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Last Sunday, Hayden Tranter of Dunkirk, MD muscled in this 83 lb. wahoo after hooking it on a high speed cowbell wahoo lure in 65 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon where they found water temperatures hovering around 73-degrees. Hayden was fishing on the "Wirenut" with Derek Tranter, also from Dunkirk, MD, Capt. Mike Williams and mate John Sipple. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City, MD.



You would be smiling too if you caught a load of bluegill, including three that weighed 17, 18 and 19 lbs. That is exactly what angler Jay Schlein did during a trip to the Washington Canyon on the "Wrangler" with Capt. Craig and Chuckie Mercier. All of the fish were fooled with chunks of clam.

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Chris Vann, mate on the charter boat, "Katydid", caught a 6 lb. 7 oz. flounder at Site 11 off the Delaware coast. The flounder made the mistake of going after a Gulp artificial bait during a trip with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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This 5 lb. 1 oz. triggerfish ate a squid and shiner combination being soaked at Site 11 by Tony Gargurevich of Bethesda, MD during a trip on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Richard Crosariol loves flounder fishing this time of year and it's no wonder why after he caught a pair of flounder measuring 18 1/2 and 20-inches while drifting live mullet in the West Channel. Richard reported water temperatures hovering around 74-degrees during the outgoing tide.

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Little Chase Clubb of Mount Joy, PA caught this false albacore tuna while fishing on the "Chain Reaction" with his dad, Ross Clubb and uncle, Grant Club (pictured). It was all the false albacores they wanted while trolling at the Jackspot.

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FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



This Week Last Year

- Horrible weather put a damper on fishing.
- Best bay flounder bite was under the Rt. 50 Bridge.
- Best ocean flounder bite was at the Old Grounds.
- Snapper bluefish around the Rt. 50 Bridge.
- Cobia reappeared after a short absence.
- Boats made the 157-mile trip to the Hudson Canyon for some ultra hot white marlin fishing. The "Makara" went 50 for 78 in 2 days.
- A few wahoo were caught at the Hot Dog and a 57 pounder was caught in the Washington Canyon.
- Dolphin were all over the ocean with fish as close as Fenwick Shoal and out to the canyons. Mark Ensor on the "Primary Search" caught a 50 pounder below the Baltimore.

It was a rough week for fishing out of Ocean City with the effects of Hurricane Dorian felt late on Wednesday and into the weekend.

On Sunday, Bahia Marina held their annual Flounder Pounder with 28 boats registered in the event. Even though the water was still dirty from the recent bad weather, anglers seemed to have good luck finding keeper flounder. The baits of choice were Gulp Swimming Mulletts and live bunker or mullet. The top locations were the East and West Channels and around the Inlet and South Jetty.

First place in the tournament went to Blake Gunther on the "Sick Day" with a fat 22-incher that weighed an even 5 lbs. He hooked it during the incoming tide on a pink Gulp Swimming

Mullet in the Inlet. Malcolm Smith on the "PA Down Time" just missed 1st place by a whisker, boating a 4 lb. 15 oz. flattie on a Gulp artificial bait around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Third place went to Richard Crosariol, who is having a great flounder fishing season. He hooked his 4 pounder on a live spot in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. There were 8 other fish in the tournament that weighed between 3 and 4 lbs.

Inshore action was mixed with a great flounder bite before the seas got rough and a dramatic improvement in the black sea bass bite afterwards. North towards the Old Grounds was the place to be for ocean flounder last week with anglers returning with good numbers of quality fish. Then on Saturday, you could feel Capt. Monty on the headboat, "Morning Star" jumping out of his skin with excitement after his anglers had one of the best sea bass days they have had in years while fishing in 115-feet of water. Everyone, including the captain and mates, caught their limit!

Closer to home, just outside the Ocean City Inlet around the Ocean Pier, anglers on the charter boats, "On the Run" and "Lucky Break" got into some big schools of Spanish mackerel and bluefish. They hooked some nice fish on trolled spoons.

Offshore, before the blow

we saw most boats heading south to the Rockpile where they caught dolphin and recorded white marlin releases. Unfortunately, they were stuck at the dock for several days until they could get back out on Sunday and it looked like most headed to the south end of the Wilmington Canyon and the north end of the Baltimore. The competition is heating up for most white marlin releases in the season. Anglers on the "DA Sea" returned to Sunset Marina after releasing 6 white marlin and the "Roll Groove" ended their day with 4 white marlin flags flying.

The dolphin bite was absolutely insane. Anglers on "Rhonda's Osprey" put 67 in the box and the "Marli" returned with 60 from the Baltimore Canyon. The "Cabana" had a good day with 14 dolphin, a yellowfin tuna and a white marlin release in the Wilmington and the "Fish On" had 27 dolphin and 2 white releases, also in the Wilmington. The fish cleaners at Sunset Marina must have looked like they were doing a Ginsu knife commercial with all the slicing going on!

Although this is the time of year when marlin fishermen start getting excited about the white marlin bite, it is also when we can see some good catches of wahoo. On Sunday, anglers on the "Wirenut" boated an 83 pounder while fishing in 65-fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Mike Williams found 73-degree water. They caught it on a high-speed cowbell lure that are popular with anglers looking for wahoo.

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There were a few "firsts" for anglers fishing on the "C-Boys" with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Wyatt Melocik and Joey Marowski. Josh Blume released his first blue marlin, Derick and Alyssa Simpson teamed up on their first white marlin and Leah Simpson released her first white marlin while fishing with Emily Blume and Shannon Simpson who each released a white. All of the action was on trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

There are 3 tournaments on the schedule for this weekend. First is the 41st Annual Challenge Cup pitting the Ocean City Marlin Club against the Cape May (NJ) Tuna and Marlin Club in a billfish release competition. The event was cancelled last year due to weather, but in 2017 the Ocean City team

dominated the 3-day event, so the Cape May guys will be looking to get the trophy back to the Garden State.

The Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing Association Fall-Haul Flounder Tournament is set for Saturday, September 14th with weigh-ins at Atlantic Tackle. This tournament awards prizes based on length of the flounder

and not it's weight. Registration can be done either online at their website or on Friday, September 13th at 6:30 PM at Atlantic Tackle.

The last tournament set for the weekend is the Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament on Saturday. Historically, this tournament was always held on September

11th, so this is a change from the past. All of the "action" takes place right there at the docks with registration at 4:00 PM and fishing from 5:00 to 6:30. This is an incredibly fun tournament and definitely one for the kids. Entry fee is only \$5.00.

