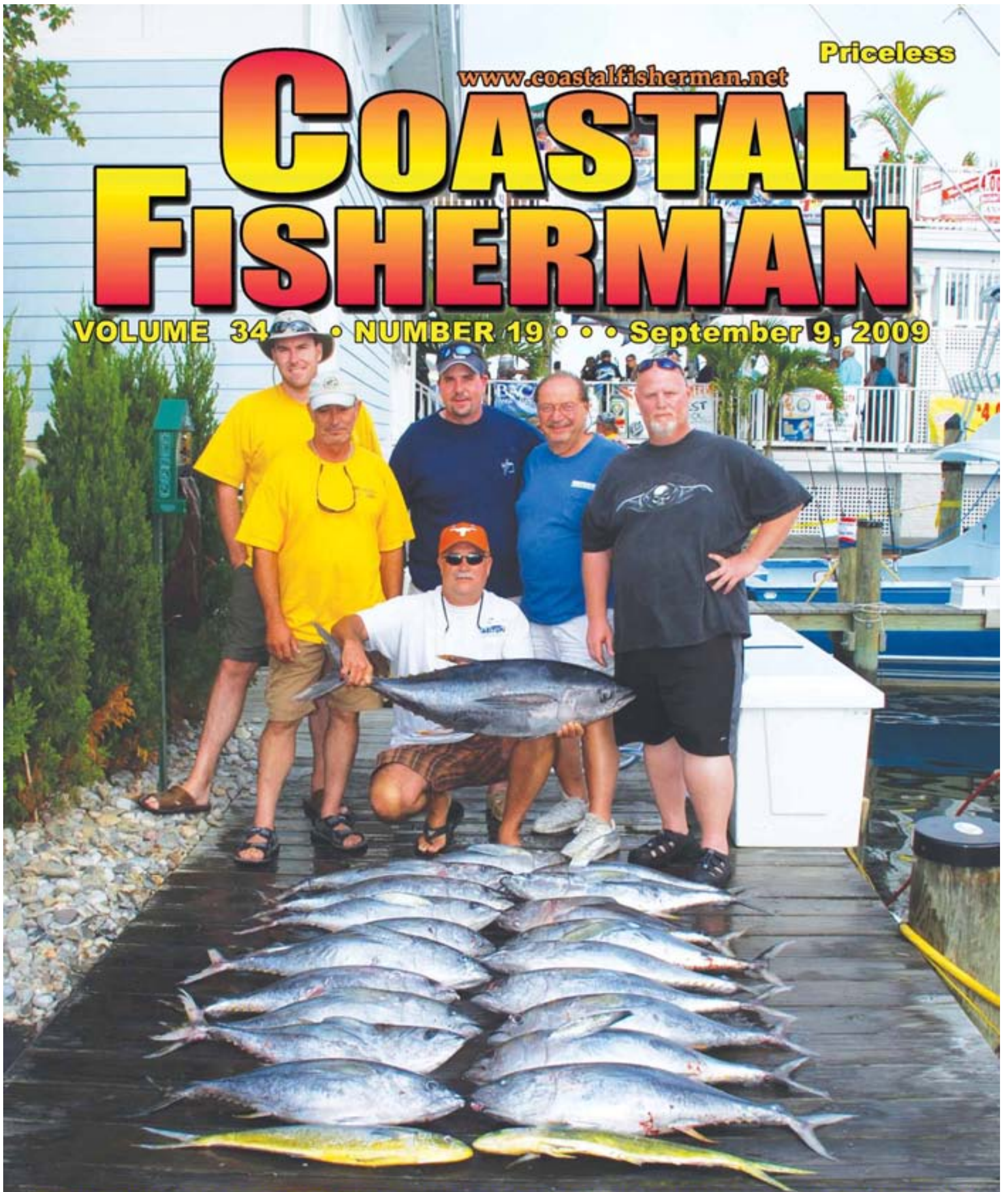


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After a long absence, yellowfin tuna returned to our local offshore waters over the weekend and several boats returned to the dock with double-digit catches. These anglers ended their day with 20 yellowfins (381 total lbs.) and a couple of dolphin in the box after fishing on the "Press Time" with Capt. Luke Blume and Mates Jason Genthner and Michael Murray. Pictured are Corey Shugart from West River, MD, Greg Nieman from Glenwood, MD, Robert Lancelotta of Ocean City, MD, David Barber of Ellicott City, MD, Rodney Shields from Rockville, MD and Francisco Lorenzo from Alexandria, VA. The fish were caught at the Hot Dog on ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Had a call last week from a gentleman in Fenwick Island, DE who had a good question regarding the upcoming flounder closure in Maryland (beginning September 14). He and several of his friends dock their boats in Delaware, but they often run to the Ocean City Inlet and head offshore to fish. One of their target species is flounder, and he wanted to know if they left the OC inlet, fished in the EEZ outside state waters and returned to Delaware with a flounder, would he be legal? Publisher Larry Jock did some legwork and contacted Sgt. Glenn Lay with the Maryland Natural Resources Police. Sgt. Lay told Larry that if someone launches in Delaware, moves through Maryland waters, lands a fish caught in

Delaware waters or the EEZ, and lands the fish in Delaware, there will be no problem. However, if the fish are caught and boated in the EEZ, and the boat stops and fishes in Maryland waters either before or after, even though you intend on landing them in Delaware, then the fish on board will be considered illegal. In other words, don't stop in Maryland, either on the way to the fishing grounds or on the way back. Of course, rumor has it that the feds might close the EEZ flounder season as well, in which case it won't matter...



I also heard from an old friend last week, namely Charlie Kratz. Charlie, you

might remember, was at the helm of his "Five C's" when the late George Pierson caught the Maryland state record 135-pound white marlin in 1980. Charlie donated the mount of that fish, and his friend Capt. Don Speicher of "Spike's Boat" built the case that houses it, at the south end of the boardwalk. Charlie was also instrumental in starting the Challenge Cup Tournament, which is a friendly billfish release tournament held each year between the Ocean City Marlin Club and the Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club. Charlie has also put a lot of effort and considerable funds into a program called "Band of Brothers," which makes sure indigent service veterans receive a proper burial when they pass on. Senator John Astle, who is from Anne Arundel County, and another gentleman, Bill Miles, have been instrumental in helping Charlie with this program, and Charlie wanted me to

know they will be coming to fish in this year's Challenge Cup on "Spike's Boat". Senator Astle is the Senate Co-Chairman of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, and he was the recipient of the Brad Rowse Leadership Award for advancing the sportsmen's agenda in the halls of state government. Bill Miles is the vice-chair of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation and was the first to receive the Brad Rowse Leadership Award. It's nice to have guys like this on our side when it comes to the political spider webs that the average fellow usually knows nothing about until we are caught up in them. Let's hope the fish gods will provide these gentlemen with a couple of white marlin...



While there has been a good white marlin bite recently, make no mistake about it—it has been a dismal

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Rick Rowe of Onley, MD caught 7 triggerfish while fishing at Russell's Reef on the "Judith M" with Capt. Kane Bounds and Mate Anton Postnikov. Rick's heaviest triggerfish weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



John Shaffer of York, PA landed this 9 lb. 11 oz. flounder while drifting a jig head tipped with a Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Double Lines continued:
tuna year. A fellow asked me last week if I thought we would get any yellowfins this fall. Of course, if I knew the answer to that I would probably be a rich man, and my guess is no better than anyone else's. The yellowfins made a pretty impressive appearance last weekend, with several boats taking double digit numbers, but whether they will stay is another matter. As with every other fish, it all depends on the water conditions and the food—if the bait is there, the tuna should be, as long as water temps permit. October is traditionally a good time for longfin albacore along the 100-fathom curve, so that fishery is also still a possibility, along with the yellowfins. With this year's slow business, however, the bigger question might be kind of like the old sound of the tree in the forest—if the yellowfins push the squid into the Baltimore Canyon, will anyone be out

there fishing for them...?



