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It did not take long for the billfish competition to light up during the 51st Annual White Marlin Open! Anticipation built on Day 2 as there were reports of a white marlin headed for Harbour Island and shortly after scales opened the "Waste Knot" arrived with a big white fish bag on the deck! Angler Ven Poole from Raleigh, NC had hooked a white marlin on an 80 wide with a lure outside of the Poor Mans Canyon in 1000 fathoms. After a quick 20 minute fight it was aboard. The marlin was quickly measured and at 70" met the tournament minimum exactly. Once on the scale it also beat the minimum weighing 77.5 lbs. As the first white to the scales, it took the 1st Place slot. The crew of Ven and Barry Bowling, Bryan Sinnett, Jonathan Kroart and Todd Saieed with Capt. Michael Tickle and mates Bryan Angel & Zach Grantham then had to sweat out 4 more days of the extended 6 day tournament to see their fate. Fortunately, only one challenger arrived but did not better their catch, securing their 1st Place for Heaviest White Marlin position and a \$3,699,631 prize! Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Dilan, Matt and Mike Rohler kicked off August in style releasing their first white marlin. They were trolling right along the edge of the Baltimore Canyon in about 1300 feet on the "Skidgette". They had 7 rods out with spreader bars and ballyhoo when they got a hit on a diving minnow running just under the water, 20 feet behind the boat. It was attached to a spinning rod they had set to catch some mahi making the catch more interesting. It was their only bite for the day before switching to deep dropping in 400 feet to land some golden tilefish.



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Last week in the canyons was all about the 51st White Marlin Open. Despite a challenging bite year offshore and the threat of the remnants of hurricane Debby, the WMO did not fail to put on a show!

As registration approached the team at the WMO evaluated the situation and took feedback from anglers on a possible extension. While the first few days of the week looked fishable, Thursday and Friday were seriously in question. Much depended on the path Debby would take up the eastern seaboard. After much careful consideration the tournament was extended to add a 6th fishing day on Saturday. Crews were now able to fish 3 of 6 days instead

of just 5. This was not an unprecedented move as the WMO has been extended in the past. In 2020 the tournament was extended to 7 days to provide more opportunity given that year's weather forecast.

Fortunately for the area and the tournament, Debby ended up tracking more inland than projected. Still, the majority of the 318 boats in the event targeted Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to fish.

Monday saw 199 boats head out. Turnout to the scales was light with only 5 boats weighing fish and the catch of the day was tuna, specifically bigeyes. The first eyeball came in on the "Right Place". Angler Bob Hugin of Summit, NJ had just turned 70 and was excited to

be in the WMO. His bigeye weighed 166.5 lbs. and lead the leaderboard for the day. As the second fished weighed for the tournament it was worth over \$4 Million at the time! The crew of the "MJs" was hot on his heels bringing in 4 eyeballs with the largest a 164.5 pounder caught by Bob Wilson of Lumberton, NJ. In total, Day 1 saw 7 bigeyes and 2 yellowfins weighed.

Tuesday saw a similar crowd of 210 boats headed out to try their luck, and luck they did have. Thanks to the power of satellites and Starlink, we knew that some big fish were headed to the scales even before they opened. Sure enough, shortly after 4PM the "Waste Knot" tied up to the docks at Harbour Island with a white marlin aboard, the first billfish of the tournament. They spent the day in deep water outside the Poor Mans Canyon where they caught 2 whites, including the one boated by Ven Poole of Raleigh, NC first thing in the morning. It hit on a lure on an 80 wide, so it took only 20 minutes to get it to the boat. It measured exactly 70", the minimum for the tournament, so on the scale it went. While at just the minimum length the true white had a girth of 14" so

it weighed 77.5 lbs. Many a WMO have been won by a fish that size. It was challenged by only one other qualifying white and did win the 51st White Marlin Open and just about \$3.7 million dollars!

The leaderboard changes were not done for the day. Three consecutive boats loaded up the calcuttas. First was the local boat "Stone Cutter". Their catch had also been predicted, so the crowds were ready when they pulled up with a big blue marlin in the cockpit. Lance Blakemore of Horseheads, NY hooked up with the blue in the Poor Mans Canyon after it ate a plug. Apparently, it was a hard hit with the big blue leaving a "Volkswagen sized hole" in the water as it dove according to Lance. It took 2.5 hours to finally boat the marlin despite getting the leader 8 times. At 129" and 897.5 lbs. it easily slid into 1st Place for Heaviest Blue Marlin. It was the 5th heaviest blue in the tournaments history, and was not only Lance's first blue marlin, but it was also his first marlin catch ever. I am sure he felt pretty secure he had a winner; however, he would have for face a challenger in the very next boat.

The "Bobojo" out of Pirates Cove, NC was next to the scales. They too had a big blue iced down in the cockpit. They were in deep water trolling south from the

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Baltimore Canyon toward the Washington Canyon. It was later in the day and they had yet to have a bite when they finally got one on a lure. Boat owner Hershel Martin from Montross, VA was the angler, and surprisingly was able to boat the fish in an hour. It measured 131" with a girth of 70" so the "Stone Cutter" was nervous! Fortunately for them, it was thinner and weighed in at 789.5 lbs. Still, it was another amazing marlin, Hershel's largest by far, taking 2nd Place at the time, but slipping to 3rd Place overall.

The third boat in this sequence was the "Blue Runner". They had a bigeye tuna to weigh. Team Buckeye member Rob Jones from Cincinnati, OH hooked up the big eyeball after it ate a skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. At 220.5 lbs. it rocked past the bigeyes from Day 1, taking 1st Place for Heaviest Tuna. Despite several other big tuna coming in, this one remained in the top spot. It was a great turn of luck for a boat that needed it. Read more about that in our WMO coverage starting on page 58.

The last boat in that day was the "Catch 23". They brought a 32.5 lb. mahi to the scales caught by Patrick Field. It was only 1 of 2 mahi for the tournament, and almost one over \$160K until a wahoo was weighed later in the event!

Wednesday saw the largest number of boats fishing, 272. The charter boat "Talkin' Trash" kicked off the action putting 5 bigeye tuna on the dock. He was fishing in his secret spot that he may return to during the MidAtlantic

next week! They hit a wolfpack. Of the 11 lines out, 9 got hit with 6 getting to the boat and 5 to the box. One got run over in all the action! The "Right Place" returned next with a 191.5 pounder caught by Mac Hugin.

Next was the "Mister Pete" with a white marlin. While it measured 70", it did not meet the minimum weight of 70 lbs. You have to commend the WMO for their conservation efforts in this area. Their minimum lengths and weights are higher than NOAA regulations and many other tournaments. We still applaud the "Mister Pete" for taking a shot with a great fish.

The next two boats rattled the leaderboard on this day as well.

The "Warden Pass" brought in 3 eyeballs, saving the heaviest to weigh last! That one was 193.5 lbs. and caught by Jeff Green of Wildwood, NJ sliding into 2nd Place.

Next was the "Covered Up". The 38' Henriques with Capt. Keith Puller had started the day targeting marlin, but after no action they switched to bigeye fishing! Andrew Lohr of Mt. Airy, MD connected with a 164 lb. bigeye that took the top spot in the Small Boat Tuna and Small Boat Heaviest Fish. In addition, since no small boat marlin or dolphin were reported, they earned those calcuttas too for a combined payout of over \$200K, the 6th largest of the event!

Thursday's weather was better than originally forecasted, but still quite sporty. 196 boats chose to challenge that weather and head out. Again social media was abuzz with reports of a white marlin being boated by the epic "Billfisher" who won the Open in 2022 coincidentally with a 77.5 lb. white. They were first to the scales just a few minutes after opening. They had cut their fishing time short to head in early as marlin do shrink as they ride back to shore! This white was caught by the mate Capt. Noah McVicker. He was not supposed to be on duty for the right long, but angler Danny Goff who had just stepped inside the cabin when the reel popped! To be fair, Danny had already released 3 whites earlier in the day. Noah's white measured 70" with a girth of 14" and weighed 76 lbs. It was the only other qualifying white so it took 2nd Place and a nice prize of over \$1.7M.

The "MJs" returned to the scales with more bigeyes, this time from the Wilmington Canyon. They had 2 they caught in the Wilmington, both by Dante Soriente of Little Egg Harbor, NJ. These two were even bigger than Monday's haul with the largest at 193.5 lbs. That one tied for 2nd Place with "Warden Pass".

Days 5 saw no boats to the scales, and while 62 boats fished the extra Day 6 the only change to the leader board was from the "American



Lady". They had focused on catching a wahoo as that category was wide open and would be worth over \$60K. Their plan came together when Ian Horowitz landed a 70 lb. speedster in the Poor Mans Canyon. It is also the Heaviest Wahoo caught this season.

While a lot of focus is on the marlin brought to the scales, the WMO is focused on conservation to continue to allow anglers the opportunity to catch these great fish. As you can see from the chart in this article, over 99% of the white marlin caught were released and 94% of the blue marlin. This is again due to the dedication of the tournament and anglers to the sport and the minimums set.

So another great tournament is in the books and there are even more on the horizon, so check them out below!

Upcoming Tournaments

This weekend is the famous Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open at the Bahia Marina. This is considered the largest womens-only billfish tournament in the world with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Weigh-ins are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 4:00 PM.

