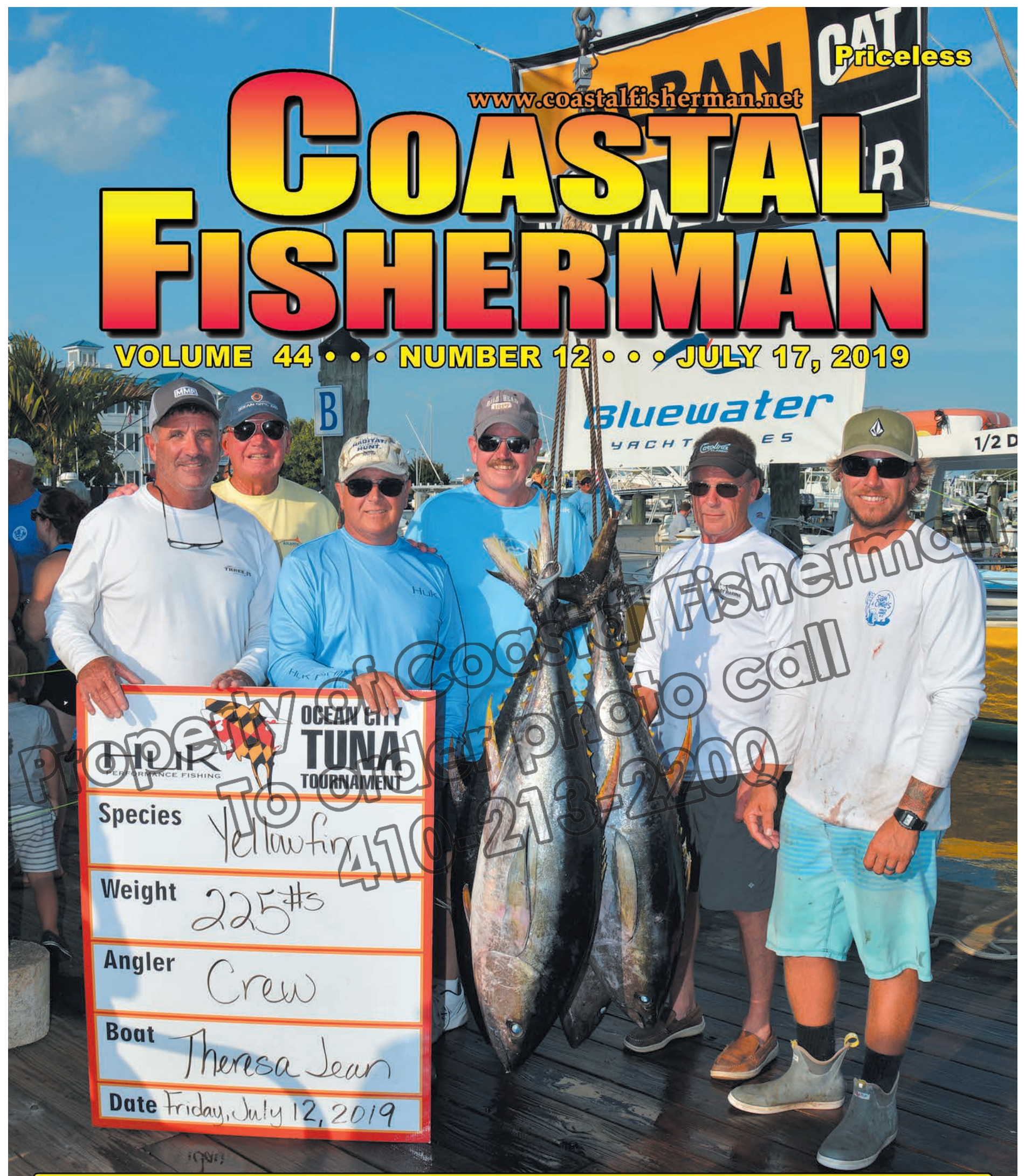


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OCEAN CITY TUNA TOURNAMENT	
Species	Yellowfin
Weight	225#s
Angler	Crew
Boat	Theresa Jean
Date	Friday, July 12, 2019

On the first day of the 32nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Theresa Jean" threw 4 yellowfin tuna on the scale that weighed a combined 225 lbs. putting them in 2nd place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division. They followed that up on Sunday with another 5 yellowfins weighing a total of 201 lbs., giving them a 2-day stringer weight of 426 lbs., good enough for 1st place in the division and a check for \$252,715. The fish were caught while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon on their first day and south of the Norfolk Canyon on Sunday. Fishing on the "Theresa Jean" were Theresa Tomasini (not pictured), Tom Over, John Tomasini, Sr., Chuck Metz, Capt. John Tomasini and mates Robbie Valco and Danny Prettyman. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



It took Kerry Wolf 1 hour and 25 minutes to get this 371 lb. thresher shark to the boat after hooking it on a live bunker at "B" Buoy. Kerry was fishing with David Wolf and Dustin Wolf, both from Reading, PA. Weighed at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



Flounder pounder, Budd Heim of Ocean Pines, MD was drifting his always reliable bucktail tipped with a Gulp artificial bait in the East Channel when he captured a pair of flounder measuring 18 and 23-inches.

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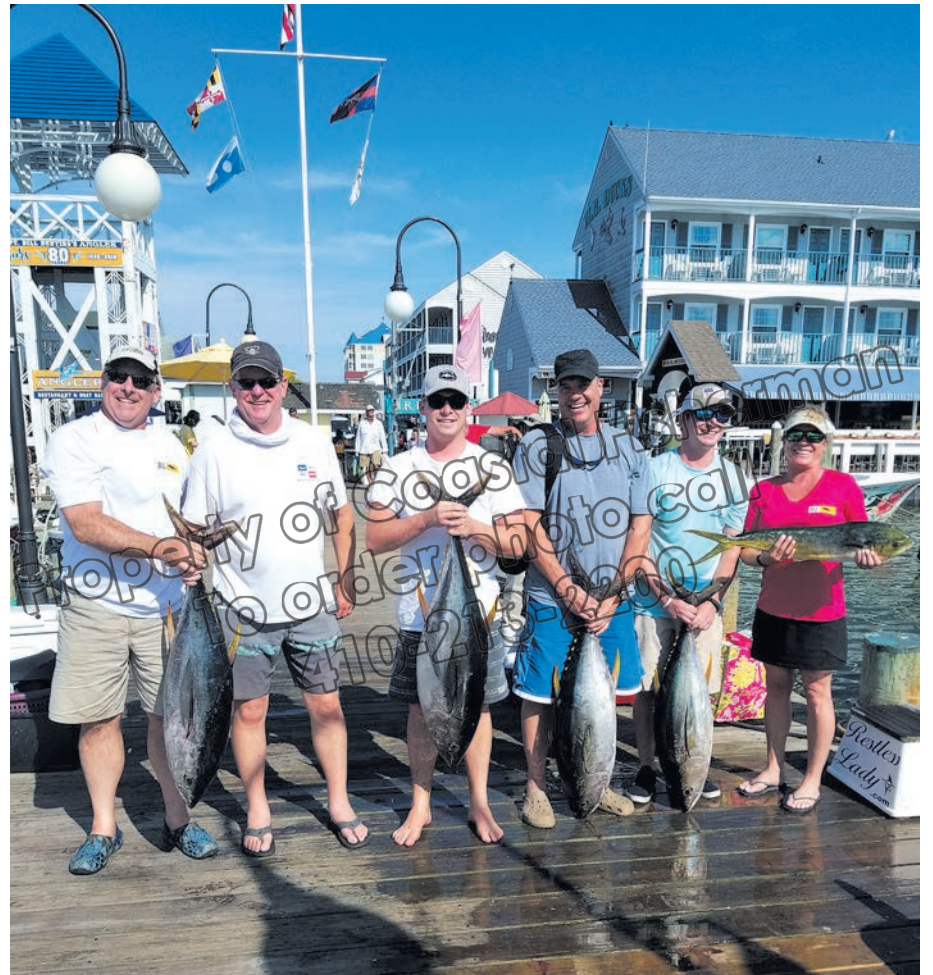
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As the sun was setting on Ocean City, angler Nash Rogers captured a 25 1/2-inch weakfish at the South Jetty on a Spro bucktail during the outgoing tide.



After venturing south to the Washington Canyon on the charter boat, "Restless Lady", this group of anglers returned to the Talbot Street Pier with 4 yellowfins and a mahi in the box. The fish were caught on ballyhoo, spreader bars and a green stick. Fishing with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Brian Hazard were Stephen, Sue and Nolan Soulas from West Chester, PA, Randy Leinhauser from Havertown, PA, Blaise Cesarone from Philadelphia, PA and Larry Budd from Herndon, VA.

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# OCEAN CITY

## FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock 

### This Week Last Year

- "Marlin Gale" released 5 blue marlin in 200 fathoms between Washington & Norfolk.
- Marlin caught from the Poor Man's down to the Norfolk Canyon.
- Yellowfins in the canyons and around Hambone, Hot Dog and Massey's.
- Bluefins caught in Massey's Canyon.
- Big dolphin in Washington & Norfolk.
- Cobia caught off Bethany coast & African Queen.
- Much improved ocean flounder bite.
- Triggerfish bite was good at Winter Quarter Shoal.
- In the bay, best flounder bite was in the East Channel just north of Rt. 50 Bridge.
- Sharks, skates & rays in the surf.
- Red drum off Assateague.

Temperatures were blazing hot last week, hitting 100-degrees on Sunday, but that didn't keep anglers at the dock. The bay was loaded with boats and a steady stream headed offshore.

### Ocean City Tuna Tournament

It was a tough weekend for tuna fishing, making the action light at the Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Participation in the event was strong with 109 boats, up 5 versus last year, competing for over \$908,000.

Most of the boats fished on Saturday (80) and Sunday (95), but interestingly the action at the scale was pretty evenly spread throughout the 3 days. Although only 43 of the 109 boats fished on Friday, we saw over 17 of them come to the scale with fish. It looked like the strategy for a lot of boats

was to hit the 20-30 fathom lumps first and try to get their bluefin before heading off to deeper waters in search of yellowfins for their stringer. The pair of 99 lb. bluefins that took top honors in the Single Heaviest Fish Division both came from the Massey's/19 Fathom Lump area. The 3rd place fish, also a bluefin, was caught in Lemke's Canyon.

