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Big wahoo were the star at the scales this weekend, and none were larger than the one brought in on Sunday by anglers on "Rhonda's Osprey". Jerry McMullen from Landenberg, PA held the rod and young angler, Mason McMullen from Middletown, DE cranked his heart out, muscling in this 101 pounder. The anglers were fishing with Andrew McMullen from Middletown, DE, Jack Garvey and Mark Inman, both from Valley Forge, PA, Scott Massey from Lincoln University, PA, Capt. Joe Drosey, Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. and Mate Chris Ragni. The speedster was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and weighed at Sunset Marina. The current Maryland state record stands at 111 lbs.

# Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



I see where the Army Corps of Engineers is set to begin dredging in Indian River Inlet in October. Probably something that needs to be done, and I'm not sure how it will affect the fall striper season at IR, but seems like very poor timing, to say the least...



Spent a few days in Buxton, NC last week with my wife Suzanne. We had fabulous weather, and spent most of our time on Cape Point. There was tons of bait, mostly in the form of mullet and "glass minnows." Even caught a few fish, including puppy drum, Spanish mackerel and bluefish. The drum ate fresh mullet, while the Spanish and blues were caught on "metal," which in reality is mostly painted lead nowadays. I kind of like that type of fishing. You take an 8

1/2, 9, or 9 1/2 foot rod, put on a 4000 size spinning reel loaded with 10 or 12 lb. mono and tie on a Sting Silver or Glass Minnow lure. I was actually using a Sling Jig from Bass Pro, which has served me very well. Some guys use a shocker or at least a short "bite leader" of 20 pound. Anyway, you simply throw the lure as far as you can and then "reel like hell". That fast retrieve makes for a real "takeup" when you hook a fish. Some fellows do use braid, but since there can be a real possibility of crossing lines, and braid will easily cut someone off, it is kind of considered impolite to do so, at least on the Point. One thing about Cape Point is that you never know what you might see. Last week, for instance, we saw fairly large creatures jumping completely out of the water. They were

black on top and pure white underneath. The first time I wasn't sure what it was. I was thinking maybe cobia. This was with a side view. Then I saw one from the back, and I realized it was a ray. One did a complete forward somersault in the air before crashing back into the water. I went to the books when I got home, and they were either Atlantic Manta Rays or Devil Rays, I think. The Devil Ray is very similar to the Manta, but generally smaller, and these fish were maybe four to six feet across. A gentleman on the Point said they jump to rid themselves of parasites or to give birth to their young, which are born alive. Peterson's Field Guide says it is most likely a "territorial display", which generally means the boys trying to impress the girls. Either way, it was pretty neat to watch...

On Wednesday, the wind turned to the northeast, and it brought the best drum bite. It also brought another example of how the fish don't read fishing magazines. I mean, everyone knows you can't catch drum on wire leaders, right?

Well, one young lady out there was fishing with a cheap wire top and bottom rig with two Pacific Bass style j-hooks with wire leaders. To top it off, she was using the back half of a finger mullet, with the tail still on, and simply hooking it in the middle behind the dorsal fin. No self-respecting drum would ever bite that rig, right? Well, when she caught her second nice puppy she asked me what the limit was. At that point neither her husband nor her father had even caught a fish. Yes, the fish gods will always lift up the ignorant and embarrass the knowing at some point...which kind of makes it fun when you think about it...




The mullet migration was in full swing last week, with thousands, probably even millions of these small fish running the surf on their way south. Some of these little guys travel from as far north as Massachusetts all the way down to Florida, and they run a gauntlet of predators, including humans, the whole way. Being

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After a stretch of bad weather, the "Playmate" picked up right where it left off, landing 15 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin while trolling at the Elephant Trunk. Fishing with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart were Shawn Peterson from Elmwood Park, NJ, Drew Gansley from Totowa, NJ, Nick Grecco from Clifton, NJ and Danny Counterman from Paramus, NJ. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



John Hawkins of Lewes, DE released this 24-inch flounder during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. The big *paralichthys dentatus* was hooked on a chunk of clam while fishing over natural ocean bottom.

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Jeff Pozzuto of Ocean City, MD was fishing on the "???" with Rich Sosnowski and Chuck Reichenberg, both also from Ocean City, MD when he boated this 45 lb. wahoo after hooking it on a ballyhoo with a blue and white Ilander. The wahoo was caught at the Tea Cup and 3 yellowfins were landed in the Baltimore Canyon during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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**Double Lines continued:**

a mullet is not an easy life, obviously. I caught my share to fish with last week, and as I stood there in the surf holding a rod and watching school after school pass by, I thought about how a lot of my life experiences for the past 35 years or so had involved a little fish known as a "fatback" in these parts, though in Carolina a "fatback" is actually a menhaden, or bunker, but that's another story. When Suzanne and I first started the Coastal Fisherman, money was tight, sometimes non-existent, and I often caught and sold mullet to some of the local tackle shops in the fall (before the state required a license to do so). Sometimes I even swapped mullet for a new fishing reel. Before I had a cast net we used to catch mullet in a haul seine in the surf, which wasn't easy, and Suzanne and I carried them back and forth across the beach in a large galvanized tub, sometimes 150 dozen at a time. A fellow named Pete was the first one I ever saw with a cast net, at the north OC inlet jetty, and he

showed me how to throw his small net. Later, Capt. Al Fields showed me another technique for throwing a larger net, and the lessons have served me well. I remember catching big gray trout on both live and cut mullet from the north jetty at night during the World Series many years ago. There have also been some big flounder on live mullet in the fall, and I took my first red drum on a cob mullet head fished from a sandbar with Capt. Earl Simpson in the late seventies. The mullet population crashed for several years not too long ago, and they have just started making their way back in the past few years, probably in part due to the gill net ban in Florida. I missed them when they were gone, and I'm glad to see them back...



Another sad commentary on the times comes in a news release from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife—"The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced there will be no exemption to allow anglers to take summer

flounder (fluke) during the 2009 Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament [on October 4]. An exemption was granted for the 2008 Tournament allowing tournament anglers to keep legal sized fluke on the day of the Tournament, which occurs after the current statewide season closing date. The exemption is not being granted in 2009 because the recreational harvest of summer flounder in New Jersey through the end of June 2009 was 24% higher than during the same time period in 2008. Preliminary projections from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission indicate New Jersey's recreational harvest for all of 2009 may be 29% over the target harvest. Tournament anglers must immediately release any summer flounder caught during the tournament."

Even though I think the numbers are seriously flawed, does anyone else think that maybe the fact that states are exceeding their flounder quotas is a good thing rather than the end of the world? Doesn't it mean that the flounder

population has rebounded? Tired of talking, and writing, about it...



This is the last summer issue of CF for 2009. I know that Publisher Larry Jock is looking forward to some fishing time, and I hope he catches lots of stripers this fall. Personally, I want to thank everyone for reading my drivel after all these years, and for all of your nice comments over the summer. A gentleman even recognized me on the beach in Hatteras last week, which is kind of embarrassing to me, even though I should be used to it by now, but I want you to know I really do appreciate the kind words. Hope your fall and winter means light winds, calm seas, and a few fish in the box...I hope I'll see you out there...



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On Friday, anglers on the "Fish Bonz" returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 3 white marlin releases, 2 wahoo and 16 dolphin, all caught in 50-100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp were Pennsylvania anglers Warren Hampton, Chris Haring, Daren Connelly, John Diehl and Russell Kaller.

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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was an exciting ending to a week that looked like a wipe out due to heavy winds and high seas.

The white marlin and wahoo bites were definitely the highlight of the weekend.

## Marlin

Starting with Challenge Cup, a tournament that pits the Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club against our Ocean City Marlin Club. Unfortunately, for the 2nd year in a row, our guys lost to the Jersey boys, 118 billfish releases to 89 billfish releases. After the first day of the 2-day tournament, both clubs were tied with 52 releases, but on Saturday the Cape May club really turned it on, releasing 66 billfish to our 37. The majority of the action centered in the Norfolk Canyon. Overall, 207 billfish were released by the 37 boats entered in the tournament, which is the same number of releases as in 2008.