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Before offshore fishing shut down due to the effects of Hurricane Dorian, anglers on the "Lucky Duck II" scooted out to 80 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where they captured a pair of yellowfin tuna that had a combined weight of 153 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Art Boykin and mate Bill Mengason were Karl Diehn, James Wolf and Jon Wood, all from Baltimore, MD and Bob Allwein and Jeremy Wilson from Frederick, MD. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Local angler, Mike Hoffman used live bunker to fool these 2 flounder while drifting north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Mike's flatties measured 21 and 23-inches.

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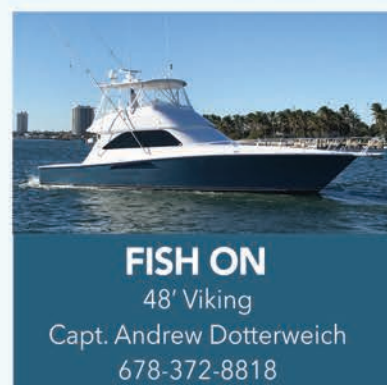
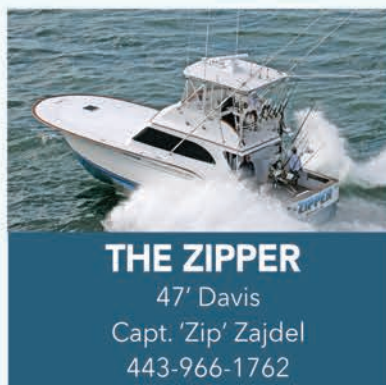
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Mike Austill and Jeff Dunlap caught their limit of flounder while fishing with live mullet in the Thorofare. Their fish measured between 18 and 24-inches.

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The sheephead were really snapping at The Outer Wall and Alex Neiss of Harbeson, DE caught himself a pair while using sand fleas for bait. His largest sheephead weighed 10 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Bianca Wines caught a 17 1/2-inch flounder while soaking sand fleas in the Indian River Inlet with her brother Luca and her dad, Chris.



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by Capt. Franky Pettolina



So there I was bent over my dock box at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Mr. Evans was securing additional mooring lines to our stern cleats for the coming of whatever remains of Hurricane Dorian after it passes through the Carolinas this evening. I was supervising.

Right about the time I was telling Mr. Evans to cinch it up a little tighter, a pickup truck pulled into the far side of the parking lot and I heard someone yelling. "JoJo! Hey JoJo! JoJo Joachimowski is that you?!?" Mr. Evans and I commenced to laughing.

Back in my traveling days, the Mexican dockhands used to call JoJo "Oso Grande" and in turn I was "Oso Pequeno." Big Bear and Little Bear. Nowadays, I still call Capt. JoJo "Papa Bear". Apparently whoever it was in the parking lot could not tell that it was Boo-Boo bent over the dock box and not Yogi. (this may be the first time in the history of the Coastal Fisherman that Yogi Berra and Yogi Bear were referenced in back to back issues). Before I could turn and see who it was they pulled away saying something about

me looking like JoJo from behind.

As luck would have it, Papa Bear gave me a call this afternoon to talk about some Ocean City Marlin Club things and I was able to tell him about the mistaken identity. We had a good chuckle about how we both have remarkably identifiable backsides. JoJo said something about my backside being more bewhiskered than his, to which I replied that mine was suitably hidden from view even though I was bent at an odd angle over the dock box.

As much as I am sure you are all hoping that this will be an entire column about JoJo's and my cabooses, I will have to disappoint you. Sorry Sir Mix A Lot. Not this week.

What I am going to write about did take place back when I was known as "Oso Pequeno" however. The year was 1998. I was working on a boat called the "Inger." She was a beautiful fifty seven foot Custom Carolina hull built by Ricky Scarborough in Wanchese, North Carolina. The boat was named after the wife of the owner (Tom) and the crew was the owner's son

(Eddie) and yours truly. We had just finished up a four month stint in Cancun, Mexico fishing almost exclusively for sailfish. Without pulling out my old log book, I am going to guess that we had caught several hundred while we were there. Tom and Inger would fly in for half of each month and we would fish whenever the seas were relatively calm (the winter months can be choppy where the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico meet). The other half of the month would involve fishing with other family members or guests that would fly in for vacation or partying when we weren't fishing. Life bordered on perfection. Sun, sailfish, and Cervezas! What else could you want?

If you were to ask Tom, it would be a simple two word answer. Blue marlin! About halfway through our stay in Mexico, Tom grew tired of catching forty pound sails on twenty pound tackle. He wanted something that would pull harder and test his angling prowess. Capt. Eddie and I tried to satiate his appetite with trips to Arrowsmith Bank to catch some tunas and wahoos, but it just wasn't enough. Thankfully, the next destination on our calendar was well known for blue marlin in the springtime. I am talking about de Bahamas Mon! (too bad there is not a

rasta font!)

Yup, we were scheduled for a five week tour of the islands. The first week would be spent gambling and entertaining Inger, Tom and some of Tom's business associates in Paradise Island in Nassau. Following that though, we were going to get serious about chasing blue marlin. We had almost a month scheduled between Marsh Harbor and Harbour Island. My cockpit bait freezer was loaded with large Spanish mackerel and horse ballyhoo. We put away most of our lighter tackle, keeping only two small rods out for pitch baits in case a white marlin or sailfish would show up in our spread. The big guns were all loaded and we were going to get Tom something to pull on!

On the morning of our first day fishing out of Harbour Island, Tom had an air of excitement about him that I had not seen in quite a while. He looked at me and said, "Time for something other than sailfish!" I put the spread out and Eddie had us trolling through a scattered weed edge in some beautiful cobalt blue water. Not ten minutes into our search something grabbed the right teaser. Tom and I sprung into action. And then Tom stopped. The fish behind the teaser showed itself and its partner showed itself on the left teaser. A doubleheader of sailfish!!! Tom was disgusted

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and told me not to bother. But I reminded him that we would need these sails to complete a Grand Slam later after we had caught a blue marlin or two, so Tom reluctantly wound in one sail and I wound in the other. Thankfully they came in quickly and we could get back to hunting marlin.

Our next bite was a marlin. It was not the blue that Tom had been waiting months for however. It was a white marlin. Since it was not yet lunchtime, I reminded Tom that this would be another piece of our puzzle that we would need for the Grand Slam after we caught his blue later in the day. Tom made quick work of the white marlin and we had two thirds of a Grand Slam. It was spring time in the Bahamas. I was confident that we would get a shot at a Slam that day.

