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On Sunday, Tenille Schrier caught her first shark and the first thresher of the year out of Ocean City, landing this 165 pounder while fishing on the "Hookin' Wubbas" with Joe Hoover and Kevin Yeagers of Pittsburgh, PA, Dean Williams of Ocean City, MD and Capt. Joe Hoover. The thresher ate a whole mackerel in 59-degree water at the Jackspot and it took Tenille 20 minutes to get it to the boat. Capt. Joe also reported a mako shark jumping nearby and spotted several blue sharks in the area. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



A couple of friends and I spent two days on one of the Virginia barrier islands last week. We had good fishing for large red drum and beached over a dozen stripers, so I'm definitely not complaining, but another species, black drum, seemed scarce, and since I like to eat the small blacks, I was kind of targeting them. I managed to catch four small ones, but conditions and beach structure seemed ideal for the black drum, so based on that experience I might have thought that there weren't many drum around or they had moved on north or offshore. A friend, however, talked to some anglers who had been fishing another island very close by, and they had caught a lot of blacks but very few reds or stripers. The point I am trying to make is that our success with

a target species very often doesn't have anything to do with the overall population of that particular fish, but with differences in seasonal, or even week-to-week migration patterns. These migrations can be affected by many factors, including water temps, water clarity, bottom structure, and especially the abundance, or lack of, food that the particular species prefers. In the case of the black drum, it might have been something as simple as a lack of bean clams on one island compared to another. If we have a good year on flounder in Ocean City, it may be because a particular set of factors brought the fish into that inlet. Warm, clear water and an abundance of shiners or small crabs, for instance. Another seaside port might have a poor season at the same

time, however. Likewise, a good year on white marlin offshore is usually simply a matter of water conditions and the presence of plenty of bait for the fish to feed on, not overall population numbers. Those conditions might only be limited to a small area of the Washington Canyon, and if you were fishing up in the Baltimore Canyon you might think there were no whites to be caught. If the overall population of a species seems very high, however, it might really mean there are more fish and they are spread all over competing for food. On the other hand, it might only mean that the fish are concentrated for some reason that we do not see. A few years back, for instance, the whole mid-Atlantic from the Carolinas up to New Jersey saw good numbers of speckled trout in the fall. You would think that meant the population was high, but the following year, there were practically no trout anywhere. Did those fish just disappear? I doubt it. More

than likely, something affected their migration, and the "good year" was just an anomaly that brought the usually more southern population of trout up the coast. Anglers who target stripers in the ocean in the late fall and early winter know that some years the fish come inside the 3-mile limit in good numbers and some years they don't, usually depending on things like wind direction and where the bait is. This is another reason I am leery of "trawl surveys" that fisheries officials use to determine populations. If you make your tows inside the 3-mile limit on bare bottom, even though the captain tells you there aren't any fish there, it will definitely affect your numbers. I guess the point of all this is that since fish have tails and live underwater, nobody really knows what is out there and where they are. Unfortunately, in these days of sometimes absurd over-regulation, whether or not a fisherman can catch a fish is not only determined by migration patterns, but by someone else's

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The 2nd thresher shark to hit the docks this year was caught on Sunday by Brian Leader of Annapolis, MD while fishing on the "Keep Er Wet" with Bill Marvel of Chestertown, MD and Capt. David Sumpter. The guys were searching for bluefish in 58-degree water at the Jackpot when the 154 lb. thresher hit their trolled Hoochie lure on 30 lb. test line. After an 80 minute fight, the team was able to get a tail rope on the fish and get it into the boat. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Ray Whittaker of Fenwick Island, DE boated this 25.5-inch, 6 lb. flounder on an Assateague Delmarva Double rig tipped with a live minnow. Ray caught the fish while drifting near the Rt. 90 Bridge and weighed his catch at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle.



On Sunday, the first bluefin tuna of the season was caught by Tom Dorwart of Manheim Township, PA while fishing on the "Margin" with Seth Obetz and Howard Cramer, also from Manheim Township, PA. The 66.4 pounder was hooked in 20 fathoms on a trolled ballyhoo, just north of the Norfolk Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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The Cape Hatteras area has been experiencing one of the best cobia runs in a long time. Boat anglers have been doing especially well sight casting lures to "the man in the brown suit." Unfortunately, the Park Service has been busily closing the best beach areas to ORV traffic, so your odds of catching a cobia from the surf have been greatly diminished. Rumors are that the feds have also been busy trapping or killing predators such as foxes and raccoons so the piping plovers would have a better chance of survival. Apparently groups such as the Defenders of Wildlife condone this action. My question is: when did the life of a plover become more valuable than the life of a red fox? Kind of a waste of time, anyway, I think, since the crows and black backed gulls will eat the eggs and baby plovers like candy anyway. Last week, I sent one of those automated letters to Maryland Senators

Mikulski and Cardin asking them to support senate bill S1557, which basically would throw out the consent decree and let the Park Service go back to managing Cape Hatteras National Seashore under the Interim Management Strategy until they (NPS) issue a final rule for off-road vehicle use. I didn't hear anything from Mikulski, but Cardin did send a form letter, which basically said through a lot of convoluted politician speak designed to make you think he really cared, "screw you, I'm sticking with the Audubon Society", though not in so many words. I think Maryland voters need to clean house and get rid of all the incumbents come election time. Funny thing is, John James Audubon, after whom the Audubon Society is named, was an artist who was also an avid hunter, and he shot almost all of the birds he painted so he would have good close up models...he would probably turn over in his grave if he knew his name was being used to raise millions of dollars to

pay a bunch of fat salaries and file lawsuits to keep the public off public beaches...



A gentleman asked me last week if I preferred braid or mono line. The answer is both. For my conventional surf reels, I still use mostly mono, either 15, 17 or 20 lb. test. This is primarily because I don't trust myself casting for distance into the wind with braid. A backlash in braid is not a pretty sight. The exception is on a Shimano Trinidad 14, which I have loaded with 50 lb. braid and (knock on wood) I haven't backlashed yet. For flounder fishing, it's braid hands down, both on spinning and conventional. You just can't beat the sensitivity. I also like braid for jigging with a metal or bucktail jig. I use both mono and braid for casting lures, depending on how and where I am fishing. For casting jig heads or Mirr-O-Lures in the surf for speckled trout, for instance, I still like 8 or 10 lb. mono, mostly to avoid the "wind knots" that sometimes

plague braid. Fishing for the same species in the bays, however, where distance isn't as much of a factor, I often use 15 lb. braid. Casting around the inlet jetty or the bridge pilings, I find myself using 15 or 20 lb. braid more and more. Braid also excels for ocean bottom fishing, but for offshore trolling I still like the forgiveness (stretch) in mono. Both lines have advantages and disadvantages. Mono is cheaper, but braid generally doesn't have to be changed as often. Mono stretches and doesn't pull as many hooks, but braid is more sensitive and allows you to feel both the bite and every headshake. Mono is easier for knots, but there are several that will hold in braid with no problem. My advice is to try it all...there are so many toys and so little time...



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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



There was a good flounder bite on Saturday morning, and these anglers on the "Bay Bee" brought back some nice flatties to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Leon Yoon of Gambrill, MD caught the largest flounder on the trip, measuring 25-inches. The fish was caught on a cut bluefish and squid combination in the East Channel. Also pictured is Cheryl Bonsall of Morgantown, PA (22.5"), Chris Yun from Laurel, MD (19"), Dale Kline of Riverdale, MD (20") and Capt. Bob Gowar. Not pictured is Mate Spencer Cropper. Anglers also released over 60 flounder during the trip.

