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## Berlin Angler Sets Maryland Coastal White Perch Record

**On November 17, Finn McCabe from Berlin pulled in a record-setting 1.2-pound, 13-inch white perch from Ayers Creek as the sun began to set over the Route 376 Bridge west of Sinepuxent Bay and Assateague Island.**

McCabe was originally hoping for a striped bass or speckled trout when he caught the perch using a green twister tail lure on a quarter-ounce jig head.

He put the perch, one of the state's most popular fish, on ice, and the following day took it to Sunset Marina in Ocean City for an official weigh-in. From there, he visited a nearby Mary-

land Department of Natural Resources field office, where fisheries biologist Steve Doctor certified the species.

Following the formal application and certification process, the department was able to announce the catch as a new state record in the Maryland Atlantic division.

When asked what he intended to do with the fish, McCabe said, "I'm thinking some butter, and grilling it on the George Foreman."

The Department of Natural Resources maintains records for sport fish in three divisions—Atlantic, Chesapeake and non-

tidal—and sends plaques to record holders. Anglers who catch a potential record fish should call 443-569-1381 or 410-260-8325, and immerse the fish in ice until it can be weighed at a seafood retailer, grocery store, or tackle shop with a certified scale. All International Game Fish Association rules for records and Maryland fishing regulations apply.

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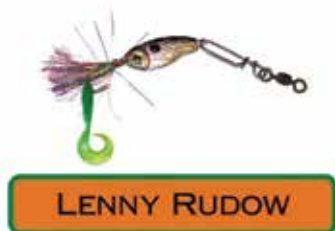
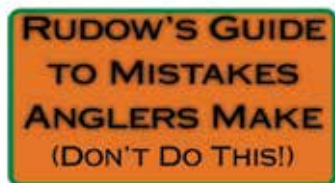




By Lenny Rudow

They say that we all make mistakes, but through the years I've found that I have a real talent for it. I've set hooks into the back of my own head, fallen off of the boat, shut down the bite through sheer stupidity, and on one spectacular occasion broke five fishing rods in one fell swoop. (Note: never, ever lean fishing rods up against the inside of an open car door. Ever. Especially in a 20-knot breeze). So while I hate to sound arrogant, I'm going to unequivocally state that yes, I am an expert on making fishing mistakes. Hence my newest book: Rudow's Guide to Mistakes Anglers Make (Don't Do This!)

For a long time people have been asking me when I'd write a new book, and for a while a non-compete agreement I was stuck with gave me an easy out. With that in the rear-view, however, nothing had really grabbed



You want to avoid making fishing mistakes? This will help!

## "Hooked on Fishing"

### Mistakes Anglers Make – Don't Do This!

me as an exciting new topic that would be both fun to write about, and help lots of anglers out there. Then one day I realized I was making a mistake which cost me several hook-ups, and—LIGHT-BULB—I dug right in and got started. The book is available at Amazon (Just type my name and the title into the search box and it'll pop right up), you can get it from me at the fishing shows, and I hope to get it onto the counters at some local tackle shops. I think it'll really help a lot of fishermen learn from the mistakes of others. Here's part of the section on Boat-handling Blunders to whet your appetite, and also to give you some solid fishing info (so this entire column doesn't consist of one big, fat book plug).

#### Catch My Drift?

Setting up for a drift improperly is something you see all the time. If there's a pack of 20 boats working a piece of bottom or a school of fish, maybe three or four will be doing it perfectly. Another 10 or 12 will be working it sufficiently. The remaining half-dozen or so boats will be drifting in such a way that they not only get skunked, they get in everyone else's way.

Here's why it gets so tough: you have to take both wind and current into account. Then, remember that different boats have different windage and hull designs, so they all drift a bit differently. Add in the running gear variable; inboards tend to drift side-to, outboards tend to drift stern-to, and powercats tend to slide forward a bit as they drift side-to. Now toss a few wakes into the mix, and you often end up with drifting chaos.

The big blunder most guys make is seeing marks on the meter, shifting into neutral, and telling everyone to drop

their baits or lures—without taking a host of other factors into account. Black drum fishing is a perfect example. You need pinpoint-positioning, to drop your baits practically on the fish's heads, to get hook-ups.

Before you even try to set up your boat for the actual fishing, you need to stop and just let the boat drift around for a minute or two. Cut some baits, rig some lines, or otherwise keep yourself occupied with something other than fishing. When enough time has passed for your chartplotter to create a trail (having this function turned off when drift fishing is making another big mistake), you can see your direction of drift. And you can see which direction to head in, in order to set up so you drift back over your target.

Now, look at the wind direction. If it changes, your drift will change. Then consider the current. Is it dropping, or picking up? Will it change directions any time soon? These factors will all affect your drift, and can cause it to shift quite a bit. Keep them in mind, and always pay attention to your chartplotter. Looking at your trail is often the first thing that will tip you off to changes in your drift.

Okay: now that you know exactly how your boat is going to drift, you're ready to find the fish on the meter and start fishing, right? Not so fast. Another mistake people make is hunting for fish while travelling in the same direction that their drift will take them.

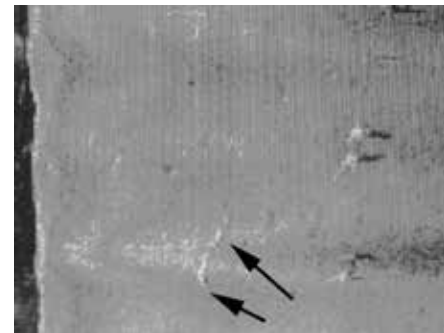
Let's say you're idling along at six knots, when you first spot a school of black drum on the meter. The school is a nice one—maybe it's the size of a house. You immediately shift into neutral, and tell everyone to get their lines over the side. For the next minute or so everyone rushes around grabbing rods and shuffling to the gunwales. They drop their baits down to the bottom, and... nothing. Because during that minute or so, your boat's momentum kept it moving at six knots, then five, then four. Think about it: a boat shifted out of gear from six knots is going to travel a significant distance—certainly as far as a house is big—before slowing down to its drifting speed.

Well hold on now, what if you shift into reverse to stop your momentum, the moment you saw the fish? You could do that, IF YOU COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT CHAPTER TWO!!! That should be your last resort. A much better move would be to spin the boat the moment you saw the school, and re-approach from the opposite direction.

In fact, whenever hunting for fish that you intend to drift on, you should do your hunting into the wind and/or current (whichever is necessary to be heading in the opposite direction of the drift). That way, when you shift into neutral the natural forces stop your boat's momentum, instead of working with it. By the time your anglers are setting their baits out, the boat will just begin to drift back in the direction you came from—and back over the fish.

