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Karen Rhody of Carlisle, PA found this 26" (yes 26"), 7.1 lb. flounder off an inshore wreck while fishing with Capt. David Caffrey on the charter boat "On the Run". Not only is this a nice flounder, but it is our new heaviest for the season in Maryland. Congratulations Karen! The fish was weighed and measured at Bahia Marina in Ocean City.



These fireman who work in the DC area came to Ocean City to relax and take a smooth trip on the charter boat "That's Right". Instead they got an 8 alarm hookup early on June 25th! Capt. John Oughton took this group out to the Baltimore Canyon and connected them early going 7 for 8 on this hookup with bigeye tuna. Two were over 200 lbs., two at 145 lbs. and one at 93 lbs. Anglers were Ronnie Willett, Jeff Keyes, Paul Tackish, Mike Walko, Brad Jones, Willie Beatttied and Kevin Anderson. Nice day on the water!

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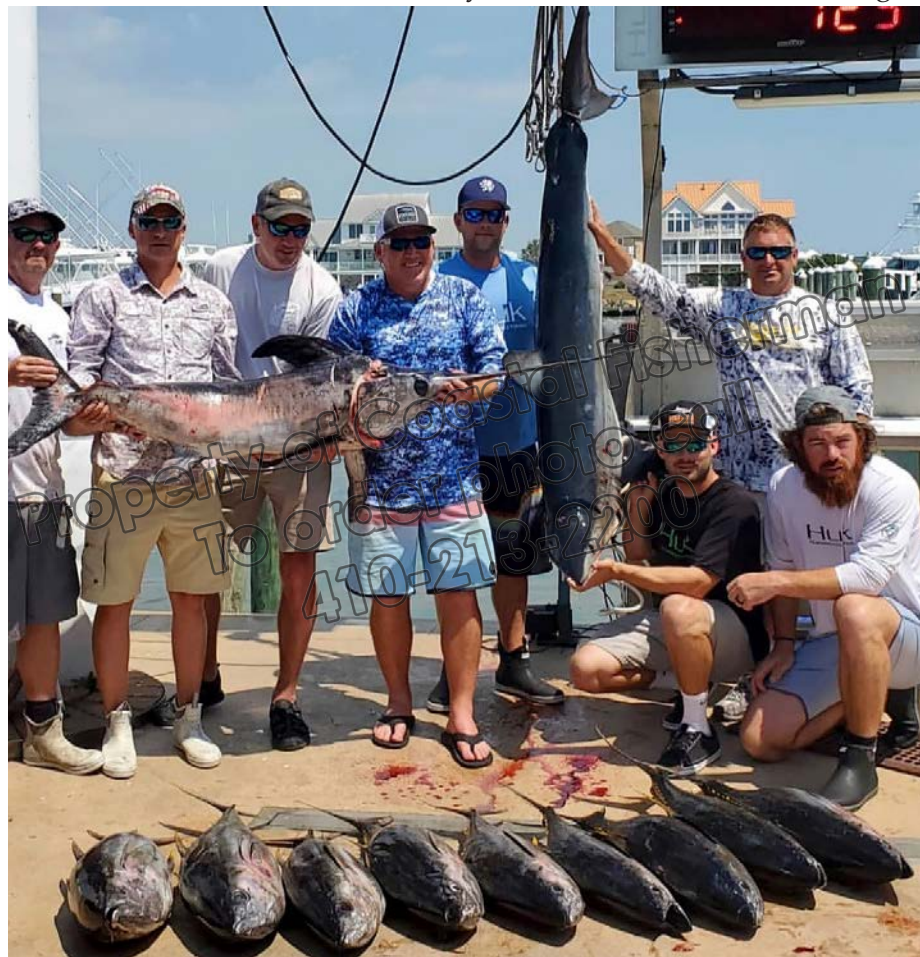
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The big rockfish off the beach have probably passed, but this early June photo of CW Wells on the beach in Assateague brought a smile to our face, and his. This 40" throwback was caught in the surf with peelers.



The charter boat "Primary Search" picked a good set of days for an overnight trip last week. Retuning Saturday morning they came to the dock with 9 yellowfin tuna, a mako shark and a 129 lb. swordfish. Capt. Austin Ensor and mates Jonny Brown & Brian Sushke took anglers Jake Stephenson, Joe Tull, Dave Geibel, Nanthan Beck, Ryan Cothrop to the Washington Canyon. The swordfish hit on a second drift and the mako while trolling at dusk. Photo at Sunset Marina.

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THE OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd



This Week Last Year

- The yellowfin bite definitely slowed this week last year. Boats were catching tuna, just not 15-18 a trip.
- A lot of boats opted to stay inshore and look for bluefin tuna in the Massey's Canyon and inshore lumps. Several bluefin tuna over 100 lbs. were reported. Bigeye tuna were also reported in the 70 lb. range.
- White marlin releases were plentiful as anglers looking for tuna connected with the whites up and down the line from the Wilmington to the Norfolk Canyons.
- There were many mahi that hit the scales and the average size was definitely increasing.

Weather played into this week's offshore action. The active Father's Day weekend was followed by south winds and a first quarter moon. That combination usually flattens the fishing a little as the wind driven water and brighter moon spreads out when the fish feed. Overall it appears the fishing has moved a bit north from last week.

Tuna & Mahi

The bite slowed down a bit for the earlier part of the week. Yellowfins were still being caught, just not in the high numbers per trip of the previous weekend. Some were also catching them inshore. Capt. Joe Drosey on the charter

"Rhonda's Osprey" bucked the trend however bringing 6 yellowfin and 3 bigeye tunas on June 21st. Capt. Mike Burt on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" also did well early in the week hitting 5 for 5 on yellowfins when he was just north of the Baltimore Canyon on June 22nd. Other captains such as Keith Beebe on the charter boat "Surface Tension" trolled up 2 yellowfin tunas Thursday and Corey Kennington on the "Lucky Duck" landed 4 yellowfins last Friday, each weighing an average of 40 lbs. Both were in the Baltimore Canyon. Capt. Eddie Zajdel on "The Zipper" had a good day Friday landing 8 yellowfins in 71° water in the Washington Canyon. The crew on the "Primary Search" with Capt. Austin Ensor caught 9 yellowfin Friday, also in the Washington Canyon.

The drop in yellowfin action was offset a bit by the increase in quantity and size of the bigeye bite. Specifically, the Baltimore Canyon was the place to be on Thursday and Friday. Capt. Larry Richardson on the charter boat "Always Late" hit the dock Thursday with 14 bigeye tuna he found in 200 fathoms. They were all caught at the same time first thing in the morning. Charter

boat "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton brought in 7 bigeyes the same day with 4 of them over 200 lbs. In general anglers were dropping deep for the larger bigeyes. Longfin tuna reports are still infrequent; however, Tim Romberger was in between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyon when his son Jared boated a 61.5 lb. longfin. That one set our new MD heaviest fish record for the season. We are still waiting on reports of keeper bluefin tuna, but I believe some might have been caught last Monday.

Mahi reports have been few, and the ones to date have been on the smaller side. We did get a report this week of a 19 lb. mahi caught in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

Billfish

White marlin releases are still consistent, usually mapping to the success, or not, of the tuna bite. Lots of single catch and releases like Ryan Ribb, who released his first white marlin last Friday on the boat "Brenda Lou". They were down south in the Norfolk Canyon in 1,000 fathoms. A highlight of the week was the landing of a 620 lb. big blue marlin from the Baltimore Canyon. The crew of the boat "Bird Dog" out of the Indian River Marina connected with the blue at 5AM and it took until 11:30AM to get it to the boat. There is also a trickle of swordfish catches being reported. Charter boat "Primary Search" brought in a nice sword they caught on a drift during an overnight charter in the Washington Canyon. Capt. Mike Weber on the boat

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"Fine Line" also went to the Washington and brought back a 129 lb. swordfish. Bert Adams of Hook'em and Cook'em" also reported a swordfish at the Indian River Marina.

