



St. Mary's County Fishing Report

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The Nor'easter that gave us wind, rain, and high tides last week has passed. The most damage accomplished by this vicious little storm was to run the Spanish mackerel out of the Bay as the water temperature dropped about seven degrees in as many days. However, the rockfish loved this October-like episode and have schooled up and started breaking all up and down the ship's channel in the Bay, the Potomac, and the Patuxent. The rockfish are mixed with blues. Trolled spoons, eels using planers, and small bucktails using in line weights on 8 to 10 ounces are producing a mixed bag of quality fish.

The bottom fishing was not phased by the storm and good catches of croaker, spot, and bluefish continue on the middle grounds and near the target ship. Vincent White and party were night fishing south of the Target Ship on Monday and caught 30 croaker, 40 blues, and plenty of big spot. The lower Potomac near Piney Point had catches of spot, croaker, white perch and some keeper trout this week. Several puppy drum over 18 inches were caught as well as lots of undersized of these copper colored, spot tail prizes.

Really good white perch catches are being made in the Patuxent off of Green Holly, and in the Potomac at Ragged Point. There are scattered bands of spot most everywhere.

There are some really fine rockfish being caught by lure casters along the shoreline in the Patuxent. Surface plugs are getting plenty of hits on the high tides. Trollers of small bucktails in the shallows are finding rockfish from 18 to 24 inches.

Bass fishing is getting back to normal at St. Mary's Lake where whacky worm rigs are doing very well.



Bert Bean shows off his 13 inch white perch from Church Point in the St. Mary's River.



Vincent White with his 21 and one half inch croaker, the leader in the big croaker contest for September.