Of course, you can't go in the same direction forever. So when you need to turn and hunt in the same direction as the drift, you need to plan to spin the boat around and re-approach whatever you saw. We'll talk some more about that in our section on speed, but first, another boat drifting blunder...

Oh well, looks like the entire column became something of a plug after all. Sorry, folks. But if you think you might be interested in reading Rudow's Guide to Mistakes Anglers Make (Don't Do This!) let me give you my personal guarantee: if this book doesn't help you catch more fish, I'll eat my bait (as long as I'm using soft crab or shrimp).



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## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Never before has so much emphasis been placed on the value of time. It is so valuable, important, and precisely measured.

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We can experience an hour of time, a minute of time, a second of time, and even a tenth of a second of time. Now with the speed of computers, time can be measured in nanoseconds. A nanosecond is one billionth of a second.

Though we can understand the concept of a nanosecond in our mind, it occurs too fast for us to experience.

Yet with all the accuracy of time, we still cannot answer the question: "What is time?" Ben Franklin said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander it, for that is the stuff life is made of."

The psalmist said in Psalm 118, "This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." The psalmist is speaking of today. Today is all we have to serve God. Yesterday is simply a memory and tomorrow is simply a possibility. We must learn to use the time God has given to us.

In a ball game, there are time-outs. In life there are no time-outs. We can't stop it, hold it or put it in the bank. We are to use our time wisely and invest it into those things that will make us productive for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus told us to make the most of our time. We are to redeem the time because the days are evil. Our Lord warned us that "night cometh" when no man can work. Use your time wisely because as Franklin said, "It's the stuff life is made of."

— MEL BRINDLEY

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AC Worsey of Calvert County, MD. has a very wide eight point buck. Photo courtesy of Ron's Bay Pro Shop



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# PENDING 2016 RECREATIONAL STRIPED BASS REGULATION CHANGES

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association would like to announce some pending changes in the 2016 striped bass fishery. Please note that all decisions must be approved by the The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). These changes were voted on by the Maryland Sport Fish Advisory Commission (SFAC) and will be submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

## Trophy Season:

By a unanimous vote, the SFAC approved a change in the Trophy season to a 1 fish/person minimum 35" (season length remains the same; 3rd Saturday in April to May 15)

## Summer/Fall Season:

The SFAC voted to approve two options for the summer/fall fishery for the Department to advance:

### 1.) Status Quo:

2 fish per person, minimum 20 inches (2 fish/person 20"-28" OR 1 fish 20"-28" and 1 fish 28" or more)

### 2.) Captains Choice 2 fish or 1 fish per



**Landon Somerville with two nice Stripers and a 13 1/2 inch Citation White Perch. Photo courtesy of Shore Sportsman.**



**Tom Burns, from NJ bagged this buck with his bow on youth shot gun day. Photo courtesy of Schraders Outdoors.**

person:

2 fish per person, minimum 20 inches (2 fish/person 20"-28" or 1 fish 20"-28" and 1 fish 28" or more) OR 1 fish/person minimum 18" (everyone on the boat will have to comply and agree on size limit)

## Coastal Fishery:

SFAC voted to change the current regulation of 1 fish/person 28" and over, to mirror the Delaware regulations of 2 fish/person 28-38" or 44" and above (all year)

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## “Tackle Box Tim”

### Awareness Through Fishing

I’ve said it for a long time. Fishing is a sport that knows no boundaries. It does not recognize age, gender, race, or physical stature. All who care to cast a line can partake in the sport. With so much of the world demographics taking part in the sport, there are opportunities to bring awareness to worthy causes. I’ve been blessed to have taken part in several benefit events through fishing and make it a point to participate as my life schedule allows.

Many others take it upon themselves to highlight causes through angling. One such fisherman is Paul Robertson, President of Tanks Direct, which distributes, sells, and installs storage tanks for water, fuel, and chemicals. Paul has founded Fishing for Muscular Dystrophy (FFMD). A native-born son of Montgomery County, he has always loved fishing and being on the water. He has focused his passion for fishing to raise funds to find a cure for the debilitating disease.

Fifteen years ago Robertson had taken a series of falls. He visited orthopedic doctors because he had a history of knee problems. The doctors were not able to give a reason for the falling incidents. Paul sought out doctors from several renowned institutions such as Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Mayo Clinic. After these consultations, he was diagnosed with Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD). He also has a sister who has been given the same diagnosis.

Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic and progressive neuromuscular disease that is currently incurable. For years, Paul downplayed his disease. As his gait got worse he would simply tell people he has a

“bad wheel”. In 2013 he finally admitted to folks that he was dealing with LGMD. In March of last year, he took a major fall in his garage and had a breakdown with the realization of his disease. As his mind cleared he decided to stand up for a cure and use his love for fishing as a vehicle for awareness.

Robertson contacted leadership at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to gauge their interest in fielding a fishing team for a fund raising campaign. He sent a letter to MDA with his life background: successful businessman, family man, and living with LGMD. The MDA responded immediately. Paul and the MDA held conference calls and he traveled to MDA headquarters in Chicago. Through June and July last year, he and the MDA hashed out an agreement and FFMD stood up in August; coinciding with the first day of the Ocean City White Marlin Tournament.

FFMD is a stand-alone organization with a multi-year strategic alliance with the MDA. Paul’s organization will submit financial information, a budget, and a marketing strategy in concert with MDA’s goals.

You may ask how the FFMD will raise funds. Robertson’s plan is to generate funds through the fishing team’s sponsor contributions. From the onset, 70 percent of FFMD’s annual surplus will be donated to MDA. Once reserves are built up, 85 percent of the surplus will be donated. In addition, 50 percent of tournament winnings will be given to MDA. His goal is to be able to donate at least \$1 million per year to MDA.

The first sponsor to come aboard was Everglades Boats. Paul says a fully tournament-rigged Everglades 435 center console will be ready for the Jimmy Johnson Billfish Tournament in Key Largo, Florida in March. Yamaha has also joined in sponsorship.

Another question that may arise is, why is fishing such a good way to bring awareness to the disease. From Robertson’s research, fishing

supports 828,000 jobs nationwide. The sport generates \$48 billion in retail sales annually, and over 60 million people fish. Through various tournament trails nationwide, tens of thousands of fans support tournaments by attending the associated weigh-ins and festivals. There aren’t many better opportunities for awareness than the availability for interaction with the fan base. For FFMD and its sponsors, signage on boats and tow vehicles is seen by thousands more as they travel the country from event to event.