The stringers that took 1st place for the "Theresa Jean" came from the Baltimore Canyon on Friday and from below the Norfolk Canyon on Sunday.

### Marlin

Throughout the week, we saw white marlin being caught primarily in the Baltimore Canyon, but the action shifted far south over the weekend. Boats that traveled 90+ miles to south of the Norfolk Canyon caught white marlin on Sunday and reportedly saw quite a lot of blue marlin. This was the same week last year when anglers on the "Marlin Gale" released 5 blue marlin in 200 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. White marlin were also seen around the 800/800 and deep outside the Washington Canyon.

### Tuna

Tuna fishing right now depends on how you look at it. When it comes to yellowfins, the bite has definitely tapered off, but the average size of the fish we are seeing has

improved nicely. Most of the action took place in the Baltimore Canyon, but a good bite developed over the weekend south of the Norfolk Canyon, 98 miles from the Ocean City Inlet. Several boats in the Tuna Tournament made the run down there on Sunday including the Heaviest Stringer winner, "Theresa Jean". Water temperature down south was reported to be between 80 and 81-degrees.

Also on Sunday, Joyce Collins on the "Margarita" caught a 71 pounder in 350 fathoms near the Triple 0's.

Anglers are still picking at bluefin tuna in Massey's Canyon, the 19 Fathom Lump and Lemke's Canyon.

### Flounder

Flounder fishing was excellent last week and has been good for several weeks now. As always, finding clean water was the key and anglers must have found plenty of it because we saw quite a few flounder getting filleted. The hot spot continued to be in the bay behind Assateague Island down by the duck blinds, but we also saw nice catches come in from both the East and West Channels. The West Channel seemed particularly good last week with some boats hitting their limit in addition to throwing back double-digit catches. There are some deep holes in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and that's where the flatties were last week. One boat reported that they were barely drifting, yet were bailing flounder while fishing with peanut bunker.

Speaking of peanut bunker, the water behind Ocean City

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and Assateague Island are loaded with them right now which could be a major reason why flounder fishing is so good. Use this to your advantage and temporarily ditch the Gulp and net yourself some peanut bunker. Just make sure you give the flounder plenty of time to wolf it down or you are going to get frustrated with a lot of missed hook-ups.

Those who were fishing in the East Channel had the best luck by getting in tight to the shoreline, just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Flounder like to lay tight along the rocks where the old concrete plant was located, so the guys with trolling motors have a real advantage. It's also an spot where etiquette is extremely important, so short drifting is not something you want to do in this small area.

#### Weakfish

A few weakfish have been caught in the Inlet and around the South Jetty including a 25 1/2-incher hooked on a Spro bucktail by Nash Rogers last

Wednesday.

#### Sea Bass

Sea bass fishing is very tough right now with not many good reports coming in from boats heading off the beach. Fish are being caught, but we just aren't seeing many anglers reach their 15-fish limit. We probably won't see much of an improvement since boats are starting to switch over to ocean flounder fishing.

A lot of the sea bass we are seeing are in the 17 to 18-inch range, with a few breaking the 20-inch mark. Clams and squid are still the baits of choice.

#### Wahoo

Outside of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the catch of the week had to be the monster, 109 lb. wahoo caught by Andrew Koontz on the "Decision". Andrew hooked the 74-incher on a skirted ballyhoo in 30 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where water temperature was 76-degrees.

We also saw 5 wahoo weighed during the Ocean

City Tuna Tournament last weekend. The heaviest wahoo was a beautiful 70 pounder caught on the "Troublemaker" on Friday when they hooked the fish on a skirted ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The next heaviest was a 46 pounder caught with a plug on the "Reel Fin Addict" in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Other wahoo, weighing between 28 and 39 lbs., were caught on the "Raven", "Wrecker" and "Restless Lady II".

#### Sharks

Anglers who were fishing and diving down at Winter Quarter Shoal reported seeing several Great white sharks swimming in the area.

#### Swordfish

On Saturday, Matt Crim and James Coats on the "Longshot" ventured out to 1,400 feet in the Baltimore Canyon and released a swordfish. This is the 2nd daytime swordfish of the year for the two anglers.

#### Cobia

Several cobia were caught

July 17, 2019 Coastal Fisherman Page 7 over the weekend by anglers down at Winter Quarter Shoal.

#### Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the world famous Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. It is hard to believe that this is the 15th season for the tournament. With bay, inshore and offshore divisions, there is something for every junior angler who wants to enter. Last year, the event got cancelled due to bad weather, but the prior year there were 413 junior anglers entered in the event. You can imagine the activity at the scale with that many anglers. Some years it's like herding cats, but it's always fun and the looks on the kids faces are priceless.

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Dawn Williams caught and released her very first white marlin while fishing on the "Marlin Gale" with Austin Hopkins, Mark Steiding, Brandon Prettyman, Capt. Brandon Speilman (pictured) and mate Ben Barwick. The fish was hooked while trolling in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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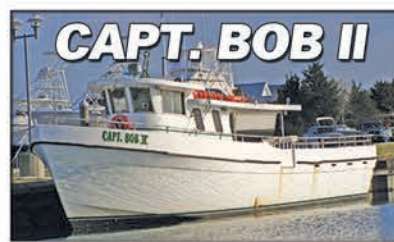
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There's a lot that can go wrong on a boat very suddenly and without warning, but usually a boat will give it's owner subtle hints that something is not quite right before she has a major malfunction. A swelling in a battery cable means that there is corrosion eating away at the wiring under the insulation. A little bit of salt accumulation on an engine means that a hose or gasket is starting to leak.

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*Don't neglect her for long periods of time and then think you can just get back with her and everything will be as it was before*

Boats don't take well to being ignored for any length of time. Owners who think they can park their vessel somewhere, forget about it for weeks or months at a time and then come back to use it and everything will be just as it was the last time they were together, will often be in for an unwelcome surprise. Things can go wrong on boats when they aren't being used, just the same as when they are. Corrosion, deterioration of fuel, harsh affects from the sun, freezing temperatures, moisture damage and so many other issues can wreak havoc with a boat that's not properly put up and prepared for long term inactivity. Boats require constant looking after, otherwise they can retaliate and let you down at a time when you thought everything was right with them.

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with more accessories than the one they have. There's certainly nothing wrong noticing other boats and acknowledging their amenities and capabilities, but if they get so infatuated with "other boats" that they begin to look critically at their own, they'll start to lose interest in properly keeping, maintaining and even using the one they have which will be the beginning of the end for that boat/skipper relationship.

*Take care of her and she'll take care of you.*

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keep a boat safe from damage there can be a lot of kindly folks willing to help out, but it's ultimately up to the boat owner to make sure that their vessel is always being properly looked after by people with the right skills and a commitment to do whatever is needed to keep the vessel safe. Whatever it takes, if you own a boat the buck stops with you to keep it secure and well maintained at all times - till death do you part!

I've enjoyed a wonderful 33-year marriage to my own boat. I know that when stacked up against other rigs floating in the same marina she's nothing "fancy," nothing "grand", but she's "mine" and I guess I'm sort of "hers". Whenever I see some flashy, new, well-equipped vessel that catches my eye and gets me thinking about how nice it might be to be running "that pretty-rig", I only need to think back to all the incredible times we've had together and all that we've been through,

both the good and the bad, and I suddenly feel very content right where I'm at.

We've seen our share of storms, had excellent days and horrible days and I've come to know that whenever there was a "hiccup" in our relationship it was usually a result of some form of neglect on my part. But we've always been able to work through it, stay afloat, keep running and get home at the end of the day. After more than three decades she's still taking care of me and providing a fair living. It's taken a while, but I guess I understand now how true were the words of that old captain so many years ago - and why so many boats are named after women.

*Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center. During the winter months, Capt. Mark runs charters in the Lower Keys.*



While fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Josh Lowery and Dakota Bittner, anglers Terry and Marybeth Perry, Gary Liptrap, Tim Corbin, Lora Kenney and Gary Miller teamed up to catch 7 yellowfin tuna. The fish were hooked on trolled spreader bars and daisy chains in 150 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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September 5, 7:00 PM

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September 6, 7 & 8

Awards Banquet:  
September 8, 6:30 PM

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Registration:  
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Fishing Days: (2 of 3)  
September 12, 13 & 14

Italian Night:  
September 13, 6:30 pm

Awards Banquet:  
September 14, 6:30pm

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John Haley and Mike Ardeno came down to Ocean City from the City of Brotherly Love and caught 3 good size flounder and a chopper bluefish during a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock. All of the fish were caught on Z-Man artificial baits. The largest flounder measured 21-inches and tipped the scale at an even 4 lbs.



Before he was scheduled to be deployed overseas, Nash Grenadier from Preston, MD took a trip on the "Roncito" and was rewarded with his first white marlin release. Nash was fishing with Courtney Grady, John Rogers, Jr., John Rogers, III, Travis Boylston, Hunter Boylston and Capt. Al Rittmeyer. The anglers also caught 5 mahi (3 pictured) during their trip. The fish were hooked while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Two recent hot spots for flounder fishermen have been the Thorofare and the bay behind Assateague Island and that is where J.D. Eddy, Ashley Eddy, Alyssa Eddy and Mary Eddy caught their limit of flatties. The fish ranged in size from 17 to 22-inches and were caught on various live bait and Gulp artificial baits.



Billy Wiseman caught a 22.8 lb. cobia while fishing at the 19 Fathom Lump on the "Savannah Lynn" with Steve Wiseman, Bret Shue, Zach Shue and Jim Henry. The anglers also caught some big bluefish during the trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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While trolling in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon, angler Bill Smith released a white marlin during a trip on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Mark Colonna, Frank Calabrese, Frank Durnien, Dan Seman, Dominick Gonnella, Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Matt Bierley, Sasha Lickle and Aaron Atkins. In addition to Bill's white marlin release, the anglers boated 5 yellowfins and broke off a blue marlin that was estimated to weigh around 400 lbs. All were hooked on pink skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD.



Black sea bass have been extremely finicky in recent weeks, but on this day Toby McKee of Cranberry, PA shows off a doubleheader of knotheads he hooked while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. The high man this day broke into double digits right at the end of the day. All were caught on squid and clams. The "Morning Star" is docked at the OC Fishing Center.

