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Another First Fish is checked off the list for 2024! This is the first sheephead we have seen and at 11 lbs. It is also the Heaviest of the season so far. Joe was fishing with Capt. Chase Eberle of "Chasin Tides" charters at an ocean structure.





The surf continues to sizzle from the Eastern Shore of Virginia to the Delaware Bay! Anglers are reeling in big drum, stripers and blues. Joseph Griffith, who is the director of the Delaware Mobile Surf-Fishing Organization, had a good day at Cape Henlopen State Park last week. He used a single hook fish finder rig with either surf clams or sand fleas and caught 3 big rocks with the largest at 33". None were in the 'slot' however!

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The crazy temperature swings did not keep Seth Price from Ocean View, DE off the water. He is the owner of Slack Tide Kayak Fishing Guide Service. On this chilly day he paddled out in the waters of Ocean City's back bays and caught this 32" bluefish using a soft plastic paddle tail bait.



Rob Capone from Milford, DE hit the Fenwick Island drive-on beach early last Friday. The eastern wind was a help, but probably did not need to be so strong! He was rewarded with this good eating sized 29" black drum caught on sand fleas.

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Chris Taylor got the chance to run out to Assateague Island for a couple of hours last week. While only on the sand for 2.5 hours, he was still able to land this 40.5" rock using a sand flea and Fish Bites combo.



Capt. Chase Eberle of "Chasing Tides" shared this throwback picture of angler Jeff Johnson and the monster 22 lb. tog he caught in February! While not the first of the year, it is currently holding as the Heaviest so far!

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**This Week Last Year**

- After several weekends of nice weather and decent offshore action, Mother Nature decided to keep anglers on shore or in the bay with high winds and driving rain.
- This issue last year saw the opening of sea bass season and who would earn the highly anticipated First Fish recognition. The charter boat "Bet Sea" was back to the docks midday with a two man limit. After a slow start on some wrecks, they moved 7 miles out to the Fingers to fill the box. Michael DePalma, Sr. snagged the spot for First Fish.
- The Fenwick Island based "Top Dog" boated a 527.8 lb. blue marlin while fishing in the Hatteras Village Open.

Another week and very limited fishing news off our coasts! Hard to believe as we slide into the third week of May. As I check water temps I see a similar forecast from last. Waters in the southern and eastern canyons in the mid to upper 50's and no visible eddies on the forecast at Rip Charts at least. While the Rutgers Coastal Ocean Observation Labs Sea Surface Maps don't provide a forecast, their current temp picture does align with Rip Charts. Looks like this year we will be looking at late May to early June to start to fill our First Fish categories for offshore fare. If you are a captain looking at your first trips of the year, share with us your thoughts on social media or to CoastalFisherman@comcast.net.

Fortunately for our anglers,

what we are lacking in the canyons has been offset by the action off the beach, in the bays and a strong finish to the tog season. This issue is full of great catches from up and down the coast of large stripers, big black drum and bluefish. We also got a report of the first sheepshead of the season, a real trophy at 11 lbs. Congrats to Joe McNeal for that one! The end of season tog anglers have been reporting a decent sea bass bite in the mix. Lots of smalls, but a couple nice sized knotheads were found. Good sign for the opening of the season this week.

Some real big flounder are being found in the seaside bays of the

eastern shore of Virginia like the ones JT and Sarah caught in the picture below. Anglers are also finding keepers in the Thorofare in Ocean City and the Lewes Canal. The latter is good news for the Lewes Harbour Marina as they host their annual Canal Flounder Tournament this Friday. The weather looks good and there is already close to 100 people signed up. The same is true for the Cast for a Cure Surf Fishing Tournament on Saturday. They may see a little rain, but mild temps.

Good luck to all anglers. Check out the other upcoming events in the block to the right, or our tournament listings! \$

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JT and Sarah found some sweet flounder with "Sea Hawk Sports Center" charters in the ESVA. They hooked these with silversides and minnows.

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### Upcoming Tournaments

- The **Lewes Harbour Marina** will hold it's **Canal Flounder Tournament** on May 17th starting at 7 AM. For more info check Facebook or call (302) 645-6227.
- **Old Inlet Bait & Tackle** hosts their **Cast for a Cure Team Surf Fishing Tournament** on May 18th. More info on Facebook or call 302-227-7974.
- The **Battle for the Buckle** offshore tournament returns for its second season from May 31st-June 2nd in association with the PBR Challenger Series Rodeo Event. More at [pbroceancity.com](http://pbroceancity.com).



The big black drum are spawning in the Delaware Bay and anglers are targeting these huge fish. Tanner Vance was prepping for his summer of offshore canyon runs on the charter boat "Restless Lady II" with this trip to the bay and used clams from Lewes Harbour Marina to hook this 40 lb. drum.

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Twins from other mothers Tristan Archer and Chris Taylor had an epic day on Assateague Island. They reported catching some nice fish with a lot of double hookups. They were using fish finder hi-lo rigs with heavy 10 oz. & 12 oz. weights to hold the bottom. A mix of sand fleas and Fish Bites was the bait of choice.

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

<h3>SHARKS</h3> <h2>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</h2>	<p>No Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead</p> <p>54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p>78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead</p>	<p>NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.</p>	<h3>PROHIBITED SHARKS</h3> <p>Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Oceanic Whitetip, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Shortfin Mako, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p> <p>Resources: eregulations.com &amp; NOAA.gov</p>
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83 year old Birt Webley from Herndon, VA has been fishing the waters of Ocean City and the Chesapeake Bay for more years than he wants to remember! Always a friend of the Coastal Fisherman, he shared this 33" bluefish he caught last week at the Oceanic Fishing Pier. This one hit on a mullet rig during the outgoing tide.

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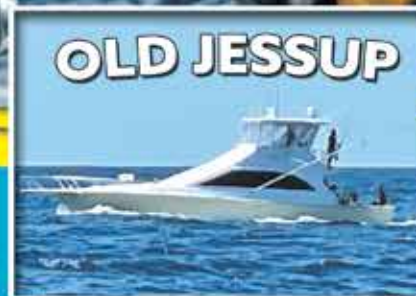
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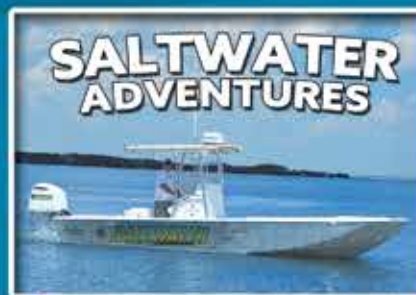
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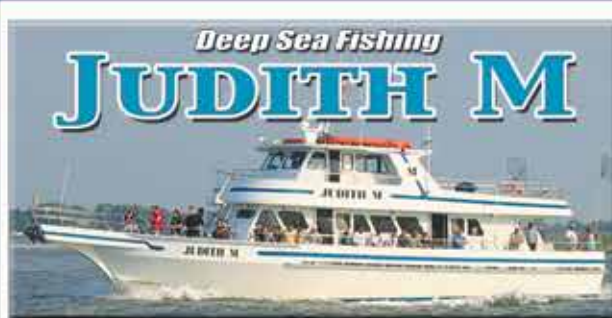
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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week in Delaware we had temperatures from 86 degrees down to the mid 50s. With these big temp swings, fishing was slower than in previous weeks. Good fish can still be caught in the Delaware Bay, the inlets and on the beach. The big drum have begun to move into the Delaware Bay to spawn, and we are seeing bigger fish on the beach with these breeders moving into the bay.

