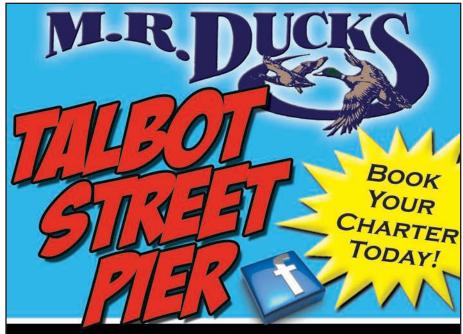


The much anticipated and long overdue first white marlin of the sesaon out of Ocean City was finally caught and released on Saturday, June 17th by Dave Taylor of West Ocean City, MD. The white marlin was hooked at 12:15 PM on a pink-skirted ballyhoo in 70 fathoms at the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon and took only a few minutes to get to the boat. Dave was fishing on the "Reel Buster" with Chip Raynor of Bowleys Quarters, MD and Tim Babikow of White Marsh, MD. Since the first white of the year released by an Ocean City Marlin Club member occurred the day before on a boat fishing out of Indian River, Dave still earns cash prizes of \$5,000 from the Town of Ocean City and \$6,000 from Fishermen United of Ocean City, a group formed by 6 local businesses. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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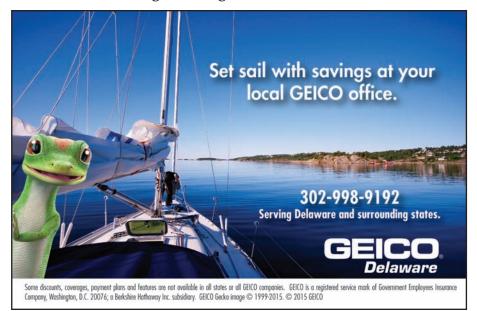
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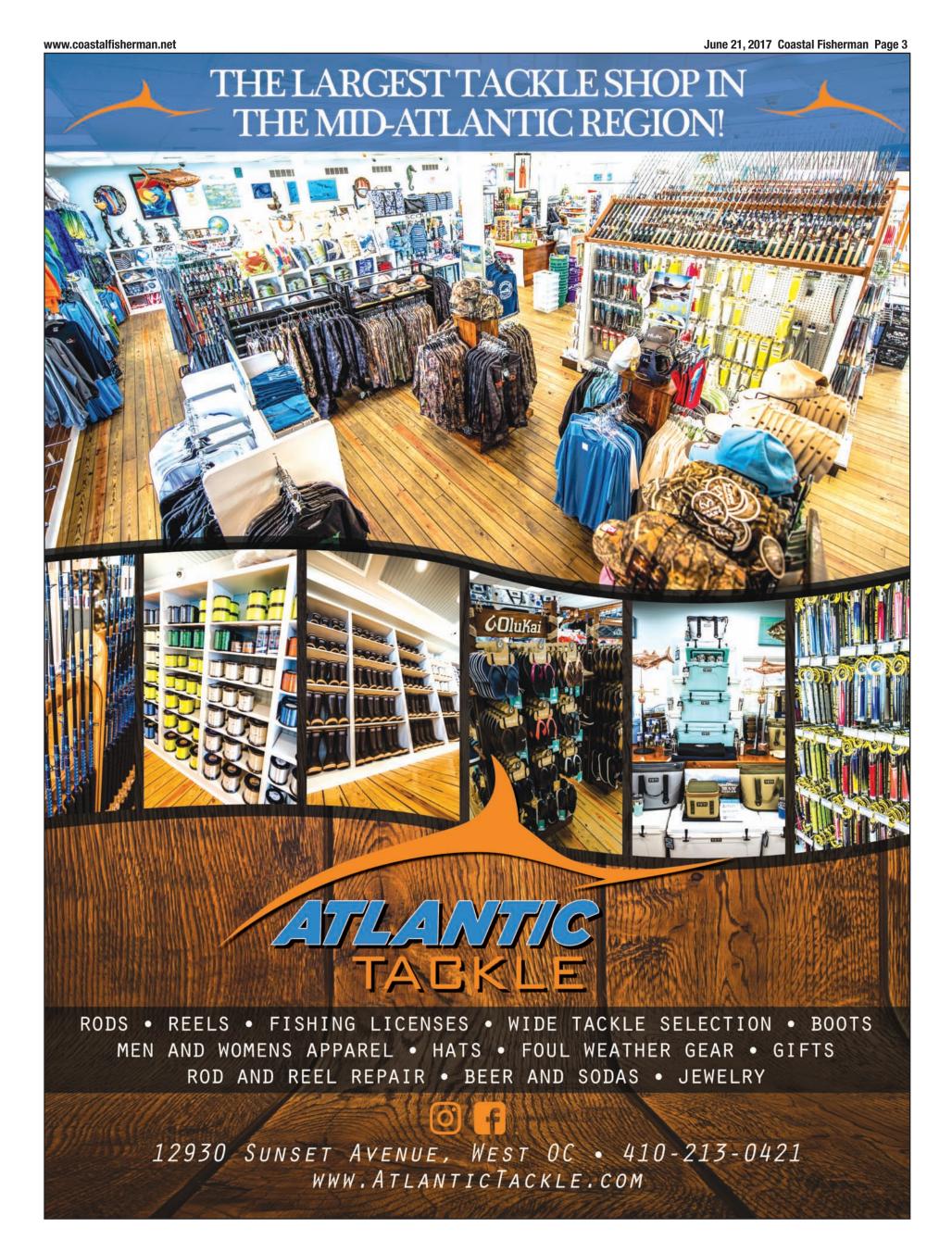
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This 15 lb. 11 oz. bluefish was muscled in by Christopher Higgins during a trip aboard the "Reel Nauti" with Dakota and Bridget Bittner. The bluefish was hooked on a trolled cedar plug in 20 fathoms at the Fingers. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

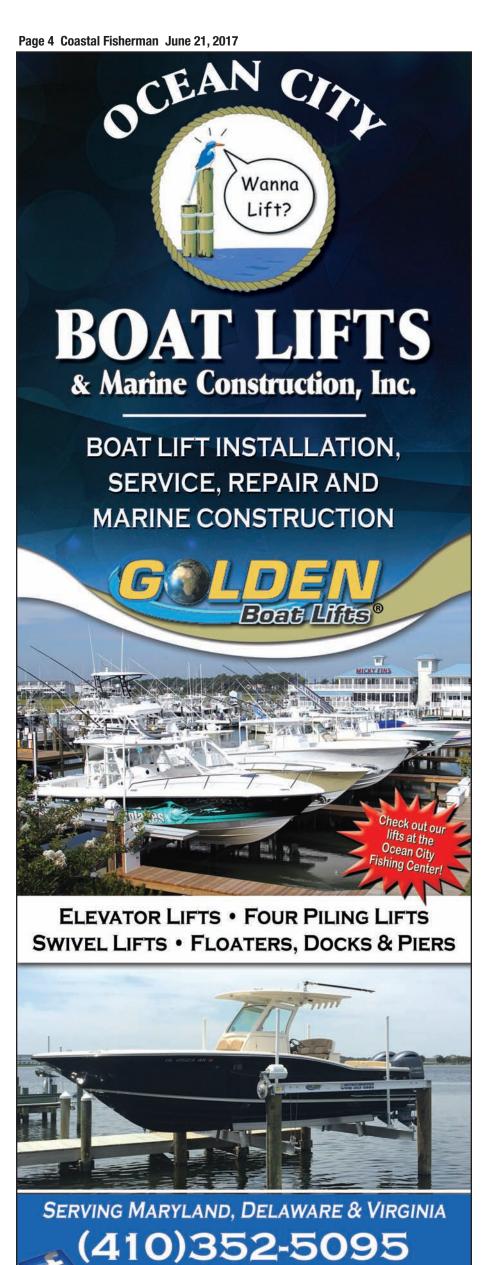












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# First White Marlin of the Year



On Friday, June 16th the much anticipated first white marlin of the season was caught and released by Ian Schwing on the "Fish Whistle" with his dad, Stephen Schwing, Bob Dunn, Capt. Charlie Horning and mate Walt Schrade. Ian hooked the white marlin at 10:03 AM in 250 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Charlie found 67-degree water. Since the "Fish Whistle" is a boat member of the Ocean City Marlin Club, Ian will take home the \$5,000 that the club awards to the first member boat to catch and release a white marlin. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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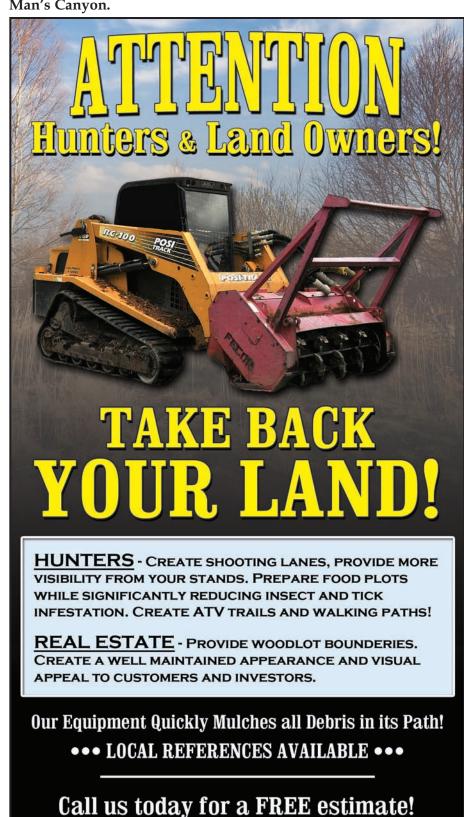


The Old Grounds produced 2 big flounder for Chris Mohn of Milton, DE. The flatties, weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz., were caught on a chartreuse teaser tipped with a white Gulp! artificial bait. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





Early last week, Norm Segner, Chris Vermeesch, Mike Antosh, Robert Pletcher, Glenn Suter and Dave Harper, all from Pottstown, PA, spent a day fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Austin Bickford and Will Hathaway. The anglers were rewarded with 4 bluefins, weighing up to 115 lbs., hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 300 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.



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# Ocean City Fishing Report by Larry Jock

The news that had the whole town buzzing last week was the decision by the United States District Judge announcing his decision disqualifying Phil Heasley and the crew of the "Kallianassa" from winning over \$2.8 million for their white marlin in last years White Marlin Open. You can read more about the decision on page 67.

Outside the courtroom, it was an action packed Friday and Saturday of fishing in Ocean City with a good tuna bite in the Poor Man's Canyon and a couple of white marlin finally being caught and released.

Last Friday, Ian Schwing on the "Fish Whistle" released the first white marlin of the season while trolling in 250 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The "Fish Whistle" runs out of the Indian River Marina, but is a member of the Ocean City Marlin Club so Ian will receive the \$5,000 award from the Club. With warm early season water temperatures, many anticipated the first white marlin of the season to be released much sooner than Ian's. Last year, the first white was released on May 27th in the Norfolk Canyon by Andy Urban.

The first white marlin released by a boat out of Ocean City came in on Saturday when Dave Taylor unhooked one that attacked his trolled, pink skirted ballyhoo in 70 fathoms on the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon. Since it was the first white out of Ocean City, Dave won \$5,000 from the Town of Ocean City and another \$6,000 from Fishermen United of Ocean City, a group of 6 businesses who put up the money when the Town of Ocean City was going to stop their award. The group is made up of Atlantic Tackle, Bahia Marina, Bank of Ocean City, Coastal Fisherman, Ocean City Fishing Center and Sunset

Marina. In addition to the cash awards, Dave also won prizes from All Tackle Ocean City and Costa sunglasses from An Optical Galleria in West Ocean City. Congratulations to Dave and his fellow anglers, Chip Raynor and Tim Babikow.

We had 2 tournaments in Ocean City last weekend. The M.S.S.A. Tuna-Ment, grew to 55 boats this year (41 last year) and yellowfins caught in the Poor Man's Canyon dominated the weigh-ins. There were a few bigeyes also caught along with a couple of bluefins. The largest fish caught in the tournament came in on Saturday when a 218.2 lb. bigeye was caught on the "FFMD" in 400 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Water temperatures in the Poor Man's stayed consistent throughout the weekend with boats reporting a range of 66 to 68-degrees.

Windy weather and rough conditions on Sunday turned the 2-day Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament into a shoot-out with 24 of the 25 boats opting to fish only on Saturday. Of the 24 boats, we saw 14 showup at the scale with mostly vellowfins in the box. A few had small bluefins as well, but we didn't see any bigeyes at the dock. The final boat of the day was the "Vapor Trail" with a 60 lb. yellowfin that took top honors in the Heaviest Tuna Division. As expected, it was hooked on a spreader bar in 200 fathoms in the South Poor Man's Canyon in 66.5-degree water.

When it comes to sea bass fishing you can never count out the "Jezebel" and they took the

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top prize again with a load of sea bass caught at the San Gil. They also won 1st place for Heaviest Tuna with a 1.8 pounder also caught at the San Gil.

The first boat to arrive at the scale was the "Joken" with a big, 14.2 lb. tautog that had no problem holding on to win first place in the Heaviest Tautog Division. The bruiser was hooked on a green crab at Site 11 in 68-degree water.

# Tuna & Dolphin

As mentioned earlier, trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon was the place to be for tuna on Friday and Saturday. Yellowfins, bigeyes and bluefins were caught anywhere from 200 to 700 fathoms with water temperatures basically hovering around the 66-67 degree mark. Although we didn't see many double-digit catches vellowfins, we did see quite a few boats returning with a handful. Small bluefins were plentiful with several charter boats reporting releases 20 to 40 "unders" after keeping their allowed 3 fish.

Dolphin were also caught in the Poor Man's by boats targeting tuna. We didn't see any monsters with most fish coming in around 10-11 lbs.

# Sea Bass

The ocean reefs and wrecks have been hit hard since the opening of the black sea bass season on May 15th, so it isn't surprising that most boats are struggling to get their limit. However, the flounder bite on ocean structure has improved significantly in recent weeks for anglers dropping larger bucktails tipped with belly meat, squid or Gulp! artificial baits.