# Federal Size & Creel Limits

## 3-200 Miles



















 <p><b>BLUE MARLIN</b> 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No retention limit</p>	 <p><b>DOLPHIN</b> No minimum length 10 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHARKS</b> <b>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</b></p> <p><b>No Minimum Fork Length</b> Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead,</p> <p><b>54" Minimum Fork Length</b> Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p><b>71" Minimum Fork Length</b> Male Shortfin Mako</p> <p><b>78" Minimum Fork Length</b> Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead,</p> <p>Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose and 1 Bonnethead may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained</p> <p><b>83" Minimum Fork Length</b> Female Shortfin Mako</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Prohibited Sharks</small> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p>
 <p><b>WHITE MARLIN</b> 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No retention limit</p>	 <p><b>WAHOO</b> No minimum length 2 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFIN TUNA</b> (Recreational) 2 per vessel/day/trip 27" to &lt; 47" CFL 1 per vessel/day/trip 47" to &lt; 73" CFL</p> <p>(Charter Boat)      (Head Boat) 3 per vessel/day/trip      6 per vessel/day/trip 27" to &lt; 47" CFL      27" to &lt; 47" CFL 1 per vessel/day/trip      2 per vessel/day/trip 47" to less than 73"      47" to less than 73"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Southern Trophy Fishery closed through December 31, 2019</p>
 <p><b>SWORDFISH</b> 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter)</p>	 <p><b>BIGEYE TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length No retention limit</p>		

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 2, 2019 Isabel Blanks Rt. 50 Bridge 14 lbs. 12 oz.	June 13, 2019 Ray Mast Delaware Bay 17 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	June 23, 2019 John Dudley Washington Canyon 486 lbs.	June 2, 2019 Mike Baumgartner Poor Man's Canyon 159 lbs.
 <b>Black Drum</b>	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2019 A.J. Marta Delaware Bay 64 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 1, 2019 Marc Troch Fingers 553 lbs.	June 15, 2019 Dave Twardowski Old Grounds 528 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	June 30, 2019 Daryl Boyden "Reef Chief" 30 lbs.	June 7, 2019 George Simon Fenwick Surf 34 lbs. 11 oz.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	June 19, 2019 Bill Pino & Bill Keller Poor Man's Canyon 237 lbs.	June 15, 2019 Steven Davis Poor Man's Canyon 168.8 lbs.
 <b>Flounder</b>	July 2, 2019 Steve Ratcliff Blackfish Bank 8 lbs.	July 3, 2019 Sunny Crowell Site 10 10 lbs. 10 oz.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 27, 2019 Steve Brokenshire Poor Man's Canyon 155 lbs.	June 2, 2019 John Klerlien Baltimore Canyon 157.4 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 15, 2019 Bobby Eberhard Ocean Wreck 5 lbs.	June 6, 2019 Elaine Becker Ocean Wreck 3 lb. 3 oz.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	June 25, 2019 Mike Shekletski Baltimore Canyon 57 lbs.	June 1, 2019 Ed Luhrman Baltimore Canyon 54 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	June 7, 2019 Ron Nickey "On the Run" 11 lbs. 12 oz.	June 27, 2019 Pete Hesson Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 10 oz.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	July 5, 2019 Dawn Williams Baltimore Canyon 88.2 lbs.	June 19, 2019 Kyle Bartley Baltimore Canyon 79.7 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 9, 2019 Dan Rivera Ocean City Inlet 37.5 lbs.	May 9, 2019 Bob Holsberger Indian River Surf 15 lbs. 6 oz.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	July 7, 2019 Chris Wenger Washington Canyon 52.4 lbs.	June 23, 2019 Levi Wingert Poor Man's Canyon 24 lbs. 4 oz.
 <b>Tautog</b>	May 7, 2019 Eddie Santiago "Fish Bound" 20 lbs.	January 7, 2019 Steve Kiibler Site 11 19 lbs. 13 oz.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	<b>NEW</b> July 12, 2019 Andrew Koontz Poor Man's Canyon 109 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b>	June 6, 2019 Rich Daiker South Jetty 6 lbs. 8 oz.	June 5, 2019 Ryan Lewis Indian River Inlet 5 lbs. 6 oz.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>Most Releases in 1 Day (trolling only)</b>	
				July 5, 2019 "Gret's Three J's" 5 releases	July 4, 2019 "Fish Whistle" 2 releases

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

# FISHING CHARTERS



Daniel Brown, Stephen Mihalik, Steve Brown, Stan Licinski and Dave Potter (not pictured) teamed up to catch this 78.4 lb. bluefin tuna and Daniel went solo on a 28.5 lb. yellowfin, all while fishing on the "Big Herring" with Capt. Alan Steele (pictured) and mate Aaron Strasbaugh. The fish were caught on rasta squid spreader bars and green machines in Massey's Canyon where water temperature hovered around 75-degrees. They also released a larger bluefin tuna during the trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ron Davis put his drink down long enough to catch this 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder during a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. Ron hooked the big flattie on a strip of squid over a natural ocean reef.

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Back on July 6th, anglers on the "Ocean Commotion" ventured to outside the Baltimore Canyon where they caught a 70-inch, 220 lb. bigeye tuna and 3 gaffer dolphin. Angler Dmitri Cremo handled the bigeye after hooking it on the troll. Dimitri was joined by Lisa Caldwell, James Jones, Ron Hoffman, Capt. Kenny Caldwell and mate Chad Caldwell. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



After an incredible sea bass bite the day before, knotheads went into a funk, but anglers on the headboat, "Morning Star" still managed to catch some nice ones and even a handful of flounder and a pollock. Pictured are Brent Sanders, Tom Hoy, Lori and Don Lutz, Doug and Bo Shultz, Al Valentine, Leonard McGinnis and Pat Zurgable.



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Preston King captured this 74.5 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing with spinning gear at the 19 Fathom Lump. Preston was fishing on the "Surface Tension" with Capt. Keith Beebe.



During an overnight trip to the Washington Canyon, anglers on the "Hot Spot" caught 2 bigeye tuna, 2 yellowfin tuna and a mahi in addition to releasing 5 mako sharks. Fishing with Capt. Ken Antkowiak were Kenny Antkowiak, Michael Haley and Jeremy Kehring. The bigeyes weighed 138 and 140 lbs. on the scale at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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John O'Reilly caught some quality flounder during a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. John's largest flattie tipped the scale at 4 lbs. 8 oz. and was caught on a strip of squid at the Old Grounds.



While fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Dakota Bittner and Josh Lowery, anglers Scott Rohrer and Larry Barrick each released a blue marlin and Elmer Barrick released a white marlin, all in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were joined by Jeff Barrick, Frank Barrick and Harry Shughart. The anglers also boated 4 yellowfin tuna and 10 dolphin during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Jim and Rachel Keel celebrated Father's Day with a trip on the headboat, "Spring Mix II" and were rewarded with a pair of yellowfins weighing 33 and 38 lbs. The tunas were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. As always, Capt. Chris Watkowski was at the helm and mate Ayrton Pryor was in the pit. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Eric Ross of Trainer, PA caught himself a nice doublehead of black sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Eric caught the knoheads, measuring up to 16 1/2-inches, while fishing with skirted and naked hooks tipped with cut bait over ocean structure.

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Anglers have found a smoking hot flounder bite in the bay behind Assateague Island near Castaways Campground and that is where this group caught 7 keepers during a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock. All of the fish were fooled with Gulp and Z-Man artificial baits with the largest measuring 20-inches. Pictured are Ronnie Minton, Erica Trexler, Brad and Bambi Stine and Keith Berdan. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.



Shawn Flaherty, Mike Gray and Phil Boylan caught 6 keeper flounder, measuring up to 21-inches, while drifting Gulp artificial baits in the East Channel on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey. Pictured back at the dock at Bahia Marina.

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Brad Hollowell and Casey Abbott, newlyweds from Baltimore, MD, Ray Hollowell from Ocean City, MD and Rudi Jonas and Pat Cubello from Ocean Pines, MD had a good day fishing on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Corey Kennington and mates Rick Tshudy and Marshall Freng. Brad and Ray each released a white marlin and the crew teamed up to catch 3 yellowfins and 3 mahi, all while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars just north of the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Jim, T.J., Jeremy, Jen, Jackson and Dean Thrasher returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 6 flounder, measuring up to 19-inches, some crabs and some clams after spending an afternoon fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Willie Poole. All of the flounder were caught on white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the bay behind Assateague Island.

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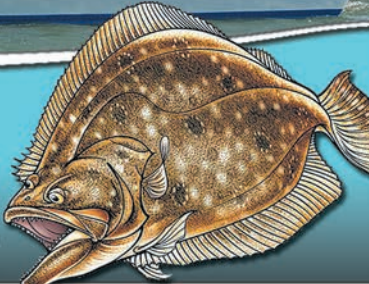
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Angelina Watts caught this king mackerel while trolling a ballyhoo in 20 fathoms at the Fingers with her dad, Rich Watts.

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Brock and Adam Ulery from Duncansville, PA, Ben Exler from Dover, PA, Claire Weidenhammer from Newport, PA, Barbara Leyden from New Castle, DE and Justin Polsinelli from Baltimore, MD had a good trip on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder and Austin Korycki. The anglers returned with 6 keeper flounder in the box after drifting shiners and squid or minnows and squid combinations in the bay behind Assateague Island. Justin led the way with a 19-inch, 2 lb. 14 oz. flattie. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Flounder fishing on ocean bottom has been inconsistent so far this season, but on this day they were really snapping for anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. They ended their day with 11 nice flatties in the box, just one short of their limit. Pictured are Joe McNeal, Steve Kibler, Ron Mistretta, Daryl Mergenthaler, Mike Crouse and Sam Scott. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The 19 Fathom Lump has been producing bluefin tuna over the last few weeks and that is where Tanner Webb from Hershey, PA caught this 47 pounder on a trolled ballyhoo while fishing on the "Big Herring" with Capt. Alan Steele.

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# FISH

## STORIES

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



It was just moments after I had secured the port side outrigger (right rigger - looking toward back of boat - in fishing lingo) to the side of the flybridge and wound the slack out of my teaser line when the jet powered, rigid bottomed, inflatable boat slammed into the side of the "Last Call". Seconds later two armed men were telling my charter party to stay put in the cockpit and confining my father and myself to the bridge. They told us to hold our course and this would all be over shortly.

