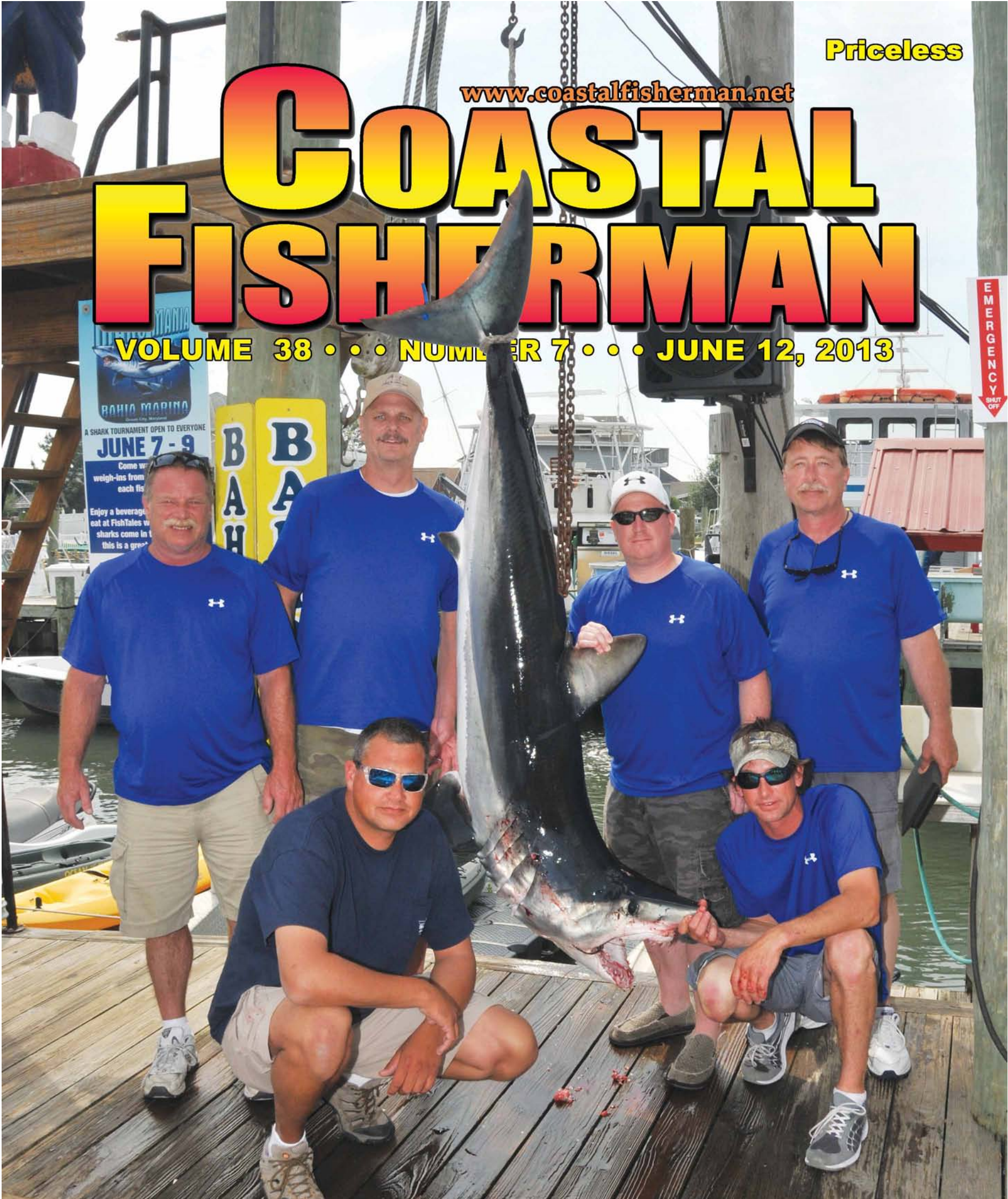


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On the final day of the 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament, spectators saw 6 mako sharks arrive at the Bahia Marina scale and none were larger than the 209.5 pounder caught by Kelly Barr of Arnold, MD. Kelly was fishing on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with Ed Szymanski, Jim Midkiff, Gary Abernathy, Capt. Rob Skillman and mates Steve Moore and Kenny Hooper (not pictured). The big mako ate a bluefish fillet at the Rockpile and took 15 minutes to get to the boat. For their 1st place finish, the "Moore Bills" team took home \$14,788 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Shaina Heimer and Randy Shreck from Hampstead, MD, Shane Heimer from Pittsville, MD and Donnie Reynolds from Snow Hill, MD spent a good part of Sunday battling this 485 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on a bonita fillet outside the Sausages. The anglers, fishing on the "Tuna Box", fought the fish for 4 hours before returning to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center. This is the heaviest thresher caught so far this year along the coast of Delmarva. Congratulations to the "Tuna Box" crew.



Hardcore fisherman Walter Moore from Oyster Bay Tackle battled this thresher shark, estimated at 500 lbs., for 3 hours and 30 minutes after catching it on a Shimano TLD25 at the Fingers. Walter was fishing in 62-degree water when the 18-foot thresher ate a chunk of mackerel after being lured to the boat with Capt. Mac's Monster Mash Chum. The shark was too large for Walter to get into his 21-foot deck boat, so it had to be towed back to Advanced Marina by another angler. Great catch, Walter!!

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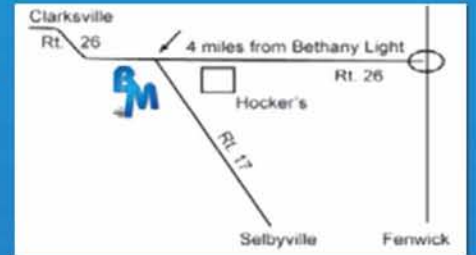
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It's a crying shame that we have been plagued with such horrible weather this spring (actually since November), because when the weather is nice and anglers can get out on the water, we see some nice fish arriving at the docks in Ocean City.

This weekend was a perfect example. Weather was horrible on Friday and Saturday, so anglers had to stay closer to shore or not go out at all. On Sunday, when seas calmed down after the storm, we had great action at the scales with makos, big threshers, tunas and stripers.

Mako Mania Shark Tournament

This year, 30 boats entered the 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina. On Friday, only 3 boats ventured out of the inlet and none returned with anything to weigh. On Saturday, 27 boats fished, but unfortunately the only shark weighed didn't meet the minimum requirement of 100 lbs. Nate Beck on the "No Limits" did weigh a 12.8 lb. bluefish that held on to win the Bluefish Division. The fish ate a bluefish fillet at the Sausages.

On Sunday, the action really heated up. Throughout the day,

7 makos were weighed, led by the 209.5 pounder caught on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" down near the Rockpile. The mako ended the tournament in 1st place and was worth \$14,788 in award money.

The "Stress Reel-ief" was the big money winner in the tournament, taking home \$19,980 for winning 2nd place in the Mako Division with a 144.8 pounder, in addition to winning the W.W. Harman Release Division with 5 mako releases during their 2 days of fishing.

Rounding out the top three finishers was the "First & More" with a 143.2 lb. mako caught at the 30 Fathom Lump on a whole bluefish.

No thresher sharks were caught in the tournament.

Sharks

I know of two anglers who wish they had entered the Mako Mania Shark Tournament because on Sunday we saw a couple of huge ones caught.

Shane Heimer and Donnie Reynolds on the "Tuna Box" ran out with a couple of anglers to outside the Sausages where they caught a 485 pounder. The thresher was hooked on a bonita fillet and took 4 hours to get to the boat.

Also on Sunday, Walter Moore, who can usually be

found at Oyster Bay Tackle, took his 21-foot deck boat out to the Fingers and hooked into a thresher shark that was estimated to weigh 500 lbs. Unfortunately, Walter didn't get it weighed because it was too large to get into his boat, so another angler had to tow it back to Advanced Marina. Walter fought the fish for 3 1/2 hours after hooking it in 62-degree water on cut mackerel.

