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Local anglers Spencer Beauchamp, Miles Daisy and Zack Odochowski headed out to the Washington Canyon on the "Water Damage" to do some deep dropping. They started the day with a hit just as they put the lines in, however that sword pulled the hook, but it was hook up at the end of the trip that mattered. Just as they were about to call it a day, this 98 lb. sword hit the line while they were in 2000 feet of water and Miles spent the next 2 hours getting the broadbill up to the boat! Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





15 year old Stephen Decatur High School sophomore Riley Pruitt picked a beautiful day to join the Fishing for Muscular Dystrophy team offshore! He caught his first white marlin while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Paul Robertson

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Big Bird Cropper stopped by our new office in West OC with his friend from Germany, Karl-Heinz Henrich who is in town for Ocean City's Bike Week. The pair braved the wind last Thursday and were rewarded with two 32" 'in the slot' rockfish from the Rt. 50 Bridge. They shared there were lots more bites as well using stretch lures.



The inshore lumps continue to yield some nice fish. On this trip out of the Ocean Pines Marina to the Fingers, anglers Charles Kirchner, John Cacchio and Andrew Cacchio boated three mahi while trolling on the "Lucky Seven".



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You always remember your first keeper flounder! For Amber Eckrote from Ocean View, DE it was this 18" spotted flatfish she caught in the Indian River Bay bouncing a minnow and Gulp combo on the bottom. She was fishing on "The Minnow Too" with her father Scotty Eckrote.



The big ones are still out there. Dean Haase of Frankford headed out on the "Carols Teakettle" with Capt. Tom Brinker before the blow and landed this 75 lb. yellowfin tuna. They were trolling in warm 77° water in the Baltimore Canyon when this one hit on a ballyhoo.

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### This Week Last Year

- Hurricane Larry pummeled the coast for the latter part of the week and Saturday, but it did seem to stir up some decent fishing after it passed.
- The "Game Changer" reeled in a 97.5 lb. wahoo from the Poor Man's Canyon.
- The "Primary Search" brought in a 113 lb. Allison yellowfin tuna from the Washington Canyon.
- The "Fin Chaser" boated a 58 lb. bull mahi that was hooked on a spinning reel in the Poor Man's Canyon.
- Tuna were snapping from the Poor Man's Canyon to the Washington Canyon. Captains reported multiple hookups were common.

There was not a lot of offshore action since our last issue thanks to some local weather combined with winds and waves from the offshore passing of Hurricane Earl. Most boats stayed tight in their slips from last Tuesday until Saturday when a few ventured out. The upside appears to be the northeast winds before and during the storms has pushed the blue water closer with reports of marlin in the 500 fathom range versus the 1000 fathom line where most had been found before the storm. That was welcome news given fuel prices this summer! We did get some later reports from the Labor Day action, and of course as I write this on Monday, some news from the weekend. So let's start with Labor Day.

The holiday weekend was busy for billfish. The action for white marlin was mainly from north of the Baltimore Canyon to the Poor Man's Canyon. Most reports were from the canyons but we did hear the "Knot Again" had an overnight trip releasing 10 white marlin over the 2 days in deep water 20 miles east of the Baltimore Canyon. Capt. Alex Beane on the "Boss Hogg" reported a great holiday weekend, taking trips on all three days to deep 1000 fathom water in the Baltimore Canyon and releasing a combined 11 white marlin as well as boating a mess of mahi.

A couple of swordfish also made their way to the scales. The "Just One More" reeled in a 109 lb. sword in the Poor Man's and the crew of the "Water Damage" hand cranked one up from 2000 feet in the Washington Canyon. That one tipped the scales at 98 lbs. As for blue marlin, we only had one report from the "Sea Hunt" who released a blue in the Wilmington Canyon.

As for more recent reports, we heard from Capt. Joe Drosey on the "Rhonda's Osprey" about the 5 white marlin his crew released. They were in only 500 fathoms in the Washington Canyon giving hope the storms had in fact blown the clear water closer to shore. Sunday saw more boats and more action mainly in the Wilmington Canyon.

The "Par 5" and "Fish On" both released 3 whites and "D.A. Sea" along with "Seven" released one. Pretty good fishing given the weather!

Not much to report regarding tuna as many captains are focused on the September marlin fishing. We did get a notable catch from the "Carol's Teakettle" who landed a nice 75 lb. yellowfin tuna in the Baltimore Canyon after finding some 77° water.

The wahoo bite was good prior to the blow so we expect this to continue as more boats get out. The Fingers and Massey's Canyon were good spots prior to the weather with some nice ones caught on marlin rigs in the canyons.

Mahi and tilefish remain the strongest offshore action with large catches reported across the inshore lumps and from lobster and sea bass buoys across the canyons. Several reports of coolers full of dolphin have come from captains finding floating debris. One reported getting their boat limit after finding a lost sea anchor in the southern Washington Canyon. Anglers pitched baits at it using spinning gear and had a blast.

The "Marli" has several trips returning with lots of blueline and golden tilefish, including a 48 lb. golden caught by John Koniewicz using squid in the Poor Man's Canyon. The "Boss Hogg" returned to Sunset Marina on Sunday with a good mix of mahi and tilefish, also from the Poor Man's.

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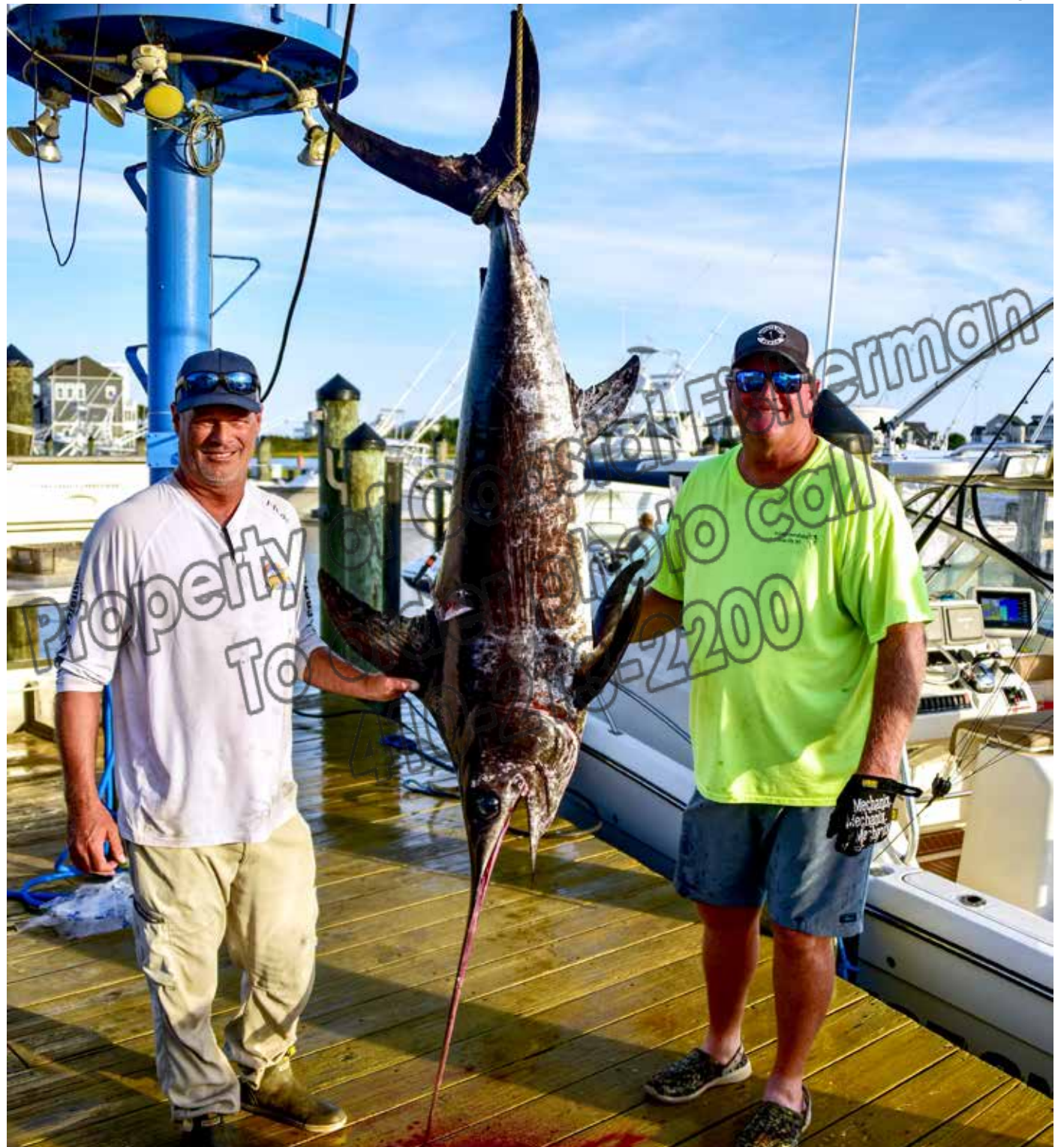


