

Wood, Field and Stream

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Fishing records are certainly being smashed right and left these days. Only a few weeks ago the world's record catch of white marlin for one port was thirty-eight fish in one day. Last Friday down at Ocean City they brought in 123 of these fish.

In addition to the great numbers of white marlin, Frank Edwards, fishing on the Commodore, had a blue marlin on for 6 hours and 10 minutes. Every one on board had a try at the rod and reel, but although the fish was brought to the boat two or three times he managed to get off to another run each time. Finally the wire leader parted.

Frank Soderberg had another blue marlin on for half an hour, but he was using light tackle and the fish managed to break off. Captain Jim Lombard presented baits to another blue, but was unable to get the fish to tap the bait.

Broadbill Off Montauk

Montauk broadbill anglers are now encouraged as a result of the first rod and reel catch of the season made on Friday by John Oldrin of Darien, Conn. Oldrin hooked the fish ten miles south of Montauk Point while fishing aboard the Netop. It took 1 hour 5 minutes to land the swordfish, which scaled 118 pounds. Oldrin was using a 12-0 reel and 36-thread line, with squid for bait.

Word comes from Princeton Camps at Big Lake, Me., that the black bass are taking small dry flies just about as rapidly as the anglers can put them on the water. Brown and gray bivisibles seem to be producing best, and those tied on 12 and 14 hooks are taken readily. Many of the anglers are taking from 50 to 60 bass a day, keeping only a few and releasing the others. In eleven days' fishing two anglers took only two fish that were under the 2½-pound mark. That is the

kind of bass fishing you dream about but seldom find.

Black Bass Season Opens

The black bass season will get under way in Lake George and Glen Lake tomorrow, and will continue until Oct. 31 in Lake George and until Nov. 30 in Glen Lake.

Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, especially in the Thousand Islands area, seem to be producing some excellent catches. Those anglers who make their headquarters at Clayton seem to be taking almost as many fish as they can handle.

If you plan fishing Lake George, remember the bass must be at least 12 inches long. In Glen Lake they need be only 10 inches long. The trout season in Wyoming County, Wiscoy Creek, Cold Creek, and their tributaries in Allegany County will close today. The rest of the State will be open until Aug. 31.

If you happen to have a young son you are training in the ways of the woods, the new book by Bernard S. Mason, "Woodcraft," is well worth having. The fact that every boy should have a knowledge of woodcraft was never illustrated more forcibly than it was during the past two weeks, when 12-year-old Donn Fendler proved the value of training of this kind.

Mason's book should prove valuable not only to the younger element but to the adult as well. The author has had a wide experience with wilderness trails, and the many suggestions he offers on the ways of comfortable camping are really valuable. "Woodcraft" is well worth the price. It is published by A. S. Barnes & Co. of New York City.

Casting Tourney Aug. 27

The Narragansett Salt Water Fishing Club will hold its first casting tournament for the Rhode Island championship on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Point Judith, R. I., beginning at 11 A. M.