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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is in full swing and I hope that you and your family had a great 4th of July Holiday. This is definitely my favorite time of the year. My focus is on enjoying the summer with my family and friends fishing in Ocean City both inshore and offshore.

Even with the heat and humidity there are surprisingly lots of rockfish still in the Bay with anglers taking stripers to 32 inches in the upper Bay, chumming and trolling the channel edges using small bucktails, Tsunami swim baits, spoons and hoses, deep in the water column. Spot are also showing up and stripers are eating them. So live lining is picking up. The waters are hot and the fish are feeding early and late. Seems to be plenty of croakers (hardhead) and perch. Bluefish are also appearing and some flounder in the lower bay.

Offshore fishing seems to be heating up. With boats reporting a good week on Tuna and Dolphin and some white marlin mixed in. I took the Evidently out on July 6th to the Baltimore canyon where we encountered 8 white marlin and one blue marlin but where only able to capitalize on one white marlin using circle hooks. We also fished Sunday the 11th and caught a nice 60lb Bluefin as well as going 2 for 3 on white marlin. The back bays of Ocean City are loaded with flounder. It takes about 10 throw backs before you find a 19 inch keeper flounder.

Chapter activities are in summer slow-down with no meetings in July or August. Good luck to Ron and all the anglers going on the summer fish on July 21st. Take some pictures for the newsletter. The Chapter officers have proposed a planning meeting this summer and we will advise the details in next month's newsletter.

John Thibodeau
President

CHAPTER FISHING TRIP

We have booked two boats out of Chesapeake Beach for this year's club fishing trip on July 21, 2010. Both Captains have lectured to our club and have great reputations.

The boats will leave Rod and Reel dock at 4pm sharp. I would appreciate you being there by 3:30 so we can divide up and get some photos for the newsletter. Bring your own food and drink. Small cooler for this preferred. Leave your fish cooler in the car or truck. You can bring your own rod for croaker fishing if you desire. The captain's gear is first rate for those who wish to use his. There is no extra charge for using his gear. He will want to use his gear for live lining since he sets them up with different weights ahead of time.

If you are running late, need to cancel at the last minute, or need directions call my cell 301-633-6120.

I'm looking forward to fishing with some of you and seeing all of you on July 21.

Ron Schaefer
Fishing Trip Chairman

LOWER BAY REPORT

This week saw lots of fish and nice days on the water. Starting back on Tuesday morning we took out a group of six anglers fishing for Stripers. We traveled up to the power Plant where we caught several nice Stripers live lining in front of the Plant. These are nice size 24 inch fish there for the taking. We got a call there was trolling fish out in front of the Cove Point area near the Gas Terminal.

SO we took off for the trolling as the heat of the day was starting to show up. Trolling did not take long with six rods over and properly set up. We caught our limit of nice 20 to 25 inch fish and called it. Then it was off to the Second Beach area for bottom fishing. This provided a few nice Croaker and Spot before we went home on a half day trip.

Wednesday Hugh Miller and Barbra his friend showed up for light tackle fishing and so did the winds. We tried to make it out in to the Bay but not this morning. So we turned to the River. Fishing several Wrecks and bars few fish wanted to bite due to the North East winds. I suggested we bottom fish and that we did. Catching many Small Spot and some keepers. Barbra caught the first of several Oyster toads seen that morning. She also caught the largest Croaker at 14 inches. We had a bucket of fish so we came back to clean them and talk about the next trip out, weather being better.

As 0630 Thursday came, my friend and Editor of the Fisherman's Magazine came up the driveway. He was here to present me THE FISHERMAN'S 2009 Excellence in Craft Awards, Mid-Atlantic Edition, Best Cover Photo Award. In June of 2009 I sent in a photo that was selected for the cover. Guess what? It won! Now you know why I take so many pictures of the group when you fish with me. Afterwards we took off in the Reel Relief for a few relaxing hours just talking about the world, life and fishing experiences. That was better than the award as I learned much from and about my friend. Sometimes until you really stop to talk to family members or friends, you don't know really where they are in life and where they are going. After collecting a nice mess of fish we came back cleaned them and it was all smiles from old friends again.

