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The bluefins have arrived, if you are willing to reach for them! Ryan Turner, James Hammond and Travis D'Antoni decided to try a 90 mile run to the Norfolk Canyon on Friday, May 7th. It was apparently worth the trip as the boys brought back their limit. The "Hot Lick" was in 1000 fathoms on the troll using widetrackers and Joe Shute lures to raise these two 40 inchers. Pictured at the infamous "E Dock" at Sunset Marina. Extra credit for the Viper sunglasses!



We have our first sea trout or weakfish of the season! Rich Harpel from Lewes, DE caught this 20" one on the north jetty of the Indian River Inlet last Friday. He was using a white paddle bait on a 3/8th ounce jig head. Nice job!



Another great catch from the bulkhead by the OC East Channel. Karen Hocker from Biglerville, PA caught this 19 inch tog at the 3rd Street Bulkhead on sand fleas last Saturday while fishing with her husband Craig.

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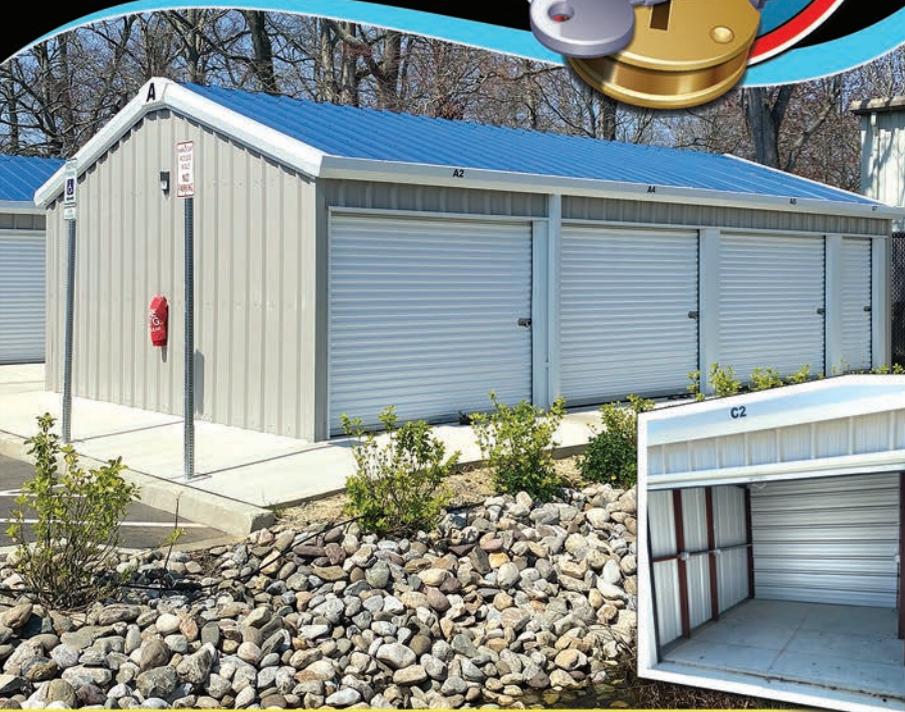


Old Inlet Bait and Tackle held their Annual Spring Surf Fishing Tournament last Sunday with 213 anglers vying for the prizes! In the end there were the top 4, Cindy Haskett, Steve Merrick, John Dixon Sr. and Mike Greene. Cindy won the open division and a prize of \$750, but it was Mike that took home the money for his 20" bluefish earning him a total of \$3,070 in award monies. The winners had to hurry for their picture as you can see the storm that was moving in!

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The **OFFSHORE REPORT**
by Larry Budd

The story for last week was definitely about flounder and rockfish. A few warmer days with clear water on the outgoing tide created great opportunities for those that got out for flounder. Rockfish from the surf, inlets and even the bulkhead by the Cambria Hotel were giving up nice keepers. Tog fishing on the near shore was also productive, but anglers and captains needed to be ready to move and work for these catches. The sea bass season also opens May 15th. Limits remain the same as 2020, 12.5" minimum and 15/day/person. As always, check out the details in the Ocean City and Delaware reports to plan you next trip!

The energy is building everywhere, you can feel summer trying to come to life. The offshore battlewagons are starting to fill up the empty slips in the marinas with crews working to get those last minute prep items complete. Some are still waiting on crews to make trips and all are watching for weather. It won't be long now before the offshore action really picks up!

Posting activity on line is also picking up as the offshore faithful check the water temps to see how close they are to us! Over the last week we have heard of only a few boats heading truly offshore to the canyons. With cold water still prevalent across the closer area, most that

went out ran around 90 miles to the south of the Norfolk to try their luck. Last Friday saw a couple of boats do just that.

The big offshore news from last week was from the private boat "Hot Lick". They made the long run south and landed their limit of bluefin tuna that they caught in 1000 fathoms on their widetrackers and Joe Shute lures. They're on our cover with the catch and earned our "First Fish" for 2021 for bluefin! Several other boats like the private boat "Black Magic" out of Ocean City made reports of connecting with giant bluefins in the same area but none were boated. Capt. Robert Remo of the "Black Magic" was able to get the crew onto a 75 lb. mako shark that was released as well as returning with a nice batch of deep water black belly rose fish. Capt. Mark Malamphy on the charter boat "Finatic" also made a run offshore for mako from the Ocean City Fishing Center, there is interest in getting out there!

Our online posting of the first bluefins did raise question on catch regulations. As a quick administrative update, NOAA modified the federal regulations for bluefin tuna on May 2nd. This was after our

www.coastalfisherman.net first issue went to the printer, so please replace that copy if you pulled it for your boat! The current changes apply and differ for recreational anglers, charter boats and headboats. We have updated our regulation posting on page 16, however the basics are that recreational angler are limited at the vessel level to two fish between 27" - 47" per day, one fish between 47" and 73"/day, and only 1 fish over 73" per year. Charter boat and headboat details can be found in our updated chart.

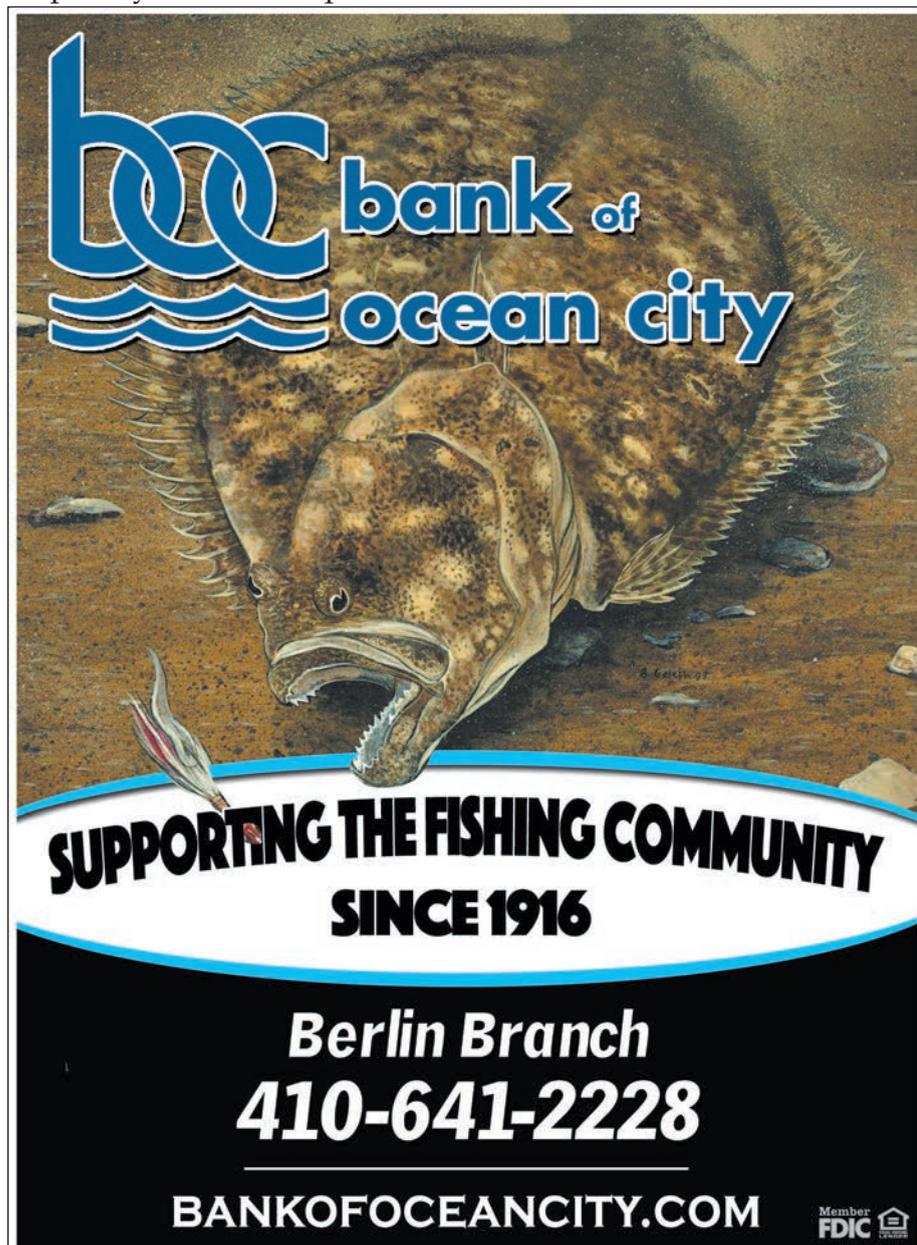
Upcoming Offshore Tournaments

With more and more tournaments being added, there are lots of options to check out!

The Ocean City Marlin Club has renamed their Memorial Day Tournament in honor of Franky Pettolina. The 12th annual event is May 29th and 30th (fishing 1 of 2 days) with weigh-ins at Sunset Marina. The tournament has both bluefish and tuna calcuttas, opening it up to both inshore and offshore anglers. You do not have to be a Marlin Club member to participate.