## Back Bays, Inlet & DE Bay

The back bays and near inlet areas are beginning to heat up. Big bluefish are in the inlet at most times of the day with the evening hours being the most productive for the bigger slammer blues. Swim jigs and chunk bait on a circle hook are the best baits for the bluefish. A few small rocks have been mixed in with the blues but we haven't seen many blitzes yet this year.

The Delaware Bay has been producing much better fish as the water warms. Jim Hittches was fishing the bay and hooked a 4.6 pound speckled trout. The fish was

weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Lacey Moffett landed a beautiful 58 pound black drum while fishing the coral beds in the DE bay near Lewes. Good to see that the big girls are finally moving into the bay to spawn. One of the best techniques to target these fish is to anchor up on a sand shoal or just off a shallow coral patch and drop fresh clams on a 6/0-8/0 circle hook behind the boat. Fresh surf clams will out fish most other baits, however in the past few years anglers have been having good results using clam Fishbites along with sand fleas. Breaking the shells of fresh clams and dropping a few off the front of the boat will allow the scent to travel down current and draw these fish to your rigged baits behind the boat. "Flip N Fins" reports the coral beds on the DE Bay are really heating up with some big fish being caught as soon as the tide changes. Using a hi-lo rig with a 4 oz weight and fresh surf clams was the ticket this past week to hooking these ugly but tasty fish. With water temps between

50 and 64 degrees, even more of these fish should move in over the coming week. Ryan and Damien went to the bay on Saturday and caught two nice sized drum off the coral beds on fresh clams. The fish were brought into Henlopen Bait and Tackle. Great job guys. Tanner Virden used clams to fool his 40 lb. black late Wednesday evening. Anthony and Tara caught two nice drum. The fish weighed in at Lewes Icehouse Bait and Tackle. Tara's drum weighed 57 lbs. and Anthony's weighed 42 lbs.

The bay has also produced a few stripers. Dale Owen was on target with his catch of a 23" rock. He was all smiles showing off his catch before safely reeling it to the water. The Indian River Inlet is also producing both stripers and blues. Marsha Kummerer Hepler caught a blue for dinner in the inlet. The Lewes Canal has been producing big flounder and an abundance of small bluefish.

Just a reminder... the Lewes Harbour Marina Canal

Tournament is Friday, the 17th, with over \$10,000 in prize money. This year they even added a \$1,000 for the biggest flounder caught on an AquaClear rig. For those who have never fished the AquaClear flounder rigs they are a great high low style rig with line guides to keep the baits separated. Keith Lipton caught bluefish up to 11.8 lbs at Indian River Inlet. The fish were weighed at Rick's Bait and Tackle.

## Surf Fishing

The surf has been producing some big drum as well as some smaller but still nice sized bluefish. Stanley Chaplinski said the wind blew out of the east at 20-25 mph making the ocean very angry. 8 oz were needed to hold bottom, however he did manage to reel in two bluefish. Mullet rigs and cut bait are working best for the blues, and fresh surf clams on circle hooks are best for the drum. Steve Douglas was fishing on Conquest Beach and reeled in a big slammer blue. The fish was caught on a bluefish mullet rig. The annual Old Inlet Spring Surf Tournament was held last weekend and 61 bluefish were scored along with 3 flounder, a 49 inch striper and a 29 inch drum. In the open

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division Jim Haug landed in first place with 181 points, Jeff Kirby was second with 141 points and Dennis McCain was third with 101 points. In the women's division Keisey Cycyk was first, Amy Dixon placed second and there was a tie for third between Anita Chandler and Katie Hall. And in the most important division, the kids, Adien Sparano was your first place winner, Finn Hudecheck took second and Wyatt Hull placed third. Congratulations to all the winners and hats off to Old Inlet for year in and year out always having a great tournament with a big turnout. Chris Connolly used a mullet rig to fool a few bluefish off the beach. Kevin Senior stated the blues are getting smaller but are still just off the beach. The fish were caught on chartreuse swim jigs on a white jig head. Tristan Archer had a great day on the beach bringing in a way over slot rockfish and a good eating sized black drum. John Bolduc fished 2 hours after low tide and had several bite offs. After switching to a steel leader he managed 3 bluefish.

### Near Shore & Coral Grounds

Tog remains the primary catch on the nearshore grounds. A few big blues can also be found on many of the nearshore wrecks. The "Katydid" charter was out with Rebecca and Adam Hildebrant along with Maggie Lindo, Jane Keller, and John Hollingsworth. Captain Brent put the group on the right wrecks and returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with some nice tog as the main guest for dinner. Sea bass season opens on Wednesday the 15th. The weather looks a little sporty for the midweek opening, but hopefully it'll calm down before the weekend.

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Another nice striper from the surf. Angler Grant Barnhart caught this 40+” striper from the beach just south of the Indian River Inlet at twilight. Shout out to Old Inlet Bait & Tackle for the report.



We were confused to see Rich Daiker on a boat other than his ‘Delicious’! Lucky for him that his girlfriend Stacey has a new boat! The pair got their limit of bluefish from along the south Ocean City Jetty throwing plugs and Roy Rigs.

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It was a family affair for angler Dylan Post of Berlin, MD with his kids Theo, Benny, Delaney and Madalyn. They spent the day on Assateague Island and landed several fish including this 31" black drum using sand fleas. They also beached a citation 34" bluefish using cut mullet.



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 Sept. 12, 13 & 14, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation  
 Registration: July 19, 6:00-8:00pm  
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 Weigh-Ins: July 20, 3:00-6:30pm and July 21, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

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To benefit the Marlin Club Crew of OC Scholarship Fund  
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Mildred Reyes-Rittler benefited from the kindness of strangers for photos as she slayed the fish on Assateague Island! She managed 9 black drum and 6 striped bass on this single day outing.



By now most of our readers will recognize the heavily bearded Shaun Flaherty! Despite the crazy weather, our man still got on his trusty kayak and slayed some fish. This trip saw a limit of 4 keeper flounder and a 25" trout. All caught on Roy Rigs from the bay behind Assateague.



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Bob Caldwell was in the running for the Heaviest Bluefish of the season so far for Delaware with this 10 pounder he caught off the beach at 3R's using mullet. A nice fish for sure, but one a little bigger was reported from Rick's Bait & Tackle the same day!



Eric Hess of Ocean City got himself a keeper flounder from the Thorofare in early May. This 19" flatfish hit on a minnow/Gulp combo while he was fishing on the "Stormin' Norman II"!

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	May 2 Joe Payne Assateague 10.2 lbs.	May 7 Keith Lipton Indian River Bay 11.8 lbs.	 <b>Weakfish</b>		May 2 Jim Hittches Delaware Bay 4.6 lbs.
 <b>Black Drum</b>		May 3 Lacey Moffett Coral Beds 58 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>		
 <b>Cobia</b>			 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>		
 <b>Summer Flounder</b>		April 16 Craig Blocker Lewes Canal 4.46 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		
 <b>Sea Bass</b>			 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>		
 <b>Sheepshead</b>		 May 7 Joe McNeal Ocean Structure 11 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>		
 <b>Striped Bass</b>		 May 5 Chic Stearrett Indian River Inlet 36 lbs.	 <b>Swordfish</b>		
 <b>Tautog</b> 	February 5 Jeff Johnson Ocean Structure 22 lbs.	April 15 Scott Shoup Ocean Structure 8.4 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>		
 <b>Wahoo</b>			 <b>White Marlin</b>		

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Epic angler Tracey Heltzinger of Ocean City spent some time in early May in the Gulf Stream off of the Ponce de Leon Inlet in Florida with Dean Miller. They were trolling ballyhoo on the charter boat "Tails Up" when she reeled in this gaffer bull mahi.

