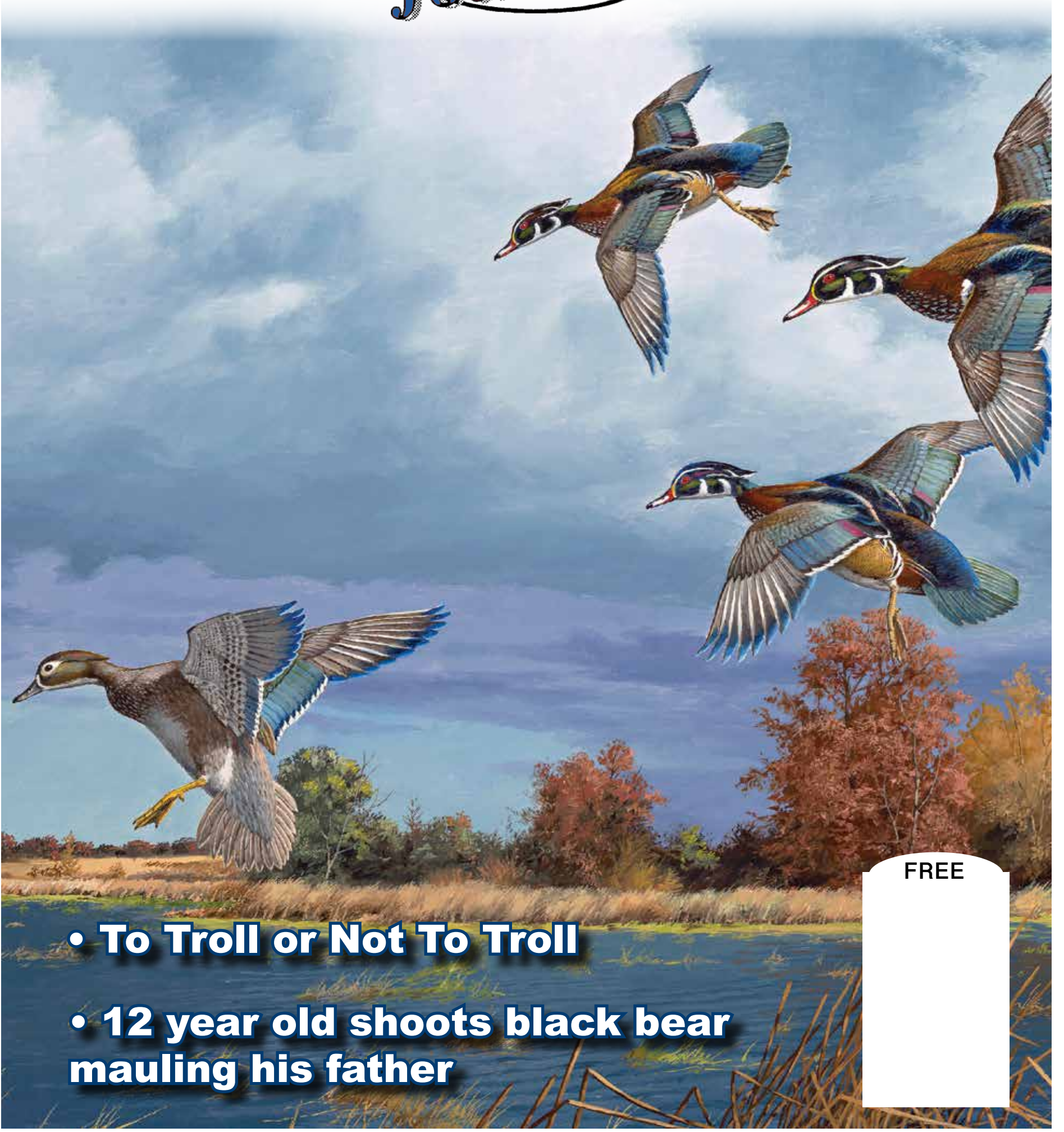


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Your Heavenly Vision

"I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, but kept declaring ... that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance."—Acts 26:19–20 NASB

Saul's life was changed by a vision. When Jesus appeared to him as he approached Damascus on a mission to persecute Christians, Saul was transformed from a persecutor to the apostle Paul.

To help Paul understand this vision, Jesus sent Ananias so that Paul could understand that he was "a chosen instrument" who would "bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Paul needed to be prepared for difficulties he would face.

Paul never forgot this vision. Wherever he went, its message was a constant reminder of God's call and his personal ministry.

By focusing on this vision, Paul showed the consistency of his message. He was not motivated by the reactions of people but by his obedience to God. He spent his life fulfilling that call, going wherever God called him to go. By staying faithful to this vision, he had boldness, confidence, and clarity.

This message applies to all who have made Jesus their Lord. All believers, through this relationship, have been given a personal assignment that may include particular places to go and special things to do. We are prepared, trained, and equipped in special ways to accomplish these assignments.

Today, remember God's call on your life. Do not be disobedient to your "heavenly vision." Dedicate yourself to finishing your task, running your race, and winning the prize set before you (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Reflection Question: *What assignment from God are you working on right now?*



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Maryland Natural Resources Police Report: Summer 2024

The Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) issued various citations and made numerous arrests for violations of criminal and natural resource law this summer. Charges filed against individuals include overfishing, theft, weapons violations, spotlighting deer, various incidents at Maryland State Parks, and other crimes.

A 25-year-old Mt. Airy man pleaded guilty to hunting deer during a closed season for killing a 19-point non-typical buck with a rifle during the archery-only season in November 2023. The buck's Boone and Crockett Club score – a recognized standard for white-tailed deer – was 169.

The man posted photos of the trophy buck to local social media groups after he harvested the animal, which officers later found to have been shot with a rifle. The individual was fined \$1,000 for the charge of hunting during the closed season, while also being ordered to pay \$5,000 restitution under Maryland's Poaching Restitution Act. He was also ordered to serve 80 hours of community service.

Maryland Natural Resources Police officers recovered an unregistered handgun and charged multiple individuals with weapons violations in Rocks State Park on July 7.

A 24-year-old male and two 18-year-old males from Middle River were charged with possession of a firearm without a serial number and other offenses after officers responded to a call for individuals drinking alcohol in a state park. Officers and K9 units recovered the "ghost gun" off the King and Queen Seat trail, while another handgun, ammunition, and knives were also confiscated by NRP.

Police charged a 43-year-old woman with possession of a weapon in a state park and possession of controlled substances after finding an individual at an illegal campsite in Susquehanna State Park on June 3.

After officers advised the woman that she was camping in a prohibited area, the individual admitted to possessing methamphetamine. Officers later found a sword and metal knuckles inside the tent. Three citations were issued, including a "must appear" violation for the drug charge.

