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Jeff Gottshall of Rockville, MD caught the heaviest bluefish we have seen so far this year, muscling in this 14 lb. 10 oz. chopper while trolling ballyhoo for bluefin tuna at the Hot Dog. Jeff was fishing on the "Rock On" with Tyler Tribbitt, Brian Savage, Eric Miller and Tim Tribbitt. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.





John Giblin was casting a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet from the Roosevelt Inlet Jetty when he hooked into this 3 lb. 11 oz. weakfish. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Tony Burr and C.C. Lee of Newark, DE, Howard Daughtry of Lorton, VA and David Woods of North East, MD took an overnight trip to the Wilmington Canyon and caught their limit of yellowfin tuna (4 pictured) between sunrise and 8:30 AM while trolling skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars. The anglers pulled the hook on 2 swordfish, had a shark bite through their 300 lb. leader and released a hammerhead during their trip. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Tristan Drenner of Fredericksburg, MD caught 2 flounder on live spot while fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead. The fish measured 17 and 21-inches and were caught during the incoming tide.



This 26-inch, 4 lb. 14 oz. weakfish fell at the hands of Ross Grossi of Wilmington, DE while tossing a pink Gulp! artificial bait at Broadkill Beach. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



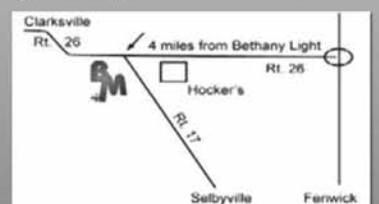
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Chip Kelly of Venice, FL was fishing at Site 11 when he caught this 23 3/4-inch, 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder on a bucktail tipped with cut bait. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Steve Ramsey and John Thibodeau (pictured) teamed up with Darlene Ramsey, Dan Steadman and Kristy Baldwin to land these 2 yellowfin tuna, weighing 33.1 and 46.8 lbs., and 3 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Lady Luck" with Capt. Tommy Baldwin. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



We usually get one of these weeks every season where you could write the fishing report on the back of a matchbook cover. Constant winds kept offshore boats at the dock from Thursday right through the weekend. Those who wanted to drift in the bay had better luck, but water conditions left a lot to be desired.

## Flounder

Mid-week, we saw a decent flounder bite in the bay when water clarity was still pretty good. The head boat, "Flounder Pounder" returned with 5 keepers in the box on Wednesday. Anglers caught the flatties on shiners and squid in the West Channel near Hooper's Crab House.

On Thursday, the charter boat, "Get Sum" had 3 keepers caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel. Their largest fish measured 22 1/2-inches and weighed a little over 4 lbs.

J.J. at the Oceanic Pier was very excited to report a fantastic flounder bite during Friday mornings outgoing tide for anglers tossing bucktails tipped with 4-inch chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mulletts.

The good news is that it looks like the flounder bite in the East Channel is on the upswing. We even saw a few flounder caught by anglers fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead, where early in



Fatime Seseir from Hatfield, PA was fishing from the Rt. 50 Bridge when she slayed this 23 1/2-inch weakfish during the outgoing tide while using a jig head tipped with a Lunker Shad. The trout weighed 3 lbs. 11 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

pleasantly surprised with the number of red drum being caught. Those fishing around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge have hooked into a number of fish measuring over 30-inches while bouncing live spot under the bridge. Last week, we saw fish not only coming from around the Rt. 50 Bridge but also from as far north as behind Northside Park on 125th Street and further north in the Ditch. Most of these fish are in the 20-inch range, well within the 18 to 27-inch range needed to put the fish in the cooler.

## Striped Bass

Before the windy weather moved in, anglers were catching striped bass pretty steady around the South Jetty, but rough sea conditions later in the week caused enormous swells making fishing difficult around the rocks. When you could get out there to fish, small stripers dominated the action with a few 30 to 36-inch fish in the mix.

## Weakfish

Anglers looking for weakfish have been pleasantly surprised this season with better numbers of fish continuing to be caught all around our bay. J.J. at the Oceanic Pier reported excellent action at night with over 100 fish being hooked some nights on all types of rigs and bait. J.J. said that one angler in particular has been doing very well with Gulp! Jerk Shads.

## Sea Bass

Rough sea conditions made it impossible for boats to hit their favorite sea bass spots on a lot of days last week. The head boats, "Morning Star" and "Angler" did get out before the blow and returned with good catches of sea bass. Most were in the 2 lb. range, but a few pushing 3 1/2 lbs. also found their way into some coolers. I'm hearing good reports coming from the subway cars at the Jackspot.

the week Tristan Drenner stopped by the office with a pair of flatties he caught while using live spot for bait. The fish measured 17 and 21-inches.

## Red Drum

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Steve Cushing and Phillip McAtee teamed up to release this blue marlin while fishing aboard the "Marilyn Rose". The guys were trolling for tuna when the blue marlin hit a skirted ballyhoo in 68-degree water at the tip of the Baltimore Canyon. The 12-foot marlin, estimated at 500 lbs., put up a fight for 2 hours and 40 minutes before it was released at the boat.

#### Bluefish

As stated earlier, anglers fishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge were surprised with the number of big red drum they were catching and to make matters even better, they were finding a few chopper bluefish around the pilings as well.

We have also seen big bluefish finally show up on inshore lumps such as the Hambone and the Chicken Bone. You saw Jeff Gottshall's 14 lb. 10 oz. gator on the cover of this week's issue that was caught at the Hambone. Anglers fishing mid-week aboard the "Reel Attitude" also found big choppers at the Hot Dog, where they boated a pair and released 13 others. Their largest fish weighed over 12 lbs.

#### Offshore

Needless to say, we didn't see any boats out of Ocean City head offshore over the weekend.

One boat out of Indian River Marina made its way to the Hambone on Saturday and ended up with an 80 lb. bluefin and a pair of dolphin.

Early last week, the "Marilyn Rose" released a blue marlin while fishing in deep water at the tip of the Baltimore Canyon where water temperatures hovered close to 68-degrees. The fish was estimated at around 500 lbs.

Also early last week, the charter boat, "Restless Lady" took a trip down to the Rockpile and caught some gaffer dolphin.

#### Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off. Weigh-ins will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM on July 5th, 6th and 7th at Sunset Marina. You can bet that if the weather is nice there will be a lot of boats heading out of the inlet in search of tuna, dolphin and marlin.

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Dave Sikorski caught this 10 lb. mahi while fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" with Shrader Grady, Robbie Bean, Al Rittmyer and Capt. Darren Helwig. Dave hooked the mahi on a skirted ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



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Mike, Lee and Brent Moreland caught 2 yellowfin tuna and a pair of mahi while trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Eastbound" with Capt. Bert Moreland and mate Jimmy Moreland. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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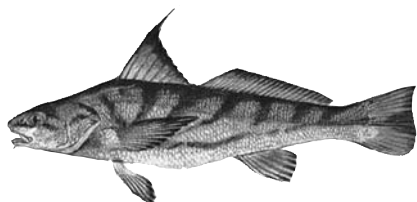
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—by Sue Foster



**"I hear they are catching kingfish in the surf. What are they and how do you catch them?"**

When tackle store folks start talking about kingfish, some people think we're talking about king mackerel. Sorry, we don't catch any of them in the surf around here!



The Northern kingfish, *Menticirrhus saxatilis*, is not a large fish. They generally run 10-14 inches and don't get much over a pound. A pound and a half Northern kingfish would be a big one. The largest on record weighed 3.3 pounds and was caught in a commercial gill net. The largest caught on record on hook and line was caught in New Jersey and weighed 2.6 pounds.

Anglers on different parts of the coast have several names for the northern kingfish including whiting, sea mullet, northern whiting, roundhead, sea mink and

whiting.

Northern kingfish have a long spine protruding from the main, first dorsal fin and a barbel on its chin. They have dark bars running vertically down their body. The first two bars form two distinct V-shapes. They also have a dark longitudinal stripe behind the pectoral fins. This distinguishes them from southern kingfish. The markings on a Southern kingfish are not as distinct. They do not form the V-shapes, and they do not have a long spine. They look more silver in color. They do have barbels and have a similar shape to the northern kingfish.

In the summer, we actually catch both varieties in the surf and each are wonderful to eat. There are no size or creel limits for these fish, so the decision to keep it is really a matter of eyeballing the fish and deciding whether it is big enough for you to fillet. Luckily, a kingfish has a surprising yield of pure white meat that is extremely sweet and delicate. It has no dark meat or strong taste whatsoever. It's one of my all-time favorites! There is a lot more meat on a kingfish fillet than on a croaker or spot fillet. Simply bread up and pan fry, deep-fry, bake or broil. You can't mess it up!