Outside of the shark tournament, makos in the 100 to 130 lb. range were caught by anglers sharking at the Fingers, Hambone and the Hot Dog late in the week.

Tuna

The local charter boat, "That's Right" had the docks buzzing when they returned with 18 yellowfins in the box on Wednesday. Unfortunately, they had to head all the way down to waters off Wanchese, NC to get them, but it was nice to see the fish on the dock.

On Sunday, we saw some small yellowfins caught by anglers on the "Last Straw" who returned with 4 keepers from the Washington Canyon. They also released 4 short fish during the trip. Also on Sunday, Gunnar Zorn took his group of merry men out to 130 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where they hooked 6 yellowfins and a 10 lb. dolphin in 70-degree water. The largest two yellowfins weighed in at 56 and 70 lbs.

As this report was being written on Monday, an excellent yellowfin bite was occurring in 50 fathoms in the Washington

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Canyon and also in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where the charter boat, "Moore Bills" captured 15 yellowfins (pictures coming in next issue).

Also on Monday, the first bigeye tuna of the year was brought to the dock by an angler fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Addiction". The 222 lb. bigeye mauled a green machine spreader bar in 330 fathoms in the middle of the Baltimore Canyon where Capt. Ron Callis found 67-degree water.

Striped Bass

The striped bass bite around the South Jetty, the Rt. 50 Bridge and in the Ocean City Inlet has been absolutely fantastic. The vast majority of fish have been too small to keep, but those willing to put in their time have been able to head home with a few in the cooler and tired arms.

"Skip's Charter & Guide Service" had some great days fishing the tip of the South Jetty, especially on Tuesday night when anglers hooked 60 stripers, all on live spot. Only 2 were large enough to keep, but the action was fast and furious. The bite slowed some on Wednesday and then picked right back up through the weekend.

When the bite slowed around the South Jetty, fish could be found lurking around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge for anglers tossing spec rigs, Storm shads and bucktails tipped with Gulp! artificial baits.

Flounder

In the middle of last week, before a nasty storm passed through our area, water was fairly clean and flounder fishing was good. The "Get Sum" had 8 keepers on Wednesday while fishing around the South Jetty and the "Lucky Break" ended up

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This 49-inch red drum was caught and released by Scott Bruning of Caruso's Pizza in Ocean City while fishing from the beach of a Virginia barrier island. The fish had a 28-inch girth and was caught on peeler crabs.

with 6 in the box, also from around the South Jetty.

Since the storm, flounder fishing has been dismal due to dirty water conditions.

Sea Bass

On days when bad weather didn't keep them at the dock, sea bass fishermen were able to hit their favorite spots and come home with at least enough fish for a few dinners.

A couple of anglers were able to hit the San Gill wreck during the week and had a nice catch with several fish over 3 lbs.

In the Surf

Cold water has definitely screwed up surf fishing this spring. Anglers continue to catch a few stripers at night but the action off the beach has been dominated by skates, dogfish, blowfish, kingfish, hickory shad and croakers.

Upcoming Tournament

We are in full shark mode, so the timing is perfect for the 33rd Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament this week at the Ocean City Fishing Center. The tournament runs from Thursday through Saturday with weigh-ins each day from 3:30 PM to

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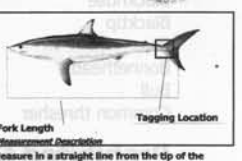
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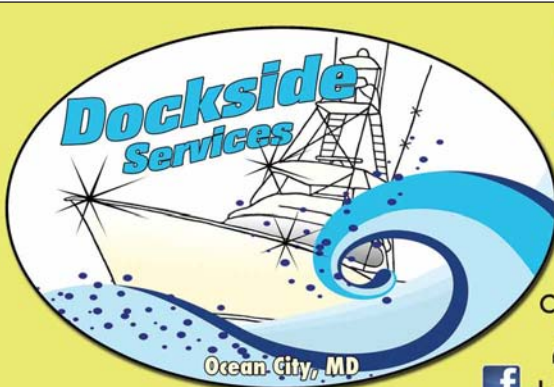
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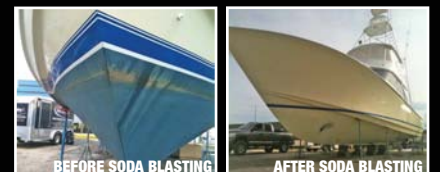


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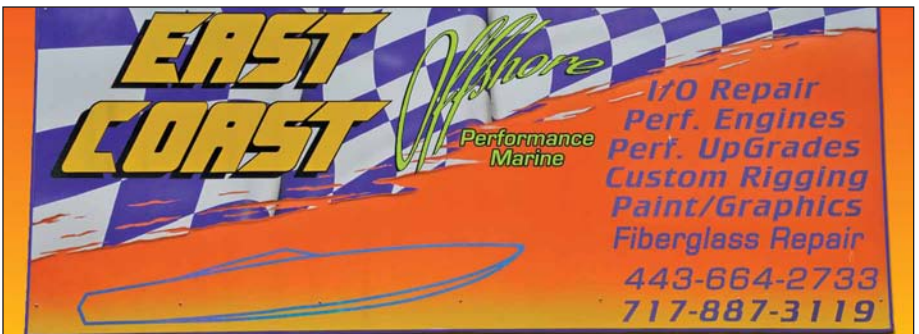
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"I want to buy the little guy a rod and reel!"



Sometimes parents want to buy a young child a fishing rod more than the young child wants one! Just be patient, get the child a fishing rod and reel you think they can handle and take them fishing with you. If you are buying for twins, and I see that all the time, decide for yourself in advance. Do I buy two that are exactly the same or do I get two that are different so they can tell them apart? That has to be your call, since you know their personalities!!!

Children who are under 5 or 6 years old do best with the push-button type of reel. Zebco and Shakespeare makes

a lot of these in a variety of colors and fancy designs to catch the eye of kids and parents. The child simply pushes the button, the line comes out, and falls into the water (when you have a sinker on the reel.) When the child wants to reel in, they simply crank it in. What the parent needs to do is this: 1) Make sure it is working correctly when you buy it. 2) Set the drag (a little wheel on the side of the reel) and attach a sinker to it so there will be tension on the line when it comes in the little hole. If the kids play with it without a sinker on it, the line can get tangled inside.

A lot of big flounder have been caught on little Zebco 202 combos! Setting the drag is important to get a big fish in with light line. Not all kids are excited about a big fish on the other end of the line, so make sure someone is helping them. One of my first fishing memories is being in the boat with my Mom and Dad. I hooked a big ray that dragged us all over the bay. My Mom had both arms wrapped around me so I wouldn't fall overboard and helped me hold the rod. My Dad cranked up the engine and followed the ray. Eventually we got it to the side of the boat. They snapped a picture of me and I was smiling ear-to-ear. I guess

that's when I got "hooked" on fishing!

Anyway, some kids might be more interested than others. Sword fighting with the new fishing rods are common sights in our tackle stores. Just be patient and try to find some fishing places where the action is fast. In the summer, small hooks and a pack of bloodworms, night crawlers or Fishbite Bloodworms will usually catch something! Northside Park (at high tide), 9th Street Pier, 2nd thru 4th Street Bulkhead and the Oceanic Pier are popular places to take children.

As children get older, their coordination skills improve and their attention spans are longer. It's important to switch them over to a spinning rod and reel combination when they reach around 7 years old. Spinning reels are easier to get the snarls out of, are stronger and last longer. You don't have to spend a lot of money. There's plenty of combos out there between \$20 and \$30 bucks for young children. If you yourself do not know how to fish, it's really important to head into a tackle store and get someone to show you how to use the rod and reel. It's a lot easier for those working in the tackle shop if you come in by yourself or have a friend or spouse watch the children while you are getting a lesson.