The Bahia Marina Mako Mania Tournament is also just around the cworner on June 4th - 6th. After a pause last year due to the pandemic, we are excited to see this one back on the schedule.w

Check out our tournament schedule in the paper or online at CoastalFisherman.net and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest info! §



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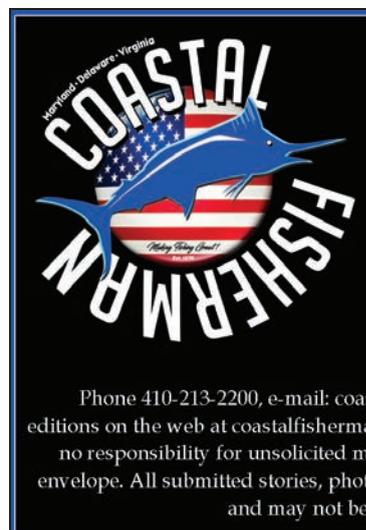
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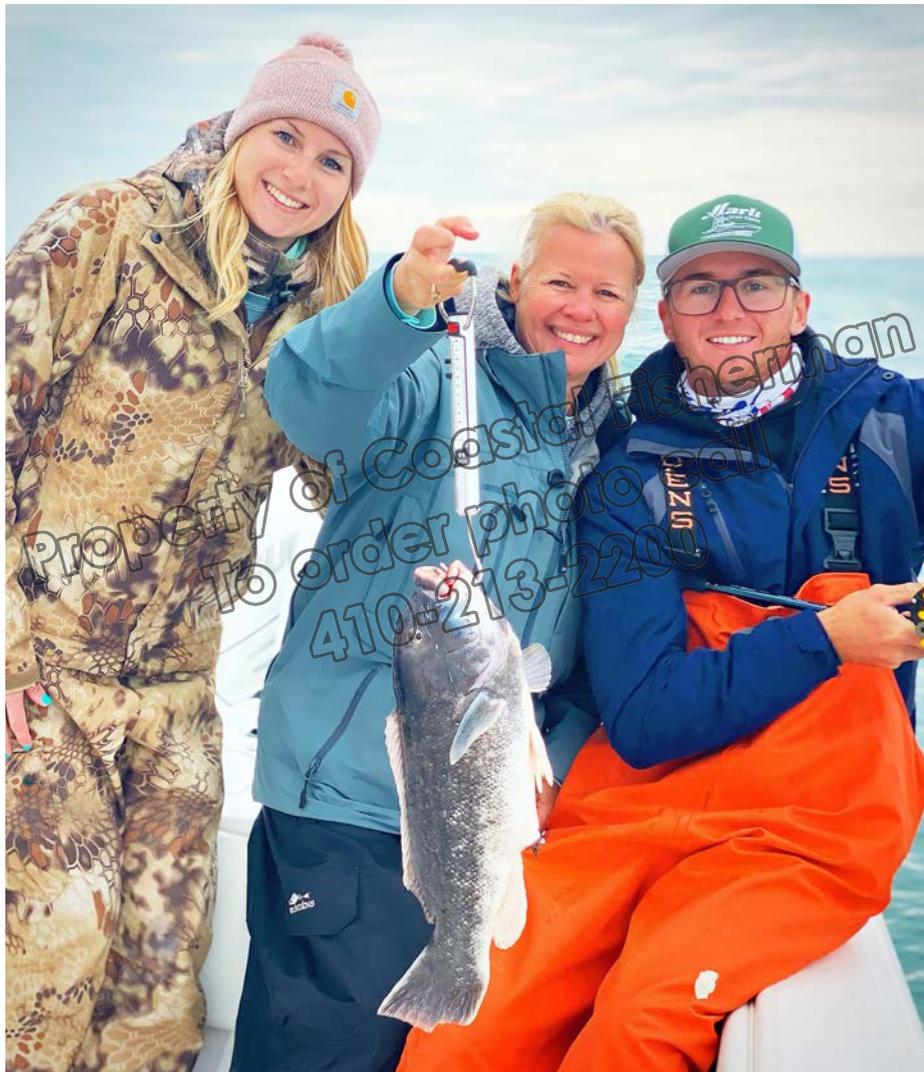
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What does a fishing family do on Mother's Day? They fish! Bridget, Missy and Dakota Bitner headed out to some inshore wrecks on their boat "Broadbills" and found some nice tog using crabs for bait. Nice "Marli" Hat Dakota!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

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Joe Morris Memorial Canal Flounder Tournament

May 22 • Lewes Harbour Marina • 302-645-6227

Cast for a Cure Team Surf Fishing Tournament

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12th Annual Franky Pettolina Memorial Day Tournament

May 29 & 30 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

JUNE

25th Annual Mako Mania

June 4 - 6 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament

June 9 - 13 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament

June 18 - 19 • Ocean City, MD • 410-212-7159

6th Annual Indian River Kids Catch-All Tournament

June 25-27 • Indian River Marina • 302-227-3071

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It was dead low tide around noon last Saturday when Jacob Heist caught this 29" striper using sand fleas at Fenwick Island State Park. His group also had a drum about 18-20" that was lost in the suds!



Gary Johnson snagged this estimated at 20 lb. black drum while fishing off of Broadkill Beach in Delaware in early May. Nice job!

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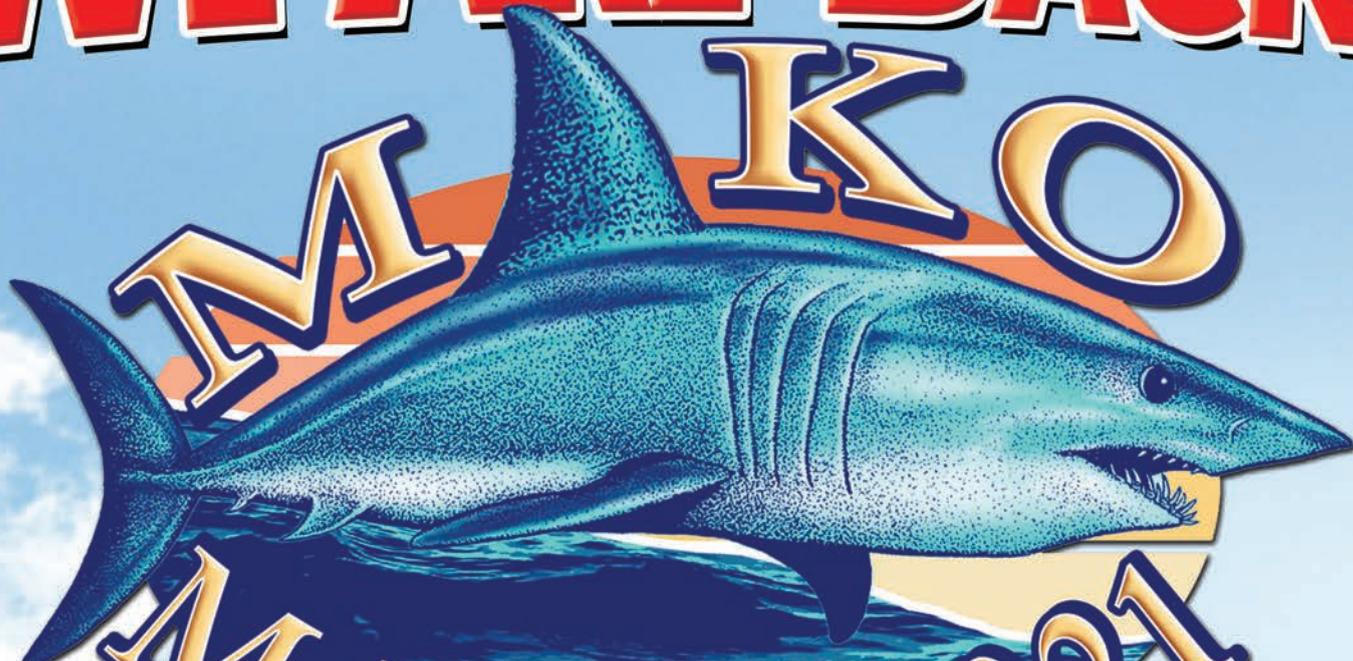
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of sharks have been received. The cooler water this year may be delaying the return of our inshore sharks. The arrival of bluefish is a good sign that sharks will be close behind. Crabbing, which started out slow, has really begun to turn on. A week ago I was averaging about 5-7 keepers per pot. This week I averaged 10-13 crabs per pot on a three day soak. Baiting half my pots with chicken and half with bunker showed that bunker will produce much better pots. This week also brought our first sponge crabs of the year. Sponge crabs with the orange egg sacks must be returned to the water unharmed. These crabs are the breeding stock and future of the fishery so take care when returning them to water. The area of Vines Creek and the power plant were the top areas. The upper Assawoman Bay by Fenwick has also started to produce some nice crabs. As for clams I have a few reports of clams being caught from the Rehoboth Bay as well as the area of Holts Landing. The clams are reported as very deep and require a lot of work to get your dinner. As things continue to heat up so should the fishing, so get out and enjoy the outdoors and maybe catch a nice dinner!

