



## Cape May Marlin Tournament

**JULY 27-30, 2023**

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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Cape May Marlin Tournament

**JULY 27-30, 2023**

## **ENTRY FEE - \$2,500**

*Tournament Entry Fee includes access for guests of up to 6 for nightly dockside hospitality and awards dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May.*

## **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 27**

#### **REGISTRATION**

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

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

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

### **FRIDAY, JULY 28**

#### **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 29**

#### **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 Hors D'Oeuvres

*Poolside at Canyon Club Resort Marina*

### **SUNDAY, JULY 30**

#### **AWARDS**

*Awards at Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May*

*Cocktail Attire Required*

**5:00pm** | Cocktails and Music

**6:00pm** | Dinner

**7:00pm** | Presentation of Awards

## **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 27-30, 2023

## TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The tournament is primarily a billfish release competition, with all entrants considered good sportsmen and their fishing reports being accepted in the sportsmanlike manner and honor in which this tournament is held.

1. All boats, captains and anglers must be registered by 7:30pm with the Tournament Committee at the Captain's Meeting.
2. Only the tournament committee or the weather committee may declare NO FISHING prior to 6:00am on any of the scheduled days based upon weather conditions issued by the NOAA or reports from tournament weather boats.
3. No boat shall be permitted to leave Cape May inlet sea buoy prior to 4:00am. Departure may be made from the Cape May Inlet only.
4. Fishing Hours: Fishing begins at 8:00am. No lines or teasers are permitted in the water prior to that time. Fishing ends at 3:30pm. Any boat with a fish hooked up prior to that time and not landed or released must contact a committee boat prior to 3:30pm and inform them of such for the fish to be eligible.
5. Any protests must be made in writing to the tournament committee for formal consideration by 12:00pm on the day of the awards banquet.
6. Tackle used in the tournament must conform to I.G.F.A. rules. There is no limit on the size of tackle used. Circle hooks must be used with any combination of natural bait. J hooks are permitted in all 100% artificial baits.
7. Reporting Fish: All fish released must be reported to another tournament participant over the designated tournament channel. Each boat will be supplied with two daily catch reports for each fishing day of the tournament. The daily catch report must be turned in each day to the tournament committee at the Canyon Club weigh station by 8:00pm the evening of each fishing day.
8. A fish will be considered released when the swivel touches the rod tip or the mate touches the leader.
9. 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.
10. All fish caught and/or released shall be final by 8:00pm each fishing day. The boat captain is responsible for reviewing that all fish caught and/or released are recorded properly.
11. Radio communications for fish reporting purposes will be announced during the Captain's Meeting.
12. Committee and Weather Boats will be announced during the Captain's Meeting.
13. Scoring: Points will be awarded as follows:  
White Marlin Released 1100 points  
Blue Marlin Released 1100 points  
Spearfish Released 1100 points  
Sailfish Released 1100 points  
Note: No points for any Bil/fish Boated. Any ties in points between boats will be decided by time.
14. Anglers awarded points will be accumulated for scoring by two methods; A) IGFA Angler Points whereas from the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land the fish without the aid of any other person. B) Hook & Hand Angler Points whereas 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 released.
15. Weigh-ins begin at 5:00pm. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in by 8:00pm at Canyon Club Marina.
16. Calcutta: Entry fee is \$1500 total for all categories per boat payable at the captains meeting. \$500 Marlin, \$250 Tuna, \$250 Dolphin, and \$250 Daily Points Calcutta per each available fish day. Participants can enter any category individually, all four, or none. It is entirely up to you.

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 27-30, 2023**

Entry Fee • \$2,500

## 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