**"OK, so how do I catch them!"**

First off, you need a sensitive 8 or 9-foot surf rod and you need to get up early! "Sun hurts their eyes!" is a local's comment that rings true. Once the sun get bright in the sky, a good bite can abruptly stop. If you are fishing at Assateague Park or the Delaware Seashore State Park where you can fish all day, you will find that the

kingfish bite is the best when the wind is coming from an easterly direction. If the day remains overcast you can catch them all day! I have had some excellent reports from Assateague this season when we had those "day after day" overcast, no sun days. "I just caught kingfish all day long!" one angler came in to tell me more than once.

The trick to successful kingfishing on a normal sunny day is to get out there at daybreak and fish early! Sometimes the bite will end at 9 A.M. If you are in Ocean City, that works perfectly because you have to be off the beach by 10 A.M. when the lifeguards come on. Anglers also do well catching kingfish at the end of the day as the sun goes down. A couple hours before dusk can be red hot for kingfish. You can still catch them after dark, but usually the kingfish bite will stop and other critters will turn on such as sharks and croaker.

Hook size is very important when targeting kingfish. These fish have small, downturned mouths and you will have a hard time hooking them with a big bluefish rig! You need a pre-made kingfish rig with either #6 or #8 size hooks. They come in either Pacific Bass or Wide Gap styles. I personally like the Wide Gap type hooks as the kingfish seem to more readily hook themselves. These high/low kingfish rigs have small surf floats next to the hook that elevate the hooks just a little off the bottom floor, making the bait more visible to the fish and less available to troublesome crabs. Crabs will still steal your bait, so you have to check your bait often when fishing for kingfish!

Use a pyramid or hurricane type sinker that will just barely hold the bottom. I like to cast out as far as I can and then ever so slowly bounce my rig back in towards the shore. That way,

you can find out exactly where the fish are biting. A slightly moving target makes the fish more aggressive and makes hooking them easier and helps keep the crabs off your bait!

The bait is of utmost importance! Kingfish absolutely love bloodworms. Now bloodworms are a little pricey, but worth the money if you are seriously targeting kingfish. You can also use Artificial FishBite "Bag O' Worms" Bloodworms. We sell thousands of packs of these in our stores and they do work. I like to use combination baits in the surf when fishing for kingfish or any other fish. I thread a piece of bloodworm on the hook and then add a little strip of FishBite Bloodworm to the hook. This helps to keep the bloodworm on. Most people like the Fish Bites in the blue package that has the mesh in it to stay on the hook longer. If you don't like the mesh, there are FishBites in the red package (fast release) that does not have the mesh. Both work!

If you prefer to use just the FishBites, put a little strip of FishBite on the hook, no longer than a half inch, and add a little triangle of box squid. (Don't use that thick pre-cut stuff.) Kingfish like the skin on the squid. You can also use a little strip of filleted finger mullet, fresh bunker or fresh spot you catch in the surf. A little piece of worm (real or fake) and a little piece of meat! That's my secret.

Get up at the crack of dawn, use small hooks, keep the rod in your hand, look for a little rip or dip in the beach, cast out, bounce it back in REAL slow... and it won't be long.

Good fishing....

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Grace Smith from Wyalusing, PA, Sam and Marnie Henson from Timonium, MD and Crystal Pofi and Keith Beane from Mays Landing, NJ returned to the dock at Hooper's Crab House with 5 keeper flounder between 16 and 19-inches. The anglers were fishing on the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle (pictured) and caught the flatties on squid and shiners in the West Channel.



Jon Howland, Adam Howland and Doug Overly, all from Eau Claire, PA, went flounder fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Lizzy Brittingham and ended up with 3 keepers in the box after drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel. The fish were caught at the end of the incoming tide with the largest flounder measuring 22 1/2-inches and weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Justin Watz of Richlandtown, PA boated this 21-inch tautog while fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat, "Lucky Break". The blackfish ate a green crab at the South Jetty.



The striper bite around the South Jetty mellowed last week, but Mike Buchanan of Mechanicsburg, PA was there to nail this 36-inch while fishing with live spot on the charter boat, "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire and mate Walter Moore.

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Bob Gauger muscled in a 19-inch red drum and Linda Moran landed a 21-inch flounder, both while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Mandy Duley and Capt. John Prather. Both were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel during the incoming tide. Pictured at Castaway's Campground.



Dave Beach from Fallston, MD joined his son, Dave Beach, Jr. from Ocean City, MD for a little flounder fishing and ended up with a 19-incher and a 21 1/2-incher in the box. The fish were caught on live mullet and peanut bunker while fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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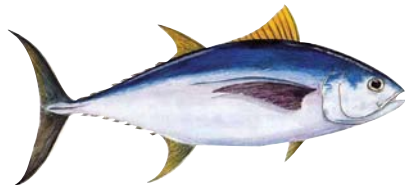
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Mike Peet, John DeFilippis, Paige Mowday and Olivia Whitfield captured 9 yellowfin tuna and a mahi while fishing on the charter boat, "No Quarter" with Capt. Kyle Peet and mate Kevin Knotts (not pictured). The yellowfin and mahi were all caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon with the heaviest yellowfin tipping the scale at 36.9 lbs. and the dolphin weighing in at 16.3 lbs. Also pictured with the crew at Sunset Marina is Mason Peet.



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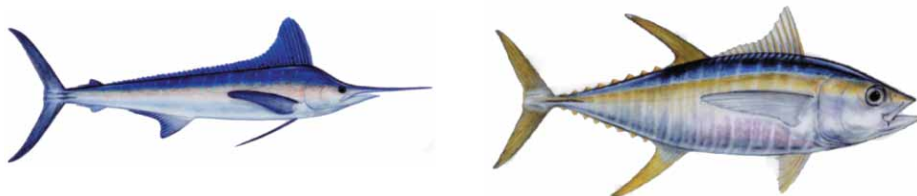
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Ed Wurmb, Jenn Dolan and Abby Wurmb, all from Hagerstown, MD caught a pair of chopper bluefish while fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Attitude" with Capt. Mark Deimler and mate Vence Benedict. The bluefish, weighing 11.0 and 12.1 lbs., were hooked on trolled cedar plugs and daisy chains at the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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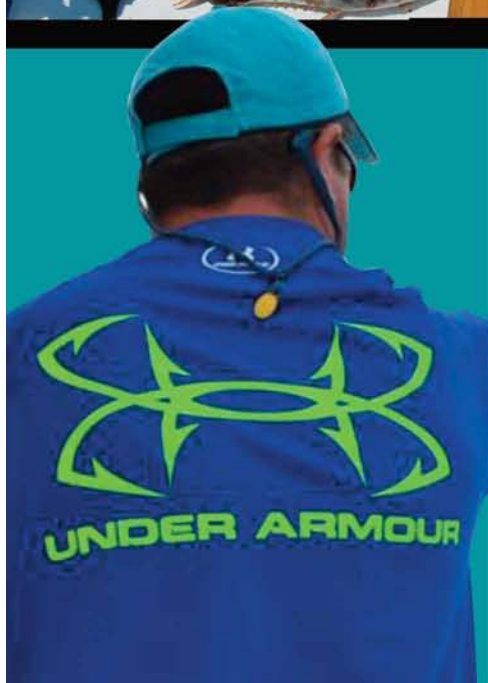


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Teresa Besaw from Hedgesville, WV, Joe Mason from Shrewsbury, England and Steven Walters from Shropshire, England had a great day fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Steven's fish was the heaviest of the trip, weighing in at 3 lbs. 4 oz. All of the fish were caught on clams and squid. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City.



Ed Schuette from Cleveland, OH, pictured with Dylan Ventura, captured this 3 lb. 8 oz. sea bass while fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Ed hooked the knothead on a strip of squid on natural ocean bottom. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Chris Perry and Charlie Hash landed this pair of yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Mojo" with Capt. Charles Hash and mate Chris Dotson. The heaviest yellowfin weighed 34.2 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.

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Gladdy Dcruz boated this 4 lb. 3 oz. sea bass while fishing at the Del-Jersey-Land Reef aboard the "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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John Weber, Will Davis, Austin Davis and John Weber, Jr. caught 7 yellowfin tuna (3 pictured) while fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens on the charter boat, "Marli". Their 3 heaviest yellowfins weighed 13.3, 28.0 and 36.0 lbs. and were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Sunset Marina scale in West Ocean City.

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Brett Foltz of Harrisburg, PA caught these 2 sea bass while fishing on the head boat, "Judy V." with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. The sea bass were 2 of 4 Brett caught during the trip and were hooked on cut bait at Site 11. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Tom Moore, Stephanie Harmon, Craig Johnston and John Seibel returned to Sunset Marina with a 72.4 lb. yellowfin tuna in the box after fishing with Capt. Joe Thorpe on the "Hoos Your Daddy". The yellowfin attacked a spreader bar in the Poor Man's Canyon.