Tight Lines and Fins Up!
 Captain B.J. Pietryak

DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



What a difference a week makes! Last week fishing was slow and the water was cold and dirty this week the 80 degree temps at the end of last week warmed our waters up nicely and the fish reacted to it. Flounder this week saw a surge in both fish and keepers. Lewes Canal was the hotspot this week with several nice keepers being caught. Back bays are producing a few fish but nothing consistent yet. The big catch this week is black drum. As the drum come into Delaware Bay to spawn, many big fish are caught each year. Joanne and Maurice Miskovitz caught a nice black drum weighing 77.5 lbs. weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Kevin and Hunter Hine boasted 30 and 50 pounders while fishing aboard the Strike Zone charter boat with Captain Chris. Captain Mark took out Hunter Bluto from Millsboro on the Savannah Lynn and caught a nice 30 lb. drum on clams. Slaughter Beach got Joe Calvert a 23.3 lb. drum also caught on clam. This is the time of year to catch a trophy drum so get some fresh sand fleas, clam or crabs and get out and

catch some. Lewes Harbour reports they have fresh sand fleas and peeler crab as well as frozen bait. Tog this week has also been pretty good. I spoke with the crew of the Judy V at Indian River who reported on one trip they had 8 anglers and ended up with 20+ keepers on the inshore wrecks. Clam and peeler crabs seem to be the hot baits. Al Manning was on the Go Fish and caught a 8.26 lb. tog on green crab. Tog fishing should remain strong for the next couple of weeks until the water warms up. The shallow wrecks and areas near A buoy are the top producer. Most tackle shops have green crabs as well as clams. I received a few reports of sea bass being caught on the wrecks while fishing for tog. Sea bass season opens on the 15th of May with a creel limit of 15 at 12.5". Be advised the 15th is next Saturday so expect the wrecks to be very crowded with anglers looking to fill a cooler. This week also saw a surge in bluefish catches. Several slammer bluefish were caught on near shore wrecks on both cut bait as well as clams and squid. Indian River reported a nice blitz of bluefish

on Wednesday evening along the wall of the Coast Guard station. Many fish were taken on top water plugs. Although many do not consider bluefish a good eating fish they are a blast to catch. Bluefish are hard fighters and will slam a top water plug. Along with bluefish, stripers have also been showing up. I know of several anglers trolling along the rips of the Delaware Bay entrance, but reports were that few keepers were being caught. Unlike the bay areas, the Delaware ocean is still one striped bass at a size of 28"-35". All other fish must be released. Several school fish are being caught in the surf with an occasional keeper. Surf clam is the bait of choice, however, I have reports from Rich King of Delaware Surf Fishing that sand fleas are also landing a lot of fish. Sand fleas are hard to come by this year. Rich reports many of the blitzes came on the usual spots such as the point, 3Rs, Key Box and Inlet areas. Blowfish and small blues are being caught in the surf along with a random flounder. Spiny dogfish are also showing up both in the surf as well as on the wrecks. Not many other reports



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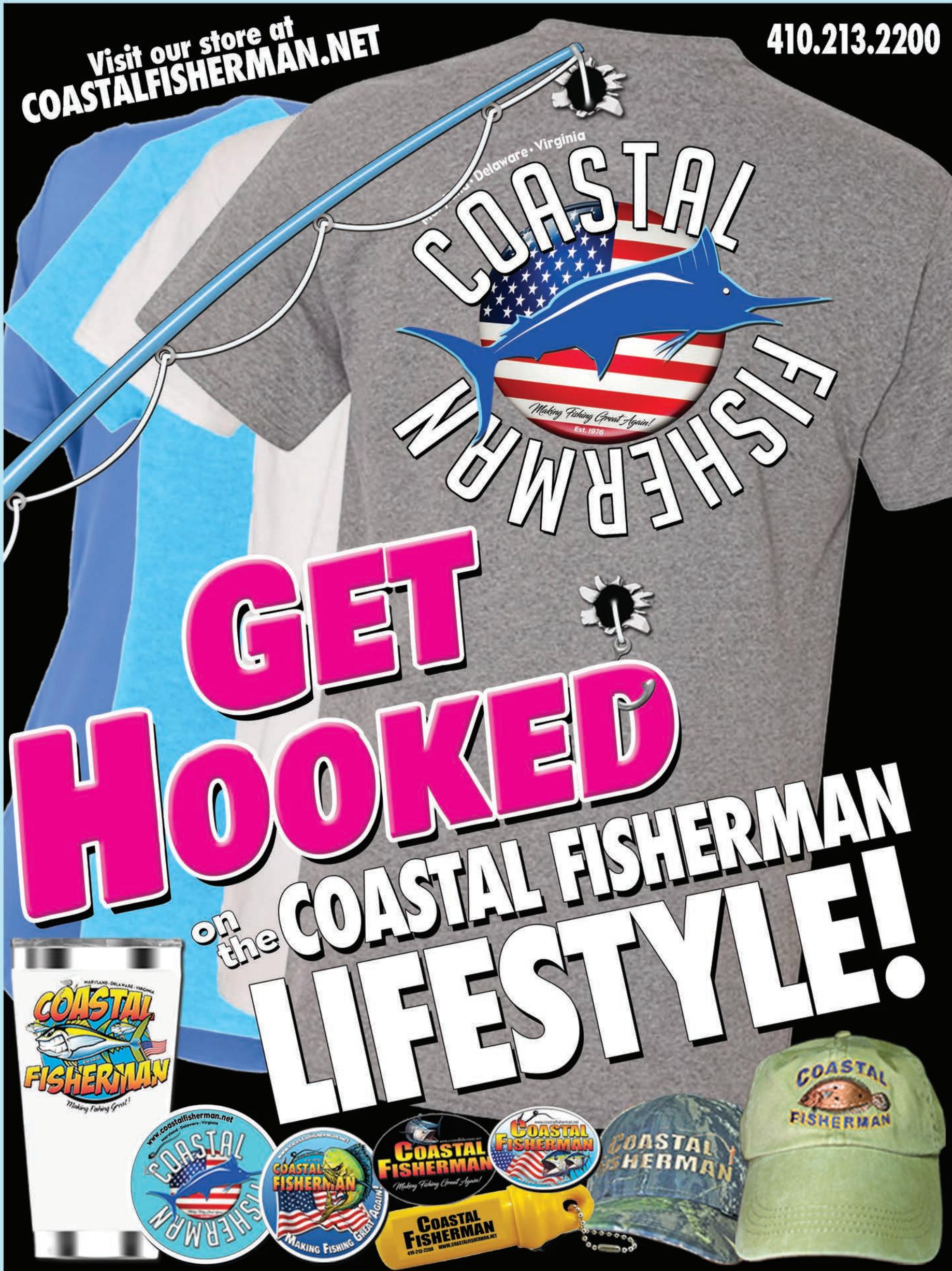
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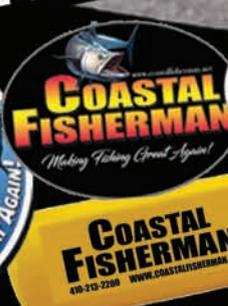
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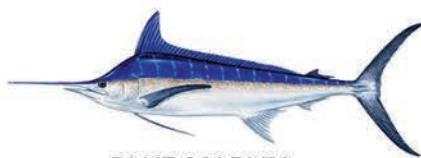
Wayne Breneman from Lancaster, PA caught this rockfish along with a few shad on a Gotcha Plug on Sunday May 2nd. He and his father in law were fishing underneath the RT. 50 Bridge and Cambria Hotel.



Ocean City Boat Lifts owners Jessica & Kirby Short took advantage of the coastal lifestyle to take their son Kirby fishing in Painter, VA, landing a nice speckled trout using some soft crab.

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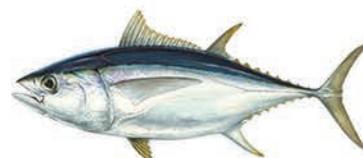
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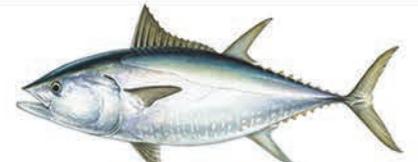
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 Bluefish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Mako Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	 May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	 May 8 Kevin Mcnelis Thorofare 4.2 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Bluefin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Yellowfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Striped Bass	 May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Tautog	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 White Marlin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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This bowfishing trip was to celebrate the life of Capt. Franky Pettolina. Franky's wife Jennifer wanted to try this late night fishing again and rounded up Chris Evans and Ryan Freese for the trip. A great time was had by all taking 5 nice snakeheads with the biggest at 10.3 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Marc Spagnola on the charter boat "Dusk to Dawn" they also shot 1 gar. Franky would be proud!

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Last Saturday saw a lot of flounder action across the region. Capt. Jason Mumford with mate Ethan Nock on the "Lucky Break" put anglers George, Beverly, and Kristen Martin. Rawlings, MD on the fish in the Ocean City Bay landing 8 keeper flatties, all on white & pink Otter Tails on the outgoing tide.

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The headboat "Angler" found the tog on their trip last Saturday! This tagged female was caught and released by Charlie Donohue using green crab on an ocean structure. Overall Capt. Chris Mizurak put the anglers on 8 keepers and many throwbacks.



Lexie Rodgers and Caitly Panec from Hanover, PA caught 3 keeper flounder in the Thorofare using Squidnation Otter tails and minnows. They were fishing on the incoming tide with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break". Largest fish was 19.5 inches, nice!

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A Capt. Jason Mumford on the "Lucky Break" at Frontier Town has been finding the flounder lately! Joe Carbone and Nick Herrera from NJ found these keepers and a few throw backs last week when fishing on the outgoing tide. They were in the south OC bay behind Assateague where an Otter Tail split tail/ minnow combo did the trick that day. These two were 20" & 18".



"Fish Bound" charters at the Talbot Street Pier were able to get 3 good days on the water last week. Capt. Kane Bounds reports fishing for tautog has been good, but it takes working hard to find them. Most were released with the largest at 17lbs. He is also seeing plenty of jumbo sea bass which is a great sign for when the season opens on the 15th!

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FISHING CHARTERS



The Thorofare in Ocean City was productive last weekend. Donald Stevens, Brant Hart and Allen Baker found these keeper flounders using shiners on the outgoing tide.



