



THE  
**MIDATLANTIC**  
TUNNA TOURNAMENT

**JUNE 9-13, 2021**

Now including  
**SHARK  
CALCUTTA  
OPTIONS**



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## THE SOUTH JERSEY SHARK & MIDATLANTIC TUNA TOURNAMENT NOW ROLLED INTO ONE!

The MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is proud to announce the inclusion of shark calcuttas to add to the level of excitement with new options and target species! As we have all seen over the past several years during early June, the offshore tuna bite has been on fire, leaving participants torn between leaving the inshore sharking grounds or heading for the offshore tuna bite. So why not give participants the options to target one, the other, or both!

This June 9th through the 13th, teams can now enter into their favorite calcuttas from the South Jersey Shark Tournament and fish the extended schedule options of the MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament. This Shark and Tuna combination allows EARLIER departure times, an EXTENDED BOUNDARY and MORE time on the drift than previously available during the South Jersey Shark Tournament. Also if participants want to troll for tuna during the day and then drift for the makos overnight, all the options are on the table for plenty of action!

As for the original MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament format itself, the tournament will be remaining the same, however there will no longer be a limit on the number of boats in the tournament. So with the merge of the South Jersey Shark and Tuna Tournament, all participants should expect a record purse up for grabs for the 2021 MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

*At South Jersey Marina Saltwater Cafe*

6:00pm Late Registration

7:30pm Captains' Meeting

### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

*At South Jersey Marina Saltwater Cafe*

9:00pm Tournament Awards,

Catered Dinner & Beverages

### Weigh-Ins

*At Canyon Club Resort Marina*

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

5:00pm Scales Open | 8:00pm Scales Close

### 4 Day Trip Options

*Captain's Choice - Fish 2 of 4*

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

12:00am Depart Inlet

4:30am Lines In

3:30pm Lines Out (11 Hours - Same Day)

### 3 Overnight Trip Options

*Captain's Choice - Fish 1 of 3*

Thursday-Friday, Friday-Saturday, Saturday-Sunday

1:30pm Depart Inlet

5:30pm Lines In

3:30pm Lines Out (22 Hours - Following Day)

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## TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Participants may choose ONE of the following tournament entry options

### ENTRY OPTION 1

#### Basic Tournament Entry

**\$1,000**

Basic Tournament Entry covers team's registration within the tournament. It also gives participants access to the nightly dockside rendezvous and hospitality starting from the captains meeting, throughout weigh-ins and for reservations for parties up to 5 for the seated awards dinner.

### ENTRY OPTION 2

#### Tournament Entry w/Included Calcutta

**\$2,500**

This Tournament Entry gives teams all the same details as Basic Tournament Entry, however \$1,500 of it goes into the "Fill the Freezer" Calcutta. This option is especially exciting because whether participants are specifically targeting tunas or sharks in whatever range of selected Calcuttas, it allows all teams entered to go head to head for heaviest stringer comprised of either Yellowfin, Bigeye, and/or Mako.

#### Fill the Freezer Calcutta

##### HEAVIEST STRINGER OF YELLOWFIN, BIGEYE, OR MAKO HEAVIEST STRINGER (UP TO 5 FISH)

1st = 50% | 2nd = 30% | 3rd = 20%

## CALCUTTAS

### IN THE GAME CALCUTTAS

*In The Game Calcuttas give teams the opportunity to specifically target either Yellowfin, Bigeye or Sharks in the selected Calcutta. Without putting the most at risk, the following options can be entered into as either a base entry to double down on at a higher Calcutta level or as an optional backup plan to fish for during the tournament.*

#### In The Game Yellowfin - \$1,500

#### In The Game Bigeye - \$1,500

*Each Calcutta entry above pays out 50% to Heaviest Overall & 50% to Heaviest Stringer*