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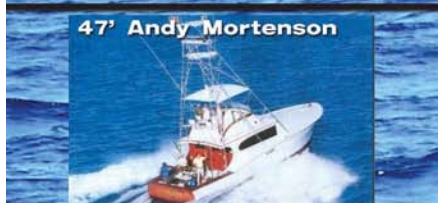




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# Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



With anglers ready to jump off the bridge, let's just say that everyone is pretty fed up with the bad weather we have had this entire year. Actually, it seems like we have been in this bad weather pattern since last October.

Anyway, enough whining. All things even out, so hopefully this means we are going to have a better-than-normal September and October fishing season, especially for the offshore boats.

Capt. Bruce McGuigan at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick reported some excellent fishing for anglers in the Ditch and waters north of the Ditch. Red drum, speckled trout, striped bass, black drum and a lot of croakers are being captured when water conditions are clear. This past week, with windy conditions showing up every day, water clarity wasn't great, but a few fish still ended up in the cooler.

Overall, Bruce said that flounder fishing was poor last week due to bay waters looking like coffee.

Rough surf conditions slowed fishing down for anglers casting off the beach. Bruce saw a few kingfish, up to 16-inches, some small trout, spot and a lot of croakers coming from the suds.

Out of the Indian River



Joe Lombardo was fishing with live minnows at B Buoy when he hooked into this 22 1/2-inch flounder that weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

Marina, Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em said that he was surprised when the "Boy's Toy" braved snotty conditions and returned mid-day on Saturday with an 80 lb. bluefin tuna and a couple of dolphin from the Hambone. We have been reporting bluefins being spotted at the Hambone over the last couple of weeks and there were some caught at the Chicken Bone,

but these are the first dolphin that we know of that were caught that close to shore. Hopefully the easterly winds have pushed these fish onto the inshore lumps and are ready for the taking when the weather improves.

A mixed bag of fish were caught in the Indian River Inlet last week. Anglers got into striped bass, red drum, black drum, kingfish, croakers, bluefish and weakfish. Those fishing with 5-inch, Tsunami Split Tail Blueback Heavies are finding good success with the weakies. This lure, heavier than the standard Tsunami Split Tail lure, is custom made for Hook'em & Cook'em and can only be found at their 2 locations.

The headboat, "Judy V." was able to break the inlet on Sunday, heading 8 miles offshore where anglers caught a few flounder and sea bass

during the trip.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said continual southwesterly winds and effects from the recent full moon shut down offshore tuna action, so many anglers concentrated their efforts closer to the beach. Mike and Chris Surowiec, Tom and Matt Birago, Ron Mistretta, Louis Mispireta and Tony Gargureveich joined Captain Brent for some inshore wreck fishing Saturday aboard the "Katydid", and were rewarded with a catch that included a variety of species. They ended up with a boxful of triggerfish, spadefish and kingfish, plus an impressive 4.86 pound citation sea bass that Mike added to the take.

The Old Grounds area produced some decent flounder fishing. A recent trip to the 80 to 90-foot depths near DB Buoy resulted in 8 keeper fluke, 18 sea bass and some ling for fishermen aboard the "Grizzly".

Back in the Delaware Bay, boaters had to contend with strong currents around the big moon, but there were windows of opportunity during the beginning and end of tides. Captain Carey reported 9 flounder, a triggerfish and "all the croakers you wanted" on a foray over bay reef structure aboard the "Grizzly". Captain Ted on the "Indian" said his patrons had good bottom bouncing over live coral along the edge of The Shears. They caught plenty of hardheads, spot, kingfish, blowfish and spike trout using clams, squid and Fishbites.

Landbound anglers working the wash of Lewes Beach and the Roosevelt Jetty had a similar mix of panfish, along with a few keeper flounder. John Giblin got a 3.67 pound citation worthy weakfish while tossing a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Roosevelt Inlet. Boaters casting Gulp! or soft plastic paddletail lures along the submerged jetties of the Roosevelt or the rocks of the



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Mike, Jordan and Matt Greenwald from Columbus, OH caught a couple of flounder and a sea bass while fishing on the head boat, "Judy V." out of the Indian River Marina. The fish were caught on squid, shiners and clam at Site 10. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

Ferry Wall hooked some nice sea trout too, especially at first light.

The Lewes Canal continued to give up flounder. Michael and Maddie White stopped by with flatties of 18 and 19-inches they caught using minnows in the Canal. Chuck Hazel had his limit of fluke to 22 inches by drifting minnows and shiners in the Canal. William Rybinski was fishing from the Town Dock on the Canal when he tempted a 2.83 pound flounder into biting a chunk of soft crab on Sunday morning.

Canal cruisers will be targeting slot stripers now that the size limit has changed. Anglers may retain two

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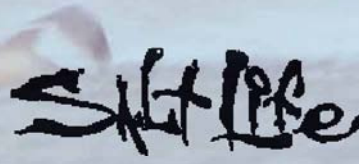


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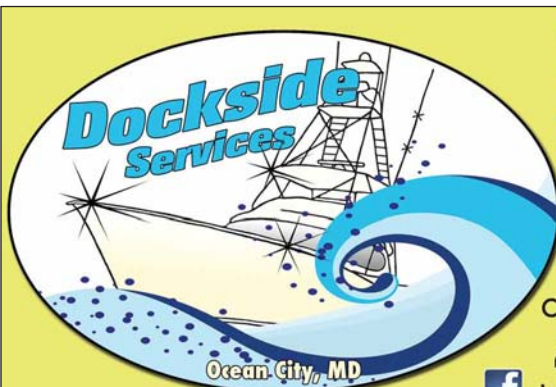
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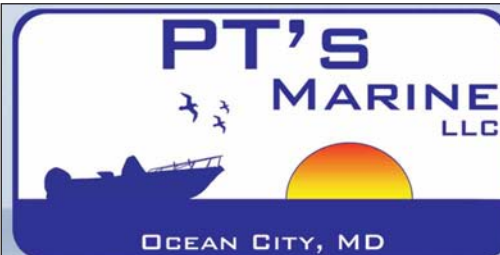
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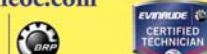
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Jeff and Aiden Alberts of Leesburg, VA caught this pair of 18-inch flounder while fishing on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Roger Meekins. The flatties were hooked on squid and shiners at B Buoy. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.





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by Capt. Steve Katz



## "Which way do I steer?"

No, not for my cheeseburger in paradise, but how does my boats steering technically work? Yes, large sportfish boats can often perform amazing maneuvers without touching the helm wheel, but most boaters rely on the helm wheel to change the direction of the boat the entire time the boat is underway. Depending on the size, type and age of your boat you could have one of many different types of marine steering systems. They range from the simple mechanical tiller arm to a computerized electro-hydraulic system. All of these systems need some regular maintenance and inspections to be safe and reliable. Let's review the most popular systems.

### Outboard boats

The traditional mechanical cable system provides good handling performance at a low cost. These steering systems are standardized across the marine industry, using the same size fittings and connections to the engine; they vary by cable length for your specific boat. There are many different variations, such as rotary helm, reduction gear helms, planetary gear and rack and pinion helms. All of these eventually push and pull a cable attached to your engine. The biggest maintenance issue here is grease! Keep your system greased regularly. The tilt tube on an outboard engine is where the steering cable passes through; this must be kept greased for proper operation and to allow

disassembly when needed. A replacement steering cable can restore a stiff older system and make it feel like new again.

If you have a high horsepower outboard, multiple outboards or the boat is over 25-feet, a hydraulic steering system is recommended. While this system costs more than a cable system, it has many advantages. The system is simple in design. A helm pump that it pumps the fluid to the steering cylinder(s) (ram) is attached to the engine(s) and interconnected by hydraulic hoses. These systems are not pressurized and only contain pressure while turning the helm wheel. The selection and installation of a hydraulic system is more complicated than a cable system, but once installed, provide low effort steering with little or no feedback from the engine(s).

Annual maintenance is similar to the cable system. Grease the tilt tube and components, check the steering fluid level, check the hoses for wear, kinks or leaks, check the ram for leaks and proper movement and be sure the ram is properly fastened to the engine.

### Inboard boats

The most popular system for inboard boats is the hydraulic system, similar to the outboard system but more complex and almost always pressurized. Most boats have multiple helm stations, autopilot, fluid reservoirs and power assist units connected to the steering system. A properly designed system will

allow light and consistent helm wheel control in all situations from all steering stations. Regular maintenance is minimal, though with all the devices plumbed into this system, there are many more areas for inspection.

Maintenance requires checking the seals for leaks at the helm and ram, checking the hoses and fittings at all connections for leaks, checking the fluid levels and pressure at the fluid reservoir. Each manufacturer of hydraulic steering systems has their own recommendations on the type of steering fluid (hydraulic oil) specified for their system to operate properly. Please familiarize yourself with the correct fluid/oil so if you need to add some you can be sure it is compatible.

A hydraulic steering system is a sealed system. If you need to open the system for maintenance or repair, you will need to bleed the air from the system. This can be a time consuming process, often requiring two people. Each manufacture has specific procedures on how to bleed their system properly. Trapped air in a hydraulic steering system can cause sluggish and inconsistent operation and can cause an autopilot system to malfunction.

