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Over the two days of the 17th Annual Ocean City Kids Classic Tournament last weekend, anglers Landon Bounds, Abraxas Giardina, Brooks Huyett, Stella Twilley, Jamison Twilley, Norah Vaughan and Connor Vaughan came to the scales with a combined catch of 39 keeper flounder, 24 sea bass, 4 ribbon fish and an eel! This gave the crew a lot of options to pick their biggest 3 in each species for the tourney and secured them 1st Place in the Flounder Division with a 4.4 lb. fattie they caught Sunday inshore around the Fenwick Shoals, and a 2nd place tie as well for a 4.0 lb. fish from Saturday. They also topped the Sea Bass Category taking both 1st for a 2.0 lb. knothead they boated while wreck fishing near the B Buoy on Saturday and another tie for 2nd Place with a 1.6 lb. fish. They were fishing on the "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and are pictured at the tournament scales at Sunset Marina.



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Angler James Williams from Herndon, PA and Capt. Jason Mumford headed out to the Little Gull Shoal on the charter boat "Lucky Break" to do some trolling and tricked this red drum with a Clark Spoon.



The Old Grounds have produced some nice doormats this past week. Anglers Andrew and Ryan Kleban headed there last week where Andrew landed this 27" and 7.3 lb. flounder using Gulp. Pictured and measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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It was a tough for most in the canyons last week, but some nice fish found there way to the docks. Angler Brian Pomije from Delaware landed this 90 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". Capt. Brian Porter with mate Chad Meeks had put him and fellow DE anglers Amy Thomas, Ben McHugh, Cillian Hagan, Joe McHugh and Erik Fischer in the Poor Man's Canyon and found this one in 100 fathoms around the 020 line and 76° water. Overall they found these 2 tuna bites and had a miss on a white marlin.

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The OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd



This Week Last Year

- Despite the pandemic the Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid Classic saw 220 anglers register. The "Fish On" took top honors in the Billfish Release Division with 4 white marlin releases and the "Old Hatt" won with a 25.4 lb. mahi. Top tuna slot was taken by "Reel Fin Addict" with a 56.2 lb. tuna and the top flounder was 5 lbs. from the "C-Boys".
- Tunafisherman were switching to chunking with hot spots being the Hot Dog, Elephant Trunk and 19 fathom lump. Limit or near limit catches were reported at the Hot Dog.
- The 7 billfish released in the Kid's Classic Tournament all came from the Norfolk Canyon.

The past week has been just plain hard offshore. High temperatures and southern winds have put a hurt on the bite, but this did not deter everyone from heading out trying to put a bend on a rod.

The Ocean City Marlin Club hosted the 17th rendition of the Kid's Classic this past weekend, hosted at Sunset Marina. Around 180 anglers registered for the 2 day event to fish from private boats, charter boats, headboats, rented boats and from the docks! The offshore forecast was questionable for Saturday, so many boats fished the bays or the inshore reefs & wrecks. A few boats did brave the

canyons like the "Reel Fin Addict" who weighed in the top tuna for the event at 47.4 lbs from the Poor Man's Canyon. They went 2 for 2 on the bites they had that day. The "Reel Fast" also went out Saturday and found a 3rd place winner in the Baltimore Canyon with a 29.2 lb. yellowfin. The majority of boats to the scales were inshore and bay trips, however the very last one was the "Southern C's". Her anglers found a 18.6 lb. mahi near a lobster pot buoy that put them securely into first place in that Division. Day 2's weather offshore did not look great either. Several of those that did venture out waited until daylight so they could see what was up before giving it shot! The "Fishbone" found 4 nice gaffer dolphins in the Poor Man's Canyon by lobster pot buoys as well to secure 2nd and 3rd Place in that Division.

Our coverage of the tournament starts on page 66 with details and pictures of the back and forth on the inshore action, especially sea bass and spot!

Outside the tournament we saw decent tuna action for those that worked at it. Tuesday and Wednesday last week saw more double

digit catches spread out from the Baltimore Canyon to the Hot Dog down to the Poor Man's Canyon. Capt. Joe Drosey on the "Rhonda's Osprey" started early bringing 9 yellowfin to the dock last Tuesday. Wednesday saw action in the Baltimore Canyon and saw some boats seeing success chunking at the Hot Dog. Better stock up on your butterfish! The bite stayed in the Baltimore and some success was also found in the Poor Man's as we moved through the weekend. Sharks continue to be the worst we have seen from the lower Washington to the Norfolk.

Two notable catches were reported to us. The first was a new Heaviest Bigeye for Delaware. Fiore Celano III from Newport, DE reported a 171 lb. eyeball he caught on 7/11 and our first longfin tuna was also sent in. Sisters Morgan and Kayler Michael had a double hook up in the Baltimore Canyon last Saturday that turned out to be longfins. Morgan was first to boat a 52 lb. fish making first of the season. Sister Kayler soon got her's in the box, besting Morgan's tuna by 9 lbs. making it the Heaviest for Maryland so far.

Billfishing is still spotty and scattered from the Baltimore to the Washington Canyons. Several sailfish were released last week in 0-100 fathoms at the Washington and the Sushi released a roundscale spearfish in the Baltimore last Saturday.

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beyond the details in the tournament review, the hot spots were the Poor Man's, Hot Dog and the Jackpot. Top fish were in the mid 20 pound range.

Upcoming Tournaments;

Two big tournaments are on the immediate horizon!

- This week brings us the 2021 HUK Big Fish Classic held at the Talbot Street Pier running from July 23rd - 25th. Always a lively event with big fish coming to the dock and offering the Big Fish Village! Scales are open at Talbot Street from 4 - 9 pm on Friday and Saturday with Sundays hours at 4 - 8 pm. Details at BigFishClassic.com.



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- The big show of the White Marlin Open starts on Monday August 2 and runs through the 6th. Scales will be at Harbour Island as usual, however we recommend checking out the Marlinfest, a new free outdoor viewing experience at the 3rd Street Bayside Ballpark that will coincide with the 48th annual fishing tournament. The event will feature a festival-like atmosphere as well as real-time, unobstructed live stream viewing of the tournament weigh-ins via large LED screens.

- Follow our Tournament Schedule in the paper and online to keep up to date!

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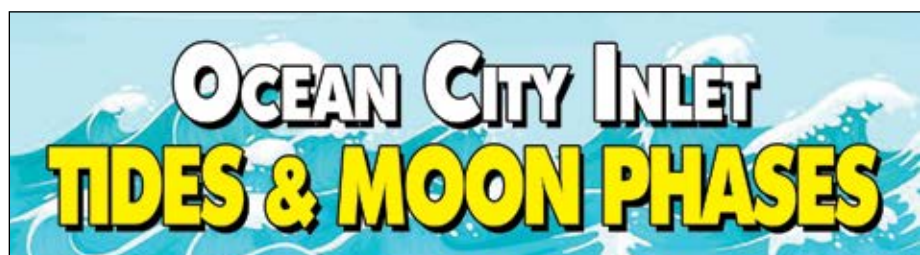


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Vicki Bricker, Sawyer Bricker and Sarah Davis, all from York, PA apparently took their time fishing at the B Buoy last week on the "No Hurry". They landed 5 keeper flounders on minnows with two at 21".



WED. JULY 21	High 05:42 am High 06:43 pm	Low 11:44 am Low -----
THUR. JULY 22	High 06:42 am High 07:42 pm	Low 12:56 am Low 12:42 pm
FRI. JULY 23	High 07:42 am High 08:38 pm	Low 01:50 am Low 01:37 pm
SAT. JULY 24 ● <i>Full Moon</i>	High 08:40 am High 09:30 pm	Low 02:41 am Low 02:30 pm
SUN. JULY 25	High 09:35 am High 10:17 pm	Low 03:30 am Low 03:21 pm
MON. JULY 26	High 10:26 am High 11:00 pm	Low 04:18 am Low 04:13 pm
TUE. JULY 27	High 11:14 am High 11:40 pm	Low 05:05 am Low 05:06 pm
WED. JULY 28	High ----- High 12:01 pm	Low 05:52 am Low 06:02 pm

source: usharbors.com

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



Gabriel Dalfonso, age 11 from West O.C. is getting ready for the real thing while practicing on this undersized yellowfin. She was trolling at the Hot Dog aboard the "Drop Money" when this tuna hit on a purple sidetracker spreader bar. The fish was released to grow a little more!