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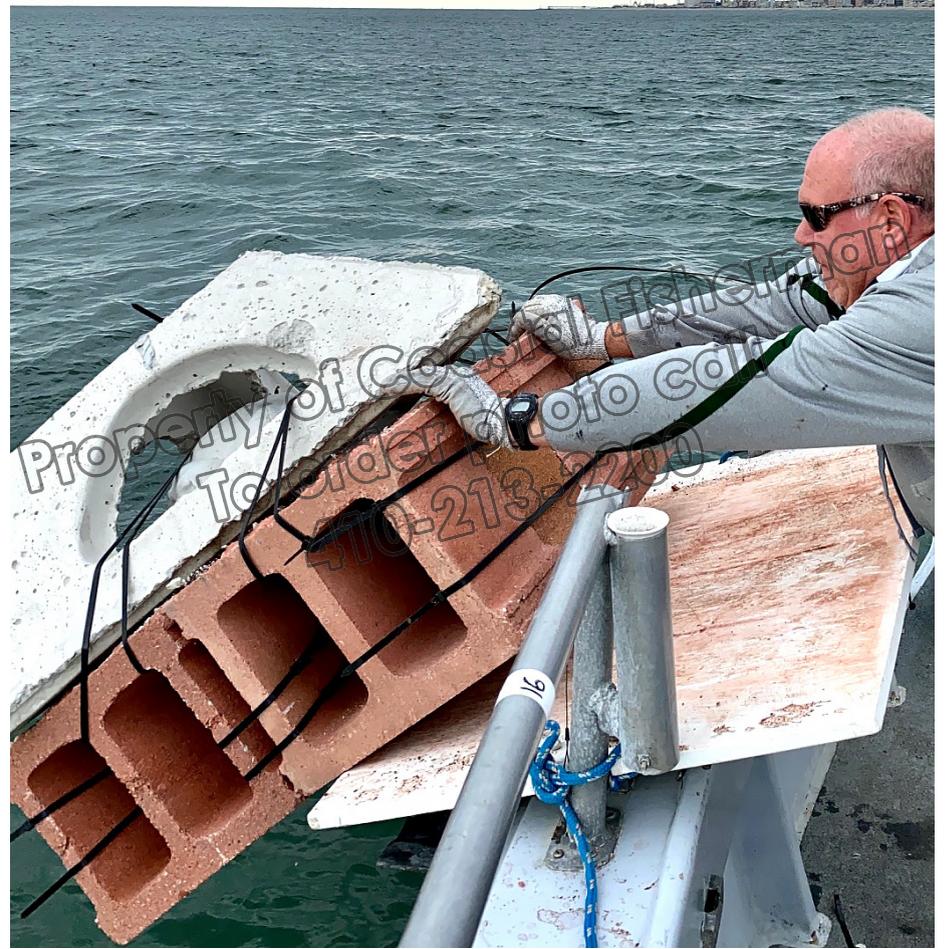
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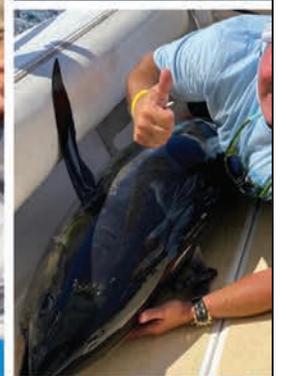
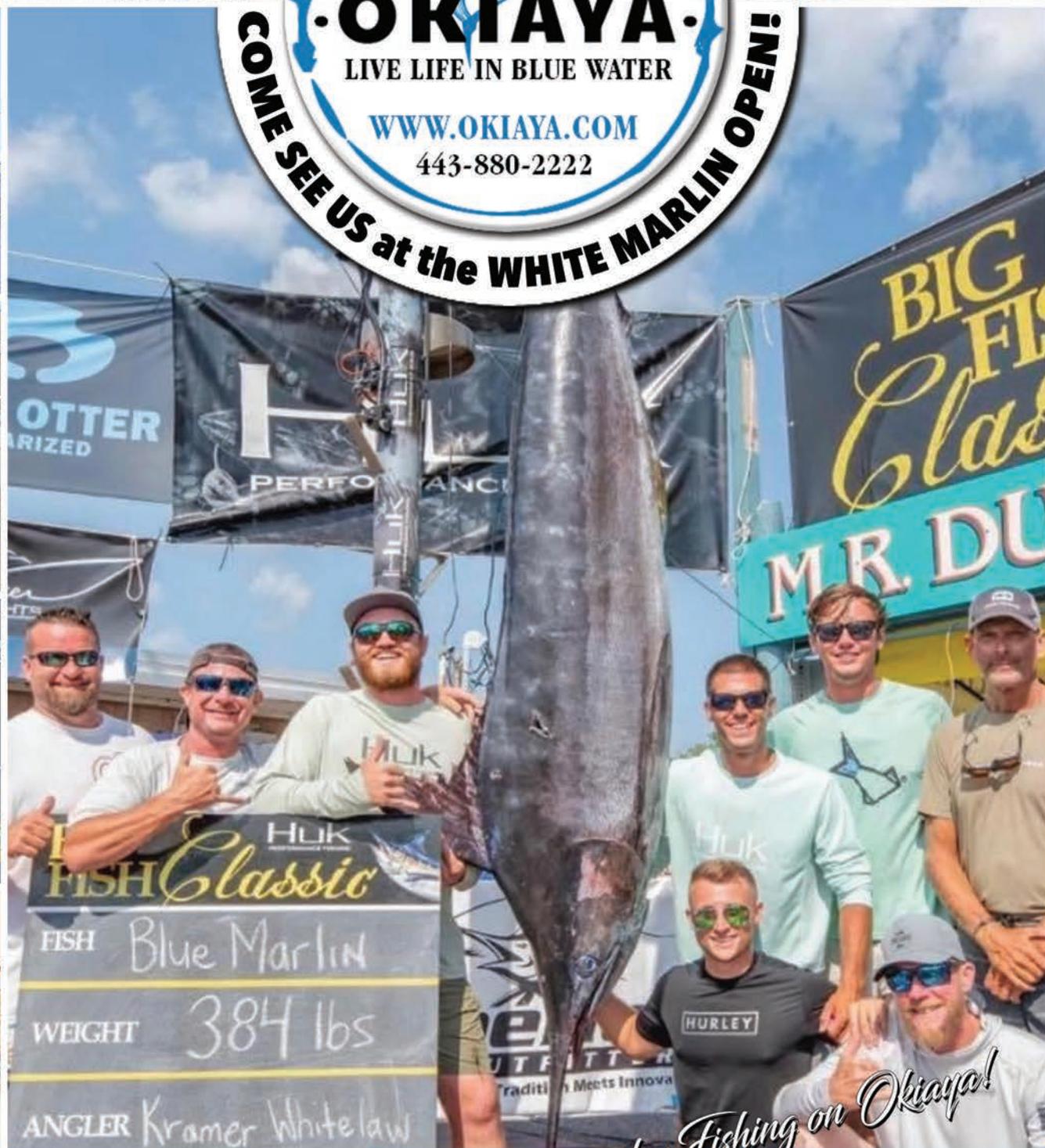
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Not all fishermen are boaters, but those who are know that this time of the year, getting their vessel ready for a new season can, at times, be quite a chore. Of course it kind of goes without saying that the one thing all fishermen do have in common is "tackle," in fact, you can't hardly be a "fisherman" without it! And tackle, just like a boat, requires a certain level of winterization when the season is over and then de-winterization in the spring before the first line is dropped into the water.

Smart fishermen will have spent more than just a little bit of time at the end of last season disassembling, cleaning, and lubricating their tackle before properly putting it away for the winter. But I'd wager that most anglers probably came back from their last fishing trip, sprayed their rods and reels off with fresh water from a hose and then hung them in the garage or leaned them in the corner of a shed. Guess which group is going to be in a better position to catch fish this spring! Those who did what they needed to do at the end of last season should pretty much be ready to attach reels back on rods, spool on some fresh line,

and head for the water. As for the rest of you...well, not so fast, you've got a little work to do before you can go fishing.

First, I'll assume that those who didn't winterize their tackle also neglected to remove the reels from the rods. It's important to separate rod from reel at the end of the season so that the rod's reel-seat and the reel's foot can be properly cleaned. This connection point between rod and reel often collects a buildup of salt and corrosion that's not prevented by routine freshwater rinsing. The only way to properly make sure that all is well is to take the two apart and if this hasn't been done for a while I can almost guarantee that anglers will be surprised at how much "yuck" they'll find under their reel.

By the way, though simple tools such as a few wrenches and a small flat and Phillips screwdriver are about all the tools needed for simple reel maintenance, every angler with more than just one or two rods should own a "strap-wrench" which is an inexpensive tool that's available at most hardware stores and exactly what's needed to either loosen

or tighten the threaded rings that hold a reel to a rod. Without a strap wrench one must tighten the rings by hand and run the risk of them working loose or use a pair of pliers which will likely scar up or possibly even break the rings.

Besides removing the reel, two-piece rods should be separated and the ferrule cleaned. Stand-up or trolling type rods that separate above the butt should also be taken apart and a little bit of grease applied before being put back together. If a rod hasn't been taken apart for a long time it might not be possible to separate it without applying heat. This, however, should only be done to metal-to-metal connections and, even then, very carefully! Too much heat transferred to a fiberglass or graphite rod can destroy it or any epoxy holding it together. In some cases, if a rod won't separate it's just best to leave it alone and consider it as a one-piece rod for the rest of its life.

If fishing line was left on the reel from the year before it should be removed so that the spool can be properly cleaned of any salt deposits that can pit the metal surface. Of course this should have been done back in the fall but we're playing catch-up here so it's the best we can do at this point. The line should probably be discarded, but if it's deemed to be in decent shape there's really nothing wrong with

www.coastalfisherman.net winding it back on provided it's been wound off onto some type of spool that allows it to be. In fact, one trick of re-spooling used line is to run the line off one reel and directly onto another. Doing so flips the line so that the unused inner portion of the line becomes the outer "working" end on the second reel.

Once removed from the rod, reels should be wiped down and cleaned with a lightly oiled rag then checked for performance. Are all parts turning, rolling, flipping, clicking, or spinning as they should? Sometimes a few drops of oil applied externally on the reel are all that's needed to get things working as they should. However, usually it will require going inside a reel to make such repairs. Most reels have some sort of cover plate that can be opened after removing four or more screws. Most spinning reels will require that the handle be removed first. With the reel open one can usually see if the internal grease has turned hard, evidence of salt or corrosion inside, or anything else that is out of whack that might need to be cleaned or lubricated.