### Power Steering

The most popular power steering system for outboards is the Mercury Verado outboard system, often adapted by boat builders for use in non-Mercury powered boats. This constant running power-assist pump provides consistent, smooth power assistance to the helm wheel. The newest technology for outboard power steering is the Optimus 360 by SeaStar. This joystick system allows a boat with multiple outboards to

control the direction of each outboard independently, allowing extreme flexibility in maneuvering.

Larger inboard boats often use the popular SeaStar hydraulic power steering system. This system used an engine driven, hydraulic pump to provide a power boost for the traditional hydraulic steering system. Viking Yachts has a VIPER (Viking Independent Programmable Electro-hydraulic Rudder) power steering system that allows independent control of each rudder on their larger boats.

These systems require both the traditional maintenance of the hydraulic system above along with maintenance of the electrical components.

### Pod Drives

The newest "steering" systems are "pod" systems such as the IPS, Zeus, ZF, Axis and other joystick systems, combining steering and propulsion into one underwater unit. These complex systems are still evolving and seem to be gaining in popularity. Watching the four engines on the 87-foot Spencer "Betsy" equipped with ZF pod drives depart a busy marina's "T" pier laterally into the channel like it was a video game, demonstrates the potential for these new systems.

Whichever steering system your boat has, proper maintenance and an understanding of its operation can help provide trouble free operation of your boat.

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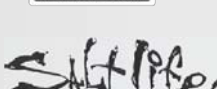
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# Chum Lines

—by Capt. Mark Sampson



Finding fish in a given area is a two-part challenge of not only determining “where” they will likely be but also “when” they will be there. Figuring out those two variables can be particularly challenging to folks who are new to an area because between water temperatures, water quality, available food, other predators, salinity levels and so many other factors, there’s a lot that comes to play that puts a fish in a given location at a given time.

Naturally, one of the best ways to get such fishing info really quick is to have an experienced fishing buddy who can relay the latest updates on when and where everything is biting. Many fishermen will choose to hire a guide or go out on a charter boat to get a quick schooling of how to fish an area. Another great source are local tackle shops, many of which are staffed by personnel who take pride in being able to direct their customers to where the best fishing is. But sometimes such resources are not available to fishermen and they pretty much have to figure out on their own when and where they need to go in a given area to catch a fish.

Learning about the fish is the best way to become proficient at catching them. If

you know that tuna, rockfish, bluefish, flounder, marlin and so forth are taken in the area you can read-up about these species and find out what they like in the way of food, bottom structure, water temperatures and depths. By putting these factors together one should be able to deduce at least an idea of what kind of surroundings a particular species would favor, such as the deep open water that’s home to billfish, high relief bottom structure enjoyed by tautog or the sloping edges of shoals where flounder like to ambush their prey. Low tide is always a great time to explore new fishing locations in the back bays and along the beach.

With a bit of knowledge about what kind of turf certain fish prefer, anglers can then resort to charts, their own reconnaissance or even Google Earth to study the waters of their local area and locate likely places where their quarry might be found. Of course, the “right time” and “right place” have to be in synch. A location might be perfect for catching a particular type of fish, but if the timing is wrong it’s a wasted effort. Triggerfish are all over our offshore wrecks in mid-summer, but go out there in the winter and you’d have a better chance of landing a white whale. Triggers just



Mike McKahan from Berlin, MD captured this 35-inch striper in the Ocean City Inlet on a Roy Rig.

don’t like cold water!

Once all the studying and scouting is done, it’s time for anglers to get out on the water and see what they can catch. And that’s when the learning experience can really begin because nothing beats the education an angler can get from actually being out there trying to pluck a fish from the water. Learning the characteristics of the currents in different locations, observing schools of baitfish, seeing where seabirds are feeding and other fishermen are fishing all mesh to help to inform observant anglers whether or not they are in the right place.

Although some would also conclude that catching, or not catching, fish is the best indicator of finding a good spot, one-time success or failure only indicates what was going on at that one particular

time. It could be the hottest fishing spot on Delmarva but at that moment the tide may have been wrong, the water too cloudy, the bait was not there or a bunch of jet-skiers might have just passed through and spooked everything away. There are too many variables that dictate why a fish may or may not be at a particular location to write it off after just one or two failed attempts. If a place looks “fishy” it probably will be under the right conditions, so give it time!

Knowledge and a lot of patience allows anglers to fish “smart tactics” rather than simply dropping a hunk of bait in the water and hoping for a bite.

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

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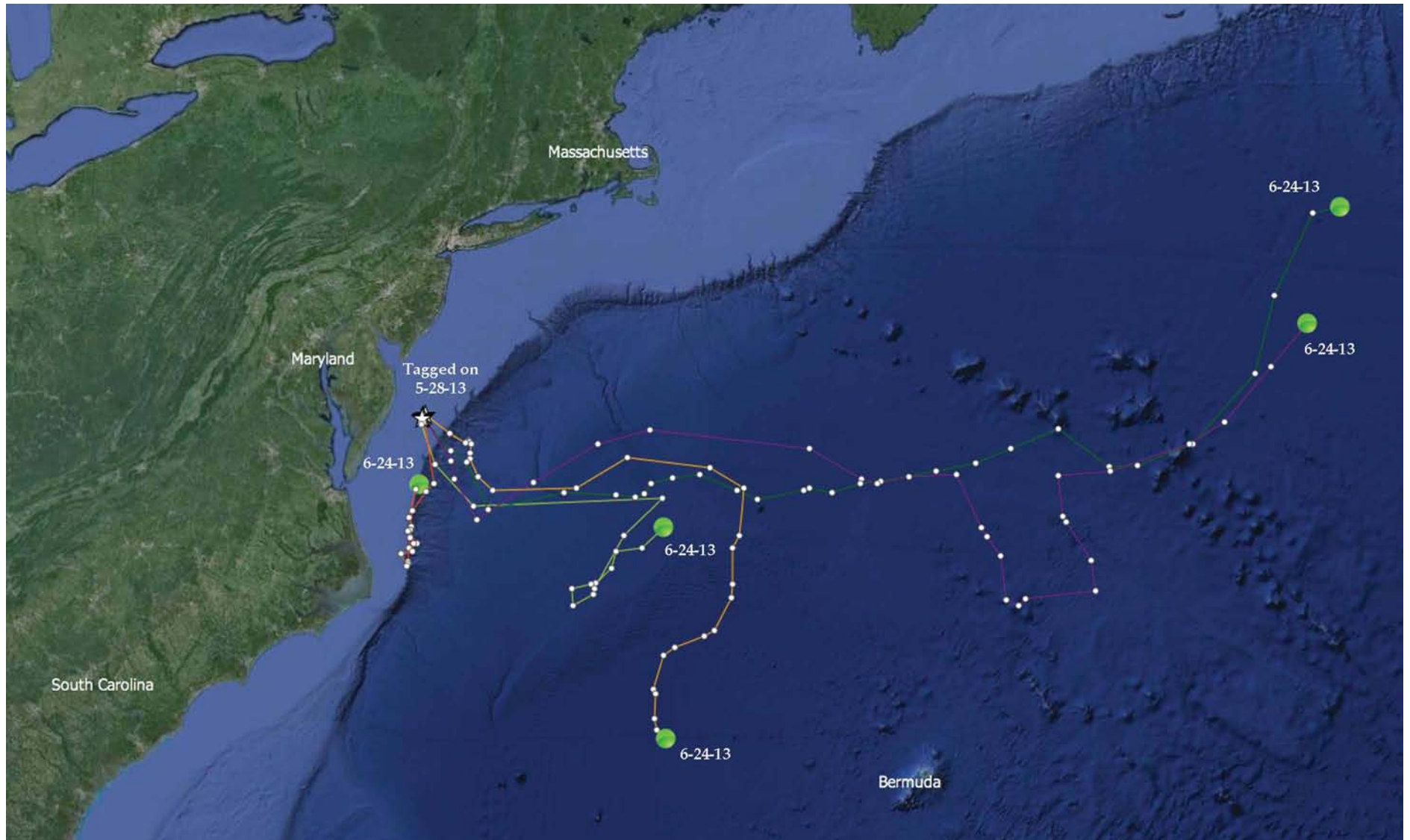
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## The Galley

by Mama Jock



### Manhattan-Style Tautog Chowder

Submitted by Charlie Herpen

2 TBSP. butter  
 2 3/4 cups onion, chopped  
 1 cup carrot, chopped  
 3/4 cup celery, chopped  
 3 garlic cloves, minced  
 1/4 cup tomato paste  
 1 cup dry white wine or chicken broth  
 2 cups red potato, peeled and diced  
 2 cups water  
 1 TBSP. fresh thyme, minced or 1 tsp. dried thyme  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

2 (8 oz.) bottles clam juice  
 1 (28 oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained  
 1 bay leaf  
 Old Bay seasoning to taste  
 2 lbs. tautog fillets, skinned, cut into 1-inch pieces

Melt butter in a dutch oven over medium-high heat.