The following Monday is the start of The MidAtlantic Tournament. This signature event anchors the big money tournaments of the season for our region with anglers fishing out of both Cape May, NJ and Ocean City, MD. It is a 5-day event with local weigh-ins at Sunset Marina each night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Until next week I will see you at the scales and keep sharing what you are catching! §

Species	Released/Boated	% Released
White Marlin	R: 378 / B: 3	99%
Blue Marlin	R: 48 / B: 3	94%
Spearfish	R: 1 / B: 0	100%
Sailfish	R: 8 / B: 0	100%
Tuna	R: 0 / B: 44	0%
Dolphin	R: 0 / B: 2	0%
Wahoo	R: 0 / B: 1	0%





Capt. Owen Horning got the chance to run some of the little kids from the Gessler family out for some inshore fun. Lucas, Mary and Francesca Gessler were on the "Little Whistle" with mate Kelly Horning fishing around the 1st Lump. They caught 2 cobia including this 45" and 25 pounder using eels. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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The father/daughter team of Emma and Nate Pellegrini from Middletown, DE had a successful trip to the Icebrakers at the Outer Wall in Lewes on the "Nautallica 2". Emma caught this 22" and 7.1 lb. sheepshead on a high/low rig using a sand flea.

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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The past week in Ocean City was riddled with questions on the directions that the hurricane would take. The winds picked up mid week keeping many anglers at the dock. Traffic from the White Marlin Open Tournament kept any anglers away from the main thoroughfares when fishing the back bays.

Reds and stripers are being found behind Assateague Island.

Nearshore flounder are getting more active while sea bass is slowing down and producing a lot more undersized fish.

Nearshore Wrecks & Reefs

The nearshore wrecks and reefs are finally starting to show some bigger fish as the storms begin to bring in warmer water.

It would seem that all we needed was a storm to churn up and turn over our water to get the fish biting.

The "Judith M" had 2 five hour trips last week. They stated the fish were a bit finicky in the morning hours but turned on in the afternoon providing anglers with a bounty of black sea bass. The youngsters on the boat caught many of the fish. They said that the storms may have missed them but the fish did not. Several nice knotheads were caught.

The "Angler" was at it again, finding his clients some big flounder as well as a few big knothead sea bass. I'm not sure if the anglers are that lucky or if the boat is, however, every week this headboat produces some really nice catches. Good

job guys!

"Fish Bound Charters" told me that fishing is still a little tough for this time of the year, however, anglers that stay diligent and fish hard are catching some big fluke. This year has been a strange one with big south winds and mother nature's tantrums, but the big fish can still be found by those who put the time in and find the warmer water.

Captain D.J. Churchill of "Double Trouble Charters" stated that this year has had lots of challenges but they are making it work putting together some nice catches for their clients.

Hunter Tipton caught a monster butterfly ray fishing the shoals outside of OC. The fish weighed roughly 200 pounds.

Back Bays & Inlets

The back bays are really getting good with a few really nice flounder coming in as anglers begin to expand their target areas.

The White Marlin Open created a big flow of boats in the main channels causing anglers to search out less traveled areas.

The back side of Assateague Island has been a good producer of flounder as well as some redfish, rockfish and trout.

Mike Maliszewski had success with a really nice 7 pound, 2 oz flattie he caught on Gulp while fishing the West Channel on an outgoing tide. Vince Cannuli caught 20-30 short flounder and managed two keepers at 17.5 and 17.75 inches.

The "Miss Ocean City" stated that despite a few foggy mornings, the bite in the bay has been pretty good with anglers hooking a ton of fish. Many of these fish are undersized, but the steady bite is delighting

Christine Joannette and her family fished the boat last week behind Assateague Island and caught some nice fluke with the biggest being 15.5 inches. The family was from Ontario Canada and stated the fishing trip was a highlight of their vacation. The bay trips are a great option for young and novice anglers usually providing a ton of action as well as a unique view of Ocean City from the water.

The "Tortuga" had a few good days including a keeper fish brought in by both youth and female anglers. Dean was their expert angler bringing home two nice doormats for dinner. The young man was all smiles at the dock showing off his keepers.

The "Bay Bee" said despite the wind and weather the fish are biting. The younger anglers dominated, catching fish 2 to 1 over the adults on board. It's so good to see our youth succeeding on the water.

The bay waters should continue to get better as the storm passes, and hopefully the water warms.

Luke Wrye said he hasn't done much flounder fishing this year with the cold water around. He found the incoming tide water was around 60 degrees in the east channel but still managed to catch 3 keepers on live spot rigs. His biggest fish was a nice 21 inch flounder. Tyler Hines had a good evening at the inlet hooking a big overslot rockfish measuring 36 inches and 15 pounds. The fish was safely released to be caught again.

Surf Fishing

Assateague Island has slowed a bit with kingfish and spot being the main catch on the island.

The kingfish bite remains one of the best ones we have seen in years. John Foreman caught one of the prettiest and most unique northern kingfish I have ever seen. The brown markings were very dark and pronounced.

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A few big sharks have been caught from the beaches. Tyler Besche had a great midnight bite with one of the biggest sharks he has ever caught from the surf. The big fish took a chunk bait on a circle hook and put up one hell of a fight. Joe Marshall also got in on the big fish bite catching a big cow nose ray.

John Manchester also got a big cow nose ray which he caught on 134th street. The hard fighting fish took 45 minutes to bring on to the beach.

Shane Moyer closes out our surf report with a five foot bull shark caught on the backside of Assateague Island. For those unaware, the bull shark is a very aggressive shark, and for that reason you should pay attention when releasing fish back into the water from your boat. These fish will actively charge a fish and the hand holding it if you are not careful.

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John Cessna and John Spence, Jr found warm water in the Lewes Canal last week, up to 74°. They fish the canal 2 to 3 times a week and have already amassed catching over 160 fish this year, however this keeper flounder at 21 5/8" is their biggest to date. They reported a keeper ration of about 7 to 1 lately.

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Noah Fowler popped up from Charleston, SC to spend some time with his dad Tommy. He was working the East Channel and hooked a bunch of rockfish and this 24" red drum.

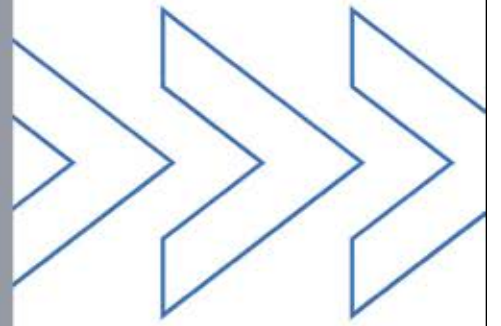
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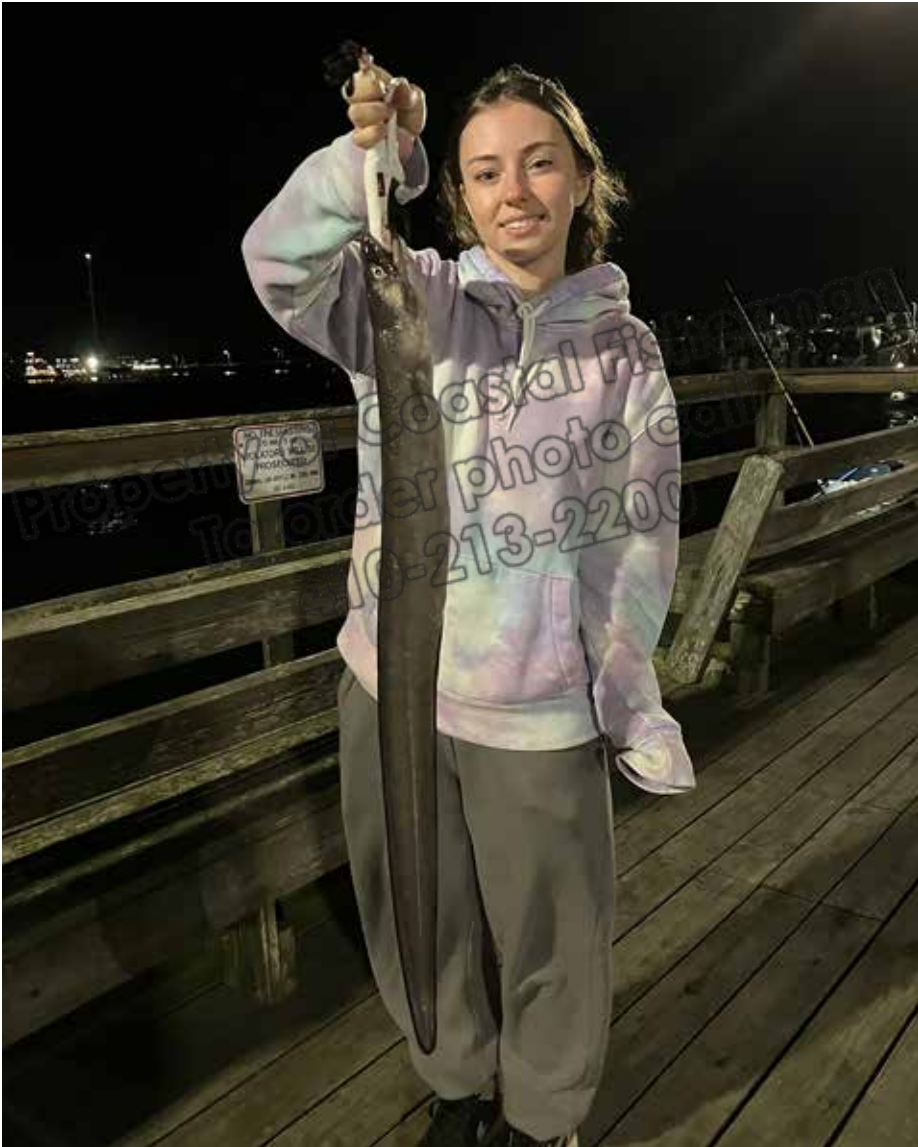
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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 Bluefish	June 7 Craig Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs.	July 2 Capt. Rich Harpel Indian River Inlet 13 lbs.	 Weakfish	May 21 Jim Hitchens Delaware Bay 7.26 lbs.	June 17 Claude Davis Indian River Inlet 11 lb. 6 oz.
 Black Drum		May 3 Lacey Moffett Coral Beds 58 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna	July 27 Steve Strawbridge Baltimore Canyon 305 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Rusty Reel" Baltimore Canyon 212 lbs.
 Cobia	June 8 Tyler Adams OC Beach 40 lbs.		 Bluefin Tuna <small>New</small>	August 7 Mason Wilkinson Hotdog 169 lbs.	June 12 Will Hall Poor Mans Canyon 143 lbs.
 Summer Flounder	June 19 Chris Boaston OC Inlet 7 lb. 3.5 oz.	<small>New</small> August 8 Michael Harden Indian River Inlet 13.2 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna		June 18 Mark Steiner Baltimore Canyon 38 lbs.
 Sea Bass <small>New</small>	August 5 Monty Neel African Queen 5.24 lbs.		 Yellowfin Tuna	June 22 Crew "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon 161 lbs.	
 Sheepshead	June 23 Capt. Wayne Anderson Ocean Wreck 11 lbs. 10 oz.	June 19 Dan Sander Ocean Structure 10.8 lbs.	 Dolphin	June 14 Lisa Cherivtch Poor Mans Canyon 30.5 lbs.	July 2 Owen Conrad Inshore Lump 20 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 19 Justin Field Rt. 50 Bridge 13 lbs.	May 13 Chic Stearrett Indian River Inlet 42 lbs.	 Swordfish	June 1 Bobby West Poor Mans Canyon 125 lbs.	
 Tautog	February 5 Jeff Johnson Ocean Structure 22 lbs.	April 15 Scott Shoup Ocean Structure 8.4 lbs.	 Blue Marlin <small>New</small>	August 7 Lance Blakemore Poor Mans Canyon 897.5 lbs.	
 Wahoo <small>New</small>	August 8 Ian Horowitz Poor Mans Canyon 70 lbs.	July 8 Kevin Alexander Poor Mans Canyon 67lbs.	 White Marlin <small>New</small>	August 6 Ven Poole Poor Mans Canyon 77.5 lbs.	

