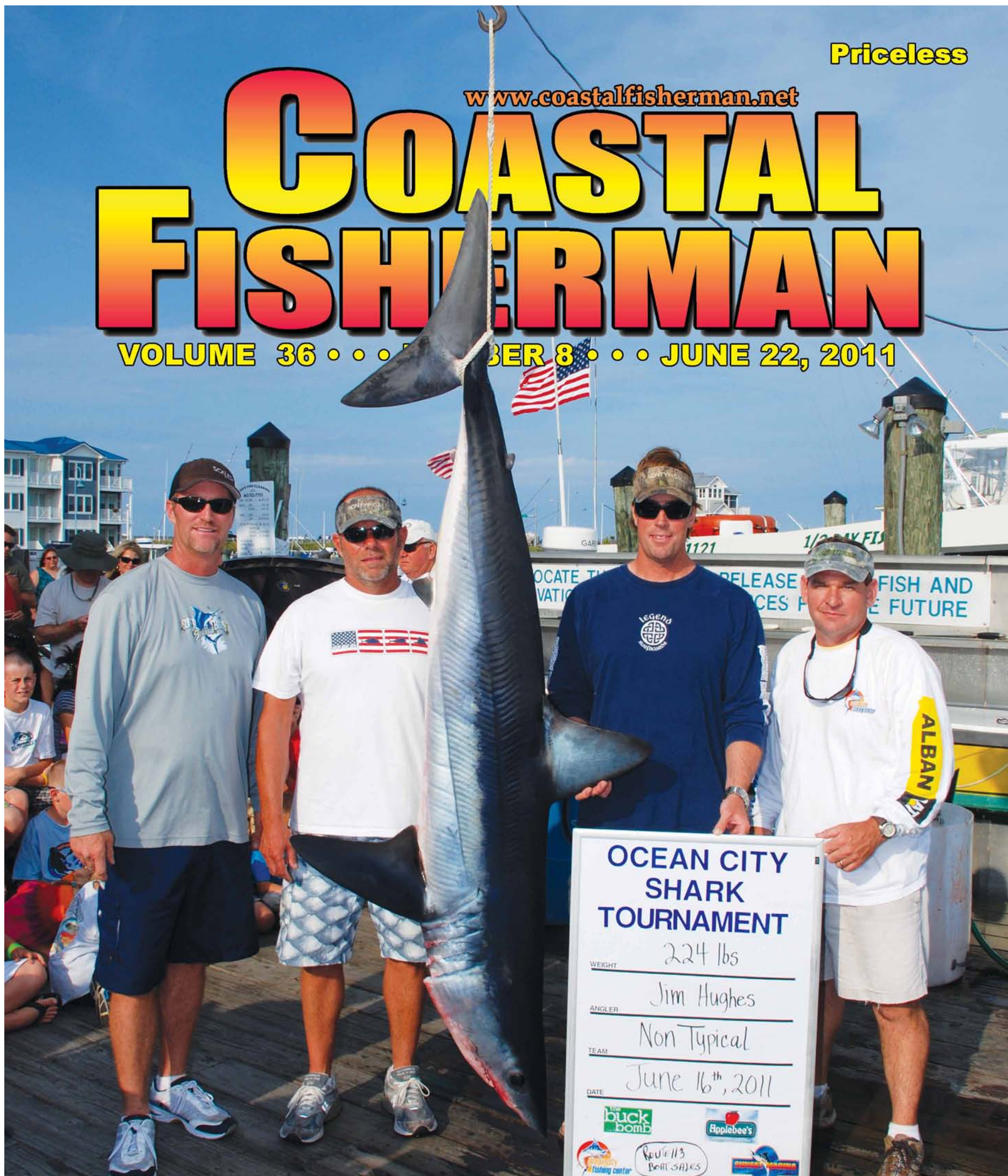


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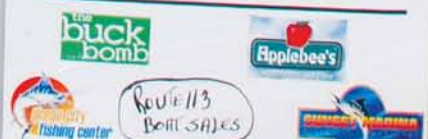
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OCEAN CITY SHARK TOURNAMENT

WEIGHT 224 lbs
ANGLER Jim Hughes
TEAM Non Typical
DATE June 16th, 2011



On the first day of the 31st Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament, the crew on the "Nontypical" arrived at the Ocean City Fishing Center with a 224 lb. mako shark and held on to win the Mako Division in the 3-day tournament. Angler Jim Hughes of Ocean City, MD hooked the winning fish on a tuna fillet in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Jim was fishing with Jimmy Fields, Tim McGuire and Capt. Terry Layton. The team also won 1st place in the Release Division with 38 points and top honors in the Dolphin Division for a 32 pounder caught in the Washington Canyon. Capt. Terry Layton was named "Sharker of the Year" for the crew's combined performance in the Mako Mania and Ocean City Shark Tournaments. Their total tournament winnings over the weekend were \$31,988.

Fish Facts



Shortfin Mako Shark *Isurus Oxyrinchus*

Key Distinguishing Markings:

- Teeth are long and slender with smooth edged cusps, and are visible even when the mouth is closed.
- Distinct countershading - dorsally blue and ventrally white.
- Moderately short pectoral fins.

Size:

- The shortfin mako grows to an average length of 6' - 10' 6" and to a weight of approximately 130 - 880 lbs.

Distribution:

- The shortfin mako inhabits offshore temperate and tropical seas worldwide.

Food Preference:

- Primary prey includes mackerel, tuna, bonito and swordfish, but it may also eat other sharks, porpoises, sea turtles and sea birds.
- Shortfin makos consume 3% of its weight each day and takes about 1.5 - 2 days to digest an average-sized meal.

Spawning:

- The shortfin mako gives birth to live young. Developing embryos feed on unfertilized eggs in uterus during the 15 - 18 month gestation period. The surviving young are born live in late winter and early spring at a length of about 28".

Fun Facts:

- Of all recorded attempts to keep pelagic shark species in captivity, the shortfin mako has fared the poorest; the current record is held by a specimen that, in 2001, was kept at the New Jersey Aquarium for only five days.
- Makos swim below their prey, so they can see what is above and have a high probability of reaching prey before it notices.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shortfin_mako_shark



Steve Jacono and Cody Charles from Middletown, DE, Tim Brzuszkiewicz from Verona, NY, Bill Barker from Canastota, NY and Brian and Colleen Sayer from Clayton, DE had a tremendous day fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk, Jr. The anglers put 24 yellowfin in the box along with 2 dolphin. All were hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon, where Capt. Brian reported water temperatures hovering around 71.5-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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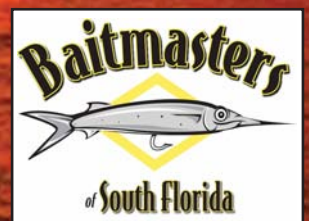
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Alan Elenson from Miami Beach, FL spends time in the summer fishing out of Ocean City, MD in search of world records to break for bluefin tuna. On Wednesday, Alan landed this 22.5 lb. bluefin on 4 lb. test line to break the current record for that line class set at 16 lbs. 11 oz. back in 1992. Alan was fishing on the "Paige IV" with Capt. Bobby Cook and Mate Chuck Dammann when he hooked the 33-inch bluefin on a trolled ballyhoo with a squid hat, west of the Hambone in 20 fathoms. It took Alan only 20 minutes to get the world record fish into the boat. Once approved by the I.G.F.A., this will be the 4th world record that Alan currently holds.



The crew on "Drillin' & Billin'" ended their day with 9 yellowfin tuna in the box after trolling in the Wilmington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Jack Mitchell and mate Bod Elder were Connor Thode, Leslie Amos and Ed Amos. Leslie's yellowfin was estimated to weigh close to 100 lbs. before a mako decided to take a chunk out of it. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Bill Rawlings landed this 25-inch, 5.05 lb. flounder to win 2nd place in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament. Bill also took 3rd place with a 4.9 lb. flattie. Total winnings for his 2nd and 3rd place finishes was \$350.



Stanley Mumford from Millsboro, DE used a Gulp! eel to fool this 39-inch striper while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 17 lbs. 15 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.

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This group of anglers returned from an overnight trip to the Wilmington Canyon with 21 yellowfin tuna, a dolphin and 3 white marlin releases. Fishing on the "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mates Wayne Blanks and Rusty Reddish were Shane Moore, Keith Kaiser, Frank and Justin Edwards, Austin Moore, Tommy Kisielnicki and Adam Moore. The white marlin releases were recorded by junior anglers Justin, Austin and Tommy. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On Saturday morning, Michael Guigley from Mohnton, PA hooked this 25-inch sheepshead while using clams for bait at the South Jetty. The sheepshead weighed 13 lbs. on the scale at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.



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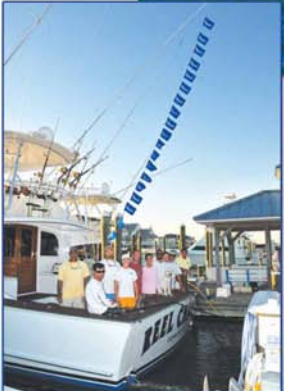

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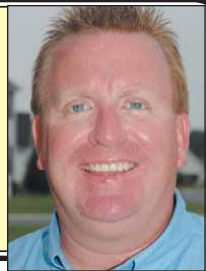
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was another incredible week of fishing in Ocean City. Although shark and sea bass fishing hasn't lived up to expectations, tuna fishing has more than made up for it. There has also been plenty of action in the bay for anglers searching for flatties and stripers, although catching a keeper flounder is still a challenge.

Here's what we saw...

Shark Tournament

Warm water temperatures continued to haunt local shark tournaments. In last week's Ocean City Shark Tournament, only 3 makos were weighed and no blue sharks or threshers ever saw the scale. Large bluefish were also scarce.

The "Nontypical" was the big winner with a 224 lb. mako shark that took 1st place in the Mako Division. The fish was caught in 76-degree water in the Poor Man's Canyon. They also won the Release Division with 38 points resulting from 1 dusky, 4 tiger sharks and 5 makos released. Overall, there were 100 sharks released during the 3-day tournament (13 makos, 2 blue sharks, 46 sandbar or dusky, 16 hammerheads, 10 tiger sharks and 13 spinner sharks).