Paul has a vigorous schedule for the offshore fishing team this year. They will compete in 15 multi-day tournaments along the eastern seaboard and gulf coast. The FFMD fishing team will attend 6 boat shows and work at 3 MDA camps. He also envisions an inshore saltwater fishing team and national level bass fishing team.

Within those 15 tournaments, the FFMD team will be competing in the mid-Atlantic region. You will find them at the MSSA Championship on

the Chesapeake spring tournament, the OC White Marlin Open, The Mid-Atlantic, The Ocean City Tuna Tournament, and the Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament. You will also find them at the Annapolis Powerboat Show this fall.

Robertson says he will not be merely a “weekend warrior” within FFMD. For the most part, he has turned over operational control of Tanks Direct to his management staff. He will be attending as many tournaments as he can throughout the year. He will also be building awareness through social media. He will push to have 250,000 followers through Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Paul wants to become a national spokesman for MDA, telling his story and encouraging others with muscular dystrophy to live life to its fullest.

Fishing gives enjoyment to millions of people worldwide. It bonds people together through all walks of life. Paul Robertson’s mission has a great vision for implementing awareness and raising funds to find a cure for muscular dystrophy. For more information about Fishing for Muscular Dystrophy, visit the website at [www.fishingformd.com](http://www.fishingformd.com)

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Paul Robertson started FFMD to raise funds to aid research for a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.





Capt. Brian Councill with a pair of Barnacle Geese taken near Rock Hall, Md. while Canada Goose hunting, they are rare in the flyway breeding in the North Atlantic arctic islands and wintering primarily in Europe.



Mike Perry with a his whopping 6 point sika stag. Taken in Woolford, MD. on January 26, 2016. Will be considered #3 state record with a cross bow. Green scored 64 7/8.

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Gage Wade is all smiles with his 10 pointer bagged on youth day.



The Haley boys getting it done on youth day with two nice bucks.



Emily Davis with her first deer weighing in at 94.6 pounds. Photo's courtesy of Wink's Sporting Goods.



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## Waterman finds AUV in Bay

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### ROCK HALL

— It’s surprising what you might find in the Chesapeake Bay, as one local waterman found out when he came across something other than his usual catch

In a Nov. 5 telephone call to the Kent County News

David Haas of Rock Hall said he found what he thought to be a “probe of some kind” while crabbing with his crew by the Bay Bridge, and was taking it back to his house to look it over.

“He said it was really foggy and almost hit it,” his wife, Laurie Haas, said in a follow-up interview Tuesday, Nov. 17. “It was floating on top of the water. They thought it was an upside-down sailboard at first.”

She said her husband brought home a 6- to 7-foot bright yellow tube with fins on the end. After inspecting it, a crew member found a service number on its underside and called it.

“We were a little concerned because it could have been very valuable and belong to someone,” Laurie Haas said.

The number was for Kongsberg Gruppen, a technology supply company based in Norway. Among its functions is the manufacturing of autonomous underwater vehicles, which are robotic vessels capable of marine exploration.

“Someone from there told us what we have after we described it,” Laurie Haas said.

She said later that night, a repre-

sentative from Northrop Grumman Corp.’s Annapolis office called. Northrop Grumman is an American global aerospace and defense technology company.

“He said that someone from Kongsberg reached out to them about the AUV and it matched the name on what we found,” Laurie Haas said.

She said the representative told her and her husband that the company was using the AUV for research in the Bay Nov. 5, near Sandy Point, when they suddenly lost communication with it. Fearing it had sunk, the company immediately began to search for it.

Shortly afterward, David Haas and his crew found it.

“He said that they were using it for research into having underwater vehicles drive themselves, be able to recognize obstacles to avoid and also surface automatically,” Laurie Haas said.

The representative told the couple that the AUV had sonar and radar capabilities, and also could test the water quality of the Bay. Laurie Haas said it appeared that Northrop Grumman customized this particular model a little.

She said the Northrop Grumman representative came Nov. 6 and retrieved the AUV, thanking David Haas and his crew. He also offered to give them a tour of the facility sometime.

“It was kind of neat really. ... They (AUVs) can do so much more than we can imagine,” Laurie Haas said.

According to the Kongsberg website, its AUVs can be used for environmental monitoring, hydrography and search and recovery. Laurie Haas said their cost ranges from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

“It was a neat catch. I don’t think David has ever caught anything like that before,” she said.

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15 Year Old Michael Mitchell of Glen Burnie, Md. is pictured with his dad on November 14th during youth hunting day with his first whitetail buck. Photo courtesy of Clydes Sporting Goods.

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## “Fishin’ Back East”

### WINTER GOLD... Cold Carpin’!

By Jim Gronaw

I had no more than laid the rod in it’s holder and engaged the bite alarm when it started to scream. It was January 15th of this year, and this was my first carp fishing outing for 2016. My good friend and carp guru Bob Elias had caught a nice one earlier and had invited me for a session with the big goldfish. But I was indeed surprised that I had gotten a run so quickly. Setting the hook, I realized that this was a good fish, and a far cry from the tug of a 9-inch bluegill... fish I am used to catching.



**Yard-long giants make winter more pleasant where ever carp are found. This monster came from Marburg Lake on January 15, 2016.**

A lengthy give-and-take battle ensued and Bob ended the show with a nice scoop of the overgrown goldfish. Game, set and match went to “Gronaw” and a short photo session documented the yard-long beast on digital. Not only was it my personal best “winter carp”, but likely my best fish for the entire on-coming year. I would hook, and lose, one more big fish before the session was over. But that’s how it is with winter carping.

I got into this carp cult about five years ago when I saw a bunch of guys at a few southern Pennsylvania lakes who were catching the big goldfish literally by the ton, and enjoying ‘big fish’ action everyday. In truth, many freshwater anglers have not caught a fish exceeding the 20-pound mark. However, for these guys, it was a pretty common occurrence, and most of them had banked numerous ‘thirtys’ in their carp career. Big fish sounds like fun to me, so I just slopped on in with the rest of the bottom feeders.

Although I often make light of the carp angling crowd, let me point out some very sobering truths to this sport. For one, these anglers that do it in the European style are very exact and skillful in their game...they take it seriously, and they constantly

seek to improve their tactics. Secondly, they take better care of their equipment than any trout or bass angler I have ever known, and have no problem at spending thousands of dollars on the best baitrunners, rods, bite alarms and other items essential for success. And additionally, carp anglers can be somewhat secretive in their ways and means to put big fish on the bank. Preparation and chumming efforts are hard work, and if a carpster can put a couple of twenties on the bank in one day, chances are he earned those fish.

