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Croaker and rockfish (smaller, summer style) make up the fishing news this week.

Kevin Mcguire of the Tackle Box ventured out to the mouth of the Patuxent last Thursday and he and his son had a great day catching rockfish at the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge using six inch green silver flake BKD shad bodies with a white jig head. The rockfish jumped on these lures when jigged at the pilings of the bridge and in the deep hole at Point Patience. The fish were from 19 to 24 inches and about 20 were landed. They moved out to the fishing reef off the O' Club near Cedar Point and jigged up more rockfish before bottom fishing for croaker, of which they brought in 11 nice ones.

Adam and Dickie Wose went to the Nuclear Power Plant last Thursday and cast lures in the fast water where they found plenty of undersized rockfish and a couple of bluefish. At sunset they fished in about 18 feet off the O'Club and found plenty of croaker.

Catches of rockfish at Hog Point using bait and shads and surface plugs were reported all week. The rockfish were also on the shore off the rocks at the O'Club.

Capt. Brady Bounds found some speckled trout for his parties this week casting lures in shallow water in the Honga Straits. There were five trout landed last Wednesday, some approaching five pounds. There were plenty of rockfish on structure in the same area.

The breaking fish at Cove Point departed this week, but will return on the full moon and the change of tides.

A 21 inch speckled trout was reported from the Potomac.

Croaker were caught most everywhere in the Bay, Patuxent and Potomac on squid, bloodworms, and shrimp. Hardhead are available from the shore at Point Lookout. The best fishing is from sunset to sunup.



Al Thompson with a 25 inch rockfish caught off the TPS pier (NAS) in the mouth of the Patuxent using soft crab for bait.



James Cotugno caught this 17 inch croaker at Point No Point on a 4 inch shad lure.



Adam Wose with blues and croakers from the mouth of the Patuxent.



Bobby Doughty caught this 14 1/2 inch croaker at St. George Island on a squid bait.



Durell Whalen with a 16 inch croaker caught at Point Lookout on bloodworms.