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Another Maryland swordfish record fell last fall when the crew of the "Ro Sham Bo" sauntered into the Ocean City Fishing Center with this 393 lb. swordfish! Capt. Willie Zimmerman and the crew of Albert DeCesaris, Lisa Williams, Lindy Stamp, Bubba Stamp, Mike Carrino, Kelly Carrino, Jeff Jacobs, boat owner Nick Shriver and mate Daniel Ames spent a successful day trolling south of the Washington Canyon and were preparing to head back to shore when they got a hit, a hard one. The big fish hit on an eel with a blue & white skirt. Angler Jeff Jacobs grabbed the rod with a Shimano Tymos 50 reel and got to work. Despite having already fished all day, Jeff fought the fish for five and a half hours before they could get it to the boat. This new Maryland Swordfish Record is 80 pounds greater than the previous one set in 2021.



Anglers Nolan Soulas, Josh Mercer and Tomi Murphy got in a little time on the water early on Thanksgiving Day. They were trolling mojos off the coast of Fenwick Island and connected with some nice rocks like this 46 incher that was safely released.

Delaware boys Capt. Bryant, Brian Perry and Kyle Falgowski tried their luck in Florida this past fall. They got a great mix of fish we do not have here like this hog fish that Brian got. Kyle landed a nice african pompano and not to be out done, Bryant landed a monster king mackerel.

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2022 DELMARVA Year in Review

by Capt. BJ Pietryak, Capt. Matt Abell & Larry Budd



The summer of 2022 will be one to remember for record catches and tournament payouts as well as one to forget for tough offshore fishing! Fortunately, the inshore and nearshore action was solid with good catches of flounder, bluefish and striped bass. Late summer also saw a nice cobia run off of Maryland and Delaware with most action just off the Virginia coast. So lets take a roll down memory lane with a summary of the Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and Offshore reports. Each weekly issue dates are in bold.

May 4, 2022

After a very windy winter and spring, it was a cold start for May with bay temps around 55° and the ocean around 50°. Air temps at night were in the 30's. Still there were black drum showing up in the surf, but not in big numbers. Rockfish were in the Delaware Bay to spawn and off the Rt. 50 Bridge in OC. Further offshore big tog were being caught on crab at the deeper wrecks. Flounder fishing

was slow, but the first keeper flatfish was caught this week, even with 29 mph winds! Other first keeper fish reported were for black drum, bluefish and rockfish.

A new author was added to give us a view of the action in Virginia's Eastern Shore, Matt Abell from Sea Hawk Sports Center. His first report shared info on productive flounder fishing on the inside of the barrier islands with the best bites during the last half of the ebb tide. Good action from the surf as well with black drum, rockfish and kingfish in the mix.

We also reported the catch of only 2 mako sharks reported to us in 2022. Don Mauzy headed out to the Norfolk Canyon and reeled in the mako and a barrel fish. This was before the moratorium on mako shark fishing was put in place by NOAA in June. Another change was made to regulations regarding summer flounder. Maryland, Delaware and Virginia lowered the keeper limit to 16" as of May 1st.

May 11, 2022

Wind was the word for this week, causing several days to be a washout. Anglers who did get out on the less windy days found success close to shore. Assateague Island on both the Maryland and Virginia parts were active with black drum, but less than weeks before. Stripers were in the mix as well with Ben Hostetter reporting a nice 37" rock. Morgan Mericle found a keeper 34" striper despite 20 mph winds. Big black drum were being found at Lighthouse Shoal offshore and tog were in the OC bay with Brian Reynolds landing a nice one from his kayak. The main channels in Ocean City were best if looking for keeper flounder. Targeting deep holes with a squid/minnow combo worked best.

Our man Matt in Virginia reported that black and red drum were biting on crabs and clams in more sheltered areas due to the winds. Flounder were being found from the VA barrier islands from Chincoteague to Quimby when cleaner water was found. Tog anglers working the last few days of the spring season got a nice early season surprise when they found they were catching sheephead!

The cold offshore water kept the battlewagons at the dock but there were a couple notable catches this week. Calvin Malone caught a 5-foot shortnose sturgeon while fishing for drum and stripers off of Assateague Island. This one was estimated to be 30 years old and was released. A rare fish, especially this far north. In Delaware Capt. Brent Wiest set a new state record for tog with a 20.48 lb. blackfish he caught on his boat "Katydid".

May 18, 2022

Two big stories this week, first was a spring nor'easter that sat off the coast for 4 days with devastating impacts to the beaches and extreme flooding on the bayside. Surprisingly, inshore fishing returned fairly quickly leading up to the other big story, opening day for sea bass. Unlike last year's beautiful opening day, 2022's big day saw foggy conditions that made going far impossible for many. Those that could get to Site 11 or the NJ/DE Reef were rewarded with limit catches. Big breeder drum were being caught in the Delaware Bay as well as the surf with many over 60 lbs. Matt Moffa won the Lewes Harbour Marina Joe Morris Memorial Canal Flounder Tournament with his 4.15 lb. flatfish.

The action for sea bass in Maryland was at the African Queen and as usual there were many boats to compete with! Despite the crowds and an increase to the keeper limit to 13", many reported catching their limits of 15 per angler including several headboats. Flounder was the top catch in the back bays with the Rt. 90 Bridge being the hotspot. The surf had an abundance of bluefish and several lucky anglers landed some keeper stripers and a few remaining black drum.

The waters off Chincoteague were the place to be in Virginia for sea bass opening day with silversides and bunker bits being reported as best baits. Flounder fishing was particularly good in the shallows of the back bays. The inlets and surf yielded some nice black drum along with some rockfish and the first kingfish of the season arrived.

Offshore the fishing did not rebound quickly, in fact it got worse. It looked like the weather pushed the warm water we saw coming north a few weeks before back south. Sea bass fisherman reported the water in the Poor Man's Canyon was 50°. Capt. Willie Zimmerman saw some warmer water pushing in behind the canyon and planned a trip that

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was 100 miles each way!

May 25, 2022

With Memorial Day right around the corner, the forecast looks to finally shepherd in some warmer weather into the 90's, although briefly. Still, it offered several comfortable days to get out. More 'First Fish' were reported for the season for yellowfin and bluefin tuna as well as the first thresher shark. While the tog season closed on the 15th until July, the sea bass action more than made up for it with lots of limit catches and some real trophies showing up at the docks.

Anglers found the flounder in the Delaware back bays were more willing to chase baits than in past weeks. Craig Beard found a bucket list catch with a 5 pounder. Black drum were still in the suds and the number and quality of bluefish (up to 30") increased nicely despite the significant beach erosion. Some rockfish could be found as well, but not in the numbers anglers were finding off the Maryland and Virginia shorelines. Those shorelines were producing lots of 'over the slot' stripers in the 40" to 50" range. Smaller stripers and blues were in the OC bays, especially around the Rt. 90 and Rt. 50 Bridges. Epic angler Big Bird Cropper had a good week landing keepers for stripers and limits of blues.

Virginia's warmer water had the flounder bite jumping in the shallow flats in less than 10' of water. The grass flats at Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds were great for red drum, rock and specs.

Offshore finally showed some action with the report of the first yellowfin and bluefin tunas. Capt. Skip Daisey and the crew on the private boat "Take Em" returned to Harbour Island in OC with a mix of yellowfins and bluefins to lock the 'First Fish' title for both in 2022. They had run 71 miles to a spit of warm water southeast of the Poor Man's Canyon, almost halfway to the Washington Canyon to find the bite, but the bite was short lived. When other boats returned the next day, the water was cold again and no fish were found. The first thresher shark of the season was also caught this week by Capt. Zach Brenner and the crew of the "Hot Line". They found the big 88" and 347 lb. thresher at the Fingers in 57° water.

June 1, 2022

As forecasted, Memorial Day weekend was gorgeous and we also saw the crowds increase on this unofficial start of summer. The sea bass bite slowed a little as the crowds put pressure on the closer wrecks. Sites further

out like the Jack Spot and the DelJersey Reef fared better due to less boats. An angler on the "Morning Star" found a nice surprise while sea bass fishing, they reeled in a pollock. A rare fish for this area anymore. Flounder were being found in the bay behind Assateague Island with squid reported as the bait of choice. In Delaware, the water near shore was still a little cool, but anglers were having some luck at B Buoy. On the other side of the island, the surf was still giving up some black drum and 'over the slot' rockfish while most of the northern beaches were still closed or heavily impacted by the spring nor'easter. The 3R's was open, and while it was narrow, anglers found an abundance of bluefish in the suds ranging in size up to 27". Those looking for black drum headed to the Delaware Bay where several fish over 50 lbs. were reported.

Down south, the Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds continued to take the spotlight with good catches of red drum, specs and stripers. They seemed hungry as they hit on a number of different baits. The Seaside of the ESVA was still contributing keeper flounder with several reported in the 4-to-5-pound range. Fishing at the CBBT was yielding drum and sheepshead.

The water remains cool in the canyons, most in the low 60°s with the southernmost canyon the Norfolk only warmer by a degree or two. There were warm water eddies in western waters around 100 miles or more. The crew of the "HotLine" made a long run well east of the Poor Man's Canyon and caught the first Mahi of the season. They only traveled 250 miles and burned 250 gallons of fuel!

June 8, 2022

The drum have finally moved north past the Maryland and Delaware beaches and had set up show in the Delaware Bay to spawn. While there may be some stragglers it seems most stripers had moved north of the MD/DE line as they headed north for their summer home. The sea bass and bluefish bites however were full on! Sea bass were in the deeper wrecks on the 100-135 ft. range with the Great Eastern Reef and the DelJersey being the hot spots. The surf and bays of Assateague, OC, DE and the Indian River were raging with bluefish as several large schools moved into the area with many slammer blues being reeled in. Flounder in the OC Bays were consistent and the headboat "Angler" reported their first catch of an ocean flounder showing us that the water was getting warmer.

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Down on the ESVA, the flounder were moving into their warm weather pattern with the most activity on the shallow water at the end of the flood tide. Kingfish were still in the surf along with some reds and a nice surprise this week was the arrival of a few early cobia off the coast of Assateague. The action remained strong at the CBBT for spanish mackerel and spadefish.

It felt like someone flipped a switch and turned up the offshore fishing! Some warmer water finally moved in but it was still a long way out, 75 to 100 miles. The "Bill Slayer" out of the Indian River Marina was one of the first to head out, running 92 miles to the southern edge of the Spencer Canyon. The trip was worth the ride as the crew got 5 yellowfin tunas in the box quickly and by the end of the day rolled into the marina with a limit catch of 18. The next day a small armada headed back to the 100-fathom line in the Spencer. Lots of boats caught their limits that day including the "Foolish Pleasure", "Boss Hogg", "Ro Sham Bo" and the "Restless Lady". The "Reel Chaos" found 17 yellowfins 75 miles out in the Wilmington Canyon in 67° water. We also had the first reported longfin tuna from the Wilmington Canyon for angler Chad Tingle. So the tuna were finally here, just very far out. Other boats stayed in the canyons and were finding nice catches of blueline and golden tilefish in the Washington. The "Catching or Cussing" caught a 29 lb. snowy grouper there as well. Lastly, the first black tip shark of the season was caught, and the 373 lb. monster set a new seasonal heavy as well.

June 15, 2022

Consistent warm and mild weather made for lots of opportunity to get out fishing and anglers made the most of it across Delmarva. Also, a much anticipated milestone for the offshore community was achieved as angler Kevin Gibbs caught and released the first white marlin of the season in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Wrecker". It was Kevin's first white marlin release as well!

The pressure on sea bass finally hit a tipping point after weeks of anglers working the wrecks. There were lots to catch, but limited keepers. Again, the hot spots were deeper areas like Site 10 and the African Queen, however those that worked lesser known wrecks had better luck. Ribbonfish were also active and were large compared to past years. Flounder were moving inshore with good action at A&B Buoys

and the African Queen as well with several fatties over 6 lbs. The bay behind Assateague remained the spot for flounder in the bays. The surf action was consistent, but hard to get a keeper. DE beaches saw flounder and bluefish and a 39" cobia being caught at the 3R's. The MD beaches in contrast were quieter with a few black drum being reported and some reds down near the VA line. The ESVA continued to enjoy flounder from the shallows around the barrier islands and inlets as well as more anglers working the nearshore wrecks.

Offshore saw consistent action for yellowfin tuna as well as the aforementioned first white marlin. The "Rhonda's Osprey" also released a white on the same day in the Wilmington, but after the "Wreckers". The tuna were a little closer now, in the Baltimore and north Wilmington Canyons and the action cooled a little bit from limit catches to high single digit fish in the box. The water was ranging from the mid 60's to low 70's across these canyons. Some notable catches were from the "Bill Slayer" with a 75 lb. yellowfin, the "Hooked Up" with an 80.6 lb. tuna and the "Spring Mix" with a 243 lb. bluefin that had lost its tail to a shark at the boat! That one set the record for Heaviest Bluefin and remained unchallenged for the rest of the year.

Under the 'First Fish' category, several were added this week. The first bigeye tuna was caught on the private boat "HotLine" that was pulled from the Baltimore Canyon in a patch of 72° water. The first swordfish of the season came to us from the crew of the charter boat "Espadon" from the Poor Man's Canyon.

June 22, 2022

This week saw strong west winds and warmer temps. While the latter made the water warmer and improved the inshore action, the biting flies from the west winds were unbearable! The back bays in both DE and MD turned on for flounder. There was good action in the DE Bay with limited keepers while the deeper parts of the OC Bays continued to produce decent keepers. The offshore wrecks in DE like Site 11 and near A Buoy were hot for keeper ocean flounder and while sites off Ocean City were active, keepers were hard to find. Likewise, the sea bass bite for keepers across the region slowed. Like flounder there was a lot of action, but anglers had to work through many throwbacks and ribbonfish to find some keepers. The ribbonfish were as thick as anyone could remember and becoming quite a nuisance.

The bluefish run made up for the other slowdowns with one of the best seasons seen in years. They were everywhere, on the wrecks, in the surf and in the bays.

Sheepshead were showing up in both the OC and Indian River Inlets including a 275 lb. convict caught by Jo Fishers that was close to a DE state record.

The hot action in the ESVA was 'the man in the brown suit'. The cobia bite was on fire as angler Russ Garufi reported boating 12 in one day off Cape Charles with a few over 50". The action was thick all the way down to the CBBT.

Those strong west winds kept most of the offshore boats in their slips for the weekend and even delayed the Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament for a week. The first blue marlin release for 2022 was from the "Rhonda's Osprey" in the Poor Man's Canyon. Before the blow, the only tuna bite was yellowfin and that slowed down with many undersized fish in the mix. The "Shorebilly" reported on one trip this week to the Poor Man's that they caught 29 tuna, but only 5 were keepers! Tilefish were abundant in the Baltimore Canyon, mainly golden tiles. Some 'by-catch' mahi were being caught by those trolling for tuna that were mainly schoolies. A notable catch for this week was a barracuda caught at the 000's. Capt. Scott Stapleford could only remember seeing 1 or 2 in our waters.

June 29, 2022

It was the weather week we had been waiting for all season and just in time for the 4th of July! There were several days of fair winds and waves and only a couple days of blow. There were also 2 inshore and 2 offshore tournaments running concurrently over the weekend! Offshore there was the Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament. The Ocean City Marlin Club held their 43rd Annual Small Boat Tournament with inshore and offshore calcuttas. Additionally, there was the 7th Annual Kid's Catch All Tournament at the Indian River Marina and the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam Kayak Fishing Tournament!

The keeper action inshore, nearshore and offshore did not match up to the nice weather. Delaware anglers reported catching 8-10 sea bass before getting a keeper. The headboat "Angler" out of OC reported catching keeper knotheads harder to find, but the flounder was improving. The same was reported from DE anglers. Spanish mackerels and snapper blues were thick at the Fenwick Shoals. Cobia

were also being hooked at the Shoals just south of the OC Inlet. It was at Kelly's Reef also south of OC that angler John Stackhouse paddled his kayak to find a 46.25 lb. cobia that one 1st Place in the Fish N Paddle Saltwater slam! A few sheepshead were being found at the Ice Breaker in the DE Bay and at the OC Inlet.

The ESVA told a different story however! Limits of flounder were being caught from depths of 5-15 feet of clear water in or near the inlets of the barrier islands. Big fatties were also found at reefs like the Blackfish Banks off Chincoteague. Cobia were commanding most of the attention in the lower Chesapeake Bay from the CBBT north to the lower reaches of the Pocomoke Sound. Surf fishermen across Delmarva were finding kingfish, and the occasional croaker.

Offshore action was dominated by two tournaments. First up was Tuna & Tiaras on Friday/Saturday. The bite was to say the least, tough. Each boat to the scales only brought on qualifying fish with the "Game Changer" taking top honors with a 54 lb. yellowfin. Offshore anglers in the OCMC Small Boat Tournament found similar conditions for their Saturday/Sunday event. Top honors there went to "Team Moritz" for a 66.6 lb. yellowfin they raised east of the Baltimore Canyon. In the Mahi Division, there were only 2 qualifying fish weighed with 1st Place going to Joe Roberts on the "Hump'n Along" with a 20.6 lb. dolphin from the Norfolk Canyon. The IRM Kid's Catch All did have a Tuna Division and it was 10 year old Francesca Gessler that took 1st Place with a 49 lb. yellowfin from the Wilmington Canyon. Less than a handful of billfish releases were reported in or outside of the tournaments.

July 6, 2022

Unlike the week prior, the nice weather over the 4th of July weekend proved to be very productive offshore and inshore. There was good tuna action in the canyons and anglers were kept busy inshore and in the bays with lots of action.

The African Queen, Bass Grounds, A Buoy and the Old Grounds proved to be good locations for limit catches of flounder as well as decent sea bass catches. There were bluefish in the mix as well as a few false albacore. One angler on the headboat "Ocean City Girl" even caught an 80 lb. bluefin tuna!

Flounder were abundant in the OC Bays as well. Up till now they were concentrated at the south parts but were now spreading

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out to the northern parts near the Thorofare and further north. The back bays in DE as well as the Lewes Canal were yielding nice flatfish and limit catches.

In the bays, the Rt. 50 Bridge was the spot for bluefish and undersized rocks. Sheepshead were active in the DE Bay at the Ice Breakers where Grady Falgowski found a 10 lb. convict. That's a big fish. Cobia were still hitting by the CBBT, but the action had cooled. There were still plenty of kingfish and sheepshead to keep everyone busy.

The inshore wrecks off the ESVA were getting a lot of attention with anglers targeting a mixed bag of spadefish, triggers, ribbonfish, flounder and even tog now that the season had reopened.

Offshore the action was mainly in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons with water temps now ranging from 70° to 75°. Anglers saw a full range of tunas being caught with many boating double digit yellowfins. Bigeyes were in the mix too. Notable catches were from the "Playmate" with a 219 lb. eyeball from the Washington Canyon and the "Top Dog" with a 243 lb. bigeye from the Hambone that was the heaviest caught to date. We also saw something of a rarity up to this point in the year, a nice bluefin tuna. The "Carol's Teakettle" rolled into Sunset Marina with a chunky 132 lb. blue they caught at the Hambone.

While billfishing had been slow to this point, there was some action this week. Several blue marlins were caught and more released. The "Big Stick" landed a 288 lb. blue marlin in the Poor Man's and the "Reel One" boated a 340 lb. blue from the Washington that got tail wrapped during the fight.

Notable too was the first wahoo of the season being caught by "Chasin' Tides" at the Hot Dog and the last two mako sharks caught by Tyler Enslin & Andy Swope were the last we would see for some time. The ICCAT lead moratorium on them was set to policy by NOAA and took effect July 5th.

July 13, 2022

The first big money tournament of the season, the Ocean City Tuna Tournament was held over the weekend. Despite high fuel prices and mediocre bite offshore, a record number of boats entered driving the prize money to a record \$1,100,000! Inshore and in the bays, the flounder bite slowed down notably. Anglers had to work hard and move around to find a few keepers. As the water was warming, the inshore bite was moving to deeper water and

anglers were dealing with a lot of throwbacks. South of B Buoy, the Bass Grounds and Blackfish Banks off Chincoteague were best this week. In the bays, top spots were the area by the Power Plant in the Indian River Bay, down by the OC Airport, the bulkhead at 2nd Street in OC and around the inlets to the ESVA barrier islands.

Sheepshead were plentiful in the DE Bay and the OC Inlet. Fenwick Shoals was hot with kingfish. The surf action was mainly shark and rays with small kingfish and spot mixed in.

Most of the offshore action was from the Tuna Tournament and the tuna of choice was the bigeye. Of the more than a dozen eyeballs brought to the scales, 8 were over 200 lbs. and most from the Norfolk Canyon. It was the "Reel Crazy" that took the top spot for Heaviest Tuna with the 275 pounder they caught on day 2 of the event earning \$307,852. This was the heaviest bigeye to date but ended up being bested by a 276 lb. fish a few weeks later. The charter boat "Talkin' Trash" took first place in the stringer division at 535 lbs. with 2 bigeyes in the set raking in the top tournament payout of \$316,042. Most of the yellowfin catch was 1 to 3 fish per boat in the 45 to 65 lb. range. There were no qualifying mahi or wahoo weighed, however the "War Horse" did land a nice 55 lb. speedster, but they were not in that calcutta.

July 20, 2022

The summer was in full swing, the weather was great, and Delmarva was packed! The heat was settling in and it put a damper on the number of keepers, but the action remained heavy with lots of undersized sea bass & flounder. The inshore spots remained the Old Grounds, the African Queen and the wrecks off Chincoteague for sea bass, flounder, trigger, an occasional tog and of course nuisance ribbonfish. The Great Eastern Reef offered up some larger fish with less throwbacks as the bigger fish moved to deeper waters.

Paradise Grill in Long Neck, DE held its annual Flounder Pounder this week and had 800 anglers competing for one of the most lucrative flounder tournaments in the country. This year's champion was Brandon Groce with a 6 lb. and 25.75" fattie that earned him \$20,000!

Warmer waters also spread the flounder bite out in the bays. Anglers found flounder and some croaker in the deep holes of the back bays of the Indian River Bay and at the Inlet. Those in OC found success at the Inlet and in the southern bay north of the Rt. 50

Bridge through the Thorofare. The Inlets to the Barrier Islands in the ESVA continued to produce. Sea trout and small rocks were being pulled by the Verrazano Bridge and red drum were swimming in the surf off Assateague. Storm Cline pulled in a trophy sized 45" red there.

Some nice sheepshead were being found at the Outer Wall in the DE Bay. That's where Parker Pastorius found his 10 lb. convict using sand fleas. Several other over 9 lb. fish were reported. A couple pompano were also being seen in the surf.

This week again was mainly about yellowfin tuna offshore. The best way to describe the bite was 'picky'. Captains were split between trolling the canyons and chunking the inshore lumps.

The southern Poor Man's Canyon was the most promising location on the troll and the Hambone for the chunk. Most reported being able to put mid-single digit catches in the box with average weights in the 50's.

Billfishing was still slow with only a few boats making the long runs to find warm clean water. The "Blood Money" ran out well east of the Washington Canyon and went 3 for 4 on white marlin and released the first sailfish for 2022. The "Billfisher" took a similar strategy during the Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament running 98 miles east of the Washington as well and came to the scales with 4 white marlin release flags flying. They also released a sailfish.

There were all the peanut mahi one could ask for at the bass pots and anglers found some tunny's and bonitos mixed in as well. There were plenty of blueline and golden tilefish to be found in the canyons as well as trigger fish that made up for the slow tuna and marlin bite. Lastly, the "Roll Grove" took the top slot in the Wahoo Division during the Jimmy Johnson's Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City, NJ with a 55.3 lb. speedster.

July 27, 2022

It was full on summer with hot and humid days in the 90's with storms in the evenings. While this made fishing uncomfortable for anglers, the fish did not seem to mind. Inshore action remained good for catching, however the 'keeping' side was more challenging as there were lots of shorts for sea bass and flounder. Deeper sites like the DelJersey, Jack Spot, and great Eastern were more productive as the fish too looked to find cooler water temps. The "Angler" was finding keepers up to 2.5 lbs. Jessie Normal landed a flounder of a lifetime at the Del

Jersey that tipped the scales at 10.4 lbs. at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina. The doormat was 30"! Anglers were also finding that a good number of keeper triggerfish were being more cooperative.

In the bays, recreational boat traffic was making the water less clear, and the heat was driving the flounder to deeper holes. This combo made anglers have to work harder to find keepers as the bite slowed.

Sheepshead were a bright spot with the Outer Wall in the DE Bay remaining the primary spot. So many were targeting this delicious fish that sand fleas were sometimes hard to find. Resourceful anglers were raking in their own from the beach.

Yellowfin continued to dominate the offshore catch with lots of undersized fish, but also double digit and limit catches. Most of the canyons were productive for trolling and the inshore lumps like the Hambone in 20-30 fathoms were hot spots for chunking. Saturday especially saw an explosion of action with so many boats heading out. Most boated mid-single to low double-digit fish. Some exceptions were the charter boat "Marli" that had two limit trips of 18 and another with 10 in the Poor Man's. The charter boat "Restless Lady" chunked butterfish at the Hambone to get 12 nice sized yellows in the box. This week also saw a new Heaviest Yellowfin for the season at 89.2 lbs. This one came from the charter boat "C-Boys" from the Massey's Canyon. Another heavy record was set for bigeye. The charter boat "Wrecker" weighed in a record 276 lb. eyeball. This one would remain unchallenged and was the Heaviest Bigeye for the year. This week saw 3 bigeyes over 200 lbs.

Billfishing remained slow, however the private boat "Kilo Charlie" released 3 white marlin in the Norfolk and the charter boat "Turnin' Fins" released the only blue marlin for the week in the Washington Canyon. That one was estimated at 250 lbs.

Lastly, Ryan Spillman set a new Heaviest Wahoo for DE with an 87 lb. fish he caught in Massey's Canyon. The speedster hit on a purple & black high speed bullet head, and it also remained unchallenged to finish the year as the Heaviest Wahoo for DE.

August 3, 2022

As we turned into the first week of August, we saw our next big money tournament, the 9th Annual Big Fish Classic. This year's event hosted at the Talbot

Street Pier saw 90 boats entered and a prize money payout of over \$1,000,000. Inshore sites saw 'consistent' action for mainly flounder and some sea bass with less shorts than previous weeks. The flounder were getting bigger with many limit catches and anglers were using Fluke Candy style rigs to great effect. It was also a nice surprise to still see that sea bass were still being caught, but most were landing only a few keepers per trip. The Old Grounds and the Bass Grounds were the spots inshore. The back bays up and down the coast as well as the Lewes Canal were the places to be for flatfish inland.