Add onion, carrot, celery, and garlic to pot, saute 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Stir in tomato paste, cook 1 minute.

Stir in white wine, cook 1 minute.

Add potato and next 7 ingredients. Bring to boil.

Reduce heat; simmer 30

minutes.

Add Old Bay seasoning, and add the fish.

Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Discard bay leaf and serve. Serves 8.

### Crab Burgers

1 lb. lump crab meat  
 3/4 cup celery, finely chopped  
 2 TBSP. onion, finely grated  
 2 TBSP. green pepper, finely chopped  
 1 cup sharp shredded cheese  
 1 cup Miracle Whip  
 1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
 1 tsp. Tabasco  
 3/4 tsp. salt  
 Hamburger rolls

Remove all particles of

shell from the crab meat.

Combine all the remaining ingredients and mix well.

Butter rolls lightly and toast with the butter side up.

Spread mixture generously on the buns and sprinkle with a little shredded cheese.

Place under broiler for 3 to 5 minutes or until light brown and bubbly.

Serve immediately.

Serves 8.

### Tuna with Basil Crust and Ratalouille Salsa

For Salsa:

1/4 cup olive oil  
 1/2 cup onion, finely diced  
 1 cup red bell papper, finely diced  
 2 cups eggplant, finely diced  
 1/4 tsp. garlic, minced  
 1 (28 oz.) can plum tomatoes, drained and

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1 cup zucchini, finely  
diced  
1/4 tsp. thyme  
Salt and pepper

Heat olive oil in skillet  
over medium heat.

Add onion thru garlic;  
saute 2 minutes.

Add tomatoes, cover and  
simmer 10 minutes.

Add zucchini and thyme;  
cover, simmer 5 minutes.

Season with salt and  
pepper; set aside.

For Tuna:

1 cup plain breadcrumbs  
1/4 tsp. minced garlic  
1/4 cup each parsley and  
basil, minced  
6 tuna fillets

Preheat oven to 350  
degrees.

Combine breadcrumbs  
with garlic, parsley and basil.

Place fillets on a baking  
sheet; season lightly with salt  
and pepper.

Spread breadcrumb  
mixture on top of fish; bake 10  
minutes.

Serve with salsa.

Serves 6.

## Asian Flounder

1 (3 1/2 oz) bag boil-in-  
bag brown rice  
2 TBSP. hoisin sauce  
1 TBSP. water  
2 tsp. low sodium soy  
sauce  
1 1/2 tsp. minced fresh  
ginger  
1 1/2 tsp. dark sesame oil  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
3 TBSP. canola oil, divided  
4 flounder fillets  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup diagonally sliced  
snow peas  
2 green onions, thinly

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John Wittmyer is all smiles after taking a day off from running Crabs-To-Go to fish on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Tucker Colquhoun and Jake Shaffer. John ended up catching these sea bass on a diamond jig and won the pool for largest fish caught during the trip. Both were caught at the Jackspot. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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## The Galley, cont'd.

sliced  
1 cup shiitake mushrooms,  
sliced

Prepare rice according to directions.

Combine hoisin and next 5 ingredients in a bowl.

Reserve 4 tsps.

Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add 1 TBSP. canola oil.

Sprinkle fish with salt. Place 2 fillets in pan; cook 4 minutes.

Turn; brush each with hoisin mixture; cook 2 minutes.

Remove fish from pan.

Repeat with 1 TBSP. canola oil, 2 fillets and 2 tsp. hoisin mixture.

Heat another skillet over high heat.

Add 1 TBSP. oil.

Add peas and onions; saute 1 minute.

Add mushrooms; saute 2 minutes.

Place rice on each plate, top with 1 fillet and ½ cup vegetables; drizzle with hoisin sauce.

Serves 4.

## Swordfish Baked with Tomatoes and Parmesan

4 swordfish steaks  
1 small bay leaf  
1 garlic clove, peeled  
2 basil leaves, chopped  
2 TBSP. olive oil, plus  
extra for drizzling  
4 TBSP. white wine  
1 onion, chopped  
1 celery stalk, chopped  
1 carrot, chopped  
1 medium can peeled and  
chopped tomatoes  
2 TBSP. capers, rinsed  
1/2 cup black olives  
1/4 cup flaked Parmesan  
cheese



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Greg Smith, Dan Talbrait and Mark West (not pictured) teamed up to catch this 36.2 lb. yellowfin and a 7.4 lb. mahi while fishing on the "Obsession" with Capt. Bob McCormick (pictured) and mate Alan Witheron. The fish were caught on trolled, skirted ballyhoo on the southwest wall of the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.  
Place the swordfish steaks in a roasting pan with the bay leaf and garlic clove.

Sprinkle with basil and drizzle with olive oil; season with salt and pepper.

Cook over medium heat, turning fish occasionally for 30 minutes.

Transfer pan to oven and cook, drizzling occasionally with the wine, for 12 minutes.

Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the onion, celery, and carrot; cook over low heat for 5 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, capers and olives and cook for another 10 minutes.

Remove the roasting pan from the oven, pour the tomato sauce over the fish and sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese.

Return to the oven and cook for another 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and

let stand for a few minutes before serving.

Serves 4.

## Sea Bass Baked in Foil with Pesto

4 sea bass fillets  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/4 cup pesto  
3 carrots, grated  
1 zucchini, grated  
2 TBSP. olive oil  
1/4 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Prepare four 12-inch squares of aluminum foil coated lightly with cooking oil.

Place a fillet in center of each square of foil.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Spread fish with pesto.

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carrots and zucchini.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Gather the foil around the fish and drizzle the fish with the oil and wine.

Fold the edges of the foil to seal the package.

Place the packets on a baking sheet.

Bake 12 minutes.

Open the foil packages and transfer the fillets and vegetables to plates.

Pour the juices over top.

Serves 4.

## Stuffed Bluefish

4 large bluefish fillets

Salt and pepper to taste

1 cup cucumber, seeded and finely chopped

1 large stalk celery, finely chopped

1/2 cup green pepper, finely chopped

2 TBSP. chopped onion

2 TBSP. chopped parsley

1/2 cup chopped mushrooms

1 tsp. sage

2 slices firm white bread, cubed

Bread crumbs

6 TBSP. butter, melted

Lay 2 fillets in well buttered shallow baking dish.

Season with salt and pepper.

Mix cucumber, celery, green pepper, onion, parsley, mushrooms, sage, more salt and pepper and bread cubes together and spread over the 2 fillets.

Add salt and pepper, sprinkle with bread crumbs and pour melted butter over all.

Place in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes, or until fillets flake with fork.

Serves 4.



Eli Dove of Hagerstown, MD caught his first keeper flounder while fishing with minnows at Cape Henlopen State Park. The 19-inch flattie weighed 2 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Sydney Duncan and Jenna Arndt, both from Severna Park, MD had a fun day fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Jim Duncan, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Ian Duncan. The anglers returned with 12 bluefish and a 50 lb. yellowfin tuna caught on a ballyhoo dressed up with a pink Joe Shute skirt. All of the fish were caught at the Hambone. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Ryan, Sean and Marie Maycomber, Angie and Jim Schiaffino, and Sarah Wilson put 6 keeper flounder in the box of the charter boat, "Misdemeanor" with Capt. Danny Selby. The flounder were caught in the back bay of the Indian River on live shiners. The largest fish measured 21 1/2-inches and weighed 2 lbs. 13 oz.



Amy and Luke Waters from Laurel, DE used chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mulletts to fool these 3 keeper flounder while fishing in the East Channel on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. The largest flounder measured 22-inches. Pictured at Castaway's Campground.

