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## President's Message

By Ed Susa

Well, summers almost over. The kids are back in school and fishing really isn't that great lately. Either it was been too hot or there were very few fish to be had. I can't remember a summer where the spot were so hard to find or so small they weren't even good for live lining. It seems like yesterday we couldn't wait for the spring season to start, now we're hoping that fall arrives, things cool off and the fish arrive in numbers for the fall season. It's amazing how time really slips away and we don't always get to do all the things we had planned.

Speaking of plans, there are two upcoming chapter events that I hope everyone has in their plans. First, our chapter crab feast on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Pine Cliff Park is quickly approaching. We still need a few volunteers to help set up, clean up and generally assist us with cooking everything. It should be a great day of fun and food for all those that attend. Remember, for every ten raffle tickets you've sold you get one free ticket for all the crabs you can eat. Following this great event, is our annual Kingfish tournament from October the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> in Harker's Island. Truly fellas, this is one event that should always be in your plans.

Finally, my term as President of this fine chapter is coming to an end in November of this year. If anyone is interested in running for President, please see me or Rob Pellicot to get your name on the ballot. In addition, each chapter officers term is also up and if you have any interest in running for any office, please let us know as we will be voting for chapter officers in December. Having said this, we will be looking for additional board members to assist with membership and other chapter responsibilities. Please, step up and volunteer a couple hours of your time each month to help our chapter continue to be one of the best fishing organizations around.

Fish hard!

## Next Meeting September 8, 2010

**Food Service begins at 6:15 pm. The meeting starts @ 7:15 PM.**

**Speaker: Capt. Chuck Fisher**

We have another great guest speaker this month. Captain Chuck Fisher will be talking to us about Rock fishing in the Bay. Capt Chuck is the owner of BFG fishing Guides and of BFG Tackle. I am sure you have seen his lures at many of the local shops as well as at Bass Pro

**Vendor: BFG Tackle**

**On the Menu**  
Pot luck

**Last Month's Raffle Winners**

**Attendance at the August meeting:**  
38

### **MSSA Frederick Meets at**

New Market Firehouse  
76 W Main Street  
New Market, Maryland 21774

### **Directions to Meeting**

Take exit 62 off of I-70, then go north on MD 75. Turn left at the stoplight, Rt. 144, and the firehouse is on the left about 0.9 miles down the road. Turn left next to the firehouse.

## Chapter News

### **ATTENTION!!!!!!**

### **The Cruise Drawing will be at this Month's Meeting**

We're drawing the winner of the 2010 fundraiser Cruise at the conclusion of this month's meeting.

Please turn your tickets back into Bob Pellicott or one of the Chapter Officers before the meeting on Wednesday.

We want everyone who bought tickets to have an equal chance of winning so your cooperation in this matter is of upmost importance.

### **Chapter King Mackerel Tournament Morehead, North Carolina October 2-9, 2010**

Thirteen boats are already going. This will be your last chance to sign up. There are still rooms and slips available. If you want to go, we would love to have you.

This will be the cheapest week of fishing from accommodations to boat gas. We can provide the details and tackle will cost less than \$30.

Don't get left out. We take over the motel and you will enjoy a week of fishing, eating and drinking with your closest fishing buddies.

King Mackerel Tournament T-shirt will be available for sale at the September meeting only. Even if you are not going, you can purchase a long or short sleeve Tackle the Mackerel shirt. Shirts must be prepaid and we will not be ordering extras.

If you have any questions, you can call Rob @ 301-606-0392 or 240-586-5201.

### **Chapter Crab Feast**

Don't forget the all-you-can-eat crab feast Saturday, Sept. 18 at Pine Cliff Park in Frederick.

The menu will feature fresh steamed blue crabs, corn, fries, and Cole slaw. Soft drinks, Potato chips and hot dogs will be provided; feel free to bring your own beer.

Tickets to the crab feast for \$30 each, advance purchase only. There will be no tickets sold after the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Friends and Family are welcome as well.