We are well into September now, and that means what a friend of mine calls the "dirt fishermen" out there, including me, are living and breathing an especially beautiful and hard pulling creature, the red drum. This fishery is strictly catch-and-release, as the law prohibits keeping any reds over 26 or 27 inches, depending on whether you are fishing in Virginia or Maryland. That doesn't stop those surf anglers who get the fever, however, and one of the pure pleasures of drum fishing is watching a big red swim back out through the waves after you let it go. A northeast blow like we had last week will often "bring drum on the beach," but the real key is usually the beginning of the mullet run in the surf, which could begin any time now and usually peaks during the last two weeks of September. Mullet

are excellent red drum bait, along with spot, bunker, bluefish and blue crabs. It's hard to believe a grown man as old as I am can get excited at the sight of a fresh cut cob mullet head hung on a big circle hook, but I confess that I still do. I think it's the anticipation that it represents. Although it took me a long time to catch my first big drum many years ago, and I still love it, red drum fishing is not rocket science. Like most fisheries, it is often a matter of being in the right place at the right time, which means keeping fresh bait in the water when the reds are on the beach. As with most target species, veteran drum anglers argue about the best hooks, rigs, line, rods and reels, but after all is said and done, you just have to be there when a hungry red comes by. Years of protecting the big drum has brought the fishery back to the point where we do see them on the Maryland beaches once again, and the Virginia barrier

island fishery is second to none, so here's hoping you fellow "drumheads" out there get to feel that head shake this fall...



As I mentioned earlier, the last day of the Maryland flounder season is September 13, and I for one think it's a damn shame when an angler can't go out and bring at least one fish home to eat. So to honor all the environmental extremists, the incompetent fisheries managers, the spineless politicians and the ineffective fishermen's lobbies, let's all make it a point this week to go out and kill a flounder...a legal one, of course...

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



What started out as the worst week a fisherman could ever imagine ended up with some fantastic fishing on Saturday and Sunday.

The wind really blew during the week, keeping all inshore and offshore anglers at the dock. Bay fishermen were able to get some time on the water and were rewarded with some quality catches.

Finally, on Saturday the sea conditions were much better than the weatherman predicted and a load of boats were able to head offshore, most hoping that the good white marlin bite that was happening prior to the bad weather would continue, and it did! The surprise of the weekend was the arrival of the yellowfin tuna. Yes, I said yellowfin tuna, and when I say they arrived, they did so in big numbers, but more on that later.

Here's an example of how good the white marlin bite was over the weekend. On Saturday, the following white marlin releases were recorded in the Labor Day White Marlin Tournament:

- Cyntinory - 9
- Phat Mann - 8
- Current Affair - 5
- Pumpin' Hard 66 - 4
- Par Five - 3
- Fish Whistle - 3



Matt Benicewicz and Brian Jones of White Marsh, MD, Bud Pearce of Jarrettsville, MD, Scott Shaneybrook of Little River, MD and Capt's. Will Otto and Mike Birmingham had a busy day on Saturday, catching 18 yellowfin tuna northeast of the Hot Dog. The crew was pulling artificial lures, spreader bars and cedar plugs. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

Other Boats - 16

And this was just from the boats in the tournament. Other boats not fishing in the

tournament did just as well.

As the yellowfin head south, the bite on Saturday centered in 50-75 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and Wilmington Canyons. On Sunday, the bite continued in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons, although some boats that ventured south to the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons did very well also. The "Fish Bonz"

released 6 white marlin in the Washington Canyon and the "That's Right" released five at the Rockpile.

Could this be shaping up to be another September of fantastic white marlin fishing off the coast of Delmarva? If it does, book your charter now!

Yellowfin Tuna

Another reason to get a group together and book a charter boat is that the yellowfin tuna bite over the weekend was great! The bite on Saturday was scattered along the 30 fathom line between the Hot Dog and to just north of the Elephant Trunk. The "Gerri Lynn" loaded the boat with 18 yellowfins, followed closely by "The Zipper" with 14 yellowfins.

On Sunday, the bite continued moving south, with most finding luck closer to the area around the Hot Dog. The "Press Time" threw 20 yellowfins on the dock after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars at the Hot Dog. Anglers on the "That's Right" caught 18 yellowfins a little further north. The "Clear Shot" was the first to arrive at the Hot Dog on Sunday and caught 10.

Keep an eye on the fishing report on www.coastalfisherman.net. If this bite stays strong, you will definitely want to get a hold of a charter boat to take you out for the day. If you have never gone on a tuna trip before, it can be quite memorable. You can also check out the Charter Boat Directory on www.coastalfisherman.net to help you with choosing a charter boat for your trip.

Wahoo

A few wahoo hit the scales, just in time for this week's Wahoo Rodeo and Flounder Round-up Tournament. On

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Sunday, the "Bali-Who" weighed a 23 pounder in the Labor Day Tournament and a private boat weighed a 58 pounder they caught at the Hot Dog. The largest one we have seen so far this year was an 80.4 pounder caught by an Indian River boat in the Baltimore Canyon. A few other boats reported getting bitten off by speedsters while marlin and tuna fishing.

Dolphin

Some nice size dolphin were caught over the weekend, primarily in the Baltimore Canyon where anglers found water temperatures hovering around 77 degrees. On Saturday, the "Instigator" caught 13 dolphin with the largest tipping the scales at 21 lbs. Also on Saturday, the "Press Time" threw 16 dolphin on the dock after trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon.

Flounder

Surprisingly, the flounder bite was pretty good this week in spite of all the wind and rain. The class of fish are definitely getting larger with good bites continuing to be made in the East

Channel. We also saw a good bite by multiple anglers fishing in the deeper holes just south of the Commercial Harbor, right along the houses. The bottom drops off to over 15 feet in this area and we saw multiple fish over 4 lbs. caught by anglers drifting spot, peanut bunker and Gulp! artificial baits.

The bad weather kept anglers off the ocean reefs and wrecks for most of the week, but those that ventured out to Russell's Reef, the Bass Grounds and other wrecks and reefs were rewarded with big flounder, triggerfish and sea bass. We even had one spearfisherman nail a good size cobia at Fenwick Shoals. Look for that picture in next week's Coastal Fisherman.

This weekend there are 3 tournaments. The Wahoo Rodeo and Flounder Round-up (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) and the M.S.S.A. Beach-N-Boat Tournament (Saturday & Sunday) will be held at Sunset Marina. The Flounder Pounder on Sunday will be held at Bahia Marina. Should be a busy weekend.

See you at the scales.



Arthur Clubb of West Ocean City, MD and Kris Riddle from Denver, CO were fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island when Arthur landed this triggerfish and Kris caught a flounder, reportedly the largest flounder caught by a Colorado resident that day. Arthur's triggerfish ate a live mullet while Kris' flounder was hooked on a live peanut bunker.

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Johnny, Larry and Kelly Horning of Laytonsville, MD teamed up to release 4 white marlin while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Fish Whistle" with their dad, Capt. Charlie Horning. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Some big flounder are starting to show up as anglers pick them off before they leave the bay for ocean reefs and wrecks. Pete Balandiak from Eddystone, PA caught this 8 lb. 10 oz. flattie while fishing from the Oceanic Pier, using shiners for bait. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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This group of anglers actually filled the boat with fish, returning when they could not fit any more in their fish box. Joe Maffei from Essington, PA, Tim Kane from Ocean City, MD, Miles Bianco of Rockville, MD, Capt. Chester Sadowski and Mate Chester Sadowski, Jr. returned with flounder, sea bass and triggerfish after fishing at the Great Eastern Reef. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Anglers on the "Good Four Pop" have really been burning up the flounder as shown by Sean Good's 26-inch, 7 lb. 8 oz. flattie caught on a live spot, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Sean was fishing with his dad, Laverne Good of New Holland, PA and Craig Bemederfer of New Providence, PA.