If you are fishing in less than 100-feet of water, chances are you will find smaller sea bass. The larger fish are still hanging





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further offshore in 100-120 feet of water. The Del-Jersey-Land reef has slacked off in production but I have received numerous good reports from folks who headed to the San Gil and up to the Old Grounds, where the ocean flounder bite should really begin to pick up.

On Saturday, anglers on the charter boat, "Get Sum" ended their trip with 5 keepers in the box after drifting with Gulp! baits in the West Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Their fish ranged in size from 18 to 21 3/4-inches

### Flounder

Flounder fishing in the bay was hampered by dirty water conditions, but over the weekend, fish were caught in the East Channel, both north and south of the Rt. 50 Bridge, in the West Channel, north of the bridge and in the bay behind Assateague Island, down by the Duck Blinds.

# Sheepshead

Lately, a few sheepshead have been caught by anglers fishing around the South Jetty. A week ago last Sunday, Gary Thomas boated an 11 lb. 4 oz. fish while targeting flounder around the rocks. Then, last Monday Ross Kendall caught an 8 pounder while fishing for stripers with a natural color paddletail. The following day, Ross was at it again, this time catching a 23-inch, 6 lb. 12 oz. sheepshead on a green crab.

# Cobia

A few cobia were caught last week. On Saturday, Steve Figiel caught a 32-incher in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and Colin Savage hooked a 34-incher in the bay behind Assateague Island.

# **Upcoming Tournament**

We have a rare weekend off for fishing tournaments out of Ocean City, but only a short distance away is the Indian River Kids Catch-All Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th. Like the Marlin Club Tournament, this is a great event for junior anglers, filled with competitive but fun fishing.

Until next week, I'll see you at the scales!

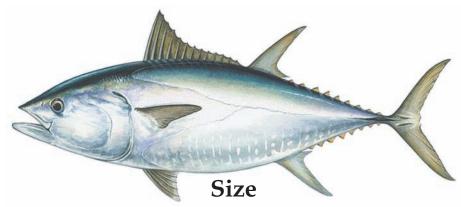






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# Bluefin Tuna vs Bigeye Tuna



Commonly 1.5-feet to 6.5-feet, but can be over 10-feet and greater than 1,000 lbs.

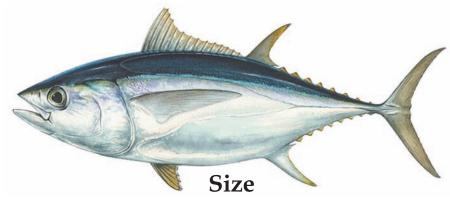
# **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- Short pectoral fins, ending well before origin of second dorsal fin
- Finlets yellow with narrow black margin
- Second dorsal fin height greater than first dorsal fin height with reddish -brown color
- Anal fin dusky with some yellow
- Color dark blue to black with green iridescence above, silvery white lower sides and belly with gray spots and bands (sometimes resembling tree bark)
- Body stocky and robust
- Caudal keel black in adults, semi-transparent in juveniles

# **Similar Species**

**Yellowfin tuna -** have pectoral fins usually reaching to or beyond origin of second dorsal fins but not beyond base.

**Bigeye tuna -** have broad black margins on finlets and large eyes.



Commonly 1.5 to 5.5-feet and up to 6.3-feet. They can weigh greater than 100 lbs.

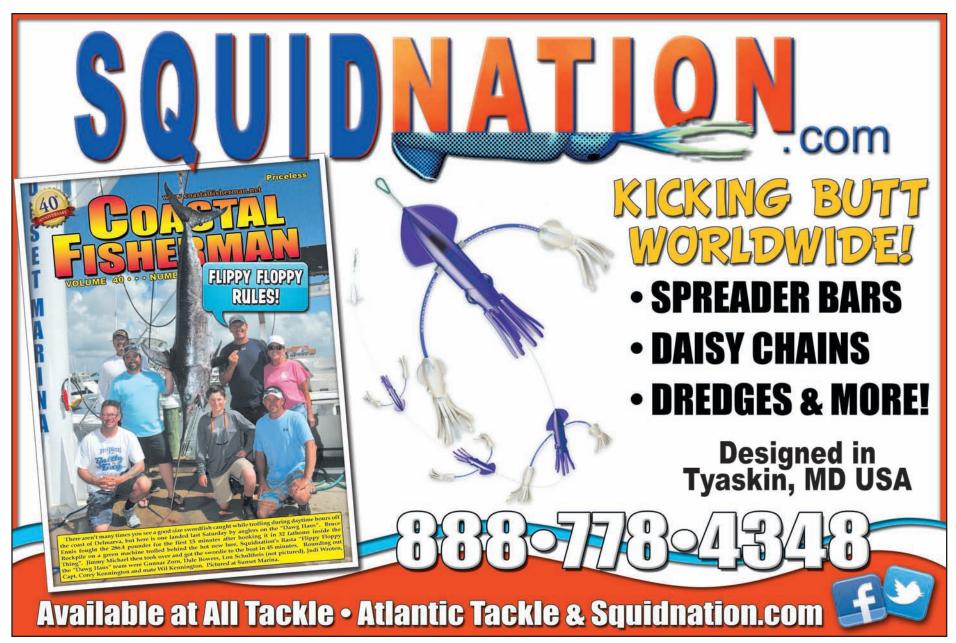
# **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- Pectoral fins reach origin of second dorsal
- Body stocky and robust
- Eyes large in adults
- First dorsal fin is deep yellow; second dorsal and anal fins are usually brownish or yellowish with narrow black margins
- Finlets are bright yellow with broad, black margins
- Body with lateral iridescent blue band along side, fading after death

# Similar Species

**Bluefin tuna** - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

**Yellowfin tuna** - pectoral fins usually reach to or beyond origin of second dorsal fins. Has 20+ chains of white streaks and spots on lower body. Bright yellow second dorsal and anal fins.



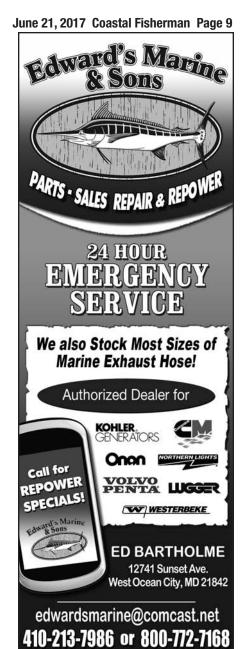


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While fishing on the "Jack Rabbit II" with James Trickey, J.J. Trickey, Jackson Trickey and Bryan McCall, angler Julie Trickey boated her first make shark after hooking it on a bluefish fillet at the Hambone. The 62-incher weighed 108 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.









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Denny Jaeger, Mike Ermigiotti, Anthony Rims, Micah Grasso, James Grasmeder and Joe Patterson all ventured down from Doylestown, PA to spend the day fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Austin Bickford and Will Hathaway. The anglers ended their trip with 9 yellowfin caught below the Norfolk Canyon where Capt. John found water temperatures hovering around 67-degrees.



Tim Bielaski and Steve Christopher caught 3 keeper flounder, measuring 17 1/4, 17 1/2 and 18-inches, while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The flatties were fooled with white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the West Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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I was down at Ocean City Fishing Center tonight getting some stuff ready for a charter tomorrow. I am excited to go out fishing since the tunas have been snapping and it has been quite an interesting mix of tunas, to say the least. Little bluefins. Big bluefins. Giant bluefins. Little yellowfins. yellowfins. Decent Adolescent bigeyes. Average bigeyes. A couple of lunker bigeyes. Like I said, a decent tuna bite.

But that is not what I am going to write about this week. There will be plenty of tuna pictures in this issue for y'all to check out. Hopefully, there will even be one of my guys holding their catch. So I don't think I need to talk about the tuna fishing. There are much more important

things going on in the fishing world right now. And this week I am going to talk about two of them.

First of all, WHERE THE HECK IS WHITEY????? I am typing this on Wednesday June 14, 2017 and the #FirstWhiteMarlinOC has not been caught yet. As a side note, to my techno dummy friend and fellow Coastal Fisherman columnist, Lance Smith, this means nothing more than "First White Marlin of the Season in Ocean City, Maryland." I am not quite sure what a # (hashtag) means and I am not sure when a # (tic tac toe board) lost its identity. But hey! I am hip to the new lingo, unlike Lance. I will refer to the prestigious First White Marlin Season the

#FirstWhiteMarlinOC. I think this helps it stay at the top of the Google searches and keeps it in the news feed on people's social media. Maybe....

Shhhhh... I am going to let you in on a little secret. I don't know any more about this stuff than Lance!

Whitey has Anyway, eluded all of our fishing efforts at this point. wouldn't be surprised if the fish is in fact caught before this issue goes to press, but I also won't be shocked if it isn't. The best conditions are still a little too far away in my opinion, but dumb luck definitely plays into this sport. And the last time I checked, Whitey doesn't have a calendar, nor does he have a sea surface temperature chart at his disposal. Also, I am pretty darn sure he doesn't know there is a \$15,000-plus bounty on his pointy little head. I know I will have a white marlin style bait ready to throw at one when I start fishing tomorrow morning.

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Just in case I happen to get lucky.... I already have the dumb part covered.

The second important fishing nugget of the week also has to do with white marlin. One white marlin in particular. Probably the most famous white marlin in the world right now. That would be the fish formerly known as the winner of last year's White Marlin Open. For those of you that are not aware, please read the papers and buy a computer and learn to use the internet! Just kidding. In case any of you, my loyal readers, are unaware, the largest and only qualifying white marlin caught during last year's Open has been under scrutiny since the end of the tournament. I don't quite know the whole story, but the Cliff's Notes version goes something like this. The time of the catch was under dispute because the time originally entered on the catch report was crossed out and changed. Also, there were







issues with the some crewmember responses during the polygraph testing that was administered. All anglers winning more than \$50,000 are subject to those tests per the rules of the tournament. This ultimately led to the tournament officials putting the outcome of the event in the hands of the courts. This afternoon, the Judge rendered his decision. The white marlin that won the tournament has been disqualified. Now the Judge must decide how the prize 2.8 million money, smackeroos to be exact, will be divided among the other winning fish in Easy enough tournament. right? WRONG!

There was no second place white marlin. The only qualifying blue marlin was not in all of the added-entry levels. The winning tuna was. Even some of the mahi are eligible for some additional loot. This makes for a pretty large school of fish circling this proverbial chum pot. I suspect the Judge is going to need a crash course in tournament procedures and a very large abacus. It will be pretty interesting to see how this shakes out.

There is one thing in this whole White Marlin Open mess that I would like to make clear. The Motsko Family

(who own and run the Tournament) did not benefit this unfortunate from situation. There was no magic account that bank disputed 2.8 million was earning outrageous interest in. If anything, they had to pay a bunch of money out in legal fees. More importantly than that, I am sure Jim and Chuck Motsko, and the rest of the family members who devote so much of their life to this tournament, all lost sleep and had to deal with incredible amounts of damage control throughout the past nine or so months.

The White Marlin Open is a very important part of our little beach town and the Motsko family has worked very hard to make it the Largest Billfish Tournament in the World. Next time you see any of the Motsko clan, thank them for all they have done. I am glad this whole debacle is mostly behind us.

So yeah, I am going chasing tunas tomorrow. But there is no doubt that I live in the White Marlin Capital of the World. And hopefully I stumble across one tomorrow! #FirstWhiteMarlinOC

Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.





Junior angler, Thomas Haugh of Hanover, PA caught his first make shark during a trip aboard the "Reel Attitude" with Donny McMyne, Mike Fuhrman, Ryan Haugh and Jim Winebrenner from Hanover, PA, Josh Willet from Ellicott City, MD and Capt. Steve Smith. The 170 lb. make ate a whole mackerel at the Hot Dog and their 3 bluefins were caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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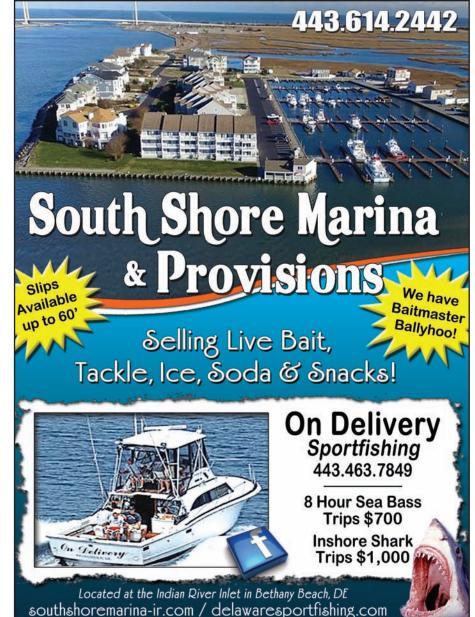
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Jim and Brendan Barbey, Richard and Mark Hutchinson and Neil Ireland teamed up to catch 2 bigeye tuna, 2 yellowfin tuna and a bluefin tuna during a trip aboard the "Magic Moment" with Capt. Jim Bugg. The fish were all hooked in 300 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. The largest bigeye weighed 164 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.



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Ross Kendall of Berlin, MD caught a 23-inch, 6 lb. 12 oz. sheepshead and a 21-inch, 3 lb. 6 oz. flounder, both while fishing at the South Jetty. The sheepshead was the second one Ross caught in 2 days and was hooked on a crab while the flounder fell for a bucktail tipped with a curltail. Ross also released 3 striped bass, 3 tautog and a sea bass on this day last week.



