



THE MIDATLANTIC TUNA TOURNAMENT

JUNE 22-26, 2022

The MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is the kick-off event to the South Jersey Tournament season! Each June, the offshore waters off the coast of Southern New Jersey have some of the most productive tuna fishing of the season. As the early season eddies push in that warm Gulf Stream water, the yellowfin and bigeye bite are red hot. This year's MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is one way to dust off the rods and hit the canyons for some high stakes tuna competition.

Now established on June 22nd – 26th, this year's MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament will certainly be one you won't want to miss! With plenty of fishing format options to choose from to adapt to any last minute weather changes, this event provides the most time on the water to get that right bite. Our signature Calcutta options for the event give participants every chance to get some fish on the board and take a significant portion of the total purse.

Whether you prefer to target bigeye in the deep or search for yellowfin inside the edge, the MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is the most versatile event to get you on the board! As the warm June weather starts to heat things up for the rest of the fishing season, be sure to mark your calendar for the MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament and we'll see you at the scales!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

At South Jersey Marina Saltwater Cafe

6:00pm Late Registration

7:30pm Captains' Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

Tournament Entry w/Included Calcutta - \$3,000

Tournament Entry includes team's tournament registration and hospitality.

\$1,500 of the fee includes entry into the "Battle of the Tuna" Calcutta.

This allows all teams entered to go head to head for heaviest stringer comprised of either Yellowfin and/or Bigeye.

Battle of the Tuna Prize Payout

HEAVIEST STRINGER OF YELLOWFIN OR BIGEYE

HEAVIEST STRINGER (UP TO 4 FISH)

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

TOURNAMENT CALCUTTAS

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. This Calcutta option gives entrants the opportunity to compete for the overall heaviest out of the qualifying species.

35' & Under Prize Payout

HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN | HEAVIEST BIGEYE

1st Place Each Category = 50%

IN THE GAME CALCUTTAS

In The Game Calcuttas give teams the opportunity to specifically target either Yellowfin or Bigeye 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

In The Game Yellowfin & Bigeye Prize Payout

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 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

High Stakes Yellowfin & Bigeye Prize Payout

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

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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 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 tuna 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 **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.

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Tournament Registration Information

Name of Boat _____

Manufacturer _____

Year _____

Length _____

Name of Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Cell # _____

Home # _____

Offshore Satellite/Text # _____

Type of Device _____

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 Person(s)

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

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

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

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

Payments may be made by credit card. Checks can be made payable to **South Jersey Tournaments** and mailed to:

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