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It's no secret that flounder fishing on ocean reefs and wrecks has been spectacular this season, both in quantity and quality of fish being caught. Kenny Dodson of Ocean View, DE followed up the 8 lb. 4 oz. flounder he boated earlier this month with this 8 lb. 8 oz. flattie muscled in while fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The 26 3/4-inch fish was caught on a skirted rig tipped with flounder belly at the Old Grounds. The flounder was 1 of 2 caught by Kenny during the trip. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City, MD.



Jack Conway, Sr. of New York, NY, George Merrick of Dagsboro, DE, Josh Gessler of Media, PA, Jack Conway, Jr. of New York, NY, Jacob Webb of Lewes, DE and Tommy Gessler of Media, PA boated 2 bigeyes and 9 yellowfin while fishing in the Washington Canyon just before dark. They then headed down to the Poor Man's Canyon where they picked up a longfin albacore and 4 white marlin releases. The bigeyes weighed 185 and 236 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jerry Dodd and Dick Anderson are leaping out of their skin with joy after catching this pair of big flounder while fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. Both fish were caught on strips of squid at a natural reef. Jerry's flounder weighed 4 lbs. 12 oz. and Dick's tipped the scale at an even 5 lbs.

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This 25 1/2-inch flounder fell at the hands of Mary Leiby of Philadelphia, PA while fishing at the Old Grounds with squid and minnows. The *paralichthys dentatus* weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Levi Wilders from Dover, PA was fishing with live minnows in the bay at 25th Street when he captured this 19 3/4-inch flounder. Photo courtesy of Bahia Marina.



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Fred Winward, Bo Wilkinson, Paul Daisey, Brandon Blades and Brant Hart teamed up to land 2 bigeye tuna and a dolphin while fishing on the "Stress Reel-ief". The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon and the bigeyes tipped the scale at 156 and 189 lbs.



Victor Ayoub, Randy Helfrich and Rich Harpel were drifting squid and cut bait at the Old Grounds and caught a couple of flounder and 3 sea bass. Photo courtesy of Whitetail Taxidermy & Outdoor Supplies.

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Yellowfin tuna have been snapping for anglers chunking in the Washington Canyon, as shown by this catch on the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Capt. Luke Blume and mates John Griffith and Travis Brown. The anglers ended up with their limit of 21 in the box. Fishing on the "White Lightning" were Dave Buckley, Rick Klein and Kenny Hassinger, all from Gettysburg, PA and Paul Ferreri from Cordova, MD. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Michael Hartzell, Jeff Smoot, Chris Vinson, Robert Sweeney, David Crocket and Matt Hopkins, took an overnight, offshore fishing trip sponsored by the USO for wounded soldiers and were rewarded with a 248 lb. bigeye tuna and 15 yellowfins while trolling and chunking in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Will Hathaway and Doug Jacobs. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Although this is the last issue of the *Coastal Fisherman* for the season, the fishing action around Ocean City and out in the canyons is far from over.

Flounder

It was a good week for flounder fishing, especially if you ventured out to ocean structure. The Old Grounds, in particular, produced some fantastic catches of flatties for anglers who wanted to make the 16 mile run.

Pat Hurley's anglers on the "Slack Grabber" had multiple days at the Old Grounds where they returned with their limit of flounder weighing up to 4 lbs. I spoke to Pat on Sunday and he said that rigs with silver blades and red hooks were definitely the hot set-up. When it comes to bait, nothing has been outproducing flounder and mahi belly. Anglers have been able to catch fish with Gulp! Swimming Mulletts or scented Z-Man baits, but bellies were the primo bait to nab sizable flounder.

The largest flounder landed this week was Kenny Dodson's 8 lb. 8 oz. flattie caught at the Old Grounds. Several other fish over 5 lbs. were caught throughout the week, including Mike Kinder's 6 pounder caught at an artificial reef while mating on the "Morning Star".

In the bay, flounder fishing



Tommy Hall of West Ocean City, MD took a trip to the Baltimore Canyon on the "Nontypical" with Terry Layton, Andy Smelter and Jim Hughes (pictured) and was rewarded with this white marlin, estimated at 50-60 lbs. The anglers also boated some nice size dolphin, weighing up to 25 lbs.

wasn't bad and some big ones were caught, primarily by anglers drifting in the East Channel like Chad Tate's 25-inch, 6 lb. flattie caught on a 4-inch, chartreuse Gulp! near Bird Island. Other anglers were able to land big ones fishing both north and south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Although the East Channel is a popular spot, don't forget to work the edges of the West Channel as well, especially south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Also keep in mind that these fish are still staging for their migration to ocean structure, so look for those holes along the north wall of the inlet and around the South Jetty.

Bluefish

Snapper bluefish have been in

the surf for a couple of weeks now, and you can also find them around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The big news last week was the 18 lb. chopper caught by Kevin Weber around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Kevin weighed the bluefish on the scale at Bahia Marina, but unfortunately nobody snapped a picture, so we won't be able to see what that monster looked like.

Croaker

Croakers continue to be caught by anglers drifting in the Ocean City Inlet, with stray fish being found in the West Channel as well. Fishbites or Gulp! artificial baits are perfect for these hardheads.

Red Drum

Anglers fishing around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge are still hooking up with both red and black drum. Most of the drum are in the 20 to 24-inch range with fish being caught on sand fleas and cut bait.

Marlin

We saw quite a few marlin

flags flying from boats returning from canyons south of the inlet last week. Although most of our local boats found good results over the weekend in the Washington Canyon and at the Rockpile, the better bite, at least on Sunday, was down in the Norfolk Canyon.

In the middle of the week, we saw white marlin released in the Baltimore Canyon, where the "Sea Slammer" released 6 and the "Billfisher" released 7. On Saturday, the "Billfisher" moved to the Rockpile and racked up 13 white marlin releases. Sunday saw numerous local billfish boats head south with releases at the Rockpile by the "Grande Pez" (6), "Reel Joy" (5) and the "Billfisher" (3). The "Odinspear" released 4 white marlin at the Washington Canyon where the "Keep Er Wet" returned earlier from an overnigher with a blue marlin release, estimated at 250 lbs. Early in the week, the "Marli" also recorded a blue marlin release in the Washington Canyon, with theirs estimated at 400 lbs.

Tuna

Although yellowfin tuna dominated the action for the week, we also saw quite a few bigeye tuna show up at the scale as well. All of the tuna action centered in the Washington Canyon where boats continued to spot whales in their tuna hole.

The "Restless Lady" had a heckuva week for both bigeyes and yellowfins. On Tuesday, they returned from an overnight trip with 3 bigeyes and their limit of yellowfins. On Wednesday, they added another 3 bigeyes to the tally along with 24 more yellowfins, and on Monday, they came back from an overnight trip with yellowfins and a 72-inch, 248 lb. bigeye. Quite a week!

A couple of other notable bigeye catches last week were the "Playmate" with 4 eyeballs on

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Thursday in the Washington Canyon, the "No Quarter", who returned on Monday with their 20th bigeye of the season and the "Chain Reaction" who boated a 246 pounder on Sunday while trolling in the Washington.

Last week, boat after boat returned to the dock with their limit of yellowfin tuna. Although the vast majority were caught while chunking, a few were caught on the troll as well. The best bite seemed to occur between noon and 3:00 PM and then again right before dark. Several captains reported the fish being thick and coming right up to the back of the boat, providing anglers with quite a show. The "Marli", "That's Right", "Fugitive", "Playmate", "No Quarter", "Restless Lady" and "Reel Chaos" all had days with over 20 yellowfins in the box (sorry if I missed anyone). Amazingly enough, not only did most boats return with their limit of yellowfins, but many released as many as 50 more during their trip. If you want to get in on the action, NOW is the time to book a local charter boat.

Wahoo

A couple of wahoo were caught last week. On Wednesday, the "Reel Attitude" boxed a 65 pounder in 50 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and on Sunday, "The Stacey" brought one back from the Poor Man's Canyon.

Thanks

With this being the final *Coastal Fisherman* of the season, I want to thank some folks who make it all possible. First, thanks to our advertisers who support us all year. We really appreciate the business and hope that all of our readers make a special effort to support the advertisers who

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Thanks to the tackle shops who make the time to take photos of their customers catches and send us pictures every week.

Thanks to all the dockhands and the mates who help set-up the fish for our pictures. I'm sure the last thing they want to do is sling around fish after a long trip, but their efforts certainly make for a better picture, and I thank them.