A 25-year-old Churchville man pleaded guilty to possessing a rifle with a felony conviction and spotlighting, receiving a one-year jail term after officers investigated an incident in which the man shot a sika deer from a vehicle in Dorchester County in November 2023.

The individual was also ordered to



Ofc. Charles Faith holds the antlers of an illegally-harvested 19-point whitetail deer in Frederick County. Maryland Department of Natural Resources photo.

5 years supervised probation, \$2,000 restitution under the Poaching Restitution Act, 80 hours of community service, and suspension of any hunting license/privilege for 5 years.

A 52-year-old Mount Savage man was charged with killing two timber rattlesnakes on July 20 after he posted the snake killing to a local Facebook page.

The man admitted to killing each snake with a rifle and a shovel and was cited with two charges of possession of a List C species, punishable by up to \$1,500 per offense.

A 34-year-old Gaithersburg man was charged with possessing undersized fish when officers discovered 99 undersized croakers, three undersized weakfish, and one undersized red drum on his boat at the Bushwood Wharf boat ramp in St. Mary's County on July 21.

The individual faces a maximum of \$3,000 in fines and the revocation of his Maryland fishing licenses. All undersized fish were seized and re-

turned to the water.

On August 4, Maryland Natural Resources Police officers assisted the Cecil County Sheriff's Office with a search warrant to find stolen bushels of live blue crabs and commercial crab processing equipment.

Officers returned the bushels, seafood, and processing equipment to their rightful owners in Cecil County and Delaware.

On August 2, Maryland Natural Resources Police officers assisted the Maryland State Police and National Park Service with a reported domestic disturbance in Allegany County involving a man, a mother, and her young child.

Arriving officers located and identified the male subject, who fled the scene but was found and arrested following a search including aviation and K9 assistance.

The man was located nearly a mile from where initial contact was made, hiding along the banks of the Potomac River in thick brush. The

individual was taken into custody where officers discovered he was wanted on extraditable warrants for grand theft auto, larceny, and probation violation in Florida.

Maryland State Police Aviation assists officers from NRP and other allied agencies for a individual involved in a domestic disturbance in Allegany County.

A 38-year-old woman from Frostburg was charged with multiple narcotics violations, resisting arrest, and driving on a suspended license after she and another individual were approached by Natural Resources Police officers in Garrett County on August 8.

After refusing to exit the vehicle and resisting being handcuffed, the woman attempted to flee while officers tried to gain control of the vehicle. Once the driver was detained, multiple bags of suspected heroin and fentanyl were found, along with several needles, various credit cards, IDs, cell phones, and other paraphernalia.

The driver faces eight traffic charges, five controlled dangerous substance charges, and two charges for attempting to flee.

Three individuals – a 31-year-old woman from Gaithersburg, a 29-year-old man from Clinton, and a 30-year-old woman from Silver Spring – face multiple charges after a fight resulting in injuries that occurred in Greenbrier State Park on August 17.

Police were dispatched to a reported verbal altercation that turned physical. The arriving officers said the individuals had been drinking alcohol, were non-compliant, and failed to provide identification. Charges issued include disorderly conduct, assault, resisting arrest, possession of alcohol in a state park, and various others.

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“Tackle Box Tim”

SHALLOW THOUGHTS

At this point in fall, water temperatures are on a slow and steady decline and stripers are ready to feed. Their tenacious appetite doesn't make it automatic that we will catch them every time out. Knowing where they will be and why they are there is just part of the fishing equation. On the upper bay rivers, I look for them in shallow waters. Even when we know where to catch them, figuring out the bite is the prime objective.

Stripers do feed aggressively in fall. Sure, you will find surface feeding frenzies in random places. However, save for those blitzes, you are not going to find them just anywhere. Stripers are driven by their food source and current. Stripers take advantage of the slack side of current to ambush their prey. Rock piles, bridge pillars, bulk heads, humps, points of land, and break lines are examples of prime cover. Baitfish are pushed passed the cover by current; the stronger the push, the more this food source struggles. The strategic positioning on the calm side of cover allows stripers perfect feeding opportunities.

Not every piece of cover or structure holds stripers all the time. Remember, current positions stripers. It's not often that you will find areas the hold fish on both tide stages. If you find such spots, consider yourself blessed. Your favorite rock pile or hump at low tide may not be as productive at high tide depending on how the current flow around it. With no food source pushing by, stripers must relocate to more advantageous feeding areas.

It doesn't take much in the

way of depth change alongside cover or structure for stripers to find comfort. A small submerged rock pile or a one-foot change in bottom contour can be enough to harbor several stripers. One of my favorite shallow river spots is a 200-yard ridge with a depth change from 3 to 5 feet or water. This is one of those spots that produces for me on both tides.

A quality GPS/depth finder unit is a game changer for your fishing. In GPS mode, your unit should show you a top view layout of depth on the body of water you are fishing. It often annotates wrecks and other underwater navigational hazards. These areas can yield stripers, but approach them with caution. Sonar mode shows you bottom composition and how stripers and baitfish relate to it. A switch to split screen mode (GPS and sonar) allows you to follow contour lines while watching for baitfish and stripers.

Shallow water fishing is a relative term when fishing the various rivers of the upper bay. I consider depths of 10 feet and less as being shallow. I jokingly say that in fall; if you find see my boat in deep water, I must be lost. I've learned that what works in one river may not necessarily draw strikes in another river, or in different parts of the same river. Cover and structure, and the food source differs, and we have to adapt our techniques and lure choices.

When stripers chase bait to the surface, no matter the river or bay location, topwater plugs are always a good choice. There are a



Ezra Johnston shows a striper from the shallow waters of the Gunpowder River.

couple of rivers where I fish where the rattle trap is king. Head to the mouth of those rivers, and rivers in other sections of the bay, and I seldom get a bite. In the same areas where I cast the traps, paddle tail swim baits also get strikes. These soft baits seem to get the better bites at the mouths of the rivers.

Fishing in shallow water often means lightening up our tackle. Jig head weights can range from 1/8-ounce to 3/8-ounce. Depth has a lot to do with it, but choose wisely. The lightest 1/8-ounce head can be the best choice for skinny water. Yet, with it being so light, it forces you to fish slowly to keep your lure close to the bottom. Here, a 1/4-ounce head is the option for a more rapid retrieve.

No matter how well we think we know our fall locations and techniques, we can still struggle to get the bite. When our electronics are showing stripers and baitfish, yet

the rod is not bending; we need to make changes. Last year I struggled at a favorite submerged rock pile. A simple switch from one brand of rattle trap to another made the difference in getting the bite. There are days, too, when changing the size and/or color of a lure can salvage the day. Getting the bite can also be as simple as speeding up or slowing down your retrieve rate.

