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Rules & Regulations

- All boats must be represented at the Captain's dinner on Sunday August 13th, 2017 at 6pm.
- Boats must report the day they are fishing. You must do this by calling and leaving a message at (855) GET-TUNA. Please report your fishing day the morning of departure or the evening prior to departure. If fishing two single days, then you must report both individual days. Failure to report your fishing day may result in disqualification of fish weighed and releases reported. This is a Captain's choice format with no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which day to fish. The OCMTTC assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
- Boats may leave any inlet from Manasquan inlet to Cape May inlet after 5am. Fishing times are 7am to 3:30pm on the day you are fishing and if fishing overnight, fishing times are 7am day 1 to 3:30pm day 2. If fishing two single days, fishing times are 7am to 3:30 pm each day. Weigh in is from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Fishing boundaries are up to 125 miles from the GE Bell Buoy.
- All Billfish must be reported to a committee boat at the time of release. Provide your boat name and number. If you cannot raise a committee boat, you must report your release to another boat fishing this tournament or call the Tournament line via sat phone (leave message) at (855) GET-TUNA.
- Any fish hooked prior to 3:30pm may be played until boated or released, but the hookup must be reported to a committee boat prior to 3:30pm on Day 2. All boats must reach the weigh dock by 8pm. No exceptions.
- All boats must make weigh-in from 5pm to 8pm on the day you return. All boats weighing fish must return via Great Egg Inlet directly to the weigh dock in order to qualify for prize consideration. Boats with no fish to weigh may return their release form to the weigh dock in person or via fax. Release forms must be faxed in by 8:00pm on the day you return to port including single days fished. Faxes may be sent to: (855) GET-TUNA by 8pm.
- In the event of a tie in the Billfish release category, the winner will be the boat with the earliest time of release of the last Billfish.
- Boated Billfish, except Swordfish, do not count for points in this Tournament.
- Junior anglers are those 16 years of age and younger as of August 14, 2017.
- In the event of a tie in a cash prize category the prize money will be equally divided among the tying parties.
- VHF channel 71 is the Tournament channel.
- Charter boats are permitted.
- Awards, prizes, and calcutta payout eligibility – Fish must be caught in accordance with the following:
 - State and Federal regulations apply. The Tournament is a registered recreational HMS tournament. For more information, please visit www.nmfspermits.com.
 - NMFS circle hook requirements – This is a billfish tournament. Any natural bait or natural bait/artificial lure combination may only be rigged with non-offset circle hooks. J-hooks may be used on artificial lures that are not combined with natural baits.
 - IGFA rules apply – no restriction on weight class of tackle. The Tournament chairman and committee retain sole authority for interpreting IGFA rules and administering any such interpretation. EXCEPTION: Spreader bars are permitted.
- Any protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament chairman or weigh master on the day of the alleged infraction. In the event of a protest, the Tournament directors will have the sole and exclusive responsibility to investigate the alleged violation with the intent to determine if the alleged violation materially aided the angler, crew, or vessel or otherwise affected the outcome of the Tournament. The chairman, co-chairman, and weigh master shall serve as judges and their decision will be final. In all cases, each registrant and their respective crew agree to be bound by the ruling of the Tournament committee. Polygraph examination may be required of any crew claiming available prizes.
- By entering this Tournament, the angler holds harmless the Ocean City Marlin & Tuna Club, its members, and Tournament directors from any and all liability.

40th Annual Overnight Ocean City, NJ Billfish Tournament

hosted by



New Format
FISH 2 OUT OF 5 DAYS OR A SINGLE OVERNIGHT

August 13 through August 20 2017

Dear Anglers:

The Ocean City Marlin and Tuna Club invites you to join us for the 40th Annual Overnight Billfish

Tournament where boats will compete for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes. The 2017 Tournament will take place from August 13th through August 20th. Highlights of recent updates to the tournament include:

- PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE CHOICE OF FISHING A SINGLE OVERNIGHT or TWO INDIVIDUAL DAY TRIPS. BOATS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO FISH OVERNIGHT

Captains choose from five possible departure days. Boats fishing Overnight pick one of five days with fishing times from 7am on day one to 3:30pm on day two. Boats fishing Day Trips pick two of five days and can fish from 7am to 3:30pm on those days. Boats may depart after 5am from **any inlet from Manasquan to Cape May**. Fishing boundaries are within 125 nautical miles of the GE Bell. The weigh dock will be open from 5:00pm to 8:00pm each day. The Captain's meeting & kickoff dinner will take place Sunday August 13th. This is always a first class event featuring a prime rib dinner. The Tournament will conclude on Sunday, August 20th with an awards BBQ & cocktail party that promises to be a lot of fun.

If you have any questions please contact Tournament Chairman **Brian Logue** (609) 827-0820.

