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After a week of what seemed to be never-ending wind and nasty conditions, fishermen were really eager to get out on the water. On Saturday, these anglers on the "Playmate" were rewarded with a good variety of fish, landing 2 wahoo weighing 31 and 39 lbs., 6 yellowfin tuna and 11 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo near the Tea Cup. Fishing with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart were Bill, Dave and John Hennessy from Silver Spring, MD, Dan Hupfer from Springfield, VA, Ed Farrar from Mansfield, OH and Patrick Delaney from Bethesda, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



The weather was so bad last week that I guess most of us didn't even bother to go out and try to "kill a flounder." That was tongue-in-cheek, by the way, folks. Anyway, on Thursday, in some of the worst of it, I went to check on my boat. Satisfied that it was still floating, I didn't even get out of the truck, and I drove out past the OC Fishing Center to where Shanty Town used to be. Out on Stinky Beach, in the teeth of the northeast gale and the pouring rain, were two guys throwing cast nets. I watched for a few minutes, and I could tell that they were throwing pretty good-sized nets, and they knew what they were doing. This told me a couple of things. First, those two

guys were probably young (at least younger than me), and maybe just a little crazy. Second, last week's blow had started the fall mullet run in earnest, because even crazy people wouldn't have been out there unless the mullet were thick. Last year when we had an early blow like this one, almost all of the bait left the bay at the same time, and in a hurry. I hope that's not the case with this storm. All of the rain (we had over 6 inches at my house from Thursday afternoon into early Friday morning) and the wind dropped water temperatures anywhere from 5 to 7 degrees, and while it may rebound slightly if we get some warm sunny days, the damage may already be done. We had very

warm water for a while, up to 80 degrees, and we were starting to get numbers of normally southern species like cobia, Spanish mackerel, triggerfish, spadefish and a few others. It may be too soon to tell, but this storm may have chased the Spanish and cobia, perhaps even the triggers and spades. Will it do us any good? Well, the blow, along with the cooler water temps and the moving mullet, will probably bring red drum on the beach, along with scattered early stripers. Bluefish may join the reds and rock. Striper fishing should also improve in the inlets and bays, especially around the Rt. 50 bridge. We might even see a few weakfish, or gray trout. On the inshore ocean shoals, spike trout may start to school up, along with good numbers of croakers. Offshore, a blow like this one can lead to some of the best white marlin fishing of the season and perhaps bring even better numbers of

yellowfin tuna, but the best thing we can hope for is some sunshine and calm winds for a while...



Had another question about the Maryland flounder closure this week. Last week the scenario I wrote about involved a boat leaving and returning to Delaware, but going through the OC inlet and fishing outside the 3-mile limit. This week the question was about leaving and returning to OC but fishing in the EEZ, and the answer is no, even if you fish outside three miles, you cannot bring a flounder back and land it in the state of Maryland. Sorry about that, guys and gals...



Even though I'll soak a lot of cut bait in the fall, especially in the surf, it's also the time of year when I love to throw lures. People are always asking me what I like to use, as if what I like actually means anything, and

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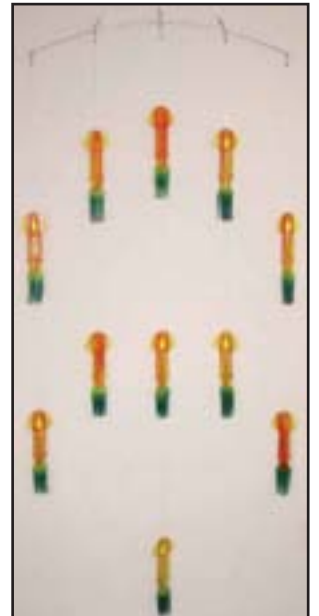
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Sue Foster of Oyster Bay Tackle landed this 8 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishing off the beach at Homer Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City. Sue saw a school of mullet swimming by, so she grabbed her cast net and caught a few. She put one on the hook of her Aqua Clear flounder rig and caught the 26.5-incher. Looks like Denny Blessing no longer holds the title of "Top Flounder Fisherman at Oyster Bay Tackle".

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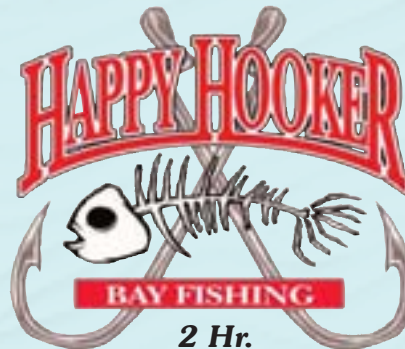
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Double Lines continued:

I have touched on this subject before, but the question has been posed again, so bear with me. For most of my shallow water casting in the bay or surf, my number one go-to lure nowadays is probably a jig head with a plastic twister, or, these days, a Gulp! Swimming Mullet. The head I use most often is three eighths of an ounce, usually red, and the body is four, five or six inches long. I've accumulated tons of styles and colors of plastics over the years, but most often I'll throw white or chartreuse, usually the latter. I like both chartreuse with silver flake and chartreuse pearl. If the water is dirty or it is near dark or early in the morning, I often use a dark color such as dark green, motor oil, red or purple. Motor oil grubs can be a little hard to find, but it is a unique color that kind of changes with the light, and it can be very effective. I usually fish my jig heads on 8, 10 or 12

lb. test mono, sometimes on 15 or 20 lb. braid, with a short piece of shock leader, usually 15, 20 or 25 pound test, depending on what the target species is. I attach the leader to the main line with either a Seaguar knot or a Stren J-knot. This simple lure has caught me a lot of fish over the years, including speckled trout, puppy drum, stripers, blues, flounder, croakers and even a cobia. I fish it in the bay, the inlet and the surf, and if I could only have one lure in my bag, the jig head and twister would probably be it, even ahead of my long time favorite, the bucktail jig. That said, I also like to throw plugs, and there are times when the right plug in the right color will out fish anything else. *Mirr-O-Lures* are one of my favorites for speckled trout, and they will also take stripers, drum, even flounder. I usually use the older TT models or the newer STTR. The TT models are spotted, while the STTR are

spotted with a holographic finish and red hooks. Both are half-ounce lures. Many years ago about the only color I used was the red and white (#TT11), but nowadays my favorites include the Electric Chicken (EC) on bright days with clear water, and the 808 when the water is slightly dirty or it is cloudy or dark. I also like the newer Mardi Gras color. I don't know if it is because I use it more or not, but in the past several years I have probably caught more fish on the 808 (black back, gold sides, orange belly) than anything. I fish the *Mirr-O-Lures* on virtually the same tackle described above, and I usually attach the lure with a non-slip mono loop knot. In addition to the *Mirr-O-Lures*, I am also partial to the *Rat-L-Trap* lipless plug in both half and three-quarter ounce sizes. My favorite color is probably chrome with a black back. I also like several of the *Rapala* plugs, such as the *X-Rap* and the new *Clackin' Rap*, which

have some really nice colors. Finally, in addition to the jigs and plugs, I always like to carry a "metal" such as a Hopkins or Sting Silver, both for vertical jigging and for straight casting and retrieving. When stripers, trout, or blues are feeding on silversides or sand eels, a straight, shiny lure can often be hard to beat. I usually fish all of these lures on a 7 or 7.5-foot rod, spinning or conventional, in the 8-15, 10-17 or 10-20 lb. range. I'm kind of partial to the longer rods these days. A 4000 size spinning reel is a good average size. Throwing artificial lures is definitely a fall thing, and I look forward to it all year. One warning, though—it can become a highly addictive pastime...



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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was another tough week of fishing, due to the absolutely horrible weather we experienced through Friday. Heavy, constant wind kept everyone at the dock, but when the weather cleared on Saturday, anglers hit the water with a vengeance.

Unfortunately, Sunday was the last day of the 2009 flounder season. We really got screwed by the feds this year who knew that the numbers being used to set regulations were flawed, but they were forced to use them anyway. Oh well, no sense complaining about it now. Time to look forward to some good fall fishing like we had last year.