Outside of the tournament, white marlin were caught on Friday at the Rockpile by anglers on the "Mak-Atak" and in the Baltimore Canyon by the "Fish Bonz". On Sunday, the "D.A. Sea" went back to the Norfolk Canyon and recorded 8 white marlin releases along with a blue marlin release. The "Playmate"



On Saturday, Skip James and Paul Spangler, both from Towson, MD, Gordon and Lisa McNamara of Baltimore, MD and Jeff Benson from Surf City, NC had a good day fishing on the "Sea Wolf" with Capt. Josh Farr and Mates Matt Farr and Tony Gay. The anglers ended their day with 2 wahoo, 5 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin in the box. The fish were caught in 30 fathoms, just outside the Tea Cup. The largest wahoo measured 61-inches and tipped the scales at 57 lbs. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

also had 5 white marlin releases in the Norfolk Canyon on Sunday.

## Wahoo

The landing of big wahoo certainly created a lot of excitement at the scales this past

weekend, led by the 101 pounder caught on Sunday aboard the "Rhonda's Osprey". Young Mason McMullen and his uncle Jerry McMullen teamed up to muscle in the big speedster, easily the largest wahoo we have seen in years. The fish was caught in 50 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Also on Sunday, the "Recon" weighed a 71 lb. wahoo, caught in 50 fathoms between the Poor Man's Canyon and the Hot Dog. "Carol's Teakettle", the "Marli", "Bug Money" and the "Clear Shot" all returned with good size

wahoo caught in 35 to 45 fathoms between the Hot Dog and the Baltimore Canyon.

On Saturday, the "Sea Wolf", with Capt. Josh Farr at the helm, weighed a 57 pounder caught in 30 fathoms outside the Tea Cup.

On Friday, the "Fish Bonz" and the "Espadon" each had 2 wahoo from the Baltimore Canyon.

## Yellowfin Tuna

After all this wind, there was a lot of concern about finding the yellowfin tuna. All concerns subsided on Friday when the "Playmate" returned with 15 yellowfins and some dolphin from the Elephant Trunk, the same location where yellowfin were biting prior to the stretch of bad weather.

On Saturday, the "Sea Wolf" boated 5 yellowfin at the Tea Cup.

On Sunday, more yellowfin hit the docks with most being hooked in 30-45 fathoms near the Hot Dog and the Tea Cup.

## Dolphin

Anglers who caught yellowfin tuna and wahoo also brought back nice catches of dolphin. Nothing gigantic, but nice sized mahi-mahi. On Friday, the "Fish Bonz" had 16 dolphin from the Baltimore Canyon and the "Mak-Atak" brought back 14 from around the Rockpile.

## Tautog & Sheepshead

With flounder season closed in Maryland, anglers have switched over to fishing for tautog and sheepshead, primarily around the South Jetty.

Capt. Nick Clemente on the "Get Sum" landed himself a nice 8 lb. 9 oz. sheepshead on Sunday while fishing with sand fleas.

Several tautog were caught around the South Jetty over the weekend. None were big by any

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stretch, but definitely worth keeping.

Speaking of the South Jetty, I understand a local captain is back to shuttling groups of anglers to the South Jetty to tog fish. I hope the Maryland DNR Police are monitoring this situation since the last time this happened, reports flew in about the anglers filleting and eating fish right on the jetty. I also received several reports from boaters who had lead sinkers thrown at them if they ventured too close to the jetty. If the Marine Police doesn't get this situation under control, it could get very ugly.

**Sea Bass**

Since the flounder season is closed, ocean reef and wreck anglers are having good luck landing sea bass. Clams and squid are the baits of choice. Capt. Chester Sadowski on the "Jezebel" has reported good action at the Great Eastern Reef.

**Bluefish**

There was a good bluefish bite from the surf this past week. Anglers using finger mullet did very well. Those fishing around

the Rt. 50 Bridge at night were also able to hook into an occasional chopper.

**In the Surf**

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "We had Northeast winds again this week, so some days weren't so hot. Tuesday was an especially good day in the surf for bluefish. Everyone was coming in and buying finger mullet and catching bluefish in the surf in Ocean City. Anglers fishing on Assateague are anxiously awaiting the red drum run. A couple were caught earlier in the week.

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Since this is the last issue of the 2009 season, I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people.

First, thank you to our readers who are some of the most loyal readers I have ever come across in my 24 years in the newspaper business. We appreciate all the nice comments we receive during the year and look forward to providing you with an even better Coastal Fisherman next year. If you have any suggestions or requests,

please feel free to email them to me at coastalfisherman@comcast.net.

I would also like to thank our advertisers, who support the Coastal Fisherman each week. Without them, there would not be a Coastal Fisherman, so please do everything you can to support as many as you can, and let them know you saw their ad in the Coastal Fisherman and appreciate their support.

I also am very grateful to the team of correspondents who work hard each and every week to bring you informative, well written articles. Kudos to Dale Timmons, Sue Foster, Rick Willman, Pat Schrawder, Julie Ball, Mark Sampson and Mama Jock for a job well done.

Finally, a big "thank you" to my fellow team members at the Coastal Fisherman. Daina Kazmaier did a fantastic job creating the advertisements each week in addition to editing all the videos you can now find on our website. The new website was a big undertaking, and Daina really stepped up to the plate. My mom, Maureen, not only handled our popular "The Galley" column each week, but did a great job handling all of the

responsibilities that come with being the Office Manager. My dad, Larry Sr. likes to view himself as the "Public Relations" guy for the Coastal Fisherman, but he does much more. From delivering a good portion of our papers each Wednesday to restocking the stores that run out each week, my dad is an "ace", and I am fortunate to have him on the team.

Finally, my wife Mary and son Larry III, who not only help distribute the papers each week, but put up with my crazy hours and many missed dinners.

I am a very fortunate person, and realize such. Loyal readers, wonderful advertisers, great correspondents and fantastic, hardworking employees. What more can I ask for? Life is good!

Have a great fall and don't forget to look for our Winter Issue that will hit the streets during the first week in January. If you have a picture that you would like for us to take, just call 410-213-2200. Or, if you take the picture yourself, you can email it to us at coastalfisherman@comcast.net.

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Dennis Simmons celebrated his 60th birthday with a trip on the "Muff Diver" with his son, Dennis Simmons, Jr., Capt. Joe Riley and Mate Wayne Bradford. The anglers released 2 white marlin during their trip to the Baltimore Canyon.



Kim Hitchens from Selbyville, DE was fishing with cut mullet from the surf on Fenwick Island when she hooked into this 24-inch red drum. Photo courtesy of Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle.

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Steve Sheets of Ocean View, DE took advantage of Delaware's flounder season still being open by landing this 7 lb. 15 oz. flattie while drifting with live mullet in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Billy Holloway, Sr., Billy Holloway, Jr., Mark Harrington and Brian Widgeon, all from Berlin, MD, Greg Wilkins and Mark Powell from Libertytown, MD and Jon Hill from Whaleyville, MD teamed up to catch 2 wahoo, 6 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin while fishing on the "Playmate" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. The fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo at the Elephant Trunk. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Mike Schofield from Snow Hill, MD caught this 18-inch tautog on a sandflea at the South Jetty.



Lance Brooks of Lutherville, MD caught this 51 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Instigator" with Ray Walker of Annapolis, MD, George Wolff from Pasadena, MD, Chris Russell from Alexandria, VA, David Mangino from Buffalo, NY, Capt. Dave Wentling and Mate Josh Wentling. The wahoo, along with a dolphin and a couple of false albacore tuna, were caught in 30 fathoms east of the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jim Hawke of Lancaster, PA caught this 15 lb. striper while drifting a live eel in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.

## Striped Bass Length - Weight Chart

<u>Length (inches)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Max lbs.</u>	<u>Avg. lbs.</u>	<u>Min. lbs.</u>
12	1	1.00	1.00	1.00
13	1	2.00	1.50	1.00
14	2	2.50	2.25	2.00
15	2	3.00	2.50	2.00
16	2	3.50	3.00	2.50
17	3	4.00	3.50	2.75
18	3	4.50	4.00	3.00
19	3	5.00	4.25	3.50
20	3	5.50	4.75	4.00
21	4	6.00	5.00	4.25
22	4	6.75	5.75	4.75
23	4	7.50	6.25	5.00
24	5	8.25	7.00	6.00
25	5	8.80	7.80	6.30
26	6	10.00	8.50	7.00
27	6	11.00	9.80	8.00
28	6	12.00	10.30	8.75
29	7	12.90	11.00	9.70
30	7	14.00	12.25	10.30
31	8	15.00	13.00	11.00
32	8	16.70	14.50	12.00
33	9	17.80	15.80	13.00
34	9	19.00	16.50	14.00
35	10	20.50	18.00	15.50
36	10	22.00	19.50	16.80
37	11	23.50	20.70	17.50
38	12	25.50	22.00	19.00
39	12	27.20	24.50	20.70
40	13	29.50	26.00	22.00
41	13	31.00	27.30	23.00
42	14	33.50	29.70	25.00
43	14	36.30	32.00	27.00
44	15	39.00	34.00	29.50
45	15	41.00	36.00	30.50
46	16	44.00	38.70	32.50
47	16	47.50	42.00	35.00
48	17	51.00	44.00	37.00
49	17	54.00	47.00	39.00
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# Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



**"What's biting in October, November, and December?"**

It's the last Coastal Fisherman of the season! Some anglers will feel lost without a paper every week.