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Jody Lopata of West Ocean City had a unique catch at the Worcester Overlook. She caught a 34" American Eel on a squid and shiner combo.



We missed David Neumayer at the end of the Worcester County Chamber of Commerce Flounder Pounder last week as he slipped in just as the scales were closing! He caught this 20" flounder under the Rt. 50 Bridge and while not the longest, it was the 2nd Heaviest earning \$750!

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Capt. Dave Collins on the charter boat "Capt. Ike II" based at the Indian River Marina reported that recent weather has kept him closer to shore than normal. His crews however made the most of it catching cobia, spanish mackerel, bluefish and bonito.

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Despite the persistent south winds messing up the water clarity in the Ocean City bays, anglers on the bay boat "Bay Bee" based at the Ocean City Fishing Center continued to get fish on the hook. Always a great time and they run rain or shine!

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When the weather allows, the sea bass have been snapping for anglers on the headboat "Judith M" out of the Bahia Marina. This trip to an artificial reef saw lots of undersized sea bass come over the rails with some decent sized keepers in the mix.

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Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat "Morning Star" has been trying to have a big mahi trip and last Saturday he got his wish! His shared it was his best mahi bite of the year with dolphin practically jumping in the boat.



The bay boat "Tortuga" had a good number of trips last week working the Ocean City Bays. Lots of keeper flounder made their way back to the docks at Bahia Marina with several getting multiple fish.

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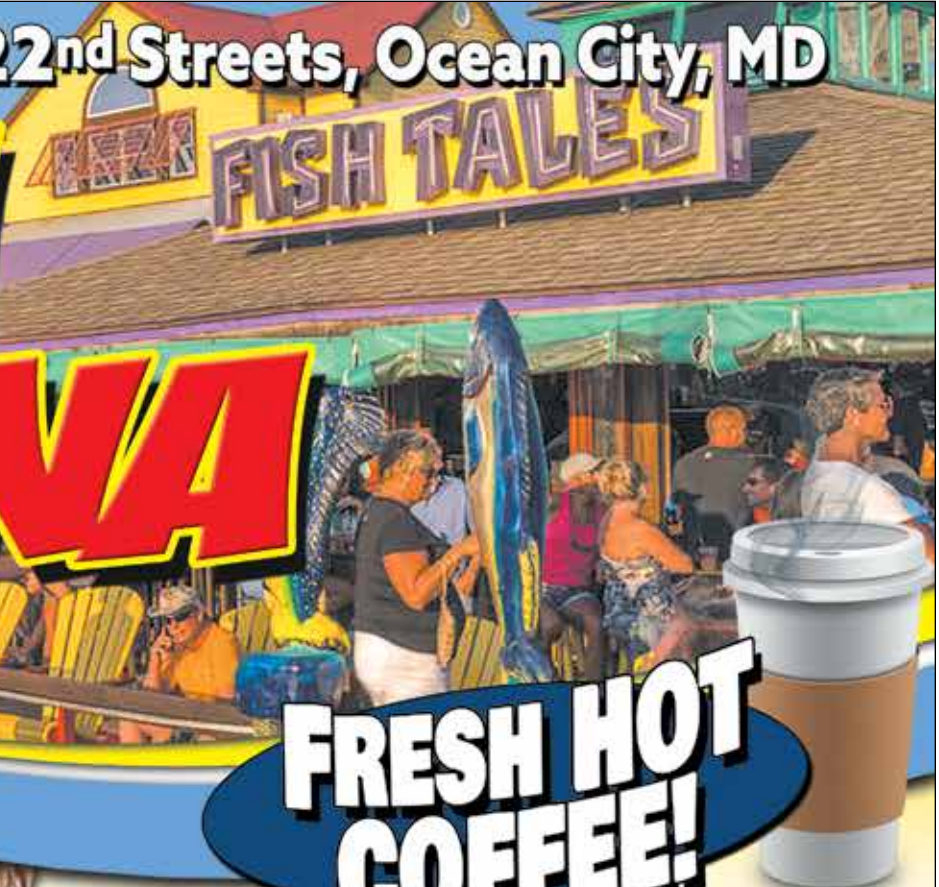


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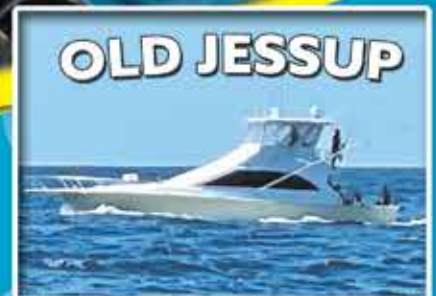
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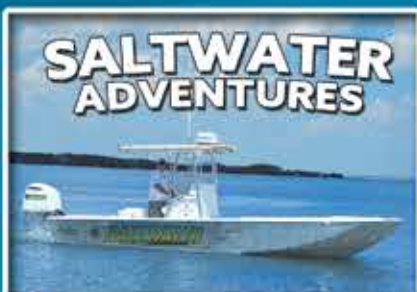
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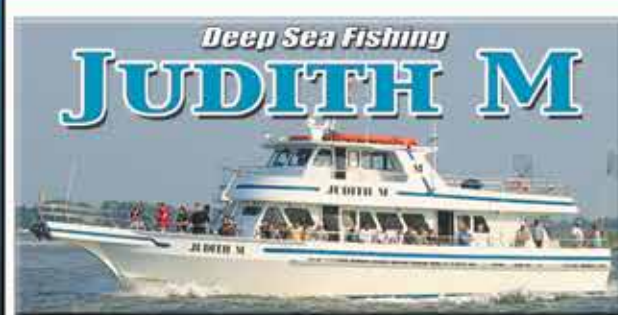


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Snarky Lines

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Fame and Fortune

Starting in 1981 and for the next 34-years I was a part of a team that ran the Annual Ocean City Shark tournament. It started out as a small club tournament where anglers competed for trophies and a little bit of fishing tackle and eventually grew to where we'd typically have about 80-some teams vying for almost as much money as the White House now hands out to the average illegal alien minus the smartphones, driver's licenses, and voter cards. And even though our tournament was peanuts compared to today's standards, over the years we signed up enough competitors to learn a thing or two about what drives so many anglers to plunk down a sizable chunk of hard earned cash on a bet that they were going to land the biggest fish of the show.

Tournament fishing is

all about sharing good times with family and friends, fun competition against other teams, the challenge of putting skills, experience, and resources together to execute a winning strategy, and just having a good-old time on the water. Yeah, yeah, yeah, all those are legitimate reasons why so many folks enjoy fishing in tournaments, but at least for some, all that feel-good nice stuff takes a back seat to their own quest for "fame" and "fortune"! Money for the "pocket" and fame for the "ego," take those two components out of most fishing tournaments and instead of weighing fish and managing crowds the event directors will likely be left trying to figure out what to do with all the blank registration forms and unsold t-shirts!

We all know that when money is involved people can get a little goofy and in one tournament I learned

how goofy that can be. It was the last day of the event and we were part way through the weigh-ins when a small boat pulled up to the scales with a big mako and blue shark aboard. When I saw the two sharks I asked the crew if they had caught both of the sharks themselves or if there was another boat involved in the catch. "No," they said, "We caught both of these today and want to weigh them for the tournament." At which I reminded them that state and federal regulations allow anglers to keep no more than one shark per boat per day, so they were in violation of the law and suggested that they just spin their boat around and leave with their catch before the crowd sees what they have and someone blows the whistle on them. They followed my advice and quietly motored out of the marina.

I thought the matter was

over for us until I got a call from one of them an hour or so later. He was at a different weigh station and wanted to know the weight of the heaviest mako in the tournament so far. When I told him he said that they just weighed their mako and it was heavier than that. Then he asked, "What's the fine for going over the daily limit on sharks"? I'm no mind reader but I immediately realized he was thinking. "If we can win more money with this fish than the fine that will be imposed on us for exceeding the limit, then it would be worth weighing the shark and paying the fine". Instead of saying what I really wanted to say to the guy, I just told him that our tournament rules stated that anglers were required to follow all state and federal fishing regulations and left it at that.

