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There were lots of predictions that the weather and water temps for Sunday would lead to the catch and release of the first white marlin of the year, and they were right! The "TUNAFOWL" based at Sunset Marina claimed the title for 2021 and some nice prize money for the honor! Capt. Corbin Ensor and the Harford County, MD crew of Brad Young, Luke Schmitt, Nick Prince and Dominic Marando were really looking for tuna, yellowfin actually. It was early morning in the Washington Canyon in 130 fathoms when the boys got a really hard hit on a Squidnation Flippy Floppy, and with the fish taking almost 500 yards of line, they were sure they had a bigeye on the line! Once Brad got it in sight, they knew they had the most likely first white but could not easily share the catch because their radio was broken! For this release the boat will receive a total of \$17,000 from a combination of sources supporting the offshore community! \$7,000 will come from Fisherman's United of Ocean City (Coastal Fisherman is a sponsor), \$5,000 from the Town of Ocean City as well as another \$5,000 from the Ocean City Marlin Club of which "TUNAFOWL" is a member.



Ron Beatty from Delmar, DE pulled a nice one from the Indian River Inlet last Wednesday. He was fishing with sand fleas when he hooked this 3.6 lb. and 23" sea trout. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Capt. Steven Yuhas of Ocean City put anglers Sam Wanis and 12 year old Brandon Riley on some nice meat last week. They started by trolling with spreader bars in the southern Poor Man's Canyon, catching their limit of bluefins and then switched to squid fishing in 900 ft. of water to get a mix of golden and blue line tilefish.



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The offshore reefs are still producing nice sea bass. Emma Orlen was fishing with her dad Jason at the Del-Jersey-Land Reef last Friday where she landed this 18" and 2.6 lb. sea bass. Pictured and measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Richard Hoenes from Ocean City was fishing early last week on the "Sea Hunt" in the Poor Man's Canyon when this bluefin tuna fell for a blue and white Ilander with a ballyhoo. Mates Mike Bournes and gaff man Tim Howell assisted in getting this one into the fish box!



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This Week Last Year

- The first longfin tuna of the year was reported on June 9th by Evan Winterbottom on the "PYY Fishing" in the southern Poor Man's Canyon. The northern Baltimore was also a hot spot.
- The first wahoo of the season was reported by charter boat "Last Call". The 79 pound fish was caught in the Poor Man's Canyon
- Two new 'heaviest fish' reports for mako in both the Delaware and Maryland categories were made. The "Fine Line" reported a 330 lb. mako that took a bluefish in the Baltimore Canyon and Todd Middendorf caught a 330 lb. mako, also in the Baltimore Canyon as it was chasing a school of bigeye tuna.

The weather is still playing with us causing blow out days, especially on the weekends, and the last one was no exception putting most boats in the slips for Saturday. The good news however is that for those that could get out around the weather, the offshore action was strong and included the arrival of 3 'First Fish' reports to the Coastal Fisherman! As with last week, the southern Poor Man's Canyon was the hot spot with the northern Washington Canyon coming up next. Warmer waters up to the low 70's are being found so we expect the bite will continue working its way north.

The big news of the week was the catch and release of the first white marlin. Always a watershed moment for the White

Marlin Capital of the World, this annual event creates competition and excitement as anglers reach for the title and associated prize money. As warmer water was being reported further north and the yellowfin tuna bite had turned on, many predicted that last Sunday after the blow the day before would be the day. Several captains even called out on social media that they would be the one creating some nice comments and rebuttals! As has happened over the past few years, the first white was caught by anglers actually looking for tuna! Capt. Corbin Ensor on the "TUNAFOWL" took his crew to the Washington Canyon and set the spread for tuna in about 130 fathoms. The water was rough, but a little after 8:30AM they got a hard hit on a Flippy Floppy with the fish running out and taking almost 500 yards of line. The anglers shared with me that they thought they had a bigeye on the line and were very excited! It was only after angler Brad Young got the white within eyesite did they know what they had. While I am sure catching the first white of the season is a title they will enjoy as well as the award monies, a small part of me thinks they would have liked a nice bigeye just as much!

Tuna would be the next highlight of the week, not because of a 'first fish', but because the yellowfins have arrived in quantity! It was Bill 'Squidnation' Pino that landed the first yellowfin back

on May 28th, but last week we saw them in mass. It started with Capt. Mark Hoos on the "Marli". He came to the dock last Friday with his limit of 18 yellowfin they caught behind the Rockpile. Capt. Jeremy Blunt had two back to back big yellowfin trips last Thursday and Friday coming into the Ocean City Fishing Center with 12 and 10 respectively, including a nice big 76 pounder on Friday. The "Pumpin' Hard" found 9 yellowfin and a bigeye at



the 800 Square. Sunday after the blow proved to be another great day with "Boss Hogg" finding 17 in the north Washington Canyon and the "Rhonda's Osprey" bringing back 8 from the Baltimore Canyon. All week was not roses however, as last Thursday proved to be very difficult for tuna with only a few lucky boats connecting that day.

We did see the first dolphin of the season arrive last Thursday! As with several 'First Fish' titles, this one took some time to figure out. Our reports actually started on Friday when we snapped a picture of the crew on the "Marli" which had a nice 19 lb. gaffer dolphin. After posting what we thought was the first Mahi, we got additional reports of two other catches on Thursday! Our policy allows for first fish reporting with 48 hours so some of this is to be expected. After reaching out to the captains, it was angler Michael Seicke on the "Second Chance" that garnered the title catching the first of 4 mahi that day at 9:15AM. Ivan Miller caught a bull dolphin on the "Top Hook" on Thursday inside the Poor Man's Canyon as well but did not have it weighed. While clearly the heaviest,

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without an official weight the current heaviest remains with the 19 pounder from the "Marli". All were caught in the open interestingly, with some hooked near floating debris jumping off during the fight.

with weigh ins at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Registration is open and there is tournament swag available. The Captain's



meeting will be the 17th.

- The following weekend of June 25-27 has two entirely different events occurring!

The 42nd Marlin Club Annual Small Boat Tournament is on June 26-27, details can be found on their website.

The 6th Annual Indian River Kids Catch All Tournament is June 25-27 and is always a fun time for families and kids. Check out their ad in this weeks paper for details.

Lastly for offshore, we saw the first two swordfish of the season. The first came in with the crew of the "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese. They found a 176 lb. sword while deep dropping in the Poor Man's Canyon and the "Primary Search" with Capt. Austin Ensor raised theirs from 2000 feet in the Poor Man's as well.

All indications are that this next week should be good until the next weekend blow hits, currently expected on Saturday.

Upcoming Tournaments:

- The first Tuna and Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament is June 18-19

Until next time, I'll see you at the docks! §



RESULTS

30 Boats Total
137 Anglers
\$84,366 Total Prize

<p>Mako Division</p> <p>Gulfstream 129.8 lbs. \$46,580</p>	<p>Thresher Division</p> <p>Reel Fun 410.2 lbs. \$12,468 Jacked Up 306.3 lbs. \$7,308</p>
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Mako Release

1 - "TAKE EM"	3 Releases	\$1,500
2 - "SIDE PIECE"	2 Releases	\$2,200
3 - "KEEP ER WET"	1 Releases	\$5,967
4 - "MAKO ME CRAZY"	1 Releases	\$3,609

Bluefish Division

1 - "REEL OBSESSION"	10 lbs.	\$3,606
2 - "REEL OBSESSION"	4 lbs.	\$1,134

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1 - "Take Em"	TEAM	3 Releases	\$1,000
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We are reposting the results of the Annual Mako Mania Tournament held on June 11-13 this year with updated information. After a secondary review it was acknowledged that the boat "TAKE EM" took first place in the Mako Release category, moving "Side Piec" to 2nd and the others adjusted accordingly. All payouts remain as originally posted, with additional funds provided by Bahia Marina Tournaments to compensate for this small correction. The directors regret any confusion this may have caused.

