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Rules & Regulations

- All boats must be represented at the Captain's dinner on Sunday August 9th, 2020 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 OCMTC assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
- Boats may leave any inlet from Manasquan inlet to Cape May inlet after 12:00 midnight. 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 3:30pm 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 10, 2020.
- 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/tuna 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.
 - Use of electric reels is prohibited. However, use of a "Reel Cranky" type device may be used ONLY to check baits.
- 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.

43rd Annual Offshore OPEN Tournament

Formerly the Overnight Billfish Tournament

hosted by



August 9th through August 16th 2020

Dear Captains & Crews,



OCMTC is proud to invite you to our 43rd Annual signature Tournament. You may have noticed we have changed the name of the tournament from the Overnight Billfish Tournament to the annual Offshore Open. Make no mistake, this is the same tournament, known for its fun, family friendly atmosphere and great competition. Boats will compete for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes! The 2020 Tournament will take place from August 9th and conclude with cocktails and awards ceremony on August 16th.

The flexible format is intended to allow offshore boats of all sizes to compete. Captains may choose from five possible departure days. Boats may choose to fish overnight or make two-day trips and may depart from any inlet from Manasquan to Cape May after midnight. Fishing boundaries are within 125nm of the GE Bell. The Captains meeting will take place on Sunday August 9th at the Ocean City Yacht Club and will feature our traditional prime rib dinner. The tournament will conclude on Sunday August 16th with an awards lunch and cocktail party.

While the use of electric reels remains prohibited, we have made a change in the rules this year's to permit a "Reel Cranky" type device for the purpose of checking baits only in order to facilitate deep dropping for those who may want to swordfish.

We look forward to seeing some old friends and meeting new ones as this year promises another tournament filled with camaraderie, fun, friendship and of course, competition!

Please feel free to contact me at 610-633-3567 with any questions.

Todd Eachus
Tournament Chairman

We would like to thank our friends at the Ocean City Yacht Club for hosting the Captain's meeting, the awards lunch and the weigh dock.

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 (40lb 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	40 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		
<small>*total weight of heaviest <u>one</u> fish plus billfish releases</small>			

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			
2018 Payout: Over \$35,000			
2019 Format is a 95% payout			
Entry Fees		Entry into each calcutta is separate and independent from one another.	
GOLD	\$800		
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:		Heaviest:	
Swordfish	40%	Tuna (1st heaviest)	40%
Tuna	40%	Tuna (2nd heaviest)	20%
Dolphin	10%	Dolphin	20%
Wahoo	10%	Wahoo	20%
Tuna \$1000 Super Calcutta for the Heaviest Qualifying Tuna Distribution: 1 ST PLACE: 60% 2 ND PLACE: 40%			
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.			

Tuna Super Calcutta

- In the event that only one qualifying fish is caught in the Tuna Super Calcutta, all money will be awarded to the 1st place tuna entrant.
- If there is a tie for 1st place in the Tuna Super Calcutta, winner will be determined by the date and time caught. If there is a tie for 2nd place in the Tuna Super Calcutta, the tie splits the 2nd place money.
- In the event there is no qualifying tuna caught in the Tuna Super Calcutta, all prize money will be refunded to all entrants of the Tuna Super Calcutta.
- Cash only accepted for all Calcuttas.

Schedule of Events

August 9th

Captain's Dinner & Meeting for five, 6:00pm at Ocean City Yacht Club, 7:30pm - Dinner served

Available Fishing Days

- Mon. Aug. 11 • Fish from 7am Mon. to 3:30pm Tues.
- Tues. Aug. 12 • Fish from 7am Tue. to 3:30pm Wed.
- Wed. Aug. 13 • Fish from 7am Wed. to 3:30pm Thurs.
- Thurs. Aug. 14 • Fish from 7am Thurs. to 3:30pm Fri.
- Friday Aug. 15 • Fish from 7am Fri. to 3:30pm Sat.

August 16th

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: \$1,000 per boat (\$800 if received by 7/17/2020).

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 South Jersey Tournaments
P.O. Box 322, Cape May, NJ 08204

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 1st 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. Cancellation after 7/31/2020 will result in a return of tournament fee minus a \$250 processing fee.