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On June 4th, Hanna Bartell from Elwood City, PA captured the first sheepshead of the season while fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Bryan Bartell, Rosalindo Morales, Grason Dwyer, Don Bartell and Capt. Dave Caffrey. The 25-inch sheepshead weighed 10 lbs. 5 oz. and was fooled with a sand flea at the South Jetty. The group also released 3 tautog and 20 short stripers during their trip. The "On the Run" is docked at Bahia Marina.

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Scott Bruning, Brian Priest, Zach Bonomo and Bob Bonomo teamed up to catch 10 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 69-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Yanni Harris and Matt Bierley. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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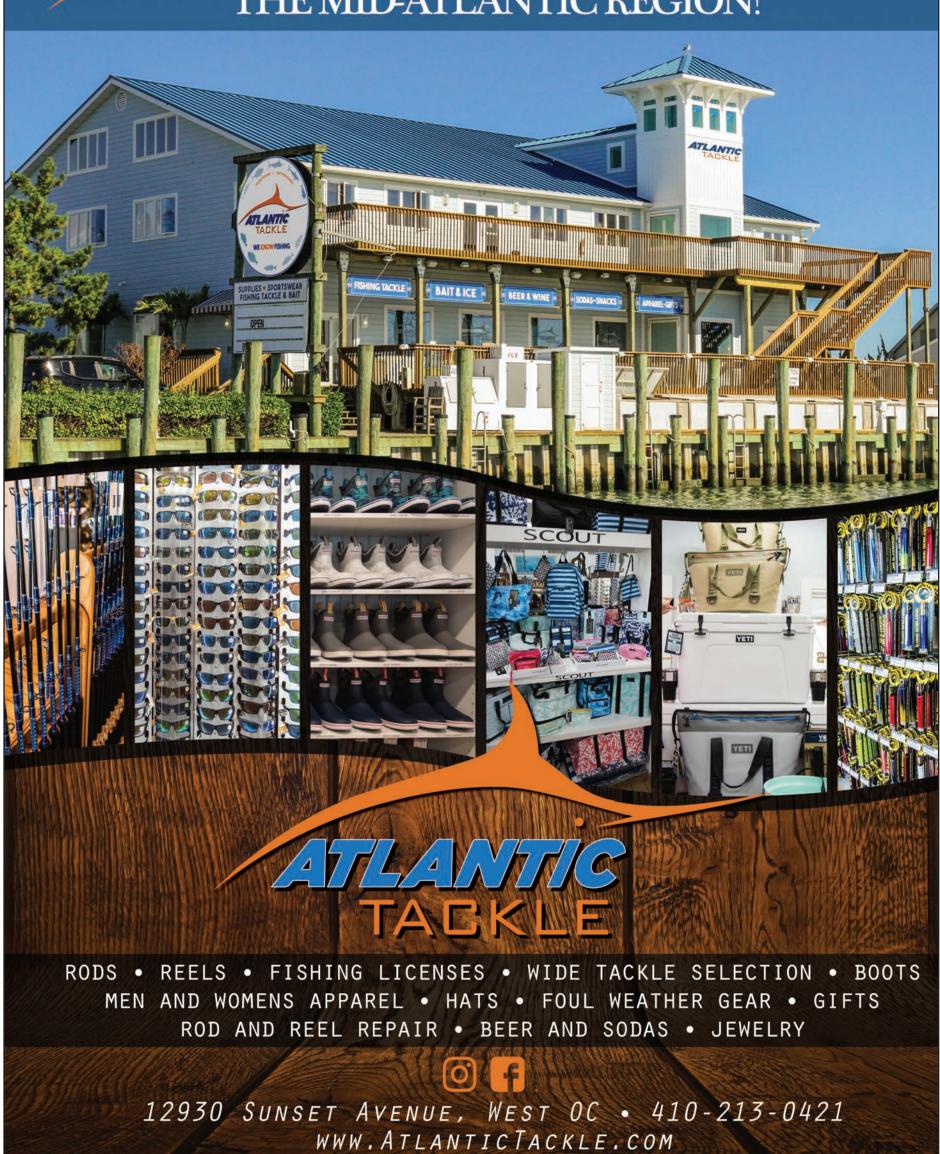
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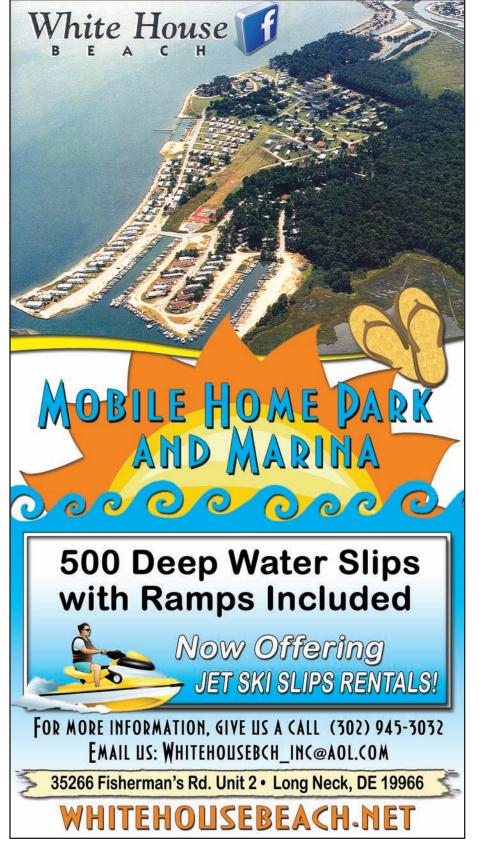
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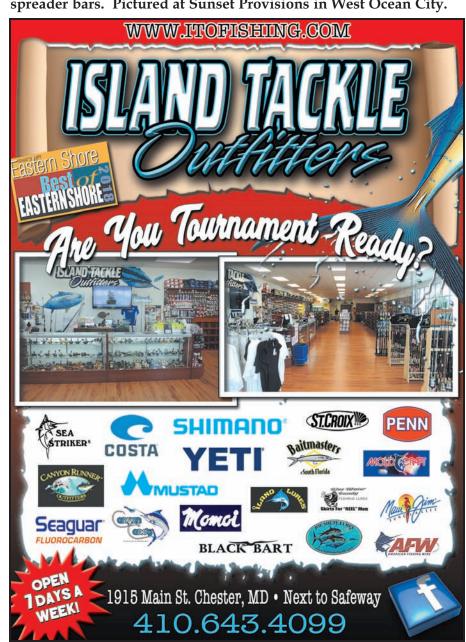


Last Tuesday evening, Fanola McGarrity from Lancaster, PA muscled in this 39 1/2-inch black drum and her father, Tim McGarrity released a 48-incher, both while fishing at the Coral Beds on the "Miss Kirstin". Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Harrison Schline, Jack Iannantuono, Cooper White and Chris White joined Don Schline on the "Canyon Hunter" for a trip last Friday out to between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons where they caught 2 bluefins and 3 yellowfins. All came on trolled spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Provisions in West Ocean City.









Matt Boyer from Reading, PA hooked this 27 1/2-inch weakfish, the first of the season, on a swim shad while fishing on the south side of the Indian River Inlet. The weakie weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. on the scale at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



On Saturday morning, Dave Beach of Ocean City, MD took his familiar spot on the 2nd Street Bulkhead and caught a pair of flounder measuring 17 1/4 and 19 1/2-inches. Both were hooked on live minnows in clean water during the incoming tide. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Avenue.



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Mother Nature just keeps throwing us curveballs, but fortunately, fishermen are a hard group to keep down, so whenever there was an opportunity to get out on the water last week, they did it with a vengeance.

Offshore, there were a lot of boats trolling in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons over the long weekend, and for good reason. Although we didn't see the number of bluefins like we saw in previous weeks, an increase in yellowfins and bigeyes more than made up for it, especially on Friday and Saturday.

In the middle of the week, we saw some nice catches come more from the Baltimore Canyon where, on Wednesday, the "Restless Lady II" arrived at the Talbot Street Pier with 3 "under" bluefins and 9

yellowfins. The Captain reported that bluefins bit in the morning and the yellowfins surfaced in the afternoon. Also on Wednesday, anglers aboard the charter boats, "That's Right" and "Marli" also returned with a couple of bluefins and 6 and 9 yellowfins.

On Thursday, the bite shifted to the southern end of the Wilmington Canyon where the "Marli" had a bluefin and 5 yellowfins and the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" returned with their 3 bluefins plus 3 yellowfins. Bluefins were also found in 30 to 35 fathoms around the Tea Cup.

The offshore bite really came alive on Friday with bigeye tuna entering the mix for trollers in the Wilmington Canyon. The charter boat, "Reel Chaos" was the first boat

back to Sunset Marina and they were loaded up with 12 bigeyes and 6 yellowfins. It must have been one heckuva scene with them going 8 for 12 on one pass and 10 for 12 on another. The bigeyes were a beautiful class of fish with the heaviest tipping the scale at 107 lbs.

The bite was primarily in the 200 to 300 fathom range which is where the charter boat, "Marli" also racked up some impressive numbers, catching 12 bigeyes and a mahi. The "Boss Hogg" was right behind with 11 yellowfins and a mahi and they also jumped off a blue marlin that Capt. Brian Porter estimated at around 400 lbs. Just like the "Reel Chaos", the bite on the "Boss Hogg" came in waves with anglers going 5 for 7, 5 for 7 and 1 for 1 on their yellowfins. Anglers on the "Hall Pass" were also in the Wilmington and returned with a yellowfin tuna and 4 bigeyes, weighing up to 112 lbs.

Saturday's forecast looked horrible late in the day, so boats headed back out to the Wilmington and picked right up where they left off. Anglers on the "Primary Search" put 10 yellowfins in the box and the charter boat, "That's Right", with Capt. John Oughton at the wheel, returned with 7 good size bigeyes weighing between 92 and 114 lbs. The "Marli" continued their 3-day assault with another 13 yellowfins and a bluefin in the box from 200

fathoms and the "Boss Hogg" ended up with 14 yellowfins from 500 fathoms in the Wilmington. The biggest catch of the day came in on the "Reel Tight" with 19 yellowfins, also caught in the Wilmington. There were some bluefin bites on Saturday for boats further inshore, such as the charter boat, "Fish On" that had 15 bites near the Hot Dog.

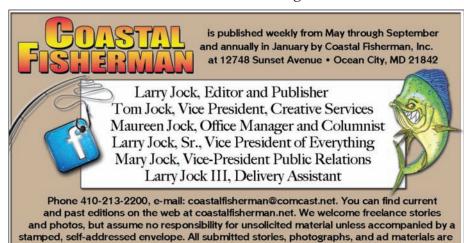
We also saw the first longfin tuna catch of the season when Mike Lloyd returned from a day trolling in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. The fish was estimated at 50 lbs. and was caught on a ballyhoo.