This 156 lb. mako shark was caught by Keith Shreck of Montgomery, PA during a trip aboard the "Still Lucky" with Stacy, Paul and Shannon Shreck of Montgomery, PA, Mike Hawkins of Coatesburg, PA, Capt. Steve Danner and mate Devon Danner. The mako ate a whole bluefish in the Norfolk Canyon where the anglers also picked up a pair of yellowfin tuna weighing 40 and 46 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





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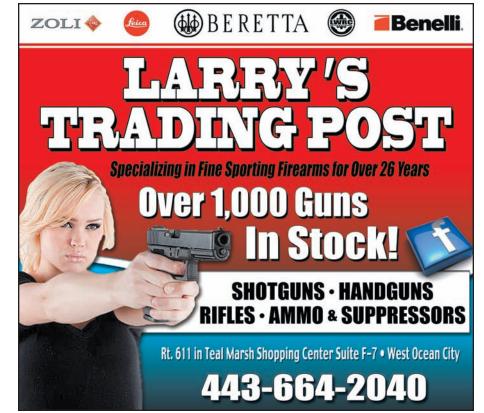


Luke and Glenn Rutkowski of Jacksonville, FL caught themselves 4 flounder on Gulp! and minnow combinations while drifting in the Thorofare. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





Stephen Pistoia from Long Neck, DE boated a pair of good size sea bass while fishing on "Another Bill" with Gil Waddington. The sea bass were hooked at the Del-Jersey-Land reef on clams and weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. and 4 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.





# NOAA Seeks Comments on

# Comments on Ammendment to Blueline Tilefish Plan

NOAA Fisheries has published a notice of availability for Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (previously referred to as the "Blueline Tilefish Amendment").

Amendment 6 would establish management measures for the blueline tilefish fishery north of the Virginia/North Carolina border, including: Permitting, record keeping and reporting requirements, trip limits for both the commercial and recreational sectors of the fishery and the process for setting specifications and annual catch limits. addition, this action would set 2017 harvest limits.

You may submit comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2016-0025, by either of the following methods:

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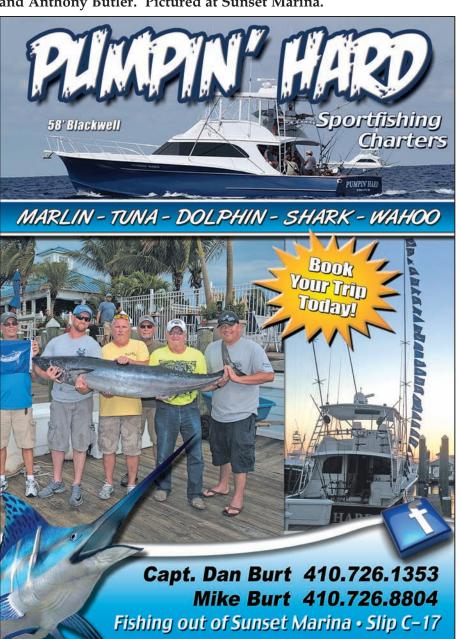
# OCEAN FISHING CHARIERS



Anglers on the charter boat, "My Cin" ended their day with an 82 lb. bigeye and 5 yellowfin in the box after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 300 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Dave Black were Jim Burton and Brandon Davis, who teamed up on the bigeye, Russ Tippett, Colin and Walt Hammond and Anthony Butler. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Mike Bostic of Church Hill, MD muscled in this 122 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Mike Bostic, Jr., Buddy Cahall, Gary Fuss, Cliff Wasser, Brian Marshall, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The bigeye and 3 bluefin tuna were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 500 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers also spent 3 1/2 hours battling a giant bluefin tuna before it parted ways. Pictured at Sunset Marina.







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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Coyte Searcey from Laurel, DE and John Skinner from Delmar, DE loaded up on big bluefish while tossing spoons and poppers from the Cape Henlopen Pier. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





During this trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star", these lady anglers trounced the gentlemen with a good catch of sea bass measuring up to 19-inches. Pictured are Cathy Creel, Elizabeth George, Melissa Hutchins and Kathleen Hitchens.





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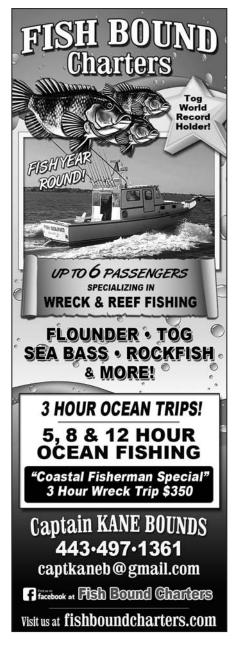
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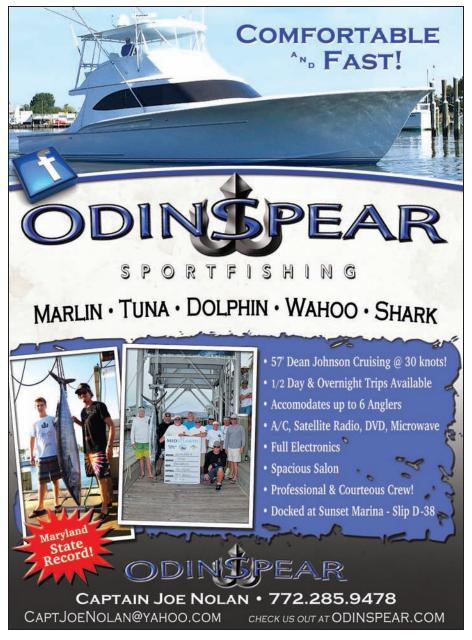


After spending the day trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 150 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon, Chris Herrmann, James Wingo, Matthew Rizkallah, Paul Sims, Kevin Kissinger and Dave Kerrigan returned to Sunset Marina with 4 yellowfin tuna and a mahi. The anglers were fishing on the "Fish Tricks" with Capt. Mike Stewart and mates John Grim and Ryan Billman. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



David Phipps and Brook Duval teamed up to catch a small bigeye tuna and 3 bluefin tuna after fishing on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Capt. Frank Pettolina and mates Franky Pettolina and Chris Evans. All were caught in 800 fathoms in the Poor Man's.





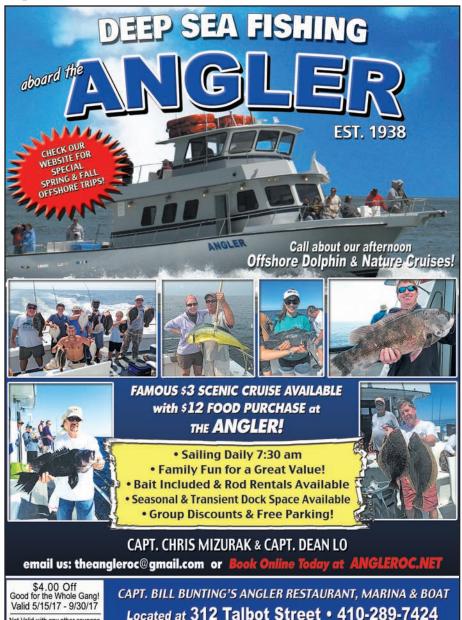








On this day last week, the black sea bass bite was tough but a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder brought a smile to the face of K.C. Burke of Baltimore, MD during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo.



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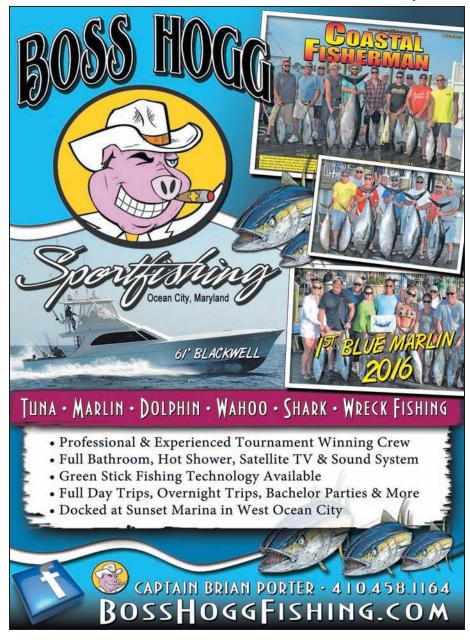
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The black drum were snapping at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay a couple of weeks ago as shown by this catch of boomers by anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Pictured back at Lewes Harbour Marina are Kyle Peyres, Casey Welsh, Kyle Welsh, Allison Wallin, Donald Wallin, Jr., Don Wallin, Kim Ferris and Sandy Welsh.









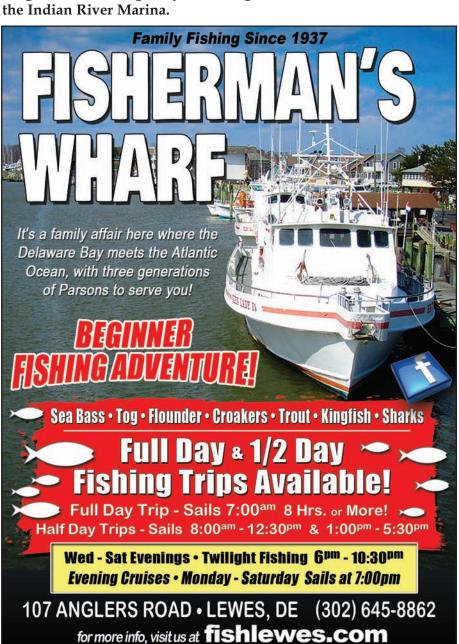
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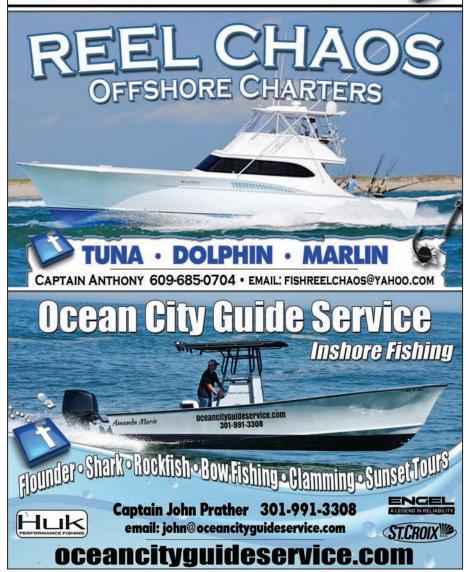
Tom, Josh, Tom Jr., Fran, Bella, Matthew, Crista, Francesca, Mary and Angela Gessler were joined by Julia, Jude and Leslie Knowles for an offshore trip to the Poor Man's Canyon last weekend and returned with a 128 lb. bigeye tuna and an 8 lb. dolphin. Both were caught while trolling ballyhoo. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





Joe Swecker, Mike Herbert, Mike Herbert, Jr. and Bryan Jones recorded a white marlin release and boated a mahi while fishing behind the Norfolk Canyon last Friday. The anglers were fishing on the "Bonnie Lynn" and reported water temperatures at 70.4-degrees.









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Hunter Walsh caught a pair of flounder in the Lewes Canal that measured 19 and 22 1/2-inches. Both were caught on Gulp! baits.





Josh Bauer, Paul Hassett, Nick Toms, Justin Windsor, Cody Wachter and Jeff Williford teamed up to catch 3 bluefins, 4 yellowfins and a pair of dolphin after fishing in 500 to 600 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the "C-Boys" with Capt. Luke Blume and mate Jon Henry. The anglers also released 10 bluefins and 10 yellowfins during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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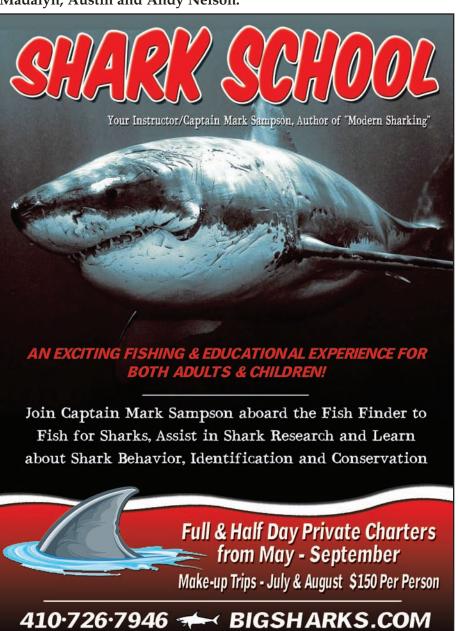
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Anglers on the "Capt. Ike II" ended their day with 8 yellowfin and a mako in the box after an overnight trip to the Poor Man's Canyon. The tuna were caught while trolling ballyhoo and the mako ate a mackerel fillet. The largest yellowfin tipped the scale at 45 lbs. and the mako weighed 95 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Dave Collins and mate Brian Joseph were Anne Hoover and Josh, Madalyn, Austin and Andy Nelson.





The Del-Jersey-Land reef has been a good spot for sea bass fishing this season and on this day, Skit Mosiej of Rehoboth, DE boated a 4 lb. 2 oz. knothead after hooking it on a strip of squid. Skit was fishing on the charter boat, "Karen Sue" with Capt. John Nedelka. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





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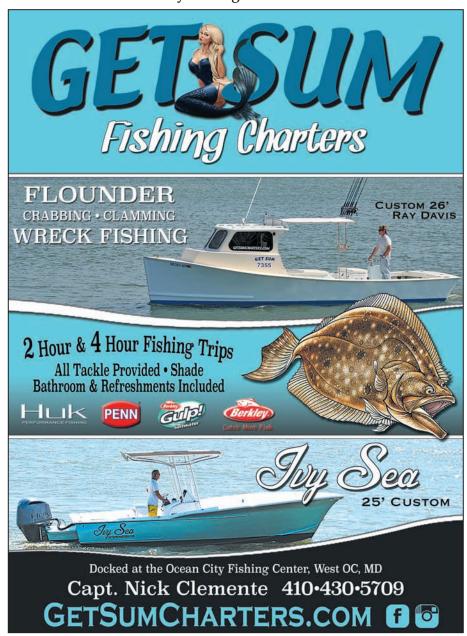
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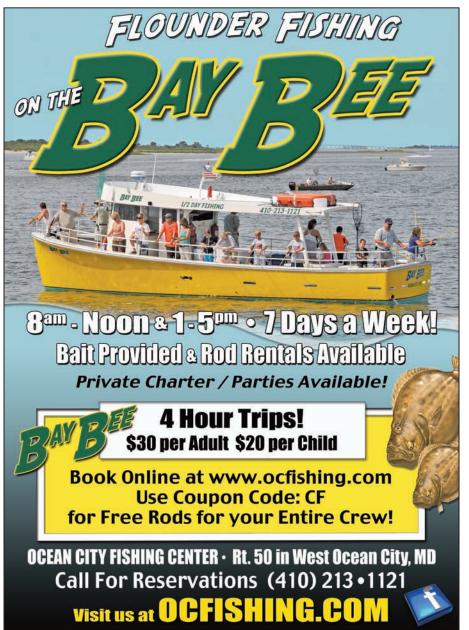


Phyllis Gassert from Reading, PA captured this 19-inch flounder in the West Channel after hooking it on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Phyllis was fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Dayton Gassert, Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Seven-year-old, Weston Koehler muscled in this 18-inch flounder while fishing with his dad, Dustin Koehler and big brother, Mason who was the net man for the catch. Weston hooked the big flattie on a minnow during the incoming tide.