Wednesday through Friday offshore looks decent, but we may see more wind build over the weekend. So get out when you can!

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- The Lewes Harbour Marina will hold its month long Tautog Tournament from October 22 to November 20. For more info call (302) 645-6227.



Captains are turning their attention to broadbill fishing this time of year and Capt. Tom Perry on the "Just One More" is no exception! He headed out to the Poor Man's Canyon with Jeff Landis, Donald Harris and John Pete where they hooked into this 109 lb. swordfish. John had the honor of hand cranking the sea monster from 1400 feet! Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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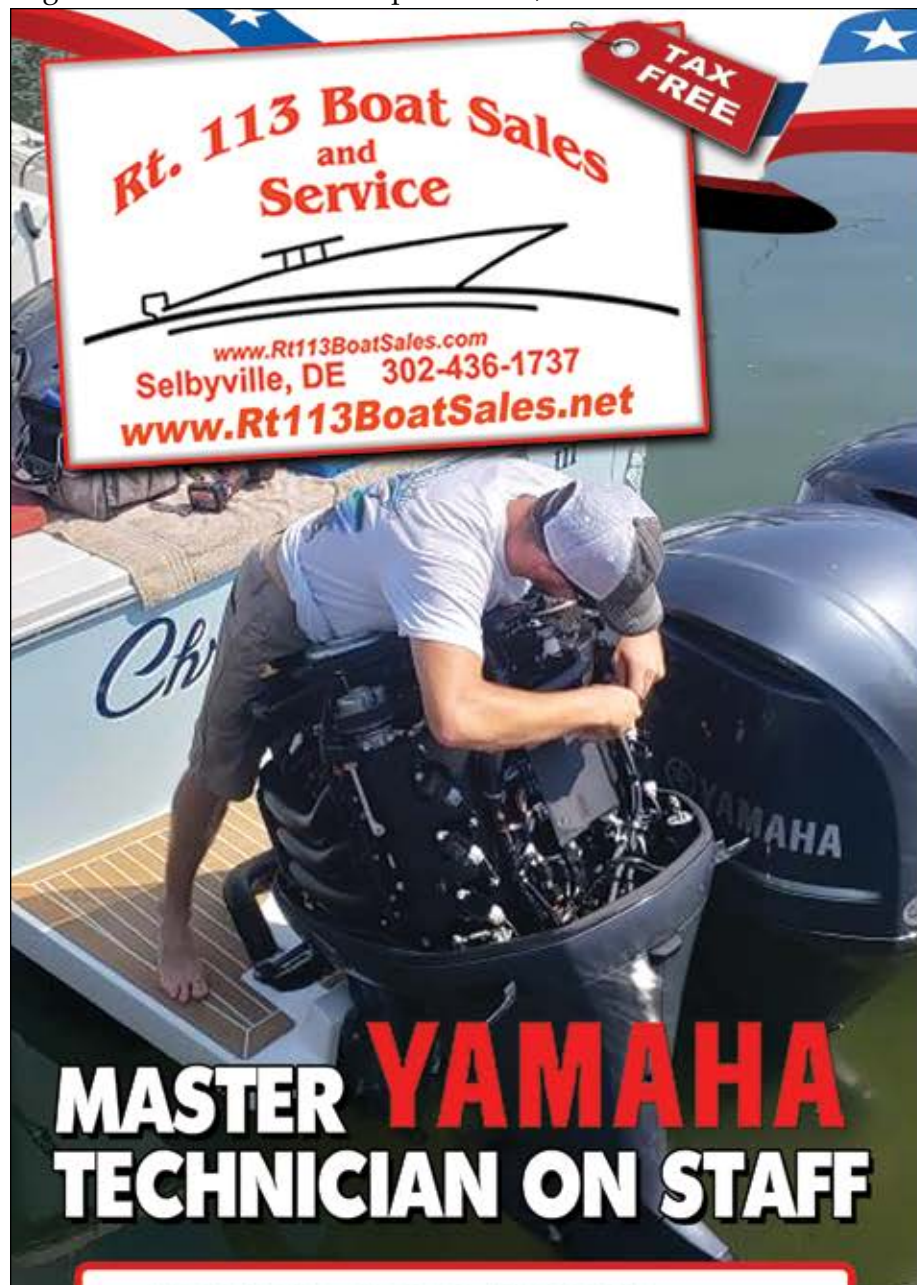
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Labor Day saw great weather and a lot of boats off shore. One was the private boat “Miller Time” with local OC residents Al Miller, Scott Beatie, Joe Wyatt and Steve Cannon. They ventured out into the Poor Man’s Canyon and found a ball in 650 ft. of water and caught these mahi using squid and cut bait. Most were in the 10 lb. range with a couple of gaffers up to 19 lbs.



Chrissy Guest from Millsboro, DE reeled in this big kingfish from the surf off of Conquest Road Beach using bloodworms. At 15” and 1¼ lbs. it qualifies for a Delaware State Citation!

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Sandy Born from Fallston, MD released her 1st blue marlin in the Wilmington Canyon with Capt. Frank Hertsch and mate Cake Christy on the "Sea Hunt". The big blue put on quite a show greyhounding before the release.



Berlin native Hailey Bushnell reeled in a nice speedster while trolling at the Jack Spot with family and friends. Once to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center the wahoo measured 46" and 22.2 lbs.

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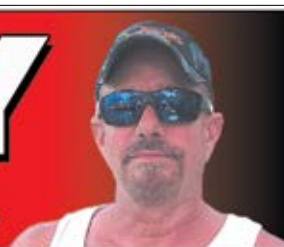
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## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Ocean City saw some great fishing last week. The only species that isn't very strong this year is croaker. More moonfish, mahi and sheepshead than we've ever seen, but very few decent size croakers.

