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Rockfish began behaving as expected last Monday and most everyone in the Chesapeake Bay is getting their limits. The early morning bite is very good with experienced captains landing about eight fish an hour up until about 9AM. The mid-day in the bright sunshine is slow going; evening brings the fish back to feeding. We had fish reported all up and down the ship's channel with no particular area claiming bigger numbers of fish.

White, green and bubble gum umbrella rigs have all been popular. A new color shad that has been hot is purple with sparkle flecks.

Tandem parachutes and bucktails have scored well.

The Potomac River is up and down with some good catches and some skunks. The action was good Sunday morning around St. Clement's Island. Most Trollers who stick it out can land a trophy fish in the Ragged Point area as well as St. George Island.

The croaker fishing has improved dramatically in the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers.

George Quade at Bushwood says that catches have been pretty good both off the pier and by boaters since mid-week. Bloodworms, squid and shrimp all will bring strikes.

A good catch of croaker was made by Mary Snellman of Suitland who fished Saturday night off Fishing Point in the Patuxent River (NAS). Her thirteen hardhead were the first we have seen from the Patuxent River this season.

Some spot were caught by the pound netters this week in Cornfield Harbor.



William Ridgeway trolled up this 43 inch, 38 pound rockfish at Hooper's Island on Saturday.



Larry Hubbard caught this 43 inch rockfish trolling a chartreuse umbrella near St. George Island in the Potomac River.



Mike Tomasik with his 41 inch rockfish that took a trolled white parachute lure near the HI Buoy on Saturday.



Sam, Seth, and Roger Morris caught catfish in the Patuxent near Benedict.



Mary Snellman of Suitland, Maryland, made a catch of croaker (hardhead) at Fishing Point in the Patuxent River (NAS).