In most cases a reel can be opened up and closed again without a bunch of parts falling out that require special knowledge to put back together. Anglers working on the inside of their reels should

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www.coastalfisherman.net consider their own abilities and know when to stop disassembling if they won't be able to reassemble what they've taken apart. Taking out gears and springs is usually pretty easy, putting them back and ending up with a working reel can be tricky!

Drag washers should also be taken out and inspected for moisture, salt, or corrosion. While doing so, anglers should make certain that for multiple disc drags, like those found in most spinning and star drag reels, the discs are re-stacked in the exact order they came out or the drag will not likely perform as it was designed to. Also, most drags are designed to operate in a clean, dry environment that's also free of oil. So don't add oil or grease to the drag washers!

Reel gears are usually lubricated with grease while other moving parts get a few drops of oil. It's important that lubricants used are not just any-old oil or grease but products developed to be used

specifically on fishing reels. The proper lubricants can be found in most tackle shops and have specific properties needed to protect and maintain a smooth running reel.

Anyone who doesn't feel up to the task of repairing or even maintaining their own tackle should take it to a professional to have it done for them, the price will be pale compared to the replacement cost and certainly better than having a fishing trip ruined or a tournament winning fish lost because of an equipment malfunction.

With moderate use, quality tackle could last half a lifetime, but it'll only happen for those who practice at least a bare minimum amount of routine maintenance before, during, and after each season. No one can go back in time and do anything about what they didn't do at the end of last season, but it's certainly possible to get caught up now before the best of this new season is upon us.

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The drum action in the Delaware Bay was on the north side last week. Capt. Mark Steelman on the head boat "Savannah Lynn" headed to the Cape May Channel and put young Hunter Bluto from Millsboro, DE on this black drum. He was using white leg crabs to trick his biggest catch ever!



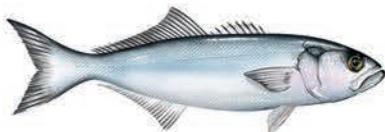
Long time night fisherman Buddy Martin found the perfect size rockfish last week behind the Cambria Hotel. He netted this just under the limit 34 3/4" rock using a 1 1/2 oz jig head with a 5" Fin-S Shad during the outgoing tide. With his son & net man Cody, they also caught 6 others that were just a hair too short to keep. This one weighed in at 17.48 lbs and is our current 'Heaviest' and 'First' keeper rockfish for Maryland!

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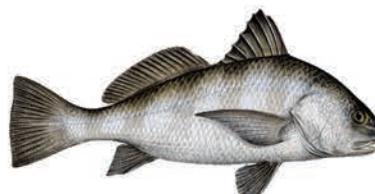
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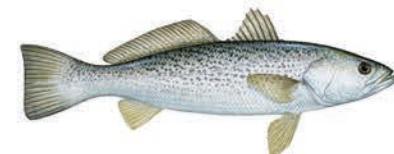
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FISHING REPORT by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week the reports were grim with cold water and fish hard to come by. This week after a nice warm up our reports are much different. Starting with flounder, reports are in from the bay behind Ocean City showing a big increase in the catch. The area behind Assateague Island still boasts the most fish being caught. Anglers are targeting the deeper holes near the airport and getting some nice size fish for this time of year. Double high-low type rigs like the Aqua Clear ones are the big producers. Gulp is still the preferred bait while traditional anglers opt for the squid and minnow duo. When looking to catch a flounder in our back bays,

look for rips in the water or upswells indicating a change in bottom structure. A moving current is also a must. The area right along the inlet is another great spot to target flounder. Some small rockfish and bluefish are also being reported by fishermen in these areas. The near shore reports are that the wrecks are full of tog. Captain Kane Bounds from Fish Bound Charters reports several limits of flounder from the nearshore wreck this week. Many of these fish were quite big, up to 12 lbs. Fish Bound Charters also reported several jumbo sea bass being caught along with the tog. This is a great sign as sea bass season opens next Saturday, May

15th. The regulations for this year are the same as last year with a creel limit of 15 fish at 12.5". Clam, squid, sand fleas and jigs are all great baits when targeting these fish. Jigs and clams are the best producers this time of year. If you are going to use clams, salting them will make them stay on the hook much better. Clams that are salted and allowed to brine overnight will also no longer need to be refrigerated. Most headboats are still operating at a reduced level due to state restrictions of social distancing. Book early due to a limited number of anglers. The best fish reports this week are from anglers targeting the black drum. Black drum along Assateague surf beaches is on fire. Several reports of fish in the 60-80 lb. range have been caught. The closer to the Virginia line the better the success. Assateague beach drive-on permits can be purchased from the Federal Park office. Surf clams, sand fleas and crabs are amongst the best baits. Buck's Tackle shop on Rt. 611 has a good selection of all these baits and is right on the way to the park. When looking for a good spot to fish, look for changes in the beach which will tell you where the holes and eddies are under the water. Baited circle hooks set out on a fish finder rig with a sliding sinker works best. Many angler will fish a few rods at different distances off the beach to figure out where the fish are staging. Many times the fish are just past the breakers so there is no need to try to cast to another country. While fishing for Black Drum several anglers

www.coastalfisherman.net also reported big striped bass being caught. Many of these fish were caught on sand fleas. Tim Tribbits was fishing in Oyster, Virginia this past week and caught a big black drum for dinner. The fishing at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay has really turned on. This is a great indicator that the fish will be following the warmer water north into our areas. The rockfish have a size limit in Maryland of 28"-35". Most of the reports I have received are that the fish are way over-slot and had to be released. A few bluefish are also being caught in the surf. Bluefish on the near shore wrecks are much bigger with many slammer fish targeting the fish anglers have on their hooks. Bluefish are a darker, heavier tasting fish and not liked by many anglers. Smoking or making fish cakes out of bluefish is a great way to try them if you are not wild about a strong fish taste. A few small dogfish sharks have been reported but overall, there is not a lot of shark activity. This will change quickly as the water warms up. Ocean City Bay fishing is really starting to heat up. Areas near the RT 50 bridge and along the 2nd street bulkhead are reporting several small rockfish being caught as well as smaller bluefish. As usual Craig Cropper continues to catch both rockfish and bluefish in this area as well as the main channel of the inlet. Clamming is still slow in the bay. A report from a commercial fisherman is that although crabbing had gotten better it is still below last year's catches. Hopefully as the water warms the catch will increase and lower the price of crabs. Remember sea bass opens next Saturday and as always...

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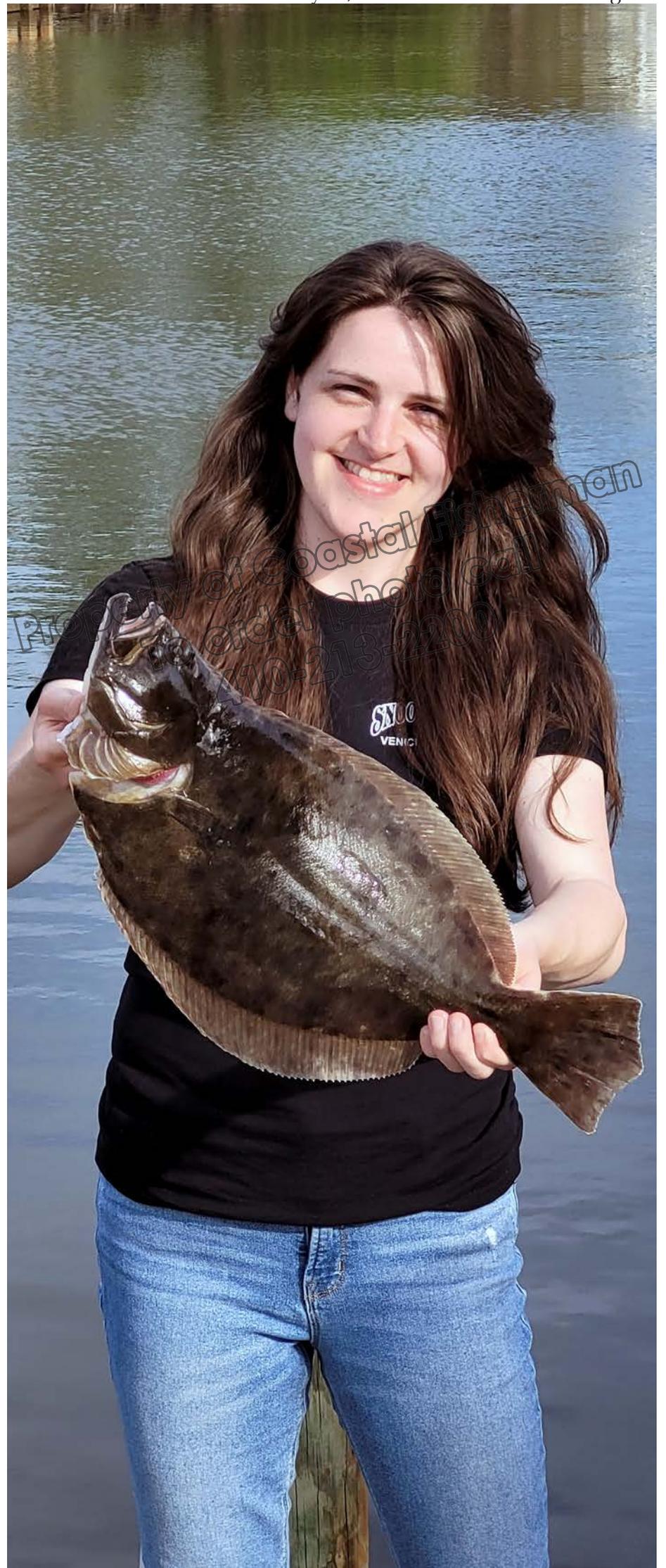
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Colt Duffie had his best day of fishing on the bay last week with his parents Jon and Kourtney and sister Gigi. He caught almost 20 fish with a mix of schooler rockfish and shad. All hooked with green Speck Rigs by the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Taylor Kurtz from Monkton, MD shares a big smile with the 21" flounder she on a combination of squid and peeler at the flats above the Thorofare last week on a beautiful day. She dedicated this catch to her late Grandfather, Mike Kurtz, the greatest fisherman she ever knew. At 3lb. 12 oz. this was our 'Heaviest' for Maryland for a few days. Don't forget to weight your big fatties in addition to measuring them, you could be the next 'Heaviest'!