The shallow waters of the upper Chesapeake hold good numbers of stripers every fall. Knowing the areas they inhabit and how current influences this cover and structure can help us narrow down where and when we can catch them. Lure selection can also determine the catch rate. Making subtle changes to our strategies when we know conditions are right will make a difference. These are just a few thoughts for finding and catching stripers in shallow water this, and every, fall.



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“Fishin’ Back East”

GOING OLD SCHOOL

By Jim Gronaw

I’m not going to lie, but the older I get, the more I reflect on being young again. I think it’s just a natural process of the human mind, body and spirit. As far as fishing goes, I often long for simpler times and a relief from all the crazy and new-fashioned tools that are designed to make us all great fishermen.

Lately, I been watching too many You Tube vids on Deep South panfishing with simplistic tackle and tactics. Telescoping poles, Beetle Spins, crickets and coolers of warmouths, shellcrackers and “brim”. Nobody goes into intimate detail or ecological theories as to why the fish are there or why they are biting...they just get out there and fish. Sure, some of those oldsters have upgraded boats and rely on contemporary sonar imaging to locate concentrations of fish in vast tidal or riverine systems. But crickets, corks and catalpa worms still rule the day, day in and day out.

So, with all that in mind, I must confess I have fallen away, “backslided” if you will, with age old and basic concepts to catch bass and panfish from our local waters. I broke out the 13-foot crappie pole from Cabelas and got me some small Beetle Spins. I scarfed up some 2x long Aberdeen hooks called “cricket” hooks, only I use them for worms and pieces of Gulp! items. I even skidded so low as to purchase a bag of those classic, red and white, round plastic bobbers that are used exclusively for mere “kids’ stuff” style fishing. Then, I had the nerve to shelve a couple of bass forays, opting instead for some serious “bobber watching” instead. There is something about a disappearing bobber that haunts and addicts even the strongest of men.

Worms have played an important role in this current downslide. Either dug or bought, I have renewed my age-old confidence in these common critters as I have captured way too many quality fish, both recent and over a lifetime, of both panfish and gamefish. True, worm dirt and worm poop get heavy under the fingernails, but that’s just a small “badge of honor” that goes with the old-school terri-

tory.

Earlier this spring I spied a number of very large, nesting pumpkinseed sunfish that just wouldn’t touch a thing I threw at them, except for a lively, whole garden worm that they couldn’t resist. In time, an 18-inch bass would intercept an otherwise panfish offering and make my ultralight reel sing. On another trip, a 75-fish day on worms featured a single spawning crappie amid a slew of pre-spawn bluegills. That lone crappie, however, measured 16-inches, by far my best of the season. Worms work, that’s why the old timers use them.

I have found that the use of a worm with a 1/32-ounce jig to be a great search rig for not just panfish but bass, even trout at times. With the panfish the jig actually prevents the fish from swallowing the hook where an Aberdeen hook could get ingested, causing a failure for released fish. Then again, if you’re keeping fish for a meal it doesn’t really matter. Which brings me to another old-timey, laid-back concept...the actual keeping and eating of fish. With catch and release angling playing a dominant role in many of today’s fisheries one often questions which fish to keep and eat and which ones to release. In the panfish world many anglers tend to keep the wrong fish, that is, the largest (and only the largest) of any given specie. In huge tidal or reservoir systems, this may work due to the abundance of adult fish. But in smaller lakes, ponds and rivers overharvest can deplete a fishery. I fish small public and private lakes that are seldom more than 50-acres and many much smaller. My creel this spring has included bluegills from 7.5 to 9-inches and crappies in the 10 to 12-inch range. Bigger fish go back and in many of the waters I fish I have a shot at a trophy bluegill, red ear or crappie every time out. But I must admit, those eater-sized crappie and bluegill are about as good as it gets for the taste buds.

Sometimes, chuckin’ worms can get you in trouble, or, it can lead to victory. When a big fish hits a garden worm and takes



Back-sliding to worms and bluegills.



Old school makes old men feel young again.

off like a freight train, you’ll need some skill and a lot of luck to win the day. It has happened several times over the years with 5-pound class largemouths, bulbous carp and powerhouse, overgrown channel catfish. My last big-fish encounter was of the catfish kind with a mid to upper teen class fish taking a jig and worm combo and nearly spooling me on the initial run. Took a while, but before the murk had settled I somehow managed to land a repulsively fat channel catfish that was easily my new PB for weight, an absolute giant on 4-pound test. We were both exhausted. The fish swam

away, and I took a nap.

No one ever said that fishing had to be complex, advanced, confusing or challenging. Yet, some anglers want the challenge and feel as though they might be less of an angler if they don’t follow specific guidelines outlined on social media, TV or various You Tube fishing channels. In this day of on-going one-upmanship, fishermen feel as though they must accomplish something or discover a breakthrough tactic or perhaps hold dearly to a cherished “secret”. But for me, at least for a little while, I’m sticking with “old school”. Whatever bites,

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“Tuna The Tide”

TO TROLL OR NOT TO TROLL

By Captain Mark Galasso

The storm left the area around 4:30am and the remaining wind had switched to a light breeze out of the southeast. The residual moisture made everything a little slick. When I arrived at the boat around 6:30am the tide was extremely high and still coming in hard. I had to climb into the boat. I remembered my client saying her Pop Pop was coming. He was celebrating a birthday and was in his mid eighties. This was going to prove interesting. At least there wasn't much boat traffic this early on a cloudy Sunday.

We got everyone on board with out to much trouble. Pop Pop did fine but the water continued to rise. By the time we pulled out of the slip it was nearly over the dock and still flooding. I guess the super/harvest/full moon with a partial eclipse was playing havoc with the tides. I hoped it wouldn't play havoc with the fish. We'd know soon enough. Based on the last few days fishing and the high tides I decided to go up the Chester River. My hope was that the fish would be on a few Oyster Humps I knew about.

I decided to put out a five rod spoon rig and troll over some of the humps and see if anyone was home. If not we'd keep hunting. I asked my party if that was OK. I've learned over the years that some people just have an aversion to trolling so there's no point in doing it and upset anyone. I like to troll when I'm prospecting because I can cover a lot of ground and get a good read on how the fish are oriented and if they're hungry. I explained this to the party.

There are hundreds of oyster lumps in the Chester as well as a few rock piles. Usually at least a few of them are holding fish. If not Rockfish then White Perch, Spot or Catfish. One or two passes with the trolling rig and you know. Then you can decide whether to liveline or jig or keep trolling.

Something to remember when doing this scouting is fish like a little current. If you see them and can't catch them it might just be that the tide isn't right. The first few lumps and bumps we went over were empty. But we finally went over one that showed fish stacked up on the down current side of the Oyster Bar. They looked like Rock though the arches on my meter led me to believe they were dinks. Three rods went down at the same time. Two dinks and one about twenty-one inches. Now were getting somewhere.