**"How do we know what's biting? How long will it all last? What will I read in the morning?"**

First of all, here's a little secret. Larry Jock of the Coastal Fisherman usually publishes a short fishing report on the "On Line" Coastal Fisherman when the season is over. ([www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net)) I write a fishing report every Monday or Tuesday through Xmas,

and even beyond if anything is happening (<http://atbeach.com/fishrpt.html>.) The internet is absolutely full of fishing forums such as StrippersOnline.com and Café Locale.com just to name a couple.

Hang around any of the local tackle shops in town, and you'll hear plenty fish stories and reports.

**"So when do the big fish get here?"**



I get this question all the time. Big fish can be caught anytime, like the big run of red drum on Assateague is happening right now. The really nice run of stripers and big blues occur when the weather gets cooler and the water temperatures dip a bit. This generally happens in October and November for the stripers. Big blues can come in too, but sometimes wait as long as December to show in the surf. By then, it's all about weather conditions. The longer you wait to fish, the more likely you may catch a big fish. But if inclement weather gets you, you may catch nothing! Weigh all that

in when you get a chance to go fishing. I would definitely come to Ocean City to fish somewhere between the first of October and Thanksgiving and give it a whirl!

**"What should we use in the surf?"**



Whole finger mullet on a finger mullet rig is the rig for blues of any size, big or small. For stripers, get a single or double hook rig, no float, and use a nice big piece of meat on the hook. "Meat?" By meat we mean a chunk of mullet, bunker, cut spot, or cut bluefish. Fresh is best if it is available. If not, buy some good quality frozen bait.

**"Are there still sharks in the surf in the late season?"**

Sure, and they will take a big bluefish rig with a big chunk of meat or squid. Or use a whole head of any kind on a custom made shark rig with or without a float. A bunker head, kingfish head, spot or bluefish head all work good for sharks. The oilier the better!

**"Are there any small fish in the surf that will take bloodworms or Fishbites?"**

Yes, but do not totally depend on that. Sometimes there are kingfish, a croaker, or at night some red hake (ling cod). In the fall, these panfish will just as readily take a little strip of cut bait as they will a worm. Then you will also be set up for snapper blues or a stray puppy drum, trout, or flounder (legal in DE).

**"Big blues and stripers are not just in the surf!"**



The Inlets, Oceanic Pier, Ocean Pier, Route 50 Bridge, Homer Gudelski Park, Bulkhead at 2nd to 4th Streets and 9th Street Pier all see their share of bigger blues and stripers. Cut bait works by

day in most of these places for larger fish. Anglers even use the whole finger mullet rigs with a finger mullet to catch these cruising bluefish in the bay and inlets. I've seen anglers catching small blues in the surf while anglers in the bay are catching 3 to 7 pounders! At the Inlets, anglers generally use lures when the fish are feeding. Cast bucktails with plastic worms, spoons, Got-cha Plugs or Swimming Shad lures. (Stripers feed best at night or at daybreak.)

**"Should I even bother fishing in the bay since we can't keep flounder in Maryland?"**

Yes, fish for bluefish, drum, stripers, and tautog. You can also venture to Delaware and launch your boat and fish in the Indian River Inlet and even offshore. If you fish offshore you can fish through November though you have to weed through the skates and horn dog sharks! Don't be surprised to pick up a few flounder in the surf. Leave off the surf floats, and cast and slowly retrieve in a nice strip of cut bait.

**"What about those tautog?"**



Tautog fishing is usually great in October and November. Delaware was closed the whole month of September, and anglers have been chaffing at the bit to catch them in the fall right into early winter. Tautog fishing is like this. When they are biting really good in early October, they bite through the whole tide. Incoming, outgoing, slack tides. It doesn't matter.

The bigger fish are usually caught when the tide is slacking only because you can cast out a little further and find those deeper holes without getting snagged up. The bite continues on into November and right through

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Thanksgiving. Once the water temperatures get colder, the bite changes and the fish bite best on the slacking tides. The last of the low outgoing and the beginning of the high outgoing is when the best and biggest fish are caught. This is because the water temperatures are warmer on the outgoing tide. Combine one of these good tides with "before sundown" fishing and you can come up with a good bite. Tautog feed before the sun goes down, and then they become dormant at night.

In Ocean City, the early season bite is best at the bulkhead from 1st to 4th Streets, the end of the Oceanic Pier, and the Route 50 Bridge. As the season progresses, the Inlet becomes "hot." The nice part about fishing the places other than the "rocks" is that it is easier to fish and easier to get the fish out of the water! Anglers also do well in boats casting towards the rocks at the South Jetty.

"What's the bait for tautog?"

Sand fleas, live or frozen, and green crabs are the two baits that anglers buy in stores. Some anglers catch their own marsh crabs by turning over rocks in the bay at low tide, or smacking clams and conchs for bait. (A lot of work and those marsh crabs

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Bob Keeney released a white marlin while fishing on the "Brenda Lou" with his son, Matt Keeney, David Conner and Frank Goodhart. The release occurred in 50 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Kenny Hawkins of Rockville, MD was fishing on the "Judith M" with Capt. Kane Bounds and Mate Anton Postnikov when he hooked into this 4 lb. 4 oz. sea bass on a chunk of clam at the Bass Grounds. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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are really fast!) You can dig your own sand fleas on the beach at low tide too. The later you get into the season, the deeper they go!

**"The rig?"**

People use all kinds of rigs, but the main thing you need to do is KEEP IT SIMPLE. Forget the wire top and bottom rigs. All you want is a simple loose Octopus styled hook 2/0 or 3/0 looped thru an overhand surgeons knot into a length of 30-40 pound test leader material. Tie a loop at the very end of the leader for the sinker, tie a loop a couple inches long above the sinker and insert the hook. Then tie a barrel swivel to the other end of the leader material. Give yourself some extra leader material length (a couple feet) to deal with rock abrasion. Once the tautog bites it can take you into the rocks. You need to pull the fish out with some fast cranking and a tight drag. Pulling the fish out will fray your line, thus you need

that heavier 40-pound test leader material if you're in rough bottom.

**"I feel the fish on, but my sinker is stuck in the rocks!"**

This happens all the time when getting a nice tautog on. I started using a heavy rubber band to loop on my 1 1/2 to 3 ounce flat or torpedo shaped sinker to the end loop. If the sinker gets hung up, I pull hard, and the sinker breaks off and I get the rig and the fish!

**"How do I hook the sand crab and green crab?"**

Hook the sand crab in the apron and let the hook come out the outer shell about an 1/8th of an inch. For the green crabs a sharp pair of dollar store scissors come in handy. Pull off the shell, and cut it in half or quarters depending upon its size. Cut off the legs or leave them on. (I cut mine off). Pierce the hook inside one of the leg sockets. The tautog takes the bait in its mouth, crushes it, and then spits the shells out. That's when you hook them! Big

tautog generally slam the bait, while the smaller ones steal it. It takes a lot of patience and finesse to catch the tautog. It's a fun, but sometimes frustrating game.

Remember, tautog creel limits in Maryland are different from last year and they are different from Delaware. Keep up to date on your regulations! \$100 fines per fish is the norm.

Last year we had fish in the surf right into January. Every year is different and it's all about weather and water temperatures. Keep up with our weekly fishing report online, and thanks to all the anglers for reading "Driftin' Easy" this season. We all thank Larry Jock for another great year with the most popular fishing paper on Delmarva.

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.*



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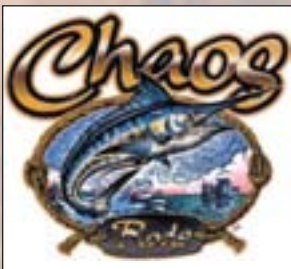
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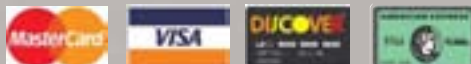
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- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 3 TBSP. soy sauce
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 2 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 3 TBSP. lime juice
- 1 tsp. pepper

Combine the first 5 ingredients in a saucepan; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low and simmer until volume is reduced by half.

