

2009 MID-ATLANTIC \$500,000

AUGUST 16-21

Entry Fee - \$6,000 per Boat

To enter the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000, contact Bob Glover at 609-884-2400

POINTS & PRIZES

HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN	\$100,000	HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN	\$100,000
2ND HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN	\$50,000	2ND HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN	\$50,000
3RD HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN	\$25,000	3RD HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN	\$25,000
HEAVIEST TUNA	\$75,000	HEAVIEST DOLPHIN	\$10,000
2ND HEAVIEST TUNA	\$35,000	HEAVIEST WAHOO	\$10,000
3RD HEAVIEST TUNA	\$20,000	TOTAL	\$500,000

(\$500,000 prize money based on an entry of 125 boats)

In the Event that:

1. Less than three (3) qualifying fish are taken in any category, the unwon prize money will be proportionally 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 wahoo is taken, the unwon prize money will go to the heaviest dolphin and vice versa.
7. No wahoo or dolphin are taken, the unwon prize money will be equally divided among all winners.
8. No qualifying billfish or tuna is taken, the unwon prize money will be distributed categorically by a drawing among all participating boats.

HIGH BOAT AWARDS

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

Most Points White Marlin • 2nd Most Points White Marlin • 3rd Most Points White Marlin
Most Points Blue Marlin • 2nd Most Points Blue Marlin • 3rd Most Points Blue Marlin
Most Points Tuna • 2nd Most Points Tuna • 3rd Most Points Tuna
Most Points Overall (Both Marlin and Tuna points qualify)

POINT SYSTEM FOR SCORING

White Marlin - 75 points per release, 1 point per pound for fish equal to or over the minimum weight.

Blue Marlin - 150 points per release, .5 point per pound for fish equal to or over the minimum weight.

Tuna - Only fish 50 pounds and over count in point categories, .5 point per pound.

IMPORTANT

The minimum weight limits to win cash in the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 are as follows:

White Marlin - 60 pounds • Blue Marlin - 400 pounds • Tuna - 50 pounds • Dolphin, Wahoo - No minimum weight
Species eligible for cash prizes in the tuna category shall be limited to yellowfin (Allison), big eye, and longfin (true albacore).

No bluefin, bonito, skipjack, etc.

Federal law prohibits the boating of billfish under the following size limits:

White Marlin - 66 inches • Blue Marlin - 99 inches

These limits apply to the lower jaw-fork length (tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail) of the fish. A billfish under the minimum size must be released by cutting the line near the hook without removing the fish from the water.

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 billfish or tuna which does not meet the Federal and/or State size limit requirements or other restrictions. 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. Fish which do not meet the Federal and/or State size limit requirements will not be eligible for prizes, regardless of weight.

*Prize money will be paid to official registrant or their designees.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Six tickets are provided per entry - additional tickets are available for purchase if needed.

Sunday, August 16, 2009

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm • Registration, Calcutta Entries, Welcome Cocktail Party
4:30 pm • Captains' Meeting
Cape May, NJ - Canyon Club Resort Marina
Ocean City, MD - Sunset Marina

Monday, August 17, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Weigh-In at Canyon Club Marina and Sunset Marina

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Weigh-In at Canyon Club Marina and Sunset Marina

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Weigh-In at Canyon Club Marina and Sunset Marina

Thursday, August 20, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Weigh-In at Canyon Club Marina and Sunset Marina

Friday, August 21, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Weigh-In at Canyon Club Marina and Sunset Marina
7:30 pm - ? • Dockside Dining, Entertainment and Awards Ceremony

*Dockside dining and entertainment will take place as scheduled by each port's host marina.
Cape May, NJ • Canyon Club Resort Marina Ocean City, MD • Sunset Marina*

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CALCUTTA INFORMATION

There will be three separate Calcuttas for the tournament so that entrants can participate at any level desired. The respective fees are \$1000, \$1500 and \$2500. *(95% of all Calcutta entries paid out.)* Enter none and you are still fishing for the tournament prize money of \$500,000. Enter **all** and you will likely be fishing for a combined purse in excess of **\$1,750,000**.

Each of the three Calcuttas will be shared as follows:

Heaviest White Marlin	25%
2nd Heaviest White Marlin	10%
3rd Heaviest White Marlin	5%
Heaviest Blue Marlin	15%
2nd Heaviest Blue Marlin	10%
3rd Heaviest Blue Marlin	5%
Heaviest Tuna	15%
2nd Heaviest Tuna	10%
3rd Heaviest Tuna	5%
Total	100%
Minimum weight, White Marlin	60 lbs.
Minimum weight, Blue Marlin	400 lbs.
Minimum weight, Tuna	50 lbs.

(Only yellowfin, bigeye & true albacore count, NO bluefin, bonito, skipjack, etc.)

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 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 of 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 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 refunded.

THE SPERRY TOP-SIDER ON THE BOARD REWARD • \$2,000 Entry Fee

This bonus 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 5 (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 un-won 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.