Wahoo

Only one wahoo reported to us this week. Nick Craven snatched one while fishing 2 miles west of the Poor Man's Canyon early in the morning.

Shark

Several makos were brought in from overnight charters in the Washington Canyon. Charter "Primary Search" caught a nice mako on the troll at dusk last Friday. We had reports of a mako brought into the Indian River Marina as well.

COVID Information

I am unaware of any changes to the guidelines from last week, so they are repeat here for reference. According the latest guidelines for Maryland from June 22nd, "Commercially licensed fishing charter boats

can carry their U.S. Coast Guard approved capacity but must follow CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines", This would include head/party boats and individually chartered boats. Due to the CDC guidelines I would not expect head boats to be able to operate anywhere near their coast guard capacity. As always it is advised to check directly with the charter for details and any policies they have in place to comply with the CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines.

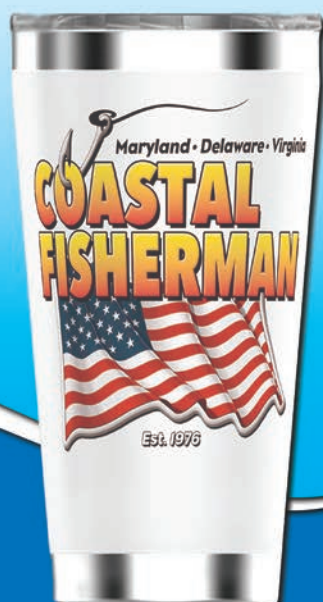
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Capt Chris Keller on the charter boat "Strike Zone" had a great trip last Wednesday. The anglers went 4 of 6 on yellowfin that day and 0 of 1 on white marlin the previous Monday. They fished at the Wilmington Canyon in 73° water with Ilanders and spreader bars. Anglers Steph, Travis, Matt and Brett Kveragas and Mike Firor. Photo at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35" or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum*	36"	45"
Sailfish*	Any Size	-
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Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
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<u>TUNA:</u>		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
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Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin**	Any Size	Any Size

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Sometimes fishing is fun because you don't know what you are going to catch. Doug DeGrange stopped by our office after fishing behind Assateague by the bridge to share pictures of this ocean blowfish. He looks quite upset after falling for Doug's flounder bait of clam!



24 times and still going strong. Anglers Gary Cederberg, Mike Jones, Bill Shue, Jerry Hersh and Cliff Hummer, all from PA, got together on the charter boat "The Zipper" for their '24th Annual OC Fish'n Trip'. Capt. Ed Zajdel and mate Domenic Desanto made it memorable indeed. The crew caught 8 yellowfin tuna while fishing in 71° water in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

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Dylan Baker of Lewes was reeling in his catch, and much to his surprise brought up two golden tilefish at one time. This was more than just a unique double hit, when these were measured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Inlet Marina. He discover one of them is a new pending Delaware state record. It weighed 52.8 lbs. and measured 45 1/2" length with a 34" girth. His second fish weighed 32 lbs.



Angler Jared Romberger from Ocean City took the day off from Sunset Grille to fish with his dad, Tim, on the private boat "Fish Repellent". While trolling the 100 fathom line between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons Jarad hooked up with this 61.5 lb. longfin tuna. Fishing with Jared and Tim were Mike Antinucci, Morgan Anton and Samantha Koch.

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The Jones family had a great day fishing in the Delaware Bay on father's day. Amy led the way with a 29" trout, followed closely by Landen (7) and Parsyn (5). Little Hutson (3) was aboard, but did not want to sit still long enough to be in the picture!



Congratulations to Ken German of Pottstown, PA. His is our new heaviest sheephead for DE at 2.7lbs. He and his son Gavin had a good day at the Indian River Inlet, landing the sheephead and a nice 8.6 lb. black drum.



The last week has been about the bigeye bit offshore and this catch from charter boat "White Lightning" is no exception. Capt. Bill Raab and mate Paul Daisey worked the Washington Canyon to find 68° water to get these 2 yellowfin tunas, a big eye tuna and a white marlin release. Angler Kevin Kreider manhandled the bigeye and Toby Groff the white marlin. Other anglers were Brady Jacobson and Baylin Groff. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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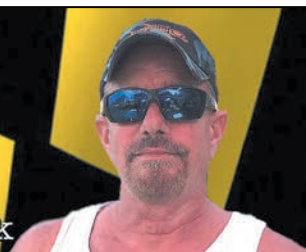
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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week in Maryland, the near shore and bay waters were alive compared to last week with all the wind. The break the fish got from the wind brought many fish back to their normal areas and the anglers were pleased with the catches.

SEABASS

Maryland sea bass is definitely getting into the summer months with many small undersized bass being caught. The ratio of keepers is still about 10 throwbacks to 1 keeper. The couple of boats I talked to that went to the Jackspot and deeper wreck areas did much better with a ratio of 6 throwbacks for every keeper. The head boats in Ocean City did well on catches for their clients. Clams and

jigs are still the best baits with squid also catching sea bass.

BLUEFISH

This week showed some nice slammer bluefish caught on the near shore wrecks. The back bays and closer inshore wrecks are full of small snapper blues. Both the bigger blues as well as the smaller ones will take cut bait and small jerkbaits. Night fishing from the fishing pier as well as public docks and the bulkhead along 3rd Street have produced some nice flurries of bluefish. I heard that mid-week showed lots of action at night along the 3rd street causeway. Most anglers were throwing cut bait. Many anglers used a wire leader to prevent bite offs. When fishing the area, which is just north of the Route 50 bridge, be aware that the

current can be strong. Flounder and small sharks were also reported in this area.

FLOUNDER

This week flounder fish also became much better than previous weeks. Areas such as the Ocean City Inlet produced some nice flounder. Some of the other productive areas were the main channel both above and below the Route 50 bridge. When fishing these areas be aware of boat traffic and watch your drift. The area behind Assateague Island, both south of the commercial harbor on the west side as well as the area near the airport have also been productive. Look for deeper holes like the one right behind the entrance to the commercial harbor as these fish like the drop offs due to the baits being

caught in the swelling of the holes. Shiners and squid strips were the top producers of quality fish. Gulp, jigheads, and bucktails also caught some nice fish. Blake Gunther caught a few nice doormats along the Ocean City Inlet.

SHARKS

The story all week off shore was hammerheads everywhere! Many tuna charters came back from offshore with tails of big fins everywhere. Nearer to the coast saw many smaller sharks. Dogfish sharks are still thick on both the inshore wrecks as well as the back bays. The rays are still here as well and these smaller sharks tend to follow the rays. Blacktip and dusky sharks are showing up inshore both near reef areas as well as cruising the shoreline. Dusky and blacktip are larger than their smaller cousin dogfish and will put up quite a fight. Just a reminder the dusky shark still remains on the endangered watch list and it is unlawful to land, purchase,



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or harvest these fish. When catching a dusky shark leave the shark in the water and cut your line if you don't have a long enough dehooker. Big cut chunk type baits are the best when targeting sharks. A chum bag deployed behind the boat will also help to bring these sharks into range. If you are not wanting the mess of a chum bag, dry chum such as bloodline is a great alternative. Always remember to be careful when fishing for sharks as they can be quite dangerous to anglers.