### Near Shore Wrecks

On the near shore reefs, the wrecks are holding some nice sea bass as well as flounder. The Marine Electric wrecks were the top producers. Last week we reported the rare catch of a 66.5 pound cubera snapper there in just 30' of water. This year has seen many unique fish in our waters, but this is the first cubera I recall ever seeing. Chuck Sharp told me they were out at the same wreck earlier in the week and shot one that was close to the same size as Kai's, but the fish pulled the spear, bending the rod and swimming off before they could retrieve it. So it seems there are more than one of these big brutes in our waters. Blake Gunner and Morgan Mericle were out at the Queen and managed a few quality flat fish over 4

lbs. Danial Mattio, a die hard flounder fisherman, also brought home a nice flattie around 25". Great job Daniel! Rodney Myers didn't start fishing until 2 pm, however he still managed to bring 20 nice sea bass home for dinner. It's great to see that the sea bass are still biting despite the strong heat wave we have had for the past several weeks. Krzzy Alex was out for the third time on his boat and said he has learned a lot about fishing in the Atlantic. His boat, a 22 ft. Wellcraft, got him a little wet on the ride out, but with the calm seas he made it out 30 miles and came back with several nice mahi pulled off the pots as well as a few fluke.

When heading offshore in a small boat make sure the safety equipment is in working order and a float plan is filed. A good working radio or Epirb is also recommended to have on board. Jesse James only caught one flatfish, but it was a big doormat making up for the lack of numbers. "Bad Wind Charters" was out again

last week with Art, Tracy and Carl managing to put together a limit of fluke. First mate John said that was when the mahi decided to cooperate, and by the time they were ready to return to the docks the cooler was stuffed full. Art also got his personal best flounder just over 5 pounds. Pete Renzi and Mike Renzi of West Ocean City went out site casting for bluefish and spanish mackerel, and had a table full upon their return. They even managed a nice flounder and saw a whale.

Austin Wagner also returned to the docks of OC with a mix of keeper fish. He started off with some triggerfish that followed his line up to the boat. He caught his first tog, and ended the day with two nice keeper fluke. David and Cheryl LeCates were out with Captain David Collins and mate Alex on the "Captain Ike" and managed to bring home several nice blueline tilefish and even pulled some mahi off the inshore pots on the way back in. This was also Cheryl's birthday. That's not a bad way to spend your

birthday, out on the Atlantic Ocean catching delicious fish! Chris Fontana was out getting some blood on the boats when he went fishing for bluefish. For any of you that have fished for bluefish you know the mess they can make on a boat deck. "Bottom Bouncer Fishing" was out chasing the elusive and hard fighting moonfish. They have caught over 15 in the past 3 trips as well as the usual flounder and sea bass. The crew also caught some jumbo ribbonfish and even a few croaker. If the drum come back in the fall, this could be one of the best years of fishing we have had in a while. "Fish Bound Charters" was out again last week putting their usual hurting on big flat fish. The crew always seems to know where the big fluke are hiding! Matt Moran, the mate on the "Ocean Princess" told me that they have had several productive trips with their clients bringing home a plethora of sea bass and flounder. Several ribbonfish and a few croaker have also been caught. The "Angler" continued its productive season last week catching their anglers several knot head sea bass along with a few mahi and fluke. The "Angler's" big fish last week was just under 5 pounds.

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This is just under the seasonal pool run by the boat. Out at the Great Eastern Reef, Lucas Siple fought the heavy current and chop to bring home a 3 man limit of flatties as well as several nice knot head sea bass.

### Back Bays

In the back bays, flounder is still the king. Many nice fish have been caught on minnow and shiner duos as well as some on big Gulp baits. "Ocean City Guide Service" was out and managed to bring home several nice fluke. The area behind Assateague Island has been very productive but the bigger fish I'm seeing are coming from the south jetty wall of the inlet. Along with some big fluke the south wall is also home to some citation sheepshead as well as a few redfish and trout. Christopher Singer caught a nice 21", 7.50 lb. sheepshead off the rocks. Tony Walls thought the first sheep


was big at 18", but the second one was 21". That will make quite the dinner I'm sure! At the Rt. 50 Bridge, Craig Cropper had his friend Karl in from Germany. The duo had a great day catching lots of small rockfish and even managed a pair of 32" keepers for dinner. Hmm, I wonder if he used Roy Rigs?

Fishing from the shore, Jason Bowes caught and released a nice 46" red drum. Hopefully within the next few weeks we will see the bigger red and black drum migrate past our waters allowing us the opportunity to target them as they swim by. The inlet jetty is a great place for puppy drum while Assateague Island is great for the bigger trophy fish.

Until next week,  
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Jim King took a ride out to the Old Grounds with "Luckyone Outdoors" Capt. Charlie Donohue along with PJ Clauser. The trio landed quite a few sea bass and some nice flounder using squid, clam and Gulp.



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Capt. Bruce Lynch from “Bad Wind” charters took advantage of the beautiful weather before the weekend’s blow to get some nice fish. Anglers Art & Tracy Smith with Karl Kramer had a spectacular day on the rip catching their limits of both flounder and mahi at offshore lumps.



Sand fleas from Lewes Harbor Marina were the trick for angler Craig Hastings. After loading up on bait, he worked the Delaware Bay catching this 12.2 lb. black drum and a 9.7 lb. sheepshead that were also weighed at the Marina!

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While the marlin were running and a few tuna were to be found, other anglers focused on tilefish! Capt. Steven Danner with mate Michael Hawkins on the charter boat "Still Lucky" put these lucky anglers on their limit of blueline tilefish they caught at the Rock Pile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Capt. Alex Beane and mate Jack Hannum kept Jeremy Clemons, Paul Ropp and crew busy during this trip on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". They were trolling in deep 1000 fathom water in the Baltimore Canyon when they released 4 white marlin and snagged a couple mahi for tacos! Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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There were smiles for days after the sloppy morning turned into a nice afternoon for Capt. Chris Mizurak and his anglers on the party boat "Angler". Now on their fall schedule of 8 hour trips with a few 10 hours ones mixed in, this trip saw a nice mix of sea bass and flounder.

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This happy crew got in on the hot marlin bite before Hurricane Earl blew by. Anglers Jeff Beane, Greg Beane, Paul Hannum and Jillian Massey released 4 white marlin and boated some nice mahi. They were fishing on the charter boat "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Alex Beane and mate Jack Hannum east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1000 fathoms. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



It was a busy day for John Elliott, JJ Garzon, John Benton, Steve Benton, Kris Olenginski and Larry Olenginski on their trip with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jacob Bialk on the charter boat "Spring Mix II"! They went down to the southern end of the Washington Canyon and found some lobster pot gear and pulled in over 40 mahi using spinning reels. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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Anglers Jim Arms, Matt Arms, Jim Dragano, Rick Miller and Dean Miller kept mate Jake Pilkerton busy on the charter boat “Marli”! Capt. Mark Hoos took the crew to the Poor Man’s Canyon where the released 2 white marlin and filled the box with their limit of blueline tilefish.



Molly Dunmire from Edgewater, MD may be only 11 years old, but she got it done on this trip! She was fishing an ocean structure on the headboat “Judith M” out of the Bahia Marina where she caught 2 keeper sea bass and a throwback using shiners and squid.