I swung around for another pass. The boat lost a knot of speed letting

me know we still had some current flowing over the bar. The screen lit up. I told the party to get ready. Nothing. That's odd. We made a couple more passes. It seemed every time we went with the current we caught and against the current we didn't. As fast as it started it died. So we moved on.

We found them again on a different Oyster Bar. Same scenario. Only this time the marks looked bigger. I for one was pretty excited. I didn't say to much because I didn't want the party to be let down if they didn't bite. Good plan because they DIDN'T bite. I did two passes and even tried to hit them with a cross current troll. All for nothing. I looked at my speed it was consistent in every direction. I pulled up the tide chart. It was dead low. This is a spot to check later when the current picks back up.

So this was our day. Just a slow pick. We tried dozens of spots and lots of different depths. It seemed the fish were as crazy as the tides. No real pattern to hang your hat on. I felt a little guilty like maybe I should have tried something else. In fact one of the guys asked me “Captain, how do you know when to troll or when to jig or when to liveline.” I fumbled for an answer. But now that I've given it more thought this is what I came up with.

First you need to gauge your party. Some people actually like to troll. They want to relax and have a few beers and let the boat do the work. That's fine. Some people would rather not catch anything than troll. That's fine too. But for the average Joe, or Jill, that just wants to catch fish this is how my feeble mind works. And it changes from season to season. I troll to find fish. If they are scattered I can cover some ground. Sometimes they aren't on any structure we're fishing while we're looking. If I find a larger hungry group of fish I can switch to jigging or if I have Spot, livelining.

In the spring and fall we generally jig. I can usually find fish in the open chasing bait. In the heat of the summer not so much. Liveline takes over. Plus Spot are readily available in the summer. Also a lot of the larger fish move in to structure so they can ambush prey. When the water temperatures are in the upper 70's to mid 80's larger fish just don't have the energy to chase bait in open water. They tend to look for easier prey like crabs, Spot or Perch. Ever wonder why mid summer larger fish are more sickly, especially around

structure. It's because they aren't getting the oily nutrients from open water prey like Menhaden. They are hungry though are willing to eat almost anything so long as they don't have to chase it.

So the bottom line is you need to gauge your fisherman as well as the fish. I know I've said it before but it's worth repeating. If you have an idea of how the fish think it can

dramatically improve your chances of catching them. You need to know different patterns and how to take advantage of them. You need to know how they adjust in their feeding to adapt to different environmental conditions. It really does help you decide whether to troll, jig or liveline. Now if I could only figure out how the super, Harvest, Full Moon affects them I'd be Golden!

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New Maryland state record Yellowedge Grouper catch made in Poorman's Canyon off Ocean City



A fish caught in Poorman's Canyon off of Ocean City, Maryland became a state world record holder, and the first state record holder of its species.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced on Sept. 4 that Jian Feng Li of Silver Spring, Maryland has been recognized as the first state record holder for Yellowedge Grouper in the Atlantic Division after the catch he made on Aug. 27.

Li caught a 38-pound, 43-inch fish while fishing in Poorman's Canyon off Ocean City. Li's catch is the first state record for this species, and it is only 10 pounds lighter than the International Game Fish Association world record Yellowedge Grouper.



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Fall 2024 Trout Stocking to Begin Across Maryland

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will begin fall trout stocking in early October as soon as water levels and temperatures are acceptable for trout.

Department crews will transport thousands of state hatchery-raised brown, golden rainbow, and rainbow trout and release them statewide in select creeks, rivers, lakes, and ponds.

The department is making changes to trout stocking in 2024 into 2025 in response to survey feedback from trout anglers as well as heat and drought-induced challenges faced at the hatcheries this past summer. DNR Fishing and Boating Services periodically surveys anglers and incorporates the results into the agency's operations.

"Anglers' preferences and opinions help guide our management approach and inform the services we provide," said John Mullican, director of DNR's Freshwater Fisheries and Hatcheries Division. "We heard from many put-and-take trout anglers that they would prefer to catch larger trout, even if they caught fewer trout overall, so we are adjusting the stocking strategy to achieve that end result."

Three of DNR's four cold water hatcheries use water sourced from natural springs and creeks to hatch and raise trout. Relying on natural water sources comes with significant management challenges because the quantity and temperature of the water flowing into the hatchery are determined by environmental factors. Hatcheries can produce a given poundage of fish based on water quantity and quality at each facility. This ultimately determines how many and what size trout are produced each season.

For the fall 2024 stocking, the hatcheries will place about 3,000 brown trout and 12,000 rainbow trout in select waters across the state. This represents a 30% decrease from 2023, but the trout will be larger, averaging slightly more than a pound each. Additional fish will be held until the spring 2025 stocking to increase the number of trout available and allow for several more months of growth in the hatchery. Hatcheries are also working to increase the number of trophy-sized trout stocked, mostly with fish in the three- to four-pound range.

Based on additional angler feedback, DNR is also planning to stock more brown trout in the future. Anglers can look forward to about 12,000 brown trout during the spring 2025 season with an additional 2,000 "holdover" brown trout that will average about a pound each, new for 2025. All brown trout are reared at

Albert Powell Hatchery's satellite facility, Cushwa.

Stocking sites and times are announced after each day's stockings are complete. Anglers are encouraged to sign up for email updates to receive the latest stocking information.

Starting in October, anglers can call the trout stocking hotline at 800-688-3467 on Fridays for a weekly update on all locations stocked. The department publishes daily stocking updates on its trout stocking webpage and posts them on Facebook and X.


Information on fishing licens-

es, trout stamps, and other related products is available on the online licensing portal or the Department of Natural Resources Licensing and Registration Services website.

As a reminder, regulations are in effect requiring catch-and-release fishing only for brook trout in all put-and-take trout areas and all waters east of Interstate 81. Anglers should take time to properly identify brook trout, which are not stocked by the Department of Natural Resources. Some stocked streams have seasonal restrictions so anglers should consult the current Maryland Guide to Fishing and Crabbing for all rules




Rainbow trout is among the species to be stocked in Maryland waters. Photo by Ranger Mark Spurrier, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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Maryland's Small Game and Wild Turkey Seasons Provide Abundant Fall Hunting Opportunities

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that squirrel, rabbit, fall turkey, and other small game seasons are either underway or set to open in the coming weeks. Some of these species offer generous seasons and bag limits and are abundant throughout Maryland.

"Small game hunting can be an enjoyable way to spend time afield for both new and experienced hunters alike," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Karina Stonesifer said. "Squirrels and rabbits, in particular, are common throughout Maryland and can provide memorable experiences once located."

Squirrel season opened September 2 with a bag limit of six per day (The Delmarva fox squirrel is not included in this season; this subspe-

cies remains protected to ensure continued population recovery). Focusing on areas with large mast-producing trees, such as oaks and hickories, is always a good bet when looking for squirrels.