Late on Saturday afternoon, we had an absolutely horrible storm roll through Ocean City, dumping over 7-inches of rain and making the ride home very challenging for those returning to local marinas. Fortunately, everyone made it home safe and sound.

Although on land, Sunday was not the nicest of days, those who ventured offshore said it was beautiful 60+ miles from the beach. The charter boat, "That's Right" had another good day in the Wilmington Canyon, returning with 10 yellowfins in the box caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars. The charter boat, "Boss Hogg" continued their great week with another 12 yellowfins and a bluefin caught in 500 fathoms in the Wilmington. We also saw another 2 longfin albacore tuna caught in 500 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon by Pete Gudaitis on the "Blood Money".

Inshore, sea bass fishing was decent with flounder starting to be mixed in. Some





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boats that are getting their fill of sea bassing are then heading out to the Baltimore Canyon and successfully deep dropping for golden tilefish. Squid is the bait of choice for these bottom dwellers.

In the bay, just as last weeks Coastal Fisherman was sent to the press, the first sheepshead of the season was caught by Hanna Bartell on the charter boat, "On the Run". Hanna caught the 25-incher on a sand flea at the South Jetty. That wasn't the only sheepshead we saw last week. On Friday night, Andrew Truitt was fishing with peeler crabs around the South Jetty when he hooked into a big one that 27-inches measured weighed 15 lbs.

Flounder fishing in the bay was decent last week. As always, the key was finding clean water and when you did find it, so many boats converged on the area that it made fishing tough. The better bite last week was definitely in the bay behind Assateague Island near the Duck Blinds

where Capt. Nick Clemente on the charter boat, "Get Sum" put his anglers on fish several days last week. Patience was key as you had to weed through a lot of throwbacks to get your keepers, with most measuring in the 18 to 20-inch range. We also saw keepers come in from those drifting minnows and Gulp artificial baits in the East Channel.

Fishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge produced catches of shad, small bluefish and throwback stripers for anglers fishing spec rigs, swim shads and Gulp artificial baits.

**Upcoming Tournament** 

This weekend is the Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. You do not have to be a member of the club to fish in this tournament. Anglers fishing in boats 34-feet and under can hit the water on either Saturday or Sunday with weigh-ins at Sunset Marina from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM each day.

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



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On Saturday before the storms rolled in, anglers on the charter boat, "That's Right" arrived with 7 beautiful bigeye tuna caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 300 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. The smallest bigeye weighed 92 lbs. and the largest tipped the scale at 114 lbs. Fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mates Austin Bickford and Brian Riley were Domenik and Roop Hixson, Matt Jennessee, Wayne Longley and Dennis Murphy.







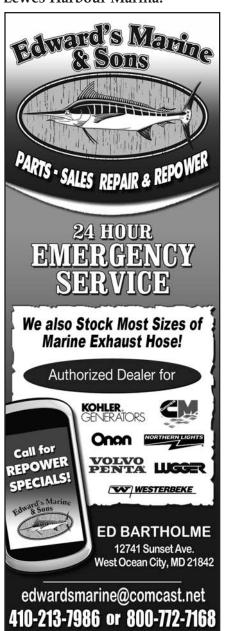
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Kenny Dear from Harrington, DE and Karen Decker from Camden, DE drifted the Lewes Canal with Gulp artificial baits and caught a pair of flounder measuring 18 and 20-inches. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



It looks like the Delaware Bay Coral Beds black drum bite may be coming to a close but not before this nice catch of fish, weighing up to 50.5 lbs., were caught on the "Miss Kirstin". Fishing with Capt. Vince Keagy were Steve and Erin Letavie, Paul Stermer, Randy Wright, Jim Fuss, Paul Stermer, Jr. and Chris High.





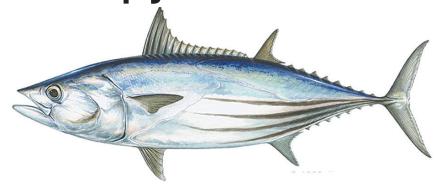




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### Skipjack Tuna vs. False Albacore



#### Size

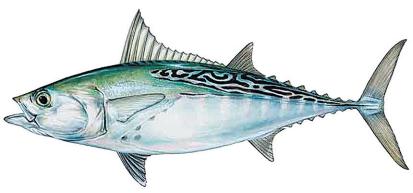
Also called skippies. Commonly 18 to 30-inches, but can reach up to 40-inches in length. Usually 2 to 10 lbs. but often exceed 15 lbs. and sometimes surpass 30 lbs.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- Belly usually has 4 to 6 prominent, dark horizontal stripes from lower belly and sides toward tail, possibly appearing as discontinuous lines of dark blotches in live specimens.
- Color dark purplish-blue with silvery lower sides and belly.
- Pectoral and pelvic fins very short and broad.
- Finlets dusky.

#### Habitat

Typically found on the surface of offshore waters running from South Florida to Cape Cod, MA. Runs is schools of similar size fish.



#### Size

Also called Little Tunny. Commonly found ranging in size from 10 to 15 lbs. but can exceed 30 lbs.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- Body has scattering of dark fingerprint-like spots (usually 4 to 5, but can run up to 8) between pectoral and pelvic fins. Color is rich blue with dark irregular stripes above lateral line. Stripes extend no further than middle of first dorsal fin.
- Pectoral fins are very short and broad.
- Belly does not have dark stripes and fins are dusky.

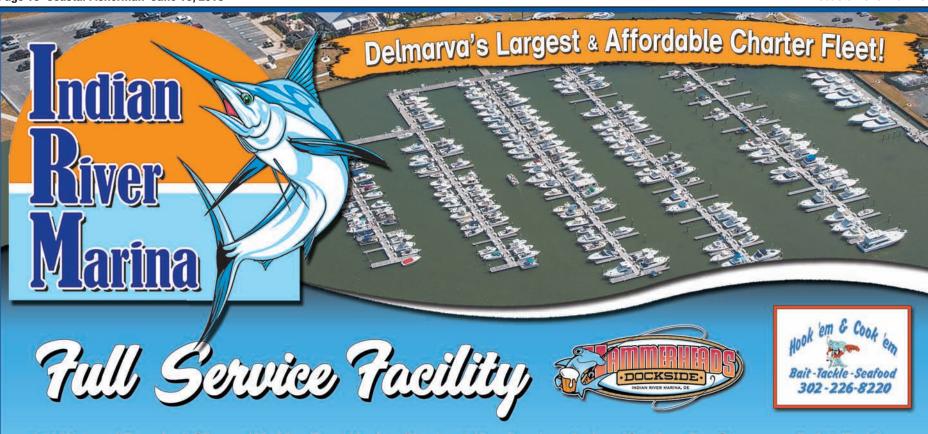
#### Habitat

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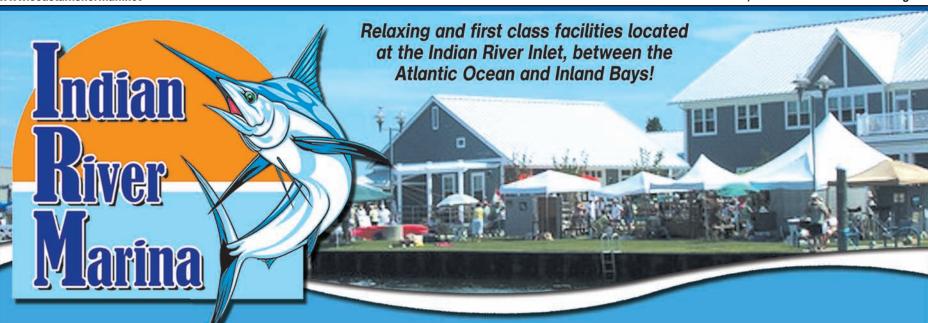


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Even if the type of fishing they normally do requires no casting at all, every angler can benefit by having good skills because casting anytime they're out on the water an opportunity might come along that only a good cast can take advantage of. Casting skills aren't difficult to learn, but they don't come naturally. Anglers learn how to cast either over time while out on the water fishing or in the backyard while trying to hit a target on the lawn.

The old cliché, "I'd rather be lucky than good" doesn't work here. Anglers who can accurately put a bait or lure on target will "always" catch more fish than those who just wing out a cast somewhere in the water and hope for the best. But accurate casting is only part of the equation that results in a caught fish. As good as someone might be dropping a bait or lure on target every time, if they don't know "where" they should aim, it's all for naught! Before making a

throw at a potential catch anglers must always take into consideration a number of variables that help determine the optimal place where the bait or lure should land.

Don't hit the fish on the head! Anglers should keep in mind that most saltwater fish are not used to having their meals fall from the sky. They are, however, used to being attacked by birds, anything that comes from the air can be recognized as more of a threat than a meal and send them scurrying off for safer waters. If you know where a fish is holding, it's usually best to cast beyond the target and then crank the offering past it, or cast up current and let it drift to the fish. Notice I said "crank the offering "past it"" not "to it." predators accustomed to having their meals race away - not towards them. So if a bait or lure is cranked directly to a fish it might spook them and even if it doesn't flee from the incoming meal, if the offering is deeper than the

target catch, the line might contact the fish first and send it on it's way.

It's almost always best to cast beyond and to one side of a fish or a school of fish and then move the bait or lure past within a foot or two. When possible, it's also best for the presentation to be in front of, rather then behind the fish. If the water is not clear enough to see which way fish are pointed it's usually safe to assume that they have their heads pointed into the current.

The direction of the current should also be taken into consideration when deciding where to cast. A strong cross current will require that anglers lead into the flow of water so that when they make their retrieve the line will flow down into the strike-zone at the right time. The same applies if the fish are on the move. If you want to cast out in front of a bunch of moving fish then you're going to have to take their speed and direction into account and time your cast accordingly.