Years earlier a team threatened us with a lawsuit for not paying them prize money for winning one of the divisions. It was back when all we gave out for prizes were trophies

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and tackle. The team in question was from Ohio and gladly accepted their trophy on stage at the awards banquet, shook hands, smiled for the cameras, waved to the crowd and all that. Three days later I got a call from someone claiming to be a lawyer who was also a member of their fishing team and saying that they were very dejected by the fact that they didn't get any prize money. To which I reminded him that it was not a money tournament, we had never given out money, and nowhere in any of our advertising did it say anything about money. I also asked him why they didn't say anything about this matter at the awards banquet. He then told me, "We were all in a state of shock at the time and didn't know what to say". So I asked

him how much money he figured they should get. "Pay us one thousand dollars or I'll file papers to bring you to court". After calling him a "scum-sucking lawyer who is just trying to extort money from us", I begged him to do me a favor, "Please PLEASE file the papers, I would love to go to court over this"! He hung up and I never heard from him or his team again.

An angler's desire for a big paycheck is certainly understandable. Money - everyone wants it. But It wasn't until we had a few tournaments under our belts that we also realized that stroking the fisherman's egos was just as important as handing over the bucks. Few anglers are content to catch a big fish and keep it a secret (unless maybe

you're one shark over the limit). Most fishermen crave recognition of their catch. And for many, the thrill of standing before a cheering crowd with cameras clicking and someone announcing your name over a PA system is like winning the Super Bowl.

At our tournament I was the guy with the microphone and definitely caught grief more than once for not giving credit where someone thought credit was due. The first time was by a fellow who was absolutely livid as he complained to me after our award presentation. According to him I gave too much recognition to the angler who caught the winning fish and not enough to himself who was a part of the crew and helped rig the baits

and run the boat. The sad thing about his complaint was that the angler was his very own 12-years old son.

You would think I learned a lesson from that but a few years later a different "dad" chewed me out. That year the plaques we gave out had a glass plate that you could slip a photo behind. We just happened to have a photo of his son with his shark at the weigh-ins so we thought it would be a nice touch to put it on the plaque before presenting it to the team. But dad didn't think so and gave me almost the exact same "team effort" ripping I'd heard for the other guy a few years before. I'm guessing they must have both graduated with honors from the same Egotistical Dad School. §

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Memories are made by the time spent with family. Tyler Neron from Mauston, WI celebrated his 20th birthday aboard the "Miss Ocean City" with his sister Sophia and his grandmother. While the flounder he caught was not a keeper, he will remember his Ocean City Vacation.

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Some fat flounder are coming out of the Thorofare lately. Richard Chapman was there with Capt. Bill Walls of "Rise and Shine" charters and caught this 20 incher using live minnows.



Paul Powalski had a great day at Masseys Landing. He brought the big flounder that he caught there to Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE where is measured 23" and tipped the scale at 5.6 lbs..

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. AUGUST 14	High 03:13 am High 04:18 pm	Low 09:04 am Low 10:34 pm
THUR. AUGUST 15	High 04:12 am High 05:17 pm	Low 10:02 am Low 11:34 pm
FRI. AUGUST 16	High 05:10 am High 06:12 pm	Low 11:03 am Low -----
SAT. AUGUST 17	High 06:05 am High 07:03 pm	Low 12:27 am Low 12:03 pm
SUN. AUGUST 18	High 07:00 am High 07:53 pm	Low 01:14 am Low 01:00 pm
MON. AUGUST 19 Full Moon	High 07:55 am High 08:41 pm	Low 01:59 am Low 01:54 pm
TUE. AUGUST 20	High 08:50 am High 09:28 pm	Low 02:42 am Low 02:46 pm
WED. AUGUST 21	High 09:44 am High 10:14 pm	Low 03:25 am Low 03:39 pm

source: usharbors.com

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
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Noah Richard of Salisbury, MD is all smiles after catching and releasing his first white marlin. He was fishing in the Washington Canyon on the "Times Like These" where he connected with the estimated 65 lb. marlin on a white Ilander with a ballyhoo.

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Fishing around the lobster trap buoys offshore for mahi is popular this time of year. Young Parker and Grady Fallon fished a few of them with their dad Josh and ended up with 12 in the cooler. It was the first time catching dolphin for both of them.



We suppose when you fish on a boat called "I am Batman", you are going to make things happen. Mike Meehan from Philadelphia, PA did just that with boat owner Wayne Beswick. The pair were in the OC bay around 17th St. when this 18" flounder hit on his pink Gulp on a top & bottom rig.

2024 DELAWARE REGULATIONS

STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p>BLACK SEA BASS 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - September 30 October 10 - December 31</p>	 <p>BLUEFISH No minimum size 3 per day / 5 per day Charter</p>	 <p>BLACK DRUM 16" minimum 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>COBIA 37" Minimum • 1 per person or vessel</p>
 <p>CROAKER 8" Minimum • No Limit</p>	 <p>RED DRUM 20-27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p>SHEEPSHEAD No limit</p>	 <p>SPECKLED TROUT 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
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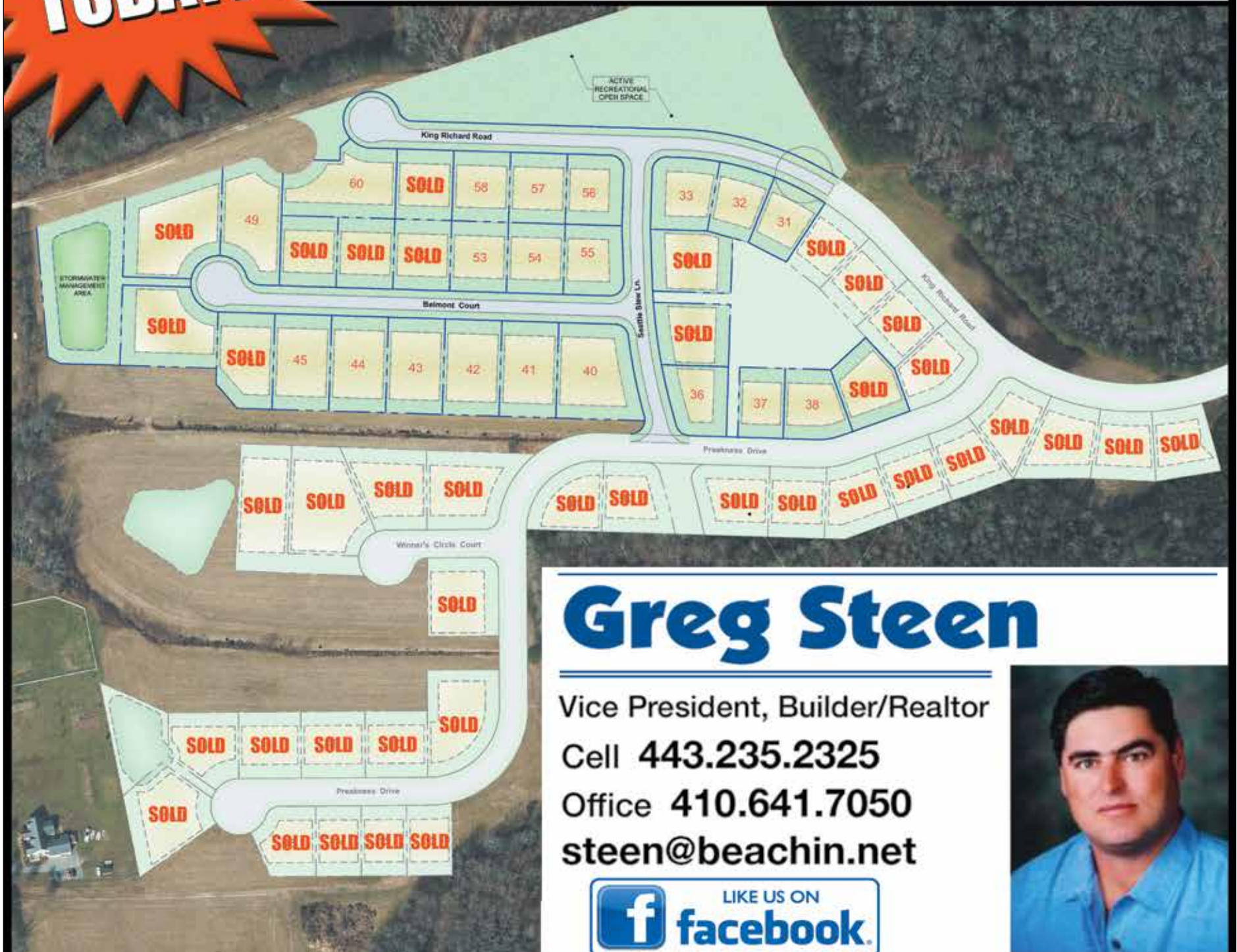
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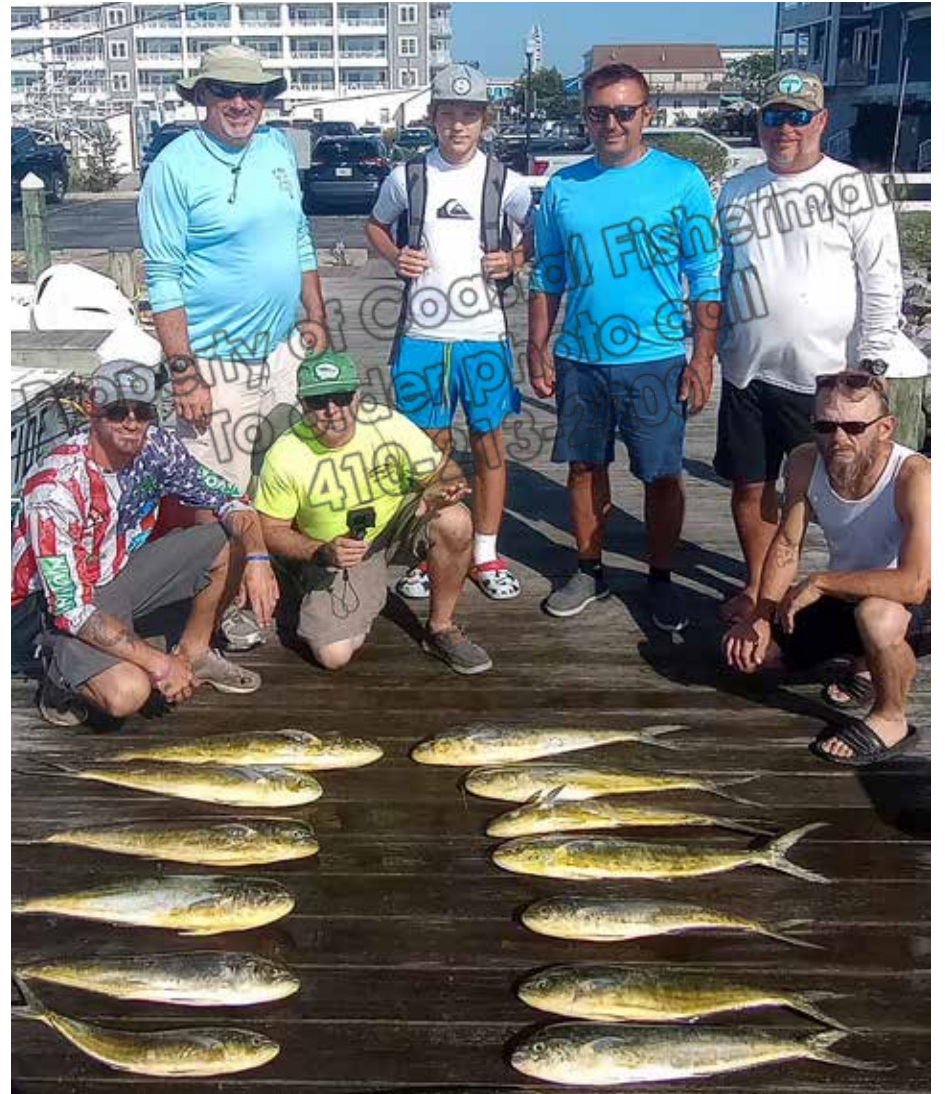
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Species	2024	2023	Species	2024	2023
 Bluefish	April 19 Aiden Sparano Assateague	April 19 Dave Moore Assateague	 Weakfish	May 2 Jim Hitchens Delaware Bay	
 Black Drum	March 31 Chris Taylor Assateague	April 3 Jeremy Zinn 145th Street, OC	 Bigeye Tuna	May 31 Tyler Lanza "Canyon Crew" S. of Poor Mans Canyon	May 5 Jeff Rosenkilde "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon
 Cobia	June 1 Chuck Guerra OC Beach	July 4 Gabiella Kendus Faithful Steward	 Bluefin Tuna	May 31 Andrew Link "Marli" Poor Mans Canyon	May 29 The Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon
 Summer Flounder	April 8 Paul Musser Jr. Thorofare	March 27 Dakota Bittner Thorofare	 Longfin Tuna	June 18 Mark Steiner "Don't Ask" Baltimore Canyon	
 Sea Bass	May 17 Bob Houser Ocean Structure	May 15 Mike DePalma Sr. Great Eastern Reef	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 18 Chris Mentlik "Full Service" Washington Canyon	May 6 Chris Kroh "Kilroy" Poor Mans Canyon
 Sheepshead	May 7 Joe McNeal Ocean Structure	May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty	 Dolphin	May 28 Finbar Rishko Baltimore Canyon	May 6 Brad Hubbard "Talkin' Trash" Poor Mans Canyon
 Striped Bass	January 3 Brian Reynolds Rt. 90 Bridge	April 15 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	 Swordfish	June 1 Bobby West "Relentless" Poor Mans Canyon	June 16 Crew "Wrecker" Poor Mans Canyon
 Tautog	January 8 Anthony Emerick Ocean Structure	January 31 Josh Schwemiein Ocean Structure	 Blue Marlin	June 12 Tom Healy "Elizabeth Ann" Poor Mans Canyon	June 1 Steve Sylvester "Talkin' Trash" Norfolk Canyon
 Wahoo	June 17 Greg Stansky Poor Mans Canyon	June 9 Josh Short Poor Mans Canyon	 White Marlin	June 1 Jake Emche "Fish On" E. of Baltimore Canyon	June 2 Joe Huk "RESTLESS LADY II" Baltimore Canyon