Thank you,

Captain Brian Logue
Tournament Chairman



PRIZE DETERMINATION			
Grand Prize: \$7,000		2nd Place: \$2,500	
		3rd Place: \$1,000	
Fish	Limit	Grand prize is awarded to the boat that accumulates the most total points of Billfish releases, Swordfish, Tuna, Dolphin and Wahoo	
Releases			
Blue Marlin	n/a		
Other Billfish	n/a		
Captures			
Swordfish (100 lb minimum)	none		
Tuna (50lb minimum)	5		
Wahoo	5		
Dolphin (10lb minimum)	5		
Scoring			
Fish	Release Points	Points per pound	Minimum Size
Blue Marlin	100	n/a	n/a
Other Billfish	75	n/a	n/a
Swordfish	75	1	100 lbs
Tuna	0	1	50 lbs
Wahoo	0	1	none
Dolphin	0	1	10 lbs
Tournament Prizes			
Fish	Prizes	Winners will receive a trophy along with either a cash award, merchandise, or gift certificates. Junior anglers will receive a trophy and a non-cash award in accordance with New Jersey Amateur regulations. There are <u>no</u> minimum weights for Junior Angler fish. Junior Anglers are only eligible for Junior Angler awards.	
Boat Awards			
Billfish Release	1st-2nd-3rd		
Angler Awards			
Swordfish	1st-2nd-3rd		
Tuna	1st-2nd-3rd		
Wahoo	1st-2nd-3rd		
Dolphin	1st-2nd-3rd		
Junior Angler*	1st-2nd-3rd		
*total weight of heaviest <u>one</u> fish plus billfish releases			

There are additional \$1,000 awards to any angler who establishes a new ALL-TIME OCMTC RECORD. Current all-time OCMTC records are:

- Swordfish: Paul Weber - 456 lbs.
- Tuna: Jack Thomas - 332 lbs.
- Dolphin: Greg Smith - 63 lbs. 6 oz.
- Wahoo: Ted Wood - 106 lbs.

CALCUTTA			
2016 Payout: Over \$35,000		2017 Format is a 95% payout	
Entry Fees			
GOLD	\$800	Entry into each calcutta is separate and independent from one another.	
SILVER	\$400		
BILLFISH RELEASE	\$300	Small Boat calcutta is open to boats 38' and smaller.	
SMALL BOAT	\$300		
Payouts			
Gold, Silver, Small Boat Calcutta <small>With qualifying Swordfish (100 lb)</small>		Gold, Silver, Small Boat Calcutta <small>With NO qualifying Swordfish</small>	
Heaviest:			
Swordfish	40%	Tuna (1st heaviest)	40%
Tuna	40%	Tuna (2nd heaviest)	20%
Dolphin	10%	Dolphin	20%
Wahoo	10%	Wahoo	20%
Billfish Release Calcutta			
Winner takes all (Blue Marlin = 100 pts, White Marlin & Swordfish = 75 points)			
In the event of a tie, the earliest release time of the last billfish is the winner.			

Schedule of Events

August 13th

Captain's Dinner & Meeting for five
6:00pm- Boat packet distribution & open bar
7:30pm - Dinner served

Available Fishing Days

Mon. Aug. 14 • Fish from 7am Mon. to 3:30pm Tues.
Tues. Aug. 15 • Fish from 7am Tue. to 3:30pm Wed.
Wed. Aug. 16 • Fish from 7am Wed. to 3:30pm Thurs.
Thurs. Aug. 17 • Fish from 7am Thurs. to 3:30pm Fri.
Friday Aug. 18 • Fish from 7am Fri. to 3:30pm Sat.

August 20th

Awards BBQ & Cocktail Party
Location TBD

Fishing times for single days are from
7:00am to 3:30pm each day
Weigh in is from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$950 per boat (\$850 if received by 7/31/2017).

Boat Name: _____

Inlet to Fish From: _____

Boat Length/Manufacturer: _____

Is boat equipped with:

EPIRB Life Raft

Sat Phone # _____

Owner's Name: _____

Owner's Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

I have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the rules of the Overnight Billfish Tournament.

Signature: _____

Please detach this form and mail with your payment to:

Ocean City Marlin & Tuna Club

c/o Jack Davidson

155 West 17th St., Ocean City, NJ 08226

Payment Options:

1. Check payable to "Ocean City Marlin & Tuna Club"

2. Mastercard or Visa:

Name on card: _____

Card #: _____

Expiration Date (mm/yy): ____/____

Your Entry Fee includes:

- 5 Tournament T-Shirts
- Admission for 5 to Captain's Dinner
- Admission for 5 to Awards Banquet and Cocktail Party
- Captain's Gift - and other commemorative items
- * Additional tickets for Kickoff & Awards are \$40 and \$25 respectively.

Please Note:

Payments must be received by August 5th in order to guarantee a seat for you and your crew at the Captain's dinner (includes 5). The Club requires a final count by this date.