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# BAY FISHING CHARTERS



Madison Mohr of Baltimore, MD is all smiles after taking home the loot and her first flounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. Madison's flattie, caught on a squid and shiner combination in the Thorofare, measured 17 1/2-inches and weighed an even 2 lbs. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



Ross Kendall of Berlin, MD always wanted to catch a sheepshead and last week he caught one 2 days in a row. The first one (pictured) was an 8 pounder caught at the South Jetty on a 4-inch paddletail. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.





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# BAY FISHING CHARTERS



While fishing off the bulkhead on 2nd Street, Dave Beach captured a pair of flounder, measuring 18 1/2 and 21 1/2-inches, while using minnows for bait. The fish were caught on both tides.



Could 2017 be another good year for cobia fishing in the waters around Ocean City? On Saturday, Steve Figiel of Centreville, MD caught a 32-incher that weighed 8 lb. 15 oz., on a 4-inch Gulp! while fishing in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Josh Boyles, also from Centreville, caught an 18-inch flounder in the same location, also on a Gulp! artificial. The anglers are pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office with net man, Jake White.







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Walker Hastings, Anthony Matarese, Sr., Steve Thomas and Tom Cochran teamed up to boat 5 yellowfins, 3 bluefins and a dolphin while fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and mates Rich Hastings and Mike Matarese. All of the fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Capt. Brent Wiest on the charter boat, "Katydid" captured this 4 lb. 14 oz. flounder with a shiner and squid combination while fishing on ocean structure. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



# Delaware Fishing Report by Larry Jock

The big news this week was that the first white marlin of the season was finally caught! Ian Schwing on the "Fish Whistle" caught and released the white marlin while fishing in 250 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Charlie Horning found 67-degree water temperature. Since the "Fish Whistle" is a member of the Ocean City Marlin Club, Ian earns \$5,000 from the club for the first released white marlin of the season. Congratulations to Ian, his dad, Stephen Schwing, Capt. Charlie Horning and mate Walt Schrade for their release.

Bert at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina reported small stripers, ranging from 20 to 27-inches, were caught last week by anglers fishing from

the rocks of the Indian River Jetty by anglers fishing with sand fleas during early morning hours. On Sunday morning, anglers casting off the rocks also found 21-inch weakfish interested in the sand fleas intended for linesiders.

Flounder fishing in the Indian River Inlet continues to be sub-par with a few boated early in the week before the windy weather on Sunday.

Flatties were also found in the back bays early in the week near the VFW Slough and Massey's Ditch. The bite turned off over the weekend with windy conditions having an adverse effect on water quality.

Headboats out of Indian River reported slow sea bass fishing on ocean structure but a definite improvement in flounder fishing. Most boats are fishing 12 to 15 miles off the beach and it seems like the better sea bass fishing is further offshore. Those fishing in 100 to 120-feet of water are having the best luck with The Del-Jerseyknotheads. Land reef hasn't been as productive as it had been over the last couple of week, but good reports are coming in from those heading out to the San Gil. Clams have been the best bait for sea bass while squid, minnows and Gulp! have been what the flatties have been looking for.

Small bluefish continue to be found on top of Fenwick Shoal, but the action did get progressively worse throughout the week.

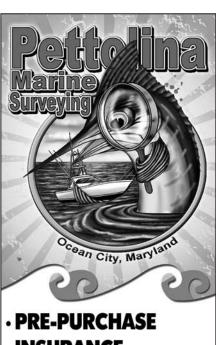
Fishing in the surf off Delaware has been slow with sharks at night dominating the bite. A few kingfish have www.coastalfisherman.net shown up, but nothing to really get excited about.

Offshore, most boats ran to the Poor Man's Canyon over the weekend before Sunday's blow and found bigeyes, yellowfins and a few bluefins ready to attack their trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. There were even a few mako sharks caught by anglers on overnight trips.

Mike Behney at Rick's Bait & Tackle said that flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal has definitely picked up with a much improved keeper-to-throwback ratio. Weakfish have also been caught in the Canal by anglers fishing near the Roosevelt Inlet with bucktails or pink lures such as Super Flukes and Finesse lures.

Flounder fishing on hard bottom along the Shipping Channel has been good for anglers dropping bucktails with shiners or Gulp!.

Mike said that wreck fishing for flounder picked up last week for his customers. Site 11 was the go to spot but it



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was also good at Site 10 as well. Spro bucktails tipped with squid, minnows or Gulp! Swimming Mullets did the trick for anglers heading into Mike's shop.

Mike heard reports of excellent action on the troll at Fenwick Shoal for folks trolling light tackle. Reports came in early in the week about acres of snappers seen roaming the water around the shoal.

The black drum bite in the Delaware Bay is basically done. Anglers in the DE Bay are finding some small weakfish and kingfish on structure.

At Fenwick Tackle, Matt Shoup reported a slow week for his local anglers. A few flounder were caught in The Ditch and in the Thorofare. Surf anglers are finding a few kingfish during the day and sharks at night in the Fenwick

Until next week, keep those lines tight and have some fun! That's what it's all about.



Colin Savage of Bishopville, MD was fishing with a red and white Tsunami jig in the bay behind Assateague Island when he hooked into this 34-inch cobia during a trip with his dad, Scott Savage.



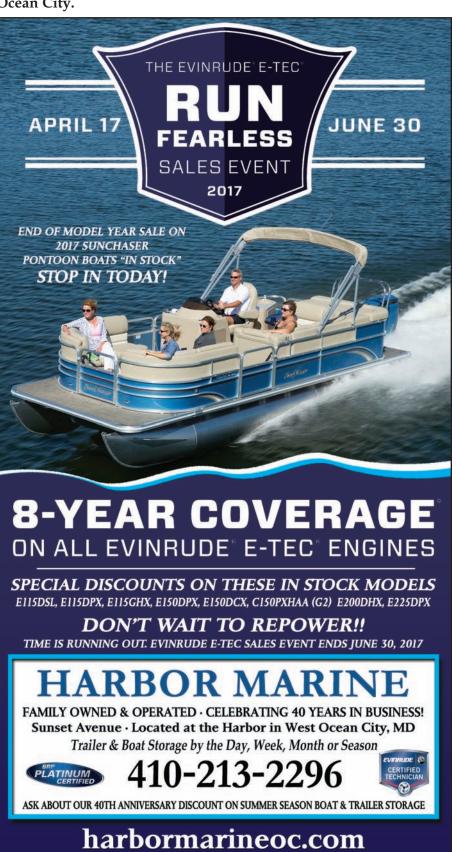




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Marc Turner of Ellicott City, MD caught his first kingfish of the season while fishing with squid at low tide from the beach in North Ocean City.





Erik Wadsworth of Downingtown, PA caught his first keeper flounder last Friday while drifting minnows in the Indian River Bay. Erik's flattie measured 19 1/2-inches and weighed 2 lbs. 6 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Hunter Smith, age 6, from Annville, PA is all smiles after catching this 17-inch flounder in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport.







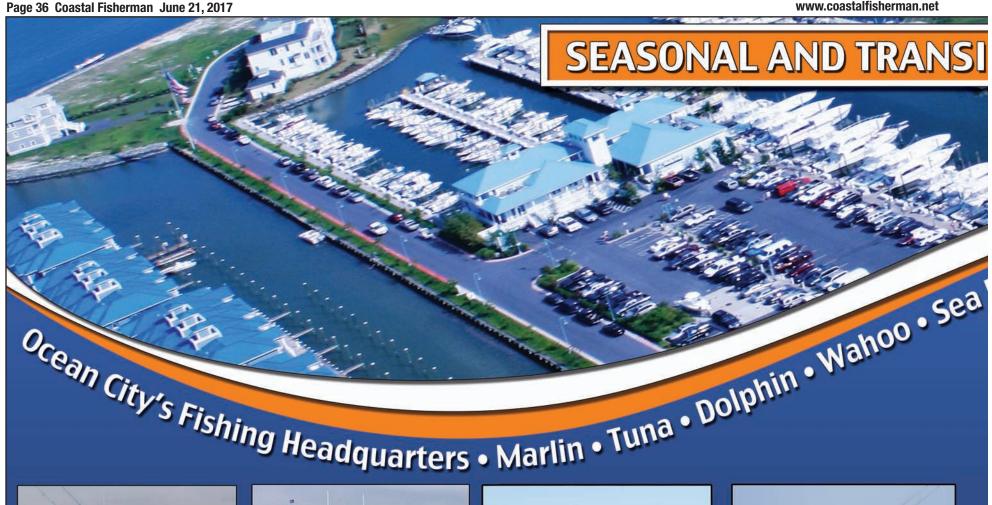
This 4 lb. 5 oz. flounder was the first of the season for Scott Rynard of Carlisle, PA. Scott hooked the 22-inch flattie on a bucktail tipped with squid and minnow while drifting in the Indian River Bay around Buoy 14. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Karen Millar boated a 94 lb. bigeye tuna and Brian Long captured a 122 pounder, both while fishing on the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Brent Grove, Chad Kellner, Glenn Bange, Tim Goonan, Capt. Terry Murray and mates Paul Daisey and Charlie Vanderbeck. The bigeyes and a yellowfin (not pictured) were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 650 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Terry found 71.6-degree water. Pictured at Sunset Marina.









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#### Fuel filtration for gasoline boats

In the last column, we covered the importance of a clean diesel fuel supply to the engine. Now we will cover clean gasoline supply to the engine. Much of maintenance experience of gasoline engines comes from automotive the world. Automotive fuel filters are not often a subject discussion, and replacement intervals can be a few years or 30,000 miles or even longer on modern vehicles. When it comes to boats, this interval is greatly reduced for many reasons.

> Marine fuel tanks The built-in marine fuel

tank is vented to atmosphere, usually with a simple hose and vent on the side of the hull. This vent allows air to escape the tank when using fuel and during re-fueling. This vent can also let air into the tank, and since boats are operated on the water, this incoming air is often humid, allowing the eventual accumulation of water into the fuel system.

In a standard marine fuel tank, the pick-up tube (where the engine feed is connected to the tank) reaches down to almost the bottom of the This leaves a small amount of fuel in the bottom of the tank that is unusable, which is a good thing when it comes to contaminants.

This bottom layer may contain dirt, sand and water.

Water is heavier than fuel and will settle to the bottom of the tank. Since the pickup doesn't reach the bottom, this bottom layer is along for the ride. On a rough boating day, this bottom layer may get mixed up with the good fuel and is usually filtered out before it gets to the engine.

If the amount of water in the tank becomes excessive, the water can easily enter the engine, unless filtered out by the fuel filters.

The advent of ethanol based fuels, often referred to by their ethanol content, E10 or 10% ethanol, has added new issues to the traditional fuel tank system.

#### Ethanol fuel

Most gasoline fuel for over the road vehicles now contains some amount of ethanol. This ethanol is used hydrocarbon reduce emissions. When used in an automobile that is driven on a regular basis, this fuel is not a major maintenance concern, but when ethanol blended fuel is used in a marine environment it can be a concern.

There is one advantage to ethanol fuel mixtures, they have the ability to absorb more water than traditional gasoline fuel. Most engines can easily burn this waterfuel mixture with no ill effects, but once the ethanol fuel can't absorb any more water, the water settles to the bottom of the tank, just like a pure gasoline fuel.

With ethanol blended fuels, this is where the big problem begins. excessive water content causes the ethanol to separate or "drop out" of the gasoline, sinking to the bottom of the tank, just above the water in the tank, resulting in three layers, gasoline, ethanol and water. This phase separation in the fuel tank can result in a corrosive mix of ethanol and water, often appearing as a



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> Awards Banquet: July 2, 6:30 PM

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Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 22 & 23

Sunday Carnival & Awards: July 23, 5:00 PM

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Registration: September 13, 7:00 PM Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 14,15 & 16 Italian Night:

September 15, 6:30 pm Awards Banquet: September 16, 6:30pm

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To benefit the OCMC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Registration: August 3, 6:00 PM Fishing Days: (1 of 2)

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#### Tournament\* To benefit the Jimmy Fund

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Awards Banquet: December 17, 5:00 PM

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milky white liquid, gel or even power after it has dried. This mixture is most damaging to gasoline engines since it can't be burned by the engine and it can quickly clog the internal fuel delivery the engine, system of carburetors, pumps, filters fuel injectors. Additionally, the resulting gasoline layer has a lower octane rating and may not your engines meet Once this specifications. phase separation has occurred, no amount of additives, filtering treatment can recombine the mixture into good fuel.

To avoid ethanol fuel headaches, many boaters buy fuel at a marina, where nonethanol fuel is often sold. The use of traditional fuel does not eliminate fuel system maintenance, although it eliminates the possibility of phase separation and alcohol/water contaminants.

Additionally many boaters report longer gasoline "shelf life" with non-ethanol fuels which is very important when storing your boat for extended periods of time.

#### **Filters**

Most outboard engines contain at least one internal filter under the cowling. These filters are the last line defense to prevent contaminants from getting into the engine fuel system. Most of these filters are proprietary to the manufacturer and may require some effort to access and change. These filters are referred often to secondary fuel filters.

The primary fuel filter is often installed by the boat builder, in-between the fuel tank and engine. This filter is often out in the open or in an easily accessible location to allow quick and easy filter changes. This filter is often

referred to a water separating filter, since most are designed to filter out solids and force any water to settle out into the bottom of the filter. Some of these filters contain a clear bowl on the bottom, allowing you to visually inspect the filter to determine if any water exists. While some water in the filter is expected in a marine environment, excessive water is a concern and should be investigated further.