The Bluefish Division was won by the "Teaser" with a



Curt Dubac from Fredericksburg, VA, Ken Reed from Glen Burnie, MD, Allan Reed from Linthicum, MD, Steve Reek from Parkton, MD, Rob Harrington from Frederick, MD and Cliff Wasser from Ridgely, MD returned to Sunset Marina with an incredible catch of yellowfin tuna. The anglers boxed 24 yellowfins while fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Mark Hoos, Jr. and Anthony Pino. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon.

whopping 2.7 lb. snapper caught near "B" Buoy on the final day of the tournament.

The Dolphin Division was also won on the final day when Tim McGuire on the "Nontypical" boated a 32 pounder in the Washington Canyon.

James Kirk on the "Tuna Box" landed a 43 lb. bluefin at

the Jackspot on the last day of the tournament to win the Tuna Division.

It was no surprise to anyone at the awards banquet when Capt. Terry Layton on the "Nontypical" was named Sharker of the Year for his teams combined performance in the Mako Mania and Ocean City Shark Tournaments. They weighed 2 makos in the tournaments (120 lbs. & 224 lbs.) and accumulated 1,100 release points during their 4 days of fishing.

Yellowfin Tuna

Although the warmer offshore water temperatures (72-

76 degrees) put a damper on those chasing sharks, it certainly has produced some of the best yellowfin tuna fishing we have seen in quite some time. Action was strong throughout the week starting on Monday when the "Marli" and the "Moore Bills" returned with double digit catches. The "Marli" boxed 24 that day, closely followed by 21 on the "Moore Bills".

On Tuesday, "That's Right" returned from the Wilmington Canyon with 11 yellowfins in the box.

Thursday saw some tremendous action in the Baltimore Canyon with the "Moore Bills" catching another 24 yellowfins. The "Marli" (18), "Foolish Pleasures" (12), "Dawg Haus" (12) and "That's Right" (10) also recorded double digit catches.

On Saturday, the "Marli" smoked them again with 24 yellowfins in the box, all caught between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. The "Fish Bonz" also ventured to the same area and ended their day with 10 in the box.

Sunday saw a sporadic bite where some boats were able to hook up to 9 yellowfins, while others had trouble getting any action.

Bluefin Tuna

Those anglers not interested in making the longer trip to the canyons were able to find big schools of bluefin tuna along the 20-fathom line. Heck, even the headboat, "Morning Star" was able to troll one up on Sunday.

The big news last week in regard to bluefin tuna was the potential world record set by Alan Elenson on the "Paige V". Alan enjoys going after bluefin world records, and before Wednesday's catch, already had 3 on the books. After heading

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out, just west of the Hambone, Alan was able to hook a 22.5 lb. bluefin on 4 lb. test line, breaking the previous line-class record of 16 lbs. 11 oz. set in 1992.

Elsewhere, anglers recorded solid catches while trolling near the Jackspot, Hambone and Chicken Bone. On Sunday, the "Restless Lady" released 30 bluefins, keeping 2, including a 110 pounder. Capt. Todd reported that the inshore lumps are loaded with bait and the fish are stuffed with sand eels.

Dolphin

Larger dolphin are hitting the docks, caught by anglers primarily trolling for tuna. The dolphin caught by Tim McGuire in the Washington Canyon on Saturday was the heaviest mahi we have seen so far this year, tipping the scales at 32 lbs.

Billfish

Boats looking for yellowfin tuna recorded white marlin releases throughout the week. On Monday, the "Moore Bills" released 3 whites in 70 fathoms in the Wilmington. Thursday was a good day when the "Marli" released 2 white marlin, also in the Wilmington, the "Osprey" released 2 in the Baltimore and "That's Right" broke off a blue marlin in the Poor Man's. On Sunday, "Reel Fantasy" released 2 whites in the Baltimore where "Pullin Tidal" also recorded a release.

Bluefish

We usually see the larger, chopper bluefish coming from anglers fishing the inshore lumps, but it seems with the warmer ocean water the larger fish are more easily found in the bay around the Rt. 50 Bridge. We saw a couple of fish caught last week that measured over 30-inches. Those fishing with Gotcha plugs pulled in the big fish.

Flounder

Early in the week, bay anglers continued to hit the flounder hard, primarily in the bay behind Assateague. When the water was clear, and the wind wasn't fighting the tide, good numbers of fish were caught. Later in the week, the bite shifted to the flats, north of the Thorofare.

Anglers had to be patient when looking for a fish to take

home since the throwback/keeper ratio is still running high. A good example of this occurred on Wednesday, when fishermen on the "Bay Bee" brought back 9 keepers and recorded over 130 throwbacks during their two trips.

Although the keepers seem to average 19-20 inches, a junior angler on the "Get Sum" was able to pull a 24-incher out of the bay on Wednesday behind Castaway's Campground.

The best baits to use are no secret. Shiners, minnows and definitely the Gulp! Swimming Mullet are the top producers. If you use the Gulp! artificial bait, pink and white are the hot colors.

Sheepshead

On Saturday, Michael Guigley caught the heaviest sheepshead of the year, a 13 pounder, while fishing with clams at the South Jetty.

Striped Bass

The incredible striper bite we saw in previous weeks seemed to thaw a little as the week progressed. Early in the week, anglers on "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" pulled 6 keepers from the rocks during a late afternoon trip. They also recorded 50 throwbacks, all while fishing with live spot. After that, a few fish were reported by anglers fishing with live bait around the Rt. 50 Bridge and also across the tip of the South Jetty.

Sea Bass & Cod

We continue to see catches of sea bass and cod come off the headboats heading offshore to reefs and wrecks. The cod bite this year has been remarkable, with more fish caught than in the last 10 years combined. On Thursday, a junior angler aboard the "Morning Star" landed a beautiful codfish weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. Anglers are doing well using clams for bait when looking to hook either sea bass or cod.

In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "Big stripers are basically gone from the surf. It was a great run, and you can always catch one, but it's very "hit or miss." The only thing big in the surf now are sharks and

big rays. Small fish, such as kingfish, croaker, small trout, and sand perch are hitting in the surf right now. These fish are biting FishBite Bloodworms, real bloodworms, cut bunker and little pieces of surf clam. Combination baits are great such as FishBites and a little strip of fresh bunker, frozen mullet or box squid."

Tournaments

There are 2 tournaments this weekend, both with weigh-ins at Sunset Marina.

The MSSA Tuna-Ment will begin on Friday and end on Sunday. Weigh-ins are each day from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This tournament stretches down the coast, with boats fishing out of Wachapreague and Chincoteague competing with those sailing out of Ocean City.

The Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday with weigh-ins from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

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Donald Douglas from Bishopville, MD caught this 20-inch flounder while fishing off the beach at Gudelsky Park. The fish was fooled by a chartreuse Gulp! minnow.

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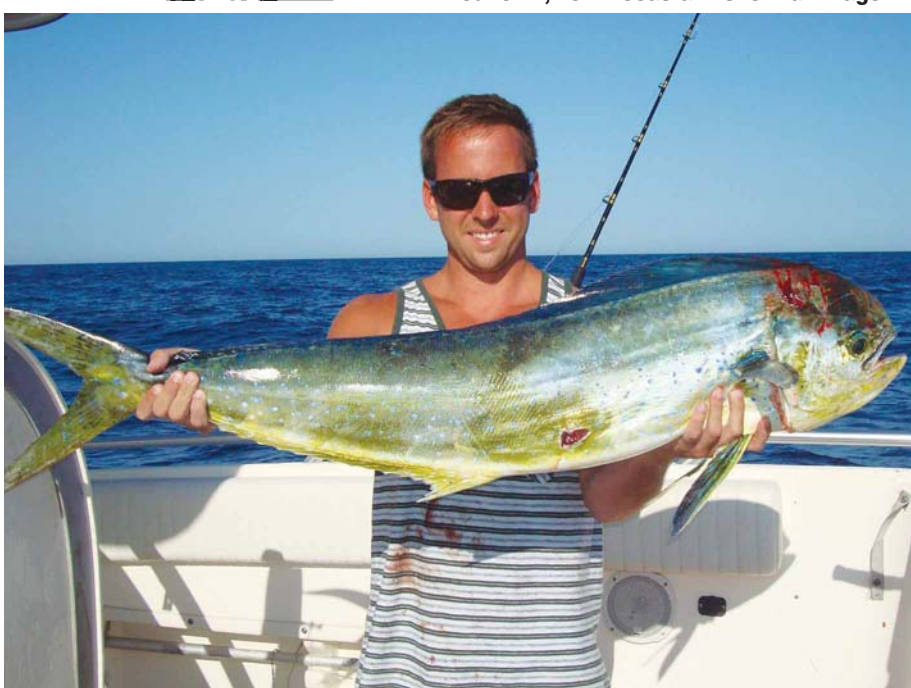
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Ben Cummins from Jarrettsville, MD was fishing on the "Flounder Magic" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and mate Sonny Layton when he boated this 20-inch flattie in the bay behind Assateague Island where the fish was fooled with a minnow and squid combination. Pictured at Old Town Marina.



Dan Kleinstuber caught his first dolphin while fishing on the "Tunacity" with Scott Carey, Brian Musik and John Kleinstuber. The mahi-mahi was caught in the Baltimore Canyon along with 3 bluefin tuna (released 2) and multiple skipjack tuna.

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Frank Hunter from Downingtown, PA used a chartreuse Storm lure to fool this 12 lb. striped bass while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Mark Buda was fishing with clams from the beach off Fenwick Island when he hooked into this 34.5-inch, 13 lb. 10 oz. striped bass. Weighed at Fenwick Tackle.



On June 12th, anglers on the "Bay Bee" returned with a nice catch of flatties caught on squid, shiners and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island. Fishing with Capt. Bob Gowar and mate Spencer Cropper were Greg Grason, Jerry Carpenter, Charlie Lutes, Keith Mutchler, Steve Lenker, Cody Schnellman and George Lenz. All of the fish measured between 18 and 21.25-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



I had a fellow in my store the other day and we got talking about flounder fishing. He and I both agreed that we catch more flounder using a rod holder than when we are holding the rod. The fun part about rod holders is that you can fish more than one rod! If you are drifting along with two rods in the rod holders that are fairly close together, fish one rod in close to the boat with 4-ounces on it. Cast another rod out further with 2 or 3-ounces on it and they won't tangle, even if the boat takes a turn.