Well we did. But not with the blue marlin that Tom so desperately desired. A longbilled spearfish came to our left teaser and I was able to hook it up, but for only a brief

moment before the hook pulled during a series of jumps. Thus the day ended with the same amount of blue marlins as we had coming into it. I was not worried though. We had a few weeks left and it was spring time in the Bahamas.

It was a wonderful couple of weeks in the Bahamas. I made friends with the local crews and enjoyed the company of the youngsters that hung around the docks. The biggest king mackerel I have ever caught happened on the third or fourth fishing day. Lots of big mahi. More barracudas than I cared to catch. I developed quite the appetite for cracked conch and cold Kalik beer. What I did not do however was find any blue marlin for Tom. Some other sails and whites were caught, but after the first week even they went away. The local boats switched to chumming and chunking for yellowfin tuna instead of trolling for marlin. Tom declared the trip a bust. Well not really. We were

in a beautiful chain of islands with friendly people and an almost fairy tale atmosphere. Just no blue marlin.

As I am sure you are aware, this awful hurricane has wrought havoc in the places I just mentioned. In the coming weeks there will be a multitude of opportunities to contribute to the rebuilding of these islands and to aid their residents. I ask you to keep an eye out for one that is within your means and give whatever you can. As this column is being written, some of the friends I made in those days twenty years ago lost everything they had overnight just a little over twenty hours ago. We all need to do what we can to help them out.

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

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Maria Crist ventured down from Pennsylvania and caught this 2 lb. 4 oz. weakfish while fishing with clams in the Delaware Bay on the charter boat, "Angler". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



It was lights out for this 21 1/4-inch flounder after being caught by Dave Neumayer of Hanover, PA. Dave thought he was snagged after hooking the big flattie while drifting a live minnow in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge during a trip aboard the "Double D's" with Kevin Wolf, Matt Grim and Lexi Grim.

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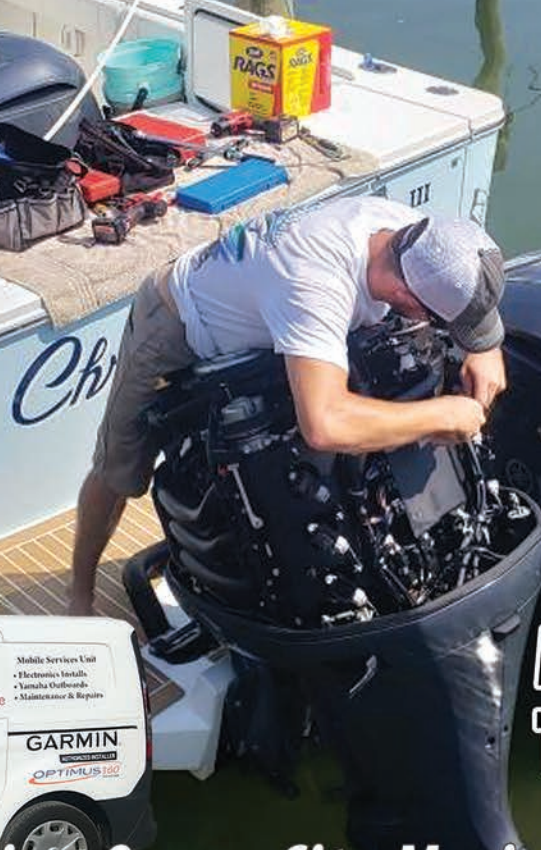
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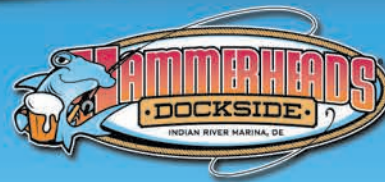
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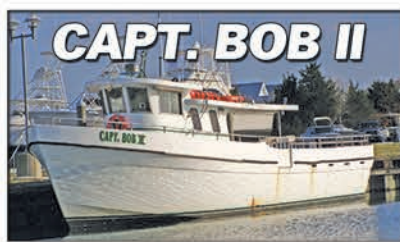
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The Ocean City Marlin Club famed kitchen staff took a trip on the charter boat, "Last Call" and returned with a white marlin release, a triggerfish and 7 dolphin (3 pictured). Alec Webster released his first white marlin and Brett Oliver muscled in a 26 lb. mahi while fishing with Chef Mike Johnston, Robert Miocic, David Gregory, Capt. Frank Pettolina, Capt. Franky Pettolina and mate Chris Evans. All of the action came on trolled ballyhoo at the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Alex Eliadis caught a 6 lb. flounder during a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. Alex hooked the big flattie while dropping a bucktail on to a natural ocean reef in 105-feet of water, outside "A" Buoy.

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Larry McDonald shows off the 9 lb. 14 oz. sheephead he caught during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Larry fooled the big sheephead with a clam and sand flea combination and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Sabrina Palazzo and her daughter, Sophia caught 3 pompano (1 pictured) while fishing in the surf off Fenwick Island. All were caught on Fenwick Tackle top-and-bottom rigs tipped with Fishbite artificial baits.

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David Bosse, Sandra Gay and C.K. Twilley, all from Willards, MD joined up with Joanita Lock and Maureen Pitts from Baltimore, MD for a flounder fishing trip on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and ended their day with 4 keepers in the box with the largest measuring 18-inches. All were hooked on Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the Thorofare. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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After missing their limit of black sea bass by only a few fish, Gene Laskowski and Beth Rada show off some of their catch after fishing on the headboat, "Thelma Dale". The fish were caught on squid and clams on ocean structure. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Donna Moneco of Sayreville, NJ caught this 16-inch black sea bass while dropping squid and clams at the Bass Grounds during a trip on the headboat, "Judith M".

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Tom Foti from Bushkill, PA, Ed Dennis from Nanticoke, PA, Lisa Kistler from Wilkes Barre, PA, Carol Kochman from Seymour, CT, Dave Brown from Bedford, PA and Sean Milligan from Philadelphia, PA all returned to Bahia Marina with keeper flounder after spending a few hours fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. Squid and shiners in the East and West Channels were the ticket, especially for Tom Foti who caught an 18-inch, 2 lb. 10 oz. flattie that was the largest of the trip.