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Berry Chaney, Lon Edmonds, Scott Denney and Melissa Denney caught 4 nice keeper flounder while fishing on an ocean wreck aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Chris Mizurak, Dean Lo, Steve Doctor and Chris Bogden had a great day spearfishing at Fenwick Shoal. The group teamed up to boat triggerfish, spadefish and sea bass while Chris Bogden speared a 35 lb. cobia. Pictured at Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



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On Saturday, Josh Willey, Leo Galeota, Harrison Mertins and Barrett Mertins each released their first white marlin while fishing on the "Amanda Sue" with Capt. Scott Steffy and Mate Paul Daisey. The whites were hooked in 70 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, John Myers, John Myers, Jr., Ed Yanke, Stephanie Yanke, Meghan Yanke and Chris Miller threw a great catch of yellowfin tuna on the dock at Sunset Marina after spending the day fishing on "The Zipper" with Capt. "Zip" Zajdel and Mate Ronnie Zajdel. The yellowfins ranged from 20-42 lbs. and were caught in 30 fathoms, north of the Elephant Trunk in 73-degree water.



Bob Sulpizi and Greg Panik of Wilmington, DE, Mike Verbonite and Scott Boyer of Newark, DE, Carl Bickling from Cochranville, PA and Walter Johnson from Bear, DE released 3 white marlin and caught 16 dolphin while fishing on the "Press Time" with Capt. Luke Blume and Mate Jason Genthner. All of the fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon.

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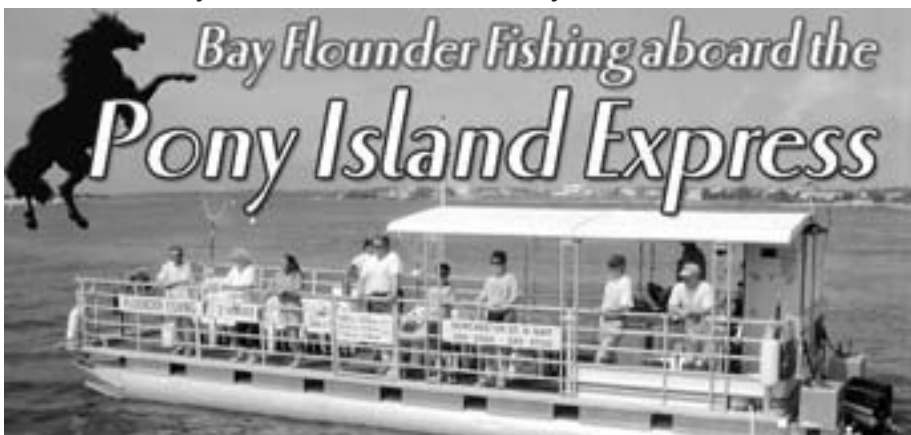
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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



It's September and time to enjoy the great outdoors and go fishing!

One of the things I love to do this time of year is catch bluefish. I know, they aren't real big, but they are usually plentiful and fun to catch on light tackle. As the days turn shorter and the nights become cooler, schools of shiners and finger mullet start jumping around all over the bay. Bluefish in the 10 to 16-inch range are usually right behind them. If you watch the schools of bluefish you will notice that they are moving pretty fast after the mullet. Therefore, when you are standing from

the shore drowning bait, you can bet if you got that bait moving up and down a little more, you could be attracting some bluefish bites!

If you are on one of the piers like the Oceanic Pier, the 9th Street Pier, or standing on the Route 50 Bridge, you can cast out one of your favorite flounder rigs that have a little flash to them like one of Dale Timmons' Deadly Doubles, or one of Aqua-Clear's fancy silver fish rigs. Bait up with frozen shiners or chunks of finger mullet, cast out as far as you can and jerk the bait up and down as you drag it back in towards you.

If you see the baitfish splash, and you see gulls working and diving down into the water, you can bet there are some bluefish in the mix. That's a good time to grab a lead head and some Berkley Gulp! Swimming Mulletts or Minnows and cast and retrieve into the mix. If the blues are thick you can also use bucktails, spoons, spec rigs, lead heads with curtail grubs, or Got-cha Plugs. Anglers also add bait to some of these lures. Spec Rigs, which are two shad darts tied in tandem work good when you add a frozen shiner to each lure. Bucktails can be tipped with a strip of squid or mullet. Use Got-cha Plugs just as they are. Cast

against the tide or straight down in the deeper current and jerk the lure with short, sharp jerks of the rod tip.

Night time is the time to really catch a lot of bluefish. Go up on the Route 50 Bridge or to the Oceanic Pier under the lights and jerk those Got-cha plugs or Spec Rigs! As the water cools down, anglers also catch shad which are really fun to catch and release. Shad generally take the smaller of the jigs and sometimes even go for Sabiki Rigs. Anglers attach a sinker to the smaller spec rigs or Sabiki Rigs so they can cast them more accurately and to get them down to the bottom.

"Why do the fish go after such small lures sometimes?"

Besides the schools of finger mullet, there are also huge schools of shiners in the water this time of year. They are smaller baits and flashing all over the place underneath the water. The flashing little Sabiki Rigs and spec rigs look just like the shiners in the water. Match the hatch, as they say.

Finger mullet are larger, and when you see fish chasing the finger mullet, you want to break out the larger lures like Got-cha Plugs (see below), Swimming Shad Lures (if you



don't mind losing several dollars worth of soft lures to the bluefish), bucktails, spoons, Sting Silvers and lead heads tipped with Gulps (one of my favorites.) If I'm using bait during the day, I really like the Aqua-Clear rigs with the Silver or Green Fish. The blues will tear these up too, so plan on losing some of your rigs and lures to bluefish!

"Maybe I should use wire leaders!"

Well you can, but I think it deters from the action of the lure. Unless the blues are real thick they can become leader shy just like any other fish, especially in the day time. I would stick to monofilament

leaders and just plan to lose a few lures. You'll catch more fish! And if Mr. Striper is lurking down there, or Mr. Trout, you'll be more likely to catch him too!

"How about inlet fishing!"

Blues come in with the tide in both the Ocean City and Indian River Inlets. The Indian River Inlet is especially famous for their bluefish runs. Just spend \$14 for a weekly fishing license in Delaware and you are on your way to fun casting for the blues at the Inlet. The north side of the Inlet, close to the Coast Guard Station, will put you on some popular "rips" that generally hold bluefish on the incoming tide. Bucktail jigs are very popular at the inlets. Rig the bucktail with a 30-inch length of monofilament leader. Tie on an inline sinker, anywhere from one to two-ounces, to one end of the leader material, and tie the bucktail to the other end. Attach a 4 to 6-inch grub or plastic worm to the bucktail or use a Berkley Gulp! bait and cast up current. Let the bucktail sink for a count of 10 or so, then start jigging with the tide as it passes by you. Reel in after it is past you. Watch others, and cast as they do, so you don't tangle or cross other lines. It's fun! And you'll find that blues and other fish usually hit the lure as it sinks.

The surf!

Snapper blues are prevalent in the surf this time of year. No, they aren't big. You can usually catch bigger blues on the bridge at night or from the inlets. Some of the deeper holes in the bay will actually catch you some citation blues, BUT, the blues in the surf this time of year they are usually small, in the 12- to 16-inch range if you are lucky, so scale down on the big hunky rods and just have some fun! An 8 to 9-foot rod spooled with 12 to 17- pound test is all you need. A top and bottom bluefish surf rig in the smaller realm with one-inch chunks of finger mullet will catch the snapper blues. Sea Striker Bluefish Rigs with the smaller 3/4-inch

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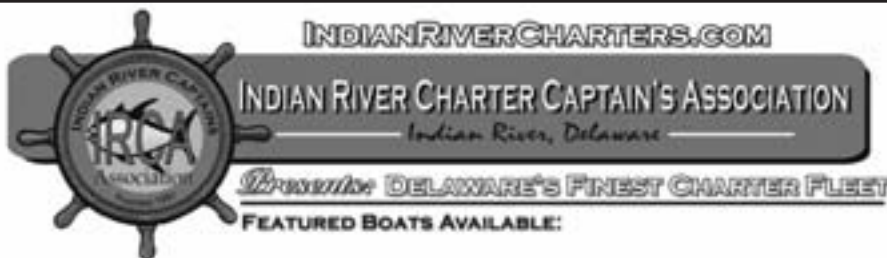
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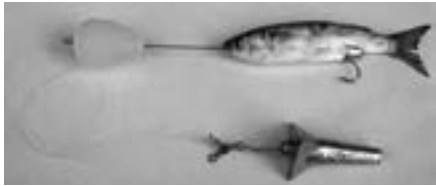


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Another good rig to use is a



whole finger mullet rig (see above)! Slide a whole finger mullet on the detachable rig and you are ready to go. The trick to these rigs is to buy extra hooks and buy the smaller ones this time of year. Some of the rigs may come with a 4/0 hook. Replace them with a 2/0 hook and you'll catch more fish. Snapper blues are thieving bait stealers. "How did it get the mullet off a mullet rig?" you ask? They are fast and slick. So you have to be slicker. Keep the rod in your hand. Cast out and slowly bump your rod back in and the blues will think the bait is getting away from them and grab it more aggressively. Set the hook and reel the fish in!