With today's Ethanol fuel blends, most engine manufacturer recommend a 10 micron rated primary fuel filter. It is not recommended to use a finer filter, since the

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best way to filter fuel is by using a multistage system, with progressively finer filters downstream of the fuel flow. The typical metal case, spin-on primary fuel filter costs \$25 or less and should be changed at least as often as recommended and a spare fuel filter(s) should be carried on-board.

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Anglers on "Rhonda's Osprey" had an incredible trip to the Poor Man's Canyon last week, capturing 4 bigeye tuna, 4 yellowfin tuna and 3 bluefin tuna. All were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. The heaviest bigeye weighed 80 lbs. and the largest yellowfin tipped the scale at an even 50 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Joe Drosey (not pictured) and mates Andrew Dotterweich and James Doerzbach were Bill Britt, Kevin Britt, Tim Danaher, Connor Danaher and Carson Christie. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





and set aside.

Thread shrimp on skewers.
In small bowl, stir hoisin sauce, ketchup, ginger, five-

spice powder and 1 TBSP vinegar to make Asian barbecue sauce.

Remove 1/4 cup barbecue sauce to ramekin; stir in water and remaining 1 TBSP vinegar

Brush shrimp with some barbecue sauce from bowl.

and reserve to use as dipping

Place shrimp on hot grill rack and cook 2 minutes.

Brush with some sauce; turn and brush with remaining sauce and grill 1 to 2 minutes longer or until shrimp turn opaque throughout.

Serve shrimp on skewers over romaine with reserved dipping sauce.

Serve.

sauce.

#### Seafood Lasagna Roll-Ups

PAM Cooking Spray 6 lasagna noodles, uncooked



#### Grilled Mahi Mahi Kebabs with Macadamia Pesto

1/4 cup Macadamia nuts, plus additional for garnish

1 1/2 cups cilantro, lightly packed

1/2 tsp. fresh ginger, minced

1 tsp. fresh lime juice

2 - 3 TBSP coconut oil, melted

Salt and pepper to taste 2 mahi fillets

Pineapple chunks, for skewering

To make the pesto, preheat oven to 400-degrees and place the macadamia nuts on a small baking sheet.

Bake the nuts until they are toasted and golden brown,

about 10-12 minutes.

Add the nuts into a small food processor and process until they are slightly crumbly.

Add in the cilantro, ginger, and lime juice.

Process until the cilantro is broken down.

Add in 2 TBSP of melted coconut oil and process until well combined.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cut the mahi into large chunks and place into a medium bowl.

Pour half of the pesto on top of the fish and stir until the fish is well coated.

Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour.

Preheat your grill to medium heat.

Divide the fish and as much pineapple as you want evenly between two skewers. Place the skewers on the grill and cook until the fish flakes easily with a fork and the pineapple has nice grill marks, about 2-4 minutes per side.

Serve the skewers with the remaining pesto and top with the rest of the toasted macadamia nuts.

# Shrimp with Asian Barbecue Sauce

Romaine lettuce leaves
1 1/4 lb. large shrimp
4 skewers
1/3 cup hoisin sauce
3 TBSP ketchup
1 1/2 tsp. grated peeled
fresh ginger
1/4 tsp. Chinese five-spice
powder
2 TBSP rice vinegar

Lightly grease grill rack.
Prepare outdoor grill for direct grilling over medium heat.

2 TBSP water

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Arrange romaine on platter





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1/4 lb. crabmeat

1/4 lb. shrimp, cooked

1 cup low-fat cottage cheese, drained

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 large egg, slightly beaten

1 TBSP dried parsley flakes

1/4 tsp. onion powder 2 cans (8 oz each) Hunt's® Tomato Sauce with Basil, Garlic and Oregano

Grated Parmesan cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 375-degrees.

Spray 9x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Cook noodles according to package directions.

Rinse in cold water; drain well.

Combine crab, shrimp, cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, egg, parsley and onion powder in medium bowl.

Spread 1/3 cup filling on each noodle; roll noodles tightly. Place rollups seam-side

down in prepared baking dish. Pour sauce over rollups.

Bake uncovered for 30 minutes.

Garnish with additional Pa

#### Seafood Pizza

11/2 cups peeled cooked shrimp

1 cup crabmeat

11/2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese or 1/4 cup romano cheese

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp. minced parsley Olive oil

1 pizza dough, either homemade or bought

Saute garlic in olive oil for several minutes.

Add shrimp and crabmeat, mixing well with garlic and olive oil.

Add parsley.

Sprinkle 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese on pizza crust.

Place crab/shrimp mixture



Ken Gries of Champion, PA was fishing from the shore at Gudelsky Park when he hooked this 22-inch flounder on a live minnow.







Cover with remaining

Bake until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted about 15 and bubbling, minutes.

on crust.

cheeses.

Cut and serve with cocktail sauce.

#### Grilled Buffalo Shrimp Crostini with Blue **Cheese Butter**

1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles 16 TBSP unsalted butter, room temperature 6 slices Italian bread, 1/4-inch thick Cooking spray 12 raw medium shrimp with tail-on 1/4 cup Frank's Hot Sauce

Prepare the grill for medium-high heat cooking, approximately 400°F.

Combine blue cheese crumbles and 1/2 stick of room temperature unsalted butter in a small bowl. Blend

well. Store blue cheese butter at temperature while room preparing the crostini and

buffalo shrimp. Spray both sides of the sliced bread with cooking spray then grill until lightly browned on both sides.

Remove and set aside.

Grill the shrimp for 3–4 minutes per side until they turn pink and are cooked through.

Once the shrimp has cooked, place a small saucepan on the hot side of the grill and add the remaining butter (12 tbsp.) and hot sauce.

Allow the buffalo sauce to warm for approximately 5 minutes.

Add the shrimp and stir to coat the shrimp completely with the buffalo sauce.

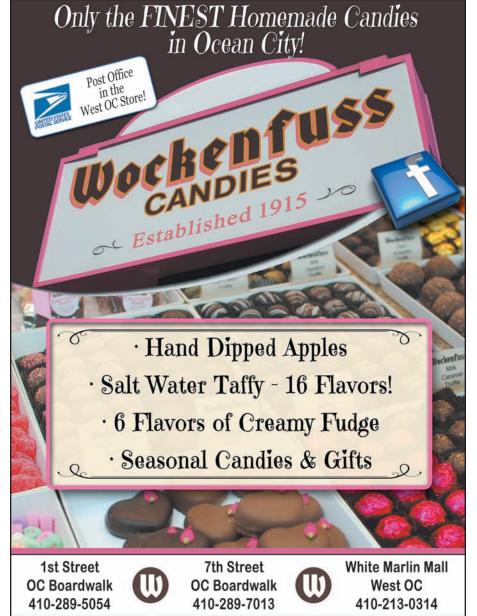
To assemble the crostini, spread blue cheese butter on the topside of each toasted bread slice.

Place 2 buffalo shrimp on each blue cheese buttered crostini and serve immediately



Jeff Whiting of Warrenton, VA, Andrew Breeden of Manassas, VA, Joe Staton of Stafford, VA and Randy Whiting of Warrenton, VA returned to Sunset Marina with 4 bluefin tuna and a mahi after spending the day fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates James Doerzbach and Andrew Dotterweich. The fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 500 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.





or refrigerate until ready to eat.

# Spicy Clams with Spaghetti

Coarse salt Freshly ground pepper 1/2 lb. spaghetti 2 TBSP extra-virgin olive 2 cloves garlic, minced 1/4 tsp. crushed redpepper flakes, plus more for serving 1/4 cup dry white wine 18 littleneck clams (about 11/2 pounds), scrubbed 1 TBSP unsalted butter 1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, chopped, plus 1 TBSP thinly sliced stems

Bring a medium pot of generously salted water to a boil.

Cook pasta until al dente. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta water and drain the rest.

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat.

Add garlic and red-pepper flakes and cook, stirring, 30 seconds.

Add wine and bring to a simmer.

Increase heat to mediumhigh and add clams.

Cover and cook just until clams open, 4 to 5 minutes. Discard unopened clams.

Stir in butter and parsley leaves and stems.

Add pasta and toss to coat, adding reserved pasta water 1 TBSP at a time, until sauce is loose and creamy.

Season with salt and pepper and serve.

#### Crab-stuffed Grilled Bell Peppers

6 medium red, orange, and/or yellow bell peppers

1 1/2 TBSP olive oil

1 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

3/4 lb. fresh lump crabmeat

3/4 cup panko, toasted

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Budd Heim of Ocean Pines, MD caught a pair of tautog last week while fishing along the rocks at Martha's Landing. The tog measured 16 and 18 1/2-inches and were caught on crabs.







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3/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1/2 cup finely chopped fennel bulb

9 TBSP mayonnaise

3/4 tsp. lemon zest

11/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

Lemon wedges, for serving

Preheat charcoal or gas grill to high heat (450° to 500°).

Slice tops off of peppers, reserving tops and scoop out and discard seeds.

Toss peppers with oil, salt, and pepper.

Grill peppers and tops on all sides for 2 to 3 minutes or until pepper bottoms are wellmarked and softened, but still hold their shape.

Combine crab and next 6 ingredients in a large bowl.

Stir gently.

Divide crab mixture evenly among peppers.

Grill stuffed peppers, covered with grill lid for 5 minutes.

Arrange on a platter, and

serve with lemon wedges.

#### San Francisco Seafood Quiche

2 unbaked pie shells 1/2 lb. crab meat, drained 11/2 cups shrimp, cooked and chopped

8 oz. swiss cheese, shredded

1/2 cup celery, finely diced

1/2 cup green onion, thinly sliced, including green part

1 cup mayonnaise 2 TBSP flour

1 cup dry white wine 4 eggs, slightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350degrees.

Combine crabmeat, shrimp, cheese, green onions, and celery.

In another bowl, combine mayonnaise, flour, wine and eggs.

Mix all ingredients together well, and divide the mixture between the two pie

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shells.

Bake pies for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife inserted into the middle comes out clean.

NOTE: Quiches may be frozen before baking. Bake frozen quiche in 350-degree oven for 50 minutes.

Leftover quiche may be heated in a 300-degree oven for 15 minutes.

#### Shrimp Egg Rolls

6 cups cabbage, shredded 1 carrot, shredded 1/2 cup fresh bean sprouts 1 celery stalk, diced 2 TBSP chopped onion 1/4 lb. shrimp, drained 2 TBSP soy sauce 1/8 tsp. garlic powder Black pepper to taste 1 egg, beaten Cornstarch 20 egg roll wrappers Vegetable oil for frying

In a large bowl, mix together cabbage, carrots,

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sprouts, celery, and onion.

Stir in shrimp, soy sauce, garlic powder and black pepper.

Pour beaten egg into a skillet placed over medium heat; cook flat and thin, flipping once, until done.

Remove from skillet, cool and chop finely.

Stir egg into cabbage mixture.

Sprinkle top with cornstarch.

Mix and allow to sit 10 minutes.

Mix 1 TBSP cornstarch with 2 TBSP cold water. Set aside.

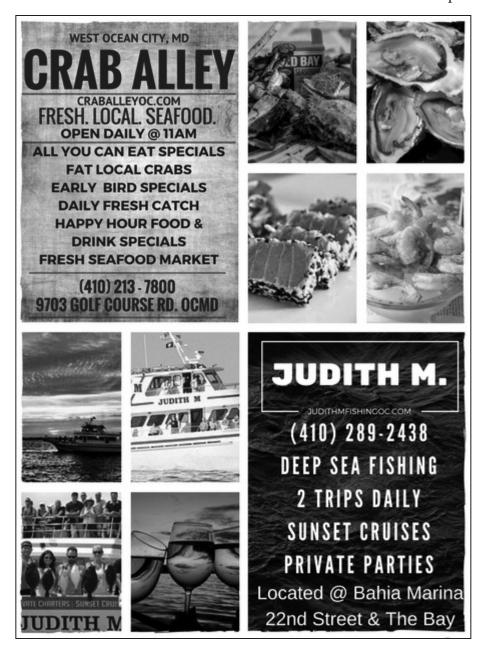
Place 2 or 3 TBSP of the shrimp mixture into the center of an egg roll skin.

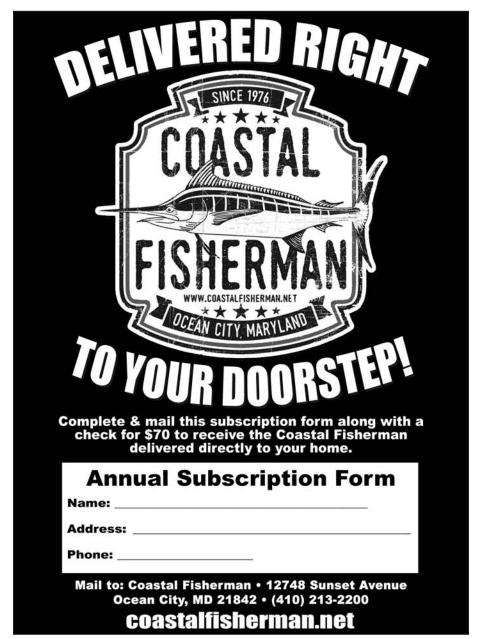
Dip a spoon into the water and cornstarch mixture.

Moisten all corners but the bottom corner.

Fold the egg roll skin from the bottom over the mixture, making a tight tube of the shrimp mixture.

Fold corners in from the sides and press to stick against folded roll, then roll the rest of







the way.

Repeat with remaining egg roll wrappers.

Pour vegetable oil into a deep frying pan to a depth of 3 or 4 inches.

Heat oil to 350-degrees.

Carefully place egg rolls into hot oil and fry until golden brown.

Remove to paper towels and serve.

#### Tuscan Grilled Weakfish

1/4 cup olive oil

1 clove garlic, sliced thin

1/2 tsp. dried sage

1/2 tsp. dried rosemary, crumbled

2 TBSP wine vinegar

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. fresh-ground black pepper

8 weakfish fillets

Light the grill or heat the broiler.

In a small stainless-steel saucepan, combine the oil, garlic, sage and rosemary.