Rabbit season begins on November 2 with a bag limit of four per day. Rabbits prefer brushy and weedy areas such as overgrown fields and hedgerows. Both rabbit

and squirrel seasons are open until February 28.

For hunters in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties, the fall turkey hunting season will open on November 2 and continue through November 10 with a bag limit of one turkey per hunter. Summer surveys showed good turkey reproduction in the western mountains this year, which should translate into

larger flocks.

Bird hunters should note that the bobwhite quail season remains closed on public lands east of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay.

Complete hunting regulations, check-in procedures and information on public land hunting can be found in the Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland.



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Across Oceans, Through the Airwaves: Dover Dispatchers' Quick Action Saves Sinking Vessel in a Different Dover

On August 27, 2024, at approximately 3:36 PM, the Dover Police Department received a call from an individual in Albania, reporting that their brother's boat was sinking in the English Channel off the coast of Dover, England. The caller had conducted an internet search for the "Dover Police Department" and the first search result on the screen proved to be the Dover, Delaware Police Department. The family member thought they were calling Dover, England but was connected with the agency here in the United States.

Recognizing the risks associated with trying to refer the frantic emergency caller, Communications Operator MacKenzie Atkinson kept them on the line and began collecting critical information. The caller provided the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates of this vessel and

C/O Atkinson used the skills obtained from her training through Priority Dispatch and her newly acquired certification from the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch and followed the protocols for a vessel in distress. While C/O Atkinson kept working with the caller on the phone, C/O Connor Logan began making international notifications in an effort to rescue this sinking vessel. Within just four minutes, he established contact with the following domestic and international agencies:

- The Kent County 911/Division of Emergency Communications
 - Delaware River and Bay Authority Section of the U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Coast Guard District 5
 - The French Coast Guard
 - His Majesty's Coast Guard of England
 - Dover, England Police Stations
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency's Coordination Center

Just 15 minutes and 48 seconds after the initial call, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency confirmed they were on their way to rescue the vessel. While all of this was going on, the remaining two dispatchers, C/O Patricia Mazzola and C/O Briana Dozier ensured that all local calls were handled and the citizens of Dover still received emergency services without any delays. On September 5th, 2024, while conducting a follow-up on the incident, we received confirmation that the vessel and all persons on board were safely returned to the Port of Dover, England as part of this rescue effort. As a result, Emergency Communications Manager Matthew Carey has nominated the group for a Dover PD Distinguished Unit Commendation.

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Eden teen is 13th Fish-Maryland Master Angler



Landon Derbyshire, 13th FishMaryland Master Angler, holds a red drum caught and released near Crisfield

ANNAPOLIS — Landon Derbyshire of Eden has earned a Master Angler Milestone Award under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' FishMaryland program.

Landon is the 13th Master Angler since the program began in 2019 and the second youth angler to win the award, having met his qualifications at age 15. The award recognizes recreational anglers who catch 10 trophy-sized fish of different species in Maryland.

He targets a variety of saltwater and freshwater fish, including invasive species, along the lower Eastern Shore, Chesapeake Bay, and Atlantic Ocean.

"I got into fishing because my dad took me pond fishing when I was around five and I really enjoyed it," he said.

The FishMaryland program includes dozens of species from both salt and freshwater. Landon submitted entries for all 10 catches and received individual certificates for each catch. He caught and released his 10th FishMaryland eligible fish, a sand tiger shark, on a boat just beyond the breakers off of a Maryland ocean beach. His Master Angler certificate was awarded on Aug. 27, about two weeks before his 16th birthday.

Landon's qualifying catches, in order, were:

Carp – 31.5 inches

Sheepshead – 24.5 inches

Blue shark – 85 inches

Red drum – 51 inches

Striped bass- 45 inches

Cobia – 53 inches

Blueline tilefish – 28 inches

Northern snakehead (Chesapeake Channa) – 31 inches

Spotted seatrout – 24 inches

Sand tiger shark – 73 inches

Landon caught the qualifying fish in many different locations including hooking a Chesapeake Channa (northern snakehead) in the inland tidal waters of Allen Pond, a cobia in the lower Chesapeake Bay (the Middle Grounds), and a blue shark off the Ocean City shore at the "Hot Dog," a popular deep water fishing spot.

"I would say my favorite fish to catch would be red drum." "I like fishing for them because they put up a great fight and they are a really cool looking fish."

He had set his sights on becoming the youngest Master Angler award winner. After 11-year-old angler Lucy Moore earned that title in May 2024, Landon then determined he would work to achieve the award before his 16th birthday.

"I showed people I could do it before I was old enough to get a fishing license," he said. "I had a lot of fun catching these fish and would not have caught them without help from the great folks at Sea Hawk Sport Center in Pocomoke City. My advice is to never give up, and keep fishing."

FishMaryland is Maryland's recreational fishing award program and is a fun way to explore year-round recreational fishing and enjoy affordable, accessible, diverse, and high-quality fishing opportunities. More information on the Master Angler Milestone Award and the FishMaryland program is available on the program's website.



Brendon McCann, is all smiles with his trophy bass taken in Western MD.

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“Montana Grant”



By Grant Soukup

CAMP BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. You have been fasting all night long and now need to “Break the Fast”. If you skip breakfast, your body systems will be slow to turn on and stay full of energy. At a Maryland hunting or fishing camp, this meal is the most important. Whether you are in the Appalachians or along the Bay, breakfast is important to start your day.

My favorite Breakfast afield, camping, and at home is Biscuits and Gravy. This is easy to make and is so filling. Start with a pound of sausage. Use what you like or have. Dice some onions into the sausage just because. I add some Old Bay seasoning to the mix. Once the sausage is browned, add a shot glass of maple syrup. Now add 2 cups of milk and stir/whisk in a quarter cup of flour. Add a dash of nutmeg. If you enjoy spicier gravy, add some hot sauce. The sweetness of the syrup will help to tone down anything too hot. Make it as thick or thin as you like.

For the biscuits you can use bread, Bisquick drop biscuits, or make your own from scratch. English Muffins will do in a pinch, but you need a knife to cut them. You can tear the bread or muffins into pieces. To warm them up, put them in a metal dish covered in foil atop the wood stove or...

Sausage gravy also is great on chops, meatloaf, or other dinners. If you are truly lazy, Libby’s makes Sausage Gravy in a can. It’s a bit slim on the sausage so fry sausage up and dump in the can of gravy. All of this can be made ahead of time and frozen or stored in plastic bags. You can leave the premade gravy in a sealed bag and heat in boiling water. Now you have water for dishes or washing also.

As a past Camp Cook, here is what I prepared for my hungry Camp guests.