A big "thank you" to our columnists, Sue Foster, Steve Katz, Pat Schrawder, Mark Sampson, Julie Ball, Joe Morris and others who contributed quality news materials for our readers. It takes a lot of work to come up with a column every week, and I really appreciate their efforts.

I cannot thank my team at the *Coastal Fisherman* enough for their tireless work every week. They go at it strong from April through September, and I would be lost without them. Daina Behe, my parents, Maureen and Larry Jock, my wife, Mary and son, Larry III make up an incredible, hard working team and I thank God for them every day.

Finally, thank you to our readers. Their loyalty to the *Coastal Fisherman* is unmatched when it comes to publications and we appreciate all the nice comments we receive almost every week. It's great to know that what you are doing is enjoyed and appreciated and we love bringing you the *Coastal Fisherman* each week.

Here's wishing everyone a successful and safe rest of the fishing season. Keep an eye out for the first *Coastal Hunter* that will hit the stands on October 1st and then again on January 15th.

This "Paperboy" is now off looking for flounder and stripers!

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Jack Strouse caught and released his 1st blue marlin while fishing with Burton Witcraft and John Monroe on the "Stick2It" in the Baltimore Canyon. The blue marlin was estimated at 200 lbs.

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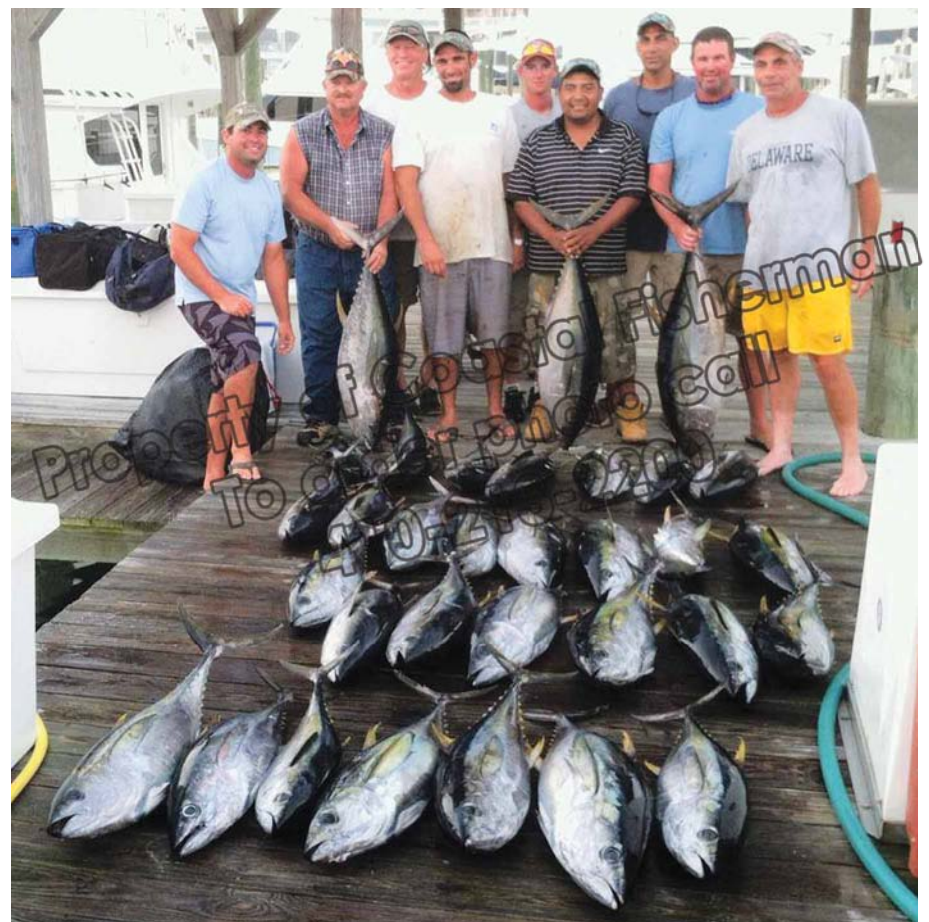
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Joel Mueller from Florham Park, NJ was fishing with a Spro bucktail tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait when he hooked into these 2 flounder while fishing on the head boat, "Judy V." with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. The largest flounder weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was caught at "B" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Geoff McCloskey muscled in this 61.1 lb. wahoo while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Geoff was fishing with Nick Krayer, Brian Petka and Phil Falgowski. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Bob Sanderson from Dover, DE caught this 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder while drifting a squid and minnow combination at Site 11. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Natalie O'Neill from Lutherville, MD caught this 26-inch flounder during a trip on the head boat, "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Roger Meekins. The 4 lb. 3 oz. flatie was caught on a cut bait and squid combination, just southeast of "A" Buoy and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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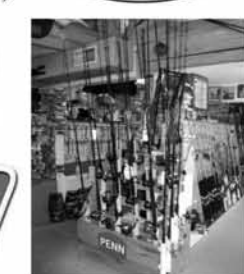
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It's the last *Coastal Fisherman* of the season! What was this year like? What are anglers saying?

Like always, I've had customers say it was the worst year they've ever had, while others say it was great!

It was a slow start and a chilly spring. I know our business was pretty quiet this spring and so were others. We were happy to have a 16-inch flounder size and figured we'd really mug up on keeper flounder this summer. We even spent time worrying what would happen if we over-caught our quota by the middle of the summer. Well, we didn't have to worry about that!

Once flounder started biting in the bay, we had a pretty fair year of catching them, but nothing like we expected. We had some really good days fishing in the bay, some so-so days, and some terrible days. Averaging it all out, I'd say it was an OK bay flounder season but nothing spectacular. With a 16-inch size limit, we should have been limiting out every day!

Some people thought that a certain percentage of flounder stayed offshore because of the cold spring and never came into the bay. That's making sense now, because suddenly flounder catches have been fantastic offshore on artificial reef sites. The further offshore, the larger the fish. Ocean-going party boats have been really

happy about that because offshore sea bass fishing got slow towards the end of the summer, and the croaker run has not been what we'd like to see.

Speaking of croaker, usually we have a nice run of them in the bay towards the end of July that lasts into the mid-to-third week of August. This didn't happen this year. Occasionally anglers would get into some croaker, but they were running really small. We had some action out at Russell's Reef towards the end of the season, so maybe they'll turn on yet. I think it's too late to turn on in the bay though... but maybe.

A lot of the local anglers living around the Route 54 Bridge had a surprise summer of catching big croaker and puppy drum right out their back door! Anglers were weighing in puppy drum all summer from those areas up there. Last week, we started seeing some of these puppy drum catches around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge. My prediction is that it will be a good fall for catching puppy drum along with a mix of black drum from the Rt. 50 Bridge, Inlet, Oceanic Pier, Ocean Pier, and from the surf. Last fall, we had a really good drum run in the surf in October and November.

Speaking of the surf, we had one of the best years I ever remember in history of kingfish catches. (That's Northern and



Russ Bowen from Forest Hill, MD took advantage of the great red drum bite that anglers have been experiencing for most of the summer, capturing this 25-inch, 5 lb. redfish on a Gulp! artificial bait in the bay behind 129th Street. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

Southern Whiting!) We've been in business since 1980 and I have never sold so many bloodworms and Fishbite bloodworms in a single summer. Anglers that had never caught a fish in the surf could easily catch kingfish and Norfolk spot. Bluefish were almost non-existent and the only things big in the surf were sharks and skates. If anglers were happy catching small pan fish, they were happy, happy, happy!

Our striper run in the surf this year was not what it was in the past. Usually we have a good run in May. It was only fair, probably because of the weather. Hopefully we'll have a good run this fall. Anglers last week had some surprise catches of early stripers from the surf in Fenwick Island and Inlet fishermen said they saw schools of small stripers breaking the surface in the inlet. That's a good sign.

We did have an excellent black drum run on Assateague this spring! Anglers were using orange Fishbites and sand fleas. Hopefully we'll see some more of them this fall.

Bluefish started biting in the surf the first week of September.

They were also chomping at Gotcha Plugs tossed from the Route 50 Bridge. Let's hope they stick around and give anglers some action in the surf and from the piers. The summer itself was slow on bluefish from the Rt. 50 Bridge at night. Usually, we can't keep Gotcha Plugs on the shelf, and besides a few weeks in the early summer, the bluefish action was quiet. The Gotcha Plugs were getting dusty along with the big swimming shad lures for stripers. Night action was mostly small to medium-sized sea trout (weakfish) and shad with a few schoolie stripers mixed in. We sold a lot of Spec Rigs!!!