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In a good sign for the upcoming opening of sea bass season this week, we have reports of some nice ones being caught by tog anglers. Eamonn Carey reeled in this 20" bass that ate a white crab leg. He was fishing with Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat "Fish Bounds".

Jim Osborne, Bruce Carlton, Flounder Bob (pictured), Ken, Peter and Dr. Keith took a charter on the "No Limit" with Capt. Jon Azato out of the Indian River Marina for a late season tog trip. The group reported getting 25-30 throw backs (not including a bunch of sea bass) as well as a couple nice keepers around 8 lbs.

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Fenwick Bait & Tackle got several reports of nice catches from the local beaches. Jim Thompson took advantage of the northeast winds to fish the Fenwick sands and landed/released this 24" rock.

Our second sheepshead report for the season came from JD Eddy for the convict he boated last Saturday. He was fishing on the charter boat "Reel Steel" at the Ocean City Jetty using sand fleas.

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Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On The Run" charters had a slamming trip last Saturday. He put anglers Brian Thomas Crowe and Tom Edward Crowe onto their limit of flounder as well as getting a couple for himself. All caught in the Thorofare using Gulp. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



The bluefish are still running strong. Angler Keith Lipton shared his haul from the Delaware Bay with Rick's Bait & Tackle. He set the DE record so far this season for Heaviest Bluefish with one at 11.8 lbs.

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Brian Weibley of Ickesburg, PA found 2 keeper flounder from the bay behind Assateague Island using minnows. The largest was 19".



Wesley Humes brought this huge drum to Lewes Harbor Marina to test it as the Heaviest Drum of the season for DE. At 51 lbs. it is a citation fish for sure, but just missed the mark for Heaviest. He got this one in the Delaware Bay using clams.

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. MAY 15</b>	High 02:31 am High 02:47 pm	Low 08:55 am Low 08:43 pm
<b>THUR. MAY 16</b>	High 03:28 am High 03:50 pm	Low 09:43 am Low 09:44 pm
<b>FRI. MAY 17</b>	High 04:16 am High 04:44 pm	Low 10:28 am Low 10:44 pm
<b>SAT. MAY 18</b>	High 04:58 am High 05:30 pm	Low 11:09 am Low 11:39 pm
<b>SUN. MAY 19</b>	High 05:38 am High 06:13 pm	Low 11:46 am Low -----
<b>MON. MAY 20</b>	High 06:18 am High 06:54 pm	Low 12:29 am Low 12:20 pm
<b>TUE. MAY 21</b>	High 06:58 am High 07:35 pm	Low 01:13 am Low 12:54 pm
<b>WED. MAY 22</b> First Qtr. Moon	High 07:39 am High 08:16 pm	Low 01:53 am Low 01:29 pm

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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  
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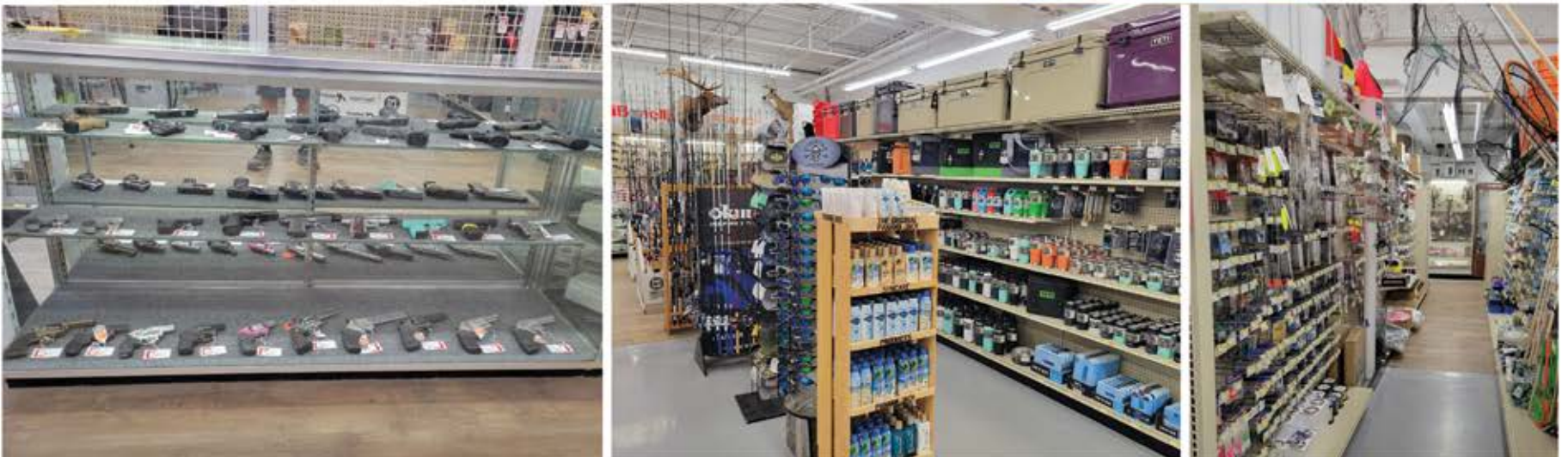


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and professional users. Let's take a trip back in time to 1992 to revisit just what MaxSea was doing and how it was innovating over a quarter of a century ago. Of course, even back then, MaxSea was providing game changing innovations for commercial fishing. In 2004 MaxSea became partners

program that displayed electronic navigation charts and tracked vessel positions with a GPS and that vision led to the success that has made Nobeltec what it was.