Biscuits and Gravy So easy and good. Extra biscuits can be used for jelly or apple butter. Make the biscuits in a Dutch Oven for best re-

sults. You can also make them ahead and heat them up on the grill. Have some Hot Sauce on the side for the spice lovers. I also add Nutmeg and Old Bay seasoning to my gravy.

French Toast You can use whatever bread you have. Hot dog or hamburger rolls, Melba Toast, or heels and leftovers. Soak them in a bath of eggs, milk, sugar, and cinnamon. Tasty and popular. Have syrup, jelly, honey, powdered sugar, or... on hand. You can also make French toast as a casserole in a Dutch Oven. Once baked, just dig out your portions.

Omelets 2 hot pans can make omelets, cooked to order, in a hurry. Have everything on display and ready to load. Hot sauce or ketchup on the side.

Breakfast Sandwiches/ Burritos Bagels, English Muffins, Toast, or warmed tortilla wraps are the perfect platform. Load the sandwich/wrap with what you like.

Quiche Yes, they will eat Quiche if you call it a Breakfast Casserole. Cream o Wheat is an old school camp favorite. It really “sticks to your bones”. Add some butter and brown sugar on top for a warm and hearty wake up meal. Oatmeal can also be a quick and easy morning starter. Toppings help with the flavor.

Eggs and... I make eggs to order. 2 pans on a Coleman work well. Take liquid eggs for egg washes, scram-

bled eggs. Whole eggs need to be packed properly, so they stay intact. Try cutting a hole in a slice of bread, where you can dump the raw egg. Now the fried egg is perfectly shaped and has toast attached.

Pastries Prepackage the ingredients. Cinnamon buns, coffee cake, and donut holes are fast and easy. Dutch Ovens are easy and wonderful for baking or frying.

Drinks Cowboy coffee is a must. Black is best but some powdered creamer and sugar will be available. I also offer honey. Tea is just boiled water, so I have some tea bags on hand. Juices are fine. I try to have juice powders or extracts that I can make afield. Adding some wild mint kicks them up a notch. Canned juices are easy. The big cans are cheap and durable. The cleaned can, can be used for many other camp needs. Tomato or Vegetable juices have other uses for making sauces and drinks.

Fish Fileted trout and eggs are tasty and fun. Do the prep ahead of time and it does not take long. Corn Muffins with honey on top add to the meal.

Be Creative at a hunting camp, Liver and Onions may be a breakfast request. Look for what’s available in the wild. Adding wild spices, fruits, and tubers can be a way to extend the pantry. Berries, wild plums, apples, and ... can make great toppings.

Breakfast Sides Bacon, sausage, Scrapple, and potatoes will do the trick. I prefer sausage that I can form into a patty, the size that I need for a sandwich, to throw into the gravy, or use as a garnish. Bacon can be precooked and just heated or crumbled. Hash browns take some preparation but are worth the time.



The key is to get as much moisture out of the shreds and fry them until golden brown. Shredded cheese, in a few variations, add flavor. You can take small blocks of cheese to shred. This takes up less space.

If you have never tried Scrapple, check it out! Easy to fry and delicious. Great on a sandwich. Rapa scrapple is great but in western Maryland, “Yoders” scrapple was local and tasty. A splash of maple syrup will add to the flavor.

Presentation is key. The better it looks, the happier the campers. It does not take much effort or creativity to make food look decent and inviting. We are visual feeders. Ask the campers what they prefer and have it ready for them. Leftovers can be loaded onto a roll or biscuit and taken afield for lunch. I remember taking a couple foil wrapped baked potatoes in my pockets for a hand warmer. They also made a good lunch.

Hunting and fishing camp is a special time. Breakfast sets the tone for the day. Things are better with a group of friends on the feed.

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It is exciting to see big bluefish in the Chesapeake. Fish this size were abundant in the 80s before I was old enough to hold a rod. We had a lot of fun casting to breaking schools of fish off Smith Island over Labor Day weekend!



Tuan Nor Drum of Odenton, Maryland. Arrowed this beautiful Sika Hind on Sept. 26, 2024 on public land. Photo Coursey Winks Sporting Goods.

A 12-year-old boy fatally shoots a black bear mauling his father during a hunt in western Wisconsin

SIREN, Wis. (AP) — A 12-year-old boy has shot and killed a wounded black bear as it was mauling his father near their hunting cabin in the thick western Wisconsin woods.

Ryan Beierman, 43, told the Minnesota Star Tribune that he was pinned beneath the 200-pound bruin on Sept. 6 when his son, Owen, fired a shot from the boy's hunting rifle.

"Owen was a hero. He shot that bear and killed it on top of me," said Beierman, who suffered bites to his forehead, arm and leg. He also needed stitches to reattach a flap of skin on his cheek that was ripped during the attack.

Earlier, he and Owen spotted the bear from a tree stand near Siren, Wisconsin, about 90 miles (144 kilometers) northeast of Minneapolis. Owen fired a shot, wounding the bear which then ran away. The pair waited about 20 minutes before starting to look for the bear and used a neighbor's tracking dog to try and find it.

"We were sort of hung up in a thicket when we heard the dog yelp and sprint past us in retreat," Beierman told the newspaper. "Just then, I stepped into a semi-clearing. I said, 'There he is, Owen.'"

The bear charged from about 6 feet (1.8 meters) away. Beierman said he fired eight shots at the animal with his pistol, but all missed.

"Before I knew it, I was flat on my back," he recounted. "I started pistol-whipping him and it felt like I was striking a brick wall. I tried hitting him between the ear and mouth with a blunt edge of the pistol."

The bear then lunged at Beierman's head.

"All I could see were his claws and teeth," he said. "I lifted my right arm to block him. I remember the first bite. I heard a crunch. The bear was still attacking. He wasn't going to leave me."

"The bear was fighting for its life, and I was fighting for mine," Beierman added. "I'm punching and kicking and flailing around. That's when I saw a flash from the muzzle of Owen's rifle."

Beierman then was able to push the bear off him. He estimates that the attack lasted about 45 seconds.

A neighbor began driving Beierman and Owen to a hospital. They were met by an ambulance which took them the rest of the way.

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Coastal Report

By Capt. Mark Sampson

Unless someone actually gets on a boat and heads offshore, or are really lucky to be on the right stretch of beach at just the right time, most folks who visit or even live on this part of the mid-Atlantic coast will never see a whale. But they're out there!

Common species of whales off our shores include fin, humpback, pilot, and minke whales. But at least eight other species including the northern right, sei, sperm, Curvier's beaked, Gervai's beaked, True's beaked, Blainville's beaked, and killer whales may occasionally be observed, particularly in the waters near the continental shelf.