If you fish a rod in a rod holder you can't ignore it. Continuously monitor the tips of the rods for any sign of a flounder "pick up." Sometimes the flounder just jiggles the rod a little. Sometimes the flounder slowly pulls the rod down, not unlike a large crab holding onto your squid bait!

When fishing a rod in a rod holder for flounder, a light action rod is not a bad idea. The boat drifts along and the angler can watch the

tip moving up and down over mussel beds and other rough bottom. This tip motion going over rough bottom can get your squid or gulp mullets jiggling as the sinker moves over the rough bottom, enticing the flounder to bite! Personally, I like an 8-17 pound test rod for overall flounder fishing, but sometimes it's fun to play around with a light 6-12 pound test rod!

If you are drifting pretty fast, don't wait too long to grab the rod when a flounder may be on it. Flounder don't have hands, and they can let go as fast as they grab on. If you know a flounder was on it and let it go, try dropping back to it for 2 or 3 minutes. But if the fish does not come back, pull your rig up and check the bait.

If you are fishing with live bait such as minnows, be sure to keep lively minnows on the hooks. If they are half dead or cut by a flounder, take them off and put on fresh ones. Pick out the larger minnows. Make sure there is no grass or dirt on your rig,

and really important, if your "cut bait" (squid or cut fish strips) gets dirty, pull it off and change it. Capt. Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" believes in this and so does my husband, and they are both right!

If you are in a boat and the tide goes slack, try bumping the motor in and out of gear to do a slow troll, or pull one of your rods in and cast and retrieve slowly with one until the tide gets moving again. Then you can put ol' Rodney back to work!

When you are surf fishing, "Rodney" is the sand spike.

Besides keeping your reel from falling in the sand when baiting up or taking off a fish, Rodney is there for you to help set the hook. Again, just because a rod is in a rod holder, don't ignore it and expect it to do all the work. It's just a piece of plastic or metal and doesn't have a mind of its own. But it is like another pair of hands. You have to be the "eyes"! Sometimes anglers jerk the rod and try to set the hook too soon. That's what is great about Rodney. You can stand back and watch the tip (or tie on one of those silly sets of bells if you are really not paying attention). When the rod tip goes down, you can jump up and grab the rod and start reeling the fish in.

Rodney can be twins! You can fish two or even three rods at a time. But now you really have to pay attention. Sometimes I get worn out running back and forth between rods and go back to fishing one rod when the fish really start biting!

The most important thing to do when fishing a rod in a sand spike is to set your drag correctly. Do not leave it on "terminate" (cranked down as tight as you can make it). If a big fish comes along like a shark or a huge ray, your whole rod and reel can be

dragged into the ocean to never be seen again! Pull on your line coming from your reel when your bail is closed and you should be able to pull off line. Anglers with bait feeder reels can set their reels in free spool with some extra tension on the bait feeder controls. This works really well in the sand spikes. Then, once the angler grabs the rod and starts cranking, the bait feeder is off and the fish can be cranked in normally.

Anglers who troll offshore always use Rodney (rod holders). Anyone who fishes offshore knows that you have to be attentive to the rods that are in the rod holder. If a fish grabs hold and then gets off, all good anglers know to "drop back" to the fish. Since you are moving at a pretty good pace when trolling, it's important to do it fast and right away!

Clear the lines! Whether you are trolling or surf fishing, if someone gets a really nice big fish on, reel in the other lines that are in the water. You don't want to lose a fish because it gets tangled in another line.

Always be attentive and always know where your lines are in the water. When drifting, water depths change and as they do, you need to either crank in some line or let out some line. Good anglers are always doing something with their rods. Even when they are in the rod holders, baits are checked, sinkers are changed, grass is picked off and new baits are put on. You can't catch any fish if there isn't any bait on the hook. Heard that a few times....

Thanks Rodney!

Good fishing....

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.

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Preston Walls from Ridgely, MD landed 3 flounder (2 pictured) at the top of the incoming tide in the Thorofare while fishing on the "One More Drift". The fish were hooked on minnow and squid combinations. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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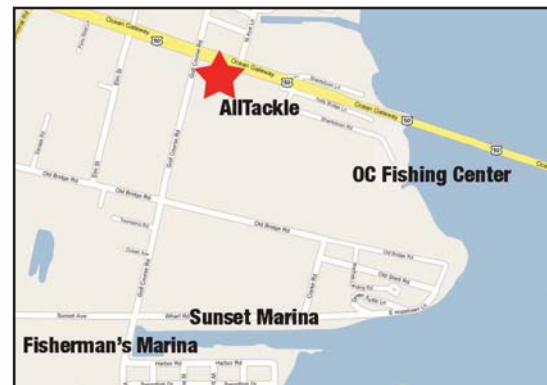
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Gavin Carmody of West Ocean City, MD and Ayrton Pryor from Fenwick Island, DE were fishing in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge, when they landed these 2 flounder measuring 19 and 21-inches. Both fish were caught on live spot. Photo courtesy of Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle.

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Bryan Padgett from Fairfax, VA, Bob Hipple from Front Royal, VA, Richard Gunion from Washington, DC, Robert Taylor of Grasonville, MD and Robert Glanden of Wyoming, DE and mate Rich Silvani returned with a catch of flounder, cod and sea bass after fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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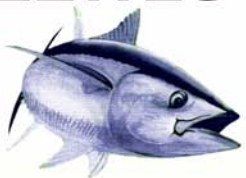
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Place bread crumbs in a dish; add oregano, garlic powder and salt and mix well.

Dip fillets in milk and roll in bread crumbs.

Place in a well greased pan; dot each fillet with a pat of butter.

Bake for 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Top with enough shredded cheese to cover each fillet 1 minute before fish is done.

Serves 4-5.

Shark with Boursin Herb Cheese

2 TBSP. butter
2 lbs. shark fillets
1 (4 oz.) package Boursin Cheese with Herbs (room temperature)
1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes with garlic, onion and peppers, drained

Salt and pepper to taste
2 TBSP. parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Melt 1 TBSP. butter to coat bottom of glass baking dish.

Pat fillets dry and place in dish.

Spread the Boursin evenly over fish.

Pour the tomatoes over fillets and season with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Drizzle with remaining 1 TBSP. of melted butter.

Bake uncovered for 25 minutes.

Serves 4.

Grilled Shark with Eggplant-Tomato Relish

4 TBSP. extra virgin olive oil
1 onion, 1/2 inch slices
8 oz. eggplant, peeled, cut into 1/2 inch slices
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup grape tomatoes,

quartered
1 cup pitted Kalamata olives, coarsely chopped
2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
2 TBSP. chopped fresh basil
4 shark steaks, rinsed and patted dry
3 TBSP. extra virgin olive oil
1/4 tsp. salt
1 medium lemon, quartered

Preheat grill to medium heat.

Brush 2 TBSP. oil on both sides of eggplant and onion slices.

Grill onions 1 minute on each side.

Place eggplant on grill alongside onion, cook vegetables 3 minutes on each side until tender.

Allow to cool.

Increase grill to high.

Brush both sides of fish with 3 TBSP. oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Cook fish 3 minutes on each side or until opaque in center.

Chop eggplant and onions and combine with remaining 2 TBSP. of oil and relish ingredients.

Serve over fish with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Brown Sugar Glazed Tuna

1 TBSP. brown sugar
2 tsp. butter
1 tsp. honey
1 TBSP. olive oil
1 TBSP. Dijon mustard
1 TBSP. soy sauce
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 tuna loin, divided into 8 pieces

In a small saucepan over medium heat, cook and stir brown sugar, butter and honey until melted.

Remove from heat; whisk in the oil, mustard, soy sauce, salt and pepper.

Cool for 5 minutes.

Place tuna in a large foil-lined pan; brush with brown sugar mixture.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serves 8.

Crab-Stuffed Portobellos

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 portobello mushrooms
2 TBSP. olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
6 oz. crabmeat
5 tsp. mayonnaise
2 roasted sweet red pepper halves, drained
2 slices provolone cheese

Sauce:

2 TBSP. chicken broth
1 TBSP. capers
1/8 tsp. salt
2 TBSP. lemon juice
2 TBSP. fresh parsley, chopped

Sprinkle fish with 1/4 tsp. of salt and pepper.

In a shallow dish, add flour.

Dredge fillets in flour, shaking off excess.

In a large skillet, heat 1 TBSP. butter over medium-high heat.

Add 2 fillets; cook 3 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Remove fillets from skillet; keep warm.

Repeat procedure with 1 TBSP. butter and remaining 2 fillets, remove and keep warm.

Add shallots and garlic to skillet, sauté 4 minutes or until golden brown.

To make the sauce, stir the chicken broth, capers and remaining 1/8 tsp. salt in with the shallots and garlic; cook 2 minutes.

Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice, parsley and remaining 2 TBSP. butter.

Serve over fish.

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Tim McGuire boated this 32 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division of the 2011 Ocean City Shark Tournament. Tim caught the fish in 60 fathoms in the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "Nontypical" with Jimmy Fields, Don Clawson, Jim Hughes and Capt. Terry Layton. The 1st place dolphin was worth \$720 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The crew on "Cool Hand Luke" accumulated 36 release points in the 2011 Ocean City Shark Tournament, good enough for 2nd place in the Release Division and a check for \$3,306. They released 6 sandbar sharks, 2 spinner sharks and 5 hammerheads during their 2 days of fishing. They also finished in 2nd place in the Bluefish Division with a 2.3 pounder worth \$1,806 in award money. Fishing on the "Cool Hand Luke" were Craig Rhoads, Steve Haim, Luke Keiter, Capt. Eric Ludwig and mate Roger Quigley.