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Capt. Monty Hawkins had one of his best mahi days in years and is shown posing with Craig McIlrath of Marlton, NJ who caught himself a 29 1/2-incher. Unfortunately, Craig's lady dolphin didn't qualify for the fish pool with the honor going to Scott Hassaretti for his 17-inch black sea bass. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This 10 lb. 13 oz. sheephead made a big mistake when it decided to go after the clam and sand flea combination that Fred Robinson was soaking at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Fred was fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest.

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While fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock (pictured), anglers Ed and Sullivan Lewis captured 4 keeper flounder, measuring up to 18 1/2-inches, while fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island. All 4 flatties were fooled with Gulp and Z-Man artificial baits.



In the 2019 Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held last Sunday, Les Givens caught a 3 lb. 9 oz. flounder and Preston Walls added a 2 lb. 9 oz. flattie to the cooler while drifting live spot in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The anglers were fishing on the "One More Drift" with Jim Morand. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Cory Gibson of Bel Air, MD caught his very first mahi while trolling a skirted artificial ballyhoo near the Hot Dog. Cory boated the 14 pounder while fishing on the "Wild Card" with his uncle, Kevin Gibson and his brother, Ryan Gibson.


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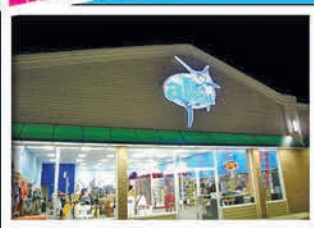




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by Steve Katz
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Do you want to watch Sunday football and go fishing offshore at the same time?

Have you ever noticed that large dome on the topside of big sportfish and pleasure boats? Ever wonder what's under that dome? Well, inside is a movable, parabolic antenna often referred to as a dish. This antenna is designed to send and receive signals from a moving boat to a satellite orbiting the earth 23,000 miles overhead. While boating on the open water, a marine Satellite TV system is a great way to keep the guests and crew entertained.

Many larger boats have more than one satellite dome on the topside. Often one dome is for Satellite TV reception and the other dome is for voice and data communication. The antennas look similar, but function differently with the main difference being that the voice/data satellite antenna needs to also transmit data from the boat to the orbiting satellite. These voice/data antenna systems are more expensive than a Satellite TV

system due to the hardware required to both send and receive data signals to a satellite 23,000 miles away. Modern voice/data satellite antenna systems can be used for phone calls and also internet data. This allows you to be connected and "on-line" while away from land, just about anywhere in the world. While there are certainly some hand-held satellite phones and other small satellite devices that can send and receive data, these larger parabolic antenna systems have the ability to do it at speeds similar to land-based systems.

Satellite TV antenna systems or television receive-only systems (TVRO) are simply less expensive than voice/data antennas since they only need to receive a signal. There are currently two manufacturers that offer products for the pleasure boat market, KVH and Intellian. These companies make antenna systems that are capable of tracking and receiving signals from almost any worldwide satellite TV provider, with the correct equipment of course. KVH

and Intellian both offer pleasure boat satellite TV antenna systems starting around \$2,000.

The antenna's job is to find, identify and track the signal broadcast by the satellite. Seems simple enough? Well remember that these broadcast satellites are 23,000 miles away, in an orbit crowded with a lot of satellites using only a few hundred watts of transmitting power and the boat is bobbing and moving on the water all the time.

How does the antenna do its job? Inside the antenna is a parabolic dish that is movable on two or three axis. This dish needs to point directly at the satellite to receive and focus the distant signal into its antenna and signal processing electronics. The first thing the antenna needs to know is where your boat is located. This can be manually entered into the antennas control system or often the antenna has a built-in GPS so it knows where it is. The second thing the antenna needs to know is what satellite you want to track and this depends on what service you have. Even with DISH and DIRECTV there are a lot of satellites and combination of satellites you may need to track. Once the antenna system knows where you are and what satellites you want, it can then calculate where in the sky it should

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point to find that satellite. Once it finds a signal, the antenna's electronics monitor and measure the signal and constantly move the antenna's parabolic dish to maintain a strong signal. Once a signal is received, the electronics confirm it is pointing at the correct satellite in orbit and tries to keep the antenna pointed correctly while you use your boat.

Why haven't we talked about DISH and DIRECTV yet? Up to this point it doesn't really matter. The antenna can track almost any TV broadcast. The antenna doesn't care if you want DISH or DIRECTV, that is up to you. While DISH and DIRECTV are both satellite TV providers offering coverage in the USA, they operate with different satellites and have different ways to broadcasting their programing. When deciding on a residential installation with DISH or DIRECTV, it is usually the viewers preference or a special promotional offer that is the deciding factor. When it comes to marine satellite TV, often the choice of DISH or DIRECTV is decided based upon the locations where you operate your boat and the budget for your antenna hardware.

We could dedicate a whole article about DISH versus DIRECTV, though most inland and coastal US boaters select

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DIRECTV due to the ability to receive standard programming by tracking only one satellite. This makes for a reliable and easy system to set-up and maintain. If you need to track multiple satellites as required by some DISH and DIRECTV services for high definition or additional programming, the antenna system gets more complex and expensive. While both DISH and DIRECTV are reliable, they often make changes that require KVH and Intellian to catch-up with their own modifications for compatibility.

Overall, modern satellite TV antenna systems remain a reliable way to stay connected while at sea.

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



The trip didn't start out very good with engine problems taking up some time, but it finished strong with Ross Karsnitz catching his first cobia while fishing with Joe Heath and Ryan Whibley off the coast of Delaware. Ross hooked the 37.6 lb. "man in the brown suit" on a live bunker and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Todd Clayton, Trevor Hathaway and Garrett Burrill, all from Harford County, MD took a trip south to the perennial hot spot for triggerfish, Winter Quarter Shoal, and returned with a nice catch of triggers, spadefish, a flounder and a jack. All were caught on squid and Gulp artificial baits. Photo courtesy of AllTackle Ocean City.



A regular on the headboat, "Morning Star", angler Tom Lane holds up a couple of big black sea bass he caught while soaking squid and clams over natural ocean bottom.

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Before the effects of Hurricane Dorian put offshore fishing on the back burner, anglers on the "Buckshot" headed to 800 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon and returned with 3 big longfin albacore tuna, a good size mahi that was estimated at 25 lbs., a blue marlin release and 3 white marlin releases. The longfins weren't weighed individually, but their combined weight tipped the Sunset Marina scale at 157 lbs. The blue marlin was estimated at 300 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Gary Stamm and mates Steve "Skibo" Eakle and Andreas Mayorca were David MacKenzie, Megan MacKenzie, David MacKenzie, Jr. and Ron Fuller.