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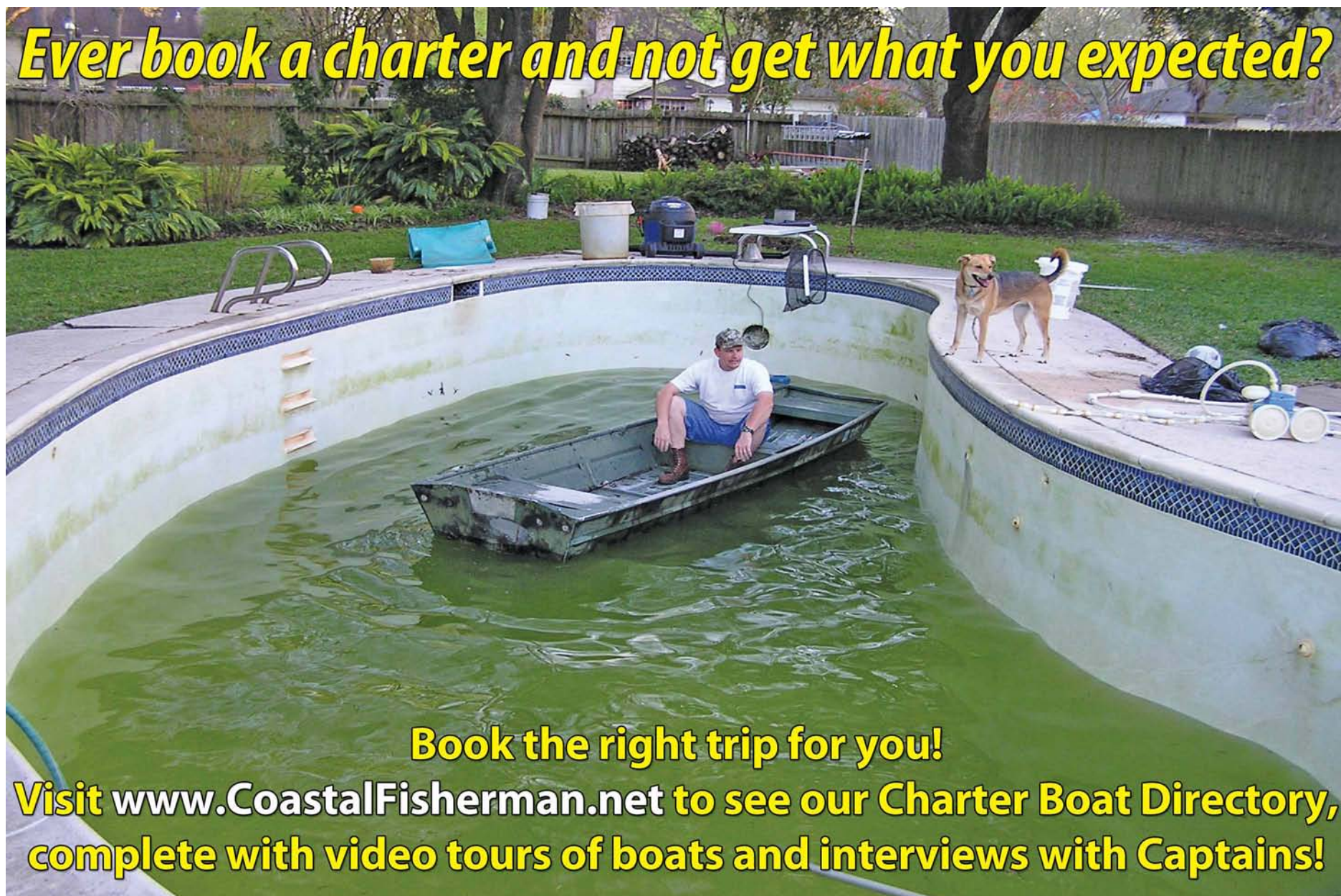
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<b>Sea Bass</b> 	February 2, 2013 Jerry Thadenfelder "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 9 oz.	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks 5 lbs.	<b>Mako Shark</b> <i>100 lb. minimum</i> 	June 9, 2013 Kelly Barr "Moore Bills" 209 lbs. 8 oz.	June 11, 2013 Robert Remo Fingers 130.3 lbs.
<b>Tautog</b> 	February 6, 2013 Arthur Guido "Morning Star" 18 lbs. 6 oz.	May 10, 2013 Robbie Hummel Reef Site 11 14 lbs. 10 oz.	<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	June 9, 2013 Shane Heimer Sausages 485 lbs.	May 27, 2013 J.T. Compton "MEGA-BITE" 252 lbs.
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	May 24, 2013 Zach Goodrich South Jetty 38 lbs.	April 29, 2013 Steven Matarese, Jr. Collins Beach 37 lbs. 12 oz.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	June 21, 2013 Josh Willet Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs. 6 oz.	June 10, 2013 Nick Sharp Wilmington Canyon 107 lbs.
<b>Weakfish</b> 	May 16, 2013 Kate Yarzutkina Assateague Bridge 9 lbs. 3 oz.	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach 7 lbs.	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	June 21, 2013 Brad Martin Baltimore Canyon 93 lbs. 13 oz.	June 15, 2013 Willie Lodge Baltimore Canyon 77.7 lbs.
<b>Speckled Trout</b> 	April 28, 2013 Big Bird Cropper Assateague Bridge 3 lbs. 8 oz.	June 17, 2013 Duane Gray Hole in the Wall 3 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	June 23, 2013 Mazie Brinker Baltimore Canyon 28 lbs.	June 12, 2013 Tom Ciconte Baltimore Canyon 23.4 lbs.
<b>Flounder</b> 	May 10, 2013 Bob Ferguson Thorofare 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 30, 2013 Phillip Chandler Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 5 oz.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	June 10, 2013 Phillip Seidenstricker "Reel Addiction" 222 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Bluefish</b> 	June 23, 2013 Hugh Thomas Cropper Jackspot 13 lbs. 3 oz.	<b>NEW</b> June 27, 2013 Jeff Gottshall Hot Dog 14 lbs. 10 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	<b>NEW</b> June 22, 2013 John DeFilippis "No Quarter" 16 lbs. 5 oz.	No Weights Reported
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	No Weights Reported	June 19, 2013 James Dove Indian River Inlet 5 lbs. 3 oz.	<b>Wahoo</b> 	June 23, 2013 Brandon Cassady Baltimore Canyon 48 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Golden Tilefish</b> 	June 17, 2013 Gino Mautschke "Fin Chaser" 54 lbs.	June 15, 2013 Sam Scott "Katydid" 36.4 lbs.	<b>White Marlin</b> 	Most Releases in One Day June 15, 2013 "No Quarter" 1 release	None Reported

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# Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball  
I.G.F.A. Representative



Summertime is well underway, and it seems as if most species finally got the word as catches escalated last week.



One of the top targeted species on the rise is cobia. Although the bite is not epic, catches jumped significantly last week. Both chummers and sightcasters are enjoying the latest surge in activity with reports of double-digit hook-ups of solid 30 to 40-pounders recently. A few nicer fish are also in the mix, but huge fish are still slow to make a showing.

With clearer water dominating the lower Bay lately, flounder action is finally picking up. At the Bay

Bridge Tunnel, the 1st and 4th Islands are producing for drifters while those working the bridge structure with jigs and live bait are also finding good numbers of nice keepers. Many of these flatties are topping out at around 5 and 6-pounds. Anglers fishing in the Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets are also having some good luck with some keeper flatfish, but the general size decreased last week.

The Virginia Beach Fishing Center reports that the Spanish mackerel bite along the Virginia Beach oceanfront finally opened up last week. Captain Russ Kositnas put his crew aboard the "Top Notch" out of Rudee Inlet on a nice mess of Spanish mackerel ranging up to around 18-inches while trolling small spoons within 3-miles of the

coastline.

Although red drum are mostly old news, they are still biting along Fisherman's Island and the Nine Foot Shoal areas for boats setting up to bottomfish. Most red drum catches are now becoming incidental by-catches by anglers targeting cobia. Black drum hook-ups are coming from around the four artificial islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, but remember that black drum require extra time while reviving these large fish in order to increase their survival rate.

Spadefish are still biting well at the Chesapeake Light Tower and nearshore wrecks, where fish are averaging around 4-pounds.



Sheepshead action is on the upswing, with several fish over 10-pounds boated from the CBBT complex recently. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, big triggerfish are also active in these same areas, with some triggers pushing to nearly 4-pounds.

Decent croaker are lurking around the James River Bridge, the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel and off Ocean View, while some hardheads averaging around 1.5-pounds are coming from near the 2nd Island of the

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CBBT this week. Croaker are also up for grabs within Rudee Inlet, along with spot, nice puppy drum and some speckled trout.

Amberjack are biting for a few boats as they swing by the Southern Towers while searching for other offshore species. Deep droppers are still doing well, but the escalating offshore trolling scene is shifting interest to more bluewater species lately. For anglers still dropping bait to the bottom, some blueline and golden tilefish, wreckfish, grouper, rosefish, and nice sea bass are responding.



The offshore scene continues to hold good opportunities, but the stiff wind forecast for last weekend kept many boats closer to shore. Some yellowfin tuna are around, with a few brutes pushing to over 70-pounds thrilling crews. Captain Bill Richardson, skipper of the "Jubilee" out of The Virginia Beach Fishing Center, kept his crew content with a good catch of nice tuna last week, including 75-pound and 85-pound yellowfin tuna respectively boated by myself and LaDonna Crutsinger. Catches of gaffer mahi improved some last week, with a few fish weighing in over 20-pounds. Scattered mako sharks are also making things interesting for anglers.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For information, go to [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

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Mike Smith Sr., and Mike Smith, Jr. caught these nice size flounder while drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the Lewes Canal. The largest flounder weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Katie, Tommy and Kelly Phillips, Zach Naegle and Carter Orders had a good day fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Tucker Colquhoun and Jake Shaffer, returning with sea bass and tautog. The fish were caught on an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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### Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 set for August 18th to 23rd

It's been nearly nine months since Superstorm Sandy made landfall on New Jersey and while the entire coastline was impacted by the storm, much of South Jersey received only minor damage compared to coastal communities to the north. The crews at South Jersey Marina and Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May have been hard at work during the off season making repairs and upgrades at both facilities in preparation for the upcoming season. Among them was the completion of dredging of Canyon Club Resort Marina to an eight-foot-plus depth at mean low water.