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Young Benjy Burgess finished his vacation releasing his first white marlin on the "My Girl" with Capt. Billy Heim. The marlin came off the teaser and ate a ballyhoo in 500 fathoms of the Baltimore Canyon.



Delaware locals Andrew and David Lewandowski, Craig Cameron, Greg Swift and Matt Cates teamed up with Marylanders Todd Hudson and Ryan Putney to fish the canyons for some mahi. They headed out on the "Back N' Black" with Capt. Derek and put 14 dolphin in the box.

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Grilled Seafood Paella

Ingredients:

- 5 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 teaspoon saffron threads
- 1 pound littleneck clams, scrubbed
- 1 pound mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails in tact
- 1 pound scallops
- 3 lobster tails (4 oz. each), split in half
- 2 lemons, quartered
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped Spanish onion

- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cup sliced chorizo
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 1/2 cups medium grain rice
- 1 1/2 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Equipment

- 1 paella pan

Directions:

In a medium stock pot, bring the chicken stock to a boil over a medium flame. Add the saffron and boil for 1-2 minutes.

Add the clams to the pot and cook until the shells have opened, approximately 4-5 minutes. Transfer the clams to a platter using a slotted spoon. Add the mussels to the pot and cook until the shells have



opened, approximately 3-4 minutes. Transfer to the platter with the clams. Cover and set aside.

In a medium bowl, toss the shrimp, scallops, lobster tail and lemon with the paprika and salt. Set aside.

Place the paella pan or large skillet over high heat on the grill. Add the olive oil to the pan and heat for 1 minute. Add the onions to the pan and cook until softened, stirring occasionally. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Add the chorizo and cook for 2-3 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste and continue to cook until well combined and dark red in color. Stir in the rice and allow to cook for an additional 1-2 minutes.

Using a 1 cup ladle, add 2 cups of the reserved broth to the rice and stir to combine. Allow the rice to absorb the stock, approximately 2-3 minutes, before adding more 1 cup at a time until all the stock is used.

While the rice cooks, place the shrimp, scallops, lobster and lemons directly on the grill rack. Grill the shellfish for 1-2 minutes on each side or until cooked through and opaque in color. Grill the lemons until

charred on all sides. Transfer to the platter with the clams and mussels and set aside.

Stir the peas into the rice mixture. Top with the shellfish and lemons. Allow the paella to cook over medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes longer so a crust forms on the bottom of the pan.

Remove the paella to a heat proof trivet and serve family style at the table. Sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley before serving. Serve immediately.

Grilled Blackened Mahi Mahi

Ingredients:

- 4 mahi fillets or steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons smoked paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Directions:

Preheat the grill to 400-450°F. Use a paper towel to pat the fillets to remove any excess moisture. Then brush them with olive oil on all sides.



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In a small bowl, combine the smoked paprika, onion powder, salt, pepper, sugar, garlic powder, dried thyme, dried or oregano, and cayenne pepper. Mix well. Sprinkle the blackened seasoning over the fillets on all sides. Gently rub to make sure the blackened seasoning sticks to the oil.

Once the grill is hot, place the steaks on the hot grates and grill for 4-5 minutes, until the fish releases easily from the grates. If it's sticking, it's most likely not quite ready to flip.

Flip the fish and continue to grill for another 3-4 minutes, for a total of 7-9 minutes cook time. Allow the fillets to rest for 2-3 minutes before serving.

Cajun Beer Basted Red Drum on the Grill

Ingredients:

3 lbs redfish fillets, skin on but scaled (red drum)

1 tablespoon garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, fresh-ground

4 tablespoons butter, unsalted

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons cajun seasoning

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons onions, minced

2 tablespoons green peppers, minced

2 tablespoons parsley, minced

12 ounces beer

Directions:

Build a medium fire in grill.

Rinse fillets and pat dry. Sprinkle cut sides with garlic & pepper, pressing them gently onto fillets.

In small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat & add 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce and cajun seasoning, garlic, onion, green pepper, parsley.

Stir and sauté until onion translucent & sauce darkened &



slightly thickened. Do not burn garlic - it will become bitter & spoil baste.

Add bottle of beer, 2nd tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce & simmer 15 minutes on medium-high heat.

Lay fillets onto oiled grill grates or place on oiled aluminum foil over grill grates (I prefer this so I can sop the fillets without flareups & ash). Cook 20 minutes (or 1 cold beer) over low-medium heat, raising lid only to baste generously. Done when thickest area of fillet flakes easily. Enjoy!

10-Minute Baked Bluefish with Crunchy Crumbs

Ingredients:

Bluefish:

1 1/2 pounds bluefish fillets

1 tablespoon mayo

1 tablespoon mustard

Breadcrumbs:

Olive oil

2 garlic cloves minced



1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves optional

1/3 cup fresh breadcrumbs

Directions:

Preheat the boiler.