Speaking of trout, they seem to be coming back. We had a lot of reports from the Oceanic Pier all summer long that the trout were biting. Towards the end of the summer, some good-sized ones were being caught. Since anglers can only keep one, it's more of a "sport" than a fish fry. Delaware anglers saw quite a few as well. I caught half dozen small ones from the Ocean Pier last week and an angler called me up to say he caught some in the surf.

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in the bay and surf this year. Eating-sized spot! Many anglers were disappointed that the spot were not small enough for flounder fishing. With fall coming up, they'll be just fine for striped fishing!

A lot of youngsters were happy with the spot, small croakers and other panfish such as ocean perch and small flounder that were caught from the Northside Park at 125th Street. Many a child caught their first fish up there. Crabbing was decent in that area also until about mid-August when it slowed down. Usually crabbing picks back up in mid-September until October when the crabs start migrating.

Speaking of Northside Park, it's a free fishing zone so anglers fishing there with their children did not have to buy a fishing license. So is the 2nd through 4th Street Bulkhead along with the Oceanic Pier and the Ocean Pier. Ocean City is blessed to have these four areas where anglers do not have to buy a license. As long as the two pay piers are manned, they are free zones. (You do have to pay to get on the piers.) A lot of vacationers that want to "try" fishing frequent these areas.

As anticipated, we had a tremendous flow of vacationers from New Jersey and New York this year that were here for the first time. Many of the beaches up north were still damaged by Hurricane Sandy and many anglers and vacationers came to Ocean City, MD for the first time. I'd like to thank the Town Of Ocean City for promoting our area. They did a great job and we stayed busy all summer once the weather straightened out.

Speaking of thanking people, I'd like to thank Larry Jock for putting out the best fishing newspaper ever. I'd like to thank all my readers and all my customers for patronizing our stores. I'd especially like to thank all my employees who worked especially hard this busy season.

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This group of anglers ventured down from Pittsburgh, PA and spent a 1/2-day fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. They ended their day with 5 flounder in the box after drifting Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel. Their largest fish measured 19-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Michael Getto, Michelle Getto, Maria Getto, Bill Garrison and Billy Garrison.

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Kim and Mike Majcher came 1 fish shy of their limit, landing 7 flatties while fishing all over the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island. The fish measured between 16 3/4 and 21 1/2-inches and were caught on mullet, Gulp! and minnow combinations.



Ron Capone has absolutely crushed the black drum this season and on this day he captured 3 while fishing with clams at Massey's Landing. Ron's largest fish measured 26-inches and weighed 10 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Georges Chaveca took the trek down from Canada to do some fishing with his brother, Gerry Chaveca, and was rewarded with 2 flounder measuring 17 and 20-inches. Georges caught the flatties on live minnows in the Thorofare during the outgoing tide.

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The "No Quarter" returned on Monday with their 20th bigeye of the season, this one caught by Frank Claycomb in the Washington Canyon. In addition to the 170 lb. bigeye, the anglers captured 23 yellowfins and recorded a white marlin release during the trip. Fishing with Capt. Kyle Peet and mates Jimmy Hukill and Drake Cropper were Rob Willis, who released the white marlin, Chris Claycomb, Chuck Morrison, Nick Edwards and Chris Grabowski. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Wayne Gower of Baltimore, MD caught his limit of 4 flounder while fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The flounder, weighing up to 4 lbs., were caught on cut bait at an ocean wreck.

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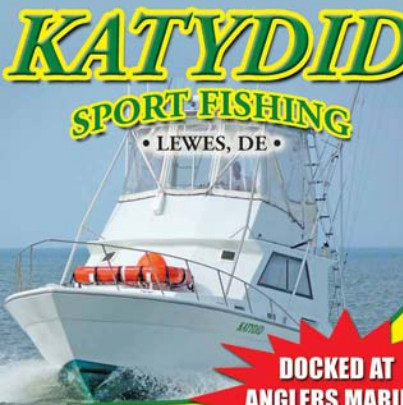
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Anglers on the "Lady J" returned from an overnight trip to the Baltimore Canyon with 5 bigeye tuna in the box, the largest weighing 237 lbs. Pictured back at the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Steve and Matt Magassy, Brian Shulman, Matt Franz, Barry Kopit and Ron Bornick.

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When Dennis Muhlenforth of Hockessin, DE (second from left) wasn't in the penalty box for elbowing fellow anglers, he landed a 5 lb. 8 oz. flounder during a trip aboard the party boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Also pictured is Willie Thomas of Easton, MD (22"), Don Brenneman of York, PA (22") and Tom Lane of Germantown, MD (20"). All of the fish were caught on a variety of bait at an ocean wreck.

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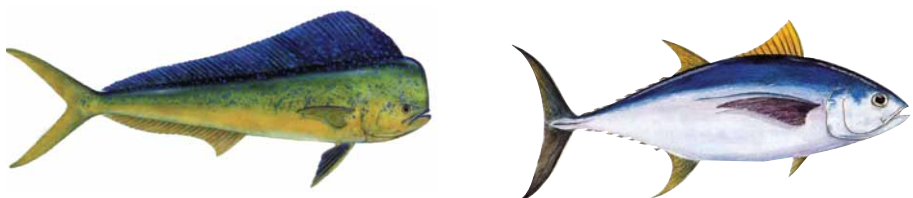
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This group from Wells Fargo took a trip on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mate Brian Behe and had a great day in the Washington Canyon highlighted by Joe Brach releasing a sailfish and Jason Lerner releasing a white marlin during the trip. They were joined by Santana Lacerda, Darnell Boyce, Marion Hashim, Lewis Waller, Zach Hosford, Nick Christiansen, David Rossiello (not pictured), Mike MacCubbin, Ayaz Rahemanji (not pictured), Mac Butt and Doug Morton. The group also teamed up to catch 16 yellowfins on the chunk.

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Yellowfin and bigeye tuna are still snappin' as shown by this catch during an overnight trip aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Will Hathaway. The anglers ended up with 3 bigeye tuna, weighing 158, 168 and 217 lbs., and 24 yellowfin tuna. All were caught while trolling and chunking in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Tommy Frederick of Ocean City, MD landed this 4 lb. flounder while fishing a strip of squid at an ocean wreck. Tommy was fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.

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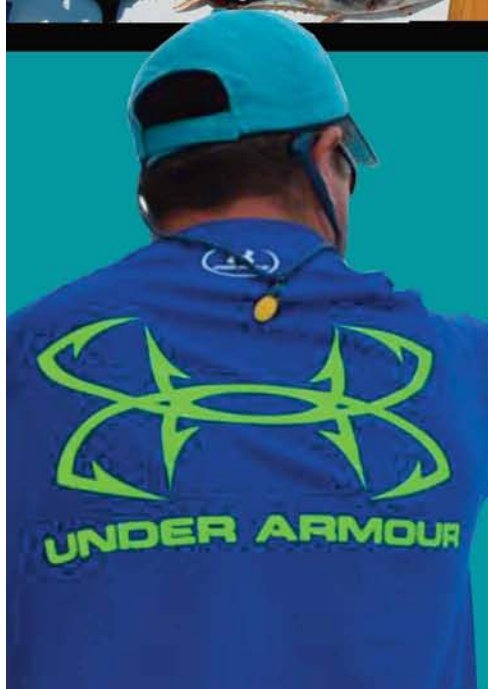
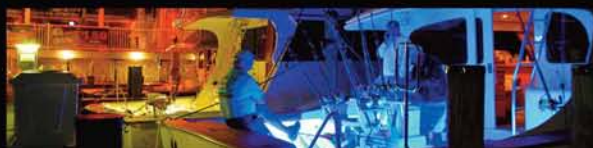


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Members of this group of flounderaholics have had some fantastic days flounder fishing on offshore structure as shown by this limit of 16 flatties caught at the Old Grounds. The fish were hooked on bucktails tipped with Gulp! Swimming Mullets, with the largest measuring 24-inches. Pictured are Pat Hurley, John Rowe, Steve Spindler and Joe Hurley, who caught the biggest flounder during the trip. Pictured back at Sunset Provisions.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Well, this is the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman for the season, but it looks like fishing is still in full swing. Flounder are staging up to make their migration to ocean structure, bluefish are starting to show up in better numbers, drum continue to attack live bait and lures in the inlets and yellowfin action in the Washington Canyon has really turned on. Marlin have been hit or miss, with the better bite showing up all the way down in the Norfolk Canyon this past weekend. Now all we need is an early arrival for stripers and everyone will be



happy.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina reported that the local fishing community lost a well respected friend last week with the passing of Joe Walker. Joe said, "Joe Walker was a regular at the dock every summer, in pursuit of his passion, catching flounder. Through many years of