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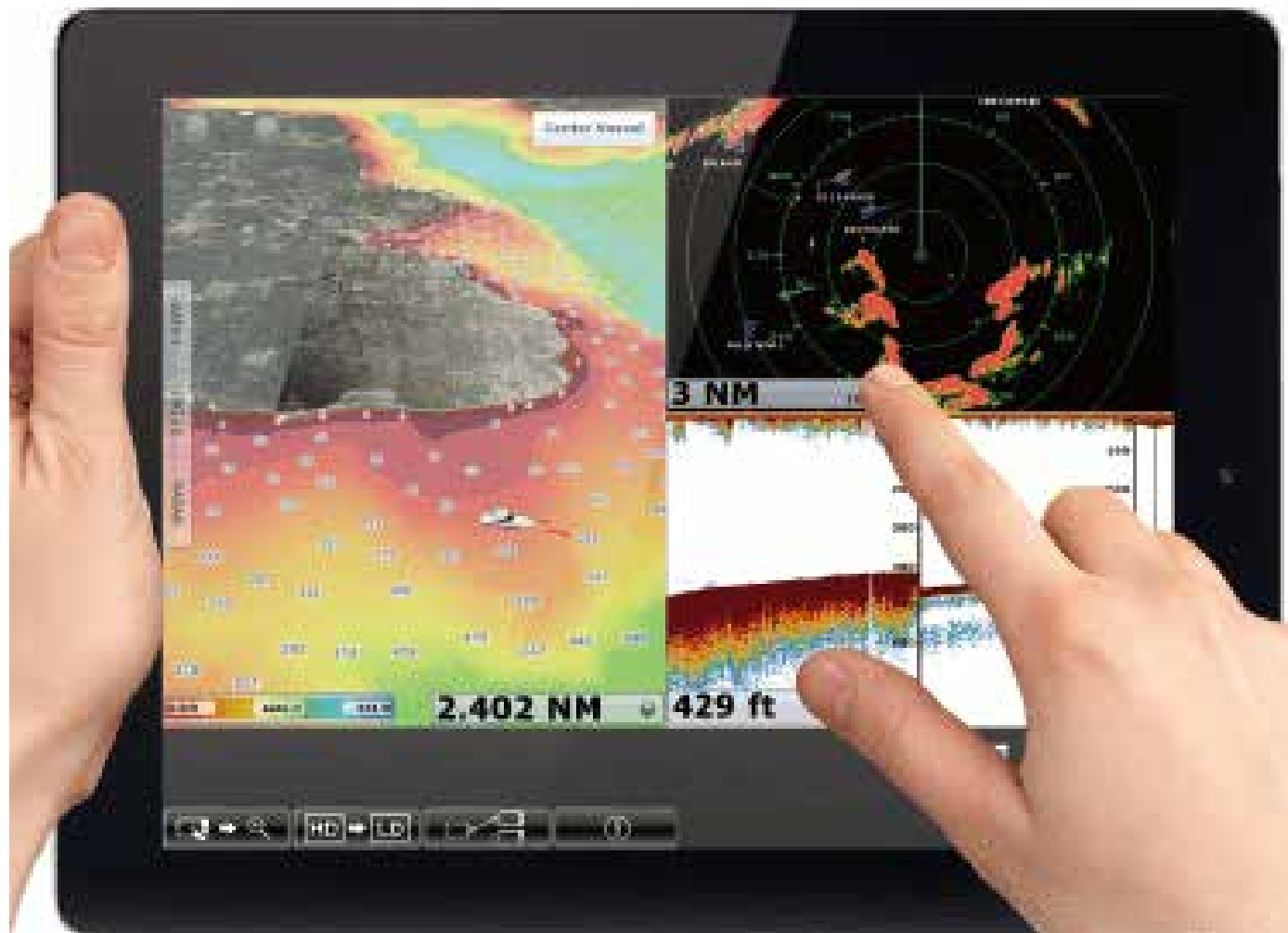
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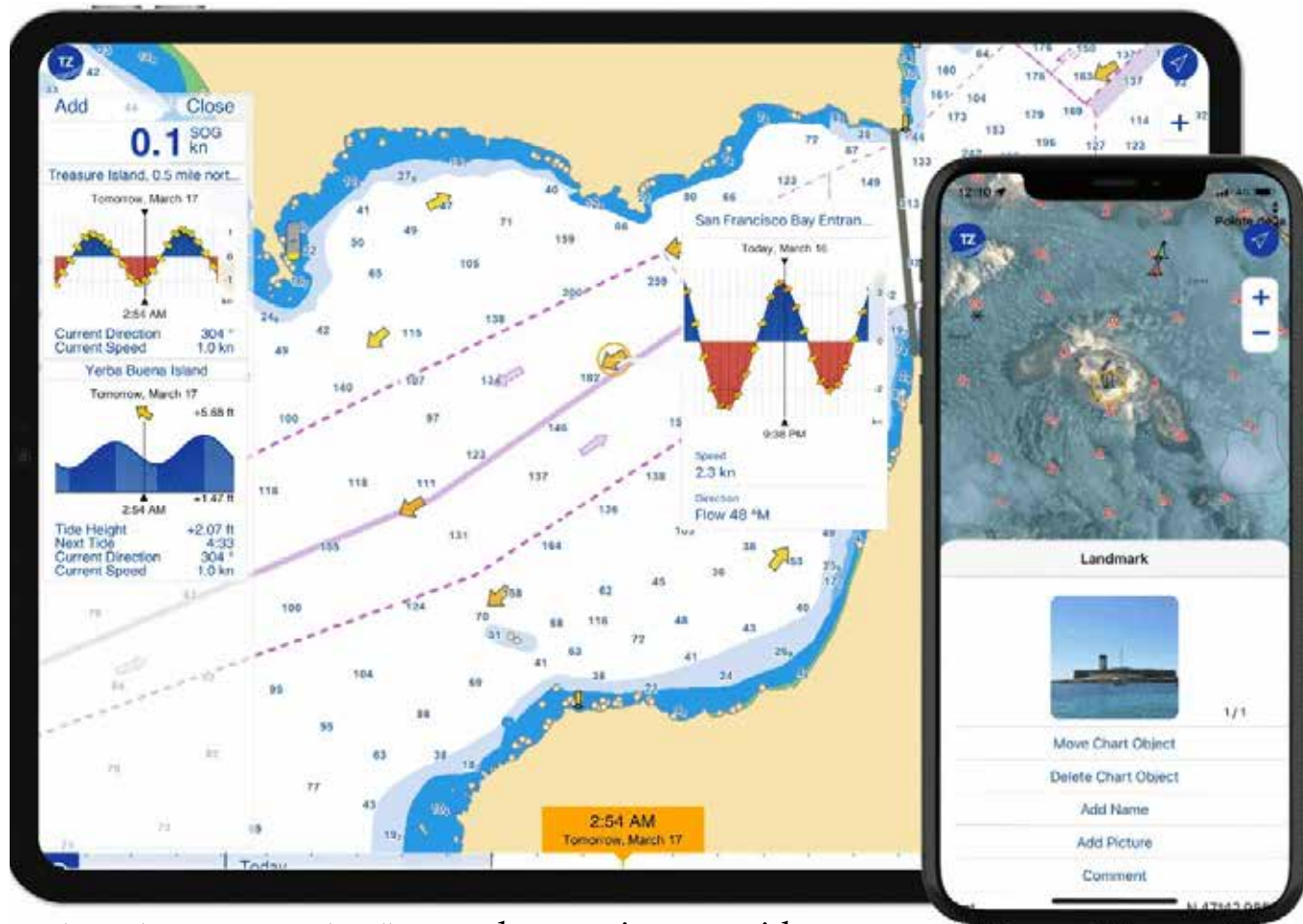
Where it all started; Timezero is the brand name that unites companies Nobeltec & MaxSea together. Since 2016, both companies have provided the same TIMEZERO software, working together to provide an even better product for both recreational

with Furuno, a leader in electronic equipment. This collaboration allowed MaxSea to continue to innovate and develop high performance products that can easily be used with the best Furuno products on the market for all things radar, sounder and GPS.

Nobeltec was established in 1993 by two ex-Microsoft engineers who unsurprisingly have a passion for boating. They envisaged making a Windows® based software

outside the realm of sailing, a deal was struck with MaxSea International, then leader in marine navigation software. MaxSea and Nobeltec combined and have since been producing the best products available for both recreational and professional software and now under the Timezero name. Timezero now provides a completely homogenous product in the name of TIMEZERO.





app allows you to operate and view your system with your smart devices remotely.

NavNet CONTROLLER APP is also available, which allows you to control your NavNet TZtouchX with a scroll pad, cursor pad, and dedicated keys, works like a wireless remote control.

One feature that is not available through the TZ iBoat is the ability to update operating system software, Furuno chartplotters can be easily updated using a traditional USB memory stick.

The apps offered by the chartplotter manufacturers are now playing a key role in the operation and management of your boats chartplotter infrastructure, its worth investigating the Apps that match your equipment. §

within the App is the "TZ first mate" feature within the app that can keep track of your catch & location.

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It Brad Haeger looks a little frazzled in the picture, it is because he was! He caught this 32" bluefish in the mid morning from a low tide at Assateague Island and it almost pulled him in.