Flounder

We saw a bunch of flounder caught over the weekend by anglers looking to get in that last trip of the year.

Earlier in the week, Sue Foster of Oyster Bay Tackle braved the bad weather and was casting off the beach at Gudelsky Park. She saw a school of mullet swim by so she quickly grabbed her cast net and caught a few to use for bait. Next thing she knew, an 8 lb. 10 oz. flattie was on her line. This was the heaviest fish we saw all week.

Most of the action continued to center around the East Channel, both close to the Rt. 50



The "Restless Lady" ventured offshore on Friday night for an overnight fishing trip, enduring some rough seas, but came back with a nice catch of yellowfin tuna and a dolphin. Fishing on the "Restless Lady" were anglers Mike Pergolini and Mike Pergolini, Jr., both from Boothwyn, PA, Rick and Randy Knight from Wilmington, DE, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mates Sean Welsh (not pictured) and Cori Cluster. The group returned on Saturday with 12 yellowfin tuna, a dolphin and a false albacore, all caught in 30 fathoms near the Elephant Trunk. Two of the yellowfins were caught while chunking and the remainder were caught on trolled ballyhoo. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier in Ocean City, MD.

Bridge and north towards Harbour Island. We also saw some fish caught in the West Channel, both near Hooper's

Crab House and just south of the Rt. 50 Bridge, along with in the Inlet towards the Commercial Harbor.

In tournament action, Ben Pollmeier won 1st place in the Flounder Round-Up held at Sunset Marina with a 6.6 lb flattie caught in the West Channel. Les Givens won the Bahia Flounder Pounder with a 4 lb. 9 oz. flounder caught in the East Channel, and Ed Krell took

top honors in the M.S.S.A Beach-N-Boat Tournament with a 5.75 pounder boated at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor.

Anglers fishing the ocean reefs and wrecks reported a lot of throwback flounder.

The good news is that the latest blow did not drive mullet and spot from our bay waters. Time to use them for bluefish and stripers.

Croaker

Looks like the hardheads have left, as the last couple of weeks of bad weather forced the croakers to flee the bay. I checked with Capt. Nick on the "Get Sum" and Capt. Drew on the "Tortuga" and neither of them have seen a croaker lately.

Tautog

Some are being caught around 4th & 5th Street and around the South Jetty. Wrecks at Fenwick and Winter Quarter Shoals are also holding some tog.

Dolphin

The dolphin bite was actually very good over the weekend with catches recorded from the Baltimore Canyon/Tea Cup down to the Washington Canyon.

Striped Bass

Some stripers, with bluefish mixed in, were caught over the weekend by anglers flounder fishing by the Rt. 50 Bridge. Fishing around the South Jetty was very slow, according to Capt. Skip McGuire of "Capt. Skip's Fishing & Guide Service".

Tournament time is right around the corner. The Ake Primetime Rockfish Tournament is back on the schedule for November 21st. The Rocktoberfest Tournament at Bahia Marina is scheduled for October 17th and 18th. The Black Friday Tournament at the Ocean

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City Fishing Center will be held on November 27th and 28th. All of these tournaments are a blast, so mark your calendars and line up your team.

Wahoo

We saw some wahoo caught this weekend in the Baltimore Canyon and inside around the Tea Cup. On Saturday, Capt. Willie Zimmerman on the "Playmate" brought back 2 speedsters from the area around the Tea Cup.

On Sunday, Phil Knapp caught a beautiful 64 pounder in the Baltimore Canyon and the anglers on the "Four Play" landed 2 in the Wahoo Rodeo Tournament while fishing in 30 fathoms near the Tea Cup. Capt. Willie on the "Playmate" followed up with another 2 wahoo boated on Sunday at the Tea Cup.

Yellowfin Tuna

Prior to the last bout of bad weather, the yellowfin tuna bite was really turning on in 30 fathoms between the Hot Dog and the Elephant Trunk.

On Friday, on the tail end of the blow, the "Restless Lady"

took an overnight trip to the Elephant Trunk where they raised a couple of yellowfins on the chunk and another 10 while trolling ballyhoo.

Anglers this weekend were able to find yellowfins scattered on the 30 fathom line from the Tea Cup to the Elephant Trunk.

White Marlin

The white marlin bite, which looked to be shaping up to be a red hot repeat of what we saw last year, really cooled off after the most recent blow. Most boats hit the Baltimore Canyon where the "All In" released 5 white marlin on Saturday. Other boats were able to pick at them in between 40 and 200 fathoms.

Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "We had several reports of snapper bluefish in the surf Saturday and Sunday. The rest of the week was just too rough to hold bottom. Anglers wanting to fish Assateague were upset to find that the beach was closed to 4-wheel drive vehicles because of overwash from the high tides."

See you at the docks!



On Sunday, Brad Cave of Dagsboro, DE (right) released a white marlin and Phil Knapp of Ocean Pines, MD boated a 64 lb. wahoo, both while fishing with Kyle Hudson, Glenn Cave and Scott West. The fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Norm Manley caught and released this red drum while fishing on the "Reel Hope" with Luke Manley at the Bass Grounds. The 36-inch redfish hit a live minnow.

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Kelly Wenzel takes 1st place in 9th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament



On Friday, 51 anglers participated in the 9th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament. Kelly Wenzel of West Ocean City, MD took top honors when she muscled in an 8.5-inch spot after hooking it on a Fishbites bloodworm. Travis Brown, Ioana Titatuvu and Colby Macomber all tied for 2nd place with 8.25-inch spot. In third place with 8-inch spot were Austin Roe, Justin Hart, Kathie Hoos, Jason Loveless and Arthur Clubb. Corporate sponsors for the tournament were "Get Sum Charters" and the Roe Family, who donated Wal-Mart gift cards to junior anglers. Pictured at the scales at the Ocean City Fishing Center, the "Spot Fishing Capital of the World".

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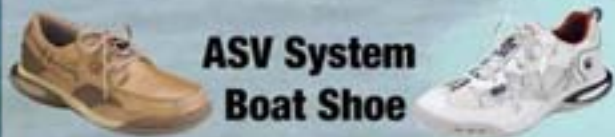


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Before the last bout of bad weather, Alex Zett, age 13, of Vienna, VA captured this 19 lb. dolphin while fishing on the "CATastrophe" with John and Lisa Zett. The mahi-mahi hit a purple and black Ilander rigged with a ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Austin and Maria Brittingham from Berlin, MD were fishing on the "Mini Me" just south of the Commercial Harbor when Austin hooked a 19-inch flounder and Maria landed a 21-incher, both on live minnows.



Richard Bradburn from Hanover, PA reeled in this 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Richard hooked the big flattie on a Calcutta Flash Foil soft body lure and weighed his catch at All Tackle in West Ocean City.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



Flounder season is done for the year in Maryland, so most anglers will be seeking other fish to put on the dinner table. One fish that is available and quite accessible from shore is the tautog. These fish fight hard and are excellent to eat. They are also guaranteed to test your patience, put a dent in your sinker supply, and sometimes make you downright mad trying to hook them!

The fishing rules from state to state are all different. The last day of flounder season in Maryland was September 13th, yet it remains open in Delaware. In Delaware, tautog is closed most of the month of September, so if you want to catch flounder, you need to go to Delaware, but if you want to keep a tautog, you need to come to Maryland. If you are on

vacation, just make sure you know what state you are fishing in and keep your copy of the Coastal Fisherman close at hand which gives you the size limits for each state along with a pretty little color picture of each fish.



"So where can I go to catch one of these tautog?"