I want to start this week's column by addressing some questions that were raised concerning the striper on last week's cover. The fish was caught by Bill Winkler on a live hickory shad. As some folks know, anglers are prohibited from possessing both hickory and American shad in

Maryland. However, in Delaware, where the fish was caught, it is legal to keep both hickory and American shad in all waters except the Nanticoke River and its tributaries.

Now, onto the report...

The fishing gods were shining on Delmarva anglers this week with good bites from

the Delaware Bay down to the barrier islands of Virginia.

Sharks

Two thresher sharks were caught out of Ocean City on Sunday, nine days earlier than the first threshers caught in 2009. The first one to hit the scales was landed by Tenille Schrier at the Jackspot while fishing on the "Hookin' Wubbas". The shark ate a whole mackerel in 59-degree water.

Fishing right next to the "Hookin' Wubbas" was the crew on the "Keep Er Wet",

who landed a 154 lb. thresher while trolling for bluefish.

Another thresher was caught by a group of anglers out of Delaware on Sunday at the Twin Wrecks.

Further south at the Parking Lot, the crew on the "Nontypical" found what they were searching for, a mako shark, but unfortunately lost it during the fight.

Big schools of blue sharks were spotted both at the Jackspot and at the Parking Lot. Scott Murray on the "Salt Addiction" called in on Sunday afternoon to report that they released 3 blue sharks at the Lower Sausages.

Striped Bass

There was an incredible bite in the Indian River Inlet during the day on Friday and on Friday night, so it's no surprise that anglers fishing off the beach in North Ocean City caught some nice linesiders. Stripers are still moving up the beach after spawning in the Chesapeake Bay and we should be getting close to the end of the big run, which usually lasts from the 3rd week in April through mid-May.

Anglers also picked up a few stripers around the South Jetty, but most of the catches in the bay continued to center around the Rt. 50 Bridge at night. It was not as hot as it has been, but some nice stripers were caught, in addition to some small snapper bluefish.

Anglers fishing off the beach are having the best luck with either strips of bunker or whole bunker heads. Those casting off the bridge and around the jetty had good results tossing Storm lures.

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Flounder

On Saturday, the flounder bite was the best we have seen all year. The water was really clear with temperatures pretty stable around 65-degrees.

The "Bay Bee" had an incredible trip on Saturday morning, bringing back 4 nice keepers and releasing over 60 fish. The largest keeper of the day was 25-inches.

The bay behind Assateague Island was definitely the hot spot on Saturday, with several flatties over 20-inches caught. Ronnie Spittle landed himself a 25-incher, one of 4 keepers caught by Ronnie and his wife. Steve Kansler caught a 22-incher down by the airport.

On Friday, Ray Whittaker caught a 25.5-inch flounder on an Assateague Tackle Delmarva Double rig near the Rt. 90 Bridge.

Anglers are having success drifting and trolling live minnows, Gulp! Alive! artificial baits, cut bluefish and squid.

Bluefish

Small snapper bluefish

have congregated around the Rt. 50 Bridge, creating a fun time for anglers tossing Gotcha plugs and other metal lures. Other anglers had good success catching bluefish and shad off of the Oceanic Pier.

Local angler Joe Molone did manage to catch a 6 lb. 11 oz. bluefish while using squid near Buoy #13 in the bay.

A good number of chopper bluefish were caught by surfcasters fishing off the beach in North Ocean City. Surprisingly, we didn't see any big bluefish caught further off the beach. Over the weekend, anglers trolled for bluefish around the Jackspot with no luck and shark fishermen at the Twin Wrecks and the Parking Lot never saw a bluefish.

Something is bringing the threshers, makos and blue sharks to these locations, and it is usually bluefish. I guess we will see in the next week or so.

Don't forget, the 1st Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Bluefish Tournament is coming up on May 29th and 30th. You do not have to be an Ocean

City Marlin Club member to fish in the tournament.

Tautog

Anglers fishing both on headboats and private boats continue to peck away at tautog on inshore wrecks and structure in the bay.

The wrecks off 28th Street produced some nice catches for anglers fishing with green crabs and calico crabs.

In the bay, most blackfish anglers found success fishing around the South Jetty and along the rocks just south of Gudelsky Park.

Reef Foundation

Over the years, strong currents and storms have

May 19, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 moved some of the material the Ocean City Reef Foundation had dropped in the ocean. The group is in the process of updating their reef charts. If you looked for any of the OCRF's reefs, and were unable to locate them OR you found them in a different location and have the coordinates, please email Capt. Monty Hawkins at mhawkins@siteone.net.

Updating the reef charts is a big undertaking. I know Capt. Monty has been working hard on this project and already has logged new numbers for both Purnell's and Russell's Reefs. If everyone helps out with this project, it will get done much quicker, which is better for the entire fishing community.

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Before Delaware's spring tautog season came to a close on May 12th, Jo Hershey from Elizabethtown, PA caught herself a nice 9 lb. 4 oz. citation winner while fishing on the "Miss Kristin" with Capt. Vince Keagy and Mate Bert Long. The blackfish ate a green crab and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.



As reported last week, Darrell Zepp of Westminster, MD was fishing off the 3rd Street Bulkhead in Ocean City when he hooked into this 25-inch bluefish while using fresh bunker for bait. The unique thing about this catch is that Darrell ran his line off a planer board that he tied off to the bulkhead. Very innovative and obviously successful. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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The first thresher shark caught in Delaware this year was landed on Sunday by Bill Doherty, Jr. from Wilmington, DE while shark fishing at the Twin Wrecks. Bill was fishing with his dad, Bill Doherty, Sr. and C.J. Walus, also from Wilmington, DE. The 216 lb. thresher was hooked on a bluefish fillet and fought for 2 hours before getting in the boat. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Joseph Parsons from Ocean View, DE captured this 40-inch striped bass while tossing a Storm lure in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed in at 25 lbs. 8 oz.



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The striper bite in North Ocean City and off the Delaware beaches has really heated up over the last couple of weeks and Joe Poretta of Havertown, PA was there to land this 42-incher at 3R's Road. The fish was hooked on a bunker head and tipped the scales at 24 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Fenwick Tackle.



Eric Martyn of West Ocean City, MD was tossing a Rapala plug off the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked into this 32-inch striper.

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Seven-year-old John O'Donnell went fishing with his dad, John and his sister, Isabel on their new boat "ReJoyce" and ended up muscling in this 21-inch flounder. John caught the flattie in the Thorofare while using minnows for bait.

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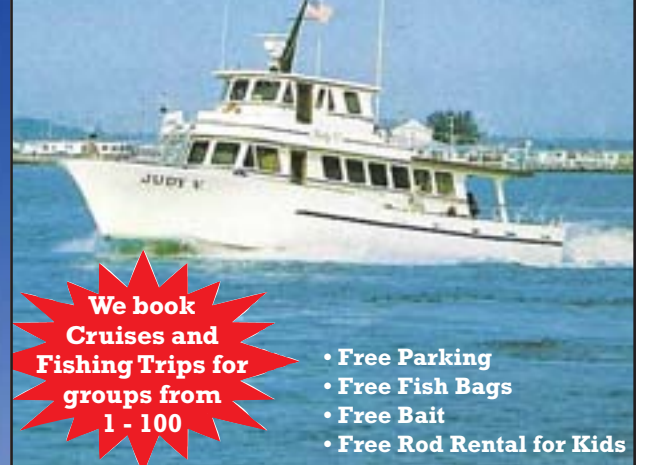
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by Sue Foster



I love surf fishing and so could you. Surf fishing is fun, very relaxing, and an easy sport to get set-up and start fishing.