We got a nice fishing report from mate Jim Frazetti of "Covered Up Sportfishing" and a great underwater photo! He and Capt. Keath Puller had Eastern Shore anglers Julia Sylvester, her father Steve, Jake Banda, John Banda, Jimmy Hooper and John Crites in the thick of the bluefin tuna run early last week in the Poor Man's Canyon. They landed 4 on spreader bars with skirted ballyhoo and kept their limit of 3 'unders'. The trip was to celebrate Julia's birthday and she landed a bluefin as well as the largest of the 45 black sea bass they also caught! Catch pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ivan Miller on the "Top Hook" was in the hunt to claim the title for First Fish - Mahi for the season, catching this nice bull last Thursday around 1PM inside the Poor Man's Canyon. He was almost the man, but another dolphin was reported caught earlier in the day. Of all the fish caught last week this one is clearly the largest, however the weight was not reported.



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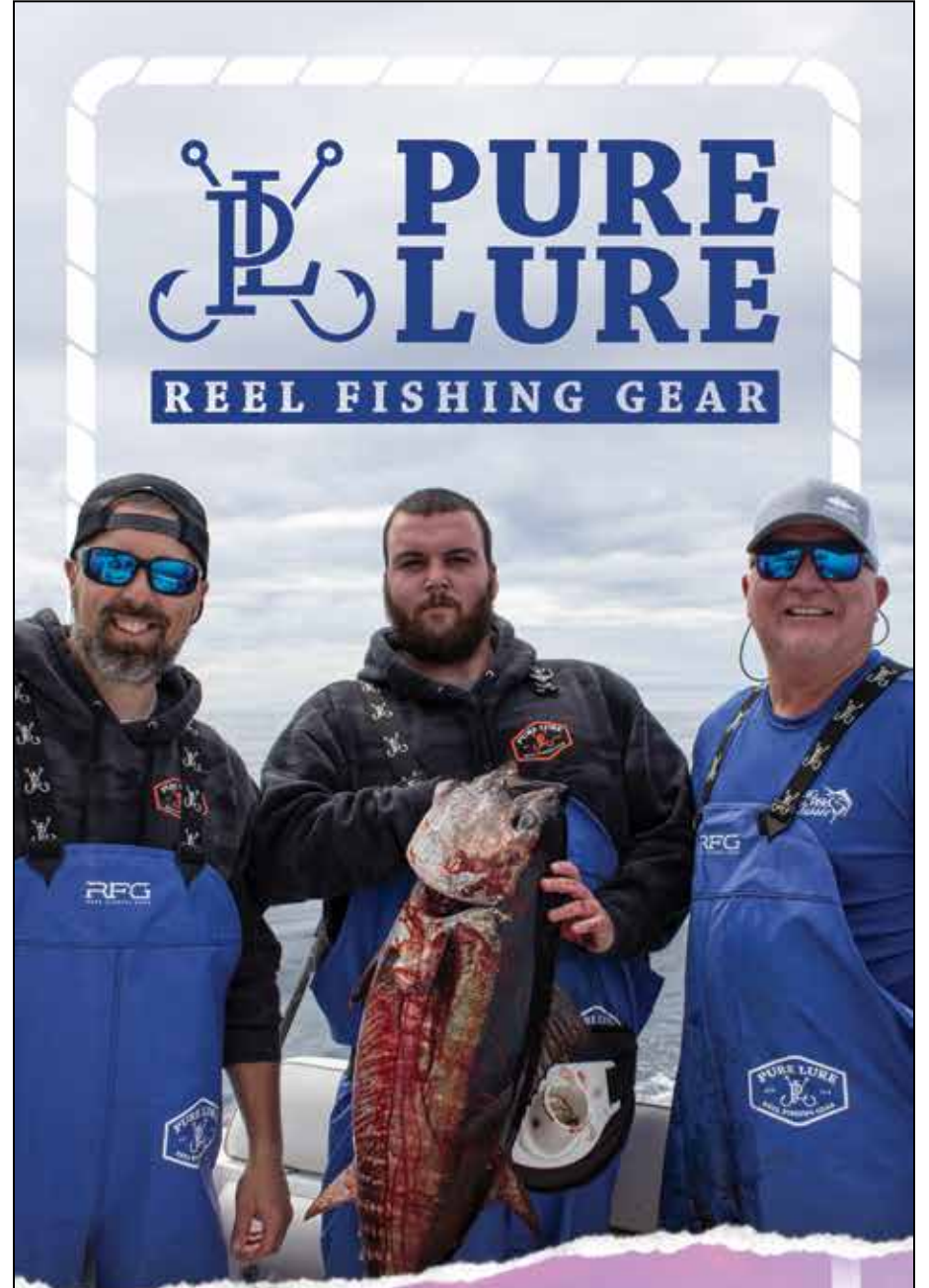
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The crew on the "Double Trouble" definitely bucked the trend last Thursday! It was a hard day for most looking for tuna that day, but not for the Pure Lure crew of owner Brendan Hanley with Jeff Kukel, Zed Zebley, Warren Willey and Capt. Kevin McCabe on the "Double Trouble". They went 9 for 11 on yellowfins fishing in the Washington Canyon with spreader bars and wide trackers, including a 7 way hook up ending the day with 7 in the fish box.



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Capt. Anthony Matarese on the charter boat "Reel Chaos" started last week off with a bang! Fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon with Wilmington, DE anglers Pat Grugan, Steve Degan, Chris Degan, Frank Mieczkowski, Tyler Strobell and Paul Davalos they had single bites for tuna on the troll including these three bluefins and a 64", 174 lb. bigeye. They ended the day deep dropping squid and connected with a nice swordfish. Mates were Mike Matarese and Jake Graves. Pictured at the Sunset Marina.

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by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Several storms passed through the area this week, many very strong and dropping heavy rain. Low lying areas such as the lower part of Ocean City were flooded a couple different times this week. A strong west wind for the first part of the week kept tides low making some areas unpassable. The end of the week saw a ENE wind and also a rise in fish being caught.

Flounder

Flounder in the bay is in true summer mode. Most main channels when drifted with gulp or squid minnow combos will produce fish. With

the tourist arriving every day the pressure on the water has taken its toll and keepers are a little harder to come by. Resident anglers who target the lesser fished areas, behind Assateague Island or the northern part of the bay near the rt 90 bridge are still getting several nice flatties to take home. Ocean City bays have always been a place where most locals will use a squid and live minnow combo but Gulp will work. All the tackle shops are loaded up with live minnows and sell minnow drag buckets to keep them alive while fishing. The bay flounder boost saw a big increase

in anglers this week and also a rise in keeper fish. If you don't own a boat or have a friend that owns one, the bay boats are an inexpensive way to get out on the water and catch some fish. All the boats are family friendly and can even rent you the rod if you don't have one. I would recommend any of the boats we have listed here in the paper as I know most of the captains and all are very knowledgeable. On the near shore side, the ocean is also producing some nice flounder. The African Queen is seeing the best catches of flounder off the rubble piles and tire dumps. The low lying structure seems to be what the flounder want this week. Big Gulp dragged along the bottom on the down current size is producing the best results.