No, this was not some act of piracy on the high seas. Capt. Jack Sparrow was not commandeering the "Last Call" for some great adventure and I was nowhere near Somalia! This was a routine "At Sea Boarding" by the United States Coast Guard. The fact that we were fishing in the Canyon Kickoff Tournament in the deep behind the Poorman's Canyon was the only thing that made it kind of unique.

I have been boarded numerous times at the dock. The Ocean City Fishing Center requires that the members of their charter fleet undergo an Uninspected Passenger Vessel (UPV) courtesy exam at the

beginning of each season. During my days of commercial fishing for giant bluefin tuna in Morehead City, Dad and I would seek out the local inspector and get the Fishing Vessel Courtesy Inspection. Some guys dread when the Coasties come down the dock. Personally, I welcome it. I am responsible for the safety of my charters and double checking safety equipment is never a bad thing. Getting boarded while at sea is a different animal though. Don't get me wrong, I am not against it. It just doesn't happen very often and there is a level of concern when traveling at seven or eight knots and coordinating a personnel transfer in three to five-foot seas.

The first time I remember being boarded while underway happened back in the 1980s. Mom, Dad and I were bringing the "Last Call" home after a winter of fishing in Islamorada in the Florida Keys. The first leg of the trip took us up to Fort Pierce. As we were nearing the harbor, Dad heard the Coast Guard hailing us on VHF Channel 16. While he was responding, a helicopter came into view as well as the inflatable boarding vessel. Dad



requested that they allow us to continue into port so we could begin fueling. Those of you who have seen the movie "Captain Ron" will remember the storm scene when Captain Ron told Martin Harvey, "The good news, Boss, is we are almost there!" And Mr. Harvey exclaimed, "That's Great! How do you know that Captain Ron?" To which his captain replied, "I put in just enough fuel to get there. And we are out of fuel." (sidenote- those of you that haven't seen "Captain Ron" have to watch it this week. That is your homework. You will thank me for it later).

The "Last Call" holds plenty enough fuel to get from Islamorada to Fort Pierce,

allowing for a safety margin too, but Dad didn't want to take any chances after a long day of traveling. While the boarding party was conducting their inventory of safety equipment and also making sure we didn't have any illegal contraband (it was South Florida in the 80s - think Miami Vice!) I was told to remain in the cockpit, seated in the fighting chair. Dad was not allowed off of the bridge. Mom was charged with providing the requested documents and pointing out where the required safety equipment was stowed. At the end of the inspection the Chief Officer asked Dad for a photo ID. Back in those days the state of NJ did not provide photo ID for people holding a

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CDL (commercial driver's license). The USCG Merchant Mariner Document did not have a photo on it in that era either. Dad's passport was at home. Just as it seemed like we were not going to be able to prove that Dad was, in fact, Dad, Mom came up with an idea. She picked up our fishing scrapbook album from the counter. She flipped through the pages that held clippings from the Coastal Fisherman newspaper. The Chief Officer accepted the captions of Captain Frank Pettolina under the pictures as proof enough to conclude the boarding. I wonder if that would work today?

On this most recent boarding, it took about an hour for the officers to conduct their inspection. We were allowed to keep half of our spread out while they were working. I was really hoping for a big bite while they were with us. Alas, it did not happen. How cool would it have been for us, and the USCG officers, to have to put the inspection on hold to chase down a blue marlin?!?

When they had all of the information they needed we thanked them and offered them some bottled water as they were leaving. They politely declined and wished us luck with the rest of our trip. We ended up catching a few mahi for the day, but nothing big enough to place in the tournament.

It does give a reassuring feeling to know that the women and men of the USCG are able to reach us out in the canyons. I hope I never need them while I am out there, or anywhere else for that matter, but it is good to know they are there. Thank you for your service Ladies and Gentlemen, and maybe next time you are riding with me offshore we will get a bite!

*Capt Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call", owner of Pettolina Marine Surveying, Inc. and multi-term President of the Ocean City Marlin Club. If you would like to book a charter on the "Last Call", please call 443-783-3699 or 410-251-0575.*



Tanner Thatcher is a flounder fishing machine and on this day he captured a pair measuring 18 and 21-inches while drifting Gulp artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island. Tanner was fishing with his mom, Katie Thatcher and Nate Gregory.

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Finn Burkhardt teamed up with his dad, Bob Burkhardt to boat this 45-inch bluefin tuna while trolling green machines at the 19 Fathom Lump. The anglers caught 3 bluefins this day and were joined by Finn's uncle, Bill Burkhardt.



Ethan Scott from Douglasville, PA is all smiles after catching a 3 lb. 11 oz. flounder at the Old Grounds on the charter boat, "Just Got Reel" with Jeff Scott, Chris McGinnitty, Joe Foraker, Matt McGinnitty, Capt. Brett Glatfelter and mate Noland Fraser. The anglers ended up with 9 keeper flounder and 18 throwbacks. All were fooled with Gulp and squid/minnow combinations with chartreuse being the hot color.

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16.5" minimum  
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16" minimum  
2 per person/day  
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**WEAKFISH**  
13" minimum  
1 per person/day



Darren and Brian Jaymes joined Josh, Cristy, Jakobie, Liam Norris, Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock for a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" and they ended their day with 6 keeper flounder and a weakfish. Gulp and Z-Man artificial baits were the downfall for the flatties and trout while they were roaming the water in the Ocean City Inlet.



Alex Park caught a doubleheader of black sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Rich Fouts. Alex hooked the knotheads, weighing up to 3 lbs. 8 oz., while using squid over a natural ocean reef.

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2 cups mango, diced  
 1 cup pineapple, diced  
 1 red bell pepper, chopped  
 1/2 to 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced  
 1/2 cup red onion, chopped  
 2 TBSP fresh cilantro, chopped  
 3 TBSP fresh lime juice  
 1/4 cup soy sauce  
 2 TBSP honey  
 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger  
 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper  
 4 mahi mahi fillets, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes

Stir together first 7 ingredients in a large bowl; cover and chill.

Stir together soy sauce and next 3 ingredients in a shallow dish.

Add mahi mahi. Cover and chill 30 minutes.

Thread fish on 8 (12-inch) skewers.

Grill, covered over medium-high heat for 5 minutes on each side or until done.

Serve with salsa mixture. Serves 4.

## Flounder Rolls with Pesto

5 cups basil leaves, packed  
 2 garlic cloves, chopped  
 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated  
 2/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

Salt and freshly ground pepper  
 4 flounder fillets  
 1 small zucchini, cut into matchsticks  
 1 red bell pepper, seeded and julienned

In a food processor, combine the basil, garlic, Parmesan and 2/3 cup of olive oil and process to a puree.

Scrape the pesto into a bowl and season with salt and pepper.

Lay the fish fillets on a work surface, boned side down.

Season the fillets with salt and pepper and place an equal amount of the zucchini and red pepper strips across the narrow end of each fillet.

Tightly roll up the fillets and secure them with toothpicks. Season the rolls with salt and pepper and lightly drizzle them all over with olive oil.

Lightly oil a large steamer basket and place it in a large saucepan over 1/2 inch of

boiling water.

Put the rolls in the steamer basket, cover and steam over moderately high heat until just cooked through, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the rolls to plates, spoon some of the pesto alongside and serve.

## Pan-Seared Bluefish with Heirloom Tomato Vinaigrette

Vinaigrette:

2 garlic cloves, minced  
 2 TBSP balsamic vinegar  
 1/4 tsp. kosher salt  
 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper  
 4 TBSP extra virgin olive oil  
 2 large heirloom tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped  
 1 TBSP fresh basil, chopped

Bluefish:

4 TBSP canola oil  
 4 skinless bluefish fillets  
 1/4 tsp. ground black

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pepper  
1/2 tsp. kosher salt  
4 sprigs fresh thyme

In medium bowl, whisk together garlic, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Slowly drizzle in oil while whisking constantly until emulsified.

Stir in tomatoes and basil.

Prepare grill for direct grilling over medium-high heat.

Place a large cast iron skillet directly on grill rack.

Add oil and heat until hot.

Sprinkle bluefish with salt and pepper, cooking two fillets at a time.

Add bluefish, and thyme sprigs to skillet. Close grill and sear for 3 to 4 minutes or until evenly browned.

Turn bluefish and sear 1 to 2 minutes or until browned.

Transfer bluefish to paper towels to absorb excess oil.

To serve, lay bluefish on a plate and spoon heirloom tomato vinaigrette over fillets and serve.

## Angel Hair Pasta with Mussels and Red Pepper Sauce

8 oz. uncooked angel hair pasta  
2 tsp. olive oil  
1/3 cup onion, diced  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 cups red bell pepper, diced  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Dash of ground black pepper  
1 (14.5 oz.) can of whole tomatoes, chopped with liquid  
1/2 cup white wine  
36 mussels (about 3 lbs.), scrubbed and debearded  
3 TBSP fresh parsley, chopped

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and keep warm.

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat.

Add the onion and garlic

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Scott, Amelia, Brody, Mason and Mia Rothrock from Slatington, PA caught 4 keeper flounder, measuring up to 17 1/2-inches, while drifting white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the bay behind Assateague Island. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Willie Poole. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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While fishing on the charter boat, "Instigator" with Capt. Josh Wentling and mate Daniel Caison, anglers Matt Meador, Nick and Shannon Ehrhart, Brian Sturgill, William Miller and Ken Lepley caught and released 2 blue marlin and a white marlin in addition to catching 5 yellowfin tuna. All of the action took place in the Baltimore Canyon while trolling ballyhoo. Brian and William each released a blue marlin and Brian was also the quickest to the rod when the white marlin hit. The white marlin was caught in 60 fathoms while the blue marlins, estimated at 300 to 350 lbs., came in 200 fathoms. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

and sauté 5 minutes or until tender.

Add bell pepper, salt and ground black pepper and sauté for 2 minutes.

Add tomatoes and wine.

Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add mussels and increase heat to medium.

Cover and simmer for 7 minutes or until shells open.

Discard any unopened shells.

Serve mussel mixture over pasta and sprinkle with parsley.

Serves 4.

### Grilled Tuna with Honey Soy Sauce

2 tuna fillets

Olive oil

1/2 cup soy sauce

2 TBSP honey

2 tsp. sesame seeds

2 tsp. garlic, minced

Salt

Pepper

Rub the tuna with olive oil

and lightly season with salt & pepper.