Rinse the bluefish and pat dry with a paper towel. Arrange in a large cast iron skillet, sheet pan, or alternatively, on a roasting pan.

In a small mixing bowl, combine the mayonnaise and mustard. Slather the fish with the mustard mixture until it's coated with a thin layer.

Transfer to the oven and bake under the broiler for 4 to 5 minutes, or until the mustard mixture has begun to brown in spots and the fish is cooked through.

While the bluefish bakes, in a small skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil. Sauté the breadcrumbs, garlic and thyme leaves (if using) over medium-high heat until crispy and very fragrant, about 2 minutes.

Right before you're ready to serve, top the baked bluefish with the toasted garlicky breadcrumbs.

Baltimore Crab Cake Sandwich with Ritz Crackers

Ingredients:

Tartar Sauce:

1 cup mayonnaise

2 Tbsp sweet pickle relish

2 Tbsp shallots finely chopped

1 tsp dijon mustard

Juice from 1 lemon, about 2-3 Tbsp

3/4 tsp kosher salt

1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Crab Cakes:

1 large egg

3 Tbsp mayonnaise

2 Tbsp chopped parsley

2 Tbsp chopped dill or tarragon

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- 2 tsp dijon mustard
- 2 tsp Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tsp Worcestershire
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 ½ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb jumbo lump crab meat picked through for cartilage and shells
- 20 Ritz crackers ground into fine crumbs, or 2/3 cup breadcrumbs

For serving:

- Tomatoes thinly sliced
- Lettuce
- 7 Brioche buns
- Homemade tartar sauce
- Flaky sea salt

Directions:

Make the tartar sauce. Combine 1 cup mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp sweet pickle relish, 2 Tbsp shallots, 1 tsp dijon, 2-3 Tbsp lemon



juice, ¾ tsp kosher salt, and ¼ tsp black pepper in a large bowl, then whisk to combine. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Mix wet ingredients and spices. Combine 1 egg, 3 T mayonnaise, 2 tsp Old Bay, 2 tsp dijon, 1 tsp worcestershire, 2 T parsley, 2 T dill, 1 ½ tsp salt, and ¼ tsp

pepper in a large mixing bowl, then whisk well.

Form the crab cake mixture. Add 1 lb. crab meat and 2/3 cup Ritz cracker crumbs, then mix gently until just combined.

Portion the crab cakes. Use a large cookie scoop to portion mixture into equal size crab cakes. 1 lb of crab meat will yield 7 crab cakes. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet, then refrigerate for 30 minutes (or up to 1 day).

Cook the crab cakes. When ready, gently form the crab cakes into uniform size and shape, pressing down slightly and smoothing the edges to form a flat, round circle. Heat 2 Tbsp unsalted butter over medium heat in a large skillet. Cook crab cakes for 2-3 minutes per side, or until golden brown and crispy.

Serve immediately. Crab cakes are best served hot from the skillet. Enjoy over a salad or, as shown here, on brioche buns with tartar sauce, sliced tomatoes and avocado. Don't forget a pinch of flaky sea salt, always!

Black & Blue Marlin with Caramelized Onions

Ingredients:

- 1 - 8-12oz Marlin Steak per

person

Creole seasoning

Extra Virgin Olive Oil

1 tablespoon butter - for onions

Blue Cheese

1 small white onion - sliced

Directions:

Coat Marlin steaks with extra virgin olive oil

Season Marlin steaks with creole seasoning and set aside

Caramelized Onions:

Coat the bottom of a pan with olive oil, and add butter.

Heat the pan on medium high heat until the oil / butter mixture is shimmering.

Add the onion slices and stir to coat the onions with the oil. Spread the onions out evenly over the pan and let cook, stirring occasionally. After 10 minutes, sprinkle some salt over the onions.

Let cook for 20-30 minutes, stirring every few minutes (if you stir them too often, they won't brown). Add more oil if it seems like onions are burning.

Continue to cook and stir, until



the onions are a rich, browned color. At the end of the cooking process you can add a splash of wine to help deglaze the pan and bring more flavor to the onions.

While onions are cooking, start the grill and heat to about 350°.

Grill steaks 3-4 minutes per side (cook times will vary based on size of steaks and desired doneness)

Put caramelized onions and blue cheese crumbles over steaks and serve. §



Landon Sunseri of Hastings, PA had fun fishing off the sands at 124 St. in Ocean City. He caught and released this angel shark in the late afternoon.



8 year old Owen Sellers caught this 5.5 lb. flounder fishing in the Indian River Inlet near Coast Guard station using Gulp bait. Cheering him on were his brother Karson Sellers and cousins Kendal and Jaycee Shafranich. Pictured at Hook'em and Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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This knothead was thick! Monty Neel from Walkersville, MD has set the latest Heaviest Fish Record for sea bass with this 5.24 lb. and 22.25" fish he caught at the African Queen using squid.



The "Tiki Toons" with Capt. Tom Perry was busy again in the bays of Ocean City. This time he was out with Lenny and Lilly Simmons and Lilly caught her first keeper flounder, an 18 inch.

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	MD	DE **	VA		MD	DE **	VA
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	-	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*	80"	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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Work and weather have kept Luke Wrye from doing a lot of flounder fishing this season. He did get out last week and found chilly 59° water in the East Channel. He still managed to land 3 keeper flounder on the incoming tide as well as releasing one short.



Short was the word for the day for anglers Dave and Chase Neumayer. They caught several undersized flounder and stripers including this one at 19". Dave caught it using a Roy Rig at the Rt.50 Bridge.



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by Steve Katz



Shine Bright, Navigate Right: USCG Boat Lights

Congratulations to all the White Marlin Open owners, captains, crew, anglers and support staff! Weather strategy was a challenge this year but didn't seem to dampen the great catches.

With the recent near shore fog AKA "restricted visibility," your boat navigation lights are even more critical than a typical night.

LED's or (light emitting diodes) light sources have become commonplace. This type of energy efficient lighting certainly has found its place on most every modern boat. On a boat, the most crucial lighting is the "worldwide" standardized navigational lights. An LED upgrade of the navigation lighting must be carefully reviewed - not just any bulb or fixture can or should be used. Many boaters attempt to swap in LED bulbs just because they fit into the existing navigation fixture and figure they are good to head out at night - but unfortunately, they have now modified a navigation light that may not meet specifications.

Navigation lights on Recreational vessels and uninspected commercial vessels must meet American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) standard A-16, in accordance with specifications within 33 CFR183.810 and 46 CFR 25.10-3, respectively. Commercial inspected vessels must be outfitted with navigation lights that meet or exceed Underwriters Laboratories standard UL 1104, as stated in the specifications of 46 CFR 111.75-17.

Replacing the incandescent navigation light bulb with a run-of-the-mill LED may change the color output (chromaticity) and or the Photometric (luminous intensity) output of the previously approved Navigation light. For this reason alone, it is not recommended for boaters to install unapproved LED bulbs into an approved navigation light fixture, they are rendering it non-compliant with USCG requirements.

The best approach is to replace the entire fixture with a new LED style fixture that meets the requirements set forward by the USCG and other governing bodies. These lights are

evaluated to be sure the fixture meets the requirements and then marked appropriately. There is one company I am familiar with, Dr. LED, which has gone through the rigorous USCG testing procedure to certify which of their replacement LED bulbs are certified to work as a replacement in specific existing incandescent fixtures and will still meet the USCG and other standards. The USCG indicates that the use of lights that do not provide the proper chromaticity, luminous intensity, or cut-off angles could result in the issuance of a notice of violation.

What certifications should my lights have?

All U.S. registered vessels are subject to either the '72 COLREGS or the U.S. inland rules. Effective 11/1/03, navigation lights must meet one of 3 types of certifications depending on the size of the vessel and the date it was manufactured.

Large boats over 20 meters or 65.6 FT - The U.S. Coast Guard is accepting lights that have passed the UL tests (ABYC. A-1104) as meeting the '72

COLREGS and the U.S. Inland Rules for vessels over 20 meters or 65.6 ft.

For boats under 20 meter or 65.6 feet - the U.S. requirements for these vessels differ depending on when the boat was built:

For boats built after 11/1/03 - The only recognized means of certification of lights fixtures for these boats is the USCG approval system. This system uses independent, 3rd party approved laboratory to conduct the tests required for the A-16 certification of a light fixture. On all USCG approved lights, the permanent marking USCG 1nm, USCG 2nm or USCG 3nm must be visible on the fixture when the light is installed.

For boats built before 11/1/03 - Lights for these boats must be manufactured in accordance with ABYC Standard A-16. USCG approved lights, as described above, are also approved for applications on boats built after 11/1/03. All light fixtures certified under this procedure are required to permanently carry the mark "A-16" visibly displayed when the light is installed.

If you thought the USCG was tough on recreational boaters, they are just as tough on navigation light manufacturers, they require all navigation light manufacturers to print the following information the

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	1	2	112.5
	2	2	135

fixture or the retail package: USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810, MEETS ABYC A-16 or equivalent, TESTED BY (an approved laboratory), Name of the light manufacturer, Number of Model, Visibility of the light in nautical miles,

Date on which the light was type-tested, Identification and specification of the bulb used in the compliance test.

Visibility ratings:

Vessels of less than 12 meters in length:

- masthead light, 2 miles
- sidelight, 1 mile
- sternlight, 2 miles

Vessels of 12 meters or more in length but less than 50 meters:

- a masthead light, 5 miles; except that where the length of the vessel is less than 20 meters, 3 miles
- sidelight, 2 miles
- sternlight, 2 miles

Navigation light fails- The following items are often causes for the issuance of citations by U.S. Coast Guard field inspectors:

An All-Around Light on a power-driven vessel less than 12m (39.4 ft) in length- when choosing the option to replace the masthead and stern lights with a single all round light, the most frequent problem is that they are mounted on a staff that is too short. Make sure the all-round light is at least 3.3 feet (1 meter) above the sidelights and is high enough to be visible from ahead in spite of the rise of the bow when underway. It should

not be obscured by equipment, such as radar or canvas tops - even if this means having to mount it on something longer than 1 meter.