Casting to actively feeding fish is not usually as problematic. When a bunch of fish are chasing bait and darting around in many different directions, it can sometimes be as simple as

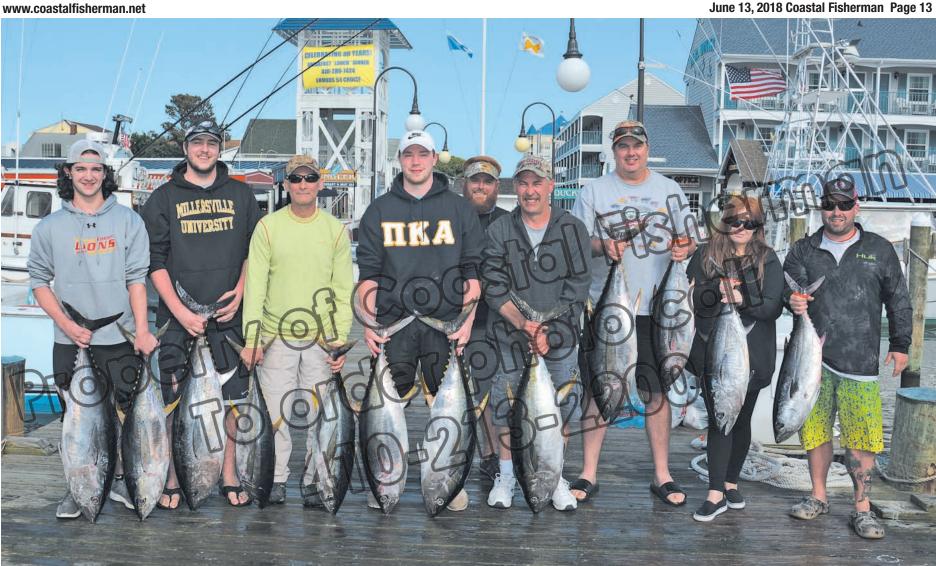
casting into the mayhem and being prepared for a quick bite. But while a bad cast does not so easily spook feeding fish, anglers will still fare better if they toss to the edges of a frenzy rather than right in the middle of it. When bluefish or other toothy fish are chopping up bait, there can be scraps of fish drifting through the water that can hang up on an angler's line. If a feeding fish decides to eat that scrap it might easily bite through the line. In the same way, since fish often swim with their mouths partly open, it's not uncommon for anglers casting into schools to have a fish randomly swim into their line by accident and cut it. In either case, the angler will be left scratching his head wondering,

While you can never take the luck-factor out of fishing, good casting skills and the knowledge of exactly where and when to launch a bait or lure at a fish are the best tools anglers can have to bring more bites to the end of their lines.

happened?"

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





Matt Simpson, John Field, Sr., John Field, Jr., Shane and Kevin Breckenridge, Mike O'Rangers, Jennifer Kocsan and Josh Cofiell went home with 9 yellowfin tuna and 3 bigeye tuna after spending the day fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady II" with Capt. Ed Kaufman and mate Brian Hazard. The tuna were all caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured back at the dock at the Talbot Street Pier.

















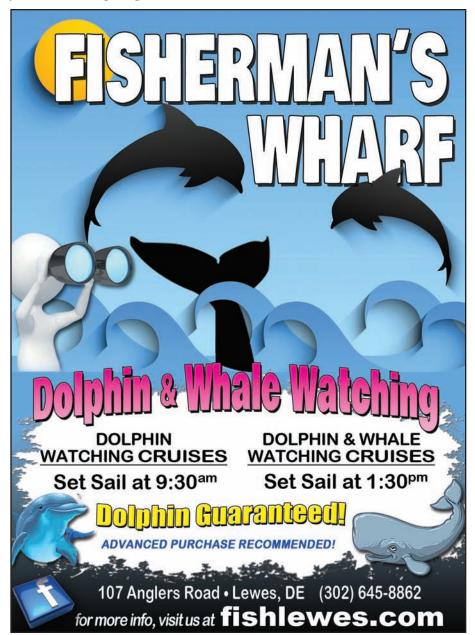


Brandon Jasilaitis caught a 21-inch flounder and a 24-inch bluefish while drifting squid and minnow combinations in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Brandon was fishing with his dad, Joe Jasilaitis and Dave Frederick.





The maiden voyage of the "Elizabeth Ann" produced a 76 lb. bluefin tuna, 3 yellowfins and 5 skippies for anglers Dave Long, Tom Healy, and John Pasquariello. The tunas were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon with the largest yellowfin weighing 32.3 lbs. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.







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Adam Stonesifer from Littlestown, PA caught a pair of flounder measuring 17 3/4 and 18-inches, while fishing on the charter boat, "Helbent" with Capt. Jeff Grimes. He also hooked a pair of throwbacks on minnows and Gulp behind the Ocean City Airport.

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This 141.3 lb. bluefin tuna fell at the hands of Clay Viands of Hedgesville, WV while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars at the Tea Cup. Clay was fishing on the "Bail Out" with Rob Lewis, Frank Geck, Ken Looney and John Whitney. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.





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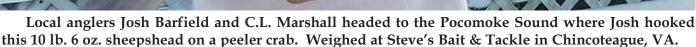
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Al "The Black Hand" Restaneo, (left) shook off the jinx of fishing with his Delaware buddies in the "Rockfish Mafia" and jumped on the "Slack Grabber" with Marylander's Pat and Joe Hurley. They caught 45 sea bass, measuring up to 18-inches, and 4 flounder. All were hooked on clams and Gulp.



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Unfortunately for New Jersey native, Alex Fis, tautog season is closed right now so he had to tag and release this 24-inch male tog while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Alex hooked the blackfish on a chunk of clam over a natural ocean reef. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Chris Corrado from Pittsburgh, PA caught 3 keeper flounder, measuring up to 21-inches, and a pair of snapper bluefish while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente. The fish were caught on white Gulp artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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It's not uncommon to take a look over the side of your boat during a run offshore and see that you have some company cruising alongside of you and that was the scene shot by Pasquale Petrera while heading to the Hot Dog in his 31 Bertram, "Priceless" with Jeff Waxman and Rodney Evans.





You see a lot of smiling faces from junior anglers fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" and you can add young Everett Hall to that list. Everett made his first drop ever on ocean structure and came up with a doubleheader of black sea bass, measuring 14 and 16 1/2-inches. The fish ate strips of squid over an ocean wreck. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





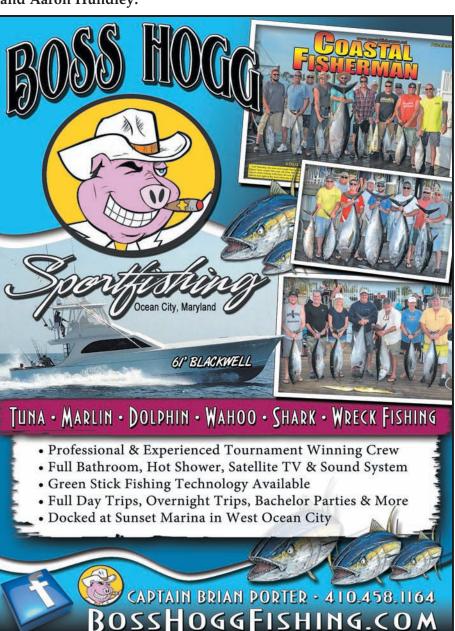
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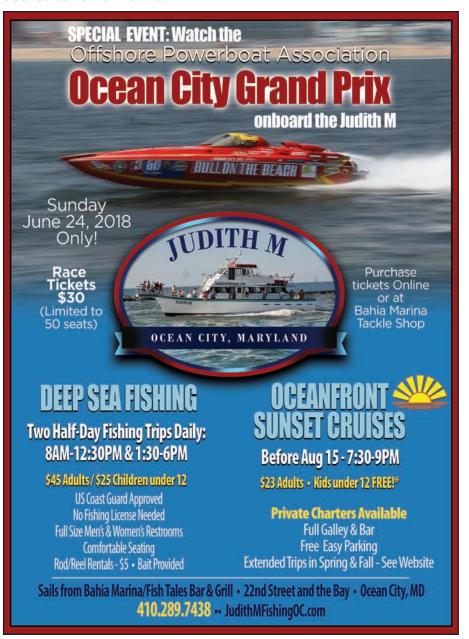


The tuna were snapping last Friday and this group of anglers on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" were right in the thick of it, returning to Sunset Marina with 11 yellowfins and a mahi in the box. The guys went 5 for 7, 5 for 7 and 1 for 1 on the yellowfins in 3 passes. They also lost a blue marlin, estimated at around 400 lbs. All of the action took place near 500 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Marshall Freng and Tony Diesel were Joe Deinlein, Mark Gaylor, Jeff Pittington, Rex Bellomy and Aaron Hundley.





Bill Gimbel couldn't be happier with the 2 lb. black sea bass he caught while fishing on the headboat, "Judith M" with Capt. John Bunting. The fish was fooled with a chunk of clam on ocean structure 10 miles off the Ocean City coastline. The "Judith M" is docked at Bahia Marina.





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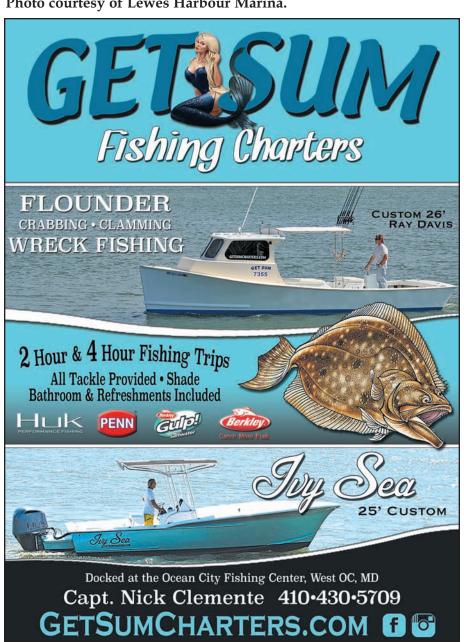
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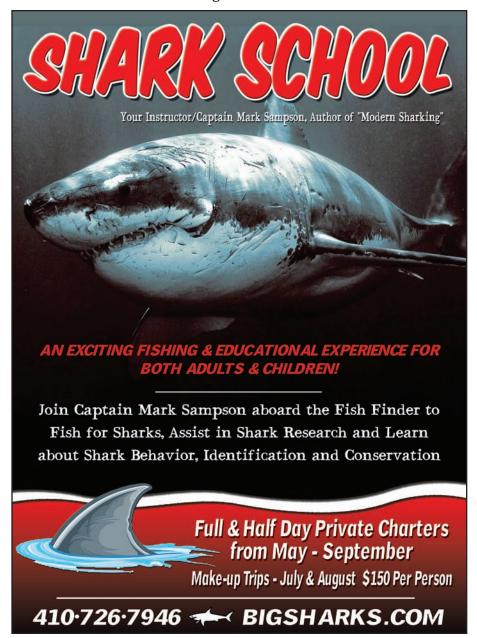


The Lewes Canal produced a pair of keeper flounder for angler Drew Stuchlik of Millsboro, DE. Drew was jigging with a pink Gulp artificial bait when he hooked the 17 and 18-inch flatties. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Allison Sokolik caught her very first bluefin tuna while trolling in 28 fathoms near the Hot Dog with Tom Patania on the "Mrs. L II".







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### FISHIC CHARTERS



Jake Janney, Bill Murray, Hunter Hepbron, Mike Glenn and Ryan Janney, all from Cecil County, MD went 12 for 14 on "under" bluefins (keeping 2) while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Better Days". Pictured at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



Tom Tuttle of Ocean Pines, MD used a white Gulp and minnow combination to entice this 20-inch flounder while drifting in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Tom's 20-incher was 1 of 7 fish hooked during a trip with Howdy Bubert. The duo ended their day with 3 keepers in the box.