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Mike Angerame of Wilton, Connecticut landed his first black sea bass ever while fishing on the headboat "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting, Jr. at the helm. The anglers were over an ocean structure when Mike hooked this 15" knothead!



Megan Hanna from Coatesville, PA has got it going on sharing the first flounder she has ever caught! She found this 22" and 2 lb flattie fishing at site 10 using minnows.

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Abi Dolmetsch is beaming after she caught and released her first white marlin last Wednesday! She was trolling on the private boat "Kilo Charlie" just east of the Rockpile in 100 fathoms when the white hit on a skirted ballyhoo. Capt. Howard Lynch was at the helm with mate Burro Gonzalez (pictured) in the pit.

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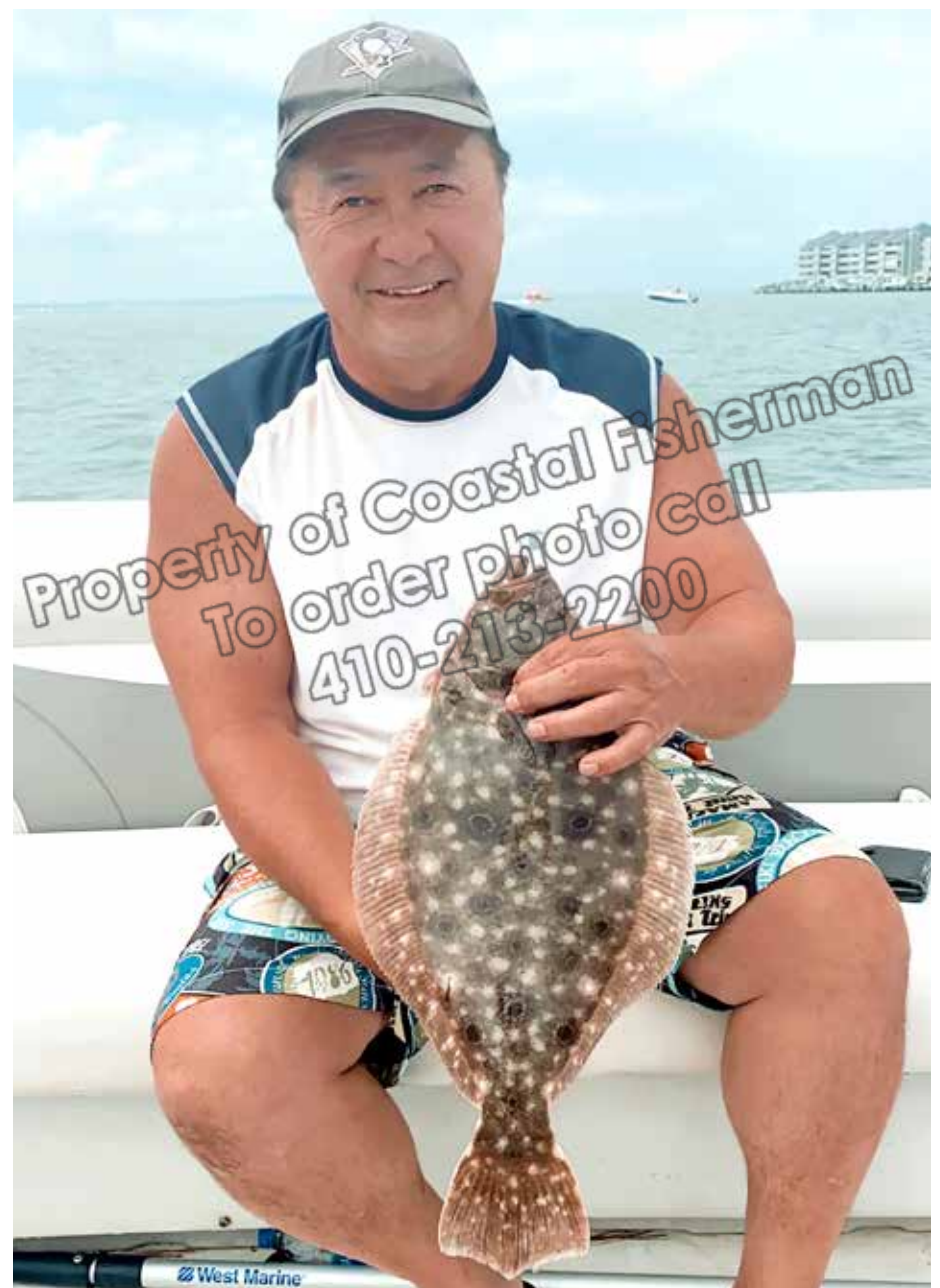
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Ed Badorrek shares an interesting picture of a very nice spot pattern on this 19" flounder he caught using a minnow & Gulp combo at the Rt. 90 Bridge.



Here come the butterfish! Jason Stokes, Dustin Stokes, Pop Stokes and George Rooker, all from Ocean City, MD headed to the Hot Dog on the "Lady D". They were drift chunking when they caught this 55" and 85 lb. yellowfin tuna. They earned it though since it took an hour and a half to get it to the boat.



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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



As the heat continues so does the great fishing. Flounder, sea bass, and triggerfish command the inshore waters.

Flounder, Croaker, & Sheepshead

Flounder fishing has hit its stride this week with several fish over 5 lbs. being caught. The back bays of Ocean City are steadily producing flounder in most of the cuts and channels. The channel behind Assateague Island is the best area this week with special attention to the holes near the airport. Drifting on high tide seems to be the best time for targeting these fish recently. The "Bay Bee" reports that flounder fishing has been very steady

with anglers catching many on their trips. The "Happy Hooker" has also been doing well on flounder, especially in the East Channel, and even some small croaker are showing up. The northern part of Sinepuxent Bay is also producing some nice flounder, the area in front and along the East Channel as well as the Thorofare are the hotspots this week. Bait of choice is a squid and minnow duo on a long fluorocarbon leader. The boat traffic on the weekends is heavy so if you can get out on the weekdays your chances will be much better. On the near shore side, flounder have been caught on most inshore wrecks as well as drop offs. The steep

drop off near the Fenwick Shoals is a great spot to target these fish close to the inlet. Further out the African Queen and the Bass Grounds are also producing some nice flounder. The "Angler" reports good action on most of their trips along with good catches of sea bass. In the bays croaker are showing up in decent numbers. As the summer waters heat up these numbers will increase. Using small hooks with blood worms or Fish Bites will catch these tasty little fish. Once a school of them have been found you can usually stay with them and keep them biting. Chumming the area will also bring them to your boat especially at night. These fish are great when taking out young or inexperienced anglers. Croakers are not very picky fish and are very willing to bite a bait put in front of them. Please remember that when fishing is hot keep only what you can eat. Many times when was running a headboat, I found that anglers got caught up in the catch action. Upon returning to the dock with their 30 fish, they then just realized that the freezer in the apartment would not fit the fish! In too many cases these fish were thrown away or left on the boat. Please conserve and protect our fishery.

Sheepshead are also being reported at the Inlet on the rocks and in the deep hole out front. Shrimp, crabs, and fleas are the best baits. Early morning with a gentle tide is best for these fish. They are a softer, semi mushy fish, however

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it is excellent table fare. Put the fish on ice as soon as possible to firm up the fillets.