On the final day of the 31st Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament, James Kirk landed a 43 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division. James was fishing on the "Tuna Box" with Jeff Kirk, Ryan Kirk, Mike Pfarr, Capt. Shane Heimer and Mate Donny Reynolds. The bluefin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo at the Jackspot and was worth \$720 in award money. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



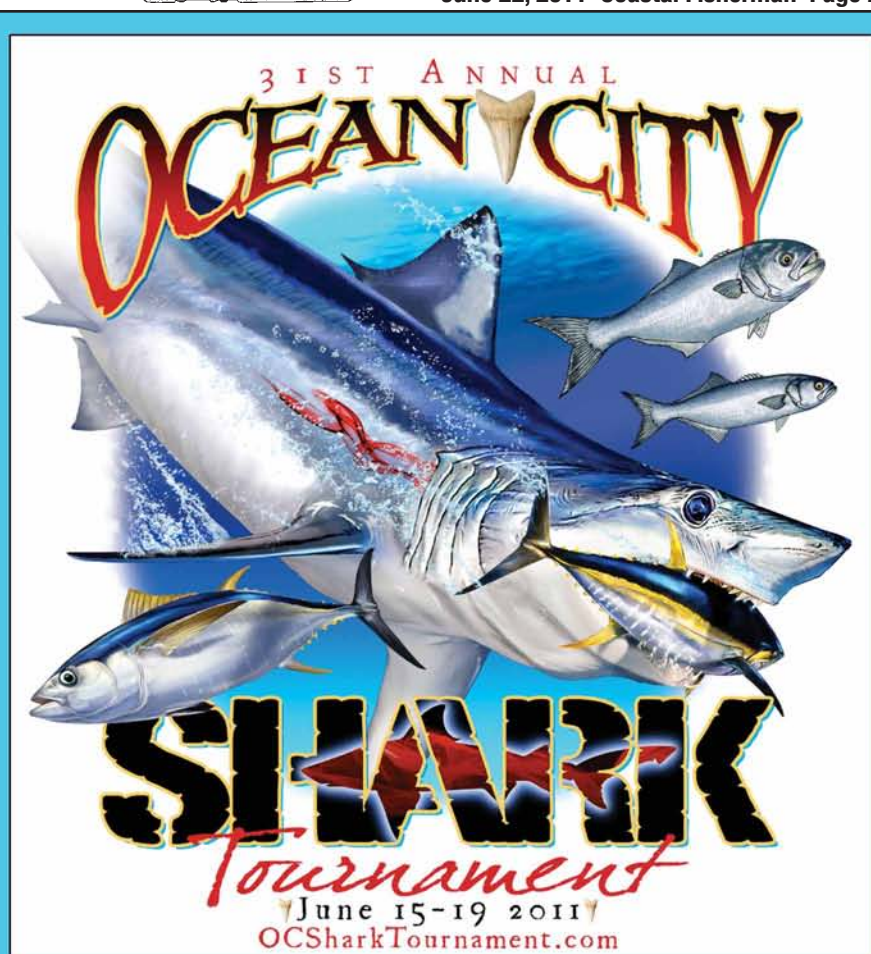
The first boat to arrive at the scales of the 2011 Ocean City Shark Tournament was the "Triple Threat" with Nick Kuba's 174 lb. mako shark on board. The big mako ate a mackerel at the Fingers and ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Mako Division. Fishing with Nick was Rick Schmidt, Billy Barnett, Capt. Mike Schmidt and mate Tom Benefield. The 2nd place finish earned the crew \$1,806 in award money. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Chuck Durbin on the "Stress Reel-ief" captured a 155 lb. mako shark to win 3rd place in the Mako Division and a check for \$8,324. Fishing with Chuck were Victor Muzzatti, Todd Dickerson, Kyle Dickerson, Tom Dickerson, Richie Baldwin and Todd DiCleison. The mako was hooked on a bluefish in the Wilmington Canyon. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Third place in the Release Division of the 31st Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament was won by the crew on the "Restless Lady". The team accumulated 30 points by releasing 5 spinner sharks, 4 duskys and 3 hammerheads during their 2 days of fishing. Fishing with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Brandon Baiocco and Sean Welsh were Rick Dewitt, Ricky Dewitt, Mark Kesner, Nick Garber and James Garber. The crew took home \$7,979 for their 3rd place finish.



MAKO DIVISION

| 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jim Hughes "Nontypical" | Nick Kuba "Triple Threat" | Chuck Durbin "Stress Reel-ief" |
| 224 lbs. | 174 lbs. | 155 lbs. |
| \$15,990 | \$1,806 | \$8,324 |

OPEN DIVISION

None Weighed

BLUEFISH DIVISION

| 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Moore "Teaser" | Craig Rhoads "Cool Hand Luke" | Brad Rishwine "Teaser" |
| 2.7 lbs. | 2.3 lbs. | 1.8 lbs. |
| \$5,716 | \$1,806 | \$1,204 |

DOLPHIN DIVISION

| 1 st Place |
|-----------------------------|
| Tim McGuire "Nontypical" |
| 32 lbs. |
| \$720 |

TUNA DIVISION

| 1 st Place |
|--------------------------|
| James Kirk "Tuna Box" |
| 43 lbs. |
| \$720 |

SHARKER OF THE YEAR

| Capt. Terry Layton "Nontypical" |
|------------------------------------|
| 1,444 points |

RELEASE DIVISION

| 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| "Nontypical" | "Cool Hand Luke" | "Restless Lady" |
| 38 points | 36 points | 30 points |
| \$14,193 | \$3,306 | \$7,979 |

40 Boats Registered • 3 Sharks Weighed In
100 Sharks Released • Total Prize Money \$69,637



The last boat to hit the scales at the 2011 Ocean City Shark Tournament was the "Teaser" with a 2.7 lb. bluefish that was muscled in by John Moore and good enough to earn 1st place in the Bluefish Division. The winning fish, along with a 1.8 pounder that took 3rd place, was hooked on a bluefish strip near "B" Buoy. Fishing with John was Ed Moore, Brad Moore, Nat Ewing, Capt. Rich Daiker and mate Kenny Schoen. The "Teaser" crew took home \$6,920 in award money for their catches. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Zachaeus Omlor from Pottsville, PA caught 7 sea bass (2 pictured) while fishing on the "Judy V." with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



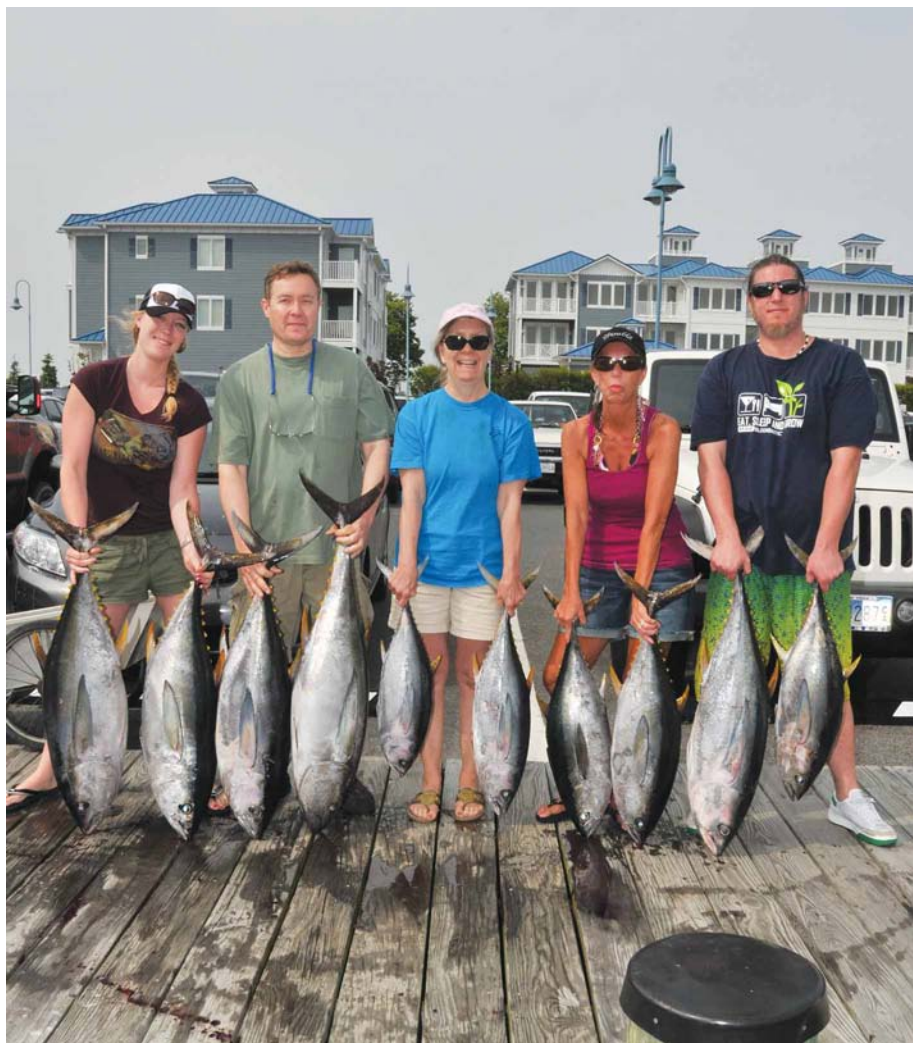
"Sharker of the Year" for the 2011 tournament season was awarded to Terry Layton, Captain on the "Nontypical". Terry earned the honor by accumulating 1,444 points for his teams performance in the Mako Mania and Ocean City Shark Tournaments. In addition to the 2 makos weighed for a total of 344 points, Terry and his team earned 1,100 in mako release points. Pictured at the award presentation with Terry was his wife Jill and daughter Macy.



While bringing the "Foolish Pleasures" to Ocean City from Hatteras, NC, Phil Knapp, Will Hathaway and Capt. Dale Lisi boated a swordfish, mako shark, yellowfin tuna and a dolphin. The swordfish was caught in the Norfolk Canyon while the other fish were hooked further south. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Dezjia and Stuart Higginbottom from Upper Marlboro, MD caught a couple of keeper flounder and Austin Raines from Westminster, MD landed himself a keeper, all while fishing on the headboat, "Flounder Magic" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and mate Sonny Layton. The fish were caught on minnows and squid in the Thorofare where other anglers caught 17 throwback flatties. Pictured at Old Town Marina.