Anglers were also finding lots of triggerfish including some big ones. Kevin McNelis caught a 5 pounder at the Old Grounds, a personal best. The OC Inlet and Rt. 50 Bridge were a hot spot for multiple species. Sheepshead were on the South Jetty Wall, bluefish in the Inlet and big stripers were being caught at night at the bridge. One crew on the "Lucky Break" caught a 10 lb. bluefish at the Inlet and Nick Ager shared a 40" striper he landed at night at the bridge using a Fin-S Shad. Up north sheepshead were thick in the DE Bay at the Outer Wall and Ice Breaker with lots of citation sized fish coming to the docks. Alex

Arters caught a 11.77 lb. and 25" convict he caught using sand fleas. Offshore anglers started the week still chunking butterfish at the inshore lumps for tuna, but as the week progressed many went back to the troll targeting bigeyes and had great success! During the Big Fish Classic over 20 eyeballs were brought to the scales with 11 of them over 200 lbs. The "No Limit's" winning eyeball was 258.5 lbs. earning the crew \$192,252. All the bigeyes this week came from the Wilmington Canyon. Those chunking for yellowfins were finding fish in the 40-50 pound ranges, those trolling had some better luck when they hit pods of fish in the 50-60 pound range. Most saw 2 or 3 per trip in the box, however the "Restless Lady II" was an exception returning to Talbot Street with 12 on ice.

Marlin remained elusive with only 1 white marlin brought to the scales during the Big Fish Classic. That one was from the "Boss Hogg" who started well east of the Wilmington Canyon and worked their way back to the shallows to find their 76 lb. winning marlin. All in they took home \$225,000 in prize money. We heard of about a dozen releases overall for the week, way down from normal averages this time of year.

Swordfish were in the canyons in earnest with over 10 weighed at the tournament. The winner was 170.5 lbs. caught on the "Big Stick" in the Poor Man's Canyon earning just under \$100,000.

As in prior weeks, there were only a few blue marlin catches with most in the Wilmington Canyon. The "Sea Flame", "Absolute Pleasure" and "Blood Money" all released one during the tournament, however it was the 436 lb. blue brought to the scales by the "Gret's Three Js" that took top honors for not only blue marlin and other categories but was the biggest fish for the Big Fish Classic!

Notable too were the cobia in the surf. Tyler Adams reeled in a nice 41" keeper 'man in the brown suit' off the beach in Ocean City.

August 10, 2022

We were in full tournament season now with major events every week in August, and the hot and humid weather that comes with this time of year. This week of course saw the beginning of the 'big show', the 49th Annual White Marlin Open. 408 boats entered this year competing for an estimated \$8.6 million dollars in prize money! The WMO as usual also started on the 'heels' of the Ocean City Marlin Club Ladies Tournament - Heels & Reels, so there was a

bunch of action offshore. Even the bay of OC was impacted with all the battle wagons coming in the inlet and up the bay churning up the water. Inshore saw a sea bass catch offering some nice large blackfish compared to weeks before.

Headboats like the "Judith M" and the "Angler" were seeing increased keeper counts for sea bass on the inshore sites, and they were larger too. Flounder remained strong at the usual spots, the Bass Grounds and the Old Grounds. Helen Hunsberger was there where she landed a 26.5" flatfish that weighed in at 74 lbs. setting a new Heaviest Flounder for the Season for DE. It remained unchallenged and was the Heaviest Flounder for the Year as well. "On the Run" charters also made a run out and came back to Bahia Marina with 13 keepers! Both bays in MD and DE were active as well with flatfish spread broadly across their waters. The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce held their annual Flounder Tournament this week. This year's champion was Derek Yobst with a 23 7/8" fattie he found in the OC Inlet.

Over slot red drum were teaming in the surf off Assateague with many over 45". Further north up

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the beach, Numan Bilal with his family and friends wrestled a huge 5' wingspan southern ray onto the beach using a spinning rod!

The yellowfins offshore were getting bigger and being caught on the troll again after several weeks of most folks chunking. The Baltimore Canyon was the hot spot. That's where the "Spring Mix II" landed an 81 lb. yellowfin that week. There was only one bigeye reported this week compared to the 20 plus last week, and that was from the Heels & Reels tournament. The "Just One More" barely made it to the scales at the end of the day on Saturday with their bigeye from the Baltimore that was 230 lbs. taking 1st Place in the Tuna Division. The Billfish Release Division was won by the crew of the "Buckshot" for their 2 blue marlin releases in the Baltimore Canyon. The top mahi for the event came from the "Following Seas" with a 31.2 lb. dolphin from the Poor Man's Canyon. That one was the heaviest of the season so far and one of several over 20 lb. fish we saw that week.

Again, the billfish bite was 'rare but there'. Less than 12 scattered single and double releases were reported from the Wilmington to the Norfolk Canyons.

The Heaviest Wahoo of the season saw three changes this week with 2 of them over 80 lbs. It was however the "New Release" with an 85 lb. speedster that ended the week with the Heaviest of the Season to date.

August 17, 2022

The bays, inshore and the surf offered up just about every species you could want this week. There were sheepshead in the DE Bay, especially the Outer Wall and also in the OC Inlet on the South Jetty. Flounder too were across the bays although in deeper holes as the water warmed. Hot spots were the VFW slough and the inlet in the Indian River Bay as well as the Rt. 90 Bridge and by the OC Airport. Further south the inlets to the ESVA Barrier Islands continued to provide great table fare. Flounder was the main catch inshore as well with the African Queen retaining her title as a hot spot as well as the Coral Beds around A & B Buoys. The flatfish seem larger too with many reports of 6-8 lb. fatties.

It was a great week for sea bass. Not only considering the time of year, but anglers were finding limit catches on some days as well as citation sized fish! They were further out on wrecks and reefs around 100', but still biting. Our own Matt Abell landed a 2 man

limit on a wreck off Chincoteague. He also reported good spanish mackerel fishing off the island as well.

Reds were in the surf off Assateague and the Chesapeake saw the start of the summer bull red drum run with action from east of Watts Island to the Cell Reef site.

Tog, bluefish and rockfish were in the mix too making it a great week.

Offshore was a different story. Most of the action during the White Marlin Open occurred in the last three days of the event and despite some of the worst billfishing conditions in recent memory and a fickle tuna bite, it was another record setting event!

The WMO is all about billfish and while there were only 3 qualifying billfish weighed, they saw huge payouts. The first billfish we saw was a blue marlin on day 4. The "Cabana" was north of the Norfolk Canyon in 300 fathoms when they connected with a 118" and 511 lb. blue. This was the only blue brought to the scales and earned the crew just over \$1.2M.

The big money however was of course in the White Marlin Division. We only saw two qualifying fish over the 5-day

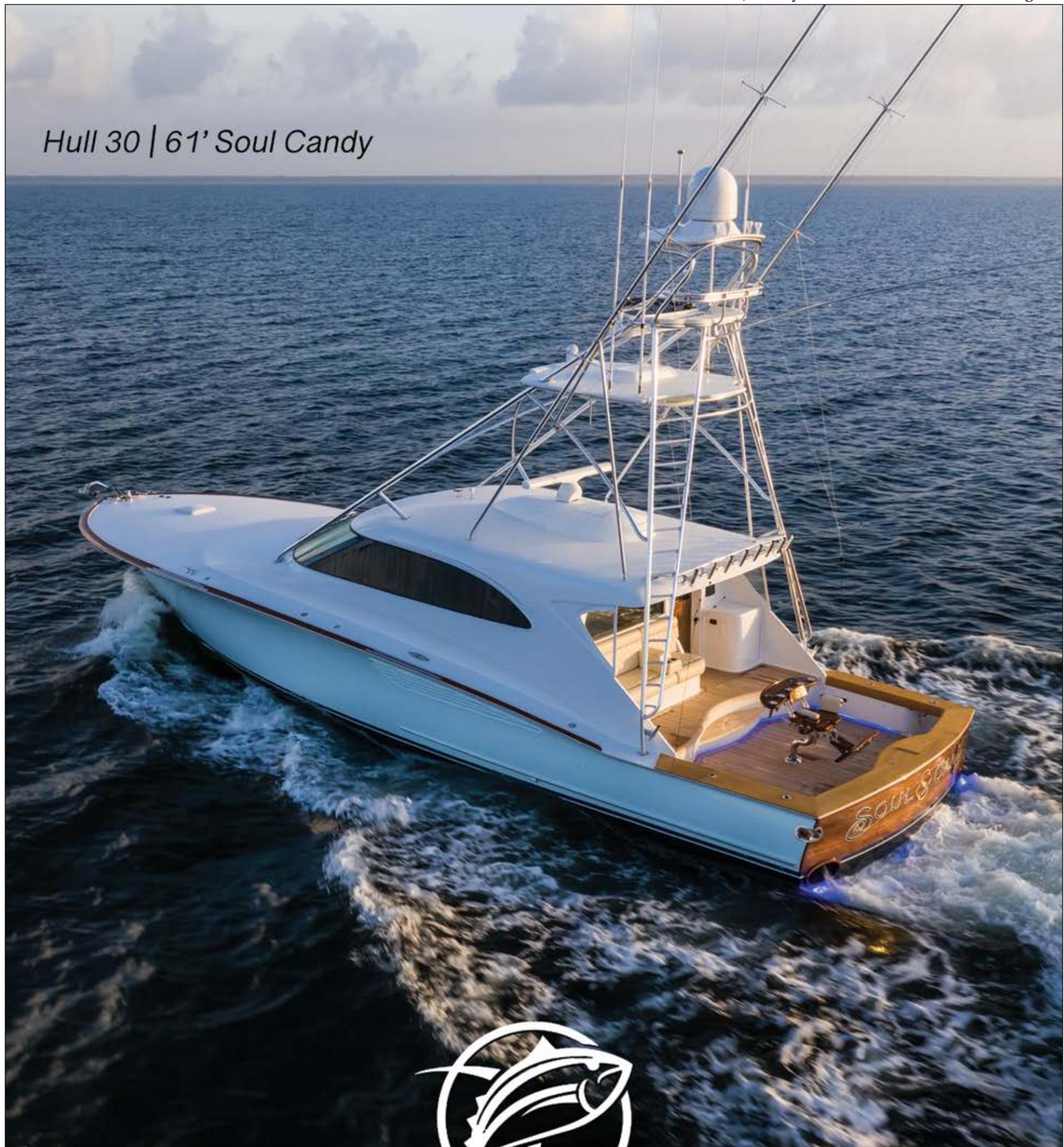
event. The "C- Student" set the bar first with a 71.5 lb. white that held the lead for about 24 hours until the "Billfisher" came to the dock on the last day. As they had been doing most of the summer, the crew of the "Billfisher" were making long runs of 85-100 miles to get to warmer blue water. On this day they were 90 miles out, east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1500 fathoms where Jeremy Duffie caught the tournament winning 77.5 lb. roundscale spearfish. The payout of over \$4.5M was the largest in WMO tournament history and the largest single payout for any single fishing tournament!

As in other recent tournaments bigeye tuna dominated the top spots in that category with only 72 tunas being weighed overall. All caught on the troll. Still the top 3 fish had a combined payout of over \$1.9M! 1st Place went to the "Southern C's" with a 247.5 lb. eyeball they caught in the Norfolk Canyon earning over \$1.2M. It was one of a triple hook up where they landed two. It also won the top spot by only 1 lb. besting a 246.5 lb. tuna from the "Big Stick".

Finally there was a great catch from the surf off Assateague by Chris Whiteman. He landed a rare 10' 4" tiger shark using stingray



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August 24, 2022

A couple traditional events marked the 3rd week of August. Hot & humid weather with afternoon/evening squalls and thunderstorms. Many families too were preparing for the new school year, so it was not as crowded. Overall the flounder bite was slower this week in both the regions bays and inshore sites. Fortunately anglers inshore were still finding some keepers as well as sea bass that just wouldn't leave. Lots of triggerfish too. The big Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder was held over the weekend. This big money flatfish tourney is known to attract anglers from many states and winning fish are usually north of 9 lbs. This year was no exception with team 'Bankers Hours' winning first place with a 9.1 lb. fattie and taking home \$107K!

Anglers in the lower Chesapeake were still enjoying a late summer red drum run with fish over 50". They were widespread from Onancock to just south of the Cell Reef site.

Offshore saw another big August tournament, the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open hosted at Bahia Marina. This ladies only

event is mainly a billfish release tournament and is a great fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. This year's donation was \$100K.

Top honors this year went to the crew of the "Max Bet". On the first day they released 2 white and 2 blue marlins while trolling well east of the Baltimore Canyon about 97 miles out and in 1000 fathoms. They remained unchallenged and earned over \$125K in prize monies. Overall, we saw an uptick in white marlin releases with 30 released during the tournament, but still a fraction of prior years.

Unlike prior weeks, the tuna catch was back to exclusively yellowfins and they were in most canyons. They were chunky though in the 50-60 lb. range. Top tuna in the Poor Girl's was a 72.4 lb. yellowfin from the "Boss Hogg".

August 31, 2022

The last week of August saw a number of afternoon storms that put a hurt on bay fishing as the water got dirty. There were keeper flounder being found, but not in the quantify of prior weeks. Offshore however was a different story with hot action remaining at the African Queen and the coral beds around A Buoy. Anglers were not finding trophy flatfish, but many getting their limits with

20"-23" fish. Those looking for some knotheads for their plates were having to deal with many smalls to find a few keepers. Still a treat considering how late in the season we were.

The action was good for those looking for red drum around the ESVA. Tasty reds were being caught just off Chincoteague and broadly in the lower Chesapeake Bay from the CBBT up into Maryland near buoy 72.

Sheepshead were abundant around the DE Bay structures, the Cape Henlopen Pier and the OC Inlet.

Offshore was dominated by the last big money tournament of the season, the MidAtlantic! It was probably the most productive billfish week of the summer during the Tournament with most of the action well east of the northern canyons in deep water from 1000-1400 fathom ranging from the Baltimore to the Lindenkohl. 334 white marlin were caught with 98% released and over 50 blue marlins hooked. That lead to some nice leaderboard changes, but once the week was done the top winner from OC was "Catch 23" taking 2nd Place for Heaviest White Marlin for a 73 lb. white they found well east of the Baltimore Canyon earning

almost \$700K. We also saw lots of blue marlin action with local boat "Kilo Charlie" placing the highest for an OC boat in 3rd Place. They brought in a 607 lb. blue from the Lindenkohl in 1000 fathoms earning a payout of just over \$580K. Tuna were mainly yellowfins, but some were in the 80 lb. range. The top spot for tuna however was from local boat "Lucky Duck" with a 210 lb. bigeye from east of the Baltimore netting over \$290K. We did see a nice Allison tuna brought in by the crew of the "Reel Ledo" that tipped the scales at 151.6 lbs.!

Mahi were scattered and picky, however the "Valentine" had a 43 lb. dolphin hit on a marlin rig east of the Wilmington to take 1st Place in the tournament.

A couple of new state records were also set this week for blueline tilefish in both MD and DE. DE angler Daine Hursh set a new record at 25.5 lbs. and Darwin Kunth from MD set one for his 21.8 lb. tilefish.

September 7, 2022

The weather was beautiful across the Delmarva region for the first week of September and Labor Day, and while still below norms, we were seeing some of the best billfishing of the season. Saturday saw boat after boat returning to

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their slips with multiple release flags flying. The "Reel Chaos" had a total of 13 white marlin released over the weekend. The "C-Boys" went 4 for 6 on whites in only 500 fathoms in the Baltimore, much closer than previous weeks. Swordfish were in the mix too. The "Cabana" found 3 on one trip to the Wilmington.

The other big catch was mahi with reports of boats like the charter boat "Spring Mix II" landing over 40+ fish per trip. Most were in the 10 lb. range and were from the Jack Spot. The tuna catch was consistent and primarily yellowfin with most getting only a few per trip. However, several reports of longfin tuna made their way to us as did news of an unusual catch. A local crew of spear fishermen gave us a call from the Ocean City Fishing Center to come see a rare for this area cubera snapper they speared in about 30' of water at an inshore wreck.

The reduced crowds helped lower pressure on the inshore sites allowing anglers to find larger flounder, a few close to limit sea bass catches and some tog.

The bays were teaming with diversity with anglers finding limit catches of flounder as well as croaker. Tog was found at the Walls in the DE Bay. Some unique

catches this week were a tripletail from the "Morning Star", several moonfish and a 25" barracuda that was pulled from the surf.

Anglers at the ESVA continued to enjoy the red drum run offshore and in the Chesapeake Bay as well as good sheepshead action at the CBBT.

September 14, 2022

Local summer storms combined with winds from the passing remnants of Hurricane Earl put a damper on the number of fishing days this week. There was an upside afterwards however, as it appeared the northeast winds from Earl pushed the blue water closer and the seas were unusually calm. We had reports of white marlin releases in the 500-fathom range versus 1000 fathoms before the storm. When anglers could get to the canyons, we saw a continuation of the prior week's good white marlin bite with several boats releasing 3 to 5. They were mainly in the Washington and Wilmington Canyons, and we only had one report of a blue marlin. More swordfish were coming to the docks. The "Water Damaged" hand cranked a 98 lb. sword in from 2000'. The "Just One More" pulled in a 109 pounder from the Poor Man's Canyon.

We did not get many reports of tuna

catches as anglers were focused on marlin fishing in September. The "Carol's Teakettle" did share a 75 lb. yellowfin they caught in warm 77° water they found in the Baltimore Canyon.

Mahi and tilefish remained the strongest offshore action. Limit catches of mahi were common with anglers targeting the lobster and sea bass buoys with some finding other floating debris.

Inshore and the bays continued to be a cornucopia of species offering flounder, sea bass (still!), wahoo, sheepshead, tog, and red & black drum. The CBBT was the spot for red drum and cobia. Notable was the 32" speckled trout that Damian Prezios caught just south of the OC Inlet.

Bahia Marina held their annual Flounder Pounder and for the third year in a row the top honor went to team "Delicious" with a 4 lb. 7 oz. fattie they found at the Rt. 50 Bridge.

September 21, 2022

As we came to our last issue of the summer season, there was beautiful weather with cool mornings signaling our transition to the fall. Soon anglers would be shifting their focus to rockfish and red & black drum. For this week however many were trying for

last of the summer fare, sea bass and flounder. Those species were not very cooperative, and we saw a notable slowdown both inshore and the bays. Interestingly, anglers on some of the headboats reported catching lookdown fish. Another unusual catch this far north. Others turned to targeting sheepshead and tog that were more willing to bite at the inlets in OC, Indian River and ESVA. More reports of spanish mackerel than previous weeks.

Offshore action was dominated by bigeye tuna and swordfish. The "Instigator" had the big catch of the week returning from an overnight trip with 6 bigeye tuna, 2 swordfish and a wahoo! The "Cabana" spent the day in the Washington Canyon and pulled 5 swordfish from the deep. Just after this edition was published, we got a call from Capt. Willie Zimmerman on the charter boat "Ro Sham Bo". His crew on September 22nd landed a huge swordfish from south of the Washington Canyon. The beast weighed in at 393 lbs. at the Ocean City Fishing Center and set a new Maryland State Record!

White marlin continued to cooperate nicely. Both the "Seven" and "Showtime" reported 5 releases each from the Washington Canyon. Many others reported single releases and a handful of blue marlin. §

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It looks like Sam Watkins from Bethany Beach, DE found his inner zen to share with us this 31.5" keeper striper! He fooled this table fare in the late afternoon last November in the Indian River Bay using a 4" swim shad.



Early fall fishing saw some nice sized flatfish including the 22" flounder caught by Randy Garner from Lancaster, PA. He was fishing on the charter boat "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente at the Ocean City Commercial Harbor using white Gulp. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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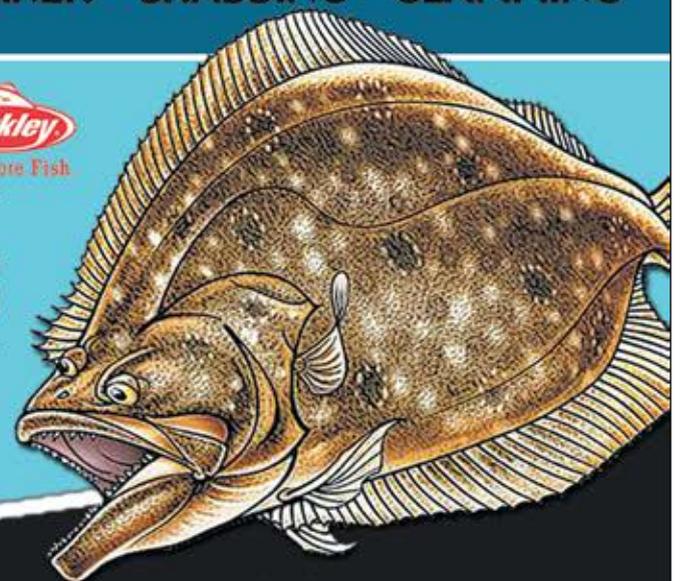
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2022 Season Summary and 2023 Thoughts

While the season started off with shortages of equipment and service people, things seemed to have gotten better throughout the season. Many of the manufacturers adapted by narrowing their offerings and or focusing production on their most popular products. For many others of the marine electronic and related components, manufacturers have been able to build up inventory levels of their most popular products.

Additionally I often heard about other delays besides materials causing backlogs at local boat yards and from local contractors. Finding skilled labor is still difficult in the marine trade all around the world. Plan your winter and spring projects well in advance to help get you on an acceptable schedule.

Product shortages are an opportunity for manufacturers to highlight available products and can act as a substitute for a preferred product. For instance, Simrad's most popular GPS chartplotters, the NSS12 evo3S was "redesigned" earlier this season by removing the HDMI output port due to a global supply chain shortage. This allowed Simrad to ramp up production of this unit and availability remained good throughout the season with a new model, the NSS12evo3s-h.

Another big change this season was the restructuring of Navionics chart offerings. About 5 years ago Garmin purchased Navionics, the maker of popular electronics marine charts, especially popular with anglers due to

their detailed fishing areas. This fall, Garmin updated its GPSMAP chart plotters product line to include Navionics charts pre-programmed into the chart plotters. These units are noted as GN+. The Garmin acquisition recently affected other manufacturers whose hardware was compatible with Navionics charts, such as Furuno. Modern Furuno chart plotters could use optional charts, some of them produced by Navionics, while existing charts will still function, now however no new Navionics charts can be activated for use on Furuno chart plotters. While not a huge problem in the continental USA, some other fishing areas, like the North Drop in the BVI's have great Navionics coverage on a Furuno but are no longer available to purchase.

There are still shortages carried over from last year of the popular Omni style Sonar, the Furuno unit and the Simrad SY50 are both delayed from their overseas factory. If an OMNI isn't in your future, how about the newest Side-Scan transducer from Furuno? TZtouch3 owners will be thrilled to learn about a free software update that unlocks all-new functionality for the flagship MFD series, including the long anticipated side scan capability. Furuno's CHIRP Side-Scan for NavNet TZtouch3 scans both port and starboard, allowing boaters to see the shape of bottom structure in high definition. Operating on a lower frequency spectrum than competitors, Furuno's CHIRP Side-Scan reveals the shape of fish targets and fish hoarding structure up to 750 feet off each side of your

vessel. Furuno's CHIRP Side-Scan is ideal for fishing or simply showing hidden, uncharted bottom structure in rich detail in 1/4, 1/2, or full-screen presentations on NavNet TZtouch3 TZT12F, TZT16F, or TZT19F MFDs.

In October of 2020, there was a three-day large scale fire at the AKM Factory in Japan, where most of the world's digital-to-analog converters (DACs) and analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) for the audio industry were manufactured. Turns out this is also where the microchips are made for ICOM marine VHF radios and other brand communication radios. While this fire was over two years ago, the entire audio industry is still recovering. ICOM made some product changes that allowed them to produce the most popular VHF radios. This inventory seemed to arrive here in large batches, so once inventory sells out, there has been an extensive delay until the next batch.

This fall, safety and survival specialist ACR Electronics launched a new product, a combination Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) and AIS Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). The ACR Electronics GlobalFix V5 EPIRB and ResQLink AIS PLB both



feature integrated AIS (Automatic Identification System) to increase the speed of location and aid, as well as compatibility with Return Link Service (RLS) alerting.

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The new pair of safety beacons deliver mobile connectivity to a cell phone with a free mobile app. This industry first benefit is due to the introduction of NFC (Near Field Communication) technology into the beacons. This enables users to monitor their beacons, review self-test results, view GNSS test locations, monitor beacon performance & maintenance all by simply scanning the beacons with their mobile phones. This pulls the beacons' data into the ACR mobile app for viewing.

If new purchases are not on the horizon, updating your GPS chartplotters software can bring new life into older machines - often giving you new features at no additional cost. For instance, Furuno offers software for the older TZT2 system that dramatically updates the user interface and makes it match the user-friendly user interface of the new TZT3 systems. One of Garmin's most recent software updates adds lots of Mercury integration. Another Garmin software update adds capability for the optional Garmin Navionics charts and another offers voice integration, like Siri but for your chartplotters.

As Chairman of the Board of the National Marine Electronics Association, I would be remiss if I did not mention the annual NMEA product of excellence

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award winners that were announced at the NMEA fall 2022 conference. NMEA members cast votes for their choice of the best in each category, this year's winners are:

NMEA Product of Excellence Award Winners

Marine VHF – ICOM M510

Radar – Furuno DRS4DNXT

Satellite Communications Antenna – KVH TracPhone V30

Multi-Function Display – Garmin GPSMAP 8616xsv

Multimedia Entertainment – Fusion Apollo MS-RA770

NMEA 2000 Sensor – Furuno SCX20 Satellite Compass

Marine PC Software – Nobeltec TimeZero Professional

Marine Apps-Utility – Garmin ActiveCaptain

Satellite TV Antenna – KVH TracVision UHD7

Fishfinder – Furuno DFF3D Multi-Beam 3D Fishfinder

Marine Camera – Teledyne/FLIR M364C

Marine Specialty – Furuno CSH8LMK2 Omni Sonar



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AIS – Vesper Marine Cortex M1

Autopilot – Garmin Reactor 40

Remote Monitoring – GOST Apparition

Safety Device – Garmin GPSMAP 86sci Handheld

Commercial – Furuno FAR2228NXTBB IMO Radar

Wi-Fi/Cellular Device – KVH TracPhone LTE-1

Best New Product Award - Maretron WSO200 Ultrasonic Weather Station



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NMEA Technology Award - Airmar's SmartBoat System

Manufacturer of the Year Awards

Actisense won Manufacturer Level 1&2 (small to mid-size company)

Garmin won the Manufacturer Level 3 award for large Manufacturer

If you have any of the above products on your boat, you have made a great choice and if you are shopping, be sure to consider the listed award winners.