Sea Bass, Cobia, & Sharks

Sea bass remains some of the best we have seen in years. Despite the heat of the summer being here, the sea bass are still around. Much like last year these fish have stayed late into this summer. Several limits have been caught in the last week mostly in water deeper than 100 ft. Victor on the "Ocean Princess" shared that his 10 hour trips are really producing some nice fish. He further reports that the half day trips, although not giving up the big fish or the limits that the full day trips are, still produce some nice sea bass for the table. Areas like the Great Eastern Reef and the Jack's Spot are the best places for catching a limit. Word this week is that Marine Electric is also giving up some nice sea bass. In the next few weeks a lot of the head boats will begin to switch over to flounder and croaker. So if you want some fresh sea bass, get out now or you will have to wait until the fall! Inshore sharking is also getting hot. Setting up on a shoal such as the Fenwick Shoals and chumming is a great way to hook into a nice size shark. Remember you need a shark permit with your license as well as knowledge of shark regulations as most of the inshore sharks are protected by federal law. Check state regulations as well as the most restrictive of the two apply. While fishing for sharks there is a good chance that you will chum up a cobia. While they love live eels and cut bait, they are very leery fish and not readily willing to bite the hook. So pitch your bait out in front of these fish as quietly as you can. Cobia



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Tight lines and fins up



Conner Vaughan can barely be seen behind this 26" and 6 lb. doormat! He caught this one on strip bait at Site 10 while fishing with Capt. Randy Buttion and Tom 'Anthony's Beer & Wine' Vaughan on the "Indecision". Pictured at Sunset Provisions in West OC

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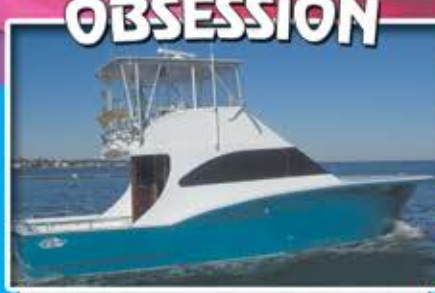
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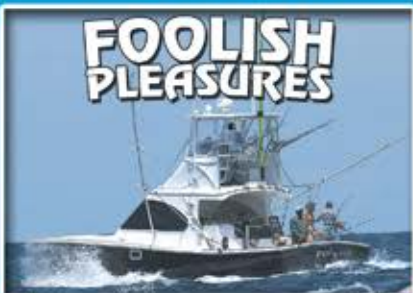
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Bluefish 	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	Mako Shark 	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Black Drum 	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
Cobia 	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Bigeye Tuna 	June 27 Greg Eckard Washington Canyon 235 lbs.	New July 11 Fiore Lelano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
Flounder 	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	July 7 Dan McGeady Ocean Structure 5.05 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna 	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sea Bass 	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4 lb. 5 oz.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	Longfin Tuna New 	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead New 	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	July 8 Chris Gratton Indian River Inlet 6.1 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna 	July 4 Dianna Harris Norfolk Canyon 98 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	June 25 Jimmy Carr Washington Canyon 28 lbs.	New July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
Tautog 	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	July 3 Michael Steffy Outer Wall 5.95 lbs.	White Marlin 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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There is still good sea bass action at the Old Grounds. Capt. Walt Hammond on the headboat "Judith M" found a nice mix of sea bass & flounder on a ½ day morning trip last week using a mix of squid, shiners and clams.



The Seiler Family of Stevensville, MD fished out at the Poor Man's Canyon and had a great day catching bluegill and a yellowfin tuna. 13 year old Megan Seiler took top honors with the largest bluegill at 18lbs. They were on the "Still Lady" and caught the bluegill dropping squid and the tuna on the troll using ballyhoo.

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It was tuna Tuesday for Capt. Joe Drosey and the crew of the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" last week. They were at the Hot Dog chunking and raised these 9 nice size yellowfin tunas.



Kent Island, MD native Mike Huffman headed out for a charter trip last week on the "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock. They put him on the fish including this 13 lb. sheephead caught using peeler crabs.

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It was anything goes for pictures on the headboat "Angler" last week! White side, spot side, hats, no hats, flounder, sea bass - doesn't really matter since Jimmy, Alex and Colson Eidiias had a great day fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak. They found this bounty at an ocean structure using squid and Gulp.

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Everyone can get in on the good sea bass action! This angler and his family hopped on a 1/2 day trip to the Bass Grounds with Capt. Walt Hammond on the headboat "Judith M". In addition to the sea bass, the anglers pulled up triggerfish and flounder using a mix of squid, clams and shiners



Birthday boy Mike Paules managed to boat his limit of yellowfin, while Holly Helfer cheered him on aboard the "OPPOR-TUNA-TY TOO". Capt. Ken Thompson along with mate Chip Raynor found a these nice ones just outside of the Hot Dog last Tuesday.

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Capt. Dave Caffrey took his charter boat "On the Run" out to an Ocean City Reef Foundation site early last week and put angler Jessica Frank from upstate New York onto this 40" red drum. This one fell for a Clark Spoon on the troll and was released after a quick picture!.

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This couple is ready for a mixed grill after a ½ day on the water with the "Ocean City Guide Service". Capt. John Prather had them working with live bait around the Rt. 50 Bridge to land both a keeper flounder and rockfish in the 'slot'.



Friday started out well for the anglers on the "Thelma Dale IV" out of Lewes, DE and it continued throughout the day. Lots of action with short and keeper flounder brought up with some anglers who knew what they were doing hitting their limits. Pretty good catch all around including some nice sea bass.

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The headboat "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Chris Adams at the helm has been putting their anglers onto to some nice sea bass catches. On this trip to the Del-Jersey Reef they hit the boat limit for knotheads.



Veteran charter Capt. Nick Clemente had the pleasant opportunity to take this family out for some bay fishing as a new customer! He took care of them finding these 6 keeper flounders in the North Ocean City Bay using white Gulp.

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The headboat "Happy Hooker" has been connecting with some nice flounder recently. On a trip last week this young angler snagged a keeper flounder in the Ocean City East Channel near the Talbot Street Pier where the boat is docked.




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I overheard a couple of guys talking about the charter fishing captain they had just been out with. They weren't saying anything bad about the fellow, they were just chatting about the way he ran the boat and stuff he talked about. But what really caught my ear was when they started speculating about what they thought was going through the guy's mind throughout the day - what he was "thinking". That's when one of the fellows suggested that the captain was only thinking about catching their fish early so that he could get back to the dock in time for happy-hour.

I'm pretty sure the fellow was joking (at least I hope he was) but, as a captain myself, the conversation made me realize how little our clients know about the kind of stuff that really does go through our heads as we drive them around trying to catch a bunch of fish. So here's a sample of the kind of stuff that runs through our little pea-brains when we're out doing what we do:

While meeting everyone at the dock

"Six guys, four big coolers, three duffle bags, and a spinning rod. Should I scold them a little by using my old line about "I didn't realize we were going on a triple overnigher" ? Naa, they look like nice folks who might take it the wrong way. Hopefully it's not four coolers of beer."

While heading out the inlet

"Looks like another choppy day on the water. I wonder how many of these folks are going to get sick? The guy in the green shirt is already looking a little pale. It might be a long day for him. Hopefully Jack will keep the sick ones out of the cabin."

While on the run out

"I hope it doesn't take half the day to find the fish, it would be nice to make a decent catch

early and get the pressure off."

"Is the starboard engine smoking a little?"

"Come lunchtime that barbecue sandwich Susan packed me is going to taste pretty good. I wonder if I can hold out that long?"

"Looks like bait flickering on the surface over there. It would be great to stop here and catch our fish instead of running another 20-miles out! These long runs are beginning to be a pain. Better not get burned out this early in the season!"

"Hopefully we have enough bait in the cooler to get us through both today and tomorrow. The tackle shop at the marina won't be open when we get back, or even before we leave the dock tomorrow. It's going to be a big problem if we run out. Maybe I should tell Jack to put a couple packs of bait on the side for tomorrow and don't change the baits as often for the rest of the day. He's not going to be like that, but it's better than running out of bait tomorrow."

"Darn I'm getting hungry! Maybe I should sneak a look into one of those coolers and snag something for a snack. They'd never miss it. But it would be embarrassing to get caught in the act - I'll have Jack do it."

"Susan really wants me to be home in time for dinner with the family for a change. We'll be in hot water if we have to go running all over town looking for bait this evening. We better not run out."

"Why did that bilge pump light flash? I hope the stuffing box isn't leaking again."

"Not much chatter on the radio yet. Maybe that means we're one of the first boats out here and not that no one is catching fish. Hopefully that guy who talks so much isn't fishing today. I've about had it with him. If he's out today I'm just

going to another channel so I don't have to listen to him all day."