Shawn and Molly Palmer from Oakland, CA, Larry and Lois Mahan from Newark, DE and Marica Palmer from Newark, DE returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 10 yellowfin in the box after fishing on the "Fish Bonz" with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and mate Phil Knapp. The fish were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 70 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.



Shane Moore, Paul Witt, Ray Schissler, Deal Skala and Craig Costantino had a great day fishing on the charter boat "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mates Eric and Wayne Blanks. The crew ended up with 24 yellowfin tuna, all caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon where water temperature was reported at 73-degrees. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



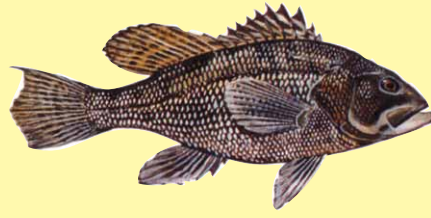
This 27.3 lb. dolphin was landed by Dustin Kope of Mechanicsburg, PA while fishing on the "Foolish Pleasure" with Capt. Rodney Sterner. Dustin also landed a smaller dolphin and released a white marlin in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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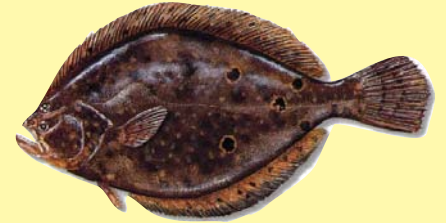
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Lionel Chiong was fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge during the outgoing tide when he hooked this 38-inch bluefish on a Gotcha plug. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks!!!! Fishing in the back bays seems to be improving a bit compared to the last few weeks. Flounder are being caught on both the incoming and outgoing tides. A few more fish are being found in some of the deeper holes throughout the bays. Massey's Ditch has been a pretty good producer the past week or so.

Wyatt Smith used a minnow to trick a 20-inch flattie that weighed in at 2 lbs. 10 oz. Seven-year-old Jamie Scott gave the big guys a lesson when he landed his 4 fish limit while fishing aboard the "I Have Fishuses" with Capt. Tom Scott. The largest of Jamie's keepers was 20-inches, and he also used minnows.

Michele Lombardo landed a 2 lb. 2 oz. flattie, and Charline



Jim Semerteen of Dagsboro, DE was trolling a ballyhoo/sea witch combination along the 40 fathom line when he hooked this 17.3 lb. dolphin. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

Logan caught a 3 lb. 5 oz. flounder. Rick Melvin fooled two flounder, weighing 3 lbs. 15 oz. and 2 lbs. 12 oz. Don Ruth scored a 4 lb. 3 oz. fish, and Phyllis Dinger fooled both a 3 lb. and a 4 lb. 6 oz. flattie.

George Wilder leads the way in the Rehoboth Shores Tournament with a 7 lb. 9 oz. flounder. Bob Jones caught a 2 lb. 4 oz. fish to get on the score sheet. Richard Dinger caught a 2 lb. 8 oz. fish for his score.

Offshore action has been good for those making the long haul. Gill Waddington and his sons Cory and Dan have been putting their friends on the fish. Their boat, "Another Bill", has been scoring yellowfin, bluefin, dolphin and white marlin.

Capt. John King of Lititz, PA took Dave Tkatch and his sons Chris and Colin to the Hambone aboard the "Dolci Vita". The boys released 2 dusky sharks in the 150 lb. range and 1 dusky over 200 lbs. They also released 2 bluefin tuna.

Hook'em & Cook'em reported a 9 lb. 3 oz. flounder that was weighed in by angler Mike Esham last Friday. Mike

hooked the doormat while drifting live shiners in the Indian River Inlet.

The news from Bill's Sport Shop was that Skip Mosiej called to report a Sunday trip offshore to Massey's Canyon where they caught 6 bluefish, 2 false albacore, released one bluefin tuna and kept one weighing 50 lbs. All were caught trolling ballyhoo and lures. Stu Moore of Harrisburg, PA sent us an email that read, "Guys, thanks for the shark gear, we were out in the nice blue water for 30 minutes and came tight on a mako for the grill. We had the second one hit 30 minutes later; it was a big fish, but we had our one fish. Good bite, but the water is getting warm fast."

Tom Wise stopped in with 3 keeper flounder up to 4 lbs. caught in the Rehoboth Bay. "High Hook Charters" out of the Indian River Marina reported: "We fished this weekend west of the Wilmington and went 12 for 15 on yellowfin, keeping 9 fish in the 30-45 lb. range, then came inside and landed an 88 lb. bluefin."

Steve, Cody and Austin

Shirk from Grantville, PA spent the night on the south side of the Indian River Inlet and came away with 5 stripers up to 21.65 lbs. and 39-inches on Calcutta Flash Foils. Bill Weiss and his neighbor, Joe, fished the north beach with fresh bunker and wound up with a nice king and 9 throwback croakers. Bucktail Bob, a contestant in Bill's Sport Shop flounder tournament, brought in his limit of flounder. They weighed 6.7 and 6.3 lbs., which would have beat the winners. Unfortunately, he did not weigh them in until 7 pm, well after the close of the tournament.

Stanley Mumford of Millsboro, DE caught a 17.95 lb., 39-inch striper in the Inlet on a Gulp! eel. Bill Baker Jr. caught a keeper flounder at Massey's Ditch with a chartreuse Gulp! on a spec rig. Captain Chris Thurmon of "Skipjack Charters" reported a flounder trip to "B" buoy, catching lots of flounder with 5 keepers. On another trip, he went to the Canyons where he boated 8 yellowfin and one mako. Bill Vernon fished on the "Four Play" on Sunday in the Wilmington. They caught three yellowfin, the biggest weighing 86 lbs., and they lost a blue marlin after a short fight. All fish were caught on ballyhoo in 70 fathoms.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said offshore tuna action was very good, with crews reporting nice catches of both yellowfins and bluefins. Jim Short and the guys aboard the "Knot Right" arrived at the 100-fathom line between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons at sunrise on Saturday and found packs of hungry tuna feeding aggressively. They put out a mixed spread of ballyhoo and artificials, and it wasn't long before they were into a series of multiple hookups. The bite continued through the morning, and before long, the fishermen were on their way back to the dock with a limit of 18 yellowfins ranging up to 60 lbs. Ed Sigda and the boys on



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the "Snow Goose" got into the tuna on Saturday also. They scored 5 yellowfins between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. Several boats had good catches in that area during the week. The "Skipjack" overnighted in the Wilmington and returned with a mako and 8 yellowfins. Bill Swords and his buddies on the "Swords Fish" mixed it up on Wednesday by putting 3 yellowfins and 3 gaffer dolphin in the box, then topping it off with a nice batch of tilefish. Numbers of billfish have been present in warm water in the Canyons as well. Angelo Delapo on the "Spoiled III" told of going two for five on white marlin while working 81-degree water in 250 fathoms below the tip of the Wilmington. The whites pounced on green machines and spreader bars being pulled for tuna. Andy and Chuck Shelton released a pair of whites in the Wilmington Saturday. Bluefins were hanging out in twenty

fathoms. The Hambone was productive for trollers towing cedar plugs and spreader bars. On the inshore scene, bottom bouncers found fluke on the Old Grounds between "DB" and "DA" Buoys. With favorable drift conditions, anglers using bucktail jigs tipped with strip baits caught good numbers of flatties. Flukers on the "Katy Did" had 9 keepers and many just short, drifting southeast of "DB" on Saturday. In the Delaware Bay, flounder catches were pretty good before the full moon, but fell considerably off with strong currents and dirty water following the lunar phase. Last Sunday, anglers on the "Katy Did" fished Reef Site 5 in Broadkill Slough and ended up with 10 keepers out of 57 caught. Mark Adams got the season's first sheepshead on that trip, a 5.45 pounder. Flounder continue to come from the Lewes Canal. John Davis checked in a 4.75 lb. flatfish he fooled with a white Gulp!. Folks at the rails of the

Cape Henlopen Pier caught a few keeper fluke, along with some spot and small croakers. Boaters drifting along the Outer Wall and Ice Breakers in the evenings and after dark hooked into stripers. Casting bucktails, Storm Shads, Bombers, Rat-L-Traps or eels was effective. Small boat fishermen had fun in the Lewes Canal tossing topwater poppers for stripers. The marsh banks between the Freeman Highway Bridge and Gordon's Pond yielded plenty of strikes. Rick Bortz was in on the last hoorah for black drum this spring. He and a buddy had four from 25 to 40 lbs. at the end of flood tide, while anchored and baiting with clams on the Coral Beds Tuesday night.

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Steve Johnson from Elmer, NJ, Erik Porter, Brandon Brooks, and Rich Szymanski, all from Newark, DE, Jamie Tennis and Richard Macintosh (not pictured) from Wilmington, DE and Scott Cudmore from Elkton, MD teamed up to land 7 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Jade II" with Capt. Butch Brooks and mate Will Hathaway. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Kendall Stoner from Hagerstown, MD made a surprise catch when he boated a 42-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Morning Star" with John Ilgenfritz, Clark Beckett, Amanda Matteson, Jay Worden, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. The anglers also captured sea bass and cod during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ryan Wieber used a Gulp! artificial bait to catch this 8 lb. 11 oz. flounder while fishing from the rocks on the south side of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On Saturday, anglers fishing on "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Wayne Blanks threw 24 yellowfin on the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center after spending the day trolling in the Wilmington Canyon. The fish were caught in 71-degree water on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured are Dave Hart, Chris Merrill, Fred Hines, III, Marty Meyers, Kevin Dorr and Fred Hines, II.



Gill Swift of Hockessin, DE caught this 4 lb. 3 oz. flounder on a bucktail tipped with squid in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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This 24-inch flounder was muscled in by Jonathan Dennis of White Hall, MD while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. The flattie ate a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the bay behind Assateague Island in back of Castaway's Campground. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ryan Shockley from Seaford, DE used a live shad to hook this 27 lb. 4 oz. striped bass in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



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Hopefully you've never experienced a day offshore when you had to abandon your boat or you were "dead in the water" with no one else in sight. If you have, then you know how bad that can feel. However, there are a few things that can be a great help if you ever find yourself in that situation.