Frank Scott inspired this article when he sent me an e-mail about his first surf fishing experience in April. He didn't catch anything, but he sure had fun and passed along some pointers for beginners. Thanks Frank!

So here are "Ten Things Every New Surf Fisherman Must Know":

1. Surf fishing is less expensive than other types of fishing.

2. The weather on the beach can change as quickly as the weather on any lake.

3. You need a cutting board to cut your bait.

4. Sue Foster is a great person and a wealth of information.

5. Surf fishing is not a dry sport.

6. If you sit on a bucket, watch the waves or else you will get "splashed".

7. Surf fishermen are a friendly lot.

8. The ocean waves are remarkable.

9. Surf fishing is addictive.

10. Do not leave your bunker in a bucket overnight in your car. (If you do this once you will never ever do it again).

Frank learned several lessons on his first trip out surf fishing! Yes, surf fishing is less expensive because an entry level, 10-foot surf rod and reel with line costs as little as \$40 to \$50. If you want to upgrade your surf combo, you can buy a really fine one for less than \$150.

"What will a little more money get me?"

A fishing reel with more ball bearings will last longer and crank smoother for a longer period of time. A fishing rod with more graphite will be lighter in the hand and cast a little easier. A 10 to 11-foot combination is what you want for surf fishing. The reel should be spooled anywhere from 15 to 20 pound test monofilament line. If you are only going to try surf fishing and are not sure if it's going to be your favorite past time, then a starter outfit is fine. See if you like it, and THEN you can always give it away later to your favorite buddy so he can go fishing with you. That will give you a reason to buy yourself an upgraded rod and reel.

"What else do I need to get started surf fishing?"

A sand spike is number one. It's a plastic PVC tube to put your rod in while baiting up and waiting for a bite. It's of utmost importance not to let your rod and reel fall in the sand while surf fishing. When you are finished for the day you should hose off your rod and reel with fresh water. Never, ever, rinse off your rod and reel in the ocean.

Besides the sand spike, get

yourself a 5-gallon bucket. The bucket is very useful, because you can carry all your stuff to the beach in it. As Frank says, you can use it as a seat. I like to keep my bait in it, because if you let your bait lie on the beach, the seagulls will steal it in an instant!

shy. Ask away!

Buy yourself a couple of surf rigs. Always buy at least one extra. Never go to the beach with one rig! What if you lose it? Or a skate mangles it?

Carry sinkers in a couple of different weights. I usually



Other important items are:

1. A pair of pliers to take off skates, bluefish, sharks and other toothy critters. Never, ever, put your hands directly on a skate or ray. Never put your fingers in the mouth of saltwater fish that you are not sure of, especially bluefish! They bite!

2. A rag to wipe your hands and grip a fish or sand shark.

3. A cutting board or piece of wood to cut your bait on.

4. A knife to cut your bait.

5. Nail clippers, scissors, or some little tool to cut your line if you need to re-rig. (Use the knife in a pinch).

6. Rigs, sinkers, bait....

Of course, you need surf rigs. All bait and tackle stores have plenty of surf rigs to choose from. Many have colorful surf floats that raise your bait off the bottom floor, away from the crabs. As the seasons change, so do the fish.

Frank said that I am a wealth of information. Well, any tackle store owner will be able to tell you which rig is working best, and what bait is the preferred bait that week. If you don't ask, you're not going to find out. So don't be

take a 3, 4, and 5-ounce pyramid or hurricane type sinker. (Any of the pointy type ones, so they don't roll back in after you cast them out there).

The weather! As Frank says, the weather can change in an instance. If it's a nice day, and you have the chance to go fishing, then go fishing! Don't worry about the perfect tide since that isn't as important in the surf as it is in the bayside.

"Where can I go? When is surf fishing allowed?"

Once Memorial Day weekend gets here, surf fishing is allowed before 10 A.M. and after 5:30 P.M. In the offseason, you can surf fish all day, as long as no one is in the water in front of you. If in doubt, ask a lifeguard. If there are no lifeguards around and no one is in the water, go fishing! If you want to fish in the middle of the day during the summer, you will have to go to Assateague Island and fish in the fishing areas, or go up on the Ocean Pier and cast your surf rod up there. You can also cast off the beach side of the Ocean City Jetty. You can also go into the Delaware Seashore State Park, BUT, you will need to get a Delaware Fishing License. These areas

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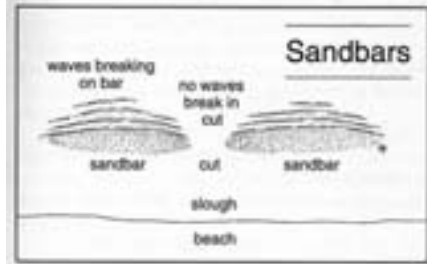
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deeper water. Crashing white water means shallow water. Reading the beach is an art that is well worth learning about if you get into the sport of surf fishing. Ask the tackle store owner about it, and I'm sure they'll give you some tips.

"What else to know?"

Well, as Frank says, watch out for those waves! Don't leave your bait in the car and enjoy the incredible beauty of the beach!

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.



Rick Sipe of Harrisburg, PA was fishing from the beach in Delaware when he captured this 40-inch striper while using bunker for bait. Photo courtesy of Henlopen Tackle.

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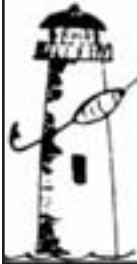
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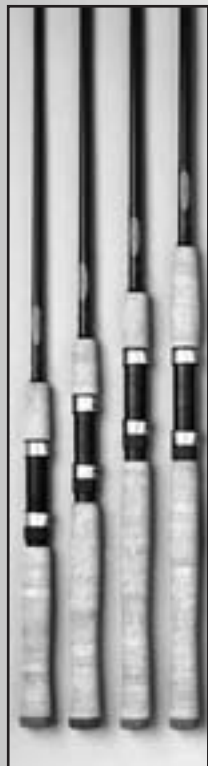
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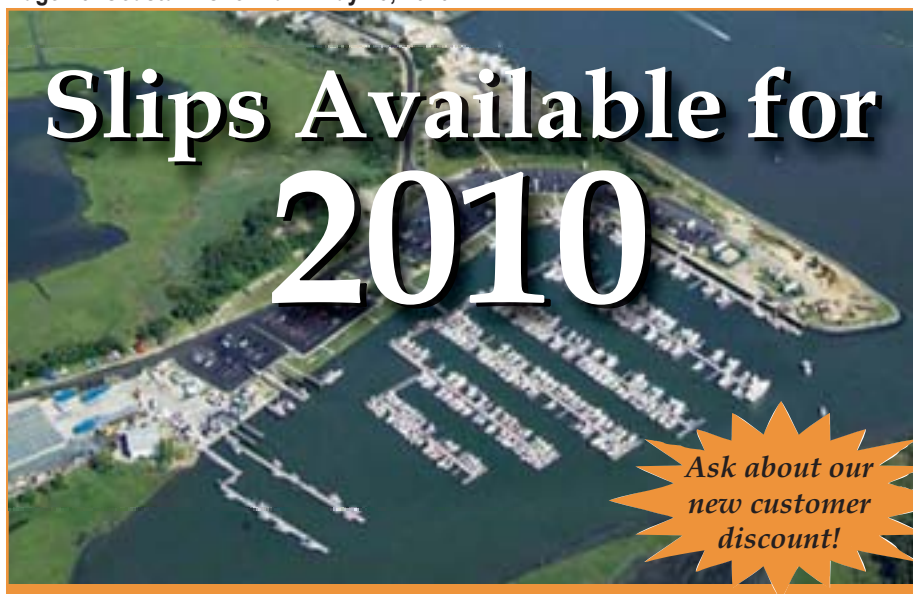
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Jeff and Candy Bryant (not pictured) of Stevensville, MD went fishing on the "Macsimized" with Donna McCauley and ended the day with three keeper flounder in the box. The largest, caught by Jeff, measured 23-inches and was caught on the flats around the Rt. 90 Bridge. The other two keepers, caught by Candy, measured 20.5-inches. All of the fish were hooked while using squid and minnow combinations.