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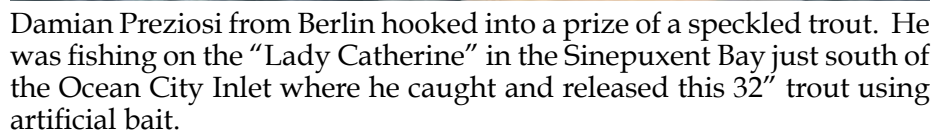
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Avid angler Megan Bisasky made the most of this trip on the rip with Capt. Travis Ralph and mates James McDougall & Charlie Fielder. She and fellow anglers Bec Ashley and Gus Croll were fishing on the "Southern C's" trolling for marlin when this nice wahoo decided to jump on the line!

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There are many regions where cellular towers cannot be reached.

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the Earth. However, limited bandwidth is a major challenge, making it difficult to even send a text message or make a call. To overcome this, traditional satellite phones feature advanced technology, leading bulky form factor and large external antennas as compared to a sleek and compact smartphone.

With the new iPhone 14, if you are outside the range of cellular and Wi-Fi coverage and cannot connect to cellular emergency SOS services, your iPhone automatically attempts to connect you to the required assistance through a satellite connection. This built-in service shows where to point your phone to establish a satellite connection and how to stay connected as the satellite moves during the message transmission and dialogue with rescue authorities. Since the bandwidth of iPhone to satellite connection is not capable of standard messaging protocols (SMS), Apple created a custom short text compression algorithm

specialized text messages to a Apple rescue center, voice phone calls using satellite connection are not available nor are traditional texting to friends using the satellite connection.

### What happens once the Apple rescue center receives your SOS?

Once Apple receives the SOS information, they relay your SOS to the appropriate emergency services. Once you are connected to them, you can start a text conversation with emergency responders by sharing your Medical ID and emergency contact information, along with the emergency questionnaire answers. Additionally, your location details and remaining battery percentage can also be shared to authorities.

### Supported iPhones and Regions for iPhone Emergency SOS via Satellite

While this feature is a powerful addition to the iPhone, its availability is subject to a few conditions. Here is the official information that Apple has provided but may change as the system matures:

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to reduce the size of messages to one-third of the actual data size. A satellite text message may take 15 seconds to a minute to be sent in perfect conditions with a direct view of the sky. This satellite feature is currently ONLY for

the latest iOS 16 update. (Exception: If you purchased iPhone 14 in China mainland, Hong Kong, or Macao, you will not have access to the feature)

**Supported Regions:** The U.S. and Canada (including





Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), International travelers visiting the U.S. and Canada could use Emergency SOS via satellite, except if they bought their phone in China mainland, Hong Kong, or Macao. Exceptions: Emergency SOS via Satellite is not available in: Guam or American Samoa and Places above 62° latitude like northern parts of Alaska.

This satellite service is provided by Globalstar, a familiar name with boaters.

#### Launch Date and Price

Sadly, you cannot use the Emergency SOS via Satellite feature right away. It will be available in November 2022 with an iOS 16 software update. Moreover, this is a

premium service. But the good news is that iPhone 14 users can access it for free for the first two years.

Business minded boaters will be interested to learn that Apple is investing in Globalstar by covering 95% of the capital expenditures made by Globalstar to build up its network, including new satellites, to provide the service. Apple will require Globalstar to allocate 85% of its "current and future network capacity" to support the SOS service, it looks like Apple is in the satellite business for the long haul.

This new iPhone SOS feature might just be the reason to upgrade your smartphone, though do not give up on your trusty EPIRB! \$



John Koniewicz had his work cut out for him when he hand cranked this 48 lb. golden tilefish from the deep in the Poor Man's Canyon. He was fishing on the charter boat "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Jake Pilkerton. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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These boys caught a mess of fish over the Labor Day weekend. Logan Serpico, Dan Reynolds, Kyle Walker and Cory Walker worked several inshore ocean structures finding 9 keeper flounder up to 25", sea bass up to 19" and bunch of peanut mahi.



Thomas Shenk from Mechanicsburg, PA fished with his son Matthew of Pasadena, MD and caught this citation sized flounder at the Old Grounds. Once on the scales at Hook'em & Cook'em the flatfish weighed in at 7.1 lbs and measured 26". Spro Jigs with Gulp did the trick to fool this one and 6 other keepers for the day.

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# DELAWARE

## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week, we experienced more wind and storms than previous weeks. The fishing however was bright and the catches were plentiful. Lots of big flounder along with more record sheepshead from the bay as well as ribbonfish and sea bass.

### Near Shore Waters

At the Old Grounds, fishing has been very good. Lots of nice size flounder are coming off the coral patches as well as big sea bass on the wrecks. Brandon Miller and Chris Hall were out at the Old Grounds drifting for flounder with custom made jigs. The crew came with limits of fish. Diana Vansant was fishing with her husband on their boat "High Pressure". She hooked and landed a once in a lifetime fluke measuring almost 28 inches and weighing 9.1 pounds. The fish was weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Ryan West picked up a few nice fish before the wind blew them out. The crew caught sea bass as well as flounder. David Quigley

was out with the family and came home with 22 sea bass. David reports he caught 9, his wife caught 10 and his son got 3 keepers. He reported several other smaller fish were released. Tony Lewes was out on the Grounds and returned to Indian River with some nice sea bass, and got lucky finding a few pots loaded with mahi. It's too bad the mahi tournament is over at Lewes Harbour Marina, because Paul Sciecinski would have won first place with his 18 pound fish he caught last week! Paul was fishing with Captain Keith Beebe on the "Surface Tension" near the sea bass pots. Several mahi have been caught inshore this year, but 18 pounds is the biggest one I've heard of this year.

Daryl Mergenthaler Jr., Fred Robinson and Joseph Nicholas Jr. had a stellar day with the dolphin bringing home a boat load for dinner. They even caught a big starfish. Mike Gentzler was also out at the Old Grounds

trying to catch mahi off the pot. He said they threw everything they had at them but could only get one fish to bite. I received many reports this week that the fish on the pots were very picky and it was either feast or famine. Dan Faora was a little further south near A Buoy and got a nice catch of mahi as well as a few nice keeper flounder. The southern coral grounds near A Buoy have been a little more productive for a better quality fish than the northern Old Grounds. Rockfish Ed and Diana did it again after two days running. The duo put a hurting on the mahi at the sea bass pots. Gene Willman was also down south and got a limit of keeper flat fish. The biggest one being 5.7 lbs. Looking at the photos they all looked to be quality fish! Archer Morgan had a great day out on the water and came home with multiple big fluke, including a 22" flattie. David Quigley got more fish for the freezer, catching a cooler of delicious

sea bass with most between 13-14" and a few over 15". As the temps continue to drop, the sea bass fishing should become better and better. Tony Kaledas went out for a quick 3 hrs. and returned with 6 keepers measuring 17" up to 23". Great job guys, that's quite the catch in a short period of time. Tim Morris went out with the boys last week and returned with a table full of a keeper fish varieties. Paul Cusimano was also out getting in on the great dolphin bite returning with his taco collection for the winter.

We finish the near shore reports with Walt Hanwell who pulled 10 mahi off the nearshore bass pots, with many over 25". This year has been one for the books when it comes to catching these offshore pelagic fish this close to shore. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come.