Sidelights that are mounted on the hull below the gunwale do not meet the International Rules requirement, which requires that they be mounted above the "uppermost continuous deck." Inland Rules allow for sidelights mounted on the hull below the gunwale, but they must be visible from dead ahead with the beams not crossed (mounted too far forward) or separated (mounted too far aft). These lights must also be mounted so they are "vertical."

Before each trip, take the time to review the condition and operation of your navigation lights and be sure they meet the standards for your size and type of boat.

The USCG website, www.navcen.uscg.gov can be a helpful resource. §

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There was a lot of girl power on the Rehoboth Bay last week! Jen Goodman from Lancaster, PA hooked this 18¾" keeper flounder in the Bay at the end of an incoming tide. It ate the top hook on an Aqua Clear top & bottom rig tipped with a minnow. She had to better her mom Robin Goodman catch who had boated a 17.5" flounder the day before!

Chase Neumayer reeled in a pretty 22" striper using a live spot from the tip of the south Ocean City Jetty. Quick pic and back in the drink it went!

2024 FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

3-200 Miles

 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 12 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)
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<h3>SHARKS</h3> <h2>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</h2>	<p>No Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead</p> <p>54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p>78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead</p>	<p>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.</p>	<h3>PROHIBITED SHARKS</h3> <p>Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Oceanic Whitetip, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Shortfin Mako, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p> <p>Resources: eregulations.com & NOAA.gov</p>
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Dean picked the right t-shirt to wear this week on his trip on the "Tortuga" bay boat. Not sure if the shirt helped, but he caught 2 keeper flounder in a row! Pictured at Bahia Marina and Fish Tales.



Catching a striper is a treat, but missing the slot by an inch is painful. Capt. Richard Harpel of Lewes, DE was fishing the north Jetty at the Indian River Inlet when he caught this just over the limit 32" rockfish using live spot on a 3 foot and 30 lb. leader

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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The waters of Delaware had everyone watching the weather channel to see which way hurricane Debby would go and if we would get a direct hit. Lucky for us she went inshore and died out.

The midweek still had tons of winds and even a few storms. Many anglers sat at the dock mid week waiting for the winds and seas to lay down.

Flounder fishing continues to improve despite the still colder than normal water.

Sea bass are still around but getting harder to find. The surf fishing is still producing a few big reds and rockfish, however, most catches are spot and kingfish.

Nearshore Coral & Wrecks

Many boats stayed at the docks

with wind and storm threats. For those that ventured out of the marinas, big flounder were found on the wrecks and coral spots. We saw a huge flounder come to the scales of Hook' Em and Cook' Em Tackle. Mr. Michael Harden walked up to the cleaning table with a true doormat. The big fish measured a massive 32 inches with a girth of 27 inches and weighed a whopping 13.2 pounds. This is the biggest flounder I have seen brought in this year. Capturing a fluke over ten pounds is a feat not accomplished by many anglers, but catching one at 13 pounds is virtually unheard of in our waters. Great job Michael, truly a catch of a lifetime!

This week in Delaware is the Flounder Pounder Open and I'm sure all anglers will

be looking for this fish's big brother. For those wondering, the state record for flounder is 17.5 lbs. held by William Kendall.

Jun Steve fished the Old Grounds and landed a limit of big flatties along with a couple of keeper sea bass. Dominick Davis fished near B Buoy and caught 2 flounder up to 22 inches.

"Wreck Dog Sportfishing" caught 16 quality fluke while fishing ocean structure near the coral grounds.

Brian Boyt reports the shore line was crowded, so he kicked out 2 miles and found a big overslot rockfish. Brian even had a big shark taking a run at the bait before the rock hit.

"Flip N Fins" was making up for a slow week and fished the inlet and was rewarded with a gem of an over slot rockfish. The fish was returned to swim away unharmed. Jaden Rutt got in on the action of the north jetty catching a nice trout along with a big red drum.

David Sarno reported a good day at Site 11 while fishing the "Captain Bob" out of Indian River.

Back Bays & Inlets

The back bays have been producing some big flounder lately. The main area for fish has been in front of the coast guard station as well as Massey's Ditch.

Kyle Siler stated that the ditch was on fire last week. He caught over 30 flounder with a 3 man limit. The biggest fish was 22 inches. Later in the week he returned to the ditch and pulled around 15 shorts and a bunch of keepers.

Paul Powalski caught a 23 inch 5.6 pound fluke at Masseys. The fish was checked in at Rick's Bait and Tackle.

Dave Cheek fished the inlet near the Coast Guard Station and came home with 3 big flatties.

Max Sontag fished live bait from the rocks at the inlet to bring in his two keepers. The fish measured 18 and 20 inches. The fish were checked into Hook 'Em and Cook 'Em Tackle on Indian River.

8 year old Owen Sellers checked into Hook'Em and Cook'Em Tackle with a 5.5 pound flounder caught near the Coast Guard Station. Cheering him on was his brother Karson and cousins Kendal and Jaycee Shafranich. Way to go Owen, great catch!

The Lewes Canal has also been giving up some nice fish. Kevin McNelis caught a nice 21 5/8 inch flounder.

John Cessna reports a steady 7-1 ratio of keepers in the Lewes Canal and reports his logs indicate over 100 flounder caught this year. The water temperature in the canal was 74 degrees.

John Spence also fished near Roosevelt Inlet and caught 18 fish along with 2 keepers. John also reports catching 12.5 inch trout along the grass at the canal that hit like a freight train. He said over 160 flounder have been caught so far this year. John always seems to find the fish and make our report. I guess his years of experience has taught him a thing or two.

Robert O'Neal caught a tog as well as a couple sea bass while fishing with Captain Roberto.

Mike Hammer hit the Old Grounds, and with water temps between 67-68 degrees, fishing was tough. They had plenty of bites from small fish but couldn't catch any sea bass. The crew did manage a few keeper flounder though.

Paul Garner fished the DE Bay, and despite a tough bite, he caught a few undersized tog. Bruce Carton fished with Jim Osborne and Sporto Gray near the wall and landed a big sheepshead.

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Surf Fishing

Surf fishing was slow with croaker, spot and kingfish making up the average catch.

A few reds and flounder have been caught including Jim Zmiyarch of New York who was fishing South Bethany when he hooked and caught a 27.5 inch, 7 pound flounder. Nick Perrone caught and released an Atlantic angel shark from 3Rs Beach. Jim Scherden had a great day at 3Rs catching 2 big skates and a stingray. Andrew Clayton released a nice ray at Herring Point Beach.

Clams & Crabs

Crabbing remains about the same as previous weeks with averages of 8-13 keepers per pot. The big change this year is the size of the crabs. Our last pot pull produced 54 crabs for a 4 pot string with over 30 being over 6.5 inches and even some over 7 inches.

Clamming is doing well with tons of soup size larger clams close to the sands surface. Smaller clams are hard to find with many areas having been picked over. Finding out of the way areas is the key to these casino size clams.

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This year's 51st White Marlin Open saw an unprecedented number of large blue marlin starting with this one from the local boat "Stone Cutter". Capt. Paul Menzi is a 28 consecutive year veteran of the Open and a prior winner in the Tuna Division. On Day 2 of the event, he headed to the Poor Mans Canyon and set a slow troll. Around midday the crew of Rich Couch, Dwayne Hoffman, Brad Martin, Bradley Martin, Joe Wyatt and Lance Blakemore saw a big blue come up and hit on a plug, making a giant hole in the water as it dived down, peeling out line. Lance Blakemore from Horseheads, NY was on the rod and spent 2.5 hours fighting the fish, getting the leader to the boat 8 times. As if that was not accomplishment enough, this was not only Lance's first blue marlin catch, but his first marlin catch ever! The 129" marlin weighed 897.5 lbs. taking over 1st Place where it finished the event capturing \$520,374 in prize money. It was also the 5th heaviest blue marlin in the tournament's history.



The local boat "Billfisher" is no stranger to the scales at the White Marlin Open. Angler Jeremy Duffie won the Open in 2022 on the then brand new "Billfisher" built in Ocean City by his brother Jon. Day 4 of the six day tournament was their day this year. Capt. Jon Duffie had the boat in the Poor Mans Canyon in 70 fathoms when a white hit on the right long. Angler Danny Goff who had already released 3 whites was on station for the right long, but had just stepped inside the cabin, so mate Noah McVicker stepped up and grabbed the rod! Once to the scales at Harbour Island it weighed 76 lbs. and secured 2nd Place for Heaviest White Marlin and the second largest payout of the tournament at \$1,797,119! Rounding out the crew were fellow anglers Jeremy Duffie, Jonathan Duffie, Chris Weyandt, Lance Hightower, Kevin Paul and John Charles along with mate Willem Lambertson. The crew is pictured with family and friends at the Harbour Island Tournament Scales.

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The weather forecast for the 51st Annual White Marlin Open was for rough seas and a potential hurricane passing through! Many smaller boats decided not to enter but that was not the case for the crew of the "Covered Up" on a 38' Henriques. Capt. Keith Puller with mate Tommy Biddison and anglers Andrew Lohr, Dan Ciaola, Dave Chapman, Jim Frazetti and Paul Callahan threw caution to the literal wind and headed out to the Wilmington Canyon on Day 3. They started by trolling for white marlin, but as the bites did not come, they switched to targeting bigeyes. Good thing as angler Andrew Lohr hooked up midday with a 164 lb. eyeball that earned them the Small Boat Tuna and Big Fish Prize. In addition, since no marlin or dolphin qualified for small boat, the crew earned those calcuttas as well for a combined payout of \$202,030!