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 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - September 30 October 10 - December 31</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum size 3 per day / 5 per day Charter</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 3 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 37" Minimum • 1 per person or vessel</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 8" Minimum • No Limit</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 20-27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No limit</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
 <p><b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-31" except 20-25" only from 7/1 - 8/31 in DE Bay 1 per person/day Catch &amp; Release only from 4/1 - 5/31 on Spawning Grounds</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/31 - 16" 6/1 - 12/31 - 17.5"</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15 4 per person/day 7/1 - 12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 13" minimum 1 per person/day</p>

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We usually see Emonn "Irish" Carey on a head boat working the reefs and wrecks, however this time he hit the beach at 3R's in Delaware and was rewarded with a sweet ~5 lb. weakfish! He was fishing with a 3" Z-Man paddle tail.



Greg Neiman from Glenelg, MD caught a legal 16" flounder from the Thorofare on his boat the "100% on Board" using white Gulp. However, since the flatfish was just at the minimum, he released it to grow a little bigger!

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# OCEAN CITY

## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This past week we had tons of temperature changes and several days of 20 plus mph wind. The end of the week finally brought the rain they had been calling for. Many head boats have canceled their weekend trips due to an angry ocean. Surf fishing remains strong for bluefish and black drum. There are a few rockfish showing up in the inlet as well as on the beach.

### Inlet & Back Bays

The inlet was a little slow this week but did produce some stripers off the jetty. Brian Reynolds got into some linesiders at the inlet on Friday, catching 14 of them on ultra light rods. Rich Fiore safely released a few rocks he caught off the jetty. Craig Cropper caught a couple nice size rock and even a nice flounder this past week off the Rt. 50 Bridge. "Lucky Break Charters" said the first part of May hasn't been too bad with the water warming up. They are catching bluefish, flounder, and tog along the inlet walls. As the water warms up they expect to be landing even more fish than they have been, and

that's been quite a few. "Get Sum Charters" is starting its season off and wants to remind everyone that they also offer crabbing trips on their boat or yours. They will teach anglers how to use collapsible traps or trot lines. If you're interested in fishing they will even stop and pull the crab pot on the way in so you can see how the commercial and local crab fisherman do it. Many people often wonder how the crabs they buy at the stores are caught, well here is a great way to see it first hand.

### Surf Fishing

Assateague Island produced some quality fish this past week. Steve Lewis caught a nice black drum on fresh clam. His wife also caught a nice black. Clark Haller stated the beach was a little rough with the strong northeast breeze but did manage to bring in a nice drum. The fish was caught on sand fleas using a 6 oz weight to hold the bottom. James Lee stated he usually enjoys looking at all the reports about fish being caught off the surf being that he is a rookie at surf fishing. Well all that watching

must have paid off because he got his first ever rockfish off the beach. The beautiful 43" fish was caught on a cut kingfish bait (from last fall) rigged on a fish finder rig and 8 oz of weight. Earl Thomas got a 29" blue using a finger mullet rig. Kristen D' Amore Benko found a nice drum willing to eat her bait on a windy cold day on Assateague Beach. Tristan Archer was out at the beach again Sunday and had an epic day using sand fleas and fishbites. His crew caught multiple rockfish, even doubling up at times. 10-12 oz of weight were needed to hold the bottom. Travis Brisson and Chris Linton fished the beach and although no blacks they did manage some nice bluefish. "Bad Wind Charters" Captain Bruce was out with friend Jim and caught and released a few overslot rockfish from Assateague. Mildred Reyes-Ritter had one hell of a day on the island releasing 9 black drum and 6 striped bass. I'd say her hubby has some catching up to do. Shannon Ferguson also had a solid day catching 6 rockfish between 30 and 34 inches each, as well

as 4 black drum. Chris Taylor caught and released a 40.5" rock on a sand flea fish bites combo. Not bad for 2.5 hrs of fishing. Mark Stull was a happy man catching his 31 inch black drum. Mark says as long as he is catching he will be out there again tomorrow. David Moore landed a 49" cow Wednesday morning. The fish was safely released and swam off. Bill Cantlay caught 4 drum and a 4 ft shark Wednesday. He reported he felt like his arms were going to fall off, but he is not complaining. I need problems like that. Mason Couchman pulled in a few nice blues this past week.

### Nearshore Wrecks & Reefs

With the rough seas, not many boats fished outside of the inlet this past week. The "Angler" deep sea fishing boat stated unfortunately the nasty weather is keeping them from fishing for tog however sea bass opens on the 15th and they are hoping for a break in the weather to go get the delicious tasting fish that brings so many anglers to Ocean City each year. The size limit for sea bass this year will be 13 inches and a creel limit of 15. The weather for the opening doesn't look great so be careful if you head out on opening day. Many anglers are reporting that the nearshore wrecks are holding

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a lot of knothhead bass. The reports from deeper water and wrecks that are further away from OC seem to be showing more signs of life and bigger fish. For the start of the season fresh clam is usually better than squid. Metal jigs are also a favorite of this time of year. With the jigs you wont get as many bites but the quality of the fish is well worth the effort. Tipping the hooks with squid is a great way to enhance bite ratios.

### Clams & Crabs

I received a few reports of clammers on Assateague Island. The clams are down deep as the water is still fairly cold. Crabs in the Assawoman Bay are averaging around 5-8 keepers per pot . This is just a little lower than the reports coming from Indian River at 7-9 keepers per pot. Mullet is your best bait, but when unavailable use chicken.

Till next week...

Tight lines and fins up \$



Danny Cox from West Ocean City with Greg Volpitta of Monkton, MD fished the Capt. Zed's Annual Flounder Fishing Tournament in Wachapreague, VA in late April. They caught their limit of 8 flounder using minnows and gulp. Danny's heaviest at 6 lbs. 3 ozs. and 26" held on to take 3rd Place overall.