### Back Bay Areas

At the Indian River bay, fishing has been strong. Flounder remains the main target. The south wall of the inlet has been your most productive spot, with Massey Ditch a close second. Joseph Blair scored a really fat 6.06

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lb. flounder. Joseph said the fishing was slow but the big one he took home made him forget about all the shorts he caught. Don Smith fished the inlet and confirmed that the sheepshead are still here, bringing home a nice fat one for dinner. Ben Dove was using sand fleas at Indian River Inlet to catch his sheepshead. Further north at the Delaware Bay Ice Breakers as well as the outer wall, there are also still quality, if not citation sheepies. Fresh sand fleas on a tog/sheepshead jig are the ticket for getting one of these fine fish to bite. Brooke Yarnali was out with the family and returned with a few keepers for dinner. Green and white Gulp accounted for their keepers. Gunther and sons were out fishing and returned home with a nice limit of fluke.

#### Surf, Crabs & Clams

Christopher Villanueva caught a big ray off the beach this past week. While on the beach last Sunday, I watched John Kolakowski of Lewes, DE fight a ray for 1 hour and 48 minutes. The fish was safely released to be caught again. He fought it perfectly, just keeping tension on it as it sank into the sand and then fishing it as it came back up to try to make a run. He did a great job and had a lot more patience than I ever would.

Clamming remains very strong with most places yielding big clams. Rehoboth Bay has been the best spot for smaller clams.

Crabbing is very good although the numbers are beginning to dwindle. Last haul for us produced 42 crabs for 4 pots, with 16 of them being over 7 inches.

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# THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



## Ginger Garlic Pan Roasted Swordfish Steak

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter room temperature  
2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley  
1 clove garlic minced  
1/2 teaspoon ginger grated  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper  
1/2 teaspoon lemon peel grated  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
12 ounces swordfish fillets should be 6-7 ounces each

Sea salt to taste

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In a small bowl blend together the butter, parsley, garlic, ginger, red pepper and lemon peel.

Season the swordfish to taste with sea salt.

Place an ovenproof skillet over



medium-high heat and when hot add one tablespoon of olive oil and the swordfish, salted side down.

Pan sear the swordfish for 1-2 minutes or until it has a nice color.

Turn the swordfish over, and drain out any excess oil from the pan. Carefully add a few tablespoons of water to the pan and place the pan

in a preheated 400 degree oven

Roast the swordfish until just cooked through, about 6-8 minutes or until desired doneness.

Transfer swordfish to a serving dish.

Add seasoned butter mixture to the same skillet. Allow it to cook slightly over medium-high heat until melted and bubbling (1-2 minutes).

Pour butter sauce over swordfish and serve with your favorite side dishes.

## Killer Sheepshead Tacos

### Ingredients:

2 medium tomatoes, seeded and finely chopped

1 small red onion, peeled and finely chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 cup roughly chopped cilantro

1 jalapeño, halved lengthwise, seeded and cut crosswise into half moons (optional)

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup sour cream

2 limes, 1 halved and 1 cut into wedges

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon canned chipotle pepper, finely chopped (optional)

2 pounds of sheepshead

12 6-inch fresh corn tortillas

2 cups shredded green cabbage

Hot sauce, like Frank's

### Directions:

Mix onions, garlic, cilantro, jalapeno and tomatoes in a bowl making a perfect combination for the sheepshead tacos.

Combine the sour cream and mayonnaise until it is fully mixed. Add lime juice, chipotle seasoning, salt, and pepper. The more chipotle you add the spicier it will be.

Heat the oven burner to a medium temperature. Spray your pan with olive oil to ensure the sheepshead will not stick. Coat both sides with old bay seasoning and cook for 6-8 minutes.



Once the fish is cooked to a white flakey texture, remove it and cut into strips for the tacos.

Place tortilla on a plate. Cover the tortilla with your chipotle mayo mixture. Add the sheepshead then add your salsa mix of onions, garlic, cilantro, jalapeno, tomatoes and some shredded cabbage.

Serve with a lime wedge and side of hot sauce to add more kick to it.

## Creamy Garlic Shrimp Pasta

### Ingredients:

8 oz. linguine pasta

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 pound raw shrimp buy frozen, peeled, and deveined shrimp

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 tablespoon Old bay seasoning optional - or smoked paprika or cajun

1 tablespoon butter

1 clove garlic minced

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup parmesan grated

1/2 cup fresh parsley chopped

### Directions:

In a medium-sized saucepan, boil water and salt. Add your pasta, and cook according to the package instructions until al dente. When the pasta is cooked, reserve 1 cup of the pasta water and drain the pasta.

In a skillet over medium heat, melt the butter, and add olive oil. Cook the shrimp for a minute, then season with salt, pepper, and Old Bay Seasoning or paprika if using.

Continue to cook the shrimp until it's pink. Do this in batches if you're worried that you may overcook the shrimp. Remove the shrimp onto a plate and set aside.

In the same pan, melt butter and add garlic, cook for 30 seconds or until it's fragrant. Add the heavy cream, and with the spatula deglaze the pan.

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Add parmesan, let it melt then loosen the sauce with reserved pasta water and allow to simmer for a minute. Taste the sauce and see if more salt and pepper is needed.

Toss the pasta with the sauce until it's well coated. Add the shrimp back in to reheat it gently, garnish with freshly chopped parsley and serve.

Notes:

If you cook the shrimp from frozen, you will have liquid coming out and that's fine as it will take about a minute to simmer it down (not enough to overcook the shrimp).



If possible, thaw the shrimp before cooking.

Don't forget to reserve about a cup of the pasta cooking water, it's quite starchy and great for loosening up the sauce. You will most probably need much less than a cup, but to stay on the safe side I always reserve 1 cup and drain the rest.

This pasta makes 4 normal servings, or 3 big ones.

Store in the fridge in a sealed container for up to 3 days.

Reheat the pasta in a skillet over low-medium heat, and add a splash of water to loosen the sauce. Do the same if using the microwave. I don't recommend freezing this creamy shrimp pasta.

### Lobster Roll

Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds cooked lobster meat approximately 3 1/2 cups, cut into 3/4 inch pieces

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

1/4 cup celery finely chopped, use the tender inner stalks



1 tablespoon chives thinly sliced, plus more for garnish if desired

Salt and pepper to taste

4 split top hot dog buns

2 tablespoons butter softened

Directions:

Place the lobster meat, mayonnaise, lemon juice, celery, chives, salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir gently to combine.

Spread the butter onto the outer sides of each bun. Place the buns in a pan or on a griddle over medium heat. Cook for 2-3 minutes per side or until golden brown.

Divide the lobster mixture among the buns. Serve immediately, garnished with additional chives if desired.

### Flounder with Bacony Corn

Ingredients:

2 slices bacon, chopped

4 flounder fillets (between 4-6 ounces each; may substitute tilapia or other mild, flaky fish of choice)

1/4 teaspoon each kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

2 1/2 cups fresh corn (about 4 ears; frozen and thawed may be substituted)

3 sliced green onions, white and green parts

1 tablespoon butter

1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved

Optional for serving: 4 lime wedges, chopped fresh basil or chives, salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat a large skillet over medium heat and cook the bacon until crisp. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate.

Sprinkle the fish with the salt and

pepper. Over medium-high heat, sauté the fish fillets in the bacon drippings until just barely cooked through the center. Depending on the thickness of the fish, this will likely take 3-4 minutes for the first side and 1-2 minutes more on the second side. Remove the fish to a plate and keep warm. (The fish will continue to cook a little bit when removed from the heat.)

