AUGUST 16-21, 2026

Tournament Entry Fee $3,500

The MidAtlantic has continually set the standard for big game fishing tournaments in terms of prize money, hospitality, and conservation. Now in its 35th year the MidAtlantic has truly been a one-of-a-kind experience that continues to create memories to last a lifetime for all participants.

This is why each August, boat owners, captains and crews come together from all over the world to compete in this great event! The event is staged out of two world renowned ports; Cape May, NJ, where the Canyon Club Resort Marina is the home base of the tournament and Ocean City, MD, with Sunset Marina serving as the second port's headquarters. Along with their prime locations, each port has first class accommodations and offers distinct amenities for participants to enjoy while dockside. Both locations have fully run weigh-ins simultaneously, which are broadcast via our livestream media to keep everyone informed as the excitement happens and the participants take center stage.

Online Registration for the MidAtlantic Tournament opens February 1st. Earlier entry guarantees an official boat number for the tournament.

Schedule of Events

Open Registration begins February 1st 2025
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Sunday, August 16

1:00PM - 4:30PM | Late Registration, Calcutta Entries
Welcome Cocktail Party
3:30PM | Captains' Meeting
Cape May - Canyon Club Resort Marina
Ocean City, MD - Sunset Marina

Monday-Friday August 17-21

8:00AM - 3:30PM | Available Fish Days
5:00PM - 9:00PM | Weigh-Ins

Friday, August 21

7:30PM | Dockside Dining, Entertainment & Awards Ceremony

Dockside dining and entertainment schedules will be provided in detail in participants Captains Packets following the tournament's Registration and Captains Meeting for each port's hosting facility.

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The 35th Annual Mega Marlin Calcutta

$35,000 Entry Fee

Heaviest White Marlin = 32% | 2nd = 18% **Heaviest Blue Marlin = 32% | 2nd = 18%**

To Benefit Offshore Fishing Charities

In the Event that:

1 Less than two qualifying fish are taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be proportionally divided among the winners in that category.
2 No qualifying fish is taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.
3 No qualifying fish are caught, the unwon prize money will be refunded.

OVERALL CALCUTTAS

50' and Under Overall Calcutta: $2,000 Entry Fee

Think the bigger boats have an advantage?

To enter the 50' and Under Calcutta, boats must be 50' or less in length according to the given boat's model name.
IE: A Viking 50 Convertible will be considered a 50' boat even though its LOA is 50' 6".

Home Port Overall Calcutta
$4,000 Entry Fee

In Deep Overall Calcutta
$6,000 Entry Fee

MidAtlantic Overall Calcutta
$3,000 Entry Fee

Each of the above four Overall Calcuttas will be shared as follows:

Heaviest White Marlin = 20% | 2nd = 10% | 3rd = 5%
Heaviest Blue Marlin = 15% | 2nd = 10% | 3rd = 5%
Heaviest Tuna = 15% | 2nd = 10% | 3rd = 5%
Heaviest Wahoo = 2.5% • Heaviest Dolphin = 2.5%

In the Event that: (pertains to the four Overall Calcuttas)

1 Less than three qualifying fish are taken in any Overall Calcutta category, the unwon prize money will be proportionately divided among the winners in that category.
2 No qualifying white marlin is taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the blue marlin category.
3 No qualifying blue marlin is taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners in the white marlin category.
4 No qualifying white or blue marlin is taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners in the tuna category.
5 No qualifying tuna is taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners in the marlin categories.
6 No qualifying billfish or tuna is taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the Dolphin and Wahoo categories.
7 No Dolphin is taken the unwon prize money will be go to the Heaviest Wahoo and vice versa.
8 No Dolphin or Wahoo are taken, the unwon prize money will be divided among the winners in the tuna categories.

Billfish Points Calcutta: $1,000 Entry Fee

(For Billfish Points only) Port specific

Most Points Billfish = 50% 2nd = 30% | 3rd = 20%

In the Event that:

1 Of a tie, the winner shall be the boat first reaching the winning point accumulation in that port.
2 That a category is not won, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the other winners in that port.

THE PRO JACKPOTS

Heaviest fish in each category takes all!

White Marlin Pro Jackpot
$5,000 Entry Fee

Blue Marlin Pro Jackpot
$4,000 Entry Fee

Tuna Pro Jackpot
$4,000 Entry Fee

In the Event that: No qualifying fish is taken in a Pro Jackpot Calcutta, the unwon prize money will be rolled over and added to the prize money for that Calcutta in the following year. To compete for the following year's prize, teams will be required to pay to reenter the Calcutta.