You will find that on calm slick days, the blues will run very small. On choppy days, when the wind has a little east to it, the blues will run larger. Look for rips, holes, sloughs, and bait jumping. If you see lots of bait and splashes, have another rod ready with a spoon or Sting Silver in the 1 1/2

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Jerry Dietrich of Lansing, NY caught this 25-inch, 6 lb. 7 oz. flounder on a live mullet while fishing with Dolores Weitzel just south of the Commercial Harbor.

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September bluefish... just plain fishin' fun.....

Good fishing....

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



Steve Jacono and Freeman Dordell from Middletown, DE, Tony Jacono and Brian Sayer from Clayton, DE, Bill Detwiler from Lewes, DE and Nathan Ifert from Chatham, PA teamed up to release 6 white marlin and captured 8 dolphin while fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Brian Porter and Mate Rick Tshudy. The fish were hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 50 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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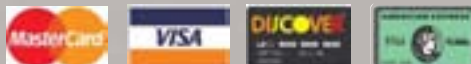
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1 jalapeño chile, seeded
and sliced lengthwise
2 cloves garlic, thinly
sliced
2 1/2 TBSP. extra-virgin
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Salt and pepper
8 green olives, chopped
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Season with salt and pepper and roast until lightly charred, 20 to 30 minutes.

Toss with the olives.

Fill a large skillet halfway with water and bring to a boil.

Add 1 tsp. of salt and place the tuna in the pan.

Place a lid on top of the fillets to keep them submerged.

Lower the heat and simmer until the fish is opaque, about 8 minutes.

Transfer to a plate and top with the vegetables.

Fluff the couscous with a fork and serve with fish.

Serves 4.

Grilled Tuna with Garlic Mayo

3 TBSP. plus 1 tsp. olive oil, divided
1/2 tsp. dried rosemary, crushed
4 tuna fillets
8 garlic cloves, peeled
1 TBSP. lemon juice
3/4 cup mayonnaise
2 TBSP. plain yogurt
1 TBSP. Dijon mustard

Coat grill rack with cooking spray before starting

the grill.

Combine 3 TBSP. oil and rosemary; brush over tuna.

Place tuna on grill rack.

Grill covered over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Meanwhile, in a small microwave safe bowl, combine garlic and remaining oil.

Microwave uncovered on high for 20-30 seconds or until softened; place in blender.

Add the remaining ingredients.

Cover and process until blended. Serve with the tuna.

Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi Tacos

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 jalapeño chile, seeded and finely chopped
1 small red onion, one quarter finely chopped, the remainder thinly sliced
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 15 oz. can black beans, rinsed
1 tsp. ground cumin
Salt and pepper
3 TBSP. honey
2 TBSP. hot pepper sauce
Juice of 2 limes
2 tsp. grated lime peel
1/2 head red cabbage, shredded
1/3 cup finely chopped cilantro
4 mahi mahi fillets
8 corn taco shells
8 flour tortillas
1 cup sour cream

In medium skillet, heat 1 TBSP. of oil.

Add the jalapeño, chopped red onion and garlic; cook 4 minutes.

In a small bowl, mash the black beans with the cumin; season with salt and pepper, cover.

In a large bowl, combine 2 TBSP. of oil with the honey, hot sauce and lime juice; season with salt and pepper.

Add the sliced onion, cabbage and cilantro; toss.

Preheat grill or grill pan to

medium. Coat the fish with the remaining 1 TBSP. of oil and the lime peel.

Cover, grill fish, turning once, for 8 minutes.

Warm the taco shells and tortillas on the grill.

Spread a few spoonfuls of mashed beans on the outside of the tacos, and wrap a tortilla around each one, pressing to adhere.

Place half piece of fish into each taco shell and top with some cabbage slaw.

Serve 2 tacos per person with sour cream and remaining slaw.

Serves 4.

Fillet of Flounder Stuffed with Crab Meat

3 lbs. fillet of flounder
2 cups dry white wine
1/4 cup fresh parsley
1/2 lb. mushrooms, chopped
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
1 cup grated mild cheddar cheese
1/4 cup sherry
1/2 lb. crab meat
1/2 cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

For the sauce, cook wine over low heat until reduced by 1/2 in a medium saucepan.

Crab Meat Mixture

In a saucepan saute mushrooms in 2 TBSP. of butter.

In a separate saucepan melt the remaining butter, stir in the flour and then the wine until thickened.

Add the mushrooms, 1/2 cup of cheese, sherry, crab meat and cream.

Spread half of the sauce in a large flat baking dish, then place the fish and crab mixture and rest of cheese on top.

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On Saturday, the crew on the "Cyntinory" released 9 white marlin and followed up with another 3 releases on Sunday, good enough to earn 1,200 points and 1st place in the Billfish Division of the 51st Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. The "Cyntinory" crew consisted of Val Lynch of Crofton, MD, John and Amy Elliott of Ocean City, MD, Doug Wilson and Kevin Clark of Annapolis, MD, Randy Newcomer of Edgewater, MD, Capt. Rick Carney and Mates Chad DiFebo and Reed Custer. The 9 releases were on trolled ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The 3 releases on Sunday were in 50 to 65 fathoms between the Baltimore and the Wilmington Canyons. The team took home \$7,425 in award money for their 1st place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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TOTAL PRIZE MONEY = \$57,874



First place in the Wahoo Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament was won by Jimmy McKinney of Estero, FL for this 23.6 lb. wahoo caught while fishing on the "Bali-Who" with Dave Nornes of Berlin, MD, Hank Draper of Milford, DE, Eric Mihaly of Ocean City, MD and Capt. Kevin Rohe. The speedster was caught in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog and won the "Bali-Who" team \$496 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Sunday, Colton Williams and Tucker Dunn, both from Grasonville, MD each caught dolphin weighing 17.4 lbs. to tie for 1st place in the Dolphin Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. The anglers were fishing on the "D.A. Sea" with Ed Dunn (pictured), Valerie Dunn, Capt. Chris Gornell and Mate Jon Meade (pictured). The fish were caught on ballyhoo in 50 fathoms south of the Poor Man's Canyon. Since no calcuttas were entered, no award money was won.

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FISHING REPORT 8:30 AM local est.

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2009 Bery everyone, for the day in updating the fishing report. Action has been incredible slow.

The "Morning Star" again had a nice catch of Rounder. Heaviest weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz.

"Oliver & Bob" weighed a 60 lb. white marlin.

THURSDAY, August 20, 2009 The "Morning Star" returned with another nice catch of big Rounder.

At the Mio Atlantic 8:00 AM, a couple of white marlin were weighed, but did not meet the minimum weight of 60 lbs.

The "Pud Man" weighed a 60 lb. yellowtail.

The "Ten Deaf" weighed a 22 lb. doormat.

MONDAY, August 17, 2009 Not much happening except for the 190 Atlantic 8:00 AM. On the first day, the "Bitter" weighed in a 60 lb., qualifying white marlin. A couple of other boats weighed white marlin that didn't meet the qualifying weight of 60 lbs.