Team Buckeye on the “Blue Runner” was having an unlucky season until the 51st Annual White Marlin Open. Capt. Mark DeBlasio shared that they had been hit by another boat in the spring in the Outer Banks causing expensive and time consuming repairs. Even on the way to the White Marlin Open a line got stuck on a fuel dock cleat as they left and it rocketed through the hull above the water line causing a stop at the Indian River Marina for repairs! Still, they remained undeterred, perhaps from the Cantera Negra Tequila sponsorship! Day 2 of the event saw that luck turn around for the crew of Dave Dutton, Jamie Greer, Jarrod Keely, Jim Boynton, Lance Gildner and Rob Jones. They were trolling in the Wilmington Canyon and about midday got hit hard on a skirted ballyhoo. Rob Jones grabbed the rod and spent the next hour getting a bigeye to the boat. Once on the scales at Harbour Island it weighed 220.5 lbs. and easily slid into 1st Place for Heaviest Tuna. While several other boats tried to surpass it over the remaining 4 days of the tournament, none could. The big eyeball earned the crew the third largest payout of the tournament at \$1,007,012.

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The private boat "MJ's" is no stranger to big tournament fishing. The 51st White Marlin Open was their 4th event this year and they have placed in all of them! Capt. Mike Yocco shared that the team has focused on bigeye fishing for a few years now with great success. For the WMO, anglers Bob Wilson, J.D. Messier, Joey Massey, Joe Yocco (Mike's father), Will Kayhart, Danny Skrzat and Dante Soriente with mate Kyle Shipp fished the Wilmington Canyon over their 3 days catching 6 eyeballs overall. It was the catch on Wednesday however that put them on the leaderboard. Dante Soriente from Little Egg Harbor, NJ landed a 193½ lb. tuna that put them in a tie with "Warden Pass" for 2nd Place Heaviest Tuna. It held on to that slot and earned the crew \$147,046 in prize money.

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The bigeye were coming to the docks fast and furious during the 51st Annual White Marlin Open! The crew of the "Warden Pass" of Brad Smith, Frank Rao, George Kenedy, Jeff Green, Kevin Braun, Max Sorenson and Steve Conolly brought 3 to the scales last Wednesday. Their heaviest was saved for last and tipped the scales at 195½ lbs. tying the "MJ's" for 2nd Place for Heaviest Tuna and earning a combined prize payout of \$154,047.



The "Moore Bills" changed their strategy for the 51st White Marlin Open. After 25 years of the guys fishing the tournament, this year their wives would take over, at least that was the plan. Barb Maliszewski, Chloe Key, Erika Key, Melissa Diem and Stephanie Moore were joined by Craig Constantino, Denis Diem, Greg Maliszewski and Phil Key. Earlier in the week Erika, Stephanie and Chloe all released white marlins, but it was the bite on Day 4 that put them in the money. They were trolling outside the Poor Mans Canyon, moving east when a blue marlin hit a plug on the left short. Phil Key was on the line and spent the next 6 hours fishing the fish to the boat! It took another 1½ hours to get the beast IN the boat. Once on the scales it weighed 894 lbs., just a few pounds short of 1st place. It slipped into 2nd where it finished the event earning \$410,937.

The "Bobojo" out of Pirates Cove, NC did well during the 51st White Marlin Open. On Day 4, Capt. Patrick Byrd headed out to troll between the Baltimore and Washington Canyons. It was a slow day, however, they got their only bite midday on a lure. Boat owner Hershel Martin spent the next hour bringing a big blue marlin to the boat. At 131" and with a girth of 70" they knew it would be heavy and it was, at 789½ lbs.! Any other year a marlin of that size would be a lock for the top spot, however for 2024 it was one of 3 that weighed over 750 lbs., a tournament first. It slid into 3rd Place where it remained unchallenged earning \$112,705. The boat was also recognized as the 3rd Place Release Boat and the Top Angler award for Hershel. Rounding out the crew were Brian Brady, Charles Rosenthal and Greg Rexroth with mates Catlin Peele and Tyler Sudbrink.

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The unusual Day 6 of the 51st White Marlin Open was relatively quiet with only 62 boats eligible to fish and some challenging weather in the morning. The "American Lady" faced the weather and fished in the Poor Mans Canyon targeting wahoo since the calcutta was open. Angler Ian Horowitz reeled in a nice 70 lb. speedster that locked in a prize of \$68,594! Rounding out the crew were Capt. Brandon Speilman and anglers Dan Mathe, Glenn Walsh, Gus Andujar, Matt Walsh, Mike Schley Jr., Ryan Daubert, Ryan Tucker and Vic Klemkowski with mates Jeff Landis and Patrick Galloway.



There is money in mahi! While the focus of the 51st Annual White Marlin Open is billfish, there is money to be made with dolphin, especially since not many make it to the scales. Angler Patrick Field closed out Day 2 of the tournament with a 32½ lb. mahi he caught while aboard the "Catch 23". It was only 1 of 2 mahi weighed and took the top spot in that category earning \$64,594 in prize money. The crew of Patrick with boat owner Michael Jordan, Cody Moist, Danny Young, Scotty Runyan and Tray McMillian with Capt. Stetson Turney and mates Jimmy David & Anibal Moya also released 6 white marlin and 2 blues.

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VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



A fitting quote would be "Wise men speak because they have something to say: Fools because they have to say something." I'm definitely not wise, and after this weeks conditions I definitely don't have much to say in regards to the fishing opportunities on the lower Eastern Shore. However, time and tide will bring new opportunities for fish and fellowship.

The shallows of the Chesapeake have been the one shining star poking through the blanket of tropical rain clouds. Redfish or "puppy drum" have graced us with head shaking battles that will make you smile even in the wind and rain. Most fish have been coerced over the gunwale with the temptation of a chunk of crab. However, we've been chugging along with popping corks trailed by a light jig head

tipped with Gulp paddletails, swimming mullet, or shrimp. The most productive time seems to be the last of the flood tide, and of course first and last light. In deeper Chesapeake channels large reds have made a showing as anglers chase bait ball busting bruisers with large soft plastics on heavy duty jigheads. Soon enough the red drum spawn will be in full effect, and we'll be targeting trophy sized spottails with cut spot, hardhead and kingfish in the sloughs of the lower Chesapeake. An 8/0 circle hook with heavy leader on a fish finder rig is all that is required for an opportunity of a fish of a lifetime.

While you're on your way to battle a bronze brawler, put out a couple of Clarkspoons behind #1 planers or inline trolling sinkers. Spanish and blues have

been prevalent around the same sloughs and shoals. A grilled mackerel or two will make a catch and release red drum trip a little more tasty and a lot more filling.

While the wind has been a propionate of inhospitable sea conditions, some anglers have retreated to the sheltered waters of the many creeks leading into the Tangier Sound. A top and bottom rig adorned with small beaded spinner hooks and tipped with a small piece of peeler or bloodworm is all that you need to have a superb skinny water supper. Just work your way up the creek stopping to fish in the holes adjacent to nearly every bend for perch pullage that will keep the kids (big and small) happy till the next calm day when we can resume our hunt on the open water. While you are perch jerking, you very well may













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The few anglers that braved the Atlantic blue found modest catches of mahi, tuna and a few billfish. Crazy Larry and crew (my son Sammy as mate) fished the WMO and had several mahi but nothing to hang on the scales.

After being bombarded with a dramatic weather forecast and scenarios, it seemed as though the lower Eastern Shore was to be unfishable for the foreseeable future. However, there is always a leeward bank and a rain jacket to keep you dry. This week my teenage daughter, Belle, actually said she would like to go casting for puppies in the rain. I was so thankful that I had the chance to enjoy the afternoon with my water soaked daughter who signed up to fish with me one more time. All I'm saying is there is always sheltered water, but not always extra time to enjoy the ones we love in this wonderful place we call home! \$

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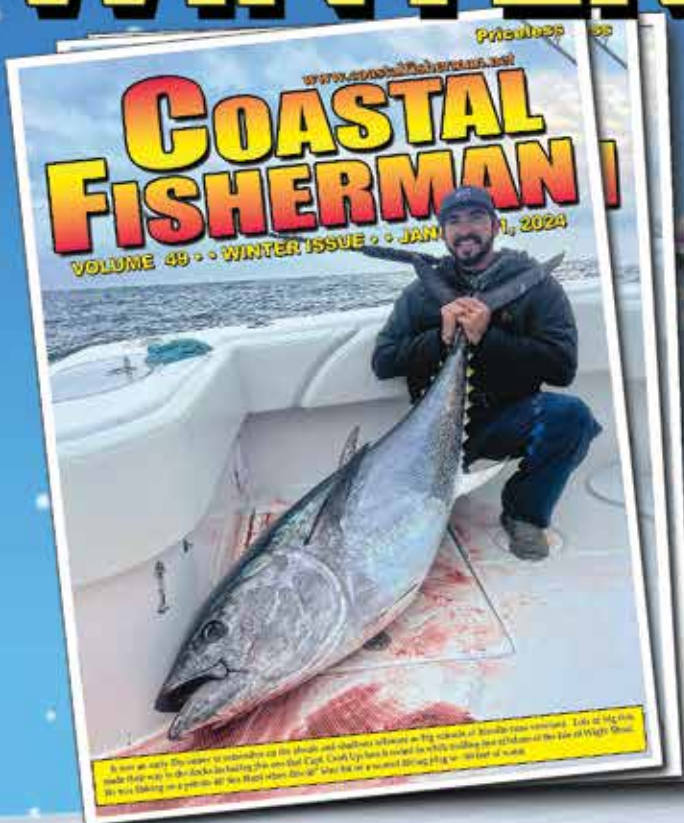
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