The most common problem anglers have with a new spinning reel is to switch on and off the anti-reverse switch. This little switch makes the reel crank both ways. Some people

think you have to flip the switch to cast. Not true. Sometimes the combos are sitting out on the shelf with the switch turned off because that's the way they were shipped! Factories often have them turned off so they can adjust the handles in a certain way to fit 5 or 6 combos snugly in a box for shipping purposes. I always try to make sure the switch is on when I put them on the rack, but sometimes we miss one. Make sure the switch is turned on so the reel can't go backwards when you crank, and tell the children to leave that switch alone.

Another common problem for a total newbie is for the line to be run through the guides without first running the line under the bail wire. Ask the clerk at the tackle store to attach the line to your new reel, run it through the guides and attach a swivel to the end of the line.

Set the drag using the little knob on top of the reel. Some reels have rear drags. Wherever it is, adjust it so you can pull line off the reel with a little tension. That's so you can catch a bigger fish with lighter line!

Once you know how to use a rod and reel, you can show the youngsters. Don't be afraid to ask us questions. That's what we are there for. Just remember, one-on-one with the parent is a lot easier for us.

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As Buddy Seigel of Fenwick Tackle always says "The youngsters faces will glow when they catch their first fish!"

Good fishing....

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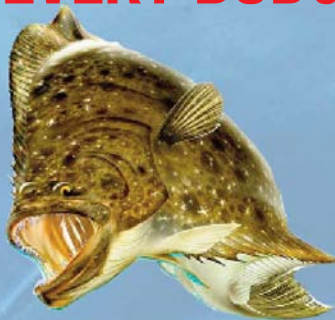


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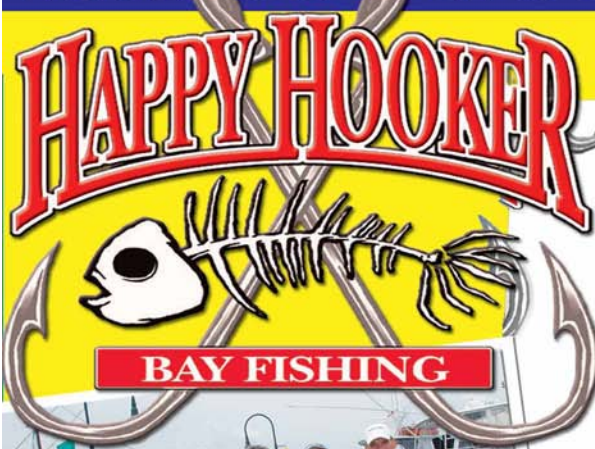


Junior angler, Chaz Wolfe from Tremont, PA along with Katrina Martindale and Dave McFarland, both from Carroll County, MD took a trip on the head boat, "Happy Hooker" with Capt. Steve Whitelock and mate John Lewis and ended up with 3 flounder caught on squid and shiners in the bay behind Assateague. Chaz's flattie was the largest of the trip, measuring 19 3/4-inches. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Jim Patton from New Market, MD captured this 24-inch flounder on an Aqua Clear rig baited with a minnow and white Gulp! Swimming Mullet. The 4 lb. 10 oz. flattie was hooked during the outgoing tide in the East Channel and weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Donna Matarese caught these 2 nice flounder, measuring 18 and 22-inches, during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. Donna hooked the flatties on a bucktail tipped with a Gulp! Swimming Mullet.



John Chittenden from Lewiston, ME, John, Garrett and Wyatt Michel from Chicago, IL and Jim and Carol Becker from Vienna, VA had a great day fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. The anglers ended their day with 8 flounder, largest measuring 20 1/2-inches, some clams and a bushel full of crabs. The flounder were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts at the South Jetty. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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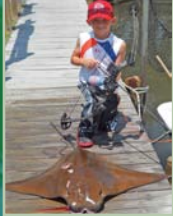



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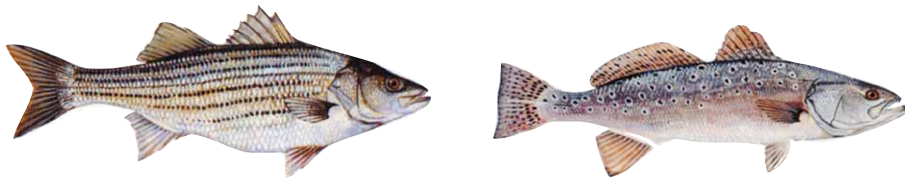
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Jason Garner, Kristy Burch, Yvonne Burch and Richard Burch teamed up to land 6 flounder, a 21-inch weakfish and a 29-inch striper while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. All of the fish were caught on Gulp! artificial baits around the South Jetty and in the Ocean City Inlet. The largest flounder measured 22-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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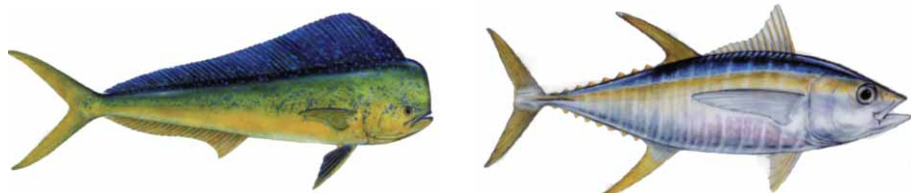


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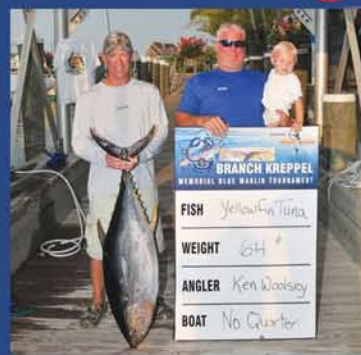
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Jeff Bender from Fayetteville, PA captured this 123 lb. mako shark on Sunday during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Justin Bender, Phil Pyles, Vinny Cathers, Vani Gaddamidi, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Chuck Dammann. The mako was fooled with a whole mackerel in 70-degree water outside the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Ken Barrigar from Pasadena, MD reeled in this 115 lb. mako shark while fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Jim Haynes, Evan Jones, Paul Klosek, Vinny Cathers, Vani Gaddamidi, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Chuck Dammann. The mako ate a whole bluefish at the Hambone and was weighed at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Devin Willey, Steve Schmidt, Donna Hutchinson and Don Willey returned with 3 stripers in the box after tossing bucktails from the South Jetty in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



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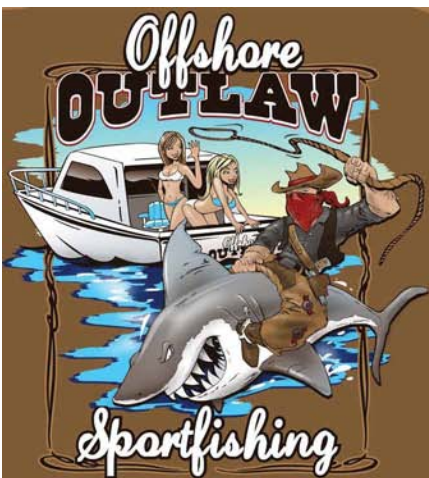
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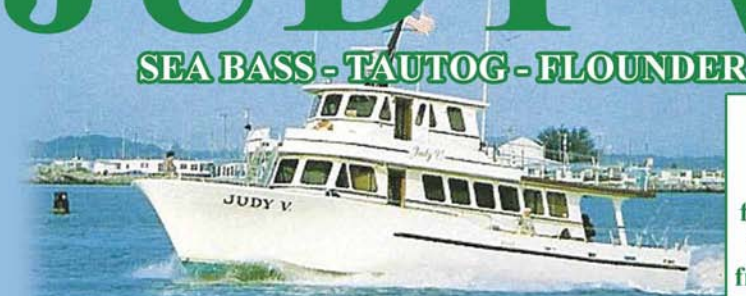
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Robert Holsberger of Wrightsville, PA used fresh bunker to catch this 37-inch, 15 lb. striper while fishing from the surf off Bethany Beach. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters.



