

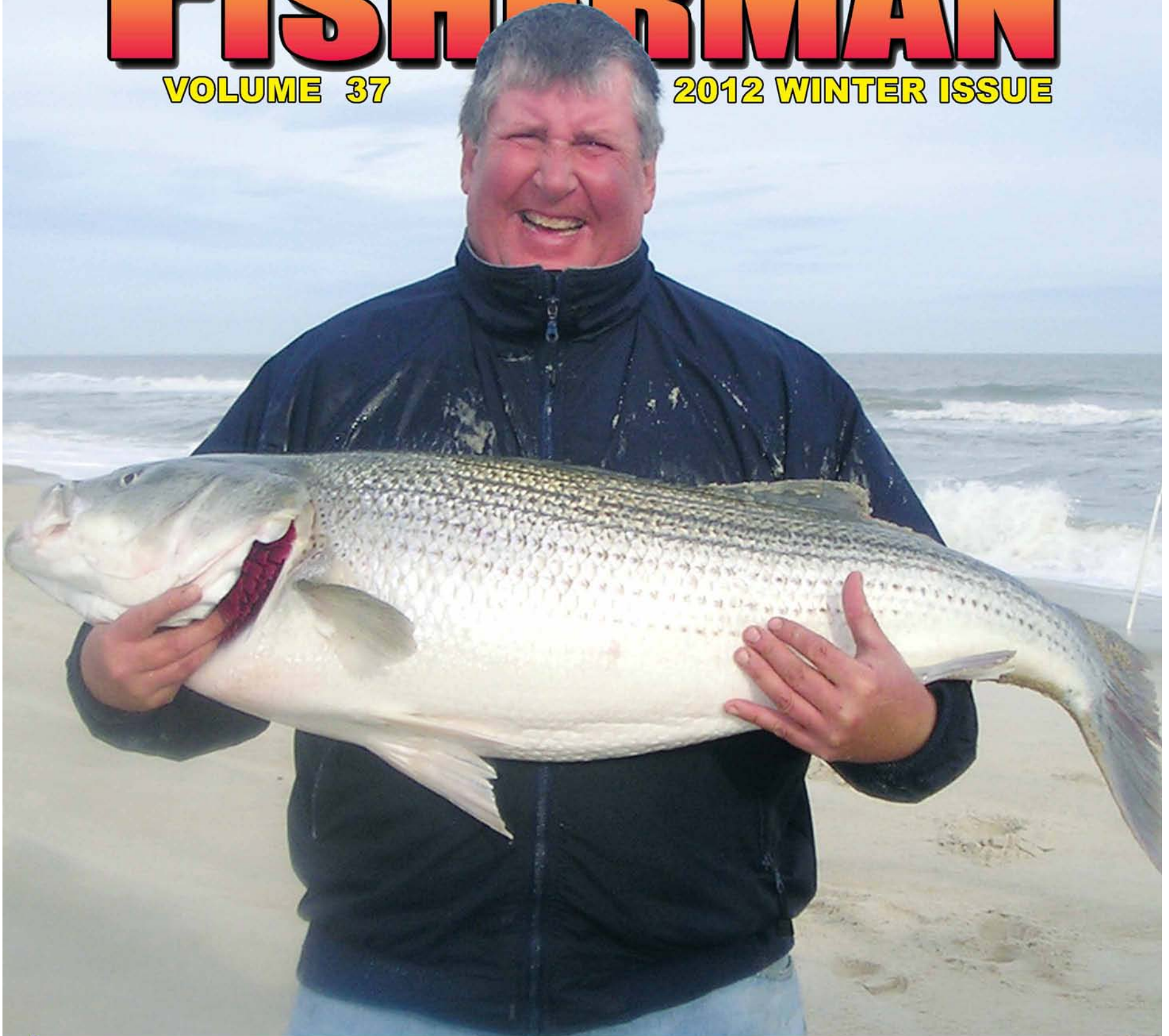
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Warmer than average water temperatures off the coast of Maryland delayed the typical arrival of migrating striped bass for weeks and the schools that did move through the area were mainly outside the 3-mile limit, frustrating Maryland striper snipers well into mid-December. Although the number of fish hooked was down, some nice size stripers were landed, led by Dave Kasey's 51.5-inch, 52 lb. lunker caught while tossing fresh bunker from the surf off Assateague Island in early December. Dave's catch just nudged out Scott Slater's 51 pounder for heaviest striped bass of the year. Scott's linesider was also caught off Assateague Island in December (see page 4).





At the end of November, Chris Dawson muscled in this 19.7 lb. tautog while fishing with crabs at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. The fish measured a whopping 30-inches and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Mark Steimer of Newark, DE landed a 46.5-inch, 41 lb. 2 oz. striper during a trip with Matt McGuigan of Bethany Beach, DE. The anglers ended the day with 3 stripers in the box after drifting live spot on the MD/VA line in early December. Weighed at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle.



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Ki Ju Park muscled in this 14.3 lb. sheephead while using green crabs for bait at the Outer Wall off Lewes, DE. The big fish was actually a little heavier than the current Delaware state record, but according to state requirements it needed to be at least 2 ounces heavier than the existing record holder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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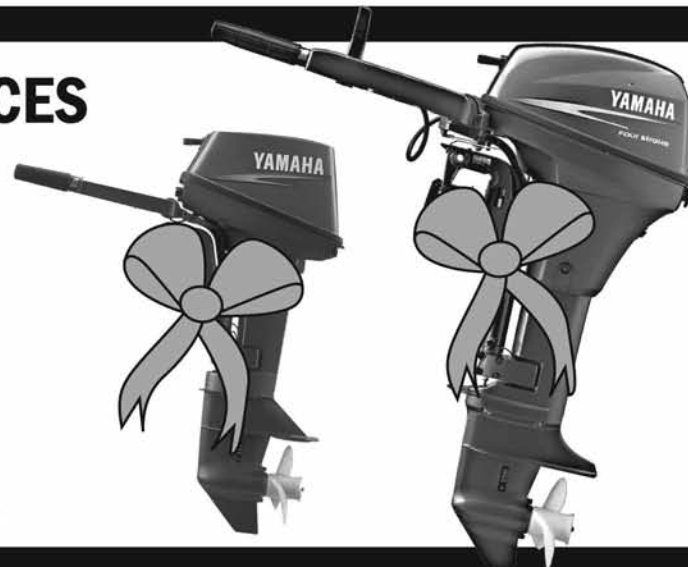
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# 2011 Year In Review

by Larry Jock



Well, I heard your requests for the return of the "Season in Review" in the Winter Issue, so here it is. I didn't realize how many readers like to look back on the season to see what was caught and when certain species arrived on the scene.

**Issue dates are in bold.**

**May 4, 2011** - Nasty weather ruined most of the spring fishing... Flounder fishing was good in the Thorofare and north of the Rt. 90 Bridge... Flounder are fat!... Good striper bite around the Rt. 50 Bridge at night... Tautog fishing on ocean wrecks and reefs has been outstanding... Black drum bite off Assateague has been going strong for a month... The "Wrangler" took a trip to between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons and caught the first mako shark and first bluefin tuna of the season... First flounder of the year was caught by Tommy Fowler on April 17th... In Delaware, flounder fishing was decent in Massey's Ditch... Striper, tautog and bluefish bites are heating up in the Indian River Inlet (IRI)... Temperatures rose in the Lewes Canal which improved flounder fishing... Dennis Muhlenforth caught a 20 lb. 4 oz. tautog while fishing on the "Morning Star"... Scott Allison caught a 19 lb. 8 oz.

tautog on an ocean wreck.

**May 11, 2011** - Tautog fishing was the star of the week... First sheepshead of the season was caught at Winter Quarter Shoal... Striper bite was sporadic... Rt. 50 bite was hot and cold, but when it was hot it was really on... Several stripers over 40-inches were caught off Assateague Island... Head boats continue to return with nice catches of cod... Water temps getting into the 60's... In Delaware, flounder fishing improved in the IRI... Tautog fishing was good at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay before the season closed on May 12th... Delaware beaches gave up some nice size stripers... Black drum turned on in the Delaware Bay, particularly off Slaughter Beach... Jerry Scruggs caught a 17 lb. tautog at the Star Wreck...

**May 18, 2011** - Larger flounder showed up in the Thorofare and behind Assateague Island... There were a lot of throwback flounder being caught... Snapper bluefish were thick around the Rt. 50 Bridge... Striper bite was hot off the beaches... Black drum bite off Assateague was still going strong... In Delaware, flounder fishing was good in the VFW Slough, Massey's Ditch and along the edge off Burton's Island... The soon to be "epic" striper fishing in the IRI started...

Daytime black drum bite was good off Slaughter Beach and at the Coral Beds... Flounder bite was good in the Lewes Canal... David Cropper released a 52-inch red drum at a VA barrier island..

**May 25, 2011** - The incredible striper bite in the IRI continued at a fever pitch... Surfcasters continued to do well catching stripers... South Jetty turned on for stripers... Snapper bluefish were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge during the last of the incoming tide... Chopper bluefish were caught at the Jackspot and the Fingers... Sea bass season opened with good results at the Jackspot, African Queen and Great Eastern Reef... Good flounder bite around the Rt. 90 Bridge, the Thorofare and the Commercial Harbor... "Nontypical" boated a 214.5 lb. mako shark in the Baltimore Canyon... Blue sharks were thick offshore... Bluefin tuna were caught in 50-100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and at the north end of Poor Man's Canyon... In Delaware, the IRI striper bite dominated the action... Flounder fishing was good in the back bays... Stripers, black drum and bluefish were caught in the surf... Stripers were caught around the Ice Breakers and the Outer Wall... Black drum were caught at the Coral Beds and off Slaughter and Broadkill beaches... The Lewes Canal produced a lot of keeper flounder... Thomas Daub caught a 50-inch striper in the IRI... Bill Winkler caught a 45.1 lb. striper in the IRI... Tim Nengel caught a 4 lb. 6 oz. sea bass at the African Queen... Alexa Lamplugh caught

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a 14.8 lb. bluefish at the Fingers...

**June 1, 2011** - On May 29th, the first white marlin was caught outside the Rockpile... Boats returned with good catches of yellowfin tuna from around the Rockpile, led by 40 on the "Marli"... The "Grandé Pez" boated a 115 lb. bigeye tuna around the 461 Lump... Big bluefish were caught at the Hambone... Snapper bluefish still thick around the Rt. 50 Bridge... A 470 lb. thresher shark was caught at the Fingers... Mako sharks were caught in 60-degree water at the Fingers... Excellent striper bite around the South Jetty, but many were too small to keep... Sea bass fishing was very good on ocean wrecks and reefs... Not many keeper flounder were caught... Surf fishing slowed... In Delaware, striper fishing in the IRI died off and fish were smaller... Flounder fishing in the back bays slowed... Stripers, black drum and bluefish were caught in the surf... In Delaware, the Lewes Canal and shallow water near Lewes Beach produced good catches of flounder... Black drum were caught at the Coral Beds... Croakers showed up in the surf along Broadkill Beach... Stripers were landed on cut bunker at the Roosevelt Inlet... First dolphin and wahoo were caught on May 22nd in the Lindenkohl Canyon... Ricky Herbert caught a 6 lb. 4 oz. sea bass at a natural ocean reef... Hobby Isaacs caught a 5 lb. 10 oz. sea bass at Reef Site 11... Bob Spetzler caught an 8 lb. 8 oz. flounder in the East Channel... Rob Johnson caught a 224 lb. mako at the Jackspot...

**June 8, 2011** - Yellowfin tuna showed up in 60-100 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon... Small makos were caught inshore... Bluefins were abundant around the Hambone and Sausages... Big thresher sharks were caught at the Fingers... Mako sharks were

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caught at the Hambone and in the Washington Canyon... Dolphin were hooked in the Washington Canyon early in the week and in the Baltimore Canyon later in the week... Anglers caught a large number of throwback flounder behind Harbor Island and in the East Channel... Most keeper flounder were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel, the Thorofare and behind the OC Airport... First weakfish was caught off 4th St. Bulkhead... Striped bass continue to hang around the Rt. 50 Bridge and South Jetty... Surf fishing off Assateague slowed after the incredible striper run... Bluefish caught at the Hambone, Fingers and Sausages... In Delaware, flounder fishing in the Indian River and Rehoboth bays was good during the outgoing tide... Some sea bass were caught between "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Flounder were caught in good numbers at the Old Grounds and in the IRI... Zak Smith caught a 280 lb. mako in the Washington Canyon... Alex Capozio caught a 487 lb. thresher shark near "DB" Buoy... Aaron Saulsbury landed a 172.4 lb. bigeye tuna in the

Washington Canyon.

**June 15, 2011** - Yellowfin fishing was hot in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons with many boats returning with double-digit catches... Water temperatures reached 78-degrees... Bluefins continued to be caught around the Hambone, Hot Dog and Chicken Bone... The "Out-Rea-Geous" caught a 450 lb. blue marlin in the Wilmington Canyon... Another blue marlin was released in the South Heyes Canyon... White marlin were released in 50 fathoms in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons... Dolphin were caught in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons and at the Fingers... The "Tighten Up" caught a 418 lb. thresher shark between "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Surf fishermen mainly caught kingfish... Flounder fishing really turned on behind Assateague Island and Snug Harbor... On one day, the "Bay Bee" had 11 keepers and 100 throwbacks... Sea bass fishing was hit-or-miss... Cod continue to surprise head boat anglers... Stripers were caught around the tip of the South Jetty and the Rt. 50

Bridge... On June 10th, Stevie Ramsey released the first blue marlin of the season... In Delaware, flounder fishing in the IRI, Massey's Ditch and at the Old Grounds really picked up... Stripers and bluefish were caught in the IRI... The Delaware Bay produced nighttime stripers around the Outer Wall... Black drum were caught at the Coral Beds... Tom Wisniewski landed a 94 lb. yellowfin tuna in the Wilmington Canyon... C.C. Lee caught a 157.6 lb. bigeye in the Wilmington... "Marli" caught 23 yellowfin tuna in the Wilmington Canyon.

**June 22, 2011** - Alan Elenson set an I.G.F.A. world record by catching a 22.5 lb. bluefin tuna on 4 lb. test line... Hampered by warm water temperatures, only 3 sharks were weighed in the Ocean City Shark Tournament... "Nontypical" weighed a 224 lb. mako that was caught in the Poor Man's Canyon... Yellowfin tuna were still being caught in good numbers in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons... Big schools of bluefin tuna were seen along the 20-fathom line near the Jackspot, Fingers and Chicken Bone... Larger dolphin were

**Winter 2012 Coastal Fisherman Page 9** caught in the Washington Canyon... White marlin releases were recorded in the Wilmington, Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... Big bluefish were absent in the ocean but were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge... Throwback flounder dominated bay fishing with most keepers coming from behind Assateague Island... Sheepshead were caught around the South Jetty... Head boats returned with catches of sea bass and cod... Sharks and big rays in the surf... In Delaware, fishing in the back bays improved for flounder fishermen... The Old Grounds also produced good catches of flatties... Stripers were caught along the Outer Wall... Black drum fishing in the Delaware Bay is on its last leg... Mike Esham caught a 9 lb. 3 oz. flounder in the IRI... Michael Guigley boated a 13 lb. sheepshead at the South Jetty... Bill Walls caught a 110 lb. bluefin near the Hambone...

**June 29, 2011** - Anglers on the "Fish Finder" caught a 640 lb. mako shark at the Fingers... Boats continued to return with good catches of yellowfin tuna from

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In early November, Mark Hill from Berlin, MD and Ed Hansen from Ocean City, MD caught these 2 stripers while trolling umbrella rigs 2 miles off the beach on the MD/DE line. The stripers measured 39 and 43-inches.



At the end of October, Dave Walker mugged this 8 lb. 15 oz. tautog while fishing with crabs at a Delaware Bay artificial reef. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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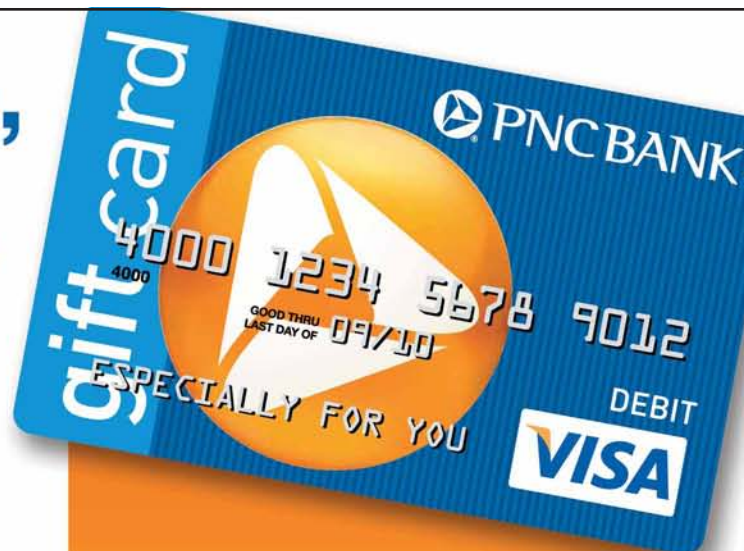
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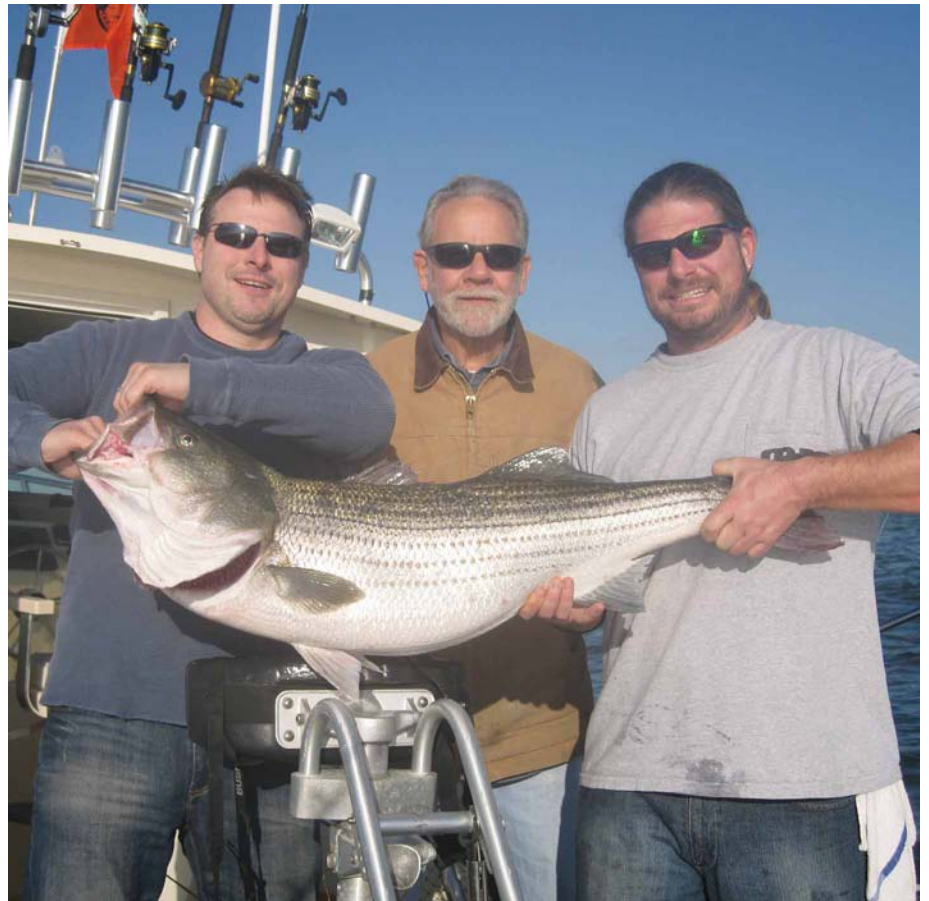
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In early December, Kevin Day of Glen Burnie, MD, boated this 43-inch striper while trolling umbrella rigs just north of Little Gull. Jim was fishing with Jim Willey of Fenwick Island, DE and Rich Sosnowski of West Ocean City, MD.


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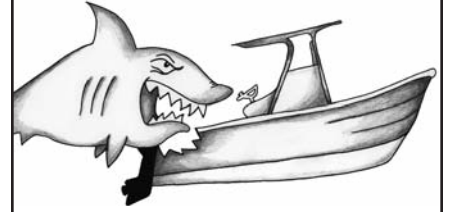
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On November 19th, Kevin Carter of Suitland, MD caught this big sea bass during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. The bass fell for a chunk of clam at an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... Several boats had double-digit catches... Bluefin tuna fishing was very good in 20-30 fathoms from the Lumpy Bottom to the Hambone... Dolphin were caught in good numbers in the Poor Man's Canyon... White and blue marlin were released in the Baltimore Canyon... Bluefish were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge... No croaker yet... Surf anglers caught Norfolk spot and kingfish... Sea bass fishing was very inconsistent with the best catches at the Great Eastern Reef and Winter Quarter Shoal... Striped bass were caught around the tip of the South Jetty... Flounder fishing was dominated by short fish... In Delaware, flounder fishing improved in the back bays and striper fishing was good in the IRI... Flounder fishing was also good in the IRI and at the Old Grounds... Medium-size bluefish were caught in the IRI... Plenty of spot were caught off the Cape Henlopen Pier... Stripers were caught along the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay... Joe Cox caught a 103 lb. yellowfin tuna in

the Baltimore Canyon... Melissa Sexton caught a 32.5 lb. dolphin in the Washington Canyon.