Sea Bass

Sea bass remains strong, however with this week's storms the catches were not as good as last week. Anchoring up on wrecks was the main method of getting onto a good catch. The drift and storms

www.coastalfisherman.net made drifting hard for many boats. Monty on the Morning Star reported he had a lot of limits this week even though the wind made it a little bumpy. Victor on the Ocean Princess reported his trips were met with some rough seas but when dual anchored on the wreck the fish eagerly came over the rail. Victor reports some nice flounder have come on board as well. Clam is the number one bait this week. The bass grounds saw some nice bass but not as consistent as the Queen.

Rockfish, Bluefish & Trout

As usual Big Bird Cropper was out with his Roy rigs catching some nice rockfish around the Rt.50 bridge. They caught rockfish up to 30 ". So it's a nice fillet for dinner tonight. He and Shaun also caught some big bluefish and a few weakfish up to 22". Morgan Mericle caught some monster rockfish at the bridge. He was on the bridge dropping bait down to the water right next to the bridge structure. Fish were all over slot but still a great catch. It is so good to see these big fish being caught this year. Many may not agree with the slot that is in place but the



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is the most common tactic used. Second method and my personal favorite is large swim jigs and top water plugs. The thrill of watching one of these big fish crush a top water plug is something every angler should experience.

Surf Fishing

This week was a little slow because of rough seas as well as dirty water from the storms.

Clams & Crabs

Clams remain strong in the Assateague Bays. Lots of large clams. Crabs in the northern bays are getting good with pots showing 6-10 keepers per pot. If you find the snails in your traps you're in the right area.

Until next week...

Tight lines and fins up §



The "Reel Precision" had their pick of 'under' bluefin tunas while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon. Anglers Grady Kehl (pictured with his 40" fish), Eddie Kehl, Kevin Huey, Jeff Strayer, and Brock ended the day catching 6 bluefin tunas in the 39 to 41 inch range. All were caught in 62° water on Sterling Tackle 18" wide trackers and regular 36" bars. Purple, zucchini, and pink were the hot colors.

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The offshore flounder bite has hit! Pat Conroy took a trip on the headboat "Judy V" out of the Indian River Marina with Capt. Roger Meekins. Pat connected with this nice flounder while fishing on an open bottom near the Old Grounds.



The "SeaFlame" made her maiden voyage offshore from the Indian River last week, running to south end of the Baltimore Canyon. Going 5 for 6 on bluefin tunas, they then switched gears to deep drop and caught 19 blue line tilefish ending the day early with 200 lbs. of fish. The crew consisted of Capt. Dan Devine and his daughter Remi, boat owners Rick and Andrew Levinson, Dr. Pat Petrera and Jeff Waxman with mates Joe Van Sant, Josh Sharp & Newby Nick. Several tiles caught on jigging rigs in 400 feet...long way to crank!

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 Black Drum	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	 Thresher Shark	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
 Cobia		June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	 Bigeye Tuna	May 28 Pete Gudiatis "Blood Money" Poor Man's	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	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	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	 Dolphin ★ New	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	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 ★ New	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon	May 23, 2020 Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

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The golden tilefish bite was strong early last week. Angler Reed Cassidy from Baltimore, MD cranked this 44 lbs. fish out of 750 feet in the Poor Man's Canyon using cut bluefish, ballyhoo, and squid for bait. He was fishing on the appropriately named "\$Overspent" out of Sunset Marina on F dock with Korey Knieriem, Capt. Mike Robertson and John Rogowitz.

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It was a big day for the 'Girls Who Fish' on the charter boat "Wrecker" early last week! Capt. Jeremy Blunt with mate Bobby Layton headed out to the deep in the Poor Man's Canyon and set some tie dye teasers on the troll. This put anglers Meg Bisasky, Nicole DeFrancesco, Mike Bisasky, Taylor Ditzel, Tom Ports and Katie Heinle on 7 bluefin tuna hookups, keeping their limit of 3. They then did some deep dropping and caught 8 golden tiles including this big one and a nice set of black belly rosefish. Looks like they had some fun!

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Kevin Mumford from Ocean Pines, MD hopped on a trip aboard the "Judith M" with Capt. Eric Shoaff as they headed 18-20 miles offshore toward the Jack Spot. Fishing in 100 feet using clams and shiners, Kevin connected with this one of several sea bass!

It wasn't just the tuna that were biting last week. Dean Miller geared up at Atlantic Tackle getting a new Penn Battle 3 and some squid before heading out on the deep sea vessel "Angler" to try his luck. Obviously, the new gear and the skill of Capt. Chris Mizurak got the job done with Dean landing 12 keeper sea bass.

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Not a police line up, but a still a rouge gallery! Anglers Cade Wilkins, Tyler Griffith, Jacob Wilkins, Max Karol, Garrett Reagan and Logan King from Milton, DE fished the south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague with Capt. Jason Mumford on the "Lucky Break". They caught these 6 keeper flounder using Otter Tails and minnows and also caught a mess of bluefish at the Ocean City Inlet on casting bucktails.



Big smile from the boys from Berlin, MD! Joe & Kayden Sharkey with Steve Sweigert and Mike Dzurnak got the perfect mix of tuna on their trip with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jacob Bialk on the "Spring Mix II" landing 2 bluefin and 1 yellowfin tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon.

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Capt. Brian Porter with co-captain and mate Alex Beane found the yellowfin last Sunday. They took Baltimore anglers Wally Hines, Linda Oliff Rohleder, Dan Rohleder, Keith Scott, Thomas Weinrich and Scott Spencer to the 880 line in the northern Washington Canyon and started working their way south. There they hit these yellowfin tuna in groups of 5, ending the day with 17 in the box. They also hooked a white marlin that worked its way off.

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The big DE ocean flounder are starting to show up! Anglers Ron Mistretta, John Fryer, Tony Gagurevich, Lou Pennella, Chris Thawley, Bob Murphy, Dan McGeady and Kevin Dougherty went out with Capt. Brent Wiest on the "Katydid" to land these 8 beauties at an ocean structure! Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina"



Debbie Deal shares a knowing smile sharing her big sea bass! She was fishing on the headboat "Judy V" on a morning half day trip with Capt. Roger Meekins and caught this keeper black sea bass using squid and fishing open bottom near the Old Grounds.

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Anglers Bill Madden and Craig Simpson with Rich DiRocco, Rich Refner and Ryan Focht are all smiles at the dock after resting on the ride in! They hooked up a triple on these bigeye tuna in the south Poor Man's Canyon on light tackle and took 1.5 hours to get all three to the boat! They were fishing on the "Game On" with Capt. Scott Stapleford and mates Michael Lewis and Gary Sergent.



After a slow tuna day last Thursday, the next day Friday came roaring back! Charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" with Capt. Chad Meeks and mate Mike Burt with anglers Justin Kane, Jake Smith, Bill Czachorowski, Adam Wesilowski, Paul Czachorowski and Jason Smith ventured out to the 800 Square in the northeast corner of the Washington Canyon and boated 2 bigeye tuna and 8 yellowfins on spreader bars and daisy chains. They also had several bigeyes on their charter trips last week. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Angler Lorne Seifert tried the Delaware stretch to get this 6.95 lb. flounder to the seven pound citation size, sooo close! He was on the headboat "Thelma Dale" out of Fisherman's Wharf with Capt. Rick using Gulp and squid. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Finn Cook from Marshall, VA enjoyed a fine day on the headboat "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins last Wednesday despite the forecast for rain. He started the day helping to push more blocks onto the Al Berger Reef North and finished landing this nice black sea bass and several others!