James Armstrong, Rich Familia, Tony Bannon and Brian Wilson (not pictured) returned with this 145 lb. mako shark in the box of the charter boat, "That's Right" after hooking it in 30 fathoms north of the Hot Dog. The anglers were fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mates Brian Behe and Austin Bickford.

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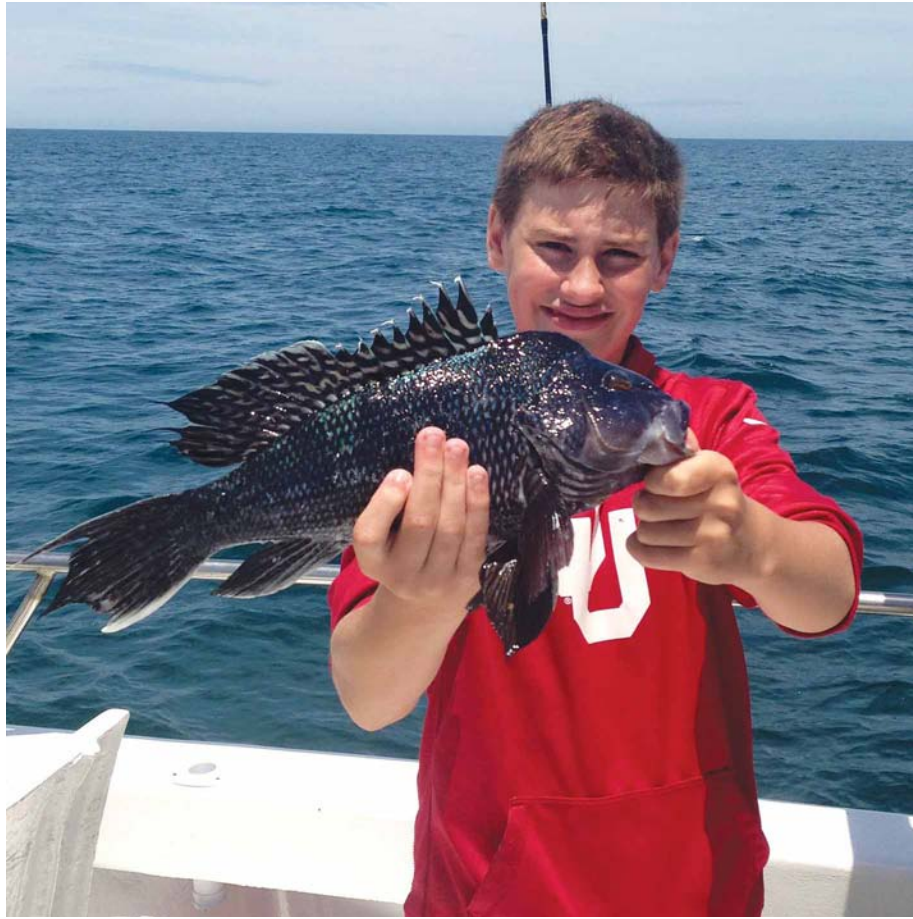
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Philadelphia Eagles fan, Michael Hoyt of Vienna, VA landed the first flounder of the season for anglers fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Michael was fishing with his dad, Jim Hoyt and hooked the flattie on a chunk of clam at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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This 2 lb. 10 oz. sea bass fell at the hands of Christian Stormont while fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The knothead was fooled with a strip of squid at the Great Eastern Reef. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



Clint Bender of Elizabethtown, PA captured this 3 lb. 6 oz. black sea bass during a trip aboard the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The sea bass was hooked on a strip of squid at the Great Eastern Reef.

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Lois and Gary Britton from Perry County, PA joined Tom Kellington from Washington, DE for a striper trip aboard "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire and mate Jake Emche and were rewarded with 2 linesiders caught on live spot at the South Jetty. Photo courtesy of Talbot Street Tackle.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



What a horrible week for weather, but it looks like the season is starting to heat up with good drum and weakfish action inside and improved tuna and shark fishing for anglers heading into the Atlantic.

Before we get into the report, I want to alert our readers that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission approved a coastwide recreational summer flounder harvest limit that allows for changes in Delaware's summer flounder regulations. Effective June 11th, the minimum size for flounder in Delaware dropped from 18-inches to 17-inches and anglers will be allowed to keep 4 fish per trip/day. This puts Delaware right in line with Maryland, and a 1/2-inch smaller than those in New Jersey.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said flounder continue to come from the Lewes Canal, Broadkill River and around the Cape Henlopen Pier, but those targeting flatfish should begin to find keepers on the deeper structure of Delaware Bay artificial reefs soon.

The weakfish resurgence has brought anglers back to their favorite trout spots from years past. The submerged Roosevelt jetties, the Ferry



Francis Walsh fooled this 4 lb. 1 oz. weakfish with a pink Bass Assassin tipped with a peeler crab while fishing at the Ferry Jetty. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Wall and Inner Wall have all yielded nice fish. Gulp! and other soft artificials have been effective offerings. Francis Walsh weighed in a 4.05 pound trout that took a pink Ghost Bass Assassin at the Ferry Wall. Chris Huk had a 28-inch weakfish blast a topwater plug along the marsh bank on Lewes Canal.

In addition to trout, other bottomfish have been plentiful in the Bay. Kingfish, croakers, spot and blowfish were caught along Lewes Beach, in the Roosevelt Inlet, on The Shears and at the Coral Beds. Bloodworms and Fishbites on small hook rigs ensured plenty of action. Taylor Deemer had the unusual catch

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of a 4.72 pound spadefish at the Cape Henlopen Pier. He spotted the spadefish swimming around the pilings and tempted it with a small chunk of clam.

Black drum stuck around through the new moon. Some drum were caught on the Coral Beds, but most recent efforts of drummers were directed toward grounds on the other side of the Bay. Brandywine, the Pin Top, Tussey's, the Horseshoe, Banana Peel and the channel edges between 14 and 19 Buoys were likely drum haunts. Captain Carey hosted Steve Henry and family aboard "Grizzly" for an evening trip, and they harvested 6 drum and released 4 others. Captain Brent took his Saturday afternoon group on "Katydid" northeast of Brandywine, where they boated six boomers weighing up to 42 pounds.

Sea bass were available to ocean bottom bouncers working Reef Site 11, the Del-Jersey-Land site and wrecks in 100 to 150 foot depths.

Sharkers found blue whalers, threshers and makos at Massey's Canyon, the Fingers and other twenty fathom structure. Captain Jeff Stewart had hot fishing on Tuesday aboard the "Ocean City Girl". His anglers hooked four makos weighing up to 200 pounds while drifting between the Hambone and Chicken Bone. Thirty fathoms outside the Hot Dog gave up some blackeyes too.

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Further south, Capt. Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em reported a few flounder being caught in the Indian River Inlet, even though the recent bout of nasty, rainy weather created dirty water conditions. The flatties were being hooked by anglers using smaller spot, saving the larger ones for linesiders.

Striper fishing was slow, although it looks like it might be heating up again, especially at night in the Inlet. The morning hours mainly produced short stripers for those casting artificials or drifting live bait.

During the week, anglers fishing in the Inlet did get a few shots at some bluefish in the 2 to 3 lb. range.

Bert said that not much is happening in the back bays, except anglers who are having success catching some spot.

Although a few stripers are being caught in the surf, blowfish and kingfish created most of the action for surfcasters fishing with Fishbites orange clam strips.

The 1/2 day sea bass trips on the head boat, "Judy V." have produced some good action for anglers who are looking to bend a rod. However, the bad weather kept the trips closer to shore, resulting in a lot of short fish being caught.

Shark fishing is definitely on the rise, although we didn't

see many coming in at the Indian River Marina. Anglers fishing out of Ocean City caught quite a few makos, mainly in the 125 lb. range, with some reaching to over 200 lbs. The Fingers, Sausages and even south at the Rockpile were the hot locations over the weekend. We also saw a pair of huge thresher sharks caught on Sunday. A 485 pounder was caught at the Sausages and one estimated at over 500 lbs. was boated at the Fingers, where anglers found 62-degree water.