Tautog are also called blackfish or simply, "tog". The average fish caught by anglers is 6 to 10 years old and weighs 2 to 4 pounds. These fish like structure and deep running water. They hang in the cover of rocks, pilings, mussel beds, and cement slabs. You will find tautog at the North Jetty and along the sea wall, the South Jetty (in a boat), around the pilings of the Route 50 Bridge, near the rocks running from the entrance of Sunset Marina to the Homer Gudelsky Park (in a boat), the bulkhead running from 2nd through 4th Streets, the end of 5th Street, and the end of 6th Street. Some are also caught from the Pier at 9th Street.

Tautog only bite during the day, so forget night time fishing when it comes to tautog

fishing. You may accidentally snag one, but at night, tautog lie still on the bottom, waiting for daybreak. The tautog feed best at dusk and dawn, so the early bird gets the worm! So does the patient angler that skips dinner, waiting for that good bite at dusk. If you have a full flood tide at either dusk or dawn, you should have some really good fishing. Tautog often move into the bay following the high tides. They then go to deeper holes of the inlet and the very deepest holes in the bay during the low tide.

"What do tautog eat?"

Tautog love mussel beds. If you ever looked at the underwater rocks and pilings along the bulkhead and bridge, you will see little blue mussels all over them. This is what the tautog come to feed on. This is why you are fishing these places for tautog. However, if you see a bunch of mussels on a piling or marsh and the area is not very deep you probably won't catch tautog. They like deep running water. Thus, you don't see many tautog up by the Route 90 Bridge because the water isn't deep enough, and the current isn't strong enough.

Tautog also eat barnacles, shrimp, clams, crabs of any kind including fiddler crabs, speckled crabs, green crabs, and marsh crabs. They have a set of flat grinding teeth in the back of their mouths that are just perfect for grinding the crabs and shellfish. You will notice that the tautog has big rubbery lips, but they do not have a real large mouth. Most anglers do not go overboard on the hook size when fishing for tautog. In fact, I have one good tautog angler that prefers the smallest hooks when the tide is running hard. He says he gets less snags with a smaller hook than a larger hook.

Tautog are very strong, so regardless of hook size, you want a good strong hook that will not bend out when hooking a nice tautog. Most anglers prefer black or bronze

hooks. Octopus hooks are very popular in our area in the 1/0 to 3/0 size range when fishing from the shore. Mustad, Eagle Claw, and Gamakatsu all make an Octopus hook that works well. Sea Striker and other brands make a leadered hook for tautog that are labeled tautog hooks and are black. These are fine too.

"Should I buy tautog rigs?"

You can, but they are simple to make. The most important thing to know is that "less hardware is best." Take a piece of 30 or 40 pound test leader material, and make a loop for the sinker by making a double overhand surgeon's knot. (This knot is a simple overhand knot that you go back thru twice.) Go up a few inches and make another loop for your single loose hook. This can be a dropper loop. If you don't know how to tie one, just log on to www.coastalfisherman.net and watch the instructional video. Then go up a couple feet and tie on a barrel swivel. Many anglers actually tie in the leader onto the spool of their reel with a uni-knot to tie two lines together and make their rigs right on their line coming off their spool as they fish. Many good anglers like to use a braid line such as Power Pro or Berkley Fireline or other brands in 40 to 50 pound test, and then tie in the 40 pound mono leader to make the rigs. This gives you more sensitivity and it's easier to get your rigs out of snags because there's no line stretch.

"OK, how do I hook the bait and set the hook on the tautog?"

Pierce a sand flea (also called sand crab or mole crab) thru the apron and out the outer shell. OR, take a green crab, pull the shell off, and cut it in half. You can either cut the legs off or leave them on. Shove the hook in the leg socket. Cast your rig out just a little bit from shore. During the running tide, you do not want to cast very far or you will hang up. During a slacking

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tide, you can cast out a little further and find a deep hole. Once you cast out, you can usually feel your sinker go into a deeper hole. When this happens, stop, and don't move your rig any more until you feel a bite. The more you move your rig around, the more likely you will get hung up.



Wait to feel a tap, tap. Let your rod tip point towards the bite, then pull your rod tip up. Once you feel the weight of the tautog, set the hook hard and get that tautog up before it gets hung up. They are quick and you have to be quicker! Sometimes it's the sinker that will get you hung up. Many anglers, myself included, attach a rubber band in the loop for the sinker, then loop the sinker on the other end of the rubber band. If you get a nice tautog on and the sinker gets stuck in a rock, you can break the rubberband, lose the sinker, but not the fish!

Tautog need to be measured carefully. Lay the tautog on top the ruler and make sure it is of legal size. Too

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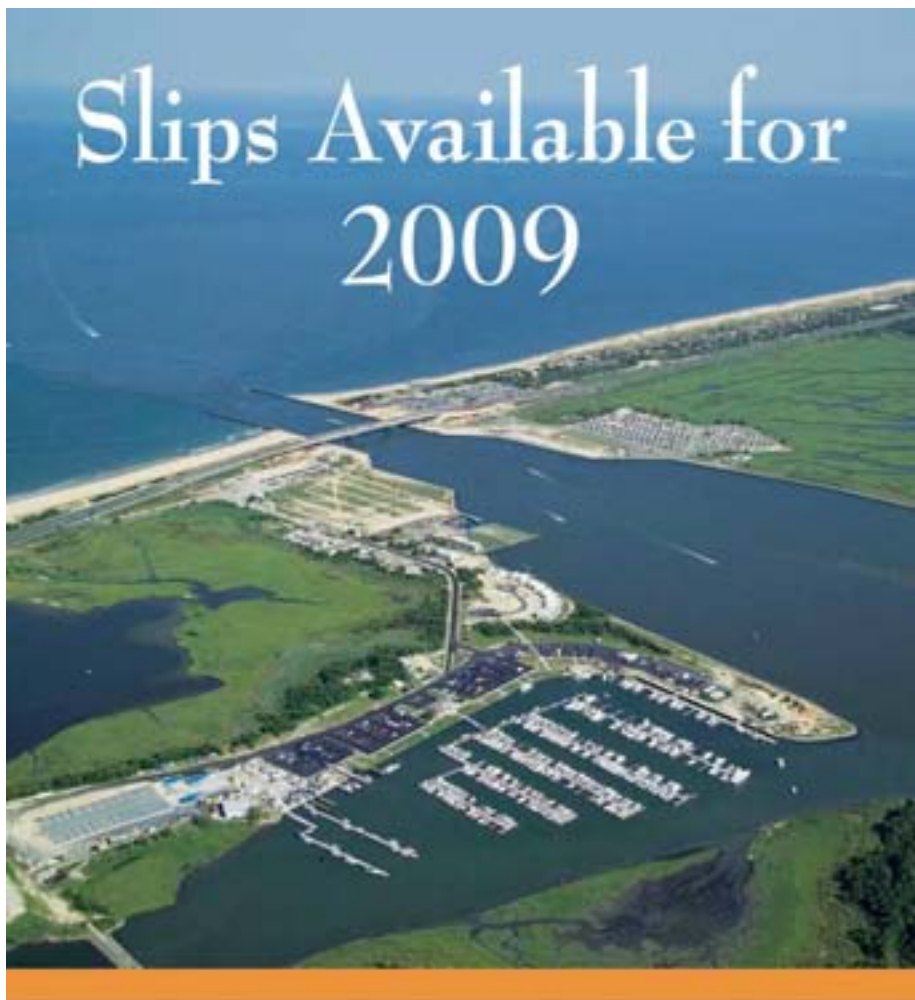
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Bill Baker, Jr. of Bill's Sport Shop caught this 20-inch flounder while Ellen White hooked this bluefish, both while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with Nick and Tara Wiest. Both fish were caught on Gulp! Alive artificial baits.



Connor Campbell, age 7, released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Reel Estate" with his dad, Curtis Campbell and his grandfather, Bruce Campbell. The white was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in 60 fathoms on the west wall of the Baltimore Canyon.



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many people lay the ruler on top the fish and wind up getting a ticket. Ice your tautog down. Fillet the tautog once they are chilled, and then skin the fillet. They have no scales so forget about trying to scale one! They are really tasty with pure white meat that can be broiled, baked, or sautéed with light breading. Please don't overcook tautog or it can become tough!