Rich Bell from Ocean City, MD was fishing off the bank at 130th Street when he hooked into these 31.5-inch twin stripers. The fish were caught while using bunker for bait, and weighed 10 lbs. 8 oz. and 10 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.



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- 2 TBSP. dry sherry
- 1 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 tsp. hot sauce
- 3/4 tsp. salt, divided
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 TBSP. mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. minced green onion
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut bread into 1/4 inch thick slices.

Place on a baking sheet. Brush tops with butter.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown.

Bread may be stored in an airtight container for 3 days.

Pick crabmeat free of shells.

Gently toss crab with sherry, parsley, hot sauce, and 1/2 tsp. of salt in a bowl; cover and chill 1 to 24 hours.

Meanwhile, stir together sour cream, next 5 ingredients, and remaining 1/4 tsp. of salt until blended; cover and chill 1 hour.

Spoon rounded 1/2 tsp. sour cream mixture onto each

bread slice; top each slice evenly with crab mixture.

Serve immediately.

Makes 8 to 12 appetizers.

Hearty Sea Bass Soup

- 2 TBSP. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. dried red chile flakes
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 1/2 cups fish stock
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced small
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup fresh green beans, trimmed and cut into small pieces
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 2 cups canned cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 lb. thick-cut sea bass fillet, cut into 1 to 1/2 inch chunks
- 1 cup fresh chopped spinach
- Grated Parmesan cheese for garnish

In a heavy non-stick skillet, combine olive oil, garlic and

chile pepper flakes; cook over medium heat.

Add onion, 1/2 cup of the fish stock, salt and pepper.

Stir in dried thyme, oregano and basil.

Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, and simmer for 10 minutes.

During the last 2 minutes of cooking, add thyme, oregano and basil.

In a large saucepan, stir together remaining fish stock, potato, carrot and bay leaf.

Simmer for 5 minutes.

Add green beans and simmer for another 5 minutes.

Add tomato sauce, fresh tomatoes, parsley, cannellini beans, and the sauteed onion mixture.

Stir well and continue to simmer for 5 more minutes.

Add the fish pieces and spinach; simmer for another 5 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and just beginning to flake.

Makes 4 large servings.

Easy Seafood Alfredo

- 1 lb. fettuccini
- 1 lb. scallops or 6 ounces of minced clams
- 3 TBSP. canola oil
- 1 red pepper, sliced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- 1 jar Alfredo sauce

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Saute scallops or clams in oil.

Simmer Alfredo sauce, add clams or scallops.

Saute onions, red pepper and mushrooms until onion is translucent then add to sauce.

Serve immediately.

Serves 6.

Sauteed Softshell Crabs

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/8 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
- 1/4 cup milk
- 6 soft-shelled crabs, cleaned

2-4 TBSP. canola oil

1/3 cup butter

2 TBSP. parsley

1 lemon, quartered

In a small bowl, mix flour and seasonings.

Dip crabs in milk and dredge in flour.

Shake off excess flour.

Heat oil over medium heat.

Saute crabs 3 minutes on each side until golden brown.

Set aside.

Drain oil from pan and wipe clean.

Melt butter in the same pan.

Pour butter over the crabs and sprinkle with chopped parsley and lemon juice.

Serves 3-6.

Greek Style Striped Bass

- 6 striper fillets (skin on)
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 4 TBSP. melted butter
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced black olives

Place the fillets in a shallow dish.

Pour lemon juice over fish and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Saute onion and green pepper in butter for 5 minutes.

Add tomatoes and cook for an additional 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and set aside.

Remove fish from lemon juice, place skin side down in a greased 13x9x2 baking dish.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Spoon vegetable mixture over fish and sprinkle with cheese.

Bake for an additional 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Sprinkle with olives and serve.

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Jeannie and Ronnie Spittle from La Plata, MD ended their day on Saturday with 4 keeper flounder in the box. Ronnie's 25-incher was the largest of the day and was caught while using minnows for bait in the bay behind Assateague Island.



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Tony Castiglioni of Winchester, VA caught these twin, 12 lb. stripers while tossing Storm lures in the Indian River at night. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Marcus Munday of Felton, DE really took his dad to school, landing a 6 lb. 10 oz. tautog while using green crab for bait in the Indian River Inlet. His dad, Mark did manage to put a 2 lb. 13 oz. tog in the cooler. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Ken Dodson from Ocean View, DE caught these striped bass while fishing at the 14-Foot Light in the Delaware Bay. The fish weighed 16.9 lbs. and 18.5 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Michael Mancini from Scotch Plains, NJ ended his day with 4 tautog in the cooler after fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. The fish were caught on an inshore wreck while using green crabs for bait. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Bobby Quillen of Selbyville, DE took advantage of the good striper run off Assateague Island at the end of April, landing this 30-inch linesider while using bunker for bait. Photo courtesy of Allen Sklar.



Juergen and Ryan Trager, both from Millville, DE were drifting Gulp! Alive! eels in the Ocean City Inlet aboard the "Wait N Sea" when they hooked into these two striped bass, measuring 29-inches and 37-inches. The fish weighed 12 lbs. and 29 lbs. on the scale at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick, DE.