Plan ahead in 2023 to keep your boat up to date with maintenance, technology and of course fishing gear. Whether for safety, maintenance or just a desired upgrade, there are numerous new technologies and products that will help keep your boat in good condition and will help to provide owners, captains and anglers safe and productive fishing trips. \$

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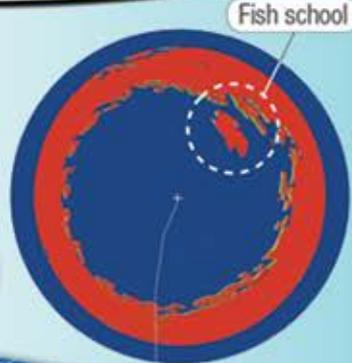
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November saw some real doormats coming in from the inshore wrecks. John Hohman landed this 8 lb. flounder, his personal best, at the DelJersey. He and the crew of Pete Hoffman, John Hoffman and Andy Shelton boated their limit of 60 sea bass as well.



It was an epic day in October for Northern Virginia anglers Rebecca, Shaun, Steve and Ryan. They were fishing on the private boat "Turn Me Loose" with Capt. Dave Weller and boated 15 sheepshead, 4 flounder and 4 togs. Live spot did the trick for the flatfish and sand fleas for the tog and sheepsies.

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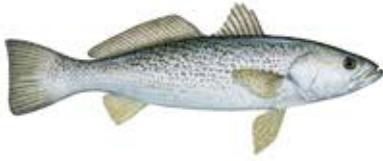
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After a hiatus in 2021 for repairs and upgrades, the charter boat "C-Boys" returned to their winter fishing grounds off New Smyrna Beach FL after their season in Ocean City. On their first day out, the crew of Paul Crampton Jr., Paul Crampton III and Micheal Shaffer with Capt. Luke Blume and mate Nathan Lang went 6 for 8 on sailfish and even saw a few more. It was a first for Michael so he got splashed!

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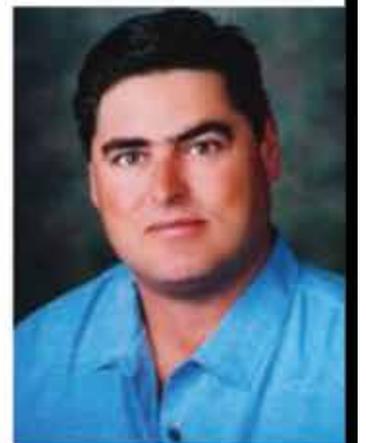
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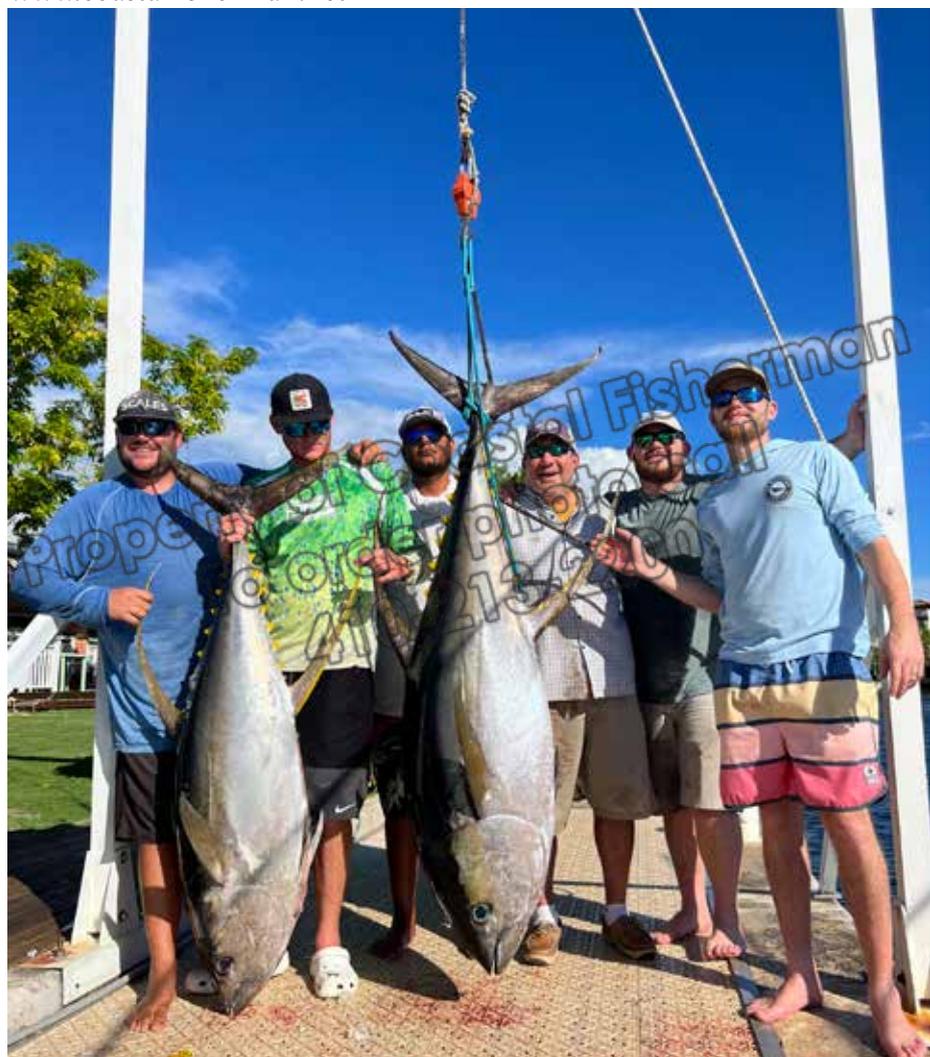
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John Francone, Joe Francone and PJ Braun from Alexandria, VA grew up fishing out of Ocean City, but when John moved to the Grand Caymans, they had to take a shot down there. In November they headed out with Capt. Dom Martin on the "Cool Change" and caught two allison yellowfin tunas at 181 lbs. and 124 lbs. while drifting live black fin tuna as bait.



Big smiles for Stephen Talabisco and Capt. Bill Vernon of the private boat "Big Billin" sharing the 50 lb. wahoo they caught. The speedster hit while they were trolling in 50 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons.



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Sheepshead love sand fleas and that did the trick for Ethan Collier of Mount Joy, PA. He was fishing the South Jetty at the Ocean City Inlet with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock when he landed this 10.5 lb. convict in October.



Early October saw Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock of the charter boat "Lucky Break" working the Ocean City Bay for sheepshead and tog. Ethan caught this 13.7 lb. convict off the south Jetty at the Ocean City Inlet. It was less than an ounce away from tying for heaviest of the season!

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 Bluefish	April 26 Morgan Mericle South OC Jetty	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island	 Thresher Shark	May 20 Mike Eid "HotLine" Fingers	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks
 Black Drum	March 29 Jay Phillips Assateague Island	March 31 Allen Sklar Assateague Island	 Bigeye Tuna	June 12 Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon	May 28 Pete Gudiat "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Cobia	June 11 Numen Bilal Fenwick Island Beach	June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	 Bluefin Tuna	May 17 Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk
 Flounder	April 3 Scott Lenox Thorofare	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	 Longfin Tuna	June 5 Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon	July 17 Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon
 Sea Bass	May 15 Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 17 James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Sheepshead	June 4 Blake Gunther OC Inlet	June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	 Dolphin	May 29 Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's
 Striped Bass	April 20 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	 Swordfish	June 4 The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 Tautog	March 27 Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	 Blue Marlin	June 13 The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 Wahoo	June 30 Tim McCartney "Chasin Tides" Hot Dog	June 17 Gary Welch Washington Canyon	 White Marlin	June 6 Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon

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It was a curious series of events that led Fay Ganster of Redding, PA to set a new Maryland State Record for spiny smooth dogfish in October. She actually had not been shark fishing in 12 years, but had scheduled a trip with her husband months in advance. That charter however canceled at the last minute, but she found space with Capt. John Foreman on the "Bottom Bouncer". They fished the Isle of Wight Shoals using cut bluefish for bait to land the record setting 18 lb. shark.

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THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



Easy Lemon-Butter Swordfish

Ingredients:

- 2 8- ounce swordfish steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ¼ cup chicken stock or dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon fresh mixed herbs (such as rosemary, thyme, or sage) minced
- 1 clove garlic peeled and minced
- 1 lemon one half juiced, one half sliced into rounds
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Add the butter to the skillet with the swordfish and cook until melted and frothy. Add the chicken stock, lemon juice, herbs, and minced garlic. Reduce heat to medium and cook until reduced slightly,



about 5 minutes.

Once the fish reaches 130°F, remove the fillets from the skillet, transfer them to a plate, and rest for 5 minutes.

Taste the sauce and season once more to your preferences. Once the sauce is thick enough that it lightly coats the back of a spoon, turn off the heat.

Spoon the sauce over the swordfish. Garnish with two slices of lemon and serve.

Mediterranean Roasted Tautog

Ingredients:

- 1 lb tautog (or sub for another

firm white fish like halibut, swordfish or striped bass)

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 2 large firm tomatoes chopped
- 8 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp coriander
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp. capers, drained
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup broth
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Juice of 1 lemon

Chopped fresh flat leaf parsley for garnish

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400.

Heat olive oil in a large oven safe skillet, then add onion, saute for 3 minutes or until the

onion turns golden in color. Next add in the tomatoes, garlic, coriander, paprika, cumin, capers, a pinch of salt and pepper, and the raisins. Bring to a low simmer and cook, stirring occasionally until the sauce cooks down,



then add in the broth to loosen up the sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Pat the fish fillets dry and season with salt and pepper. Tuck the fish into the sauce and spoon some of the sauce over the fish. Sprinkle the fish with the lemon zest and pour the lemon juice over the fish.

Transfer to the oven and let the fish cook 15-18 minutes, or until cooked through. Garnish with parsley and enjoy!

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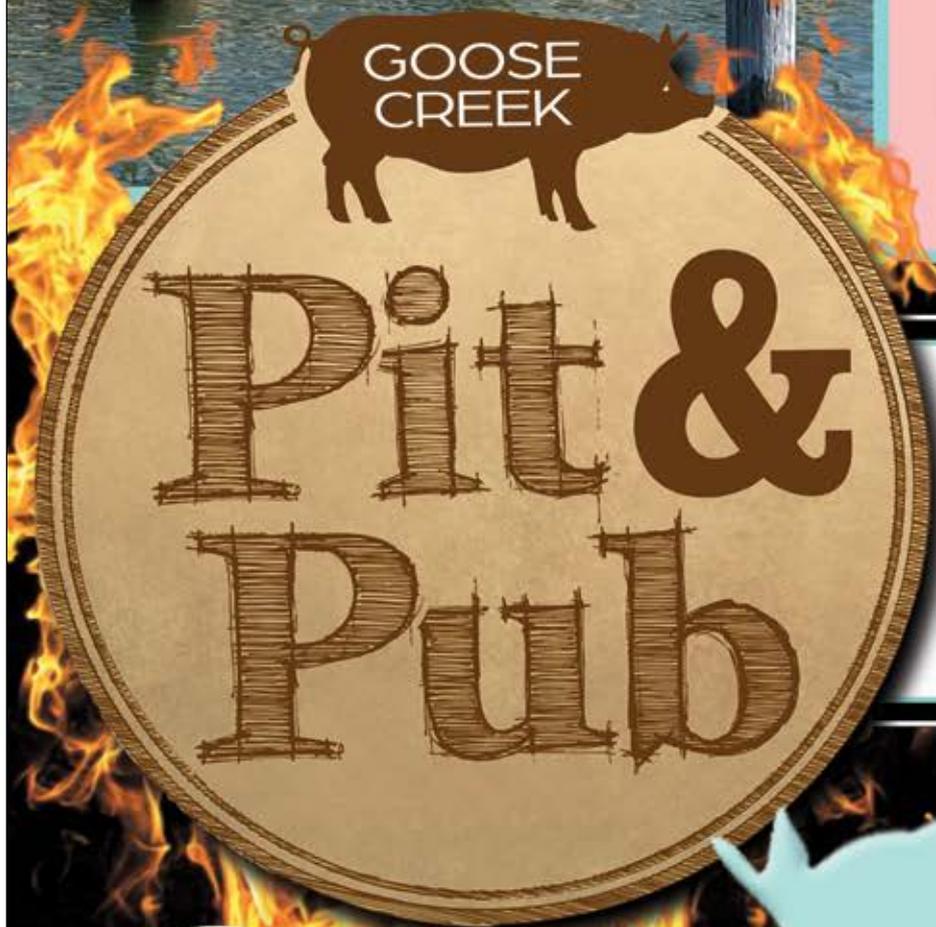
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Lobster Bisque

Ingredients:

Bisque:

- 4 lobster tails
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped thyme
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped tarragon, plus more to serve
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cup dry white wine, or sherry
- 4 cups lobster stock (recipe as follows) or seafood or fish stock
- 3/4 - 1 cup heavy cream



Garlic Butter Lobster Meat:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt, pepper and cayenne, to taste

Directions:

Lobster Stock:

Fill a large pot with 5 cups of water. Stir in 1 teaspoon sea salt and bring to a boil. Add the lobster tails, cover with lid and let boil for 5 minutes, or until bright red. Remove lobster tails, reserving the liquid stock. When the lobsters have cooled slightly, remove the

meat from the shells, reserving the meat and any liquid that comes out of the shells.

Return lobster shells back to the water in the pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer for a further 15 minutes to draw as much flavor out of the shells as possible.

While stock is simmering, chop the meat into bite-sized pieces and refrigerate.

Bisque:

Heat butter and oil in a large, heavy-based pot over medium heat, sweat the onions, carrots, celery and fresh herbs. Cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Season with the bouillon powder, salt and pepper/s. Stir in 4 cloves of minced garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Mix in tomato paste, cook for a further minute to coat vegetables. Sprinkle over flour and cook, while stirring occasionally for a further 2 minutes.

Pour in wine, simmer and let reduce to half. Stir in lobster stock, reduce heat and gently simmer while stirring occasionally, until liquid has thickened slightly and flavors have blended, about 30

minutes.

Take off the heat, transfer mixture to a blender and blend until smooth. Alternatively, purée with an immersion blender until very smooth. Return to medium-low heat and stir in heavy cream.

Garlic Butter Lobster Meat:

Melt butter a skillet pan over medium heat. Sauté garlic for 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add in chopped lobster meat, season with salt, pepper and cayenne to taste. Lightly sauté for 1 minute while stirring occasionally, until lobster meat is just warmed through.

To Serve Lobster Bisque:

Mix 3/4 of the lobster meat into the bisque. Pour into individual serving bowls. Top each bowl with remaining lobster meat and extra tarragon.

Notes:

To Remove Lobster Meat:

Place lobster tail on your counter with the back of the tail facing up. Use sharp kitchen shears to cut down through the center to the end of the tail. With your thumbs and fingers, open the shell to loosen it from the meat, opening the meat away from the shell side

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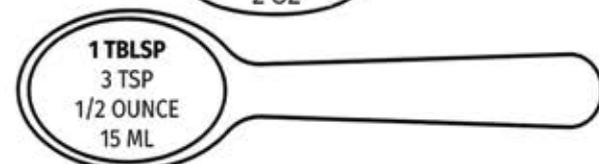
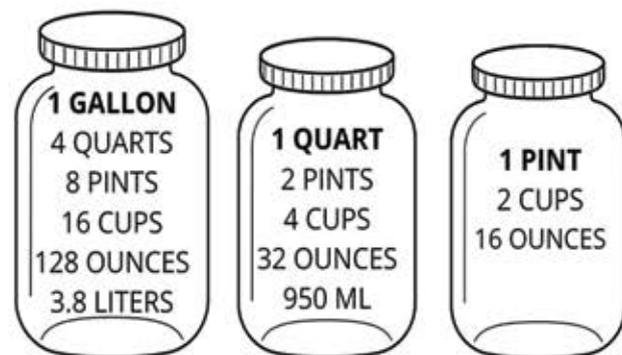
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5 cup	40 oz	1180 ml	80
4 cup	32 oz	960 ml	64
2 cup	16 oz	480 ml	32
1 cup	8 oz	240 ml	16
3/4 cup	6 oz	177 ml	12
2/3 cup	5 oz	158 ml	11
1/2 cup	4 oz	118 ml	8
3/8 cup	3 oz	90 ml	6
1/3 cup	2.5 oz	79 ml	5.5
1/4 cup	2 oz	59 ml	4
1/8 cup	1 oz	30 ml	3
1/16 cup	1/2 oz	15 ml	1

Temperature

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150 °F	65 °C
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250 °F	121 °C
300 °F	150 °C
325 °F	160 °C
350 °F	180 °C
375 °F	190 °C
400 °F	200 °C
425 °F	220 °C
450 °F	230 °C
500 °F	260 °C
525 °F	274 °C
550 °F	288 °C

Weight

IMPERIAL	METRIC
1/2 oz	15 g
1 oz	29 g
2 oz	57 g
3 oz	85 g
4 oz	113 g
5 oz	141 g
6 oz	170 g
8 oz	227 g
10 oz	283 g
12 oz	340 g
13 oz	369 g
14 oz	397 g
15 oz	425 g
1 lb	453 g



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16 ounces = 1 pint	3 tsp = 1 tbsp	1 pinch = 1/8 tsp or less
4 cups = 1 quart	2 tbsp = 1/8 cup	

walls. Pull the meat up from the bottom of the shell to separate the shell from the meat underneath it.

Alternatively, use both hands to press down on tail to crack shell. Hold tail, shell facing down, and pull back on both sides of shell to crack open and remove meat.

To Blend:

Puree right in the pot with an immersion blender or pour into a blender. If using a blender, you may need to blend in batches of two or three to prevent pressure from building up inside the jug from the heat. Make sure you take the center piece out of the lid to let the steam escape.



Black Sea Bass Piccata Over Lemon Rice

Ingredients:

Lemon Rice:

4 tablespoons butter

1 onion, chopped

1/2 lemon

1 1/2 cups raw white rice

1 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

2 cups chicken stock

1 cup water

1/3 cup fresh Italian parsley, chopped

Fish :

4 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

3/4 cup panko breadcrumbs

3/4 cup Italian breadcrumbs

2-pounds black sea bass fillets, skinned (or other white fish like flounder, catfish, etc...)

Piccata Sauce:

1 cup chicken stock

1/3 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice

1/3 cup dry white wine

3 teaspoons corn starch

1/3 cup water

1/4 cup capers

4 tablespoons cold butter, cut into pats

Directions:

To make the rice, melt the butter in a large non-stick sauce pan. Add the onion and the lemon, squeezing all of the juice out and leaving the rind (seeds removed) in the pot during cooking. Cook for 5 minutes until the onion begins to brown and add the rice and cook 2 minutes more stirring frequently. Add the salt, pepper, stock, and water to the pan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and let simmer until all of the liquid is absorbed, about 10 minutes. Remove the lemon rind from the rice. Stir parsley in just before serving.

To make the fish, melt the butter

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In the same pan add the chicken stock, lemon juice, and white wine, stirring to scrape up a brown bits. Let boil over medium high heat until reduced by half, about 5-7 minutes. Whisk the corn starch into water and add to the pan, stirring to let sauce thicken, about 1 minute. Turn off the heat, add the capers, and whisk the cold butter into the sauce until melted and the sauce is silky.

Serve the fish over the rice and top with sauce. Garnish with lemon slices and chopped parsley.

NOTE: This dish can also be made with chicken breast. Just pound boneless breast to 1/2" thickness and follow the instructions above!

Garlic Oysters - A Restaurant Classic

Ingredients:

12 fresh oysters opened before use

2 tbsp garlic fine chop

4 ounces butter

1 tsp Italian Parsley fine chop

1/4 tsp granulated onion

1/8 tsp black pepper

1 tbsp Romano cheese grated

Directions:

In a heavy saucepan, place butter and garlic and simmer over low heat for 7-10 minutes.

Remove from the heat and add all the seasonings except the Romano cheese.

Place garlic butter into a small bowl and refrigerate until butter is semi-solid, mixing occasionally to keep the garlic well-blended throughout the mixture.

Clean the oysters under running cold water to remove all of the dirt. Discard any open oysters as they are dead and not safe to eat.

Find the shortest thick bladed screwdriver you have and wash it thoroughly.

Lay the oyster flat in your hand and hold it in place. Insert the tip of the screwdriver into the "hinge"





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at the back of the oyster and rotate the handle to pry open the oyster. At this point, you'll need a pairing knife to cut the muscle away from the shell by sliding the knife horizontally along the inside top of the shell. Run the knife under and over to but release the oyster from the shell. Then turn the oyster over in the shell.

***Do Not Dump Out the Liquid in the Oyster!!

Place the opened oysters on a cutting board or baking sheet until they're all open and ready to fill with the garlic butter.

Spoon a small amount of the garlic

butter over each oyster on a half shell, then sprinkle with Romano cheese.

Place oysters on a baking sheet, then into a preheated 400-degree oven for 15-20 minutes or under the broiler for 3-5 minutes.

Place any of the butter that has drained from the oysters back over them before serving.

Quick Easy Fish Stew

Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)

- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2/3 cup fresh parsley leaves, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups fresh chopped tomato OR 1 (14-ounce) can whole or crushed tomatoes with their juices
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste, optional
- 1 (8-ounce) bottle clam juice (or 1 cup shellfish stock)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (such as Sauvignon blanc)
- 1 1/2 pounds firm white fish fillets such as halibut, cod, red snapper, or sea bass, cut into 2-inch pieces
- Pinch dried oregano
- Pinch dried thyme
- 1/8 teaspoon Tabasco sauce , or more to taste

- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

Directions:

Saute the aromatics in olive oil: Heat olive oil in a large, thick-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook a minute more. Add parsley and stir 2 minutes. Add tomato and tomato paste, and gently cook for 10 more minutes or so.



Finish the soup:

Add clam juice, dry white wine, and fish. Bring to a simmer, and let simmer until the fish is cooked through and easily flakes apart, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add seasoning – salt, pepper, oregano, thyme, and Tabasco. Add more salt and pepper to taste.

Serve the stew:

Ladle into individual bowls and serve.

Great served with crusty bread for dipping in the fish stew broth. §

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It was a flounder palooza for Maryland anglers Jimmy Robinson, Tim Grace, Harry Gessford, Ethan Sutphin, Bill Gessford, JJ Fagan and Andrew Jones. They headed out at the end of Sept. with Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat "Fish Bound IV" and snagged 33 keeper flounder from inshore sites, almost a 9 man limit!



Kayak angler John Stackhouse smashed the competition during the 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam held last June. He paddled 2 miles out of the OC Inlet and caught this 46.25 lb. cobia on a Z-Man minnow. It is the heaviest fish in the 4 year history of the tournament and the only 'kayak caught' cobia in Maryland history!

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How to Catch Tautog

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What is a tautog fish?

Learning how to catch tautog has become extremely popular in recent years, as saltwater anglers target “tog,” or blackfish, not only for their phenomenal fillets, but also for fun. A bottom-feeding fish, tog can be found from Cape Cod west into Long Island Sound, and south from New Jersey to the Chesapeake Bay. Catching tautog comes down to having the right bait, the right tackle, and the right technique; here are a few tips to get started.

When is the best time to fish for tautog?

Tog fishing season varies from state to state, but learning when to hit the water is crucial to success. As a general rule of thumb, spring tautog and fall tautog gives anglers the best opportunity to catch legal and trophy tog. Shore anglers should spring tog fish in April, May, and June, and again in September, October, and November. While many saltwater fish migrate south in the early fall months, tog are an inshore fish, and can be caught well into December. Winter fishing for trophy tautog has become popular off southern New Jersey and Delaware Bay. The world record tautog weighed 28 pounds and was caught off Ocean City, Maryland.

As sea temperatures cool down, tog move into deeper waters. Although some saltwater fish feed at night, tog are strictly daytime feeders and go dormant at night.

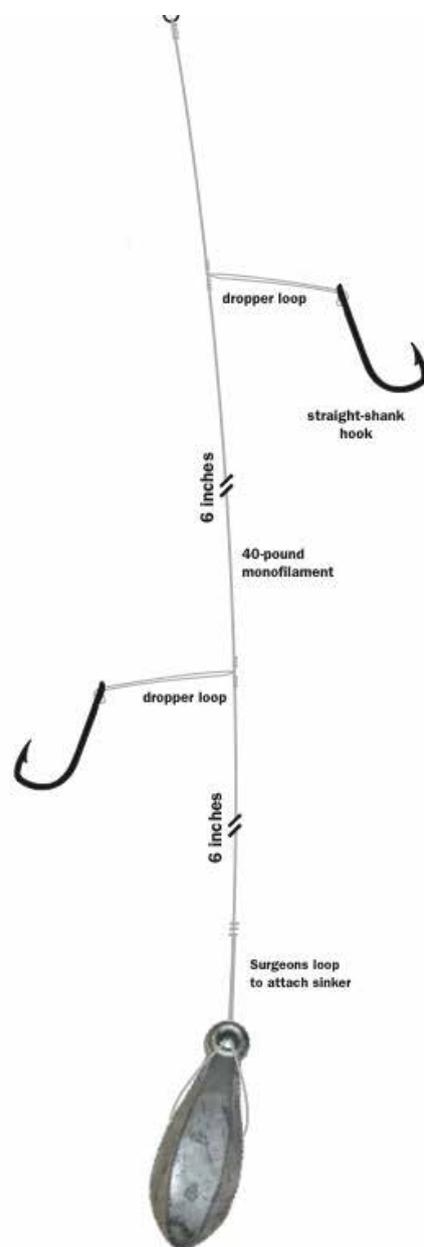
Where is a good place to catch tautog?

The best tog fishing spots

are areas with hard structure like rock piles, boulders, wrecks, mussel beds, jetties, bridges, moorings, and reefs. Try to find spots away from other boats and anglers, as the most popular areas will be overfished. Capt. Mike Roy of Reel Cast Charters recommends moving to another spot if 15 to 20 minutes go by without a bite.

What is the best tautog fishing rig?

Experienced tautog fishermen favor traditional lead weight rigs in 10-to-30 foot depths, given that lead sinkers can stay positioned in areas with heavy current. One of the best rigs for tautog is a High-Low rig with a lead sinker that can be easily swapped out for a different



size weight using a surgeon's loop.

In recent years, tautog jigs have flooded the walls of northeast tackle shops and are used by boat and kayak tog anglers. Check out this video by “On The Water” editor Jimmy Fee, where he offers up a few tips on how to get started jigging for tog.

What is the best bait for tautog?