At the last fish-in I attended of the local chapter of the Carp Mafia, there were six anglers involved and they stated at 4 AM in the morning, with the intention of fishing well into that night. Food and beverage were also high on the list of desired items and at gatherings in the past we had enjoyed brats, fried chicken and the ever-popular pizza. Specific areas are pre-baited with feed corn that has been soaked in water with some salt to preserve and other flavorings in the mix. Several spots are often baited, since other anglers, fishing for other species, are often on the scene at public lake venues. This way, Mafia members have several areas to choose from in any given day of fishing. Makes sense, and it keeps the options open.

Sophisticated bite alarms and rod pods or bank sticks are set up and weighed rigs are tossed out with corn or boilies (a small, firm dough type morsel) baited on small hooks from size 2 to 8. An in-line device is threaded above the hooked bait that holds ‘pack bait’...a concoction of oats, dough, meal and various fruits and morsels that is packed around the ‘feeder’ and acts as a additional attractant to the carp, bringing them to your baited hook. When the carp picks up the baited hook, he feels the hookpoint, and bolts off in classic, spooky-carp fashion, often setting the hook on it’s own. The bite alarm screams and the anglers hops up and sets the hook with a long spinning rod and the bait runner spinning reel engages into the ‘fighting drag’ mode. Then the fun begins! At this particular carp gig, the six anglers banked 33 fish on 44 runs. Impressive, and the days total was likely over the 600 pound mark, with many high teen and twenty pound class fish in the frenzy.

Although most carp fishing in American waters does not have to be this sophisticated, the overall catch rate will increase dramatically once you learn to fish in this manner. You



**Bob Elias displays a solid carp from 40-degree water.**

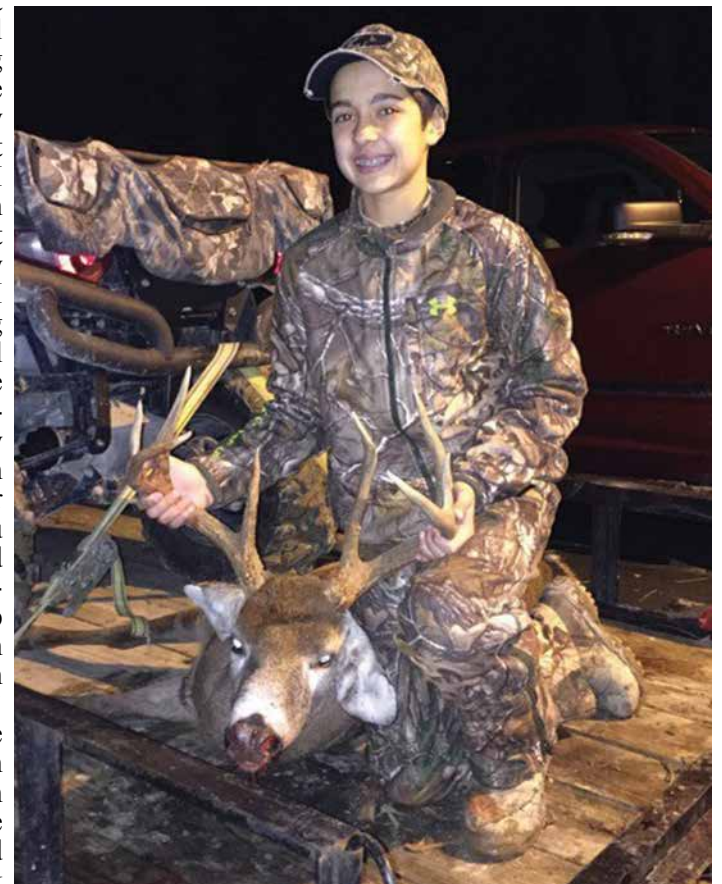
see, In European waters, almost all carp venues are on small, private lakes that seldom exceed 10 acres, and the fish are fed continually to achieve maximum size. These ‘day-ticket’ venues cost money, sometimes a lot, and if you want a 30 or 40 pound mirror carp, chances are pretty good you can buy your way to one in the many pay lake setups across the pond. A high number of the bigger fish have often been caught many times, and they are wary and supper spooky. So, the Euros develop a vast multitude of baits and flavorings to attract these giants.

But in many of our local waters, carp are so common and so un-pressured that they do not need all this. Still, I took the plunge and bought some gear to enjoy the sport. Once everything is setup, out come the easy chairs and snacks and the bull stories from trips of the past. It becomes a social thing, and kidding and ribbing is the norm. I am very much a rookie at the game, but I have seen enough of it to know that I like it a lot. My son, Matt and I have been doing the occasional carp gig for the past several seasons’...and many of our bigger fish were mid-winter giants. And, if you are really worried about the company you keep or the reputation you’ll get...then don’t fish for carp!

Winter-time carp fishing can be a real “cabin fever” cure before the other trout and bass seasons kick in. It is not fast fishing, with 2-3 runs considered a “good” day under most conditions

with 40-degree water temperatures. However, it gives the patient angler a chance at a really big fish when everybody else is sitting at home dreaming about fishing. Many regional waters are loaded with 20-pound class fish and with a mild winter and open water in some areas cold water carpin’ offers a unique challenge and degree of skill. Bob Elias owns a personal best winter carp of thirty pounds...a giant from Lake Marburg in southern Pennsylvania.

So, for starters, you might want to hit the web up with these sites...Big Carp Tackle, Bank Fishing Systems, Resistance Tackle and Carp Anglers Group. You’ll be amazed at the depth at which these highly skilled anglers go to catch fish that are much larger than what most of us catch. The reason I like it is simple...I like catching big fish!



**14 year old Andrew Fannin of Lincoln, Delaware took this nice 8 point buck while hunting with his Dad during the fall shotgun season with a 20 Gauge H & R Slug Gun.**



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Jonathan Irons age 11 from Queenstown, MD showing his nice 10 point buck he shot with a crossbow. The deer was taken in Queen Anne's county. It is Jonathan's second deer this season.



Congratulations to Benedictine Sister John Paul Bauer of St. Marys who bagged a 10-point buck after saying the rosary in her tree stand in Weedville the first day of hunting season Nov. 30. The buck had a perfect 16-inch spread and weighed about 200 pounds. She had it butchered and shared the meat with a couple of local families.