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Species	2010	2009	Species	2010	2009
 Sea Bass	April 18, 2010 George Henning "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 26, 2009 Dean Lo "Arno" Wilmington Canyon	 Mako Shark	NONE REPORTED	May 22, 2009 Jim Hughes "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon
 Tautog	January 7, 2010 John Smith "Morning Star" Offshore Wreck	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	 White Marlin	NONE REPORTED	June 10, 2009 Terry Layton "Nontypical" Poor Man's Canyon
 Striped Bass	January 1, 2010 Max Thumma "Hard Times" Little Gull	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	 Blue Marlin	NONE REPORTED	June 10, 2009 Jake Burger "Marlin Magic" Poor Man's Canyon
 Weakfish	April 16, 2010 Tim Thorpe Assateague Surf	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	 Bluefin Tuna	 May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart "Margin" Norfolk Canyon	May 23, 2009 Butch Bradshaw "DILLIGAF" Baltimore Canyon
 Flounder	April 5, 2010 Paul Turner Thorofare	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	 Yellowfin Tuna	NONE REPORTED	June 8, 2009 Kelly Horning "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon
 Bluefish	April 17, 2010 Dana Zapcic "Get Sum" Sinepuxent Bay	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	 Longfin Tuna	NONE REPORTED	August 4, 2009 Don Klein "Gun Dawg" Wilmington Canyon
 Black Drum	May 2, 2010 Lucas May "Jam-Man" Coral Beds	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	 Bigeye Tuna	NONE REPORTED	June 19, 2009 Michael Branson "Reel Compromise" Washington Canyon
 Sheepshead	NONE REPORTED	May 23, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck	 Dolphin	NONE REPORTED	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon
 Thresher Shark	 May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier "Hookin' Wubbas" Jackspot	May 25, 2009 Ron Sckenk "On Delivery" Lightship	 Wahoo	NONE REPORTED	July 18, 2009 Keith Wolf "Gerri Lynn" Hambone

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Brian Behe of West Ocean City, MD landed the first flounder on his new boat, "Buffalo Hunter", while drifting in the bay behind Assateague Island past the Ocean City Airport. The 22-inch flattie was hooked during the outgoing tide on a live minnow and weighed an even 4 lbs.




John Bleacher of Ocean City, MD (blue shirt) caught this 150 lb. swordfish during a trip to Islamorada, FL. John was fishing on the "That's Right" with Andrew Asbury, Aaron White, Zack Ferguson and Capt. John Oughton. The sword was caught during the day in 1,800 feet of water while using a bonita for bait.

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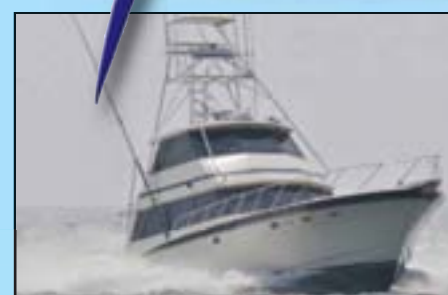


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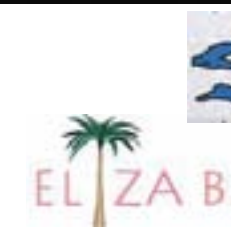
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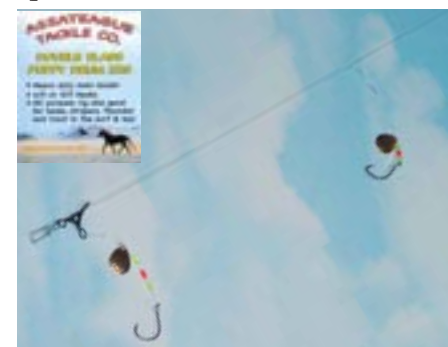
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Fishing this past week has been pretty good.

Flounder are being caught in the back bays especially at the VFW Slough, Burton's Island, Gull Island and Massey's Ditch. Rehoboth Bay is also providing some keeper size fish as well.

The Indian River Inlet has been keeping anglers busy hauling in stripers and shad. Jared Becker caught a 37.5-incher while fishing the jetty. Debbie Hannum and Freddie Burton fished from the rails near the Coast Guard Station and banged the stripers. Debbie weighed in a 29 pounder and Freddie had a 21 pounder.

So all in all fishing has not been bad and if the winds ever lay down it should be fantastic. Activity in the ocean should start to pick up with the sea bass season opening on Saturday.

A few reports of ocean



The striper bite was epic in the Indian River Inlet on Friday and especially on Friday night before a storm rolled through. Erin Schuster, Ray Halfen, Sr. and Ray Halfen, Jr. from Newark, DE and Jesse Coulbourn of Dagsboro, DE were casting Storm lures and bucktails off the North Jetty at night when they landed these 8 keeper stripers during the incoming tide. The fish measured between 34 and 40-inches and the largest tipped the scales at 22 lbs. 8 oz.

flatties have come in by anglers fishing for threshers and dragging a bait on the bottom. When you begin fishing that deep water for flounder, be sure your bait is on the bottom. The use of braided line will allow you to accomplish this with less weight and you will also find it much easier to detect a light bite. Another thing to keep in mind when fishing the deeper water is to use bigger bait. If you are using cut bait, use a longer strip than you might use in the back bays. Be sure to give the fish enough time to get the whole bait in its mouth before you set the hook.

Bill's Sport Shop reported that William Rawlings of Laurel, DE caught a 28.25", 9.45 lb. flounder to sit in first place in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament.

Joe Coyne caught and released a 50" striper on clams at Herring Point. The day before, Joe also caught 4 stripers (all released) up to 37".

Bobby called from the Cape Henlopen Pier and reported that an angler was fishing next to the Pier when a school of porpoise

pushed a school of bunker right up to the beach. Pete Hoerner casted a Gulp! artificial bait right into the school and pulled out a 38", 17.75 lb. striper.

Deanna from Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle reported that if you were looking for good fishing action, then it was a great week to fish the Indian River Inlet and a bad week to be a rockfish. The week started slow, but around Thursday it all changed.

Stripers started showing up on Thursday at the mouth of the Inlet and steadily moved in for this weekend.

The night bite was great on Friday with some people referring to it as a "Frenzy" all along the inlet. Many anglers caught their limit within an hour or two.

Fishermen reported catching stripers anywhere from the bridge to the Coast Guard Station on both the north and south sides of the Inlet.

Most fishermen have been catching their keepers using white bucktails with white worms, although some have had luck fishing with Tsunami and Storm Lures.

Most of the fish have been reported from 30" up to 45". We have had several brought to the fish cleaning table that ranged in weight from 13-24 lbs.

Not to be outdone by the inlet fishermen, surfcasters had a few stripers on Friday evening, before sunset.

Snapper bluefish, ranging from 12-16 inches, were also caught in the inlet, but not in any large numbers. Along with the bluefish, shad are schooling out in the inlet also. Most anglers are snagging these fish with spec rigs of various sizes and colors. One man reported that he caught shad for almost 2 hours the other night.

Flounder action has slowed a bit, but only because more fishermen have turned their attention to fishing for stripers. A few flounder were brought in on Saturday. Minnows on plain hooks or bucktails, or Gulp "Pearl White Swimming Mullet" on a 1/2 oz. jig head are still the ticket when fishing for the flatties. These fish are still being caught in the back bay around Massey's Ditch and the VFW Slough.



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Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said black drum turned on around Friday's new moon. Crews reported good action with boomers on the Coral Beds and near the submerged piles off Slaughter Beach. The best bites occurred during the evening flood tide. Surf clams were the favored bait.

Guys on the "Pirate King Two" returned to the dock by 10 pm on Friday night with 6 drum weighing up to 70 lbs. Captain Carey Evans' group aboard the "Grizzly" scored 6 black drum on Saturday night. The "Grizzly" got 5 big drum on Friday night, including an 83.5 lb. behemoth for Dan McDermott.

Drumming should be in full swing for Memorial Day weekend, and normally peaks with the full moon at the end of May. Joe said the shop will be carrying surf clams through the run, but suggests reserving bait early in the week.

Stripers continue to roam the surf. Drew Stuchlik and Judah

Lynam limited out with 4 big bass on Saturday. The largest was Judah's 32.8 lb. bruiser. Their success came while soaking bunker heads near the Herring Point jetties. Boaters casting artificials along the Outer Wall also caught striped bass. Bomber plugs and Storm Shads were popular lures.