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John Jackson and family hooked a mess of bluefin tunas early last week while fishing with Capt. Mark Malamphy and mate James Coates. They went 9 for 12 in 150 fathoms of the Poor Man's Canyon keeping their limit of 3 'unders'. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Shaun, Shaun, Shaun! Another week and another catch in the paper! Fishing with Big Bird Cropper on the "Lost Time" the duo found this whopping 35" and 12 lb 3 oz. bluefish at the Rt. 50 Bridge on the outgoing tide. Mr. Flaherty tricked this one with a Manns Stretch crank bait.

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Going Live

The Furuno Omni sonar and similar units have become commonplace in tournament sportfish boats. These systems produce long range live sonar images of the area around the boat while trolling for sportfish. Unlike a traditional sounder which shows a historical view of the water column under the boat, a Sonar like the Furuno Omni or Koden searchlight units show a live view of the horizontal area around the boat. These systems are used to locate bait or individual fish swimming nearby.

These sonar systems are costly and complex, prices can reach \$150,000 for a full installation. Space is also a consideration; these units require a large tube cut into the hull and space for additional processing hardware. The results are amazing, captains and anglers can see and pursue close and distant swimming fish. While these systems are not for every boat

and budget, certainly this technology will evolve in the future, with smaller and less expensive systems predicted.

Good news for everyday anglers, there are a few small-scale sonar systems that produce a live sonar view, perfect for anglers looking to see the fish or bait around the boat. These systems were developed for the inland market, fishing on lakes and rivers. The technology has caught on with coastal anglers too. One captain, Rick Stanczyk, fishing out of Islamorada, Florida uses a small-scale sonar system to target Tarpon in his fishing grounds. Many other saltwater anglers have adopted this technology to enhance their awareness of the water around the boat.

Garmin and Lowrance both make competitive live sonar products. Both brands offer systems consisting of a transducer and black box that connects to an existing Multifunctional display of the same brand. Not all

hardware is compatible, so if researching a system like this be sure to check compatibility for all components. Both the Garmin and Lowrance systems are similarly priced, about \$1,500 for the basic package.

The most challenging part of these systems is the mounting method and

www.coastalfisherman.net as a guided pole on the side of the boat that is lowered into the water and turned by hand to "see" other sectors around the boat. There are some third-party companies that offer pole mounts for these systems, such as summit fishing equipment. These transducers have a horizontal field of view of



location of the transducer on a saltwater fishing boat. As previously noted, these systems were designed for freshwater anglers and the transducers are often designed to mount to a trolling motor. This location gives the angler the ability to pivot the trolling motor and "see" a particular area with the live sonar. If you do not have a trolling motor, you could fabricate a mount, for example, Garmin (for demonstration purposes) has used a setup as simple

about 20 degrees and a range approximately 100' in salt water (farther in freshwater).

Garmin has a transom mount transducer for their live sonar, with this mount your "field of view" would be limited to the direction the boat is pointed and the boat would need to be turned to see a different sector of the water around the boat.

Besides the variety of the transducer mounting options, the rest of the system straight forward,

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www.coastalfisherman.net usually the transducers connect to a small processor box that is networked to a compatible Multifunctional (MFD) display.

Garmin's product is named "Livescope" and is part of the Garmin Panoptic family of sonars. Garmin describes their product as: LiveScope Forward is an amazing tool for scouting and fishing out ahead of your cast. You are looking at live, incredibly detailed images of structure and fish swimming all around your boat - up to 200' in freshwater - even while your boat is stationary. Both LiveScope Forward and LiveScope Down modes are included in one transducer and are available with either transom or trolling motor mounts.

Lowrance's product is named ActiveTarget, Lowrance describes their product as: ActiveTarget allows you



to watch high-resolution images of fish movements, tracking them as they swim near your boat. When you see fish near structure and watch them respond to your lure, you will know if your current technique is working, or if it is time to make an adjustment - information that's harder to get from traditional sonar or structure imaging. Track fish and your presentation with

high-resolution views in front or below your boat or use the Scout mode to see an ultra-wide, overhead view of structure and fish activity in front of your boat, perfect for finding bait balls and big schools of fish.

Certainly not a substitute for the commercial Furuno and Koden type Sonar systems, the capabilities of the Livescope and ActiveTarget systems are another tool for

everyday anglers to learn about the fish and structure around the boat, it is a great compliment to a traditional a sounder and learned fishing techniques, providing additional situation awareness for anglers fishing in freshwater back bays and even coastal waters.

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Roman Brady and his crew from Ohio definitely hooked into a big surprise on this trip with Coastal Guide Service on the boat "Mover Money" with Capt. Justin Marshall. They started the day easy enough, hitting an offshore wreck and getting their limit of sea bass by 10AM. Moving to the Fingers, they tried their luck on shark fishing and hit it big. They connected with this 542 pound monster thresher shark they tricked on bloodline in 20 fathoms! The 84½ fork length fish was so large they could not get it into the boat and brought it in tied to the side! Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Family and friends make fishing even more fun, just look at the smiles from James, Starr, Mickayla, and Emily Auker, with Natalie Banghart from Liverpool, PA! They were on the charter boat "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock working the south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague Island. They fooled these 4 flatties (up to 20") using Squidnation Otter Tail Split Tails and Berkley Gulp.

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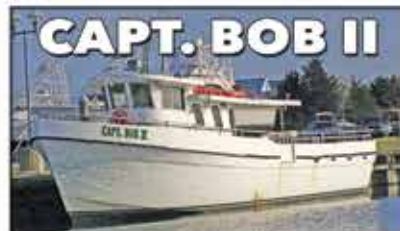
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Ginger Garlic Pan Roasted Swordfish

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter room temperature
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 clove garlic minced
- ½ teaspoon ginger grated
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- ½ 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.



6 (5-6 ounce) mahi fillets

Salt to taste

2 Tbsp. Extra Virgin Olive Oil

6 Tbsp. Butter

¼ Onion (minced)

½ tsp. Garlic (minced)

¼ cup Chicken Stock

2 Lemons

Directions:

Preheat a grill to medium/high heat.

Place the mahi fillets in a bowl and sprinkle salt and pepper over the top of the fish, to taste.

Drizzle the olive oil over the fish and turn the fish to coat.

Place the fish on the hot grill and let cook for about 3-4 minutes per side (depending on thickness), turning carefully. You will know it is done when it flakes easily with a fork.

Remove from the grill to a serving dish.

While the fish is cooking, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter over medium/high heat in a small saute pan.

Add the minced onion to the butter and saute for about 2 minutes, or until softened.

Add garlic and saute for an additional 30 seconds.

Add the chicken stock to the pan and let simmer until reduced by half.

Add the lemon juice and cook for 2 more minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat.

Add the remaining butter, 1 tablespoon at a time, to the sauce and stir in until the sauce thickens and becomes glossy.

Tuna Steaks with Lemon-Parsley Butter

Ingredients:

- 3 tuna steaks
- 3 tablespoons butter (unsalted, softened)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons parsley (dry)
- 1 ½ tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons black pepper (ground)
- Salt to taste

Directions:

In a small bowl, combine butter, lemon juice and parsley. Form a butter ball.

Wash tuna steaks and pat dry with paper towels. Season with salt on all sides. Put black pepper on a small plate. Coat tuna sides with black pepper, gently pressing it in.

Heat oil in a thick-bottomed frying pan over medium-high heat. Sear tuna steaks for about 2 minutes per side or until the desired doneness is reached. Turn off the heat and add butter mixture.

