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Great fishing continues for trophy rockfish. As the weather permitted, there were good catches all week in both the Bay and the Potomac.

The opening of the limits to include stripers over 18 inches and two per day (only one of which can exceed 28 inches) begins a whole new realm of activity. Shore fishermen are using small sassy shads and other lures to catch 18 to 22 inch fish around the outlets at Cedar Point. The rockpile at the old Cedar Point Lighthouse was the site of rockfish catches by lure casters in the early morning hours Saturday and Sunday. The rockfish are 20 to 22 inches with some much bigger fish (up to 10 pounds) mixed in. Rockfish in the 20 to 25 inch size have been breaking and rolling northwest of the Gas Docks just outside the crab pots.

Croakers and spot become more numerous everyday. Several days of hot weather will greatly enhance the bottom fishing. White perch are in the creeks now.

Some small bluefish were caught on spoons trolled in the bay near Point No Point on Saturday afternoon.

Flounder have been caught at the drop off near marker 74, and in the mouth of St. Jerome's Creek.



Robert Brewer brought in this 45 inch rockfish this week.



Robert Brown shows off a catch from the Potomac this week.



Charles Stewart trolled up this 42 inch trophy rockfish.



Donald and Barbara Kingsford with a pair of trophy rockfish from Cedar Point in the Bay near the mouth of the Patuxent.



Shirley Rogers landed this 25 pound, 42 inch rockfish.



Michael Kincaid fished in the Potomac for this 43 inch, 26 pound rockfish last Saturday.



Jeff Roberts, Paul Harris, and Mike Vohaska with big fish from the Potomac near Piney Point.



Phil Zalesak trolled a chartreuse daisy chain near St. George Island last Friday and claimed this 41 inch, 23 pound trophy fish.



Jose Morales caught this 35 pound, 43 inch rockfish off of Point Lookout on an umbrella rig.