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### FISHIG CHARTERS



During a trip last week to an artificial reef, 19 miles from the Ocean City Inlet, Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" took some time to make a couple of drops himself and ended up catching this knothead that weighed just shy of 4 lbs. Kane hooked the sea bass on a skirted, pink Otter Tail. The charter ended up with their boat limit of 120 fish before returning to the Talbot Street Pier.



Tom Rohal of Abingdon, MD was looking for a sheepshead around the North Jetty when he hooked this 19 1/2-inch flounder on a sand flea. All the action took place during a trip aboard the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey.



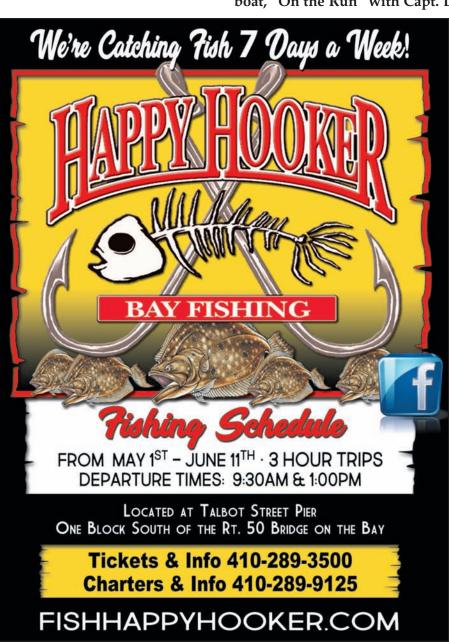
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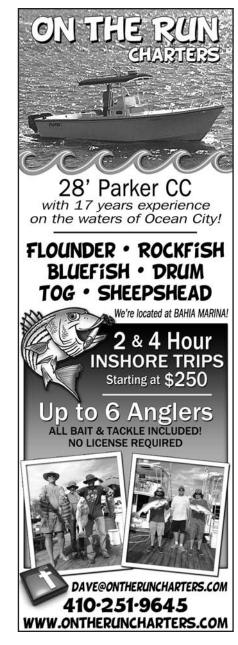
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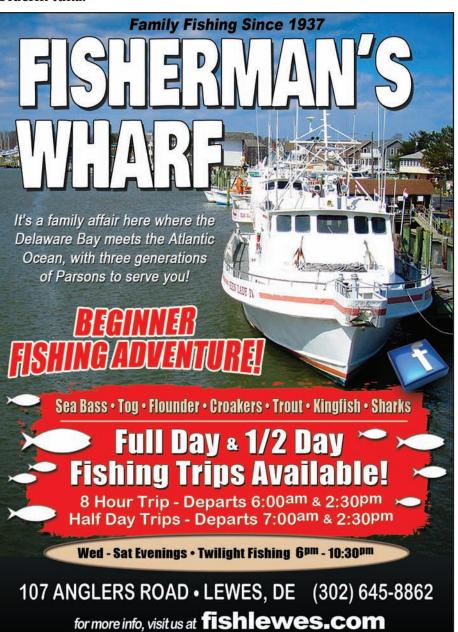
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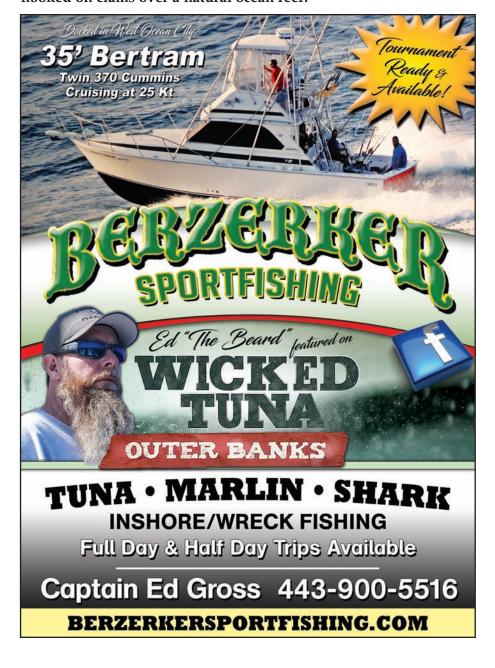


Brian Brannan and Derek Crossley covered a lot of ground last Friday. The anglers started at the Hot Dog and continued to the Poor Man's Canyon where they trolled for an hour. Then they headed to the Baltimore Canyon where they picked up this pair of "under" bluefin tuna.



Darrell Doupnik from Easton, MD caught 2 keeper flounder, measuring up to 18 3/4-inches, during a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. Both were hooked on clams over a natural ocean reef.







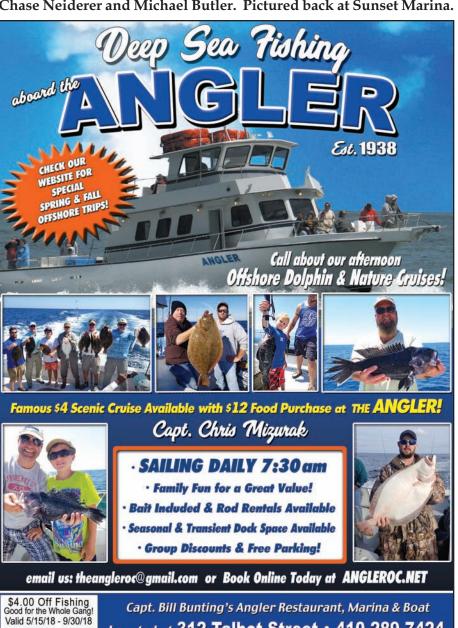
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### FISHIC CHARTERS



Last Friday, Laszlo and Eric Cselovszky, Tom Hrynkiewicz, Rob Coughlin, Jr., Rob Coughlin, Sr. and Bill Grabler jumped on the charter boat, "Marli" and returned with 12 bigeye tuna and a mahi after trolling in 200 fathoms at the south end of the Wilmington Canyon. The anglers were fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Chase Neiderer and Michael Butler. Pictured back at Sunset Marina.



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This good size golden tilefish, estimated at 35 lbs., was caught by Sunny Kim of Fairfax, VA while deep dropping a whole butterfish in the canyons. Sunny and his buddies were fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley and ended their trip with 6 tilefish in the box and 3 "under" bluefins.





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Jonathon Stoddard was fishing at night with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann (pictured) on the charter boat, "Katydid" when he hooked this good size black drum on a chunk of clam. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





It takes a tough angler to catch a doubleheader of sea bass and that is what happened to Clotilde Ferguson during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Both knotheads, including a 17-incher, were caught on clams and squid.









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After spending the day trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon last Saturday, this group of anglers took home a load of tuna fillets after catching 13 yellowfins and a bluefin. Joining Capt. Mark Hoos were anglers John Ermer of Ellicott City, MD, Rob Ermer of Middle River, MD, Gary Turner of Delmar, MD, Bill Mueller of White Hall, MD, Rosby Carr of Fairfield, PA and Charlie Gorby of White Hall, MD. Pictured back at the Sunset Marina dock as torrential rainstorms rolled through the area.



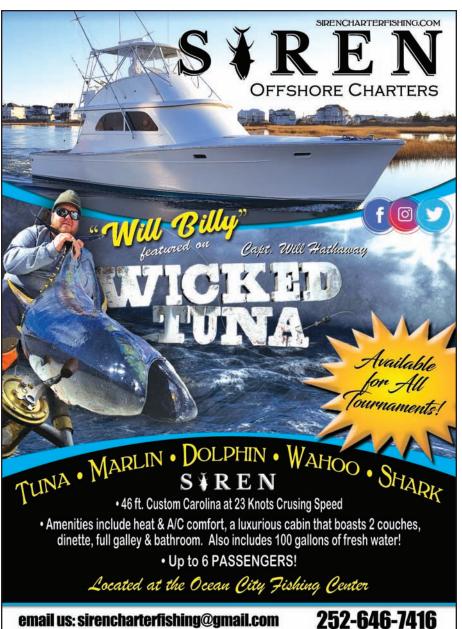




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Peg Proctor from Livingston, NY picked this pair of flounder off rocky bottom in the Lewes Canal while using pink Gulp and minnows for bait. Peg ended her day with 3 keeper flounder in the box. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Ellan Aldrich, Julia Barnett and Jaclyn Pilipauskis headed to the Wilmington Canyon with Brian Stewart, Shawn Green, Steven Pilipauskis, Travis Jackson and Jeffrey Hardesty and returned with 19 yellowfins (16 pictured) in the box of the "Reel Tight".





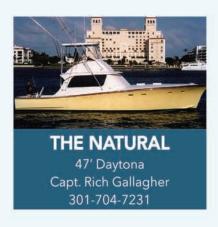




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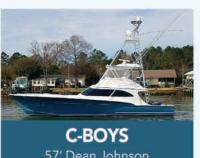




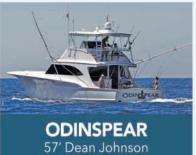


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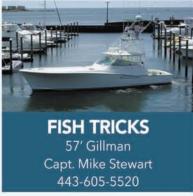
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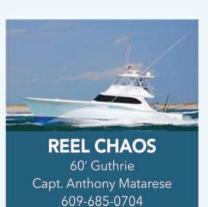


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Some of my favorite things about fishing have very little to do with the act of fishing itself. I know. I know. You are thinking that the sun has finally fried my bald head or the Miller Lites have taken the last of my brain cells. But think about it for a minute. Sure the bite and the catch are important, but there is so much more to it than just the fish. Seeing the sun rise on the water. The lights of the ferris wheel and the high rises along the coast when running in the dark. Watching porpoises surf the waves. Eating Pollo A La con mis amigos Venezolanos at the Hong Kong Chef..... Wait, what!?!? That's right. For my Spanish impaired friends, I am talking about eating honey chicken with my Venezuelan friends at favorite Chinese restaurant, the Hong Kong Chef, in downtown Caraballeda, Venezuela. course the salt and pepper ribs there are pretty good too, but the honey chicken is my favorite. Or was my favorite I guess, since I haven't been there since the early 2000s, and with the current political climate there, I doubt I will be going back anytime soon. Who knows if the restaurant is even there anymore?

But back in the fall of 2002 I knew for sure that the Hong Kong Chef was open for business. For that reason alone I found myself helping my buddy Capt. Sluggo deliver a boat from Fort Lauderdale to Venezuela with his brother Wayne and our pal Robby. Alright, maybe the fact that I was also going to get to go fishing for white marlin in one of the best white marlin fisheries on the planet might have also played a part in my decision to help with the delivery. Either way, I ended up island hopping through the Caribbean with nothing but marlins and honey chicken on the brain.