Catching tautog often comes down to bait. Green crabs, “White Legger” crabs, and Asian crabs are the most effective bait for tautog and can be found at most tackle shops.

Although green crabs are invasive, they're the most abundant and popular tautog bait. Asian crabs are a dynamic crab for shore anglers because they're useful, easy to find along tidal shorelines. Jonah Crabs, also known as “White Leggers”, are often used at the offshore wrecks in New

Jersey for giant tautog.

Make sure you bring a cover or lid for the crabs and a pair of scissors to snip the claws and legs. It's easier to thread a crab onto a hook when the claws and legs have been removed.

Tautog teeth are built to crush shellfish and they aren't crab-shy. Insert the hook point through a rear leg socket and out the top of the shell. It's okay to hook several small crabs at once, as tog are notorious for picking off the bait, and not getting hooked. If the local tackle shop is out of green crabs, it's not difficult to find Asian crabs along the shoreline. The best way to find Asian crabs is to turn over a few bowling-ball-sized rocks near the high tide mark. It might take 30-60 minutes to fill a small bucket, but it's worth the time and effort.

Don't hesitate to throw some crushed crabs and legs in the water to create a slick in the



Capt. Brent Wiest set a new Delaware State Record for Tautog last May while fishing out of Lewes on his charter boat “Katydid”. These fish are known to be hard to catch, especially the big ones but Capt. Brent is an expert. The blackfish weighed 21.48 lbs. besting the previous record by over 3 ozs.

water. The scraps will put nearby tog into a feeding frenzy.

How do you set the hook on tautog?

One of the most frequent questions is, “When is the right time to set the hook on tautog?” Tom Daffin of Fishin Fever Sportfishing says it will initially feel like the rod is being scratched. The ‘scratching’ is the tautog teeth chewing on the crab bait. Be patient, and don’t set the hook yet. Wait until there are several hard thumps to set the hook. Daffin shows how to set the hook on tautog in an On The Water short video.

What’s the best fishing tackle for tautog?

With so many options, choosing tautog fishing tackle can be overwhelming. Although tackle shops carry a plethora of tackle, keep it simple. If the water is deep

or the current is moving at a fast clip, a conventional setup is ideal for boat and kayak tog fishing. When fishing waters 30 feet or less, or when fishing from shore, a spinning setup is practical. Head to a local tackle shop and ask for help picking a tautog setup. Toggers with experience prefer a rod with a sensitive tip and a strong mid and butt section.

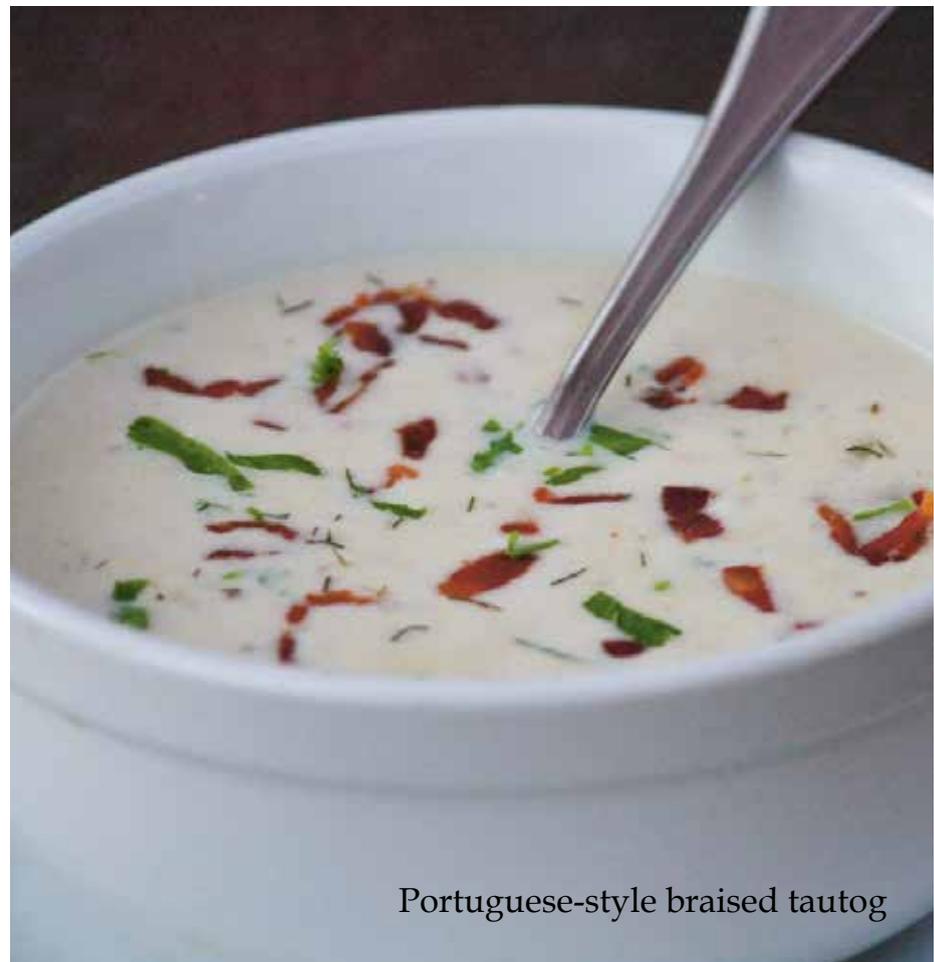
Trophy tog will head directly for a hole or structure when hooked. For this reason, Joe D’Agostino of JoeBaggs Tackle recommends using 20- to 30-pound braided line with a 50-pound fluorocarbon leader.

How to cook tog: Tautog recipes

Tog is considered by many anglers to be the best Northeast inshore fish for the dinner table. Tautog is fairly easy to filet, even for those who have never

brought home fish. After the scales and blood are washed off the fillets, two firm and mild-flavored pieces of fish remain. During the chillier months, a tautog chowder

recipe is one of the more popular dishes. If chowder isn’t in season, On The Water author Andy Nabreski recommends Portuguese-style braised tautog. §



Portuguese-style braised tautog



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June 2-4 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

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August 5 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club • 410-641-5306

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August 7-11 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229

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Capt. John Romms of Ocean Pines with fellow anglers Glen Jenkins from Goldsboro, MD and Tony Gay from Grasonville, MD took a long ride out East of the Washington Canyon on the "Palegic Assault" in mid-October. In about 1300 fathoms they connected with this 126 lb. bigeye tuna taking just under an hour to get it to the boat. It was the only bite for the day!



The "Black Magic" was first to the scales during the 3rd Annual Broadbill Bash last year. Capt. Robert Remo along with Terry Bishop, Josh Farr, Tony Freji, and John West went 2 for 3 on swords in the Poor Man's Canyon. The largest was 78 lbs. and was a few short of the tournament minimum of 100 lbs.

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Capt. Joe Drosey on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" was back to the docks early from this late September trip. Fishing with Jake Graves and Jimbo Martinette they boated a limit of blue line tilefish and over 20 nice sized mahi. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



On one of his last trips in early December before the end of the sea bass season, Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat "Morning Star" headed out into calm seas and blue skies. They had to hit a couple inshore structures, but the smaller crowd that day made short work of it and hit their boat limit early.



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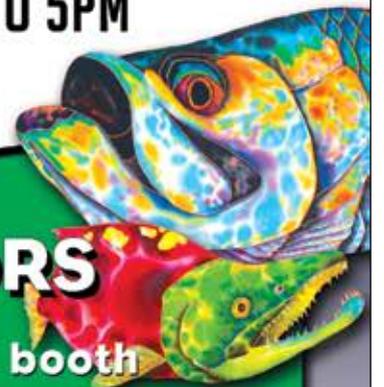
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It was a good season for setting new state saltwater fishing records in Delaware. Scott Brooks of Hockessin, DE shattered the previous record for cobia with a 90 lb. 'man in the brown suit' that measured 63". The prior record was 79.4 lbs. set in 2018. Late August saw a new record for tilefish. Daine Hursh was fishing on the "Outnumbered" and reeled in a record setting 25.5 lb. and 38" blueline tilefish that beat the 2015 record by over 3 lbs. Both Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

Years ago representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records made a stop in Maryland to give locals the opportunity to stand before them and try to get their names in the record book. They would have to be doing wacky and stupid things that were bigger, faster, higher, bolder, longer, and crazier than the wacky and stupid things that other people had done in the past. If you know anything about the Guinness book then you're aware that it lists some pretty bizarre records, for instance:

Heaviest train pulled with a beard - 6,069 lbs over a distance of 32.8 ft.

Fastest time to type to one million (in words) - 16 years.

Fastest speed for a motorcycle ridden blindfolded - 164.87 mph.

Fastest marathon dressed as an elf - 2 hours 58 minutes and 16 seconds.

Most nails hammered with the head in one minute - 20 nails using only his head.

Fastest time to push an orange one mile with the nose - 22 minutes and 41 seconds.

Most apples held in the mouth

and cut in half by chainsaw in one minute - 25 apples.

In efforts to become a part of this "elite" group of record holders, my friend Mr. Arnold scoured the hundreds of pages of the Guinness book to find a record that he might be able to beat. What he settled on was "lemon eating" wherein he had to eat a certain amount of lemons (skin and all) in a specified amount of time. When it was all finished "no" he didn't beat the existing record, but "yes" he did have to endure subsequent days of severe stomach pain!

Realizing that lemon eating was not his calling, but not quite ready to don a self-suit or straddle a motorcycle blindfolded, my friend, who is also an avid fisherman, exchanged his Guinness book for a copy of the annual publication put out by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) - the one organization recognized around the world for properly qualifying, recording, and keeping records for most of the game fish caught anywhere on the planet.

IGFA records are maintained not just for the heaviest "all-tackle" catches in each species of fish, but also for "line-class" catches in 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 20,

30, 50, 80, and 130 pound test line, fly-tackle records in 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 20 pound tippets. Records are also broken down by men's, women's, junior and small fry categories. With so many categories there may be over 20 individuals who hold records at the same time for a single species of fish, and with so many types of fish in the world, there are not only a lot of records on the books, but always a gang of new records waiting to be set and many existing records waiting to be broken.

To keep the world record process fair for the anglers, the IGFA has a truck-load of rules that stipulate how fish must be landed, what type of bait and tackle may and may not be used, and what procedures must be followed after the catch to officially qualify it as a record. All records are still "potentials" until IGFA receives a properly completed application and processing fee, a sample of the fishing line and all terminal tackle used to catch the fish, as well as a selection of photos showing the angler with the fish, the tackle, and the fish on a certified weigh scale. Finally, before qualifying a record the IGFA uses a device to check and verify the true breaking strength

www.coastalfisherman.net of the line. Similar to the rules of many fishing tournaments, IGFA rules are not designed to make it difficult for fishermen to set records but are crafted to maintain uniformity in angling practices and prevent anyone from taking unfair advantage over the fish or other fishermen.

To give readers an idea of what the IGFA is concerned about, here's a partial list of some of their rules:

Leader for Saltwater Species

In all line classes up to and including 20 pounds, the leader shall be limited to 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet.

The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 pounds shall be limited to 30 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet.

Hooks and Bait Fishing

1. For live or dead bait fishing, no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly embedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 18 inches apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. A hook may not precede bait, lure or bait/lure combo by more than one hook's length.

2. The use of a dangling or swinging hook is prohibited.



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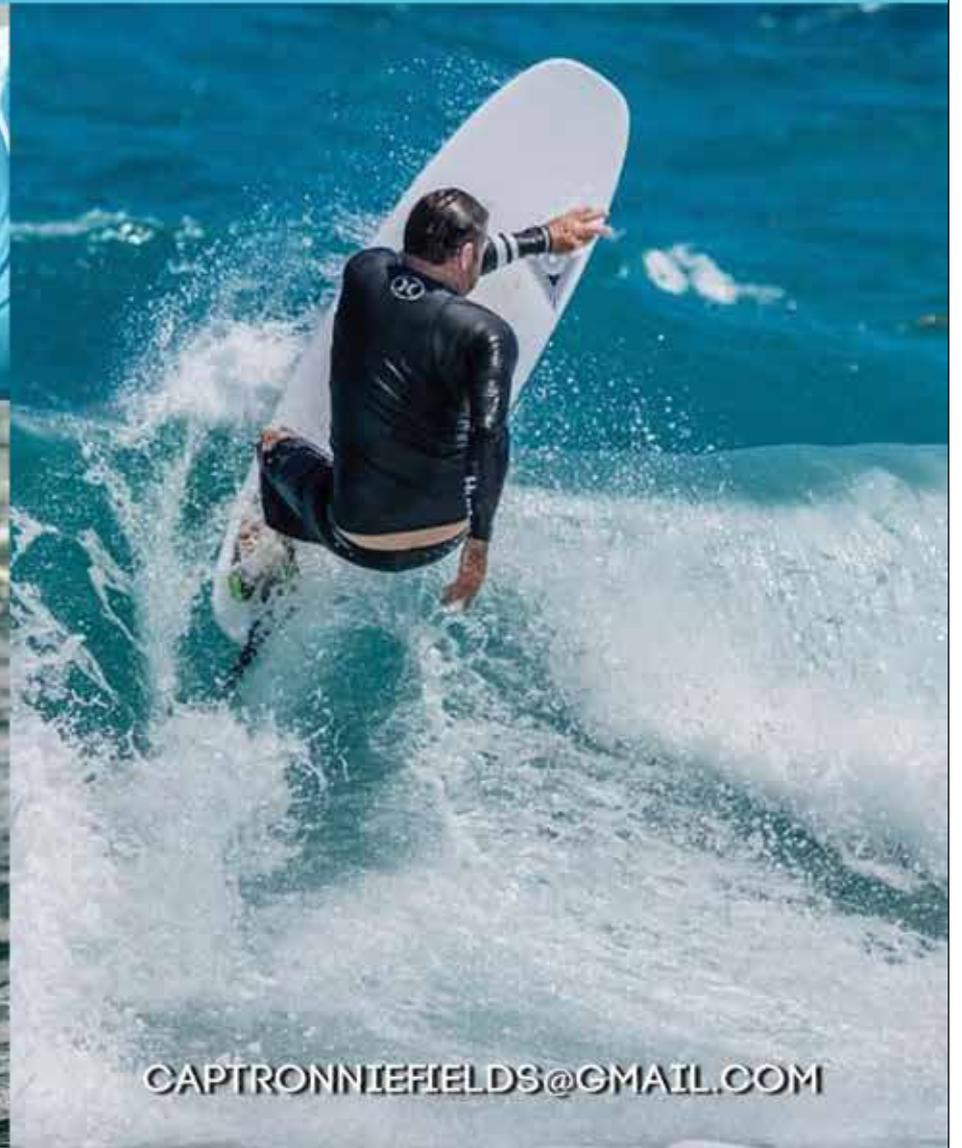
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3. A two hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be embedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul hooked by the other.

Other Equipment

1. Fighting chairs may not have any mechanically propelled devices that aid the angler in fighting a fish.

2. Gimbals must be free swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.

3. Gaffs (including flying gaffs), tail snares and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet in overall length. In using a flying or detachable gaff, the rope may not exceed 30 feet. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoons or lances are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet. When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply.

4. Entangling devices, either with or without a hook, are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking, fighting, or landing the fish.

5. Outriggers, downriggers, spreader bars and kites are permitted to be used provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device. Spreader bars are also acceptable when used strictly as a teaser.

Angling Regulations

1. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided in these regulations.

2. If a rod holder is used, once

the fish is hooked, the angler must remove the rod from the rod holder as quickly as possible.

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.

2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line (including the double line) either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, until the fish is either landed or released, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether chum, rubber band, or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.

3. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish.

4. Handlining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.

5. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks and halibuts) at any stage of the catch.

6. Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.

7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.

8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.

9. Splicing, removing, or adding to the line while the fish is being played.

10. Intentionally foul hooking a fish.

11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.

12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.

13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.

14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.

15. Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off of the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification.

The following situations will disqualify a catch:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.

2. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh.

Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries. Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a report accompanying the record application.

3. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

4. When a catch violates laws or regulations governing the species or the waters where it was caught.

For most fishermen, the thought of setting a "world record" probably seems like such a long-shot that they're ready to dismiss it as an impossible dream that will never come true. That's probably because many assume that world records are set by anglers who just luck into an extraordinarily large fish one day and suddenly they're in the record books. And sometimes it happens that way, but more times than not records are set by anglers who are specifically trying to set a record. They do their research and know exactly

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what size and type of fish they need to catch, are very aware of IGFA tackle requirements and angling rules, know where they can weigh their catch on a certified scale, and have all the extra necessities such as cameras, tape measures, IGFA forms, ready for action when the time comes.

With just a little research some folks might find that getting in the record books could be within their reach. I'm not saying it'll be easy - but it's certainly not impossible. The place to start is the IGFA website (www.igfa.org) where all the details about what the organization requires for a record are available. From that site anyone can access the complete list of rules and look-up whatever type of fish they want to pursue and see if there is a record in a line class category they might have a shot at beating. Then, after making sure all their tackle conforms to IGFA specifications, anglers need only to go out and catch that fish!

Of course, successfully landing the right fish on the right tackle will usually prove to be more

than just a little challenging, particularly for someone trying for a super light line category such as when using 2, 4, or 6-pound line. So anglers shouldn't expect things to go their way - right away, and probably figure on breaking off a lot of fish in the process. But with each mishap comes a little more experience that will hopefully bring the angler closer to their ultimate goal of getting in the record book.

All that is exactly what my friend Mr. Arnold ended up doing. Knowing what size and types of fish were most available in the places he usually fishes (Ocean City and the Florida Keys) he scoured the record books to see what tackle he'd need to use to catch those fish in order to set a record. Since he was an avid fly fisherman he focused on records in those categories and realized that here on Delmarva his best shots at that time would be black sea bass records and in the Keys he would focus on the bonnethead and lemon shark records. Oh yeah - he also needed a captain and fishing guide - so that's

where I was drafted to be a part of the plan.

On this record hunt we got a crash course in the importance of using good line, leaders, knots, and sharp hooks when targeting relatively big fish on light tackle. We figured out how to tie very thin lines to much heavier leaders, how to properly set drags for those lines, and how to properly make casts with super light lines that don't end up with the terminal tackle breaking off in the air! We also learned the importance of "where" we did our fishing. For instance; even though we knew the biggest sea bass were on the deeper wrecks and reefs, getting a fly line to sink 80 or more feet to reach those fish was just not possible so we had to stick to the shallower reefs where the tackle could reach the fish. Similarly, when we were targeting some of the larger sharks in the Keys we had to find ones that we were far enough up on a shallow flat that we could hook and land them before they had a chance to slip off the edge and into the deeper water where they would be very difficult to

www.coastalfisherman.net lift up to the boat with the very light leader. We also learned the importance of being prepared with the necessary equipment to properly boat, measure, weigh, photograph, and document each catch within the guidelines set forth by the IGFA.

Of course, if you want to get your name in the books, "world" records are not the only ones to try and beat as each state has its own list of "state" record holders which are usually maintained and verified by whatever department handles their recreational fisheries. Unlike the IGFA which qualifies many record categories for each species of fish (conventional, fly, line class, men's, woman's), most states only recognize the heaviest of each type of fish caught, regardless of age, sex, or on what type of tackle it was caught as long as it was done so by anglers who follow wherever rules that state uses.

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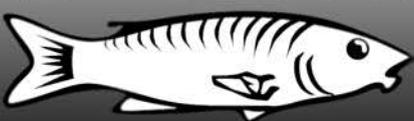












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state record. In addition, potential state record fish must be inspected by a DNR biologist to qualify for a record. Anglers should call 443-569-1398 to report a potential state record catch then submit a state record application within two weeks of the date of catch.

More information about Maryland state records can be found at:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/challenge/staterecordrules.aspx>

Delaware State records are available for most fish caught both inshore and offshore of the First State. In order for a fish to qualify it must be taken by anglers following the "Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament Rules". All fish must be weighed at an official Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament Weigh Station. A fish will not be recognized as a state record unless qualified personnel from the Division of Fish and Wildlife approve the catch. In case no Division personnel are available at the time of the weigh-in, the angler must save the entire fish

for examination and approval at the earliest convenient time for the Division. For potential State Record Fish verification call 302-735-2960 or 800-523-3336.

A complete list of Delaware rules and current records can be found at: <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/fishing/state-records/>

Perhaps the best advice for anyone who might think that it would be cool to have their name in any of the record books and (if given chance) might be inclined to actually pursue one is to "do your homework". Study up on the current records for the various species of fish found in your area of operation as well as the rules on tackle and equipment restrictions. Then, when you're fishing, even if you're not specifically trying to land a record fish, use tackle that conforms to the record guidelines so that even if, just by chance, you land a contender, it will qualify for a record.

As it turned out, over 6-years period my friend Mr. Arnold caught six world record fish of three different species including

black sea bass, bonnethead and lemon sharks. Pursuing records was fun, exciting and at times frustrating, but it was always very gratifying whenever word was finally received that a record was official. Not by coincidence, during those years my wife Charlotte also became interested in pursuing some of the women's records and in an 11-year period managed to get in the book 17-times for four different species. Along the way we did have our share of heartbreaks and frustrations, like when we had a record disqualified because I mistakenly made a leader a foot too long, or the record that didn't count because the scale we used ended up not checking out properly, or the record shark we lost right at the boat after an hour and half battle, or the fish we lost at the boat because the net broke. All were learning experiences that weren't exactly a source of joy when they occurred but that we're able to laugh about now.

So is all this record-stuff worth the hassle of the pursuit? First off, despite what some folks

might think, I can say from experience that setting a state or even a world fishing record will not be a life-changing accomplishment. The press isn't going to be beating down your door for interviews, you won't suddenly be getting sponsorship offers from tackle and soft drink companies, and you won't be asked to ride with Santa in the Christmas parade. What you'll get is a certificate, your name in the record book, a mention and maybe a photo in a paper or two, and a handful of social media posts. Anyone hoping for more of an ego boost should consider tying their beard to a train and start pulling!

Setting a fishing record is not going to happen for most anglers. But the chance of success is there for anyone willing to research and pursue whatever opportunities are swimming about in the waters they fish. The quest to catch a record fish will be challenging, sometimes frustrating, and occasionally rewarding, but it will always be better than having someone carve an apple out of your mouth with a chainsaw! §

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 BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit	 YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day	 BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit	 GOLDEN TILEFISH No minimum • 8 per person/day
 WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit	 BLUEFIN TUNA 27" to <47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to <73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 6 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to <73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip	 SWORDFISH 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat	 BLUELINE TILEFISH 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)
 DOLPHIN No minimum Length Boat Limit 54 Charter Limit Daily 10 per angler	 SAILFISH Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit	 WAHOO No Minimum Length • 2 per person/day	

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AUTHORIZED SPECIES

- No Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead
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NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.