One of the most commonly seen leviathans off Delmarva is the fin whale. Reaching lengths of almost 80-feet, fin whales are second in size only to the giant blue whale, which is recorded to be the largest living creature that's ever inhabited our planet. Similar to blues, fin whales have a dorsal fin set far back and close to their tail and a long slender body. The upper jaw and head area (rostrum) is somewhat flat and v-shaped while the lower jaw and throat is covered with ventral grooves (pleats) that allow the throat area to expand tremendously when the animal is feeding. Fin whales are typically dark gray with light undersides.

Fin whales might be seen anytime off our coast but are particularly common during the cooler weather months. As big as they are, fin whales will actually come quite close to shore and it's not uncommon to see them within 10-15 miles of the beach. These whales may first be recognized by their large size and then by the manner in which they surface and dive. Fin whales break the surface first with the top of their head and blow (exhale) simultaneously. Then, as their head drops below the surface the back arches up and out of the water as they roll forward, eventually exposing their somewhat insignificant in size, but very visible dorsal fin. They will typically submerge without showing their tail flukes. A fin whale's diet consists primarily of small schooling fish, squid and plankton and they're reported to live as long as 90 years.

Anyone who has seen the Pacific Life Insurance ads on TV should be able to recognize the humpback whale with its black back, stout body and very long flippers (pec fins). Humpbacks may attain lengths of over 50-feet and sport a series of knobs (like large warts) across their head and lower jaw and on the leading edge of their flippers.

Humpbacks are the whales most often seen locally by fall fishermen and can be one of the most exciting whales to observe as they will sometimes breach (jump) out of the water and often show their entire tails when

they make deep dives. These whales also have a habit of laying on their side or back and slapping the surface of the water with their long flippers. Humpbacks will at times come very close to shore and are one species that has the highest probability of actually being seen from the beach. I've seen them myself from the sand of both Assateague and Ocean City shorelines.

Long and short finned pilot whales are common sights for anglers who fish the continental shelf waters 50 or more miles off our coast. Reaching lengths of up to 25-feet these are some of the smaller whales usually seen off our coast. But what they lack in size pilot whales certainly make up for in numbers particularly when they congregate in "herds" of up to 100 animals which may sometimes be seen resting like floating logs on the ocean's surface. These are "toothed" whales that instead of having baleen (strainers), their mouths are filled with teeth similar to those of dolphins, and which they use to catch and eat fish and squid.

Pilot whales are mostly black or

very dark brown in color but may have white markings on their underside and sometimes on their backs. They have a very prominent dorsal fin forward on their back that slopes sharply back.

In my book one of the "coolest" whales often seen off our coast is the minke whale. With a relatively pointed head, and sleek tapering body, its profile is not unlike the giant blue and fin whales. But the minke "only" grows to a little more than 30-feet. What's really neat about this whale is its beautiful color markings. The animal is mostly black or gray but has a light colored underside, a white band on each of its flippers, and a large chevron pattern across its back. Minkes have a pointed and very prominent dorsal fin that becomes very obvious when they dive. They do not raise their tails as they leave the surface. Minke whales are fast swimmers and often dart under and around fishing boats that share their feeding grounds. Like the larger baleen whales, minkes feed primarily on small schooling fish, squid, and zooplankton.

Seeing a whale is always an incredible sight. Of course most of the time they'll be seen from a boat miles offshore. Occasionally, however, a whale (usually a humpback) will come close enough that it can be seen from the beach. With estimates of only 300 individuals surviving today, northern right whales are one of the most endangered species of whales on the planet, and seeing one anywhere is a BIG deal. Observing a pair of right whales from the beach is absolutely phenomenal, but that's exactly what my wife and I were able to do a few years ago on a

cool April morning.

Before that I had never seen a living right whale before, and even though we immediately suspected that's what they were, we didn't want to make that identification until we were positive. So we flipped through our whale ID book and compared what we were seeing to what it said we "should" be seeing: Predominately black in color - check. No dorsal fin - check. Robust body with broad smooth back - check. Narrow arching rostrum with wart-like callosities on rostrum, lower lip, and around eyes - check. V-shaped blow from double blowhole - check. Tail has large black flukes with a concave margin - check check.

That was enough evidence for us to officially identify what we were seeing off Ocean City's beach that morning as two "northern right whales." This species is so endangered that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) wants anyone who sees them to call 978-585-3622 and report the sighting to help them keep track of the travels of these animals and so that the Coast Guard can broadcast a "notice to mariners" over the VHF radio to alert boaters to proceed through the area with caution.

The ocean is a big pond with no fences other than the natural boundaries of water temperatures, preferred depths, predators, and available food supplies - you never know what you might see. Whether walking down the beach, or in a boat miles from shore, at any moment Delmarva residents could suddenly be blessed with a view of one of the most incredible, beautiful, and largest creatures on earth!

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“The best thing about hunting and fishing,’ the Old Man said, ‘is that you don’t have to actually do it to enjoy it. You can go to bed every night thinking about how much fun you had twenty years ago, and it all comes back clear as moonlight.” — Robert Ruark



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THIRTY YEARS AND A GREAT DAY

By Steve Huettner

As you read this the hunting season will be a month in, with four glorious months left afield. One afternoon while sitting on the stand, I thought about how safe hunting has become over the last thirty years. Gone are the days when climbers didn't come with a harness, and two-by-fours nailed into the tree were the norm. Today when I climbed the stand, I wore a full-body harness, which I clipped to a safety line that would keep to tethered from the ground to my stand while climbing a set of aluminum sticks.

The Maryland Hunting Accident Report is produced by the Maryland Department of Resources every year. The report breaks accidents down into Two- Party (fatal or non-fatal) and Careless Handling / Falling from Tree Stand (fatal or non-fatal). They also record information such as age, causes, weather conditions, hunting device used, hunter orange, species hunted, and a brief synopsis of each accident. <https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/Hunting-Incident-Reports.aspx>

Looking over the reports from 2022 and 2023, Maryland averaged 19 reported hunting accidents or a rate of .0001%. Over roughly seven months (September-February; April-May) at any given time, anywhere up to 120,000 people are engaged in hunting in Maryland and the overwhelming majority do it safely.

The biggest threat to hunters isn't be-

ing shot by others or themselves, its tree stands. Whether it is a lock-on, ladder stand, climber, or homemade wooden stand; entering or exiting; poses the biggest threat. Twenty-one out of the thirty-nine reported accidents during this period involved some activities related to a tree stand 69%. The stand that led to the most accidents was the commercial ladder stand, with a lock on /climbing sticks and homemade wooden stands tied for second. Broken cables on both lock-on and climbers were a contributing factor in several cases. The biggest denominator was the lack of a safety harness when in the tree or a safety line when ascending or descending. When looking at tree stand accidents, what age group do you fall into factors in as well, with 60 + year-olds followed by the 50-59-year-old comprising the majority of accidents. Wisdom does not come with age.