For the uninitiated, the idea of taking a big sportfishing boat through crystal clear waters and getting multiple stamps on your passport while doing so sounds like a blast. Truth be told, some of it is a blast. But there is a lot of it that is wet, salty, rough and boring.

On this particular trip it started out spectacular. The seas were flat calm and we were making great time. At one point, Robby and I were riding in the tuna tower of the 65-foot Sportfisher while making about 30 knots. It was awesome to watch flying fish skitter across the cobalt seas. We were sure we would see some sort of pelagic predator pop-up after them at any moment. We were sure that Capt. Sluggo would see the big

ball of polypropylene rope before we ran it over too. Luckily we didn't see any of those pelagic predators pop-up because Capt. Sluggo didn't see the rope and a few minutes later, Robby found himself diving under the boat to clear the line from the props.

In hindsight that worked out to be a turning point in the trip. The calm seas soon left. The port engine turbo charger started to hang up. The trip went down the tubes. My only other happy recollection from the transit between Fort Lauderdale and our arrival in Caraballeda was watching a goat chase cats around the docks in Long Island in the Bahamas. Until you have seen a goat run down a feline at ramming speed you haven't truly laughed. Believe me.

Mechanical problems, foul weather and marauding goats were not enough to stop us though and we ended up tethered to our mooring ball at Marina Portofinos only a day or so behind schedule. I was excited. We were listening to the VHF radio once we got within range of the boats that were fishing that day and the white marlins were chewing pretty good. Most boats were getting 10 to 15 bites per trip. I figured a day to clean up the boat and decompress and then we would fish a few days so Captain Sluggo and Brother Wayne could get dialed in for when their boss flew in the following week. Robby and I had it all worked out. The wet and the rough were all going to be worth it.

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That was until dockmaster brought a message to Sluggo that said his boss would be arriving a week ahead of schedule. I did some quick math and cyphered that to be in two days. Actually, I didn't need to do much cyphering at all because Sluggo and Wayne went into panic mode trying to figure out how to fit 8 days worth of cleaning and pre-fishing into 48 hours. the first step was to get rid of pre-fishing. Suddenly the wet and rough became less worth it. Sluggo started looking for a vacuum. Wayne was looking for cleaning supplies. Robby and I went looking for a bottle of rum.

Right about then Sluggo's local liaison, Angel, showed up. Sluggo gave him a shopping list of things that would be needed for the boss's arrival. I knew he would know where to find some rum so I decided to go adventuring with him. Much to my surprise, Angel had a very nice SUV. This was not the norm for Venezuela in those days. I was impressed and jokingly asked Angel how he managed to keep his truck from being stolen. He reached into his pocket and pulled out his semi-automatic handgun. His theft deterrent system turned out to be no laughing matter! The gun was put away and we went shopping.

When we returned with the provisions I set about to making sure that the Anniversario Rum we purchased was of a suitable quality for Sluggo's boss to consume upon his arrival.





Robby and Brother Wayne figured that it would be best if they added their expertise to this taste test and to put it mildly, we got tanked! Pie eyed. Polluted. Plastered.

Which brings me back to my favorite thing about Venezuela, besides the white marlin. And the rum. POLLO!!! Honey chicken at the Hong Kong Chef!

I had made my first trip to Venezuela about 5 or 6 years earlier and the boys on the dock turned me on to the Hong Kong Chef, or El Chino as the locals called it. All of the food was The waiters spoke great. The menu was in English. Spanish. I am not quite sure what language the chefs spoke. The restaurant was clean. The cervezas were cold. The salt and pepper ribs obviously came from a very small animal. Venezuelan mate told me they were monkey ribs. I never asked if he was serious. Would you really want to know if you were eating monkey?

But like I said, the Pollo A La Miel was my favorite. After that afternoon of rum drinking, I made the dinner plans for the group. I told Sluggo to have Angel drive us up to El Chino. Three drunken crew members, a slightly preoccupied captain and a local liaison set off to eat.

A short ride in a snazzy SUV later we were at my favorite Chinese restaurant. The place was everything I remembered it to be and there was a pretty good-sized crowd there chowing down on monkey ribs and assorted other treats. We were

seated and the waiter took our order. Pollo A La Miel for me of course, a big plate of ribs for the table and a round of drinks for all of us.



It was then that I noticed the mouse. Walking along the wall on the far side of the dining room was Jerry himself. Or maybe it was Mickey. Come to think of it, given our location, it was most likely Speedy Gonzales. But no matter what his name was, he was an uninvited guest at our dinner. That breech of etiquette could not go unquestioned. I pointed the little brown fellow out to the rest of the table.

Apparently Angel did not feel that the mouse had the right to crash our party either. I am not sure if it is a Venezuelan custom to give the handgun to the man at the head of the table or if he just chose me since I was the drunkest, but seconds later I was standing up with Angel's gun aimed at Senor Speedy.

"FREEZE MOUSE!!!! I'M GONNA BUST A CAP IN YOUR BUTT!!!"

Now is where things got really interesting. Waiters scattered into the kitchen. Other patrons took cover. Sluggo said something to the effect of a good night turning bad. Robby suggested putting the gun down. Brother Wayne and Angel? I think they were too busy laughing to make any worthwhile suggestions. The mouse did not seem too bothered.

Since I am sitting here typing this story in the comfort of my own home and not serving a life sentence or starring in an episode of "Locked up Abroad", you can probably guess that I didn't squeeze the trigger. In my hazy recollection of that evening I think I considered it, but knew that my aim was not too good. And the mouse really wasn't bothering anybody. I gave Angel back his gun. The waiters brought out a round of drinks on

June 13, 2018 Coastal Fisherman Page 33 the house (I guess people might really play shooting gallery in there some nights!). People went back to their ribs, and I got my honey chicken.

The following day I flew home. That was the last time I went to Venezuela. I never got to fish on that trip, but it is one of the top stories I tell when people ask me about my time spent down there. Like I said, some of my favorite things about fishing have nothing to do with fishing at all

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



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Richard Crosariol took his wife, Kathe out for her first flounder trip of the season and her first two bites produced a pair of keepers measuring 20 1/2 and 22-inches. Both were hooked on Gulp artificial shrimps during the outgoing tide behind the campgrounds. Richard added a pair of 18-inchers that he caught in the East Channel on a Gulp Shrimp and a Gulp Swimming Mullet.



Lewes Harbour Marina saw their first thresher shark arrive at the dock last Saturday when Jamal Merrell of Wilmington, DE weighed a 232.5 pounder caught on a butterflied mackerel near "DB" Buoy. Jamal was fishing on the "Fish Bones" with Wayne Demarco.





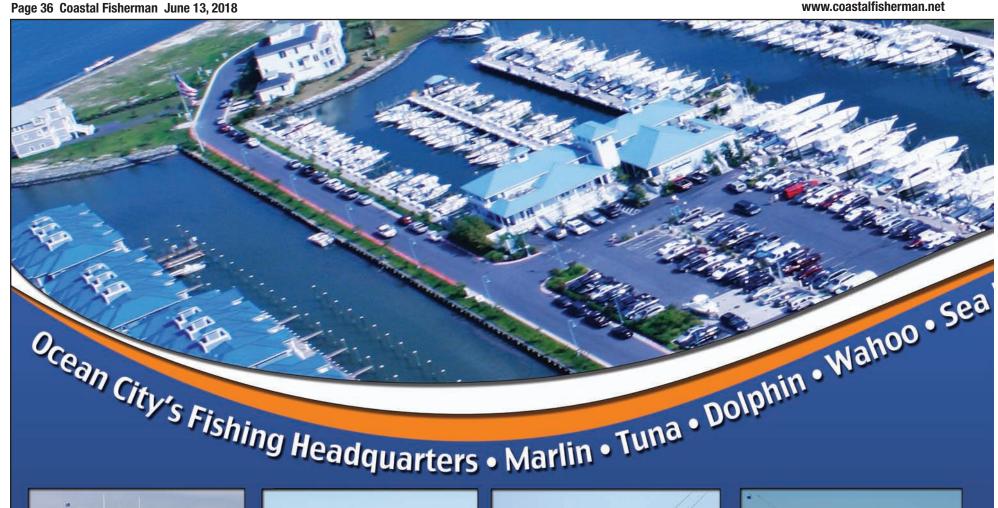






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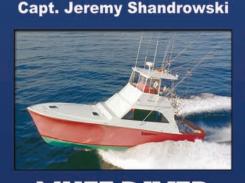


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There were no electric reels needed by Kevin Legates and Ricky Roberts, both from Milford, DE during a deep dropping trip in the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers hand cranked this pair of tilefish while fishing on the "Sea Hunter". Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Last week, Andrew Truitt was fishing with peeler crabs around the South Jetty when he hooked into this 27-inch, 15 lb. sheepshead. Andrew weighed his catch at the Oceanic Pier.

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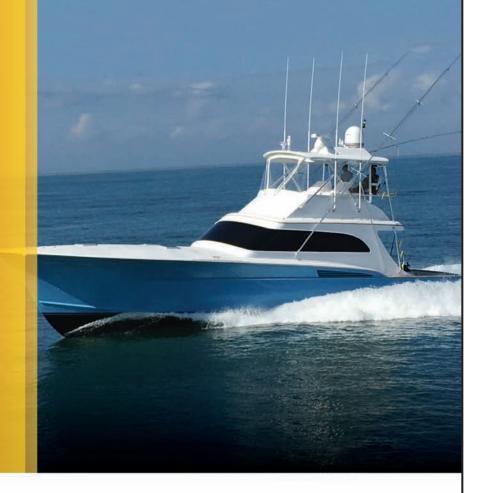
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#### Garlicky Shrimp Ramen

3 packages instant ramen noodles, flavor pack discarded

1 TBSP. vegetable oil

1 lb. shrimp

Kosher salt

Freshly cracked black pepper

1 TBSP. sesame oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp. minced ginger

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup brown sugar

Juice of 1 lime

2 tsp. Sriracha

1 cup vegetable broth

1 large head broccoli, cut into florets

1 red bell pepper, cut into thin slices

2 green onions, thinly sliced

Cook ramen noodles according to package instructions.

Drain and set aside.

Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat.

Season shrimp with salt and pepper and cook until pink and opaque, about 2 minutes per side.

Reduce heat to mediumlow.

Add sesame oil to skillet and stir in garlic and ginger.

Cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add soy sauce, brown sugar, vegetable broth, lime juice and Sriracha.

Bring mixture to a boil,

reduce heat and simmer until the sauce is thickened, about 5 minutes.

Add broccoli and bell peppers and cover the skillet with a tight-fitting lid and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.

Return shrimp to skillet and stir until completely coated in sauce.

Stir in cooked ramen noodles and green onions.

Serve with Sriracha.