## Fishing Reports

### **Chincoteague Action**

By Charlie Koski

Well here I sit awaiting the arrival of Hurricane Earl which is supposed to slam us on Friday before the big end of summer Labor Day weekend. As far as the hurricanes effect on fishing, I do not think it will hurt the fishing since it has been pretty bad fishing since August 22nd. We have been able to nick a few medium croakers and a lot of small sea bass. Flounder fishing has been really slow with only a few fish being caught. There has been a lot of peanut bunker in the area and I suspect the fish have been feeding at night with the full moon. Ah, the summer doldrums. The Blackfish Banks wrecks have been producing some keeper flounder and a few triggerfish. I have even tried fishing the beachfront for Sea mullet but they seem to have got lockjaw also. Hopefully the storm will blow some fish inshore!!!

Tight lines.....

### **Ocean City Action**

By Sue Foster

August 30, 2010

Water Temperature (WTMP): 74.7°F

Some bigger flounder were caught this week along with catches of sheephead and puppy drum. Oceanic Pier, Rt. 50 Bridge, 3rd Street Bulkhead and Homer Gudelsky Park all had flounder action. Bluefish action picked up from the Rt. 50 Bridge this week. One weighed in went 11 pounds!

Stripers were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge. In the surf, bluefish were reported! Plus, we're still having summertime action with kingfish, spot, croaker, sharks (big and small) and big rays. Offshore picked up on sea bass and flounder. Dolphin and marlin fishing was very good.

### **Chesapeake Bay Action**

Upper bay region fishermen continue to fish for a mix of striped bass, small bluefish, white perch and a few Spanish mackerel are also being caught. Most of the Spanish mackerel are being caught by fishermen trolling small spoons such as Clark and Drone spoons. Gold seems to be a number one choice when deciding which color to use; Clark spoons of course come in gold and Drone spoons can be all gold or the black with gold has been a real hot item lately. All are being trolled behind #1 or #2 planers and inline weights. The Spanish mackerel, bluefish and striped bass have been working on schools of bay anchovies in the region. Casting to breaking fish is also an often exciting option when and

where the action can be spotted. Most often the striped bass on top are less than 18" in length but often there are some larger ones underneath.

Chumming and chunking is still a good option at traditional locations such as the Swan Point, Love Point and Podickory Point areas. Fishermen report the best action is occurring early in the morning on a fast moving tide with baits close to the bottom. Fishermen are also live lining spot either in their chum slicks or on channel edges and structure such as the Bay Bridge piers.

White perch are providing a lot of good fishing at most hard-bottomed points and shoals in the lower sections of the tidal rivers and out in the bay. Small dropper flies above jigs, beetle spin type lures and bottom rigs baited with bloodworms or grass shrimp will all do the trick. Fishing for channel catfish in the channel areas near the Susquehanna and Elk Rivers has also been very good.

Fishermen's attention in the middle bay region has been mostly focused on the good fishing for a mix of striped bass, bluefish and Spanish mackerel. They can be often found breaking water as they chase bay anchovies out in the bay. Casting to breaking fish or trolling small spoons behind planers have been the most popular methods of fishing for the mix. Those fishermen targeting striped bass have been live lining spot at traditional channel edges such as the Hill, the Diamonds and the False Channel.

White perch fishing on hard-bottomed points and shoals remains good this week as well as shoreline structure in the lower sections of the tidal rivers. Croaker fishing at night continues to be good at locations such as the Gooses and the mouth of Eastern Bay.

The lower Bay region offers a wide range of fishing opportunities this week over a lot of territory. A mix of striped bass, bluefish and Spanish mackerel are spread throughout the region. Most fishermen are trolling small spoons out in the bay for the trio but those targeting striped bass have been live lining spot at channel edges such as out in front of the Gas Docks. The largest concentration of bluefish is in the Middle Grounds area and they can be caught by chumming or trolling spoons and surge tube lures. Large red drum continue to be found behind Buoy 72 and north of the Target Ship and are being caught and released by fishermen trolling spoons. Chumming for a mix of bluefish and striped bass has also been productive in the mouth of the Potomac River. Several cobia have been caught recently in the region so keep an eye out for them also; they make for some fine eating.

Fishermen in the Tangier Sound area are catching a mix of spot and croaker while bottom fishing with a few flounder and bluefish tossed in. The flounder fishing this season has been rather lack luster as compared to last year but the best catches have been coming from the Pocomoke and Tangier Sound areas. There has been quite a bit of shallow water fishing for speckled trout in the last couple of weeks along the eastern side of the bay's tidal marshes. Information is tough to dig out since the fishermen who target them are tighter than an oyster at low tide. Gulp swimming mullet lures are usually the hot ticket but drifting peeler crab baits in deep current flowing from the tidal marshes can also pay off.