Friday was a much awaited day for me as I have not seen my old friends and great anglers Lenny and Forrest. Lenny is very busy and has promised to fish with me on the Reel Relief. He lost his boat to a bad accident leaving him a little boat shy, but he called and said let us try it. So we took off only to find the winds up higher than predicted and they wanted to Patuxent River fish that day anyway. So we did the bottom fishing in the river near the Bridge. First place we caught small Spot and a few Croaker up to 10 inches. Then I hooked a cable on the bottom, I guess, that we had the free our anchor from. Then off to the point where we caught many nice Spot and Croaker we kept before returning home.

On Friday Afternoon I had my second trip out with a return customer David Goblet, his son and friends Mike Doolin and his son Tyler. They are return anglers to Reel Relief because they love the action.

We took off to the Power Plant and made our way up the shoreline. We tried Live Lining, catching two impressive Stripers at 22 and 24 inches with small Spot. Then I got a call of breaking fish, so off we went. Arriving in front of the Gas Dock in 46 feet we saw them breaking in several locations. Casting and jigging in the breaking fish is exciting and is so much fun. We caught several and returned them back. We did catch a big fish and kept it. Hoping for more fish just as they up a disappeared. Gone! I don't know

how they do it but I know it is magic. We returned to the river and fished until it was game over and returned to the dock with fish to clean. Tyler and Mike Doolin received citations for their Stripers and all took fish Back home. I took the weekend off for the holidays, family first.

Want to try fishing and catching, give me a call at 443 532 0836 or check the website calendar www.captainsonney.com for more open dates.

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MSSA TUNA-MENT

117.8 Pound Tuna Wins 21st Annual Tuna-ment – Ocean City, MD

Lady Luck Takes Home \$10,033 in Prize Money

(PASADENA, MD) – The 21st Annual Tuna-ment concluded Sunday as anglers from Ocean City to Wachapreague, VA competed for top prize and bragging rights among MSSA's offshore anglers.

Pete Gahles of Brookeville, MD brought in the largest tuna this weekend (June 25-27), weighing in at 117.8 pounds. Gahles said he caught it just south of Hambone early Sunday morning. Gahles and crew took home \$2,248 for their efforts, a reduced amount because the team unfortunately did not enter all of the skill levels.

However, Captain Tommy Baldwin and Steve Ramsey aboard Lady Luck was the big winner at this weekend's event as he and his crew elected to enter all skill levels. Captain Baldwin and crew weighed in four magnificent tuna (75.8 BFT, 68.3 BFT, 46.2 YFT, 42.6 YFT), securing them second place in the main tournament and first place in all skill levels. All together, their winnings totaled \$10,033.

Third place went to Charlie Reichert of Interlude Charters with his 50.3 lb BFT. Reichert fished out of Wachapreague, VA all three days and will take home \$302 for his efforts.

Tom Dickerson of the Stress Reel-ief also weighed in four fish securing him \$1,056 (43.6 BFT, 40.9 YFT, 39 YFT, 36.4 YFT). Rob Hartman took the dolphin category with his combined weight of three (25.5, 13.9, 9) taking home \$765.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 17 MSSA NW Chapter 15th Annual White Peach Fishing Tournament, Sandy Point State Park @ Podickery Point, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Contact Capt. Charles Reichert at 410-456-7117
- 21 MSSA Annapolis Chapter Fishing Trip, Rod and Reel Docks, North Beach, MD, Contact Ron Schaefer 410-266-0856
- 23-25 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament, Sunset Marina
- 29-31 2nd Annual OCMC Ladies Tournament, OC Marlin Club, Ocean City, MD; Contact info@ocmarlinclub.com or 410-213-1613
- 31 3rd Annual Summer Flounder Tournament, Ocean Pines Yacht Club Marina, Ocean Pines, MD; Contact info@oceanpineschamber.org or 410-641-5306

August

- 2-6 37th Annual White Marlin Open, Harbor Island Marina, Ocean City, MD; Contact www.whitemarlinopen.com or 410-289-9229

November

- 20-21 Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic, 18th Annual MSSA Fall Rockfish Tournament

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