The survival raft has been around for quite a while but more recent years have given us the device known generally as the Position Indicating Radio Beacon. Earlier models depended on overhead aircraft for relaying information about a vessel in distress. Today's units make use of satellites.

The EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio

Beacon) is a portable device containing a high power five-year shelf life battery that, when activated, provides a distress signal via radio waves which helps rescue personnel locate your position. Each EPIRB has a unique electronic serial number that is transmitted by the unit. For the system to work as designed, it is critical that you send in your registration form to NOAA. This registration identifies the owner, the vessel and the unique serial number of the EPIRB. It also notifies NOAA of those persons you identify as the ones to contact first if your vessel is reporting a distress signal. In addition, you need to update your registration information periodically. This can be done via the Internet at the Coast Guard website <http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/beacon.html>.

The signal from the EPIRB is received by satellites and transmitted to Local Use Terminals on land that decipher the code and match it to the database of names that have been registered. That data is relayed to a Mission Control Center and a Rescue Coordination Center is contacted. Local search and rescue forces are alerted and rescue crafts are dispatched to the emergency site. A high intensity xenon strobe light on the unit and a 121.5 MHz radio transmitter aid in the short-range stages of location. This all happens very quickly.

The most popular EPIRB is the standard size 406 MHz. This is the EPIRB that the Coast Guard recommends for all offshore mariners. In some cases it is legally required to be used. It transmits on 406.025 MHz and VHF 121.5 MHz simultaneously and is accurate to within 3 miles. Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) will accurately detect these EPIRBs.

Similar to the EPIRB is a device called the GPIRB (Global Position Indicating Radio Beacon). It is very close in design and purpose to the EPIRB except that it is able to give more precise location information. This is accomplished by the addition of a GPS receiver inside the device. When activated, its internal GPS finds its own position, just like an onboard GPS you might already have. Having located

itself, it broadcasts its identity and position on 406MHz. It will then shut down for 20 minutes to conserve power, and repeat the process of locating itself and broadcasting. It will continue to update its position every 20 minutes as long as it is active. Once the information is transmitted, the procedure for rescue is the same as with the EPIRB.

Naturally, finding the vessel in distress should be faster with the GPIRB. With both units, some things are critical to remember, however. First and foremost is the importance of registering your unit so that a "hit" from your device will be known to come from your boat. Also, keep in mind that the device is designed to assist the rescuer in finding "it". Therefore, you must have the unit strapped to your boat or your raft or wherever YOU are. It serves little purpose for the rescue team to find the device if you are not with it. Better units are equipped with a hydrostatic float free release that activates itself when subjected to water pressure. Once free from the release bracket, the device will automatically turn itself on when the water sensors get wet. For this to work, the unit must be set to the "ready" or "armed" position. They can, of course, be deployed manually at any time.

The GPIRB units are about the same size as the EPIRB devices but their cost is somewhat higher. Either unit

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Ian Davis, John Hickey, Scott Manuel and Augie Marcellino brought 4 flounder and a tautog back to Bahia Marina after fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. The fish were caught in the Inlet and on the flats off 28th Street while using shiners, squid and minnows for bait.



Nate Walker boated a 4 lb. 13 oz. sea bass while fishing at Site 11 on the "Ambush" with David Kincaid, Brad Hazzard and Nathan Zimmerman. The anglers also boated several other sea bass and a flounder during the trip.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Anyone who has fished offshore or paid much attention to what has been caught so far this year has likely realized that it hasn't exactly been a standard season. Much to the delight of local fishermen, billfish, tuna, dolphin, sharks, cobia and a few other species started to bite two or three weeks earlier than usual making it more reminiscent of the first week of July than the middle of June.

It's still too early to say for sure, but so far this is really shaping up to be a great fishing year. It'll be interesting to see how it all shakes out when we actually hit July, whether or not the fishing will plateau between now and then or maybe just keep on getting better.

There's been a lot of speculating but not much complaining about the early season action, and while no one can tell for sure what's in store for the rest of the summer, a lot of us have taken note of the offshore conditions that might have brought all this about. First and foremost have been the water temperatures which, back in early May, started showing signs that they were going to do something special for us this year.

Usually in May, the average temps offshore are struggling to get into the mid-to-upper 50's. Then sometime during the first week of June they finally hit the 60-degree mark and slowly creep up until about the third week of the month when they hit the 70's. But this year someone started turning up the thermostat a couple weeks early. I was surprised in mid-May when the water was already around 60-degrees but didn't figure the temperatures would keep climbing at the steady pace that they did. Now here we are over the hump of June and we're already looking at water temperatures in the mid-70's. Mother Nature's calendar must be showing her that it's July already!

Besides being unusually warm, most folks who have been out there will probably agree that the offshore waters have been extra clear this spring. I'm not exactly sure of the reason for this and clear



Steven and Chuck Dengler from Middle River, MD and Tom McCue, also from Middle River, MD caught 3 keeper flounder measuring between 19.5 and 20-inches while drifting chartreuse Gulp! artificial baits in the Thorofare.

water doesn't always equate to more fish, but I don't think it can hurt and it sure is a confidence builder when you can look down and see your bait 30 or more feet below the surface. But the clarity of water is dependant upon a lot of factors and is something that can literally change overnight. Changes in the current, the wind's strength or direction, a sudden plankton bloom, heavy rains and who knows what else can easily turn crystal water to muck and leave anglers scratching their head wondering what the heck happened. But for the last month the waters from just outside the Ocean City Inlet to as far off as you want to go have been exceptionally pretty and I'm hoping that whatever is making it that way will keep it up all summer.

While clear water and warm temperatures are great, perhaps the most encouraging thing a lot of us have been noticing offshore this season has been the amount of baitfish that have been showing up anywhere from 2-20 miles offshore. I've seen schools and schools of sand eels, menhaden and a lot of other little critters that I have no ideas what they were but I'm sure they're something that big critters would be happy to munch on. Even in the back bays right now there

are plenty of schools of little bunker, again, earlier than usual. You can have the best water conditions in the world, but if you don't have the bait you're not going to have the predators. We've got the bait!

Mention warm, clean water and lots of food and someone might think you are talking about the perfect vacation spot. If things keep going this way I've got a feeling there might just be a whole lot of fish that decide the nearshore waters off Delmarva are just that. It's been a number of years since the zone 20-30 miles off the beach has been the hot ticket for hooking up to a mix of tuna, dolphin and maybe a marlin or two, but right now the stars seem to be aligning for such a thing to happen. Anglers should also keep an eye on the Jackspot and look for an opportunity to drag a spoon behind a planer across the shoal. This could just be the year when we see a strong return of king mackerel. With fuel prices the way they've been I'm sure I'm not the only one who would fully enjoy the opportunity to spend more time fishing this summer and less time at the pump watching the numbers spin!

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Brandon Prettyman from Bear, DE (second from right) released a blue marlin, estimated to weigh 400 lbs., while fishing on the "Marlin Gale" in the South Heyes Canyon. Brandon was fishing with Bobby Fletcher of Wilmington, DE, Ken and Mark Steiding from Gaithersburg, MD, Rick Kirkner from Annapolis, MD and Gary Prettyman from Bear, DE. The marlin hit a black and purple Black Bart lure in 79.5-degree water. The crew also caught a 40 lb. yellowfin and a couple of 12 lb. dolphin during the trip.

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Charlie Weiss from Atlanta, GA boated this 32-inch striper while fishing on the "Lucky Break" with Lisa and Ross Gold from Potomac, MD, Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jordan Stephens. The linesider was caught on a live perch at the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Luke Crisanti, Kyle Fields and Dylan Langworthy received their certificates for participating in the Ocean City Parks & Recreation Youth Fishing Clinic taught by Franky Pettolina of "Last Call Charters" and Al "Hondo" Handy. The anglers learned to fish by casting off the Oceanic Pier, where they caught bluefish, shad and skates. Also participating in the program, but not pictured, were Zachary Dale, Daniel Nunan and Logan Simmons.

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Haley Betz from York, PA captured this 21-inch flounder on a live minnow in the East Channel while fishing on the "Rev Er Up". The fish weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Ake Marine.

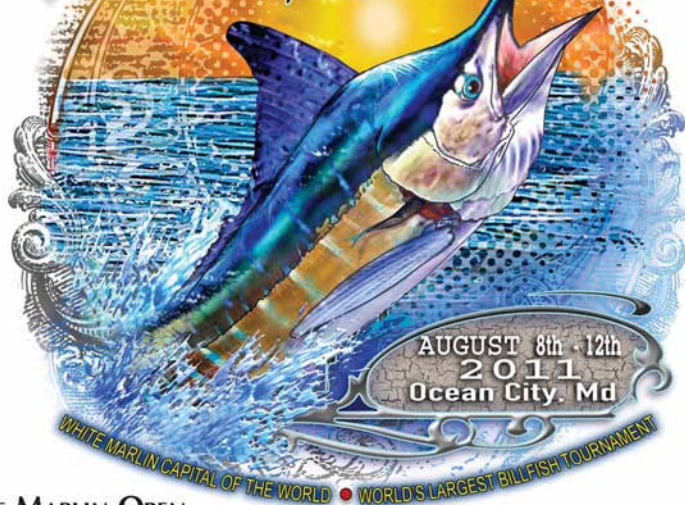


Colin Campbell (not pictured) and David and Cody McDaniel returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 13 yellowfin tuna and a 29.5 lb. dolphin after fishing on the "Samurai I" in the Wilmington Canyon with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and mate Mark Stephens. All of the fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars.

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Virginia Fishing Report

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The saltwater fishing scene off Virginia continues to improve with each passing day, and with another beautiful weekend on the horizon, many anglers will surely have a good window to get their dads out to try their luck on the water.

Although cobia are peaking many angler's interest, the bite seems to be on the slower side compared to the past few years. Those who are chumming are finding the best results. Areas off Hampton, from north of the Rockpile to Buckroe Beach are producing a few decent fish, while Latimer Shoal is also giving up scattered fish in the 60-pound range. Although folks are reporting sightings of cobia on the surface in the lower Bay and near the Bay Bridge Tunnel, the fish have been slow to respond to casters. Although working hard for their catches, most sightcasters are finding that eels are their best bet.