"Was that a whale blow? Good sign of life in the area but still another 10-miles to go. Really hope we're not over running the fish. Yikes, I can't imagine what it would do to the boat if we actually hit one of those monsters!"

"Gotta remember to check on what we're being charged for fuel. It would suck if we had to start charging a surcharge on our trips like we did years ago."

While fishing

"Great, we're here. That ride out wasn't too hateful. It actually looks like the seas have calmed down a bit. The face of the guy in the green shirt is beginning to match his apparel. Oh how I hope he stays out of the cabin."

"Darn if it doesn't look like there's a still a little smoke coming out of the starboard exhaust. That's going to be a monkey on my back until we figure out what's going on. Don't need any downtime this time of the year."

Nice bite, double header - all right! If we can land both these fish it's going to take a lot of pressure off for the rest of the day.

"Why is that guy trolling by so close? Is he that inept that he can't see we're hooked-up? I hope Jack can stick them both and get'em in the boat. It's going to be a bloodbath in the cockpit but we need these fish!"

"Great, it's looking like we'll probably have enough bait left over for tomorrow and I'll make dinner just fine. Oh Shoot, we need more hooks and leader material too. Susan is going to kill me! Geeze that guy pukes loud!"

"Two big fish in the boat! OK that's enough that everyone will be able to bring home a nice couple bags of fish and it's still early enough that we might be able to put the icing on the cake by landing a couple more."

On the run home

"Three nice fish in the box, if we hadn't pulled off those other

two and lost one to a shark we'd really have a stellar catch. Hopefully everyone had a good enough time that they'll want to come back and fish with us again. They must all be passed out in the cabin from too much "fun in the sun"

"Let's see, who's on the calendar for tomorrow? Oh yeah, Jim Jones, the guy who's always showing pictures and bragging about what a great dog he has."

"Ten more miles to cell phone range. Hopefully there won't be too many messages waiting for me to follow up on."

"Not looking like the starboard engine is smoking anymore, that's good. Maybe it was just a stuck injector. Gotta pay attention to that."

"Really? Really?? Just when it looks like there's a chance to make dinner Jack has to tell me that the head is broken. How do I tell Susan that I can't make dinner again tonight because I have to take apart a toilet so our clients can use it tomorrow? Oh she's going to be fuming!"

"Oh that's just perfect! The bilge pump light again. Probably nothing, but now there's "one more" thing on the list to check on tonight. The "to-do" list before we go back out is getting longer and the chances for a hot meal tonight is about down to nothing."

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"Two messages down and two to go, might just get it done before hitting the inlet. Better check the updated weather forecast first. Oh great, looks like it's going to be really sloppy change!" \$



Saturday saw the tuna bite pick up! The North Carolina crew of Joe Dombrowski, Terrell Moore, Mike Calkin and Justin Leonard went out to the Baltimore Canyon on the charter boat "Sushi" with Capt. Charley Pereira and mate James Coane. They trolled spreader bars with naked and skirted ballyhoo in 90 - 120 fathoms of the Baltimore Canyon to raise these 11 yellowfin tuna in the 30-40 lb. range. They also released a roundscale spearfish!



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The fishing was good at Russell's Reef last Saturday and 10 year old Hunter Thomas got in on the action. Fishing on the "The Bigfa" with his dad Capt. Drew after soccer practice, they got into this triggerfish as well as some keeper flounders up to 18" and sea bass. Gotcha jerk rigs did the trick for the flatfish.



Cher Cook-Boyle from Bel Air, MD is excited about the 17.5" flounder she caught last week! She was with Matt Boyle on the "J.C.'s Legacy" in the Ocean City East Channel when she fooled this one with a minnow and chartreuse Gulp combo.

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Tim Goodman from Lancaster, PA has been on a flounder tear the past few weeks. He found this most recent 19" and 2.7 lb. fish near Massey's Ditch in the Delaware Bay using Fire Tiger Gulp.

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The crew of the boat "Bound and Determined" go for a Yin & Yang sort of thing with these 4 of the 11 flounder they caught last Sunday. Topsy Tiki Cpts. Dan Mergott from Berlin, MD, Jeremy Michalski from Ocean City, MD and Corporal Ron Greene from Salisbury, MD had a great day at the Old Grounds catching flatfish with most in the 17-22 inch range and the largest at 26.5" and 7.5 lbs. That big boy was caught by Jeremy on a squid/Gulp combo.

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Diana Harshbarger Hagenbuch checked off a bucket list item last week! She was with her friend Keith on the "Bite Me" where he and the rest of the crew let her reel in the only bite they had for the day landing this nice yellowfin tuna. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Dolphin are still uncommon at the docks these days, so Tommy Clendaniel was fortunate when he found these 2 mahi at the Del-Jersey Reef. The largest was 16 lbs. as measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



The crew of the "Under Taker" from Indian River Marina sent us a nice shot of mate Wil Kennington releasing a blue marlin they caught early last week. They were in the Norfolk Canyon trolling in 700 fathoms and 76° water when this one hit on a Moldcraft Chugger on a short rigger.



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1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
4 fillets flounder
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan
1/4 cup bread crumbs
4 cloves garlic, minced
Juice and zest of 1 lemon

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°. Drizzle 2 tablespoons oil on a large baking sheet. Season flounder with salt and pepper.

On a large plate, combine Parmesan, bread crumbs,



garlic, and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Dredge fish in bread crumb mixture, pressing to coat.

Place fish on prepared baking sheet and drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons oil and lemon juice. Bake until golden and fish flakes easily with a fork, 20 minutes.

Garlicky Lemon Mahi-Mahi

Ingredients:

3 tbsp. butter, divided
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
4 (4-oz.) mahi fillets
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 lb. asparagus
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
1 lemon, sliced

Zest and juice of 1 lemon

1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish

Directions:

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon each of butter and olive oil. Add mahi-mahi and season with salt and pepper. Cook until golden, 4 to 5 minutes per



side. Transfer to a plate.

To skillet, add remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Add asparagus and cook until tender, 2 to 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and transfer to a plate.

To skillet, add remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Once melted, add garlic and red pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, 1 minute, then stir in lemon, zest, juice, and parsley. Remove from heat,



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then return mahi-mahi and asparagus to skillet and spoon over sauce.

Garnish with more parsley before serving.

Pan Sautéed Rockfish with Capers

Ingredients:

- 24 ozs. rockfish fillets
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. olive oil
- 1/3 cup dry vermouth (or white wine)
- 2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. capers
- 1/4 tsp. dried herbs (like herbes de Provence)
- 1 tablespoon butter, chilled and cut into pieces
- 2 Tbsp. fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped

Directions:

Heat a non-stick skillet over

medium high heat.

Add the oil and swirl to coat the pan.

Season the fish on both sides with the salt and pepper.

Add the fish to the pan, and cook about 2 -3 minutes on each side, or until the fish flakes easily.



Remove the fish to a warm plate.

Add vermouth, lemon rind, lemon juice, capers and herbs to the pan.

Cook for 30 seconds.

Add the butter to the pan, whisking to incorporate into the sauce.

Pour the sauce over the fish, top with the parsley.

Super Summer Grilled Bluefish

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds bluefish fillets
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine
- kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup citrus flavored seafood rub

Directions:

Place the fish fillets into a large bowl. Pour in the orange juice, lime juice, lemon juice, olive oil and white wine. Season with salt, pepper and



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Place fish fillets on the grill, and discard the marinade. Cook for 4 minutes on each side, or until fish flakes with a fork. Transfer to a serving platter, and remove the dark blue part of the fish before serving.

Cajun Blackened Redfish

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups Italian-style salad

dressing

4 (4 ounce) fillets red drum

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a medium saucepan, melt the butter on low heat;



cool to room temperature. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the cayenne pepper, black pepper, lemon pepper, garlic powder and salt. Set aside.

Dip the fillets into the melted butter, then coat with the seasoning mixture.

In a large skillet over high heat, sear fish on each side for 2 minutes or until slightly charred.

Place in a 11x7 inch baking dish and pour the Italian dressing onto each filet. Cover baking dish and bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes or until flaky and tender.