### **Virginia Beach Action**

By Dr. Julie Ball

August 27, 2010

As temperatures begin to ease into the eighties, the late summer fishing trend is right on track. Many summer species are preparing to migrate out of the area, while the fall visitors are making an entrance. This mixed bag can make it tough to choose which species to target. Most anglers are opting for either flounder or cobia as both species gather in the lower Bay.

Flounder is always a favorite, and the action is still good this week. Nice flatfish are coming from most anywhere, but the most productive areas are along deep channels, drop offs, and most any lower Bay structure. Good reports are coming from all along the Bay Bridge Tunnel, Back River Reef, and Buoy 42. Live bait, jigs, and fresh strip bait are all working well right now. The lower Bay inlets are also giving up keeper fish, with many ranging to 24-inches in both Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets. Flatfish will begin moving to inshore and offshore wrecks soon. Nice keeper-sized seabass are also providing good action on many offshore structures.

Cobia action is still a sure thing, with pods of fish appearing on the surface as they prepare to exit Bay waters. These fish are making easy targets as they present in open waters, with many pushing to well over 50-pounds. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, live bait and eels are out fishing bucktails this week. Reports indicate good numbers of cruising fish outside Little Creek Inlet, along the entire Baltimore Channel, near York Spit, and along the Virginia Beach coastline this week.

Schools of bull reds are still roaming the lower Bay shoals, as well as the 3rd and 4th islands of the Bridge Tunnel. Surf anglers are also pulling bulls out of the surf along Smith

Island. Puppy drum are still active in the shallows. The best locations are Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, with speckled trout also showing promise on the Poquoson flats and Hungar's creek. Backwater casters are reporting nice sized pups on live bait, Gulp Swimming Mulletts, and cut bait.

Some spot are showing in Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlet, and scattered around the lower Bay. The local piers are also reporting good spot action, especially after a stiff easterly blow. This bite should only improve over the next few weeks. Croaker ranging up to 1.5-pounds are hitting inside Magothy bay near buoy 262, while the biggest hardheads are coming from Oyster, where some fish are pushing to near 2.5-pounds. The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle report that shrimp and squid are the best croaker baits this week. Sea mullet are also taking shrimp and clam near buoy 262 and along Latimer Shoal off the Eastern Shore Bayside. Tarpon are still active in the backwaters of Oyster, but not for long.

Trigger fish are still everywhere, while sheepshead anglers are also finding good catches this week, with some fish ranging up to 12-pounds. Bill Perron of Virginia Beach took the lead in the state with a nice 4.5-pound trigger he caught near the 1st island this week. Gary Joeger of Virginia Beach scored with an 11-pound, 7-ounce sheepshead he found near the High Rise section of the CBBT. Spadefish are also lingering in these same areas.

Nice sized Spanish mackerel are still providing good action from the middle Bay on out to the Chesapeake Light Tower. A few anglers are encountering gaffer mahi along the CB buoy line and near the Tower Reef areas lately.

Virginia deep droppers are still faring well off Virginia. The Rudee inlet Head Boats continue to bring home content anglers toting limits of big tilefish, rosefish, and grouper. Several citation blues over 10-pounds are in the mix, along with some nice seabass. Amberjack are still available at the South tower and offshore wrecks, and Jack Crevelle will make a brief showing on the Light Tower over the next few weeks.

Offshore, billfish are still at the top of the list. Very good numbers of white marlin, along with scattered blue marlin, and a few sailfish are thrilling trollers right now. A few big wahoo and bailer and gaffer dolphin are rounding out catches, but tuna are very scattered.