The flounder scene held steady within the lower Bay last week. Keepers are coming from Oyster, off Kiptopeke and near the four islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Anglers are finding luck working jigs and live bait around the pilings and the tubes of the CBBT, as well as drifting strip baits and minnows along drop-offs and channels. The 4th Island was particularly productive last



Logan Pusey and Daniel Mumma from Snow Hill, MD and Brandon Keim and Clint McCurcun from Hardscrapple, DE teamed up to land 7 yellowfin tuna and a mako shark while fishing in the Wilmington Canyon on the "Topless" with Capt. Perry Romig and Mate Brian Riley. The "Topless" charters out of Greenbackville, VA.

week. The lower Bay inlets are also producing some keeper flatties. Both drifters and waders are scoring with more consistent catches near the Lesner Bridge in Lynnhaven.

The red drum interest is now mostly overshadowed by other species. The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle tell that the red drum are still available on the Nine-foot Shoal and along Fisherman's Island, although most are measuring under 40-inches lately. A few nicer fish are still coming from

around the CBBT and large schools of bulls were still cruising on the surface along the coast from Sandbridge to False Cape last week. A few black drum are coming from the four artificial islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, where casters are picking away at fish on bucktails as well as crabs, peelers, and sea clams.

Spadefish have been a disappointment for the last few years; so many folks don't even bother fishing for them anymore. Although slow, a few spades were boated at Light Tower last week. Fish weighing up to around 5-pounds are still being caught on clams from the 3rd and 4th Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Sheepshead action is on the rise, with nice fish taking offerings all along the bridge's structure and on lower Bay wrecks. Bill Knapp of Virginia Beach and his crew boated a limit of fish up to 12-pounds, 12-ounces while fishing at the CBBT last week.

Spanish mackerel made a good showing along the Virginia Beach coastline last week, with some fish pushing to around 20-inches. Trolled, small Drone and Clark spoons will do the trick on mackerel, along with a mixed bag of tailor bluefish. Small bluefish, croaker and spot are available in both the Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets. Small croaker and tailor bluefish are hitting at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, while croaker and sea mullet are also biting off Ocean View and around the CBBT. The folks at Ocean's East 2 report that several boats are scoring with big bluefish pushing to over 30-inches just outside of the Little Creek jetties lately.

Nice sea bass are hitting on a few wrecks and structures about 30-miles offshore. Deep droppers working the Canyon edges are also finding some sea bass, along with decent numbers of deep water species, such as blueline tilefish, grouper and barrellfish. Catches of golden tilefish and black bellied rosefish are coming from water deeper than 50-fathoms. Those willing to make the run can find amberjack beginning to school around offshore wrecks and the South Tower.

A few boats made the run offshore to the warmer water near the Triple O's last week. The "Top Notch", skippered by Captain Russ Kostinas out of the Virginia Beach Fishing Center, had a good day with two white marlin releases, a blue marlin release and a smattering of gaffer dolphin. Most of his action came in 50-fathoms of water. Other boats testing out this water also encountered several billfish. An occasional yellowfin tuna or mako shark is also a possibility.

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Doug Wood and Jonathan Skoner, both from Pittsburgh, PA, caught 2 keeper stripers while fishing with live spot around the South jetty. The anglers were fishing on "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire. Pictured at White Marlin Marina.

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NOAA seeks comments on proposed procedures for setting annual catch limits and accountability measures for all Mid-Atlantic fisheries

NOAA proposed procedures for setting annual catch limits and accountability measures to prevent overfishing for 10 federally managed fish stocks managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Once the procedures are final, the Mid-Atlantic Council will be on its way to establishing catch limits and

accountability measures for all its required fisheries. According to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, all federally managed fisheries must be managed with those tools by the end of 2011. Already, NOAA and the eight regional Fishery Management Councils have implemented annual catch limits to prevent overfishing for 203 of the nation's 528 managed marine fish stocks.

"Annual catch limits and measures have been a major part of the successful rebuilding of fish stocks we have seen in this country, and they help ensure populations are being sustainably fished," said Eric Schwaab, assistant NOAA administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service. "When we have well-managed fisheries, it pays off for fishermen, consumers, coastal communities, and ecosystems."

The proposed amendment applies the fishery management requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and increases the role of science in setting management measures for all of the Mid-Atlantic council's fishery management plans. The council felt that it was more efficient to establish a common set of ground rules for all the management plans at once through an omnibus amendment, rather than developing them for each management plan separately.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act, the major law that sets how fisheries will be managed, required that by the end of 2010 fish species experiencing overfishing must be managed with annual catch limits and accountability measures, and expanded that requirement to all federally managed fisheries by the end of 2011. Historically, species in this region have been managed by more indirect controls, such as limits on the number of days vessels could fish and the number of fish that could be caught per trip.

The amendment also includes measures to prevent fishermen from exceeding the catch limits, and addresses how any overages that occur would be handled.

The fish species in the Mid-Atlantic affected by this proposed action include Atlantic mackerel, butterfish, Atlantic bluefish, spiny dogfish, summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, tilefish, Atlantic surfclam, and ocean quahog. Actual catch limits and accountability measures for each fish stock will be set within the respective fishery management plans for these stocks. However, the amendment formalizes the process for how scientific advice from the council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will be integrated in fishery management plans.

"The measures proposed today will ensure the council and NOAA will have a consistent approach for establishing catch limits, accounting for scientific and management uncertainties, and preventing overfishing," said Patricia Kurkul, northeast regional administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service.

NOAA is seeking public comment on the proposed omnibus amendment and will issue a final rule after reviewing comments. Comments must be received by July 18 and may be submitted:

Electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal By fax to 978-281-9135, or by mail to: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office 55 Great Republic Drive

Gloucester, MA 01930
Attention: Comments on the Mid Atlantic ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment.

Volunteers needed for Inland Bays Cleanup on June 25

The DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Section, along with the Enforcement Section volunteers, the Center for the Inland Bays and the Division of Parks and Recreation, are seeking volunteers for the Seventh Annual Cleanup of the Inland Bays beginning at 9 a.m.

and finishing up about 2 p.m., Saturday, June 25.

This year the cleanup will once again concentrate on two locations. The northern group will meet at the Massey's Landing Public Boat Ramp at the end of Long Neck Road and concentrate on the Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Bay areas. The southern group will meet at the Mulberry Landing Public Boat Ramp at the Assawoman Wildlife Area just southwest of Bethany Beach. A number of local businesses are donating money, food and equipment such as dumpsters. Volunteers who can bring shallow draft boats are also encouraged to take part.

Volunteers should dress to get dirty and be prepared for cooler conditions on the water as well as wet walking conditions on land. Boots are also suggested. Those who have access to life jackets should bring one, as they are required on boats. Otherwise, life jackets will be provided. Young children should not attend.

Last year's event drew 100 volunteers who collected a large quantity of debris, including soda bottles and cans, tires, derelict crab pots and a lot of plastic. A large construction dumpster was donated and filled by the end of the day.

"With this event, we are continuing our public outreach on behalf of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Delaware State Parks, the Center for the Inland Bays and our Fish and Wildlife Enforcement volunteers. We hope that through activities such as the clean-up, the persons using the Inland Bays will pause long enough to make decisions that truly benefit these waterways," said Capt. Aaron Hurd of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance, as lunch and t-shirts will be provided. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Capt. Aaron Hurd at 302-855-1901 or 302-270-8496, or by email aaron.hurd@state.de.us at

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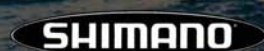
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Aaron Fritz of Blairsville, PA caught this 21-inch flounder during a trip aboard the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe. The fish was caught in the Thorofare and is pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Having been fortunate enough to spend many summers growing up at my family's North Ocean City home from the time I was 12, I have my share of memories of good fishing in Ocean City. But as good as any of those memories have been, I don't know if I can recall a past June that has been as good as this one.

Inshore, stripers have been good from the Rt. 50 Bridge and the South Jetty. Summer flounder keepers have been turning up for the inshore charters and private boats, especially in the south bay down by the airport to Frontier Town. The head boats continue to make impressive catches of Atlantic cod, along with black sea bass and tautog on the offshore reefs and wrecks. Biologists from Massachusetts and NOAA continue to work with Captain Monty Hawkins to document the unusual summer catches of cod, including tag mark and recapture information.

Offshore, the pelagic fishery continues to see great action at the canyons for yellowfin tuna, with several blue marlin and a few whites reported as well. Further in at the Chicken Bone, Hambone and along the 20 fathom line, bluefin catches have been decent. Our biologists report that over 90 bluefin had

been checked in (see below for landings requirements) during the time frame May 1 through June 5th. By comparison, only 4 had been checked in for the same time frame last year.

Sharks, particularly blue, hammerheads and some makos are turning up at the Fingers and the Sausages.

Overall, June of 2011 should go down as one of the very best in years.

Tuna Time

The shift of attention for offshore anglers is now focusing on tuna. This coming weekend marks the first big tournament for tuna. The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) will be holding their 22nd Annual Tuna Tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Weigh-ins will be held at Sunset Marina, along with Chincoteague and Wachapreague, VA. Look for the tuna bite to remain solid leading up to the 24th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, July 15-17, with weigh-ins at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

All owners/operators of vessels fishing recreationally for and/or retaining regulated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish and billfish) in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, must obtain an Atlantic

Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit. Similar to Atlantic tunas permits, 2011 Atlantic HMS permits cost \$20.00 and will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2011. Please remember that Maryland vessel owners should report their recreational bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and swordfish landings at a state-operated reporting station.

Anglers are responsible for completing a catch card when they return to port for each ABT or billfish on board their vessel. A tag is provided for each completed catch card and the angler is required to place this tag around the tail of the fish before removing it from the vessel. Trailered boats cannot be pulled from the water until the tag is in place.

Nine marinas qualify as Recreational ABT/Billfish Reporting Stations. Marinas distribute and collect catch cards, issue tags, and return leftover supplies to MD DNR at the conclusion of the fishing season. In addition to the marinas, an after hours kiosk is available at the MD DNR field office. Anglers that use the kiosk are expected to complete the catch card and the attached receipt, which replaces the tag. The catch card is to be deposited into the locked box at the kiosk. Participating marina's include: Ake Marine, Bahia Marina, Fishermen's Marina, Sunset Marina, Ocean City Fishing Center, Ocean Pines Marina, Pines Point Marina, White Marlin Marina, Talbot Street Pier and Marina and the MD DNR Natural Resources Boat House in West Ocean City next to the Martin Fish Company.