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**Brennen Burrows with his 8 point Sika deer taken on youth day 2015. He bagged the buck with a .308 rifle at 30 yards. Photo courtesy of Shore Sportsman.**

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# SPANNING THE GLOBE

## North Carolina Angler Catches Two Record Catfish in Two Days

Catching a state record blue catfish had been a longtime goal for North Carolina angler Zakk Royce, but during a trip out to Lake Gaston last month, Royce caught not only one, but two record blues.

"It's like a dream come true," Royce told the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald. "It has always been my

goal to break the state record for blue catfish, but to reach that goal and then break my own record a day later.... wow, that's all I can say."

The 25-year-old fishing guide from Murfreesboro caught a 91-pound blue catfish with cut shad bait on December 20. Instantly recognizing the massive fish as a potential state record, Royce enlisted the help of a friend who just happened to be nearby, Michael Bracy, to load the fish on his boat. Hoisting the heavy catfish was an even tougher fight than the 20-minute battle to bring the fish alongside his boat, but when it was on board, Royce remembered that it was Sunday. That meant that

getting a biologist from the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to come certify the fish would have to wait.

"I had to baby-sit the fish all night long with the help of my dad," Royce told North Carolina Sportsman. "We took turns every hour pumping freshwater in the livewell. In the morning, we took it to the Lake Gaston Ace Hardware and had it



weighed and certified by a biologist."

After releasing the fish, Royce and his father decided to celebrate by doing some more fishing. As luck would have it, the angler caught an even larger catfish not much later, and he drove back to the hardware store. Understandably, the biologist could not believe Royce's good luck. After some clarification and insisting that he truly had just broken his newly-minted state record, the biologist came back and certified another fish for Royce.

The two fish made Royce an instant legend at the Blues Brothers Catfish Guide Service, where

he works.

"Alright so our very own Zakk Royce caught a North Carolina blue cat record at 91 pounds yesterday. Got it certified, released it and decided to fish some more. 30 mins later broke the record again with this 105 pound blue! Congrats again Zakk Royce!" the guide service wrote on Facebook.

Royce says that with North Carolina's abundant catfish population, it may not be long before his record is broken. He is hoping that when that happens, it is one of his clients who gets the bite.

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Hunter Huxell left with his first White-tail bagged with a bow and Vern Crocker below with his impressive eight pointer. Photo's courtesy of Ron's Bay Pro Shop.



Brandon Thomas bagged a nice 10 pointer on the first day of December. Photo's courtesy of Wink's Sporting Goods.

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By Grant Soukup

## Dear Future Outdoorsmen and Women

There is good news and some bad news. Which would you like first? Since I am an optimist, let's look at some good news first.

There are still some great hunting, fishing, and outdoor opportunities for all of us to enjoy. Past forward thinking sportsmen protected, managed, and maintained our open spaces for all of us to enjoy! Their service, funds, and dedication has allowed our sports to survive. Healthy populations of fish, game, and habitats are available for all of us to enjoy. When all of us work together for a common goal we can accomplish amazing things.

You may have noticed I mentioned "all of us" a couple times. That's the Bad news! "All of us" are not doing our part. The outdoor bills are pretty much being paid by the decreasing population of sportsmen that are buying the hunting and fishing licenses. Taxes on the gear and equipment that they purchase are also supposed to support our "open spaces" Sadly much of this money goes into states "general funds" and is spent on other things.

Despite the missteps, we still can celebrate our Renewable Natural Resources. The bad news is that these resources need to be renewed! This means that we need to fund, educate, train, and mentor the next generation to protect what we have worked so hard to create! Habitat protection and conservation are essential to manage and maintain the outdoor experience. An army of future sportsmen needs to fight for our heritage and wild places.

Video games, broken families, gun control, tree huggers, vegans, and a fast food society that has no clue about the great outdoors is not about to work together to ensure that we end up singing "Kum by ya" around the campfire. Thank goodness there is



The photo is of me and Daughter Jessie when I was teaching her the finer arts of pheasant hunting! Today she is nearly 30 and still adventures out to hunt and fish.

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models. The Sportsmen Family welcomes newcomers!

I swear that many of our society's problems could be solved by teaching others how to hunt and fish. The limits, laws, and rules, have a purpose and meaning that is measurable and easily understood. Nothing is more exciting than catching a fish or living off the land. Every student that I have exposed to this lifestyle has loved it. Most anti-gun advocates have never pulled a trigger. Once they do, attitudes change.

Experience is the best teacher. Please do your part to help ensure that we never lose our hunter and gatherer heritage. Outdoor adventure is exciting and fun. Our legacy is what we do for others and the future!

Sincerely,  
Montana Grant

For more Montana Grant, visit his website at [www.montanagrantsfishing.com](http://www.montanagrantsfishing.com)

## Baby Boomer Duds

Hunting and Fishing Camps are dying along with our aging Baby Boomers! The next generation of Millennials has a different way of approaching the outdoors.

Old hunters and fishermen are slowly passing down the outdoors to the next generations. The once proud ranks of veteran sportsmen have limited out for the last time. Age, health, and the loss of their brethren are taking their toll. The hunting and fishing camps are becoming a lost tradition. No one wants to go to a ghost camp. That's why it is so important to always bring in new members and youth to our ranks.

Millennial outdoorsmen focus on special apps, technology, wardrobes, protein shakes, and being home for dinner. "Roughing it", means staying at a Super 8 Motel. Their ranks, however, now include more women and wounded warriors. Some children are able to learn the sport through their Soccer Moms and a few male role models or boyfriends. Like it or not, outdoor adventure has changed.

There are still some hard core vets that backpack into the wilderness, float trip down rivers, or simply attend deer camp each season. Sadly, many of our friends and buddies can no longer live up to their nicknames, like "Deadeye", "fish buster, or "Buckmaster". Their bodies just don't do as well outdoors anymore. Walking, seeing, lifting, climbing, riding, eating, drinking, and living have become a challenge.

The tradition of hunting and fishing camps is a part of our DNA. Native peoples, pioneers, Mountain Men, and Americans have always pursued the outdoor experience. Until recently, many of us lived closer to nature with less modern comforts and technology. The outdoors was simply out your back door. How many of us went squirrel hunting or fishing after school, before we did our homework?

Hunting and fishing meant bringing home supper! Great anglers and hunters were admired and respected by the well fed family and commu-

hope!

