing 4 and Jonathan Duffie releasing 3 whites during their 3 days of fishing. The team spent the first day trolling in the Washington Canyon and their next two days in the Spencer Canyon. They also won the Friday Daily with 490 points. Rounding out the "Billfisher" team were anglers Jeremy Duffie, John Duffie, Colt Duffie, Luke Duffie, Capt. Jon Duffie and mates Noah McVicker, Chris Wyandt and Dylan Harrington. This was a memorable White Marlin Open for the Duffie family with 3 generations participating. For winning 2nd place in the Top Release Boat Division and the Friday Daily, the team won \$44,370 in award money. Pictured with WMO director and founder, Jim Motsko.

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