**July 6, 2011** - Throwback flounder were plentiful in the OC bays with a ratio of 25 throwbacks to every keeper... Croaker still haven't shown up... Bluefish around the Rt. 50 Bridge vanished... Several blue marlin were released in the Poor Man's, Baltimore and Washington Canyons... "Stress Reel-ief" caught 2 bigeye tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon weighing 142.6 lbs. and 87.2 lbs... Good numbers of yellowfin tuna were caught in the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons with most weighing between 40 and 50 lbs... "Marli" returned with 24 yellowfins from the Washington Canyon... Quite a few mahi over 20 lbs. were caught in the Washington Canyon and near the 461 Lump... In Delaware, flounder fishing was steady in the back bays... Stripers were caught in the IRI at night on live spot... Flounder fishing was very good at the Old Grounds as well as on Delaware Bay reefs... The Lewes Canal produced good catches of striped bass... Tog season opened on July 1st and good catches were made

at the Outer Wall... Sheepshead showed up at the Ice Breakers... Kyusok Yi caught a 12 lb. 9 oz. sheepshead at the Ice Breakers... Keith Kaler caught a 38 lb. dolphin in the Washington Canyon... Jermaine Dickerson caught a 15.4 lb. blueline tilefish at an ocean reef...

**July 13, 2011** - With bay water temps warming up into the upper 70's, flounder fishing improved greatly behind Assateague Island and in the West Channel... Flounder also showed up in good numbers on ocean wrecks and reefs... Sea bass continued to be inconsistent... Striped bass fishing slowed... Several big bluefin tuna were caught at the Hambone, Hot Dog and in Massey's Canyon... Good numbers of yellowfin tuna were caught in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons... White marlin were released in the Washington Canyon and the northern end of the Norfolk Canyon... Blue marlin were released in the Baltimore and Washington Canyons... Wahoo were caught at the Hambone and the Washington Canyon... Surfcasters dealt with Norfolk spot, rays, kingfish, sand perch, croaker and snapper bluefish... Anglers on the "Red Eye" released 2 white marlin, a blue marlin and a spearfish in the Wilmington Canyon... In Delaware, the IRI produced good catches of flounder along the South Wall... Croakers showed up in the back bays... Flounder fishermen had good luck at the Old Grounds by shortening leaders and hair teasers... Flounder also came from Delaware Bay reefs... Slot-sized stripers were caught around the drawbridge in the Lewes Canal and at the Outer Wall... Tautog bite was decent at the Ice Breakers and Outer Wall...

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Anglers on the "Marli" captured a 280 lb. bigeye tuna in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon... Kelly Horning caught a 42.6 lb. dolphin in the Baltimore Canyon... Anglers on the "No Quarter" boated a 237 lb. bigeye in the Washington Canyon... "That's Right" released a bluefin tuna in the Washington Canyon that was estimated at over 500 lbs.

**July 20, 2011** - "Crush Em" won the Ocean City Tuna Tournament with a 259 lb. bigeye caught in the Washington Canyon... Several bigeye tuna were caught in the Washington Canyon in 200-300 fathoms... Yellowfin bite continues to run strong with boats returning with double-digit catches from the Washington Canyon to the Hot Dog... Good size mahi were caught in the Washington Canyon... White marlin were released in the Washington Canyon... Dirty water slowed flounder fishing... Top spots were behind Harbour Island and in the West Channel... Sea bass fishing was very good on ocean reefs and wrecks... Stripers were caught in the Inlet... In Delaware, the incoming tide produced most of the flounder catches in the back bays... Sea bass fishing was good around "DB" Buoy... Tautog and triggerfish were found around the Outer Wall and at the Ice Breakers... A few black drum were caught in the IRI... Good flounder fishing at Brown Shoal Reef, the Old Grounds and at Reef Sites 9 and 10... Croakers were caught in the Roosevelt Inlet... Stripers were boated at night in the Lewes Canal... J.L. Cropper caught a 128 lb. bluefin at the Hot Dog... Gail Pulvere landed a 35 lb. cobia between the Hambone and the Chicken Bone.

**July 27, 2011** - Over 320  
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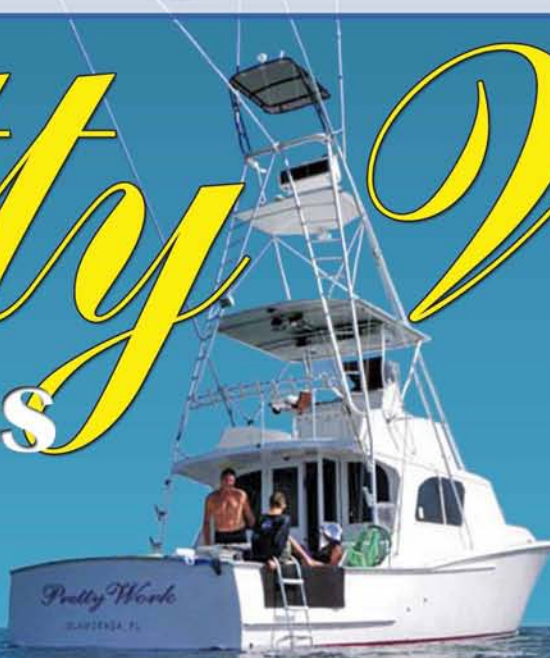
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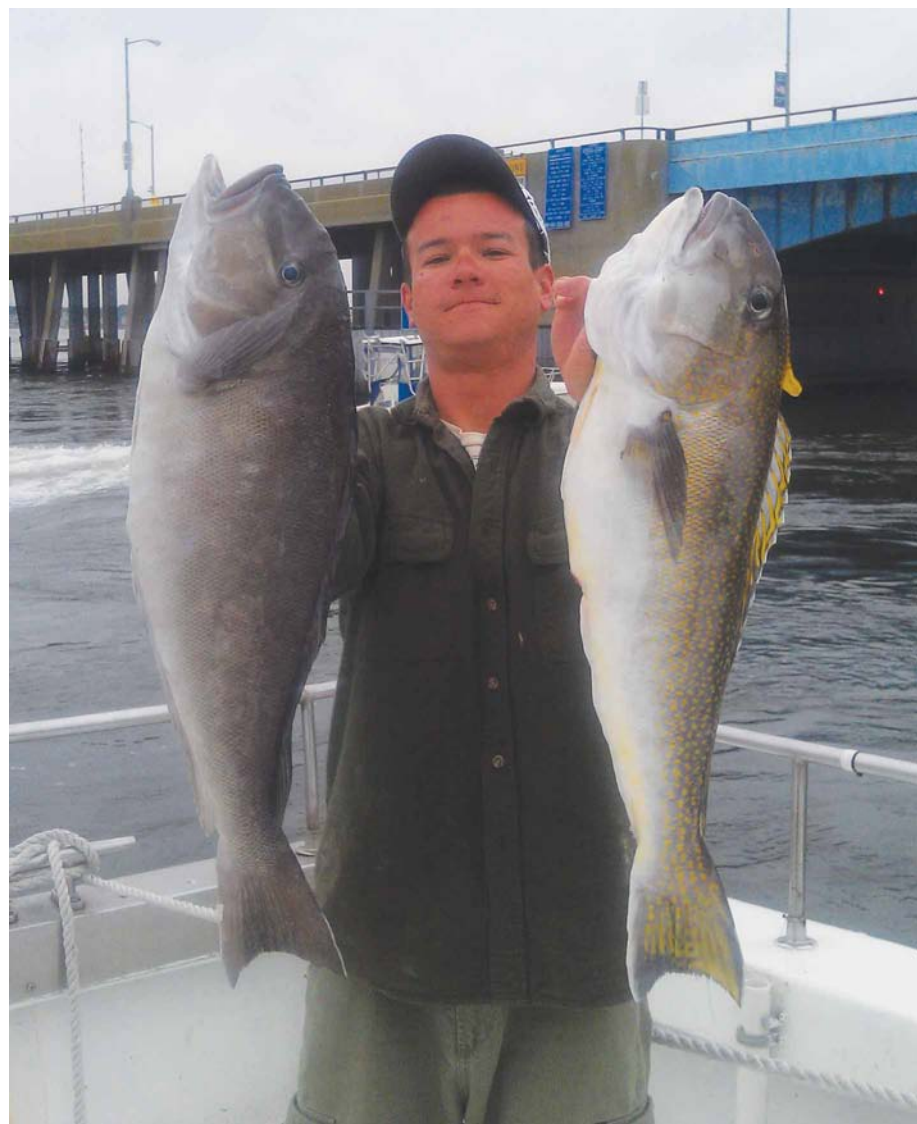


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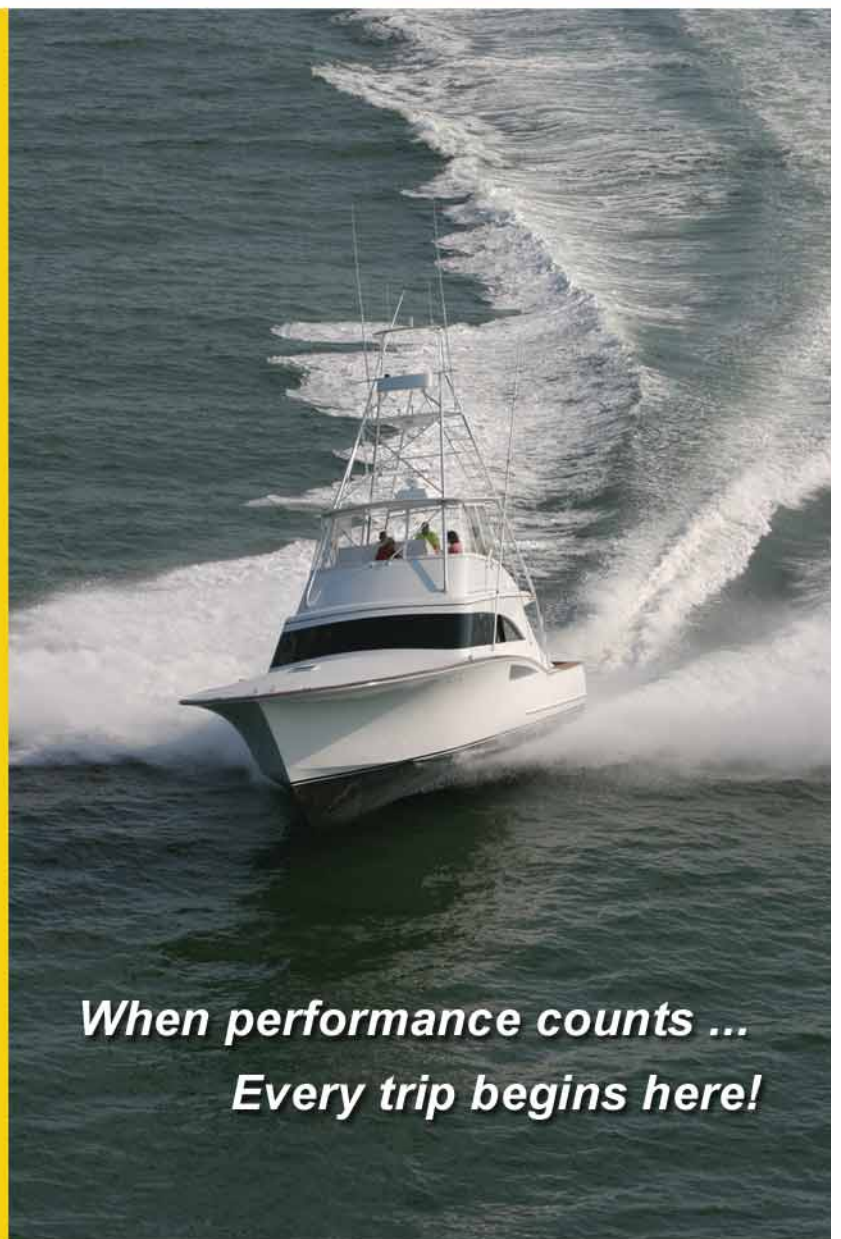
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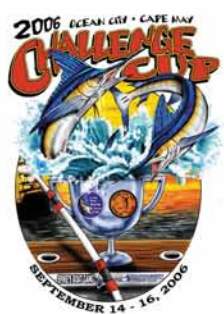
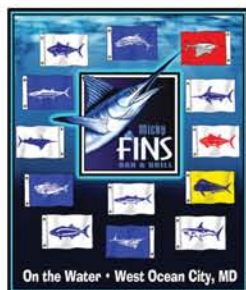
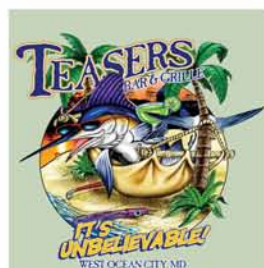
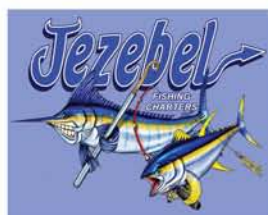
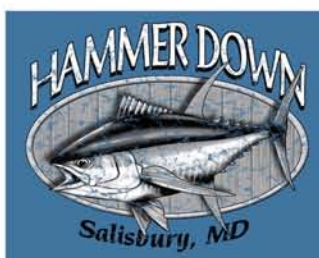
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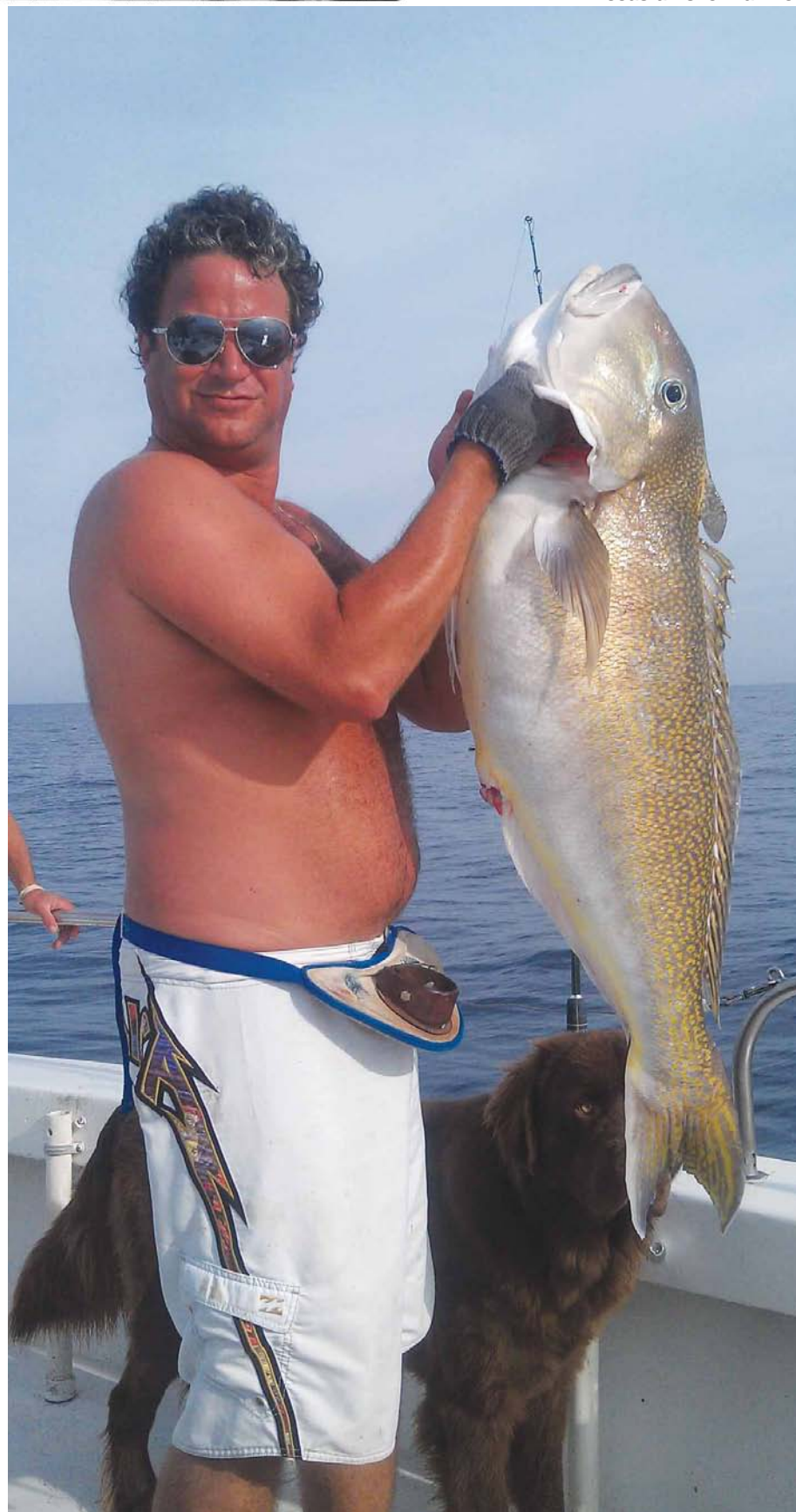
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anglers participated in the 7th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic... Yellowfin tuna action slowed for most boats... Large bluefin tuna were caught around the Hambone... White and blue marlin were released in the Poor Man's, Washington and Baltimore Canyons... A few wahoo were caught at the Hambone and 1st Sausage... Dolphin were caught in good numbers in 20-70 fathoms from the Washington Canyon to Massey's Canyon... Sea bass fishing was hot and cold... Stripers were caught in the Inlet... With all the hot weather, bay waters boiled making the cooler incoming tide much more effective for flounder fishing... Sheepshead were caught around the South Jetty... Snapper bluefish reappeared around the Rt. 50 Bridge... The "Marli" caught 17 yellowfins at the Hot Dog... "Moore Bills" caught 4 bigeye tuna in the Washington Canyon... "Playtime" released a sailfish at the Hot Dog... In Delaware, small bluefish were everywhere in the Rehoboth Bay... Flounder fishing was good, although anglers had to weed through a lot of throwbacks... Larger flounder were caught at Site #10 and around "DB" Buoy... Striped bass in the IRI are falling for live spot, mostly at night... The Lewes Canal also produced several slot-size stripers and good catches of flounder... The Outer Wall cooled off for tautog but saw some stripers caught on topwater plugs at night... Randy Colona caught a 12 lb. flounder

in the IRI... Chop Roman boated a 108 lb. bluefin in the Poor Man's Canyon.

**August 3, 2011** - Throwback flounder were numerous in the bays behind Ocean City... On one trip, the "Bay Bee" recorded 82 throwbacks during their morning trip and another 70 in the afternoon... Anglers on the "Lucky Break" caught 11 keepers in the West Channel... Sea bass fishing was decent for anglers using clams at ocean reefs and wrecks... Croakers finally showed up in the bay... Striped bass bite heated up again around the South Jetty... Tuna fishing was good during the 1st half of the week and then died off... Larger yellowfins were found by boats trolling in 50-100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... Bigeye's were caught in the Washington Canyon... Dolphin shifted from the Hot Dog early in the week to the canyons... Billfishing was steady in 50-100 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons... Seven blue marlin were released in the Washington and Baltimore Canyons... Wahoo were boated at the Hot Dog and Sausages... In Delaware, finding keeper size flounder was a problem in the bay... Some keepers were found in deeper holes in the IRI... Stripers and bluefish were landed during the incoming tide in the IRI... Ocean sites continue to provide good flounder action... Slot size stripers were caught in the Lewes Canal on eels and clams... Spot were plentiful around the Cape

Henlopen Pier... Vince Keagy caught an 11.72 lb. flounder at Reef Site 7... "Moore Bills" caught a 260 lb. bigeye in the Washington Canyon.

**August 10, 2011** - The white and blue marlin bite was steady with the best action coming from 500 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon... Others were released from the Washington to the Baltimore Canyon in 75-100 fathoms... The "Big Oh" recorded a Super Slam with releases of a blue marlin, 3 white marlin, 2 spearfish and 2 sailfish in the Baltimore Canyon... Yellowfins were scattered between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons in 60-100 fathoms... "Moore Bills" caught another bigeye tuna, weighing 206 lbs., in the Washington Canyon... Wahoo were hooked in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons... Cobia were caught at Isle of Wight Shoal... Anglers dealt with a lot of throwback flounder during the week... Croaker fishing was horrible... Stripers were captured around the South Jetty... In Delaware, plenty of flounder were scattered around the back bays... Some stripers were caught in the IRI at the end of the incoming tide... Flounder were also caught at the Old Grounds by anglers using big baits... Croaker and spot were caught at the Cape Henlopen Pier... Hardheads were also caught at Reef Site 8... Fishing off 3R's Road picked up with some nice flounder and bluefish being caught... Trace Shaffer caught a 9 lb. 3 oz. flounder in the West Channel... Noah Citron landed a 65 lb. dolphin in the Washington Canyon.