Our work is not done. All sportsmen and outdoorsmen must dedicate ourselves to mentoring the future Stewards of our world. Embrace the youth that is hungry to experience adventure and the outdoor experience. Sadly, our family's do not all have positive male role models or experienced outdoor sports role

nity. The same folks that enjoyed the "Blood Sports" also saved them by protecting habitat and managing these wildlife populations. Today it is Catch and Release, barbless hooks, leadless bullets, steel shot, and consumption warnings. But we can still hunt and fish.

Steaks and burgers do not grow on trees. Sushi comes from a once living creature. Our food markets are great at changing the original looks and names of what were once critters and fish. Wings, nuggets, filets, ribs, patties, sticks, or slim Jims were all once critters. Humans require protein and adventure.

What we must do is to continue to PARTICIPATE! There is no good answer or solution. We all age, and one day the Millennials will also be replaced. Participate at whatever level you can for as long as you can. The alternatives are less inviting. Sitting around and waiting for the inevitable is best enjoyed around a campfire, next to a woodstove, or from a hunting blind. Camp cooks are a welcome part of every outdoor adventure. Story telling is a great way to pass on the traditions and history.

You may need to ride in a wagon or wheeler, hunt from a ground blind, build a wheel chair access to the camp's porch, wear some Depends, or drink a little less, but... Participate! Modify, adapt, adjust, compromise, but don't stop trying. When we stop hunting, fishing, adventuring, we stop living!

If safety is a concern then hang up your weapon and rod of choice. Find another way to forge ahead and be a part of our outdoor community. Old hunters and fishermen are needed to remind us all of our story and lives. Pass on your guns, rods, secret fishing holes, lucky hunting stands, and wisdom before it is too late.

One more season!  
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Ava Lowers with her first perch of the year! She was fishing with her Dad at Wilson Point using minnows.

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## Coastal Report

By Capt. Mark  
Sampson

2015 was a pretty “sharky” year for us aboard the Fish Finder and by the end of the regular season we landed a total of 626 sharks representing 15 different species. It was a fun summer, and through it all there was a lot of interest by the public and different news media about the various shark research projects we’ve been tangled up with, so I thought I’d take this chance to write up a short summary of what kind of extra-curricular activities we did besides just trying to help our clients end up with a shark at the end of their line.

Tagging for the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program:

Before releasing a shark, we often planted a small tag at the base of its dorsal fin. The tag is a small plastic capsule attached to an even smaller stainless steel dart. The dart is inserted just under the skin of the shark and the very visible capsule trails on the outside. Inside the capsule is a note in a five languages that has the contact information for the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program run by NMFS (a branch of NOAA) in Rhode Island. This program was created in 1961 and since then thousands of fishermen and scientists have been tagging and releasing sharks to help researchers better understand and manage these incredible fish. Over the years recapture information has given scientists valuable data about shark migrations, travel patterns, fishing pressure, mortality figures, growth rates and much more. This knowledge can be an invaluable tool to scientists and marine managers. So Far this year we’ve tagged 153 sharks with “M” tags.

Satellite SPOT tagging:

For the third year in a row we were involved in a project to put satellite transmitters or “SPOT tags” on mako sharks. This year we were successful in tagging twelve makos and one common thresher shark. This type of tagging requires that the shark be carefully lifted out of the water long enough to literally “bolt” the transmitter to the dorsal fin of the animal before release - a process that we’ve been able to hone down to a 6-8 minute process. The location of these sharks can then be pinpointed every time their dorsal fin breaks the surface and the transmitter sends out a signal. The thresher was taken May 19th while we were fishing for makos and it was determined at that time to go ahead and put one of the expensive (\$1800) transmitters on the shark as an experiment to see if that species was a viable candidate for that type of tagging study as a thresher had never been successfully tagged with a SPOT tag before. While makos had been reporting in almost every day, after two months our thresher had not been heard from and it was feared that perhaps it had not survived the tagging and release until July 21 when it finally broke the surface and gave us a location off Maine. By late August it had reported three more times and was up in the Bay of Fundy off Nova Scotia.

Anyone who wishes to follow the daily tracks of our makos can find a link to the tracking site on my BigSharks.com website. From the right side of my homepage click on the “Shark Tracking” tab then click “Go to the tracking site >> here” which will take you to the “Choose a Project Page” where you should select option #3 “W.North Atlantic.” Then select any of the sharks on the right side of the screen to follow, their sponsor name or number is listed below along with a few details about each shark.

Age and growth study:

Most of the sharks we tag are also injected with oxytetracycline (OTC) which is an antibiotic used in

veterinary medicine. We inject the sharks with OTC not for the antibiotic qualities but for the side affect that it stains the shark’s vertebrae. If an injected shark is ever recaptured and biologists are able to examine the vertebrae (under a microscope) they can measure how much it grew from the time we originally stained it. This will provide them with information that might some day allow them to accurately determine the age of a shark simply by measuring the vertebrae. A total of 143 have been injected this season.

DNA study:

So far this season 410 of the sharks we’ve landed have had a small snip of tissue removed from the trailing edge of their dorsal fin to be sent down to Nova Southeast University in Florida where the DNA will be extracted and catalogued. The data from this analysis will assist ongoing projects designed to help researchers better understand the distribution and movements of sharks by examining if or how similar species of sharks found in different locations around the world are related.

Completion of a hook study for sharks taken in the recreational shark fishery.

Sine 2012 we have been participating in a project in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that was designed to compare the efficiency of both circle-hooks and J-hooks in the recreational shark fishery. The goal of the project was to determine the effectiveness of each style of hook at both hooking and staying hooked in the catch, as well as if the hook was most likely to set in the jaw or the gut. Every day, for three seasons, we fished two “study lines” rigged with either circle or J-hooks and details of every bite were recorded. After 204 trips and 781 bites the study revealed that if a shark takes a bait on a circle hook it is more likely to get hooked than with a J-hook, once hooked it is less likely to come off a circle hook than a J-hook, and it is more likely to be hooked in the jaw with a circle hook than with a J-hook. In other words, “when it comes to catching sharks - circle hooks are the best choice for fishermen in all categories.” The results of this study have been submitted for publication and will hopefully be available for public review soon.

White shark sightings:

On July 15th an estimated 13-foot white shark visited our chumline about five miles offshore and gave us a close enough encounter that we were able to tag it and get an underwater video as it swam behind the boat. (The video can be viewed on our “modernsharking” YouTube channel) On July 28th the same shark was observed and videoed by white shark researchers off of Chatham Massachusetts who were able to identify it by the unique scarring on its back, a laceration on its head and the tag we planted in its back. On July 20th we had a quick encounter with another white shark that surfaced 20-yards behind the boat and then left us. We estimated that shark to be 8-10 feet long. White sharks are not particularly abundant off Delmarva but they



**Capt Sampson makes one final inspection of the satellite SPOT tag before the mako is released.**

certainly wander through our waters periodically.