With every stand coming with a safety harness, after-market vests, and harness, along with an already-made safety line for climbing in and out it's disheartening that we have that many hunters who don't use common sense to protect themselves. Hopefully, after reading this article or viewing the reports I can report next year of zero hunting accidents. I have included some reports, not to embarrass anyone but to hopefully educate and prevent the same from happening. Be safe out there!

A 61-year-old Howard County Deer hunter fell approximately 25 feet from a tree while bow hunting. The subject was climbing up the tree using his climber tree stand when the cable broke causing him to fall. The subject was not wearing a safety harness at the time of the incident. The subject was transported via Medivac to shock trauma for treatment to his chest and hip.

A 51-year-old Dorchester County Deer hunter fell approximately 20 feet from a tree stand. The subject was standing on the base of the stand not wearing a harness when the cable attaching the base to the tree broke. The subject fell to the ground causing injuries to his spine and was transported to shock trauma.

A 52-year-old Frederick County small game hunter was rabbit hunting using a 12 gauge shotgun. The subject was crossing a fence when the gun fell causing it to fire. The pellets from the fired shell hit the tree next to him and deflected into his calf causing injuries. The subject drove himself to the hospital to receive care.

A 65-year-old Frederick County hunter fell from a tree stand due to rusty cables while deer hunting. The subject was standing on the platform of his tree stand when the cable broke causing him to fall. The subject was not wearing a safety harness at the time of the incident. The subject was transported by EMS for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

A 51-year-old Washington County hunter fell approximately 20 feet from a tree stand while deer hunting. The subject lost his balance while leaning over causing him to fall. The subject was not wearing a safety harness. The subject was transported to the hospital for head, neck, and internal injuries.

A 65-year-old Anne Arundel County hunter fired his 10 gauge shotgun at a flying goose and hit a house. The hunt-

er mistakenly loaded his shotgun with a slug when he fired at the goose. The slug traveled through the exterior house wall and into furniture. The hunter was unaware of how a slug ended up in his waterfowl ammo box.

A 24-year-old Frederick County deer hunter attempted to shoot a deer but missed and the bullet traveled through the roof of a house and onto the living room floor. The deer was estimated to be 80 yards away but the angle and direction of the shot put the house in the backdrop. The hunter believed the muzzleloader he was using may not ha



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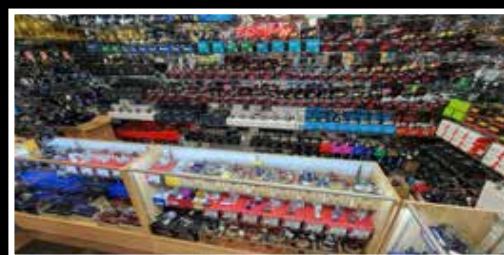
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Recipe of the Month

ROASTED DUCK



INGREDIENTS

2 ducks, gutted and plucked, each duck cut into two halves of a boneless breast attached to a whole leg (4 pieces total)

Vegetable or canola oil

Kosher salt, Freshly ground black pepper

APPLE CHUTNEY

2 lbs. Granny Smith apples (about 4 apples)

1 tbsp. mustard seeds

1 tsp. cumin seeds

1 onion, peeled and diced small

6 cloves garlic, minced

2 tbsp. grated fresh ginger

2 tbsp. turmeric

1 serrano pepper, seeded and finely chopped

Lemon juice

3 tbsp. vegetable oil

3/4 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1/4 cup golden raisins

1/4 cup dried cranberries

2 tbsp. honey

Kosher salt

1/4 cup lemon juice (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Lightly oil a heavy cast-iron pan (I brush mine with oil and remove the excess with a paper towel).

Heat the pan on the stovetop over medium-high heat until very hot.

Season the duck on both sides with salt and pepper.

Sear the duck halves skin side down, pressing it down so that the duck skin has maximum contact with the hot pan. You want to get the skin crisp and golden; a large duck takes close to 10 minutes.

Using tongs, lift up the duck halves and check to see if there are any feathers poking up from the skin.

If so, burn them off with a lighter, a kitchen torch, or the stove burner.

Flip the duck halves so the skin side is up.

Set the pan in the oven and roast 5-8 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 135°-140° for medium-rare.

The juices should be pink and oily but not bloody, and the breast meat should look pink.

Remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes. Separate the leg from the breast meat and slice the breast thinly.

Serve with Apple Chutney.

Apple Chutney I like the idea of making my own apple chutney in the fall when there are so many apples and so many ducks. But you could easily use your favorite store-bought chutney instead and save the apples for a pie.

Peel and core the apples, and cut into 1/3-inch cubes.

Toss with enough lemon juice to coat the apple pieces and prevent them from browning.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the oil, mustard seeds, and cumin seeds.

Cook until the seeds start to toast and pop. Add onion and cook until caramelized, about 6 minutes.

Add the garlic, ginger, turmeric, and serrano pepper and cook over medium-high heat until fragrant.

Add the brown sugar and stir until it begins to dissolve, about 2 minutes.

Add the vinegar and bring to a simmer.

Cook for about 10 minutes to combine the flavors.

Add the diced apples, raisins, and cranberries.

Cook for about 15 minutes until the apples are softened.

Add honey and cook over low heat until thickened.

Adjust seasoning with salt, honey, or additional lemon juice, as needed.

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Maryland Catfish Trail hopes to control invasive species

The blue catfish's population has become such a problem that the state recently initiated a Maryland Catfish Trail where anglers can target fellow invasive flathead catfish and snakeheads in an attempt to help lower their numbers.

Don't think that the next time you reel in an invasive fish you only get tasty fillets and a photo opportunity.

Maryland is offering anglers the opportunity to reel in monthly prizes, earn rewards, and even turn a profit while actively combating invasive species and contributing to the state's vital conservation initiatives.

Reel Rewards Program (through Oct. 31)

The Baltimore-based nonprofit Environmental Justice Journalism Initiative focuses on addressing the threat posed by invasive fish species to the Baltimore Harbor ecosystem, economy, and native species.

Participants not only contribute to the scientific understanding of invasive species populations, but can also earn \$30 for each head of an aquatic invasive species.

Go to www.ejji.org/reel-rewards.

Great Chesapeake Invasives Count (through April 30, 2025)

The Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, in collaboration with Yamaha Rightwaters, is holding a free tournament where anglers have the opportunity to compete for monthly prizes.

Participants can log their catches and can input details such as total length, weight, and even stomach contents through a mobile app.

Go to www.ccamd.org/the-great-chesapeake-invasives-count/.

Fish Maryland Program (year round)

Maryland DNR manages FishMaryland, a recreational fishing award program.

The Invasive Species Award recognizes anglers for reporting their catch of specific invasive fish species and promotes conservation efforts.

Go to dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/FishMaryland/index.aspx.



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