Heat your grill to medium-high heat.

Place the tuna on heated grill.

Sear on each side for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. You do not want to cook the tuna through. The middle should still be bright red.

Put all sauce ingredients in a small bowl and whisk together until combined.

Serve with sauce on top or as a dip.

Serves 2.

### Ginger Garlic Pan-Roasted Swordfish

2 swordfish fillets

2 TBSP butter, room temperature

2 tsp. fresh parsley, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 tsp. ginger, grated

1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper

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1/2 tsp. lemon peel,  
grated  
1 TBSP olive oil  
Sea salt

Preheat oven to 400-  
degrees.

In a small bowl blend  
together the butter, parsley,  
garlic, ginger, red pepper and  
lemon peel.

Season the swordfish to  
taste with sea salt.

In an ovenproof skillet,  
heat oil over medium-high  
heat.

Place the swordfish in the  
skillet and cook until  
browned, 2-3 minutes.

Turn the swordfish over  
and transfer pan to the oven.

Roast until just cooked  
through, about 8-10 minutes  
or until desired doneness.

Add seasoned butter  
mixture to the same skillet.

Allow it to cook slightly  
over medium-high heat until  
melted and bubbling.

Transfer swordfish to a  
serving dish.

Pour butter sauce over

swordfish and serve.  
Serves 2.

### Blackened Salmon with a Gorgonzola Cream Sauce

2 salmon fillets, skinless  
2 TBSP blackening  
seasoning  
1 TBSP olive oil  
3 oz. heavy cream  
1 oz. Gorgonzola  
crumbles  
1 tsp. Italian parsley,  
chopped for garnish  
Gorgonzola crumbles for  
garnish

Pat dry salmon and  
liberally sprinkle blackening  
seasoning on top of each fillet.

Press down gently on  
seasoning so it doesn't fall off  
the fillets.

Heat skillet to medium-  
high.

Carefully add olive oil and  
salmon, seasoning side down.

Do not touch the salmon  
for 2 minutes.

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Brothers Gus and Gibb Morris were fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with their parents and Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann when they caught a variety of fish including weakfish, bluefish, pufferfish and triggerfish. All were caught on Delaware Bay sites. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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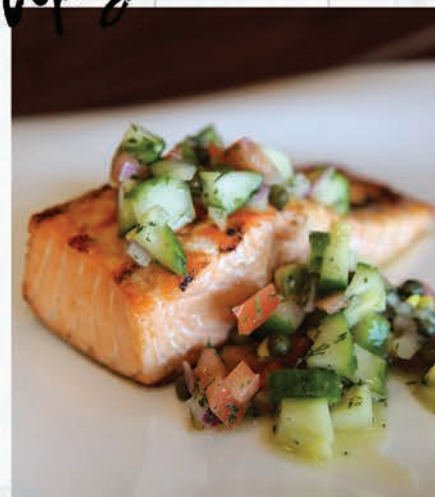
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John Acton, David Haaf and John Acton, Sr., all from Mannington, NJ had a good day trolling for mahi in the Baltimore Canyon. They ended their day with 6 in the box, all hooked on ballyhoo and Upskirt Squidhead lures. Their largest fish weighed 15 lbs. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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After two minutes, check the salmon by gently turning it over to see if you have enough color on the fish.

Saute the other side for 2 minutes, then place salmon in a shallow baking dish with a little water in the bottom of the dish.

Bake salmon for 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Place cream in a small saucepan and heat to a light boil, reduce heat to simmer.

Add gorgonzola crumbles to sauce allowing them to melt into the cream.

If sauce appears too thick add a few drops of water or additional cream.

When salmon is done, spoon sauce over the middle of the fish and garnish with parsley and Gorgonzola crumbles.

Serve immediately.

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup butter
- 1/4 tsp. marjoram
- 1/4 tsp. seafood seasoning
- 1/8 tsp. thyme
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pinch oregano, ground
- Fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 lemon or lime, cut into wedges

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat.

Add garlic, onions, seasonings and herbs.

Remove from heat and allow to steep (one hour).

Place mako steaks in a baking dish and pour herb butter over fish.

Cook at 350-degrees for 15 minutes and serve garnished with parsley and with lemon or lime wedges to the side.

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- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 12 oz. lump crabmeat, drained and picked
- 2 TBSP red onion, finely chopped
- 32 (1/4-inch thick) Roma tomato slices
- 4 oz. Gruyère cheese, grated (about 1 cup)
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Preheat broiler.

Arrange bread slices in a single layer on a baking sheet and broil 1 to 2 minutes on each side or until lightly golden and toasted.

Whisk together mayonnaise, lemon zest, 3 TBSP dill, and 1/4 tsp. salt in a small mixing bowl.

Combine crab, onion and 1/4 tsp. salt in a medium mixing bowl.

Add 2 TBSP mayonnaise mixture to bowl and stir to combine.

Spread remaining mayonnaise mixture evenly

over toasts. Divide crab mixture evenly over toasts; top evenly with tomato slices and cheese.

Broil 3 minutes or until cheese melts.

Sprinkle with black pepper and remaining 1/2 TBSP dill.

Serve immediately.

### Weakfish Roasted with Tomato and Cilantro

- 1 whole weakfish scaled, gutted, with head on or off.

Salt

Fresh ground pepper

Olive oil as needed

1 cup scallions, minced

2 tsp. garlic, minced

1 cup fresh cilantro, minced

3 cups tomatoes, seeded and diced

1/2 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 450-degrees.

Cut three or four vertical gashes on each side of the fish, then sprinkle it with salt and

pepper.

Brush a baking pan with olive oil and lay the fish on it.

Mix together all but 1 TBSP of scallions, the garlic, 3/4 cup of the cilantro and the tomatoes and season with salt and pepper.

Stuff the fish with half of this mixture and spread the rest over the top.

Pour the wine around the fish.

Roast for 20 to 30 minutes, basting occasionally with the pan juices. The fish is done when it begins to flake and is opaque clear to the bone.

Spoon the remaining pan juices over the fish and garnish with reserved

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scallions and cilantro.

Serves 4.

### Tartar Sauce

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 small dill pickle, chopped
- 1 TBSP fresh lemon juice,
- 1 TBSP capers, chopped
- 1 TBSP fresh dill, chopped
- 1/2 to 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
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- Fresh ground black pepper

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Angie King from Willow Street, PA was visiting Ocean City, MD and went fishing with local flounder pounder, Gary German. Angie boated herself a 20-incher and Gary added a 19-incher to the cooler while drifting chartreuse Gulp artificial baits in the Thorofare. Both were caught at high tide.



Massey's Canyon has been a good spot to catch bluefin tuna the last couple of weeks and there were some nice size mahi mixed in as well. Gibson and Liam Hurtt and Taylor Cameron caught some good size mahi on trolled ballyhoo dressed up with blue and white llanders. They also caught some bluefish during their trip aboard the "School Doze". Their dolphins measured between 34 and 37-inches. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Capt. Kane Bounds threw a rod out the side door of the charter boat, "Fish Bound" and ended up hooking this 7 lb. 13 oz. flounder on a strip of false albacore tuna. Kane had his anglers fishing in 75-feet of water on some natural bottom off the coast of Ocean City.



Triggerfish showed up at the Haystacks in the Delaware Bay and Brandon Alm from Georgetown, DE was there to capture a couple of handfuls. The triggers, measuring from 17 to 20-inches, were fooled with sand fleas and green crabs. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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# SHIP TO SHORE

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## Pump it up

Every season there seems to be an endless assortment of bilge pump concerns, issues and problems for many boats.

The purpose of a bilge pump is to remove incidental water from the bilges of a boat, because of rain water entry, spray, dripping shaft or rudder packing glands and other minimal water accumulation from seepage and spillage. A bilge pump system is not designed to de-water a boat as damage control. This is where "crash pumps" come into the picture.

A bilge pump system may seem simple, but can often confuse the best of captains and crews. The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) publishes a standard that relates to bilge pumps and related systems.

These standards are useful to all boat owners, not just boat builders, and provides a well thought out and proven method of installing and maintaining your bilge pump system.

Let's look at a few key points from ABYC that can help all boaters:

### Overcurrent protection or fuse.

Each power supply to a bilge pump, usually manual and automatic, shall have a fuse and wire size selected by the rating of the pump. Most bilge pumps indicate the appropriate fuse size on the pump itself or in the pump's instructions. The fuse is to protect the wiring and pump from burning in the event of a running overload or locked rotor. A locked rotor is a situation where debris or some other event has caused the rotating part of the bilge pump to stop moving, which in general causes the pump to use more electricity and should blow a fuse before overheating the pump or wiring. Debris in the bilge is often the number one culprit to a locked rotor bilge pump.

Since most bilge pumps have two sources of power, a manual switch and an automatic float switch, each of these circuits needs to be appropriately fused. This

standard would easily demonstrate that you cannot properly connect two bilge pumps to one fused source of power circuit, since the fuse would need to be double the required size and would not "blow" in the event of a failure of one individual pump.

This double pump on one circuit is often found where a boat owner has decided to add a second bilge pump without running a new circuit.

### Check valves in the discharge line.

This is one of the most popular mistakes by boaters and sometimes boat builders. ABYC's only permitted use of a check valve in the discharge line is to prevent pump cycling due to backflow from the discharge line. A check valve can restrict the pumps flow rate, get stuck closed or get stuck open. Any of these situations could result in a major problem, with the most critical causing a backflow of seawater into the bilge.

### Now for some everyday wiring information.

Most bilge pump circuits are comprised of three wires – one ground wire, one wire connected to a manual on/off switch and one wire from an

unswitched source of power going to an automatic float (or similar) switch. A standard bilge pump has only two wires – so how does this get connected properly?

The ground is simple, it gets connected directly to the pump ground wire. The pumps positive wire gets connected to TWO wires – one from the manual switch and one from the automatic float switch. This way, the pump can be activated in two different methods. One benefit to this wiring scheme is that it allows for an optional indicator light to be illuminated whenever the pump is running, no matter if it was activated manually or automatically.

There is more to pump capacity than what is written on the package. Most bilge pumps are labeled with the capacity in gallons per hour or GPH at zero head (a straight horizontal discharge) at a given voltage, which is often at a higher voltage than you may see on your boat.