CRABS & CLAMS

Crabbing in Ocean City has definitely improved. The north end of Assawoman Bay is producing the big and plentiful crabs. Areas behind Assateague Island are also producing some nice crabs. As the summer draws on the females go deeper leaving larger male crabs to take their place. Clamming has also been very good along the

shoreline of Assateague Island. Cynthia Bunting Harper was out on Sunday with friends and using both her feet and rakes managed to get over 80 clams from the island. The area on the north end across from the commercial harbor is the hangout spot for sandbar parties. It's also a great area for clamming. The area right in front of Hoopers Crab House is another sandbar and a great spot to go clamming.

SURF FISHING

The surf has seen lots of rays and small blues. Mullet rigs and cut bait have been the best producers. Some small flounder have been caught from the surf. Spot are now being caught by anglers fishing for weakfish and kingfish. The kingfish bite has also started to turn on.

So as the weather and fishing heats up get out and catch some fish!

Tight lines and fins up!

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FISH STORIES

by Capt. Franky Pettolina

As the saying goes, history has a way of repeating itself. I knew what I wanted to write about in this, my fourth column of the year. Just for grins I looked through some of my Fish Stories from years past and it turns out that I wrote about the same topic in my fourth column of 2019. Granted my fourth column last year came out in the end of May or beginning of June and this year it will hit the streets at the start of July, but as we know, it is 2020. Everything is a little bass backwards and turned around.

A few weeks ago I received a private message on Facebook from a high school buddy of mine, Jay. We had last run into each other while tailgating in the parking lot of the Wells Fargo Center in Philly prior to an Iron Maiden concert sometime last summer. Honestly, I don't remember the last time I had seen him before that. Probably in the late 90s or early 2000s. It had definitely been a while since I had seen my old school chum. The gist of his message was that he wanted to see some chum. Menhaden chum that is. He wanted to book a shark fishing charter.

Shark charters were very popular in the late 70s (probably had something to do with a movie about a big shark somewhere up in New England that supposedly

injured some bathers) and that popularity carried through the 1990s. I can remember running a dozen or more shark charters most years during the month of June. A majority of the days we encountered sharks of some kind, and our prized catch was the mako. This was due in part to the aggressive, often acrobatic, fighting style of the mako, and also because mako makes a mighty tasty meal.

In the early 90s the National Marine Fisheries Service enacted management measures for shark conservation. This wasn't a bad idea, other than the minimum size was not large enough and the creel limit was too small. Shark fishermen had an unwritten, but widely understood, rule that any mako under one hundred pounds should be released. The NMFS scientists decided that 54 inches would make a good minimum size. A 54 inch weighs about 60 pounds. Like I said, not strict enough. The creel limit, on the other fin, was way too strict. One pelagic shark per trip. That was it. If you caught a keeper mako in the morning you had to make the decision of whether to harvest your table fare fish early or take a chance on a bigger one later. God forbid you kept a Mako in the morning and hooked a trophy Thresher in the afternoon. Too

bad. No more sharks for you!!! These measures put a huge kibosh on the Shark charter industry. Other than the hardcore shark addicts, people just didn't want to spend their hard earned money for potentially only one keeper fish.

The 90s turned into the 2000s and I found myself doing less and less shark charters. With the exception of the Mako Mania and Ocean City Shark Tournaments I was sharking maybe twice per season. I caught some makos as incidental by-catch while trolling for Marlin and Tuna, but that was all. I gotta tell you. I really missed it!

When my old pal Jay said he wanted to go shark fishing I was pretty excited over the idea, but I was also a little apprehensive because we didn't really know where the makos had been hanging out lately. Other than the ones that were feeding on the tunas out in the canyons (see Fish Story Number 4, 2019- it was a problem then and it is a problem now). Our standard Shark trip itinerary doesn't allow for a canyon run. I was also a little worried that we might be too late in the season. Historically speaking, my old log books show a decline in our catch rate the later we got in the month of June, and Jay's trip was slated for the 23rd.

So there we were, drifting near the Hambone lump with our chum pot out and three fresh bluefish filets impaled on circle hooks. Our chumming started at 10 am. The earlier part of our morning was spent on Fenwick Shoal catching Snapper Blues and Spanish

Mackerel. The Blues make good shark bait and the Spaniards are pretty good on the plate. Our first shark bite came at 10:15. As soon as the line came tight and the hook was set a small mako started jumping. Success! The target species was on the line. A few minutes and photos later the 50 ish pound fish was swimming away with its fresh new lip piercing. I was relieved. The day was far from over however.



We didn't get all the lines reset in our chum slick before we had another mako on. Number 2 was closer to 75 pounds. Like Number 1, this one was also set free. Our three baits were redeployed and in minutes we were hooked up again! We were hoping that 3 would be our lucky number and the third mako of the day would be a keeper sized fish. Under the old NMFS rules Number 2 would have been eligible for a ride to happy hour at Micky Fins. The new rules, however, followed a little bit of my old advice and raised the minimum size. The problem is that now it is too large (in my opinion). Males have to be 71 inches and females have to be 83 inches. Actually the 71 inches for a male does not bother me too much. That is a 140 pounder, give or take. Our third shark turned

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out to not be a mako though. Shark number 3 was a different flavor. It was a Dusky, which is protected (and none too tasty) so it was sent packing.

We had stumbled on to some good shark fishing! Shortly after the Dusky was released bite number 4 happened. There was no doubting that this was a mako, it was jumping all over the place! Watching the jumps my mate, Mr. Evans, and I saw that this was a little bit bigger fish. Maybe getting close to that magic 71 inches. When we got the mako next to the boat we realized that it would be a little shy of that length though. And also a little shy of being a male. When I peeked under its tail I saw that mako number 3 (Shark number 4) was a lady. I tipped my hat to her and we all watched her swim away.

We had to wait a little while for our next bite. But not that long. Maybe a half hour. Boom! Another mako! This one took to the air on the bite as well. Another close one. If it had boy parts. Which it didn't. Farewell and Adieu to another fair lady. But wow. Four makos and it was barely past lunch.



Not past feeding time though. mako number 5 had great vertical ability too. Highest jumper of the day! At least three of the jumps were higher than ten feet out of the water. Awesome air! And I guess I will give the spoiler alert now. Biggest fish we would encounter for the day. Mr. Evans and I could tell right away that this fish would be a keeper if its aquatic gender reveal party had a blue theme. Number 5 gave it a heck of a go and my anglers were pretty worn out already so they took turns passing the rod back and forth. Finally after 35 minutes or so I was holding the leader and discussing the lack of male makos with the crew. She was an extremely curvy shark of close to 200 pounds. But much like the guy holding the leader, she was

not much longer than she was wide, and nowhere near 83 inches. Yet again a beautiful lady shot us down when we wanted her to come to happy hour with us.

The last hour of the day was probably the most exciting. Yup. You read that correctly. After 5 makos and a nice Dusky things got even more exciting. Mako number 6 was another fish in the 125 to 150 pound class. She was kind of unique, oh yeah, of course another female, in that she had a gouge on her head that looked like a bite mark from another shark. As we were releasing her another mako came through the spread. We had just snipped the leader on number 6. I threw a bait in the water and wouldn't you know it, number 6 knew we would let her go and she ate again! Right next to the boat. I could see the gouge on her head as plain as the nose on my face. Luckily I kept her occupied while Mr. Evans hooked lucky number 7. Lucky because she, yes she, was also going to be released as she was roughly the same size as hungry number 6. Oh yeah, and while all of this was going on, you guessed it, number 8 cruised into the mix. Number 6 was snipped off again, now sporting tow lip piercings and number 7 was given walking papers as well. Surprisingly enough Ms. 6 was still hungry. Mr. Evans had to throw a hookless bait away from the boat to get her attention so I could give number 8 a bait. In case you haven't figured it out yet, it was Ladies' Night in my chum slick. The 8th lady was almost identical to her two gal pals and we turned her loose to round out the day. 8 makos released 9 times. And a Dusky. An incredible day of shark fishing.