Flounder came from the Lewes Canal, Roosevelt Inlet and the Cape Henlopen Pier. Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in pink, white or chartreuse were quite effective for flatties. Some anglers combined Gulp! with shiners, minnows or a strip of cut bunker for a deadly flatfish sandwich.

Joe said there's been a good response to the Canal Flounder Tournament to be held Friday May 21, and he's expecting a big turnout.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

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



At the end of April, Phil Falgowski from Lewes, DE was fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay when he captured this 9 lb. 8 oz. tautog while using green crab for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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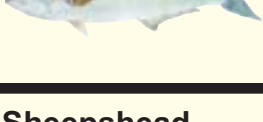
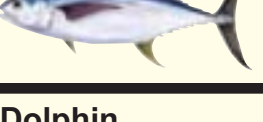
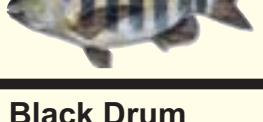
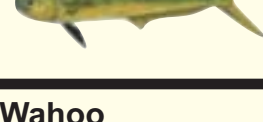

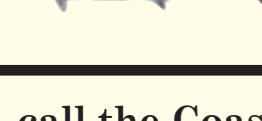
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 Tautog	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 27, 2010 Brian Osborne "Karen Sue" 10 lbs. 2 oz.	 Thresher Shark ★ NEW	May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier Jackspot 165 lbs.	May 16, 2010 ★ NEW Bill Doherty, Jr. Twin Wrecks 216 lbs.
 Striped Bass	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	 Cobia	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Weakfish	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	 Bluefin Tuna ★ NEW	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart Norfolk Canyon 66.4 lbs.	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Speckled Trout	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	 Yellowfin Tuna	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Flounder	April 24, 2010 David Trout Sinepuxent Bay 7 lbs. 1 oz.	April 15, 2010 Brian Wirts VFW Slough 11 lbs. 5 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Bluefish	April 23, 2010 Capt. Skip Maguire Rt. 50 Bridge 8 lbs.	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	 Bigeye Tuna	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Sheepshead	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	 Dolphin	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED
 Black Drum	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	May 2, 2010 Lucas May Coral Beds 85 lbs. 8 oz.	 Wahoo	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED	NO WEIGHTS REPORTED

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



A friend of mine has a boat that he's really quite proud of. Actually it's not the boat so much as the electronics he has installed on his vessel that he just can't quit raving about. At 22-feet it's not a huge boat but he has it rigged-out with enough 12-volt "stuff" that the console looks like it should be mounted on something ready to be shot up to the space station.

A couple years ago I was striper fishing with this guy and the fish were being a little obstinate. We trolled all over the ocean but just couldn't seem get on the fish. My friend wasn't about to give up though; with his eyes bouncing around his colorful array of LCD screens he kept us in the hunt as we zigzagged our way up and down the coast. He just knew that at any moment one of his trusty machines would locate some fish and have us hooked-up and happy.

At one point I looked back and saw some terns diving about 200-yards back in our wake. At my suggestion that we might want to loop around and troll where the birds were working he told me, "I didn't see anything on the machine when we came over that spot, there's nothing there."

So we trolled on-and-on-and-on. Later I saw a whale

blow about a half-mile away. "Did you see that?" I shouted as I pointed to the north.

Momentarily lifting his face from one of the screens "What-where?" he squawked.

"Out there," I said, again pointing in the direction of the spout that was, by then, gone.

"I'll find it." He said with confidence as he returned his gaze to the console and started pushing buttons and turning knobs.

The fact was he never did see the whale, even though it spouted about three more times as we trolled past it about a quarter-mile away. He also didn't see the group of gannets diving inshore as we made a turn to head south and back to the inlet after he declared, "I can't find anything - anywhere, there's no fish out here today!"

I don't have to tell anyone how incredible marine electronics are these days. They've made boating much safer for mariners of all skill levels and certainly have the ability to make us more efficient at locating fish. Unfortunately, a byproduct of all this technology is that many anglers are losing the ability to do things that require more than the push of a button or a tap on a screen. I'm already surprised at how many mariners are willing to

leave the dock these days without real "paper" charts aboard because their GPS units have electronic charting capabilities. Modern marine electronics can only "enhance" not "replace" the need for common sense and practical experience in both navigation and fish-finding.

Last week, my wife and I hopped in our little boat to spend the last couple hours of the day casting to bluefish and shad near the inlet. The evening before, we were there and the fish were so thick that we had one on almost every cast. We were hoping for a repeat of the fun, but when we arrived, even with the same state of tide, it was obvious from the start that the bite wouldn't be the same. No birds, no schools of baitfish, no fish jumping out of the water, nothing going on. On that particular boat we have no electronics so we only could guess what was going on below the surface, but from all that we could "see" it looked like it wasn't going to be a repeat of the day before - and we were right.

We drifted along and did some "blind-casting" just in case the fish were there but just not showing. Our attempts were to no avail until we spotted a couple terns make a quick dip and a couple circles about 50-yards to the south. We moved the boat close enough to get off a couple casts just as more birds were moving in and bluefish started to break around the boat. The fish were only up for about 30-seconds but the five-minute advance tip-off by the birds gave us plenty of time to move within casting range - no electronics necessary.

Electronics can be great for finding fish, but anglers will often find Mother Nature to be a much more reliable source for clues to what's going on above and beneath the waves. But to recognize the signs anglers need to know what to look for and that takes a little bit of knowledge about the surrounding environment. In

the case I just described the birds we saw were "terns" which are a common and relatively small species of seabird that feeds primarily on small fish. Unlike the big herring or black-back gulls, terns aren't going to get all worked up over a floating bluefish carcass or a dead crab. If terns are diving, they're over little fish that are being chased to the surface by bigger fish underneath.

Terns are good birds to see working either inshore or offshore. Gannets will usually be offshore and are the big diving birds with long pointed wings, head and tail that we see mostly in the cold weather months. They're also live fish eaters and great indicators that predators like big bluefish or rockfish might be in the area. Gannets are known for diving from great heights straight down into the water and then swimming even deeper to catch their meal. Armed with this knowledge, anglers should know that fish below these birds could actually be quite deep and not necessarily willing to come to the surface to take a bait.

A white egret standing on the edge of a marsh and peering intently into the water can be a good indicator of baitfish below. If the marsh is adjacent to some deep water, the bait it's watching and hoping to grab could be being pushed up by some type of predator fish below.

Whether they're schools of big bunker offshore, shiners under a bridge, bull minnows in a marsh, or grass shrimp around a dock, seeing natural bait can be a good indicator of the presence or absence of big fish if anglers are able to properly interpret what they're seeing. A "happy" school of bait that's just casually swimming around or holding in a current might indicate that there's nothing in the area that has them worried. It's possible that big fish could be close by and just waiting to pounce on the unsuspecting bait, but anglers

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probably shouldn't waste too much time fishing around happy bait.

On the other hand, when bait schools are broken up and the little critters can be seen dashing haphazardly about or maybe periodically "showering" out of the water, fishermen had better get their lines working fast because some kind of carnage is definitely going on below. Of course what can be seen from the surface may only be the tip of the iceberg as to what's going on below so anglers should pay keen attention to even the smallest little flip of a tail, swirl, or splash they observe because it could be the only indication of big stuff happening underneath.