There were some other whites released, along with a load of dolphin. The heaviest dolphin weighed at the scales in OC was the "Shree

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First place in the Tuna Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day Tournament was won by Mike Williams with this 50.8 lb. yellowfin tuna. Mike was fishing on the "Wirenut" with Tom Roher, Keith Coyle, Bobby Carr, John Sippel, Jr. and Capt. John Sippel. The yellowfin was caught in 70 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon and was worth \$990 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



John Simpson of White Plains, MD caught a 14.4 lb. dolphin to win 3rd Place in the Dolphin Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament. John was fishing on the Shadowfax with Paul Gentry, Capt. Dave Burkett and Mate Johnny Vince, and caught the mahi-mahi in 60 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Shadowfax" team won \$12,521 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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On the final day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, the crew on the "Big Oh" released 7 white marlin while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon, for a 2-day total of 12 releases, good enough for 2nd place in the Billfish Division. Although they tied the 1st place winner, "Cyntinory" for 12 releases, the "Cyntinory" released their last white marlin earlier on their final day of fishing to break the tie. Pictured are anglers Gray Ingram, Monique Comfort and Justin Cain, Capt. Ronnie Fields and Mates Mike Fulgham and Kevin Paul. The "Big Oh" team won \$29,835 in award money for their 2nd place finish.



The crew on the "Phat Mann" took 3rd place in the Billfish Division of the Labor Day White Marlin Tournament with 9 white marlin released during their 2 days of fishing. On Saturday, the crew released 8 whites in the Baltimore Canyon and followed up with a single release on Sunday. The crew consisted of Mark Granville-Smith, Amy Granville-Smith (not pictured), Brian Gandy, Richard Benn, Capt. Dave Warren and Mates Kyle Fisher and John Mumford. The "Phat Mann" team won \$5,940 in award money for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Roger Aeo and Kwan Chung from Baltimore, MD caught 5 keeper flounder, measuring up to 22-inches, while fishing with Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the Indian River Inlet. The heaviest weighed 3 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Timothy Staples of Ocean City, MD (yes, her name is Timothy) captured this Florida pompano while fishing off the bulkhead at the Cape Isle of Wight Reserve off Rt. 90. Timothy used night crawlers for bait.



Pete Hesson from Malvern, PA caught this 12 lb. 8 oz. sheephead on a Berkley Gulp! Peeler Crab in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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John Coleman from Middletown, DE muscled in this 27-inch flounder while drifting in the Indian River Inlet. The 6 lb. 10 oz. flattie hit a live spot and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Mike Glyphis of Ocean City, MD (left) convinced his girlfriend to let him off the leash so he could go fishing with John Lentz and Scott "Eddie Munster" Hoffman (right), both from Ocean City, MD and was rewarded with a nice catch of yellowfin tuna. The anglers caught 7 while trolling in 40 fathoms on the southern end of the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend! I'm not sure where the summer went, but I think the calendar guy should certainly receive a speeding ticket.

The fishing slowed this past week, but I'm sure that was due to the weather. The wind just did not want to quit. Days that were fishable continued to produce flounder and croaker in the back bays. Stripers and bluefish have been caught in the Indian River Inlet and the size of the stripers seems to be on the upswing. Bluefish are being landed mostly on the incoming tide. Massey's Ditch is giving up some flounder, croaker and spot. Folks soaking a sand flea from the wooden pier are catching some tog. Remember



The heaviest wahoo we have seen so far this year was caught on Saturday by John Galyen of Bel Air, MD. John caught the 80.4 pounder while fishing on the "Dream Catcher" with Art Mathews of Syracuse, NY, Michael Winnicki and Andres Lacassie of Bel Air, MD, and Bob Biasetti and Jonathan Holloway, both from Baltimore, MD. The 65.5-inch 'hoo was caught in the Baltimore Canyon on a rigged, split-tailed mullet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

that the Delaware tog season is currently closed!

Bottom bouncing in the ocean is providing croaker and flounder activity along with an improvement on sea bass.

Tuna fishing continues to be almost non-existent. There are still dolphin catches and the white marlin bite continues

to be very good in the canyons.

From Bill's Sport Shop on RT #1 in Lewes we find fishing action also hindered by the weather and not a whole lot to report. Here is some of the action that did take place. Matt Langdon went fishing with Dave Abraham and Dave Reinhart to the Spencer Canyon and released two whites and boated 2 gaffer dolphin. The anglers at Massey's Landing have been hooking up with blues, small stripers and a few keeper flounder. Diana Molino was fishing on one of the headboats out of Lewes and boated a sweet 10 1/2 lb. flounder using squid at the Old Grounds. Captain Charlie Helmer, of "Tranquila Sport Fishing" reported a successful trip to

the Baltimore Canyon. Charlie's charter went 3 for 4 on white marlin. Charlie said, "Find the bait and you will find the fish".

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center, Ron also said action has slowed a bit due to the weather. Flounder and croaker are still in the Indian River and Rehoboth Bays and the sea bass action has gotten better around "DB" Buoy with the arrival of larger fish.

Bert from Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle reported an 80.4 lb. wahoo caught by John Galyen aboard the "Dream Catcher" while trolling the 40 line of Baltimore Canyon. Bert also reports that Reef Site #10 is giving up some nice flounder and the sea bass action is getting better. Folks fishing on the headboat "Judy V." are connecting with some nice flounder and sea bass catches. Bert tells us that bluefish were plentiful from the suds and should pick up again when the surf settles down. In the Indian River Inlet, Pete Hesson used a Berkley GULP! crab to trick a 12.5-pound sheepshead. Striper action has been good with plenty of short stripers being caught and more good-sized stripers continuing to show up.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said relentless northeast wind hampered fishermen all week, but a fair number of boats made it out over the weekend. Flounder were caught at the mouth of the Delaware Bay at Overfalls and Middle Shoals Saturday, but the closure of New Jersey's fluke season caused crews to try other locations on Sunday. A few flatties came from Reef Site #7 at Brown Shoal and Site #10 in the ocean. Open bottom southwest of "DB" Buoy gave up some quality fluke also. Croakers were scattered after all the wind, and schools of big hardheads that normally gather between Hen and Chicken Shoal and around #4 Buoy this time of year have yet to materialize. Snapper

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bluefish were prevalent, and boaters found them under birds outside the Outer Breakwater and off Cape Henlopen Point. The feeding blues could be taken by casting small bucktails and metals. Snappers were also caught in the Cape Henlopen surf with cut mullet. Spanish Mackerel were mixed with blues outside the mouth of the Bay and just off the coast. They'll grab small spoons or flashy metal jigs.

The Lewes Canal and Broadkill River held good numbers of spot. Spot were pulled over the rails of the pier in Cape Henlopen State Park as well. Bloodworms and Fishbites were favored baits.

Offshore action improved following continuous wind from the northeast. There were good white marlin bites in 40 to 60 fathoms inshore of the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. Dolphin gathered on lobster gear that had been left untouched for several days. Even though fish weren't always visible just beneath the

surface around the balls, it was worth sinking a live bait into the depths below. That technique often resulted in nice mahi that would otherwise have been overlooked. Tuna still have not shown in numbers, but a few were reported by trolling boats. The "Skipjack" pulled in a pair of yellowfins from a temperature break west of the Elephant Trunk Saturday. Fall full moons usually bring swordfish action offshore. The guys aboard the "Grizzly" captured a good sword in the Wilmington Canyon on Saturday night. They were on the way in at the time of this writing, but estimated the fish at between 130 and 150 pounds.

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'Til next week, have fun and be safe!!!

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Ben Miller of Sparta, NJ and Marc Lucarelli of Fogelsville, PA caught sea bass, flounder and tautog during a trip aboard the "Miss Ene III" with Capt. Ed Wagner. The heaviest flounder weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and the heaviest sea bass tipped the scales at an even 4 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Mark Slavin released this white marlin while fishing with Gary Sappington, Capt. Tony Battista and Mate Larry Lee in 50 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon.