Tuna, Dolphin and Wahoo Calcutta
$2,500 Entry Fee

Heaviest Tuna - 25%
2nd Heaviest Tuna - 15%
3rd Heaviest Tuna - 10%

Heaviest Dolphin - 13%
2nd Heaviest Dolphin - 8%
3rd Heaviest Dolphin - 4%

Heaviest Wahoo - 13%
2nd Heaviest Wahoo - 8%
3rd Heaviest Wahoo - 4%

In the Event that:

1 Less than three (3) qualifying fish are taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be proportionately divided among the winners in that category.
2 No qualifying fish is taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.

On the Board Reward
$3,000 Entry Fee

This Calcutta pays out each time you have a fish on the scoreboard in the following categories at the official close of each day's weigh-in:

Heaviest White Marlin, 2nd and 3rd • Heaviest Blue Marlin, 2nd and 3rd • Heaviest Tuna, 2nd and 3rd

The total purse will be divided by five (5 days). Each day's purse will be split evenly among those winning for that day If there are no winners for a particular day, the un-won prize money will be split evenly among the purses of the remaining days. In the event that there are no winners on the last day (Friday), the unwon prize money will be evenly split among the previous 4 day's winners. If there are no winners for the entire week, the money will be refunded.

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High Boat Awards

Custom trophies will be awarded to the winners of the following categories:

Most Points Overall

(Both Marlin & Tuna Points Qualify)

1st | 2nd | 3rd Most Points White Marlin

1st | 2nd | 3rd Most Points Blue Marlin

1st | 2nd | 3rd Most Points Tuna

Point Scoring System

Awarded to qualifying fish as follows:

White Marlin

75 points per release | 1 point per pound weighed

Blue Marlin

150 points per release | 1/4 point per pound weighed

Tuna

1/2 point per pound weighed

Minimum Qualifying Fish

Dolphin & Wahoo - 20 Pounds

Tuna - 50 Pounds

Eligible species in the tuna category: Yellowfin (Allison), Big Eye, and Albacore (Longfin).

White Marlin - 69 Inches AND 65 Pounds

Blue Marlin - 102 Inches AND 400 Pounds

Fish which do not meet the tournament minimums will not be eligible for prizes, regardless of weight. It is the responsibility of the angler to be aware of current Federal and/or State regulations regarding the catching and/or boating of the various species of fish eligible in this tournament. Under no circumstances may a fish not meeting the Federal and/or State minimum size limits, regardless of weight, be boated and/or brought back to the dock. South Jersey Tournaments will not be responsible for any fine or penalty incurred by any angler who boats a fish which does not meet the Federal and/or State size limit requirements or other restrictions.

Tournament Rules

TIMES & BOUNDARIES

1. Each registrant must designate their choice of Official Inlets; Cape May, NJ or Ocean City, MD. Boats must sail from and return to their designated inlet. All boats must return to their designated port for weigh-in. Entries per port may be limited. Canyon Club Resort Marina is the official weigh-in location for Cape May, NJ. Sunset Marina is the official weigh-in location for Ocean City, MD.
2. Boats are not permitted to clear the sea buoy at their designated inlet prior to 3:00 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. 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 by 9:00 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught. Boats weighing fish must proceed directly from the inlet to the weigh station.
7. Each boat must pick two NON-FISHING DAYS by submitting the official Lay Day Form prior to 11:00 AM on the days selected. Said forms may be physically delivered to the dockmaster's office at one of the Host Marinas. Boats must be dockside at 11:00AM on Lay Days. Boats may not fish on lay days 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 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.
9. There is no limit on the number of lines or teasers.
10. All billfish boated or released are to be announced on the tournament channel at the time of the catch. Tuna over 100 lbs. should also be reported.
11. This is a trolling tournament. While hookups accomplished with no headway are permissible if they occur at a time when baits settle while fighting another fish, the use of live bait or stopping and casting or pitching to tailing fish or fish balling bait is not permissible. Live baiting shall include live teasering and fishing for bait during the tournament. The use of Chub Mackerel or Atlantic Mackerel is prohibited.
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 5 available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be any 3 of the available 5 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. 92% of Calcutta entries will be paid out.
16. Weights will be rounded to the nearest pound. Billfish are measured curved from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail.
17. For release points to count, boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline and submit a Daily Catch report by 9:00 PM at the weigh station of one of the host marinas. Any catch report received after the deadline will lose 1/2 of its total value.
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 among those tying.
20. For the purpose of release points identification only, sailfish & longbill spearfish will be considered white marlin. For all purposes of identification, Roundscale Spearfish will be considered white marlin.
21. In order to be eligible for awards 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" 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

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