#### Shrimp Fettuccine Alfredo

1 lb. fetuccine2 TBSP. butter, divided

1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails

removed Kosher salt

Freshly ground black

pepper

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 egg yolk

1 cup cream

1/2 cup whole milk 1 cup freshly grated

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Parmesan, plus more for garnish

1 TBSP. chopped parsley, for garnish

Cook fettuccine according to the instructions on box, reserving a cup of pasta water to thicken the sauce, if needed.

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat 1 TBSP. butter until melted.

Add shrimp, season with salt and pepper and cook until pink and completely opaque, about 6 minutes.

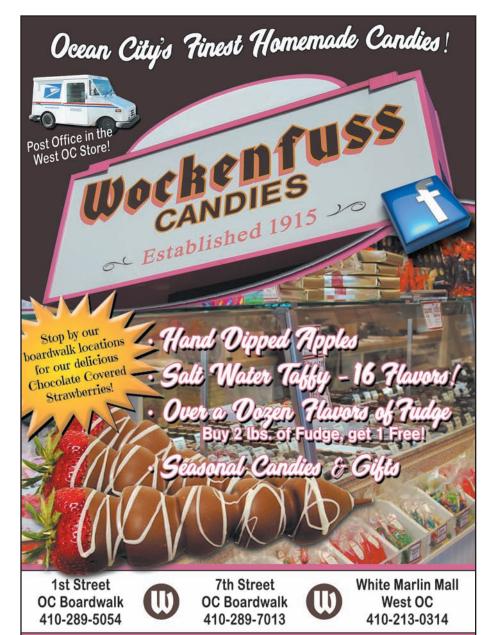
Remove shrimp from skillet and reserve.

Add remaining tablespoon butter and garlic to the pan.

Cook until the garlic becomes fragrant, about 1 minute.

Whisk the egg yolk in with the cream and milk and stir mixture into the garlic and butter.

Bring to a low simmer and add the Parmesan cheese, cooked pasta and shrimp.





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Toss to combine.

Season with salt and pepper.

Garnish with more pepper and parsley.

Serve.

## Fennel-Crusted Bluefish

2 tsp. fennel seeds 1/2 tsp. whole black peppercorns

1/2 tsp. salt

4 bluefish fillets

1 TBSP. butter or margarine

1 TBSP. olive oil

In a bowl, combine fennel seeds, peppercorns, and salt.

Use to rub on both sides of bluefish fillets.

In a nonstick 12-inch skillet, melt butter with oil over medium-high heat.

Add bluefish and cook until fish is just opaque throughout, 4 to 6 minutes per side.

Serves 4.

#### Grilled Tuna and Marinated Cucumber Salad

1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 TBSP. chopped fresh
parsley leaves
2/3 cup olive oil
1 tsp. olive oil
Salt
Pepper
2 fresh tuna steaks
2 medium cucumbers
1/4 cup white wine
vinegar
1 TBSP. chopped fresh
cilantro leaves
1/2 small onion

In a glass pie plate or bowl, combine teriyaki sauce, lemon juice, parsley, 2/3 cup oil and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper.

Add tuna steaks, making sure fish is completely covered by marinade.

Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight.

In bowl, combine



Last Friday the tuna were snapping in 250 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon where the anglers on the "Hall Pass" ended their day with 4 bigeyes and a yellowfin in the box. All were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 68-degree water. Pictured back at Sunset Marina are Jim Bugg, George Hall and Robert Remo.





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Eric Burnley of Milton, DE was drifting a bucktail tipped with a chartreuse Gulp artificial bait when he hooked into this pair of flounder in the Lewes Canal. The flatties measured 17 and 24-inches with the larger fish tipping the scale at 5 lbs. 1 oz. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

cucumbers, vinegar, cilantro, 1 tsp. oil, 1/4 tsp. each of salt and pepper, and onion if using.

Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight.

Remove tuna from marinade and discard marinade.

Preheat ridged grill pan or prepare outdoor grill for covered direct grilling on medium-high.

Cook tuna 4 to 6 minutes or until browned on both sides but still pink in center, turning once.

Drain cucumber salad.

Break tuna into chunks and add to salad.

Serve.

#### Polo Grill Crabcake

1 whole egg2 tsp. lemon juice1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 cup Hellman's mayonnaise

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1/2 tsp. dry mustard 1/4 tsp. celery seed 2 tsp. Old Bay seasoning 1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper 1 lb. fresh jumbo lump

crabmeat
1 TBSP. chopped flat-leaf
parsley

2 TBSP. bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 425-degrees.

Whisk the egg in a bowl until blended.

Stir in the lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and mayonnaise.

In a separate bowl, mix the dry mustard, celery seed, Old Bay, salt and pepper.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ones.

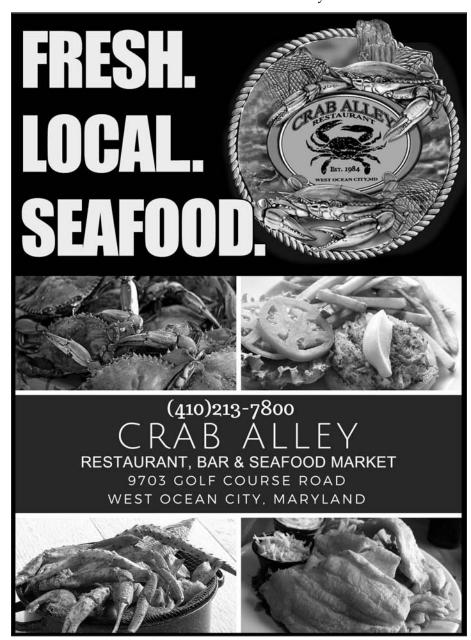
Remove any shell fragments from the crabmeat.

Add the parsley and 2 TBSP. of bread crumbs.

Gently mix with your fingers, taking care not to break too many of the jumbo lumps.

Gently fold the crab







mixture into the wet mixture until blended.

Form into 3-inch cakes and coat with remaining bread crumbs.

Chill for 1 hour.

Place the cakes on a large greased cookie sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned on the outside, turning once with a metal spatula.

Serve with cocktail sauce, tartar sauce and a lemon.

#### Velvet Corn Soup with Crab and Ham

2 TBSP. unsalted butter 1 TBSP. vegetable oil 4 large shallots Salt 10 ears corn 1 tsp. minced fresh ginger 1/4 cup dry white wine

3 cups chicken stock or low-sodium broth

2 TBSP. chicken stock or low-sodium broth

6 slice country ham or prosciutto

2 large eggs2 scallions6 oz. lump crabmeatChile oil

In a large pot, melt the butter in the vegetable oil.

Add the shallots, season with salt, cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring a few times, until the shallots are softened, 5 minutes.

Add the corn kernels and cook for 4 minutes, stirring.

Add the ginger and wine and cook over moderately high heat until the wine is almost evaporated, 2 minutes.

Add 3 cups of the stock and bring to a boil.

Cover and simmer over moderate heat until the corn is tender, about 5 minutes longer.

Transfer the soup to a food processor and process to a slightly chunky puree; return to the pot.

Add the ham, season with salt, and bring to a bare simmer over low heat.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs with the remaining 2 TBSP of stock. Gradually add the eggs to the soup, stirring constantly, until the soup is very thick, 30 seconds.

Remove from the heat.

Ladle the soup into bowls, and top with the scallions and crab.

Drizzle lightly with chile oil and serve.

#### Tautog with Tomatoes, Basil and Littleneck Clams

1 1/2 lbs. tautog filletsSalt and pepper2 TBSP. olive oil1 TBSP. butter3 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped

1/2 lb. ripe plum tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)

15 to 20 basil leaves, washed and julienned 1 cup white wine 24 littleneck clams, live, June 13, 2018 Coastal Fisherman Page 43 unopened shells, well washed

Season the tautog with salt and pepper.

Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add the fish and saute on each side for 3 minutes.

Remove the fish and keep warm.

To the pan, add the garlic and cook 1 minute.

Add the tomatoes and cook 2 minutes.

Add the basil and wine and bring to the boil.

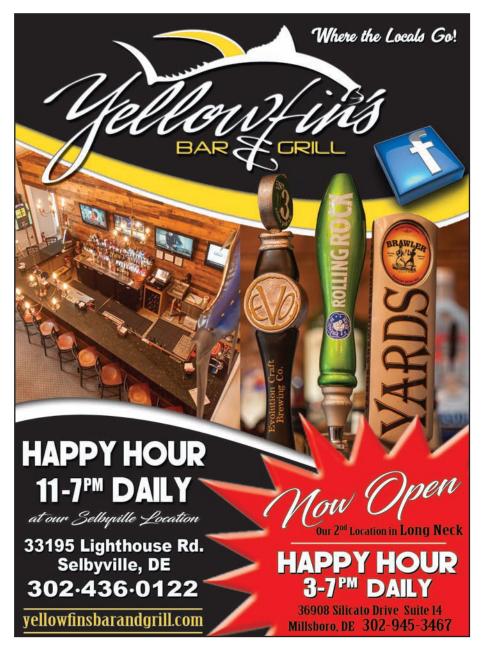
Reduce heat and simmer. Place the fish back in the pan over the tomatoes.

Place clams around sides of saute pan.

Return to simmer and cover with the lid.

Cook until clams open, about 3 minutes.

Submit your favorite seafood recipes to Mama Jock at maureenjock@comcast.net.









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Jack Grabenstein from Richmond, VA, Mark Grabenstein from Baltimore, MD, Larry Grabenstein from Annapolis, MD, Alex Grabenstein from Frederick, MD, Bill Rudolph from Huron, OH and Dave Rudolph from Castalia, OH teamed up to capture 9 yellowfin tuna and 3 bluefin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Dakota Bittner and Michael Butler. All of the fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon where water temperature hovered around 66-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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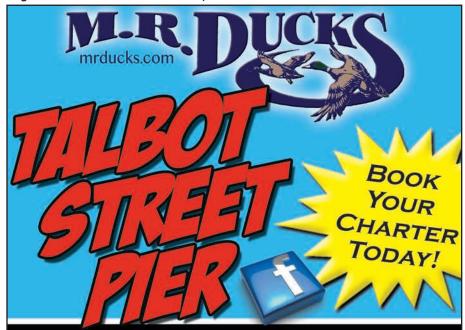
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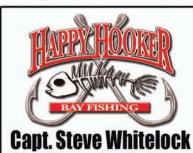


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Mike Lloyd of Ocean City, MD caught the first longfin albacore tuna of the season while fishing with Collin Blugis and Brad Taylor in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons where they also caught 10 yellowfins last Saturday.





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Sunny Kim, Joe Settelen, Dan McGready, Joe McNeal and Saad Soloman teamed up to capture their 3 bluefins, measuring between 27 and 47-inches, before heading into deeper water in search of golden tilefish. Sunny's 35 pounder was the largest golden tile fish caught during the trip. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.