King Mackerel Islamorada Style

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups Italian bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 pound mackerel (about 3 fillets), pin bones removed
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed and diced
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon dried Italian herb mix

- 1/4 cup sliced mushrooms
 - 1 whole scallion, thinly sliced
 - 2 tablespoons white wine
 - 1 lime, halved
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 2 slices provolone
- Directions:

Preheat the broiler.

Place the breadcrumbs and mayonnaise in separate shallow dishes. Coat the fish fillets first in the mayonnaise and then in the breadcrumbs, shaking off any excess. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Carefully place the fillets skin-side up in the pan and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side, and then transfer to a broiler-safe plate.

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wipe out the skillet with a paper towel. Replace the pan and heat the remaining oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook the garlic and shallots, stirring frequently, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in the dried herbs, mushrooms and scallions and cook 1 minute. Pour in the wine and half of the lime juice, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring frequently, about 1 minute more. Melt in the butter until incorporated,

and then remove the skillet from the heat.

Pour the mushroom mixture over the fish and top with the cheese. Place under the broiler until the cheese is melted, browned and bubbly, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a serving plate and serve immediately, squeezing the remaining lime juice over the fish, if desired.

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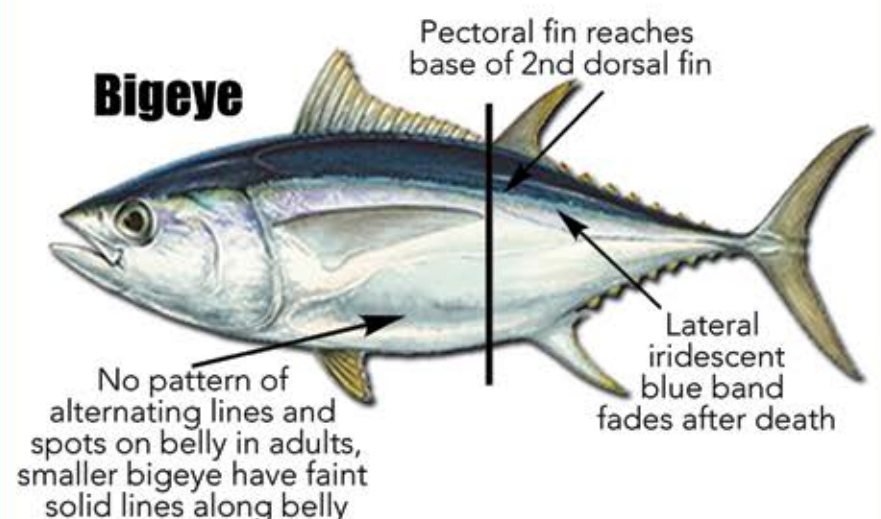
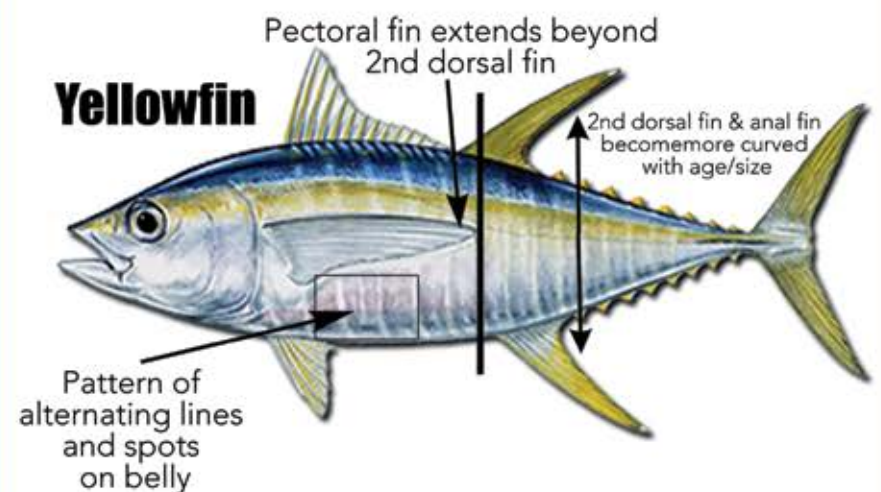
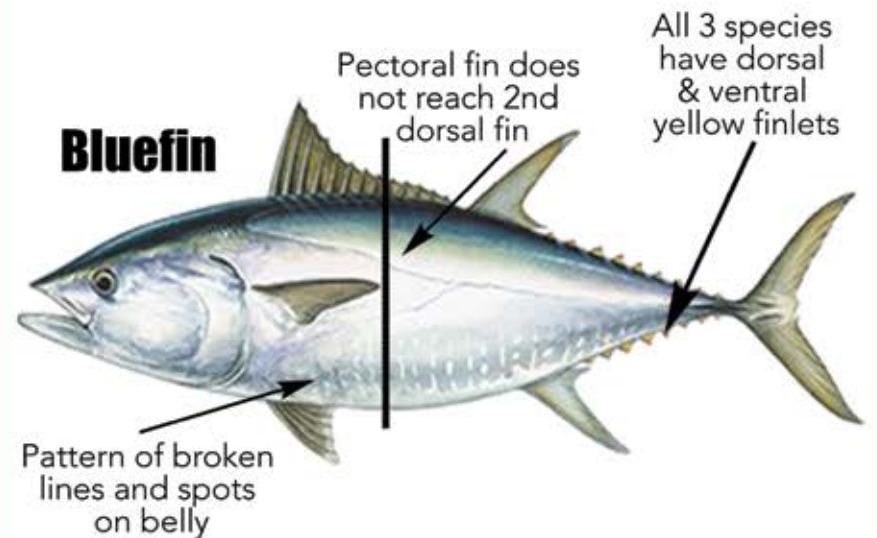
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There are a lot of people that fish at night or overnight that are hard to put in the paper due to the dark photos. Randy Neall got one to us that we could use! He caught this 34" rockfish last Friday from the Rt. 50 Bridge near the East Channel using live eel.

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Al Manning was fishing at the Reef Site 8 and caught an array of fish. The most impressive one was this 9.18 pound sheephead. The fish was citation size, measuring 23 inches!



Anne Parmenter and Dawn Chamberlin are a happy pair showing us their 17" and 18" flounders. Anne's was her first ever! They found these keepers in the Indian River Bay in the channel off of the VFW at Quillen's Point. One hit on a minnow, the other Pink Gulp.

The advertisement features a photo of the marina building with a sign that reads "LEWES HARBOUR MARINA Fishing & Boating OUTFITTERS". A starburst graphic in the top right corner says "Tax Free Shopping!". Below the photo is a large blue sign with the same text. Underneath that, it says "Authorized Fishing License Agent" and "BAIT • TACKLE • FUEL • MARINE SUPPLIES CHARTER & HEADBOAT TRIPS". The bottom section displays logos for various fishing brands: COSTA, GLOOMIS, Interlux, POWER PRO, Baitmasters, XTRATUF, BLUEFIN USA, Salt Life, Huk, PENN, Daiwa, Gulp! Alive, and SHIMANO. To the right, it says "FULL LINE OF APPAREL" and "Sportswear • Ladies Clothing Foul Weather Gear" with a photo of the apparel section. At the bottom, it includes social media icons, the website "LEWESHARBOURMARINA.COM", and the address "Located at the end on Anglers Rd on the Lewes Canal • 302.645.6227".



Boat Repair – Glue or Screw?

When it comes to boat repair, maintenance or even boat building, there are many methods used to join materials together.

Traditionally, pleasure boats had mechanically fastened joints and connections held together with self-tapping screws or through bolted with nuts and bolts. Modern boats are built with a variety of materials and require a variety of different fastening methods, often taking advantage of modern adhesives and sealants in addition to mechanical fasteners. Some production boats even use special adhesives in place of traditional mechanical fasteners for structural joints.

Today's adhesives, glues,

caulks, and epoxies are much more capable of joining same or dissimilar materials on a boat than years ago. Choosing the correct adhesive or sealant should be done carefully, since products are often intended for a specific purpose and used in the wrong situation or incompatible materials will yield poor results or even a joint failure.