RaShae Poole caught her first keeper flounder of the season while drifting in the bay behind Assateague Island. The 18-inch was fooled with a white Gulp Swimming Mullet.



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On the second day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, anglers on the "Canyon Hunter" arrived at the scale with 7 white marlin releases. They released 3 on Friday in the Poor Man's Canyon and another 4 on Saturday in the Norfolk Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mike Vaughan and mate Rich Hastings were anglers Bob Elder, Sean Davie, Kevin Bryant, Don Schline and Eric Schline. Pictured at the Sunset Marina tournament scale.

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FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



This Week Last Year

- Nasty weekend with high winds kept boats at the dock.
- Before the blow, a lot of bluefish were caught in the Indian River Inlet.
- Decent size spot and black drum were caught in the back bays.
- Bluefish, pompano and kingfish were caught in the surf.
- Cobia still being caught off the coast.
- Bluefish and mackerel on inshore lumps.
- Triggerfish, sheepshead and small black drum at The Walls.
- Flounder bite in 60-80 feet of water slowed down. Better bites further offshore.
- All the croakers you wanted in 60-feet of water.
- Good white and blue marlin bite in the Poor Man's Canyon.

Unfortunately, there isn't much to report this week. The effects of Hurricane Dorian were felt late Wednesday into Friday, keeping everyone at the dock. Some reports had us getting up to 60 mile per hour gusts, but luckily it didn't come anywhere close to that.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE, Capt. Mike Behney reported that some of his customers headed to the DelJerseyLand reef and found good sea bass fishing with knotheads weighing up to 3 1/2 lbs. Clams and squid were the baits of choice.

Flounder fishing on ocean bottom is definitely on the upswing and it appears that the flatties are stacking up in the bay and inlets preparing for their eastward migration. Mike reported seeing good flounder fishing after the blow on Sunday with several of his customers returning with limits of flounder

from locations around the Old Grounds. Those who didn't want to venture outside the Inlet found flounder in Massey's Ditch and in the Indian River Inlet.

Mike said that a lot of anglers had great results catching dolphin over the weekend, especially around the inshore pots only 20 miles off the beach. No monsters, but not peanut size either.

In the surf, bluefish are dominating the action with surfcasters also tying up with kingfish as well.

Capt. Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em didn't see much action at the Indian River Marina until Sunday and the flounder bite in the Indian River Inlet was as solid as its been this year with good numbers of fish being caught and some really nice flatties in the mix. Brittany Lee of Ocean View led the way with a 24-inch, 6 pounder caught on a Bass Assassin on the north side of the Inlet. Bert said that there were a lot of 3 to 5 pounders caught at the normal hot spots in the Inlet. Like reports coming out of Ocean City, there's a lot of mullet in the Indian River Inlet right now. Ocean City anglers seemed to feel that it made it tough to flounder fish over the weekend, but it didn't seem to hurt IRI anglers.

In addition to the flounder

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bite, there were some bluefish and short stripers caught on artificials in the Indian River Inlet over the weekend. Unfortunately, still no croakers, although hardhead action seems to have picked up dramatically at sites around the Delaware Bay. There were also reports of big kingfish in the Bay as well.

Speaking of the Delaware Bay, before the blow, sheepshead action around The Walls was outstanding. You can see all the pictures in this issue and there are still some that I didn't have room for. They were nice size fish with several over 10 lbs.

Headboats out of Indian River found some flounder 8 miles off the beach and also got into sea bass, bluefish, croakers and triggerfish. Bert said they had some nice size flounder on Sunday and even lost one at the boat that was estimated at 7 lbs.

Offshore, Sunday was crazy and Bert was cleaning fish until after 9:00 at night due to all the dolphin that were coming in. Anglers caught them on cut bait and while trolling below the Baltimore and into the Poor Man's with fish from 3 lbs. up to 18 lbs. hitting the cleaning table. Bert also saw 2 yellowfins come in that weighed 73 and 78 lbs. in addition to a pair of swordfish weighing 59 and 81 lbs. that he thought were caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

Commercial longliners got into some allison yellowfin tuna and bigeyes deep outside the canyons last week.

Until next week, have fun and tight lines!

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Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2019 A.J. Marta Delaware Bay 64 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	June 1, 2019 Marc Troch Fingers 553 lbs.	June 15, 2019 Dave Twardowski Old Grounds 528 lbs.
Cobia 	July 21, 2019 Wyatt Melocik Great Gull Shoal 60 lbs.	August 17, 2019 Nicky Ferrara Bethany Coast 72 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 19, 2019 Bill Pino & Bill Keller Poor Man's Canyon 237 lbs.	August 9, 2019 Ostrowski Family Wilmington Canyon 225 lbs.
Flounder 	July 2, 2019 Steve Ratcliff Blackfish Bank 8 lbs.	July 3, 2019 Sunny Crowell Site 10 10 lbs. 10 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	May 27, 2019 Steve Brokenshire Poor Man's Canyon 155 lbs.	June 2, 2019 John Klerlien Baltimore Canyon 157.4 lbs.
Sea Bass 	May 15, 2019 Bobby Eberhard Ocean Wreck 5 lbs.	June 6, 2019 Elaine Becker Ocean Wreck 3 lb. 3 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	June 25, 2019 Mike Shekletski Baltimore Canyon 57 lbs.	June 1, 2019 Ed Luhrman Baltimore Canyon 54 lbs.
Sheepshead 	August 6, 2019 Chris Gaba South Jetty 12 lbs. 1 oz.	June 27, 2019 Pete Hesson Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 10 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna 	August 9, 2019 Andrew Semprevivo Baltimore Canyon 150.5 lbs.	June 19, 2019 Kyle Bartley Baltimore Canyon 79.7 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 9, 2019 Dan Rivera Ocean City Inlet 37.5 lbs.	May 9, 2019 Bob Holsberger Indian River Surf 15 lbs. 6 oz.	Dolphin 	August 16, 2019 Kristy Frashure Poor Man's Canyon 74.5 lbs.	July 20, 2019 Mary Gessler Baltimore Canyon 29.9 lbs.
Tautog 	May 7, 2019 Eddie Santiago "Fish Bound" 20 lbs.	January 7, 2019 Steve Kiibler Site 11 19 lbs. 13 oz.	Wahoo 	July 12, 2019 Andrew Koontz Poor Man's Canyon 109 lbs.	August 7, 2019 Allan Kazmierski Wilmington Canyon 45 lbs.
Weakfish 	June 6, 2019 Rich Daiker South Jetty 6 lbs. 8 oz.	June 5, 2019 Ryan Lewis Indian River Inlet 5 lbs. 6 oz.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in 1 Day (trolling only)	
				August 1, 2019 "Let It Ride" 13 releases	July 28, 2019 "Seaflame" 9 releases