##### HEAVIEST OVERALL

1st = 25% | 2nd = 15% | 3rd = 10%

##### HEAVIEST STRINGER (UP TO 4 FISH)

1st = 25% | 2nd = 15% | 3rd = 10%

#### In The Game Shark - \$1,500

##### HEAVIEST SHARK

1st = 50% | 2nd = 30% | 3rd = 20%

### 35' & UNDER CALCUTTA - \$1,000

*The 35' & Under Calcutta is for boats that are 35' or less in length according to the given boat's model name. One of the most popular from the previous South Jersey Shark Tournament, this Calcutta option gives entrants the opportunity to compete for the overall heaviest out of the three qualifying species.*

##### HEAVIEST SHARK | HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN HEAVIEST BIGEYE

1st Place Each Category = 33%

### HIGH STAKES CALCUTTAS

*High Stakes Calcuttas give teams the opportunity to double down on the individual target species of the selected Calcutta. It is recommended that participants enter the Calcutta based on that species being their primary target during the tournament.*

#### High Stakes Yellowfin - \$5,000

#### High Stakes Bigeye - \$5,000

*Each Calcutta entry above pays out 50% to Heaviest Overall & 50% to Heaviest Stringer*

##### HEAVIEST OVERALL

1st = 25% | 2nd = 15% | 3rd = 10%

##### HEAVIEST STRINGER (UP TO 4 FISH)

1st = 25% | 2nd = 15% | 3rd = 10%

#### High Stakes Big Money Mako - \$2,500

##### HEAVIEST MAKO | WINNER TAKE ALL

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## TOURNAMENT RULES

### TIMES & BOUNDARIES

- 1 All boats must sail from and return to Cape May Inlet.
- 2 Boats fishing 11 hour trips (Day) are not permitted to clear the Cape May Sea Buoy prior to 12:00 AM on each scheduled fishing day. Boats fishing 22 hour trips (Overnight) are not permitted to clear the Cape May Sea Buoy prior to 1:30 PM on each scheduled fishing day.
- 3 For Boats Fishing 11 hour trips (Day) fishing begins at 4:30 AM on each scheduled fishing day. For Boats Fishing 22 hour trips (Overnight) fishing begins at 5:30 PM on each scheduled fishing day. No lines, chum, or bait of any kind may be put into the water prior to this time.
- 4 For Boats Fishing 11 hour trips (Day) & 22 hour trips (Overnight) fishing ends at 3:30 PM on each scheduled fishing day. Any fish hooked prior to the deadline may be played until boated or released, provided that said fish is announced hooked on the tournament channel before the deadline.
- 5 Boundaries for the tournament will be 125 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
- 6 Weigh-in begins at 5:00 PM. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at Canyon Club Resort Marina by 8:00 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught.
- 7 Each boat must pick either one overnight trip or two day trips by submitting the official Fish-Day Form prior to leaving the dock on the day selected. Said forms must be either physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the dockmaster's office at South Jersey Marina or Canyon Club Resort Marina OR photographed and texted to the Tournament Director. The boat must be dockside when the fish day is declared. Any boat not submitting the form will be assumed to be laying on that day. Boats may not fish on a lay day unless all of their available fish days have been used. Boats with mechanical problems or other emergencies may use lay days to arrive late to the tournament so long as it is with the advance permission of the Tournament Directors and they conform with all other rules. To withdraw a Fish Day Form the boat must be dockside and the Tournament Directors notified within three hours after fishing beginning on the day selected.

### ANGLING/FISHING

- 8 Participants shall comply with I.G.F.A. equipment and angling rules with the following exceptions: A) A fish may be hooked by someone other than the angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the angler after hook-up. From that time on, the angler must fight the fish alone until boated or released. B) No harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks. C) Spreader bars with hooks ARE permitted. D) Fish may be dispatched by gun or bangstick after they have been wired. The Tournament Directors retain sole authority for interpreting and implementing the I.G.F.A.'s rules.
- 9 There is no limit on the number of lines or teasers.
- 10 All fish boated over 75 lbs. must be reported over the tournament channel at the time of the catch.
- 11 There are 4 available "Day" fishing options and 3 available "Overnight" fishing options for the tournament. Boats may choose either 2 of the available days or 1 of the available overnights, captains' choice; no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which day or night to fish.
- 12 Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.