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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
ATLANTIC COD	24.0 LBS.	FRED BRUNGART	5/31/2013	38 MI. S.E. OCEAN CITY INLET
ATLANTIC SPADEFISH	11.4 LBS.	NOEL LOHR	9/2/2004	TRIPLE WRECKS
ATLANTIC TRIPLETAIL	11.0 LBS.	DON WHITTINGTON	10/19/2019	BALTIMORE CANYON
BIG-SCALE POMFRET	22.1 LBS.	JEFF ROSENKILDE	12/28/2019	NORFOLK CANYON
BLACK SEABASS	8.0 LBS.	HAYWARD MADISON	6/1/1978	JACKSPOT
BLUEFISH	23.5 LBS.	LILLIAN MORRIS	10/30/1974	ASSATEAGUE ISLAND
COBIA	94.6 LBS.	EMMA ZAJDEL	6/30/2016	LITTLE GULL SHOAL
DOLPHIN	74.5 LBS.	KRISTY FRASHURE	8/16/2019	POOR MAN'S CANYON
DRUM, BLACK	79.0 LBS.	STANLEY ILYES	9/7/1985	BASS GROUNDS
DRUM, RED	70.0 LBS.	ROBERT LIGHT	9/24/1977	ASSATEAGUE ISLAND
FALSE ALBACORE	22.5 LBS.	KEVIN SHECKELLS	6/25/1995	THIRD LUMP
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	17.0 LBS.	ANTHONY VACARI	10/3/1974	ASSATEAGUE ISLAND
FLOUNDER, WINTER	5.1 LBS.	KEVIN TWILLEY	6/23/2015	26 MI. EAST OF OCEAN CITY
GRAY TRIGGERFISH	6.0 LBS.	LOGAN LIDDICK	9/25/2020	OCEAN CITY
KING MACKEREL	47.0 LBS.	GERALD KAUFFMAN	10/18/1985	GREAT GULL SHOALS
KINGFISH	2.5 LBS.	GRACE WALKER	10/1/1975	ASSATEAGUE ISLAND
MARLIN, BLUE	1,135 LBS.	BILLY GERLACH	8/20/2021	WASHINGTON CANYON
PORGY	6.2 LBS.	PEARL HOPPLE	7/4/1966	FENWICK SHOAL
SHEEPSHEAD	18.0 LBS.	ROBERT MARTIN	9/22/2017	OCEAN CITY INLET
SNOWY GROUPE	66.0 LBS.	GREGORY BENN	7/30/2012	NORFOLK CANYON
STRIPED BASS	57.2 LBS.	GARY SMITH	5/6/2006	ASSATEAGUE ISLAND
SWORDFISH	393.0 LBS.	JEFF JACOBS	9/23/2022	WASHINGTON CANYON
TAUTOG	28.8 LBS.	KENNETH WESTERFELD	1/2/2015	OCEAN CITY
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	20.0 LBS.	ROBERT PURCELL	9/12/2012	NORFOLK CANYON
TILEFISH, GOLDEN	62.0 LBS.	STEVE DOCTOR	10/22/2009	BALTIMORE CANYON
TUNA, BIGEYE	375.5 LBS.	CECIL BROWNE	8/26/1977	OCEAN CITY
TUNA, BLACKFIN	32.0 LBS.	BOB ZANG	9/20/1998	30 FATHOM LINE
TUNA, BLUEFIN	625.0 LBS.	JAMES DANIELS, IV	8/3/1975	45 MI. EAST OF OCEAN CITY
TUNA, LONGFIN	77.0 LBS.	THOMAS BOOMER	9/20/2022	800 SQUARE
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	236.5 LBS.	MARK BENNETT	9/22/2002	WASHINGTON CANYON
WAHOO	131.0 LBS.	JOHN SCHAAR	6/30/2014	ROCKPILE
WHITE MARLIN	135.0 LBS.	GEORGE PIERSON	8/29/1980	POOR MAN'S CANYON
WHITE PERCH	1.85 LBS.	ROBERT HUDSON	4/28/2022	ISLE OF WIGHT BAY
<u>SHARKS</u>				
BLACK TIP	193.0 LBS.	BRIAN ZYSK	8/4/1991	OCEAN CITY
BLUE	280.0 LBS.	MARTIN WALTMAN	9/13/1997	OCEAN CITY
DOGFISH, SMOOTH	18 LBS.	FAY GANSTER	10/22/2022	ISLE OF WIGHT SHOALS
HAMMERHEAD, SCALLOPED	266.5 LBS.	SCOTT CUSICK	8/8/2012	WASHINGTON CANYON
HAMMERHEAD, SMOOTH	375.0 LBS.	GEORGE WILSON FORD V	6/17/2004	PARKING LOT
MAKO	876.0 LBS.	JIM HUGHES	6/20/2009	POORMANS CANYON
THRESHER	642.0 LBS.	BRENT APPLIGIT	6/19/2009	THE FINGERS
TIGER	1,210.0 LBS.	GRACE CZERNIAK	7/9/1983	OCEAN CITY

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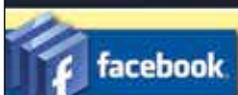
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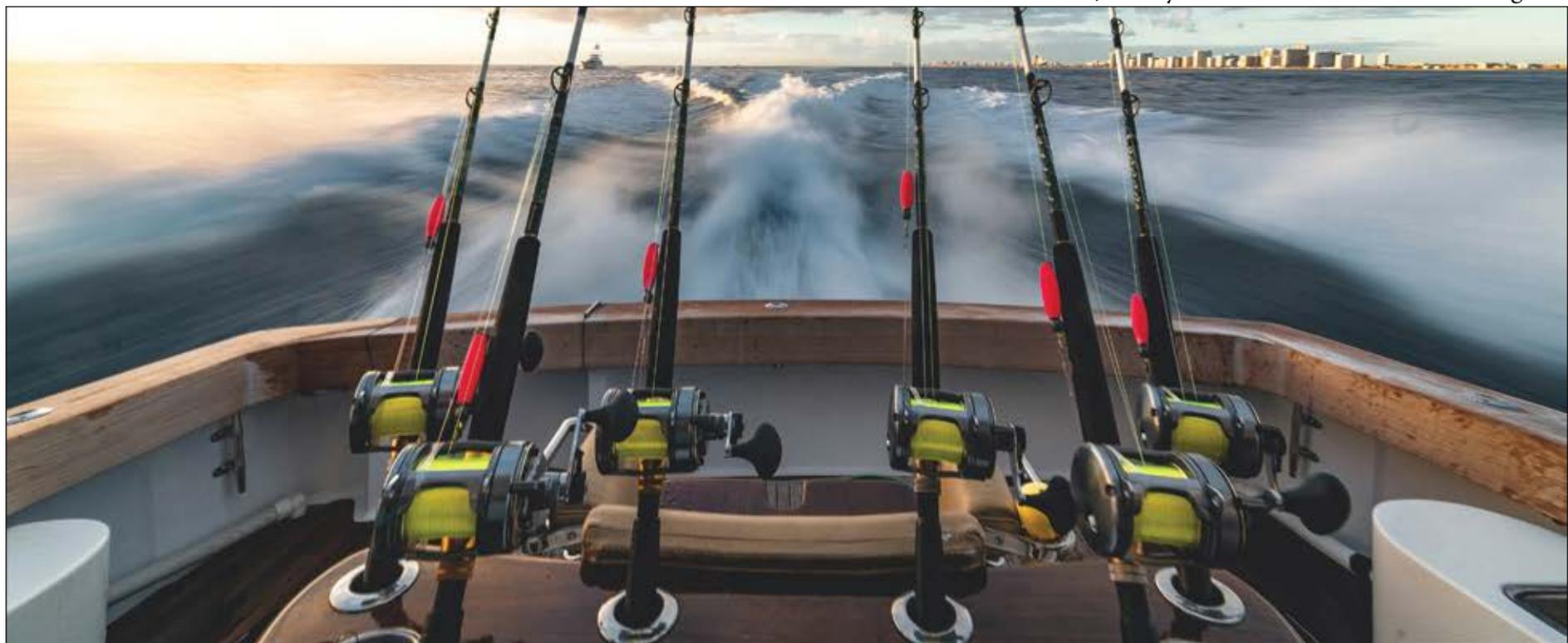


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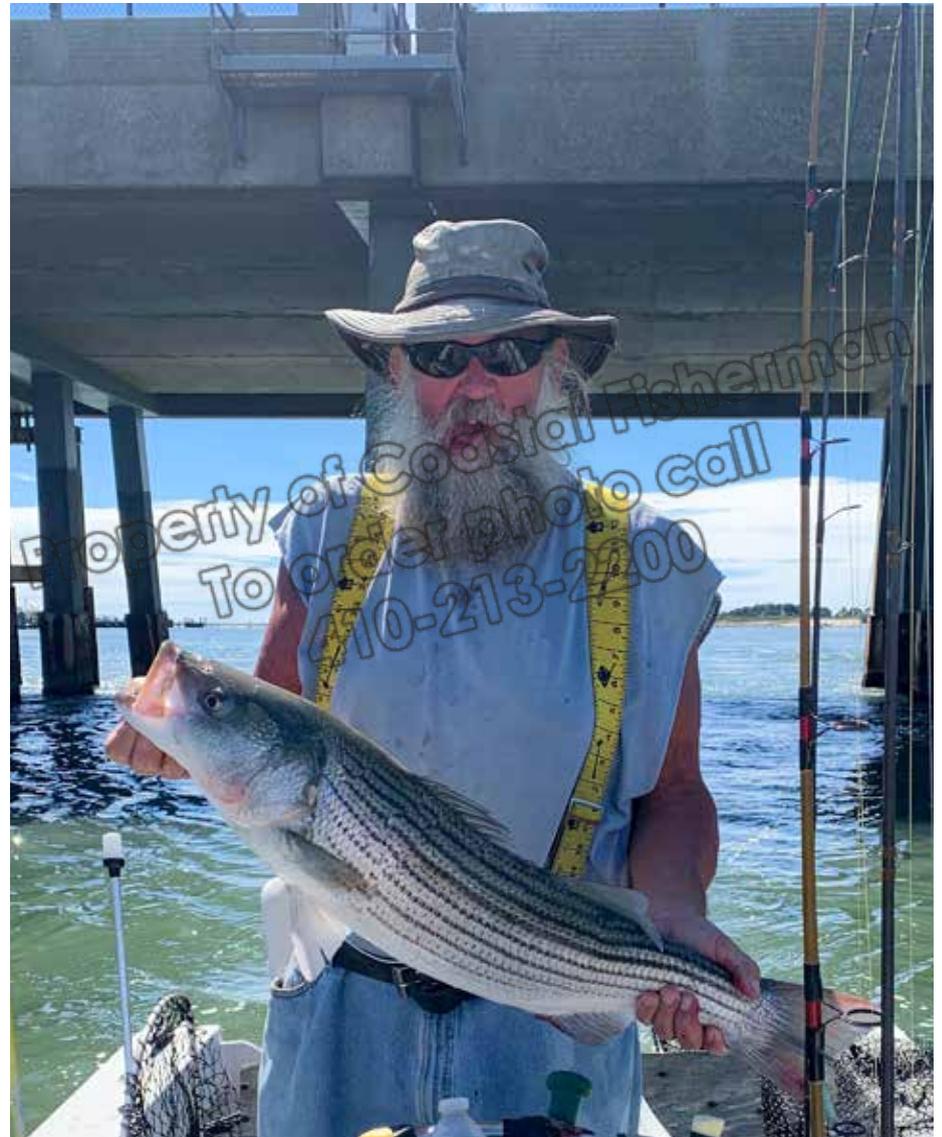


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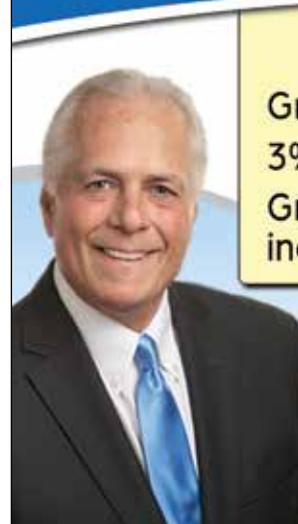


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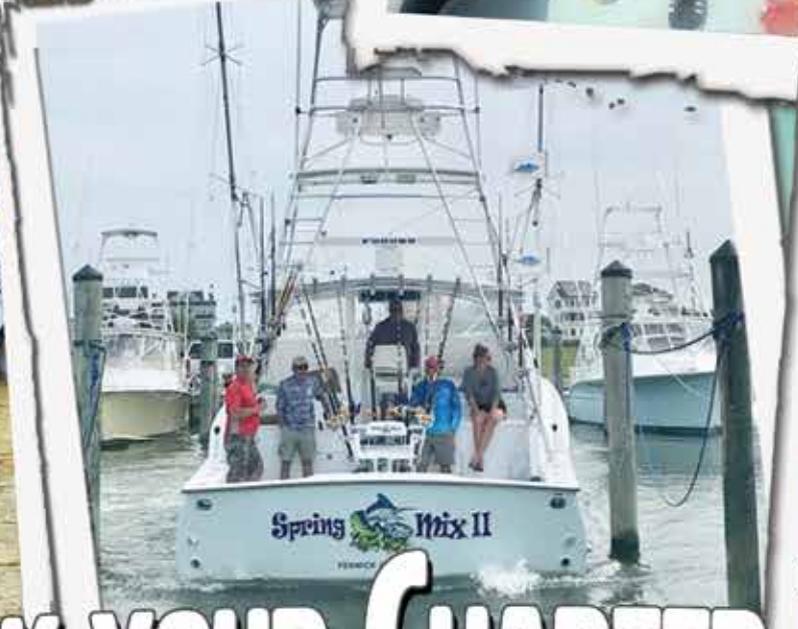


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The best way to describe how subtle our surf fishing structure is in Delaware. At Assateague you will see several options in a few hundred feet of beach; bars, cuts, holes, and drains for days. In Delaware you will see few options in the same amount of space, only some small cuts along a smooth sloped beach. The point is Delaware's only spot that has constant changing structure. The Point offers many options to fish in bay to beach conditions and a mix in between. The bay area of the Point is a great place to fly fishing for flounder as well. There is other surf structure along the Delaware coast in the form of small rises and drop offs that are inches high. Which is enough for a predator like a flounder. Then you have the bay beaches which have more of a flats area structure than a beach structure. Small low profile rises and dips in the sand for hundreds of feet in many areas. We were spoiled

when the storms in the spring of 2022 rearranged the beach structure for a couple months. Now the beaches are back to the normal Delaware beach profile.

If you look at the Cape Henlopen Fishing Pier flats at a dead low tide you can see small pools and raised sand areas. Most of our ocean bottom looks like that along the coast beyond the mini ledge. Knowing all of that is half the battle, fishing is the rest of that battle. You can bait and wait but that only possibly guarantees you will maybe catch something eventually, or not. Targeting



specific fish is more fun, challenging, and keeps you active. Surf casting is exercise.

Now that you know what to look for along the beach for structure where are the fish? Most are swimming along that structure, feeding or hunting. Some are feeding while being hunted. There is always a bigger fish. Flounder will move along the ledge, stop at the small cuts, and visit the storm pools. We fish the ledge edges and the subtle cuts. Casting along the beach across a couple of those cuts helps increase your hook up chances. Your lure is in the fish zone more

often than not when you cast along the beach not straight out. This is the best way to cast when fishing for anything along the Delaware beaches.

Jigging for flounder is the easiest way to catch "flatties" in the surf. You have to put in some work, it isn't like bait and wait. Bucktails with Gulp are preferred, but any jig head with soft plastics will work. The new Fishbites Fight Club's Six Inch Curly Tail Swim Grubs are killer. Heavier four ounce jigs stay in place on the bottom better for bouncing, but I prefer a two ounce. Just bounce it

along the bottom and "jig" it along. This action mimics a sand eel moving along the bottom, or any small eel like critter. Jigging in place is similar to drifting from a boat. The angler creates the action of the drift along the bottom, by jigging or popping the lure with smooth jerking motions. That motion alone can get a fish to strike. It is amazing how many different actions one can get out of a jig head or bucktail with a soft plastic.

Color is usually angler preference, but at times the fish are selective as well. Pink, white, and chartreuse are the favorites in spring

www.coastalfisherman.net and fall. White is more of a fall color, chartreuse and pink for spring.

Water clarity is important to color selection as well as day or night conditions. Brighter colors during the day, darker colors at night for both jig and soft plastic. Murky water is better with the brighter colors, but will work in the clearer nearly tropical water we see in the summer.

Most days you can never go wrong with a red and white bucktail. Adding a white soft plastic just adds to the presentation. This color scheme has been a favorite of anglers for decades. Not because it doesn't work.

The surprise flounder catches usually come from anglers checking their mullet rigs. Flounder are constantly hitting those rigs while being

retrieved to check bait. This usually happens right at the ledge. You can always find the ledge without getting wet, it is under the back of the first breaking wave.

Using minnows in the surf fish is tough, mummichogs will perish quickly. But you can use an egg sinker on about three feet of leader with a wide gap hook on one end and a swivel on the other. The egg sinker keeps the line free to move for a flounder's strike. I've added a bobber to this set up. We do weird stuff when we are bored, have a truck load of gear, and not catching fish. The bobber would drag the rig along the

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back of the wave for about thirty feet. Almost like drifting in a boat. It kept the rig in place longer and was a nice strike indicator. Yup, I was using a bobber in the ocean. Like I was fishing the pond out back at the farm.

The best advice I can give you for fishing the surf in Delaware, besides try elsewhere.

When everyone isn't catching, do what everyone else isn't. Which in Delaware is use lures and actually fish. Don't fish on crowded weekend beach days. Our fish are so close to shore, a few swimmers will scare them off for hours. But fish will come back into the crowded town beach in the after hours to hunt the stirred up sands.

Don't cast bait a mile from our coast. The fish are close to that ledge. Ninety percent of the time anglers (men) are overcasting our surf. Ladies you catch more fish because you cast better than the men.

Men walk up to the ocean edge intending to cast only about fifty feet. Something happens in the first step and the testosterone takes over. Next thing you know that rig is flying to the United Kingdom, sometimes to the singing sound of that loud head turning snap heard way down the beach, we all dread. Calm down and short cast your bait. Long cast your lures along the beach.

The fish are at your feet in the Delaware surf. We catch ten foot sharks casting bunker at night.

If you can get out after a storm at dead low tide, read the beach and remember where you saw the cuts.

At the crack of dawn, when the first light pops, everything feeds along the beach.

The best advice is to just fish and relax, it will happen, eventually. §

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Mike Halsey of Chesapeake Medical System loves to fish for stripers. On this trip to the eastern Chesapeake Bay with the whole family on the "Party of Six", his son Mason caught this 28" keeper rockfish.



Prolific fisherman Danny Cox of West Ocean City had a double limit catch in the East Channel last October. He was fishing with spot and caught 4 keeper flounder, all 18-19 inches as well as a keeper 32" striper.

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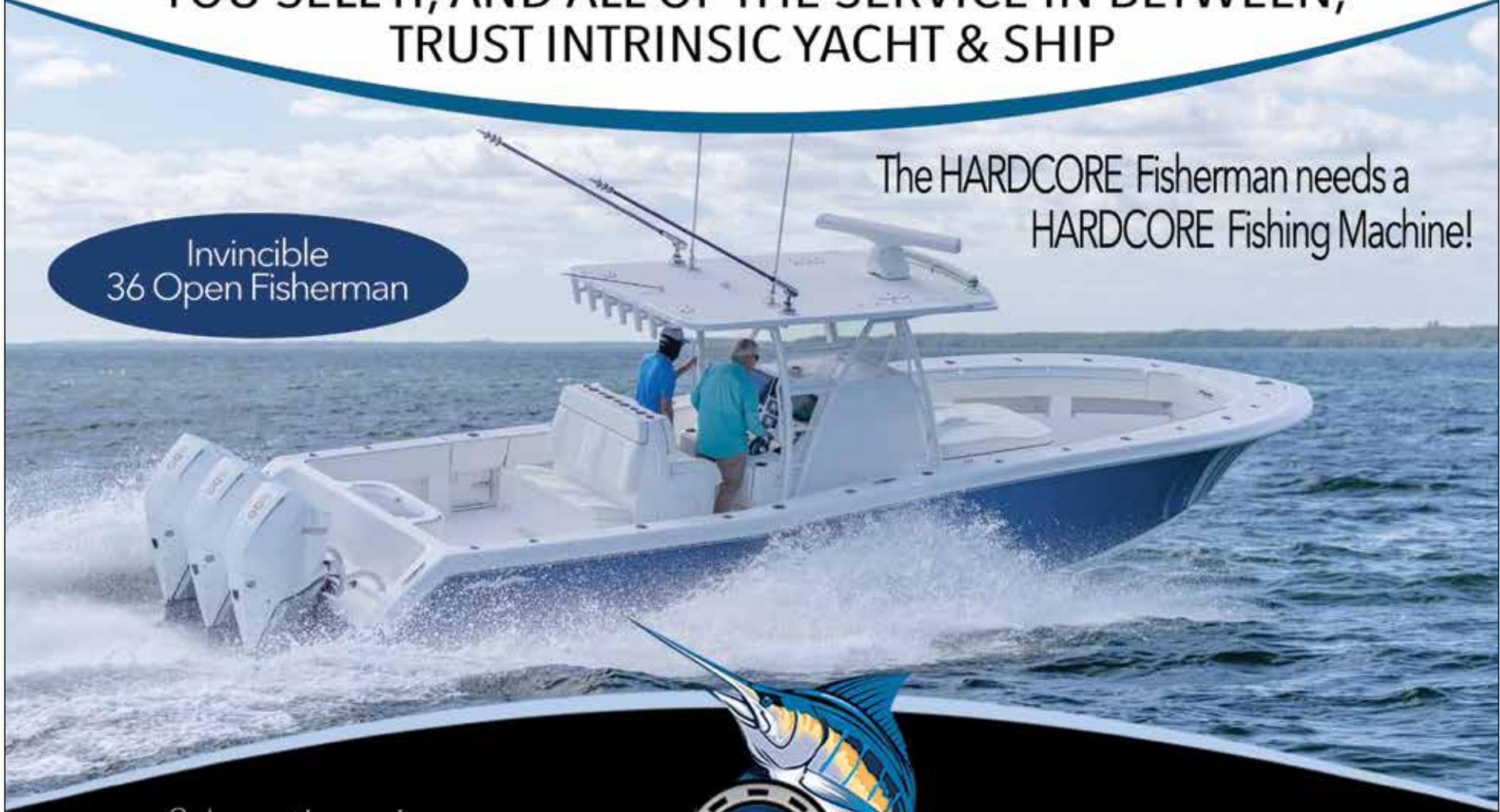
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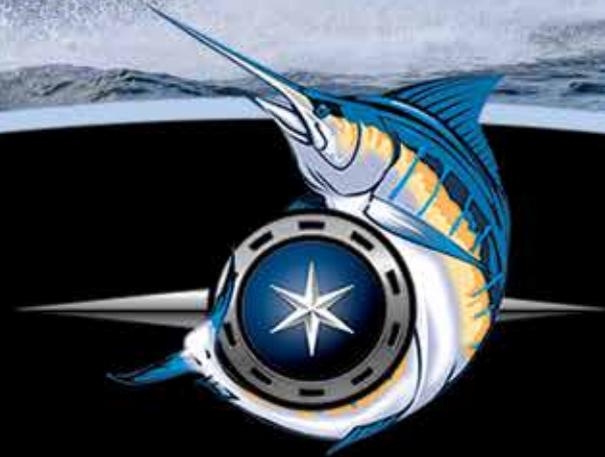
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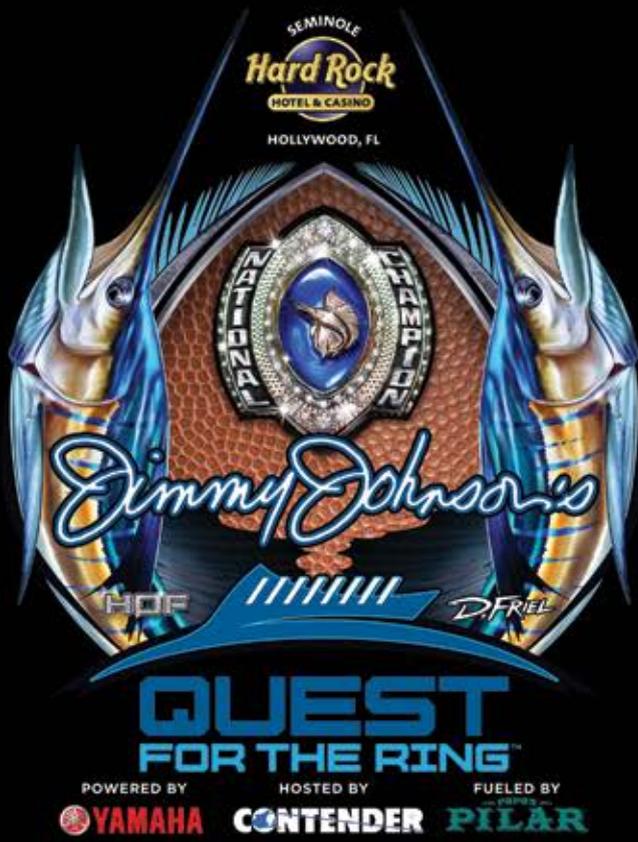
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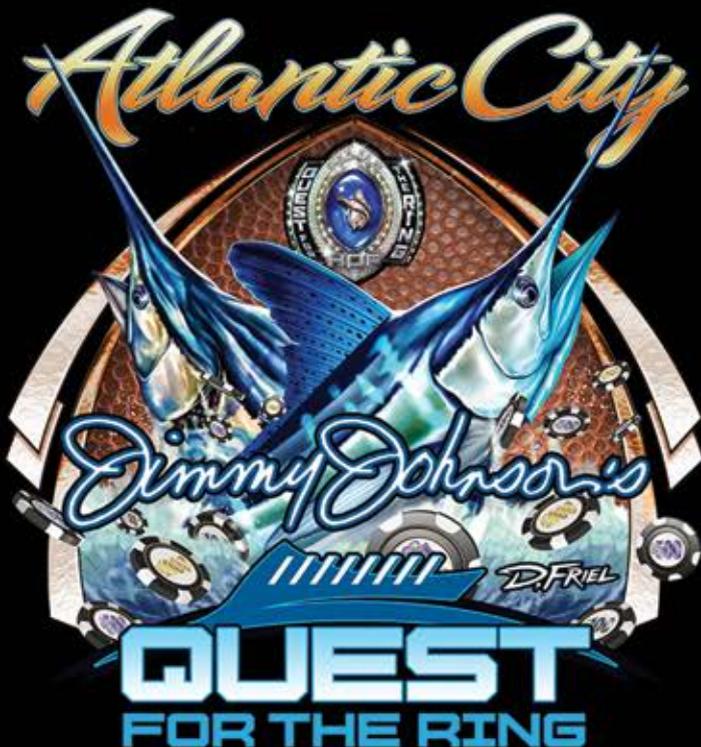
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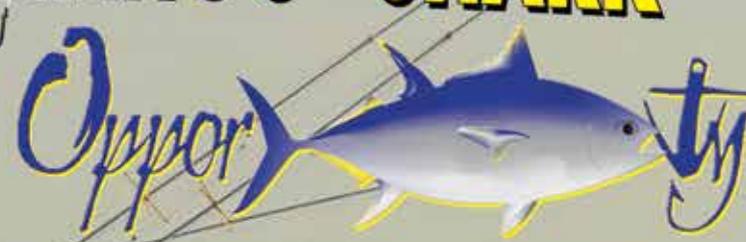
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Every year since 2002 a group of volunteer captains support the Believe In Tomorrow Foundation. The captains and their mates take families with children experiencing life threatening illnesses on boating experiences on our coastal bays. This year 28 families enjoyed the program which is financially supported by the Ocean Pines Anglers. Pictured are Budd Heim, Ken Thompson, Scott Carstairs, Chuck Eder, Paul Fohner, Fred Stiehl, Jim Rorke, Ricky Kerrigan, Lanie Kerrigan, Bob Woodard, Carl Brown, John Dilworth, Joan O'Dell and John O'Dell. Not pictured were Steve Fingles, Jimmy and MaryAnn Atchison, Claude Lewis.