Blocker-Rig research and development:

Over the years we have realized that, despite the use of circle hooks, rather than being hooked in the jaw, a shark will still be hooked in the esophagus or stomach 5-10% of the time depending upon the species and the circumstances. In order to minimize this small (but still present) risk of deep hooking, we have spent the last eight years developing terminal tackle that greatly minimizes the risk of a shark being hooked anywhere but in the jaw, thereby increasing the chances of it surviving the process of catch-and-release. Known as a “blocker-rig” this specialized terminal tackle almost totally eliminates the risk of deep hooking most sharks. This season we designed, tested, and adopted improvements in the construction of our blocker-rigs so they would be easier to make and more efficient at catching fish.

With the exception of the “hook study”, 2016 should find us again lending assistance with these worthwhile and very interesting shark research projects. More information about the shark research projects as well as details about how the public can join us on these outings can be found at BigSharks.com.



**Satellite SPOT tag and M-tag in a mako shark.**

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## “The Last Word”

### The Maryland Slam

By Steve Huettner

I am typing this story after spending the better part of the day digging a path for my dogs after the “storm of the century” and hoping that my snow plow driver will have enough horsepower to make it up my driveway. While moving copious amounts of snow I began to think about this past hunting season and thought of all the animals I chased across the state. Western Maryland to the Lower Eastern Shore and parts in between and I came up with idea of “The Maryland Slam”.

If you take a look amongst the hunting community there are all kinds of slams. If you are a sheep hunter there are seven different types of slams available. If you like hunting in North America you can try for 29 animals that make up the Super Slam of North American Animals. If turkeys are what you like to chase the NWTf has 7 different types of slams to keep you busy. Enjoy hunting across the pond, you have the big five, the dangerous 7, and the tiny ten. If you like awards, slams and inner circles; Safari

our own slam?

The Maryland slam would require a hunter to put some miles on the truck, be able to hunt all types of terrain and involve a bit of lady luck. The Maryland Slam is comprised of a black bear, a whitetail buck, and sika stag all in one season. The most difficult one of these to accomplish would be the Maryland black bear. The black bear season is short (only 4 days), the success rate varies between 10-15%, and a hunter needs to be drawn in lottery to even get a chance at hunting a bear. Jump though all these hoops and tag a bear and you are on your way to the Maryland Slam.

Next on the list is the sika deer, or as I affectionately refer to them as the demon spawn of the marsh. A sika stag, not matter what size and by what means hunted is a trophy. Mr. Sika likes to live in the marsh which is wet, muddy, bug filled, and is not easy to traverse. With the exception of the rut, during the warm mosquito filled months of September and October he is almost nocturnal. I have 5 months’ worth of trail camera photos (over twelve thousand photos) from my sika spot and have less than 20 photos during shooting time, and none of those a stag. Add to the mix that that they are only in certain counties, and without access to private ground you are really in for an adventure.

The third part of the Maryland Slam is a whitetail buck. Out of the three this should hopefully be the easiest out of the three since they are found in every county in Maryland and the season runs from September to the end of January. As far as official record keeper of the Maryland Slam, any buck will suffice. The Maryland Slam is not concerned with inches of horn, but the actually accomplishment.

For those that want even more of a challenge you can upgrade to the Maryland Grand Slam which is adding a turkey, either during the fall or spring season. Mr. Tom at times can be the easiest bird to hunt, or make you feel some

humble you’ll swear he can’t be killed.

Next on the list would be the Maryland Super Slam which would include adding a forty inch or larger rockfish in the same year (catch and release or keep and grill is ok). How can you add a fish to a hunting slam? It’s quite easy it’s the Maryland Slam and I came up with it. We all know that a forty inchers aren’t swimming all over the bay and many an angler will spend time on the water looking for one. The truly dedicated Super Slammers will be jigging Calvert Cliffs in February and March, throwing plugs on the Susquehanna Flats, or dragging 30 rods during the spring trophy season. The Maryland Super Slam should be confused with the Maryland one day surf and turf award which is a 40 inch rockfish and turkey in the same day.

In the end, regardless of which slam you are chasing after, go out and enjoy all that Maryland’s great outdoors has to offer.



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Malone Grace of Centreville, MD age 9 bagged his first deer on opening day of shotgun season in Talbot County 11/28/15. The 7 point buck escaped on youth day two weeks earlier but was dropped in his tracks at 20 yards with a slug during the opener.

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Steve Singler of Philadelphia fished aboard the VOYAGER out of Point Pleasant New Jersey. He was on a sea bass and porgy trip when he landed a 9 pound sea bass, which was weighed at the state certified scales at the Reel Seat in Brielle, NJ. The bass was 27 inches long and had a girth of 18 3/4 inches. The current state record at 8 pounds, 4.5 ounces was set in 2010 by Andrew Meredino fishing out of Cape May. Delaware shares a lot of the same fishing grounds so

you never know if someone will break our state record set by Steve Samluk in 1988, his knot-head weighed in at 7 pounds 6 ounces. NOAA has been studying these bass for a few years because they are starting to migrate farther north. Anglers in Massachusetts are seeing a huge jump in population in areas that never saw black sea bass. This new migration pattern could cause changes to the fishery regulations on a federal level.



Jordan Lewis age 12 of Harford County with his first Whitetail, a 6 point buck taken during the 2015 Maryland Junior Hunt.



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## Poachers Who Shot Deer Decoy Lose Hunting Privileges

Two poachers who picked on the wrong deer—a police decoy—had their hunting licenses suspended and their gear seized Thursday by a district judge in St. Mary's County. Robo-Deer

David James Few, 21 of Taneytown, and Brian Kelley Stitley, 24, of Fairfield, Pa., were caught by Maryland Natural Resources Police on a stakeout on Oct. 23 last year as they spotlighted and shot the agency's "Robo-Deer" from a road in Leonardtown.

Officers moved in and stopped their truck shortly after 10:30 p.m. as Stitley was reloading his crossbow. Inside the vehicle, they found two crossbows, two flashlights, 4.2 grams of marijuana and a glass pipe.

Robo-Deer suffered minor injuries.

In court, both men pleaded guilty to casting rays with an implement (spotlighting). The judge dismissed charges of having a loaded weapon in a vehicle, hunting from a vehicle and shooting from a roadway. Few's civil citation for marijuana possession also was dismissed.