Whisk in mustard, remove from heat and add lime juice and pepper. Cool.

For the Tuna Burgers:

- 2 lbs. fresh tuna steaks, finely chopped
- 2 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. Chipotle pepper puree
- 1 TBSP. honey
- 2 TBSP. canola oil
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 8 rolls
- Baby spinach leaves

Combine all ingredients except rolls and spinach in a large bowl.

Shape the tuna into 8 round patties about 1 1/2 in. thick.

Refrigerate for at least one hour.

Grill burgers for 3 minutes on each side, basting often with the glaze.

Serve on the buns with the green-chile pickle relish.

Green-Chile Pickle Relish:

- 3 poblano chiles, grilled, peeled, seeded and finely diced
- 3 dill pickles, finely diced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 TBSP. lime juice
- 2 TBSP. honey
- 3 TBSP. cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 3 TBSP. olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk all ingredients in a medium bowl.

Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

Serves 8.

## Flounder Cakes

- 4 flounder fillets
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

- 2 TBSP. green onions, chopped
- 2 TBSP. red bell pepper, minced
- 1 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp. dried basil
- Canola oil for frying
- Flour for dredging

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place fish on a lightly greased baking sheet.

Season with salt.

Bake for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Place fish in a large bowl and crumble.

Add bread crumbs, mayonnaise, green onion, bell pepper, mustard, black pepper, cumin, coriander and basil; mix well.

Shape mixture into 5 cakes.

Place on plate and cover with plastic wrap.

Chill in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat 2 TBSP. canola oil.

Dredge cakes in flour and place in skillet.

Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side or until golden brown.

Serve with your favorite sauce

Serves 5.

## Seafood Pot Pie

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup minced celery
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 2 TBSP. flour
- 2 cups half and half
- 1 1/2 tsp. creole seasoning
- 2 TBSP. dry sherry
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 lb. medium fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb. fresh bay scallops
- 8 oz. crabmeat
- Refrigerated pie crust
- 1 TBSP. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly grease a 2 1/2 qt. baking dish.

Place dish on a jelly roll pan.

In a large skillet, melt 1/4 cup of butter.

Add onion, celery and mushrooms; cook for 7 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Stir in flour; cook 2 minutes,

stirring constantly. Stir in half and half; cook 5 minutes or until thickened.

Stir in Creole seasoning, sherry and cheese.

Remove from heat and add shrimp, scallops and crab.

Spoon into prepared dish.

Place one refrigerated pie crust over top of ingredients, brush with melted butter.

Make 3 slits in center of crust to allow steam to escape.

Bake 25 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serves 6 to 8.

## Potato-Crusted Striped Bass with Mango Salsa

For the Salsa:

- 1 ripe mango, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 TBSP. chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

Mix the mango, jalapeno, onion, lime juice, cilantro and 1 tsp. salt in a bowl; fold in the olive oil.

For the Fish:

- 1 cup instant mashed potatoes
- Zest of 1 lime, finely grated
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Salt and pepper
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 4 skinless striped bass fillets
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Mix the potatoes, lime zest, cayenne, 2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. black pepper in a shallow dish. Beat the eggs in another dish. Season the flour with salt and pepper in a third dish.

Dredge each fillet in the seasoned flour, dip in the eggs, then coat completely with the potato mixture.

Place a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add about 1/2 inch of vegetable oil.

When the oil is hot, place the fish and cook until golden brown and crisp.

Turn fish and cook about 3 more minutes. Top with the salsa and more cilantro.

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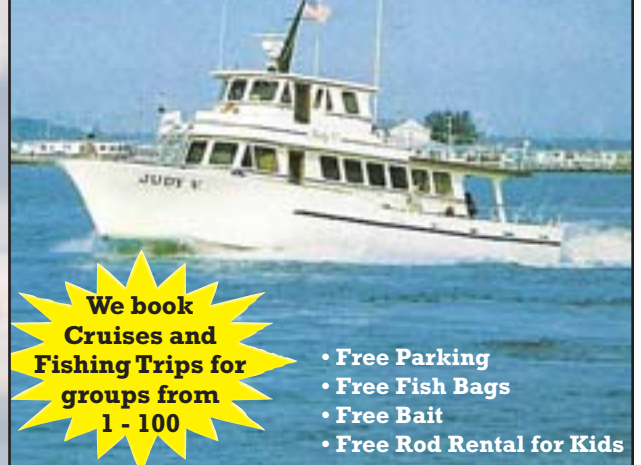
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Wayne Baum muscled in this 74 lb. wahoo during a trip aboard the "Start Me Up" with John Plunkett, Joe Godleski, Nate Gregory and Capt. Mike Johnson. The wahoo, along with some yellowfin and dolphin, were caught north of the Hot Dog and weighed at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.

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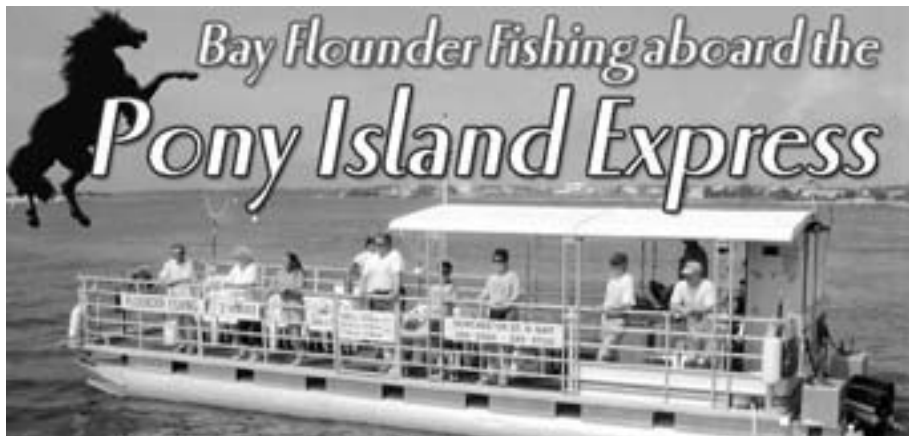
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Colby Hook of Fenwick Island, DE, age 7, caught this 49 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Stress Reel-ief" with Capt. Fred Winward in 30 fathoms just north of the Tea Cup. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.


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Capt. Nick Clemente on the "Get Sum" (left) caught an 8 lb. 9 oz. sheephead at the South Jetty while fishing with Chuck Wenzel and Rolfe Gudelsky. The anglers also ended their day with 2 tautog and another sheephead in the box, all caught on sand fleas. Pictured in the slip at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Kyle Fields of West Ocean City, MD caught a dolphin, Seth Stoppelmoor from Montgomery Village, MD boated a 3 lb. 12 oz. sea bass and Todd Paul from Westminster, MD landed a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder, all while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Length	Kept	Released



On Sunday, some big wahoo were brought to the docks and one of the largest was the 71 pounder caught by Gary Hall of Middletown, DE. Gary was fishing on the 'Recon' with Larry Dougherty, Larry Dougherty, Jr., Sherry Barker, Doug Barker and Capt. Ed Barker. The group caught 3 wahoo and Sherry and Doug each released a white marlin, all in 50 fathoms between the Poor Man's Canyon and the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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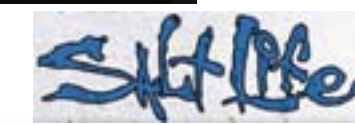
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# Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Well it's the last report of the year and I just don't know where the summer went. It seems to go by faster and faster each year. They say as you get older the years speed up, and my wife is getting older too, so maybe there is something to that saying. Oh man... am I going to pay dearly for that!

I hope I was able to help you stay on top of the fishing action this year, and I look forward to doing the same next year.

I know it sounds like a broken record but the weather is the biggest factor in the lack of successful fishing. High tides, strong winds and murky water have all played a part in making it tough to have a productive day of fishing.

Those fishing the Indian River Inlet have been able to find a few keeper flounder and a fair amount of short stripers. Only a few keeper stripers have been



One of the largest we have seen this year was the 30-inch, 10 lb. 15 oz. flounder muscled in by Rick Ritter of Ocean View, DE. Rick hooked the fish on a live spot while drifting in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

taken. Bluefish are being caught on the incoming tide and there are still a few croakers around. Bluefish have also been caught off the beaches when the surf is not pounding relentlessly.