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DELAWARE STATE RECORDS

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BLUEFISH	24.8 LBS.	LUIS MISPIRETA	11/16/2015	DEL-JERSEY-LAND REEF
COBIA	89.2 LBS.	SCOTT BROOKS	7/15/2022	FENWICK SHOAL
CROAKER	5 LB. 3.5 OZ.	CATHERINE SIMPSON	9/12/1980	INDIAN RIVER
DOLPHIN	56 LB. 9 OZ.	BUTCH EMMERTT	7/6/2014	BALTIMORE CANYON
DRUM, BLACK	115 LBS.	KENNETH SMITH	5/20/1978	DELAWARE BAY
DRUM, RED	75 LBS.	JAMES VANDETTI	6/15/1976	UNKNOWN
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	17 LB. 15 OZ.	WILLIAM KENDALL	10/07/1974	INDIAN RIVER INLET
FLOUNDER, WINTER	NO CLASSIFICATION			
KINGFISH, ROUNDHEAD	4 LBS.	BILLY HASTINGS	10/13/1973	BETHANY BEACH
MACKEREL, KING	48 LB. 9 OZ.	GORDON HARRIS	10/18/1985	B BUOY
MACKEREL, SPANISH	6 LB. 4 OZ.	ERIC LUDWIG	8/06/2000	LIGHT SHIP
MARLIN, BLUE	820.0 LBS.	BRUCE KING	7/8/1986	POORMAN'S CANYON
MARLIN, WHITE	120.0 LBS.	WILLIAM GARNER JR.	9/25/1972	BALTIMORE CANYON
PORGY	5 LB. 5 OZ.	HERMAN SCHMIDT	5/31/1979	NOT RECORDED
SEABASS	7 LB. 6 OZ.	STEVE SAMLUK	9/09/1988	FENWICK SHOAL
SHEEPSHEAD	17 LB. 1 OZ.	DAVE WALKER	9/30/2014	DELAWARE BAY REEFSITE
SPADEFISH	NO CLASSIFICATION			
STRIPED BASS	52 LBS.	BEN SMITH	12/08/2012	SURF AT 3R'S ROAD
SWORDFISH	358 LBS.	KURT LORENZ	1978	POORMAN'S CANYON
TAUTOG	21.48 LBS.	BRENT WEIST	5/5/2022	DELAWARE BAY
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	25.5 LBS.	DAINE HURSH	8/27/2022	ATLANTIC OCEAN
TILEFISH, GOLDEN	52.0 LB. 12.8 OZ.	DYLAN BAKER	8/25/2017	BALTIMORE CANYON
TRIGGERFISH, GRAY	6.34 LBS.	BUDDY MASTEN	9/30/2012	ICE BREAKERS
TROUT, GRAY (WEAKFISH)	19 LB. 2 OZ.	WILLIAM E. THOMAS	5/20/1989	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	26 LB. 7 OZ.	MIKE SPAYOD	2022	ATLANTIC OCEAN
TUNA, LONGFIN	80 LBS.	DAVID FRANCELLA	9/15/1987	ATLANTIC OCEAN
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	NO CLASSIFICATION			
WAHOO	106 LBS.	WILL STAHLGREN	9/22/2007	ATLANTIC OCEAN
<u>SHARKS</u>				
BLACK TIP	NO CLASSIFICATION			
BLUE	NO CLASSIFICATION			
HAMMERHEAD, SCALLOPED	NO CLASSIFICATION			
HAMMERHEAD, SMOOTH	NO CLASSIFICATION			
MAKO	975 LBS.	THOMAS BARNES	7/22/2000	POORMAN'S CANYON
THRESHER	NO CLASSIFICATION			
TIGER	NO CLASSIFICATION			

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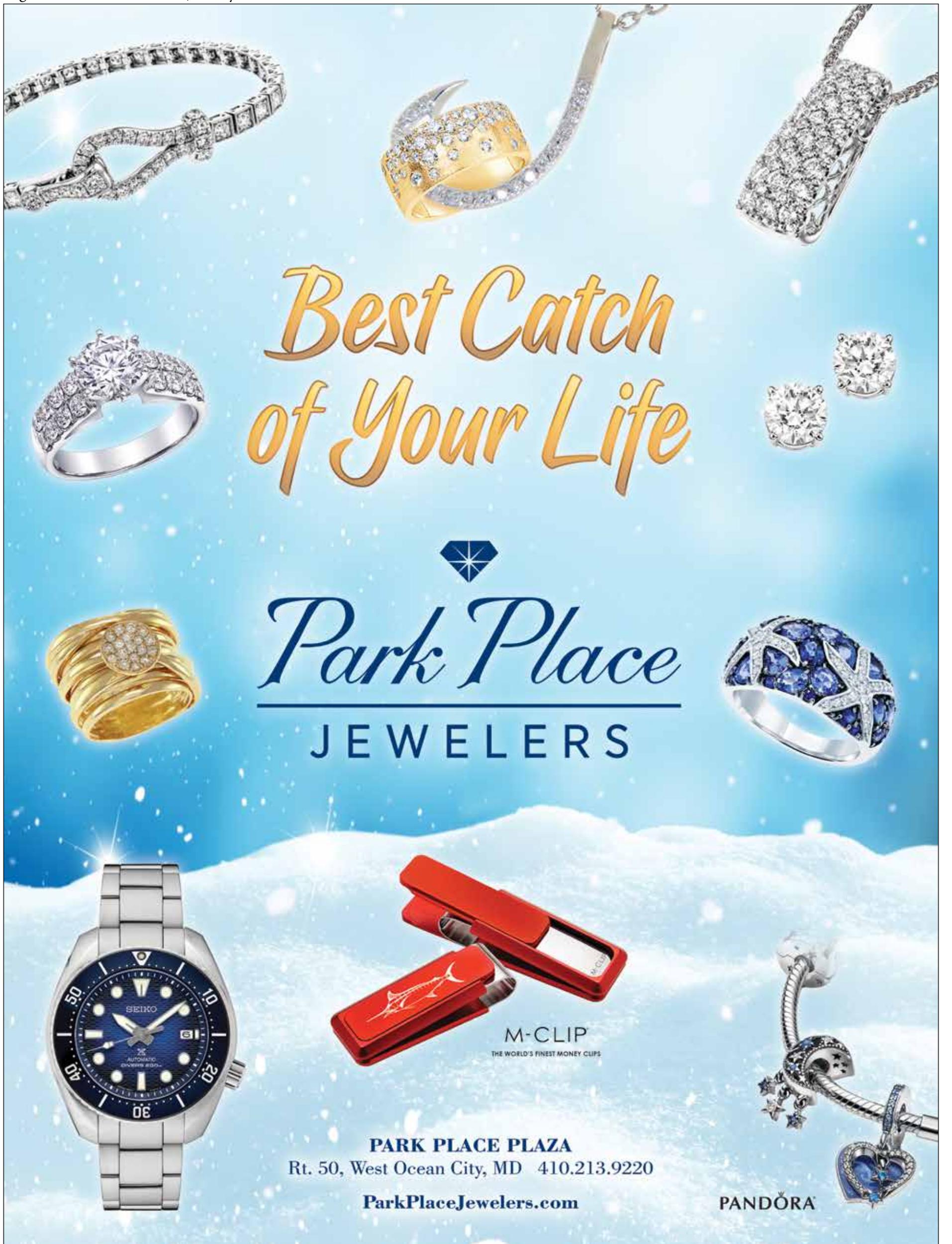
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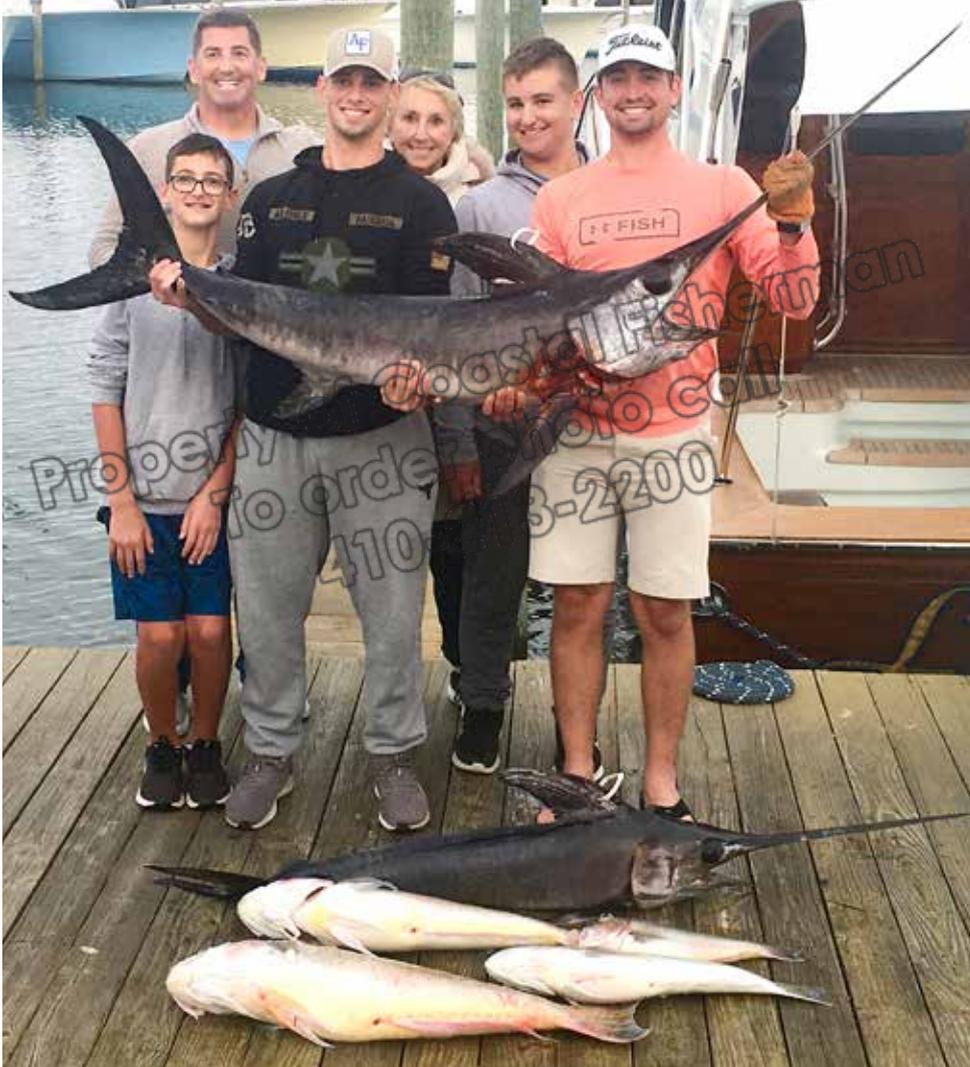
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Brad Martin and family from Sykesville, MD enjoyed the last trip of the season in October onboard the charter boat "MARLI" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Jake Pilkerton. The Martin's hand cranked a couple swordfish and a handful of golden tile. The tasty catch of fish were caught north of the Poor Man's Canyon in 100-200 fathoms.

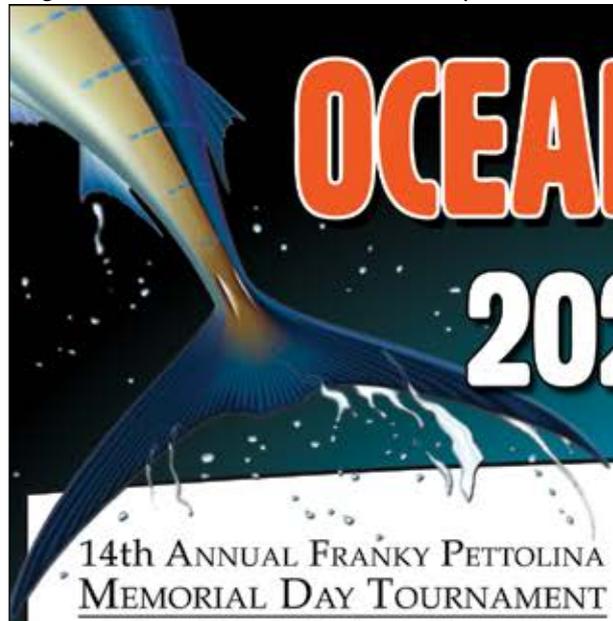


Jeremy Clancy from Woodbine, MD has a smug look of satisfaction after catching this 22" catch and release striper! He was fishing the surf at 82nd street in Ocean City using cut bunker, and a top and bottom rig.

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Weigh-Ins: May 27 & 28, 4:30-7:00pm at
Sunset Marina

44th ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT

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Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 24 & 25
Weigh-Ins: June 24 & 25, 3:00-6:30pm at
Sunset Marina

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Chairmen: Al Rittmeyer & Bob Althausen
Registration: June 29, 6:30-8:00pm
FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS
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at Sunset Marina

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To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation

Chairmen: Dale Withers, Gerard Ott,
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WAF Chairmen: Pam & Mark Hess, Ryan
Freese
Registration: July 21, 6:00-8:00pm
Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 22 & 23
Weigh-Ins: July 22, 3:00-6:30pm and
July 23, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

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Tournament Date / Angler Meeting: TBD
Location: TBD

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Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 4 & 5
Weigh-Ins: August 4 & 5, 5:30-7:30pm,
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65th ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT

Chairmen: Jim Giles & Bob Althausen
Registration: August 30, 6:30-8:00pm
Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 1, 2 & 3
Weigh-Ins: September 1, 2 & 3 6:00-8:00pm
at Sunset Marina

45th ANNUAL CHARLES KRATZ & SCOTT SMITH CHALLENGE CUP

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2023 TOURNAMENT DATES:

- Seasonal Awards start January 1, 2023 and end on October 1, 2023 at 5:00pm
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Top Junior Angler
Addison Lane - 6
Colt Duffie - 4
Jon Charles Duffie - 3

Top Lady Angler
Ginny Rodriguez - 11
Judith Duffie - 10
Jackie Tenuto - 10

Top Gentleman Angler
Ed Dunn - 22
Bill Pino - 10
Jonathan Duffie - 6

**1st White Marlin Caught
by a Junior Angler**
Cam Mosmiller / Fishizzle
7/16/2022 @9:01 am

Top Male Recreational Angler Award
Tommy D - 4

Heaviest Tuna
"Wrecker" 276 lbs.

Heaviest Dolphin
"Christine Marie" 37 lbs.

Heaviest Wahoo
"New Release" 85 lbs.

Most Sharks Released by any Boat
"Finatic" - 6

1st White Marlin of the Season
Kevin Gibbs / Wrecker
6/7/22 @9:06 am

Most First Billfish - Charter Boat
"Ro Sham Bo" - 10

Most First Billfish - Private Boat
"Kilo Charlie" - 10

1st Blue Marlin of the Season
Darren Helwig / Roll Groove
6/21/2022 @7:34 am

Most Blue Marlin Released - Private Boat
"D.A. Sea" - 8

Most Blue Marlin Released - Charter Boat
"Blood Money" - 8

Most Billfish Released - Any Boat
"Blood Money" - 52

Most Billfish Released - Charter Boat
"Blood Money" - 52

Most Billfish Released - Private Boat
"Billfisher" - 37

Most Billfish Released - 39'-48' Boat
"Brenda Lou" - 16

Most Billfish Released - 29'-38' Boat
"Bet-Sea" - 10

Most Billfish Released - 28' and Under Boat
"Sea Hunt" - 4

Most Billfish Caught - 28' & Under
"Sea Hunt 26" - 3

Most Tuna Caught in 2022 - Charter Boat
"Marli" - 248
"Talkn Trash" - 217
"Boss Hogg" - 153

Most Tuna Caught in 2022 - Private Boat
"Christine Marie" - 61
"HotLine" - 59
"Black Magic" - 42

Most Tuna Caught - 39' - 48' Boat
"Bill Slayer" - 110
"Spring Mix II" - 89
"Turnin Fins" - 56

Most Tuna Caught - 29' - 38' Boat
"Covered Up" - 64
"HotLine" - 59
"Hocus Pocus" - 43

Most Tuna Caught - 28' & Under Boat
"Carol's Teakettle" - 9
"Team Wallhangers" - 3

**Top 10
Most Billfish Released -
1 Day by a Charter Boat**

Showtime - 9
Big Stick - 8
Blood Money - 8
Blood Money - 7
Blood Money - 6
Reel Chaos - 6
Blood Money - 6
Reel Chaos - 5
Reel Chaos - 5
Grande Pez - 5

**Top 10
Most Billfish Released -
1 Day by a Private Boat**

Billfisher - 12
Christine Marie - 8
D.A. Sea - 7
Absolut Pleasure - 7
Reel Joy - 7
Take Em - 7
Billfisher - 5
Par Five - 5
Brenda Lou - 5
Christine Marie - 5



— Billfish Release Clubs —

100 Club

None Reported

50 Club

Blood Money (52)

25 Club

Reel Chaos (38) Billfisher (37) Showtime (35) D.A. Sea (32)



The crew of the charter boat "Blood Money" was recognized with many awards during the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Despite a challenging billfish season they still managed to release a total of 52 earning Most Billfish Caught by Any Boat, Most Caught by a Charter Boat and Most Blue Marlin Caught by a Charter Boat (8). Bill Pino (pictured left with Donnie Moore and mate Ayrton Pryor) was also recognized as the 2nd Place Gentleman Angler with 10 releases.



The "Billfisher" continued it's legacy during the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet last Fall. With 37 billfish releases the crew was recognized for Most Billfish Caught by a Private Boat, 1st Place for Most Billfish for a Private Boat and the Legacy Award with 630 points. Crew members Judith Duffie was awarded 3rd Place Top Lady Angler (10) and Jonathan Duffie was 3rd Place Top Gentleman Angler (6). Pictured are Jonathan, Judith, Noah McVicker and Jeremy Duffie.



The "MARLI" was back on top! They caught 248 tuna in 2022 and took home the 1st Place Tuna Caught by a Charter Boat award at the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Pictured are the boat owner Mike Bostic, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Jake Pilkerton. Jake and his fellow mate Jax Moore (not pictured) also earned Top Mate on a Charter Boat (Tuna)!



The private boat, "Christine Marie" took home several awards at the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Here Capt. Brian Behe with mates Parker Marshall and Jim Hukill accept the trophy for 1st Place Tuna for a Private boat for their 61 fish caught in 2022. They also took 1st Place for Heaviest Dolphin at 37 lbs., and Parker and Jim were recognized as the Top Mates on a Private Boat (Tuna)!



The charter boat "Wrecker" had a couple of records to be proud of in 2022! They were the first boat to release a white marlin earning \$17,000 in prize money from the Ocean City Marlin Club, the Town of Ocean City and Fisherman's United. They also caught the Heaviest Tuna of the year, a 276 lb. bigeye. Here Capt. Bobby Layton and mate Cody Smith accept the award for Heaviest Tuna of the season at the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet.

In probably one of the best visualizations of the difficult billfishing year that was 2022, we have the 'group' photo of the boats that made the 25, 50 and 100 billfish caught awards. Pictured are Jeremy Duffie of the "Billfisher" with a 25 Award for their 37 billfish and Ayrton Pryor with a 50 Award for the "Blood Money with 52. Not pictured 25 Club winners included "D.A. Sea" (32), "Showtime" (35) and "Reel Chaos" (38). No one made the 100 club and last year this group had 14 members.

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This year's race for Top Lady Angler for the Ocean City Marlin Club was competitive! It was however Ginny Rodriguez that took 1st Place releasing a total of 11 billfish for the season. 2nd and 3rd places were a tie at 10 each.



Former club President Boz Jefferson is recognized with the Edna Hodgens Award for Outstanding Service to the Ocean City Marlin Club during last year's award ceremony for his many contributions to the club. Pictured with current club President Ryan Freese.



The "Bet Sea" had a good 2022. They won the top spot in the Poor Girl's Open as well as taking 1st Place for Most Billfish Caught by a 29'-38' Boat with 10 for the year at the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet. Here boat owner Eric Mihaly and mate Dave Nornes accept the award.



Mark Cropper accepted the award for the "Brenda Lou" 1st Place for Most Billfish Caught by a 39'-48' Boat. They earned the top honor by releasing 16 billfish over the season.



The Ocean City Marlin Club recognized the Top Mates (Billfishing) at their Annual Awards Banquet last fall. Mates Noah McVicker (pictured) & Willem Lamertson on the "Billfisher" won for a private boat and mates Ayrton Pryor (pictured) & Kevin Knotts on the "Blood Money" won for a charter boat.



Addison Lane accepted her award for being the Top Junior Angler with 6 billfish releases for 2022 at the Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Awards Banquet last October.



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Tyrone Waters set the bar pretty high in early November during the Lewes Harbor Marina Tautog Tournament with this 12.85 lb. tog. Tyrone caught this one with Capt. Jamar Campbell on the "Jay Sea II" at an ocean structure using crabs. It held on to the top of the leaderboard for a while before slipping to 2nd Place overall.

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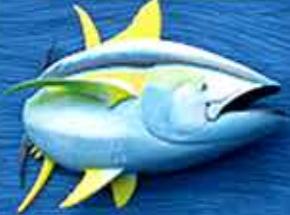
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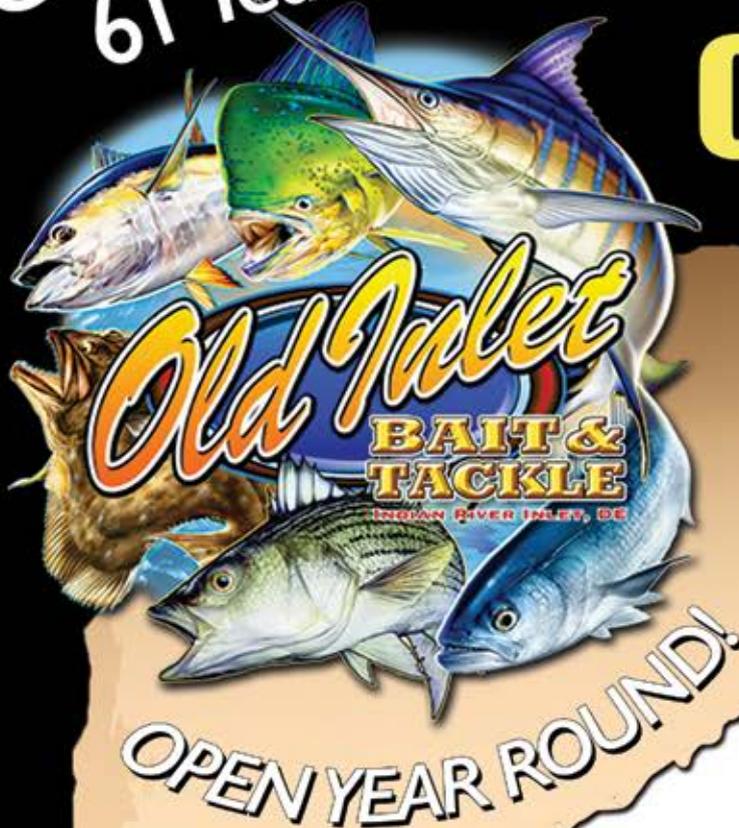
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Maryland angler Darwin Kunth from Duncannon, PA hand cranked this 21.8 lb. bluefish from 360' while fishing with Capt. Steven Danner on the "Still Lucky" in late August. It would have qualified as a Maryland State Record if submitted. The crew also had several other bluefish and some nice mahi while fishing around the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ray Streib and crew from Severn, MD got a workout muscling in their limit of bluefish and big golden tilefish in late September. They were aboard the charter boat "MARLI" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Jake Pilkerton. All fish were caught in the Poor Man's Canyon on squid in 50-100 fathoms.

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Capt. Carey Evans on the charter boat "Grizzly" got Mr. Lynwood and his friends on the fish! They worked some inshore reefs and wrecks with green crabs and clams just before Thanksgiving and came back with a mess of sea bass and a few bluefish. Pictured at the Lewes Harbour Marina.

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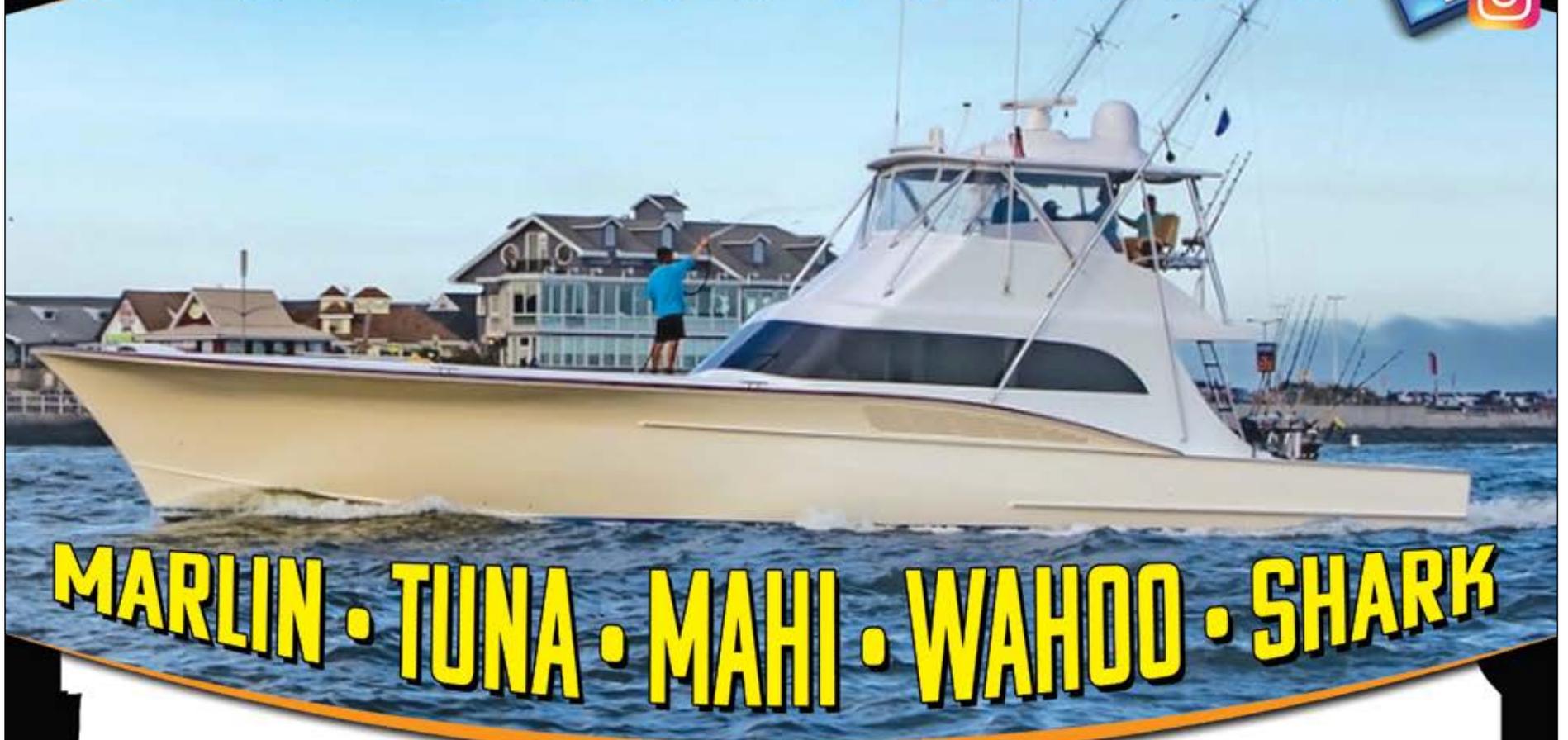
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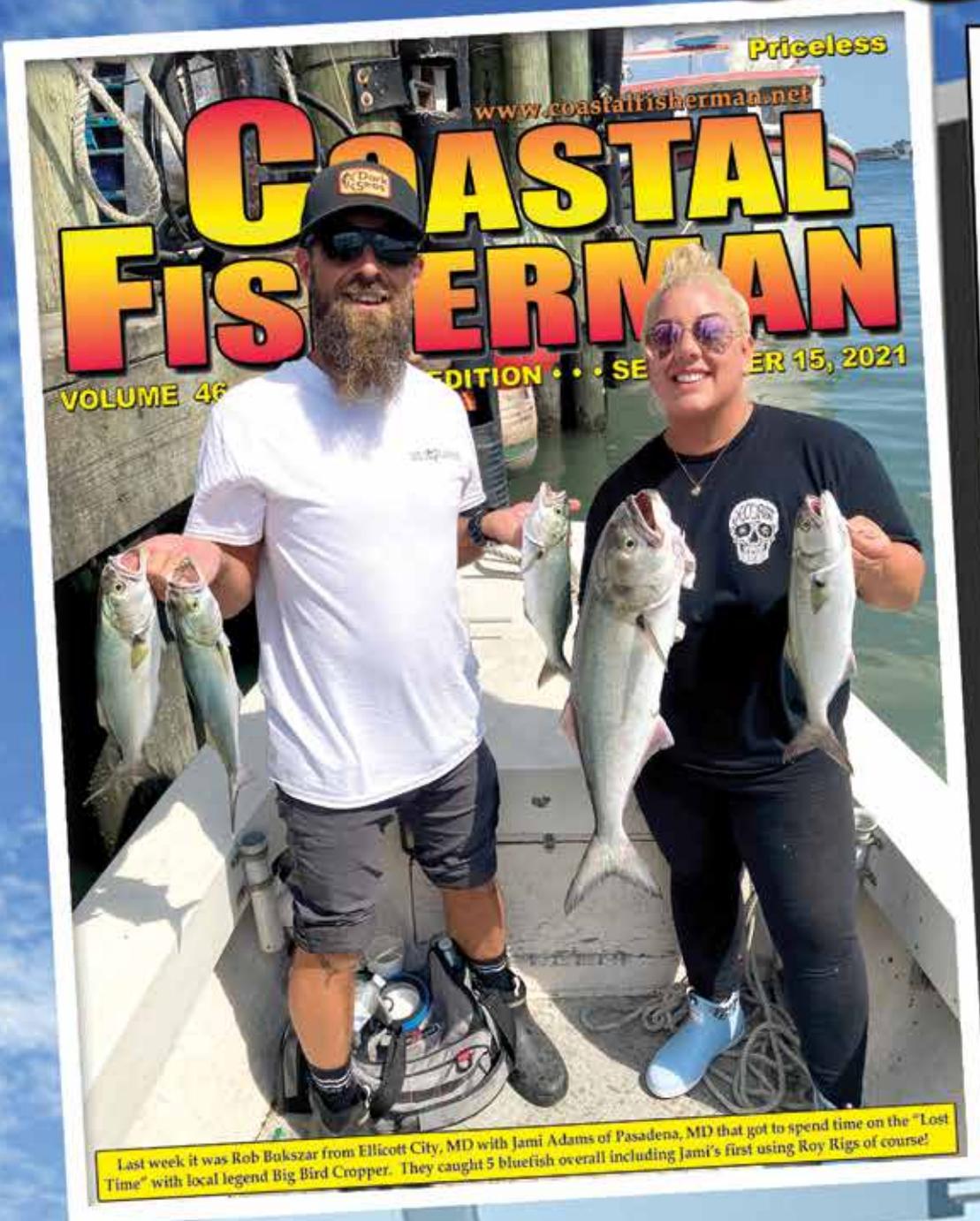
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Last week it was Rob Bukszar from Ellicott City, MD with Jami Adams of Pasadena, MD that got to spend time on the "Lost Time" with local legend Big Bird Cropper. They caught 5 bluefish overall including Jami's first using Roy Rigs of course!