Get Ready for Radford

You've been hearing about it for a couple of years. Now it looks like the time is fast

approaching for the sinking of the largest vessel for an artificial reef on the Atlantic Coast, and second largest in North American waters. The USS Radford at 573 feet in length will be second in size only to the USS Oriskany, an aircraft carrier placed off Pensacola, Florida in 2006. The placement of the Radford as an artificial reef off the Delmarva Peninsula will create a giant three-dimensional structure, which will provide habitat for fish and myriad other marine fauna. The location of the final resting place of the Radford is the Deljerseyland reef site. Named because it is located relatively equidistant from the ports of Ocean City, Maryland, Indian River, Delaware and Cape May, New Jersey. The reef site sits approximately 30 nautical miles from each of these ports in 130 feet of water near the existing wreck of the Moonstone. When the vessel goes down, it will provide 70 feet of vertical relief off the ocean floor.

The prospects are promising for drawing a mix of fish species ranging from those with strong affinities for structure such as tautog, black sea bass, cunner and triggerfish to apex predators such as tuna and sharks. The sinking of the Radford also represents an effort to demonstrate that large vessels can be prepared and reefed inexpensively and expeditiously. In contrast to other mega vessels like the Hoyt Vandenberg, which took over 10 years of preparation at a price tag of over \$10 million dollars, or the Oriskany, which took years to address environmental remediation at a cost of nearly \$19 million dollars, the Radford will have taken just two years to prepare, at a cost of \$800,000. The reefing of the Radford is a joint venture between the states of Delaware (lead on the project), New Jersey and Maryland along with the US Navy. Delaware maintains the permit for the deepwater site. The exact date has not been announced, but it appears to be lining up to be just a few weeks away. Reefing the vessel in the middle of the summer will provide great exposure to the project and an opportunity for

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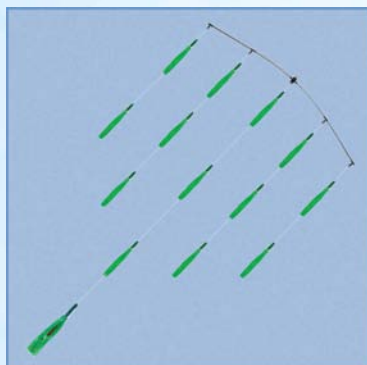
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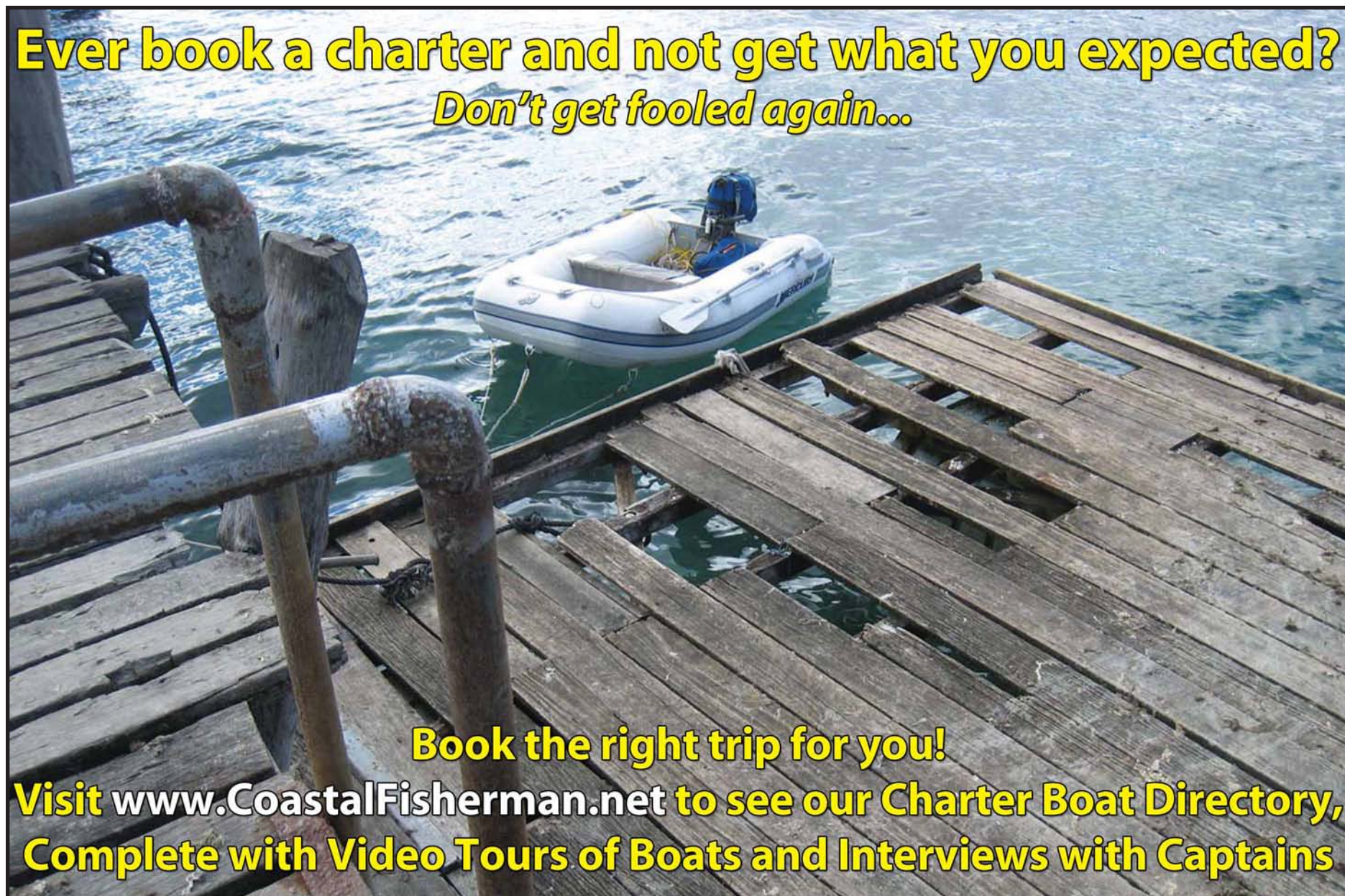
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MD DNR continued:

many folks to see the reefing exercise (assuming good weather).

On a personal note, I was taught to dive on wrecks off Maryland's coast, and I look forward to being able to be among the first to dive the Radford when she goes down. I'll have an update each week as we get closer to the reefing, but be prepared for a once in a lifetime event this summer.

Questions From Coastal Fishermen Readers?

I welcome any questions you may have on fisheries management, sport fishing licenses, or any other fisheries related questions. Please email your questions to:



mlgary@dnr.state.md.us

Until next week.....good fishing!

Marty Gary is Assistant Director/Fisheries Ecologist at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service.



Tom Hart from Ocean City, MD, Dennis Bornmann from Philadelphia, PA, Frank Watkins from Ocean Pines, MD and Lou Drosey from Pennsburg, PA spent the day trolling ballyhoo and artificial lures at the Hambone and Sausages and were rewarded with a 34-inch bluefin tuna and some dolphin. The anglers were fishing on the "Finally" and are pictured at Ake Marine.

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|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Sea Bass | May 25, 2011 Ricky Herbert "Morning Star" 6 lbs. 4 oz. | May 27, 2011 Hobby Isaacs Reef Site 11 5 lbs. 10 oz. | Mako Shark | June 1, 2011 Zack Smith Washington Canyon 280 lbs. | June 8, 2011 Chris Bowden "Misdemeanor" 231 lbs. |
| Tautog | March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz. | April 26, 2011 Sam Green DE Bay Reef 10 lbs. 2 oz. | Thresher Shark | May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs. | May 31, 2011 Alex Capozio "DB" Buoy 487 lbs. |
| Striped Bass | April 20, 2011 Robert Remo Rt. 50 Bridge 36 lbs. | May 18, 2011 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 45 lbs. 2 oz. | Bluefin Tuna | June 3, 2011 Dan Youngblood "Muff Diver" 94.4 lbs. | NEW June 19, 2011 Bill Walls "Restless Lady" 110 lbs. |
| Weakfish | June 1, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel 4 lbs. 6 oz. | No Weights Reported | Yellowfin Tuna | June 4, 2011 Tom Wisniewski Wilmington Canyon 94 lbs. | June 12, 2011 Tony Burr Wilmington Canyon 90.6 lbs. |
| Speckled Trout | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported | Longfin Tuna | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
| Flounder | May 28, 2011 Bob Spetzler East Channel 8 lbs. 8 oz. | NEW June 17, 2011 Mike Esham Indian River Inlet 9 lbs. 3 oz. | Bigeye Tuna | May 31, 2011 Aaron Saulsbury Washington Canyon 172.4 lbs. | June 12, 2011 C.C. Lee Wilmington Canyon 157.6 lbs. |
| Bluefish | May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs. | June 2, 2011 Lex Robertson 12 Fathom Lump 10 lbs. | Dolphin | NEW June 18, 2011 Tim McGuire Washington Canyon 32 lbs. | NEW June 18, 2011 Dustin Kope Baltimore Canyon 27.3 lbs. |
| Sheepshead | NEW June 18, 2011 Michael Guigley South Jetty 13 lbs. | June 12, 2011 Mark Adams Reef Site 5 5 lbs. 8 oz. | Wahoo | No Weights Reported | May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon 11.9 lbs. |
| Cobia | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported | White Marlin | Most Releases in One Day June 10, 2011 Private Boat Baltimore Canyon 3 releases | |
| | | | | June 10, 2011 "Blue Water Obsession" Wilmington Canyon 1 release | |

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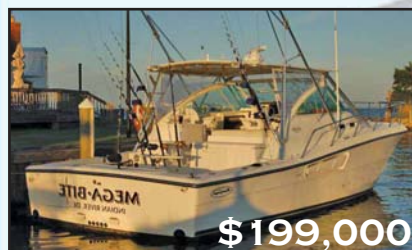
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