Just like last year's Fish Story #4 I am going to say that there is no shortage of sharks in the Mid Atlantic. They must just be good at hiding from the fish counting scientists that think they are overfished and in short supply. Also I will say that the minimum size requirement seems a little off. 5 fish that were easily over 100 pounds. All females. None allowed to be kept. That's a tough one to tell the guys that booked the charter. We all had a great day though, and it was nice to be spending a little time shark fishing in June again...



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Lyn Davis from Powellville, MD and JD Shannon, Emma, Tara & Heidi Radebuaugh from New Freedom, PA had a great trip catching flounder, blues and a kingfish with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock aboard the charter boat "Lucky Break". They were fishing with Gulp swimming mullets around the Ocean City Inlet.



Paul Suplee, Brian Lecont and Richie 'bougie' Stever where the lucky ducks last week when they went out with Capt. Corey Kennington and mate Bill Mangason on the charter boat "Lucky Ducks"! Their trip to the Washington Canyon yielding these 4 yellowfin tuna averaging 40 lbs each.

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Capt. Eddie "Zip" Zajdel with mates Domenic Disanto and Robert Mitchell on the charter boat "The Zipper" went out to the Rock Pile between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons to get this pile of 15 yellowfin tuna! Pictured at Sunset Marina with their bounty are Mike Kane, JR Sutter, Tony Capasso, Wayne Mitchell, David Thomas and Doug Price.



Harrison & Brock Leister, Chad Wyatt, Tammie Ludwig and Mike Clews brought 9 flounder and 3 seabass to the cleaning table last Thursday, what a haul. They were fishing on the charter boat "Lil' Skipjack" with Capt. Beau Fibelkorn over an ocean structure.

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On Monday June 22nd, this happy group went out with Capt. Mike Burt and mate Dave Burt on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" to troll just north of the Washington Canyon. Capt. Mike must have had a hunch as they hooked up with these 5 yellowfin tunas at the same time and before 8AM. Anglers are Yvonne Saville, Jason Saville, Alex Saville, Mark Osiecki, Jean Frampton and Taylor Dickerson. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Anglers on the charter boat "Boss Hogg" took advantage of the good yellowfin tuna bite landing these 18 fish on ballyhoo and spreader bars while trolling the Poor Man's Canyon in 200 Fathoms and 63° water. Capt. Brian Porter with mates Rick Tshudy & Brad Wilson put anglers Chris Tipton, Cody Wachter, Chad Barrick, Nicholas Toms, Justin Windsor and Jeff Williford mostly of Walkersville, MD (sorry Chris!).

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Ryan Ribb joined the elite group of anglers who have caught and released a white marlin last Friday when he was on the private boat "Brenda Lou" with Capt. Frank Goodhart III and mate Steven Spigler. He and fellow anglers Matt and Allan Whitley were fishing in 1000 fathoms north of the Norfolk Canyon. As tradition mandates, Ryan did jump in the water off the dock to celebrate his first white marlin.

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Charter boat "Bubblehead" brought on the action while working the Poor Man's Canyon. The day started when Fredrick Ruhe reeled in a yellowfin tuna and ended when Aaron Cannon reeled in a 130 lb. bigeye. Both anglers were cheered on by James Sacra, Jude Sacra, Mark Sacra, and Isaac Ruhe all from Dover, DE.



Great Charter trip aboard the charter boat "A Salt Weapon 3" with Capt. Ryan Freese and mate Josh Howard. Cliff Grunstra from Milton DE is pictured after catching his first bigeye tuna weighing in at 154lbs! The fish was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Family matters when fishing with Capt. Frank Pettolina on the charter boat "Last Call" out of the Ocean City Fishing Center. Charlie Donohue and his cousin Ryan Berretta show off 2 matching 40 lb. yellowfin tuna. Also on the trip were PJ Clauser, Drew King and Robert Wildermuth IV. Fish were caught near the Poor Man's Canyon on ballyhoo.



Karen Rhody of Carlisle, PA found this 26" (yes 26") 7.1 lb. flounder off an inshore wreck while fishing with Capt. David Caffrey on the charter boat "On the Run". Not only is this a nice flounder, but it is our new heaviest for the season. Congratulations Karen! The fish was weighed and measured at Bahia Marina in Ocean City.

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Wyatt Hale, 15, has the bug now! He spent 2 hours and 10 minutes working this bigeye to the boat, even breaking the chair in the fight! Wyatt was with Capt. Patrick Svehla and mate Rob Belcher on the boat "Grande' Pez" trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon when these tunas hit their bait and spreader bars. Other anglers included Brad & Morgan Hale, Cody Schoeffield and of course "Dado". They also caught two nice yellowfin tunas.



Tuna fishing has been good to excellent the past several weeks. We are starting to see the yields thin, however Capt. Frank Pettolina and mate Chris Evans continue to put their anglers on the meat. Anglers Anthony & Martino Iadonisi of Warminster, PA and Andrew Wasser or Hatboro, PA fished 40 fathoms on the inside of the Poor Man's Canyon with ballyhoo for these tuna.

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Anglers Krysten & Karina Derr, Kayleigh Smith and Matt Hardesty of Tamara, PA caught a lucky break when the set a charter with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break"! The crew worked the south Ocean City bay using Gulp swimming mullets and minnows to get these 4 keeper flounder. The largest measured 21".

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Bluefish 	June 21, 2020 Big Bird Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge 4.4 lbs.	May 23, 2020 Kathy Grab Fenwick Island Surf 12.25 lbs.	Mako Shark 	June 9, 2020 Joe Wilkenson Baltimore Canyon 330 lbs.	June 13, 2020 Todd Middendorf Baltimore Canyon 330 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 18, 2020 Benjamin Attanasi Broadkill Beach 82.4 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	No Weights Reported	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles Old Grounds 321 lbs.
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Bigeye Tuna 	June 21, 2020 Griffin Wingenroth Poor Man's Canyon 270 lbs.	June 17, 2020 Chris Middendorf Baltimore Canyon 212 lbs.
Flounder 	New June 26, 2020 Karen Rhody Ocean Wreck 7.11 lbs.	June 16, 2020 Gary Michael Hall Site #11 7.9 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sea Bass 	May 27, 2020 Conrad Lesnewski Offshore Wreck 3.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	New June 26, 2020 Jared Romberger Poor Man's Canyon 61.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	June 12, 2020 Keith Smith South Jetty 10.25 lbs.	New June 22, 2020 Ken German Indian River Inlet 2.7 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna 	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon 30 lbs.	New June 26, 2020 Brian Lecont Washington Canyon 40 lbs.
Striped Bass 	New May 26, 2020 Cody Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 14.2 lbs.	June 14, 2020 Sue Krepshaw Indian River Jetty 13 lbs.	Dolphin 	June 9, 2020 Chris Johnson Washington Canyon 35 lbs.	New June 26, 2020 Kimmy Zapata Baltimore Canyon 19.1 lbs.
Tautog 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Wahoo 	June 19, 2020 Henry Glanding Poor Man's Canyon 72 lbs.	No Weights Reported
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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The wind died down and the fish haven't been pressured for a week and it shows.

SEA BASS

Lots of small fish. The ratio of keepers is about 10 throwbacks to 1 keeper. According to Old Inlet, the Site 10&11 reef areas have shown some very good action. Salted clam is still the hot bait although many are changing to squid strips as well as Gulp to also target the flounder that have moved into the area. The deeper wrecks near or over 90 feet are producing the larger fish.