Throughout the Indian River and the Rehoboth Bay you can still find flounder, croaker, bluefish and a few small trout. Minnows, squid, fresh mullet, Gulp! and bloodworms for the

spot are the baits you will need. Jim Bailey fished the Indian River using minnows to boat plenty of short flounder, but did manage a 19-incher to take home.

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Bill's Sport shop on Route 1 in Lewes reported some nice catches. Jim Hawke was fishing the rocks at the Indian River Inlet and nailed a 15 lb., 36-inch striper using live eels. Chuck Nagle of Bill's Sport Shop caught a 21-inch flounder using fresh spot at Massey's Landing. On another trip, Chuck caught plenty of sheepshead up to 3 1/2 lbs. using clams. Anglers hitting the beach are being rewarded with snapper blues.

Capt. Chris Thurman of "Skipjack Charters" returned from an overnight trip and reported catching 11 tuna including 2 bluefin to 150 lbs., yellowfin to 50 lbs., 28 dolphin and released 6 sharks at the 30 Fathom Line.

Capt. Charlie Helmer of the "Tranquila" reported that on a recent trip to the Teacup, his anglers boated 4 yellowfin and 5 dolphin. On another trip to the same area, his crew put 1 yellowfin in the cooler and boated about 40 dolphin up to 23 1/2 lbs. The crew also reported a white marlin release.

On a charter to the 30 fathom line, the "Grizzly" came home with 8 yellowfin, a pair of dolphin and had 2 shark releases.

At Henlopen Bait & Tackle on Savannah Road in Lewes, Dan reported slow action due to weather conditions. Flounder are still coming from the Delaware Bay as well as blues, croaker and a few small trout. Blues are also being caught in the surf. Spot are still around and providing some action when other fishing is slow.

Capt. Bert Adams from Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle at the Indian River Marina reported a few flounder and stripers being caught in the Indian River Inlet. Bluefish are also being taken in the Inlet and from the beaches. Inshore ocean fishing is providing action from flounder, sea bass, blues, croaker and a few trout. The inshore wrecks are holding a fair amount of triggerfish. Offshore action included a few tuna, dolphin and wahoo at the Tea Cup and the Elephant Trunk.

Ron at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center told me that he noticed a slow down in the flounder action from the back bays. Some stripers and blues are coming in

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from the Indian River Inlet, but most are small. Massey's Ditch is giving up some sheepshead and there are still some spot roaming the waters.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said tuna continued to cooperate for crews working 30 fathoms. The guys aboard the "Skipjack" trolled skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars just north of the Tea Cup Friday for 7 nice yellowfin.

Several boats experienced good tuna action between the Tea Cup and the base of the Elephant Trunk, with both bluefin and yellowfin. Some big wahoo were thrown in the mix. Mike Eshleman weighed in a 40 1/2-pounder he caught on a Black Bart. Once again, winds plagued inshore bottom fishermen for much of the week. When conditions permitted, a few fishermen got into flounder that were on their way out of the bay. Mike Connolly and friends had 6 keeper fluke to 5 lbs. between the Brown Shoal and the #9 Buoy aboard the "Sea Note". Cut spot and bluefish fillets did the trick. Boats that anchored on the Star Reef Site picked at a mix of croakers, kingfish, snapper

blues, small sea bass and triggerfish. When winds subsided Saturday afternoon, croakers that were bunched up near #4 Buoy at the bay mouth bit pretty good on clams, bloodworms and Fishbites. Ocean bottom bouncers had fair numbers of keeper sea bass, croakers and snapper blues at reef site #11 and on the Old Grounds. Some better sized sea bass have begun to stage on inshore wrecks. The number of flounder has dwindled, but a few decent fish remain, like the 5-pounder Matt Jester took with a slab of croaker, east of the DB Buoy. Joe said he's collected quite a few pictures of catches brought in by customers during the season, and they can be viewed on the shop's website at [www.lewesharbourmarina.com](http://www.lewesharbourmarina.com).

Once again, I hope everyone enjoyed the fishing reports this year and get out there and have a great fall fishing season!

'Til next time, have fun and be safe!

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



It was "Kerry Day" on the "Morning Star" with Kerry Evans of Snow Hill, MD catching a sea bass and Kerry Reardon of Culpeper, VA landing herself a triggerfish. Both were caught while using clam for bait at an artificial reef. The lady anglers were fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mate Tucker Colquhoun. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Wayne Farver from Bloomsburg, PA caught this 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing with squid on the "Judy V." with Capt. Ed Wheelleton. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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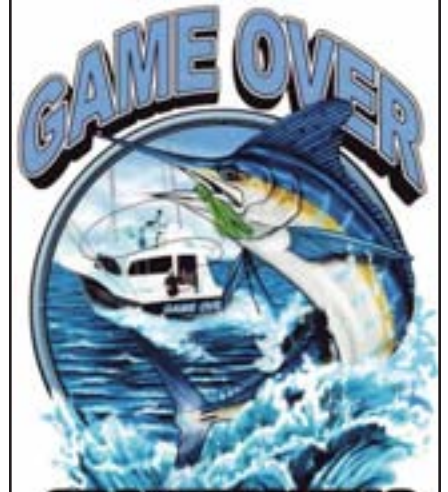
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On Sunday, Steve Eisemann from Queen Anne, MD caught this wahoo while fishing on the "Bug Money" with Clayton Noble of Fairfax, VA and Capt. Willie Andrews. The anglers caught the wahoo in 35 fathoms east of the Hot Dog. They also caught 2 dolphin and a triggerfish during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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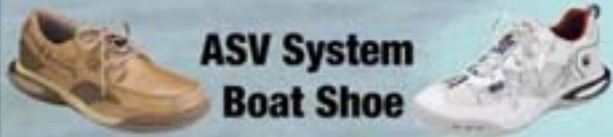


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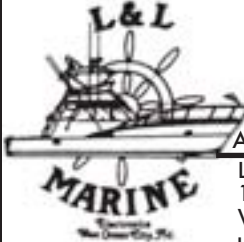
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Jason Gaskil released this white marlin while fishing on the "Bob Cat" with John and Kenny Shermer and Capt. Ken Doody. The white marlin was hooked in the Washington Canyon.

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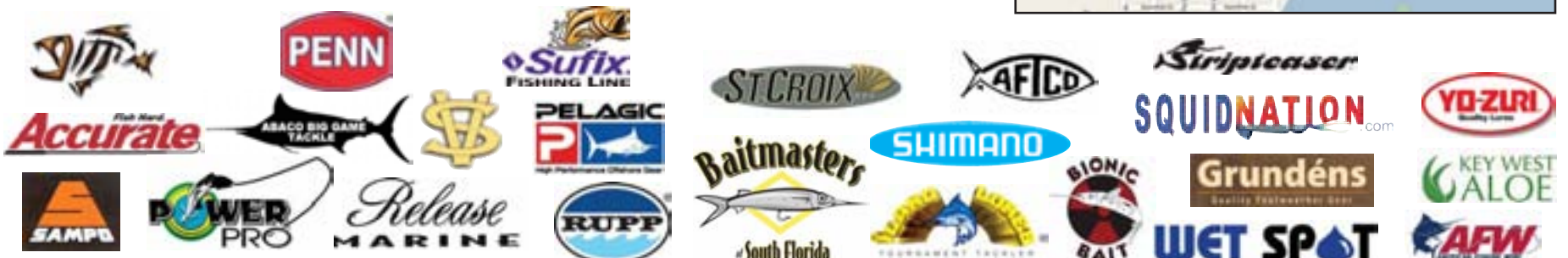
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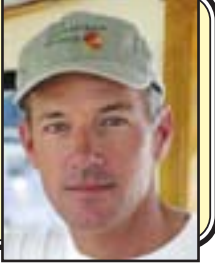


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# Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



Here's something to think about: If you were told that from this day forward all recreational fishing would be strictly catch-and-release - what would you do? I asked that question of a group of 50 or more dedicated anglers last spring at a fishing club meeting and I wasn't surprised to see that everyone indicated that they would keep fishing. But to really answer the question honestly, I think one

must forget about "why, how" or "the chance" that such a ridiculous regulation could come to pass, and just consider how it would affect your life if it did. Would you sell your boat? Change your vacation plans? Trade your 4X4 truck for a mini-van?