Cook over moderately low heat until the garlic just starts to brown, about 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat and immediately stir in the vinegar, 1/4 tsp. of the salt and the pepper.

Place the weakfish fillets in a medium glass dish or stainless-steel pan.

Sprinkle the fillets with the remaining 1/4 tsp. salt.

Add half of the oil-and-vinegar mixture and turn to coat. If you don't plan to grill the trout right away, let the oil and vinegar cool completely before adding the mixture to the fish. Otherwise, the hot oil and vinegar will start to cook the fish immediately.

Grill or broil the fish, skinside down for 2 minutes.

Turn and cook until just done, about 2 minutes longer.

To serve, whisk the remaining oil-and-vinegar mixture and pour it over the hot fish.



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Last Saturday, anglers on the "Longshot" headed to 68.5-degree water in the Poor Man's Canyon and returned with a 50 lb. yellowfin tuna, a couple of small dolphin and a white marlin release. All of the fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo. Fishing on the "Longshot" were Victoria Roberts, Matt Crim, Andrew Keller, Tom Ostrowski and James Coats.

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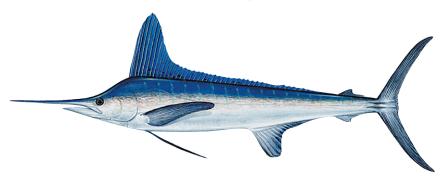


While fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens, Dan Ullrich, Jason Hinton, Jimmy Meetre, Jason Welch, Dan Schmidt and Joe Quade teamed up to catch 4 bluefin tuna and a yellowfin tuna. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers also released 37 bluefins during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD.





# White Marlin vs BlueMarlin



#### Size

Commonly 5.5 feet up to 7.5 feet. Weight ranges from 55 lbs. up to over 90 lbs.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins blunt or rounded at tips (first anal fin shape most consistent characteristic); most of first dorsal fin low.
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fin.
- Lateral line single (not chainlike), arched over pectoral fins, then almost straight to caudal fin.
- First dorsal fin blue-black with small dark spots; other fins brown to black.

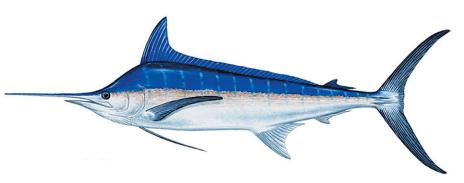
#### Habitat

Offshore, usually upper 65-100 feet, depending on water temperature; associated with water temperature greater than 68-degrees

#### **Similar Species**

**Blue marlin** - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with pointed tips; chainlike lateral line along body; lacks fin spots on first dorsal. **Longbill spearfish** - has anus well in front of anal fins.





#### Size

Commonly 8-9 feet up to 14.5 feet. Blue marlins over 350 lbs. are most likely female.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

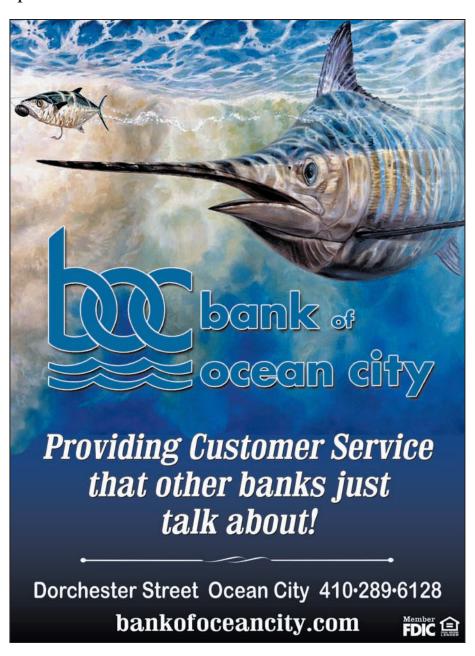
- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins generally pointed at tips; most of first dorsal fin low
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fins.
- First dorsal fin blue-black, lacking fin spots; other fins brown to black.
- •Lateral line chainlike over entire body surface (rather than single line) in juveniles, unclear in adult.

#### Habitat

Offshore; usually in surface water between 71 and 88-degrees.

#### **Similar Species**

White marlin - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with rounded tips; spotted first dorsal membranes. Longbill spearfish - has anu well in front of anal fins.









A friend sent me some photos of a huge grouper that someone caught down in the Gulf of Mexico. The darn thing weighed over 300 lbs. and was surely the catch of a lifetime for the angler who was not only lucky enough to hook the beast, but also fortunate to have the strength and stamina to get such a fish to the boat. Grouper of any size put up a heck of a fight. When they arrive at such proportions that they equal the weight of a couple grown men, you can bet that whoever is tasked with the duty of cranking such a critter up off the bottom is going to remember the struggle long after the residual soreness in their muscles finally goes away.

It's probably safe to say that the goal of most fishermen is to catch the biggest fish they can. After all, not too many anglers head out in the morning with a goal to catch themselves a nice "little" fish. Naahh – everyone wants to land that lunker! Can you imagine some fishing buddies getting together and making a friendly wager on who will catch the "smallest" fish of the day? It just doesn't happen that way. When it comes to fishing – bigger really is considered to be better.

Of course, what constitutes a "big" fish doesn't necessarily have to mean something that rivals the size of your fat Uncle Wally. Depending upon the species of fish, the tackle, the location and a whole lot of other factors, a big fish might just as easily come in the proportions of a pan-size bluegill as a wall-size blue marlin. By changing a few variables on the playing field anglers are able to change molehills into mountains if they so choose. When the big

bluefish are running it's easy to follow the tradition of dragging lures from 50 lb. tackle and winch-in every 8 to 12 pounder that comes along. Bluefish are well known for their fighting abilities, but not so much on tackle that is made to handle triple-digit fish. Anglers who scale their tackle back to 12 lbs. or below are going to catch a lot less fish, but every one they bring to the boat will certainly qualify as a "big fish".

Of course, I'm not telling anyone anything new here. Going light for a better fight is the way it has always been for fishermen. But as much as anglers would like to have the opportunity to always match tackle to quarry, there's always the "what-if" factor to contend with. What if you're set-up with 10 lb. tackle for bluefish, but you encounter a school of 70 lb. tuna? Better have some heavy guns aboard just in case. Or let's say that, like we saw last year in July and August, instead of 8 to 12 pounders, the offshore shoals were coveredup with 1 to 3 lb. snapper bluefish. Anglers had better have some ultra-light gear available if they wish to enjoy any kind of scrap out of a fish of those proportions.

Particularly when it comes to ocean fishing, always being ready for any "what-if" that might come along can require anglers to be armed with a ridiculously large array of tackle. Aboard my charter boat "Fish Finder" we carry an 80 lb. rig, six 50's, four 30's, four 20's, two 17 lb. spinners, two 10 lb. spinners, three fly rods, six bottom rods, plus two or three other rods that might find a place aboard the boat during certain times of the season. I can only get away with carrying such an arsenal because, at 40-feet, my boat has enough room in the cabin to properly store it all. "More" isn't always "better", but when you're trying to follow the old Boy Scout motto of "be prepared" there's not much getting around the fact that the more assortment you can have aboard, the better off anglers



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will be when something very large, or very small, pops up beside the boat.

Most folks with small boats or open boats can't reasonably expect to carry half as much tackle. Space is such a limiting factor on so many boats and it usually requires that anglers leave tackle at home that they'd really like to bring along "just in case". But recent trends and innovations in tackle are beginning to make it a lot easier for even small boaters to carry almost twice as much tackle as ever before. It wasn't too many years ago that braided lines hit the market and began to be used by fishermen. Boasting sensitivity, unsurpassed abrasion resistance and ultra thin diameter, the new breed of line provides anglers with a lot of benefits not available with monofilament. As the line gained wider acceptance, rod and reel manufacturers began produce products specifically for use with braided lines. Thanks to the incredibly thin diameter of braided lines, reels are now being made that are half the size of what they used to be and still hold just as much, if not more, line. Rod manufacturers have been prompted to follow suit and design rods that accommodate the smaller reels.

But make no mistake, in this case small doesn't mean wimpy. This new breed of tackle is engineered to provide flawlessly smooth performance, even when it becomes necessary to push the drag up on a jumbo fish and take full advantage of the 80 to 130 lb. breaking strength of the line. Some of it might look like it's better suited for catching bass on a lake, but that's only because technology now allows toughness to come in very small packages.

Naturally, with the ultra heavy tackle shrinking down in size, so too has much of the medium and light tackle on the market these days. Whether it's bluefin tuna, blue sharks or bluefish, the species can be just as big as ever but anglers can now fight them on tackle that's much more comfortable to use – particularly while stand-up fishing from small boats.

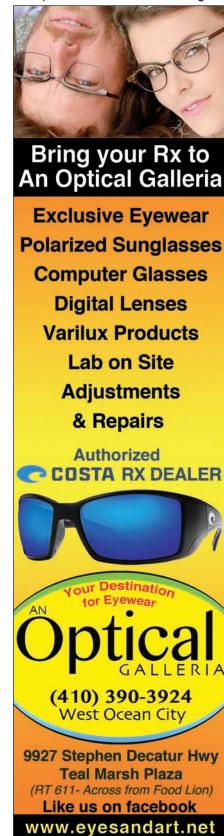
As more tackle manufacturers get in on the trend of producing tough, lightweight rods and reels for use with braided lines, anglers who fish from boats of all sizes will find it easier to always be equipped to effectively deal with any "what-ifs" that come along, be they monsters or minnows.

Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Alyssa Hart was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford when she captured this 3 lb. 8 oz. bluefish on a bucktail in the Ocean City Inlet. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier

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Last Saturday, Drew Ransley from Ocean Pines, MD, Bud Braithwaite from Hagerstown, MD and Charlie Leonard from Chambersburg, PA returned to Atlantic Tackle with a 44.1 lb. yellowfin tuna caught while fishing on the "Big C's" in the Poor Man's Canyon. The fish was hooked on a ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander in 400 fathoms where they found water temperatures hovering around 70-degrees.



Luke Stum from Richfield, PA hooked this 26-inch, 7 lb. flounder while drifting in the Lewes Canal last Saturday evening. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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DOLPHIN No minimum length 10 per person/day



WAHOO No minimum length 2 per person/day



BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No creel limit



YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day



BLUEFIN TUNA
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2 per vessel/day/trip
27" to less than 47" CFL
1 per vessel/day/trip

(Charter Boat)
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27" to less than 47" CFL
1 per vessel/day/trip
47" to less than 73"

47" to less than 73

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No Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead,

54" Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse,
Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common
Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip,
Porbeagle, Shortfin Mako, Finetooth,
Atlantic Blacknose

78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead,

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Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef,
Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky,
Galapagos, Longfin Mako,
Narrowtooth, Night, Sand Tiger,
Sevengill, Sixgill, Smalltail,
Whale, White



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Maureen Bechtel of Ocean City, MD caught and released this 21-inch red drum while fishing with a minnow in the East Channel.



Alex Rodriguez of Fairfax, VA reeled in this doubleheader of black sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. His sea bass measured 16 and 17-inches and were hooked on chunks of clam on an ocean wreck.

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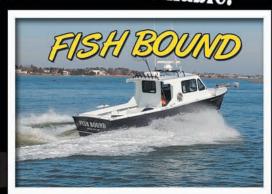
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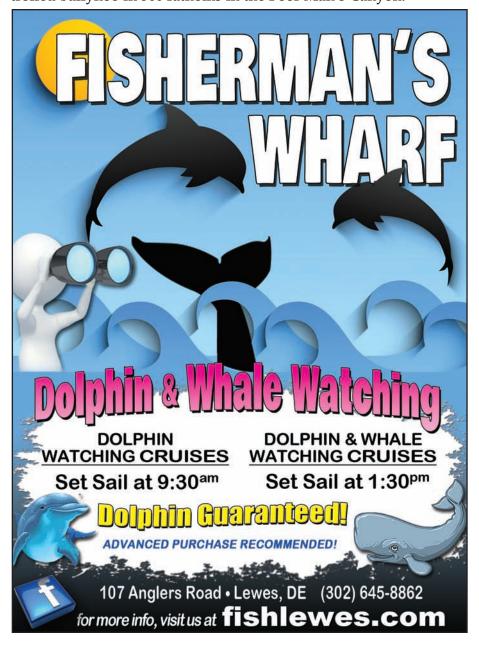
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Greg Weber, Adam Casalena, Mike Yourgevidge, Mark Kunkel, Bo Rites, Dave Green, Pat Goetz, Al Casalena and Chuck Trueman ended their day with a 67-inch, 180 lb. bigeye tuna in the box after fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Will Hathaway and Austin Bickford. The eyeball ate a trolled ballyhoo in 300 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.



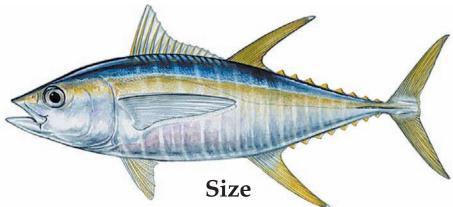


Terry Tubman, Melissa Fox, Alyssa Fox and Braydon Fox, all from Cambridge, MD caught a few throwback flounder and ended their day with a couple in the box on the charter boat, "Lucky Break". The anglers were fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford in the West Channel and used Gulp! and Z-Man artificial baits to fool the good size flatties. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.



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# Yellowfin Tuna vs Bluefin Tuna



Commonly 1.5-feet to 5.5-feet, up to 6.3-feet and can weigh greater than 350 lbs.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

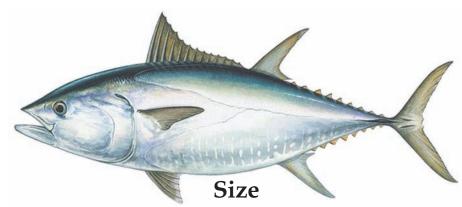
- Second dorsal and anal fins are bright yellow, very elongated and get longer with age
- Pectoral fins are usually reaching beyond origin of second dorsal fin but not beyond base
- Finlets are lemon yellow with very narrow black margins
- Color dark blue above; silvery-gray lower sides and belly. Often have 20+ chains of white streaks and spots. Yellow-gold horizontal band on upper sides that fade after death
- Body more slender than bluefin or bigeye tuna

#### Similar Species

**Bluefin tuna** - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

**Bigeye tuna -** has large eyes and pectoral fins that reach origin of second dorsal fins.





Commonly 1.5-feet to 6.5-feet, but can be over 10-feet and greater than 1,000 lbs.