Grilled Mahi in Lemon Butter Sauce

Ingredients:



Add salt to taste, if desired.

amount of salt and pepper and a pinch of cayenne.

Pour butter sauce over the top of the mahi mahi and serve.

Place a large cast-iron skillet



Flounder With Brown Butter, Lemon and Tarragon

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - Salt and pepper
 - Pinch of cayenne
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 4 flounder fillets of equal size, 6 to 8 oz. each
 - 3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into chunks
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons roughly chopped parsley
 - 1 teaspoon roughly chopped tarragon
 - A few tarragon leaves, for garnish
 - Lemon wedges
- Directions:
- Put flour in a low bowl or pie plate and stir in a generous

over medium-high heat. Add olive oil and tilt pan to coat bottom.

Season the fillets lightly with salt and pepper. Dip each fillet quickly into flour mixture, shaking off excess flour.

Lay fillets in skillet in one layer. Cook for about 2 minutes per side, until golden. Transfer cooked fish to a warm platter.

Leave the heat at medium-high and add cold butter. Let butter sizzle until foamy and brown, but do not let it burn. Add lemon juice, parsley and chopped tarragon and swirl to incorporate.

Spoon butter sauce over fish. Garnish with a few tarragon

leaves and serve immediately with lemon wedges.

fish then sprinkle with garlic salt and pepper.

Baked Mahi Mahi

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. mahi (4 fillets)
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/4 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup white onion, finely chopped
- Breadcrumbs

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Rinse fish and put in a baking dish. Squeeze lemon juice on

Mix mayonnaise and chopped onions and spread on fish. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and bake at 425°F for 25 minutes.

Linguine with Clams

Ingredients:

- Kosher salt
- 1 pound linguine
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots, from 2 shallots
- 6 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup dry white wine, such as Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay or

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Sauvignon Blanc (see note)
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 pounds Littleneck clams (40 to 45), scrubbed

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 teaspoon lemon zest, from 1 lemon, plus more to taste

1 tablespoon lemon juice, from 1 lemon, plus more to taste

Directions:

In large pot over high heat, bring 4 quarts of water and 2 tablespoons of kosher salt to a boil. Add the linguine and cook according to the package directions until just shy of al dente (the pasta should still be firm to the bite since it will cook another minute or two in the sauce).

Meanwhile, in a very large sauté pan over medium-high heat, heat the olive oil until hot but not smoking. Add the shallots and garlic and sauté until just golden, about 30 seconds. Add the wine, red pepper flakes, 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, clams, and 1/4 cup of the parsley; bring to a simmer and cook, covered, until the clams open, 6 to 8 minutes. Discard any unopened clams.

Reserving 1/2 cup of the cooking water, drain the linguine in a colander (do not rinse). Add the pasta to the sauté pan with the clams. (If you don't have room for everything in one pan, transfer the clams to a plate and cover to keep warm. When ready to serve, add them back to the pasta on a serving platter). Increase the heat to medium and cook the linguine with the clams, tossing occasionally, until the pasta absorbs most of the sauce and is just tender, 1 to 2 minutes. If necessary, add

www.coastalfisherman.net some of reserved cooking water to keep moist. Remove the pan from the heat. Add the butter, lemon zest, lemon juice, and the remaining 2 tablespoons of parsley; toss to coat. Taste and adjust the seasoning with more salt, lemon zest and/or lemon juice, if necessary. Transfer to a serving dish or bowls and serve.

Note: When cooking with wine, select a bottle that is inexpensive (under \$10) but still good enough to drink. Avoid "cooking wines," which are salty and include additives.

Larry B's Velvety Smooth Manhattan Cocktail

Ingredients:

- Ice, for stirring
- 3-4 ounces of fine bourbon (Rye is both unacceptable & insulting!)
- 1 ounce sweet vermouth
- 1 spoonful of Maraschino cherry juice
- 2 cherries for garnish
- Dash of soda water - optional



Directions:

Fill a mixing glass a few inches high with ice. Add the ingredients. Stir in a circular motion for about 30 seconds, or until the drink is very cold. Strain the liquid into a coupe or martini glass. Garnish with not one, but two cherries.

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Angler JP Howard found himself with quite the prize last week when he landed this 64" bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Roncito"! Estimated at 200 lbs. the tuna fell for a mini Ilander with ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Al Rittmeyer, mate Emerson Torres and Schrader Grady.



Preston Walls from Ridgely, MD found a sweet spot fishing in the south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague Island near the Ocean City Airport late last week. Using a Gulp and minnow combo he tricked these two flounder, largest at 21" while fishing on the "One More Drift".

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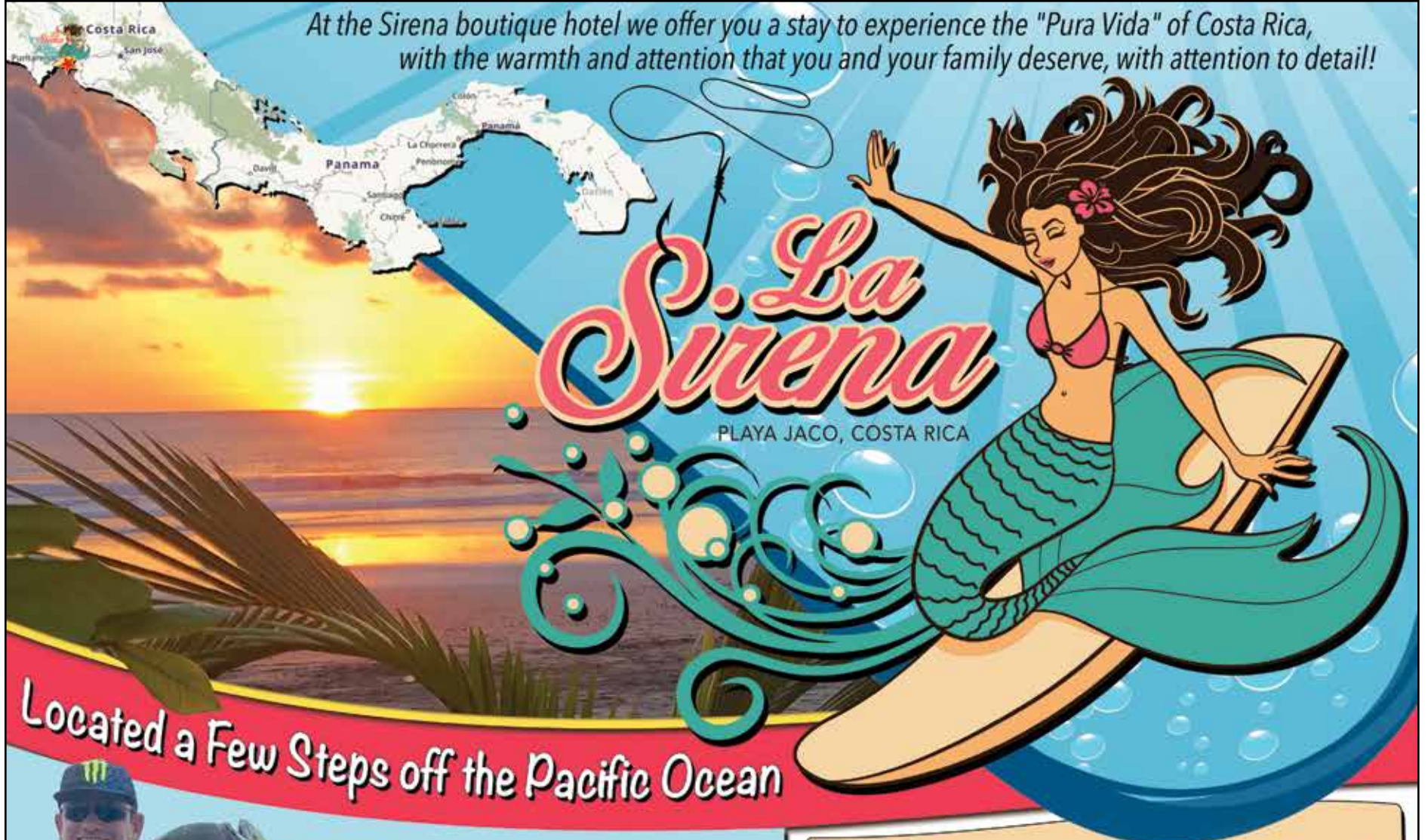