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It's been a tough season for flounder fishing on ocean structure, but on this day they were really snapping for anglers fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat, "Morning Star". Several of the anglers caught their limit of 4 flounder and Hunter Owens took the fish pool with a 23-incher. Joining Hunter were Mike Ziegler, George Miller, Christopher Cutcher, Paul Teter, Carry Snyder, Nate Volgelson, Paul Kissinger, Troy Heiser and Jeff Phillips. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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 2 oz. smoked Spanish chorizo, finely chopped
 12 scallions, white and pale green parts only, thinly sliced
 5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
 1/2 serrano chile, finely chopped
 3/4 tsp. kosher salt, plus more
 1 cup buttermilk
 1/3 cup cilantro, chopped
 2 TBSP unsalted butter
 1 lime, halved
 Lime wedges, for serving

Cut kernels from corncobs and place in a medium bowl.

Using the back of a chef's knife, scrape milk from cobs into the bowl; discard cobs.

Heat 1 TBSP oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat.

Cook chorizo, stirring occasionally, until it starts to get crisp, about 2 minutes.

Carefully pour chorizo oil into a small bowl (use a slotted spoon to hold back chorizo) and set chorizo oil aside.

Return chorizo pan to medium heat and add scallions, garlic, chile, 1 TBSP olive oil and 3/4 tsp. salt.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are softened but not browned, about 2 minutes.

Add corn kernels and cook, stirring occasionally

until bright yellow and softened, 5-7 minutes.

Remove from heat and let corn mixture cool in pan for 5 minutes.

Gently mix in buttermilk and cilantro.

Taste and season with more salt if needed.

Season scallops generously with salt.

Heat reserved chorizo oil and remaining 1 TBSP olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until just beginning to smoke.

Cook scallops on one side, reducing heat if they are taking on too much color. Move around in pan for even browning, until a golden brown crust forms on the bottom, about 3 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low and turn scallops over.

Add butter to skillet and baste scallops with butter for 30 seconds.

Transfer scallops to a plate. Squeeze halved lime over.

Divide corn mixture among plates and arrange

scallops on top.

Serve after squeezing lime wedges over scallops.

Baked Bluefish with Potatoes

4 bluefish fillets, skin on
 1 1/2 lbs. boiling potatoes
 2/3 cup olive oil
 2 TBSP garlic, chopped
 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
 Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 450-degrees.

Peel and thinly slice the potatoes.

Mix the potatoes with half the garlic, half the parsley, half the olive oil and a liberal amount of salt and pepper in a 16x10-inch casserole dish.

Arrange the potatoes evenly over the bottom and sides of the dish and place it in the upper 1/3 of the preheated oven. Bake for 15 minutes.

Remove the dish and place the fillets, skin side down, on the potatoes.

Mix the remaining olive

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oil, garlic and parsley. Pour mixture over the fillets.

Salt and pepper liberally and return the casserole to the oven for 10 minutes.

Remove the dish from the oven and using a spoon, baste the fish and exposed potatoes with some of the oil in dish.

Loosen the browned potatoes from the sides of the dish and replace with unbrowned potatoes from the dish bottom.

Bake 5 minutes more.

Serve piping hot directly from the casserole dish.

Crispy Skin Oven Roasted Sea Bass

1 lb. sea bass fillets, skin on
Juice of 1 lemon
1 TBSP Old Bay seasoning

Line a baking pan with parchment paper.

Squeeze lemon juice onto center of parchment and sprinkle Old Bay into lemon juice.

Place fish on top of lemon juice and Old Bay, skin side up.

Roast in bottom 2/3 of oven for about 20-30 minutes, until fish flesh is moist, but separates.

Move the fish to the top oven shelf and change the oven setting to broil.

Broil the skin 1 to 3 minutes or until the skin is crispy as desired.

Using a spatula, place the fish fillet onto a plate and enjoy.

Bacon-Wrapped Cobia Fillets with Rosemary Caramelized Onions

Rosemary Caramelized Onions
2 TBSP butter
6 medium onions, sliced
2 sprigs fresh rosemary, finely minced
2 TBSP chicken broth
Pinch of sea salt



Robin Goodwin from Lancaster, PA was fishing with Tim Goodman in the Indian River Inlet when she captured this 20-inch flounder on a bucktail tipped with a minnow. The duo also caught a 19-incher on an Orange Tiger Gulp artificial bait during their trip.

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Before Hurricane Dorian caused an interruption in fishing, anglers on the headboat, "Morning Star" found flounder snapping on ocean structure with a couple of limits around the rails and several others close to it. Pictured are George Henning, George and Lucy Miller, Balen Bear, Nicole Grafer, Fleming Hansen and Chris Bogan who led the way with a 24-inch.

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 1 lemon

Melt butter in skillet over medium-low heat.

Add onions to skillet and cook for 30 minutes, stirring every 5-10 minutes and scraping the brown bits from the bottom of the pan.

Add in the rosemary and stir. Cook for another 15 to 20 minutes.

After the onions are brown and caramelized, add chicken broth and a pinch of salt to deglaze the pan.

Scrape the bottom and gently mix.

Set aside the onions in a bowl.

Rinse and dry the cobia fillets.

Lay out bacon strips in pairs with one slightly overlapping the other.

Place each fillet at the end of each pair of bacon strips

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and tightly wrap the bacon around the fillets tightly enough for the bacon to stay put while cooking, but not so tight that you begin to actually stretch the bacon.

Lightly coat a large skillet or saute pan with avocado oil and heat over medium heat.

Once the pan is hot, place the fillets seam side down in the pan and cook for 7 minutes.

Flip the fillets to the other side using a spatula and cook for another 7 minutes.

Take a couple minutes and carefully brown the other sides of the fillets to get the rest of the bacon crispy before serving. The total cooking time will be approximately 16 to 17 minutes for 1/2-inch thick fillets.

Arrange arugula on plates and divide the caramelized onions over the arugula.

Place one fillet on top of each and squeeze a little lemon juice over the arugula.