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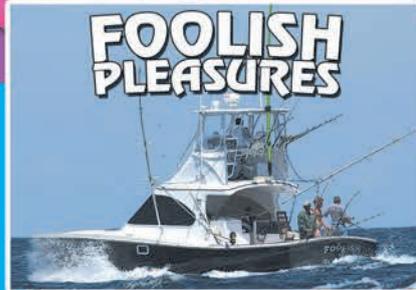
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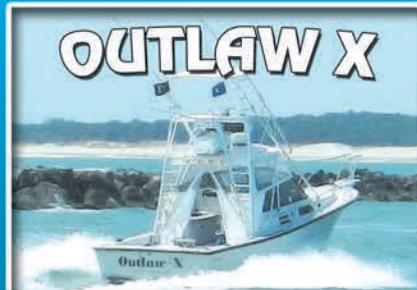
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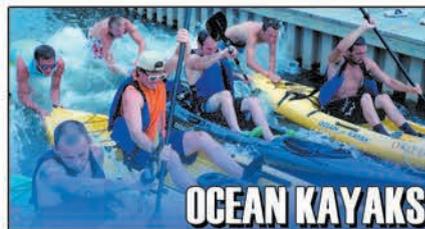
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Blackened Rockfish with Avocado Sauce

Ingredients:

For Blackened Seasoning

- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper



For the Rockfish

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil melted, or avocado oil

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- 1 lb. rockfish (about 4 fillets)
- Avocado Fish Sauce
- 1 avocado
- 1/2 cup non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups cilantro with stems
- 1/2 lime juice or 1 teaspoon
- 1 large garlic clove
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Prepare the Blackened Seasoning

In a small bowl mix all the ingredients for the blackened seasoning. Set aside.

Bake and season the Rockfish:

Preheat the oven to broil. In a 9 x 13 inch baking dish drizzle 1 tablespoon of oil. Rinse the rockfish in cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Add it to the prepared baking dish. Pour blackened seasoning on top of the fish and using hands rub it into the fish and around the sides and bottom. Bake uncovered 6-10 minutes or until the center is cooked and flakes apart when pulled with a fork (bake 6 minutes for thin slices, thick slices might need about 10 minutes). If it starts to burn on top cover in foil.

While the fish bakes, make the Avocado Sauce

Blend all ingredients of the avocado fish taco sauce in a blender.



Drizzle the avocado fish taco sauce on top of the baked rockfish. Serve with a side of vegetables and rice or into tacos.

Crab & Shrimp Étouffée

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. unpeeled, medium-size raw shrimp

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (14-oz.) can chicken broth
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium Creole seasoning
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 (16-oz.) container fresh crabmeat, drained and flaked
- 5 cups hot cooked long-grain rice
- Garnish: chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

Peel & devein shrimp.

Melt butter with oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat; stir in flour, and cook, stirring constantly, 5 minutes or until caramel colored. Add chopped onion, green pepper, and celery; cook, stirring constantly, 4 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add minced garlic, and sauté 1 minute.

Stir in chicken broth, white wine, and next 6 ingredients, and cook, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes. Add shrimp. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes.

Stir in crabmeat; cook, stirring often, until thoroughly heated.

Spoon shrimp mixture into individual serving bowls. Spoon hot cooked rice on top of shrimp mixture. Garnish, if desired.

Mexican Shrimp Burrito Bowl

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. 21-25 shrimp peeled & deveined

- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon chili powder



- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 cup corn
- 1 cup canned black beans rinsed
- 1/4 cup canned diced green chilis
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes halved
- 2 green onions thinly sliced

- 1/2 lime zested and juiced
- Cilantro optional for garnish

Directions:

Add the canola oil to the pan and heat on medium high.

Add the shrimp to the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes, then flip and cook an additional minute.

Add the garlic to the pan and stir.

Add the seasonings to the pan and stir again.

Add the corn, the black beans and the chilis and stir until well coated.

Add in the honey, lime juice, and lime zest and stir.

Remove from the heat and add in the tomatoes, green onions and cilantro (if using).

Blueline Tilefish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. EVOO
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- 1 1/2 lbs. tilefish fillet
- Sea salt to taste

Fresh ground black pepper

1 lemon

1 Tbsp. capers

2 cups sliced cherry or grape tomatoes

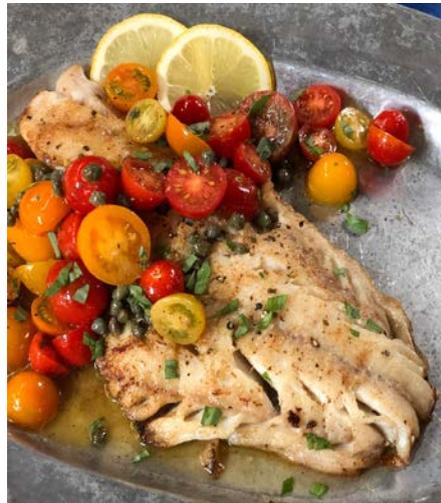
1 pinch sugar

2 Tbsp. fresh tarragon, minced

Directions:

Slice the tomatoes in half and set aside. Slice the lemon in half. Juice one half of the lemon into a small dish, reserving the remaining half for garnish slices. Mince the tarragon.

Light your stove and heat up a large skillet, adding the butter and EVOO. Lightly salt and pepper the fish fillet. Sprinkle flour on



Baked Flounder with Tomatoes & Basil

Ingredients:

For the flounder:

- 2 lbs. flounder fillet
- 2 tsp black pepper
- 3 tsp creole seasoning

both sides and rub to coat evenly. Sauté in the hot oil skillet for 3-4 minutes, until golden.

With a thin spatula, gently turn the fish over and sauté the other side. It's a delicate fish so will fall apart if you try to pick it up with tongs or a fork. Add the squeezed lemon juice to the pan. Sauté for another 3-4 minutes and remove to a serving platter. Reserve the oil and lemon mixture in the pan.

Keeping the pan on medium with the served oil and lemon, lightly sauté the tomatoes. Sprinkle on the capers. Add more sea salt and pepper. Sauté just until the tomatoes are warmed through. You want them to retain their firmness and shape.

Pour the tomato mixture onto the plated fish and sprinkle with tarragon. Serve with a side salad and pasta or rice.

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- 2 tbsp parsley flakes
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1 lemon (Zest)

For the Tomato Basil Sauce:

- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 2 tbsp minced garlic
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped basil
- 3/4 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp Himalayan salt
- Dash red cayenne pepper

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adding the cherry tomatoes. Once the tomatoes cook for 3 minutes add the chicken stock and white wine.

Remove the leaves from the fresh basil then chop around 1/4 cup. Add basil to the pan along with remaining sauce seasonings except for the lemon zest. Cook for 10 minutes.

Season both sides of the flounder then place in baking dish. Cover fish evenly with garlic basil wine sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes uncovered.

Once baked, top off the dish with lemon zest. Serve immediately.



Quick Cocktail Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup of ketchup
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lemon
- Tabasco sauce, to taste

Directions:

In small bowl combine ketchup, horseradish, a dash of Worcestershire, a squirt of lemon, and a dash of Tabasco sauce. Chill and serve.

Directions:

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The first black drum of the season in Delaware came to us from Matt Nein of Lancaster, PA. The family (including the elusive "Ladies Man"!) was fishing at Conquest Beach when this 6.7 lb. one hit on sand fleas.

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Look at this fish! It took a triple effort to get this 77.5 lb. black drum to the boat. Joanne and Maurice Miskovitz cranked a few times before handing the rod over to Adam Clarke who brought it home! They were fishing with clams on the headboat "Angler" near slaughter beach and Adam also caught a smaller black drum too. Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.



Rockfish were hitting up and down the coast last week and even Vance Atkins who works at Hook 'em & Cook 'em got in on the action at the Indian River Inlet. Using a Bass Assassin, this 'Fluke Hunter' caught a 13.1 lb and 33" keeper in the morning on incoming tide.

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A Bright Idea

LED's or (light emitting diodes) light sources have become commonplace all around us. This type of energy efficient lighting certainly has found its place on most every modern boat.

Why use LED lighting on a boat as compared to traditional incandescent, fluorescent, high intensity discharge and other time proven light sources? The number one reason I often hear is the reduced energy consumption for an equivalent light output. While many boaters also indicate that heat reduction is a primary reason to upgrade along with reliability, ruggedness, color choices and extended life are also popular reasons to upgrade to LED lights - which are all good reasons.

Traditional light sources (and LED's too) produce heat as a byproduct of the amount of

energy used to create light, while there are some boating uses for this heat by-product, like using a lightbulb to keep an area warm in cold weather, for the most part, boaters do not want to create any more heat than needed - a LED light that uses less electricity also produces less heat for the same light output level.

As an example, Recently I was upgrading standard incandescent light bulbs in a handful of marine courtesy light fixtures with LED bulbs. These marine fixtures had been in use on and off for over 20 years, both interior and exterior. Not surprising, many of the housings and plastic lenses showed signs of excessive heat and some even had burn marks and melted plastic pieces. Upgrading to LED "bulbs" instantly reduced the electricity consumption and at the same time reduced the heat in the fixture significantly.

Before we get into a review of "fun" LED lighting, like light bars, speakers, rope light, underwater light and other cosmetic LED offerings, let's start off with a serious topic - Navigation lights.