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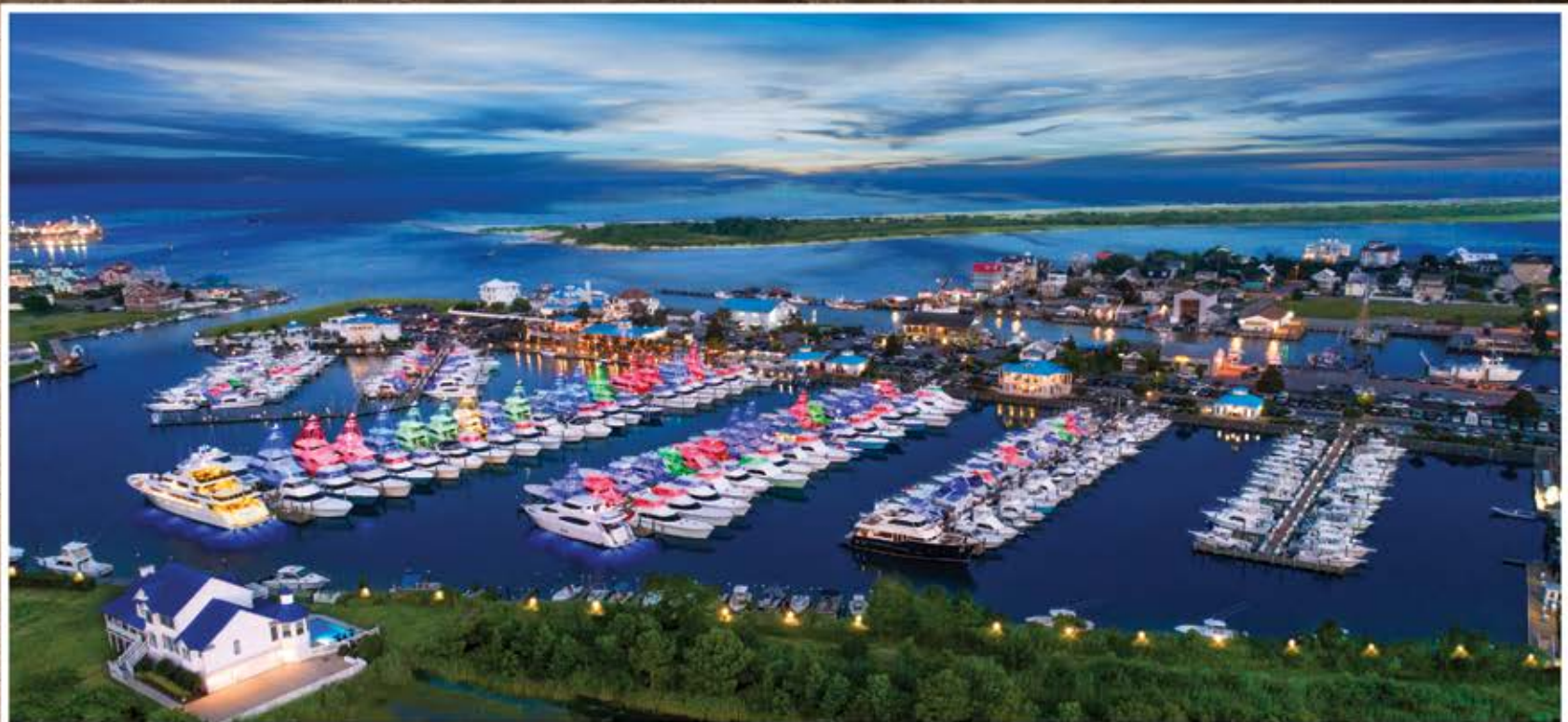
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<b>Bluefish</b> 	April 19 Aiden Sparano Assateague	April 19 Dave Moore Assateague Island	<b>Weakfish</b> 	May 2 Jim Hittches Delaware Bay	
<b>Black Drum</b> 	March 31 Chris Taylor Assateague	April 3 Jeremy Zinn 145th Street, OC	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 		May 5 Jeff Rosenkilde "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Cobia</b> 		July 4 Gabriella Kendus Faithful Steward	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 		May 29 The Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Summer Flounder</b> 	April 8 Paul Musser Jr. Thorofare	March 27 Dakota Bittner Thorofare	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 		
<b>Sea Bass</b> 		May 15 Mike DePalma Sr. Great Eastern Reef	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 		May 6 Chris Kroh "Kilroy" Poorman's Canyon
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	<span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">NEW</span> May 7 Joe McNeal Ocean Structure 11 lbs.	May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty	<b>Dolphin</b> 		May 6 Brad Hubbard "Talkin' Trash" Poorman's Canyon
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	January 3 Brian Reynolds Rt. 90 Bridge	April 15 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	<b>Swordfish</b> 		June 16 Crew "Wrecker" Poorman's Canyon
<b>Tautog</b> 	January 8 Anthony Emerick Ocean Structure	January 31 Josh Schwemiein Ocean Structure	<b>Blue Marlin</b> 		June 1 Steve Sylvester "Talkin' Trash" Norfolk Canyon
<b>Wahoo</b> 		June 9 Josh Short Poorman's Canyon	<b>White Marlin</b> 		June 2 Joe Huk "RESTLESS LADY II" Baltimore Canyon

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Our cold to hot to cold weather has created some interesting climates for fishing this spring. For Mark Stull on Assateague Island last week, it was fishing in the fog. Good news, the fish didn't mind and he reeled in this 30" black drum.

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# THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



## Simple Oven Baked Sea Bass

### Ingredients:

- 1lb. sea bass (cleaned and scaled)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced or crushed
- 1tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon italian seasoning or 1 tablespoon fresh parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons fresh coarse ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 lemon wedges
- 1/3 cup white wine vinegar (optional) or 1/3 cup white wine (optional)



### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 450F°.
- In a cup, mix garlic, olive oil, salt, and black pepper.
- Place fish in a shallow glass or ceramic baking dish.
- Rub fish with oil mixture.
- (Optional) Pour wine over fish.
- Bake fish, uncovered, for 15 minutes; then sprinkle with

- parsley or Italian seasoning and continue to bake for 5 more minutes (or until the thickest part of the fish flakes easily).
- Drizzle remaining pan juices over fish and garnish with lemon wedges.

## Grilled Sea Bass with Garlic Butter

### Ingredients:

#### For the Garlic Butter Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium lemon, juiced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped Italian parsley

#### For the Fish:

- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 pounds sea bass fillets
- 1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

### Directions:

#### Make the Butter Sauce:

- Gather the sauce ingredients.
- Combine the butter, lemon juice, garlic, and parsley in a small saucepan over medium-low heat.

Cook until the butter has melted. Set aside.

#### Cook the Fish:

Gather the remaining

ingredients.

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Combine the garlic powder, paprika, onion powder, and salt in a small bowl.

Sprinkle the seasoning mixture on both sides of the fish.

Right before placing the fish on the grill, make sure to clean and oil the grill grates to keep the fish from sticking during the cooking process. This can be achieved by using a large pair of tongs, folded paper towels, and a high smoke point oil (canola oil, peanut oil, or sunflower oil; olive oil will work in a pinch). Dip the paper towel into the oil and run it across the grates at least 3 times to create a nonstick surface.

Place the fish on the grill and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Turn the fish and baste it with the butter sauce. Cook for about 5 to 7 more minutes.

Once the fish reaches an



internal temperature of at least 145 F, remove it from the heat, and drizzle it with olive oil.

### Fish Grilling Tips:

Make sure your grill is nice and clean before starting.

Once the grill is hot, lightly oil the grates. Fold up a paper towel into a square and saturate it with oil. Use a pair of tongs to rub the oil on the hot grill grates.

Don't flip the fish until it's completely cooked on the bottom side. This will help it separate from the grill.

Use a large, flat metal spatula to flip the fish. If you're not sure if it's done, use an instant-read thermometer. The internal temperature should be 145 F.



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## Blackened Sheepshead with Basil-Lime Cream Sauce

### Ingredients:

- Olive oil
- 4 6-ounce sheepshead fillets
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 jalapeno pepper sliced into rings
- Lime slices for serving
- Avocado slices for serving if desired

### For the Cream Sauce:

- 1/2 cup crema or sour cream
- Juice from half a lime
- Zest from half a lime + more as needed
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped basil

### Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large pan to medium-high heat.

Season the fillets with the cayenne, paprika, garlic, basil and salt and pepper.

Sear the tops of the fish in the hot pan for about 2 minutes, then flip and sear another 2 minutes. Add a splash of water and cover. Cook another few minutes, or until the fish is cooked through and moist within. Do not overcook or it can become dry.

While the fish is cooking, add



the jalapeno slices to a hot pan with a splash of olive oil and crisp them up. It should take a couple minutes per side. Remove from heat.

Make your cream sauce by whisking together the sour cream, lime juice, lime zest and basil.

Drizzle the basil-lime cream over the fish and serve with crispy jalapeno slices, slices of lime, and a bit more lime zest over the top.

I like to serve mine with a few slices of avocado on the side.