Often the real world performance in GPH of a pump is much lower than advertised due to these variables along with restrictive overboard plumbing. For example, the popular Rule 1500 bilge pump (advertised at 1500



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GPH), operating at 12 volts and pumping water upwards for 3.3 feet (head) is only capable of 1,000 GPH. Then add in restrictive discharge hoses, elbows, adapters, thru hull fittings, etc. and real world capacity will be much lower than expected.

It is a good idea to take the time to evaluate the wiring and plumbing of your bilge pump systems and take corrective action where needed to help alleviate any surprises during your fishing trips. Be sure to test run all your bilge pumps in both manual and automatic mode before a trip to be sure everything is in working order.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA, AMEI and NMEA2000 certificates along with ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers. To reach Steve, call 410-231-3191.



Scott, Amelia, Brody, Mason and Mia Rothrock ventured down from Slatington, PA and spent some time fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Willie Poole. The anglers were rewarded with 4 keeper flounder, measuring up to 17 1/2-inches, that they caught on white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured back in the slip at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City, MD.

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Devon Graham joined Abby, Jason and Owen Goozh for a flounder fishing trip aboard the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Austin Bowden. They ended up with 7 flatties in the box, caught on white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the bay behind Assateague Island near Castaway's Campground. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.



Blake Witcraft couldn't be happier after catching a pair of dolphin, weighing 8 and 9 lbs., while trolling green machines at the Hambone aboard the "Wild Child".

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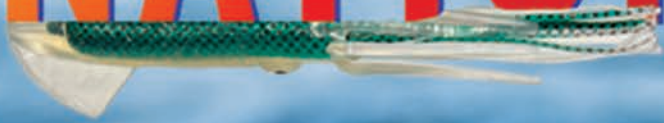
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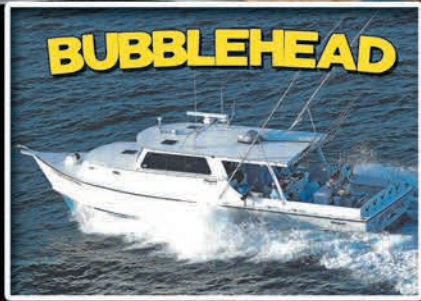
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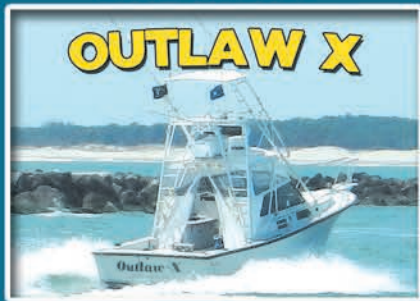
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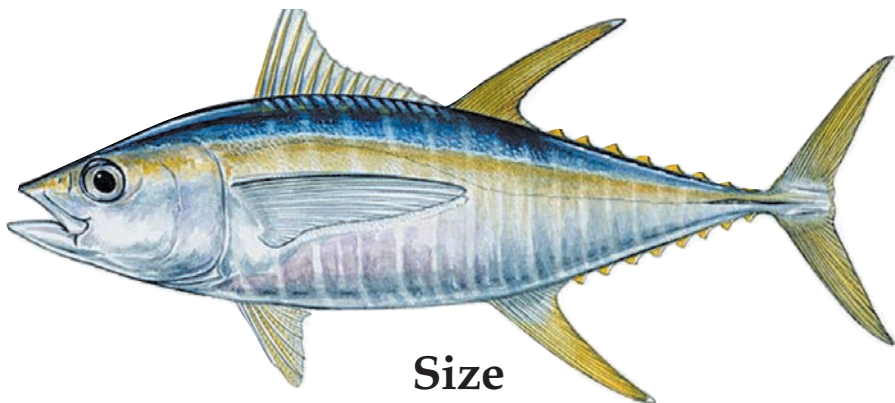
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# Yellowfin Tuna vs Bigeye Tuna



Size

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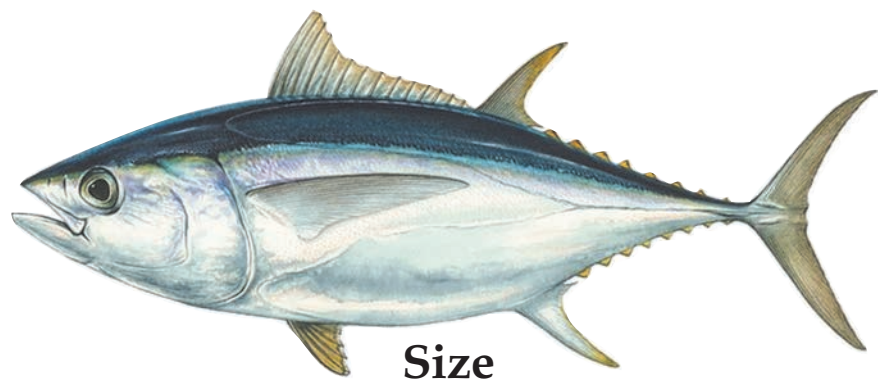
## Distinguishing Characteristics

- Second dorsal and anal fins are bright yellow, very elongated and get longer with age
- Pectoral fins are usually reaching beyond origin of second dorsal fin but not beyond base
- Finlets are lemon yellow with very narrow black margins
- Color dark blue above; silvery-gray lower sides and belly. Often have 20+ chains of white streaks and spots. Yellow-gold horizontal band on upper sides that fade after death
- Body more slender than bluefin or bigeye tuna
- Caudal fin has 2 distinctly raised ridges that form a "V" notch

## Similar Species

**Bluefin tuna** - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

**Bigeye tuna** - has large eyes and pectoral fins that reach origin of second dorsal fins.



Size

Commonly 1.5 to 5.5-feet and up to 6.3-feet. They can weigh greater than 100 lbs.

## Distinguishing Characteristics

- Pectoral fins reach origin of second dorsal
- Body stocky and robust
- Eyes large in adults
- First dorsal fin is deep yellow; second dorsal and anal fins are usually brownish or yellowish with narrow black margins
- Finlets are bright yellow with broad, black margins
- Body with lateral iridescent blue band along side, fading after death
- Central area of caudal fin flat with 2 low mounds

## Similar Species

**Bluefin tuna** - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

**Yellowfin tuna** - pectoral fins usually reach to or beyond origin of second dorsal fins. Has 20+ chains of white streaks and spots on lower body. Bright yellow second dorsal and anal fins.

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John and Matt Keller from Selbyville, DE, Tony and Cody Maddox from York, PA and Bob Bolties from York, PA returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center after capturing 5 flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Willie Poole. The flatties were hooked on white Gulp Swimming Mullets in the bay behind Assateague Island.





Mike Peake (pictured) was fishing with Frank Lanigan when they caught a 78 lb. bluefin tuna, 2 mahi and a king mackerel while fishing in 30 fathoms outside the 19 Fathom Lump.



Chopper bluefish were really snapping around the Rt. 50 Bridge as the day was turning into night and Rich Daiker of Reisterstown, MD was there to muscle in a half dozen while fishing with spot and sand perch during the incoming tide. Rich's largest gator tipped the scale at 13 lbs.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



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triggerfish mentioned earlier, Mike's anglers also got into some weakfish while using squid for bait.

Fenwick Shoal continued to give anglers a variety of fish to go after. Spanish mackerel, snapper bluefish, weakfish on top of the shoal and triggerfish are all taking up residence around the shoal on structure just off the shoal.

Mike said that in the suds, surfcasters are finding a lot of fish with kingfish leading the way and pompano continuing to surprise several surfcasters.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina and Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in Bethany Beach, Capt. Bert Adams reported some flounder being caught in the Indian River Inlet by the Coast Guard Wall and keeper stripers being hooked at night along the rocks on the south side jetty. Bert said that anglers were happy with an influx of big bluefish for a couple of days last week with stripers mixed in to make it interesting.

In the surf off Indian River, anglers are finding small bluefish, kingfish, spot and croaker during the day and sharks, rays and skates at night.

Headboats out of Indian River have flipped from sea bass fishing to flounder fishing. Those looking for

**This Week Last Year**

- Flounder fishing improved in the Lewes Canal.
- Triggerfish showed up at Site 10 and Haystacks.
- Spanish mackerel, bluefish, sheepshead, weakfish, spadefish and triggerfish at Fenwick Shoal.
- Site 10 flounder bite picked up.
- Weakfish caught in the Roosevelt Inlet and DE Bay reef sites.
- Kingfish caught off the Fenwick coast.
- Small stripers in the Fenwick Ditch caught on Rat-L-Traps.
- Croakers and flounder in the Indian River Inlet.
- Stripers and blues in the Inlet at night.
- Flounder caught on the backside of Burton's Island.
- Ocean flounder bite was good in 80-feet of water. Water temp was 74-degrees

moved out. Anglers are still finding decent numbers of slot stripers around the Drawbridge and close to the Broadkill River. Tommy said that anglers have to put their time in to get a keeper, but they are there and hitting on eels, jigs tipped with soft plastics and Tommy's secret weapon for stripers... clams!

In the Delaware Bay, reef sites are holding a lot of kingfish in addition to snapper blues and a few sea bass. Croaker numbers are definitely looking better and there are a ton of weakfish all over the bay. Tommy believes that this is due to the lack of bluefish in the bay last spring. Others believe it is the decrease in the number of stripers that view weakfish as candy. Anglers who are fishing at the Haystacks or around the Outer Wall are finding triggerfish interested in their offerings of sand fleas or green crabs.

Right now, the water around the Cape Henlopen Pier is loaded with spot, but anglers are also finding keeper flounder, small stripers and snapper bluefish. Gulp, Fishbites and cut bait will do

the trick.

Tommy said the reports he is getting from anglers ocean flounder fishing out of Lewes are disappointing. Anglers are very frustrated with the lack of fish right now and the inconsistent bite. We are still seeing some nice fish hit the scale, but it is nothing like it normally is. You can see in the "This Week Last Year" section of this report that right around now it started getting better, so don't give up.

Capt. Mike Behney at Rick's Bait & Tackle said that "there are a lot of fish around", which is a good thing. The Indian River Bay and the Rehoboth Bay are full of decent size spot right now with some weakfish, up to 14-inches, mixed in. Anglers are also finding flounder snapping on Gulp artificial baits in addition to the standard squid, minnows and shiner combinations.