It's hard to believe that bigeye tuna are still snapping, but as shown by this catch on the "Fish Whistle" with Capt. Charlie Horning, they are still here for the catching. Greg Hutton and Steve Schad of South River, MD, Rick Peters of Annapolis, MD and Bill McMahon of Lewes, DE teamed up to land this 241 lb. eyeball and 6 yellowfin tuna while fishing in the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

learning by paying attention to elements that made fish bite, Joe had become a very proficient angler. His intuition put him where he needed to be at the prime time, telling him to stop the boat 'when the water was right'. Joe's skill led to numerous citation size fluke each season, earning him the reputation as a 'Flounder Guru'. His most prized accomplishment was landing a 32-inch, 13.6 pound doormat from a Delaware Bay reef site back in July of 2006 that was

featured on the cover of the *Coastal Fisherman*. Even though Joe dished out a little good natured ribbing to his fishing buddies when he'd have the biggest flattie of the day, he was a modest man, willing to share knowledge he'd gathered. Joe cherished his family and friends, and was quite generous. His sons Joe, Dave and Michael benefitted greatly from the example of their father. Joe honored and loved his wife and daughters. He enjoyed countless good times with his fishing and hunting cronies, "Uncle Tom" Coyle and Bobby Bryant. Joe delighted in taking his grandchildren fishing, even

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when they were no longer little kids. He fretted whenever he invited members of his gun club for a day on the Delaware Bay, trying to make sure everything was taken care of so they'd experience the best trip possible. Joe's attention to details made him a very successful business person too. His family-run Marcus Hook Florist has always received praises from customers who describe it as exceptional in every respect. Joe will truly be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. And, there just might be a record flounder out there Joe hadn't gotten to yet, sighing with relief."

The ocean flounder bite continued to be good when the wind let up enough for boats to make it out. Flatfish have been staging on structure of the Old Grounds, and along the channel edges between "DB" Buoy and the Delaware Light. Captain Brent's flukers aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" endured rough seas on Thursday, but were rewarded with 26 quality keeper flatties. Many of them weighed between 5 and 6 pounds. The weather broke Sunday and it looked as busy as Times Square on the flounder grounds, with many boats out to take advantage of the promising conditions. Mike Newsham, Mason Newsham, Geoff Klopp and Frank Stiles limited out with 16 real pretty fish by lunch time on Sunday aboard the "Local Girl". Five of the fluke were over 5 pounds and Mason managed a 7.4 pound citation doormat. Doug Mickowski muscled in a magnum 8.25 pound flatfish while drifting squid and smelt near "DB" as well. Captain Carey's Sunday group harvested 20 keeper flounder aboard "Grizzly" at the Old Grounds.

In the Delaware Bay, keeper fluke were harder to come by. However, some were intercepted around structure as they made their move out of the Delaware



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Bay. Shea Lindale and Nate Evans deployed live spot near the Inner Wall on Wednesday to capture their limit of eight plump flounder.

Panfish remain plentiful in the Bay, with an assortment of croakers, kingfish, blowfish, trout, triggerfish, porgies, spot and bluefish. The best concentrations of bottomfish occurred on the Star Site and The Shears, and also between Reefs 6 and 7 and The Lower Middle. Captain Vince on the "Miss Kirstin" found blues feeding under diving gulls at Brown Shoal on Saturday and his guys put 32 in the box.

Size of the croakers has improved, with a few reaching "Cadillac" proportions. The "Angler" headboat had hardheads up to 17-inches on a couple trips and most patrons took home keeper trout on Sunday.

Spot have been big this season too, and some real beauties were taken in the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River with bloodworms and Fishbites. Folks at Cape Henlopen Pier got in on the hot spot action too. Clyde Gardner caught 75 slab sides

from the Pier on Tuesday and 72 more on Wednesday.

Pompano were reported from the Pier over the weekend. Surfcasters at the point of Cape Henlopen caught snapper blues with cut fresh mullet.

On the offshore scene, chunkers were still finding good numbers of tuna in the Washington Canyon. Crews tossing butterfish and utilizing light fluorocarbon leaders caught limits of yellowfins among whales in 200 fathoms during the daylight. Greg, Chris and Nicholas Wagner teamed up for 8 yellowfins in 500 fathoms of the Washington on Wednesday night. Trollers working among pods of whales the last hours of daylight or at dawn in the Washington and Wilmington Canyons hooked bigeyes. It's been one of the best "eyeball" seasons many offshore anglers remember.

Billfish, wahoo and sharks were also reported by crews trolling the Canyons. Captain Mike Faust and the boys on "Chasin' Tail" released a pair of whites trolling between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons, and Jimmy Yingling bested a 133

pound mako on that same excursion. Mike Trestka took a mako on Sunday in the Poor Man's aboard the charter boat, Lil' Angler II. Also on Sunday, Hank Draper and his buddies worked 76-degree water in 70 fathoms around the 090 line of the Poor Man's where they released a 108-inch blue marlin, estimated at over 400 pounds. In addition, they boated four longfins in the 35 to 40 pound class, plus 5 gaffer dolphin. Ed Sigda and the guys aboard the "Snow Goose" trolled the Baltimore Canyon on Sunday for three chunky true albacore, then dropped for a nice batch of blueline tilefish.

Since this is the final column of the season, I want to take this opportunity to thank Bert Adams, Joe Morris, Pockets Baker and Bruce McGuigan for their contributions to this report throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to all the tackle shops for sending us some fantastic pictures of catches made by Delaware anglers this season. It was a great year and all of us at the Coastal Fisherman wish everyone a happy, successful and safe rest of the fishing season.



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Sooner or later, however, it will be time for the local boaters to put their vessels away for 2013. If you didn't have occasion to purchase new equipment this year and you are not taking your boat south, this is not the time to buy anything. You will lose valuable months of warranty. However, it is time to access what you have and take some precautions to protect your equipment over the winter.

Many of you shrink wrap your boat for the winter and that is an excellent way to protect everything but your electronic equipment. The shrink wrapping traps moisture and the temperature variations, particularly if it is in direct sunlight, can create some real corrosion problems. It is best, whenever possible, to remove all of the equipment displays you can and store them in a cool, dry place. Be sure to clean them up first or take them to an electronics shop to do it for you.

Hopefully you remembered not to clean your LCD display screen(s) with anything other than a microfiber cloth. Even doing that, they can still get

pretty grungy. One product came out this year made especially for cleaning LCD screens and I really like it. CRC Visiclear™ Display Cleaner is an aerosol spray foam that CRC says can be applied directly to your LCD screen and then wiped off with that microfiber cloth. I have tried it and it works well. The foam does not run down but stays right where you sprayed it. It can be used not only on your marine equipment but also on your computer screens and LCD television sets. You can find more information on this product and other items for marine use at their web site: www.crcindustries.com.

As we look towards the next season, it's usually pretty predictable insofar as what items will be likely to come along, but recent years have not followed that pattern. The generally sluggish economy has had an impact on many manufacturers and it does not appear that a great deal of money is being put into research and development. One thing we can expect is the continuing expansion of the use of touch screens and wireless communications between your marine equipment and other personal items such as Smartphones and tablets. Flexibility and the ability to add items to your marine electronics package as you go along seems to be the trend. For example, if you are looking into a new GPS/plotter, check to see what else can be added to it. Can you add radar by just purchasing a



Mike Mewshaw, Gene Hazzard and Ronnie Minnich teamed up to land this 233.4 lb. mako shark while trolling in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The mako attacked a black and purple Hlander/ballyhoo combination and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

top unit scanner or radome? Can you add weather fax or sound systems? Make plans for next year.

So what can we expect for 2014? At one time, boaters were reluctant to use one display for multiple uses for fear of losing everything if the display went out, but these units have proven to be very reliable, so now folks are looking for the maximum in integration of multiple items. It will be interesting to see if Airmar comes out with CHIRP technology transducers in

smaller, transom-mounted transducers. That will open up the superior detailing of fish finders to more and more boaters. I'll be looking with great interest to see what comes along. I know that late January and early February will be the benchmark dates for whatever is new for 2014. I wish you all a safe and healthy winter.

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Cheryl Hanna of Dover, DE caught and released this white marlin while fishing on the “Fish Whisperer” with Rodney Jones and Jon Little. The white was hooked on a skirted ballyhoo in the Poor Man’s Canyon.