## Blackfish Beignets with Spicy Sauce

### Ingredients:

- Sauce:**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/4 cup sour cream
  - 2 tablespoons ketchup
  - 1 tablespoon Sriracha or other hot chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Batter:**
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1 large egg yolk
  - 1 cup soda water
  - 2 tablespoons minced fresh chives
  - 2/3 cup canola oil
  - 1 pound blackfish (tautog) or other firm white fish fillets, cut into 1/2-inch slices (about 12)

Salt

### Directions:

#### For the Sauce:

Mix all the ingredients thoroughly in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate until needed.

#### For the Batter:

Put the flour, baking powder, egg yolk, and half the soda water in a bowl and mix until smooth with a whisk. Add the



rest of the soda water and the chives and mix well. (The batter can be made up to a few hours ahead and refrigerated.)

### For the Beignets:

Preheat the oven to 175 degrees. Heat half the oil in a large skillet, preferably nonstick, until hot. Dip 4 pieces of the fish into the batter until coated on all sides and place in the hot oil. Cook for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes on each side. Transfer to a wire rack set over a baking sheet, sprinkle with salt, and keep warm in the oven. Repeat with the remaining fish, adding more oil to the skillet as needed. Serve with the sauce.

Note: If making the beignets ahead, reheat them under a hot broiler for a couple of minutes on each side before serving.

## 20-Minute Fish Piccata

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound rockfish fillet
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup flour for dredging, (use whole wheat flour, all-purpose flour, or gluten free flour of your choice)

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- 2 lemons for the juice
- 1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons capers rinsed or drained
- Fresh chopped parsley for



garnish

Directions:

Season the fish on both sides

with salt and pepper. Mix the oregano, paprika, and garlic powder and season the flesh side of the fish.

To dredge, coat the fish on both sides with the flour. Gently shake excess flour.

In a large cast iron skillet, heat the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter over medium-high heat. Carefully add the fish and cook for 2 to 3 minutes on each side (a total of 4 to 6 minutes), or until the fish is firm and flaky (being careful not to overcook the fish). Transfer the fish to a tray lined with paper towel to drain excess oil.

To the same pan, add 1 more tablespoon of unsalted butter. Lower the heat, and add the lemon juice, white wine, and capers. Cook briefly over medium heat.

Return the fish to the pan and spoon the sauce over the fish (give it just a few seconds to warm through in the sauce).

Garnish with parsley and red

pepper flakes, if using. Serve immediately!

### Maryland Style Jumbo Lump Crab Imperial

Ingredients:

- 1 lb jumbo lump crabmeat
- 1/2 cup Hellman's Mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- 1 teaspoon Italian parsley finely chopped
- 1 large egg lightly beaten lightly beaten (for a richer version use two egg yolks)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Old Bay sprinkle on top of the finished crab imperial before baking

Directions:

Mix mayonnaise, egg, sugar, old bay, lemon juice and parsley together and blend well, this is your imperial sauce.

Gently fold crabmeat into,



imperial sauce, being careful not to break up crab meat.

Place portions in the baking dish of your choice, using ramekins or small casserole dishes.

Sprinkle tops of crab imperial with Old Bay or paprika.

Bake in 350-degree oven for 20-25 minutes (top will turn golden brown) or until a thermometer gets an internal reading of 165 degrees

Allow to cool just a few minutes before serving, it will set and be more flavorful as it cools slightly. §

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Black Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	5 lbs.	White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	16 lbs. or 36"	<b>SHARK:</b>			
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Cobia	44"	45 lbs. or 48"	55 lbs. or 50"	Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
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Red Drum*	36"	45"	-	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	-	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"	100 lbs. or 60"
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It was a big day for the crew of the "Shallow Minded". Capt. Alex Hionis of Bowers Beach, DE with angler Jeff Gehm of Oxford, PA fished the beds off of Broadkill Beach using clams and crabs, and got their limit of black drum. All fish were between 40 - 55 lbs. They probably could have caught more if their fishing buddy Jon Zeller from Coatsville, PA didn't have to work!

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Chic Stearrett or Ocean View, DE was at it again on the rocks of the Indian River Inlet. He caught this 44" striper using a yellow bucktail. At 36 lbs. it is the Heaviest Rockfish of the season so far in Delaware!



Mike Powers of Selbyville, DE usually gets his sand fleas from Fenwick Bait & Tackle. Those have been in short supply this spring so he dug up a couple on Fenwick Island's beach and combined them with Fish Bites Sand Fleas to land this 29" black drum as well as a 27 inch one.

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It looks like Danny Cox must have gotten bored of catching his limit of flounder from the Thorofare! This trip saw him return with a 32" and 9 lb. 3 oz. bluefish that hit on his minnow/Gulp combo.

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Justin Preston from York, PA was fishing the last few hours of daylight on Bethany Beach late last week when he caught this 33" bluefish from the surf using cut mullet.



Capt. Nick Clemente with Jeff Garner and JD Behe ran his boat the "Ivy Sea" down to Virginia waters to chase some flatfish. They boated 6 using Nick's signature white Gulp. Not only was this JD's first flounder catch, but also his first keepers.

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If David Moore spends any more time on the sands of Assateague Island, he will become a resident! He landed this 49" striper there last week using bunker. It is also worth noting the preferred horizontal handling method that has been shown to reduce stress on the fish prior to release.

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# Snarky Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



## What We Know (Part 1)

Most folks will probably agree that when it comes to fish, there's a whole lot we know, and a whole lot we don't know about their biology, life history, populations and all that. Where so many of us often disagree is "who" knows more about any particular fish, in any particular place, at any particular time.

I mean, we're all aware that the research scientists know a whole lot about fish, they should, they went to school to learn about them - it's right there in the books they read. Then there's the commercial fishermen... they know everything about fish because they've been working the waters since before they were born and have caught and sold every species known to modern man and a number of species that modern man will never know because, well - they caught and sold them "all".

Then there's the recreational fishermen, AKA "sport fishermen", who figure they know everything there is to know about fish because each summer they go fishing every weekend they can as long as the weather is nice and they didn't party it up too much the night before. A splinter group of sport fishermen are the "for-

hire charter captain guys" who take people fishing for a living (when they're not selling real estate, building homes, fixing teeth, etc. etc.) who are very quick to tell everyone they meet that they know everything there is to know about fish. Of course, since they're "in the business" of taking people out to catch fish, what else would they say? "I don't know anything about fish but if you give me your next month's mortgage I'll take you out to catch some."

Let's see, did I leave anyone out? Oh yeah, the animal rights people. Of course he or she, they or them, xe, xem, xyr, ze, hir, hirs, ey, em, eir or any other pronoun "du jour" all figure they know more than anyone on the planet about fish and anything that moves about this and probably every other celestial body in the universe.

Everyone knows so much, but where did we acquire all this knowledge? What scientists didn't learn in their books they probably found in the bottom of their test tubes, commercial fishermen found it in their nets, sport fishermen either found it on the end of their line or online from some social media star who can not only tell them all about fish but also where to get the best deal on Bud Lite.

And I expect the animal rights crew gets their knowledge about fish by interpreting the swirling patterns of foam on the top of their Starbucks coffee.

Yeah, we all know so much. Actually - we don't. Nope, I really think that none of us know squat about the fish out there. We think we do - but we don't. Our assumptions about fish come from our own experiences with them or from what a trusted source tells us. We know that if we drop our lines or nets in the water at this place and at this time of the year we should be able to catch this kind of fish. Therefore, that kind of fish prefers to be in that place at that time of year. If we know we're in the right place at the right time (because the internet he/she told us it was) and don't catch anything, well then, "Someone is to blame for catching all the fish before we got there and that's not fair, we need some new regulations!"

