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Croaker and spot are biting in the Patuxent River from the O' Club to Hawk's Nest (the mouth of Cuckold's Creek) in all the usual places. The spot are small and medium sized, while the croaker are big. Croaker have populated on the oyster bars of the Patuxent all the way to the bridge at Benedict. The spot love bloodworms as do the croaker. The croaker love Peeler crab. Squid, clam snouts, and shrimp will also lure croaker.

Catfish of huge proportions and quantity are at the Power Plant in the Patuxent, and up the Potomac from Port Tobacco to the Wilson Bridge.

The Potomac has plenty of croaker, spot, and white perch in the deeper water on the ledges.

Flounder have gathered at the three legged (marker #3) in the Patuxent as well as buoy 74 and 76 on the eastern side of the Bay. Successful drifters are using live minnows, strips of cut spot, whole spot, and squid strips.

Rockfish are just about everywhere in the Bay and rivers. June first marks the opening of rockfish season in all Maryland waters. Trollers are finding rockfish up the Patuxent on the ledges. Bucktails with pork-rind presented on moving tides will bring strikes from the stripers ranging from 18 to 30 inches. There were several hefty rockfish and croakers caught by surfcasters this week in the mouth of the Patuxent.

Live liners using spot are catching rockfish at Cedar Point, the Gas Docks, and the discharge at the Nuclear Power Plant. Chummers are starting to catch bot rockfish and bluefish on the middle grounds and at buoy 72A.

The pier at Point Lookout has spot, rockfish, croaker, bluefish, and flounder. Excellent catches were made all week on the high tides.

White perch will take bloodworms, peeler crab and cast lures (beetle spins, mini traps and tiny spinner baits) in the creeks. The high tides will find them eager to bite.

Crabs are plentiful.

The fishing in St. Mary's Lake is fabulous. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and pickeral are all hot.



Warren Brown with rockfish and croaker from the beach at NAS Cedar Point.



Kevin Collins won the May croaker contest at the Tackle Box with this 19 incher landed from the TPS Pier NAS Patuxent River.



Keith McGuire with a 20 inch flounder from the Three Legged Marker in the Patuxent.



Tracy Brooks caught this 18 and one half inch croaker in Bushwood.



Steven Brodigan with bluegill from St. Mary's Lake.



Justin Morgan landed this 13 and one half yellow perch in St. Mary's Lake.