**August 17, 2011** - John Schindler on the "Restless Lady" captured a 699.5 lb. blue marlin in the Washington Canyon to win the Blue Marlin Division of the White Marlin Open... 808 white marlin and 41 blue marlin were boated & released in the WMO... "WeeWun" took the White Marlin Division with an 88.5 pounder caught in the Washington Canyon... Bigeye tuna dominated the Tuna Division of the WMO where a 279 pounder was caught on the "Pipe Dreamer" in the Norfolk Canyon... "Ranger" won the Dolphin Division with a 41.5 pounder caught in 500 fathoms in the Washington... A 71 lb. wahoo caught in the Poor Man's Canyon won the Wahoo

Division... In one day, the "Billfisher" released 20 white marlin in 650 fathoms in the Washington Canyon... African Queen produced good catches of sea bass... Big flounder showed up in the bays behind OC... A couple of flatties over 25-inches were caught... Small croakers arrived in the bay again... Kingfish, spot, croaker, snapper blues and the occasional trout showed up in the surf... In Delaware, croakers arrived in bigger numbers this week, especially in the DE Bay... The Old Grounds and around "DB" Buoy produced good catches of keeper flounder... Stripers were caught during the incoming tide in the IRI... Flukers had good results around Reef Site #7 but the real action was in the ocean... Dan Wagner caught a 12 lb. 8 oz. sheepshead at the South Jetty...

**August 24, 2011** - The lady anglers on "Rhonda's Osprey" released 6 white marlin to win the Poor Girl's Open... The white marlin bite was steady throughout the week where the bite started in the Washington Canyon and moved to the Baltimore Canyon for the weekend... Several blue marlin were caught in the Washington and Baltimore Canyons... Yellowfin bite slowed, but some bigeye tuna were caught in the Baltimore Canyon... Mahi dominated the offshore action, mostly in the Baltimore Canyon... A couple of wahoo were boated in the Baltimore Canyon and around the Hot Dog... Anglers continued to deal with a lot of throwback flounder in the bay, but the bite improved in the East Channel near the Rt. 50 Bridge... Sea bass fishing was inconsistent... Stripers continue to snap around the South Jetty... In Delaware, the flounder bite shifted to the Old Grounds and around "DB" Buoy... Croaker action was still strong in the DE Bay, especially around the Star Reef... Timmy Barnette caught a 68.2 lb. cobia at the Delaware Lightship... Darren Evans caught a 96.5 lb. bluefin tuna in the Baltimore Canyon... Ryan Cene landed a 182.5 lb. bigeye in the Baltimore Canyon... Seth Obetz boated a 62.4 lb. wahoo at the Tea Cup.

**August 31, 2011** - Hurricane Irene blew through at the end of the week, but the effects were not as bad as predicted... The final  
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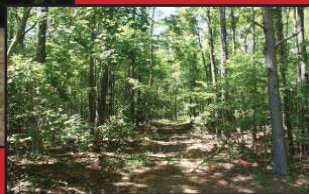


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day of the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 had to be cancelled... For the second year in a row, the "Lady Luck V" took 1st place in the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 with an 82 lb. white marlin caught in the Poor Man's Canyon... Second place in the tournament went to the "Espadon" with a 76 lb. white marlin... "Pumpin' Hard 66" won 3rd place in the Blue Marlin Division with a 494 pounder... "Par Five" won 2nd place in the Tuna Division with a 71 lb. yellowfin caught in the Poor Man's... The "Predator" won Top Boat honors with 21 white marlin releases and a longbill spearfish release... Good week for flounder fishing in the East Channel and behind Harbour Island... Gulp! Swimming Mullet was the top bait, as it has been all summer... Larger bluefish showed up around the Rt. 50 Bridge... Stripers were mixed in with the bluefish... Snapper blues were in the surf... In Delaware, gray trout showed up in the DE Bay... Striper fishing was good in the IRI before the storm... Sea bass, flounder and cod were caught around "DB" Buoy... Flounder fishing was outstanding at the

Old Grounds and around "DB" Buoy... Croakers were caught at Reef Sites 5, 6, 7 and 8 and along the Inner and Outer Walls... The "Restless Lady" arrived at the Talbot St. Pier with a 98 lb. white marlin caught in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon...

**September 7, 2011** - Seas were pretty stirred up from the Hurricane, slowing fishing down considerably... "DA Sea" released 9 white marlin to win the Labor Day White Marlin Tournament... Susan McCart caught a 62.2 lb. yellowfin to win the Tuna Division... A couple of blue marlin were released in the Washington and Baltimore Canyons... It was feast or famine for tuna fishermen where the bite stretched from the Washington to the Baltimore Canyon... A lot of dolphin were caught between the Poor Man's and Norfolk Canyons in 60-100 fathoms... Not a good week for flounder fishing due to very dirty water... Ocean flounder action stayed strong... Sea bass fishing was fantastic on ocean structure... The subway cars sunk at the Jackspot are producing nice catches of sea bass... Croakers were also found in good numbers over ocean


wrecks and reefs... In Delaware, flounder fishermen continued to pound the areas around "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Back bay fishing slowed due to dirty water... Snapper bluefish were caught around the Outer Wall in the DE Bay... Tautog fishermen had good luck around the Outer Wall before the season closed... Slot stripers were caught around the Lewes Drawbridge and the Roosevelt Coast Guard Station... Tilefish were caught in good numbers deep in the Baltimore Canyon... John Russell landed an 11 lb. 6 oz. flounder in the IRI... Kevin Javins caught an 11 lb. sheepshead on a peeler crab at the South Jetty... Al Rittmeyer caught the first longfin tuna on August 21st in the Baltimore Canyon... David Gillenwalters caught a 48.5 lb. dolphin in the Poor Man's Canyon... Mark Smith muscled in an 80 lb. wahoo at the Hot Dog... John Quattlebaum landed a 10 lb. flounder at the Old Grounds... Mike Cusimano caught an 89 lb. wahoo in the Washington Canyon.

**September 14, 2011** - Seas were sporty offshore and dirty in the bays, slowing down the fishing action... Anglers on the "Muff Diver" had a great golden tilefish trip in the Baltimore Canyon with the largest weighing 56 lbs... Anglers on the "Still Lucky" boated a 213 lb. bigeye tuna in the Baltimore Canyon... Flounder fishermen found a few keepers in the deeper holes in the channels and in the Thorofare... Snapper bluefish terrorized anglers around the Rt. 50 Bridge... Red drum started to be caught at lumps a mile off Assateague... Early in the week, the white marlin bite centered on the Washington Canyon where the "No Quarter" released 20 during an overnight trip... Over the weekend the action really took off in the Norfolk Canyon where the "Billfisher" released 14 whites... Junior angler, Teshar Freng captured a 43 lb. dolphin in the Washington Canyon... Tuna fishing was very slow... Braelyn Clark won the OCFC Spot Tournament with an 8.8-inch fish... Rich Daiker landed a 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder to win the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder... In Delaware, sea bass, flounder and croaker were caught around "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Croaker fishing was

good near "DB" Buoy for anglers using squid and silversides... Bluefish were thick in the IRI and at Massey's Ditch.

**September 21, 2011** - Horrible weather really put a damper on fishing this week... The white marlin bite was strong early in the week in the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... The "DA Sea" had 23 white marlin releases during an overnight trip... The "Billfisher" recorded double digit releases several times during the week... Dolphin fishing was outstanding near the Rockpile... Tuna bite was dead... Flounder action was still hot, although the throwback ratio was still very high... The East Channel and the Thorofare were the hot spots for keeper flatties... Red drum were hooked a mile off Assateague near the Mud Hole... Plenty of sea bass were found on ocean structure... In Delaware, fishing was hit-or-miss... Flounder, croaker and bluefish were caught in the back bays... A few stripers were hooked in the IRI and in Massey's Ditch... Flounder and croaker were caught at the Old Grounds and at Sites #10 and #11... Sea bass action was good between "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Snapper bluefish were plentiful in the surf... The Lewes Canal produced good catches of striped bass... Tautog, triggerfish and sheepshead were caught at the Outer Wall in the DE Bay... Gary Ebling caught an 11 lb. 6 oz. flounder at the Old Grounds on cut bait... Georgia Touloumes caught a speckled trout in the Fenwick Ditch... Bob Spetzler landed a 9 lb. flounder off the 2nd St. Bulkhead.

**Oct. - Dec., 2011** - It hasn't been the best fall for weather, with many windy days keeping anglers at the dock... An excellent year of billfishing ended very strong with good numbers of white marlin releases being recorded through the beginning of October The bite started in the Baltimore Canyon in late September and moved to the Washington Canyon in early October... On September 24th, the "Marli" returned with a 112 lb. white marlin that was caught in 80 fathoms near the Rockpile... Yellowfin tuna action was decent through the 3rd week in October when boats caught fish on the chunk in the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons... On November 8th, anglers trolling



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Stretch's at the 2nd Lump for bluefish hooked into a 100 lb. bluefin tuna... Some dolphin were caught in the Wilmington Canyon towards the end of October... The keeper flounder bite in the bay started to peter out very early in October and even the historically good ocean wreck and reef bite never really materialized... A lot of throwback flounder were caught in the East Channel up until the end of October... Once again, Tommy Fowler caught the last flounder of the year on November 28th at the Isle of Wight Shoal... The fall tautog bite was outstanding around the South Jetty and along the rocks off Martha's Landing... Fall sea bass fishing was outstanding on ocean structure... Weakfish showed up in better numbers than we have seen in years on wrecks and reefs close to the beach... With water temperatures remaining a warm 53-55 degrees, the Indian River/Maryland bluefish and striper bite was horrible with fish never really showing up in mass inside the 3-mile line through mid-December... A few small pockets of fish were seen off Sea Colony and as far south as the MD/VA line... Most larger schools of striped bass were seen around the 1st and 2nd Lump and sometimes as far out as the 3rd Lump... In Delaware, the sheepshead bite in the Delaware Bay was outstanding around the Outer Wall and Ice Breakers... In late October, Randy Jensen caught a new DE state record sheepshead weighing 15.5 lbs. at the Ice Breakers... Black drum were caught around Brown Shoal... Towards the end of October, stripers started being picked off at the mouth of the Delaware Bay at Overfalls Shoal and in The Valley. Fish weren't thick, but they were big, with several weighing over 40 lbs... Anglers had good luck trolling Stretch lures and tandem rigs... Better numbers of fish showed up at the beginning of December with periodic waves of stripers throughout the month... The bite off the beach, all the way up to central New Jersey was good, so at press time we continued to hope for a good fall striper season.

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In early November, Jeff Stine of York, PA caught this 37-inch striped bass on a Stretch 25 north of the Ocean City Inlet.

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Maddie Lenox of Lancaster, PA captured this 37-inch striper while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The fish was caught while trolling a Storm lure near the Rt. 90 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Broek Shearin of Monkton, MD landed this 11 lb. 12 oz. bluefish at the 1st Lump while fishing with his dad, Tom Shearin and his brother Pierce who caught a 7 lb. 8 oz. chopper during the trip. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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# Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



## "I want to go fishing on a 'party boat!'"

In the old days people used to call these large ocean going vessels "head boats" because the captain took a fairly large group of anglers out into the ocean to go "bottom fishing." When you call around to find information about a trip or to make a reservation, keep in mind that a charter boat takes approximately 6 people while a party boat takes 25-70 people. Obviously the cost of going on the party boat is much less than a charter boat.

## "How much does a party boat cost to go out into the ocean?"

The full day boats range from \$60 to \$125 per person. Half-day trips run approximately 25 to 30 percent less. You definitely get more for your "bang" on a full-day trip because the boat can go out further and you get more fishing time. It usually takes at least an hour to get to the fishing grounds, BUT, if you are fishing with a child or a first time angler that wants to "test the waters" to see how it feels to be in the ocean, the half-day trips are for you! The boat ride alone is worth the money! (Hint: Some of the boats offer coupons online or in the *Coastal Fisherman*)

Party boats frequently take

special long trips that cost more (usually between \$85 and \$125) and can last 10 hours, and even occasionally 18 hours (around \$200)! Be sure you know the length of the trip you are on and make reservations in advance. Keep in mind that most party boats ask that you get to the boat a half an hour before departure. Think about that the night before and go to bed early and leave the partying alone!

## "What should we take?"

Clothes! In the spring and fall you can usually bet that the air temperatures on the water are cooler than the land temperatures. Layered clothing is always a good idea. You can always peel some layers off. In the heat of the summer, carry a lightweight, long sleeve shirt to cover your arms if you get chilly or get sunburned. If the wind is from the west little black flies can follow you miles offshore. I carry my lightweight, long pants and some bug spray. I hate those pesky, biting flies.

I have a lightweight rain suit I always carry with me. If it rains, I have a rainsuit and if it gets cold it serves as a windbreaker! OK, now I realize I'm a little older and am very careful about the sun and keep my legs, neck and arms covered up. (I like to

wear a gaiter around my neck to protect the back of my neck.) If you want to get a little sun, keep in mind that the sun's rays reflect off the water and you can get sunburned a lot quicker on a boat than you can laying on the beach. Carry sunscreen of some sort, (a tan looks nicer than a burn!) lip protection, a hat, and really important, a pair of good sunglasses.

Now, if you have never been on the ocean, it's a good idea to take some sort of motion sickness pill with you such as Dramamine, Bonine, or Marazine. Most of these companies have chewable pills that you can take at the first sign of feeling queasy. I also carry in my bag some pretzels or saltines and a ginger ale in case I start feeling the ocean waves. (Yes, I get seasick and I always take a Marazine one hour before I go fishing offshore.) You can also check with your doctor to get a prescription for either The Patch (Transderm Scop) or Meclizine. Both work really well.

Boots! Some boats are wetter than others, but in cold weather, I wear a pair of waterproof boots as opposed to a pair of tennis shoes. Otherwise, be careful when the boat backs up when getting ready to anchor. A pair of wet tennis shoes on a cold day is miserable! Also, watch out for waves coming over the side when moving if it's rough.

## "Should we carry food and drinks? Can we take a couple of beers?"

Again, every boat is different. Some party boats have a galley and you can buy food and beverages. Other boats offer nothing! When you call the boat to make a reservation, which is highly recommended, ask what the boat has to offer. Some boats have a liquor license and you are not allowed to bring your own beer, while other boats do not have a liquor license and then it is OK. (Hint: Always carry cans or plastic bottles as

opposed to glass bottles. Never, ever carry a banana aboard a boat! It's considered bad luck and someone, believe me, someone will be offended and blame you if fishing is slow or there is engine trouble or it rains or anything!!!!)

Ice! Carry a bag of ice and a medium-sized cooler. If you catch a couple keeper fish, it's good to keep them cool.

What other items should I take?

-Definitely a rag!

-A pair of pliers and/or some kind of tool to cut line.

- An array of sinkers in the 3 to 8 ounce range if you have them. Otherwise, you can buy them on the boat.

-Hooks and/or rigs if you prefer. Kahle hooks in sizes 3/0 or 4/0 on monofilament dropper loops are what most party boats use for bottom fish. If you have no idea about rigs, let the mate rig you up!

-Berkley Gulp, curl tail grubs or other trailers or teaser tails to help attract the fish (usually chartreuse or white)

-Fluorocarbon leader around 40 lb. test if you prefer to use that rather than the monofilament leader material supplied on the boat

## "Where do I call to make a reservation?"

Almost all the local party boats advertise in the *Coastal Fisherman* and a phone number will be provided. Party boats run out of a marina and usually anglers call the marina for information and to make reservations unless there is a special "reservation" line that you need to call. You can also do a Google search for the boat. Make sure you add the city and state where the boat is located to your search. You will find that most party boats have current websites with information and phone numbers as well.

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Some anglers love to fish for tautog. Spring and fall is also a good time to fish for tautog, but you need to watch your seasons and see when tautog season is open. Tautog are regulated by the states, so Delaware and Maryland seasons can be different.

Flounder are caught offshore on the party boats and they bite best from mid-summer into early fall.

Croaker are popular fish for the half-day boats to fish for. These panfish generally bite best in late July, August, and into early September.

Triggerfish are also popular for anglers on half-day boats. These fish bite anytime during the summer.

Cod have come back to us and these fish generally bite best in the early part of the season and anytime the boats go out on long trips.

Tilefish also bite on long trips.

**"Should we bring our own rods and reels?"**

Bring your own rods and reels if they can handle 4 to 6-ounces of sinker weight on a regular trip and 6-8 ounces on a long range trip. Otherwise, the party boats all have rental rods and reels. Most rental rods are the conventional type, so if you are not familiar with them, let the mate show you how to use them, and listen carefully!

**"Should I bring my own bait?"**

A lot of people like to have an "edge" and carry something special. If you are targeting flounder, bring along some Berkley Gulp! and maybe a pack of shiners. Any kind of fresh strip bait is always good for flounder.

If it is summer and you

really want to try for a tautog and the boat is targeting sea bass, you may want to carry along some sand fleas or green crabs. Call and ask what bait the boat has to offer. If the boat is only using squid, you can bring some clam. If the boat is only using clam, you may want to carry some squid.

**"What's the best spot to fish from on a party boat?"**

Most anglers like either the bow or the stern, with the stern being the most popular. The corner of the stern is probably the most coveted because you can cast out without tangling other patrons. I like the bow too, because you can cast out, but if it is a rough day, it can get bouncy up there and then it's a little more difficult to fish!

**"What are the keys to a successful trip?"**

First of all, if you want to learn and become successful it is important to listen to the captain and mate and follow their suggestions. If they see that you are really trying to learn the techniques, they will offer you more advice and tell you their little secrets. If you are "hard headed" and won't listen, they will leave you alone! (Tipping the mate well will also help you out in this department.) Remember, they are out there day after day, year after year. They know how to catch fish.

When you are flounder fishing and they tell you to twitch the rod tip, twitch the rod tip! When you are tautog fishing and they tell you not to move the sinker off the bottom, do just that. If the sea bass are biting "funny" and the mate tells you to let slack in your line and let the bait sit on the bottom, do what he says! If the party boat is on extremely snaggy bottom and the captain says to keep the sinker a few inches off the bottom, do just that. When the captain says to keep your bait fresh and change it periodically, please don't leave that old washed out piece of meat on the hook! When the mate shows you

how to hook the clam and put the yucky dirty part of the clam at the very point of the hook, pay attention, he's letting you in on an important secret!

**"Is there party boat etiquette?"**

There's a lot to say about party boat etiquette if you fish the boats a lot. Show up early so the boat can leave if everyone is on board. Pay attention to your rod and use enough sinker weight so you don't tangle with your neighbor. Be friendly, but don't talk someone's ear off. Don't be rude, loud, get drunk or cuss around children. Don't let Capt. Monty on the

"Morning Star" catch you with a handheld GPS! Tip the mate! Don't grumble that the captain or mate don't know what they are doing, and never say, "At home, we do it this way..." When the mate tells you you are hung on the bottom, believe him, it's not a big fish! And please, leave those bananas at home!

Most of all have fun!

Good fishing....

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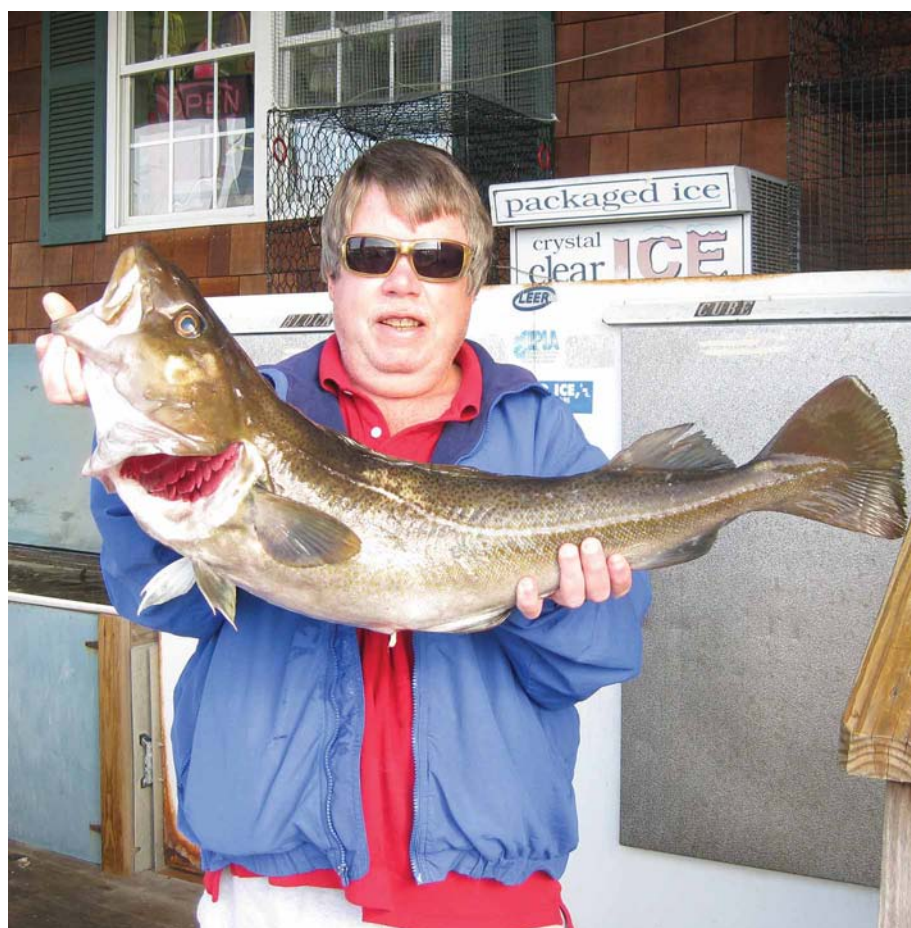
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## Awards



The "Billfisher" was a big winner again at the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club 2011 Seasonal Awards, taking home "Most Billfish Released by any Boat" (205), "Most Billfish Released by a Charter Boat" (205) and "Most Billfish Released in One Day by a Charter Boat" (20). Jonathan Duffie also won 3rd place in the "Top Gentleman Angler" category. Pictured are Capt. Jon Duffie, Kourtney Duffie, Jonathan Duffie, mates Chris Hornung and John Prather and Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.