BLUEFISH

This week, like the past one, has seen snapper blue everywhere. The surf and back bays are full of them. At night, schools of small

blues are ready to bite anything you throw at them. On the near shore wrecks some slammer blues are still around. Any cut bait or whole mullet is great for blue fishing. Old Inlet Tackle also reports that blues and bonito have been trolled up on the Fenwick Shoals. Clark spoons being the choice for these fish. The blues out on the reefs tend to stay in the middle to upper part of the water column. One of the techniques I use when sea bass or flounder drifting is to use a redfish float, cast out behind the boat with about a 6 foot fluorocarbon leader circle hook(6/0..8/0),tipped with cut bait. This bait floating behind the boat will attract predators from all around your boat. Not only are these baits good for the passing

shark or blue but cobia can't resist a spot swimming under a redfish popping cork. Use a wire leader on the hook to prevent bite offs.

FLOUNDER

Starting in the bay areas, the flounder have been taken in the main channel of Indian River Inlet. Fishing along this area at the end of high tide to the hour after the tide begins to fall is producing the best fish. Gulp seems to be the angler's choice, but squid and minnows are a close second. Be aware that Old Inlet says that they are having a hard time getting minnows right now, so hit them up early before they are all gone. The main channel area leading back into Indian River Bay has seen several nice flatties taken from here. The further back you go in Indian River, the less fishing pressure there is. This makes fish ready to bite. The main tactic is to find the deeper holes surrounded by shallow flats. Some of the better spots to try are areas along the power plant and the middle of the bay out in front of Holts Landing. On the offshore coral grounds, the area around A Buoy seems to be the most productive. Burt from Hook'em and Cook'em Tackle said that both the Judy V as well as the Captain Bob have both had many good trips with lots of keeper flounder and even a big sea bass or two still being caught. Coral near A and B Buoy are really starting to turn on. Bucktails tipped with Gulp are producing the best. We are seeing spot in the surf as well as in the bay. Most larger flounder cannot resist a live spot. Although these baits can get pricey, they are well worth the money or time to catch them yourself if you want to target trophy flounder. Many of the winning fish

from www.coastalfisherman.net tournaments come off of wrecks. Be prepared to lose some tackle when fishing the wrecks and try to hit them as the tide begins to slack.

SHARKS

Near shore sharking is starting to heat up with larger Dusky and Thresher sharks moving into the areas. Nighttime surf fishing for sharks has also been getting much better. Cut bait on big circle hooks are the working bait. Mullet as well as any oily fish are working the best. In the inlet and bay area's rays and sharks are seen frequently cruising for a meal. Sharks such as Dusky sharks are a protected species and harming them in any way is unlawful.

CRABS & CLAMS

The crabbing in Indian River Bay is really getting good. The bait of choice is bunker which seems to dominate chicken by almost double. The areas around Piney Point and the area around Bay Colony seem to be the best producing areas. The area in front of the bay commonly used for sandbar parties seem to be producing the best catches of clams. The areas around Holts Landing are also showing good clams being caught.

SURF FISHING

Matt Shoup of Fenwick Tackle reports snapper blues and kingfish are the sought after fish of the surf right now. Be aware, bloodworms are in short supply and are mostly small in size, so Fish Bites may be a good alternative. Tons of sharks and rays are coming ashore on the surf fisherman's lines also with several bigger sharks from up at Cape Henlopen being shown on social media.

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Black Drum 	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	April 9, 2019 Allen Sklar Assateague Surf	Thresher Shark 	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds	May 18, 2019 All Anglers "Over-Board" Jackspot
Cobia 	June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	June 2, 2019 Tony Lane Fenwick Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon	May 27, 2019 Pat Petrera "Priceless" Poor Man's Canyon
Flounder 	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	April 4, 2019 Kristin Lennox Sinepuxent Bay	Bluefin Tuna 	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon	May 7, 2019 Scott Wells "Restless Lady II" Wilmington Canyon
Sea Bass 	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	May 15, 2019 Tom Lane "Morningstar" Artificial Reef	Longfin Tuna 	June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon	June 1, 2019 Ed Luhrman Baltimore Canyon
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Bigger is better as Anthony Arciacono from Georgetown, DE. discovered last Thursday when he caught this doormat. Anthony was fishing at the Old Grounds using a live minnow to get this 27", 7.2 lb. flounder.



Cole Zimmerman (l) and Kolton Sheeler (r) teamed up to fight this 167 lb. bigeye for an hour and a half to get it to the boat. They were fishing with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Ayrton "Crouton" Pryor in the Poor Man's Canyon on the charter boat "Spring Mix II".

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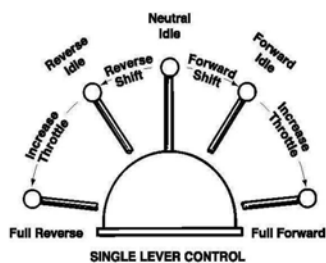
Under Control

Have you ever watched the large sportfish boats back into their slip at the marina? Many of them charge backwards and at the last-minute shift to forward to stop the boat—the only brakes they have! This precise movement would not be possible without the precision control of the engines and transmissions (gear). The levers on the helm are connected to the engine control system below decks. There are many variations to an engine control system, some pure mechanical with push-pull cables from top down, some are a mix of electronic control systems with short push cables only in the engine room and some are fully electronics “fly by wire”. These systems and options are not only for large sportfish but also similar in use with most pleasure boats including outboard powered boats.

Cable Systems

The most popular time-tested engine controls system is the push-pull cable system, this system uses a stiff mechanical cable housed inside a plastic-coated metal or nylon jacket. When the captain moves the lever at the helm, the cable

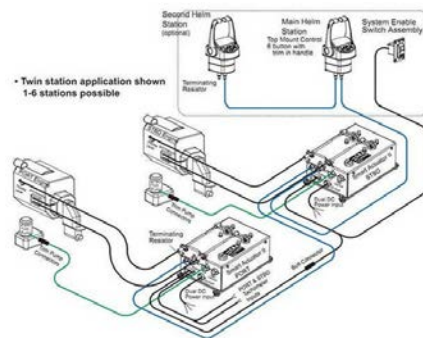
reproduces the same cable movement at the engine and or marine gear. The Morse control was one of the original pleasure boat engine controls systems, invented by John Morse after world WWII. A patent for a control system developed for his own boat would spawn 35 other Morse patents, all relating to single-lever controls for marine engines. The single-lever control was inspired by Morse’s experience with airplanes, which replaced two separate levers for throttle and direction. The single-lever control did for boating what automatic transmission did for cars, greatly simplifying operation of a boat into the fore and aft movement of a single lever.



These push pull cables and control levers cables are now produced by a handful of companies, often retaining the original 33C designation for the most popular cable size used in pleasure boats.

Electronic Engine Controls

There are a few variations of “electronic” engine controls, some are pure electronic with no moving cables, and some are a hybrid – a mix of mechanical and electronics. Hybrid system- This style of electronic engine control uses electronics for most of the system and only the final few feet contain the traditional cables.



The advantage to this system is that you have electronic levers at the helm (or helms) that send a signal along a small wire to a processor in the engine room area that does the heavy work of pushing and pulling the cables. These systems allow for many options and variations that are not available with a purely mechanical system, including a handheld remote! This system also eliminates long cable runs, giving the captain precise feel and low effort at the control levers at the helm.