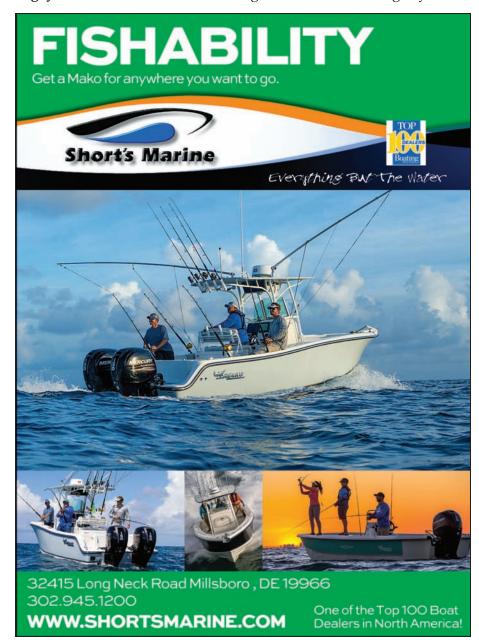
#### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

- Short pectoral fins, ending well before origin of second dorsal fin
- Finlets yellow with narrow black margin
- Second dorsal fin height greater than first dorsal fin height with reddish -brown color
- Anal fin dusky with some yellow
- Color dark blue to black with green iridescence above, silvery white lower sides and belly with gray spots and bands (sometimes resembling tree bark)
- Body stocky and robust
- Caudal keel black in adults, semi-transparent in juveniles

#### **Similar Species**

**Yellowfin tuna -** have pectoral fins usually reaching to or beyond origin of second dorsal fins but not beyond base.

Bigeye tuna - have broad black margins on finlets and large eyes.







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On Saturday, the second day of the 2017 M.S.S.A. Tuna-Ment, anglers on the "FFMD" weighed a 173.9 lb. bigeye tuna and held on to win 1st Place in the Heaviest Fish Division and both Stringer Divisions. The bigeye was hooked on the troll in 400 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where they found 68-degree water. Fishing with Capt. Paul Robinson and mate Johnny Brown were Joey Hurley, Niles Morton and Sara Brown. For their 1st place finishes, the "FFMD" team won \$4,723 in award money. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



# 2017 RESULTS

#### BOATS 31' & UNDER 37 Boats Entered

#### HEAVIEST FISH

1st - "Skint Back" 112.1 lb. Bluefin \$2,677 2nd - "Fintimidator" 57.5 lb. Bigeye \$1,338 3rd - "Luckydawg" 54.3 lb. Yellowfin \$446

#### \$100 2 TUNA STRINGER

1st - "Skint Back" 155.2 lbs. \$560 2nd - "Lines All In" 103.3 lbs. \$240

#### \$200 3 Tuna Stringer

1st - "Skint Back" 155.2 lbs. \$490 2nd - "Fintimidator" 142.6 lbs. \$210

#### \$300 SINGLE HEAVIEST YFT

1st - "Luckydawg" 54.3 lbs. \$840 2nd - "PYY Marine" 50.9 lbs. \$360

#### \$500 SINGLE HEAVIEST TUNA

1st - "Skint Back" 14.9 lbs. \$2,000

#### DOLPHIN SINGLE HEAVIEST

1st - "Skint Back" 14.9 lbs. \$420 2nd - "Skint Back" 14.3 lbs. \$180

#### DOLPHIN 3 HEAVIEST

1st - "Skint Back" 29.2 lbs. \$525 2nd - "Luckydawg" 21.1 lbs. \$157

#### BOATS 31' & OVER 18 Boats Entered

#### HEAVIEST FISH

1st - "FFMD" 173.9 lb. Bigeye \$1,848 2nd - "Barbed Wire" 107.8 lb. Bigeye \$924 3rd - "Top Dog" 83.6 lb. Yellowfin \$308

#### \$100 2 TUNA STRINGER

1st - "FFMD" 218.2 lbs. \$315 2nd - "Top Dog" 161.1 lbs. \$135

#### \$200 3 TUNA STRINGER

1st - "FFMD" 260.6 lbs. \$560 2nd - "Top Dog" 218.8 lbs. \$240

#### \$300 SINGLE HEAVIEST YFT

1st - "Top Dog" 83.6 lbs. \$840 2nd - "Top Dog" 50.9 lbs. \$360

#### \$500 SINGLE HEAVIEST TUNA

1st - "Top Dog" 173.9 lbs. \$2,000

#### DOLPHIN SINGLE HEAVIEST

1st - "Sugarhole" 12.8 lbs. \$262 2nd - "Sugarhole 12.4 lbs. \$112

#### DOLPHIN 3 HEAVIEST

1st - "Top Dog" 30.8 lbs. \$315 2nd - "Sugarhole" 25.2 lbs. \$135





In the 2017 M.S.S.A. Tuna-Ment held last weekend, Rob Martin on the "Skint Back" captured a 112.1 lb. bluefin tuna to win 2nd place in the Heaviest Fish Division. Rob was fishing with Dave Paugh when they hooked a pair of bluefins and 2 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers also won 1st place in both Tuna Stringer Divisons for their 2 fish that totaled 155.2 lbs. and 1st and 2nd places for Heaviest Dolphin (14.3 & 14.9 lbs.). For their 1st and 2nd place finishes, the duo took home a check for \$6,852. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



On opening day of the 28th Annual M.S.S.A. Tuna-Ment, anglers on the "Barbed Wire" arrived at the scale with the 3rd largest tuna caught in the tournament, a 107.8 lb. bluefin hooked in 30 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Dean Metcalfe and mate Nick Pfeiffer were Jeremy, Matthew and Steven Schreiber, Robert Koman, Jesse Simmons and Eric Carlon. For their 2nd place finish, the "Barbed Wire" team took home \$924 in award money. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.





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Species	2017	2016	Species	2017	2016		
Sea Bass	May 16, 2017 Tom Vaughan "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	Mako Shark	April 28, 2017 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Triple 0's	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon		
Tautog	January 1, 2017 Pat Scida "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin	June 16, 2017 Ian Schwing "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon		
Striped Bass	April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	Blue Marlin	None Reported	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon		
Weakfish	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Ice Breakers	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	Bluefin Tuna	April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen "Wrecker" Triple 0's	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon		
Flounder	April 7, 2017 Lukas Layton Rt. 90 Bridge	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	Yellowfin Tuna	April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor "Tunafowl" Triple 0's	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon		
Bluefish	April 17, 2017 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna	None Reported	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon		
Black Drum	April 20, 2017 Tom Fox Assatague Surf	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	May 27, 2017 Mark Robbins "Husevo" Norfolk Canyon	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon		
Sheepshead	May 31, 2017 Paul Lebling South Jetty	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	Dolphin	April 30, 2017 Megan Humphrey "Wrecker" Triple 0's	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon		
Thresher Shark	May 27, 2017 Anthony Pino Fingers	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	Wahoo	None Reported	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon		

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Last Friday, anglers on the "Game Changer" returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a 210 lb. bluefin tuna, 3 bigeye tuna and a yellowfin tuna after spending the day trolling ballyhoo and artificial baits in 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Matt Husman and mate Ricky Adkins were Neil Smith, Andrew Radman, Nathan Alberg, Timothy Garland and Tad Shifflett.



With the Lewes Harbour Stretch in full effect, Matt Purnell shows off the 5 lb. 11 oz. flounder he caught while fishing with squid on ocean structure. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
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"	30 lbs. or 40"

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24"	3 lbs. or 20"
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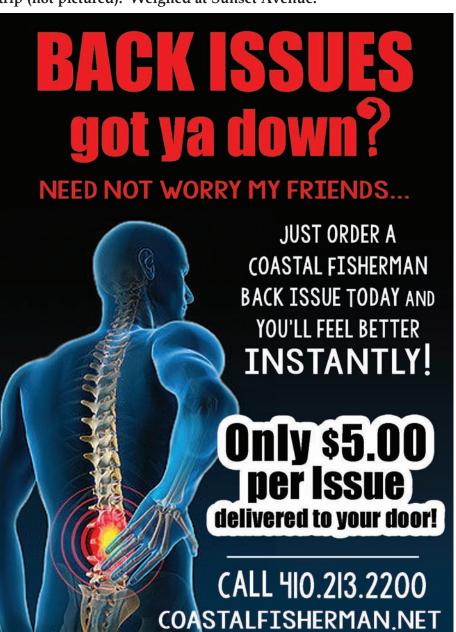




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Craig Braught of Lancaster, PA caught this 140 lb. make shark while trolling in 700 fathoms below the Norfolk Canyon. Craig was fishing on the "Chain Reaction" with Josh, Joel, Jordan and Steve Slaymaker, Roy Vreeland, Capt. Brad Clubb and mates Ross and Grant Clubb. The anglers also caught a 40 lb. yellowfin during their trip (not pictured). Weighed at Sunset Avenue.





Ayrton Pryor caught 3 keeper flounder (2 pictured), measuring 17, 19 and 22-inches, while fishing with Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel. The fish were 3 of 15 that Ayrton hooked this day.



John Platts, Mike Austil, Reese Nowotarski and Brad Nowotarski pose with the 110 lb. bluefin tuna, 3 smaller bluefins and a yellowfin that they caught during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Brian Behe. The fish were caught on the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars.



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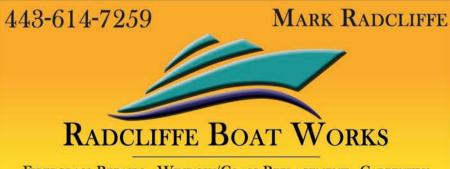
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JUNE 17-18, 2017

# **RESULTS SUMMARY**

#### **FLOUNDER**

IST "JEZEBEL" 1.8 LBS. - \$480 DALE BROWN AWARD \$500 - TOTAL \$980

#### **BLUEFISH**

1ST "SLAUGHTERHOUSE" 12.8 LBS. - \$120 2ND "SLAUGHTERHOUSE" 11.4 LBS. 3RD "SLAUGHTERHOUSE" 9.2 LBS.

#### **TAUTOG**

IST "JOKEN" 14.2 LBS. - \$180 2ND "JOKEN" 8.4 LBS. 3RD "JOKEN" 5.6 LBS.

#### SEA BASS

1ST "JEZEBEL" 2.8 LBS. - \$480 2ND "JEZEBEL" 2.8 LBS. 3RD "JEZEBEL" 2.4 LBS.

#### **DOLPHIN**

1ST "NAUTI-GIRL" 11.8 LBS. - \$2,565 2ND "NAUTI-GIRL" 11.8 LBS. 3RD "NAUTI-GIRL" 10.4 LBS.

#### TUNA

1ST "VAPOR TRAIL" 60 LBS. - \$1,620 2ND "REEL FIN ADDICT" 50 LBS. - \$567 3RD "REEL FIN ADDICT" 49.6 LBS. - \$189 3RD "CANYON BLUES II" 49.6 LBS. - \$189

25 Boats Entered - Total Payout \$6,890

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On Saturday, opening day of the 38th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, anglers on the "Jezebel" weighed 3 of their heaviest sea bass to sweep the Heaviest Sea Bass Division in addition to winning the Heaviest Flounder Division with a 1.8 pounder caught on a live minnow. Their 3 sea bass weighed 2.4, 2.8 and 2.8 lbs. and were caught on clams at the San Gil wreck. Fishing with Capt. Chester Sadowski and mate Tim Kane were Chester Sadowski, Sr., Don Riggins, Jason Courtney, Lisa Moore and Mike Fox. The "Jezebel" team took home \$1,460 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Anglers Jason, Jenn, Brinley and Kiley Hess arrived at the scale of the 2017 Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament with 3 bluefish weighing 9.2, 12.4 and 12.8 lbs. to take 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Heaviest Bluefish Division, worth \$120 in award money. All of the choppers were hooked on mackerel fillets in 12 fathoms, north of the Fingers while fishing on the "Slaughterhouse" with Capt. Mark Hess and mate Pam Hess. Pictured at Sunset Marina.







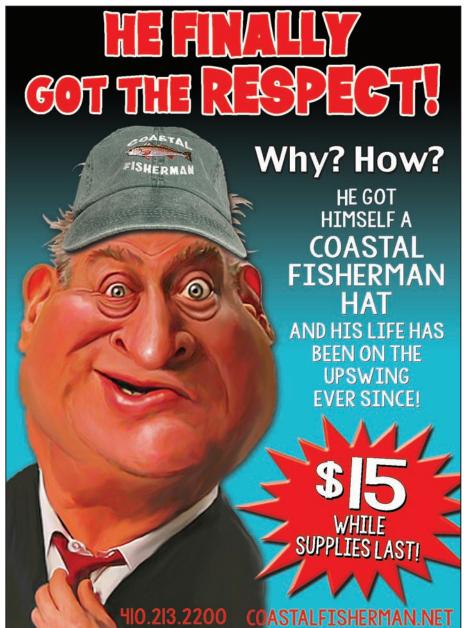
The first boat to arrive at the scale of the 2017 Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament was the "Joken" with tog weighing 5.6, 8.4 and 14.2 lbs. that took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Tautog Division, worth \$180 in award money. Their fish were caught at Site 11 on green crabs where they also captured a 1.8 lb. sea bass. Fishing on the "Joken" were Mike Haas, Casey Smith, Josh and Bill Hunsberger, Al Wunderlich and Ken Smith. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Making for an exciting finish to the 2017 Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, Robert Olszewski of Bridgewater, NJ weighed a 60 lb. yellowfin tuna to win 1st place in the Heaviest Tuna Division. Robert was fishing with Eric Martyn on the "Vapor Trail" when he hooked the yellowfin in 200 fathoms at the south end of the Poor Man's Canyon. The 1st place tuna earned the guys \$1,620 in award money. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Bad weather on Sunday turned the 2017 Small Boat Tournament into a 1-day event and on Saturday one of the last teams to arrive at the scale was the "Nauti Girl" with 2 bluefins (not pictured), 3 yellowfins and 6 mahi (3 pictured) caught in the Poor Man's Canyon. Their 3 heaviest dolphin weighed 10,4, 11.8 and 11.8 lbs., good enough to earn the team a sweep of the Heaviest Dolphin Division. Fishing on the "Nauti Girl" were Adam Lankford, Kevin Weber, Jack Bauman, Mike Chubb and Carey Cox. For their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the Dolphin Division, the team earned \$2,565 in award money. Weighed at Sunset Marina.