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MRIP wants to take already LOL implausible data and increase it many fold. NOAA has NEVER asked real fishermen about catch. Anything statisticians cook up is A-OK for regulations' purpose...
but it isn't. No one believes NY's Private Boats caught more sea bass than ALL Commercial or Party/Charter Boats from Hatteras north - Absolutely No One. But that's what MRIP claims. Now with statisticians' "Recalibration," MRIP will have NY Private Boats catching over 3X what All Party/Charter or Commercial caught. It is much more likely NY's Private Boats caught even fewer than NY's own Party/Charter. After all, even popular Private Boat blogs complain bitterly about Party Boats

catching all the sea bass. Indeed, under recalibration MRIP will show Maryland Shore anglers, our few anglers fishing from Rt 50 & N. Jetty, catching about half as many sea bass as All Party/Charter from Hatteras north. So far Ocean City, MD has one angler claiming to have caught 1 legal sea bass from shore. One. NOAA holds MD Shore landed 50,000 pounds of sea bass in 2016 - far more than all MD Party/Charter. And those shore caught sea bass AVERAGED 1.3 pounds! Now MRIP claims they must increase

shore by six times - MD Shore will then have landed 300,000 pounds of sea bass averaging

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1.3 pounds apiece. It's not just sea bass - MRIP's horrible at ALL estimates. Now, with no sense of reality - with no idea whatever might be true; NOAA & MRIP claim they must raise all non-professional catch many fold. If this happens, history will show it to be one of sciences greatest blunders. It will affect ALL fisheries from Texas to Maine. Currently NOAA's restoration Istrategy does not utilize population biology, or ecology in marine fisheries restorations. Their ONLY window to rebuilding recreationally important fish populations and

associated fisheries are these recreational catch estimates ..that will soon grow so bad as to destroy any sense of success/failure in restoration. What an enormous farce!!

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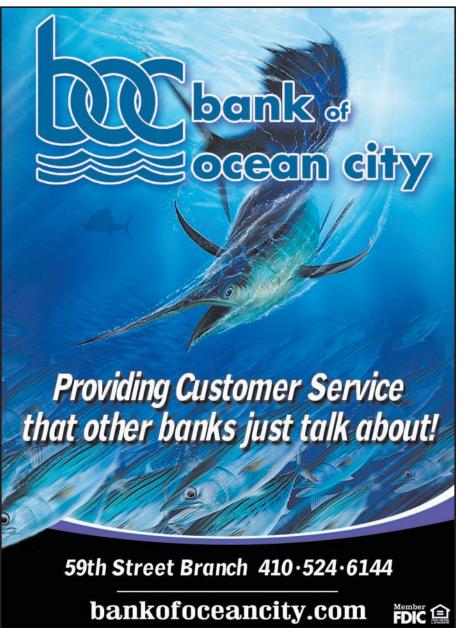


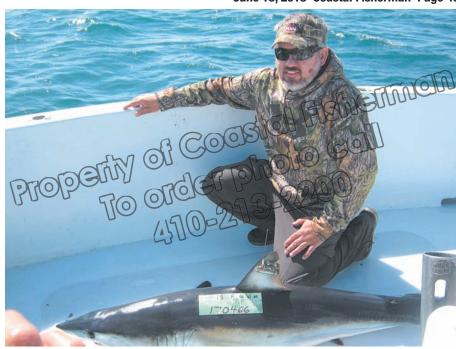






Doug Coats may as well leave all his shirts in Bel Air, MD because they never leave the suitcase after he crosses the Bay Bridge. On Saturday morning, Doug was drifting a jig head tipped with a white Gulp artificial bait in the East Channel near MR Ducks when he hooked into this 18 1/2-inch flounder.





Kevin Trupia was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Finder" with Capt. Mark Sampson, Pete Kelly, Jack Kelly, Anna Kelly, Steve Kreft and Tim Campbell when he caught, tagged and released this make shark.









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# DELIJUARE FISHING By Larry Jock

As I write this report on Monday morning, it is absolutely miserable out, but fortunately we had breaks in the bad weather last week when anglers were able to hit the water and produce some impressive catches. On Saturday, we had torrential storms roll through late in the day, so fortunately, anglers were able to get their day in but had to be careful when they got closer to home. Sunday's weather on land was dreary, but those who ventured offshore reported excellent conditions and were surprised when they got back to the dock.

Capt. Bert Adams at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina said that hickory shad, short striped bass and a few bluefish are being caught by anglers in the Indian River Inlet. Most of the action is coming from the south side of the Inlet for anglers tossing swim shads. There were a few keeper striped bass caught throughout the week but the bluefish are small, mostly in the 2 lb. class.

Bert saw a few keeper flounder brought in by anglers drifting Gulp artificial baits near the Coast Guard Station and some others came in from Massey's Ditch. One lady angler caught her limit of 4 flatties at the Ditch, 2 on minnows and 2 on

Gulp, while her husband got skunked, but isn't that usually the case?

In the surf, the storms we had the previous weekend hampered surfcasters all week with dirty water conditions, but they were still able to find some kingfish, small striped bass, blowfish, bluefish and sand sharks interested in their offerings.

Headboats out of Indian River reported slow fishing for flounder, but decent catches of sea bass and larger sea robins. The DelJerseyLand reef site, which had been a top producer this spring for knotheads, was slow right up until the end of the week. Bert did mention that they saw a 4 lb. 10 sea bass caught by one of their customers, but he had to travel 36 miles SE of the Indian River Inlet to get it. Hopefully, we will have that picture for you next week.

At Fenwick Bait & Tackle, Matt Shoup reported very dirty water conditions for his bay anglers, but some still managed to pull a few keeper flounder from around the Rt. 90 Bridge and in the Thorofare. Matt was even surprised with the number of stripers caught in the Fenwick Ditch. Most were in the 23 to 26-inch range but a few keepers were caught as well in very dirty water.

In the lower Delaware surf,

anglers are still mainly finding kingfish with a sporadic bluefish and striper bite.

Some of Matt's customers are heading down to the South Jetty in Ocean City now that the first sheepshead has been caught.

At Lewes Harbour Marina, Capt. Tommy said that flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal has turned on and the fish are getting bigger, with some 22 to 23-inch flatties hitting their cleaning table last week. Most have been caught on Gulp artificial baits, minnows and strip baits. Anglers in the Canal are still finding short stripers interested in their cut bait and lures. Tommy said they saw quite a few caught right in front of their shop throughout the week.

At the Cape Henlopen Pier, anglers are starting to find spot in addition to flounder and small bluefish.

The black drum bite, especially around the Coral Beds, has slowed down dramatically. Anglers are reporting that they are still seeing the fish but just can't get them to bite on their usual menu of clams and crabs.

Tommy also reported that some of his customers are making the trek down to the Bay Bridge Tunnel to jump on an improving cobia bite.

Shark fishing has been slow, but we did see a thresher caught

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in the middle of the week by Jamal Merrell near "DB" Buoy. Jamal's shark tipped the scale at 232.5 lbs and was caught on a butterflied mackerel.

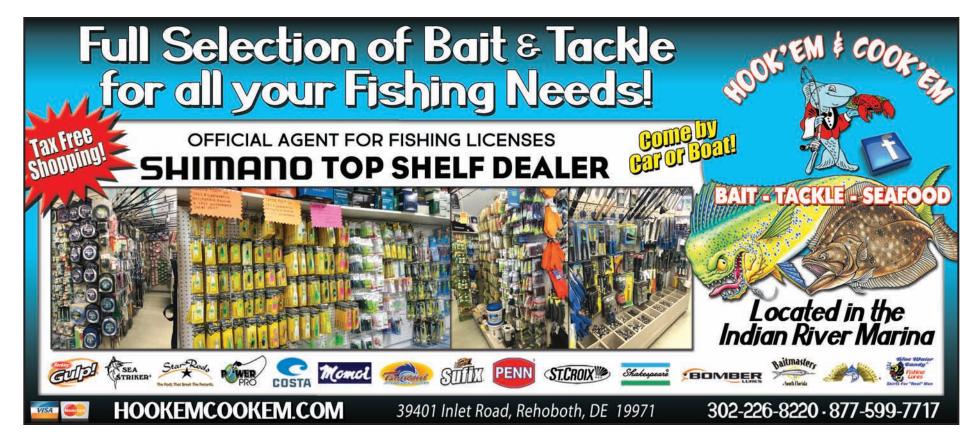
Offshore, it was an excellent long weekend for tuna fishermen with most of the action taking place in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons, but a few went as far north as the Spencer. Trolling ballyhoo, spreader bars and Squidnation Flippy Floppy Things were the ticket all week. Yellowfins outnumbered bluefins but we also saw a good number of bigeves hit the dock, especially on Friday when several boats returned after trolling in 200 to 300 fathoms on the south end of the Wilmington Canyon where water temperature hovered around 68degrees. As is typically the case, reported anglers getting swarmed by packs of bigeyes creating a chaotic and exciting bite. The bigeye's I saw were a nice class of fish with several weighing over 90 lbs.

We also saw the first longfins of the season caught by anglers deep in the Wilmington Canyon.

#### **Upcoming Tournament**

Right around the corner is the 4th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch-All Tournament on June 22nd and 23rd.. Junior anglers can fish one or both days, Saturday and Sunday, competing in 14 different categories. Registration is Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the marina. If you are a junior angler who likes to fish, this tournament is a can't miss!

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On Sunday, Pete Gudaitis and Bill Pino were fishing on the "Blood Money" with Heather Moore and Lucy Muhlenbruck when they caught this pair of longfin albacore tuna and 10 yellowfins in the Wilmington Canyon. The heaviest longfin weighed 41 lbs. The anglers also jumped off a blue marlin in 63-degree water at the Hot Dog. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

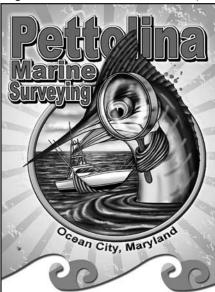


While trolling in the Wilmington Canyon, this group of anglers captured 14 yellowfins while fishing on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Rick Tshudy and Marshall Freng. Pictured back at the dock at Sunset Marina are John Henry, Linda Rohleder, Dan Rohleder, Keith Scott, John Piwowarski and Scott Spencer.





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Jeff Waxman (pictured), Roger Meekins and Steve Redden ventured offshore on the "After You" and caught 3 yellowfins and a bluefin in the Baltimore Canyon before heading to 650-feet of water, south of the Big Eye Hole where they deep dropped for tilefish. They caught 8 bluelines that averaged 15 lbs. each.



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Michael Chan of Ocean City, MD hooked this 20-inch flounder and some throwbacks in the East Channel while drifting live minnows before the storms rolled through last Saturday.





John and Michelle Schnaitman, Todd and Flossie Fritz, Bob and Gab Fleming and Sandy and Bill Palmer returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with a pair of black drum and a shark after fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest.