Add the corn and the green onions to the skillet\* and sauté over medium to medium-high heat for 3 minutes or until beginning to brown, stirring occasionally. Add the butter and cook long enough for the butter to melt and be stirred into the corn mixture, about a minute. Stir in the tomatoes. \*\*

Serve each fish fillet over one-fourth of the corn mixture, and top with one-fourth of the reserved bacon. Sprinkle with fresh basil or chives, a bit of salt and pepper, and top with a lime wedge, if desired.

Notes:

\*If the pan seems dry prior to sautéing the corn, you may wish to coat with a couple teaspoons of olive oil. Depending on the type of skillet used, this may or may not be needed.



\*\*When tomatoes are in season and really good, I typically add them to the skillet after the corn is cooked, as stated in the recipe. If you prefer cooked tomatoes, you may sauté them for a few minutes along with the corn. Also, out-of-season grape and cherry tomatoes will be slightly less flavorful than their summertime counterparts but are often pretty good fresh produce options. Cooking just long enough to break them down slightly tends to enhance the flavor.

### Black Sea Bass

Ingredients:

8 ounce black sea bass, cut into 2 fillets

1/4 cup + 2 Tablespoons olive oil

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 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley  
 1/4 teaspoon thyme  
 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika  
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper  
 1/2 teaspoon salt

**Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.  
 Pat each fillet dry with a paper towel.

In a shallow bowl mix the panko breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, thyme, parsley, paprika, salt and pepper and stir until combined. Set aside. Pour the 1/4 cup olive oil into another shallow bowl.

Dredge the black sea bass in the olive oil and then into the dry ingredients making sure both sides are coated. Place on a clean plate.

Heat a cast iron skillet or a regular skillet over medium heat, warm the oil until a few water droplets sizzle when carefully sprinkled in the skillet. Sear the sea bass, skin side up, until it is well browned



and easily releases from pan, about 3- 4 minutes. Flip over and cook until seared, about 1 minute.

Transfer the pan to the oven and roast about 4-5 minutes or cooked to the desired degree of doneness, at least 145 degrees F.

**Seared Wahoo with Mango Salsa**

**Ingredients:**

**Mango Salsa:**

1/2 medium red onion diced

2 1/2 cups mango chunks  
 2-3 green onion stalks diced  
 1 medium red bell pepper diced  
 1/2 cup cilantro chopped  
 1 jalapeño diced  
 1 lime juiced  
 1 lemon juiced  
 1/2 tsp. sea salt

**Seared Wahoo:**

4 wahoo fillets  
 2 Tbsp. avocado oil  
 Sea salt & pepper to taste

**Directions:**

**Mango Salsa:**

Combine all ingredients in a medium-sized bowl and mix gently with a spatula.

Chill for at least 1 hour to allow the flavors to meld together.

**Seared Wahoo:**

Dry the fillets completely.

Sprinkle both sides with salt and pepper.

Heat avocado oil in a skillet over medium heat.

When the oil is hot, carefully add the fillets and cook for 4 minutes. Make sure there is adequate space



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Flip the fillets and cook for 4 more minutes or until done. Adjust the cooking time based on the thickness of the fish fillets you are using.

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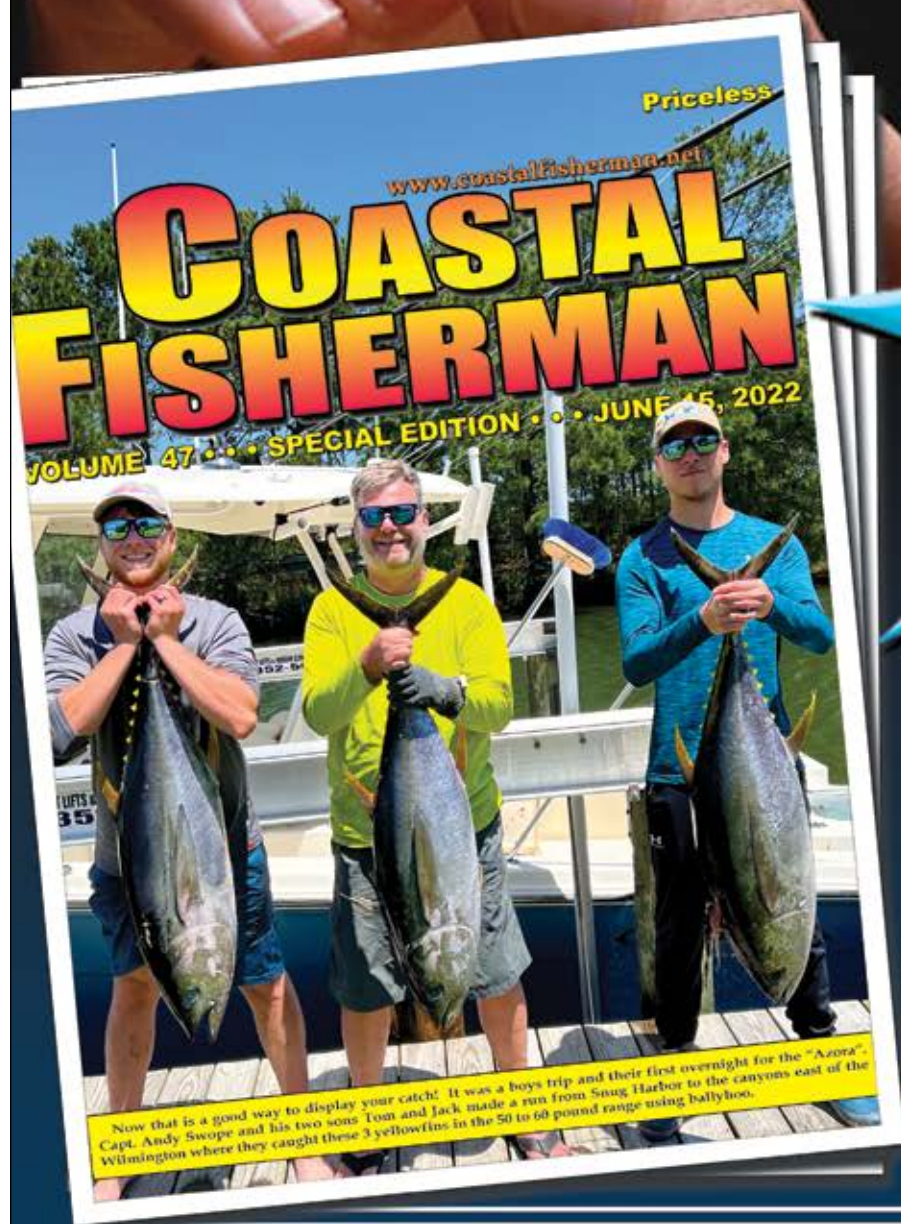
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The crew of the "Knot Again" had an epic overnight trip over the Labor Day weekend. Capt. Darryl Scuse with owner Richard Mumford with anglers Cross Fierro, Nick Fierro, Butch Brooks, Brandon Brooks, Max Robichaud and mate Colin Koveieski released 10 white marlin at the Dumpsite 20 miles east of the Baltimore Canyon. Overall they had 16 bites and landed 2 yellowfin tuna.