Tautog also bite offshore on the party boats this time of year. When fishing for tautog in the boat you want to keep your bait very still. If the boat is rocking, concentrate on not bouncing your bait up and down with the waves. Keep it still but keep no slack in the line. It's a fine line.

Tautog in fall....
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.



Nancy Cox of Ocean City, MD was fishing with her husband, Danny Cox, when she hooked into this 21.5-inch, 3 lb. 15 oz. flounder. Nancy caught the big flattie on a live mullet in the West Channel.



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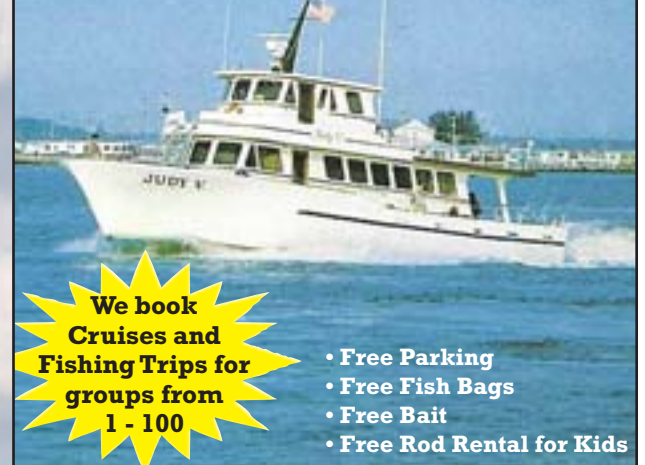
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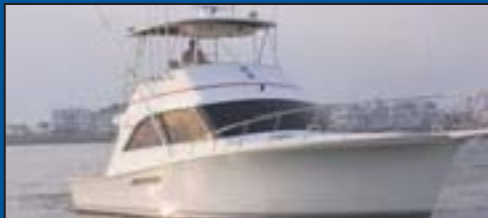
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3 tsp. paprika
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3/4 cup water
1/2 cup onions, finely chopped
2 cups fresh or canned peaches

Mix all the ingredients for the BBQ sauce together in a saucepan, excluding the peaches and simmer over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes.

Puree the 2 cups of peaches.

Once the sauce is cooked, add the peaches and stir together.

Preheat grill; season

flounder and grill until fish flakes easily with fork.

Once cooked and plated, ladle the peach barbecue sauce on top of the fillets.

Serves 4.

Clam Chowder

2 dozen hard shell clams
1 qt. half and half
1 large onion, chopped
7 slices bacon
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups diced boiled potatoes
4 TBSP. butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place clams on a cookie sheet and bake until clams just open.

Reserve the clam broth and place the clams in a large pot.

Fry the bacon in a skillet, remove the bacon and fry onions in the bacon fat.

To the clam pot, add the boiled potatoes, onions, half and half, clam broth, salt and pepper, and the fried bacon.

Simmer until warm, but do not let boil.

Just before serving, add

butter.

Serves 4-6.

Cream of Crab Soup

1 lb. crab meat
1 small onion, chopped
2 TBSP. butter
1 qt. cream or half and half
Parsley
1 cup chicken stock
4 TBSP. flour
1/2 cup sherry
Salt and pepper

Saute the onion in butter until transparent.

Stir in flour.

Add the chicken stock and slowly pour in the cream until thickened.

Add salt and pepper.

Serve soup in bowls, garnished with parsley and sherry.

Serves 8

Grilled Tuna with Chinese Barbeque Sauce

2 TBSP. canola oil
1 TBSP. minced garlic
1 TBSP. minced ginger
1 TBSP. minced green onion
1 tsp. red pepper flakes
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
3/4 cup soy sauce
3 TBSP. honey
2 tsp. sesame oil
4 tuna steaks
Salt and pepper
3 cups baby spinach

Heat a medium saucepan.

Add the canola oil and saute garlic, ginger, and green onion until tender.

Add the red pepper flakes.

Mix the remaining ingredients in a separate bowl and add to the saucepan.

Bring to a low simmer and cook for 10 minutes.

Preheat and oil grill.

Lightly season the tuna steaks with salt and pepper.

Grill fish on one side for 4 to 5 minutes.

Flip the tuna over and brush with the barbecue sauce, continue cooking until

desired doneness.

Divide the spinach among 4 plates.

Place the tuna steaks on top of the beds of spinach while the steaks are still very hot. This will wilt the spinach.

Serves 4.

Tuna with Lemon, Capers, and Rosemary

4 tuna fillets
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 TBSP. minced rosemary leaves
8 lemon slices
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup Marsala or white wine
4 tsp. capers
4 pieces of aluminum foil

Brush top and bottom of tuna with olive oil and season with salt, pepper, and rosemary.

Place each piece of fish on a piece of foil large enough to fold over and seal.

Top each piece of tuna with 2 lemon slices, 1 TBSP. of lemon juice, 2 TBSP. of wine, and 1 tsp. of capers.

Wrap up fish tightly in the foil packets.

Preheat grill or grill pan to medium-high heat.

Place the foil packets on the hot grill and cook for 10 minutes.

Serve in the foil packets.

Serves 4.

Fish House Punch

3/4 liter bottle dark rum
15 oz Cognac
7 1/2 oz peach brandy
7 1/2 oz lemon juice
7 1/2 oz simple syrup

Place a block of ice into a punch bowl.

Add rum, Cognac, peach brandy, lemon juice and simple syrup.

Stir well.

Serve in punch cups or white wine glasses.



On the final day of the Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up, Ben Pollmeier of West Ocean City, MD landed his 6.6 lb. flounder to win 1st place in the Flounder Division. Chuck Wenzel, also of West Ocean City, MD captured a 3.4 pounder to win 3rd place in the Flounder Division. Both anglers were fishing on the "Martini Time" with Capt. Nick Clemente, of "Get Sum" Charters. Ben caught his flattie in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and won \$1,000 for his catch. Chuck caught his 3rd place fish in the bay behind Assateague Island and won \$160 in award money.



On Sunday, Dillon Baker of Millville, DE caught 2 wahoo to win 1st and 2nd place in the Wahoo Division of the Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up. Dillon was fishing on the "Four Play" with Wendy Baker of Millville, DE, Capt. Steven Wright and Mate Bill Vernon. The wahoo weighed 32 and 50 lbs. and were caught on trolled ballyhoo in 30 fathoms at the Tea Cup. Dillon won \$1,500 for his 1st and 2nd place finishes. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, George Peters of Laurys Station, PA caught this 37 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division of the Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up. George was fishing on the "Instigator" with Paul Schuler, Bill Ayers, Bob Ayers, James Gottwald, Dick Farber, Capt. Dave Wentling and Mate Josh Wentling. The bluefin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 30 fathoms near the Hot Dog. Since the anglers were not registered in the tuna calcutta, no award money was won for their catch. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up
September 11-13, 2009

<h2 style="text-align: center;">FLOUNDER</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Place Ben Pollmeier "Martini Time" 6.6 lbs. \$1,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Place Rob Kidwell "Capt'N Fat Cat" 3.6 lbs. \$440</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Place Chuck Wenzel "Martini Time" 3.4 lbs. \$160</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">DOLPHIN</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">No Qualifying Fish Caught</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">WAHOO</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Place Dillon Baker "Four Play" 50 lbs. \$1,500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Place Dillon Baker "Four Play" 32 lbs. Winnings included above</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">TUNA</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Place George Peters "Instigator" 37 lb. bluefin tuna \$0</p>
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Second place in the Flounder Division of the Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up was won by Rob Kidwell of Woodbridge, VA. Rob caught a 3.6 lb. flounder on a live minnow in the bay behind Assateague Island. Rob was fishing on the "Capt'N Fat Cat" with David James and Dennis Vermillion and won \$440 for his catch. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Dylan Yochis from Long Neck, DE caught this 13.5-inch croaker on a Gulp! artificial bait at Massey's Ditch. The 1.11 lb. croaker was weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.