If such a crazy notion were ever to come to pass I suppose the sales of ice would be down, as would the demand for big coolers and gaffs, the fishing industry would certainly be nudged into new directions, and a few anglers would probably turn into "outlaws," but over all I don't think that the majority of recreational fishermen would quit fishing just because they couldn't bring home their catch. I make that assumption based on the fact that regardless of how skilled they are or how good the fishing has been, no angler goes out with 100% certainty that they will be bringing home fish. Every fishing trip carries with it the chance that the fish won't respond and yet anglers are willing to take that risk and go fishing anyway. Think about it; if anglers took the money they spend each day on tackle, fuel, bait, ice, or charter fees to a fish market, they would be guaranteed to come home with fish - every time. But since we prefer to spend so much time, effort, and resources in the pursuit of fish, that we can much more easily and cheaply purchase in a store, obviously indicates that it's not all about "bringing home the bacon." We fish because we enjoy fishing, and fresh fish is only a wonderful byproduct of our passion.

This came to light the last few days when I noticed that, despite the recent closure of Maryland's flounder season, a lot of anglers could still be seen about the bay, fishing away and having a good old

time just as if it was the middle of the summer and there was no closure at all. Sure, maybe a few were unaware of the closure, but I'm certain the majority of them knew what was going on, but chose to fish catch-and-release.

I know I don't have to tell readers of this publication how much fun every aspect of fishing is; anglers don't forget the sight of a tuna exploding on a spreader bar or a hundred tournament boats converging on the Inlet at one time, feeling the subtle taps as a tautog pecks apart a crab at the end of a line or the brute force of a mako burning 200-yards off a big gold reel, the glassy-calm mornings and the afternoons when the wind picks up and makes for a long-wet ride home, having our morning coffee in a tackle shop and our lunch on the boat, hustling to get the right lure tied on before the school "goes down" and hoping that we didn't make a mistake by not putting a little steel leader on first, trying to keep our reels from falling in the sand, and constantly wondering if we should be using a different bait, in a different place, and during a different tide!

There is so much that goes on during every fishing trip, much of it is a part our own routine and very predictable, like the coffee mug we'll grab to drink from that morning or the knife we'll use to cut our bait. Just like the weather or a school of breaking stripers at the inlet - much can also be unexpected and quite exciting! All of it - the good the bad, the successes and the failures, define each trip and the highlights are etched into our memories and stored for later reflection and to savor during times when we're not fishing. We fish because we love "fishing," and for a few months each year we put so much of our lives on hold and immerse ourselves in this passion that holds captive our bodies and minds. We love fishing because we love to get out there and "do it," whether we

catch fish or not, we know that we'll always bring home memories that will help sustain us through the cold months ahead when angling is not an option.

If fishing were only about putting fish in a cooler I'd expect that after the flounder season closed, one would be hard pressed to find anyone drifting the channels or floating baits out from the Rt. 50 bridge during the day, but anglers are still out there! A lot of those folks probably thought about all the fun they had throughout the summer, even on the days they didn't land any keepers, and figured "what the heck, I can still go out and have the same great time I've always had, only now I don't have to worry about cleaning fish at the end of the day!" As much as I love to eat fish I have a hard time remembering the details from any of the best fish dinners I've ever had and yet I can recall such obscure facts as which way the current was flowing, what we used for bait, and how hard the wind was blowing on trips that occurred more than 20-years ago. This game isn't about putting fish on a plate, it's about a day on the water and lifetime of memories!

It's only natural to resent being told that we cannot do something when we strongly believe that there's no legitimate reason why we shouldn't. So it's understandable why anglers are so often upset by regulations that would keep them from bringing home a part of their catch. And that's a good thing, because recreational anglers need to continue to fight for the right to harvest a reasonable share of our nation's sustainable resources. But even if we could have everything "our way", I don't think too many of us would agree that "zero" regulations would do us any good. So we've all got to learn to accept and live with the fact that varying levels of catch-

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<p><b>Fish Bona</b></p> <p>Marine: Ocean City Fishing Center - Ocean City, MD Captains: Mark Rosenthal Phone: 800-442-2000 Website: www.fishbona.net</p>	<p>TUESDAY, August 18, 2009: The "Morning Star" returned with another nice catch of flounder.</p> <p>At the Mid Atlantic 5000, a couple of white marlin were weighed, but did not meet the minimum weight of 50 lbs.</p> <p>The "Pud Man" weighed a 50 lb. yellowtail.</p> <p>The "Ten Dues" weighed a 22 lb. sea trout.</p>
<p><b>Get Sun</b></p> <p>Marine: Ocean City Fishing Center - Ocean City, MD Captains: Nick Clemente Phone: 410-432-5100 Website: www.getsuncharter.com</p>	<p>MONDAY, August 17, 2009: Not much happening except for the Mid Atlantic 5000. On the 1st day, the "Bitter" weighed in a 65 lb. qualifying white marlin. A couple of other boats weighed white marlin that didn't meet the qualifying weight of 50 lbs.</p> <p>There were some other whites released, along with a load of dolphin. The heaviest dolphin weighed at the scales in OC was the "Shree"</p>
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I guess recreational anglers have a few options when a season comes to a close: they can choose to stomp their feet, cuss, shout, jerk their boats out of the water and tell the governor that they'll never fish in his state again. Or they can also do away with all the silly rod and reel "stuff" and just make plans to head out to the fish market every Saturday morning. Or they can take a hard look at what's most important to them about fishing and decide for themselves if they can still have a good time with catch-and-release.

Some of the best and most content fishermen I know and respect target fish that are usually released: billfish and sharks, summer rockfish at the inlet, and red drum in the surf, just to name a few. They care little about what seasons are open or closed or what the size limits are because, as long as

there is no law that forbids it, they are going to go fishing and there's no way they'll let the fact that they're required to release some or all of their catch stand in their way of having a good time on the water. The common thread a lot of these fishermen share is that even when they occasionally do land a fish that's legal to keep, they often turn it lose anyway, not because they don't like to eat fish but because keeping a fish has so much less importance to them than the joy they derive from the experience of pursuing the darn things. They just "like to fish."

Anglers who can break free from the routine of only targeting fish that they can "keep," and instead be happy with the opportunity to pursue whatever they choose to "catch," will enjoy their fishing to its fullest and never have their fun hampered by a "closed season."

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Best of luck to everyone for the rest of this fishing year and

the hunting seasons ahead and many thanks to all who have followed this column each week and especially those who have taken the time to let me know their own thoughts on some of the issues I've kicked around. I hope to see you all out on the water next season including my friends Jack and Goodie who have recently undergone heart surgery.

Over the next few months if I'm not running charter trips, teaching captain's courses for the 3B's Captain's School, cleaning shark jaws, or writing for "other" papers, I'll likely be in the woods chasing hoofed animals. In March, my wife Charlotte and I will be hunting the flats of the Florida Keys as I continue my (now) 9-year quest to catch a permit on a fly. Maybe this will be the year...

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



On the final day of the 2009 flounder season, Butch Sample of Essex, MD caught this 21.5-inch flounder on a Gulp! artificial bait. The flattie tipped the scales at an even 4 lbs. and was weighed at All Tackle in West Ocean City.



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# Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



## AUTOPILOT: YOUR BEST FRIEND

If I asked you what item of electronic equipment would be the last thing you would put on your boat, you might answer autopilot. However, if you've had one before you'll probably think it is the first thing you'd install. Once thought to be a sheer luxury reserved for only very large boats and commercial vessels, the automatic pilot has now become somewhat of a staple.

With smaller and smaller boats venturing further offshore and the price of autopilots having come down, more and more boaters are opting to have one installed. Of course you

can steer your boat yourself but not as accurately or efficiently. Beyond that, just imagine a day offshore without having to be constantly holding on to the steering wheel and you'll be tempted.

The basic automatic pilot system is not just one or two items, it is several things, working together as a system to steer your boat on a straight course. Depending on the manufacturer, a basic system designed for hydraulic steering systems might consist of a pump and motor, hydraulic lines, a compass, a rudder feedback unit or virtual feedback, a junction box and a control unit. Each of these pieces has its own function and,

together, they can take over the steering of your boat with little, if any, intervention on your part.

The pump is installed in line with your vessel's hydraulic steering system by a set of additional lines and this pump is responsible for sending hydraulic fluid through the lines to turn your rudders a certain degree. This pump comes in more than one size to accommodate different sized boats. There are also a number of linear drive units, both hydraulic and mechanical, to use when hydraulic systems are not present.

A rudder feedback may be connected to a rod that, in turn, is connected to your rudders. The system turns the rudders and the feedback tells the system where the rudders are at any given time. For outboards, a linear feedback can be used to connect to your outboard(s) and perform a similar function. Something called "virtual feedback" may be used where no actual rudder feedback can fit but it requires a better compass unit.