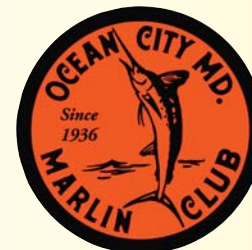
At the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards, the "Marli" won the "Heaviest Tuna" category with a 280 lb. bigeye tuna. Anthony Pino also recognized for catching the 1st White Marlin of the Season. Pictured are Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr., mates Frank Mattes, Jr. and Anthony Pino and Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.



## COASTAL FISHERMAN

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### *Marlin Club Award Winners*



**Top Junior Angler**  
Connor Campbell - 12  
Taylor McCart - 12  
John Horning - 8

**Top Lady Angler**  
Susan McCart - 37  
Peggy Mumford - 24  
Victoria Roberts - 13

**Top Gentleman Angler**  
Ed Dunn - 48  
Mike Peet - 31  
Jonathan Duffie - 28

**Charles Kratz Award for  
1st White Marlin Caught by a  
Junior Angler**  
Austin Moore - "Moore Bills"  
June 13, 2011

**Edna Hodgens Award**  
Elva & Bill Allewalt

**Bahia Marina  
Special Recognition Award**  
Michael Murray

**Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award  
for Top Mate**  
John Prather & Chris Hornung  
"Billfisher"

**Heaviest Tuna**  
"Marli"  
280 lbs.

**Heaviest Dolphin**  
"Pool Party"  
43 lbs.

**Heaviest Wahoo**  
"Brother's Pride"  
80 lbs.

**Heaviest Shark**  
"Tighten Up"  
418 lbs.

**First White Marlin**  
Anthony Pino - "Marli"  
May 29, 2011

**First Blue Marlin**  
Stevie Ramsey - "Lady Luck V"  
June 10, 2011

**Last Billfish of the Season**  
Heather Moore - "Predator"  
September 30, 2011

**Most Blue Marlin Released  
by Any Boat**  
"No Quarter" 7

**Most Billfish Released  
by Any Boat**  
"Billfisher" 205

**Recreational Angler Award**  
Brooke Duvall

**Most Tuna Caught by a  
Charter Boat**  
"Marli" 388  
"Moore Bills" 180  
"White Lightning" 110

**Most Tuna Caught by a  
Private Boat**  
"Reel Naughty" 69  
"Lady Luck" 45  
"Miss Emily" 42

**Most Billfish Released  
Private Boat - 34' and Under**  
"Fish Whistle" 45  
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"Brenda Lou" 32

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"Predator" 80  
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"D.A. Sea" 132  
"Reel Joy" 125  
"Predator" 80

**Most Billfish Released by a  
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"Billfisher" 205  
"No Quarter" 138  
"Pumpin' Hard 58" 77

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"Predator" 15

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"Billfisher" 20





# Ocean City Marlin Club

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament

Chairman: Franky Pettolina

Registration: May 25, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) May 26 & May 27

Awards Banquet: May 27, 6:30-9 p.m.

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

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Canyon Kick Off Tournament

Chairman: Franky Pettolina

Registration: June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) June 29 & 30, July 1

Awards Banquet: July 1, 1-3 p.m.

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

*Free to all OCMC Boat members*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament

Chairman: Franky Pettolina

Registration: August 2, 6 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 3 & August 4

Awards Banquet: August 4, 6:30-9 p.m.

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

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Small Boat Tournament

Chairman: Bill Regan

Registration: June 22, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 23 & June 24

Crab Feast/Awards Banquet: June 24, 6:30-9 p.m.

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

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Classic

Chairmen: Bill Regan, Annette Cropper, & Pat Svehla

Registration: July 20, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 21 & July 22

Cook-Out: July 21, 6:30 p.m. for Wish-A-Fish Kids

Carnival & Awards Banquet: July 22, 5-8 p.m.

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

### 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Chairmen: Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick

Registration: August 30, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) August 31, September 1 & 2

Awards Banquet: September 2

Luau & Pig Roast 6:30-9 p.m.

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

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup

Chairman: Jon C. Duffie

Registration: September 13, 7 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 2) September 14 & September 15

Italian Night: September 14, 6:30-9 p.m.

Awards Banquet: September 15, 6:30-9 p.m.

*By OCMC Invitation Only*







Susan McCart won "Top Lady Angler" honors at the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards for releasing 37 billfish while fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Capt. Dale Gurgo and mates Andy Helms and Daniel Reid. Pictured with Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.



At the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards, Connor Campbell won the "Top Junior Angler" category for releasing 12 billfish during the season. Connor is pictured with Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina, his dad Curtis and grandfather Bruce.



"Top Gentleman Angler" honors were awarded to Ed Dunn at the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards for releasing 48 billfish on the "DA Sea" during the season. Ed is pictured with Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.



At the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Season Awards, the crew on the "Predator" placed in several categories including "Most Billfish Released in One Day by a Private Boat" (15), "Most Billfish Released by a 35'-46' Boat" (80) and 3rd place for "Most Billfish Released by a Private Boat" (80). Heather Moore was also recognized for releasing the last billfish of the season on September 30th. Pictured are Capt. Howard Lynch, mate Josh Farr, Heather Moore and Donnie Moore.



At the 2011 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards, Chris Hornung and John Prather, mates on the "Billfisher" won the "Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award" recognizing the top mates during the 2011 season. Michael Murray, mate on the "Tighten Up" won the "Special Recognition Award" donated by Bahia Marina in memory of Jimmy Jackson. Also pictured are Tom and Jeannie Jackson, Janet Yilmaz, P.J. Aldridge and Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.





William Levantovsky nailed this 14.15 lb. sheephead during a trip aboard the "Grizzly" with Capt. Carey Evans in late October. The big sheephead was caught at the Ice Breakers and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



In early November big striped bass hit the mouth of the Delaware Bay and Ryan Falgowski was there to capture this 31.6 pounder on a trolled diving plug at Overfalls Shoal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



At the end of September, Tommy Fowler of West Ocean City, MD captured this 23-inch flounder at night while drifting a Gulp! bait in the Thorofare.

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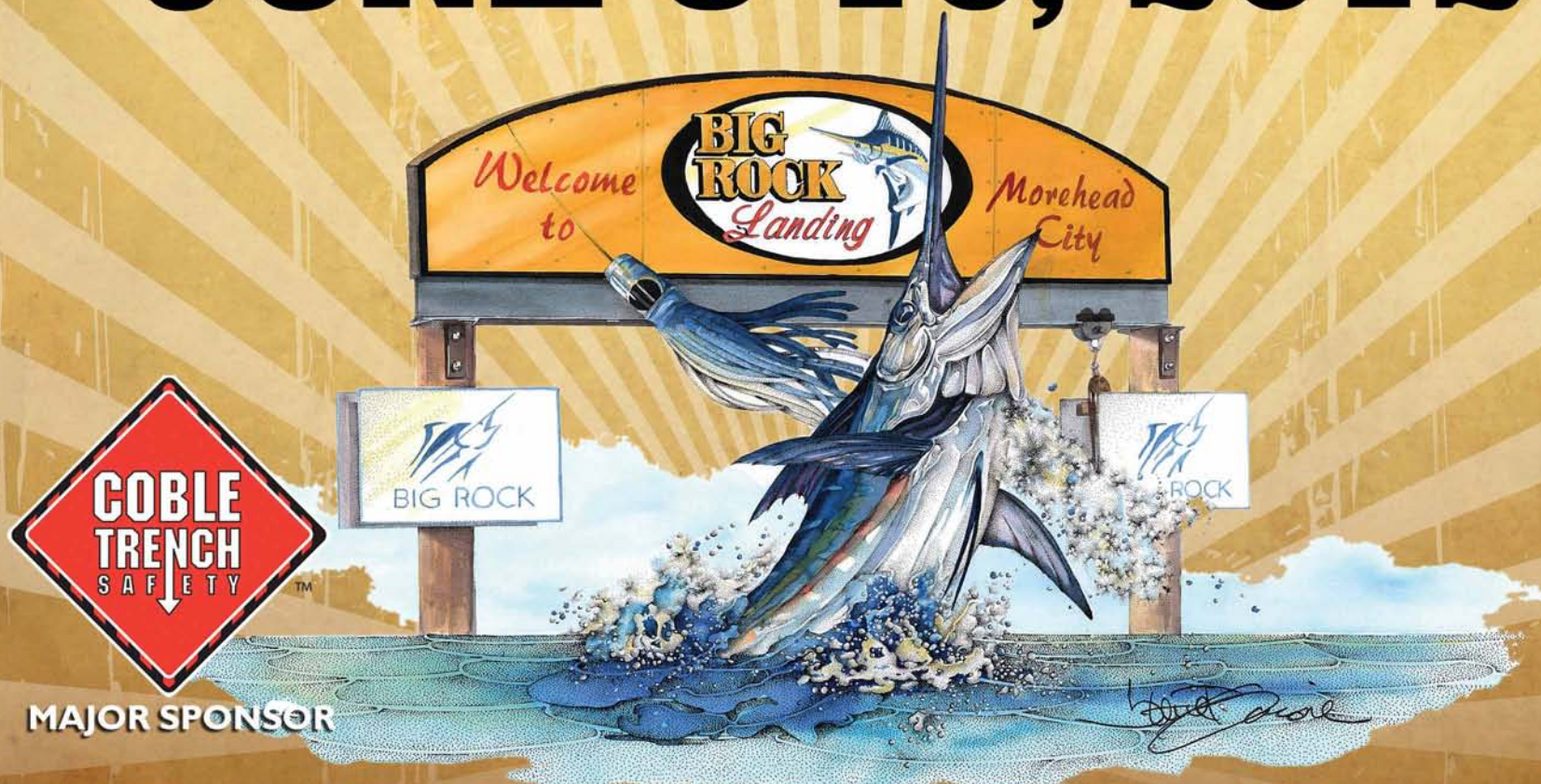
<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	23 lbs. 8 oz.	Lillian Morris	1974	Assateague Island
Cobia	72 lbs.	Chris Toner	2009	Great Gull Shoal
Croaker	No classification			
Dolphin	67 lbs. 8 oz.	Kim Lawson	1985	53 miles off Ocean City
Drum, Black	79 lbs.	Stanley Ilyes	1985	Bass Grounds
Drum, Red	70 lbs.	Robert Light	1977	Assateague Island
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs.	Anthony Vacari	1974	Assateague Island
Flounder, Winter	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Jeremy Kuhn	2006	Ocean City
Kingfish, Roundhead	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Grace Walker	1975	Assateague Island
Mackerel, King	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	1985	Great Gull Shoal
Mackerel, Spanish	No classification			
Marlin, Blue	1,062 lbs.	Bob Farris	2009	Baltimore Canyon
Marlin, White	135 lbs.	George Pierson	1980	Poor Man's Canyon
Porgy	6 lbs. 3 oz.	Pearl Hoppie	1966	Fenwick Shoal
Sea Bass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	1978	Jackspot
Sheepshead	17 lbs. 8 oz.	Raymond Daniel	2004	Ocean City Inlet
Spadefish	11 lbs. 6.5 oz.	Noel Lohr	2004	Triple Wrecks
Striped Bass	57.2 lbs.	Gary Smith	2006	Assateague Island
Swordfish	No classification			
Tarpon	No classification			
Tautog	20 lbs. 11 oz.	Sam Beauchamp	2007	Wreck off Ocean City
Tilefish, Blueline	No classification			
Tilefish, Golden	62 lbs.	Steve Doctor	2009	Baltimore Canyon
Triggerfish, Grey	No classification			
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	1976	Ocean City Inlet
Trout, Speckled	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	1973	Sinepuxent Bay
Tuna, Bigeye	375 lbs. 8 oz.	Cecil Browne	1977	Ocean City
Tuna, Blackfin	32 lbs.	Bob Zang	1998	30 fathom line
Tuna, Bluefin	625 lbs.	James Daniels, IV	1975	45 miles off Ocean City
Tuna, False Albacore	22 lbs. 8 oz.	Kevin Sheckells	1995	Third Lump
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	74 lbs.	Victor Gardner II	2005	Baltimore Canyon
Tuna, Yellowfin	236 lbs. 8 oz.	Mark Bennett	2002	Washington Canyon
Wahoo	111 lbs.	Christian Tiller	2003	Poor Man's Canyon
Sharks				
Black Tip	193 lbs.	Brian Zysk	1991	Ocean City
Blue	280 lbs.	Martin Waltman	1997	Ocean City
Hammerhead, Scalloped	254 lbs.	Jamie Gill	2009	Massey's Canyon
Hammerhead, Smooth	375 lbs.	George Ford V	2004	Parking Lot
Mako	876 lbs.	Jim Hughes	2009	Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	2009	Fingers
Tiger	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak	1983	Ocean City

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On November 19th, Sam Heimer of Pittsville, MD caught this 23-inch flounder after hooking it on a trolled Stretch 25 at Fenwick Shoal. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Rhett Passwaters and Scot Anderson were trolling Stretch 25's at Overfalls Shoal when they boated these 2 stripers, weighing 29.7 lbs. and 35.7 lbs. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Capt. Bruce McGuigan of Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle and Andy Smelter from Bishopville, MD caught their limit of stripers, measuring 37 to 42-inches, while tossing bucktails at the MD/VA line in early December. The anglers were fishing on the "Bull Headed M".




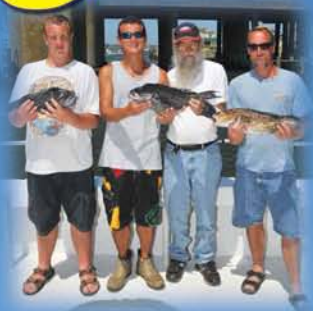
Gregg Scott caught this 55 lb. golden tilefish during a trip to the Baltimore Canyon on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The fish was caught on a chunk of squid. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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Larry Kauffman of Elverson, PA fooled this 16.35 lb. black drum with a live minnow at the Haystacks and weighed his catch at Bill's Sport Shop.



Mark Adams reeled in this big knothead during a wreck fishing trip aboard the "Lil' Angler" with Capt. Chet Harer. The sea bass weighed 4 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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In early December, Arthur Clubb of West Ocean City, MD landed this 45-inch striper while fishing on the "Just Add Sauce" with Scott Hoffman. The 35 lb. 1 oz. fish was hooked on a Stretch 25 in 40-feet of water off 118th Street. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# MSSA Fall Rockfish Tournament



Second place in the MSSA Fall Rockfish Tournament was won by Andrew Turner of Brandywine, MD with a 42.45 lb. rockfish caught while trolling in the Chesapeake Bay. Andrew won \$43,225 for his catch.



Steve and Mike Dodson of Pasadena, MD won 1st place in the MSSA Fall Rockfish Tournament in late November. Their 51.65 lb. rockfish was caught on the first day of the tournament on a tandem Bloody Point Bait at the mouth of the Choptank River and was worth \$21,875 in award money.

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John Patchett of Fallston, MD won 3rd place in the MSSA Fall Rockfish Tournament and a check worth \$15,000. John's rockfish tipped the scales at 41.5 lbs.





Lee and Brandon Solomon of Ocean Pines, MD caught 4 keeper flounder while fishing with finger mullet off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Photo courtesy of All Tackle in West Ocean City.



This 42.6 lb. striped bass fell at the hands of Chris Wagner while trolling a chartreuse Stretch 25 at Overfalls Shoal at the beginning of November. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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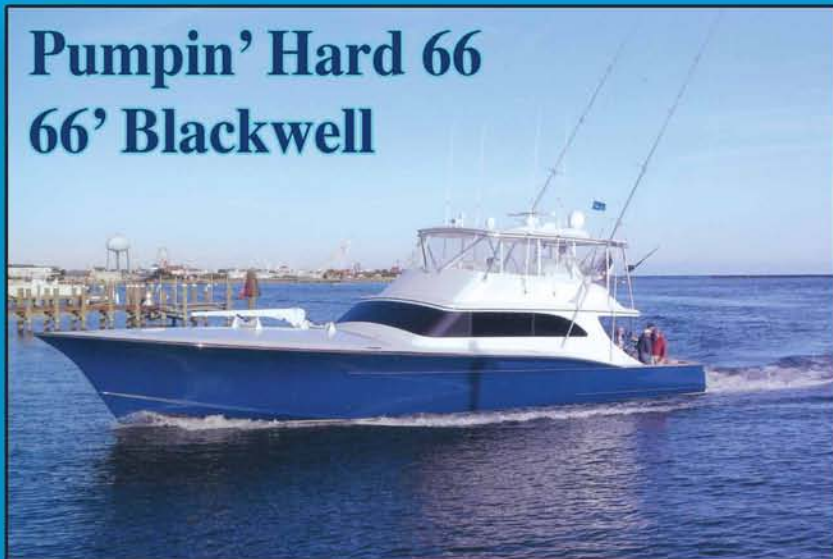
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In early December, Kevin Weber from Ocean City, MD captured this 39-inch striper while trolling a Mojo rig 2 miles outside the Ocean City Inlet. Pictured at Ake Marine.



Eddie Kim from Rockville, MD caught this 27-inch flounder in the Indian River Inlet while using a white bucktail tipped with a chartreuse Gulp! The 8 lb. 8 oz. flattie was weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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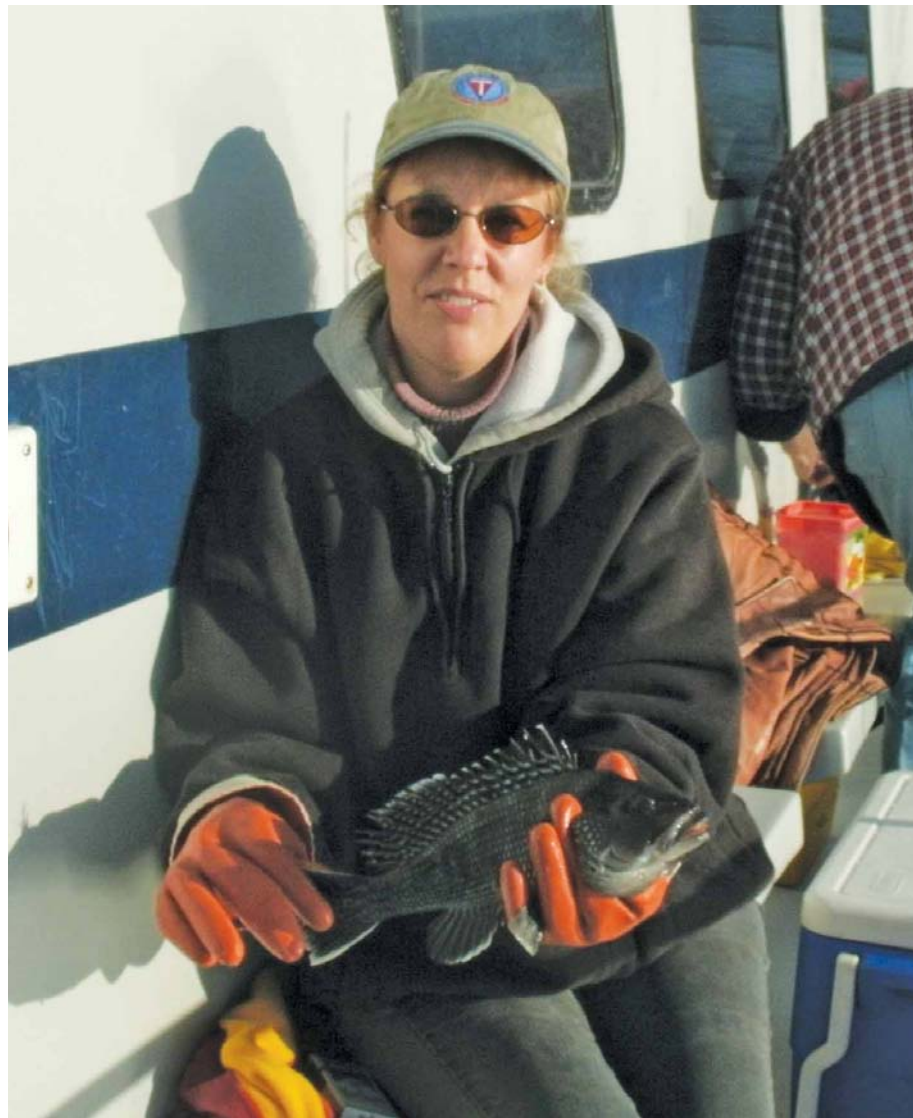
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Striper slayer, Joe Dragunas from Jarrettsville, MD reeled in these 2 linesiders while drifting eels in the Thorofare during the outgoing tide. The fish measured an identical 34-inches.