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FISHING REPORT
 8.30.09 (cont.)
 WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2009: Bony everyone, for the day in updating the fishing report. Action has been incredible since.
 The "Morning Star" again had a nice catch of flounder. Heaviest weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz.
 "Oliver & Bob" weighed a 60 lb. white marlin.
 TUESDAY, August 18, 2009: The "Morning Star" returned with another nice catch of big flounder.
 At the Mid Atlantic \$200,000, a couple of white marlin were weighed, but did not meet the minimum weight of 60 lbs.
 The "Flat Head" weighed a 60 lb. yellowfish.
 The "Ten Dead" weighed a 22 lb. sea trout.
 MONDAY, August 17, 2009: Not much happening except for the Mid Atlantic \$200,000. On the first day, the "Bitterman" 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 "Stress"

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On Saturday, anglers aboard the "Morning Star" returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a nice catch of sea bass, triggerfish and weakfish after fishing on ocean reefs and wrecks. Fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder were David Yount of Frederick, MD, Brian Allison of Charlottesville, VA, Joyce Sheats from Sparks, MD, Marcus Jackson from Forestville, MD, Brandon Hufnagle from Spring Grove, PA and Mike Ziegler of York, PA. All of the fish were caught using clams for bait except for David's sea bass which hit on a strip of squid.



Camden Eberly of Ocean Pines, MD caught 3 keeper flounder (2 pictured) while drifting a Gulp! minnow at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Camden was fishing on the "Lil' Hurricane" with Dave Williams.



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Amber Katuthat and Ryan Wood, both from Arebutus, MD ended their day with 2 keeper flounder in the box after fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The fish measured 18.5 and 19.75-inches and were caught on dolphin belly. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Paul Maloney of Salisbury, MD, Jessica and Andy Maiss from Gaithersburg, MD and Wendell Austin from Baltimore, MD ended their day with 2 yellowfin and a small dolphin in the box after fishing at the Hot Dog on the "Hurricane" with Capt. Karl Roscher and Mate Andy Mayr. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



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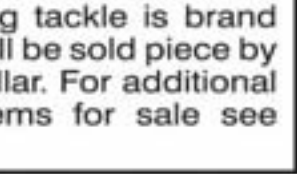
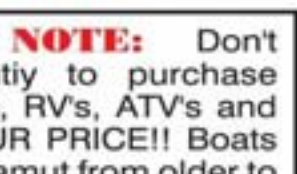
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Les Givens won 1st place in the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held on Sunday, landing a 4 lb. 9 oz. flounder on a live spot in the East Channel. Les was fishing on the "Team Everglades" with his wife, Teresa Givens, Preston Walls, Debbie Walls and Jim Morand. Les won \$3,895 for his catch. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Second place in the 4th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder was won by Danny Cox of Ocean City, MD. Danny caught a 4 pounder while drifting a peanut bunker in the East Channel aboard the "Ms' Der" with his wife, Nancy Cox and Rob Jager. Danny won \$800 for his 2nd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Frank Usavage of Ocean City, MD captured this 3 lb. 6 oz. flounder to win 3rd place in the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held on Sunday. Frank, pictured with Ava and Frankie Usavage, was fishing on the "Flounderin' Around" with Budd Heim when he hooked the flounder on a live spot in the East Channel. Frank won \$500 for his 3rd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. This sure is a tough week to put together a fishing report with any kind of exciting catch reports. There just was not much activity at all until the weekend. I could easily give you a three-word summary of the week's weather and get it right the first time. It would be, "WET and WINDY". How's that for being accurate?

Over the weekend, a few anglers tried their luck but most were unsuccessful due to dirty water. A few flounder were caught in the Indian River and a few stripers were hooked in the Indian River Inlet. Bluefish did make an appearance in the Inlet during the incoming tide. Just a few days of normal tide changes



On Saturday, this group of anglers ventured down from York, PA and got on a good tuna and dolphin bite while fishing on an overnight trip aboard the "Skipjack" with Capt. Chris Thurman and Mates David Walker and Steve Moore. The anglers caught 8 yellowfin tuna, a couple of bluefin tuna and 28 dolphin. The yellowfin, weighing up to 49 lbs., were caught while chunking at the Tea Cup while the bluefins and dolphin were caught on trolled ballyhoo. The heaviest bluefin tipped the scales at 149.8 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.

should put the fishing back on track and we should hopefully be in for a good fall fishing season. Remember that most years the largest flounder of the year are caught in the fall by guys jigging a big bucktail with a large piece of bait or rubber worm in the Indian River Inlet.

Stripers should start to really turn on and tog season will be open again real soon. Don't put that gear away; the

best fishing of the year is about to get underway.

At the top of your "To-Do" list should be to stop in and sign up for the Rick's Bait and Tackle / Sea Side Gas and Grill Striper Tournament. It runs from October 17th thru November 21st and you must be signed up by the close of business on October 14th.

Offshore action may be finally heating up. We had a few reports of good yellowfin tuna action along the 30-

fathom line.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle, Dan told us that although things were slow and the surf was pretty impossible, he did hear of some striper activity in the Broadkill River.

From Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle in the Indian River Marina, Bert said that things started to pick up after the wind stopped blowing. Bluefish and stripers began to come alive in the Indian River Inlet. Headboats started to pick up a few flounder and sea bass. A few trout were mixed in with the flounder and sea bass. Bert also reported yellowfins and dolphin being caught on the troll near the Tea Cup.

From Bill's Sport Shop we received reports of good action before the weather got out of control. Judson Bennett fished 5 days this week and boated 30 throwback flounder at the 8's in the Delaware Bay. Conner Keech was using Storm Wild Eyes in the Indian River Inlet and hooked 2 bluefish. Robert Gainey fished the Lewes Pier and had 72 spot on bloodworms. There were reports of many keeper flounder being caught on the south side of the Indian River Inlet over this past weekend by anglers using fresh finger mullet. The Roosevelt Inlet produced flounder and croaker for Chris Duffy on squid and minnow. Chuck Nagle caught 3 sheepshead at Massey's Ditch. Freddy Burton reported seeing a lot of blues being caught in the Indian River Inlet on bucktails. Surf fishermen are catching kingfish, blues and spot in the suds. The Ferry Wall in Lewes was good to Tom Bishop who caught 5 flounder with 2 keepers on a bucktail with squid. Jim Starner had a great day at Roosevelt Inlet catching 5 flounder.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said it was great to see tuna flags flying at

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the dock Saturday afternoon. Several days of northeast wind bunched up yellowfins along the 30-fathom line, and boats that made it out were rewarded with good catches. The "Skipjack" overnighted at the Tea Cup, and returned with 28 dolphin, 8 yellowfins to 49 pounds, and a pair of bluefins. The largest tuna, weighing 149.8 pounds, was landed by Raymond Hengst. That tuna grabbed a trolled ballyhoo just as it got dark, and took over an hour to get to the boat. In addition, the guys released a blacktip, a tiger and six dusky sharks at night. The gang aboard "Jam Man" spent the night at the Tea Cup as well, and scored 4 yellowfins and a bluefin, plus some gaffer dolphin, including Tommy Arrowood's 15.2 pounder. "Tranquila" trolled the Tea Cup on Saturday and the group aboard landed 4 yellowfins and some nice dolphin. Other boats reported a mix of bluefins and

yellowfins between the Tea Cup and Hot Dog. It appears the inshore tuna action is finally shaping up. The effects of northeast wind were not as favorable for bottom fishermen. Croakers had been located in good numbers near 4 and 6 Buoys at the mouth of the Delaware Bay prior to the blow, but they failed to bite in roiled up water over the weekend. Flounder were found on the Old Grounds surrounding "DB" Buoy, but that action was off as well. Spot continued to come from the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River. Mullet are showing up inside Cape Henlopen and in Canary Creek, and their appearance should attract bluefish, trout and stripers in the coming weeks.