For more information, go to [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

## Tips and Tackle

### Spiral Wrapped Rods

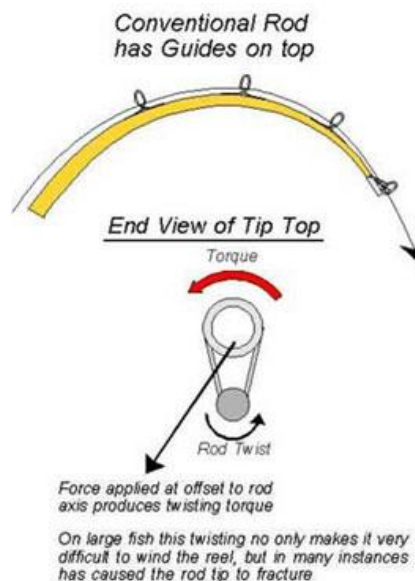
By: Ko Tamura

"Were you on something when you built that?" "What happened to your rod?" These are all commonly heard comments when the uninitiated sees a spiral wrapped rod for the first time. The design is also known as acid and Robert's Wrap. As strange as they may appear, it is quite possibly the best way to build a rod for use with a conventional reel.

As the name implies, the rod is wrapped with the guides spiraling up the rod so that the guides closest to the tip are on the bottom of the rod the same as on a spinning rod. Rods built for conventional reels call for the guides to be wrapped on the top of the rod. Almost all rods are built like this, so it must be the best way, right? WRONG!

Rod manufacturers build rods that sell. A "weird" spiral wrap will not sell as well as a conventional rod, even if it is a better fishing tool. Manufacturers already sell more rods than one can shake a jig at, so why change? Most consumers stick with what is familiar and conventional rods are familiar.

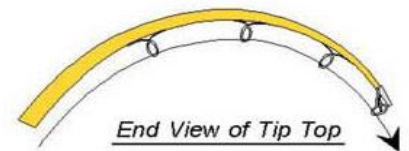
The concept of spiral wrapping is not new. In fact, the original patent was issued in 1909. Those who choose to discredit this "fad" need to realize that this "fad" is almost 100 years old. The purpose of wrapping a rod with the guides spiraling to the bottom of the rod is twofold. First, there is no torsion or twisting force on the blank when the rod is under a load. Second, the rod is more stable under a load and the angler does not have to make an effort to keep the rod up with the guides facing up.



\*Courtesy of All-American Roller Guides

Torsion is the twisting force on a loaded rod. This effect is most pronounced toward the tip of the rod. The tip of the rod is significantly thinner than the butt and therefore cannot withstand the same amount of torsion as the thick butt end can. Many anglers have noticed that their rod tips are often completely turned over when they are fighting a fish. This repeated twisting weakens the blank and would explain why many rods tend to break near the tip

*Spinning & Spiral wrapped Rods have guides on bottom of rod*



*Spinning rods and spiral wrapped rods have guides on the bottom of the rod, therefore they do not twist, because there is no torque (turning moment) applied to the rod's tip top*

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Many believe that a properly spined blank will resist the effects of torsion, however, it makes no difference how the rod is spined. Torsion will always win over the spine. On a spiral wrapped rod, a tip will never twist because the line is already at the lowest point, the bottom of the rod. When a fish is on end of the line, the line is being pulled down and toward the fish.

Spiral wrapped rods are more stable fish fighting tools. With the guides on the bottom, there is no twisting force from the line seeking the lowest point. The angler doesn't have to fight to keep the rod upright. If the angler cannot keep the guides perfectly in line on a conventional rod while fighting a fish, the line and guides will create torsion as the line tries to go under the rod toward the fish.

Another common misconception about spiral wrapped rods is that they do not cast well. A correctly built spiral wrapped rod casts no differently than a conventional rod with the guides on top. The longest spiral wrapped rod I have built is a Seeker Ulua (9'3") and it casts no differently than my other conventional jigstick. The only noticeable difference takes place only after a fish is pulling on the other end; the rod is stable and no energy is spent fighting to keep the rod upright.

My largest fish on an acid wrapped rod is a 65# yellowfin. The blank is a GUSA 70xxh paired with a Shimano Trinidad 40. It is built without a gimbal, but at no point did the rod want to turn over while fighting the fish. In addition to that rod, numerous yellowtail and a single albacore were caught on the Seeker Ulua with the same results.

Until recently, the only limit to spiral wrapped rods was that only ringed guides could be used. There was no way to use standard roller guides to move the line to the bottom of the rod. Fortunately, All-American Roller Guides now has "acid rollers" available. Will rods using these acid rollers become more common on long-range trips? No one can say for sure. It is a hard sell to get anglers to even try these rods, but those who try them in earnest will likely be sold on them.