Offshore, we saw the heaviest bluefin of the year brought into the Indian River Marina over the weekend when the "Boy's Toy" arrived with a 107 pounder caught on the east wall of the Wilmington Canyon. We had heard about Jersey boats getting in on a good late-week bite in 200 fathoms at the northeast corner of the Wilmington, so this catch comes as no surprise.

Yellowfin tuna were also caught over the weekend on boats venturing deep into the Baltimore Canyon. On Monday, the bite moved south into 50 fathoms in the Washington Canyon, where some charter boats returned with double-digit catches.

Until next week, here's hoping for better weather and tight lines!



Harold Martin and Renee Newton, both from New Castle, DE, Chris Chiari of Wilmington, DE, Paul Summers from Hartly, DE and Greg Bey and Theron Clark from Newark, DE ended their day with 99 lbs. of black sea bass and cod in the box after spending the day fishing on the Capt. Ike II. All of the fish were caught while using squid for bait. Picture courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On Saturday night, Steve Peters and his son, Mark ventured down from East Berlin, PA to do some striper fishing on "Skip's Charter & Guide Service with Capt. Skip Maguire and mate Trent Hartman. The duo caught numerous linesiders too small to keep, but ended up with these 2 in the box. The largest measured 40-inches and was caught around the South jetty on live spot.

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Ed Leo, Jeff Roland and Ed M. Leo caught 4 flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Parker Kreppel. The fish measured 17, 18, 20 and 21-inches and were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts at the South Jetty. Pictured at Castaway's Campground.



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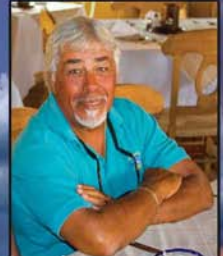
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—by Capt. Mark Sampson



Anyone who is really interested in sharks is probably aware of the now famous white shark "Mary Lee" that was tagged by the "Ocearch" research team last September off the coast of Massachusetts. The shark was baited, hooked then escorted to a large research vessel where it was lifted out of the water on a platform and fitted with a high-tech tag that communicates with satellites. The shark was tagged on September 17th and since then, her whereabouts have been anything but secret. Every time Mary Lee comes to the surface the tag sends information to satellites, and from then on the researchers and anyone else around the world with a computer and an internet connection can see on a Google map the track-line where the old girl has been swimming.

This is really cool stuff that has been providing a lot of eye-opening information about where white sharks go when they're out in their natural environment doing their own thing. After being tagged, Mary Lee left the coast and went out beyond the continental shelf, then south to Florida where she stayed until almost mid-November. After that, the shark headed north and eventually meandered her way past Delmarva in late January.

As a fisherman who

thought he knew a thing or two about sharks, I for one was blown away at the thought that a white shark could be off our coast in the middle of the winter when water temperatures are about as cold as they get. Just as baffling was the fact that the shark kept going north all the way up to Long Island, then it turned back south and by the end of February was off Bermuda and eventually back to Florida again. This up and down, up and down movement in a six-month period is a far departure from the "up in the spring, down in the fall" movements most fish seem to follow. That track came from just one shark, but the Ocearch team tagged two sharks off Massachusetts along with one off Jacksonville and a gang of them off South Africa. As long as the batteries last, a lot of tracking data is sure to follow from those sharks over the months ahead.

Such information will certainly be useful to help better understand and protect white sharks. But since most fishermen will never fish for - or even encounter a great white shark in their lifetime, observing their daily travels is likely more of an interesting thing to do than a real tool to help them better understand a fishery that they participate in. Imagine what could be learned if anglers and fishery managers could follow tuna or billfish in

such a way. Unfortunately, at least for now, technology doesn't easily allow us to track the day-to-day movements of such fish.

The tags that were used by Ocearch on Mary Lee and the other white sharks were known as "smart position and temperature" (SPOT) tags. Because they cannot communicate with the satellites through the water, SPOT tags are used only on animals that are commonly found at the surface of the water such as turtles, dolphins and some species of sharks. To save battery life they turn off while underwater but as soon as the tag breaks the surface they quickly turn on and transmit their location. At a few thousand bucks each, and an additional fee every time they report to a satellite, SPOT tags aren't exactly cheap and researchers are not likely to use them unless they're engaged in a pretty significant project. So last fall I was happy to learn that just such a project was in the works and a team of biologists from the University of Rhode Island, Guy Harvey Research Institute and the NOVA Southeastern University Oceanographic Center were planning to put SPOT tags on mako sharks off Ocean City. I was fortunate to be included in their plan as the captain who would steer them to the makos.



The project kicked off on Memorial Day and after four days of fishing we successfully tagged five makos that ranged in size from 75 to as much as 175 pounds. The process involved hooking and landing the sharks on sportfishing tackle and then lifting them out of the water in a specially designed sling that allowed our team to quickly attach the tag to the shark's dorsal fin

before returning it to the water. The entire process took 6-9 minutes per shark and we had a pump pushing saltwater over their gills the entire time. We were happy to watch each shark swim away with a tag but absolutely elated when every one "pinged" the satellite within 24-hours, many miles from the tagging site, thus confirming a healthy release.

Depending upon how many times the sharks surface, the SPOT tag batteries should last 1-2 years, and by the middle of June the public will be able to view the sharks progress online at <http://www.nova.edu/~johnmatt/makosharks.htm> (see map on right). Though makos are an incredibly important species to both recreational and commercial anglers, there is much about them that is still not known. Tracking their movements over time will provide valuable information that will help biologists and fishermen better understand the shark and assist fishery managers make policy decisions based on solid data.

We have three more tags to deploy, so if things go our way, over the next couple weeks there could be eight makos swimming off our coast with SPOT tags. This same group of tagged makos off New Zealand and Mexico but this is the first time makos have been SPOT tagged in the Atlantic. A lot of money and effort has been invested in this project that will hopefully provide valuable long-term data about the fish and the fishery. And even though the initial tracks of these fish showed that they wasted no time in scooting out of the area, it's imperative that fishermen are aware that if they catch a mako sporting a transmitter and antenna on their dorsal fin it should be quickly released. These fish are too valuable to the fishery to end up in someone's freezer!