Example: Let's say the total purse for the Sperry Top-Sider On the Board Reward is \$200,000. That figure would be divided by 5 (5 days) giving each day a purse of \$40,000. Those who are in this Calcutta and remain on the board at the end of each days weigh-in will evenly split the purse for that day. If there is only one winner, he would take the entire \$40,000. Two winners would get \$20,000 each and so on.

WHITE MARLIN PRO JACKPOT • \$5,000 Entry Fee Heaviest White Marlin - Winner Take All

(Winning fish must meet tournament minimum weight)

In the event that no qualifying white marlin is taken among those participating, the unwon Calcutta money will be refunded.

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline the entry of any boat or crew.
2. 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. Primary Host Marinas for this event are Canyon Club Marina, Cape May and Sunset Marina, Ocean City, MD. Boats with no fish to be weighed may return to home port after their last day of fishing.
3. There are five (5) available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be any three (3) of the available five (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. The Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
4. 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 must be physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the dockmaster's office at one of the Host Marinas. 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 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.
5. Boundaries for the tournament will be 125 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
6. Boats are not permitted to clear the sea buoy at their designated inlet prior to 4:30 AM.
7. No lines or bait of any kind may be put into the water until starting time is announced by a Committee Boat. Starting time is 8:30 AM.
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) Live baiting is not permitted; C) Harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks are not permitted. The Tournament Directors retain sole authority for interpreting and implementing the I.G.F.A.'s rules.
9. This is a trolling tournament. While hook-ups 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.
10. There is no limit on the number of lines or teasers.
11. All billfish boated or released must be reported to a Committee Boat at the time of the catch. Tuna over 100 lbs. should also be reported.
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. Fishing ends each day at 3:30 PM. Any fish hooked prior to the deadline may be played until boated or released, provided that said fish is reported hooked (to a Committee Boat) before the deadline.
14. All boats must return to their designated port for weigh-in. 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.
15. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in by 9:00 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound. Weigh-in begins at 5:00 PM.
16. For release points to count boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline & submit a daily catch report by 9:00 PM at the weigh station or one of the host marinas.
17. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided among those tying.
18. In the event of a tie in the point categories, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point accumulation.
19. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official and prizes to be awarded.
20. In the event of boat disability, contestants may transfer to another boat not entered in the tournament and may fish in the name of the original, with prior approval of the Tournament Directors.
21. Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.
22. For the purpose of identification, a hatchet marlin will be considered a white marlin.
23. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes & calcuttas, fish must be caught legally by state and federal regulations under an angling, general or charter/headboat category permit.
24. 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.
25. 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.

2009 MID-ATLANTIC \$500,000 ENTRY FORM

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Please read the Entry Form carefully, fill in the required information and send it along with a non-refundable dockage deposit of \$1,000 to:
South Jersey Tournaments • Attn: MA500 • P. O. Box 641 • Cape May, NJ 08204
Any questions contact Bob Glover, Tournament Director • (609) 884-2400

Name of Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel: C () _____ W () _____ H () _____

E-Mail: _____

Boat Name _____ Size _____ Make _____

Electric Requirement 30 amp - 110V Twin 30 amp - 110V 50 amp - 220V

Fuel Requirement Diesel Gas

Official Inlet Cape May, NJ Ocean City, MD

I have enclosed...

Dockage Deposit (Non-refundable) \$1,000 _____

Entry Fee (Refundable)* \$6,000 _____

Entry in \$1,000 Calcutta (Refundable)* \$1,000 _____

Entry in \$1,500 Calcutta (Refundable)* \$1,500 _____

Entry in \$2,500 Calcutta (Refundable)* \$2,500 _____

Entry in \$2,000 On the Board Reward (Refundable)* \$2,000 _____

Entry in \$5,000 White Marlin Pro Jackpot (Refundable)* \$5,000 _____

Total Amount _____

Please make checks payable to South Jersey Tournaments. **For your convenience, you may pay any or all of these fees now.*

Participants requiring transient dockage, please indicate below your choice of location.

Important note: There is limited space available at each host marina. Dockage assignments are based on *past participation, size of boat and available slip sizes at each facility*. Every effort will be made to honor your requests. Other docking locations will be utilized as space gets limited. For your convenience, all Cape May locations are interconnected via official Mid-Atlantic shuttles.

_____ **South Jersey Marina, Cape May**
\$3.50 per foot, per day X 7 days minimum
(Includes electric)

_____ **Canyon Club Resort Marina, Cape May**
\$4.00 per foot, per day X 7 days minimum
(Includes electric)

_____ **Sunset Marina, Ocean City, MD**
For dockage reservations call 410-213-9600

IMPORTANT - Dockage assignments will not be made until Dockage Deposit is received.

You will then be billed for the Entry Fee and any Calcuttas if not already paid.

You may pay the Entry Fee and Calcuttas at the Captains' Meeting. However, we encourage pre-payment to avoid waiting in line.

Thank You

BAIT: Ballyhoo (small, medium, large and horse), mullet, spanish mackerel and trolling squid available at South Jersey and Canyon Club. Call 609-884-2400 for information or to pre-order.