Now in its 22nd year, the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 is set for August 18th to 23rd and will once again attract the best in the business of big game fishing from near and far. The Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May, NJ will serve as the host facility and tournament headquarters for boats fishing out of Cape May. Sunset Marina in Ocean City, MD has again been enlisted to serve as tournament headquarters for those who desire to fish from that port. Once again, full weigh-in of all species will be available at both marinas with a live video feed from each allowing participants to keep up with the action as it unfolds each evening.

Tournament week kicks off with the Registration, Captain's Meeting and



Cocktail Party at both marinas on Sunday, August 18th. Participants will select three of the following five days to fish the canyons offshore and regardless of sailing port, all participants must fish within 125 miles of the Cape May Sea Buoy. Billfish cash awards include \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000 for the heaviest, 2nd heaviest and 3rd heaviest white marlin and blue marlin respectively. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd heaviest tunas are each worth \$75,000, \$35,000 and \$20,000. Other cash awards include \$10,000 each for the heaviest dolphin and wahoo.

Minimum weights for billfish to qualify for cash include 65 pounds for white marlin and 400 pounds for blue marlin. Tuna, including big eye, yellowfin and true albacore, must weigh at least 50 pounds to win cash. There is no minimum weight for dolphin or wahoo. All billfish released will earn points towards valuable awards and the top three winners of each billfish category will be recognized. Tuna weighed will also earn points for these same awards and an award will be presented for most points overall.

A cash purse of \$500,000 is guaranteed based on a field of 125 boats though calcutta proceeds will likely push to total purse well over \$1.5 million! As in the past several calcuttas will again be available including the new My Port Calcutta which, simply put, is just that! This calcutta awards cash to the three heaviest white marlin, three heaviest blue marlin and three heaviest tuna caught out of each port during the tournament with the prize breakdown identical to that of the \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,500 calcuttas.

Dockside hospitality is one of the trademarks of the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 and tournament participants will again be treated to nightly dining and beverages.

For further information please contact Tournament Director Bob Glover at 609-884-2400 or visit the tournament's official web site at [www.ma500.com](http://www.ma500.com).

### **NOAA & MD Fisheries Service to hold public meeting on fish release methods**

NOAA Fisheries will be holding a public meeting on August 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Ocean Pines Library to help anglers improve our marine fisheries, by discussing best handling practices when releasing fish, and learning about how anglers on other coasts are improving survival of angler released fish.

NOAA Fisheries Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are hosting the meeting.

Anglers will learn about:

- the latest techniques, such as recompression devices, that may improve the survival of the deepwater fish released;
- ways to reduce barotrauma effects (an increase in internal gas pressure that prevents fish from descending after being raised to the surface);
- release methods and devices being use on the west, south Atlantic, and Gulf of Mexico coasts; and
- the FishSmart and Best Practices programs that promote careful release and fish survival practices.

Anglers will be able to share their ideas with fisheries managers and scientist on how to best handle released fish.

For further information call Paul Perra at NOAA Fisheries (978-281-9153) or email at [paul.perra@noaa.gov](mailto:paul.perra@noaa.gov).



Brian Steinbowski and Tim Odachowski returned to Sunset Marina with a pair of yellowfin tuna caught while fishing on the "Canyon Hunter" with Don Schline and Capt. Mike Vaughn. The yellowfins weighed 18.6 and 32.6 lbs. and were caught on spreader bars in the Poor Man's Canyon.

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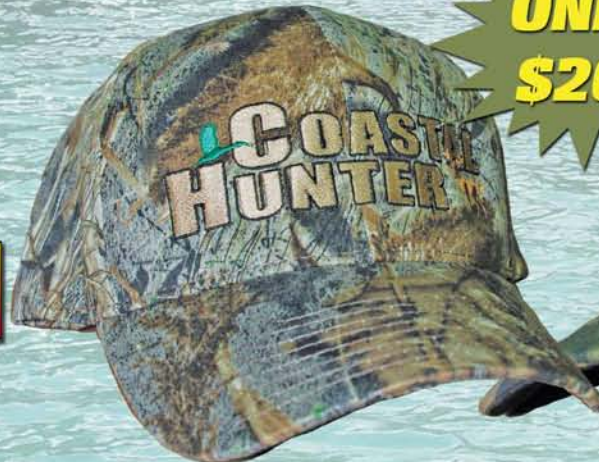
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Norman Wallis, Phyllis Wallis, Norman Wallis, Jr., Phil Brackin, John Powell and Ralph Jones returned to Sunset Marina with 4 yellowfin tuna after fishing on the charter boat, "No Quarter" with Capt. Kyle Peet and mate Kevin Knotts. All of the fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 70 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

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During the Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, Doug and Sharon Curtiss and Bob and Michele Goodson brought a pair of flounder to the scale after hooking them on cut spot in the Thorofare. The fish weighed 1.6 and 1.8 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Pete and Michael Leighaty, Noelle Kelley, Andy Lovejoy and Marty Kelley returned from an overnight trip aboard the charter boat, "Game On" with Capt. Jon Yost and ended their trip with 3 yellowfin, a dolphin (not pictured) and a 93 lb. mako shark in the box. The fish were caught in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Blythe Przekop of West Ocean City, MD used a live spot to fool this 17-inch flounder while fishing in the Thorofare on the head boat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle. Pictured back at the dock at Hooper's Crab House.

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## Virginia Charter Boat Captains Sentenced for Illegal Harvest of Striped Bass

Jeffery S. Adams, 41, of Hudgins, Va., was sentenced today to 180 days home confinement with electronic monitoring, followed by three years of probation for violating the Lacey Act by trafficking in illegally-harvested striped bass. Adams' corporation, Adams and Adams Fishing Adventures, Inc., was sentenced to three years of probation. One of the conditions of their probation is the requirement to acquire and maintain Vessel Monitoring Units on all vessels owned or operated by them.

David Dwayne Scott, 41, of Lusby, Md., was also sentenced for trafficking in illegally-harvested striped bass, in violation of the Lacey Act. Scott was sentenced to three years of probation, a \$5,600 fine payable to the Lacey Act Reward Account, and ordered to pay \$1,900 restitution to NOAA. One of the conditions of his probation is the requirement that he cannot engage in either charter or commercial fishing industry anywhere in the world, in any capacity to include captaining or mating on a vessel or performing any services in support of a charter or commercial fisherman.

On January 19, 2013, Adams and Adams Fishing Adventures pled guilty to violation of the Lacey Act in the United States District Court in Norfolk, Va. The Lacey Act, among other

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things, makes it unlawful for any person to transport, sell, receive, acquire or purchase any fish or wildlife taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of any law or regulation of the United States.

According to the plea agreement, Adams and Adams Fishing Adventures, Inc., admitted that they sold a chartered Striped Bass fishing trip on January 19, 2010, for \$800. As part of that trip, Adams knowingly took his charter clients into the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to harvest striped bass, even though Adams knew that it was a violation of federal law to harvest striped bass inside the EEZ. Adams' clients illegally harvested 10 striped bass within the EEZ and Adams transported the illegally harvested striped bass back to Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach, Va. According to other documents filed in connection with the sentencing, Adams and Adams Fishing Adventures, Inc., routinely harvested striped bass illegally from within the EEZ from 2007 to 2013. Since 1990, federal law has made it unlawful to fish, catch, or possess striped bass in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

In a statement of facts filed with Scott's plea agreement, Scott admitted that on February 7, 2009, he took a charter fishing trip into the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to fish for striped bass and when approached by law enforcement, 19 striped bass were dumped overboard in an attempt to avoid detection by law enforcement.

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# OCEAN CITY MARLIN CLUB

## 2013 Tournament Series

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**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Canyon Kick Off**

Chairmen: Bill Regan &amp; Annette Cropper

Registration: July 3, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 5, 6 &amp; 7

Awards Banquet: July 7, 6:30 p.m.

You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Classic**

Chairmen: Bill Regan,

Annette Cropper &amp; Pat Svehla

Registration: July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 20 &amp; 21

Sunday Carnival &amp; Awards: July 21, 5 - 8 p.m.

You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament**

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina &amp; Amanda Shick

Registration: August 1, 6 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 2 &amp; 3

Awards Banquet: August 3, 6:30 p.m.

You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament**

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina, Al Rittmeyer, Bob Wimbrow &amp; Bill Fenwick

Registration: Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) Aug. 30, 31 &amp; Sept. 1

Awards Banquet: Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.

You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup**

Chairman: Jon C. Duffie

Registration: Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 13 &amp; 14

Awards Banquet: Sept. 14 6:30 p.m.