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Weather compressed the normally 3 day Rena Bishop Broadbill Bash to fishing 1 of 2 days over the weekend in mid-October. All of the action was on Saturday with 7 of the 8 boats registered fishing. Only three swordfish were brought to the scales with these two from the “Gret’s Three J’s” being the only ones to qualify. Overall the crew of Capt. John Griffith with Laura James, Steven Stalling and John Conrad caught 6 swords for the day including a triple hookup in the Poor Man’s Canyon. Their unchallenged top two at 191 lbs. and 124 lbs. took 1st and 2nd place in the Swordfish Division and their combined weight took the top spot for Heaviest Stringer earning a combined payout of \$30,684



Tuna fishing was tough during the 3rd Annual Rena Bishop Broadbill Bash held in mid-October last year with only two finding their way to the scales. Fortunately for the crew of the “Espadon” their’s was a chunky 171 lb. bigeye caught by Craig Scheibach. Capt. Sylvain Cote’ had Craig and fellow anglers Terry Carrole , Dana Liedholm, John Keough, Paul Collins and Jessie King in the Wilmington Canyon where they only had two bites for the day.

RESULTS

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HEAVIEST Swordfish

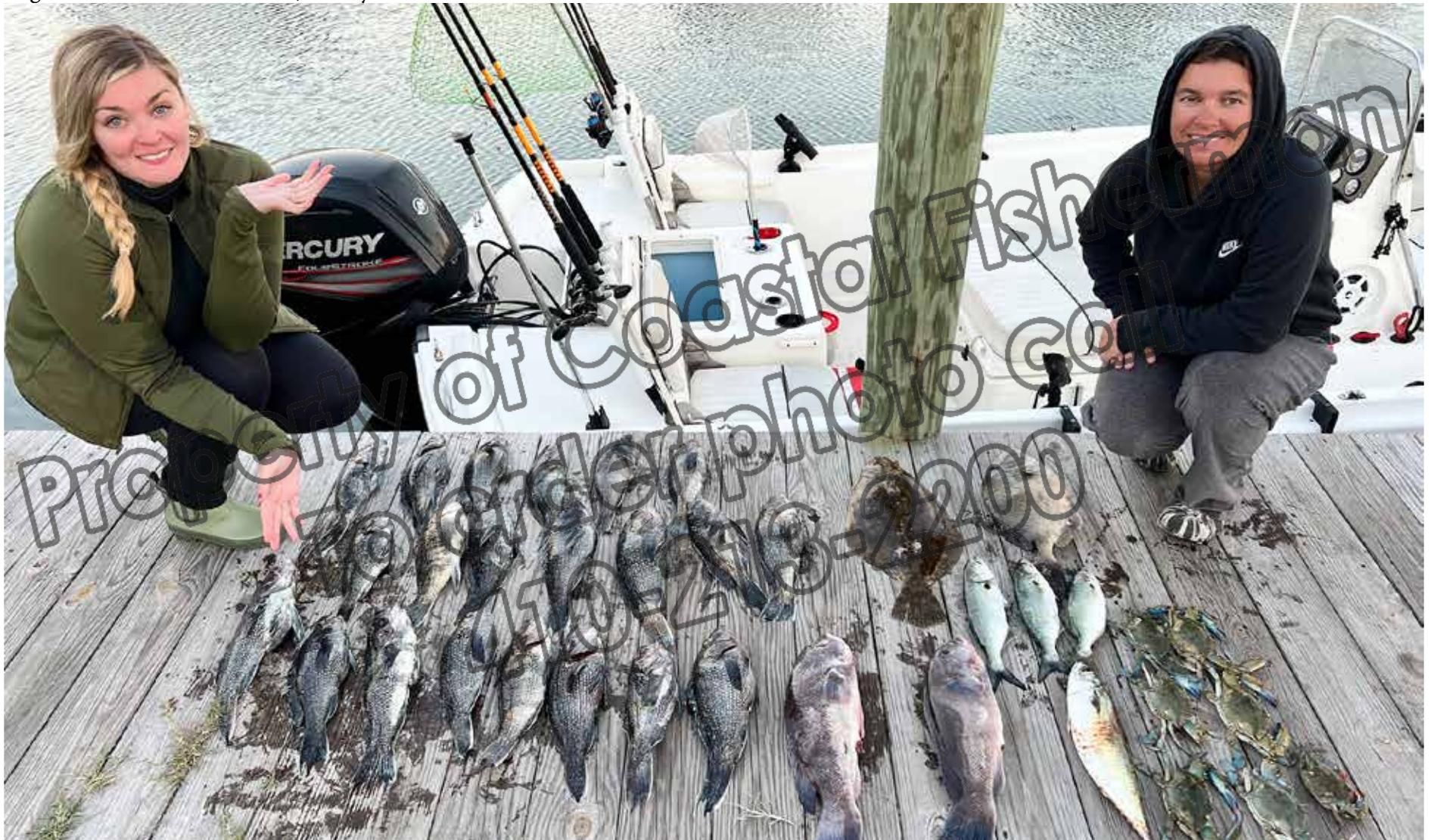
1st Gret's Three J's 191 lbs.
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1st Gret's Three J's 315 lbs.

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Charter boat owner Mary Eddy of the "Green Reaper" and "Reel Steel" took a personal trip in early October with Malynda Eddy from Camden, DE. They focused on several inshore structures and landed a cornucopia of fish and shell fish using sand fleas and clams! In the mix were 22 sea bass up to 17", 2 tog, a flounder, a triggerfish, some bluefish, a mackerel and even some crabs! They were fishing on the "Reel Steel" with Capt. JD Eddy.

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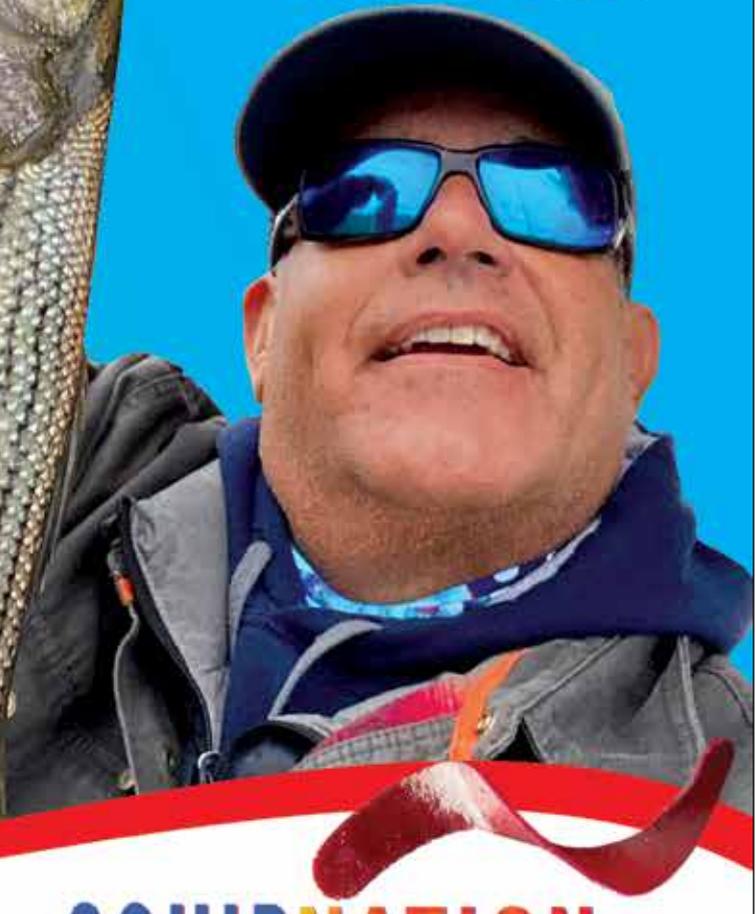
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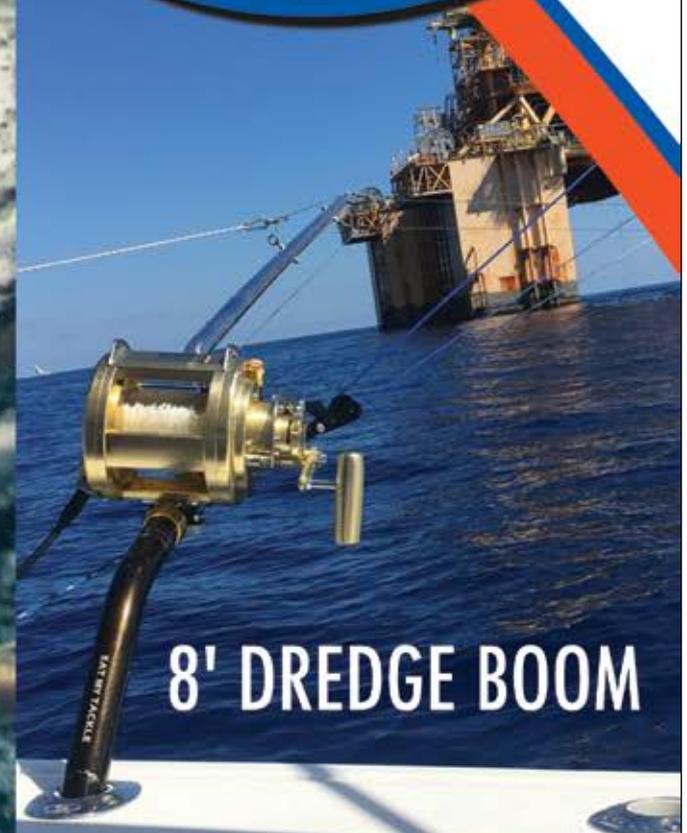
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The FISHING GLOSSARY

As most of our reader know, we use a lot of terminology and some slang to describe equipment, fish, locations, etcetera! We do get questions on these so we thought a Glossary would be interesting. It is not a complete list by any imagination, so if you have a term to add, email it to us at CoastalFisherman@comcast.net!!

What Did They Mean?

Fattie/Flattie - Usually referring to a flounder or fluke

Bailer Dolphin - This phrase is used to describe a small dolphin, usually in the 2 to 5 pounds range and small enough to lift into the boat by grabbing the leader.

Ballyhoo - The ballyhoo is a baitfish of the halfbeak family and are frequently used as cut bait and for trolling purposes by saltwater sportsmen. Ballyhoo are distributed in tropical-warm temperate latitudes on both sides of the Atlantic in Florida where they inhabit shallow bank areas or grassflats associated with coral reefs.

Calcutta - Fishing tournaments of all kinds create opportunities for anglers to not only participate in these events for a set guaranteed prize money, but to also invest in specific categories based on their interest or ability to invest! These additional categories above and beyond the tournament entrance fees are commonly called Calcuttas. For example you can enter the White Marlin Open for a relatively small entrance fee and then enter the Calcuttas that you want. There are also Small Boat Calcuttas to allow smaller boats to compete against each other. Likewise there are options for heaviest fish by species (Tuna, Marlin, Dolphin, etc), daily catch, most billfish releases and some sizable Winner Take All choices. Most of these are funded by the anglers or bats paying the specific Calcutta fees. These fees can add up if a boat wanted to enter all Calcuttas in a tournament, or go 'across the board' as it is called. The combined totals can exceed \$50,000 for the larger events.

CBBT - Shorthand for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Chains - Like spreader bars, a Daisey chain is a combination of lures run sequentially in line. Unlike bars, these chains only have a single line or chain.

Chunking - This is a type of fishing whereby baitfish is cut into pieces and tossed over the side to attack fish. There are slight variations by species targeted, but the concept is to create a 'slick' of bait to attract the fish to the boat versus trolling for them. This is a popular method for tuna fishing certain times of the year in the Delmarva area and usually results in enormous amounts of butter fish being put into the Poor Man's Canyon! In this method, pieces of butter fish are put overboard with only 1 have a hook in it. As they sink and the tuna snap up the feast, eventually one hits the piece with a hook. It is very exciting to see tuna swarming behind a boat at anchor in a frenzy and can make for exciting multiple hookups.

Convict - Convict is a nickname for sheepshead given to them due to their notable stripes!

Covered Up - this term refers to when a boat has fish on all the hooks they have in the water.

Cut Bait - While we try to specify what bait is being used, sometimes we are only told 'Cut Bait'. This is simply any fish cut to size to fit the rig or hook. Common types in our area are bunker, mullet or spot.

Deep Dropping - Deep dropping is exactly what it sounds like. Dropping that bait DEEP. Deep dropping can be distinguished from bottom fishing when you are dropping baits deeper than 300 feet. Most anglers who deep drop and have a good depth sounder or good location coordinates so that they can find an abundance of tasty bottom fish. Often used in reference to swordfishing.

Dink 20 or 30 - This refers to smaller reel sizes and bait (typically a naked ballyhoo). Reels ranging from 1000 - 3500 (aka 10 to 35) are typically used to target smaller fish and most often white marlin on our

area. Reels over 4000 or '40' are made for larger fish. So we will remark if a large fish like a tuna is caught on one of these smaller 'Dink' reels as it makes landing the fish much harder.

Doormat - Large flounder are often referred to as 'doormats' due to their size and flat profile. While subjective, we use a 26" minimum for the moniker. Actual doormats that look like flounder are available at many local stores for those so inclined!

ESVA - Acronym for the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Flotsam - This is a term for floating debris on the ocean surface. This can be anything from natural items like weed lines or logs to artificial items like buckets, buoys, coolers, etc. Why they matter is certain fish



like to be under these items for shade or to chase the baitfish. For us most notably that would be mahi.

Gaffer - A 'gaffer' fish is one considered large enough to use a gaff to get it into the boat. It is usually used to differentiate or highlight that the fish caught is larger and is used often when referencing mahi.

Grander - Used in reference to a fish caught that is over a thousand pounds, usually in reference to marlin. For example the 1,135 lb. blue marlin caught by the "Billfisher" during the 30th Annual MidAtlantic was a true 'grander'!

Green Machine - The Green Machine is a classic offshore trolling lure which tempts virtually every pelagic in the ocean and tops the list of big winners. The original Green Machine offered by Sevenstrand consisted of a clear plastic bullet head with green beads inside, followed by a green glitter-flecked skirt. The company changed hands several times and there are a million knock-offs out there today. You'll find versions ranging from 8 to 12 inches, but ask just about any old-timer and he'll

tell you that the original is still the best.

Gulp - We often refer to baits used in shorthand versus the products full names. One of the most popular brands of artificial baits comes from Berkley Fishing. While they offer a



broad range of offerings for many species, their family of Gulp! Soft baits are the go to for many in our area. Flounder fisherman for example love the Gulp Swimming Mulletts and use several colors and sizes to see what is working on any specific day. We try to get details on color and type of Gulp used, but some captains consider that information state secrets!

Ilander - Ilander is a brand name for a family of trolling lures made by L & S Tackle with metal heads, artificial etyes and colored skirts. They come in several models, sizes and color variations and while there is a specific model 'The Ilander', any one is commonly referred to an Ilander. This is why we try to specify model or color when possible.

Jigging - The practice of fishing with a jig, a type of weighted fishing lure. A jig consists of a heavy metal (typically lead) sinker with an attached fish hook that is usually obscured inside a soft lure or feather-like decorations. Jigs are intended to create a jerky, vertical "jumping"

motion to attract fish.

Kite Fishing - Offshore kite fishing is a sport fishing technique used to keep live bait on the surface of the water to attract and catch surface feeding predators. It is used in Florida along the Atlantic coast and in the Caribbean for sailfish. It is also used for blackfin and yellowfin tuna, dolphin or mahi-mahi, wahoo, black grouper, and yellowtail snapper. It involves a kite from which a drop line hangs, attached to a lure or bait. The kite is flown over the surface of a body of water, and the bait floats near the waterline until taken by a fish. The kite then drops immediately, signaling to the fisherman that the bait has been taken, and the fish can then be hauled in.

Knothead - This is a nickname for black sea bass due to the pronounce lump in the top of their heads.

Limit - This expression is used when a private or charter boat catches the allowed amount of fish by the state for federal creel limits. Often used in reference to tuna catches as well as sea bass, but can apply to any species with a creel limit.

Linesider - Nickname for rockfish.

Loran Lines and #'s - Fisherman still refer to popular fishing locations using numbers from a legacy navigational system called Loran-C for Long Range Navigation. During this systems operation run from the



1950's to 2010, Loran lines were included on most charts (see image below) and were used to reference fishing or catch locations versus an actual longitude and latitude, thus providing a location, but not exact! Since the system went off line these lines have been dropped from most charts, however historical charts are still available from the Office of Coast Survey.

Man in the Brown Suit - This is a traditional name for the fish cobia.

Naked Ballyhoo - A naked ballyhoo is just that, a ballyhoo rigged with no other lure or skirt.

Furuno Omni or Sonar - While not a new technology, Sonar has been used in commercial fishing for a several years. Advancements in technology and pricing have however expanded the usage for recreational users, even though the cost to install one can run over \$100,000. This allows for the boat to effectively 'see' it's target and trajectory in the water. The device lowers an array below the boat like an upside down periscope and can operate at speeds up to 16 knots.

Otter Tails - We often refer to baits used in shorthand versus the products full names. One of the newer brands over the past couple of years comes from local company SquidNation and their 'Otter' family of artificial baits including Tails, Tubes and Spoons. Flounder fishermen for example love the Otter Tails for their effectiveness and durability, and use several colors and sizes to see what is working on any specific day.

"Outside" the Canyon - Often Captains reference a catch as being outside of a specific canyon, for example 'outside the Washington Canyon'. This means the boat has moved east of the canyon proper. Additionally depending on what inlet the boat departed from, 'outside' could mean Northeast or Southeast of the canyon depending on their approach. This is why we try to get depth information and other location indicators to help narrow down a location.

Over - Some regulations, mainly with tuna, allow anglers to catch a certain amount of fish under a certain length and a different number for fish over a number. So for example in 2022, the Federal Size & Creel Limits for bluefin tuna allow for one fish to be kept per vessel that are

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Peanut Mahi - Peanut dolphins are the small, hand-sized juveniles.

Pitch Bait - A 'Pitch Bait' is as it sounds, a rod, reel and bait already rigged and ready to pitch in the water when a fish shows up! These can use live or dead baits and are often used when an unexpected fish shows up that won't take a lure already in the water, or pops up around a spreader bar or dredge.

Release - Modern sport fishermen are leaders in the conservation efforts for the species found inshore and offshore with many fishermen fishing for sport and 'releasing' most of what they catch. In our context this phrase mainly refers to marlin caught and released. Most billfish

so for example a schoolie striper would be a small or sublegal fish (currently under 28").

Skirt - A 'Skirt' is typically a lure with a heavy head with colored ribbons or fibers flowing from the head. If held upright the ribbons can look like a skirt. So when we mention for example a 'Skirted' Ballyhoo, that is a ballyhoo that has had some type of lure attached in front of the head to add weight and the skirt covers part of the bait.

The Slot - When a state or federal regulation only allows a fish to be kept if it is between a minimum or maximum size. For example, rockfish in Maryland for 2022 may only be kept if they were 28" or more, but no more than 35". So a phrase like "Gina caught a rockfish at the top of the 'slot'" would mean her fish was toward the 35" maximum.

Squidnation - Squidnation is a company with headquarters in Maryland that makes a variety of lures, artificial baits and equipment. They are often referenced by boats that use their spreader bars or chains or for the use of their artificial baits in the Otter Tails family.

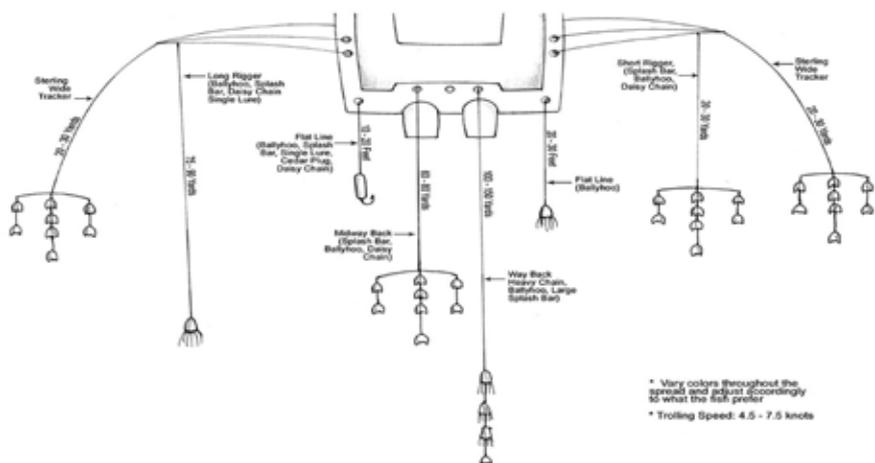
Sterling - Sterling is a manufacturer of spreader bars, dredges, daisy chains and other items like the Joe Shute Lure.

Stretch Lure - There are many companies that make 'stretch' lures with the most notable being Manns Bait Co. Stretch Lures are some of the most effective lipped trolling lures because these lures get down to where the fish are and are great for a variety of saltwater species from stripers and bluefish to big game fish like tuna and marlin. A model number usually follows the name such as a 'Stretch 20'. As the model number increases, so does the size of the lure and its depth range.

Throwback Ratio - This phrase refers to the ratio of how many fish you need to catch to retain a certain amount of legal size fish. For example for sea bass or flounder we might say the ratio was 5:1, or 5 fish caught for every keeper.

Tax Man - a phrase used when a fish is on the hook but a shark takes some or all of the fish before it can be brought to the boat. Usually happens in southern waters/canyons and most notably with tuna.

Top & Bottom Rig - The top and bottom rig is one of the most universal rigs used by anglers up and down the East Coast and throughout the



tournaments have a release only Calcutta or are release only events, so when we mention a boat or angler had 'x' releases that means they were able to hook a fish and get it to the boat and document that the crew had the fish under control in the water or got the leader to the tip of the rod. Once the specific criteria is met, then the fish is released unharmed.

Roy Rig - The 'Roy Rig' is a lure developed by avid local fisherman Big Bird Cropper. Over his years of fishing he has modified a jig head and shank to maximize impact on flounder, sea trout and bluefish.

Schooler or Schoolie Fish - In general these are smaller fish of a species,

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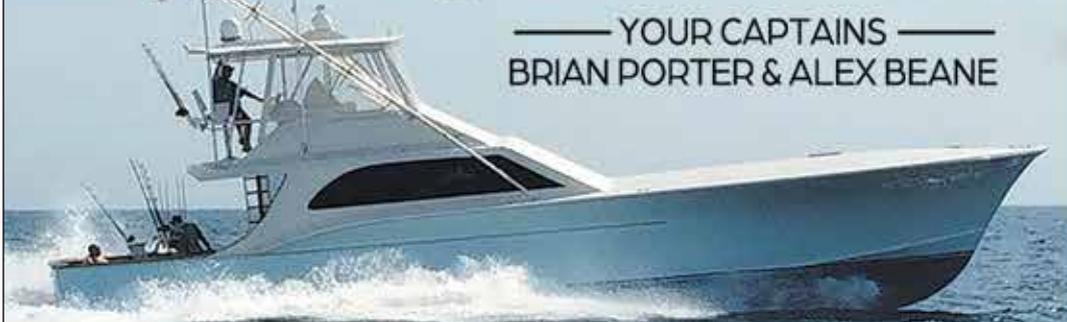
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Chesapeake Bay. It is a simple rig mainly for bottom fishing, but it can yield great results. While they can come in many variations, the basic concept is a rig with a weight to reach the bottom with 2 lines that trail above it with lures or bait. IE a 'top' bait and a 'bottom' bait. This dual system can entice fish on or near the bottom since it offers 2 hooks at different levels.

Trolling Pattern locations - Sometime we mention what line a fish hit on the boats trolling pattern. For example a lot of tuna have hit on a 'widetracker'. Other names include Flat Line, Long Line, Shotgun and Way Back. An example with other names are in the image above.

Under - Some regulations, mainly with tuna, allow anglers to catch a certain amount of fish under a certain length and a different number for fish over a number. So for example in 2022, the Federal Size & Creel Limits for bluefin tuna allow for two fish to be kept per vessel that are 27" to <47" in length. They are referred to as 'unders'.