Or maybe not. Perhaps our arrogant attitude about knowing so much about fish is actually holding us back from discovering new opportunities to catch fish and encounter other marine life in places other than where we normally look for them. It's well documented that more than once or twice our back bay waters have been visited by whales,

ocean sunfish, sea turtles, seals, big sharks, and who knows how many other ocean creatures that apparently didn't understand "our" rules about not being allowed to pass through the inlet!

One August morning way back in 1978 a 14-year old boy was walking the beach up in Fenwick Island when he spotted a fish finning out in the breakers. He cast his Hopkins lure in that direction and proceeded to hook and land a 124-pound swordfish! True story, I did not make it up, dig out an old copy of the Coastal Fisherman if you want proof. So what I'm getting at here is that we all know what we know, but what we know is just from what we've experienced or been taught. If you could flip the calendar back 20-50-100 years and see how and where fishermen were catching what they caught back then you'd see how dramatically different it's done today. This difference I'm referring to is not the obvious technological advances in boats and equipment, but the "when and where" people go to catch what they catch.

So if a kid was able to catch a swordfish in the surf early one morning on a Hopkins lure, is it possible that maybe that fish wasn't there by some freaky accident but actually just one of many swordfish that inhabit the surf zone each summer? I mean, how would we know? Who fishes for swordfish in the surf? No one! So how do we know that there aren't schools of hungry swordfish out there if the only

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baits and lures fishermen cast from the beach are bucktails, bloodworms, and bunker heads? I'm pretty sure that it's a safe bet that no sport angler, commercial fisherman, biologist, or they/ them has ever cast a bait, set a net, did any kind of hi-tech underwater acoustic carbon dating radioactive telemetry survey stuff, or held any all night sacrifices of acorn squash, bok-choy and sargassum "weed" to conjure up insight as to whether or not swordfish live in our surf zone. No one knows because no one has looked!

In just the last few years deep dropping for swordfish has become quite popular and quite successful off our coast. But wouldn't it be a kick in the butt to those who have been running 80 miles out and sending baits two million feet down to hook one of those buggers if they found out that they've been overrunning the fish by 79.9 miles and they don't need 100-pound sinkers to get the bait down or electric reels to get the fish up because they're only fishing in 20-feet of water!

Ahhh, I know what you're thinking! "If there were bunches of swordfish in the surfline wouldn't we hear about swimmers getting sworded, speared, stuck, sliced, impaled, skewered, slashed, shishkabobbed, or at the very least "poked" by the nasty creatures?" Good point, but we know for a fact that they're found farther out in the ocean, and yet we never hear about swimmers getting poked out there either, so maybe the fish are keen enough not to confuse the silhouette of a kid on a boogie-board with that of a squid. Or maybe, just maybe, swimmers are being slashed in the surf on a regular basis but our mayor and city council is keeping it hush-hush so it won't scare away the summer tourists. Who knows, maybe somewhere down in the basement of City Hall is a stack of signs that read, "DANGER SWORDFISH SIGHTINGS BEACHES CLOSED!" just in case the carnage ever gets out of hand.

(Yikes, I've run out of space! Please tune in next week to learn more about what we don't know about fish and surprising places where some might be waiting to be caught.) §

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Angler John Rogowitz and Capt. Korey Knieriem headed south to Virginia last week to tap into the fat flounder action happening on the seaside waters. John caught this 26" doormat on a pink Deadly Double with a minnow.



Lots of good for eating sized black drum were reported this week. Angler Brian Reynolds of Berlin, MD landed his 27 incher from Assateague Island using sand fleas topped with Fish Bites Artificial Sand Flea Bites.

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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



The temperature roller coaster continues to provide thrills and actual chills as the Eastern Shore fishing "Springs" into action. From the beach to the bay, the action has been as varied as the temperature. On thing is for sure, the Eastern Shore has a lot to offer in the pursuit of good times! The surf has been on fire as many sportsmen of the suds target black, and red drum, chopper blues and even a few linesiders heading up the beach. The fish are taking modified fish finder rigs tipped with sand fleas and chunks of crab soaked in the surf waiting for the sacred strike which will send their reel screaming. Most of the black drum have been the perfect eating size. However, the reds and rock have lucked













out and been returned to the angry Atlantic. The big blues have battled anglers who offered chunks of mullet as incentive to come to dinner. The VA Barrier Islands have continued to offer consistent floundering in its back bays. We have had fish that buried the scale at the six pound mark brought in this week. White Gulp shrimp has been hot as anglers target flatfish fillets on the ebb tide in fairly shallow water in the 10 foot or less range. As always the most important component to a flourishing flounder catch is clean, clear water. The old saying is if you can't see your prop in the water you are wasting your time and need to move on to greener... I mean cleaner pastures. The Seaside

inlets are also offering some drum action. Black drum have been chomping down on crab and clam baits offered on 8/0 octopus and octopus circles with fish finder rigs. Some of these bellowing behemoths have topped the 50 inch mark. A trophy like this is truly a supersized seaside surprise. The shallows and marshes of the coastal bays have started to produce some striped and speckled quarry. This past week a buddy of mine "Crazy Larry" and myself went out in the Chincoteague Bay casting paddletails and rap-10's. The rock action was pretty good with fish to about 27 inches. While we didn't see any, there had been a few specks coerced into the cooler by chunks of delicious soft crab. Either way

the coastal bays offer a great opportunity for a quick trip to get your heart pumping and drag singing! The Chesapeake has also had the percussion of our beloved drum in its waters. Blacks have taken up residence in their normal haunts around the CBBT as well as some of the oyster rocks and hard bottom in the Pocomoke sound. Clam and crab have accounted for most of the bent rods. In the grassy shallows predatory reds and specs are on the hunt as sportsmen of the shallows are simultaneously hunting them. While I can't wait for the casting bite to blow up like a spring nor'easter, anglers soaking bait have definitely accounted for most of the spotted sport. Whatever you do-make sure you get your buddy, the kids, the dog or even your wife if you have to and get out there and enjoy this wonderful place we call home! §

## 2024 VIRGINIA REGULATIONS

### STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - July 6 August 9 - December 31</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day headboat All Year</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 40" minimum / Only 1&gt;50" 1 per person/day • 2 per boat/day 6/15 - 9/15</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> No minimum 50 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 18-26" minimum 3 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No minimum 4 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 5 per person/day All Year Only 1&gt;24"</p>
 <p><b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-31" 1 per person/day 1/1-3/31 &amp; 5/16-12/31</p>	 <p><b>FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1-5/15 &amp; 7/1-12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 12" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>

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Here are some of the fat flounder that Virginia Fishing Report author Matt Abell mentions in the week's report from the barrier islands of the ESVA. These four were pictured outside of his tackle shop, the "Sea Hawk Sports Center" in Pocomoke City, MD.

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Call Joe Crawford**



**A KNOT - 2008 62' Titan  
Call Jimmy Fields**



**EL BENDIDO - 2004 61' Blackwell  
Call Jimmy Fields**



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



**2022 42' Freeman  
Call Ronnie Fields**



**2023 41 SeaHunter  
Call Colton Cunningham**



**1985 47' Hines-Farley  
Call Ronnie Fields**



**DAY BY DAY - 2003 62' Ocean Yacht  
Call Jimmy Fields**



**FULL CIRCLE - 1984 50' Buddy Davis  
Call Jeff James**



**2023 39' HCB Speciale  
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