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

Rick and his wife Deb are owners of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Casey Hayden of New Castle, DE muscled in this 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing on the "88" with Capt. Billing Harding. The 24.5-inch flounder was caught on a live minnow in the Indian River Inlet and weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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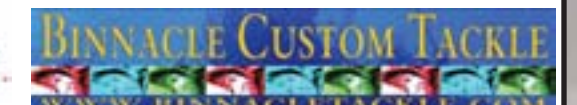


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On the final day of the M.S.S.A Inshore Beach-N-Boat Tournament, Ed Krell of Pasadena, MD weighed this 5.75 lb. flounder to win the Flounder Division. Ed was fishing on the "Rollen Sunshine" with Lorielle Harrison, Kathi Artigliere and Linda Krell. The flounder was caught on a minnow and squid combination at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor and won Ed \$1,000 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, Jason Leishear of Baltimore, MD caught this 2.45 lb. flounder and held on to win 3rd place in the Flounder Division of the M.S.S.A. Inshore Beach-N-Boat Tournament. Jason was fishing with Neil Vernon and caught the 2nd place flounder while drifting a live minnow near the Assateague Bridge. Jason won \$215 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Greg Nesselroad of Ridgely, MD won 2nd place in the Flounder Division of the M.S.S.A Inshore Beach-N-Boat Tournament with this 2.95 pounder caught in the West Channel. Greg used spot and squid for bait and won \$385 in award money for his 2nd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Kevin McMenamain of Annapolis, MD muscled in this 1.3 lb. sea bass to win 1st place in the Sea Bass Division of the M.S.S.A. Inshore Beach-N-Boat Tournament held over the weekend. Kevin was fishing on the "Teaser" and caught the 14.5-inch sea bass on a strip of squid on an ocean wreck. The catch was worth \$400 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



Recent bouts of strong northeast winds have made for some unfishable weather that's kept most of us at the dock for a lot more days than we care to remember. Having so many days in a row where I don't have to worry about running the boat, wonder where the fish might be, or deal with clients has allowed me a little extra time to review my logbooks and contemplate how this season has shaped up

compared to past years, and I'm happy to see that overall it's been a decent season for fish, weather and customers. I suppose I can't ask for much more than that!

Well, actually I can ask for more than that. In fact I will. You see, like most anglers I like to think that every season I'll learn a few more things about fishing and boating that will help me be a little better at it next year. You know, just simple stuff that will improve my catch or make life on the boat a little more efficient or enjoyable. If nothing else, I just hope that with every season I learn a bit more about "why" some things happen the way they do. There's a lot of goofy stuff that goes on out on the water and around the docks that I can't explain and every year I hope that another season of experience will shed some light on such things. But after all these years the answers to certain questions remain so elusive that not even a Google search can seem to find the answers I'm looking for.

For instance; why is it that whenever I'm cleaning the boat and accidentally drop the hose it's guaranteed to fall on the handle of the nozzle and spray directly up my leg? To make matters worse, because I'm too cheap to buy a new nozzle, the one I have tends to stick in the "on" position which means it's never just a short little squirt of water. Oh no! In my case it's as though my hose has some kind of vicious vendetta against me prompting it to carry out a full-on continuous assault. Ever try to neutralize a nozzle that's drenching you with a million PSI? All I can say is "you've got to treat it like a poisonous snake and go for the head," if you grab the hose itself and pick it up off the ground the nozzle will dart and weave

back and forth like a spitting cobra drenching every innocent bystander within a 50' radius that didn't have the smarts to run for cover when the thing initially hit the deck. And while such a tactic might indeed be a grand way to get back at those who choose to stand on the dock and laugh at your initial soaking, the best action is to first bid a hasty retreat from the direct line of fire, circle around to the flank of the offender and make a dive (or at least a quick grab) of the nozzle itself. As if such an episode isn't humiliating enough, afterwards you've still got to worry about what everyone is thinking when they see you soaking wet from the crotch area and down one leg!

Another thing I don't understand is how come when I try to go wreck fishing the wind and current are almost guaranteed to be running in opposite directions? As anyone who has done it knows, to properly fish a wreck or reef you need to drop your anchor so that the boat settles back precisely over the structure. When the wind is pushing the boat in one direction and the current pulling it hard in another it can be almost impossible to figure out just where to drop the "hook" so that the boat actually ends up where it needs to be. The result can mean a lot of dropping, pulling, and re-dropping the anchor - and sometimes a first mate who's ready to mutiny! Of course perseverance eventually pays off and the boat ends up just where we want it - then the wind shifts or current slacks up and we swing off station again! WHY-WHY can't the wind and current work together just once in a while?!!

OK here's something else I don't understand: As a rule of thumb, big boats are usually slower than small boats, but at idle speed they're faster because they turn a larger wheel (prop). Because of the effects of wind and current, big boats can also be quite a

handful to hold steady at really slow speeds. Small vessels like personal watercraft, on the other hand, can be very maneuverable at even the slowest of speeds. But we all know that "slow speeds" are not what PWC's are all about. Oh no - with those little things it's always ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM, everywhere they go UNLESS they're in front of a big boat and then their operators seem to almost magically have an affinity for going as S-L-O-W as they possibly can! Fighting to keep his vessel running straight, the captain of the big boat is sometimes lucky if he can look over his bow and even see the top of the head of the PWC operator who has chosen that exact time to be very content to just creep along at two knots only a few yards in front of the massive hull that could grind him up like hamburger. Why is that?

I picked on the little boats, but here's one about big boats that I've never been able to figure out. When a boat backs into its slip the first job of a mate is to grab the lines and start securing the boat. Since the first part of the boat to enter the slip is the stern, it would only seem to make sense that the mate should be positioned at the transom or maybe along one side where he will have first access to a spring line. So why is it that from the time boats first pull into a marina until the captain stops them in their slip, so many of the first mates will position themselves up on the bow and stand there with their arms crossed in front staring out over the harbor like some conquering warrior returning from battle? I don't know if they think they look "cool" or what, but I know if I had someone "profiling" on my bow like some goofy pelican on a post I'd be inclined to slam the boat into a hard reverse and see if the pelican could fly!

Last on my list is something that's been bugging

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Braydon Ziegler of Long Neck, DE caught 3 flounder while fishing in the Indian River Bay. The two heaviest weighed 3 lbs. 1 oz. and 3 lbs. 8 oz., and were caught on minnows and shiners. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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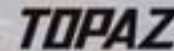
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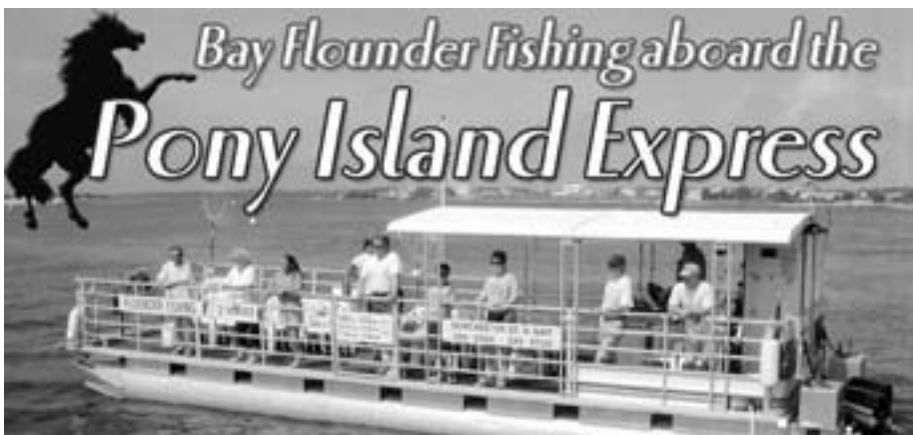
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Kyle Purcell and Matt Lee were fishing at "Mickey's Hole" and caught 4 flounder between 19 and 24.5-inches.