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

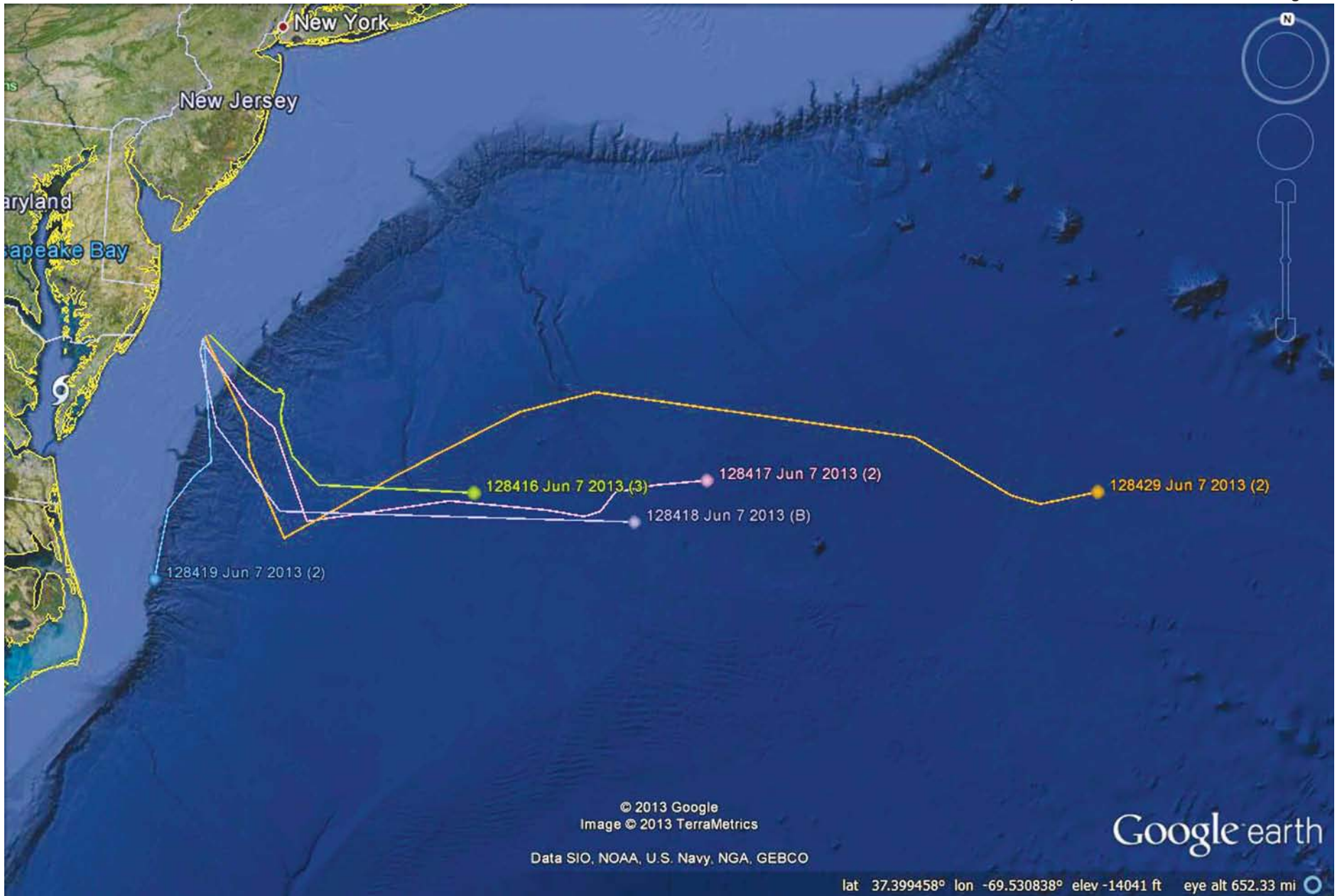


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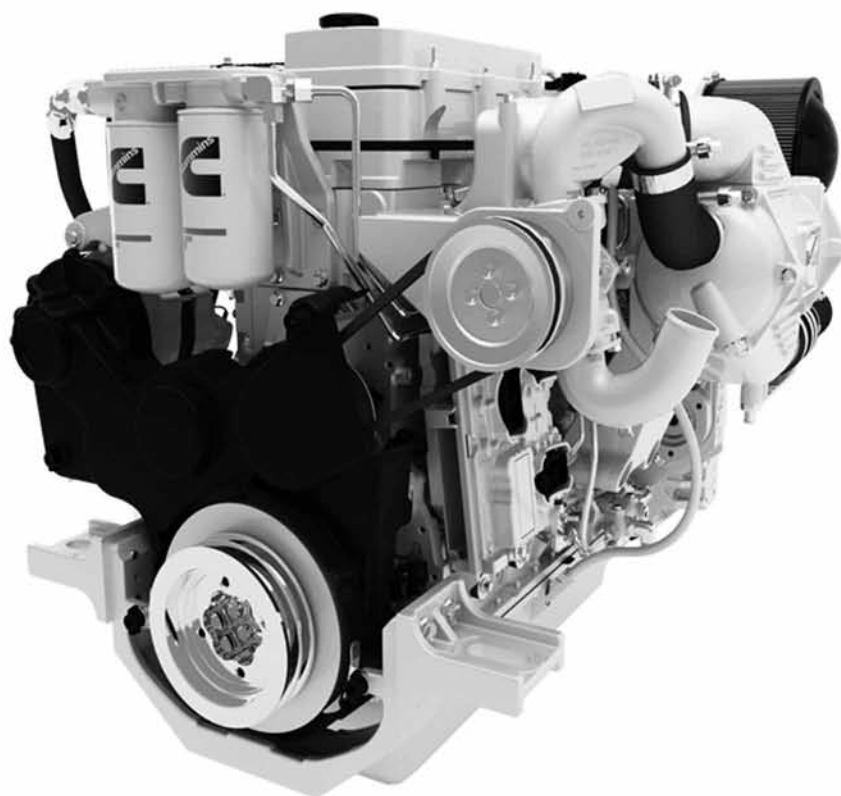
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Dave Moore of Berlin, MD was fishing with sand fleas from the surf off Assateague Island when he hooked into this 40-inch striper. Photo courtesy of the Lucky Angler Bait & Tackle.



Gary, Greg, Adrienne and Shirley German caught 3 flounder and 3 bluefish while drifting minnows in the Thorofare. The flounder measured 16, 19 and 19 1/2-inches.

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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Crab Benedict

- 1 lb. crab meat
- 1 lb. asparagus
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 4 English muffins
- 8 hard boiled eggs
- 2 cups water

In a saucepan, bring the water to a boil.

Cut the asparagus in 1 inch slices and place in the boiling water for 5 minutes.

In a food processor put the egg yolks and slowly add the butter, then the lemon juice.

Cut the English muffins in half and toast.

Place several pieces of asparagus on each muffin and then spread crab meat on top of asparagus.

Top with the sauce.
Serve immediately.
Serves 4.

Mussels in White Wine

- 6 lbs. mussels
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 cups dry white wine
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1 lb. linguine

In a large kettle place the mussels, garlic and white wine; bring to a boil.

Cover the pan until the mussels open.

Cook the linguine according to directions.

Drain and place in a large bowl.

Pour the mussels and broth over the pasta and garnish with parsley.

Serves 6.

Greek Marinated Bluefish

- 2 1/2 lbs. bluefish fillets, boned and skinned
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Juice of one lemon
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 3 TBSP. fresh rosemary, chopped
- 3 TBSP. fresh oregano, chopped
- 5 ripe tomatoes, sliced

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Rinse the fillets and dry

thoroughly.

Divide into 6 servings.

Place the fillets in a shallow dish.

Combine olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper.

Add half of the fresh herbs and pour over fish, making sure each piece is well coated.

Marinate in refrigerator for at least one hour.

When ready to cook, drain the marinade and bake uncovered for 8 to 10 minutes, or until done. Can also be broiled.

Serve the fish on a bed of sliced tomatoes and sprinkle with remaining fresh herbs; drizzle with olive oil.

Serves 6.

Flounder Italiano

- 4 flounder fillets
- 8 TBSP. butter, divided
- Salt and pepper, to taste

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1 medium zucchini, seeded and diced
 6 plum tomatoes, diced
 1 small red onion, diced
 1 medium green pepper, diced
 1/2 cup sliced black olives
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 1/4 cup white wine
 Parsley

reduce slightly to a sauce consistency.

Season with salt and pepper.

Place fish on individual serving plates and spoon topping over fillets. Garnish with parsley.

Serves 4.

Pan Fried Sea Bass

2 TBSP. olive oil
 4 TBSP. butter, divided
 4 sea bass fillets, skin on
 Salt and pepper
 2/3 cup vermouth
 4 sprigs fresh thyme
 Pinch saffron
 1/2 cup heavy cream

Heat a large skillet with olive and 1 TBSP. butter.

Season the fillets with salt and pepper.

Place in skillet; cook 5

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place fillets in a shallow baking dish.

Top each fillet with 1 TBSP. of butter; season with salt and pepper.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.

While fish is baking, place remaining butter into a large hot skillet.

Add the zucchini, tomatoes, onion, green pepper, olives and garlic; saute until tender.

Add white wine and



Dale Timmons of West Ocean City, MD, pictured with Jimmy Jarman of Berlin, MD, caught and released this 50-inch red drum while fishing from the surf at a Virginia barrier island. Dale hooked the big red drum on an Assateague Tackle Magnum Kingfish rig with its 1/0 hook baited with a peeler crab claw.

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The Galley, cont'd.

minutes on each side.