Canyon Wall - This term is used when captains report fishing on the edges of the canyons, typically described as the west or the one closest to shore or the outer east wall.

Widetracker - This refers to a type of spreader or tracker bar that is designed to move outwards to the port or starboard to get the lures 'wide' in the spread. They can move as far as 30' outwards from a normal spreader bars patterns and put the lures into cleaner water outside of a boats wake. They have proven very effective for tuna in the last several years.

X for Y on Bites - We often report tuna catches and marlin releases using a phrase like ... "Charter Boat "Boss Hogg" went 4 for 5 on white marlin today". This basically tells us they hooked 5 marlin for the day and got 4 to the boat. The 5th most likely was able to jump off the hook or the tackle failed. For tuna the expression has a slightly different meaning. As tuna travel in schools, it is common for a boat to hook up with multiple tunas at the same time. So for this example a boat could have 5 tuna hooked and boat 3, or they went 3 for 5. Fighting that many tuna at the same time makes it difficult to keep the lines clear and so sometime some break off.

Fishing Locations

800 Square - This popular fishing location is at the intersection of two old Loran C lines, the 41800 & 26800. These old Loran lines are referenced by the last 3 numbers vs the all five, so this area is referred to as the 800x800 or 800 Square. It is located in the Washington Canyon.

2nd Street Bulkhead/Chicago Avenue - A popular spot to get access to the Ocean City East Channel from land is the bulkhead & walkway that parallels the water from 2nd Street north to 4th Street. The road adjacent is Chicago Avenue. There are rocks to deal with, but for the angler that can manage them this can be a productive spot.

Artificial and Natural Reefs - These terms are most often used by party boat captains who prefer not to divulge their fishing spots!

Bass Grounds - Large schools of this game fish will lay claim to this area as the Bass Grounds, which is located about 12 miles due east of Ocean City Inlet. This particular spot has always been popular for anglers seeking sea bass and tautog, both of which congregate within the submerged rubble of an artificial reef.

Bass Pots - pots used to catch sea bass and have buoys to mark them on the surface that fish can congregate under.

East & West Channels in OC - The main East Channel is the deep channel on the east side of the Ocean City bay between the draw of the Route 50 Bridge north to 14th Street. The gray townhouses at 14th Street are part of the Harbor Island Residential Complete.

DA or 'A' Buoy - This marker is about 14 miles slightly south east from the Indian River Inlet and is one of the markers for commercial traffic headed into the Delaware Bay. Just 2 miles north of this marker are a series of lumps that can rise up to a depth of only 8 fathoms surrounded by depths ranging from 10 to 14 fathoms. The areas hosts an array of coral reefs and wrecks.

Delaware Light or Lightship - Heading out of the Indian River Inlet on a course of 120 DEGREES for about 20 miles will get you to this former location of an actual Lightship. It is now a large floating platform acting as both a light and transmitter for commercial traffic headed into the Delaware Bay. The floating platform attracts tiny baitfish, small

dolphin, various species of shark and lots of bluefish.

Fathom Lines - We will sometimes mention a Fathom Line in describing a catch location. Nautical charts will show these fathom lines that follow a certain depth. For example the 100 Fathom line or Natural 100 follows the outer edge of between the offshore canyons and outlines the canyons themselves. It is roughly the continental shelf. There are also fathom lines at 10, 20, 30 & 50.

Fenwick Ditch - The Fenwick Ditch connects the northern Assawoman Bay with the Little Assawoman Bay. The northern end is a productive fishing spot.

Hambone - The Hambone is just approximately 30 miles due east of Ocean City Inlet. This lump rises to within 19 fathoms of the ocean's surface with surrounding depths plummeting to 27 fathoms, thus forming an offshore oasis for a multitude of species.

Hot Dog - Among the most popular summer hotspots for a wide range of species is the Hot Dog. This 18-fathom lump is situated approximately 35 miles due east of Ocean City Inlet and is surrounded by depths ranging from 24 to 37 fathoms.

Ice Breaker Pier - This is the northern most breakwater in the DE Bay north of Cape Henlopen and is known for tog and sheepshead.

Jack Spot - The Jack Spot is a vast uprising from the ocean's floor that ascends to within 8 fathoms of the surface. The surrounding depths rapidly fall off to 17 fathoms, thereby the half-mile-long structure is similar to an oasis in the midst of otherwise bleak bottom.

Massey's Ditch - Massey's Ditch is located just northwest of the Indian River Inlet and is at the eastern tip of the Long Neck, DE peninsula. There is a Massey's Landing Public Boat ramp on the ditch.

Ocean City Airport - While many catch reports reference this Municipal Airport that is approximately 5 miles south of the Rt. 50 Bridge as the crow flies, the flounder are actually caught in the Sinepuxent Bay located to the east. From the bay you can see the approach lights and part of the runway.

Ocean City Commercial Harbor - Almost directly west from the Ocean City Inlet is a harbor for several commercial fishing and offshore work. When referred to as a fishing location, in general that means the mouth of the harbor outside of the long pier or at the entrance to Sunset Marina wrapping around north around the Martha's Landing community.

Old Grounds - The Old Grounds is a popular fishing area due to its productivity and relative closeness. It is about 15 east south east of the Indian River Inlet.

Outer and Inner Walls - These are two rock breakwaters outside of the Roosevelt Inlets at Lewes, DE. The Outer Wall is the longest with the ocean on one side and the bay on the other. The Inner Wall is further west and has the bay on both sides. These are noted for tog and sheepshead.

Rt. 50 Bridge - This is probably obvious as is the bridge that connects the Ocean City peninsula with the western side of the Ocean City Bay. The bridge has sidewalks on the both sides that allow anglers to fish the pilings that support the bridge. It is a great location for flounder, bluefish and small rockfish and you can find angler fishing at almost any hour of the day!

Stinky Beach - On the west side of the bay and just south of the Rt. 50 Bridge you will see a sandy beach where vacationers are fishing or just sunbathing. This is Homer Gudelsky Park (Some locals still call it by it's old name, Stinky Beach). It's real deep here and there are some holes that go down to 40 feet. There are lots of potential for snags, but some real nice flounder are caught here. Tautog are there too if you use live or frozen sand fleas.

Thorofare - The Thorofare sees a lot of flounder! It is located on the west side of the Ocean City Bay, just offshore of a residential area called Captain's Hill. It's deep next to the houses and just offshore there's a yellow house where locals say they catch a lot of big flounder. Going north, you will see Buoy #6 and from there you can follow the marshes back just offshore of a development called Isle of Wight to Buoy #16. By the time you hit #16 you are almost opposite Ocean Pines and can see the Route 90 Bridge in the distance.

VFW Slough - this is channel located in the southern part of the Indian River Bay and garners it's name for being just off shore of the VFW Post 7234 at the northern tip of Cedar Neck Rd. It is known for flounder and for being difficult to navigate due to shallow waters on the approach and shifting sands. §

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2022



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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 Bluefish	September 10 Stacy Schindler Rt. 50 Bridge 15.5 lbs.	July 18 Tommy Schlauch Jr. Fenwick Ditch 12 lbs. 3 Oz.	 Thresher Shark	May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 Black Drum	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna	July 23 Crew - Wrecker Washington Canyon 276 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
 Cobia	August 17 Kai Cropper Inshore Shoal 77 lbs.	July 15 Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 Flounder	July 29 Mike Brockmeyer East Channel 7.85 lbs.	July 20 Jesse Norman Ocean Structure 10.4 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	July 31 Zach Bower Wilmington Canyon 38.5 lbs.	June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 Sea Bass	May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 26 Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 22 Jim Clarke Massey's Canyon 89.2 lbs.	August 27 Ian Beall 800 Fathom Line 151.6 lbs.
 Sheepshead	June 27 JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	August 18 Vee Sisounthone Lewes Wall 16 lbs.	 Dolphin	August 11 Frank Sinita Jr. Poor Man's Canyon 59.5 lbs.	
 Striped Bass	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 Swordfish	September 22 Jeff Jacobs Washington Canyon 393 lbs.	
 Tautog	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 Blue Marlin	August 24 Andrew Kinsley Linden Kohl Canyon 607 lbs.	
 Wahoo	August 26 Charlie Phelan Spencer Canyon 104 lbs.		 White Marlin	August 12 Jeremy Duffie Baltimore Canyon 77.5 lbs.	

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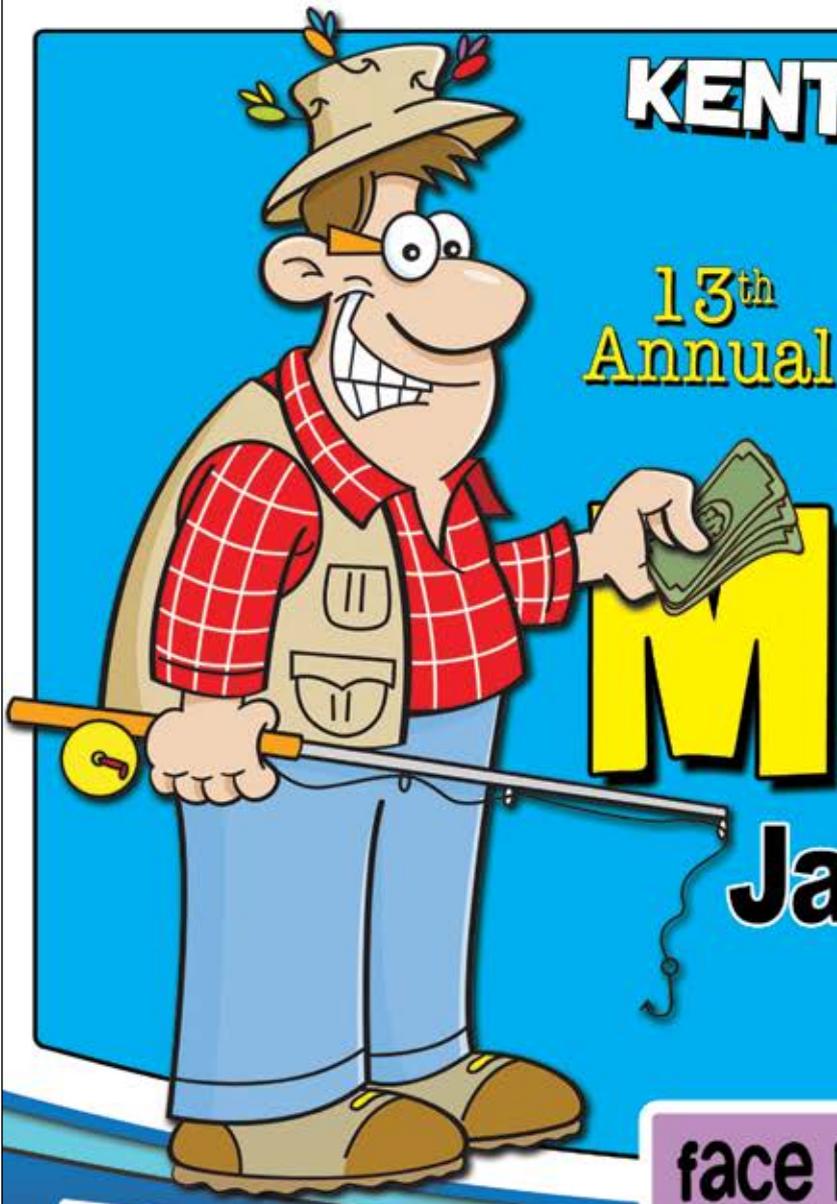


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2022 "BIG MONEY" TOURNAMENT REVIEW



You can't highlight big money tournaments without starting with this 77.5 lb. white marlin caught by Jeremy Duffie on the "Billfisher" during the 2022 White Marlin Open! As they had done all summer to find warm blue water, they ran far, 90 miles to be exact, past the Baltimore Canyon to find this winner in 1500 fathoms. The white earned a combined total payout of \$4,536,926 setting a record for single largest payout in tournament history and in any tournament!

Bill Britt was all smiles during the 2022 White Marlin Open. He and the crew of the "Cabana" only had three bites during the entire event, but one of them happened to be a 511 lb. blue marlin! It was caught in the Norfolk Canyon in 300 fathoms and Bill had to fight it to the boat 6 times before it could be subdued. As it was the only blue marlin weighed it earned a cool \$1,208,410.

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2022 "BIG MONEY" TOURNAMENT REVIEW



Bigeye tuna dominated the Tuna Division during last year's White Marlin Open with 6 over 200 lbs and the top two only separated by 1 lb.! The crew of the "Southern C's" took the top spot with a 247.5 lb. eyeball they caught in the Norfolk Canyon. I was one of a triple hookup where they went 2 for 3 landing another 203.5 lb, bigeye. Their payout was also north of a million dollars at \$1,278,197.



The 2nd Annual Tuna & Tiara's Ladies Tuna Tournament was pushed out a week last year due to weather. The season thus far was also facing a tough tuna bite. As a result only yellowfin tunas were caught with none of the 33 boats registered bringing in more than one qualifying tuna! Top honors went to team 'Girls Got Game' on the charter boat "Game Changer" for a 54 lb. yellowfin earning the crew \$23,760 in prize money.

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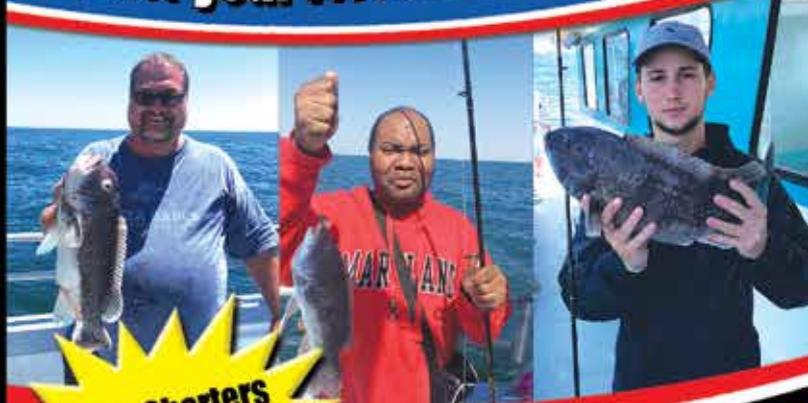


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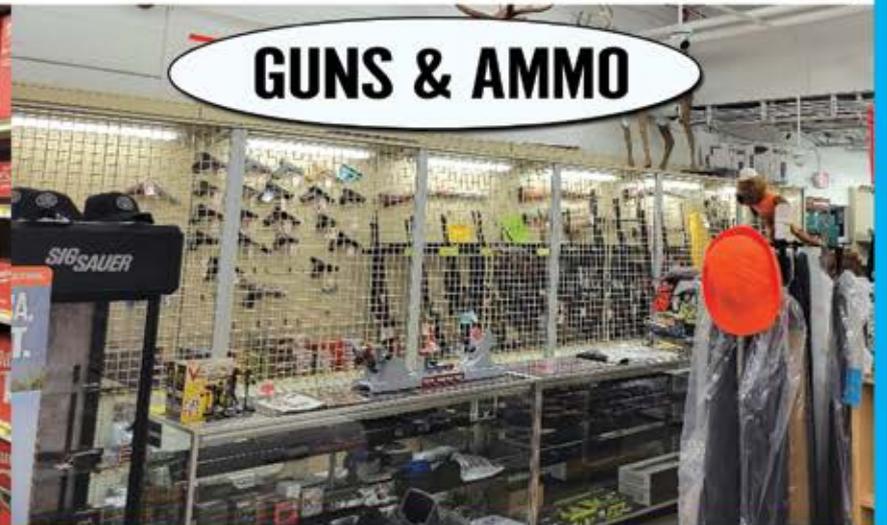
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The 2022 Big Fish Classic had two big payouts over \$200,000. The first was for the 'Biggest Fish', a 436 lb. blue marlin caught by Mike Tenuto on the private boat "Gret's Three J's". The big blue hit with just one hour left before lines out in 50 fathoms of the Baltimore Canyon and took only 20 minutes to get to the boat. The very cooperative billfish earned the crew \$201,885 in award monies! The second big payout was for the only qualifying white marlin weighed during the event. The crew on the "Boss Hogg" had spent their time in the Wilmington Canyon. As they started to work their way inshore to the shallows, angler Mike Dahl hooked up with the winning 76 lb. white. This one only took 3 minutes to get in the boat! The combined payout for their fish was \$225,000.

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	MD	DE **	VA		MD	DE **	MD
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"	35 lbs.
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	80 lbs. or 46"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"	30"
Black Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	5 lbs.	White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	16 lbs. or 36"	SHARK:			
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Cobia	44"	45 lbs. or 48"	55 lbs. or 50"	Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	3 lbs. or 20"	Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	25 lbs.	Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	6 lbs. or 26"	Swordfish	47"	Any Size	100 lbs.
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	30 lbs.	TUNA:			
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	1.5 lb. or 16"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"	40 lbs.
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	20 lbs.	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"	32"
Red Drum*	36"	45"	-	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	-	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	10 lbs. or 24"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	4 lbs. or 26"				
Speckled Trout	24"	-	5 lbs. or 24"				
Striped Bass	40"	44"	44"				
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	9 lbs. or 23"				

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2023 TIDE TABLE

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April	High Tide		Low Tide		Sun		Moon	May	High Tide		Low Tide		Sun		Moon	June	High Tide		Low Tide		Sun		Moon	July	High Tide		Low Tide		Sun		Moon	
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2022 "BIG MONEY" TOURNAMENT REVIEW



The first big money tournament of the season is the Ocean City Tuna Tournament and it is usually seen as a bell weather for the strength of the upcoming tournament season. Despite the challenging conditions so far, the 'bell' rang strong when a record number of 109 boats registered creating a payout of \$1,100,000! The bigeye tuna must have heard as well, because they showed up in big numbers! Sunday was the busy day with 8 eyeballs over 200 lbs. hitting the scales and the leaderboard changing 10 times! We were forced to wait until the very end of the event to see the winning fish. The "Real Crazy" pulled up just about closing time with a tournament record 275 lb. bigeye to lock in 1st Place and \$307,852 in prize money. The charter boat "Talkin' Trash" dominated the stringer division with a 2 day total of 535 lbs. including a 256 lb. eyeball that took 2nd place in it's own right. Their combined catches earned the events top payout at \$316,042.

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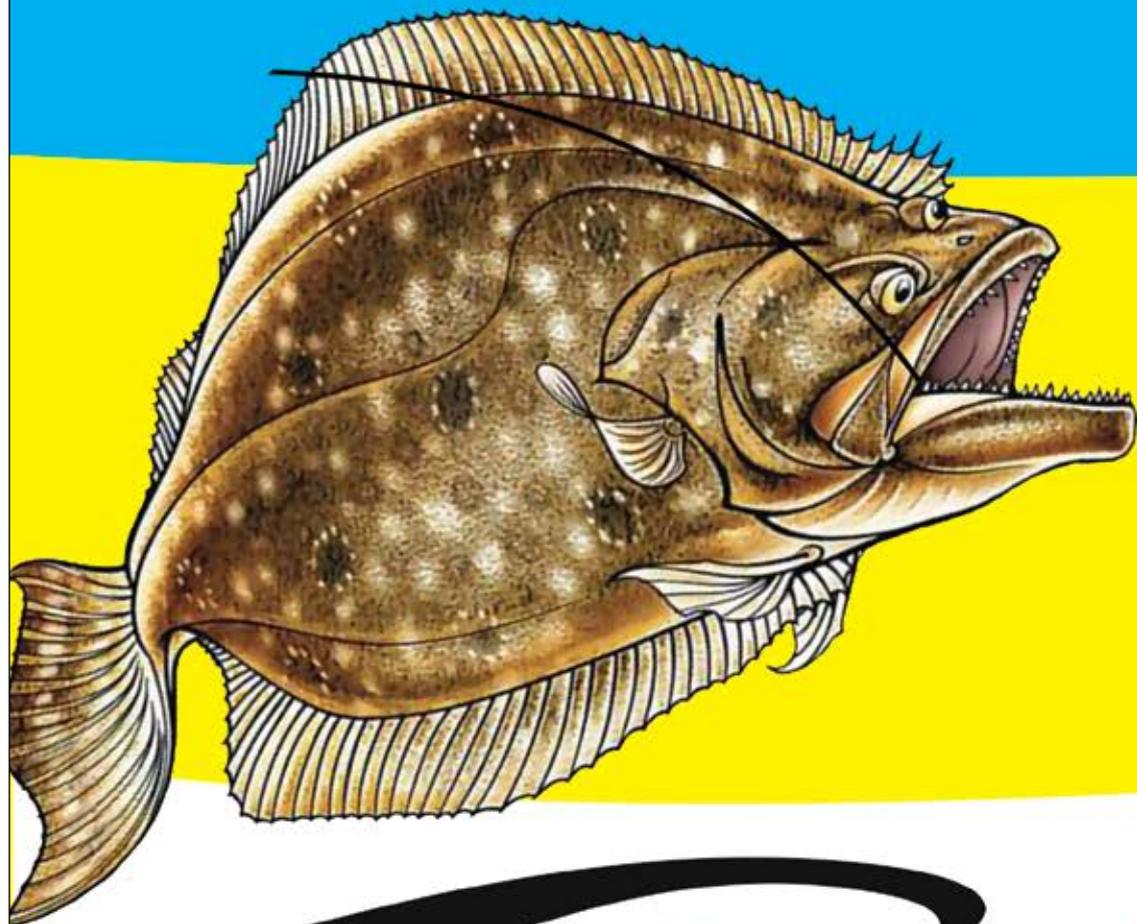
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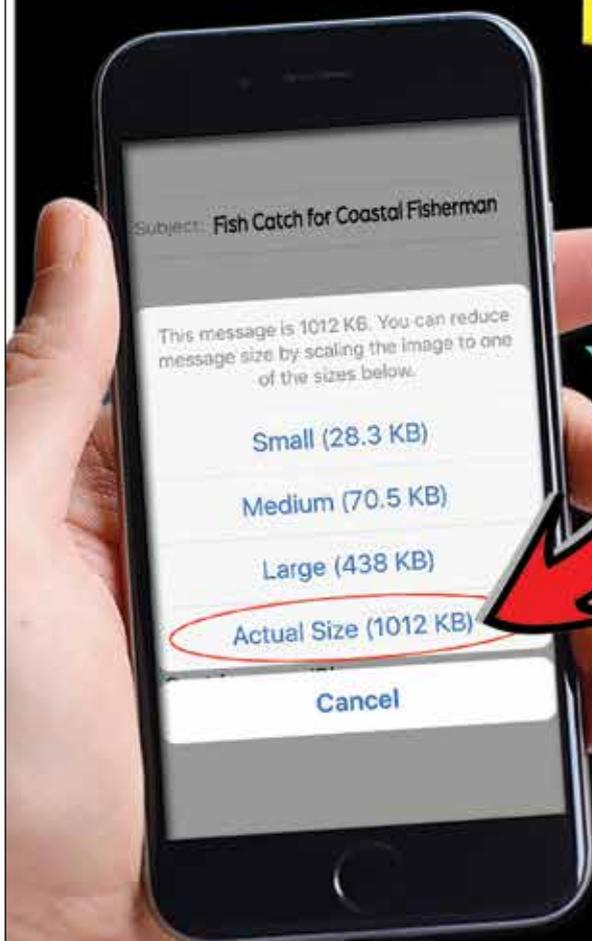


Unlike 2021 where the boat from Ocean City dominated the MidAtlantic Tournament, 2022 saw Cape May take the majority of the bigger fish and the winnings. Still, there were notable catches throughout the week that was the MidAtlantic! With that said, a couple boats placed their bets well and got some major payouts! First was Michael Jordan's "Catch 23". While he did not participate in the event, Capt. Stetson Tourney and crew did very well posting a 73 lb. white marlin they caught east of the Baltimore Canyon. It held first place for most of the tournament before slipping to 2nd Place on the last day. Their calcutta strategy did pay off earning the boat \$693,615, the second largest payout. Likewise, Andrew Kinsley and the crew of the Kilo Charlie parlayed their 607 lb. blue marlin from the northern Linden Kohl Canyon into a nice payout. While the big blue finished in 3rd Place overall, they played in the Mega Marlin and other calcuttas that earned a combined total of \$580,120.

The 2023 fishing season is here and we are excited to capture the moments in the COASTAL FISHERMAN! Whether it's surf fishing, a private boat or charter service, send us your catch for us to review.

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Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open is one of the highlights of the Ocean City summer season. It is one of a few ladies only tournaments in the area and also raises funds for the American Cancer Society and has fun events like a costume contest as well as an auction for customer designed bras! It is a primarily a billfish release tournament and this year's top boat was the "Max Bet" releasing 2 white and 2 blue marlins from 97 miles out, east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1000 fathoms. Their prize was \$127,760 and the American Cancer Society won too with a donation of \$100,000 from the event and the Harman family.

2023 VIRGINIA REGULATIONS

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 <p>BLACK SEA BASS 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p>BLUEFISH No minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day headboat All Year</p>	 <p>BLACK DRUM 16" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p>COBIA 40" minimum / Only 1>50" 1 per person/day • 2 per boat/day 6/15 - 9/15</p>
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 <p>STRIPED BASS 28-36" 1 per person/day 1/1-3/31 & 5/16-12/31</p>	 <p>FLOUNDER 16" minimum 4 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p>TAUTOG 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1-5/15 & 7/1-12/31</p>	 <p>WEAKFISH 12" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>

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Call Jimmy Fields**



**BARRATUNA - 2008 53' Scully
Call Steve Hedrick**



**CLICKBAIT - 2003 58' TITAN
Call Jeff James**



**1997 50' Alex Willis Custom
Convertible Call Joel McLeod**



**2018 36' Yellowfin Center Console
Call Jimmy Fields**



**CALLIE MAY - 2011 40' Cabo
Call Chris Workman**



**POUND FOR POUND - 2000 42' Custom
Carolina - Call Jeff James**



**CONSTELLATION - 1984 37' Sunny Briggs
Call Ronnie Fields**



**DARK HORSE - 34' Glen Bradley
Call Jeff James**



**2001 31' BHM Custom
Call Jimmy Fields**



**LADY B - 33' 2006 Custom Carolina
Call Jeff James**



**2017 27' Cobia
Call Colton Cunningham**



**1986 28' Ocean Master
Call Glenn Cameron**



**1982 31' Bertram
Call Ronnie Fields**



**2003 38' Fountain
Call Terry Layton**



**FOWL HOOKED - 1979 35' Custom
Carolina Sportfish - Call Jeff James**



**2003 28' Albemarle Express
Call Terry Layton**



**1988 30' Blackwatch
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