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1 can (14.5 oz.) chicken broth
3 TBSP lemon juice
1/2 cup fresh parsley, minced and divided
Lemon wedges

Cook pasta according to package directions.

In a large skillet, cook and stir garlic in butter and oil over medium heat for 2 minutes or until garlic is golden. Do not brown!

Add the broth, crab and lemon juice. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 12 to 15 minutes or until sauce is reduced by half.

Drain pasta and toss with crab sauce and 1/4 cup

parsley.

Garnish with lemon wedges and remaining parsley.

Serve.

Linguine with Tuna, Tomatoes and Lemon

1 lb. tuna steak, cut into 1/2-inch dice
2 TBSP pine nuts
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 tsp. lemon zest, finely grated
1/2 lb. cherry tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup fennel fronds, coarsely chopped
1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
1 lb. linguine
Salt and freshly ground pepper

In a small skillet, toast the pine nuts over moderate heat until lightly browned, about 2 minutes.

Transfer to a medium



Joe Allred and Nathan Heinze, both from Easton, PA were fishing around the jetty at the Roosevelt Inlet when they caught 3 keeper flounder during the outgoing tide on spec rigs tipped with Gulp artificial baits. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Flounder were snapping during the incoming tide and Seamus Zielinski of Wilmington, DE took advantage of it by catching his limit of flatties on live bunker in the East Channel. Seamus' fish measured between 17 and 21-inches.

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Add the tuna, wine and lemon zest, 1/2 cup of the cherry tomatoes and 2 TBSP each of the olive oil and fennel fronds.

Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Heat the remaining 2 TBSP of olive oil in a large, deep skillet.

Add the crushed red pepper and the remaining cherry tomatoes and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is flavorful, about 10 minutes.

Cook the linguine in boiling salted water until al dente.

Reserve 1/4 cup of the pasta cooking water and drain the linguine.

Add the tuna mixture and the remaining 2 TBSP of fennel fronds to the skillet and cook over low heat, stirring just until the tuna starts to whiten, about 1 1/2 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and add the linguine and the reserved pasta

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cooking water and toss well.

Season with salt and pepper.

Garnish with the pine nuts and serve.

The Miami Vice

2 oz. Secrets White Rum
1 cup strawberries,
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1 oz. fresh lime juice
2 oz. cream of coconut
2 oz. pineapple juice

In a blender, add 1 oz. rum, strawberries, lime juice and 1 cup crushed ice. Blend until smooth.

Pour into hurricane glass and set aside in the freezer.

Wash blender thoroughly.

In the blender, add 1 oz. rum, cream of coconut, pineapple juice and 1 cup crushed ice. Blend until smooth.

Pour into hurricane glass filled with strawberry mix.

Garnish with pineapple slice.



Brian Yakimowicz from Leesburg, VA and Matt Tiede from South Riding, VA caught 5 triggerfish (2 pictured) while fishing with squid on ocean structure. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



While trolling outside the Hot Dog with Milan Lipensky on the "OCD", angler Tom Brucklacher from New Cumberland, PA muscled in this gaffer dolphin after hooking it on a skirted ballyhoo.



In the 2019 Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held last Sunday, Chris Rodriguez (right) caught a 3 lb. 9 oz. flounder while drifting a live mullet along the marsh at the east end of the Thorofare. Chris was fishing on the "Catch Another One" with Frank Lynch who caught himself a 2 lb. 10 oz. flattie during the trip.



A Bass Assassin being jigged in the Indian River Inlet was the downfall for this 24-inch, 6 lb. flounder caught by Brittany Lee of Ocean View, DE. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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There were a load of Spanish mackerel, a false albacore tuna and some bluefish to clean after this group of anglers returned from their trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. All of the fish were caught while trolling by the Ocean Pier. Pictured back at Frontier Town are anglers Nathan, Laura, Hunter, Brittany and Sadie Wray from Beavertown, PA.



After getting home from her first day of school, Katie Betz wanted to go fishing so she headed to the South Jetty and ended up catching this 20-inch flounder on a Rat-L-Trap.

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CHUM LINES

by Capt. Mark Sampson



The first day after a 5-day nor'easter we were finally able to slip offshore for some shark fishing. The seas had settled down quite a bit, but when we arrived at our fishing spot I didn't exactly like what I saw. The water was extremely murky. In fact, it looked more like we were floating in chocolate milk than the same ocean we had fished prior to the blow. It was so bad that I contemplated running a bit farther offshore in the hopes for better (cleaner) conditions, but after reminding myself about how effectively sharks use their nose to locate prey and how good the fishing had been in that location, I decided we'd give the dark water at least a couple hours to produce something before we tried another location.

We didn't have to wait that long, just ten minutes, after putting the first line in the water we had the first shark hooked-up and for the rest of the morning we were getting bites every 15 to 20 minutes. You've got to hand it to the sharks, they have one heck of an olfactory system!

But sharks aren't the only critters that rely heavily on the

use of their "snoots" for their daily routines. Within the entire animal kingdom, scent plays a huge role in not only "finding" food, but also avoiding "becoming" food for other creatures. The sense of smell also helps animals locate their offspring, potential mates and even to navigate through areas of decreased visibility or on long migrations. I'm surely not telling my fellow deer hunters anything they don't already know when I say that it's absolutely unbelievable how well some animals can detect and react to the slightest scent from potential predator or prey.

The sense of smell in some animals is so acute that they're often described as "being able to smell in color." To us "humanoids" that concept is pretty much incomprehensible, but that's only because over the last few million or so years we've pretty much evolved away from the need to use our noses to put food in our bellies, keep predators off our backs and a mate in our cave. They say that now our "larger brains" compensate for the decreased efficiency of our other senses. I-dun'o-bout-all-

dat, but I do know that even though I might be able to tell if one of my neighbors has a barbecue grill going, I can't always discern exactly what they're cooking up for dinner and I surely don't want to waste a visiting privilege by "just dropping over to say hello" if all they're doing is grilling a few tube steaks.

On the other hand, fish (and I don't mean just sharks) have their snoots so well dialed-in that they can indeed tell if the aroma up-current is worth honing in on or is better off avoiding. As fishermen, we can and often do take advantage of this by considering the scent trail that our baits or lures leave in the water as we work them up, over and around the fish we pursue. Nothing speaks more to this than our use of fresh baits. In side-by-side comparisons, fresh baits almost always out perform baits that have been previously frozen or sitting on ice for a while. Sure there are times when the fish are so intent on feeding that without hesitation they will quickly whack the oldest and nastiest bait in the cooler, but you can bet they know what they're doing and the quality of what they're slurping down. It's just that at that time, for whatever reason they don't care.