Full Electronic Controls

Most modern engines and transmissions are fully electronic and rely on electrical wires to supply a signal with instructions. This goes for the

www.coastalfisherman.net large sportfish and now most all new outboard engines. A control lever at the helm sends an electronic signal all the way to the engine, without the use of push pull cables. As you can imagine, there are a lot of different configurations since each engine and transmission make and model may require a different input signal. Most aftermarket control system can be programmed to match the powertrain combination. When it comes to modern outboard engines, all of the manufactures offer their own electronic engine control system specific to the connected engine. When it comes to inboard engines in sportfish boats or similar larger pleasure boats, there are a few systems specific to the engine manufacturer but often one of the two popular aftermarket systems are found on sportfish boats.

Aftermarket Electronic Engine Controls

The most popular independent electronics engine controls are the Glendinning system and the ZF (formerly Mathers) systems. Both of these brands can be customized to meet the needs of a hybrid system with push pull cables or a fully electronic system. Interestingly, both the Glendinning and Mathers (now ZF) companies grew from a vision from an inventive founder based on the needs of a better way to control marine engines. Hylands “Glen” Glendinning, with the help

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www.coastalfisherman.net of his family, designed and sold the first automatic engine Synchronizer in 1972 and grew his business into a multi-industry controls system, still operated by his family today. Mathers Controls began in the family basement of Harold Mathers in 1951. The company quickly became an industry leader providing high quality propulsion control systems for both commercial and pleasure craft applications, leading up the 1987 introduction of the Mathers MicroCommander, the industry's first electronic propulsion control system. Other electronic engine control brands include Aventics (formerly Bosch Rexroth), Sturdy, Seastar, Uflex, Kobelt and others.

A good engine control system, kept in top condition, can make you look like a pro when handling your boat. Old stiff cables and clunky shifters will put fear into even the most experienced captains. Learning about your engine control system and keeping it in top operation condition will keep you in control!

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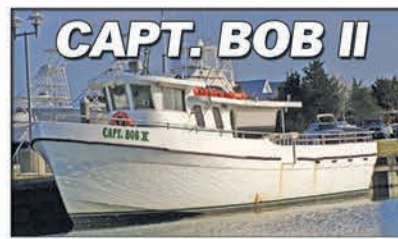
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- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon chopped fresh parsley (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- 2 teaspoons dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning (up to 1 and 1/2 teaspoons for a spicier kick)
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice, plus more for serving
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound fresh lump crab meat*
- 2/3 cup Saltine cracker crumbs (about 14 crackers)

Directions:

Whisk the egg, mayonnaise, parsley, dijon mustard, worcestershire sauce, Old Bay, lemon juice, and salt together in

a large bowl. Place the crab meat on top, followed by the cracker crumbs. With a rubber spatula or large spoon, very gently and carefully fold together. You don't want to break up that crab meat!

Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 day.

Preheat oven to 450°F (232°C). Generously grease a rimmed baking sheet with butter or nonstick spray or line with a silicone baking mat.

Using a 1/2 cup measuring cup, portion the crab cake mixture into 6 mounds on the baking sheet. (Don't flatten!) Use your hands or a spoon to compact each individual mound so there aren't any lumps sticking out or falling apart. For extra flavor, brush each with melted butter. This is optional but recommended!

Bake for 12-14 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges and on top. Drizzle each with fresh

lemon juice and serve warm.

Cover leftover crab cakes tightly and refrigerate for up to 5 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

MAKO SHARK WITH GRILLED PINEAPPLE SALSA

Ingredients:

Salsa:

- 1 medium ripe pineapple, trimmed, cored, quartered lengthwise and cut again lengthwise
- Drizzle extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 limes, juiced and lime halves reserved
- 1 small red onion, minced
- 1/2 bunch fresh mint, leaves finely chopped (about 1/2 cup leaves)
- 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, leaves finely chopped (about 1/2 cup leaves)
- Couple pinches kosher salt
- Superfine sugar, optional

Fish:

- 4 (8-ounce) center-cut mako shark fillets

Drizzle extra-virgin olive oil

- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 20 grinds black pepper

Directions:

Heat a grill pan or griddle over medium-high heat. Lightly rub the pineapple pieces with oil. Grill on all sides, about 2 minutes per side or until lightly caramelized with nice char marks. Remove from grill and set aside to cool slightly.

Cut grilled pineapple into 1/2-inch dice and add to a medium bowl. Add all remaining salsa ingredients, including the lime halves. These will lend the additional lime oils in the rinds to the mixture, making a more aromatic salsa. Set aside until ready to use.

While grill is still hot, rub each shark steak with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Place steaks on grill across the grill ribs and cook for about 3 to 5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the steaks.

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Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons herbes de Provence
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds swordfish steaks (at least 1-inch thick), trimmed
- 12 short, thick wooden skewers, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes
- 12 thin slices pancetta (about 3 ounces), unrolled so that you have a strip
- 6 lemon wedges

Directions:

Whisk the oil, herbes de Provence, salt, and pepper in a large bowl to blend. Cut the swordfish steaks into 36 (1-inch) cubes and toss in the oil mixture

to coat. Thread the swordfish cubes onto wooden skewers, 3 per skewer. Wrap a slice of pancetta around and between the swordfish cubes on each skewer. Arrange the swordfish skewers on a small baking sheet and brush with the remaining oil mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour and up to 1 day, turning occasionally in the oil mixture.

Prepare the barbecue for medium-high heat or preheat a grill pan over medium-high heat. Grill the swordfish skewers until the swordfish is just opaque in the center and the pancetta is crisp, turning often, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the skewers to plates and serve with lemon wedges.

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- 2 rockfish fillets*, 1 pound
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Matt Pry From Millsboro, DE. caught this 110 lb. bigeye while trolling in the south Baltimore Canyon. He was fishing on the private boat "The Un-Reel" with Schuyler Wissniewski. Measured and weighed at Rick's Bait and Tackle.

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Shawn, Tyler & Zach Hunt, along with Aron Jones, all from Salisbury, MD., caught 4 nice keeper flounders, biggest measuring 20inch. All found at the Thorofare while jigging Gulp swimming mullets on the incoming tide. The crew were on the charter boat "Luck Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock.

- 1 egg
- 2 TBSP milk
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs**
- 3 TBSP grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp of Old Bay Seasoning

Directions:

Place a large oven safe skillet into the oven and preheat to 425 degrees.

SET UP THE DREDGING ASSEMBLY LINE:

In a large bowl combine together the the flour, salt and pepper. Stir then pour onto a large plate.

In the same bowl combine together the panko, seasoning blend, and parmesan cheese. Stir then pour onto a large plate.

Wipe out the bowl, then use it again to whisk together the egg and milk.

PREP THE FISH:

Check the fish fillets for any bones and remove as necessary. Slice fish in half if necessary.***

Dredge first first in the flour, shaking off any excess.

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Dip fish into the egg mixture, allowing any excess to drip off.

Coat fish in the panko mixture, shaking off any excess. Place on a clean plate and allow to rest 1 - 2 minutes so the panko can adhere.

FRY THE FISH:

When the oven is preheated, add the 2 tablespoons of oil to the hot pan. Allow to heat 1 minute. Carefully add fish fillets to the hot oil.

Cook for 3 - 4 minutes, then carefully flip over.

Cook an additional 3 - 4 minutes, then check with a meat thermometer for an internal temperature of at least 140 degrees.

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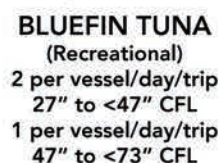
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This is what Saturday looked like on June 20th! Lots of company for charter boat "Smokin Billz". Thanks to Capt. Keith Mummert for the photo, he managed to work around the crowds and landed 7 yellowfin and 3 bigeye tunas. Heaviest was 189.6 lbs.

