



THE MIDATLANTIC TUNNA TOURNAMENT

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With only a handful of boats that hedged their bets against the weather in 2018 and a \$65,000 purse up for grabs, the participants of the MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament headed out, found the tuna, and had a great time throughout the event! Mother Nature ended up changing her forecast during the event and the boats used the recently revised weather windows to their advantage, solidifying our tournament layout as one of the best!

2018 showed us however that a smaller, high stakes tuna tournament, coupled with our “MidAtlantic Style” service and hospitality truly made for a memorable event. Which is why for 2019 we are simplifying our calcuttas entry levels to just two options, for both yellowfin and big-eye, and raising our across-the-board entry for some serious money to battle over. If you’re a diehard tuna fisherman, this event is for you! The tournament entry fee now gets you in the game with a base stringer Calcutta. So even if you don’t want to go “All In” you still have a chance at a worthwhile payout!

If you’re planning on fishing you’ll want to act soon! We’re now limiting the number of entries into the tournament to 20 boats. To ensure our event maintains its distinct level of hospitality and intimate dockside dining reservations for your entire crew, the MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is now an exclusive event. Yet, with an estimated purse of over \$300,000 in this limited setting, your chances of being a big money winner have never been greater in any other tournament!



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ENTRY FEE

\$2,500

Entry Fee includes event access passes, awards night dinner reservations for parties of five, and Battle of the Tuna Calcutta

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

At South Jersey Marina Saltwater Cafe

6:00pm Late Registration

7:30pm Captains' Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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)

CALCUTTAS

To be eligible for Calcutta prizes, fish must be caught according to tournament rules.

Stringers are the total of your four heaviest fish per Calcutta.

94% of Calcutta entries will be paid out. \$2500 Entry Fee includes Battle of the Tuna Calcutta.

BATTLE OF THE TUNA

Included with Entry • \$1,500

Heaviest stringer of Yellowfin and/or Bigeye. Payout to 3rd place as follows:

Heaviest Stringer (Up to 4 fish)

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

YELLOWFIN CALCUTTAS

In The Game • \$2,500

High Stakes • \$5,000

BIGEYE CALCUTTAS

In The Game • \$2,500

High Stakes • \$5,000

Each of the four Species Calcuttas payout separately as follows:

Heaviest Overall

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

Heaviest Stringer (Up to 4 fish)

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

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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 100 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. 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.
14. Qualifying tuna species are Bigeye and Yellowfin. Bluefin Tuna will not be eligible for awards in this tournament.
15. Boats may weigh up to 3 Yellowfin and 3 Bigeye per fish day. Overnight trips will count as two fish days. 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 stringer 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. 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.
22. 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

23. The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate).
24. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline entry of any boat or crew.
25. The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
26. 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.
27. 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.

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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 _____

Dockage Reservations

Dockage Rate: \$3.50 per foot, (includes electric) per day, 5 day minimum.

You can secure your dockage by including a \$500 dockage deposit with your registration or call to make reservations directly. South Jersey Marina (609) 884-2400 or Canyon Club Marina (609) 884-0199.

I would like Dockage at: (if applicable) South Jersey Marina Canyon Club Marina

Electric Required: Single 30 amp Twin 30 amp 50 amp

Fuel Required: Gas Diesel

Entry Fee \$ _____

Dockage Deposit (\$500) \$ _____

Battle of the Tuna: \$1,500 (Included w/entry) \$ _____

Yellowfin Calcutta, In the Game: \$2,500 \$ _____

Yellowfin Calcutta, High Stakes: \$5,000 \$ _____

Bigeye Calcutta, In the Game: \$2,500 \$ _____

BigEye Calcutta, High Stakes: \$5,000 \$ _____

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.

Make checks payable to South Jersey Tournaments and mail to: South Jersey Marina • 1231 Route 109 • Cape May, NJ 08204
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