### DNR in the News

#### **Maryland Anglers Seeing Unprecedented Marlin Action Near Ocean City**

Annapolis, Md. (September 2, 2010) — Over the past 10 days, fisherman in the waters off Ocean City have experienced a frenzy of white marlin action. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Service encourages anglers to take advantage of this unprecedented catch and release opportunity.

"It appears the 'perfect storm' of conditions came together off the Maryland coast," said Val Lynch, DNR Sport Fish Advisory Commissioner and veteran offshore angler. "Warm water gyres off the Gulf Stream appeared and held large numbers of baitfish for the marlin to feed on."

Beginning August 23, the Ocean City record for catch and release white marlin was broken by multiple boats on multiple days culminating on August 30, when Captain John Duffie and his crew on the Billfisher out of Sunset Marina caught and released 57 of these feisty billfish. On the same day, nine boats combined for 267 released white marlin.

"This is the best white marlin bite I've ever experienced," said Steve Linhard Maryland's representative on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and Captain of the Hot Tuna. "Fishing with Captain Sylvain Cote and Karl Bieberich onboard Espadon out of Ocean City last week, we raised 30 and had 11 bite. At one time we counted seven fish in the spread.

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### **Frederick 2010 Yearbook**

Bring the photo to meeting or e-mail them to [secretary@mssafrederick.com](mailto:secretary@mssafrederick.com)

#### **Chapter Buddy List**

The Buddy list helps members with boats find additional crew or for members without boats who want to go fishing.

To have your name put on the list, send your name and phone number to: [secretary@mssafrederick.com](mailto:secretary@mssafrederick.com)

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### Tournament News

#### **18th Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic**

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA) and our sponsors would like to invite you to participate in the 18th Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic. The tournament will be held on November 20 & 21, 2010 on the Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

This tournament is open to ALL anglers looking to catch some magnificent rockfish and possibly walk home with some big money. Last year's winner took home nearly \$45,000!

With weigh stations from Sandy Point State Park to Point Lookout State Park you are surely capable of fishing this tournament.

You may sign up for this tournament at any of our Captain's meetings, online, phone, or fax.

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## FREDERICK MSSA CHAPTER - 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<b>JANUARY</b>	14-17	- Timonium Fishing Expo – Timonium Fairgrounds
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	21-24	- Baltimore Boat Show – Baltimore Convention Center
	<b>22</b>	- <b>Dinner Meeting – Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	5-7	- MSSA Convention, Ocean City, MD
	6	- Tri State Marine Flea Market – Free in Deale MD
	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting -</b>
	13-14	- Pasadena Flea Market – Earleigh Heights Fire Co, Pasadena, MD
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
27	- Dorchester County Flea Market – American Legion Post 91 – Cambridge, MD	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	20-21	- Essex/Middle River Flea Market
	27-28	- Southern MD Fishing Fair – Solomons Fire Hall
	<b>27</b>	- <b>Chapter Promotion Day (Sports Authority – Urbana Pike, Frederick)</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>3</b>	- <b>Frederick Shakedown Cruise/Brunch – Sandy Point</b>
	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>21</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	17	- Opening Day - Striped Bass Season
	30	- 27th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
<b>MAY</b>	1-2	- 27th Annual MSSA Spring Tournament – Solomons
	<b>12</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>14-16</b>	- <b>Chapter Flounder Tournament – Chincoteague</b>
	<b>19</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>9</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>16</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	25-27	- 19th Annual MSSA Tunament – Ocean City & Wachapreague
<b>JULY</b>	<b>14</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>10-11</b>	- <b>Chapter Live Line Tournament -</b>
	<b>16-18</b>	- <b>Chapter Tuna Trip/Tournament - Chincoteague</b>
	<b>21</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>11</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	- <b>Chapter Crab Feast and Picnic - Pine Cliff Park - Frederick, Md.</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>2-9</b>	- <b>Chapter North Carolina Kingfish Tournament</b>
	<b>13</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>20</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>17</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	20-21	- 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual MSSA Fall Tournament
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>8</b>	- <b>Frederick Meeting</b>
	<b>15</b>	- <b>Frederick Board Meeting</b>
	<b>17-19</b>	- <b>Chapter Trip to the CBBT for Striped Bass - Kiptopeke, Virginia</b>