



## Cape May Marlin Tournament

**JULY 25-28, 2024**

Since the 1950's the County of Cape May and its fishing community have held highlighted events for big game offshore fisherman. Over the years these tournaments and fisherman have made our area known for having some of the most productive fishing for White and Blue Marlin and have created some of the most world-renowned captains and crews that target them.

As the sport fishing industry has grown substantially, the recently rebranded Cape May Marlin Tournament puts our region on the map as a must-do event for Marlin fishing enthusiasts.

Building on the 60 years of rich history and tradition started at the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor, the Cape May Marlin Tournament continues to grow as one of the oldest and prestigious release tournaments in the Mid-Atlantic!

We look forward to hearing from you and fishing beside you in this year's tournament.

For questions regarding the tournament please call South Jersey Tournaments at (609)884-0177.

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**ENTRY FEE - \$2,000**

*Tournament Entry Fee includes access for guests of up to 6 for nightly dockside hospitality and awards dinner poolside at Canyon Club Resort Marina.*

### **AWARDS**

#### **MOST POINTS OVERALL BOAT**

1st | 2nd | 3rd

*5 Angler Awards Per Boat*

#### **MOST POINTS OVERALL ANGLER (IGFA)**

1st | 2nd | 3rd

*IGFA Points is for anglers who hook and fight their fish until released. Anglers may not be handed any fish at any time throughout the tournament.*

#### **MOST POINTS OVERALL ANGLER (H&H)**

1st | 2nd | 3rd

*Hook and Hand Points is for any combination of angling throughout the tournament. Angler Awards are separate categories and anglers can only qualify for one or the other.*

#### **1ST PLACE FEMALE ANGLER**

#### **1ST PLACE JUNIOR ANGLER (16 & UNDER)**

#### **HEAVIEST TUNA**

#### **HEAVIEST DOLPHIN**

#### **MOST POINTS OVERALL TEAM**

1st | 2nd

*Most Release Points Accumulated by Teams Determined at Captains Meeting*

#### **WARREN BUCKINGHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY**

#### **MOST OUTSTANDING CATCH**

#### **WALT HENDEE CAPTAINS AWARD**

#### **1ST PLACE BOAT CAPTAIN**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 25**

##### **REGISTRATION**

*Poolside Captain's Meeting  
at Canyon Club Resort Marina*

**6:00pm** | Cocktails and Hors D'Oeuvres

**7:30pm** | Captains' Meeting

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 26**

##### **FISH DAY**

**4:00am** | Depart Inlet

**8:00am - 3:30pm** | Lines In/Out

**5:00pm - 8:00pm** | Weigh Station Open

**7:30pm - 9:30pm** | Evening Dockside | Cocktails,  
Music and Dinner

*Poolside at Canyon Club Resort Marina*

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

##### **FISH DAY**

**4:00am** | Depart Inlet

**8:00am - 3:30pm** | Lines In/Out

**5:00pm - 8:00pm** | Weigh Station Open

**7:30pm - 9:30pm** | Evening Dockside | Cocktails,  
Music and Dinner

**9:00pm** | **Presentation of Awards**

*Poolside at Canyon Club Resort Marina*

### **CALCUTTAS**

#### **MARLIN CALCUTTA**

**\$500 - Most Overall Points**

1st Place - 75%

2nd Place - 25%

#### **TUNA & DOLPHIN CALCUTTA**

**\$250 per Category**

1st Place - 75%

2nd Place - 25%

#### **DAILY CALCUTTA**

**\$250 per Fish Day**

**Most Daily Points**

1st Place - 100%

# CAPE MAY MARLIN TOURNAMENT

JULY 25-28, 2024

## 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 Sea Buoy prior to 4:00 AM.
3. Fishing begins at 8:00 AM. No lines or bait of any kind may be put into the water until starting time.
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. Weigh-ins begin at 5:00 PM. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at Canyon Club Marina by 8:00 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught. Boats weighing fish must proceed directly from the inlet to the weigh station.

### ANGLING & FISHING

6. Participants shall comply with I.G.F.A. equipment and angling rules with the following exceptions: A) **(For Hook and Hand Points Only)** 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 of greensticks. C) Live baiting is not permitted. D) Line class shall be limited to the manufacturer's stated rating of no greater than 130 lbs. The Tournament Directors retain sole authority for interpreting and implementing the I.G.F.A.'s rules.
7. There is no limit on the number of lines or teasers
8. All billfish released are to be announced on the tournament channel at the time of the catch.
9. This is a trolling tournament. While hookups accomplished with no headway are permissible if they occur at a time when baits settle while fishing another fish, the use of live boat or stopping and casting or pitching to tailing fish or fish balling bait is not permissible. Live baiting shall include live teasing and fishing for boat during the tournament. The use of Chub Mackerel or Atlantic Mackerel is prohibited.
10. For release purposes, a fish will be considered caught when the mate grabs the leader or the swivel touches the tip of the rod.
11. Fishing will be on each scheduled day unless cancelled by the weather committee by 6:30 AM.
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 & prizes to be awarded. 92% of Calcutta entries will be paid out.
14. Team competition will consist of teams of up to three boats each, the teams vying for prizes for first and second place. Teams will be picked lottery style at the Captain's Meeting.
15. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.
16. For release points to count, boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline and submit a Daily Catch Report by 8:00 PM on each scheduled fish day at the official tournament weigh station.

17. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the first boat or team reaching the winning point accumulation.
18. In order to be eligible for awards and prizes, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules. Said rules include conformance to state and federal size limited and possession of a current NMFS angling, general or charter/headboat category HMS permit.
19. 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" or natural state 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

20. The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate).
21. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline the entry of any boat or crew.
22. The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
23. If needed, with permission of the Tournament Directors, contestants may transfer to another boat, not entered in the tournament, and may fish in the name of the original but may not transfer back.
24. 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.

Winners determined by total accumulated release points on Billfish and by weight for Tuna and Dolphin.

#### WINNINGS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

**Marlin Division** | 1st place boat 75% | 2nd place boat 25%

**Tuna Division** | 1st place boat 75% | 2nd place boat 25%

**Dolphin Division** | 1st place boat 75% | 2nd place boat 25%

**Daily Division** | 1st Place Boat Fish Day One 100%

**Daily Division** | 1st Place Boat Fish Day Two 100%

# Cape May Marlin Tournament Entry Form

**JULY 25-28, 2024**

Entry Fee • \$2,000

## Tournament Registration Information

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

Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## Calculatas

Marlin **\$500** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuna **\$400** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dolphin **\$400** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Friday **\$250** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Saturday **\$250** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to South Jersey Tournaments and mail to:  
1231 Route 109 | Cape May, NJ 08204