Mike said that he isn't hearing much coming from the Lewes Canal, so that backs up what we also heard from Tommy at Lewes Harbour Marina.

At the Haystacks and Outer Wall, in addition to the

If the fishing was as hot as the air temperature we had last week, the Coastal Fisherman would have been 154 pages.

At Lewes Harbour Marina, Capt. Tommy said that anglers are still picking at flounder in the Lewes Canal, but it looks like most of the fish have



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decent size sea bass have had to travel over 30 miles offshore, just too far on most days. The headboats have been going 5 to 15 miles off the beach and hitting normal flounder hot spots, but the pickings have been slim. It should start heating up very soon based upon prior year reports.

Capt. Matt at Fenwick Bait & Tackle said that fishing is pretty good right now off the beach in Fenwick Island. Bluefish, kingfish and pompano have all been on the scorecard and there was even a thresher shark caught and released last weekend.

Small stripers continue to show up in the Fenwick Ditch and a fly fisherman was surprised when he hooked into a Spanish mackerel.

The offshore bite was slower last week. Anglers are still finding bluefins while trolling at the 19 Fathom Lump and in Massey's Canyon. Good numbers of dolphin were also found at Massey's Canyon with better

results out in the Baltimore Canyon. Most boats headed to the Baltimore in search of yellowfins, but the better bite was down in the Norfolk Canyon and below. It was also the best week we have seen for wahoo with most coming in from the Baltimore. Down in Ocean City, anglers on the "Decision" boated a monster 109 pounder in 30 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon last Friday and there were a few others hooked from just north of the Wilmington down to the Washington.

#### Upcoming Tournament

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Until next week, have fun and tight lines.

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Michael Stutter from Pittsburgh, PA was fishing on the "Storm Rider" when he hooked into this 51 lb. yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo, spreader bars and daisy chains in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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## Top Lady Angler

1st - Kylleigh Wiygul	88 lbs	\$1,500
2nd - J.L. Cropper	85 lbs	\$1,000
3rd - Joyce Collins	71 lbs	\$500

## Top Junior Angler

1st - William Morrison	46 lbs	\$1,000
2nd - Zach Little	40 lbs	\$500
3rd - Jackson Morgan	36 lbs	\$250

## Boats 35' & Under

1st - Single Largest Tuna	90 lbs	"Seakeeper"	\$5,625
2nd - Heaviest Stringer Wt.	88 lbs	"Fin Chaser"	\$5,625

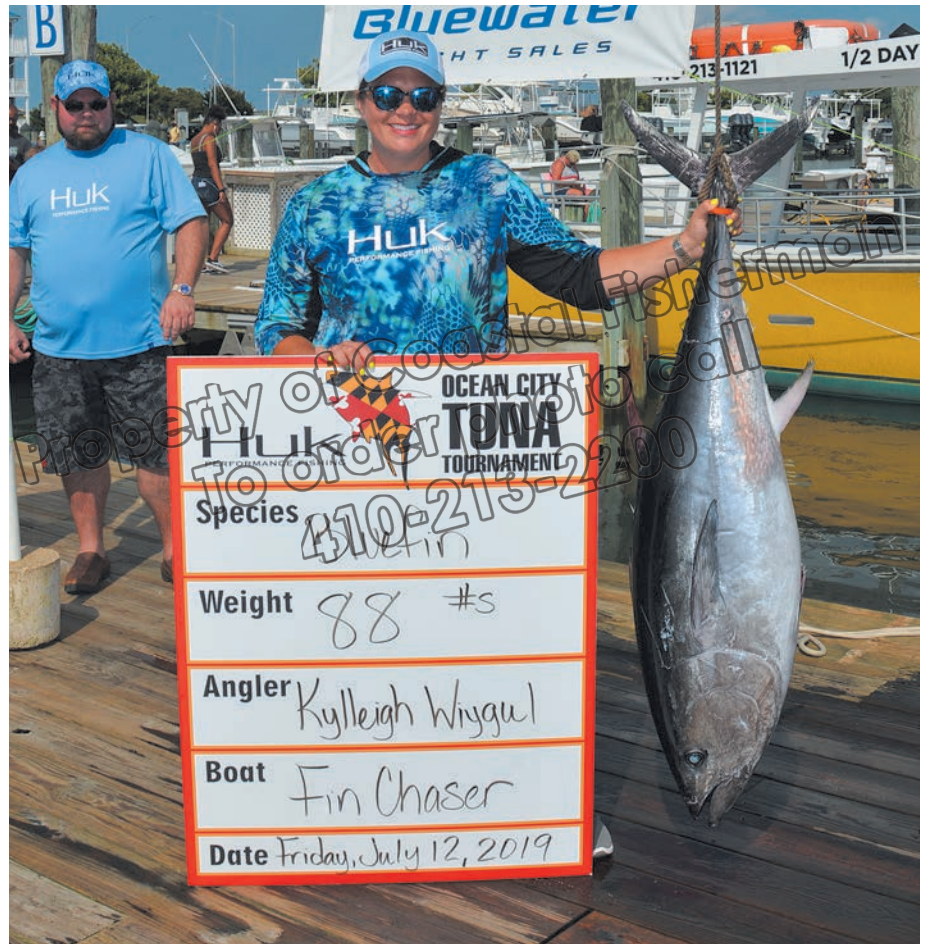
## Boats 36' - 51'

1st - Single Largest Tuna	89 lbs	"Restless Lady II"	\$32,220
1st - Heaviest Stringer Wt.	241 lbs	"M.R. Ducks"	\$10,800

## Capt. Robert Gowar Award

Josh & Emily Blume

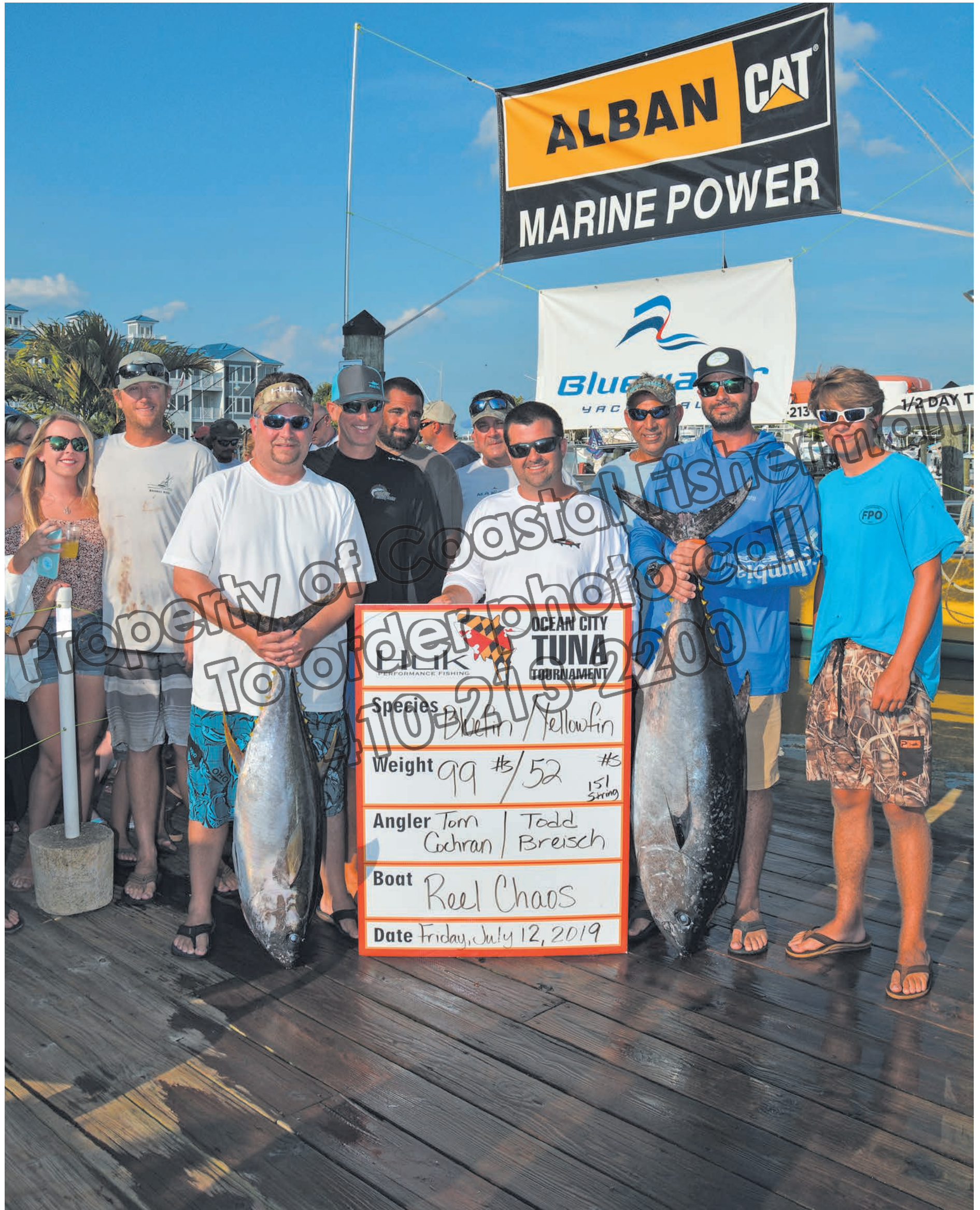
2018 Boats Entered	2019 Boats Entered	Boats Fished
104	109	DAY 1 - 43 DAY 2 - 80 DAY 3 - 95



One of the first anglers to arrive at the scale of the 32nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was Kylleigh Wiygul with an 88 lb. bluefin tuna that ended the event in 1st place in the Top Lady Angler Division. Kylleigh was fishing on the "Fin Chaser" with Jose Rey, Mike Losi, Dave Gunn, Matt Hollins, Bill Wiygul, Capt. Dan Stauffer and mate Dave Weller. The bluefin was hooked on a skirted ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon and earned Kylleigh \$1,500 in award money plus Costa sunglasses and jewelry from Park Place Jewelers. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Only 43 of the 109 boats entered in the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament ventured out on Friday, but one of those was the "Troublemaker". Bob Smith captured a 70 lb. wahoo and ended the tournament in 1st place in the Heaviest Wahoo Division. Bob was fishing with Jeff Ciekot, Ray Stuckey, Capt. Kayvan Bahrami and mates Jake Stuckey and R.J. Stuckey. The top wahoo and a 49 lb. yellowfin were caught on skirted ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Troublemaker" team won \$11,520 in award money for their 1st place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On opening day of the 32nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, two boats arrived at the tournament scale with 99 lb. bluefin tuna and the first one was on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos". Tom Cochran caught the 56-incher at 8:00 AM while trolling ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon. Tom was fishing with Todd Breisch, who caught a 52 lb. yellowfin tuna during the trip, Drew Linzey, Bruce Ennis, Jason Goozh, Joe Freebery, Capt. Anthony Matarese, Sr. and mates Mike Matarese and Jake Graves. The 99 lb. bluefin tuna ended up tying the "Moore Bills" for 1st place in the Heaviest Single Largest Tuna Division and earned the "Reel Chaos" team \$214,350.



