



## **July 17, 2009**

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Fishing this week was a little more difficult as the spot played hide and seek in the Patuxent starting on Wednesday. They moved into deeper water with the rise in humidity and heat. The spot returned to normal by Friday, but the live-liners were complaining that there were only mediums and jumbos, and they were looking for little ones.

Flounder remain abundant.

The rockfish were as faithful as ever up until those south winds came in on Wednesday and they began to scatter. We actually had some folks get skunked at the regular live-line locations on Thursday. We have become spoiled and expect instant results with a live spot. The rockfish are still there but we will actually have to hunt them up in the hazy, hot, and humid days of the next six weeks.

Croaker are plentiful.

Big white perch are on Helen's bar in the Patuxent and at Ragged Point in the Potomac.

Bluefish and rockfish can be caught trolling from Little Cove Point to Flag Harbor in the early morning. Breakers are plentiful but you have to get them before 8AM.

Bass and bluegill are eager to take any lure or bait offered in St. Mary's Lake. An experienced fisherman caught eight bass last Thursday morning, including one about five and one half pounds. Top water plugs (pop r's) work great.