The crew on the “Chain Reaction” took an overnight trip to the Washington Canyon on Saturday night where Tim Ebersberger caught this 246 lb. bigeye tuna, and also recorded a white marlin release, both on the troll. Tim was fishing with Capt. Brad Clubb and mates Ross and Grant Clubb. They also caught 4 yellowfins while chunking at night. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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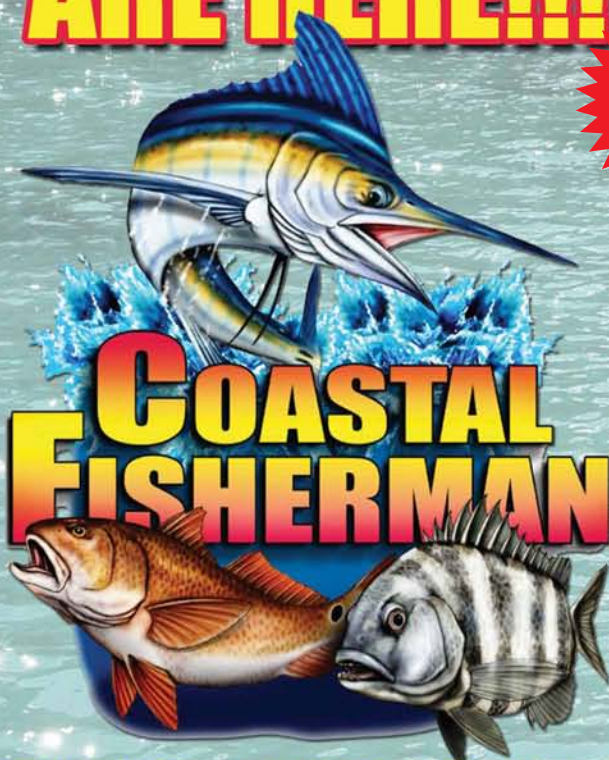


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In the 12th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Memorial Spot Tournament held last Wednesday, 64 anglers competed for cash and prizes and Alex Morton, Johnny Laviola and Colin Dang (inset) shared top honors in the Spot Division with each muscling in a 9-inch spot. Second place, with 8 3/4-inchers, were Breezy Baldwin, Sabrina Pecora, Grace Heimer and Josh Blume. Chris Fortner won the Most Caught Division with 42 fish hooked during the 2 hours of fishing. Breezy Baldwin won the Most Unusual Catch Division with a baby grouper. Top Male Adult Angler was won by Chris Fortner and Top Female Adult Angler honors went to Amanda Ripple. The youngest participants in the tournament were Fisher Zimmerman and Jessica Scrimgeour. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Barry Rozema from Hawthorne, NJ boated this 24-inch flounder after hooking it on a Spro bucktail tipped with a strip of flounder belly at an ocean wreck. Barry was fishing on the party boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike "Muffin" Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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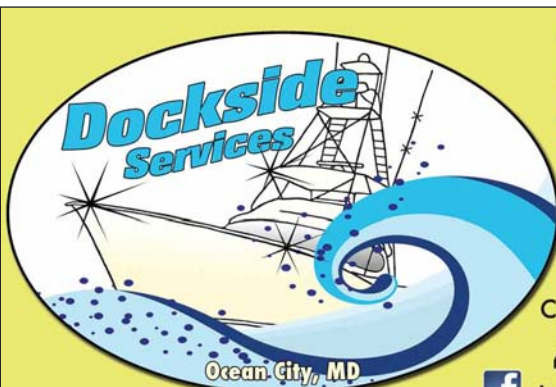
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As a kid first learning about fishing Ocean City's inshore waters, I was always attracted to finding and fishing the deepest parts of the bay. I remember that there were a couple "holes" in particular that dropped from 6-feet to 15-feet in depth that I was always certain would hold the biggest flounder in the bay. After all, it only made sense that the biggest fish would prefer the deepest water from which to both hide from fishermen and ambush their prey. Rarely seeing anyone else fishing these locations, I just knew I'd found a couple little honey-holes that would be my own secret places for big flounder. The problem was, no matter how or when I fished these deep-water haunts I never caught any big flounder. In fact, when I think back about it now I don't recall ever catching even a single fish of any size or type in either of my "secret holes." Never quite understanding why those places didn't produce, I eventually gave up on them and resigned myself to fishing among the rest of the bay-fishermen in the channels and along the edges of the shoals.

It's interesting how things sometimes turn around. Over the last decades or so, I've spent a fair amount time in the winter chasing fish across the shallow-water flats of the Florida Keys, and one thing I learned down there is that there are a lot of very big fish on this planet that

have no problem hanging out in very shallow water. Bringing this knowledge home to Delmarva I've made it a mission to fish and explore not the deepest parts of the bay waters - but some of the shallowest, and over time I've come to know that even though the species are different, a lot of the same kind of skinny-water fishing fun that goes on in south Florida is available to anglers here in our local bays. Flats-fishing on Delmarva? Well, as a matter of fact - yes!

While a lot of local anglers might consider the idea of fishing in 1-3 feet of water not only a bit bizarre but also a total waste of time, let's start by mulling over one obvious point - where are most of the baitfish and other little critters in the bay typically found? Minnows, shiners, mullet, spot, shrimp, mussels, clams, snails, and crabs all poke around the shallow, marshy areas, and you'll find that just about all year such places are almost always loaded up with enough food to keep just about any size fish fat and happy.

What often goes on in these shallow areas is when the tide drops all the way down, the predator fish are forced to move out of the shallowest water up close to banks that might drop down to a depth of foot or less. At the extreme low tide, baitfish can find some sanctuary in the very shallow water as the bigger

fish are pushed out and hold in the 2 to 4-foot zone. Then as the tide begins to rise the predators can be eager to move up with the water and get their shots at food that was previously unreachable.

In the same way that someone will stay out of trouble if they beach their boat when the tide is rising rather than when it's falling, fish don't want to get stranded in the shallows either and so are very sensitive to the movement of the tides and will tend to be more bold about moving into very shallow water when the tide is rising than when it is falling. Therefore, fish that might be found in 1 to 2-feet on a rising tide might move out to 2 to 3-feet as just as soon as the tide starts to fall. They're still in what most would consider "shallow-water," just not as shallow as when the tide is rising.

Therefore, anglers who fish the shallows should concentrate on the shallowest water on the rising tide and move out a bit when it's falling. Keep in mind that fish will often move to the mouths of little creeks and cuts to nab baitfish being washed out with the receding water. On extreme high tides, fish will take advantage of the extra water and often push into places anglers might never expect them to be, like actually "among" the marsh grass, or way up a mosquito ditch.

While fishing the shallows, one must remember that when fish don't have much water over their head they tend to be on high alert for both prey and the danger, so they tend to be spooky and require a stealthy

approach by anglers. This means no banging and clanging on the boat or loud talking, and also requires that boat motors be shut down a hundred yards or so from the fishing location and then poled, paddled, drifted or electric-motored to within casting range.

Once on the scene, anglers can cast whatever bait, lures, jigs or flies they think will be most appropriate for the species they anticipate will be there. Of course, because it's so shallow, offerings should be something that can be worked at a slow to moderate retrieve without getting hung up on the bottom. I've had good luck using floating Mirolure plugs that descend only about a foot when retrieved and small lightweight bucktails. When fly-fishing, I've found that chartreuse, white or pink flies that suspend well will work most of the time.

So what's biting out there on the Delmarva flats you ask? Well, except for the structure fish such as tautog, sea bass and sheepshead, just about any other fish you'd normally expect to find in the back bays can and will, at times, end up in the shallow water. This summer we've had great luck hooking rockfish, redfish (puppy drum), bluefish, and even flounder in 1 to 3-feet of water, not to mention a few needlefish, rays, and believe it or not, one evening I caught a six-inch grouper! I told you the fishing reminded me of Florida!