Chum Lines continued:

me for longer than I can even remember. I've had a charter boat for 23-years but still don't know what it means when a charter captain advertises that his boat is "Tournament Rigged." What the heck does that mean? Most tournaments have different rules so even if they did stipulate how the boat should be set-up or equipped (which they don't) it wouldn't apply to all tournaments. I guess there must be some invisible or super-secret "something" that certain boats have that others don't because I've been aboard plenty that the captains promote as "tournament rigged" and I haven't yet found anything different from those decked out for "regular" fishing. It must be effective advertising though because apparently big-industry is now using the ploy. I recently acquired a spool of a new fishing line made by Seaguar called "Tatsu Double-Structure Fluorocarbon". It looks like a really great product and I can't

wait to try it on stripers this fall, particularly after reading the back of the package that describes it as being a "...soft and sensitive line with tournament-grade knot strength."

WOW - tournament-grade strength! That must be some kind of secret too because all along I thought that a strong knot was a strong knot. I had no idea that tournament knots had to be something different from "everyday" knots. But then again, I'm still trying to figure out if my boat is qualified as being "tournament rigged" and what the fine is if someone "accidentally" runs over a PWC. As you can see - there's a lot about this fishing thing that I still just don't understand!

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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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE OFF SEASON

There is still a lot of good fall fishing left but the fact remains that many of you will soon be putting your boats away until next year. There are things you can do and should do, when it comes to your electronic items, that will help protect and preserve them for next year.

Unless your equipment is flush mounted, you do not want to leave anything on your boat that can reasonably be removed. Therefore, all major display items should be taken off, cleaned and stored away in a closet or other dry location.

Even if your boat is in dry storage, unless it is climate controlled, the temperature

variations will cause some moisture to develop. The plugs and connections that are left on the boat should be sprayed with some anti-corrosion chemical (I prefer CRC 2-26) and bagged. It is a good idea to mark these connections. Some of them may be unique to their own item of equipment, but several others are quite similar if not identical. This is especially true when it comes to antenna connectors. While you may think you know perfectly well what goes to where now, when it comes to next year, it may not be so clear in your mind. An easy way to do this is to wrap the ends with colored electrical tape available at most hardware stores. Put the corresponding color on the case of the

equipment and, when it comes time to hook them back up, you just match the colors. Since power plugs that look the same may not be wired the same, getting them mixed up can be costly.

While you've got that anti-corrosion chemical out, use it or plain old Vaseline to coat the metal brackets and fittings on your boat. It will easily wash off next year and, in the meantime, it will protect that metal from becoming dull and developing surface corrosion that can bleed off on your white surfaces.

If you can manage it, remove your batteries and store them in your garage on cardboard or paper. Putting them directly on concrete will allow them to drain down. The battery posts should be coated with a substance made just for batteries.

If your equipment is flush mounted, it may be impractical to remove it and it will be relatively safe from theft. However, it is not protected from the harsh temperature and moisture changes that occur over the course of the fall and winter. You need to protect it from rain and snow as much as possible. This can be accomplished with plastic and tape, if needed. Remember that equipment which is advertised as waterproof will still maintain its new look better if you keep it from overexposure to the elements. The plugs should still be removed from the equipment, sprayed and bagged if at all

possible.

If you have been considering upgrading some of your equipment, do it now! Don't let it sit in your house or on your boat over the winter and then decide to unload it next year. It will be older, will look worse and will have devalued itself considerably. Trying to sell old equipment is difficult at best but it's almost impossible as it ages more and more.

Expect to hear more about high definition equipment as it relates to radar and fish finders. The computer world and the marine electronics field have definitely merged so more and more computer type software is appearing in marine electronics items.

Whatever they are, you can be certain that new items will emerge over the winter which may make your current equipment obsolete or less desirable. As you get into the months of January and February, there will be new items and there will be several boat shows. That is a good time to buy new equipment as it is usually sold at a special discount during a show. Ocean City holds its Seaside Boat Show on President's Day weekend in mid-February. This show is a sellout every year. Don't forget to look for it.

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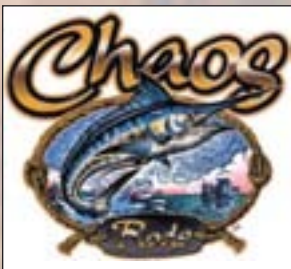
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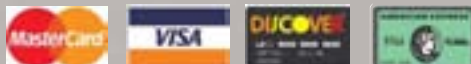
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Virginia Fishing Report

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Wind, wind and more wind is keeping most anglers inshore. The fishing action will wane a bit until after the blow. But when anglers can finally get out, the variety is great. The fall heavy hitters such as spot, speckled trout and puppy drum are already off to a good start. Anglers are also imparting farewells to exiting summer favorites such as flounder, cobia and red drum as they stage to head

out.

Cobia are on the move as they prepare to head south, igniting outstanding top water action. Before the latest blow, boats were hooking up to as many as a dozen fish per day. The best catches are coming from casting live bait and jigs to large pods swimming on the surface and pairs circling buoys in the lower Bay. Many of these fish are ranging in the 50 to 70 lb. class. Bay pier anglers are also getting in on the great top water scene, with several cobia landed off the Buckroe Fishing Pier recently.

Droves of decent spot are showing up along lower Bay shorelines, rivers and inlets. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are good bets for respectable spot action on a moving tide with bloodworms and Fishbites.

Horse croaker, ranging to 2 lbs., have moved into lower Bay waters. The bigger hardheads are lurking in deeper areas around the lower bay channels, inlets and the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Big hardheads are also thrilling anglers at the Monitor-

Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel, the Ocean View Fishing Pier, the Concrete Ships off Kiptopeke and just outside Lynnhaven inlet near the channel.

Flounder action was decent during a brief break in the winds earlier last week. Anglers working areas near the second, third and fourth islands of the CBBT with live bait found limits of keeper fish, with live mullet proving more effective than small spot recently. Drifting the Thimble Shoal and Baltimore Channels are also good places to try. Flatties in the 22 to 24-inch range are available within Lynnhaven in about 20 feet of water. The offshore wreck flatfish action is a good alternative. Strip baits bounced over the structure works well for wreck flounder. Expect nice sea bass as a by-catch on most of the same wrecks.

Sheepshead are still taking late season offerings along the entire span of the CBBT. A few tog and hoards of hungry trigger fish are in the same vicinity. Spadefish ranging around 3 to 4 lbs. are still active around the 3rd and 4th Islands.

King mackerel have been scarce this year, and the long-lived northeasterly winds have yet to prove useful on this development. Spanish mackerel are zipping through tide rips near the Bridge Tunnel, along Cape Henry, and along the buoy lines at the mouth of the Bay, where 20-inch fish are the average size lately. Schools of false albacore are moving in close to the beach, which can prove sporting on light tackle.

Fall speckled trout are starting to be present on the Poquoson flats, in Hungar's Creek, and Back River. This

action will only improve as the waters cool. If puppy drum is your passion, casting jigs or offering fresh bait within Lynnhaven or Rudee will not disappoint. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, kayakers are scoring with "Strike King Redfish Magic Spinners", which are flying off the shelves right now. The Elizabeth River is also producing big pups lately, with reports of several fish pushing to over 30-inches falling to Mirrolures.

Big red drum will continue to delight anglers on the lower bay shoals and the CBBT, while surf and pier casters are especially interested in the prospect. Pier anglers are still eagerly awaiting the traditional run of bull reds off the Little Island Fishing Pier. This should happen any day now. Tarpon experts feel that with the quickly dropping water temperatures, the already sparse tarpon season is now history.

Big amberjack are still swarming around offshore wrecks, the South Tower, and the Chesapeake Light Tower. Jack Cravelle could be a nice consolation prize. Deep dropping for blueline and golden tilefish is still a good choice once boats can find a weather window.

