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The fishing is wonderful.

Spot and croaker are everywhere. The Patuxent is loaded with medium to large spot off of Green Holly, Sandy Point, Drum Point, the O'Club, the EM beach near the entrance to now closed Harper's Creek, and further west to Hawk's Nest at the entrance to Cuckold's Creek. The catches here include about 50 % small croaker.

Some big croaker are being caught near the Three Legged in the mouth of the Patuxent and off the O'Club in the deeper areas. Look for 35 to 40 feet at sunset. Helen's Bar had big croaker in the deeper holes all week, all day.

Live-lining spot is the ticket for great rockfish catches at the Gas Docks and at the Nuclear Power Plant. The fishing at both locations was terrific last Tuesday morning. The anchored boats were bringing fine rockfish to the nets at a steady rate.

Flounder are biting very well at the Three Legged and at the drop off at Marker 5 in the mouth of the Patuxent. Those who venture across the bay to buoys 74 and 76 catch plenty of flounder. Live minnows and strips of fresh spot will bring strikes.

There were reports of flounder up the St. Mary's River at Church Point. Flounder are in Cornfield Harbor and at Point Lookout Bar. The edge just north of Point Lookout at the old Hotel site has flounder.

The croaker fishing in the bay at the edge of the Ship's channel at night is excellent.

Trollers are now finding rockfish and blues mixed off Point No Point. Small bucktails, spoons and surgical eels are the favorite lures.



Curt Hein trolled up this big Spanish mackerel near buoy 77.



Paul Horton, Curt Hein, Bob Lane, Joe Baker, and John Moyer landed these flounder on a couple of drifts at the Three Legged in the mouth of the Patuxent.



Dominic Lewis caught this big bass at St. Mary's Lake on a live minnow.



Mike Spriggs with rockfish and flounder from the mouth of the Patuxent.



Joe Ball and Bud Bandy caught these catfish in the Patuxent.