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



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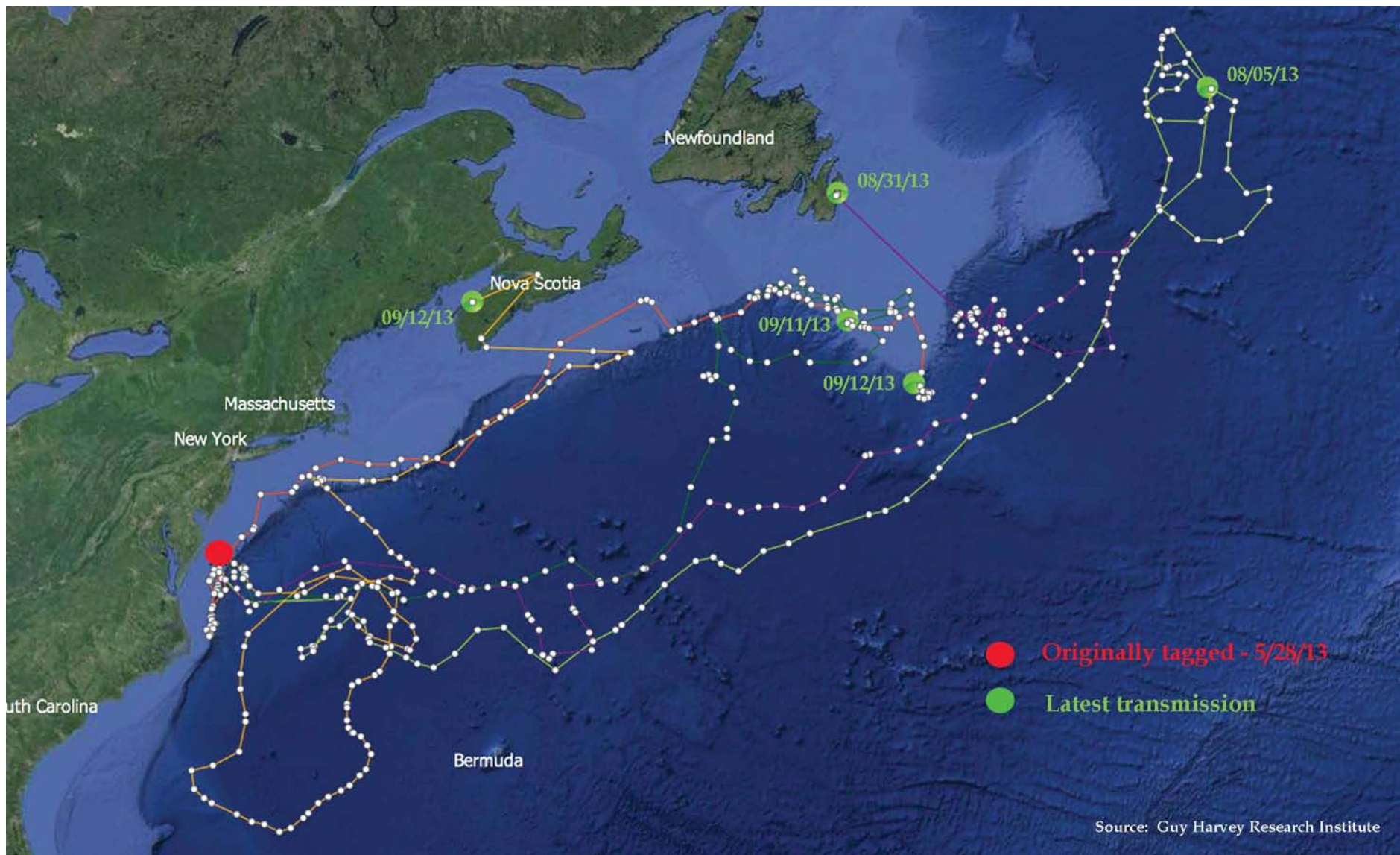
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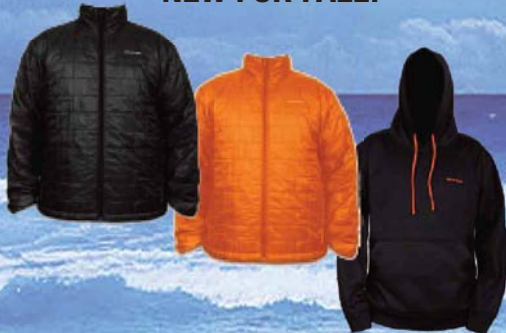
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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Well, another season has come and gone. I hope everyone has enjoyed the recipes this season. I've shifted gears and am hard at work with recipes for the Coastal Hunter that comes out on October 1st.

You can access all of the recipes since 2005 on our website at www.coastalfisherman.net.

Until next season, happy cooking!

Mama Jock

Mahi-Mahi With Cauliflower

- 4 (6 oz.) skinless mahi fillets
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 4 TBSP. unsalted butter

- 1/2 head cauliflower, florets cut into 1/2 in pieces
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 TBSP. fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Lemon wedges, for serving

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Season fish with salt and pepper.

Heat 1 TBSP. butter in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

Sear fish until golden brown on one side.

Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet, cooked side up; roast just until cooked through, about 10

minutes.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining 3 TBSP. butter in the skillet.

Add the cauliflower, cook, stirring until golden brown and crisp-tender.

Add the almonds, raisins, coriander, 1/4 tsp. salt, and pepper to taste.

Cook until almonds are golden.

Remove from heat and stir in the lemon juice and parsley.

Serve with cauliflower and lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Steamed Bluefish

- 4 bluefish fillets
- 3 TBSP. butter
- 2 TBSP. flour
- 1 cup light cream
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. dry sherry
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/8 tsp. red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt
- Dash of paprika

- 1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped

Steam the bluefish by placing a little water in a large frying pan.

Add a buttered cake rack.

Bring water to a boil, place the fillets on the rack, cover and steam until the fish flakes.

Remove to a heated platter and place in oven until the sauce is ready.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter and blend in the flour.

Add cream slowly, blending well.

Add rest of ingredients except sherry and bring to a boiling point.

Add sherry and serve sauce over bluefish fillets.

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1 cup finely diced cored fennel bulb
2 TBSP. minced garlic
2 tsp. Italian seasoning
1/8 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground pepper
1 (14 oz.) can chicken or vegetable broth
1 1/2 cups water
2 cups cooked potatoes, small dice
2 cups crushed tomatoes
1 lb. crabmeat
Oyster crackers

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.

Add onion, fennel bulb, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper; cook, stirring often, until the vegetables are just starting to brown, 6 to 8 minutes.

Add broth, water and potatoes; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until the vegetables are tender, 3 to 5 minutes.

Stir in tomatoes and crab.

Return to a boil, stirring often; immediately remove from

heat.

Serve with oyster crackers.
Serves 6.

Baked Tuna with Sweet and Sour Cucumber Salad

8 tuna steaks
8 tsp. butter
8 sprigs fresh tarragon
8 lemon slices
4 cups cucumber, peeled, seeded, thinly sliced
2 tsp. sugar
3 TBSP. white wine vinegar
2 TBSP. olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place a 12-inch square piece of foil on a flat surface.

Lightly butter center of foil.

Place 1 tuna steak in center; season with salt and pepper.

Top with 1 tsp. butter, 1 sprig of tarragon and 1 slice of lemon.

Bring 2 sides of foil together and fold over.

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Wayne DeMarco's 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder looks kind of puny next to the 7 lb. 3 oz. beast he caught while drifting bucktails tipped with smelt at ocean Site 11. Weighed a Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The Galley, cont'd.

Fold remaining sides over to create a tightly sealed package.

Repeat with remaining tuna.

Bake for 12-15 minutes or until tuna is cooked to desired doneness.

While tuna is baking, prepare cucumber salad.

Combine cucumbers and the next five ingredients and mix well.

Serve tuna over salad.

Serves 8.

Cheesy Flounder

1 1/2 lbs. flounder fillets

2 TBSP. butter

1/3 cup dry white wine

1/4 cup lemon juice

Salt and pepper

White sauce, recipe follows

Paprika

Place butter, wine, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a large frying pan and bring to a boil.

Place the fish in the liquid,

cover and gently poach for 6 minutes, until the fillets flakes easily with a fork.

Place the fish on a hot platter, spoon white sauce over it.

Sprinkle with paprika.

White Sauce:

1 TBSP. butter

3 TBSP. green pepper, chopped small

1 TBSP. flour

Salt and pepper

3/4 cup milk

1/4 cup shredded sharp cheese

In a small saucepan, melt butter.

Add green pepper and cook until pepper is tender but not brown.

Add flour, salt and pepper.

Add milk, blend and cook until the mixture thickens, stirring constantly.

Add cheese and stir until completely melted.

Spoon over cooked fillets.

Serves 4.



This group of anglers left for an overnight trip last Tuesday and returned to the Talbot Street Pier with 3 bigeye tuna (165, 168 & 195 lbs.) and their limit of 24 yellowfin tuna. They also released another 50 yellowfins during their trip. Half of the yellowfins were caught on the troll with the remaining half caught while chunking. All were caught in the Washington Canyon. Fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Will Hathaway and Riley McCabe were Mike Leaf, Doug Jacobs, Rob Pawliske, Aaron McAdoo, Dave Wastler and David Benson.

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Grilled Soft Shell Crabs

12 soft shell crabs

Marinade:

1 cup salad oil
2 TBSP. white vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. tarragon leaves
1 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. garlic powder

Liberally baste bottom side of crabs with marinade and carefully place, bottom side down on barbeque grill.