When fish is done, set aside on a plate and deglaze the pan with the vermouth.

Add the thyme and saffron leaving to bubble until its reduced by two thirds.

Add remaining butter and whisk in the heavy cream; heat through.

Serve fillets with the cream sauce.

Serves 4.

Buffalo-Style Flounder

- 2 TBSP. unsalted butter
- 2 TBSP. hot sauce
- 1 TBSP. maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- Salt
- 3 TBSP. crumbled blue cheese
- 2 TBSP. plain yogurt

- 1 TBSP. fresh lemon juice
- 1 package greens of your choice
- 3 stalks celery
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- Vegetable oil, for brushing
- 4 skinless flounder fillets
- Ground pepper

Combine the butter, hot sauce, maple syrup, paprika and a pinch of salt in a small microwave-safe bowl; microwave until butter melts.

Whisk to combine.

Preheat grill or grill pan to medium.

Whisk the blue cheese, yogurt, lemon juice, 1 TBSP. water, 2 tsp. of the prepared sauce and 1/4 tsp. salt in a large bowl.

Add the salad greens, celery and carrots; set aside, but do not toss.

Brush the grill with vegetable oil and season the



Darby Klopp decked this 55.3 lb. black drum while fishing with clams at the Coral Beds with her dad, Geoff Klopp on the "Local Girl". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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While fishing off of the Rt. 50 Bridge during the outgoing tide, George Ganzermiller landed these 2 flounder measuring 19 1/2 and 22-inches.

flounder with salt.

Grill, brushing occasionally with the sauce until just cooked through, about 4 minutes per side.

Toss the salad; add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with the fish and the remaining sauce.

Serves 4.

Pasta with Mussels and Vodka Cream Sauce

Salt and Pepper

3/4 lb. bow tie pasta

2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

1/3 lb. lean bacon, finely chopped

1 small onion, fine chop

4 cloves garlic, chopped

3/4 tsp. crushed red pepper

pepper

1/2 cup vodka

3 basil leaves, torn

1 (14 oz.) can diced or crushed tomatoes

1/3 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup frozen peas

2 lbs. scrubbed and

debearded mussels

Crusty bread

Parmesan

Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add salt and pasta; cook al dente.

Drain, reserving 1 cup of the cooking water.

In a deep skillet with a tight fitting lid, heat the olive oil over medium heat.

Add the bacon, cook 2-3 minutes.

Add the onion, garlic and chili; season with pepper.

Cover and cook, stirring for 5 minutes.

Stir in the vodka and reduce by half.

Stir in the tomatoes and basil; bring to a simmer.

Add the heavy cream and

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bring to a simmer.

Add the mussels, cover and cook until they open.

Discard any unopened shells.

Add the pasta to the mussels, adding some of the reserved cooking water as needed to thin sauce.

Add the peas; toss to combine.

Serve the mussels and pasta with crusty bread and cheese.

Serves 4.

Cornmeal Crusted Flounder

- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup crushed pecans
- 2 tsp. minced onion
- 1 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 3 TBSP. mayonnaise

- 2 TBSP. apricot preserves
- 1 lb. flounder fillets

Heat nonstick skillet over medium heat.

Add cornmeal, pecans, onion, garlic powder, salt, paprika and pepper; cook and stir 3 minutes or until cornmeal begins to brown.

Transfer to shallow dish.

Combine mayonnaise and preserves in small bowl.

Coat fish; dredge in toasted cornmeal mixture, turning to coat evenly.

Coat same skillet with nonstick cooking spray; heat to medium.

Add fish, cook 3 to 4 minutes on each side.

Serves 4.

You can find all of Mama Jock's recipes at www.coastalfisherman.net. Just click on "Recipes" at the top of the page.



This 23 1/2-inch flounder was captured by Michael Guigley of Mohnton, PA while fishing with shiners in the Thorofare. The flounder was one of four caught during the trip. The other 3 flatties were caught on minnows.

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Greg Tanner from Ocean View, DE ventured over to the beach at 3R's Road and captured this 42-inch striped bass that weighed 22 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in South Bethany, DE.



On Sunday, Chadd Lucas from Ocean City, MD landed this 25-inch, 5 lb. weakfish while drifting a live minnow in the West Channel in front of Gudelsky Park. Chadd also caught himself a 20-inch flounder during the trip. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	February 2, 2013 Jerry Thadenfelder "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 9 oz.	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks 5 lbs.	 Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum ★ NEW	June 9, 2013 Kelly Barr "Moore Bills" 209 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported
 Tautog	February 6, 2013 Arthur Guido "Morning Star" 18 lbs. 6 oz.	May 10, 2013 Robbie Hummel Reef Site 11 14 lbs. 10 oz.	 Thresher Shark ★ NEW	June 9, 2013 Shane Heimer Sausages 485 lbs.	May 27, 2013 J.T. Compton "MEGA-BITE" 252 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 24, 2013 Zach Goodrich South Jetty 38 lbs.	April 29, 2013 Steven Matarese, Jr. Collins Beach 37 lbs. 12 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 17, 2013 ★ NEW Aaron McAdoo Baltimore Canyon 39 lbs. 8 oz.	June 10, 2013 Nick Sharp Wilmington Canyon 107 lbs.
 Weakfish	May 16, 2013 Kate Yarzutkina Assateague Bridge 9 lbs. 3 oz.	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach 7 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna ★ NEW	June 9, 2013 Gunnar Zorn Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs.	May 17, 2013 Mike Ransing Wilmington Canyon 60 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	April 28, 2013 Big Bird Cropper Assateague Bridge 3 lbs. 8 oz.	June 1, 2013 Vince Purdy Ferry Wall 1 lb. 15 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	May 10, 2013 Bob Ferguson Thorofare 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 30, 2013 Phillip Chandler Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 5 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna ★ NEW	June 10, 2013 Phillip Seidenstricker "Reel Addiction" 222 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Bluefish ★ NEW	June 8, 2013 Nate Beck Sausages 12 lbs. 13 oz.	May 18, 2013 Chris Clifton Conquest Beach 9 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Golden Tilefish	May 18, 2013 Sam Gass "Reel Desire" 44 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day None Reported	None Reported

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



Ed Bush from Selbyville, DE was fishing off the Rt. 54 Bridge at the Ditch when he caught these 3 black puppy drum on grass shrimp. The largest measured 19-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Fenwick Tackle.

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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball
I.G.F.A. Representative



Just as anglers got a taste of summer's abundant line-up, once again Mother Nature intervened. The remnants of tropical storm Andrea could leave her mark along the Mid Atlantic coastline, creating some unknowns along the fishing front. Once the muddy mess clears, expect the fishing season to heat back up.

Many anglers are very interested in the newly arriving cobia. Although several fish have been boated, the action has not really taken off yet. Chummers off of Grandview and Bluefish Rock caught scattered fish ranging to around 45-pounds last week. Sightcasters have managed a few catches, with some going

close to 60-pounds, but most of these cruising fish are not interested in offerings yet. The cobia action will continue to heat up over the next few weeks as huge schools of fish continue to trek this way from the south.

Red drum are providing good action right now, but this could change after the storm rolls through. Boats are releasing nice bulls from the Eastern Shore barrier islands, near Buoy 10 off Fisherman's Island, the Nautilus Shoals and along the Nine-foot Shoal area. These schools are spreading out in the lower Bay, providing a few landings for some very excited pier anglers recently. Large schools of reds are also

offering willing prospects for sightcasters as the fish cruise the surface along the oceanfront.

Some big black drum are still taking clams near Buoy 13 and 16 off the Eastern Shore, but most of these are on the smaller size. The majority of the schools of bigger fish have moved to the islands of the CBBT, where a few blacks are taking lures intended for rockfish.