The compass of the pilot operates separately from your ship's compass and functions only for the pilot to determine what heading the

boat is steering. The placement of the compass is very critical to the successful operation of the pilot system.

The control head is the part of the system that you operate. It has an LCD display that indicates several readings such as current heading, rudder action, status, and mode. There are usually knobs or buttons that can be used to "dodge" around an obstacle and to set the various modes.

The junction unit is the general interface box into which all connections from the above mentioned pieces of the system join with each other. This junction box, as well as the other pieces of the system except the control head, can all be placed out of sight.

The selection of the correct pilot for your boat can be critical to its performance. Pilot systems are not "one size fits all" and, therefore, you need to get the right configuration for the size of your boat and the type of steering system that you have. In addition, the installation of an automatic pilot is something that should be left to those who understand the complexities of the system. In the case of a hydraulic unit, the steering system of your boat must be taken down, cut into, purged and brought back up to pressure.

Once your system is properly installed, it must be calibrated with a sea trial in order to best make the necessary adjustments. Newer pilots have made this procedure easier but it is still critical for maximum performance. In addition, the system should be interfaced with your navigation system (loran or GPS) in order to get the maximum benefit from the autopilot. Once this is completed, you can set your navigation equipment to go to a certain waypoint and

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Prices of autopilots have come down, making them more affordable for more boaters. Depending on the

brand and the model, prices may vary from \$1,500 on up. Several manufacturers offer autopilot systems. The most well known are: Simrad (formerly Robertson), Raymarine, Furuno, Northstar, Navman and more recently Garmin. Rating the best pilot is difficult but the National Marine Electronics Association has rated Simrad pilot models as the best for four of the last five years. If you select the right pilot system for your size boat, have it properly installed and calibrated for best performance, they are very reliable and you will find it will become one of the electronic items on your boat that you will never want to do without.

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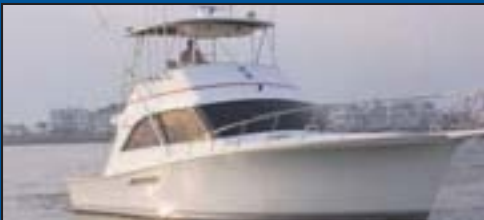
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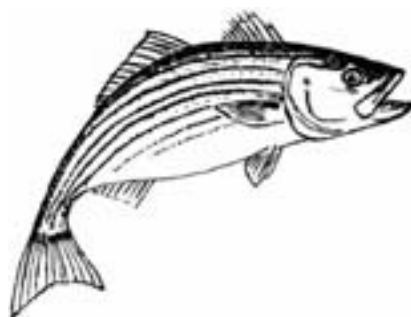
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# Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



Fall fishing is good when anglers can get out on the water, but intermittent blustery conditions are making it difficult. When the weather allows, most anglers are either targeting cobia and flounder, or heading offshore for the escalating billfish bite.

Inshore, big cobia are lingering on the pilings of the CBBT and the buoys near the mouth of the Bay. Large schools of cobia are also

cruising on the surface as they gather to exit the area. Look for these fish staging along the oceanfront before they begin their journey south. Many cobia are exceeding 50-pounds, and can be caught with tossed jigs and live bait.



The flounder took another breather last week, but the action should heat back up when the waters clear. With northeast winds last week, anglers could drift for flatfish along the protected bayside Eastern Shore area with little effort. Mark at Chris' Bait and Tackle reports that folks are finding a few keepers, with some fish pushing to over 9-pounds, while drifting off Kiptopeke. The offshore wreck flounder scene also slowed up recently, but plenty of keeper seabass and hungry triggerfish will oblige.

The red drum species thrives in turbulent, dirty water. Churned water paired with a northeasterly breeze can produce a blitz of red drum activity. The drum bite on the Eastern Shore shoals and in the surf along Fisherman's Island is back on the rise. And with that said, the long awaited red drum run

off the Little Island Fishing Pier could also happen this week.

Puppy drum are also on the loose within the shallows, inlets and creeks, as well as the surf off Dam Neck, Sandbridge, and the Eastern Shore Barrier islands. Anywhere within Lynnhaven River is a great place for pups right now. The folks at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle report that juvenile reds are favoring cut mullet.

Although no one is talking about it, escalating speckled trout catches are beginning to draw a quiet crowd. Good numbers of fish are coming from most of the usual haunts such as Hungar's Creek, the Poquoson Flats, and Mobjack Bay. Look for this trend to continue to heat up over the next month.



Decent sized spot are pouring into the lower Bay and oceanfront areas. The Virginia Beach Fishing Center reports that anglers are especially thrilled with the recent spot invasion inside Rudee Inlet. Folks are crowding along the jetties and bulkheads to get in on the two-at-a-time action, with bloodworms the bait of choice. Lynnhaven Inlet should also begin producing soon, but the spot action is nil for now. Ocean's East 2 reports that the local piers are also great places to get in on the hot spot bite right now, with the night time hours the best lately. Horse croaker are still lurking around the HRBT and the CBBT, especially along the deeper channels.

Captain Jake Hiles, skipper of the "Matador", reports that

Spanish mackerel are chasing trolled spoons along Sandbridge and Dam Neck in about 20 to 25 feet of water. Schools of false albacore in these same areas will also hit spoons. King mackerel have been scarce so far this year, but smaller kings are hitting an occasional trolled bait or lure along the CB line, inshore wrecks, and out to the Chesapeake Light Tower. The king showing should improve into October.

Amberjack are still available on local wrecks, the Chesapeake Light Tower, and will remain on the southern towers through October. Catching a jack crevelle is also a possibility, but this action is hit or miss.

Deep droppers are having good luck near the Canyon edges lately. Captain Steve Wray aboard the "Ocean Pearl" guided his crew offshore for a limit of nice blueline tilefish and jumbo seabass. Bryan Werrick of Virginia Beach earned a state citation for his 10-pound, 13-ounce blueline tilefish he tricked with cut mackerel while fishing aboard "The Pearl".

The recurring windy weather is also keeping many blue water anglers closer to shore, but the improving billfish bite awaits boats when



they can negotiate a decent day. Good numbers of white marlin, with a few blue marlin in the mix are available from the 400 line to the triple 0's area. Scattered larger class yellowfin are also surprising a few boats this week. Wahoo will continue to slam spreads for several more weeks, while gaffer dolphin are still a good backup.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. You can find Dr. Julie's reports at [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

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In early September, Jed and Jessica Litsey of Augusta, GA landed these flounder in the East Channel while in Ocean City on their honeymoon. The fish were caught while fishing on the "Boo", using minnows and squid for bait.

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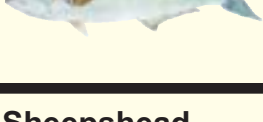
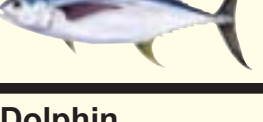
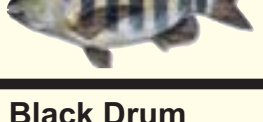
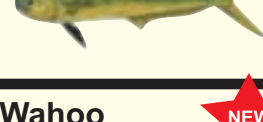

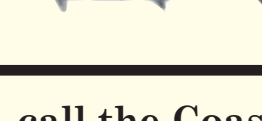

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## Heaviest Fish of the Year

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.	July 1, 2009 Rick Sank Poor Man's Canyon 170 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	July 17, 2009 Alex Levantowsky "Grizzly" 16 lbs. 4 oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	 <b>Cobia</b>	July 25, 2009 Chris Toner "Fish Finder" 72 lbs.	August 1, 2009 Bobby Haas Site #11 22 lbs.
 <b>Weakfish</b>	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	July 13, 2009 Giuseppe Ferrarelli "That's Right" 170 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
 <b>Speckled Trout</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	August 20, 2009 Donnie Moore Poor Man's Canyon 69 lbs.	August 15, 2009 Bill Russell Middle Lump 64.3 lbs.
 <b>Flounder</b>	August 17, 2009 Steve Hammond East Channel 11 lbs.	July 19, 2009 Jody McCullough Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 10 oz.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	August 4, 2009 Gunnar Zorn Wilmington Canyon 67.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	August 3, 2009 Doug Salter Baltimore Canyon 249 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Riniker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barnstable Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	September 5, 2009 Pete Hesson Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 8 oz.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	August 5, 2009 Ron Bennett, Sr. Baltimore Canyon 37.5 lbs.	July 27, 2009 Ned Baumbach 19 Fathom Lump 23.6 lbs.
 <b>Black Drum</b>	August 12, 2009 Milton Crim South Jetty 15.1 lbs.	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	 September 20, 2009 Mason McMullen Baltimore Canyon 101 lbs.	September 5, 2009 John Galyen Baltimore Canyon 80.4 lbs.