Offshore billfish action was very good before the latest winds set in. The selection has shifted from sailfish to mostly white marlin recently, with the best action still centering around the triple 0's in 50 to 100 fathoms. Dolphin action is good, with fish many ranging up to gaffer size. A few yellowfin tuna are also in the mix lately.

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Stephanie Staehle from Roxana, DE and Heather Vest from Elkridge, MD caught these dolphin while trolling in 50 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The ladies were fishing with James Vest and Jonathan Staehle.



Tony Parrill from Frankford, DE caught this 26 lb. dolphin while fishing on the "Pandemonium" with Bill Mewshaw, Jerry Jackwiki, Capt. Steve Peterson and Mate Chris Irelan. The dolphin was caught while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured in the slip at Fisherman's Marina.



Dennis O'Neill of Garnet Valley, PA caught this 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder and a sea bass while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Mike Kinder and Tucker Colquhoun. The fish were caught on a squid and Gulp! combination on an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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 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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Mitchell, Bradley and Kathryn Hubbard from Bel Air, MD caught these 4 flounder on Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel. The flounder measured between 18.5 and 22-inches. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



Jamie Reaser from Sinking Spring, PA caught this 18.75-inch flounder on Sunday while fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Mike Walsh and Mate George Lenz. The flounder hit a squid and shiner combination in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Danny and Hunter Selby were spearfishing at a wreck off the Virginia coast and caught these tautog. The two heaviest weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 11 lbs. 10 oz.

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Draft Addendum IV of the **menhaden** plan proposes extending the Chesapeake Bay reduction fishery harvest cap, established through Addendum III, for an additional three years (2011 - 2013). Under the proposed Addendum, the Board would annually review measures to determine if they are appropriately given the most recent information available about the stock and fishery.

Addendum III established the current annual cap of 109,020 metric tons on reduction fishery harvests in Chesapeake Bay as a precautionary measure while research was conducted to address the question of menhaden abundance in the Bay. The cap has been in place since 2006 and will extend through 2010. Harvest for reduction purposes is prohibited in the Chesapeake Bay when 100

percent of the cap is landed. Over-harvest in any given year would be deducted from the next year's quota. Addendum III also includes a provision allowing under-harvest in one year to be credited only to the following year's cap, not to exceed 122,740 metric tons. Since Addendum III was implemented, reduction landings of menhaden from Chesapeake Bay has not exceeded the cap.

Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on Draft Addendum IV, by attending public hearings or providing written comments. Copies of Draft Addendum IV 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 9, 2009 and should be forwarded to Braddock Spear, Senior FMP Coordinator for Policy, 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (FAX) or at bspear@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Addendum IV).

The Draft Addendum for the **weakfish** plan will propose a range of options to reduce fishing mortality, including complete harvest moratoria and limited bycatch only fisheries. It was developed in response to the findings of the 2009 weakfish stock assessment which shows weakfish stocks at an all time low and current fishery removals unsustainable under existing stock conditions. Specifically, the assessment indicated that weakfish abundance has declined markedly, total mortality is high, non-fishing mortality has recently increased, and the stock is currently in a depleted state. The assessment report was reviewed and approved for management use by an independent panel of fisheries scientists.

Copies of Draft Addendum IV will be available shortly after September 28th via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News. Public comment will be accepted until late October (final deadline to be set upon the Draft Addendum's release) and should be forwarded to Nichola Meserve, FMP Coordinator, 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor,

Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (FAX) or at [<nmeserve@asmfc.org>](mailto:nmeserve@asmfc.org) (Subject: Weakfish Draft Addendum IV).


The Draft Amendment for the **shad** plan proposes modification to current coastwide commercial and recreational fisheries management measures. Recreational management options include reducing harvest, implementing a licensing or permitting program, closing fisheries with exceptions for fisheries with a sustainable system, allowing a catch and release fishery only, and a coastwide moratorium. The Draft Amendment also proposes increased monitoring measures.

Copies of Draft Amendment are available via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM EST on October 22, 2009 and should be forwarded to Kate Taylor, FMP Coordinator, 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (FAX) or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Amendment 3).

Draft Addendum XX of the **sea bass** and **scup** plans proposes changes to the transfer provisions for the commercial fisheries for both black sea bass and scup summer period (May 1-October 31) managed under the Commission's plans. The current FMP does not provide adequate guidance for Commission-only state-by-state quota management. As a practical matter, states routinely under harvest or slightly overharvest their state-specific allocations due to delays in reporting, inconsistencies in the data collection processes, unanticipated changes in catch rates, and implementation delays in trip limit changes or fishery closures. The FMP requires that each state deduct overages from the following year's quota when they occur. The Draft Addendum proposes a process to reconcile quotas to address states' unintended minor overages.


The Draft Addendum proposes to establish clear policies and administrative protocols to guide the allocation of transfers from states with underages to states with overages. It also proposes to

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automatically reconcile a state's overage in its entirety in a year where the coastwide quota or fishing period (e.g., scup summer period) quota was not exceeded. The proposed options would allow Commission staff to streamline and coordinate the transfers of quota as well as allow for quota transfers to reconcile overages after year's end.

Copies of Draft Addendum XX are available via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on October 9, 2009 and should be forwarded to Toni Kerns, Senior FMP Coordinator for Management, 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (FAX) or at tkerns@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Addendum XX).

Draft Addendum II of the striped bass plan 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.

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. 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.

Copies of Draft Addendum II are available via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on October 16, 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 nmeserve@asmfc.org (Subject line: Striped Bass Draft Addendum II).

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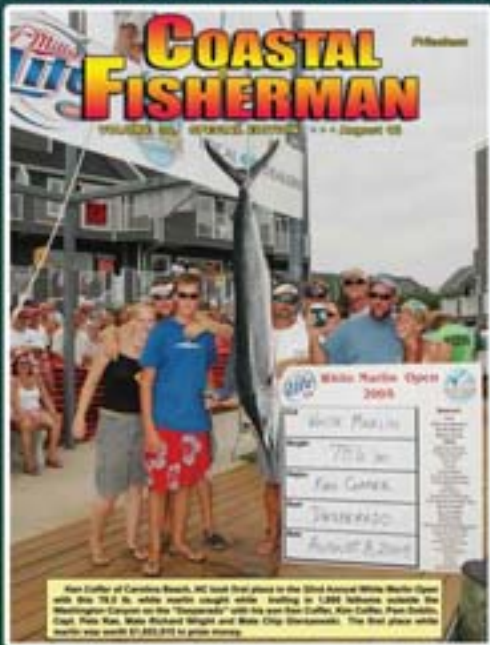
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Fri. Sept. 18 New Moon	Low 01:39 am Low 02:00 pm	High 08:01 am High 08:27 pm
Sat. Sept. 19	Low 02:22 am Low 02:50 pm	High 08:49 am High 09:13 pm
Sun. Sept. 20	Low 03:05 am Low 03:39 pm	High 09:36 am High 09:58 pm
Mon. Sept. 21	Low 03:47 am Low 04:28 pm	High 10:22 am High 10:42 pm
Tues. Sept. 22	Low 04:29 am Low 05:17 pm	High 11:08 am High 11:27 pm
Wed. Sept. 23	Low 05:14 am Low 06:10 pm	High 11:56 am High -----

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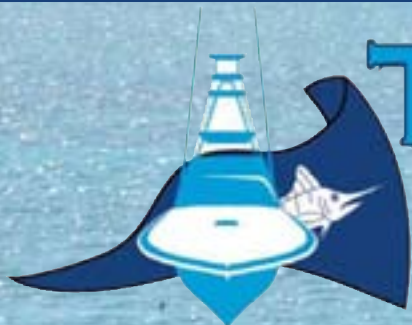
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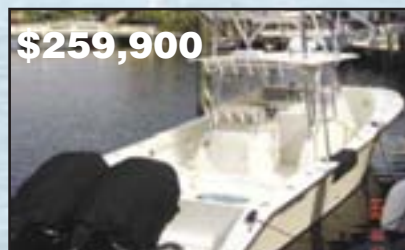
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