Adhesives vs Sealants

Sealants are generally used to seal joints, gaps, and cracks between two different surfaces. Generally, these surfaces are mechanically fastened. While the sealant needs to have some adhesive properties, enough for the sealant to stick to the surface of the materials but not designed to join the materials. Some sealants are approved for

use below the waterline, some sealants include UV stabilizers that reduce breakdown in sunlight, some sealants are for indoors only, some sealants can be painted over, some sealants can cover a wide gap, each type of sealant has its own properties, be sure to use the correct product for your needs.

Adhesives are generally designed to bond two materials together. Most adhesives have specific properties where they perform best and often function as a sealant too. There are many types of adhesives, generally designed for the

throughout the marine industry for over 50 years". 3M indicates that this product can be used to bond: fiberglass deck to hull, through hull fittings, wood to fiberglass, portholes and deck fittings, motors on fiberglass transoms and hull seams above and below water line. Based on 3M's description, this product seems to be a one-size-fits-all making it popular BUT it may be too good for everyday use on a boat.

Tensile strength is "the resistance of a material to breaking under tension" or a measure of the bonding



materials that are intended to be bonded together. Using the wrong adhesive for the materials can result in inferior bonding or even damage of the material.

Walking through a boatyard, you cannot go far without seeing an empty tube of 3M 5200 in the trash can or a blob of the white ubiquitous goo stuck somewhere it should not be! This is the most popular but often misused adhesive/sealant product in boating, let's see why.

What makes 5200 such a popular product? It can seal and adhere to almost anything! This paste is sold in various size tubes and the manufacturer describes it as "a one-component, high-strength, moisture-curing, gap-filling polyurethane for permanent bonding of wood, gelcoat and fiberglass. It cures to form a firm, rubbery, waterproof seal on joints and boat hardware, above and below the waterline. This product has been trusted


strength of a material. Tensile strength is one of the significant differentiation properties between 3M 5200 and other similar products by 3M and competitors.

For example, 5200 has one of the highest tensile strength of any marine adhesives at 600 psi and 3M indicates that it should be used for permanent bonding, meaning that the two materials are not intended to be separated (ever again!). Many boaters have learned this the hard way when they try to disassemble with much difficulty and often damage the substrates.

Comparing 5200 to another 3M adhesive, 4200FC, which has a 220 PSI tensile strength, designed to work above and below the waterline as a sealant/adhesive and is designed so that the two items can be disassembled (for replacement, service, repair etc.). This is often a better choice than 5200 for most projects. Airmar- the primary

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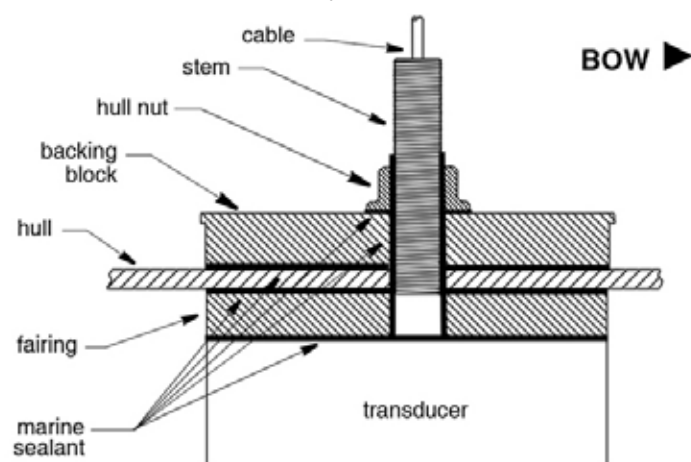
manufacture of depth sounder transducers, recommends Boatlife®'s Lifeseal® or 3M 4200 as a sealant/adhesive during the installation of many of their products.

Another popular product used on boats to seal and adhere is marine silicone, this product also has a 220 psi tensile strength like 4200FC but is designed for above the waterline and is not paintable (most paint does not stick well to silicone) Marine silicone has one of the largest elongation rates of all marine sealants

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NOTE: read the manufacturer's instructions for surface preparation, application, and curing for any sealant &



adhesive. For example, the 3M 5200 instructions indicate that "Alcohol should not be used in preparation for bonding as it will stop the curing process, causing the adhesive to fail."

NOTE: if you are working with HDPE plastic, such as Starboard, there are not many products that will adhere or seal to Starboard, including 3M 5200, as indicated by King plastics, the manufacturer of starboard. King recommends mechanical fastening or welding, though if needed, the following adhesives including Lord 7542-AB, Scotch-Weld DP-8005, or Chem-Set™ 6105

Polyolefin Bonder could be used with Starboard, carefully following King's preparation procedure.

The variety of adhesives and sealants in a marine supply store seems endless, choosing and using the correct product for the job is critical, most manufacturers offer detailed technical documentation that can assist in selling the right sealant or adhesive for the job – read up on the products before you begin your project.

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15 year old Landon Leppo from Spring Grove, PA found a nice 26.5" gaffertail mahi while trolling spreader bars at the Jack Spot. He was fishing with his father Brent on the "Reeling Good" with Capt. John Sprenkle.



Hunter McCary of Roxanna, DE had a great trip on the "Overcurrent" last Thursday. Fishing with Capt. Jay Beers and mate Traye Matthes in the Baltimore Canyon, Hunter released his first white marlin and caught these 2 yellowfin tunas. Time for a splash!

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The “Ellie Mae” out of the Indian River Marina in Delaware got a mess of tuna on this trip to the Baltimore Canyon last Friday. Top angler was Dan Myers catching his first tuna with the crew of Capt. Charlie Glass with mate Nate and anglers Larry Soloman and Brian Barrowcliff boating 9 yellowfin tunas overall on the troll.

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Sea Bass, Cobia & Triggerfish

This week in sea bass history is usually the very end of our early season. Last year however sea bass went right up to August and this year is looking much the same. Record numbers of limit catches and solid sized knotheads are still being caught. The deeper water in the range of 100 ft or more is the best chance of getting close to a limit, but sea bass are even still showing up in the warmer shallower water. The "Thelma Dale IV" as well as the "Judy V" both reported good catches of some big sea bass along with their flounder catches inshore. Boats heading further out to the deep wrecks were rewarded with nice catches and even limit catches. Clam is the go-to bait with squid running second. Many boats returning from the Tuna Grounds are stopping on a wreck or two on the way home and loading up on these tasty creatures. Most of the near shore wrecks are also loaded with triggerfish. Squid and sand fleas account for most of the catches of these fish. Traditionally as the sea bass move offshore the triggerfish move in, so

DELAWARE

FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The hot humid air continues! This week saw temperatures in the mid to upper 90's again. The fish did not seem to mind the heat and record catches were made all along the inshore. Flounder remains the big winner this week however sea bass are still around strong with many anglers catching limits if they put in the time.

Flounder, Croaker, Redfish & Rockfish

This week's bay area was loaded with some nice big flounder. The key areas are the deeper trough near the Coast Guard station as well as the main channel leading through the middle of Indian River. The Lewes Harbor area has slowed a little but some real quality fish can be found if you put the time in. Jon Little and Frank Tucker had a great day out in the Indian River Bay catching 31 flounder and keeping their limits with fish up to 22". Nick Garcia was at it again with 4 big keepers up to 21". Nick said everyone he saw was catching. Kevin Fiddles got his first ever keeper flounder using white

Gulp. Jeff Flanagan caught a huge 5lb 9oz flounder on the "Captain's Lady". The "Thelma Dale IV" out of Lewes had some nice catches this week as well while working some ocean structures. Alicen Sharp and crew for example got their limits on Monday and reported that most people on the boat limited out. Off the shore Michael Park got a nice 18' one on the south side jetty of Indian River on Monday. The "Judy V" also reported nice catches this week with Eamonn Carey scoring a nice couple of flounder for dinner. Rob Grieb was in the back channel and got a couple nice ones up to 22". On the ocean side, flounder seemed even more ready to bite with just about every angler I talked to stating that limits were there to be caught with very little effort. This time of year, with the heat, try to fish a little deeper for a better-quality fish. 80-120 ft. appears to be the right depth for the big ones. The Old Grounds and A Buoy are the best areas this week, however Delaware Bay near the wall

and Ice Breakers is also very productive with Jason Schuster jigging up a few nice size flounder on Wednesday. Croaker remains steady, but a lot of little ones, both in the back bays as well as in the ocean. Cut bloodworms and small pieces of squid are the best baits, but truth be told if the fish are around they will bite just about anything. I received the first reports of the year about a few puppy drum (redfish) by the channel at the Indian River Power Plant. The fish were caught on paddle tail swimbaits. The fish are right up against the grass so cast along the shore and pull your baits down along the edge as close to the grass as you can get it. Stripers and bluefish are still around at night, however, most are undersized. Hook Junky reported they did not disappoint on Thursday night as he caught a nice keeper rockfish off the rocks by the inlet. Weakfish and some triggerfish have been caught along the Indian River Inlet, mostly on an incoming tide. A few speckled trout have also been reported but

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they can be found on most wrecks, with the ones on the Fenwick Shoals and inshore being the best. Cobia are still hard to find, but a few are around. The Burbage boys have been out several times but have yet to catch one.