On the first day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Jack Roesner on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" captured a 99 lb. bluefin tuna and held on to tie the crew on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" for 1st place in the Heaviest Single Tuna Division. Jack's bluefin, caught on a trolled ballyhoo a mile inshore of the 19 Fathom Lump, was identical to the one caught on the "Reel Chaos" with both measuring 56-inches. Rounding out the "Moore Bills" team were Shane Moore, Ron Bennett, Austin Bennett, Brett Young, Tommy Preston, Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Brian Behe. For their 1st place tie in the Heaviest Single Largest Tuna Division, the team took home \$221,347 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



While fishing on "A Salt Weapon 3", angler William Morrison caught a 46 lb. yellowfin tuna on the final day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament to jump into 1st place in the Top Junior Angler Division. William hooked the winning yellowfin while trolling south of the Norfolk Canyon with Bill Morrison, Justin Wigglesworth, Brian Spangenberg, Bob Tobolski, Jeremy Kohl, Capt. Ron Callis, Capt. Ryan Freese and mate Jake Shaffer. For his 1st place finish, William won \$1,000 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City, MD.



On the first day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew fishing on the "Sea Wolf" had a great day trolling south of the Norfolk Canyon. They returned to the scale with 8 yellowfins and a 33 lb. dolphin. Their 5 heaviest yellowfins weighed a total of 256 lbs., putting them in 1st place in the Heaviest Stringer Division after Day 1 of the tournament. Their dolphin, caught by Tony Martino, held on to win 1st place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division. On Sunday, they didn't weigh any fish, so their 256 lbs. put them in 2nd place after the "Theresa Jean" 2-day stringer totalled 426 lbs. Joining Tony on the "Sea Wolf" were Corey Schaible, Kenny Koci, Capt. Donnie White and mate Billy Dickerson. Their 1st place dolphin earned the crew \$28,960 and their 2nd place stringer was worth \$63,960. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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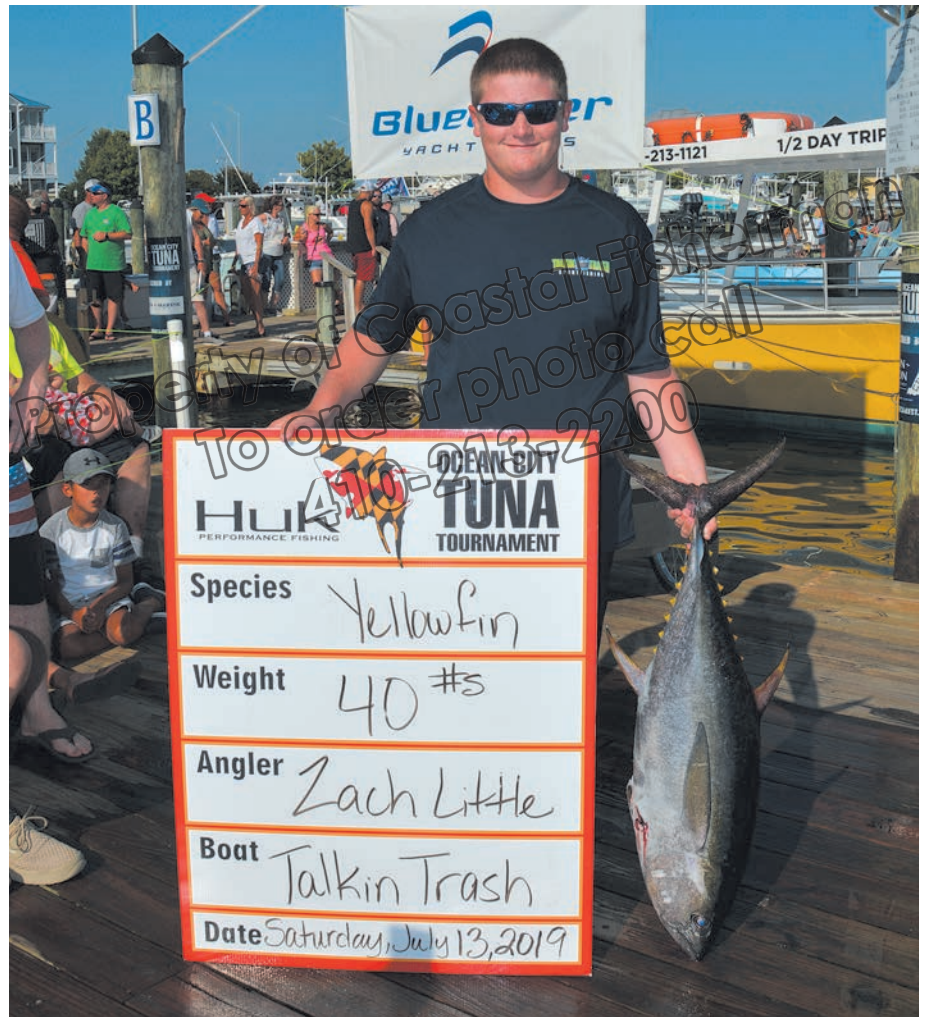
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You can always count on certain things. The sun rises in the East, Christmas falls on December 25th and the "Myra HT" is the first to arrive at the scale of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament. This year, J.L. Cropper weighed a 54-inch, 85 lb. bluefin tuna and held on to win 2nd place in the Top Lady Angler Division. J.L. was fishing with Hugh Thomas Cropper, Billy Todd and Hugh Cropper when she hooked the bluefin on a ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon. For her 2nd place finish, J.L. won \$1,000 in award money in addition to Costa sunglasses and jewelry from Park Place Jewelers.



On the second day of the 3-day Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Zach Little muscled in a 40 lb. yellowfin tuna and held on to win 2nd place in the Top Junior Angler Division. Zach was fishing on the "Talkin Trash" with Capt. Chris Little and mate Keath Puller when he hooked the yellowfin while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon. For his 2nd place finish, Zach took home \$500 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Last Friday in the 32nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Nick Prince on the "Hall Pass" caught a 25 lb. dolphin and held on to win 2nd place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division, worth \$1,000 in award money. Nick hooked the fish on a skirted ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon while fishing with Alias Jenkins, Kiel Fisher, Roy Tribble, Nick Lane and Capt. George Hall. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The last boat to arrive at the scale of the 32nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was the "Hammer Down" with Jackson Morgan's 36 lb. yellowfin tuna, good enough to win 3rd place in the Top Junior Angler Division. Jackson hooked the dolphin in the Spencer Canyon while fishing with Jeff Rosenkilde, Mel Carter, Capt. Tony Freiji and mate Mike Freiji. Jackson won \$500 in award money for his 3rd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Lance Crampton caught a 24 lb. dolphin on the 2nd day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament and ended up winning 3rd place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division, worth \$500 in award money. Lance hooked the dolphin in 1,000 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "C-Boys" with Paul Crampton, Jr., Paul Crampton, III, Capt. Luke Blume and mates Wyatt Melocik and Josh Blume. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the first day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Monty Suder muscled in a 90 lb. bluefin and held on to win 3rd place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Division. Monty was fishing on the "Seakeeper" with Brian and Brook Stevens, Tom Cole, John Floyd, Jamie Goodman, Todd McConnell and Capt. George Penna. The 57-inch bluefin was caught in Lemke's Canyon and earned the "Seakeeper" team a total of \$9,655 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the final day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Joyce Collins is all smiles after weighing a 71 lb. yellowfin tuna that put her in 3rd place in the Top Lady Angler Division, worth \$500 in award money. Joyce hooked the yellowfin in 350 fathoms near the Triple 0's while fishing on the "Margarita" with Mike Hackerdon, Scott Myer, Capt. Troy Collins and mates Greg Streb and George Whiteman. For her 3rd place finish, Joyce took home \$500 in award money along with Costa sunglasses and jewelry from Park Place Jewelers in West Ocean City. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.



On opening day of the 2019 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, anglers on the charter boat, "Marli" arrived at the scale with 4 yellowfin tuna totalling 208 lbs. They added another 41 lbs. on the final day of the tournament to secure 3rd place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division, worth \$40,210 in award money. The fish in the Day 1 stringer were hooked in the Baltimore Canyon and the final day fish were caught in the Norfolk Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Dakota Bittner and Josh Lowery were Peter Schultz, Tom Distefano, Robert DiGiacomo, Mike Bromwell, Sam Connors and Joe Stein. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.















For their initiative called "Blume's Balloon Round-Up", Josh and Emily Blume were given the Capt. Robert Gowar Award for demonstration of excellence in the local sport fishing community. So far the initiative has resulted in over 2,350 balloons collected. Josh and Emily are pictured at the Ocean City Tuna Tournament Awards Banquet with Tournament Directors Brian Tinkler and Rolfe Gudelsky.



Mady Brinker, age 13, from Newark, MD muscled in this 16 lb. bull dolphin while fishing on "Carol's Teakettle" with her dad, Jim Brinker. The fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.

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 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 8" minimum No creel limit</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 20" - 27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No limit</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
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Michael Liebfreid, Mike Marisa, Joe Glazier, Eric Peregoy and Jeff Peregoy teamed up to catch 8 yellowfin tuna and a pair of golden tilefish while fishing on the "Cluster Fish" in the Washington Canyon. The tilefish weighed up to 18 lbs. They also released 3 other yellowfins during their trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Angler Don Lorden used a sand flea to fool this sheephead while fishing around the South Jetty.

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