It was white marlin madness for Greg Beane, Brian Gearhart, Jack Gearhart and crew while fishing on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". Capt. Alex Beane with Mate Jack Hannum had them east of the Baltimore Canyon on the 1000 fathom line where they released 4 white marlin as well as getting 2 chunky yellowfin tuna in the box.

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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

I don't have to tell anyone that this has been a busy boating season. From jet skis to sailboats, paddle boards to tiki bars, jon boats to house boats, just about every type of watercraft you can imagine could be found at one time or another pushing about Delmarva's coastal bay and ocean waters. It's interesting to note each season how the trends in boats and boating continues to change over the years. I can remember when a 25' Mako with twin 125hp Johnson outboards was considered a "big" center console, there were "zero" bay fishing head boats, jet skis, kayaks, or parasail boats, and every day the upper bay was covered with Hobie Cats and Sunfish sailboats. Times have changed!

Like lawn darts and bell bottom jeans, for one reason or another boating trends come and go, and whenever something seems to be all the rage there are always a lot of folks standing on the sidelines trying to figure out why it's so, and I'm not ashamed to say that I'm one of them. I've spent most of my life working on and around boats and there has always been, and always will be, trendy things in boating that I just don't understand. But before I roll out my short-list of some of the latest trends, let me make

clear that I am "not" suggesting that there is anything wrong with these trends, it's just that, by my own ignorance, I don't "understand" why they have recently become so popular.

Take kayaks for instance. It seems to me the greatest thing about modern kayaks is that they are relatively inexpensive, light, easy to transport, store, and can be launched anywhere providing quick and easy access to waters not accessible by conventional boats. Kayaks have opened so many great opportunities for people of all ages to fish and explore waters around the world and it's really cool what folks are doing with them and where. I don't have one, but I think kayaks are awesome!

However, I don't understand why some folks rig their kayaks with so much "stuff" that they hardly end up having a place to sit. Okay, I get it, if you're going to fish you'll need rod holders, a place to keep bait, tackle and supplies, but apparently some kayakers feel the need to also have depth sounders, trolling motors, batteries, gas motors (I have a friend who has a 3hp on his) 1 or 2 outriggers, sails, umbrella-like sun shade things, and special brackets for holding their phones, GoPros, and drinks.

Anyway, I've always wondered why, rather than overstuffing a kayak, folks don't just get a canoe or a small jon boat that they can still paddle if they wish, but is better suited for carrying the extra gear and accessories some seem to think they need. A little car top boat could also allow for an extra passenger or two and they wouldn't have to worry about sitting in a puddle of water all day.

Something else I don't understand is the recent trend in putting giant outboard motors on deck boats. Deck boats (or "pontoon boats") have been around for a long time and for a lot of people are the perfect platform for taking friends and family out and about our coastal bays. Fishing, clamming, crabbing, exploring, tubing and just about anything else a small group might wish to do on the water can be safely done from a simple and affordable deck boat. That is until you rig one with a 200-300 horsepower motor that scoots across the water at 50 mph or more! Sure, you can still do all those things from your supercharged platform, but the safety factor is greatly reduced in a family boat that can run at those speeds. After all, hitting shallow water at 25 mph is one thing - doing it at 50 can be

deadly, and who needs to travel at that kind of speed just to get to the clamming grounds or sandbar party anyway?

Speaking of sandbar parties..... I don't get it, I'm sorry but I just don't understand the current trend where people get in their boats and spend a big chunk of their day hanging out on a crowded sandbar jammed with boats and people and all the stuff that goes on when you squeeze too many people (and alcohol) in too small a space. For me, boats have always been my own escape pods from the craziness of living in a resort environment. There are so many secluded places on the bay where someone can pull their boat up on a beach or sandbar and have it all to themselves without worrying about what anyone else is wearing, drinking, cooking, throwing, saying, driving or blasting their stereo. I know it's just me, but I just don't get the magic of getting in a boat and running towards the crowd instead of away from it!

Finally, it used to be that about the only boats that would do 50+ mph on the ocean were the big, loud, ocean racer type boats featuring twin hopped-up, gas guzzling I/O's blasting out a gazillion horsepower. Now, at least on calm days, those kinds of speeds are being reached by the latest trend in big center console fishing boats being pushed along by 3-4 (or more) giant outboards. Not just big and fast, these boats are wonders of

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modern technology featuring most, if not all, of the same array of electronic fish finding and navigational electronics as might be found on the big (traditional) sportfishing vessels. This trend in big, go-fast fishing boats has really taken off, and these boats can now be found hanging in lifts in marinas and at private docks all over Delmarva.

"Yes", I will agree that these boats are bad to the bone and I'm impressed with the technology that allows them to do what they can do. However, the bottom-line is that they are still just big "center console" boats. Which means that when it's cold, the wind is blowing, spray flying, or the rain is falling, everyone aboard is going to be outside soaking up every bit of it! Traditionally, the discomfort of fishing from a modest size single or twin engine open boat was accepted as the price of admission for getting offshore in a boat that would cost a fraction of what a big twin diesel sportfisherman with a comfortable cabin would be. But today, these multi engine go-fasts can cost their proud owners every bit as

much (and in some cases more) than what they might pay for a traditional sportfisher with a full cabin featuring heat, A/C, staterooms, a galley, salon, etc, etc. So I'm having a real hard time understanding why someone would spend that kind of dough on a boat where the crew will be riding out and back while sitting on beanbag seats and wearing rain gear when they could be inside a comfortable cabin on a plush sofa watching satellite TV!

So all that is just me talking and trying to be upfront and honest about the fact that after all these years of hanging out on and among boats I still don't really understand anything about what's going on around me. The boating world always has and always will be moving ahead at warp speed, and just because some of us can't keep up with it is no reason to believe we need to pull back on the throttles. So now that I've probably insulted half the boaters on Delmarva (and pissed-off the rest) I think I'll take leave of my keyboard, slip on a pair of bell-bottom pants, and get in a quick game of lawn darts. §



Stefan Talabisco landed this 50 lb. wahoo while trolling in only 50 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons. He was fishing with Capt. Bill Vernon on the "Big Billin" out of the Indian River Marina.

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Delaware boys Dalton Turner, Zach Outten, Louis Blanchard and Casey Battles got some nice sized dolphin from their trip to the USS Radford on the "Gone Outten". They were chunking with butterfish and sardines at the pots north west of the wreck and boated over 20 fish with the largest at 15½ lbs.



Ethan Zlokovitz headed out on a small Carolina Skiff with his friend Jack and fished near the Ocean City Inlet and in the Isle of Wight Bay where he caught his first spanish mackerel as well as his first flounder!

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 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>April 16</b> CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	<b>May 22</b> Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>July 23</b> Crew - Wrecker Washington Canyon 276 lbs.	<b>July 4</b> Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	<b>August 17</b> Kai Cropper Inshore Shoal 77 lbs.	<b>July 15</b> Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>June 10</b> Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>July 29</b> Mike Brockmeyer East Channel 7.85 lbs.	<b>July 20</b> Jesse Norman Ocean Structure 10.4 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	<b>July 31</b> Zach Bower Wilmington Canyon 38.5 lbs.	<b>June 5</b> Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>May 31</b> Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	<b>May 26</b> Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>July 22</b> Jim Clarke Massey's Canyon 89.2 lbs.	<b>August 27</b> Ian Beall 800 Fathom Line 151.6 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>June 27</b> JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	<b>August 18</b> Vee Sisounthone Lewes Wall 16 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<b>August 11</b> Frank Sinita Jr. Poor Man's Canyon 59.5 lbs.	
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>May 20</b> Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 <b>Swordfish</b>	<b>June 30</b> Steve Stallings Poor Man's Canyon 288 lbs.	
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>April 22</b> Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	<b>April 22</b> Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>	<b>August 24</b> Andrew Kinsley Lindenkohl Canyon 607 lbs.	
 <b>Wahoo</b>	<b>August 26</b> Charlie Phelan Spencer Canyon 104 lbs.		 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>August 12</b> Jeremy Duffie Baltimore Canyon 77.5 lbs.	