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Father and son team Richard and Rick Brown from Ocean View, DE. are still not smiling, but boy do they know how to catch fish. They have moved on from targeting sea bass and caught these 3 yellowfin tunas while fishing on their boat "Miss Darlene" in the Baltimore Canyon. They also released a mako shark on the same trip.



Jeremy Hajzus from Ebensburg, PA was fishing with Capt. Chuck Cook of First Light Charters when he landed this 23.5", 4.4 lb. flounder at the Old Grounds. That is a nice looking fish and Jeremy knows it! Measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



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Danny Kim, Andy Cho, James Bahk, Jackson Park, Steve Cho and Young Lee got busy during the tuna frenzy last week on the charter boat "Surface Tension" out of Lewes, DE. Capt. Keith Beebe trolled these up these 2 yellowfin tunas in the Baltimore Canyon.



It was a Father's Day fishing trip and what an impressive 143 lb. bigeye tuna they caught while trolling in the Wilmington Canyon. Ballyhoos and spreader bars were the preferred lures. Gannon & Evan Burris tag teamed as anglers. Father's Day crew was Jason Burris, sons Gannon and Evan, Lloyd Keys, son's Johnno, Marshall and Henry and Matt DiSabatino, son Mitch, daughter Mya. They also caught two yellowfins. Congratulations crew!

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CHUM LINES

by Capt. Mark Sampson



As we were heading out of the inlet I looked over to see a 30-some foot go-fast type fishing boat off our starboard side. We were both just idling along but the sleek design and triple outboards on the other fellow's boat made it look as though he was already doing 200 miles an hour! A hundred yards before the mouth of the inlet we both throttled-up, I came to my usual 16-knot cruise speed and he ... well I don't honestly know how fast he was going but suffice to say he looked like a rocket skittering across the water! Now here's a brain teaser for you: If we both cleared the inlet at the same time, each making the best speed we could, how is it that I beat the other guy to the C-Buoy that's one-mile out? Hint - there was a big swell offshore and the current was rushing out pretty hard. Those who know a thing or two about running inlets will recognize that if the current is rushing out and there is an offshore swell then the

mouth of the inlet will be a sloppy mess with row after row of steep "standing" waves. Running out an inlet under such conditions is no treat, with the current sweeping you out you've got to keep your engine running fast enough to maintain steerage of the boat while trying not to fly over the top of waves or bury your bow into any of the steeper ones, you can't really stop or you'll be turned sideways and risk swamping, and trying to turn around in that kind of mess is a tricky and sometimes dangerous option. OK, maybe some of you are thinking that I arrived at the C-Buoy first because I was able to run faster in the rough seas than the other guy. Nope! Or maybe because he had some kind of engine problem, or because he turned around, or because he got in behind to let us break the waves as we went out. Nope, nope, nope! Another hint to the riddle is that I used something known

as "local knowledge" to get to the C-Buoy first. For those who are not familiar with the term, "local knowledge," it describes a mariner's ability to navigate through an area using knowledge and information that is not necessarily readily available on charts or other maritime documents. Just as someone in a car traveling through an area he's never been before is not going to know all the back-road shortcuts to take, mariners with local knowledge are going to be more efficient at transiting a given body of water than someone who has only a chart to work with. As the current rushed out of the inlet that morning it undercut the swells and created tall sharp waves. I watched the guys in the other boat hanging on for dear life as they would launch off one wave, crash down and bury their bow into the next. This occurred time after time as they worked their way offshore toward the calmer and deeper water that awaited them beyond the c-buoy. It was testimony to the strength of the vessel that it didn't come apart for all the pounding it was taking! We paralleled their course

from a couple hundred yards away while doing our normal cruise speed and running in smooth water. How could this be? Quite simply - with the help of a little "local knowledge" I knew that I could avoid all the rough seas by hanging a quick left after clearing the north jetty and getting out of that strong current. We still had some big swells to go over but they were smooth and spaced far enough apart that we barely felt them. Even though the marked channel exiting the inlet directs one to run straight out between the red and green entrance-buoys, those with local knowledge know that by taking a sharp left, running a couple hundred yards, and then turning right before proceeding to the C-Buoy gets one out of the strong flow of the current and the sharp waves it creates. Local knowledge also tells us that there's plenty of depth just north of the inlet to make this move. But don't turn south because it gets really shallow going that way! Particularly when the wind is coming from the south, incoming boaters will also enjoy smooth water and not have to buck the current



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if they approach the inlet from the north rather than running directly in through the two entrance buoys. As a sidebar, however, I must caution that cutting around the tip of the north jetty is not without its pitfalls. Boaters need to be extra careful not to pull into the path of another boat they don't know is coming in or out. Particularly on a low tide or if you're in a small or low boat it can be difficult to see around the jetty well enough to tell if someone else isn't taking the same path from the other direction. Particularly if you're on the north side of the inlet and heading out, there's a lot of para-sail boats that hook-in around the north jetty, those boats are typically low and moving fast so make sure when exiting that you go straight long enough that you can see around the

rocks before making a sharp left turn into the smoother water. Remember also that the two entrance buoys are there to direct vessel traffic straight in and out of the cut, anyone merging in from the north must give-way to boats properly following the buoys. So the reason I was able to beat the other guy to the C-Buoy was because he was forced to slow down as he beat and banged his way out the channel whereas I was able to cruise along at my normal speed. But don't feel sorry for him, once he got clear of the slop outside the inlet he throttled up and quickly and blew past us a warp-speed, headed I'm sure for big fish in distant canyons, and then possibly the "dentist" to have a few fillings replaced!



Kimmy Z from Lincoln, DE caught her biggest mahi to date as well as two other gaffers aboard the private boat "REEL PRESSURE". This one weighed in at 19.1 lbs. falling for ballyhoo in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

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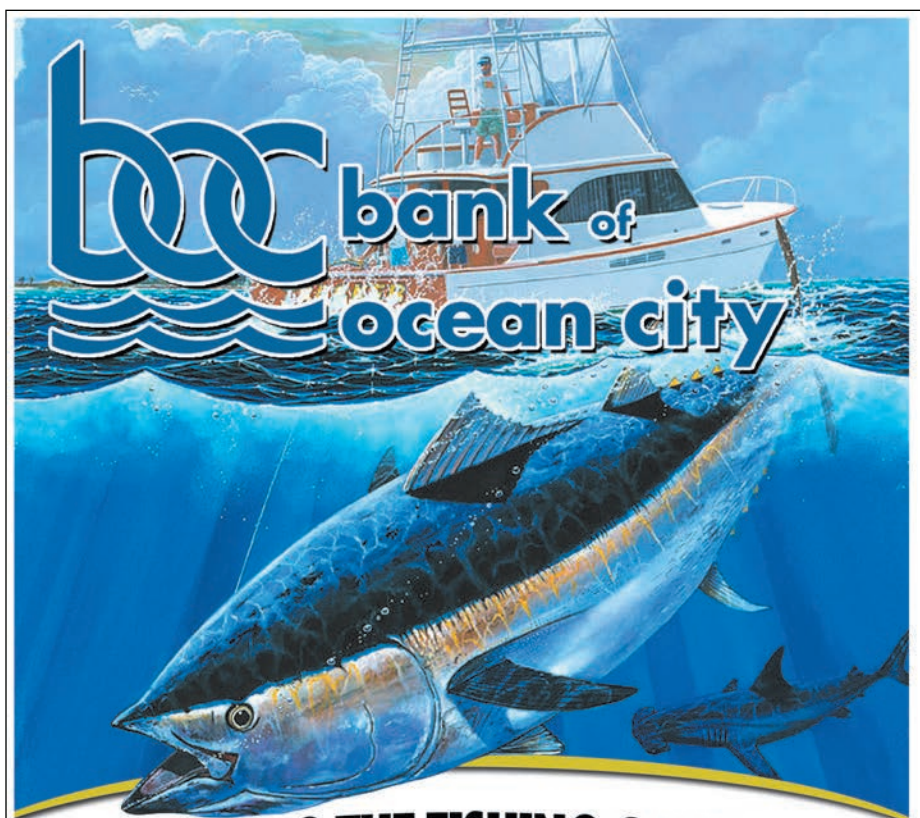
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Dan Mattio from Kingsville, MD, Bob Weaver Sr. and Bob Weaver Jr. from Joppa, MD landed five flounder ranging from 17 to 20 inches. They were caught at the Thorofare on the incoming tide. White Gulp with red headed jigs did the trick.