Slicks can be one of the greatest things to encounter while fishing because they not only show that fish are in the area but they also indicate that the fish are feeding. Slicks are nothing but a sheen on the water created when some sort of oily fish has been ripped apart by another fish. But not

all feeding activity creates slicks. Of course it takes an oily bait to make a slick, but it also means the feeding fish must tear-up its prey if the oils are to be released. A bunker will probably be slashed-up and release a lot of oil if it's taken by a bluefish, but that same bunker might not release any oil if it's swallowed whole by a rockfish. Therefore, slicks can help anglers understand both what's being eaten as well as what's doing the eating.

Modern electronics will certainly help put fishermen over fish, but anglers can miss a lot of opportunities if they don't balance the time they spend staring into LCD screens with that which is spent paying attention to what Mother Nature has to show.

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



Kevin McCabe of Berlin, MD was fishing on the "Double Trouble" with his dad, Stanley McCabe of West Ocean City when they caught 8 tautog (2 pictured) at Russell's Reef. The duo used brown crabs for bait. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

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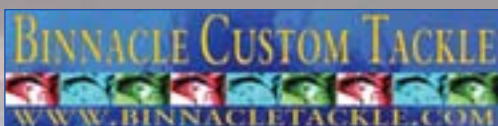


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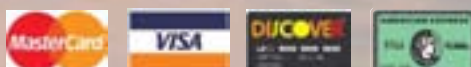


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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



High Definition Captures the Marine Electronics Market

It started small but now seems to be the standard for marine electronics, especially in the fish finder category. That is the use of digital processing and so-called high definition displays. But what do they do for you and are they really a big deal or just more "hype" to sell a product.

First you need to realize that the term "high definition", as it applies to marine equipment, is not exactly the same as your new LCD Hi-Def television, although the principle is the same. In general, high definition refers to the process of pixilation and scanning of the image that is produced on the LCD display. The average pixel count (number of dots of color) for most marine displays out today is 800 x 600 as compared to those without so-called Hi-Def presentations that have 400 or less. The end result is that the images are crisper, brighter, and sharper. If I had my choice between a fish finder with Hi-Def and one without, all other things being equal, I would definitely go with the Hi-Def model.

The other technology that

is being used by most better fish finders today is "digital processing", although it may go by different names. Several manufacturers are using their own "patented" design but they all do basically the same thing. Digital processing removes excessive noise and unwanted signals resulting in clearer, less cluttered images. The technology of how this is achieved is something we don't need to get into here but it is true, some will argue, that the resulting images suffer some loss as noisy returns are eliminated. However, the remaining images that are the really important ones are more defined, especially when combined with Hi-Def presentations.

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Some fish finders use the term sonar but they are not true sonar units and we'll talk a little bit about that in future articles. Next week, we'll spend some time on the Hi-Def/ digital/ broadband features as it relates to radar units and in at least one sounder made by Simrad.

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Ramona Contrino from Baltimore, MD caught this 7 lb. 9 oz. tautog while using a green crab for bait at an offshore wreck. Ramona was fishing on the "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting and Mate Steve Smith.



Carl Bartlett caught this 19.25-inch flounder on a squid and minnow combination while fishing on the "Blind Marie" in the bay behind Assateague Island.

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Ralph Driscoll from Gibson Island, MD captured this 10 lb. 10 oz. tautog during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins (pictured) and Mate Rich Silvani. The big tog ate a green crab while fishing at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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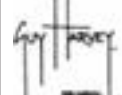





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According to Donna at Captain Bob's, the wind really kept people off the water last week. Hot spots for flounder last week were the Four Mouths around Marker 5, Queen's Sound, and the Assateague Channel near Tom's Cove.

Bluefish have also been caught around the Four Mouths. Surf fishing is excellent with large striped bass and a few black drum being caught.

Wachapreague

Despite the poor weather, there was a lot of fishing activity out of Captain Zed's last week. Anglers were catching numerous flounder, and there were several hot spots in the area. Those included Millstone Creek (south of the Coast Guard Station) Drawing, Green and Bradford's channels (near Bradford's bay on the west side of the island has been exceptional), and Gates Channel.

Black drum fishermen have also been doing really well in the inlet on both sides near Dawson's Shoals. The area approximately a mile and a half south of Wachapreague Inlet (near the old Coast Guard Station location for you long-timers) has been doing really well for black drum.

Cape Charles

At Chris' Bait and Tackle, staff reported a few black drum catches last week. They are expecting to see good drum fishing when the weather allows

anglers to go out. Anglers near Oyster are reporting the best flounder action they have ever seen! There are also rumors of a few croaker arriving.

Captain Ray Cardone, of Cherrystone, reports that kingfish (sea mullet) were biting really well last week. He has not yet seen black drum but has heard rumors of large schools being sighted around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

Windy conditions were reported from the York River Fishing Center. When anglers can go out, really nice croaker fishing has been reported in the York River. Small flounder are also beginning to bite (only a few keepers). Speckled trout have not fully shown up in the Mobjack Bay area; however, staff is expecting to see them soon.

Ken Neill, of the Peninsula Anglers Club and IGFA representative, contributed the following:

The black drum bite has been good on the seaside of the Eastern Shore, such as inside the Great Machipongo Inlet. A few fish have shown at the usual bay black drum areas like the Cabbage Patch. This bite should heat up this week.

Red drum continue to be caught in the surf of the Eastern Shore, though the action is not as hot as it was a few weeks ago. Some fish have been caught on 9-Foot-Shoal. This fishery will pick up later this month.

Striped bass fishing is very good around the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Right now, you can keep one fish per person of at least 32 inches in length. Boats are coming in with their limits and releasing other fish.

A reminder to all striped bass anglers. Regulation 4VAC 20-252-10 ET SEQ. requires all striped bass kept during the trophy season be reported. You can report online through the Virginia Saltwater Journal (www.vasaltwaterjournal.com) or filling out and mailing in a form (included on pages 6 and 7).

The flounder bite has been hit or miss, with more misses lately. Most of the flatfish caught are too short to keep. The seaside inlets of the Eastern Shore have been producing some good catches of flounder.

A few nice speckled trout are being caught in the Mobjack Bay area.

Offshore, there have been some tuna caught out of Virginia, but we are still waiting for a consistent bite to develop in range of Virginia boats.

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

Anglers are anxiously awaiting the big rally in the drum action that usually occurs around this time each spring. Unfortunately, the drum have yet to receive the memo. Very scattered catches of both black and red drum are frustrating drum seekers. The few black drum hooked so far are coming from Quinby, Great Machipongo Inlet near Hogg Island, the shallow surf off the Eastern Shore Barrier islands, and near buoy 13 on chowder and sea clams. Although most of the blacks are ranging around 30 pounds, a few fish are pushing to over 46-inches. This bite should pick up soon.

Surf anglers are still pulling some red drum from the surf lines along the Eastern Shore, and scattered catches are coming from off Fisherman's Island. Many of these hook-ups are a

result of spotting a swimming school on the surface. Most boats are reporting poor results, with the luckier boats managing only one release. Blue crabs and bunker work well fished on a fish-finder rig on the bottom.

Rockfish are making up for some of the lull with other species lately. Striped bass measuring up to 46-inches are hitting near the 3rd and 4th islands on both live bait and top water lures. The third island is the most popular area lately.

According to the Virginia Beach Fishing Center, Rudee Inlet is still an excellent source of respectable bluefish around 4 to 5 pounds. Speckled trout are also hitting twister tail grubs within Rudee. A few keeper flounder are also coming from the mouth of the inlet.