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Second place and a third place tie in the Heaviest Tuna Division of the Small Boat Tournament went to the anglers fishing on the "Reel Fin Addict" for yellowfins caught in 66-degree water near the Triple 0's. The guys caught 7 yellowfins during their trip with their 3 heaviest weighing 48.2, 49.6 and 50.0 lbs. All were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Fishing on the "Reel Fin Addict" team were Jerry Phares, Pete Weaver and Ron Isaac. For their 2nd place finish and their tie for 3rd place, the anglers earned \$756 in award money. Also pictured at Sunset Marina are Ashley Phares and Jace Weaver.



Jordan Lukiewski of Ellicott City, MD was deep dropping with spinning gear in 500 feet of water in the Poor Man's Canyon when he caught this 30 lb. golden tilefish. Jordan hooked the fish on squid while fishing with Chester Sadowski, III and John Leichling. The guys also caught and released multiple hammerhead sharks during their trip.



Aiden Nichols, Harry Linnan, David Grossman and Daniel Grossman on the "Canyon Blues II" teamed up to capture 5 yellowfin tuna last Saturday during the 2017 Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament and tied for 3rd place in the Heaviest Tuna Division with a 49.6 pounder. All of their fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars near the Triple 0's in 68-degree water. For their 3rd place tie, the team won \$189 in award money. Weighed at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD.



During the incoming tide around the South Jetty, Gary Thomas hooked into this 22 1/2-inch, 11 lb. 4 oz. sheepshead back on June 11th. Gary was fishing in 40-feet of water and used a double bottom flounder rig tipped with squid and minnow on 15 lb. braided line to fool the big sheepshead. This is the 3rd sheepshead we have seen caught at the South Jetty over the last 2 weeks.



## Judge denies \$2,818,662 to "Kallianassa" crew for 2016 WMO

On Wednesday, June 14th, United States District Judge, Richard D. Bennett ruled that the crew of the "Kallianassa" were not entitled to the \$2,818,662 in prize money they would have received for catching the only qualifying white marlin in the 2016 White Marlin Open. This resulted in the majority of the money being allocted to the 1st place winners in the Tuna Division who were represented by local attorney, Hugh Cropper.



The Memoramdum Opinion from Judge Bennett stated:

"Over the past forty years, the White Marlin Open ("WMO") in Ocean City, Maryland has become the largest billfish fishing tournament in the world. As in money fishing big tournaments, WMO may require anglers winning top prizes to polygraph undergo examinations. In the 2016 WMO Tournament, Rule G.7 of the Tournament Rules specified that "all anglers winning \$50,000.00 or more" and "any crew member registered to" a winning boat may be required to take and pass a polygraph test. (J.E. 25.) At the conclusion of the tournament, WMO required four top prize-winning anglers to report for polygraph examinations ensure to compliance with the Tournament Rules-that is, with the legal contract governing the anglers' participation in the tournament. Defendant Philip G. Heasley, on board the vessel Kallianassa, caught the Tournament's only qualifying white marlin and was eligible to win \$2,818.662.00. Plaintiff Richard Kosztyu, on board the Hubris, caught a 236.5 pound big eye tuna and was eligible to collect \$767,091.00. Plaintiff Jim Conway, on board the Get Reel, caught the only qualifying blue marlin and was eligible to win \$258,995.00. Plaintiff Mark Hutchison, on board the vessel Magic Moment, caught a 233 pound big eye (sic)

tuna and was eligible to collect \$131,968.00. Kosztyu, Conway, and Hutchison passed their polygraph tests. Heasley did not. WMO then accorded Heasley and his crew the opportunity to take additional polygraph examinations to qualify for the \$2.8 million prize. All of their subsequent polygraph tests indicated deception.

The failure of Philip Heasley and the crew of the Kallianassa to pass polygraph examinations led to this Court. It led Heasley to raise legal challenges to his contract as a participant in the 2016 WMO Tournament. It led to his asserting challenges to the administration of the polygraphs, their accuracy, and the efficacy of polygraphy itself. It led to nine months of litigation and eight days of testimony.

Ultimately, this Court concludes that Mr. Heasley's arguments are without merit. The White Marlin Open complied with its obligations and did not breach the Tournament Rules contract as a matter of law. Consequently, Mr. Heasley's performance under that contract was not excused. By failing to satisfy the Tournament Rules' polygraph requirement, Heasley himself failed to perform under the contract and is not entitled to the Prize Money.

Apart from this legal ruling, this Court finds as a matter of fact that Mr. Heasley and the crew of the "Kallianassa" violated an important Tournament rule which disqualifies their catch of the 76.5 pound white marlin. Specifically, it is clear from the testimony evidence and presented in this case that the Kallianassa's fishing lines were deployed and in the water before 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Mr. Heasley's boat, the Kallianassa, meaning "beautiful queen," apparently takes her name from that of the ancient Greek sea-nymph who appears in Book XVIII of Homer's Iliad.1 The classical concept of hubris has come to refer to a dangerous over-confidence or pride. It is thus ironic that anglers from the boats named Hubris, GetReel, and Magic Moment stand to benefit from the Kallianassa's disqualification in this case. Here, the hubris and over- eagerness of the Kallianassa's crew resulted in their getting reels deployed before the 8:30 a.m. magic moment on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Accordingly, for the reasons that follow, this Court concludes that:

- 1. Plaintiff White Marlin Open, Inc. complied with its obligations under the 2016 White Marlin Open Tournament Rules and did not breach that contract;
- 2. Defendant Philip G. Heasley's performance under the Tournament Rules contract was not excused;
- 3. Heasley failed to satisfy the Tournament Rules' polygraph requirement and, therefore, failed to perform under that contract;
- 4. Heasley is not entitled to the \$2,818,662.00 in Prize Money as a matter of law;
- 5. Even if plaintiff White Marlin Open, Inc. had breached its obligations under the 2016 Tournament Rules, Heasley would not be entitled to the prize money because the evidence presented at trial shows that Heasley and the crew of the Kallianassa violated the Tournament Rules by deploying fishing lines before 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, the date they caught the 76.5 pound white marlin.

After the opinion was released, the White Marlin Open posted the following statement on their web page:

"After a two-week trial in United States District Court for the District of Maryland, the Honorable Richard D. Bennett has ruled that the White Marlin Open properly applied the rules of the tournament to the 2016 White Marlin Open. Philip Heasley, one of the anglers in the 2016 Tournament, and his crew members aboard the Kallianassa, had not passed polygraph examinations, which were required under the rules of the tournament. The Court also found that Mr. Heasley and the crew of the Kallianassa violated Tournament Rules by deploying fishing lines before 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, the date they caught the 76.5 pound white marlin.

As a result of the polygraph examination results, White Marlin Open did not pay the prize money of Two Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$2,818, 000.00) to Mr. Heasley. Instead, to protect the integrity of the tournament and to

act in fairness to all participants, White Marlin Open filed an interpleader action in court and asked the Court to determine whether the White Marlin Open directors had acted appropriately in withholding the money from Mr. Heasley.

In a two-week trial, White Marlin Open put on evidence of the appropriateness of the polygraph examinations, and the reasonableness of its actions in withholding the prize money under the tournament rules. The court verified that White Marlin Open, Inc., had applied its rules in a fair manner, had the authority to impose polygraph upon its participants as a way to verify that rules of the tournament were not violated by the winning anglers.

Throughout the case, the intention of the White Marlin Open directors has been to protect the integrity of the tournament and to ensure that the rules are applied fairly for all participants. The White Marlin Open, like many other tournaments, has found that the use of polygraphs is an effective method of ensuring compliance with the rules. The White Marlin Open is pleased that its reputation for integrity, built over its forty-three-year history, has been upheld.

As the 2017 tournament approaches, the tournament directors are determined to continue the fair and impartial application of the tournament rules so that all participants have confidence in the results of the tournament. The tournament directors are committed to maintaining the tournament as an open and enjoyable experience all anglers, whether for professional or amateur, who participate in this world recognized event."

Judge Bennett is scheduled to rule on the distribution of the \$2,818,662 by Friday, June 23rd however earlier filings state that approximately \$2,300,000 would go to the "Hubris", the "Get Reel" would earn an additional \$255,000, the "Magic Moment" would receive \$140,000 and the additional monies would flow to the third place winners in the Tuna Division and remaining winners in the shark, dolphin and wahoo divisions.





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The largest make shark caught so far this season came in last Thursday when Shane Kline weighed a 564 pounder caught during an overnight trip to the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady". Shane was fishing with Fred Vanblarcom, Jon Gross, Dane Anthony, Rich Galante, Donnie Crouse, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Tito Benitez and Cole Duncan. The make ate a skipjack tuna fillet in 700 fathoms at 3:30 in the morning and took 40 minutes to get to the boat. The anglers also caught 5 yellowfin tuna and 4 bluefin tuna during their trip. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.







Last Saturday, Alan Harker, Jim Singleton, Nick Dietz, Tom Dietz and Eric Droege had a great trip fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The anglers caught 5 flounder, measuring 18 to 20 3/4-inches, while fishing in the West Channel and using white Gulp! Swimming Mullets for bait. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Brian Brouse of Dundalk, MD caught this 4 lb. black sea bass while fishing at the Great Eastern Reef with Joe McGee on the "All Tide Up". Brian fooled the knothead with a chunk of clam. The duo hooked 30 sea bass during their trip.



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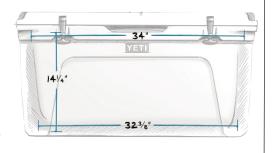
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# Tides & Moon Phases OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. June 21	Low 11:42 am Low	High 05:40 am High 06:26 pm
Thurs. June 22	Low 12:44 am Low 12:38 pm	High 06:36 am High 07:24 pm
Fri. June 23 New Moon	Low 01:40 am Low 01:32 pm	High 07:34 am High 08:22 pm
Sat. June 24	Low 02:34 am Low 02:25 pm	High 08:33 am High 09:19 pm
Sun. June 25	Low 03:26 am Low 03:18 pm	High 09:31 am High 10:13 pm
Mon. June 26	Low 04:19 am Low 04:12 pm	High 10:27 am High 11:06 pm
Tues. June 27	Low 05:14 am Low 05:10 pm	High 11:23 am High 11:57 pm
Wed. June 28	Low 06:09 am Low 06:10 pm	High High 12:19 pm
Thurs. June 29	Low 07:04 am Low 07:13 pm	High 12:48 am High 01:18 pm
Fri. June 30 First Qtr. Moon	Low 07:56 am Low 08:15 pm	High 01:41 am High 02:22 pm
Sat. July 1	Low 08:47 am Low 09:15 pm	High 02:35 am High 03:27 pm
Sun. July 2	Low 09:36 am Low 10:15 pm	High 03:29 am High 04:26 pm
Mon. July 3	Low 10:23 am Low 11:13 pm	High 04:18 am High 05:17 pm
Tues. July 4	Low 11:10 am Low	High 05:03 am High 06:02 pm

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

Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide - 21 minutes for low tide

Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide
These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts





# .... JUNE ....

Canyon Club Overnight Tuna Tournament

June 23-25 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400
9th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament

June 23 - July 29 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808

3rd Annual Indian River Kids Catch-All Tournament

June 24-25 • Indian River Marina • 302-227-3071
35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off

*June 30-July 2 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613* 

# .... JULY ....

Canyon Club Junior Angler Offshore Challenge

*July 5-8 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400* 

30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament

July 14-16 • Ocean City Fishing Center • 410-213-1121

13th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic

July 22-23 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613
4th Annual Big Fish Classic

July 28-30 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325

### .... AUGUST ....

9th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament

August 4-5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613
9th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce

Flounder Tournament

August 5 • Pines Point Marina • 410-641-5306

43rd Annual White Marlin Open

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August 7-11 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229

24th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open

August 17-19 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder

August 18-20 • Millsboro, DE • 302-945-4500
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August 20-25 • Cape May, NJ & Ocean City





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PUSHY - 2001 102' Destiny Motor Yacht Call Jimmy Fields



TROPHY BOX - 1986 57' Island Boat Works Call Jimmy Fields



LOLA - 1977 37' Gannett Egg Harbor 37 Convertible - Call Jeff James



HOOK UP - 1989 41' Viking Call Steve Trattner



PERSISTENCE - 1994 35' Luhrs Call Steve Trattner



CHASIN TAIL - 2008 67' Bayliss Call Jimmy Fields



2008 61' Blackwell Custom Carolina Call Jeff James



PLAYPEN - 1997 37' Searay Call Steve Trattner



KILLER WHALER-2008 34' Boston Whaler - Call Steve Trattner



OUTCAST - 2002 34' Luhrs Call Steve Trattner



RAMSI - 2004 268 Albemarle Express Call Steve Trattner



REEL PUSHY- 2008 70' Spencer Yacht Call Jimmy Fields



REEL DIRECT - 2012 65' Guthrie Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



MISS HEATHER - 2000 74' Hatteras Cockpit Motor Yacht - Call Dave Shockley



QUICK DRAW - 2005 32' Luhrs 32 Open Call Steve Trattner



MATADOR - 1974 41' Viking Call Jimmy Fields



CAROL ANNE - 1998 28' Albemarle Exp. Call Steve Trattner



COOKIE MONSTER - 2007 74' Viking Call Rick Carney



ARGUS - 2009 58' Middleton Call Jimmy Fields



1988 58' Monterey Call Jimmy Fields



2014 25' Grady White 257 Call Steve Trattner



2012 25' Contender Call Steve Trattner



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