Folks are finding some flounder, but anglers are working hard for their catches and the rain from the tropical storm did not help the situation. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, the most consistent action continues to come from the protected waters of the lower Bay inlets and the Eastern Shore. Anglers using vertical jigging methods were finding the best luck around the lower Bay crossings before the storm. One boat experienced some success with nice fish, ranging to over 6-pounds, near the small boat channel and the 1st Island of the Bay Bridge Tunnel last week. Most of the flatfish from the inlets are averaging around 19 to 22-inches, but one angler scored with a few nice doormats stretching to 24 and 25-inches recently in the Lynnhaven Inlet. Shore anglers managed some decent keepers in Rudee Inlet last week on grubs, along with some speckled trout, puppy drum and snapper bluefish. Some big bluefish are also crashing live bait offerings off the Little Creek jetties. Reports of speckled trout and a few puppy drum continue to

come from within Lynnhaven Inlet and Mobjack Bay.

Small and medium-sized croaker are available all over the lower Bay. The HRBT, the Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge, Little Creek and the southern small boat channel at the CBBT are providing the best hardhead action. Sea mullet are also still biting for pier anglers, but this action slowed some from last week. Big gray trout are also active in some of these same areas, especially at night. Some decent spot are also hitting within lower Bay inlets and off Buckroe lately.

Schools of spadefish are available at the Chesapeake Light Tower, inshore wrecks and around the islands of the CBBT. Sheepshead action is not much, but a few fish have cooperated, along with some triggerfish.

For those venturing a little further offshore, keeper-sized sea bass are biting on many wrecks.

Even further out, deep dropping is still a good choice. Several varieties of deep water bottom fish are active in water ranging from 300 to 800-feet, with grouper, blueline tilefish, and black bellied rosefish common place.

Offshore, warm water is becoming more approachable from Virginia, where decent catches of yellowfin tuna and mahi are rewarding boats making the long run to the south. Most of the tuna are in the 40-pound range, with a few whoppers pushing to over 70-pounds are also around. Once the water settles, expect the hunt for the blue water pelagic fish to resume.

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We don't see spadefish too often at this time of year, but Taylor Deemer hooked into this 4 lb. 12 oz. beauty while fishing with clams at the Cape Henlopen Pier. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Anglers on the charter boat, "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" had some great nights last week fishing with Capt. Skip Maguire and mate Chase Eberle around the South Jetty in Ocean City. There was a lot of action with smaller stripers, but they also managed to put some big keepers in the box. On Sunday, Andrew Bartley and P.J. Yurish booked a 2-hour trip and ended up with these 2 keepers and 20 releases, all caught on live spot. The largest linesider measured 46-inches.



While fishing on the "Dawg Haus", Gunnar Zorn (pictured), Corey and Wil Kennington, John Morton, Don Kline and Charlie Pino ventured out to 130 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon on Sunday and ended up with 6 yellowfins and a dolphin in the box. Gunnar caught the largest yellowfin, weighing 70 lbs., while trolling a skirted ballyhoo in 70-degree water. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The first mahi of the year was caught by Van Napper while fishing on Memorial Day aboard the "Reel Buster" with Dave Taylor. The duo was trolling skirted ballyhoo in 64.5 degree water in 1,000 fathoms in the Vires Canyon. They also released 3 short yellowfins during the trip.



On the 2nd day of the 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament hosted by Bahia Marina, Nate Beck of Harrisburg, PA captured this 12.8 lb. chopper bluefish and held on to win 1st place in the Bluefish Division. Nate was fishing on the "No Limits" with Dave Thumma, Chris Oberlander, Chuck Fry, Jason Yakim, Mike Hawkins, Capt. Steve Gladwin and mate Tom Perry. The gator ate a bluefish fillet at the Sausages and earned the "No Limits" team \$5,438 in award money. Pictured at the scale at Bahia Marina.

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<p>Third Place Mako Ken Thompson "First & More" 143.2 lbs. \$6,226</p>	<p>First Place Bluefish Nate Beck "No Limits" 12.8 lbs. \$5,438</p>

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On the final day of the 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina, Victor Muzzatti landed this 144.8 lb. mako shark to win 2nd place in the tournament and a check for \$18,980. Victor was fishing on the "Stress Reel-ief" with Tom Dickerson, Mike S'Dao, Chuck Durbin, John Poulos, Capt. Todd Dickerson and mate Richie Baldwin. The mako attacked a bluefish fillet up at the Lobster Claw. The "Stress Reel-ief" crew also released 5 makos during their 2 days of fishing, winning the W.W. Harman award and an additional check for \$1,000. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Ken Thompson of Ocean City, MD brought this 143.2 lb. mako shark to the scale of the 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament and ended up winning 3rd place in the Mako Division. Ken was fishing with Capt. Ronnie Hall and mate George Hill on the "First & More" when the mako ate a whole bluefish at the 30 Fathom Lump. For their 3rd place finish, the "First & More" team won \$6,226 in award money. Pictured at the scale at Bahia Marina.

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DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife announces changes to summer flounder regulations

Anglers catching summer flounder in Delaware waters will be able to keep smaller fish this season when regulation changes take effect on Tuesday, June 11. The changes allow anglers to keep four fish per day with a minimum size of 17 inches, with no closed season. Under the previous regulations, the minimum size was 18 inches.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission approved a coastwide recreational summer flounder harvest limit that allows for changes in Delaware's summer flounder regulations. The regulatory changes provide added opportunities for anglers while managing the flounder population at a sustainable level.

Recreational anglers who fish, crab or clam in tidal or non-tidal waters statewide must have a valid Delaware fishing license. A resident annual fishing license costs \$8.50 for ages 16 through 64. Higher license prices apply to non-resident anglers. Anglers under the age of 16 and residents age 65 and older are not required to purchase fishing licenses in Delaware.

Recreational anglers fishing Delaware waters also are required to obtain a Delaware Fisherman Information Network (F.I.N.) number; this number is generated automatically on all individual fishing licenses sold through Delaware's electronic licensing systems.

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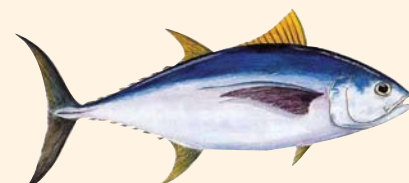
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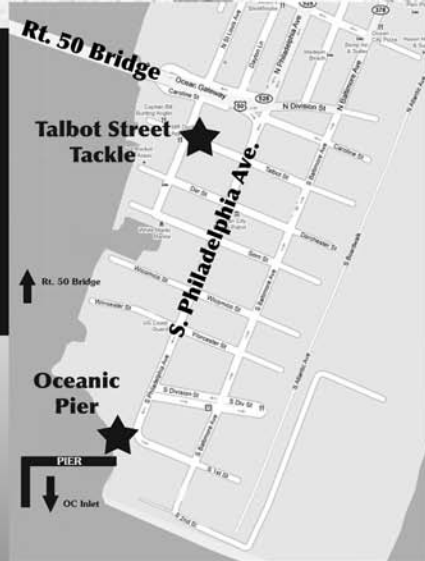
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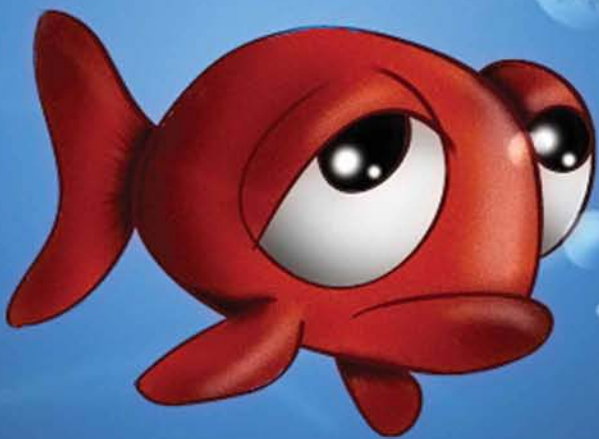


Alex Messner, Blake Messner and Patrick Bateman ended their day with 4 flounder in the box after drifting minnows and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Their largest fish of the day measured 22 1/2-inches.

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