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\$185,000
PURSE IN 2019



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After 40 years the South Jersey Shark Tournament is still holding strong and true to its roots for the regions premier big game shark fishing event! As we continue to see constant changes in the shark fishing community we are glad to have our seasons regulation unchanged since last year's tournament. Hopeful that our participants will continue to land quality fish in the scales again this year, we expect a productive and competitive event as always!

Not only is the South Jersey Shark Tournament known for big payouts and some serious fishing competition but it's also a great opportunity to make new or catch-up with old friends across all generations. With the event setting at South Jersey Marina paired with nightly, top notch, dockside hospitality, you'll see why our family of participants continues to grow each year. With an "All In" of Calcutta entries just under \$6000 and an average purse upwards of \$325,000 there's no reason why you shouldn't take a chance to win big in this event!

Whether you're new to big game shark fishing or seasoned by the salt over the years on the water, the South Jersey Shark Tournament is your go to event. In our 40 years of hosting this event we have seen underdogs reign in as champions and winning fish weighed in at the last seconds. With our record tournament payouts, dockside festivities, and annual turnout, there's no better reason than to come fish the South Jersey Shark Tournament in 2020, June 3rd through the 6th.

See you at the scales!

Sincerely,

Aaron T. Hoffman, South Jersey Tournament Director

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 3

6:00pm • Late Registration

7:30pm Sharp
Captains' Meeting

Thursday, June 4

6:00am • Depart Inlet

8:30am - 3:30pm • Fishing
2:30pm - 7:30pm • Weigh-In

Friday, June 5

6:00am • Depart Inlet

8:30am - 3:30pm • Fishing
2:30pm - 7:30pm • Weigh-In
6:30pm - 10:00pm • Dockside
Dining, Entertainment

Saturday, June 6

6:00am • Depart Inlet

8:30am - 3:30pm • Fishing
2:30pm - 7:30pm • Weigh-In
6:30pm - 10:00pm • Dockside
Dining, Music, Awards

All events will take place at South Jersey Marina | Tournament VHF Radio Channels will be 69 (primary) and 71 (alternate).

SPONSORS



ENTRY FEE

\$600 per boat

Entry Fee includes activity tickets for 5 participants
Additional tickets can be purchased at the Captains' Meeting for \$35.00 per night or \$60.00 for both nights.
Please include Entry Fee and Dockage with Entry Form.

EARLY BIRD ENTRY

Participants who pay their Entry Fee prior to June 1 will be eligible for a "Free Entry Drawing" which will be held at the Captains' Meeting. The lucky winner will receive a full refund of their \$600 Entry Fee!

POINTS

Valuable trophies will be awarded for:

Most Points Mako | 2nd Most Pts Mako | 3rd Most Pts Mako

200 points per Mako Released | 1 pt. per lb. for boated Makos meeting Tournament Minimums.

CALCUTTA INFO

94% of Calcutta entries will be paid out. To be eligible for Calcutta prizes, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules and meet the tournament's minimum size and weights.

OVERALL CALCUTTAS

CALCUTTA "A" • Entry Fee - \$400 | CALCUTTA "B" • Entry Fee - \$900

Each Overall Calcutta covers the following categories

Heaviest Shark = 20% | Heaviest Mako = 25% | Heaviest Blue = 15%

2nd Heaviest Shark = 15% | 2nd Heaviest Mako = 15% | 2nd Heaviest Blue = 10%

SUPER CALCUTTAS

DAILY DOUBLE • Entry Fee - \$600

Covers the following categories for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Daily purses will depend on the number of boats fishing each day. Your entry in this Calcutta will only be added to the daily purse of the two days that you fish.
(50% each day).