These anglers on the "Fish Bonz" took advantage of a good billfish bite on Sunday, releasing 6 white marlin and a mako shark in addition to boating a 40 lb. yellowfin and a dolphin, all while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp were Brad Minnick and Brad Minnick, Jr. both from Sharpsburg, MD, Mike and Terry Lester from Frederick, MD and Ed Keennan from Paw Paw, WV. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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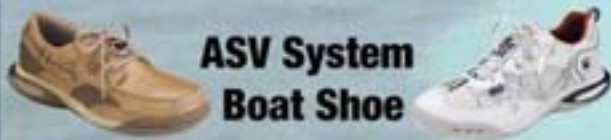


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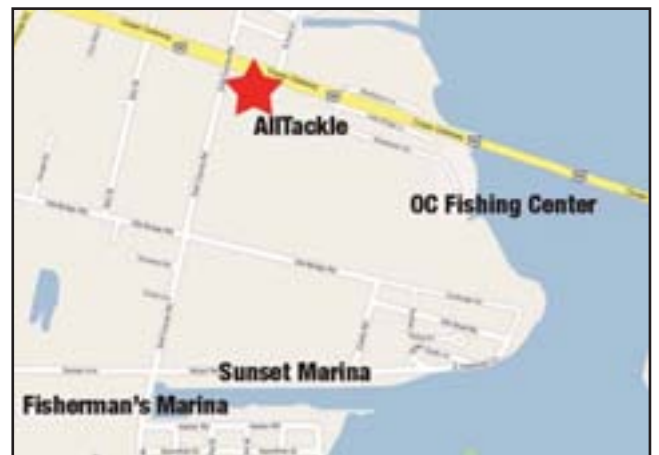
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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



The concerns last week that the ASMFC might do an early closure for both flounder and black seabass had a lot of local fishermen riled and I'm guessing a lot ears burning on the heads of more than just a few fishery managers. It's easy to see why so many folks were mad, particularly in these parts where we've had a lackluster season for both those species and suddenly we're being told that the quotas have been

exceeded! That's a tough pill for any Joe Schmo fisherman to swallow even though most have had to choke down that kind of medicine before.

Controversy between fishermen and fishery managers has likely persisted since the very first fishing regulations were ever imposed and I doubt they'll ever go away. As long as people want to catch fish, and as long as there are others employed to ensure that people don't catch too many fish, then there will be disagreements. But a lot of the venomous anger so often directed towards fishery managers could be avoided if fishermen better understood what goes on within the management process and take advantage of opportunities to be a part of it.

Despite what some among our ranks would like to believe - fishery managers do not strive to "stop anglers from fishing" or "put folks out of business." That's not their goal. Granted, sometimes their actions do put people out of business and stop us from fishing, but if you're trying to manage a resource it only stands to reason that there will be times when fishing effort must be curtailed or stopped altogether, it's just the nature of the beast. The objective is to manage fisheries (natural

resources) so that they are sustainable. They often refer to trying to obtain "maximum sustainable yield" or "MSY" which refers to a population level that can be maintained by a species given a certain amount of natural mortality as well as mortality created by man, which would include commercial and recreational fishing and other factors such as pollution and destruction of habitat.

Fishery managers have no control over natural mortality because only God can determine, for instance, how many shrimp will be eaten by flounder, how many flounder will be eaten by bluefish and how many bluefish will be eaten by makos each year, and as far as I know He's always done a pretty good job of balancing things out so that all populations thrive at sustainable levels. Fishery managers can, however, control the mortality created when you, myself, and everyone else tries to pluck "our share" of fish from the sea. So it's their job to determine, after natural mortality, how "many" fish can still be harvested from a population and allow that population to stay sustainable, and then "how" (nets, rod and reel, traps, long line) the fish should be harvested, and finally "who" (commercial or recreational) should do the harvesting.

I don't think any fisherman (who has half a brain) would argue with the fact that to properly do their job fishery managers need first to do

whatever it takes to protect the resource, because if they allow the resource to dwindle then we fishermen have nothing to fish for anyway. While much of the conflict is often centered around "how" they go about controlling the harvest (seasons, size and creel limits, boundary lines, whether the fish should be caught by commercial or recreational anglers, what kind of gear must or may not be used, etc.) these days, it seems more often than not, anglers take issue with what we're told the population levels are and/or the amount of fish we've been catching. As is the case right now when they're telling us that we've caught too many flounder and too many seabass.

"Too many? Those pencil-pushing idiots don't know what they're talking about! If they'd just get away from their desks once in a while and go out on the water to see for themselves what's going on they'd know we haven't caught as many fish as they say we have! They have their own agenda and use whatever numbers are necessary to achieve it!"

From blue marlin to blue crabs, for as long as I can remember different versions of that same complaint have been used by both recreational and commercial fishermen for everything that swims. We fishermen see what we see out on the water each day and our observations can be important tools for fishery managers to use when determining the health of a resource. But fishermen have to understand that our experiences are only one small part of the puzzle and in order for managers to get the complete picture they must consider a lot more variables than just what certain anglers are reporting in a particular area. For example: After such a slow season it's hard for local fishermen to understand how they could be telling us that too many seabass have been caught until one learns that up in New York

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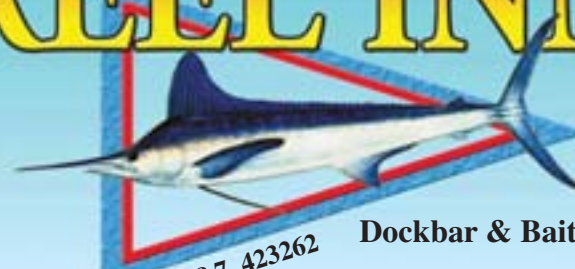
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Chum Lines continued:

and Massachusetts they've been having an awesome season. Most of us only realize what's happening in the waters we float our own boats in, but the fishery folks must take into account what goes on in the total range of the fish they manage.

Anglers should also keep in mind that there are times when fishery managers are required to take certain actions, not necessarily because they want to, but because it's mandated by federal or state law that they have to. Whether it's good or bad, this means that politicians have a hand in directing fishery management, which of course opens up a whole new can of worms and makes it all the more confusing and aggravating!

The worst thing we fishermen can do is exactly what most of us end up doing - NOTHING. I'd say "nothing but complain," but actually complaining can be helpful in itself if our complaints are directed to the right people so

the folks at fisheries get our message and have an opportunity to respond. Fishery managers typically go to great lengths to solicit our comments by sending out notices and press releases, website postings, and setting up countless public meetings. But if all we do is stand around the tackle shop and gripe over our morning coffee, they're going to have a hard time hearing our concerns. And the old line about "it doesn't matter what we say, they're going to do what they want to do anyway" is just a lazy-mans way of getting around writing a letter, picking up the phone, or attending a public meeting. We won't always get what we want, but unless we learn to work "with" rather than "against" our fishery managers we'll never see the day when our fisheries are managed to their fullest potential.

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

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I sympathize with you when it comes to learning a new piece of equipment. I sometimes think the qualifications for writing a manual on an item of equipment is to make sure the writer has never actually used

it. In their defense, however, we have to keep in mind that they must cover every feature even if a large number of owners will never attempt to use them. Still, there is that one person who will try it and the feature must be covered in the manual. There are also some videos available on particular models but I find them to be an overload for most people as well.

The ideal solution is to employ the use of more "cheat sheets" or short forms. These are scaled down versions of the manual that cover just the basic operation and the explanation of the various controls. If you have purchased your equipment from an authorized installing dealer, you have a right to expect that they will offer you

some form of "hands-on" instructions. You may pay somewhat more for the item but the free instruction more than makes up for the small difference in price. Of course, if you are very good with computers and written instructions, you may not need help with the operation of your equipment.

While we are not covering isolated items, over the years, certain new technologies emerge and various trends take the forefront. We can see these trends develop and some will remain for a while. Such is the case with the combination GPS/chart plotter/radar/sounder combination. There is still some reluctance by a few to put all their faith in one piece of equipment for fear of losing everything at once. However, the reality is that these items have proven themselves to be very reliable. The obvious advantage of a combo unit is the savings in money and space required for their mounting. Their operation is usually easier to master as well. The only real disadvantage is the screen size when displaying multiple items. That is minimized by the introduction of larger screens, additional "slave" screens and outputs to other video displays. All of the major "players" in the marine electronics field now offer

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As this season begins to come to a close, we will be looking for new items to emerge and will bring them to you in future issues of this paper. In the meantime, if you have a question on a topic of a general nature that you feel would be of interest to a large number of people, let me know and I'll try to cover it. You can contact me at lalmar@comcast.net.