Surf Fishing & Crabs

Surf Fishing is typical summer fishing with tons of spot and kingfish coming in on bloodworms. A few pompano and triggerfish are also in the surf with most being reported near Fenwick Island. Crabs are back in full swing with pots yielding between 10-14 keepers per pot. Bunker is still the prime bait, out fishing chicken every time. Start looking to the deeper water for the crabs as lower levels are becoming oxygen deficient.

Until next week...

Tight lines and fins up



The crew of the "Rooster Cruiser" is all smiles after putting this 192 lb. swordfish on the scales at the Indian River Marina last Thursday morning. Stu Moore from Longneck, DE, John Pasquariello from Ocean Pines, MD, Jefferson Fort of Ocean View, DE and Chris Buchleiter with Burt Walsh from Annapolis, MD were deep dropping in the Poor Man's Canyon using squid. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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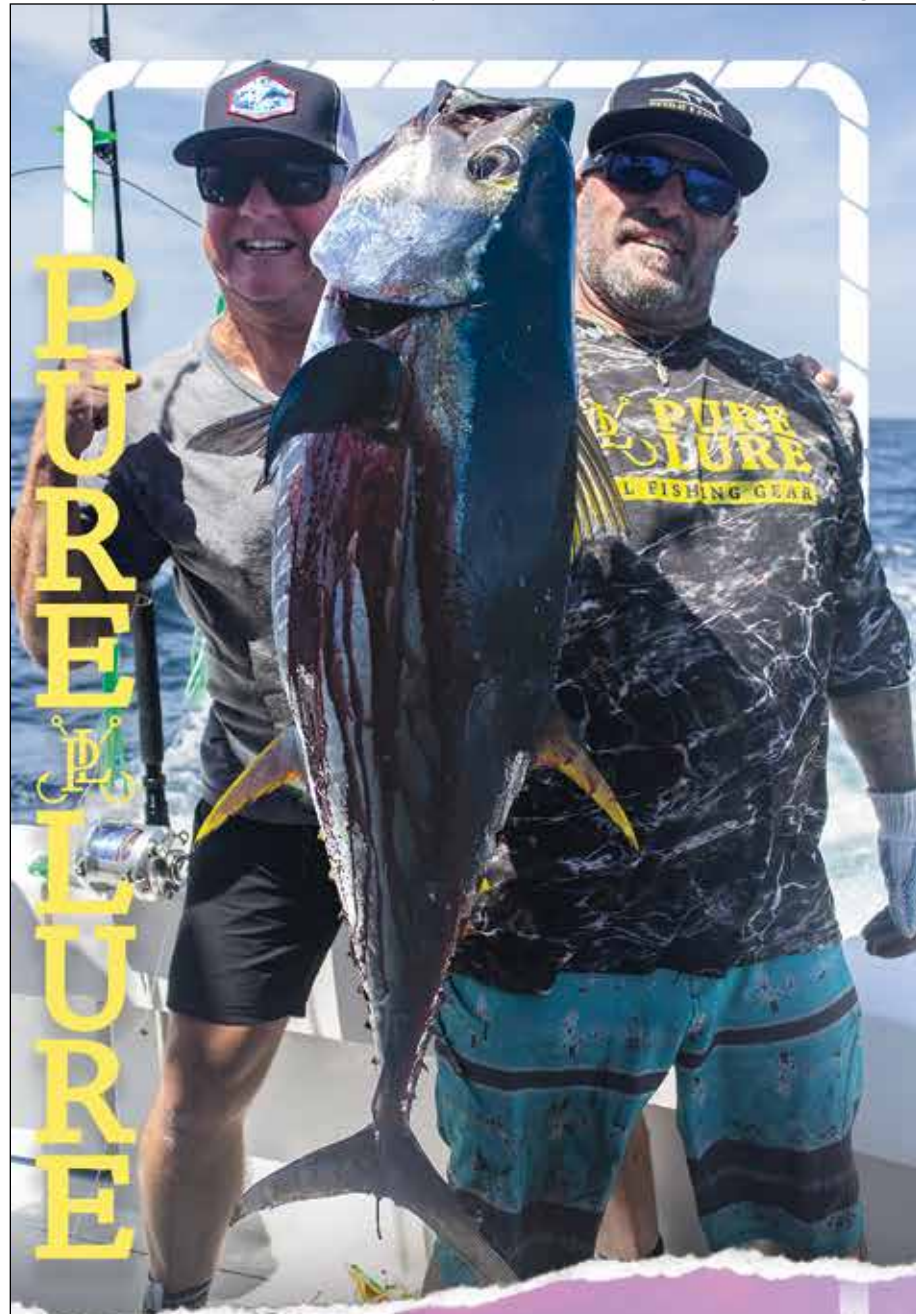
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Black Drum 	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	Thresher Shark 	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
Cobia 	June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	Bigeye Tuna 	May 28 Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's	May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
Flounder 	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	Bluefin Tuna 	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
Sea Bass 	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	Longfin Tuna  	July 17 Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon	June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
Sheepshead 	June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	June 12, 2020 Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	Yellowfin Tuna 	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
Striped Bass 	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	Dolphin 	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	May 23, 2020 Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
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The Hot Dog was a hot spot last week. Jacob McGuire of Middletown, DE caught this 22 lb. mahi on the troll last Friday while fishing on the "Last Call". Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Joseph Dixon from Leonardtown, MD made the most of his family's vacation while camping at the Castaways RV Resort. He and his father Larry tricked this 21" flounder with minnows just off of the Ocean City Airport in the bay behind Assateague Island.

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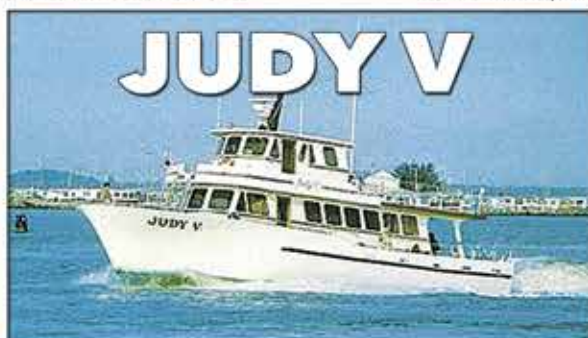
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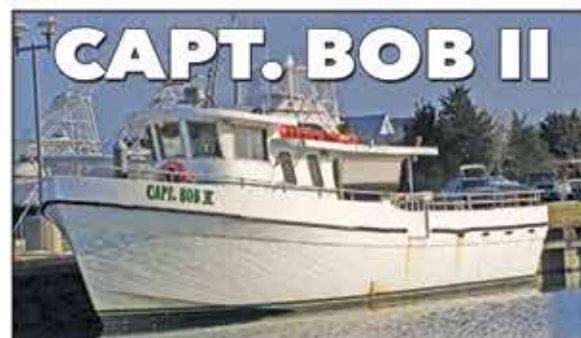
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At 12 years old, Alan Higgins has a lot to smile about. He caught 3 of the 4 of these yellowfin (30 lb. - 40 lb. class) early last week on the "Dark Star" out of the Indian River Inlet. He was fishing with Capt. Chris Petrovia and mate Adam on the East wall of the Baltimore Canyon. Two were caught on skirted ballyhoo and one on a wide tracker spreader bar.