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## How low can you go?

While it may not surprise you, some people like to listen to music on their fishing boats. Whether at the dock, underway or while fishing, music seems to mix well with the enjoyment of boating and fishing

Besides the elements, the marine environment is more difficult to match a sound system to your needs than for a car or home. On a boat, you physical have many restrictions and a wide variety of ever-changing outside influences that affect your stereo system. The number one obstacle in designing a sound system is the speakerstype, size and location. This can be difficult on a boat, along with running the wires to the speakers. Once the speakers have been decided upon, they need to receive enough power to make them perform well. Usually, this means an external amplifier, more powerful than the one included inside of the main stereo unit. Finally, the music source needs to be selected. Today there are many choices, ranging from a full feature high-end stereo that integrates with other marine systems all the way to a simple system that works only with Bluetooth or an auxiliary input. All are good choices depending on the needs of the users.

While many off-the-shelf stereo systems do just fine for most boaters, there are always the people who want a little more out of their system and want to create a system similar to their high-end home or vehicle systems. One of the most popular additions to a good system is a subwoofer. Yes, that same giant speaker system in the neighboring car that vibrates your vehicle at a stoplight. Designing and installing the proper subwoofer system is not to add a loud thumping noise but to seamlessly add to the overall quality of your sound system.

What does a subwoofer do? The purpose of a subwoofer is to reproduce low pitch audio frequencies, known as bass or sub-bass in

the 20-200 Hz frequency range, from a dedicated woofer speaker. A woofer is a speaker designed to produce the lower frequencies of sound. A tweeter is a speaker designed to reproduce the higher end of listen frequency. purpose Most general speakers are a combination of a larger woofer and smaller tweeter in one housing, providing a convenient and reasonably priced speaker system that produces good sound in the mid-and-high frequencies. The smaller diameter, usually 4 to 6and inches, acoustical properties of a general purpose speaker don't allow for the gut pounding lows that a subwoofer can reproduce

A subwoofer is a dedicated speaker system, designed only to reproduce these low frequencies and these speakers often need to be tuned electronically to filter out the higher frequencies that the speaker was not designed for.

Creating low frequency sound at reasonable volume level requires a lot of power, a large diameter woofer that can move a lot of air. Most subwoofer systems for home and mobile are pre-engineered within an enclosure that you mount where space permits and wired into your stereo system. Often on a boat we do

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not have the space available to install one of the preengineered systems and many boat owners end up installing subwoofer speaker(s) wherever space permits. While this can work well, it is more difficult to select the proper speaker and mounting location to produce the expected improvement in low frequency sound. Luckily, the low frequency range is not as direction specific as the higher frequencies and location from the listener is not as critical as it is with a traditional, full range speaker. You know this when the base-thumping car pulls up next to you at the stoplight and your car vibrates, but you can't hear much of the mid or high range from the other car.

Generally, a subwoofer is designed to work inside an enclosure at a given volume. This helps control the woofer from overextension that can cause distortion and damage to the speaker. Often times, a creative woofer installation can allow you to design the proper enclosure, such as the area under a bench seat or in a cabinet area, etc. If a predesigned or custom enclosure is not available, there are subwoofer speaker systems that are designed for an infinite baffle, not requiring a specific volume enclosure.

An infinite baffle woofer



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generally requires subwoofer to be mounted on a sealed, rigid surface that prevents the rear exiting sounds waves from reaching the front of the speaker; otherwise the sound waves each other, can cancel reducing the effectiveness of the subwoofer speaker system. Subwoofer specifications usually indicate if they are designed for an infinite baffle or an enclosure. As an example, the popular JL Audio subwoofers in 8-inch and 10inch diameters may all look the same, but JL Audio manufactures two distinct subwoofer speakers models, one for enclosures and one for infinite baffles.

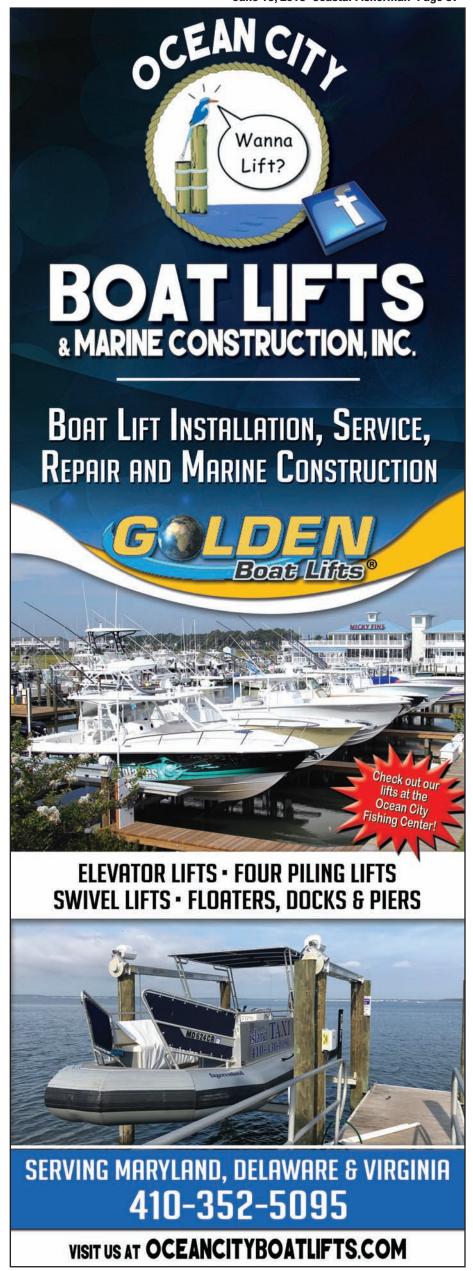
If you have ever looked through the grill of a working speaker, you have noticed the large diameter woofer moving in and out with the music, turning electrical signals into sound waves. It takes a lot of power to move a large diameter speaker. Generally the more power the better, as

long as it does not exceed the speakers rating. Therefore, it is common to see separate amplifier(s) dedicated to the subwoofer on a marine installation, usually 100 watts at a minimum and 600 watts for a high-end system. Comparatively, this same 600 watts can easily provide adequate power to 4 or 6 traditional marine speakers.

So if you want to pump up the bass on your sound system, select the appropriate subwoofer speaker system for your installation location, provide adequate power to the speaker system and tune the speaker levels to match your desired listening levels and the speaker's ratings. Then all you need to do is sit back and enjoy!

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While Mike Fritz and Bill Fintel were cleaning the "Snow Goose", Ed Sigda shows off the pair of bluefin tuna they caught while trolling spreader bars and daisy chains in 30 fathoms near the Hot Dog. They also released another bluefin during the trip. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Mike Glavich of West Ocean City, MD caught a pair of keeper flounder on his first trip of the season while drifting naked minnows in the West Channel. Both were caught during the outgoing tide. The largest flattie measured 20-inches.







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Jerry Fleming, Jeff Deardorff, Mike Neidig, Jim Morfield and Ben Smith teamed up to catch 7 black drum at the Coral Beds while fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Michael Cerchio.



Darrell Doupnik from Easton, MD used a clam to fool this 2 lb. flounder at a natural reef while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The "Angler" is located at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City, MD.











The "E Dock 4" got together for a group shot after returning to Sunset Marina with their "under" bluefins while trolling inside the Poor Man's Canyon. Representing the "Black Magic", "Hall Pass", "Primary Search" and "Magic Moment" are George Hall, Aaron Bellmyer, Tommy Clark, Jim Bugg, John Cussick, Alex White, Robert Remo, Anthony Clark, Bill Thornton, Chet Remo and Austin Ensor.



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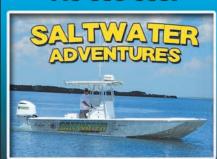
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Eric Badorrek of Selbyville, DE was drifting minnows around the Rt. 90 Bridge when he hooked into this 19-inch flounder.





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Chad Cutlip caught his first bluefin tuna while trolling between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Photo courtesy of Alltackle Ocean City.



Donny Holdren from Philadelphia, PA caught his very first keeper flounder, a 16 1/2-incher, while drifting a bucktail tipped with a white Gulp Swimming Mullet north of the Rt. 90 Bridge.



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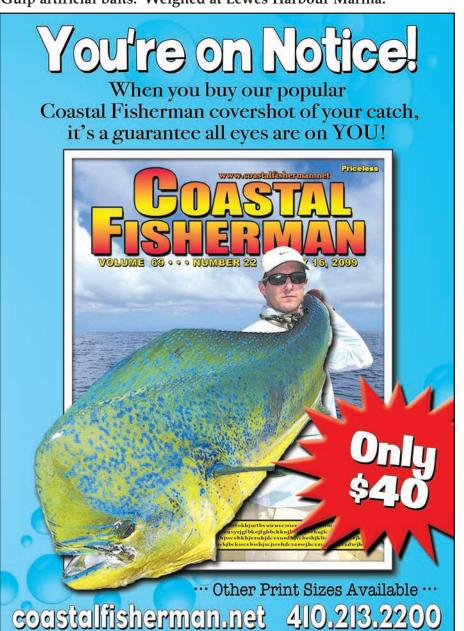


Wayne Davis was fishing with a 1 oz. Bass Assassin tipped with a rubber worm on the south side of the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 31 1/4-inch striped bass. The fish weighed 11 lbs. 5 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.





The flounder bite in the Lewes Canal is on the upswing and Mike Doyle and Ken Shabrach ventured down from Pennsylvania to get in on the action. The duo ended up boating 5 keepers, with the largest tipping the scale at 5 lbs. 11 oz. The keepers, along with a good amount of throwbacks, were hooked on white and chartreuse Gulp artificial baits. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Three generations of Goodhart's went fishing on the "Brenda Lou" last weekend and returned with 4 yellowfins from the Wilmington Canyon. Frank, Michael and Trent ventured out on Trent's first offshore trip with Allan Whitley, Justin Ribb, Joe Hollister and Joe Hollister, Jr. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Kristina Lewis from Wilmington, DE caught this 18 1/2-inch flounder while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.











When they aren't fishing off the Atlantic coast, this group of anglers likes to hit the Lower Potomac for some striper fishing, and on this day they went home with their limit after trolling parachute rigs on the "Heritage" with Capt. David Fisher and mate Mark Denisar. Fishing were Birt Webley, Bryce Webley, George Ichtiarov, Wayne Betts, Mike Davey, Bo Balahutrak, Don Duff, Orest Kolobabiak, David Harrison and Dan Ruffin. Don's 28-incher was the largest striper caught on the trip. The anglers also released another 50 stripers after catching their limit. The "Heritage" sails out of Reedville, VA.







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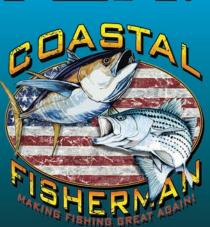
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