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No matter where, or for what type of fish they'll be chasing, every angler must start their day by answering the question "where are the fish?" Of course the answer to that question will set the stage for the day and dictate where the angler will first point their boat, or elect to set up on a pier, beach, bridge, or bank. If they get it right, anglers have a shot at a good catch. If they get it wrong there's a chance that the only life they'll encounter that day will be seagulls and seaweed!

For offshore anglers, the answer to where the fish are will typically include a pretty big geographical area such as the Baltimore Canyon, the Hotdog, or the Jack Spot and then they run out and work those places until they either find the fish or don't. But inshore fishermen will likely choose a much more "precise" place to

spend their time, like the Rt 50 Bridge, the south jetty, the Thorofare, the Rt. 90 Bridge and so forth. During the season all of these places will have at least some fish in them at all times, but unlike an offshore guy who trolls around a general area where he hopes the fish will be, inshore fishermen must often figure out precisely where the fish are so that they can present their baits or lures within a few feet or sometimes a few inches of what they are trying to catch. Are the fish behind or in front of that piling? Are they on the west or east side of the bridge support? Are they at the tip of the jetty or on the north or south side? A little knowledge about what prompts certain species to hang-out in one place over another can help inshore anglers zero in on exactly where they need to put their bait or lure to catch a fish.

An important aspect of inshore fishing is knowing the layout of the bottom, where the drop-offs, ledges, obstructions, and shoals are located, as well as the composition of the bottom which might be sand, soft mud, grass, or clay. These environmental factors all play into what types of fish might be found in what areas, with some of the most sought after by anglers being the fish often known as "ambush predators."

Ambush predators would be fish that hunt by situating themselves in areas where they can hold motionless in the water until their prey passes by, and then with a short, quick dash - lash out and capture their next meal. Here on Delmarva such fish would include our popular striped bass, flounder, sea trout, and sea bass, all of which are mostly content to hold stationary and wait for food to come to them rather than always prowling around looking for it as might a Spanish mackerel or bluefish.

Because ambush predators

usually need to hang or lay motionless in the water they'll often orient themselves on the down-current side of some sort of obstruction, such as a pier, rock, bridge, piling, hump, wreck, shoal, point of land, or anything else that might create a current-free eddy that allows them to stay stationary without expending much swimming effort.

A quiet-stealthy approach can be critical to avoid spooking fish away from their ambush site. Noise travels far and fast through the waters and anglers should do everything possible to minimize any sounds transmitted from their boat as they approach a site. Engines should be shut-off as far from the site as possible and then the boat drifted, paddled, poled, or electric-motored to within casting range of where the fish should be holding. Once within range the boat should be (quietly) anchored in position.

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www.coastalfisherman.net that their baits or lures work into the current as they retrieve. This not only gives the impression of a hapless bait fish struggling against current, it also allows anglers the option of using any retrieval speed deemed appropriate, from as fast as the reel can be cranked, to just barely moving ahead. In fact, with a good flow of current, an offering can be held still or even allowed to slowly drift backwards and still produce the necessary fish attracting action.

Another way to do it is to anchor parallel in the current to the fish, cast upstream and let the flow of water sweep the bait or lure down to, or past it. This would imitate bait that is being swept away by an overpowering flow of water. This presentation

can be effective at times but it's not as versatile as anchoring up-current. Unless anglers wish to imitate dead baits being flushed away by a current, anchoring below the fish is rarely a good option as baits and lures will always travel at least as fast as the flow which can be too fast for the predator's liking. Besides that, even large fish are often spooked away when a noisy lure is cranked towards them head-on.

Once an ambush site is located and the boat is properly positioned, anglers can work through their tackle until they find the right lure (or bait) to match up with the proper retrieve that'll both trigger a bite and finally answer their initial question of "where are the fish?"



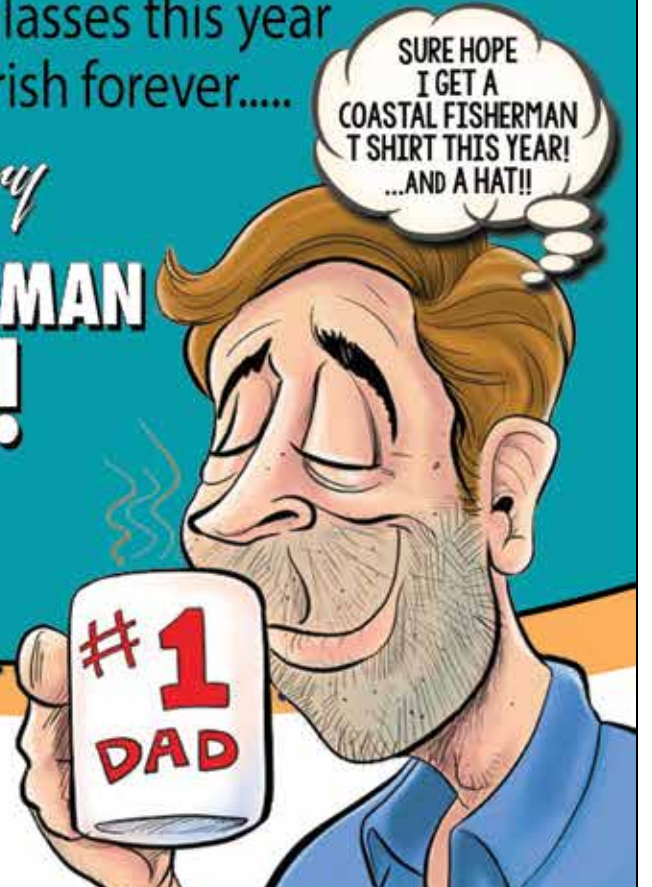
Kayak fishing continues to grow as it offers an easy way to get on and enjoy the water. David Mancini of New York State was on his 12 ft. Hobie Mirage kayak behind Assateague Island where he caught these 4 keeper flounders on a white bucktail. The Fish & Paddle Saltwater Slam is coming up on June 26 & 27.

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It certainly looks like Mary Mahoney knows what she is doing! She caught this 20" flounder while jigging a 3 oz. white bucktail at Massey's Landing in Delaware. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



The boys from Philly were ready for action and that is exactly what Capt. John Prather and mate Austin Bowden gave them! They were fishing on the "OC Guide Service" in the Poor Man's Canyon using ballyoo where they landed these 2 bluefin tuna.