### SCORING/PRIZES

- 13 Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official and prizes to be awarded. 94% of Calcutta entries will be paid out.
- 14 Qualifying tuna species are Bigeye and Yellowfin. Bluefin Tuna will not be eligible for awards in this tournament. Qualifying shark species are Shortfin Mako, Thresher & Blue Sharks.
- 15 Boats may weigh up to 3 Yellowfin and 3 Bigeye per fish day. Overnight trips will count as two fish days. Boats may weigh up to 1 qualifying shark species per fishing trip. Per HMS regulations, overnight trips will count as one trip. Participants will be given tags which must be securely attached to each fish prior to being weighed and should include boat number and trip type identified.
- 16 Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.
- 17 Up to 4 fish will be counted towards each tuna stringer Calcutta. Up to 5 fish will be counted towards the "Fill the Freezer" Calcutta.
- 18 In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided between those tying.
- 19 In the event that all places are not filled the unwon prize money will be proportionally divided among the winners of that prize.
- 20 In the event that no qualifying fish are caught in a Calcutta, the entry fee for that Calcutta will be returned.
- 21 **35' & Under Calcutta:** If no qualifying fish is taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.
- 22 In order to be eligible for awards, prizes, and calcuttas, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules. Said rules include conformance to state and federal size limits and possession of a current NMFS angling, general or charter/headboat category HMS permit.
- 23 All fish eligible for cash prizes may be subject to examination by the Tournament Directors, consulting biologists and/or Torrymeter, should there be any question as to the "freshness" of the catch. It shall be the responsibility of the participant to keep all eligible catches in suitable and proper condition until weigh-in. In the event of any disputes arising from such examination, the decision of the Tournament Directors shall be final. Polygraph examination may be required of winning crews.

### ADMINISTRATION

- 24 The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate).
- 25 Registration is by boat rather than by angler. Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline entry of any boat or crew.
- 26 The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
- 27 In the event of a boat disability, contestants may transfer to another boat, not entered in the tournament, and may fish in the name of the original, with the prior approval of the Tournament Directors.
- 28 Allegations of violations of any of the above rules may be submitted only by an official tournament registrant and must be submitted in writing on the day of the alleged infraction. In the event of such an allegation, the Tournament Directors will have the sole and exclusive responsibility to investigate the alleged incident and to rule as to whether any violation materially aided the angler, crew, or vessel, or otherwise affected the outcome of the tournament. Any subsequent penalty will be solely at the discretion of the Tournament Directors and shall be final. In all cases, registrant and their crews agree to be bound by the ruling of the Tournament Directors.

# THE MIDATLANTIC TUNA TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

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## Tournament Registration Information

Name of Boat \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*FOR SAFETY/EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY – If you have a satellite phone or text services available, please provide your contact number and list what type of device it is.*

## Secondary Contact Persons

*In case we cannot contact the registrant during the tournament, please provide any additional contact to relay information or updates.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Captain | Crew | Dockside

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## Entry & Calcuttas

\*Basic Entry Fee **\$1,000** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Tourn Entry w/Fill the Freezer Calcutta **\$2,500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Participants can only enter one of the above tournament entry options.*

In the Game Yellowfin Calcutta **\$1,500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In the Game Bigeye Calcutta **\$1,500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In the Game Shark Calcutta **\$1,500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

35 & Under Calcutta **\$1,000** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

High Stakes Yellowfin Calcutta **\$5,000** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

High Stakes Bigeye Calcutta **\$5,000** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

High Stakes Big Money Mako **\$2,500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fees are not refundable after the commencement of the Captains' Meeting unless the tournament is cancelled.

Payment may be made by credit card. Call for forms and details. Checks can be made payable to South Jersey Tournaments and mailed to:

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