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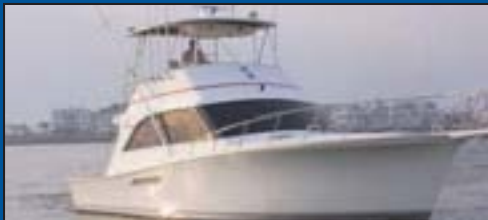
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



of these fish are pushing to over 4-pounds.



The recent blustery weather is keeping many anglers off the water, and although the muddy water conditions will slow down many summer species, the northeasterly wind direction and cooler temperatures will jump start several favorite fall species.

The most notable response is from the popular fall pan fish, the Norfolk spot. The recent cold front helped set off the incredible run of spot along the Bay's southern shorelines and oceanfront. Known for being a tasty table fare and easy to hook, the recent influx of big spot is sparking a rush to local fishing piers. The Ocean View Fishing Pier reports that over 200 anglers crowded on the pier daily to partake in almost non-stop action this week. Rudee Inlet is also providing similar action, which can generate a crowd on the jetties.



Red drum also flourish in a northeasterly blow. The juvenile variety, puppy drum, are on a craze in shallows, inlets, and creeks, as well as the surf off Dam Neck, while big bulls are joining in the frenzy along the surf lines off Sandbridge and the Eastern Shore barrier islands. Expect the run of big reds off the Little Island Fishing

Pier soon. Black drum are tapering off at the four islands as they scatter to head south.

If clear water is pushed closer to shore from the recent blow, it could set off the long awaited king mackerel bite. Kings are also possible around coastal wrecks, and near the Light Tower Reef, where a few snake sized fish are taking trolled lures lately. Nice Spanish mackerel in the 20-inch range are still available around the Chesapeake Light Tower, the CB line, and the CBBT. False albacore are also showing themselves in some of these same areas under working birds.

Once the waters settle, many anglers will continue to pursue cobia and flounder. The amazing cobia bite is taking on its typical early fall pattern, with many fish schooling on the surface in lower Bay waters and along the Bridge structures as they prepare to migrate south. Boats are sighting dozens of fish free swimming in singles, pairs, and small pods.

Flounder were behaving again before the cold front set in. Schools of flatfish are assembling along channel edges, shoals, and the CBBT proper as they prepare to exit the Bay. Drifting along Cape Henry, the Baltimore Channel, and near Buoy 36A is generating keeper sized fish, with a few doormats mixed in.

Anglers targeting fish with live bait and jigs are finding some big fish along the CBBT, with the 1st, and 3rd Islands providing the best action. Inshore and nearshore wrecks can also be good places to try right now. Sea bass are becoming more active on inshore wrecks from the Light Tower Reef to the Triangle wrecks.



Croaker are biting all over the lower Bay as long as you can avoid the red tide. Many boats are sitting on decent schools right off Cape Henry. The Concrete Ships, the 4th Island, and the High Rise section of the CBBT are giving up nice fish, with some pushing to over 2-pounds. The hardhead action in Oyster was also back on track earlier this week, but the recent blow may finish the trend for the season.

To sheepshead hunter's delight, these fish are still going strong. Anglers are taking sheeps from the CBBT structure on fiddler crabs and clam. The new state leading sheepshead will be hard to beat at a whopping 17-pounds, 4-ounces.

Trigger fish are still staging in all the same locations, presenting an easy target. Some

Good sized spadefish were active earlier this week near the third island of the CBBT, where limits of fish ranging from 5 to 7-pounds hit offerings of clam.

Chris' Bait and Tackle reports no action on the tarpon front again this week. Often, the first blow in September will send the silver kings southbound.

The Chesapeake Light Tower can offer a chance at an amberjack, and maybe a jack cravelle. The Southern Towers and coastal wrecks are also still holding schools of big AJ's.

Barracuda are also lurking around the South Tower. Deep droppers are still catching limits of nice blueline tilefish when they can get out.

Billfish action was good before the cold front, and should pick up where it left off once boats can get back out. White marlin and scattered blues are still faring well from near the Triple 0's area, with sailfish still on a roll in the same areas. The best bite lately is still in water ranging from 20 to 70 fathoms. Good gaffer dolphin action is possible under floating debris.

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Ten-year-old Kendall Archer from Churchville, MD caught her very first flounder while drifting a live minnow in the Thorofare. The flounder measured 20-inches. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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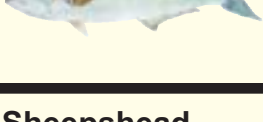
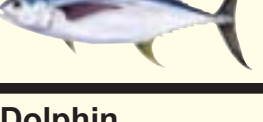
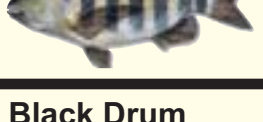

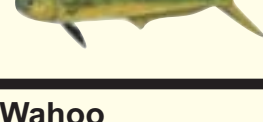

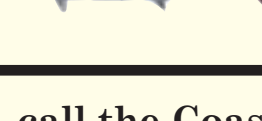

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 Sea Bass March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.		February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	 Mako Shark June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.		July 1, 2009 Rick Sank Poor Man's Canyon 170 lbs.
 Tautog March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.		July 17, 2009 Alex Levantowsky "Grizzly" 16 lbs. 4 oz.	 Thresher Shark June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.		July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
 Striped Bass May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.		May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	 Cobia July 25, 2009 Chris Toner "Fish Finder" 72 lbs.		August 1, 2009 Bobby Haas Site #11 22 lbs.
 Weakfish May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.		May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna July 13, 2009 Giuseppe Ferrarelli "That's Right" 170 lbs.		June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
 Speckled Trout No Weights Reported		No Weights Reported	 Yellowfin Tuna August 20, 2009 Donnie Moore Poor Man's Canyon 69 lbs.		August 15, 2009 Bill Russell Middle Lump 64.3 lbs.
 Flounder August 17, 2009 Steve Hammond East Channel 11 lbs.		July 19, 2009 Jody McCullough Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 10 oz.	 Longfin Tuna August 4, 2009 Gunnar Zorn Wilmington Canyon 67.5 lbs.		No Weights Reported
 Bluefish June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.		May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna August 3, 2009 Doug Salter Baltimore Canyon 249 lbs.		June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
 Sheepshead June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barnstable Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.		 September 5, 2009 Pete Hesson Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin August 5, 2009 Ron Bennett, Sr. Baltimore Canyon 37.5 lbs.		July 27, 2009 Ned Baumbach 19 Fathom Lump 23.6 lbs.
 Black Drum August 12, 2009 Milton Crim South Jetty 15.1 lbs.		May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	 Wahoo August 2, 2009 Greg Garman Hambone 69 lbs.		 September 5, 2009 John Galyen Baltimore Canyon 80.4 lbs.