Sonia Hicks, top angler at the Olde Tyme Family Barber Shop in north Ocean City, showed the boys how it is done, muscling in this black sea bass during a trip aboard the "Angler" with Sean Welsh, Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo.

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In early December, Steve Iwaszko caught these 2 stripers while casting lures in in the bay. Pictured at Ake Marine.



This 4 lb. 2 oz. sea bass fell at the hands of Matt Farley during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Mike Kinder. The fish ate a chunk of clam at an artificial reef and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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In late September, this group of anglers on the "Jade II" caught 8 yellowfin tuna, 2 dolphin and released a blue marlin in 65 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Ed Kaufman and mate Will Hathaway were Chuck Gainer and Dan Burkett from Bainbridge, PA, John Grinder from Lebanon, PA, Brian Irvin and Rick Bockey from Elizabethtown, PA and Henry Irvin from Mt. Joy, PA. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Martin Aldred of Ocean View, DE caught a pair of striped bass, measuring 37 and 39-inches, while trolling umbrella rigs just north of Little Gull Shoal in early December. Martin was fishing on the "?" with Mike Johnston and Rich Sosnowski. The group also released a gill net during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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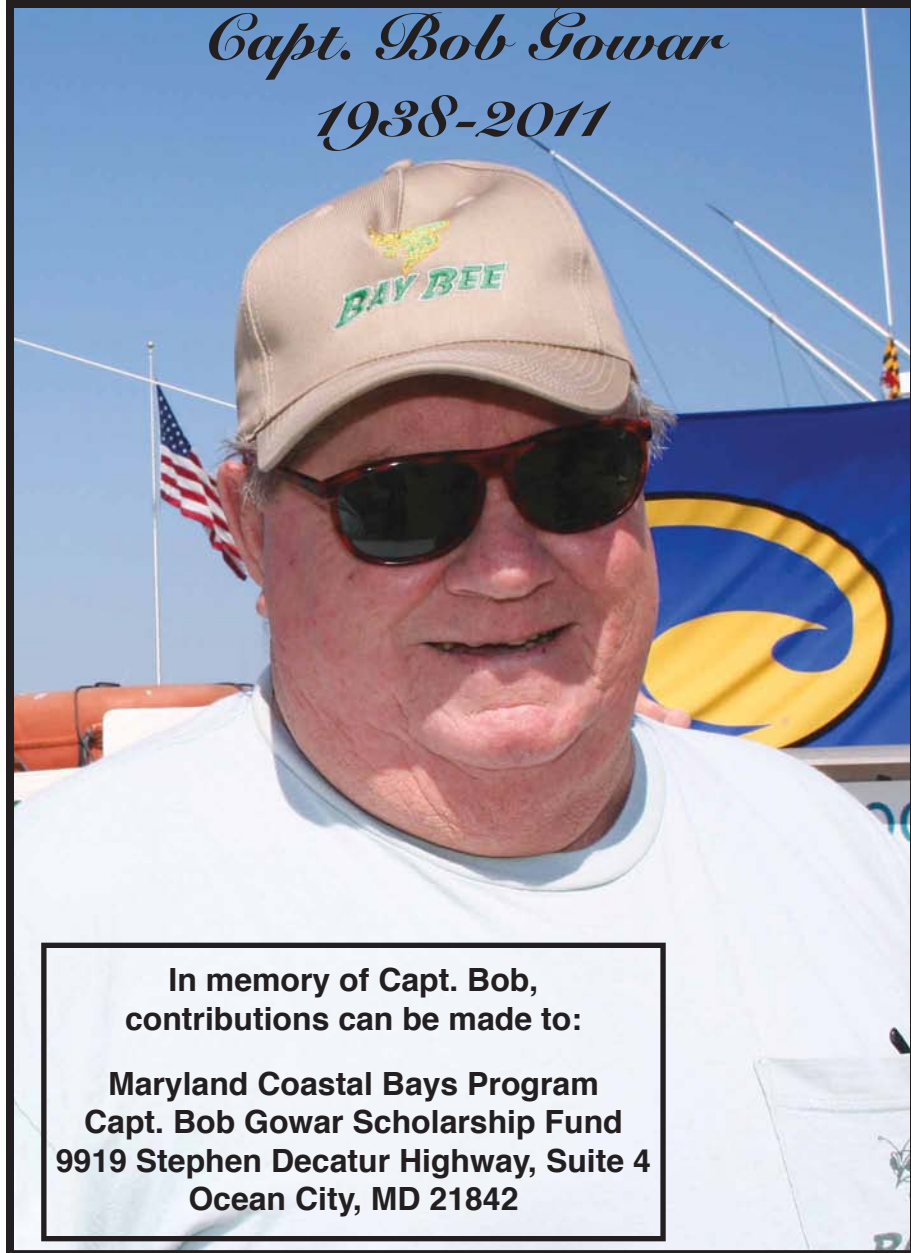
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Russell Applegit fished some sloppy seas at the Twin Wrecks on November 19th and was rewarded with this 21-inch flounder and 4 sea bass.






Doug Mickowski muscled in this 41.8 lb. striped bass after hooking it on a live eel in The Valley. Doug was fishing on the "KATYDID" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Dave Walker. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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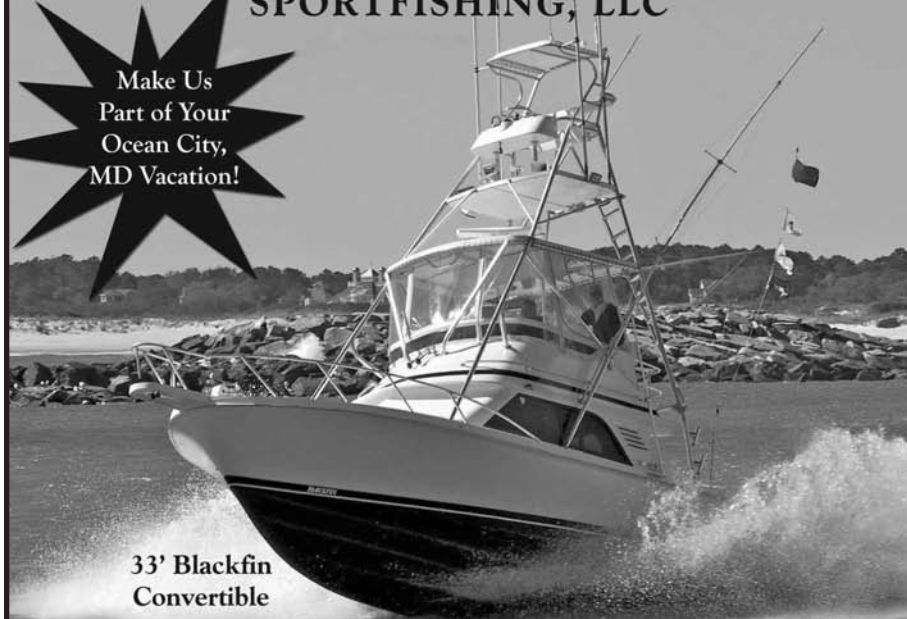
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# Getting Started in Shark Fishing

by Capt. Bruce McGuigan



In 1974, Peter Benchley wrote the novel "Jaws". In the summer of 1975, the movie was released and ran for 9 months, breaking all existing records for the movie industry. Across America, a new heightened awareness and fear of sharks was erupted. In fishing communities along the coast, something else stirred. The main character, Quint (based on real life shark fishing legend, Frank Mundus) inspired an entire young generation of shark fishermen.

Since the summer of 1975, shark fishing has gone through a fair amount of

change and refinement. Back then, most of the shark fishermen wanted to be Capt. Quint, and as a result, the Penn Tackle Company sold a lot of large 12/0 and 16/0 reels. Overall, massive tackle was used - large hooks, large cable, large baits, etc. After all, that's exactly what you need to catch a giant shark. Fortunately, reality sank in and there was a realization that most of the shark fishing to be done along the Atlantic coast was for species of sharks other than the Great White.



Thirty-five years later, shark fishing has become a standard part of the fishing season. The month of June has, for many years now, been the time when small boaters, as well as charter boats, can travel offshore and try to catch a shark.

For new boaters and those who are unfamiliar with offshore fishing, shark fishing

can be an intimidating venture. Keep in mind, in the early to mid-70's most of us had no prior experience in fishing for sharks. There were no books written about it, no Saltwater Sportsman magazine articles to show us how to do it, and no local captains to guide us. For that matter, there was no Coastal Fisherman to show us pictures of anglers with their catch and let us know where they were caught.

Today, shark fishing is mainstream. There is plenty of information on the internet, in magazine articles and "how to" books, in tackle shops and even from other fishermen who can help guide you on your first trip.

## What You Will Need

The tackle end of shark fishing is relatively simple, and while the initial set-up may shock your pocketbook, it is still a relatively inexpensive offshore venture. Ideally, a boat should be equipped with three or four 30 to 50 lb. offshore outfits. Your choices are wide and varied. Most small boaters prefer a lever-drag reel with a stand-up style rod and suitable fighting belt and harness. For terminal, the following list may help:

## Rig Making Material

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1.5 to 2.8 size crimps  
#12 or #15 Marlin wire  
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Crimper  
Hook file

100 to 200 lb. ball bearing snap swivels

Assortment of egg or trolling sinkers

## Gaffs

Straight gaff

Flying gaff with 4 to 6-inch hook

Cockpit harpoon in place of flyer (note that harpoons are not I.G.F.A. legal and may not be used in I.G.F.A. regulated tournaments)

## Miscellaneous

Gloves

Balloons or Corks

Knife

Pliers with a cutting edge

Charts

## Bait/Chum

Mackerel, bluefish or tuna

Chum

Chum bag

Bunker oil

Slick dripper for dispensing bunker oil

This is a basic list of what you will need to get started. You will certainly tweak this list as needed.

As to where and when to fish, shark fishing has changed little over the years. Around 15 years ago, there were quite a few shark fishermen who broke with the traditional 20 fathom area to fish and ventured further offshore in search of sharks. While they have had good success fishing in 50 fathoms and deeper, there are still plenty of sharks to be caught in 20 fathoms. Going further offshore does not necessarily make for a more successful trip. Keep in mind, the majority of sharks (particularly makos) have a migration that puts them off of our coast from late May through the end of June. These fish have been

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following the same migratory route for thousands of years. Their migration coincides with the path followed by tuna, bluefish and false albacore. So, the bottom line is to try and find the bait. It could be in 100 fathoms, but it could also be in 20 fathoms.

The area known as the Fingers is the widely accepted shark fishing hot spot. Areas along the 20 fathom to 30 fathom breaks from Chincoteague to Cape May offer excellent haunts for mako sharks. Look for structure or edges where water depth fluctuates significantly. These hills and valleys often help to congregate the bait and sharks. Keep your eyes open for life. Sometimes the presence of other marine life is a good omen for sharking. Bait on the surface or on your depth finder, birds, breaking fish, sea turtles and ocean sunfish are all good signs of life.

Temperature is critical for

finding sharks. Typically, by the middle part of May when water temperatures are in the mid-50's, the first sharkers of the year will start fishing. While the water is still on the cool side, most of the catch is made up of blue sharks and bluefish. As we approach the 3rd or 4th week in May and water temps have climbed into the 60's, the first mako of the season is typically caught. As with any species of fish, sharks swim in water they feel most comfortable in. As a rule, 60-70 degree water temperatures are prime for mako sharks.

As of late, with the advent of sea surface temperature imaging, many captains predetermine where they will fish based on warm water eddies. Temperature breaks along the eddies have come to be just as important as depth changes. Don't overlook them!

Once you are at the fishing grounds, the boredom and excitement begins. Most

captains use frozen chum dispensed out of a chum bag or crate. Bunker oil and a slick dripper are sometimes used in combination to put out your slick. The general idea is to let the tide, current and wind be your captain. As you drift along, your chum will hopefully attract the sharks.

Placement of baits is typically in the chum line from the surface down to the bottom. The use of corks or balloons helps to suspend the baits at different depths so you cover the entire water column.

Now, it's a waiting game. Shark fishing for me has always been an exciting fishery. Some people may say that shark fishing is 8 hours of boredom punctuated by a 1/2 hour of excitement. For me, it is peaceful and the anticipation of that first bite of the season, or of the day, is what keeps you waiting patiently. In what other fishery can a small boat get the opportunity to fish a large fish relatively close to the Inlet? If

you haven't shark fished, give it a try. There is plenty of information out there. Capt. Mark Sampson has written a great book on shark fishing and it is available at local tackle shops. Mark has pioneered the local shark fishery and runs the Ocean City Shark Tournament at the Ocean City Fishing Center each June. He typically is more than willing to spend some time and give advice to novice anglers. Elsewhere, local tackle shops and marinas can help get you started in your new endeavor.

Since "Jaws" set the wheels in motion, some things have changed. A few fads have come and gone, but shark fishing is still basically the same - a little bit of peace and boredom with quite a bit of excitement. Get out there and give it a try!

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At the end of November, Drew Ambler muscled in this 24.9 lb. striped after catching it in the Delaware Bay. The fish was hooked on a live spot at the 8's. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



After the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman hit the streets, Mike Turner of Bloody Point, MD caught these 2 flounder while fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. The flatties measured 19 and 24-inches and were caught on cut spot and minnows.

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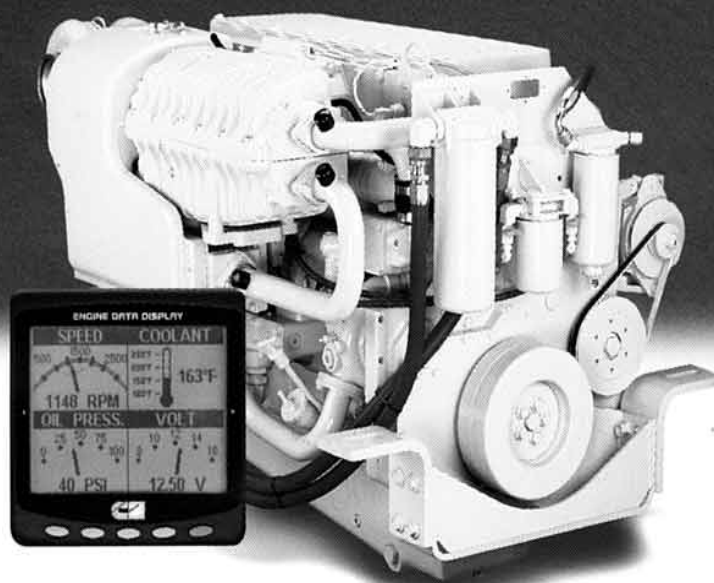
In early December, Ed, Ronnie and Eddie Zajdel trolled up their limit of striped bass while fishing on the "Zipper". The fish were caught on Little Gull and measured between 33 and 41-inches. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Duddy Harvey from Marietta, GA boated this 28-inch cod after hooking it on a chunk of clam at the Great Eastern Reef. The 8 lb. cod along with 25 sea bass were caught during a trip aboard the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo.

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# The Galley

by Mama Jock



## Poached Black Sea Bass

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2 carrots, cut into strips  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 tsp. salt  
Water, just barely cover

Place fish in a single layer in shallow fry pan.

Add vegetables and seasonings, then add the water, barely covering the bass.

Bring to a boil; cover and simmer slowly until fish flakes easily with fork, 5 to 10 minutes. Be careful not to overcook.

Serves 6.

## Lemon and Panko Crusted Broiled Tautog

1 lemon  
2 TBSP. butter, melted  
4 (6 oz.) tautog fillets  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 cup panko bread crumbs  
Cooking spray  
Lemon wedges

Preheat broiler.

Grate 1 tsp. rind from lemon; squeeze 1 tsp. of juice

from lemon over a bowl.

Add butter and rind to juice; stir well.

Brush both sides of fish with the lemon butter; sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper and dredge in the panko crumbs.

Place fish on a broiler pan coated with cooking spray.

Broil 7 minutes or until flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

## Easy Grilled Bluefish

1 to 2 lbs. bluefish  
1 packet Liptons Herb and Garlic Sauce Mix  
1 TBSP. white wine  
1 TBSP. olive oil  
1/4 cup water

Mix herb and garlic sauce mix, wine, oil and water.

Marinate the fish in mixture 20 minutes.

Wrap the bluefish in aluminum foil and grill or bake at 375 degrees for about 20 minutes.

Serves 6.

## Striped Bass, Bluefish and Flounder Gumbo

1 1/2 TBSP. cooking oil  
1 cup onion, chopped

1 cup green pepper, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 cups beef broth  
1 can (16 oz.) tomatoes or 2 cups fresh tomatoes, chopped  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. thyme  
1/2 tsp. red pepper or several drops of hot sauce  
1/2 tsp. oregano, crushed  
12 oz. skinned and cubed striped bass, bluefish and flounder  
1/2 lb. sea scallops  
1 cup okra or 1 (10 oz.) package frozen okra pre-cooked  
Cooked rice

Heat oil in large pot or dutch oven.

Add onion, green pepper and garlic; sauté until tender.

Add broth, tomatoes and seasonings.

Simmer for about 15 minutes.

Add seafood and okra.

Cook briefly until seafood is cooked through.

Serve over rice.

Serves 4-6.

## Tautog Cakes

2 lbs. tautog  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup green bell pepper  
1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced small  
2 TBSP. Old Bay Seasoning  
2 sleeves Ritz crackers  
8 TBSP. olive oil

Poach the fish; drain and

break up into chunks; let cool.

In separate bowl, mix egg and Old Bay.

Crush crackers into crumbs.

Mix all ingredients in a bowl; form into cakes.

To fry; dip in egg, flour and panko crumbs

To broil; drizzle with olive oil or melted butter.

Serves 6.

## Striped Bass with White Wine

1 TBSP. canola oil  
4 bass fillets  
Salt and pepper to taste  
8 oz. roughly chopped mushrooms  
4 ribs celery, sliced  
1 TBSP. chopped fresh thyme, or 1 tsp. dried  
1/2 cup white wine

Heat oil in a large sauté pan over high heat.

Season fish with salt and pepper.

Place fish in pan and sear on one side for 1-2 minutes until golden.

Using spatula, transfer fish to a plate and set aside.

Turn heat down to medium-high and add mushrooms, celery and thyme.

Season with salt and pepper and cook for 3 minutes.

Pour in the wine, return fish to pan (seared side up), and simmer, covered for 5 minutes until cook through. Serve immediately.

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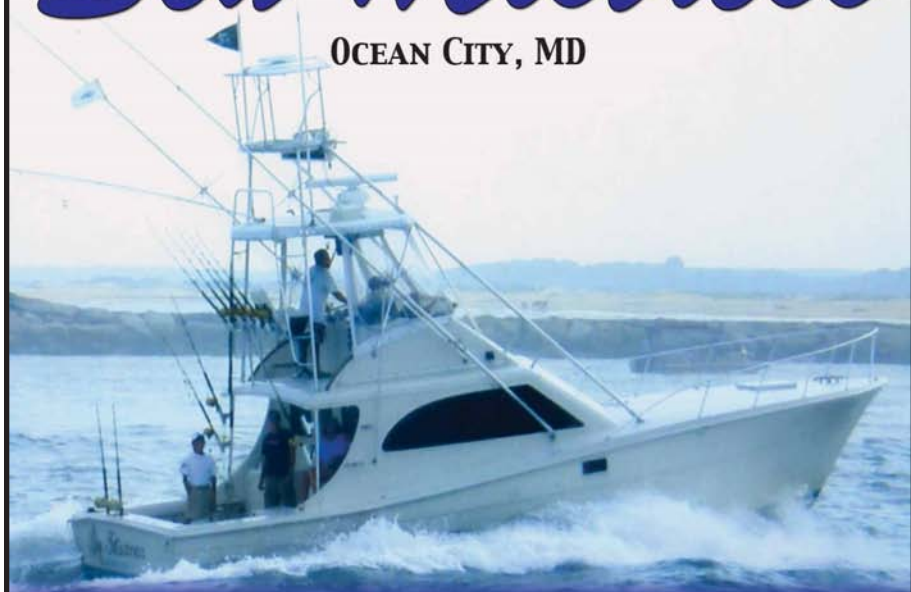
Evan Falgowski boated this 46.35 lb. striper to win 1st place in the Bill's Sport Shop/Irish Eyes Striper Tournament. The 48.25-inch linesider was caught on a trolled Stretch plug at the mouth of the Delaware Bay and was worth \$1,500 in award money. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.



Tammy Parker won 2nd place in the Bill's Sport Shop/Irish Eyes Striper Tournament with this 38.9 lb. bass caught on a live eel in The Valley. Tammy also won Top Female Angler in the tournament and took home \$1,000 in award money. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.

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It wasn't a stellar speckled trout season for anglers this past fall, but Tyler Case of Elkridge, MD did catch this 16-inch while fishing with Fishbites bloodworms near the Rt. 50 Bridge.



On December 11th, Joe Dragunas from Jarrettsville, MD was drifting the outgoing tide in the Thorofare when he hooked these 2 stripers on live eels. The fish measured 37.5 and 38-inches.

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Sue Foster, owner of Oyster Bay Tackle and Fenwick Tackle, took some time off to go fishing from the Rt. 50 Bridge and was rewarded with 3 keeper tautog (1 pictured) measuring 15, 16 and 18-inches.