Grill over slow fire at least 12 inches from coals, for 5 minutes.

Liberally baste top of crabs with marinade, turn carefully, and grill 5 minutes more.

Serves 6.

Shrimp Boil with Spicy Dipping Sauce

1 1/2 quarts water
1/4 cup vinegar

1/2 lemon, sliced thin
2 cloves garlic, smashed
5 TBSP. Old Bay seasoning
1/2 tsp. peppercorns
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
4 bay leaves
2 lbs. large shrimp, in their shells
1/2 lb. unsalted butter
4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 tsp. lemon juice

In large pot, combine water and next 5 ingredients and 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper.

Add bay leaves; cover and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.

Add shrimp to pot; cover and bring to a boil.

Continue boiling, partially covered, until shrimp are just done, 1 to 2 minutes. Drain.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter.

Remove pan from heat and add Worcestershire sauce, lemon

juice and remaining salt and cayenne.

Divide sauce among 4 bowls. Serve shrimp with dipping sauce.

Serves 4.

Cajun Beer-Basted Red Drum

3 lbs. red drum fillets, skin on but scaled
1 TBSP. garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. black pepper
4 TBSP. unsalted butter
2 TBSP. Worcestershire sauce
2 TBSP. spicy cajun seasoning
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 TBSP. onions, minced
2 TBSP. green bell pepper, minced
2 TBSP. parsley, minced
12 oz. beer

Set a medium fire on grill. Rinse fillets and pat dry.

Sprinkle cut sides with garlic and pepper, pressing them gently onto fillets.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat.

Add 1 TBSP. Worcestershire sauce, cajun seasoning, garlic, onion, green pepper and parsley; stir well.

Saute until onion is translucent and sauce has darkened and has slightly thickened. DO NOT BURN GARLIC.

Add beer, 1 TBSP. Worcestershire sauce and simmer 15 minutes on medium-high heat.

Lay fillets on oiled aluminum foil on grill grate.

Cook 20 minutes over low-medium heat, raising lid only to baste generously.

Done when thickest area of fillet flakes easily.

Serves 6.

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



Chad Tate from Seaford, DE was fishing with his wife, Judy Tate in the East Channel when he hooked into this 25-inch, 6 lb. flounder after fooling it with a 4-inch, chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet. If you listen real close, you can hear Preston Walls weeping.

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Sea Bass 	February 2, 2013 Jerry Thadenfelder "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 9 oz.	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks 5 lbs.	Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i> 	June 9, 2013 Kelly Barr "Moore Bills" 209 lbs. 8 oz.	NEW September 15, 2013 Mike Mewshaw, Gene Hazzard & Ronnie Minnich Baltimore Canyon 233 lbs. 6 oz.
Tautog 	February 6, 2013 Arthur Guido "Morning Star" 18 lbs. 6 oz.	May 10, 2013 Robbie Hummel Reef Site 11 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 9, 2013 Shane Heimer Sausages 485 lbs.	May 27, 2013 J.T. Compton "MEGA-BITE" 252 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 24, 2013 Zach Goodrich South Jetty 38 lbs.	April 29, 2013 Steven Matarese, Jr. Collins Beach 37 lbs. 12 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	July 3, 2013 Mike Louden "Espadon" 202 lbs.	July 6, 2013 Andrew Earle Hot Dog 200 lbs. 2 oz.
Weakfish 	May 16, 2013 Kate Yarzutkina Assateague Bridge 9 lbs. 3 oz.	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach 7 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna 	August 21, 2013 Mike Hackendorn Poor Man's Canyon 116 lbs.	July 28, 2013 Ralph Driscoll "Katydid" 107 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	August 29, 2013 Chase Eberle Inshore Wreck 4 lbs. 2 oz.	August 17, 2013 Brian Smith Lewes Canal 3 lbs. 15 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	June 23, 2013 Mazie Brinker Baltimore Canyon 28 lbs.	June 12, 2013 Tom Ciconte Baltimore Canyon 23 lbs. 4 oz.
Flounder 	NEW September 15, 2013 Kenny Dodson "Angler" 8 lbs. 8 oz.	May 30, 2013 Phillip Chandler Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 5 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	July 27, 2013 Crew "Tighten Up" 286 lbs.	July 18, 2013 Jeremy Diehl Norfolk Canyon 271 lbs.
Bluefish 	June 23, 2013 Hugh Thomas Cropper Jackspot 13 lbs. 3 oz.	June 27, 2013 Jeff Gottshall Hot Dog 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Dolphin 	July 27, 2013 J.R. Smith Norfolk Canyon 50 lbs. 3 oz.	August 8, 2013 Robb Warfel Poor Man's Canyon 33 lbs.
Sheepshead 	September 7, 2013 Ronnie Hampton North Jetty 11 lbs. 3 oz.	July 22, 2013 Kevin Klaube Haystacks 11 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo 	August 3, 2013 Mike Simelis & Dan King "Why Not" 105 lbs.	September 4, 2013 Rudolf Birnbach 79 lbs. 11 oz. Wilmington Canyon
Golden Tilefish 	June 17, 2013 Gino Mautschke "Fin Chaser" 54 lbs.	July 6, 2013 Brandon Brown Poor Man's Canyon 37 lbs. 5 oz.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in One Day August 12, 2013 "Wound Up" 14 releases	July 6, 2013 "First Light" 1 release

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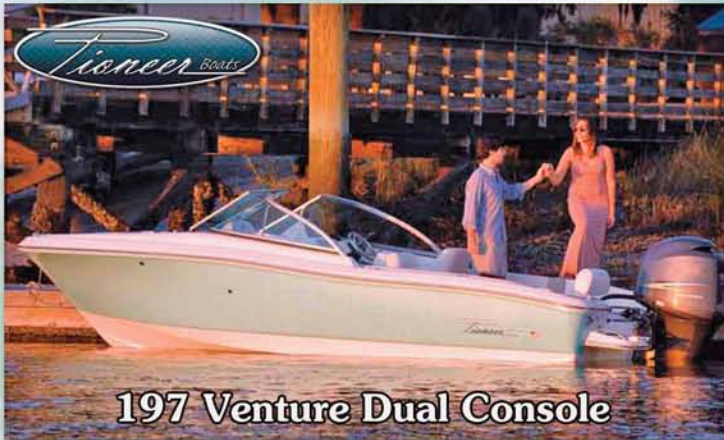
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball
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Anglers continue to experience fantastic fall saltwater fishing patterns on all fronts. The cooler water species will gain momentum as the temperatures drop, but for now, most of the commotion is the result of the departing summer species.

Inshore, cobia are still the biggest attraction, providing exceptional prospects for sightcasters lately. Huge schools of fish are cruising along the surface as they group up to exit the area. Live eels, croaker, spot or bunker make great live bait for cobia, but these fish can be quite finicky as anglers barrage these schools with offerings. Several fish are exceeding 50-pounds right now.

Big red drum continue to delight anglers as schools continue to swarm on lower

Bay shoals and near the mouth of the Bay, where several reds were hooked near the 3rd and 4th Islands recently. Surfcasters are on alert, with the drum bite in the surf along Fisherman's Island on the rise. Look for big bulls to also show in the surf off Sandbridge and near the Little Island Fishing Pier soon.

Nice Spanish mackerel are still chasing trolled spoons along Sandbridge and Cape Henry in about 20 feet of water. The predominantly easterly winds have ushered in clear water close to shore, jump-starting the king mackerel bite off the beach. Several kings up to around 30-pounds were hooked on the troll over the past week. Inshore trollers are also encountering red drum, cobia, some big sharks and even

some jack crevelle and bailer mahi.

Sheepshead are still around for another month, along with lots of big hungry triggerfish, with the best action happening over the tubes of the CBBT. Tautog are also lurking in these same areas. Tog will be back in business starting on the 20th of the month.

Flounder are still rocking lower Bay waters as they continue to gather at the mouth of the Bay. Anglers working the 2nd and 3rd Islands of the CBBT and the Small Boat Channel are thrilled with catches of nice flatfish averaging to over 5-pounds lately. The Thimble Shoal and Baltimore Channels are also good places for drifters. Boats trying out the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are experiencing good luck, with scattered catches of 21 to 22-inchers. Offshore wreck action is also heating up. Captain Neal Taylor, skipper of the 'Seaduction' out of Lynnhaven, racked up a nice catch of wreck flatties up to 24-inches, along with some jumbo sea bass pushing to 4-pounds near the Triangle wrecks last week.