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JUNE 16	High 12:32 am High 12:58 pm	Low 06:55 am Low 06:48 pm
THUR. JUNE 17 <i>1st Quarter Moon</i>	High 01:19 am High 01:54 pm	Low 07:41 am Low 07:48 pm
FRI. JUNE 18	High 02:12 am High 02:55 pm	Low 08:29 am Low 08:52 pm
SAT. JUNE 19	High 03:09 am High 03:56 pm	Low 09:20 am Low 09:57 pm
SUN. JUNE 20	High 04:07 am High 04:55 pm	Low 10:12 am Low 11:04 pm
MON. JUNE 21	High 05:04 am High 05:52 pm	Low 11:08 am Low -----
TUE. JUNE 22	High 06:00 am High 06:49 pm	Low 12:08 am Low 12:03 pm
WED. JUNE 23	High 06:57 am High 07:47 pm	Low 01:08 am Low 12:57 pm

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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Angler Ben Semiatin did find his luck catching his personal best 3 lb. sea bass while fishing on the "Lucky 1" with Capt. Charlie Donohue. Capt. Charlie knows how to get Ben on the fish, finding this one and others at an inshore reef using clam and squid for bait.



They say fisherman wear many hats, but this group fishing with Capt. Joe Drosey on the "Rhonda's Osprey" took it to a new level. Anglers Sam Hadzaman, Scott Frederick, Karl Chison, John Venditti and Matt Buzzock with mates Eric Strauss and Mario Rosales headed out to the Baltimore Canyon last week where the tuna were hitting on everything! Coming back to the dock by 2PM, they already had 8 yellowfin tuna in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Sunday was a fun-day for tuna! Angler Levi Baum holds 2 of the 8 yellowfin tuna the crew picked over the day in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing with Seth Rohrbaugh, Denny Mann, Daniel Parrish and Kevin & Bob Baum. They were on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey at the helm and mates Eric Strauss and Mario Rosales.



Capt. Jason Mumford with mate Ethan Nock know where to find the big ones. They were working the south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague Island with angler Claire Weinstein from Green Lane, PA when she landed this 20" flounder using white Otter Tails with a minnow.

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 This advertisement features several pieces of clothing with the Coastal Fisherman logo. The logo includes a blue fish jumping over a red and white striped banner with the text "COASTAL FISHERMAN" and "Maryland, Delaware, Virginia" above it. The items shown include:

- A large light blue t-shirt with the full logo.
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- A dark blue t-shirt with the logo.
- A dark blue tank top with the logo.
- A bright pink tank top with the logo.

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Last Friday really saw the yellowfin tuna bite turn on and the consistently top tuna boat "Marli" was early on the action bringing in their limit of tuna from just behind the Rockpile. Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Danny Prettyman also got angler Hunter Pfeiffer onto one of the first mahi of the season found in 125 fathoms. Rounding out the crew from White Hall, MD were Ken, Joe and Gretchen Pfeiffer with Jeff and Justin Mangin.

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Charter boat "Last Call" slammed the docks at the Ocean City Fishing Center with yellowfins on Sunday! Queen Anne, MD anglers Haley Powers, Kim Finlay, Albert Kirby, Bill Finlay, Roy Julie and Keith Powers headed to the Washington Canyon to catch these 6 on spreader bars with ballyhoo while fishing with Capt. Frank Pettolina and mate Chris Evans.

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The crew of the "Top Shelf" had a good practice Father's Day outing last Sunday! Capt. Ron Burton and son Matt, John Wooldridge and son Grayson and Ron Hamm with son Brandon were fishing in 60.5° water in the Poor Man's Canyon when the all 3 son's hooked up at the same time. All three boys reeled in, one after another, perfectly. They kept the two larger of the three and released Grayson's (his first tuna). They also reported seeing whales and porpoises throughout the day.



Brandon Van Horn caught the first reported bigeye tuna in Delaware on 6/3 in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on Brandon Ksasiak's yet to be named boat! The eyeball took a purple & black Ilander. Other anglers were Cory Gambacorta, Mike Clay, Steve Redden Jr. and Shane Martin.

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FACTS ABOUT... YELLOWFIN TUNA



- The current I.G.F.A. All Tackle World Record yellowfin tuna weighed 427 lbs. and was caught off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in September 2012.

The yellowfin tuna is among the larger tuna species, reaching weights over 400 pounds, but is significantly smaller than the Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas, which can reach over 990 pounds, and slightly smaller than the bigeye tuna and the southern bluefin tuna.

- The second dorsal fin and the anal fin, as well as the finlets between those fins and the tail, are bright yellow, giving this fish its common name. The second dorsal and anal fins can be very long in mature specimens, reaching almost as far back as the tail and giving the appearance of sickles. The pectoral fins are also longer than the bluefin tuna, but not as long as those of the longfin albacore. The main body is a very dark metallic blue, changing to silver on the belly, which has about 20 vertical lines.
- Yellowfin tuna are epipelagic fish that inhabit the mixed surface layer of the ocean above the thermocline in 65 to 88-degree water. Sonic tracking has found that although yellowfin tuna, unlike the related bigeye tuna, mostly range in the top 330 ft. of the water column and penetrate the thermocline relatively infrequently, they are capable of diving to considerable depths. An individual fish tagged in the Indian Ocean with an archival tag spent 85% of its time in depths shallower than 246 ft., but was recorded making dives to 3,810 ft.
- Yellowfin tuna often travel in schools with similarly sized companions. They sometimes school with other tuna species and mixed schools of smaller yellowfin and skipjack tuna. They are often associated with various species of dolphins or porpoises, as well as with larger marine creatures such as whales and whale sharks. They also associate with drifting flotsam such as logs and pallets, and sonic tagging indicates some follow moving vessels

Spawning occurs throughout the year with the peak during summer months. They typically reach weights of slightly over 8 lbs. after only 18 months.

- Yellowfin tuna prey include other fish, pelagic crustaceans and squid. Like all tunas, their body shape is particularly adapted for speed, enabling them to pursue and capture fast-moving baitfish such as flying fish, sauries, and mackerel. Schooling species such as myctophids or lanternfish and similar pelagic driftfish, anchovies, and sardines are frequently taken. Large yellowfins prey on smaller members of the tuna family such as frigate mackerel and skipjack tuna. In turn, yellowfin are preyed upon when they are young by other pelagic hunters, including larger tuna, seabirds and predatory fish such as wahoo, shark and billfish. Adults are threatened only by the largest and fastest hunters, such as toothed whales, particularly the false killer whale, pelagic sharks such as the mako and great white shark, large Atlantic blue marlin, Pacific blue marlin and black marlin. The main source of mortality, however, is industrial tuna fisheries.

Yellowfins are able to escape most predators, because unlike most fish, tuna are warm-blooded and their warm muscles make them extremely strong swimmers, with speeds of up to 50 miles per hour. They can navigate enormous distances, sometimes crossing entire oceans.

- Yellowfin tuna have a typical lifespan of 8 years.

Source:
Wikipedia.com



5 year old James Prociuk is in the club now that he has landed his first keeper flounders ever! He found these 2 in the Thorofare with the largest at 20" while fishing with his dad Chris and Capt. David Caffrey on the charter "On The Run". Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Brittany Kidd is all smiles with this 19½" doormat she caught while on a half day trip on the headboat "Miss Ocean City" using squid.

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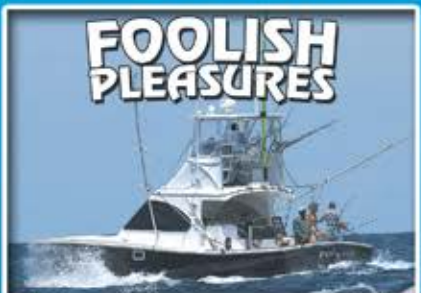


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Big tilefish were the name of the game on June 6th with jumbo golden tiles reported up and down the coast. Angler Andrew Salle from Chambersburg, PA pulled this 48.6 lb. golden from the deep while fishing with Capt. Dale Lisi and mate Ricky Adkins on the charter boat "Foolish Pleasure". Even with the electric reel it still took almost 30 minutes to get this one to the boat! Fishing with Andrew were Colin Stouffer, KJ Lee, William Neyer, Elijah Reed and Mikah Funk. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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There was quite a commotion at the OC Fishing Center on June 7th with 2 large thresher sharks hitting the scale within minutes of each other! Connor Williamson from Ashburn, VA connected with this 405 lb. shark 2 miles north of the Great Eastern Reef in 92 ft. of water using a whole mackerel.