George Wilder from Longneck, DE was fishing at a Delaware Bay wreck in late September when he hooked this 9.27 lb. sheephead while using green crab for bait.

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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



So Sonny, you've got yourself a boat, figured out how to catch a fish or two, and now you think you might just go ahead and get yourself a license and become a full-fledged charter boat captain. Are you sure that you've got what it takes? Do you really know what you might be getting yourself into? Do you even know what you need to do to get all the licenses and permits you'll need before you can open your doors for business? Hopefully, the following will be a useful guide for anyone contemplating a career in the charter boat industry.

**Captain's License** - It goes without saying that anyone who wishes to be a charter fishing boat captain needs to have a license from the U.S. Coast Guard that will allow them to carry passengers for

hire. Some folks, however, might not be aware of all that's involved in getting that license. As apparent by the number of licensed captains running around the docks these days, getting a license doesn't require the IQ of Einstein or half a century of experience working on the water. But then again, the qualification, testing, and documentation requirements for applicants are rigorous enough to weed out some who maybe shouldn't be in the industry in the first place and lend a certain level of credence to anyone who is.

**Captain's licenses**, which the Coast Guard now refers to as "Merchant Mariners Credentials", are assigned in a number of different grades with the first (entry level) being an "Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels" (OUPV). This is commonly known as a "6-pack" license because it limits the holder to taking no more than six passengers at a time. The next grade above an OUPV license is a "Master's" license, which allows a captain to carry more than six passengers on vessels that have been inspected and approved by the Coast Guard to carry the extra load. A master's license is sometimes referred to as a "tonnage license" because it specifies the maximum gross tons of a vessel the licensee is permitted to operate. Local captains commonly hold fifty, or one hundred gross-ton licenses.

**Sea Time** - One qualification for a captain's license is that of days at sea which are listed as "sea-service". To qualify for an OUPV license, mariners must document at least 360-days of sea service, or for a Master's license they must show 720-days. Sea service can go back in time as far as necessary but 90-days of it must have occurred in the last three years.

Licenses are also divided between Near Coastal (inside

and outside the inlet) and Inland (inside the inlet only). To qualify for a Near Coastal license an applicant must have served at least 90 of their days outside the inlet.

**Physical** - Prospective captains must see a doctor for a physical exam, the results of which must then be reviewed and approved by the Coast Guard. In recent years the Coast Guard has tightened the physical requirements for both new and renewing applicants creating problems for some who have anything but a total clean bill of health.

**Drug Testing** - Applicants must take and pass a drug test if they wish to get a captain's license. The results of this test must be submitted to the Coast Guard in the application package on the appropriate CG form. Applicants who are currently enrolled in an approved random drug testing program and who have not failed or refused to take a drug test, may, in lieu of taking another test, supply a written statement from the drug testing company that they are members in good standing.

**CPR/First Aid** - The Coast Guard requires that all applicants for a captain's license attend and pass an approved CPR and First Aid course such as those offered by the American Red Cross.

**TWIC Card** - All licensed captains must have a Transportation Worker Identification Credential, also known as a "TWIC card" and anyone applying for a captain's license must have at least applied for one. Currently the fee for this identification card is \$132.50 and they are good for five years. Applicants must apply in person to a TWIC Enrollment Center, the closest of which to Ocean City is in Salisbury. More information is available at [TWICinformation.com](http://TWICinformation.com).

**Testing** - Besides qualifying for a Coast Guard license, every prospective captain must pass a written examination. The test is not easy; it's long, requires a relatively high score to pass and covers rules of the road, safety, boat handling, navigation and

plotting. Much of the test involves many questions on information and situations the average recreational boater might never encounter in their boating career - but ones that the Coast Guard thinks a licensed captain should know. Even skippers with a lot of time on the water will usually find it necessary to crack the books and study hard to pass. Some people never do.

For many, one of most challenging sections of the test is "rules of the road" which involves questions on the actions between two vessels, lights, sound signals and day shapes. With 30 questions and a required passing score of 90% or better, someone can only miss three questions and still pass that part of the test.

Another section many find difficult is "plotting" which requires folks to physically plot-out courses, routes and locations on a paper chart. For hundreds of years, such tasks were commonplace on vessels of all sizes, but in these days with GPS' on every boat, plotting has become something a lot of mariners never learn - that is, unless they need to pass a captain's exam!

Anyone who qualifies can go to the Coast Guard's Regional Exam Center in Baltimore and sit for the exam, but these days a lot of prospective captains choose instead to take a course through an approved Captain's School that teaches them the material they need to know and also administers the test. Those who enroll in such schools must still learn all the same material and take the same tests as those who go on their own to the Coast Guard Exam Center, but many feel that professional training helps them to more easily learn and (most importantly) "retain" what they've been taught long after the testing period. Much more information about captains licenses and accredited schools is available on the US Coast Guard website.

Got your license - now what?

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charter fishing business. Right? Well – not so fast. If you're going to fish there are other state and federal licenses you'll need to acquire before you can legally start putting hooks in the water and hauling in a paycheck.

**Maryland Guides License** - Anyone who wishes to run a charter fishing or guide service in Maryland waters, which includes all the inland waters and out in the ocean to three miles offshore, must have a Commercial Tidal Fish License which can either be a "Resident Fishing Guides License (FGR), a Non-Resident Fishing Guides License (FGN), or an Unlimited Tidal Fish License (TFL). The state makes only a limited amount of these licenses available and there is a long waiting list to get one. It's not permitted for someone who has one of these licenses to sell it to someone else, but the state allows it to happen (hence the reason for the long waiting list) so those wishing to circumvent the waiting list can usually find someone who is going out of the business and willing to sell/transfer the license to them. The prices for a license can be many thousands of dollars. Fortunately most local captains fish only in federal waters (beyond three miles of the beach) so they do not need a Maryland guides license. These licenses are issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

**Maryland Fishing License** - In 2011 Maryland started requiring anglers to purchase a Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sportfishing License to fish in Maryland coastal waters. Charter boat operators can purchase a license to cover up to six of their passengers for \$240, or pay \$290 for a license if they plan to carry more than six. These licenses must be purchased in person at a Maryland DNR Service Center such as the one in Salisbury (410-713-3840).

**Vessel Operator Card** - An "Operators Permit" is needed by anyone operating a federally permitted fishing vessel. This permit is issued by NMFS through either their Northeast

Regional Office (978-281-9370 [nero.noaa.gov](http://nero.noaa.gov)) or their Southeast Regional Office (727-824-5326 [sero.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov)). Applicants for this license will receive a laminated picture ID card that they must carry with them whenever they are fishing.

**Multi Species Permit** - This permit will allow charter and headboat operators to fish for a multitude of species including seabass, tautog, bluefish, flounder, squid, butterfish and so on. It can be obtained through the NMFS Northeast Regional office (978-281-9370 [nero.noaa.gov](http://nero.noaa.gov)).

**HMS Charter/Headboat Permit** - Most offshore anglers are quite familiar with The "Highly Migratory Species" (HMS) permit. It was previously known as a "tuna permit" but a few years ago the National Marine Fisheries Service changed it to also cover sharks and billfish. It's important that anyone carrying passengers for hire makes sure that they get the "HMS Charter/Headboat" permit AND NOT the "HMS Angling" permit which is intended for private recreational fishermen. This is a very quick and easy permit to get online ([nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms](http://nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms)).

**Dolphin Wahoo Permit** - In addition to the HMS permit, all charter and headboat operators must also have a special permit to fish for, or land, dolphin and wahoo. Listed as the "Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo" (or CDW) this permit is obtained through the NMFS Southeast Regional Office (727-824-5326 [sero.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov)). Private fishermen who do not charter their boats do not need this permit.

**Random Drug Testing Program** - All active captains and their crew members (mates) then need to be enrolled in a Coast Guard approved random drug-testing program. Besides the paperwork and an annual fee, enrollment in such a program requires a trip to an approved medical facility to leave a "sample" for urine-analysis of illegal drugs. Afterwards, captains and mates

are subject to being called up at any time for random drug testing. In addition, any vessel that is more than 2 hours from a collection site that's capable of doing alcohol or drug tests is required to have an alcohol test device on board to administer to persons involved in an accident. Two approved and popular random drug program companies include: The Charterboat Consortium ([nacocharters.org](http://nacocharters.org)) and The Maritime Consortium ([drugfreevessel.org](http://drugfreevessel.org)).

**Federal Documentation** - Rather than having their boats registered with the state, those who own vessels of 5-gross tons or more and wish to carry passengers for hire must also ensure that their boats are "federally documented". Instead of the common state registration numbers and decal up on the bow, such vessels will display the boat's name on both sides of the bow, and the vessel's name and homeport on the stern. Documenting a vessel is not as easy as filling out a couple of forms and dropping them off at the Coast Guard office, complying with this requirement can be a long and involved process that requires a lot of paperwork.

**Marina Requirements** - Often particular marinas will have specific requirements that charter captains or boats must meet if they wish to operate from their facility. These requirements may have to do with pricing structure, insurance coverage, upkeep of the boat, qualifications of the captain, co-op advertising fees, or whatever the marina deems necessary to properly manage their particular charter fleet.

**Local Business Licenses** - Depending upon where a vessel is tied up, towns or counties will sometimes require that charter operations have some sort of business license. When I use to operate down in the Keys it was more hassle to get a county "trash" certificate than it was to get a charter boat fishing license, but both were needed to do business there. Though local governments seldom provide charter operations the same benefits they might to an

Winter 2012 Coastal Fisherman Page 69 average land-based business, they'll often find a way to tax them the same.

**Charter Insurance** - It goes without saying that good liability and hull insurance is critical in the charter business. You can be the safest captain in the world but "anything" can happen out there and even if you do nothing wrong, you can still end up in court and the right insurance can be a lifesaver. Insurance is different between pleasure and charter boats and a lot of insurance companies will not cover vessels carrying passengers for hire. It's a good idea to get hooked up with an agent who specializes in writing policies for charter boats and other commercial marine businesses.

OK, so now that you've got all the legal stuff taken care of, it's finally time to go fishing – or maybe not. I haven't yet touched on one of the most important aspects of the business and that would be "customers"! Customers are a pretty important part of any business and if anyone thinks all they need to do to draw



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paying clients to their transom is a pretty boat and a couple of tournament wins, they need to wake up and smell the diesel fumes! If you haven't noticed, Delmarva has a gazillion charter boats, most of which are in pretty nice shape and are run by folks who are probably just as good as you or I at catching fish. Unfortunately, since there hasn't exactly been a surplus of charter "clients" in recent years, everyone is competing for what business they can grab from the limited market.

Effective marketing of a charter fishing business is, in a way, no different from most other businesses in that the promotions need to be seen by, and catch the attention of, the target audience (there's no need to run ads out in the mid-west because few people are going to come from that far away to go fishing), they should cultivate a desire for the product (get folks interested in going fishing), and they should show why one particular product is the one to choose (why they should choose your boat over all the others).

From TV ads to t-shirts, there's a million and one ways to promote a charter business these days and everyone has to figure out for themselves what works best for their own situation. There are, however, a few things in this business that are a "must-do" for folks who are serious about booking trips. The first is to realize that no matter what marina or dock they operate out of they will probably have to book most, if not all, of their own trips. These days with the internet it's too easy to get online and in a few minutes find out details about boats operating in the area you wish to go fishing, so not as many folks are inclined to just call a marina and ask to be set up on a boat. Instead they can easily contact the captain themselves and make all the arrangements. Captains who are content to sit around and wait for the dock office to book their boat are going to be doing a lot of sitting around all season.

Websites, have one! - Websites are no longer an

option for charter boats anymore - they're a must! I know there are still a few dinosaurs out there who think that "internet stuff" is unnecessary and all they need to book trips is a telephone answering machine and a pack or two of brochures. But these days people "expect" to find legitimate businesses on the web and can be suspicious of ones that aren't represented there. Every charter boat should have its own website. It doesn't have to be huge, loud, interactive, and feature all the latest high tech features, the basic info found on any brochure is adequate. While it can be tough for an average guy who runs his own boat to compete against the advertising budgets of boats owned by fat-cats or big corporations, a good looking website need not be expensive and can help to level the playing field by providing a clean and professional description of the business.

Phone calls, take em! - Included on every bit of promotional material should be all the contact information needed so that potential customers can reach you the quickest and easiest way. Remember, when someone decides they want to book a fishing trip they can pick your boat or any one of a thousand others. You've got to talk to them ASAP after they made that commitment and before they change their mind. There is never a moment that I don't have my charter (calendar) book with me so that at any time, day or night, if I get a call about a trip I can look at my schedule, see what's available, and book the trip. During the fishing season I'm seldom able to eat dinner without my home or cell phone ringing, but I never ignore a call because I know it could be the difference between sitting at the dock or getting paid to go fishing one day. Charter captains need to be accessible to their clients 24/7, and even though the calls often come at inconvenient times, the alternative is that they don't come in at all.

Email, use it! - When email first came out I wasn't too keen

on using it for correspondence with clients. It just seemed to me that I could cover more in a 5-minute phone call than I could in an email that took me 15-minutes to type out, not to mention that I'd then have to wait for a reply. I still prefer phone calls but at least with emails I can respond on my time (not in the middle of dinner) and I can archive the correspondence for future reference. Email also allows clients to correspond with me on their time (they have schedules too) instead of trying to coordinate a call when we are both available to talk. When you want to get a quick reminder out to clients that the fish are biting and you have open dates, using email as an alternative to direct mailings can save time, money and a lot of envelope licking. These days I book about half of my trips via email, and I'd like to thank all the charter boat captains who don't use email because I'm certain the rest of us are getting the charters that you're throwing away.

*Coastal Fisherman*, advertise in it! If you want the fishing community to know you have a legitimate charter operation that's open for business you absolutely have to be represented in this publication. There is no other fishing publication that even comes close to being read each week cover to cover by so many local fishermen and (most importantly) "wanna-be-fishermen" looking to book a charter boat. Considering the distribution and readership, the *Coastal Fisherman* is absolutely the best bang for the buck. And I'm not just saying that to keep the mean-old publisher from beating me up!

Obviously, there are a lot of "hoops" to jump through before someone can step into the business of taking people out fishing on a charter boat. It might not be easy to get through them all, but then again, maybe it's best that it isn't. Taking passengers out on the water is a huge responsibility that's not suited for just anyone who can drive a boat and bait a hook.

OK kid, you've passed the qualifying process, the testing, the physical, the paperwork shuffle, learned how to do CPR, stop severe bleeding and tie a clove hitch, chart a course from here to Bermuda, and even know what lights a tugboat should display if it's traveling down the Mississippi River. You have all your fishery permits, which means you probably also have Maryland DNR and at least two NMFS phone numbers memorized and their websites bookmarked on your computer, as well as an extra six inches of paperwork piled up on your desk. Your 14-year-old niece set you up with a first class website, you've got some brochures and business cards printed, and you even took out a quarter page ad in the "*Coastal Fisherman*". Finally, after all that, you're ready for the excitement, fame and fortune that comes from being a sportfishing charter boat captain!

I hate to end this article on a sobering note, but I would be remiss if I didn't point out that probably less than one percent of those who start a full-time charter fishing business actually succeed in making a living for themselves. What most captains eventually come to know is that all the aforementioned hurdles they had to overcome just to start running charters in the first place were actually the "easy" part of the business. The tough part comes after all that, when they realize the incredible time and expense involved in keeping the boat and equipment operating and booking enough charters to not only pay for all the business expenses, but also to finish off the season with enough money in the bank for the captain to pay his creditors, utility bills, put the kids through school and still have a little left over to put food on the table at the end of each day. It's a great occupation if you can make it work, many try - few succeed.

*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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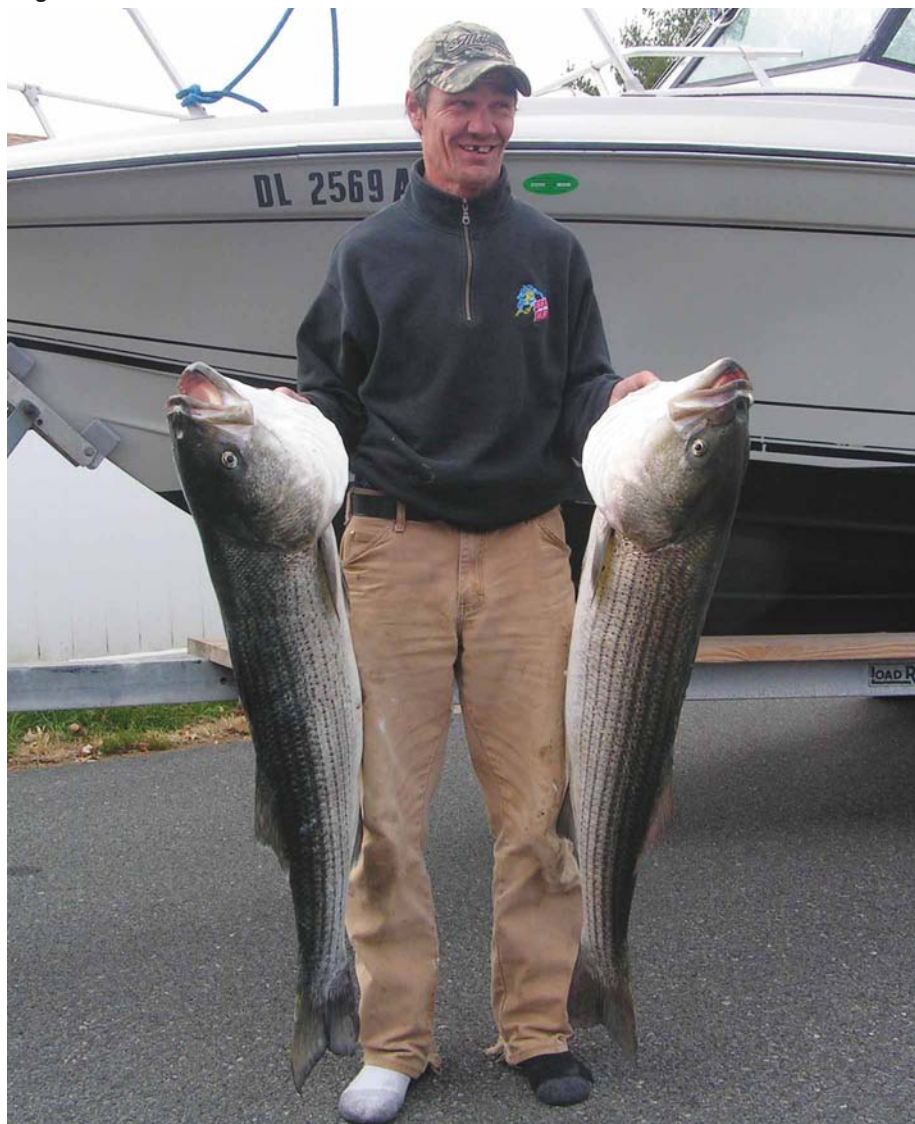


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Chuck Hazel landed these 2 stripers while trolling in the Delaware Bay in mid-November. The largest linesider measured 45-inches and weighed 30.95 lbs. It must have been his 2 lucky socks. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Steve Perrin, Jr. caught this 31.7 lb., 46-inch striper while drifting live eels at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.

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At the end of November, James Waltona and Don Miller from Lancaster, PA and Nathan Cromley from Danville, PA took a full-day striper trip on the "Judy V." with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton and returned with 3 keepers after fishing with live eels at the 8's. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



John Blevins of Nottingham, PA and Steve Purcell of Dagsboro, DE ended their day with 3 keeper flounder in the box after drifting white Gulp! Jerk Shads and fresh mullet in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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"Bucktail" Bob Watson took 2nd and 3rd place honors in the Bill's Sport Shop Tog Tournament with fish weighing 8.9 lbs. (pictured) and 7.2 lbs. Both fish were caught on crabs at the Outer Wall and earned "Bucktail Bob" \$612 in award money. Joe Lombardo won first place with a 10 pounder (no picture). Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Dan Steadman, Eric Holliday and Rich Groh were trolling north of the Ocean City Inlet when they hooked these 3 stripers measuring 37, 44 and 48-inches.



This 14.8 lb. sheepshead couldn't resist a gob of sandfleas from Alex Levantovsky while fishing at the Brown Shoal reef on the "Grizzly" with Capt. Carey Evans. Weighed Lewes Harbour Marina.

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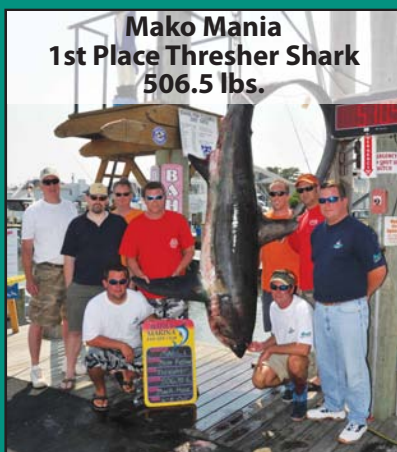
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On July 6, the crew on the "Marli" landed the largest tuna caught in 2011; a monster 280-pound bigeye.

catching the largest fish on July 6, a 280-pound bigeye pictured above. This is the second consecutive year that the "Marli" performed the feat of catching the largest tuna of the season.

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During the 2011 White Marlin Open, the "Marli" crew brought a 58-pound wahoo to the scale, resulting in a 3rd place finish.