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Capt. Mike Weber and crew brought home this nice swordfish last Saturday. The private boat "Fine Line" was fishing in the Washington Canyon when they hooked up with this 128 pounder that took an hour to land. Fishing with Mike were Joe Wilkinson and Brian Kalamar.



A man, his dog and a fish, classic. Josh Rosenberger and Faith Biesecker took faithful dog Luna to the flats near the Thorofare in Ocean City to catch this 19" keeper flounder. Fishing on the boat "Jeffy Jr.", they used a Gulp and minnow combo and had to work through some throwbacks to get to this one.

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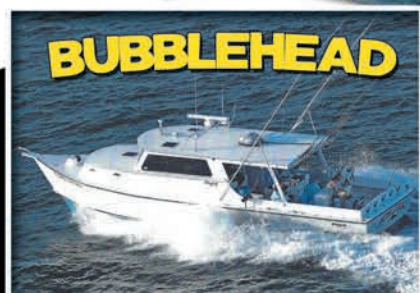
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Cpts. Adam Wilson and Cade Seely on the charter boat “Chasin’ Tides” found a good bite of Spanish mackerel and flounder Sunday morning on the inshore wrecks. They were trolling spoons for the mackerel and strip bait for the flounder.

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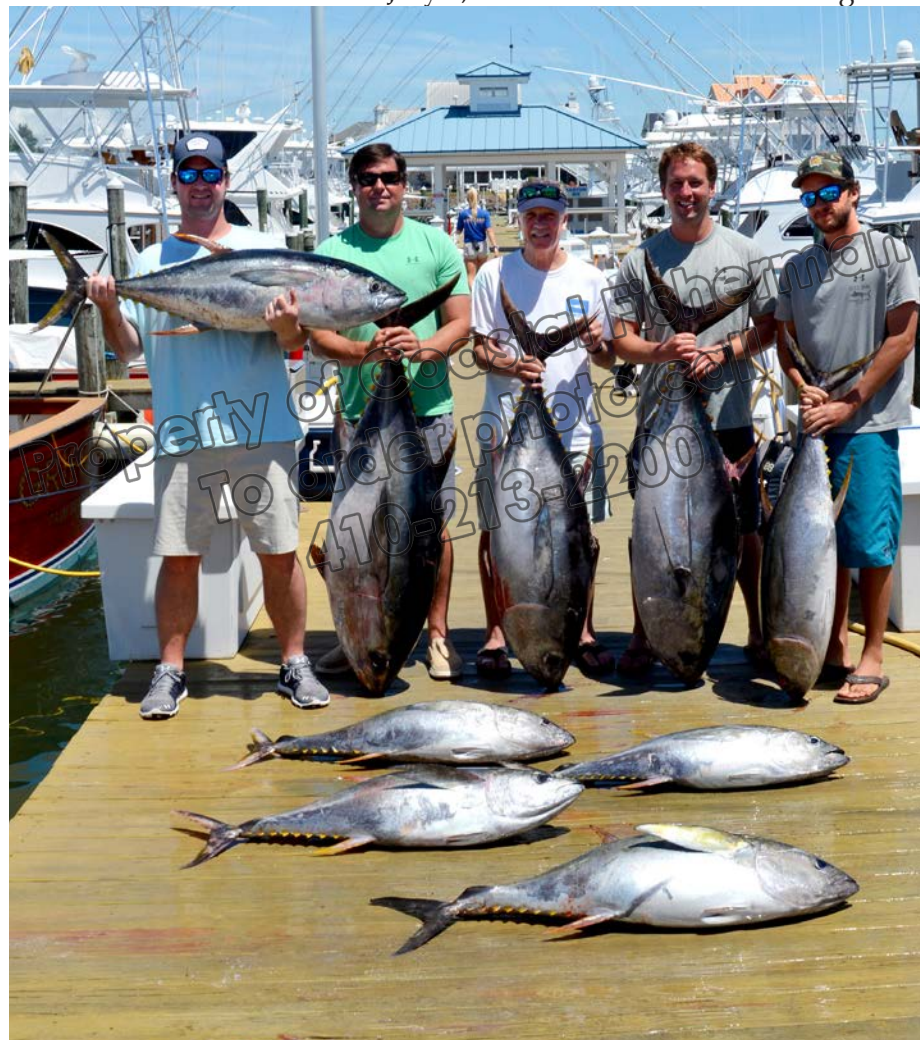
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It was a proud moment for Jimmy & Natalie Leitao to watch their little girl Gianna catch her first fish and she is just adorable showing off her kingfish! The family was fishing on 136 Street in OC in the evening and also caught some spot and skate.



Why spend all day fishing when you can just get your catch done by 7:30am? That's what this crew did while fishing with Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Mike Butler on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey". Anglers Trey Lewis, Brad & Lawrence Julio, Neill Peck and Ted Heart went out to the Washington Canyon and boated these 6 yellowfin and 3 bigeye tuna before breakfast.



Anglers Jay McElwain and Ken Bechtel on the private boat "Anchor Management" worked hard last Saturday to find this keeper flounder. They started at the flats up north in the OC Bay, worked south, back north, out to the south jetty and then finally by the OC Coast Guard Station where they went 5 for 5 drifting with white Gulp on the high tide.

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Ryan Renninger caught a 40 inch, 39.8lbs black drum and his 15 year old son Cole (pictured) caught 37 inch weighing 35.8 lbs. The father and son power team fished at the Coral Beds last week.



Andrew Smith with his son Ryan and Scott McClung from Morgantown, WV. caught 3 keeper flounder with a nice bluefish. They caught them while jigging at the Thorofare on the incoming tide. Largest flounder was 21". Thanks to Capt. Jason Mumford and Mate Ethan Nock for the picture.



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We are starting to get more wahoo reports. Nick Craven snatched this one while fishing 2 miles west of the Poor Man's Canyon early in the morning in 68° water. Nick was fishing with Capt. Jeff Montgomery & mate Corey Leggour with anglers Greg Tamburo, John Soter, Ryan McGuire and Joe Pino in their Scout 305.

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JULY 1	Low 11:00 am Low -----	High 05:00 am High 05:55 pm
THUR. JULY 2	Low 11:59 am Low 11:55 pm	High 05:56 am High 06:51 pm
FRI. JULY 3	Low 12:59 am Low 12:48 pm	High 06:51 am High 07:46 pm
SAT. JULY 4	Low 01:52 am Low 01:39 pm	High 07:45 am High 08:38 pm
SUN. JULY 5	Low 02:42 am Low 02:27 pm	High 08:38 am High 09:27 pm
MON. JULY 6	Low 03:30 am Low 03:14 pm	High 09:28 am High 10:11 pm
TUE. JULY 7	Low 04:17 am Low 04:01 pm	High 10:15 am High 10:51 pm
WED. JULY 8	Low 05:04 am Low 04:50 pm	High 11:00 am High 11:30 pm

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

Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide

Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide

Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
- 21 minutes for low tide

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