Angler Dick Wetzel from West Ocean City is doing his part to reduce the snakehead population in the Salisbury area. He stopped by our office to show one of 6 he caught, up to 30" casting swim baits. He estimated he has caught up to 300 of the invasive species and even brought a fillet back to the office for Chef Christine to try!

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Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
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Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	45 Lbs. or 48"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35" or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum*	36"	45"
Sailfish*	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	34 lbs. or 44"
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"

	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE **</u>
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size
SHARK:		
Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Mako*	Any Size	250 lbs. or 83"
Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
TUNA:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"

* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program

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*** Use curved-fork-length measurements

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Mate Booby Euler from Berlin was a little surprised when angler Greg White from Westminster, MD hooked into this sailfish. The crew was just out for some 'fun fishing' on the "Rush Job" in the Washington Canyon. Given they were trolling in 80 fathoms with a pink and blue Hlander and a ballyhoo, maybe they shouldn't have been so surprised!

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John O'Leary of Miranda, Hart and O'Leary Builders is a proud dad with his daughter Lily, 7! They were fishing in the Indian River Inlet early last week where Lily landed this 24" and 4.5 lb. fattie using Gulp. Nice job!



Jessica Schempp from Fenwick Island, DE took advantage of the many headboat options in Ocean City to go offshore for the first time. Fishing at an ocean structure during a half day trip she caught her first ever sea bass using squid.

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Angler Mackenzie Heckman from Pennsylvania has a big smile while sharing the king mackerel she reeled in last Thursday. She was trolling spoons at the Great Gull Reef with Capt. Adam Wilson and mate Jake Vermillion on "Chasin Tides" Charters.

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2nd Place
"FISHBONE"
8.2 lbs.
3rd Place
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7.2 lbs.

TUNA

1st Place
"REEL FIN ADDICT"
47.4 lbs.
2nd Place
"MAVERICK"
38.4 lbs.
3rd Place
"REEL FAST"
29.2 lbs.

FLOUNDER

1st Place
"FISH BOUND"
4.4 lbs.
2nd Place (Tie)
"BLUEBILL"
"FISH BOUND"
4.0 lbs.

MACKEREL

1st Place
"ABLSOLUT PLEASURE"
1.2 lbs.
2nd Place (Tie)
"ABLSOLUT PLEASURE"
"READY OR NOT"
1.0 lbs.

CROAKER

1st Place
"WIGG ONE"
2.0 lbs.
2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
1.8 lbs.
3rd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
1.4 lbs.

SPOT

1st Place
"MISS MARY"
1.8 lbs.
2nd Place (Tie)
"PARTNERSHIP"
"DUFFIE 20"
1.6 lbs.

SEA BASS

1st Place
"FISH BOUND"
2.0 lbs.
2nd Place (Tie)
"FISH BOUND"
"JUST ONE MORE"
"FAMILY TREE"
1.6 lbs.

BLUEFISH

1st Place
"DUFFIE 20"
0.6 lbs.
2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
0.2 lbs.

UNUSUAL CATCH

1st Place
"CHARLOTTE MAXWELL"
Oyster Shell 2.0 lbs.
2nd Place
"FULL THROTTLE"
Donut
3rd Place
"MCLAUGHLIN"
Sea Urchin 0.2 lbs.

180 Anglers Participated



The "Southern C's" closed out day 1 of the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic with a bang, bringing an 18.6 lb. mahi to the scales! Angler Page Croll was trolling in the Wilmington Canyon with Capt. Dennis Bennett and fellow angler Carley Groff when they found this winner near a lobster pot buoy. Their fish held on to 1st Place in the Dolphin Division and was one of only 5 brought to the scales during the event.



A unique and fun part of the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic is the Unusual Catch Division. Anything caught by the anglers can count and the winner is decided by what was truly unique! This year's winner was Charlotte Maxwell with this oyster shell cluster she caught while fishing on the "Tortuga" in the Ocean City Bay.



The crew of the "Duffie 20' " had to move all around the Ocean City Bay, from the Thorofare to under the bow of the "Miss Suzanne" in the Commercial Harbor to get a broad mix of fish during the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic! Out of the flounder, spot, croaker and others caught, it was the 0.6 lb. bluefish they caught at the Rt. 50 Bridge that took top honors in the Bluefish Division. Anglers were Colt Duffie, GiGi Duffie, Savannah Gerlach and Charlotte Gerlach.



There is always a broad range of fish caught during the Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic tournament and this year was no exception. On day 2 of the 17th Annual running of the event, the charter boat "Ro Sham Bo" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman at the helm brought this 29 lb. cownose ray to the scales. Angler Fisher Zimmerman hooked this one in the bay behind Assateague using a top & bottom rig with cut squid. Other anglers for the day included Ava and Zoe Shriver, Natalie and Clara Campbell along with Noah and Kai Zimmerman.



The "Absolut Pleasure" made it to the scales both days during the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Bringing in a nice mix of flounder, sea bass and even a sea robin, it was the spanish mackerel however that stood out. The 2 fish they found at the Old Grounds earned anglers Ali, Jamison and Parker Moore, with Aiden, Eddi and Rylan Romero and Walker Hastings & Jose Conrad 1st and 2nd Place in the Mackerel Division.



The Spot Division of the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic was highly contested! Well into the 2nd day the top spot held at 1.6 lbs. with a 7 way tie for 2nd including "Miss Mary's" catch from the day before. That all changed when the "Miss Mary" slid into the dock on day 2 and locked the top 'spot' in the Division with this stringer of fish near the Verrazano Bridge that weighed in at 1.8 lbs. The proud anglers were Hudson and Sawyer Busey with Connor Hart.



17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic saw many flounder brought to the scales with reports of many more throwbacks! Most were in the 1 to 2 pound range with some exceptions like the 4 pounder that Kyle Matlick and Macie Jones on the "Bluebill" tricked at the Winter Quarter Shoals. This one held on to earn a tie for 2nd Place in the Flounder Division with "Fish Bound".



The weather was a factor during the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, at least for offshore fishing. With 'sporty' conditions on Saturday and tight rollers on Sunday, only a few went out. The "Maverick" was one of them and they headed to the Winter Quarter Shoals on day 2 and were rewarded with these 4 yellowfin tuna. Their top fish at 38.4 lbs. held onto a solid 2nd Place overall in the Tuna Division.



Anglers on the "Reel Fin Addict" with Capt. Pete Weaver were some of the few that braved the offshore weather on day 1 of the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Spending the day in the Poor Man's Canyon, it was Jase Weaver that connected first, landing a 47.4 lb. yellowfin about two hours into the trip. Tyler Gramm would soon follow with a 25.4 pounder that made up the 2 bites they had for the day. Their work would hold up to all challengers with their 47.4 lb. tuna taking the top spot in the Division. Pictured at the tournament scales at Sunset Marina.



Day 1 of the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic saw several croakers weighed that were mostly in the 1 pound or less range. Day 2 on Sunday saw that mix change up with fish almost twice the size. At the end of the event however it was anglers Ashton and Morgan Cooper alongside John Clarke with Capt. Michael Wiggins on the "WiggOne" that took 1st Place in the Croaker Division with a big boy at 2.0 lbs.



The charter boat "Fishbone" beat the odds during the 17th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic! They braved the 'salty' weather and tough fishing reports to troll in the Poor Man's Canyon on day 2 of the weekend event. The crew was working some lobster pot buoys when anglers Madison Ward, Mason Hallowell and Jackson Hollowell were able to connect with these 4 dolphins that were most of the mahi weighed, putting them securely into both 2nd and 3rd Place in the Dolphin Division for the tournament.



Capt. Mike Burt was hoping for blue marlins last Friday as he and anglers Jay Gorzkowski, Pat Shay, Jim Fritz, Eric Stanton, Bill Lane, Jason Gorzkowski headed out to the Wilmington Canyon. While they did not see any billfish, the crew did have several tuna bites. These 4 yellowfins were picked as a double and then 2 singles using spreader bars and ballyhoo.

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