If blueline tilefish are your desire, these fish are available in deeper water over 300 feet, along with a variety of grouper and other deep water species. On May 22, black sea bass will be back in season.

Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Oregon Inlet continues to see a good bluefin tuna bite. The best action has been a little closer to shore than the last few weeks.

Dolphin and wahoo were also available to those looking for some surface action.

Deeper water bottom-droppers continue to catch amberjack, tilefish, and vermilion snapper. The artificial reefs produced sheepshead, black drum, and triggerfish.

Pier fishing and surf fishing from the Nags Head beaches were producing puffers, sea mullet, croaker, and bluefish. Inside the inlet and sounds, speckled trout were around the area bridges, while flounder continue to be caught in the skinny water around the small islands.

South of Oregon Inlet, bluefish have been biting very well. Scattered reports of red drum in the surf were floating around, with Rodanthe being whispered as a good area. Sea mullet were around, and even a few pompano were being caught around Ramp 55.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras has seen an early run of cobia. Dolphin were also around, and people were able to catch their limits of amberjack.

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David Cropper of Ocean City, MD headed down to a Virginia barrier island with Mike Hastings and Dale Timmons and was rewarded with a couple of days of excellent fishing. David is shown with a 50-inch red drum and a couple of stripers measuring 38 and 39-inches. All of the fish were caught while using peeler crabs for bait and the red drum was released to live another day. Photo courtesy of Dale Timmons.

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Last of NYC subway cars sunk on Delaware's artificial reefs

It's the end of the line for the deployment of New York City subway cars on Delaware's artificial reefs — at least the end of it until the next line of subway cars are shunted into retirement. The last 24 older model cars made available as reefing material recently went down onto the Del-Jersey-Land Inshore Reef, bringing the total number of subway cars sunk on the state's artificial reefs to 1,329 since the first deployment in 2001.

The retired cars came to Delaware waters as always from New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Between 2001, when reefing of the subway cars began, and 2003, 619 stainless steel cars were sunk. A second stage of deployment on Delaware's reef sites, from 2008 to the present, saw another 710 cars sent to the ocean floor as reefing material. The subway cars make ideal reefing material, because their windows and other cavities provide the perfect sanctuary for reef fish. Within a few weeks, blue mussels, sponges, barnacles and soft corals attach to the structure, and in about a year, the reef will be fully productive, resembling natural habitat.

The cars in the last deployment, like all those previously dropped onto Delaware artificial reefs, were 60-footers, while New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority now runs 75-foot subway cars on its rails.

The deployment on the Del-Jersey-Land brought to almost 350 the number of subway cars along a stretch of man-enhanced marine habitat that is the state's newest artificial reef. Delaware's largest artificial reef, the Redbird Reef, has nearly three times that many subway cars placed throughout the more than 1.3 square nautical miles of ocean bottom comprising it 16 nautical miles off the Indian River Inlet. The Redbird Reef's name is in fact a derivation of New York City's "Red Bird" subway cars

that make up much of the reef.

ASMFC expands black sea bass season

It's official. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Management Board has modified the 2010 season length for the black sea bass recreational fishery. The season will now run from May 22 to October 11, 2010 and from November 1 to December 31, 2010.

The season represents an extension from what was originally planned. When the original season was developed, the Board only had 2009 harvest estimates for January through June. Harvest estimates for July through December 2009 were projected using previous years' data to calculate a total harvest estimate. Based on these preliminary projections, the original season was developed with the intent of reducing recreational harvest by 44% from 2009 levels.

Final 2009 harvest estimates were made available at the end of April. The estimate indicates that harvest is less than previously projected and only a 21.4% reduction is required for the 2010 recreational season. The newly approved season is anticipated to achieve a 26% reduction and allows for a reasonable conservation buffer to account for uncertainty in the harvest estimates and the effectiveness of regulations. The season was further expanded into November and December to allow for increased access by party/charter boats and private boat/shore-based anglers that did not have a late fall/early winter season last year.

Increased Commercial Striper Quota Proposed

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has approved Draft Addendum II to Amendment 6 to the

Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass for public comment. The Draft Addendum proposes two changes to the striped bass management program: (1) an increase in the coastal commercial quota, and (2) revising the definition of recruitment failure based on Technical Committee advice.

The proposal to increase the coastal commercial quota is intended to improve equality between the commercial and recreational fishery sectors. Although Amendment 6 established management programs for both fisheries based on the same target fishing mortality rate, the implementation of state-specific quotas for coastal commercial harvest (and not for recreational harvest) has prevented the commercial and recreational fisheries from responding equally to changes in striped bass population size. Since 2004, coastal commercial harvest has decreased by 3.6 percent, while recreational harvest has increased by 13.7 percent. Under the option, the Board would select a percent increase to be applied to the coastal commercial allocations assigned in Amendment 6.

The Management Board voted to include a second issue in the Draft Addendum based on information presented at the meeting. As part of its review of the juvenile abundance indices, the Striped Bass Technical Committee recommended to the Management Board a revision to how striped bass recruitment failure is defined. Juvenile abundance indices are an important component of the striped bass monitoring program and are used to determine periods of recruitment failure which can trigger management

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action under Amendment 6. Adopting the proposed recommendation would result in a fixed value to determine recruitment failure in each surveyed area rather than a value that changes from year to year. Use of either the Amendment 6 definition or the Technical Committee recommendation for recruitment failure does not result in any necessary changes to the current management program.

It is anticipated that the majority of states will be conducting public hearings on the Draft Addendum. For more information, please contact Nichola Meserve, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator at (202) 289-6400 or nmeserve@asmfc.org.

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The new moon jumpstarted the Delaware Bay black drum season and Janet Grow was there to land this 60.9 pounder while fishing at the Coral Beds on the "Pirate King Two" with Capt. Don Churchill and used clams for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Back in mid-April, this group of local anglers had a good day trolling for striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay. Fishing on the "Brenda Lou" were David Connor, Frank Goodhart, Ritchie Toro and John Bucher.

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Thurs. May 20 First Quarter	Low 07:44 am Low 07:55 pm	High 01:31 am High 02:05 pm
Fri. May 21	Low 08:39 am Low 09:01 pm	High 02:33 am High 03:15 pm
Sat. May 22	Low 09:33 am Low 10:07 pm	High 03:37 am High 04:21 pm
Sun. May 23	Low 10:27 am Low 11:12 pm	High 04:36 am High 05:21 pm
Mon. May 24	Low 11:20 am Low -----	High 05:31 am High 06:15 pm
Tues. May 25	Low 12:12 am Low 12:12 pm	High 06:33 am High 07:08 pm
Wed. May 26	Low 01:08 am Low 01:00 pm	High 07:13 am High 07:58 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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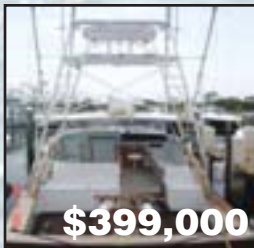
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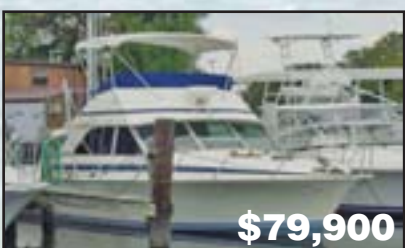
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