On a boat, the most crucial lighting is the "worldwide" standardized navigational lights. An LED upgrade of the navigation lighting must be carefully reviewed - not just any bulb or fixture can or should be used. Many boaters swap in LED bulbs just because they

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The best approach is to replace the entire fixture with a new LED style fixture that meets the requirements set forward by the USCG and other governing bodies. These lights are tested to be sure the fixture meets the requirements and is then marked appropriately. There is one company I am familiar with (Dr. LED) that has gone through the rigorous USCG testing procedure to certify which of their replacement LED bulbs are certified to work as a replacement in specific existing incandescent



USCG 2nm MARKING

fit into the existing navigation fixture and figure they are good to head out at night - but they have now modified an approved navigation light.

Navigation lights on Recreational vessels and uninspected commercial vessels must meet American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) standard A-16, in accordance with specifications within 33 CFR183.810 and 46 CFR 25.10-3, respectively. Commercial inspected vessels must be outfitted with navigation lights that meet or exceed Underwriters Laboratories standard UL 1104, as stated in the specifications of 46 CFR 111.75 -17.

Replacing the incandescent navigation light bulb with a run-of-the-mill LED may change the color output (chromaticity) and or the Photometric (luminous intensity) output of the once approved Navigation light.

fixtures and will still meet the USCG and other standards. The USCG indicates that the use of lights that do not provide the proper chromaticity, luminous intensity, or cut-off angles could result in the issuance of a notice of violation or potentially cause an accident.

What certifications should my lights have?

All U.S. registered vessels are subject to either the '72 COLREGS or the U.S. inland rules. Effective 11/1/03, navigation lights must meet one of 3 types of certifications depending on the size of the vessel and the date it was manufactured.

Large boats over 20 meters or 65.6 FT - The U.S. Coast Guard is accepting lights that have passed the UL tests (A.B.Y.C. A-1104) as meeting the '72 COLREGS and the U.S. Inland Rules for vessels over 20 meters or 65.6 ft.



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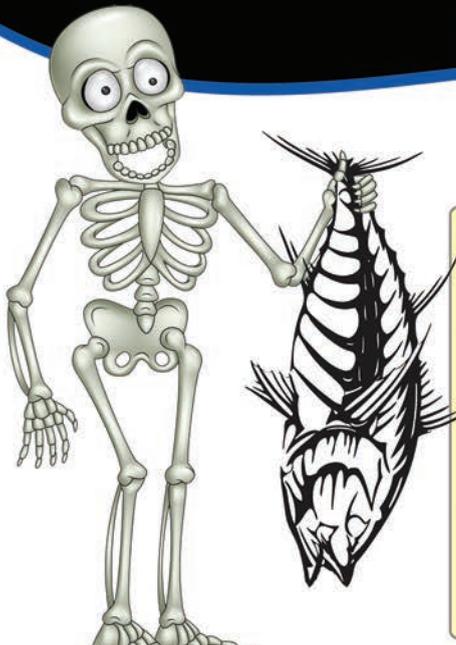
For this reason alone, it is not recommended for boaters to install unapproved LED bulbs into an approved navigation light fixture- they are likely rendering it non-compliant with USCG requirements.

For boats under 20 meter or 65.6 feet - the U.S. requirements for these vessels differ depending on when the boat was built:

For boats built after 11/1/03 - The only recognized means of certification of lights fixtures for

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www.coastalfisherman.net these boats is the USCG approval system. This system uses independent, 3rd party USCG approved labs to conduct some of the tests required for the A-16 certification of a light fixture. On all USCG approved lights, the permanent marking USCG 1nm, USCG 2nm or USCG 3nm (depending on whether the light is a 1-mile, 2-mile or 3-mile light) must be visible on the fixture when the light is installed.

For boats built before 11/1/03 - Lights for these boats must be manufactured in accordance with the American Boat and Yacht Council (A.B.Y.C.) Standard A-16. The primary means of certification recognized in the United States for light fixtures used on these boats is through the National Marine Manufacturers' Association (NMMA) certification procedure. USCG approved lights, as described above are also approved for applications on boats built after 11/1/03. All light fixtures certified under this procedure are required to permanently carry the mark "A-16" visibly displayed when the light is installed.

If you thought the USCG was tough on recreational boaters, they are just as tough on navigation light manufacturers, they require all navigation light manufacturers to print the following information the fixture or the retail package: USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810, MEETS ABYCA-16 or equivalent, TESTED BY (an approved laboratory), Name of the light manufacturer, Number of Model, Visibility of the light in nautical miles, Date on which the light was type-tested, Identification and specification of the bulb used in the compliance test.

While getting your boat ready for fishing this season, take the time to review the condition and operation of your navigation lights and be sure they meet the standards for your size and type of boat. The USCG website, www.navcen.uscg.gov can be a helpful resource.

In future articles we will review navigation light placement and finally get into the fun with LED lights!

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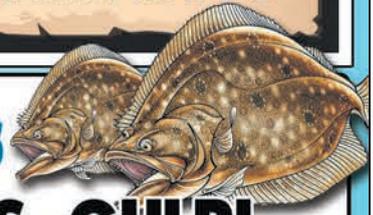
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Capt. Zed's 30th Annual Spring Flounder Tournament in Wachapreague, VA finished with a bang. Some nice fish across the board from this week long spring event! Hosted at Trident Tackle and Island House Restaurant.



OC locals Capt. Al and Sharon Rittmeyer enjoyed their time in the Florida Keys this winter. Sharon caught her 'personal best' baracuda using a Wax Wing lure on the flats near Cudjoe Key. Nice shot of those teeth!

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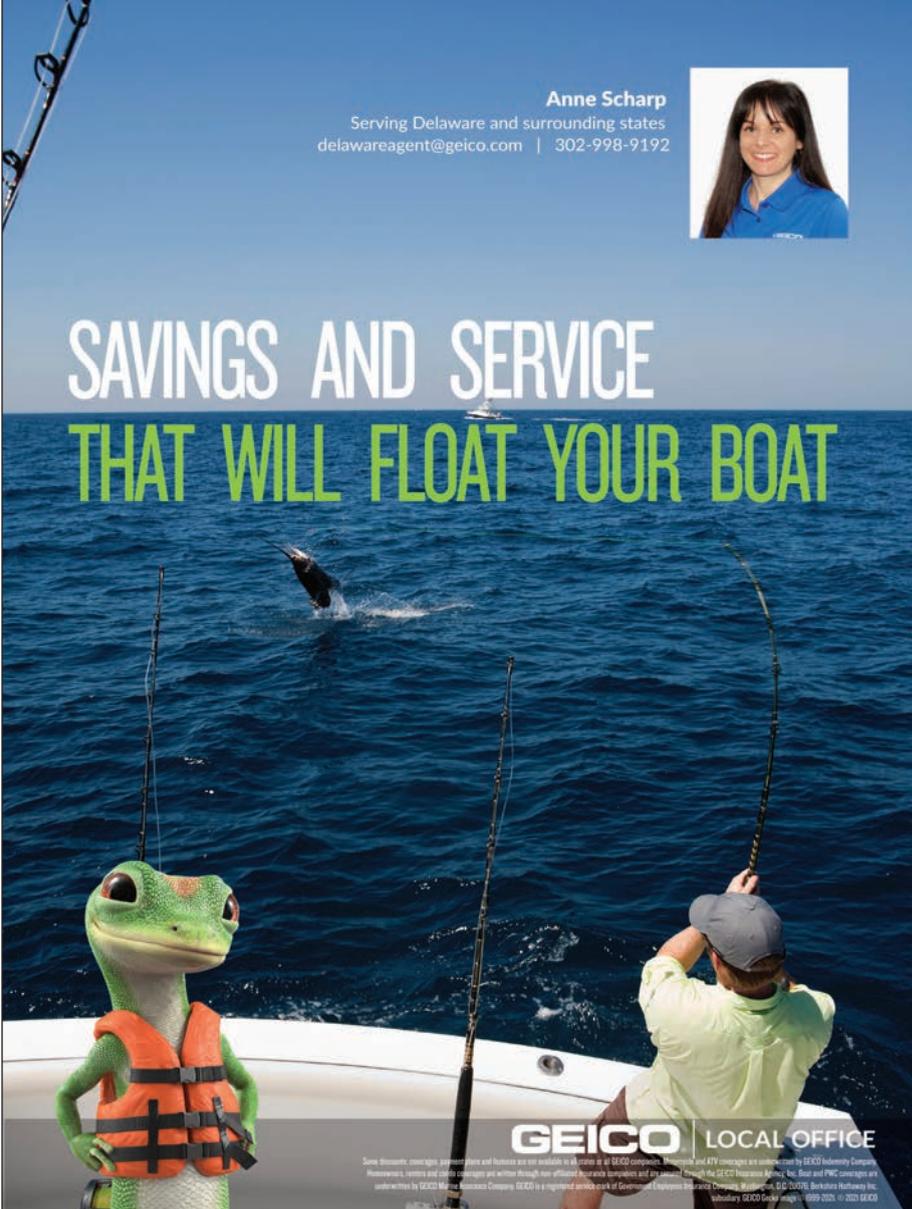
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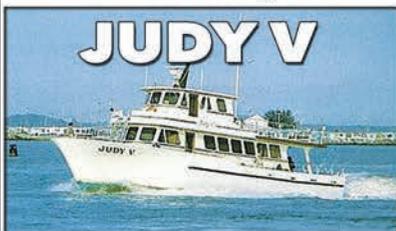
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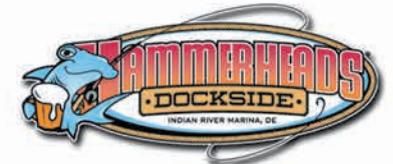
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Capt. Chris Keller with mate AJ took their first charter of 2021 out last week on the "Strike Zone". The crew survived a nasty storm and also found some hungry Black Drum. Kevin Hine and Hunter Hine Jr landed an estimated 30 pounder and 50 pounder Drum. The fish were caught off slaughter beach with clams.