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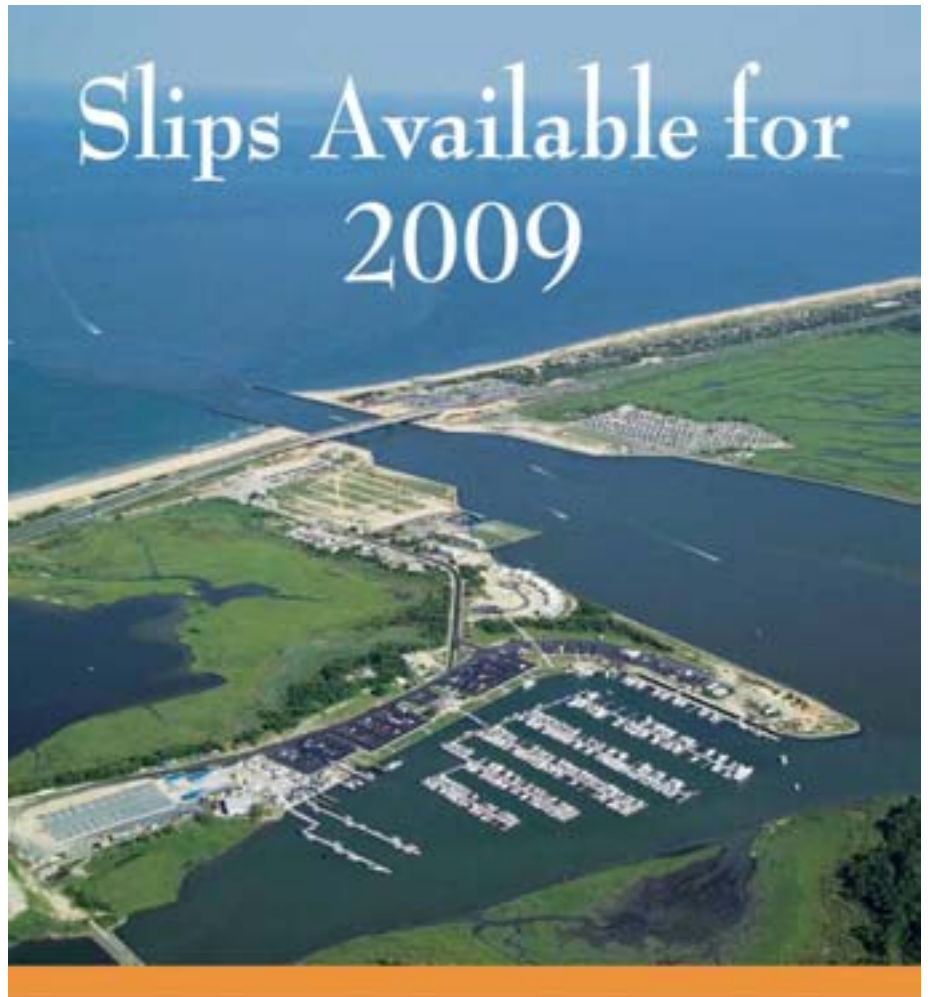
Alan Uminski from Raritan, NJ, pictured with Kimberly Uminski, caught this 20-inch flounder while drifting a live bunker in the East Channel.



Audrey Song of Bel Air, MD, Bob Bennett from Cato, NY, Matt Reigle from Hummelstown, PA, Zackary Dinello of Skaneateles, NY and Roy Kemery from West Lawn, PA returned to Bahia Marina with 5 keeper flounder after fishing near Harbour Island on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe.



Victoria Roberts of Kent Island, MD released 2 blue marlin while fishing on the "Red Eye" with her brother, Jimmie Roberts. The blue marlin were caught on naked ballyhoo in 40 fathoms north of the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



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George Henning of the Ocean City Fishing Center landed a 6 lb. 13 oz. flounder during a trip aboard the "Morning Star". George was fishing with Erica Heffelfinger of Annville, PA, Donna McGinty of Carlisle, PA, Conrad Lesnewski of Dover, DE, Art Shipiro of Ocean View, DE, Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Conrad (second from right) is holding the 5 lb. 2 oz. sea bass caught by John Yoder. All of the fish were caught on a natural reef.



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ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Takes No Action Regarding Projected Recreational Overages

The Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board met via a web-based conference call on Tuesday and decided to take no action regarding potential overage in the 2009 recreational fisheries for black sea bass, scup, and summer flounder. The recreational fishing community should be prepared for considerably reduced fishing opportunities next year due to anticipated

large overages in the 2009 harvest of scup and black sea bass.

"The take away from yesterday's meeting was the clear message from the Board that 2010 recreational size limits, possession limits, and/or seasons will be significantly restricted for the 2010 recreational fisheries," stated Board Chair A.C. Carpenter.

Last month the Commission's Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board had unanimously directed the Board to take action prior to September 1. The Board was presented with recreational harvest projections for black sea bass that indicated the harvest target could be exceeded by 86% to 165%. Based on these projections, the Board considered and rejected a motion to close the black sea bass recreational fishery on September 30, 2009. The motion failed with four votes in favor (Virginia, North Carolina, National Marine Fisheries Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service) and seven votes in opposition (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland).

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ASMFC Striped Bass Board Approves Draft Addendum II for Public Comment

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has approved for public comment Draft Addendum II to Amendment 6 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. The Draft Addendum proposes to allow unused coastal commercial quota of striped bass to be rolled over from one year to the next. Options include state eligibility and the amount of unused quota that may be carried over. The Draft Addendum also outlines procedures for implementing

and monitoring quota roll over. Under the Draft Addendum, roll over would be prohibited if the fishing mortality rate exceeds the Plan's target or if the spawning stock biomass is below the Plan's target.

The existing management program addresses coastal commercial quota overages, requiring payback of an overage in the subsequent year, yet it is silent on coastal commercial quota underages. Since the implementation of Amendment 6, coastal commercial quota underages have been more common than overages. While avoiding a quota overage signifies managerial success, a quota underage represents lost opportunity to commercial harvesters. Quota underages may result from changes in fish abundance or distribution, environmental factors, fishing effort, and regulatory measures.

The Draft Addendum presents a hypothetical situation to analyze the potential effect of allowing roll over. Had all unused coastal commercial quota in 2003 through 2007 been rolled over and then harvested in 2004 through 2008, the average increase in the total coastal commercial quota would have been less than 15 percent and the average increase in the total coastwide harvest less than two percent. An analysis by the Technical Committee indicated that a 15 percent increase in the coastal commercial quotas would have a limited effect on the fishing mortality rate, and that large fluctuations in recreational harvest, which is not regulated by quota, present a greater level of risk of exceeding the fishing mortality target or threshold. However, the Technical Committee also noted that the potential effect of roll over on the stock increases if quota underages occur due to population decline. Other concerns included the two to three year lag in reporting the fishing mortality rate estimate for any given year and that allowing roll over could provide an incentive to under report harvest.

Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on

Draft Addendum II, either through attending public hearings or providing written comments (a subsequent press release on scheduled public hearings will be released once the hearings have been finalized). Copies of Draft Addendum II will be available by August 28 and can be obtained by contacting the Commission at (202) 289-6400 or via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on October 8, 2009 and should be forwarded to Nichola Meserve, FMP Coordinator, 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (FAX) or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Addendum II).

Cape Henlopen State Park's Point Beach Reopened to Public

The Division of Parks and Recreation announced that Cape Henlopen State Park's Point Beach reopened on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The oceanside beach is open to pedestrians and surf fishing vehicles, while the bayside beach will remain closed until Oct. 1, for use by shorebirds migrating south for the winter.

Shorebirds return to the Delaware coast in March and build their nests in the sand between the dunes and the water. Point Beach closed on March 1 to help protect piping plovers, oystercatchers, least terns and other threatened and endangered beachnesters and migratory shorebirds. The beach is reopened at the end of the summer when nesting season is over.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's divisions of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, and Soil and Water Conservation have been working together since 1990 to implement a management plan to halt the decline of beachnester and migratory shorebird populations. The Point has been closed annually since 1993.

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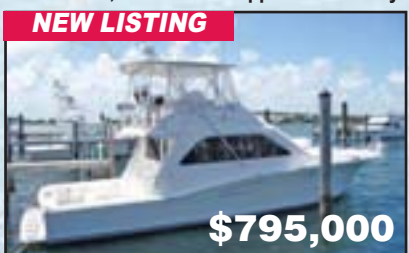
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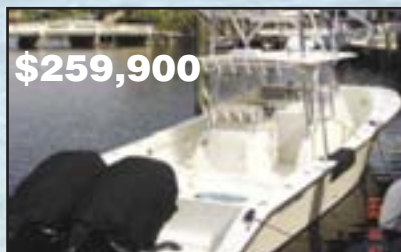
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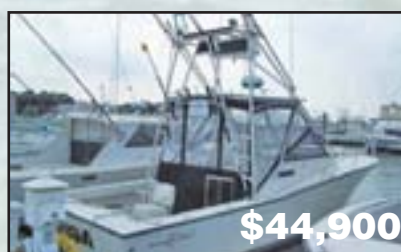
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