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200



Jim, Tom and Tim Brinker took advantage of a good wahoo bite on Sunday, landing 2 speedsters and a couple of yellowfin tuna. The anglers were fishing on the "Carol's Teakettle" in 40 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon where Tom reported water temperatures hovering around 80-degrees.



Nicholas Wilson caught this 22-inch flounder and a sea bass, and Cathy Creel boated an 18.5-inch croaker, both while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Dom Scaglione caught this yellowfin tuna at the Tea Cup while fishing on the "Toy Boy" with Russell Applegit. The tuna hit a ballyhoo with a blue and white Ilander in 74.5-degree water.



Paul DeBarry, Bill McGovern, Steve McGovern and Bill Lanahan all released their first white marlin while fishing on the "Pumpin' Hard 66" with Danny O'Connell, Capt. Gary Stamm and Mate David Burt. The white marlin and a dolphin were hooked while trolling ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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On Saturday, September 20th, the “Always Late”, a 48-foot charter boat out of Fisherman’s Marina in Ocean City, MD sank in 180 feet of water just offshore of the Tea Cup, 52 miles from the Ocean City Inlet.

At 11:17 am, the United States Coast Guard received a call from a crew member aboard the “American Lady”, reporting that the “Always Late” was taking on water and needed assistance.

The Coast Guard dispatched a rescue helicopter from their Atlantic City, NJ Air

Station and issued an urgent marine information broadcast to mariners. The “Marli”, “Press Time”, “American Lady” and “Reel Addiction” responded to the broadcast.

The crew aboard the “Marli”, with Capt. Brian Porter at the helm, rescued seven crew members including Capt. Larry Richardson from the “Always Late”, while Mate Patrick O’Neil remained onboard to attempt to salvage the boat. The helicopter arrived on the scene and lowered a rescue swimmer with a pump to assist O’Neil but were ultimately unable to control the flooding and had to abandon the boat. O’Neil was taken aboard the “Marli”.

When the rescue was complete, the eight people who were aboard the “Always Late” spent the rest of the day fishing on the “Marli”, returning with 6 yellowfin tuna and 3 wahoo.

As of the writing of this report, the Coast Guard is investigating why the “Always Late” sunk and Sea Tow was dispatched on Sunday to determine if the boat could be towed back to port.

### Subway cars launched onto Del-Jersey-Land artificial reef

Another “train” of retired

New York City subway cars made their way onto the Del-Jersey-Land Reef last week, the latest deployment of the cars that are making more marine habitat for Delaware’s artificial reef program.

As with the first subway car sinking last month over the state’s newest artificial reef, 44 more cars by way of New York’s Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) were barged down the coast and dropped over the Del-Jersey-Land site—26 miles southeast of Indian River Inlet, and equidistant from the three states comprising the reef’s name.

The reef is a cooperative venture between Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland for enhancing fisheries habitat through decommissioned and retired ships.

As with the earlier sinking on the Del-Jersey-Land reef, this deployment will test the stainless steel subway cars’ durability in 120-150 feet of water by deploying them singly on the ocean floor. Earlier sinkings at artificial reefs along the East Coast were made with one subway car piled atop another on bottom, for a two-tiered reef habitat.

This is the fifth sinking of retired NYC subway cars in recent months in Delaware waters and brings the number of subway cars that help comprise the state’s artificial reef sites to 1,085 since the reef project began in 2001.

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Thomas Magee of West Chester, PA was fishing on the "Pony Island Express" when he hooked into this 20-inch flounder while fishing in the Assawoman Bay.



In early September, Brennan Holloway from Berlin, MD caught these two flounder, measuring 18 and 18.5-inches, while fishing on the "Time N' Tide" with his dad, John Holloway, his brother Brooks and his cousin Jake Gallagher. The fish were caught in the East Channel on an Assateague Tackle Deadly Double tipped with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet.

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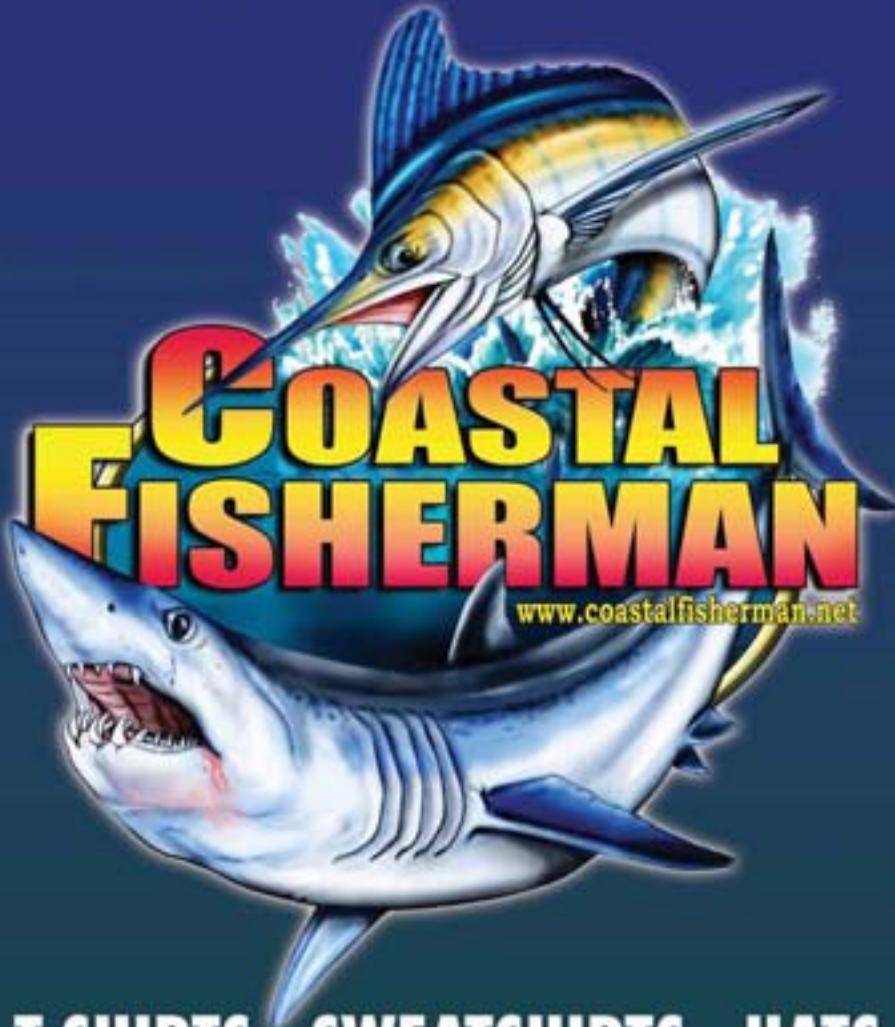
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Fri. Sept. 25	Low 06:54 am Low 08:03 pm	High 01:02 am High 01:40 pm
Sat. Sept. 26 <b>First Quarter</b>	Low 07:50 am Low 09:03 pm	High 01:57 am High 02:40 pm
Sun. Sept. 27	Low 08:49 am Low 10:01 pm	High 02:59 am High 03:45 pm
Mon. Sept. 28	Low 09:47 am Low 10:52 pm	High 04:04 am High 04:43 pm
Tues. Sept. 29	Low 10:44 am Low 11:35 pm	High 05:01 am High 05:32 pm
Wed. Sept. 30	Low 11:35 am Low -----	High 05:49 am High 06:15 pm

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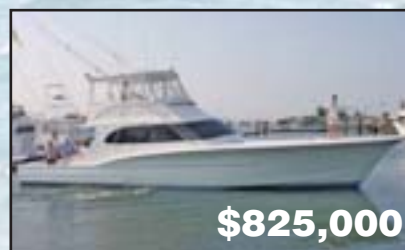
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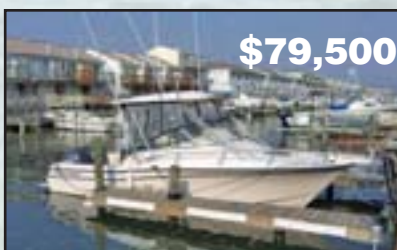
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