Daily Heaviest Mako = 35% of the day's purse | Daily 2nd Heaviest Mako = 15% of the day's purse

Daily Heaviest Shark = 35% of the day's purse | Daily 2nd Heaviest Shark = 15% of the day's purse

MAKO MANIA JACKPOT • Entry Fee - \$1,000

Covers the Mako category only for the tournament overall

Heaviest Mako = 60% | 2nd Heaviest Mako = 40%

BIG MONEY MAKO • Entry Fee - \$2,500

Heaviest Mako - Winner take all

UNDER 35' CALCUTTA

Entry Fee - \$500

Heaviest Mako = 60% | Heaviest Shark = 40%

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

TIMES & BOUNDARIES

1. All boats must sail from and return to Cape May Inlet.
2. Boats are not permitted to clear the Cape May Sea Buoy prior to 6:00 AM.
3. Fishing begins at 8:30 AM. No lines, chum, or bait of any kind may be put into the water until starting time is announced by a Committee Boat.
4. 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 60 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
6. Weigh-in begins at 2:30 PM. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at South Jersey Marina by 7:30 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught.
7. Each boat must pick one NON-FISHING DAY by submitting the official Lay Day Form prior to 11:00 AM on the day selected. Said forms must be physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the dockmaster's office at South Jersey Marina or Canyon Club Resort Marina. The boat must be dockside when the lay day is declared. Any boat not submitting the proper form by the 11:00 AM deadline will be automatically assumed to be fishing 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.

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) 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. (The use of mammal blood or flesh is prohibited.)
9. No more than 5 lines may be fished from any boat, regardless of number of anglers.
10. All fish boated or released must be reported to a committee boat at the time of the catch.
11. Moves during the day should be accomplished with care for established slicks. Boats passing through competitors' slicks within 300 yards may be subject to disqualification
12. For release purposes, a fish will be considered caught when the mate grabs the leader or the swivel touches the tip of the rod.
13. There are 3 available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be any 2 of the available 3 days, captains' choice; no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which days to fish.
14. 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

15. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official & prizes to be awarded.
16. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.

17. For release points to count, boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline and submit a Daily Catch Report by 7:30 PM.
18. In the event of a tie in the point categories, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point accumulation.
19. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided between those tying.
20. Overall Calcuttas: In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish in that category. If no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.
21. Daily Double Calcutta: In the event that no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money for that category will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories for that day. If no qualifying fish are caught on any day(s), the unwon prize money will be transferred evenly to the corresponding categories on the remaining days.
22. Mako Mania Jackpot: In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish.
23. Under 35' Calcutta: In the event that no qualifying Mako is caught, the prize money will go to the Heaviest Shark. Boats must be 35' or less in length according to the given boat's model name.
24. In the event that no qualifying fish are caught in a particular Calcutta, the entries for that Calcutta will be refunded.
25. For the purpose of identification, a Porbeagle will be considered a Mako.
26. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes, and calcuttas, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules. Said rules includes conformance to state and federal size limits, circle hook requirements and possession of a current NMFS angling, general or charter/headboat category HMS permit, with any applicable endorsement.
27. 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

28. The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate)
29. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline entry of any boat or crew.
30. The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
31. 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.
32. 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.

REMEMBER TO RESERVE YOUR BAIT

Have your bait delivered to your boat daily. Whole mackerel (25# flats) and chum (whole bunker, bunker and mackerel) available at South Jersey and Canyon Club.

Call 609-884-2400 for information or to pre-order.

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Name of Boat _____
Manufacturer _____ Year _____ Length _____ Inboard Outboard
Name of Registrant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Cell # _____ Work # _____ Home # _____
Email Address _____

Dockage rate: \$3.50 per foot, (includes electric) per day, 4 day minimum.

Dockage required: Yes No

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

I would like to volunteer as a committee boat.

Entry Fee _____
Dockage Deposit \$300 _____
Daily Double Calcutta: \$600 _____
Under 35' Calcutta: \$500 _____
Overall Calcutta "A": \$400 _____
Overall Calcutta "B": \$900 _____
Mako Mania Jackpot: \$1,000 _____
Big Money Mako: \$2,500 _____
Total Enclosed _____

Payment of Entry Fee does not constitute a guarantee of dockage. Dockage (if needed) must be paid in advance to guarantee a berth for the tournament. Dockage rate is \$3.50 per foot, (includes electric) per day X 4 days minimum. Entry Fees are not refundable after the commencement of the Captains' Meeting unless the tournament is cancelled.

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