Escalating speckled trout catches are beginning to draw more interest. If you can sneak your offerings past hoards of hungry puppy drum, good numbers of specks are still biting in most of the usual haunts such as Hungar's Creek, the Poquoson Flats and Mobjack Bay. Lynnhaven, Rudee and Little Creek Inlets, along with the Elizabeth River, are also giving up good numbers of fish, with some trout weighing in at over 5-pounds.

Spot are still making a good showing all over the southern and western sections of the lower Bay. Although the

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action slowed up a little last week, the upcoming coldfront could kick it up a notch over the weekend. Folks at The Fishing Center report that anglers are finding some yellowbellies in the Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets, the lower Bay Rivers, near the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, Ocean View and along the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Medium and large croaker are lurking in deeper areas along channels, inlets, the Bay Bridge Tunnel, the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel and the Concrete Ships off Kiptopeke.

Amberjack are still active on local wrecks, the Chesapeake Light Tower and the Southern Towers through October, with jack crevelle also a possibility. Deep droppers are having good luck near the Canyon edges with limits of nice blueline tilefish and jumbo sea bass. Blackbellied rosefish, grouper and barrelfish are also adding to the deepwater variety.

In keeping with the excellent fall billfish trends we have experienced in recent years, white marlin are once again the main event offshore. The most recent upswing in billfish activity, with schools of white marlin swarming around bait balls, is drawing some of the best to the deep. Boats are flying dozens of white marlin flags. While a few boats are capitalizing on a method of releasing billfish via casting into bait balls, good numbers of billfish are also responding to traditional trolling methods. Scattered bigeye tuna are still blasting spreads in the Canyons, while yellowfin tuna are also still a possibility, along with some wahoo and mako sharks. Bailer-sized mahi are everywhere, with big gaffers more common last week.

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Micah Grasso and Joe Pilawsky, both from Doylestown, PA teamed up with Jimmy Grasmeder from Bedminster, PA for an overnight trip on the charter boat, "That's Right" and returned with their limit of 18 yellowfin in the box. All of the fish were caught while chunking in the Washington Canyon where they also released a hammerhead shark during the trip. The anglers were fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mates Anthony Frascatore and Brian Behe.




In spite of "Hurricane" Murray Adams (2nd from right) rolling into town, it was a beautiful day on the water when Murray, David Konick from Washington, VA, "Morning Star" mate Mike Kinder and Capt. Monty Hawkins all boated nice size flounder while fishing with cut bait at the Bass Grounds. Mike's flounder was the largest of the trip, weighing in at 6 lbs. 2 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Hunter Phillips took some time off from Ake Marine and jumped on the good red drum action found around the Rt. 50 Bridge lately. Hunter caught this 26-inch, 5 lb. puppy drum while tossing sand fleas as the day was getting dark.



Ellie Miller, Mike Miller and Rich Daiker returned to Bahia Marina with a 25-inch flounder, a black drum, a weakfish and 4 red drum, measuring up to 26 1/2-inches. All of the fish were caught on live bunker at the Rt. 50 Bridge.



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This group of anglers on the charter boat, "Playmate" had a trip to remember, ending their day with 4 bigeye tuna, ranging from 166 to 226 lbs., and their limit of 24 yellowfin tuna. Dave Ruby, Marty Shaeffer, Jean Boudreau and Lee Holtz, each caught a bigeye while fishing with Blake Smith, Wanda Shaeffer, Capt. Chad Meeks and mate Steve Moore. All of the fish, totaling 1,308 lbs., were caught in the Washington Canyon and weighed at the OC Fishing Center.



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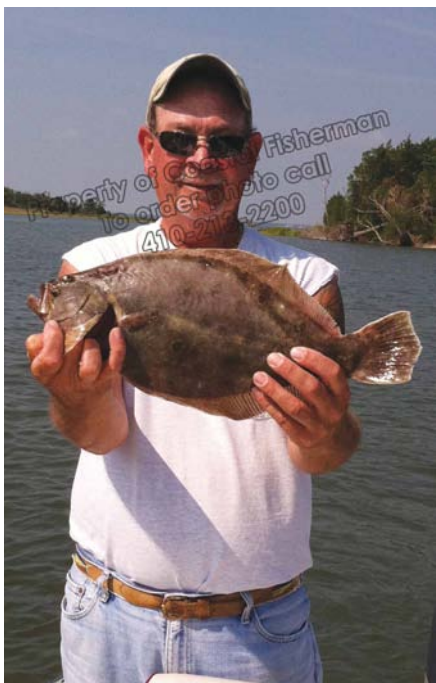
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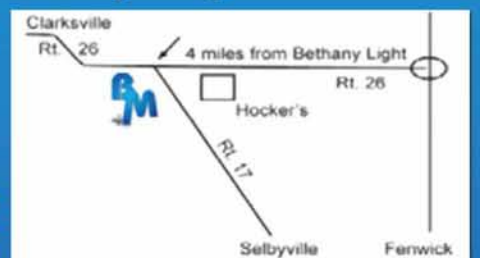
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Joe B. Parr from Harrisburg, PA took his dad, Joe J. Parr, for an offshore trip in celebration of his 74th birthday and were rewarded with 12 yellowfins, totaling 332 lbs., and 3 white marlin releases. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Foolish Pleasures" with Capt. Dale Lisi and mate Jon Yost. The white marlin were hooked on the troll in the Washington Canyon and the yellowfins were taken on the chunk. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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WHERE: Submit your catch for measurement at participating local tackle shops. If your catch meets the fish species minimum size requirements, you will receive an award certificate and invitation to the Maryland Fishing Challenge final awards celebration on September 7th, 2013.

WHEN: The contest runs through midnight, September 2, 2013 (Labor Day).

SPECIAL YOUTH CATEGORY: The Maryland Fishing Challenge features a special category to recognize and award prizes to specially selected youth anglers from selected events and from youth members of the Maryland Youth Fishing Club who provide entries to DNR's Angler's Log: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/fishingreport/log.asp>

For more information about the citation award program contact Keith Lockwood: klockwood@dnr.state.md.us or (410) 226-0078, Ext 107. For additional information regarding

Local CCA Chapter spearheading Reef Star project

The Maryland Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association, led by President Frank Watkins, is spearheading an effort to drop

purchase the necessary rebar and biodegradable mold lubricant, but are looking to obtain an additional grant and/or contributions to pay for the materials. There is also a need for a company to donate a flatbed truck or trailer to transport the Reef Stars from the Harkins concrete plant in Pittsville, MD to a storage area in West Ocean City and eventually to the Ocean City Reef Foundation barge in the



clusters of 12 "Reef Stars" within 10 miles of the Ocean City coastline.

To get the project going, Watkins obtained a grant from the Choptank Electric Trust to build the mold needed to create the Reef Star. Harkins Concrete, located in Salisbury, MD, agreed to fill the molds for free with excess concrete, reinforcing the Reef Star with rebar for additional strength.

The CCA has agreed to

Commercial Harbor before they are ultimately dropped into the Atlantic.

Contributions are also being sought to be used to purchase concrete from Harkins Concrete to accelerate the project. About 1.25 yards of concrete is needed to build each Reef Star. Both the CCA and the Ocean City Reef Foundation are 501C-3 tax exempt organizations, making donations tax deductible.

"The building of Reef Stars is



Doug Mickowski went toe-to-toe with this 8 lb. 4 oz. flounder after hooking it on a smelt and squid combination near "DB" Buoy. The flounder lost and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

not a once and done project." said Watkins. "The waters off the Maryland coast have very little natural reefs within 10 miles of the coast. Building these large, long lasting, environmentally friendly artificial reefs will greatly improve marine and fish

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Marie Renzi has been fishing hard all summer, but never got a keeper until she hooked this 22-inch flounder while drifting a Gulp! artificial bait near the Rt. 50 Bridge at the beginning of the outgoing tide. Marie was fishing with her husband, Pete Renzi and is pictured back at the dock at Sunset Marina.



The yellowfin bite in the Washington Canyon last weekend was outstanding as shown by this catch on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The anglers teamed up to land their limit of 24 yellowfins on the chunk. Fishing on the "Marli" were Martin Heinsohn, Adam Heinsohn, Craig Lange, Nick Lange, Eric Voorhees and Matt Walters. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Sat. September 21	Low 03:18 am Low 03:51 pm	High 09:56 am High 10:11 pm
Sun. September 22	Low 04:00 am Low 04:40 pm	High 10:39 am High 10:51 pm
Mon. September 23	Low 04:43 am Low 05:31 pm	High 11:23 am High 11:31 pm
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