On May 29, 2011, the "Marli" recorded the earliest catch of the first white marlin ever landed in Ocean City.

ington Canyon. The crew earned over \$24,000 for their impressive catch.

The "Marli" crew rounded out their year on yet another high note, bringing a 112-pound white marlin to the scales at Sunset Marina. The catch occurred on September 24, and the boat also released a blue marlin, 2 other white marlin and brought 46 dolphin back to the dock. A white marlin of that size has not been weighed in Ocean City since 1981, making the "Marli's" catch the largest in 30 years.

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This 112-pound white marlin was weighed by the "Marli" crew at Sunset Marina on September 24, 2011.

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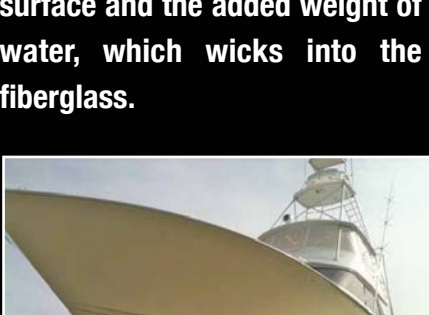


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Overfalls Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay gave up this 34.9 lb. *morone saxatilis* to David Biles while using eels for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



For the second year in a row, Tommy Fowler of North Bay Marina caught the last flounder of the year. This year, Tommy caught the 18-inch flattie on a Stretch 30 at Fenwick Shoal.





On December 12th, Tom Jones of Georgetown, DE was trolling umbrella rigs off 27th Street when he hooked into this 30-inch striper.



Blake, Austin and Dan Wilhide from Hanover, PA landed these tautog while fishing with sand fleas and green crabs around the rocks and pilings in the Ocean City Inlet aboard the "Sooner Oar Later".



Matt Farr of Ocean City, MD took a trip to the Delaware Bay and was rewarded with this 40-inch striper at Overfalls Shoal. Matt hooked the 23 pounder on a trolled Stretch lure and weighed his catch at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
<b>Sea Bass</b> 	May 25, 2011 Ricky Herbert "Morning Star" 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 27, 2011 Hobby Isaacs Reef Site 11 5 lbs. 10 oz.	<b>Mako Shark</b> 	June 22, 2011 Robert Powell "Fish Finder" 640 lbs.	June 8, 2011 Chris Bowden "Misdemeanor" 231 lbs.
<b>Tautog</b> 	March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>NEW</b> November 27, 2011 Chris Dawson Outer Wall 19.7 lbs.	<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs.	May 31, 2011 Alex Capozio "DB" Buoy 487 lbs.
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	<b>NEW</b> December 6, 2011 Dave Kasey Assateague Surf 52 lbs.	<b>NEW</b> November 2, 2011 Evan Falgowski Overfalls Shoal 46.35 lbs.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	July 17, 2011 J.L. Cropper Hot Dog 128 lbs.	July 23, 2011 Chip Roman Poor Man's Canyon 108 lbs.
<b>Weakfish</b> 	June 1, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel 4 lbs. 6 oz.	No Weights Reported	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	June 10, 2011 Joe Cox Baltimore Canyon 103 lbs.	August 19, 2011 Darren Evans Baltimore Canyon 96.5 lbs.
<b>Speckled Trout</b> 	No Weights Reported	September 12, 2011 Georgia Touloumes The Ditch 1 lb. 12 oz.	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	August 21, 2011 Al Rittmeyer Baltimore Canyon 35 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Flounder</b> 	August 2, 2011 Trace Shaffer West Channel 9 lbs. 3 oz.	July 22, 2011 Randy Colona Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	July 6, 2011 Crew "Marli" 280 lbs.	August 17, 2011 Ryan Cene Baltimore Canyon 182.5 lbs.
<b>Bluefish</b> 	May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs.	August 21, 2011 Duncan Rine Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	July 30, 2011 Noah Citron Washington Canyon 65 lbs.	July 7, 2011 Kelly Horning Baltimore Canyon 42.6 lbs.
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	<b>NEW</b> October 1, 2011 Tom Hoy South Jetty 13 lbs. 3 oz.	<b>NEW</b> October 29, 2011 Randy Jensen Ice Breakers 15.5 lbs.	<b>Wahoo</b> 	September 3, 2011 Mike Cusimano Washington Canyon 89 lbs.	September 2, 2011 Mark Smith Hot Dog 80 lbs.
<b>Cobia</b> 	July 10, 2011 Gail Pulvere "Lisa's Way" 35 lbs.	August 18, 2011 Timmy Barnette Delaware Lightship 68.2 lbs.	<b>White Marlin</b> 	<b>Most Releases in One Day</b> August 13, 2011 "Billfisher" Washington Canyon 20 releases July 5, 2011 "Outlet" Baltimore Canyon 5 releases	

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Evan Falgowski won the Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament with this 46.2 lb. bass caught on a trolled Stretch at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



In addition to winning the tournament, Evan took 2nd place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament with this 37.3 pounder caught while trolling a Stretch lure at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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It was a "Falgowski Sweep" when Ryan Falgowski won 3rd place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament with a 36.2 lb. linesider caught while trolling a Stretch lure at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Paul Cronshaw and Vickie Taylor of Wilmington, DE ventured out for their final trip of the season in October and returned with this 57.9 lb. yellowfin tuna. The duo was caught in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon on a trolled ballyhoo. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Bruce Min was togging at the Outer Wall aboard the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines when he hooked into this 9.62 lb. tautog while using a white legger crab for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Kurt Wilber was drifting a live eel at the 8's when he captured this 35 lb. striped bass in late November. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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William Thomas of Waldorf, MD captured this 21-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. sea bass during a trip aboard the "Miss Ene III" with Capt. Eddie Wagner. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



In mid-October, Pete Antonic from New Providence, PA caught this 7 lb. 5 oz. sheephead while fishing with crabs at the South Jetty. Pete was fishing on the "Turn Me Loose" with Capt. Dave Weller. Pictured at Bahia Marina with his wife, Kathy Antonic.





Richard Flick, Chuck Foster, John Engle, Joe DiPerro, Ed Kay, Charlie Borris, John Flick, Karl Sweisthal and Martin Lafferty (not pictured) chartered the "Dana Lynn" with Capt. Paul DiFebo and the "Pandemonium" with Capt. Steve Peterson at the end of November and returned with a great catch of stripers and bluefish from the Delaware Bay. The largest fish of the day weighed 32.2 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Frank Cipriano caught this big striper while trolling a Stretch 25 at the mouth of the Delaware Bay in early November.



Capt. Chris Thurman on the "Skipjack" shows how it is done, landing this 34.3 lb. striper while drifting a live eel in The Valley. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Cleon Aitkins of Harrisburg, PA landed this 34-inch, 12 lb. 11 oz. striped to win the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament in mid-October. The rockfish was caught on live spot in the East Channel and earned Cleon \$2,379 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Second place in the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament was won by Baron Daiker of Reisterstown, MD with a 10 lb. 11 oz. rockfish caught on live mullet in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Kevin Stoltzfus of Selbyville, DE won 3rd place in the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament back in mid-October. Kevin captured this 10 lb. 8 oz. rockfish while fishing with live spot in the East Channel. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Justin Lednum of Fenwick Island, DE won 1st place in the Trout Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament with a 2.8 lb. speckled trout caught on live spot in the Fenwick Ditch. Justin was fishing with Zak Smith and Bill Bixler and earned \$238 for his first place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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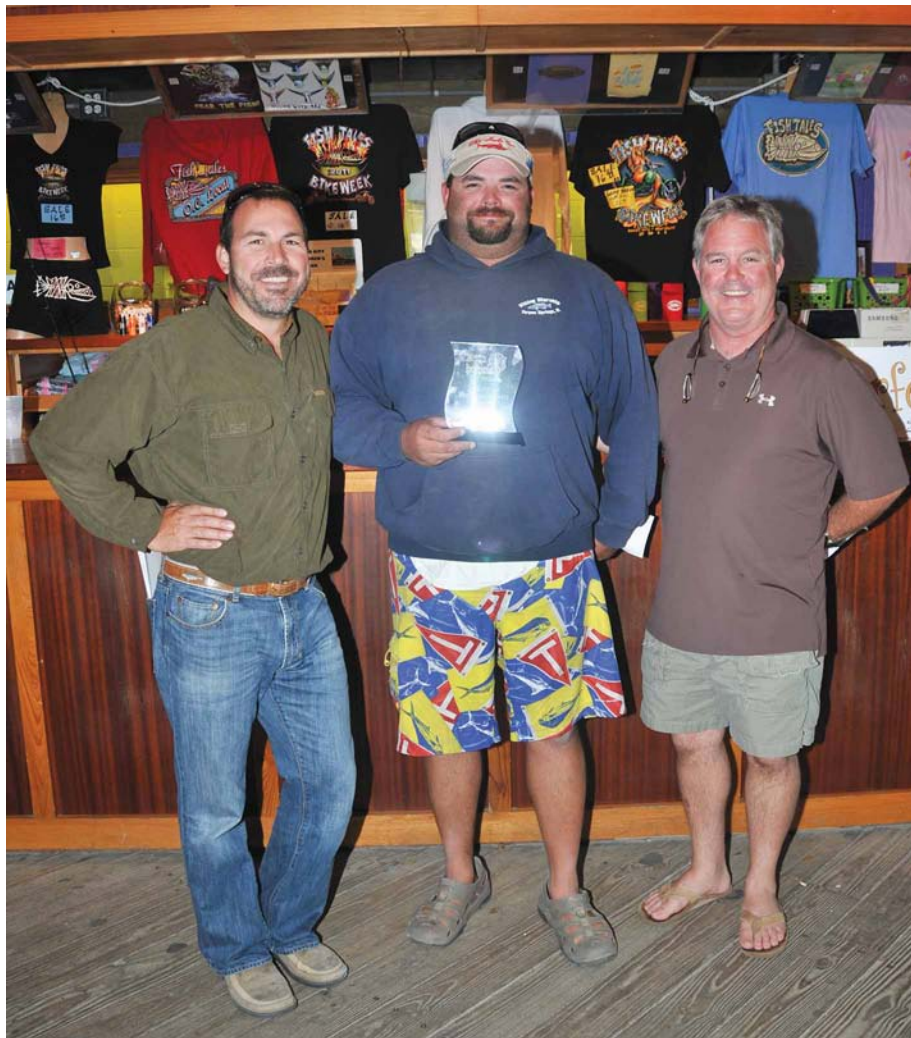
Doug Eckman from Quarryville, PA caught this 4 lb. 5 oz. tautog to win 1st place in the Tautog Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament and a check for \$238. Doug was fishing on the "Turn Me Loose" and caught the tog on a sandflea at the South Jetty. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Craig Balster of Berlin, MD caught a 4 lb. 7 oz. bluefish to win the Bluefish Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament back in mid-October. Craig hooked the chopper on a live spot in the East Channel and won \$238 for his 1st place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina with Tournament Directors Erik Windrow and Shawn Harman.



Mel McGinnis, Jr. won the Open Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament with a 38 lb. bull ray caught on an artificial lure in the East Channel. Mel, pictured with Tournament Directors Erik Windrow and Shawn Harman, won \$238 for his catch.



First place in the Flounder Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament was won by Brandon Speilman for a 3 lb. 5 oz. flattie caught during the early morning hours near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Brandon won \$238 for his catch and is pictured with Tournament Directors Erik Windrow and Shawn Harman.



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In early October, sheephead were snapping at the South Jetty in Ocean City and Tom Hoy of Shippensburg, PA was there to take advantage of it. Tom landed this 25-inch, 13 lb. 3 oz. sheephead on a chunk of crab and weighed his catch at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.



Some big lunkers were caught by Delaware anglers this past fall as shown by the 35.1 pound striper caught by Ron Mistretta in December. Ron was fishing near Buoy 8 on the "KATYDID" with Capt. Brent Wiest and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Captain Brent Wiest on the "KATYDID" won 1st place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Tog Tournament back in October with this 9.62 pounder muscled off a Delaware Bay artificial reef. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Second place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Tog Tournament went to Bob Murphy with a 9.5 lb. tautog caught at an ocean wreck. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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It was a tremendous fall season for anglers chasing sheephead in the Delaware Bay and Art Shapiro took advantage of the situation by catching this 11.59 pounder while fishing on the "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer. The fish fell for a green crab at Brown Shoal reef and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Overfalls Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay gave up some beautiful stripers in November as shown by the two landed by Jim Azato and Chris Willey. Both were hooked on live eels with Jim's weighing 23.95 lbs. and Chris' tipping the scale at 34.65 lbs. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

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At the end of November, Jimmy Dove from Lincoln, DE was fishing at Buoys 8A and 8B when he hooked these two stripers on live eels. The linesiders both measured 42-inches and weighed 24.5 lbs. and 28.4 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



R.J. Gooner and his dad, Randy had a good day fishing together at Brown Shoal reef in the Delaware Bay, landing these 2 stripers weighing 16.6 lbs. and 18.3 lbs. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Yellowfin ***	50"	75 lbs. or 52"	Blue Shark *	any size	100 lbs. or 66"
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	Hammerhead *	any size	100 lbs. or 66"
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs. or 33"	Mako *	any size	100 lbs. or 66"
Cobia	44"	-	Thresher *	any size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	any size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Red Drum *	any size	-	Swordfish *	any size	any size
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"	Golden Tilefish	-	35 lbs. or 40"
Blue Marlin **	any size	any size	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
White Marlin **	any size	any size	Weakfish	24"	9 lbs. or 31"

\* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program  
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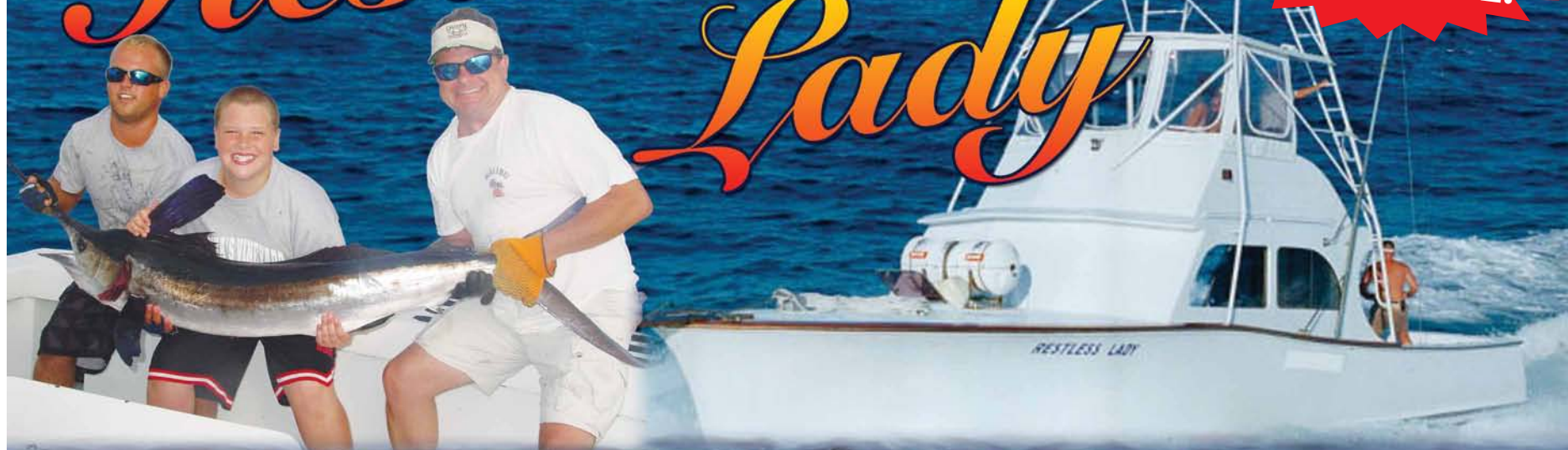
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Donna McGinty won the pool this day with a 4 lb. 3 oz. sea bass caught on a clam and squid combination. Donna was fishing at an ocean wreck aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



George Snerr boated this 41-inch striped bass while fishing in the ocean off 115th Street. George was fishing on the "Double Trouble" with Kevin McCabe and Terry Layton.



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60	28	58.80
60	28.25	59.90
61	24	43.90
61	26	51.50
61	27	55.60
61	28	59.80
61	29	64.10
61	29.25	65.20
62	24	44.60
62	26	52.40
62	27	56.50
62	28	60.80
62	29	65.20
62	30.25	70.90
63	24	45.40
63	26	53.20
63	27	57.40
63	28	61.70
63	28.75	65.10
63	30	70.90
64	24	46.10
64	26	54.10
64	27	58.30
64	28	62.70
64	28.5	65.00
64	29.75	70.80
65	24	46.80
65	26	54.90
65	27.25	60.30
65	28	63.70
65	28.37	65.40
65	29	68.30
65	29.37	70.10
66	24	47.50
66	25	51.60
66	26	55.80
66	28.25	65.80
66	29.25	70.60
66	30.25	75.50
66	31	79.30
67	24	48.20
67	24.5	50.30
67	25	52.30
67	27	61.10
67	28	65.70
67	30	75.40
67	31	80.50
68	22	41.10
68	23	45.00
68	25.5	55.30
68	26.75	60.80
68	27.75	65.50
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70	29	73.60
70	30	78.80
70	32	89.60
70	22	43.00
71	23	46.90
71	24	51.10
71	25	55.50
71	26	60.00
71	27	64.70
71	28	69.60
71	29	74.60
71	30	79.90
71	32	90.90


BLUE MARLIN

LENGTH	GIRTH	POUNDS
78	36	126.40
78	38	140.80
78	40	156.00
79	36	127.98
79	38	142.60
79	40	158.00
79	42	174.00
80	38	144.40
80	40	160.00
80	42	176.40
80	44	193.60
81	40	162.00
81	41	170.20
81	42	178.61
81	43	187.21
82	40	164.00
82	42	180.81
82	44	198.44
82	46	216.89
84	40	168.00
84	48	241.90
84	50	262.50
84	60	378.00
86	40	172.00
86	46	227.47
86	48	247.68
86	50	268.75
88	48	253.44
88	50	275.00
88	52	297.44
88	54	320.76
90	48	259.20
90	54	328.10
90	60	405.00
90	66	490.10
96	48	276.50
96	54	349.90
96	60	432.00
96	66	522.70
98	48	282.24
98	50	306.25
98	52	331.24
98	54	357.21
98	58	412.09
102	48	293.80
102	54	371.80
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104	48	299.52
104	54	379.08
104	60	463.00
104	66	566.28
104	70	637.00
108	50	337.50
108	54	393.70
108	60	486.00
108	66	588.10
108	70	661.50
114	50	356.30
114	54	415.50
114	60	513.00
114	66	620.70
114	70	698.30
120	50	375.00
120	54	437.40
120	60	540.00
120	66	653.40
120	70	735.00
126	50	393.80
126	54	459.30
126	60	567.00
126	66	686.10
126	70	771.80
132	60	594.00
132	65	697.13
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# Virginia State Records



<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	25 lbs. 4 oz.	Gayle Cozzens	1986	Bluefish Rock
Cobia	109 lbs.	Joseph Berberich, II	2006	York Split
Croaker	8 lbs. 11 oz.	Norman Jenkins	2007	New Point Light
Dolphin	71 lbs. 8 oz.	Don Dorey	1991	Off Virginia Beach
Drum, Black	111 lbs.	Betty Hall	1973	Off Cape Charles
Drum, Red	85 lbs. 4 oz.	Herman Moore	1981	Wreck Island
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs. 8 oz.	Charles Cross	1971	Baltimore Channel
Kingfish, Roundhead	2 lbs. 13 oz.	Chip Watters	2002	Off Sandbridge
Mackerel, King	63 lbs. 1 oz.	Susan Smith	2007	Off Sandbridge
Mackerel, Spanish	9 lbs. 13 oz.	Everett Cameron	1993	Off Virginia Beach
Marlin, Blue	1,093 lbs. 12 oz.	Edward Givens	1978	Norfolk Canyon
Marlin, White	131 lbs. 10 oz.	Rudolph D.van't Riet	1978	Off Virginia Beach
Porgy	5 lbs. 5 oz.	Charles Haines	1978	Off Chincoteague
Sailfish	68 lbs. 8 oz.	P.J. Murden	1977	Off Virginia Beach
Sea Bass	10 lbs. 4 oz.	Allan Paschall	2000	Off Virginia Beach
Sheepshead	20 lbs. 12 oz.	Arun Nhek	2005	CBBT, Seagull Pier
Spadefish	14 lbs. 14 oz.	Roland Murphy	2009	The Cell (Ches. Bay)
Striped Bass	73 lbs.	Frederick Barnes	2008	4-A Buoy
Swordfish	381 lbs. 8 oz.	James Alexander	1978	Norfolk Canyon
Tarpon	130 lbs.	Barry Truitt	1975	Off Oyster
Tautog	24 lbs.	Gregory Bell	1987	Off Wachapreague
Tilefish, Blueline	23 lbs. 5 oz.	Michael Adkins	2009	Norfolk Canyon
Tilefish, Golden	56 lbs. 8 oz.	Aaron Sledd	2008	Norfolk Canyon
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	19 lbs.	Philip Halstead	1983	CBBT
Trout, Speckled	16 lbs.	Bill Katko	1977	Masons Beach
Tuna, Bigeye	285 lbs. 12 oz.	Melvin Bray	2003	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Blackfin	33 lbs. 15 oz.	William Charlton III	2004	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Bluefin	573 lbs.	Frederick Haycox	2007	Off Virginia Beach
Tuna, False Albacore	25 lbs. 4 oz.	Jack Sparrow	1964	Off Virginia Capes
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	68 lbs.	Irvin Fenton, Jr.	1992	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Yellowfin	203 lbs. 12 oz.	Bruce Gottwald, Jr.	1981	Norfolk Canyon
Wahoo	109 lbs.	Delmo Dawson	1994	Off Virginia Beach
Sharks				
Black Tip	76 lbs. 10 oz.	John Thurston	1988	Off Virginia Beach
Blue	266 lbs.	Wayne DeFord	1987	The Cigar
Hammerhead, Great	430 lbs.	Ronald Ault	1984	S.E. Lumps
Hammerhead, Scalloped	245 lbs.	Don Lips	1977	S.E. Lumps
Hammerhead, Smooth	272 lbs.	Carolyn Matthews	1988	Off Virginia Beach
Mako	728 lbs.	Geoffrey Newbill	1983	Chesapeake Light Tower
Thresher	525 lbs.	Andrew Schuyler	2004	Triangle Wrecks
Tiger	1,099 lbs. 12 oz.	John Thurston, Jr	1981	S.E. Lumps

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**Booth # 336 & 338**

**Seaside Boat Show, OC Convention Ctr.; February 17<sup>th</sup> - February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Booth # 429 & 430**

**Greater Philadelphia Boat Show; March 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Booth # 027**

**Bay Bridge Boat Show; April 19<sup>th</sup> - April 22<sup>nd</sup>**



# Tackle Shop

by Larry Jock



Each year, tackle manufacturers gather in Las Vegas to promote their wares at the International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades (ICAST). Winners are selected in several categories in addition to one product being selected "Best of Show".