The private boat "Brenda Lou" had another first for the crew! During her time in Palm Beach, FL this winter, Kaillee Goodhart caught her first sailfish. With only a few hours to fish that day before flying home, she was lucky and hooked up early! Rounding out the crew were her father Michael, brother Trent, sister Taylor, Nana and Poppy (Frank & Brenda Goodhart with Mikey Edwards. We see the "Brenda Lou" is back safely in her slip at Sunset Marina!

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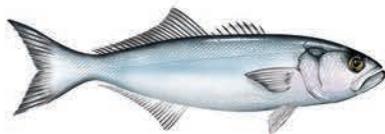
Another great day on the beach! Dave Vetter caught and released this beauty of a rockfish from Assateague Beach over the weekend. The 38" fish was hooked with sand fleas.

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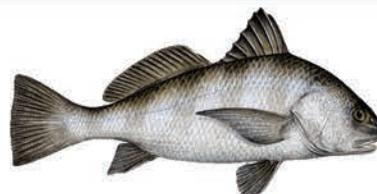
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Black Drum 	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	Thresher Shark 		June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
Cobia 		June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	Bigeye Tuna 		May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
Flounder 	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	Bluefin Tuna 	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk Canyon	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
Sea Bass 	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	Longfin Tuna 		June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
Sheepshead 		June 12, 2020 Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	Yellowfin Tuna 		April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
Striped Bass 	 May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	Dolphin 		May 23, 2020 Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
Tautog 	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	January 2, 2020 Patrick Enoch "Morningstar" Artificial Reef	Wahoo 		June 18, 2020 Jack Hannum "Blood Money" Poor Man's Canyon
Weakfish 	 May 6 Rich Harpel North Jetty Indian River Inlet	June 17, 2020 Muhamad Arshad Oceanic Fishing Pier	White Marlin 		May 23, 2020 Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

To report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200 or email to coastalfisherman@comcast.net



The Chesapeake rockfish season started off hot. Paul Harris from Trappe, MD caught this 38" trophy fish last Tuesday fishing around the Thomas Point Lighthouse. This one was caught on a white umbrella rig while trolling with Capt. Mike Halsey on the "milliRem".

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Good day on the Chesapeake to celebrate Spencer Zebley's 25th birthday with father Zeb and grandfather Ralph Zebley. 3 generations of watermen fishing on the Recoil with longtime friend, Captain Gerry Haggerty along with 1st mate, son Cole Haggerty. All of the action was up in the Chesapeake trolling 27 lines with plainer boards. Pure Lure owner Brendan Hanley was also along for the ride with two of his sons Curran and Ian who were able to put a few on the boat. By the end of day this crew had 3 big boys in the box ranging from 39 inches to 36 inches and released 3 ranging 34-28". The annual highlight is Zeb cooking up breakfast on the Recoil for the crew.

Pick Up your Coastal Fisherman at these Locations

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Angler Restaurant
 Talbot Street Pier
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 Wockenfuss Candy - Boardwalk 1st St.
 Park Place Hotel - 2nd St.
 Reel Inn - 17th St.
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 Dough Roller - 41st St.
 64th Street Market - 64th St.
 Advanced Marina - 66th St.
 Rommel's Ace Hardware - 68th St.
 Dough Roller - 69th St.
 Exxon Wine Rack - 86th St.
 Kirby's Pub - 92nd St.
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 Montego Bay Market - 130th St.
 Primos Hoagies - 134 St.
 7-Eleven - 139th St.

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Wawa - Rt. 50
 Mione's Pizza - Outlets
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 West-O Bottle Shop & Bar - Rt. 50
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 Bluewater Yacht Sales
 Ocean City Fishing Center
 Ocean City Marlin Club
 Atlantic Tackle
 Sunset Grille
 Sunset Marina
 Sunset Provisions
 Pure Lure Fishing Gear
 Harbor Marine
 Food Lion - Rt. 611
 Optical Galleria - Rt. 611
 Southside Deli - Rt. 611

BERLIN

Frontier Town - Country Store
 Crabs To Go - Rt. 50
 Walmart - Rt. 50 (both entrances)
 Food Lion - Ocean Pines
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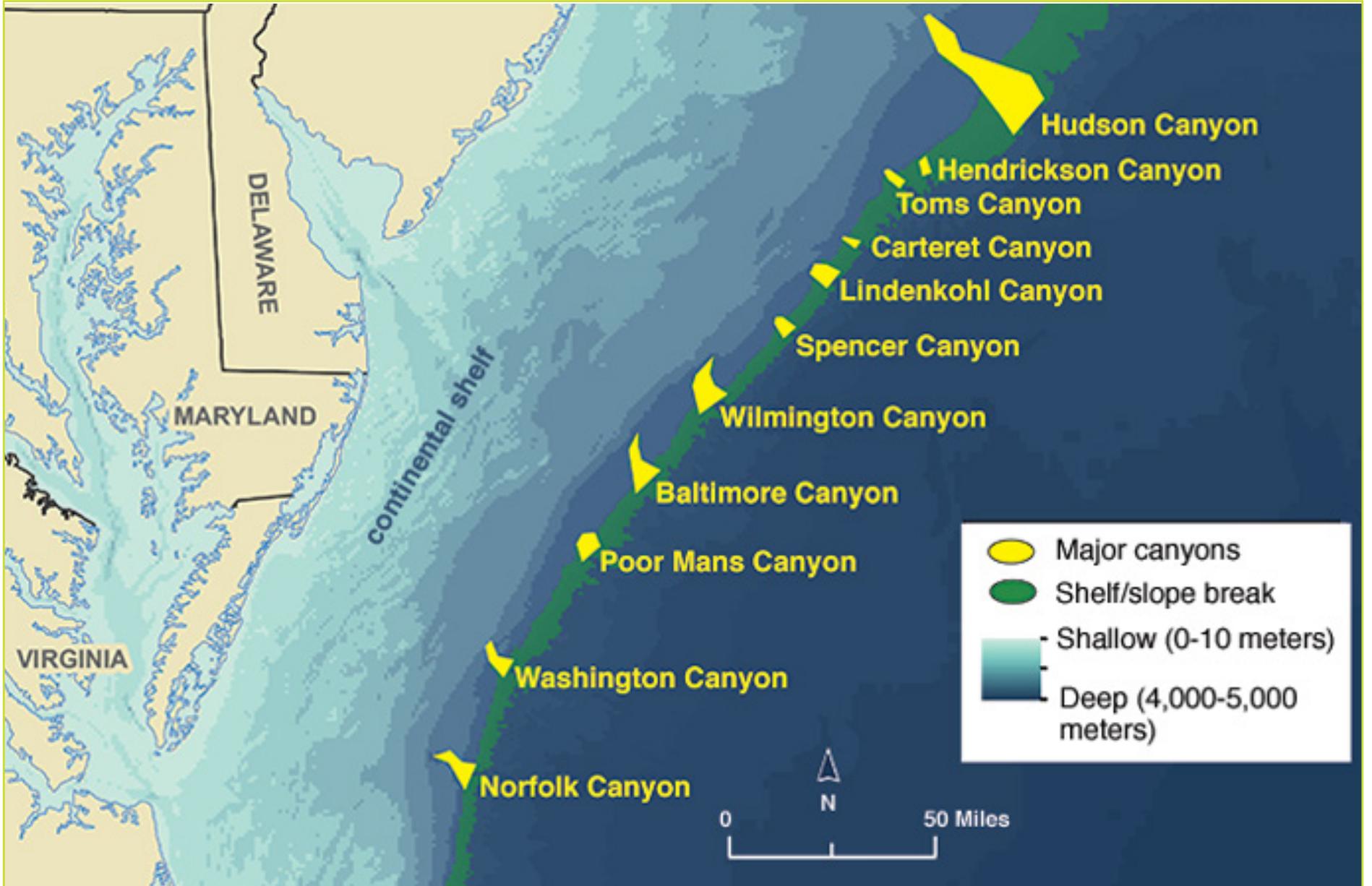
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Upcoming Tournament!

12th ANNUAL FRANKY PETTOLINA MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT
 To benefit the Catherine & Charles Kratz Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund
 Registration: May 28, 6:30 - 8:00pm
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) May 29 & 30
 Weigh-Ins: May 29 & 30 4:30-7:00pm at Sunset Marina

42nd ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT
 Registration: June 25, 6:30-8:00pm
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 26 & 27
 Weigh-Ins: June 26 & 27, 3:00-6:30pm at Sunset Marina

39th ANNUAL CANYON KICK OFF *
 Registration: July 1, 6:30-8:00pm
FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS
 Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 2, 3, 4
 Weigh-Ins: July 2-4, 5:00-7:30pm at Sunset Marina

17th ANNUAL KID'S CLASSIC *
 To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation
 Registration: July 16, 6:00-8:00pm
 Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 17 & 18
 Weigh-Ins: July 17, 3:00-6:30pm and July 18, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

13th ANNUAL OCMC LADIES' TOURNAMENT "HEELS & REELS"*
 To benefit the Marlin Club Crew of OC Scholarship Fund
 Registration: July 29, 6:00-8:00pm
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) July 30 & 31
 Weigh-Ins: July 30 & 31 5:30-7:30pm at Atlantic Tackle

6th ANNUAL OCMC vs OCLTC SHOOT-OUT
 Angler Meeting: August 26, 7:00pm
 Fishing Days: (2 of 3) August 27, 28, 29
 No Weigh-Ins

63rd ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT *
 Registration: September 2, 6:30-8:00pm
 Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 3, 4, 5
 Weigh-Ins: September 3,4,5 6:00-8:00pm at Sunset Marina

43rd ANNUAL CHARLES KRATZ & SCOTT SMITH CHALLENGE CUP
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 Fishing Days: (2 of 2) September 17 & 18
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