It was a battle royale late last week for the title of 'First Fish - Mahi'. Our 1st reported catch was on Friday, but soon after we got reports of 2 caught the day before! After a review of catch times, it was angler Michael Seicke on the "Second Chance" that secured the coveted title! Fishing with Bill Hubbard, Brad Hubbard, Kevin Seicke and Brad Hubbard, the crew ended the day with a total of 4 dolphin and 6 yellowfin tuna.

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Tuna fishing runs in the Hoos family, and it was 7 year old Mark "Trey" Hoos time to join the club! He landed this 35 lb. bluefin, his first ever, while fishing with dad Mark Hoos Jr. on the "Playmate". Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.



There was quite a commotion at the OC Fishing Center on June 7th when two large thresher sharks hitting the scale within minutes of each other! Connor Williamson from Ashburn, VA connected with this 405 lb. thesher 2 miles north of the Great Eastern Reef in 92 ft. of water using a whole mackerel, It took an hour and a half to get it to the boat! He was fishing with his grandfather Bruce Williamson on the charter boat "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jacob Bialk. Pictured at the tournament scales at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Tom Foolery and shenanigans were afoot when these anglers returned from the Washington Canyon with 5 nice yellowfin tuna! This was a company trip for Applied Equipment Solutions with employees Jacob Wainglass, John Immordino, Dan Henderson and Kris Leffew with Dr. Ozzie Nicaastro. They were fishing on the charter boat "The Zipper" with Capt. Zip Zajdel with mates Eddie Zajdel and Dominic DeSanto. Trolling in 69° water and 200 fathoms they found this set of tuna using ballyhoo and artificial lures with Dr. Ozzie winning the prize for largest fish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Storms, lightning, more storms and more lightning followed by the end of the week power plant implosion... what a week! Luckily the end of the week calmed down a little, giving us a nice weekend and some great fishing when you could get out.

Flounder

Flounder really turned on in the ocean this week with big hauls of keepers coming from the Old Grounds as well as the nearby coral patches. Tyler Tribbitt took brother Matt out fishing on the Old Grounds for his birthday and were rewarded with limits of big flounder and sea bass. Although they released many back to the ocean to be caught another day, they did keep a few nice sized flounder and sea bass for dinner. Fish were caught on mostly Gulp with a few on squid and

minnows along with cut bunker. Great job to all on the "Rock On" boat. Teresa Spence ran out of Lewes to some inshore structure and slammed the flounder. They reported the water finally hitting 64 degrees and the fish were much more aggressive and eager to strike a bait. Minnows on a fish finder rig was their weapon of choice and a good one it seemed to be. Several other reports from the Old Grounds as well as B Buoy also came in this week with Gulp being the primary bait used. Mike Glanden fished the Indian River bay for a half day trip and came up with 5 nice flatties. Mike says these fish came from 3 different holes that he knows of and that seemed to be the key to finding quality fish. Find the holes off the channel and target them. Using

your depth finder and slow trolling along the edge of the channel is a great way to find deeper holes that many anglers overlook. Tip of the week: Be aware, especially with the storms this week, the channel and bars continue to shift and will open up new spots that you may have never seen before.

Sea Bass

Sea bass are still going strong. Many of the inshore wrecks as well as coral grounds have been hit hard and you will have to wade through several shorts to get a keeper but a nice catch for dinner can be had. Deeper wrecks offshore are still producing some bigger fish but will also need a 30 mile run to get there. For those of you that love and live for sea bass, the run is so worth it. Site 11, although picked over, is still producing some nice fish. Clam and squid

Rockfish, Blues & Trout

This week saw a slow down in rockfish caught both in the surf as well as Indian River. Cut bait and bucktails accounted for most of the undersized catches. I did not receive a lot of keeper reports. Old Inlet Tackle reports keeper rockfish and bluefish, both in the bay, have been slow with very few keepers. They also stated that have received a lot more reports of more trout being caught than bluefish. So the question is, where are the big bluefish? As for sea trout, Ron Beatty of Delmar caught a nice 3.6 lb. weakfish while fishing Indian River this week. The fish was caught on sand fleas and weighed in at Hook'em and Cook'em Tackle. I received reports that sea trout and weakfish were also caught up by the power plant. For those of you who don't live in the back area of the bay and didn't hear the deafening boom at 8 am Saturday, the power plant

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 towers and structure were imploded. If you are one that fishes the back channel of the power plant be aware of this as some debris may have fallen into the water. The water will also be dirty for a few days I'm sure with the clean up going on. Sea trout are fun and can be targeted by any shallow greasy area using a light simbait such as a paddle tail. Early morning or late evening is the best time to go.

Surf Report

A few spots and shad are still in the surf, but kingfish remain the big targeted fish. Blood worms or fish bites are the best bait. Areas up north towards the point look to be the most productive. A few smaller bluefish are being caught but not in the numbers we saw in previous years. Mullet rigs and dual float rigs are the best when targeting bluefish. Whole finger mullet or cut baits should be used. The storms we had this week should stir up the surf and will hopefully bring in some more fish this coming week.

Clams & Crabs

Crabs have really gotten good lately. Catches of 10-13 keepers per pot were the average for this week. I saw several very small juvenile crabs coming in the pots this week, a great sign that the spawn was a good one this spring. Clamming is also in full swing with Rehoboth Bay and Holt's Landing being the top spot to rake. Until next week...

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 Bluefish ★	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 Mako Shark	May 28 Michael Eid Fingers 187 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark ★	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	May 28 Wade Sartorial Fingers 309 lbs.
 Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna ★	June 7 Pat Grugan Poor Man's 174 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	May 8 Kevin Mcnelis Thorofare 4.2 lbs.	May 23 Heather Strickland Lewes Canal 4.08 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	June 5 William Londron Ocean Structure 3 lb. 3 oz.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Yellowfin Tuna ★	June 14 Rodney Murray 800 Square 84 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin ★	June 11 Hunter Pfeiffer Rockpile 19 lbs.	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	★ June 9 Ron Beatty Indian River Inlet 3.6 lbs.	 White Marlin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Fishing pals Mike Alvarez of Laurel and Greg Neiman of Glenelg, MD had a good day on the Ocean City Bay last Wednesday. They were fishing on the "100% On Board" by the Rt. 50 Bridge when Greg fooled this 19½" flounder with a bull minnow.



It was time for the first tuna trip of the season and charter boat "Strike Zone" out of Lewes, DE made the most of it. Anglers Jimmy Albany, Sean Doyle, John Ortiz and friends were in the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Chris Keller trolling pink spreader bars! They went 6 for 6 on bluefin tunas up to 38 lbs.

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Why wouldn't you smile if you were holding 5 nice size keeper flounder? The south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague Island is often the location of these doormats and Capt. Jason Mumford with mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break" knows these waters well. Anglers Zach McGee and Robert Clar from Rochester, NY caught these on Otter Tail Split Tails with minnows on the outgoing tide. Three of the fish were over 20" with the largest at 22½".

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