Of course, fishermen also know that there are too many

times when fish "do care" about freshness and the quality of what we have hanging on our hooks. It's those times when anglers who make the extra effort to ensure that their offerings are fresh and smelling as good as possible will get the bites when others won't. But securing fresh bait isn't always as easy as wandering into a local tackle shop because rarely will such patrons have the opportunity to purchase baits such as squid, shiners, clams, mackerel or ballyhoo in anything, but frozen form. If they absolutely positively have to have "fresh" bait, anglers can sometimes catch their own such as clams, shiners, crabs, sand fleas, bunker or mullet. Or, if they're willing to pay the premium price, folks can sometimes solve the problem by purchasing squid, fish, clams, soft crabs or shrimp at a local seafood market.

These days scent appeal doesn't just stop with natural bait. Over the past couple of decades, tackle companies have put a lot of research into the development of artificial lures and chemical compounds that either attract fish, stimulate them to feed or achieve some combination of both. Berkley's "Gulp!" baits are an excellent example of just how far this research has come by providing a product that's simple to use, easy to



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transport, easy to store and catches the heck out of fish. In many situations the Gulp! lures have proven so successful that anglers have actually had better success with these scent activated artificials than with fresh or even live bait. Historically, lure manufacturers have focused mostly on developing artificials that invite fish to bite by sight (size, color, shape or movement) or by sound through vibrations and rattles, but almost never by smell. Now it's "all" about smell and it will be interesting to see in the future how stimulants to the three senses will be combined to produce products that will outperform even the best of what's on the market today.

Anglers will sometimes enhance the scent from natural baits by soaking them in fish oil or certain products made specifically for that purpose. I've experimented a little with that myself, but haven't seen enough definite results for me to consider that the outcome

was worth the effort. However, one scent trick that I often use when fish are visible, but ignoring my bait is to squish it up in my hand or put a few slices in it to make it release more scent. We used to do that a lot when we would chunk for tuna and have finicky fish that needed a little extra incentive to take the bait. I've seen it work for sharks, dolphin and different bottom fish as well.

When the wind and rain passes through and our local waters turn into a murky mess, it certainly doesn't get any easier to catch a fish, but thanks to a few tricks, some new products and our scaly friend's keen sense of smell, fishing in chocolate milk can still be both fun and productive.

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

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This 11 lb. 7 oz. sheepshead ate a clam and sand flea combination while fishing at the Outer Wall on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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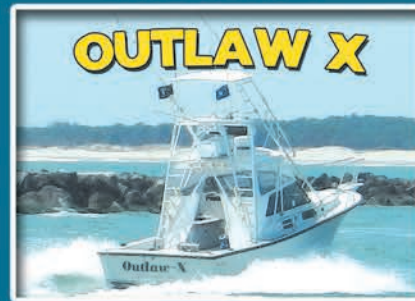
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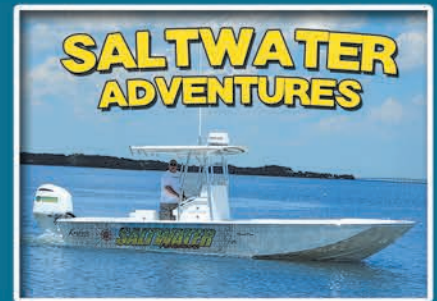
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Gunther wins 1st place in Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder with 5 lb. flattie. Smith misses 1st place by only 1 oz.



In the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder last weekend, Blake Gunther from Hebron, MD captured a fat 22-inch, 5 lb. flattie to take 1st place in the tournament, earning him \$4,985 in award money. Blake was fishing on the "Sick Day" with Justin Kreiser when he hooked the big flounder during the incoming tide on a Gulp Swimming Mullet in the Ocean City Inlet. The anglers caught 4 flounder during their trip with their 2nd largest weighing 3 lbs. 4 oz.



Malcolm Smith of Reading, PA missed top honors in the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder by only a single ounce, catching a 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder to win 2nd place in the tournament. Malcolm caught the fish on a Gulp Swimming Mullet by the Rt. 50 Bridge while fishing on the "PA Down Time" with Chad Smith and Kevin Dougherty. For his 2nd place finish, Malcolm took home a check for \$500. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Richard Crosariol has had a good flounder fishing season and he topped it off with a 3rd place finish in the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder last weekend. Richard caught the 4 lb. flattie while drifting a live spot in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. He was fishing on the "Only Young Once" with the father and son team of Scott and Chris Clasing. For his 3rd place finish, Richard won \$300 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Tanner Adkins of Ocean City, MD caught the 4th heaviest flounder in the 2019 Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder when he captured a 3 lb. 12 oz. flattie on a live mullet by the Rt. 50 Bridge. Tanner was fishing on the "Hammer Time" and caught 4 flounder (2 pictured) while drifting during the outgoing tide. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Violet Koehler, age 7, went fishing before the effects of Hurricane Dorian could be felt and caught her very first fish in the ocean while trolling Clark spoons just outside the Ocean City Inlet. Violet caught the 15-inch Spanish mackerel during a trip with her dad and her brother on the "Orange Crusher".

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Anglers on the charter boat, "Katydid" had a great run on sheephead at The Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay and Mike Crouse of Newark, DE was one who jumped on the action. Mike caught a 9 lb. 4 oz. sheephead while using clams and sand fleas for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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**Tides & Moon Phases
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Wed. September 11	Low 12:52 am Low 12:44 pm	High 06:44 am High 07:30 pm
Thurs. September 12	Low 01:32 am Low 01:27 pm	High 07:25 am High 08:01 pm
Fri. September 13	Low 02:07 am Low 02:06 pm	High 08:04 am High 08:33 pm
Sat. September 14 FULL MOON	Low 02:39 am Low 02:43 pm	High 08:43 am High 09:06 pm
Sun. September 15	Low 03:06 am Low 03:20 pm	High 09:22 am High 09:41 pm
Mon. September 16	Low 03:36 am Low 03:57 pm	High 10:00 am High 10:17 pm
Tues. September 17	Low 04:06 am Low 04:37 pm	High 10:37 am High 10:53 pm
Wed. September 18	Low 04:40 am Low 05:21 pm	High 11:15 am High 11:31 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
 - 21 minutes for low tide
 Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.

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