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# VIRGINIA

## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



For many years I have heard the saying "wind out of the east, fishing is the least". This past week has provided plenty of physical evidence to support this theory which has been derived from folklore instead of science. Either way, lulls in action such as this help us appreciate the awesome fishing opportunities that we typically take for granted.

In the beginning of the week, the seaside of the ESVA gave anglers opportunities to target flounder in and around the inlets. Flounder rigs adorn with pink, chartreuse, white

and even orange teasers along with Gulp grubs or swimming mullet seem to coerce these flavorful fillets into the frying pan. A nice big silverside or bull minnow to tip the hook seals the deal. We have had a few anglers jigging large Gulp grubs in the snaggy structure of the Wachapreague Inlet. One ounce jigs tipped with pink shine and orange 5 inch Gulp grubs have pulled some really respectable doormats from the obstacle laden oasis during slack tide.

While the sportsman of the Eastern Shore took to the shallows and creeks,

thanks to the onset of the first marsh henning tide of the fall, some reds were spotted tailing through the seaside grass. There were even a few bulls mixed in to really get your drag screaming. Both artificial and fresh shrimp fished under a popping cork or bounced along the bottom on a jig head have produced some sporty spot tailed action. Along with the pursuit of puppies, there have been a few fall specs showing up in their normal haunts. It's too early to report a hot lure or color, but I can promise you that an opening night Bass Assassin will be tied on my favorite casting rod

as soon as the wind dies and the waters clear.

The Chesapeake has dealt with some of the same tide and wind problems this week. The good news is that the water temperature has fallen into the mid 70's and we are primed for some awesome autumn fishing. There have been a few specs caught this past week as anglers sought sheltered water on the east side of the Pocomoke Sound. Most fish fell victim to bottom fishing with chunks of crab but a few of these spectacular speckled prizes have been lured by paddle tails fished among the grassy areas that provide refuge for predator and prey alike.

The best reports of the week came from the lower Chesapeake around the pilings of the CBBT.



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There was a mixed bag of sheepshead, reds, blacks and cobia coming to the gunwale just before the wind turned. While cobia were spotted and targeted with jigs and live baits, the bottom fishing was dominated by chunks of crab fished on sweeper jigs right on the pilings.

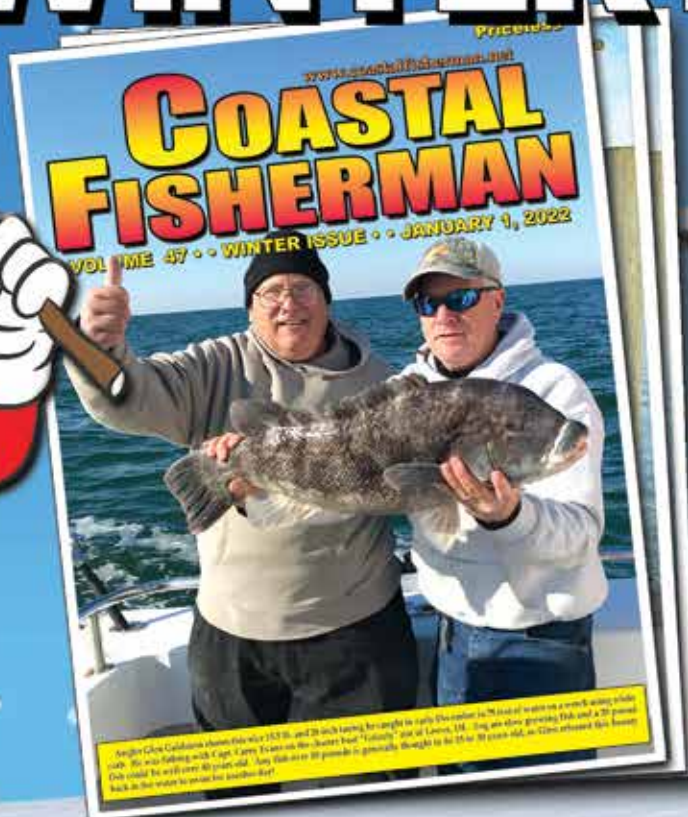
Yesterday marked the 32nd Annual Onancock Bay Challenge. 110 anglers braved the elements in pursuit of Chesapeake treasure. At the end of the day there was an abundance of fish, food and fellowship with a hint of fine music as well. The fact is, it doesn't matter about the weather, the fishing or anything else.... It's the people that make it so awesome to live in this wonderful place we call home! §



Pasadena, MD friends Tom Feeley and Bob Bathurst found great success on a trip to the bay behind Assateague Island. Overall they caught 7 flounder with 3 over 22" using Gulp for bait.

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# BAHIA MARINA 17TH ANNUAL FLOUNDER POUNDER RESULTS



It is three years in a row now that team 'Delicious' has taken the top spot in the Bahia Marina Annual Flounder Pounder Tournament. Despite challenging conditions caused by recent storms and wind, Rich and fellow angler Kenny Schoen managed 4 good size keeper flounder from near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Using both live spot and bunker, Kenny caught the winning 4 lb. and 7 oz. flatfish earning the team a cool \$5,520 in combined prize monies.



Scott Lenox and Bryan Mindte of Team 'Fish in OC' had to work hard during the 17th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder Tournament last Sunday. They moved around the bay, but it was in the East Channel that Scott hooked this 20" flounder that tipped the scales at 3 lb. and 8 ozs. and took 2nd Place overall earning \$520. The fish fell for a live spot on a Fish In OC Live Bait Rig.

17th Annual Bahia Marina

## FLOUNDER POUNDER

### Tournament Results

<b>1ST PLACE</b>
<b>Rich Daiker</b>
<b>"Delicious" 4 lb. 7 oz. \$5,520</b>
<b>2ND PLACE</b>
<b>Scott Lenox</b>
<b>"Fish in OC" 3 lb. 8oz. \$520</b>
<b>3RD PLACE</b>
<b>Hugh Larkin III</b>
<b>"Blue Pontoon" 3 lb. 5 oz. \$300</b>

**50 Boats Entered • 110 Anglers**



Hugh Larkin, Marissa Mann, Pete Massey and Hugh Larkin III has the most honest boat and team name during the 17th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder. Team 'Blue Pontoon' brought 3 fish to the scales they caught using bunker at the Rt. 50 Bridge with the heaviest weighing 3 lbs. and 5 ozs. That was big enough to secure 3rd Place and \$300 in prize money!





The 21st Annual September 11th Memorial Spot Tournament was held last Saturday at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City. The 112 anglers who participated this year found all sorts of fish off the docks of the marina, including some big spot! Overall there was over \$500 in prize money and giveaways for everyone.

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