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Freeman and Jasmine Wilson from Harrisburg, PA were fishing off the 9th Street Pier when Freeman hooked into his first flounder. The 18-inch flattie was caught while using bloodworms for bait. The duo also caught a spot and a sea bass during their outing. Photo courtesy of Talbot Street Tackle.



Rich Bell from Ocean City, MD caught this 23 1/2-inch black drum while fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Rich hooked the 7 lb. 3 oz. black drum on a spec rig during the outgoing tide and weighed his catch at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Species	2013	2012	Species	2013	2012
<b>Sea Bass</b> 	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks	May 22, 2012 J.C. Dennis "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	<b>Mako Shark</b> 	May 10, 2013 Wayne Mull "Restless Lady" Baltimore Canyon	April 29, 2012 Joseph Cangianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Tautog</b> 	January 1, 2013 Mike Acito "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2012 John Murter "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	<b>White Marlin</b> 	June 15, 2013 Tim Hawn "No Quarter" Poor Man's Canyon	May 27, 2012 Grant Clubb "Chain Reaction II" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	January 1, 2013 Charlie Sitskorn "Slack Grabber" Little Fenwick	January 1, 2012 Josh Fallon "Patty Wagon II" Little Gull	<b>Blue Marlin</b> 	June 21, 2013 Adam Waddell & Keith Cook "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon	May 28, 2012 John Elmes "Reel Desire" Washington Canyon
<b>Weakfish</b> 	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	May 12, 2013 Chris Gaba "Hook'n Up" Baltimore Canyon	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Flounder</b> 	April 1, 2013 Kevin Weber "Patty Wagon" Sinepuxent Bay	April 14, 2012 Aric Gilley "Martini Time" Thorofare	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	May 17, 2013 Kenny Twilley "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon	May 11, 2012 Eric Myers "Foolish Pleasures" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Bluefish</b> 	April 21, 2013 Noah Graulich Cape Henlopen State Park	May 13, 2012 Big Bird Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	June 14, 2013 Tom Ciconte "Tressa Lynn" Baltimore Canyon	None Reported
<b>Black Drum</b> 	April 11, 2013 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	April 20, 2012 Lennie Foxwell Assateague Surf	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	June 10, 2013 Phillip Seidenstricker "Reel Addiction" Baltimore Canyon	June 9, 2012 Matt Boomer "Four Eights" Wilmington Canyon
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	June 10, 2013 Capt. Chase Eberle "Flounder Pounder" Ocean City Inlet	May 26, 2012 Robert Reno "Stroker" African Queen	<b>Dolphin</b> 	May 13, 2013 DJ BK "Salty Sons" Norfolk Canyon	May 1, 2012 Eric Polansky "Always Late Too" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	May 26, 2013 Charlie Lutes "Shark Killer" Fingers	May 26, 2012 Baron Daiker "Tuna Tango" Fingers	<b>Wahoo</b> 	June 23, 2013 Brandon Cassady "Ridin' Thirty" Baltimore Canyon	May 27, 2012 Michael Willis "Karen Leigh" Baltimore Canyon

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





Chris Ireland and his daughter, Mackenzie, both from Lewes, DE caught 4 yellowfin tuna and a mahi while trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Josh Lowery from Edgewater, MD, Dave Tolbert from Annapolis, MD and Brad Clark from Ocean View, DE were deep dropping in the Washington Canyon and ended their day with 10 golden tilefish in the box. Their largest fish weighed 35.5 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Lacey Eisenhart from West Ocean City, MD used a Gulp! and minnow combination to fool this 20 1/2-inch flounder while drifting near the Assateague Bridge.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean Pines Chamber

# FLOUNDER

## TOURNAMENT

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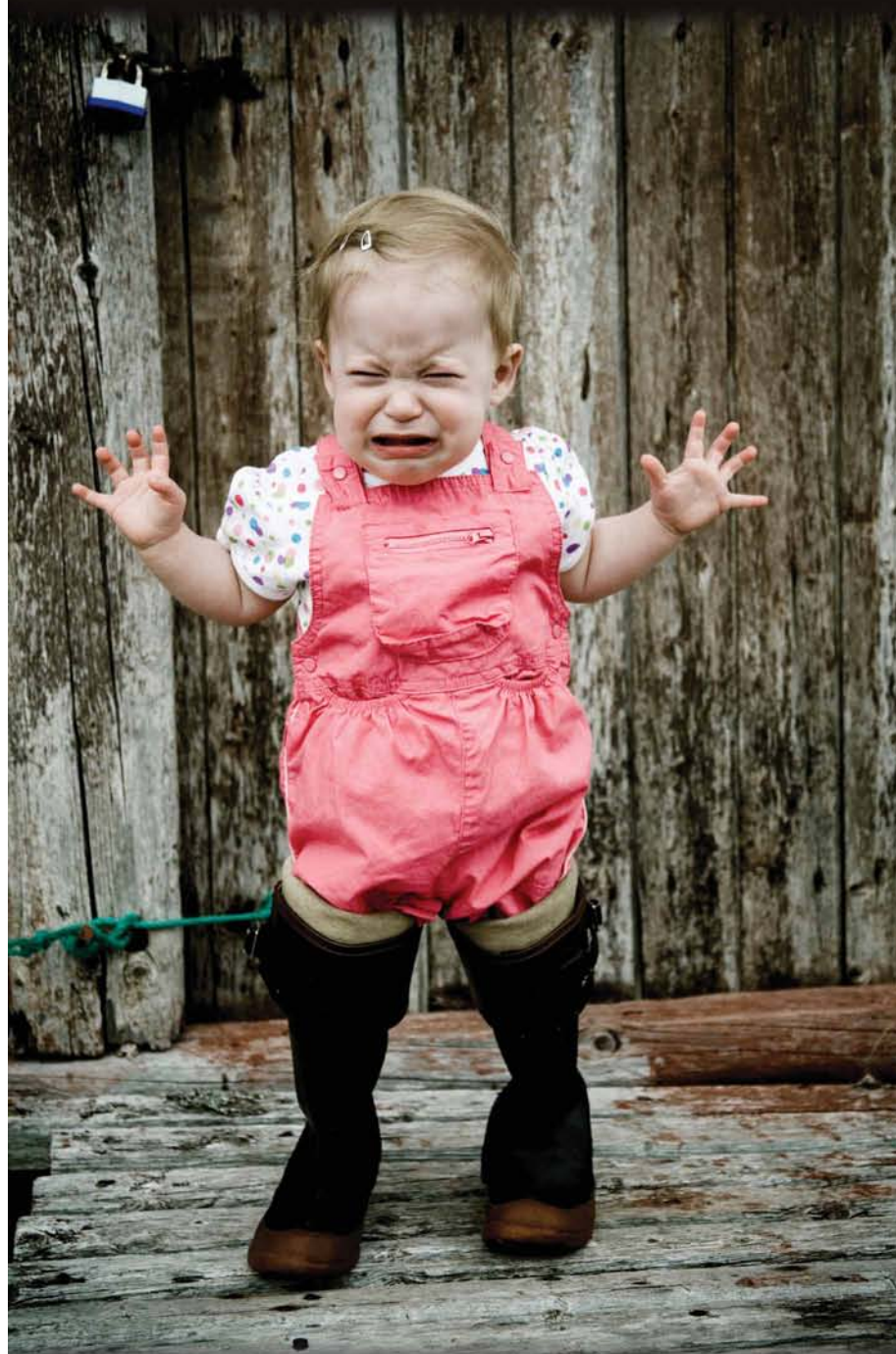
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Parker Brittingham, age 5, from West Ocean City, MD landed this 21-inch red drum while fishing with peeler crabs around the Assateague Bridge.



Gary Tanner captured this 38 lb. striper while pulling umbrella rigs in the Chesapeake Bay west of the Shipping Channel between Thomas Point and Bloody Point.



Karen Revis reeled in this pair of 19-inch flounder while drifting minnows in the Broadkill River. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





Eric Badorrek from Selbyville, DE caught this 25-inch red puppy drum while fishing with a jig head tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait near the Rt. 90 Bridge.

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Thurs. July 4	Low 11:37 am -----	High 05:46 am High 06:41 pm
Fri. July 5	Low 12:42 am Low 12:23 pm	High 06:30 am High 07:24 pm
Sat. July 6	Low 01:26 am Low 01:05 pm	High 07:13 am High 08:04 pm
Sun. July 7	Low 02:06 am Low 01:45 pm	High 07:57 am High 08:43 pm
Mon. July 8 <b>New Moon</b>	Low 02:42 am Low 02:23 pm	High 08:41 am High 09:20 pm
Tues. July 9	Low 03:17 am Low 03:01 pm	High 09:23 am High 09:56 pm
Wed. July 10	Low 03:52 am Low 03:40 pm	High 10:05 am High 10:31 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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**August 3 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club**  
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