Few received a 30-day suspended sentence, two years of unsupervised probation and had his hunting privileges suspended for two years.

Stitley was the subject of a joint 2013 investigation with Pennsylvania Game Commission officers that

resulted in his arrest on deer poaching charges in both states. He also was convicted in Pennsylvania of spotlighting deer.

The judge sentenced Stitley to a 30-day suspended sentence and three years of unsupervised probation. His hunting privileges, already suspended in Maryland through 2018 and in 44 other states as part of the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact, were further suspended until 2023.

## Six Poachers Charged by Natural Resources Police

Six poachers were charged in three incidents on Jan. 2 by the Maryland Natural Resources Police.

Officers responded to reports of shotgun pellets hitting homes on Saltmarsh Road off Madison Bay in Dorchester County and charged an adult with four hunting violations.

William Frederick McLaughlin, 28, of Cambridge, received citations for hunting within a safety zone, having a loaded firearm in a vehicle, hunting with an unplugged shotgun and hunting on private land without written permission. He received a warning for having a second unplugged gun and one for hunting without having his license with him.

Two juveniles were referred to the Department of Juvenile Services for similar violations.

The three waterfowlers said they

had been hunting a field and had not shot anything. An officer with a range finder determined that the hunters were between 102 yards and 108 yards from the nearest home.

McLaughlin will be scheduled to appear in Dorchester District Court. If convicted of all four charges, he could be fined as much as \$6,000.

Four men were charged with poaching after deputies from the Charles County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about hunting and trespassing near Stuckey Road in Indian Head.

A Natural Resources Police officer met up with the men as they returned to their vehicles. They admitted they did not have written permission to hunt and two men said they did not have a Maryland hunting license. Two men were using prohibited firearms.

Andrew Nicholas Coroneos, 59, of Dallastown, Pa., Dale William Keiter, 54, of Dundalk, and Thomas Louis Forbes Jr. 30, of Greensboro, N.C., were charged with hunting private property without written permission, a violation that carries a \$450 fine.

Coroneos, who was hunting with a shotgun, and Keiter, who was using a rifle, were charged with hunting during muzzleloader season, a violation that carries a \$500 fine. Keiter also received a citation for hunting with a rifle in a no-rifle hunting county, a violation that carries a fine of \$250.

Forbes and Joel Dewright Broadway, 53, of Elon, N.C., received

citations for hunting without a license, a violation that carries a fine of \$300.

All firearms were seized and placed in evidence pending an appearance in Charles District Court on April 20.

A poacher received nine citations and seven warnings after shooting three deer in Somerset County.

Acting on a tip, officers questioned Vernon Christopher Collins Jr., 27, of Westover. He admitted to officers that he killed three does and then took them for processing. He also said he failed to follow state hunting regulations on tagging and recording the harvest.

Collins received three citations each for failing to field tag the deer and for removing the head/hide before check in. He received one citation each for failing to record the kill on a harvest record, for failing to report a kill within 24 hours and for failing to record the confirmation number on the harvest record.

He received two warnings for failing to record kill on a harvest record, two warnings for failing to report a kill within 24 hours, two warnings for failing to record confirmation number on a harvest record and one warning for failing to field tag deer.

Officers seized the processed deer meat as evidence.

If found guilty of all violations, Collins could be fined as much as \$2,460.

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Cooper Stone with his five pointer which weighed 110.6 pounds bagged on youth day. Photo's courtesy of Wink's Sporting Goods.



Haley Jaggard with her massive Whitetail bagged on youth day 2015 at Schraders Outdoors.



Kyle Weaver 12 and Hayden Leavers 14 each bagged a buck this past season. Kyle topped his season off with two more does.

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## Record-busting, 879-pound bear bagged in Poconos



By MIKE KUHNS courtesy of  
the Pocono Record

The heaviest black bear ever recorded in Pennsylvania was shot and killed by a bow hunter just north of Fernwood Resort in Pike County last year.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission confirmed that David Price of Barrett Township killed the 17-year-old bruin, which had an estimated live weight of 879 pounds. The bear had a field-dressed weight of 744 pounds. Price's bear was 15 pounds heavier than the state's previous record holder, a 864-pound bear killed by Doug Kristiansen of Dingman Township in 2003. That bear was also shot in Pike County.

"This bear could be No. 1 in the world," game commission spokesman Tim Conway said of Price's bear.

The world record is determined by skull size. After 60 days, the bear's skull will be measured to determine where it will stand in the record books. The world record skull is more than 23 inches wide, Conway said.

Attempts to reach Price on Thursday were unsuccessful. Every year bears killed in Pennsylvania are entered into the Boone and Crocket rifle record books. Bears that have a skull measurement of 20 inches or greater are eligible.

This bear is unique and will be remembered because it was killed during Pennsylvania's first statewide archery hunt and could be ranked as high as No. 1 in the Pope and Young archery records. Since 1992, six bears weighing at least 800 pounds have been killed in Pennsylvania.

Price's bear was known to game officers in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It was captured and tagged in New Jersey, but never in Pennsylvania, Conway said.



**Captain Mark Galasso took some time from fishing to bag these Geese with help from some of his buddies.**



**Jack Sien, 13, of Mechanicsville, MD, with his first deer, a St Marys county 11 point, taken on Youth Day, Nov. 14, 2015.**



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2 carrots sliced  
1/2 small onion diced  
1 1/2 cups broccoli florets  
1/2 cup chopped green and red peppers optional  
1/2 cup grape tomatoes sliced in half

## Instructions

Breast out duck. Mix 2 cups of water with Myron's 20 Gauge game sauce and salt. Brine ducks breasts for 24 hours. (We brine all ducks in this method before cooking for all of our recipes). Slice duck breast 1/4 inch thick. Set aside. Saute carrots in olive oil for 5 minutes. Then add onions, broccoli and green and red peppers. Simmer for another 5 minutes. Add tomatoes with one minute remaining. In a separate pan sear duck over medium heat for one minute per side. Add duck to veggies and serve over beans and rice



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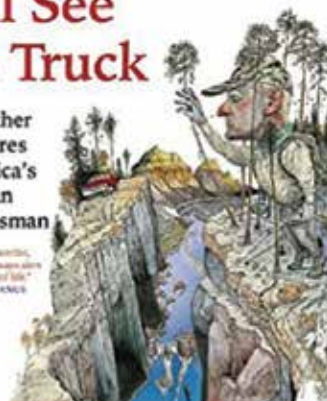
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