In this column, we have highlighted a few of the winners.

## BEST OF SHOW & BEST LINE

Pure Fishing, Inc. took home top honors in the "Best Line" category and was named "Best of Show" for their Berkley NanoFil fishing line. Berkley promotes the line as the next generation of fishing line that is not monofilament, not a braid and not fluorocarbon. The line is comprised of hundreds of "stronger-than-steel" Dyneema Nanofilaments that are molecularly linked and shaped into a unified filament line. The company boasts that the line has zero memory, zero stretch and has the thinnest line by label rating of all Berkley fishing lines, making casting effortless and long.



The NanoFil line mainly comes in 150 (\$19.95) and 300 (\$38.95) yard spools in line weights ranging from 1 lb. to 12 lb. test. You can also buy 1,500 yard spools in 4-12 lb. test (\$179.95).

## BEST BOAT

All you need to do is take a glance in to the bay and you will see that fishing from a kayak is

really gaining in popularity.

"Best Boat" honors went to Hobie Cat for their Hobie Mirage Revolution 11 kayak. The Revolution 11 is a first of its kind, integrating the feel of a longer touring kayak with a shorter more maneuverable kayak. Measuring 11' 6" in length and weighing only 47 lbs., the boat is powered by Hobie's MirageDrive system where two pedals drive a pair of underwater fins.



With 5 colors and several set-up options to choose from, the Revolution 11 is very customizable. Anglers will appreciate ample storage space, two molded-in rod holders and a livewell. If you are tired of paddling, the boat also comes with a sailing package.

MSRP on the basic Revolution 11 is \$1,749.

## BEST HARD LURE

Prior to the fishing tackle company, Sebile being sold to Pure Fishing, Patrick Sebile was establishing a reputation in the industry for innovative products. Now under the umbrella of Pure Fishing, it looks like Sebile hasn't slowed down, capturing the "Best Hard Lure" category at ICAST for their D&S Crank.



The lure employs Sebile's Gravity Snagless Hook System that allows the hook to pivot on an internal pin, creating a snagless crankbait.

To enhance hook-up

possibilities, the hook point remains inline with the baits tail during retrieval until a fish strikes, when the hook moves upward, freeing the point to penetrate the fish's mouth. The pivoting hook and tail on the body act to lock the fish's lip in place.

Depending on the model, the 2.75-inch crankbait runs between 1-4 feet below the surface and includes high pitch rattles to "create maximum clatter".

The Sebile D&S Crank comes in 9 different lip configurations in 7 colors and has an MSRP of \$14.50.

## BEST SALTWATER REEL

Leave it up to Daiwa to borrow NASA fuel delivery technology when designing their Saltiga Spinning Reel that captured the Best Saltwater Reel category at ICAST. The Saltiga is designed for use with heavy braid when fishing for offshore gamefish.



The company claims that the magnetic oil changes shape when controlled by a magnetic field and forms a seal to prevent saltwater intrusion and less winding resistance. Their new Air Rotor design features corrosion-proof "Zaion" carbon construction to reduce weight while offering maximum strength.

The reel contains 14 ball bearings, a lightweight aluminum spool, an automatic rotor brake that keeps the rotor stationary when the bail is open and a machined aluminum handle arm with a 2-piece machined knob.

The Saltiga comes in 5 different models, all with a 5.1 to

1 gear ratio. Maximum drags range from 22 lbs. to 66 lbs. and the largest reel can hold up to 440 yards of 80 lb. test line.

Prices range from around \$650 for the 3500 up to over \$1,100 for the 6500 model.

## BEST TACKLE MANAGEMENT

Plano Molding Company, always a leader in the tackle box market, won the "Best Tackle Management" category with their new 4674 Hydro-Flo Tackle Bag.



If you fish in the rain or anywhere that your tackle bag would get soaked, the Hydro-Flo Tackle Bag may be exactly what you are looking for. The bag features a system that allows water to flow right through to the bottom, allowing the inside to dry naturally and keeping contents as dry as possible.

The base of the bag is impact resistant and has non-skid rubber feet to keep the bag stable in all conditions. With plenty of storage, the Hydro-Flo holds 5 Stowaway utility boxes and utilizes several side pockets for holding tackle and tools. Underneath the top cover is a clear, zippered pocket for storing soft plastics and charts. It even features two elastic tie-down straps for storing raingear or a jacket.

The bag measures 24" long by 13.5" wide and retails for around \$99.99.

## BEST EYEWEAR



It's no secret to readers of the Tackle Shop column that I am a big fan of Costa sunglasses.





# MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### ***Tautog Regulations are Changing in 2012***



Maryland will be making adjustments to creel, minimum size and season in order to reduce the harvest by 49% as required by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

### ***2012 Maryland Saltwater Fishing License Requirements***

#### ***WHO NEEDS A LICENSE?***

All persons fishing recreationally in the tidal waters of the State need a license, EXCEPT as follows:

If a person:

- is less than 16 years of age
- is a registered angler with the State of Maryland and is fishing from a boat holding a valid tidal/salt water license issued by Maryland, Potomac River Fisheries Commission or the Commonwealth of Virginia
- possesses a valid commercial tidal fish license
- is fishing from a licensed commercial fishing pier
- is a registered angler with the State of Maryland and is fishing on a free fishing pier
- is the owner or the owners non-paying guest fishing from private real property or an attached pier in the Potomac River
- is fishing from a licensed charter boat
- is fishing on a free fishing day - the first two Saturdays in June and July 4
- is a registered angler with the State of Maryland and possesses a Virginia Saltwater recreational fishing license
- possesses a Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing license
- Fishing in a designated free fishing area

#### ***FREE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE FISHING:***

- On a boat with a current MD, VA, or PRFC Pleasure Boat Decal (also known as the Consolidated Bay & Coastal Sport Boat License), and are not licensed individually
- On MD salt and tidal waters with any VA recreational saltwater license
- On MD salt and tidal waters as a waterfront property owner or family member from your private property
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At the end of October, Jim Burkins hooked this 11.76 lb. sheepshead on a chunk of crab at the Outer Wall and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



At the end of November, Wayne Gowar boated this 3 lb. sea bass during a trip to the Jackspot on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo.

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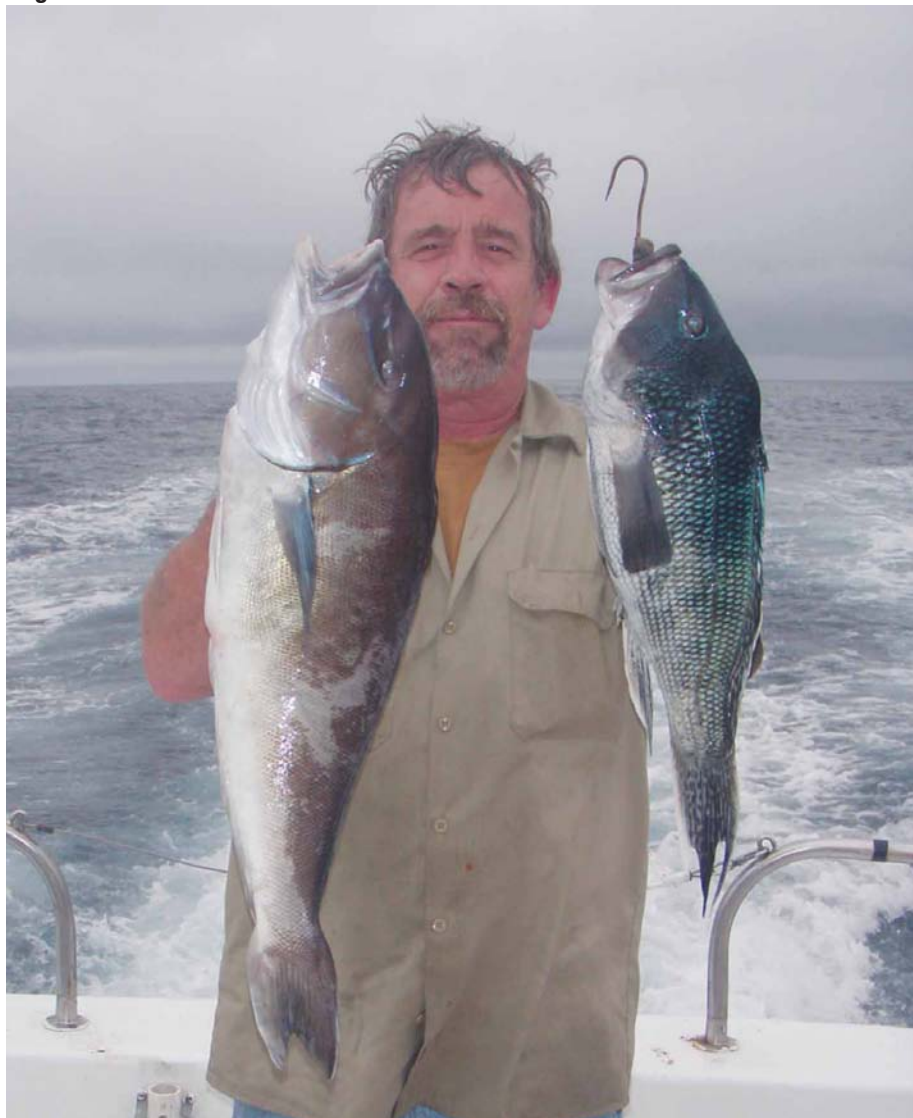
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Steve Ritz from Baltimore, MD caught a 7 lb. blue line tilefish and a 4 lb. sea bass during a trip on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The fish were hooked on chunks of clam.



Tom Lenhard was fishing with eels near Buoy 8A when he hooked into this 35.7 lb. striper. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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With the late start of the striper season off the coast of Ocean City, local anglers took the trip north to the Delaware Bay in search of linesiders at Overfalls Shoal where Logan Romberger landed this 38-incher on a live eel.



In early October, Tom Tatum boated 3 keeper flounder while drifting minnows and Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The 3 flatties measured between 20 and 22-inches.



This 30 lb. striped bass was hooked by Lee Able while trolling plugs at Overfalls Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Courtney Ritter of Fenwick Island, DE caught her first striper during a trip with Rich Sosnowski and Mike Johnston. The striper was caught on the lumps off 48th Street while trolling umbrella rigs aboard the "??". Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Tyler Layton, Brian Kohut, Eric Mihaly and Eric Ansell were trolling south of Little Gull Shoal aboard the "Kimberly Ann" and returned with this 44-inch, 38 lb. striper.



Towards the end of November, Sam Diebold muscled in this 40-inch striper while fishing with live eels at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Sam was fishing with his dad, Christopher.



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In early November, Josh Farr of Ocean City, MD ventured north to the Delaware Bay where he landed this 34.8 lb. striper on a live eel at Overfalls Shoal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Jon Pulsifer of Allegheny Township, PA caught this 37-inch striper while trolling outside the Ocean City Inlet aboard the "Paperboy". The striper hit trolled 10 oz. mojo rig in 53-degree water.



Ronald Chester used a sand flea to trick this 21.5-inch, 10.55 lb. sheepshead while fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Matt Shoup trolled a Stretch 25 at Buoy 8B and hooked into this 35.8 lb. linesider. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Bob Fahringer captured this 9.4 lb. tautog after hooking it on crabs at Brown Shoal reef. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jacob Grier celebrated his 9th birthday by catching this 7.85 lb. tautog in the Delaware Bay. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Overfalls Shoal gave up numerous large striped bass in November as shown by the 35.8 pounder caught by Patrick Christopher on a trolled chartreuse Stretch 25. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



After the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman hit the streets in September, Richard Hutchison landed this 70 lb. wahoo while trolling at the Hotdog aboard the "Magic Moment" with Capt. Jim Bugg.





Danny Cox of Ocean City, MD boated this 36-inch striper in early November while drifting live eels around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Danny was fishing with Steve Fink.

## 2012 Boat and Outdoor Shows

**Baltimore Boat Show**  
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**Atlantic City Boat Show**  
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**Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show**  
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In mid-October, Joe Sarmacy ventured down to Ocean City, MD from Pittsburgh, PA and ended up decking this 21-inch flounder while fishing off 7th Street with a minnow and squid combination.



Donald Robey was trolling a white umbrella rig off 28th Street when he hooked into this 48-inch striper at the end of November. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.





# Delaware State Records



<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	21 lbs. 15 oz.	Bill Thoroughgood	1980	Rehoboth Beach
Cobia	No classification			
Croaker	5 lbs. 3.5 oz.	Catherine Simpson	1980	Indian River
Dolphin	52 lbs.	Charles Ciociola	2003	Hot Dog
Drum, Black	115 lbs.	Kenneth Smith	1978	Delaware Bay
Drum, Red	No classification			
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs. 15 oz.	William Kendall	1974	Indian River Inlet
Flounder, Winter	No classification			
Kingfish, Roundhead	4 lbs.	Billy Hastings	1973	Bethany Beach
Mackerel, King	48 lbs. 9 oz.	Gordon Harris	1992	"B" Buoy
Mackerel, Spanish	6 lbs. 4 oz.	Eric Ludwig	2000	Light Ship
Marlin, Blue	820 lbs.	Bruce King	1986	Poor Man's Canyon
Marlin, White	120 lbs.	William Garner, Jr.	1972	Baltimore Canyon
Porgy	5 lbs. 5 oz.	Herman Schmidt	1979	Not recorded
Sea Bass	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Steve Samluk	1988	Fenwick Shoal
<b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>15 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	<b>Randy Jensen</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Ice Breakers</b>
Spadefish	No classification			
Striped Bass	51 lbs. 8 oz.	Betty Roseu	1978	Indian River Inlet
Swordfish	276 lbs. 12 oz.	Albert Scott	1978	Delaware Bay
Tarpon	No classification			
Tautog	21 lbs. 4 oz.	Glen Cave	2005	Delaware Bay
Tilefish, Blueline	No classification			
Tilefish, Golden	No classification			
Triggerfish, Grey	5 lbs. 14.6 oz.	Clint Willman	2007	Ocean Wreck
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	19 lbs. 2 oz.	William Thomas	1989	Delaware Bay
Trout, Speckled	No classification			
Tuna, Bigeye	No classification			
Tuna, Blackfin	No classification			
Tuna, Bluefin	873 lbs.	Dan Dillon	2005	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, False Albacore	17 lbs. 9 oz.	Scott Werner	1980	30 Fathom Line
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	80 lbs.	David Francella	1987	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, Yellowfin	No classification			
Wahoo	106 lbs.	Will Stahlgren	2007	Atlantic Ocean
<b>Sharks</b>				
Black Tip	No classification			
Blue	No classification			
Hammerhead, Scalloped	No classification			
Hammerhead, Smooth	No classification			
Mako	975 lbs.	Thomas Barnes	2000	Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher	No classification			
Tiger	No classification			

Note: all Atlantic Coast records recognized as of December 19, 2011



# AMSA SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT



The "Fish Hogs" took 1st place in the AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament held in October with 47 points accumulated by catching 3 kingfish and 13 bluefish. The team took home \$2,000 in award money. Jamie Logan also won the "Top Male Angler" award with 24 points. Pictured are Jamie Logan, Marty Bull, Brian Hill, Clark Crocket, Kevin Baylis, Bill Mariner and Tournament Representative Beverly Fleming.



Second place in the AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament was won by "Buggies Fishing Warriors" with 29 points earned by catching 8 bluefish. The team won \$1,000 for their 2nd place finish. Anglers representing "Buggies Fishing Warriors" were Donald Littleton, Herb Richardson, William Taylor, Shawn Lauterbach, Jimmy Lewis and Kim Lewis. Pictured with Tournament Representative Beverly Fleming.



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The Ocean City Surf Anglers won 3rd place in the AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament by catching 6 bluefish and a kingfish, earning a total of 21 points and a check for \$500. Anglers pictured with Tournament Representative are Cliff Taylor, Punkin Cropper, Larry Taylor, Scott Wallace, Danny Selby and Josh Sauer.





Top Female Angler honors in the AMSA Surf Fishing Tournament went to Anita Chandler for catching 2 bluefish and 2 kingfish, worth 11 points. Pictured with Anita are Tournament Representatives Beverly Fleming and Matt Engle.



In late November, Bob Bunch landed this 38.2 lb. striper while fishing at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. The catch was good enough to win 4th place in Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament.



Jonathan Raimondi reeled in this 35.4 lb. striped bass after hooking it on a live eel in The Valley. Jonathan was fishing on the "Tranquila" with Capt. Charlie Helmer and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Seth Hetherington muscled in this 36.2 lb. striper while drifting a live eel near Buoy 8B. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jim Healey of Allentown, PA caught his first striped bass while fishing with bunker in the Delaware Bay. The fish weighed 19.2 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.





Local angler Philip Houck from the Crab Alley Restaurant muscled in this 47-inch, 46.5 lb. striped bass while fishing with Drew Thomas in the Delaware Bay at the end of November.



This group of anglers took their annual Thanksgiving week striped fishing trip out of Crisfield, MD aboard the "Karen Ray II" with Capt. Curtis Johns and returned with their limit of fish caught while trolling umbrella rigs. The largest fish measured 45-inches and was caught by Jim Lecates. Other anglers pictured are Glenn Huffer, Kevin Weber, Larry Manogue, Warren Willey and Jim Willey.



The crew from 1st Service Company took a trip on the "Katie Lady" with Capt. Art Benton out of Crisfield, MD and returned with 6 nice rockfish from south of Tangier Sound. The largest fish was a 47.5-incher caught by Brooks Wainwright. Also on the trip were Bob Lemley and Jim Hinds (not pictured), Darrell Greer, Eric Mitchell, John Midgette, Bryan Lloyd and Kirk Davis.

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**Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament**  
May 11 - June 8 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-7654

**Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament**  
May 18 • Lewes Harbour Marina • 302-645-6227

**3rd Annual Bluefish Tournament**  
May 26-27 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## JUNE

**16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Mako Mania**  
June 1-3 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

**32nd Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament**  
June 7-10 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

**54th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament**  
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**23rd Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment**  
June 22-24 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

**33rd Annual Small Boat Tournament**  
June 23-24 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## JULY

**30th Annual Canyon Kick-Off**  
June 29-July 1 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

**23rd Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown**  
July 11-15 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

**11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament**  
July 18-21 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

**4th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament**  
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## AUGUST (continued)

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Flounder Tournament**  
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September 9 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

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## OCTOBER

**Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament**  
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**33rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament**  
October 4-6 • Ocean City, MD • oceancitysurf anglers soc.com

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Arthur Lodge of Lewes, DE landed this citation sea bass on a Gulp! and squid combination at Site 11. The 21.25-inch fish weighed 3 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Alex Neiss made the most of his first striped bass, catching this 41 pounder on a live eel in the Valley. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Rob Clark of Annapolis, MD took a trip to Alaska and ended up catching a pending world record shortraker rockfish weighing 43 lbs. The old record was set at 35 lbs. 13 oz.



Nick Long of Edgewater, MD boated this 48.5-inch, 43 lb. striper while fishing out of Solomon's Island, near "A" Buoy in the Chesapeake Bay. The fish was caught on a tandem rig set-up with paddletail baits.



In late September, Jessica Bradshaw and Chelsea West returned to the dock with this 20.5-inch flounder after hooking it on a live minnow in the Thorofare. The lady anglers were fishing on "The Sushi" with Capt. Seth Hetherington.

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