

8th Annual MID-ATLANTIC TUNA TOURNAMENT

JULY 15-18, 2009

If you like Trolling or Chunking (or both!) for tuna, this is one exciting event that you won't want to pass-up. You get to fish 2 of 3 days, captain's choice, for yellowfin and/or bluefin. What's great about this tournament is that boats of all sizes can compete and have a great competitive experience.

You can also enter this tournament at various financial levels so you can compete where you feel comfortable - but as always, the more you're in, the more you win. Plus we'll have our always enjoyable Captain's Meeting and an outstanding awards dinner and celebration - all in traditional South Jersey style! We hope you'll consider joining us in July and take part in one of South Jersey's premier events. It's going to be a lot of fun!

See you at the weigh station,
Bob Glover, Tournament Director

Slip Reservations

A limited number of slips will be available at South Jersey Marina and the Canyon Club for this event.

Transient rates are \$3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day X 4 days minimum. (July 15-18)

To reserve a slip for the Tournament, call now:

609-884-2400.

Entry Fee

\$750.00 on or before July 1 • \$825.00 after July 1

Entry fee includes Awards Party Tickets for 5 participants.

(Additional tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 each at the Captains' Meeting.)

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm • Captains' Meeting at Canyon Club Resort Marina

Thursday, July 16, 2009

7:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Weigh-In at South Jersey Marina

Friday, July 17, 2009

7:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Weigh-In at South Jersey Marina

Saturday, July 18, 2009

7:30 am - 3:30 pm • Available Fish Day

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Weigh-In at South Jersey Marina

8:00 pm • Awards Party and Presentation at Canyon Club Resort Marina

Eligible Species

Eligible species for the Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament will be yellowfin (includes big eye) and bluefin.

In this event, big eye tuna will be considered yellowfin for identification purposes and will be eligible as such in all tournament and calcutta categories.

Tournament Prizes

Heaviest Tuna (yellowfin or bluefin) • \$5,000 2nd Heaviest Tuna • \$3,000

Heaviest Yellowfin • \$4,000 2nd Heaviest Yellowfin • \$2,000

Heaviest Bluefin • \$4,000 2nd Heaviest Bluefin • \$2,000

Heaviest Stringer* • \$2,500 2nd Heaviest Stringer* • \$1,500 3rd Heaviest Stringer* • \$1,000

Total* • \$25,000

*A Stringer is a boat's heaviest three fish (yellowfin, including big eye and/or bluefin) for the tournament. No more than three fish from each boat will be weighed per eligible fishing day. \$25,000 tournament prize money is based on the entry of 100 boats.

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CALCUTTA INFORMATION

The following information describes the various additional entry levels (calcuttas) that are available for those who wish to indulge. Calcutta prize money is separate from tournament proceeds and you are under no obligation to enter any of these additional levels. 95% of calcutta entries will be paid out. To be eligible for calcutta prizes, fish must be caught according to tournament rules. (Percentages listed are of total purse within each calcutta.)

Good luck!

Big Fish Calcutta

\$300

- Heaviest Tuna of the tournament • 50%
- 2nd Heaviest Tuna of the tournament • 30%
- 3rd Heaviest Tuna of the tournament • 20%

Daily Calcutta

\$600

- Heaviest Tuna Thursday
- Heaviest Tuna Friday
- Heaviest Tuna Saturday

Daily purses will depend on the number of boats fishing each day. Your entry in this calcutta will only be added to the daily purse of the two days that you fish (50% each day.)

Super Stringer

\$1,000

- Heaviest 3 fish of the tournament • 45%
- 2nd Heaviest 3 fish of the tournament • 25%
- 3rd Heaviest 3 fish of the tournament • 15%
- 4th Heaviest 3 fish of the tournament • 10%
- 5th Heaviest 3 fish of the tournament • 5%

Yellowfin Kahuna Tuna

\$2,000

- Heaviest Yellowfin of the tournament • 60%
- 2nd Heaviest Yellowfin of the tournament • 40%

Bluefin Kahuna Tuna

\$2,000

- Heaviest Bluefin of the tournament • 60%
- 2nd Heaviest Bluefin of the tournament • 40%

Note: Any unwon prize money in the above calcuttas will be equally divided among the winning places within each calcutta. In the Daily Calcutta, if no qualifying fish is caught on any fish day, the unwon prize money for that day will be equally divided between the other fish days.

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

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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. All boats must sail from and return to Cape May Inlet, except that boats with no fish to be weighed may return to home port after their last day of fishing.
3. There are three (3) available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be any two (2) of the available three (3) 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 Tuna Tournament assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
4. Each boat must pick one NON-FISHING DAY by submitting the official Lay Day Form prior to 10:00 AM on the day selected. Said form must be physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the dockmaster in the ships store at either Canyon Club Marina or South Jersey Marina. The boat must be dockside when the lay day is declared. Any boat not submitting the proper form by the 10:00 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 Cape May Sea Buoy 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 7:30 AM.
8. Participants shall comply with I.G.F.A. equipment and angling rules with the following exceptions: A) No harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks; B) Spreader bars are permitted; C) 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. 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 tuna boated over 75 lbs. should be reported to a Committee Boat at the time of the catch.
11. 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.
12. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at South Jersey Marina by 8:00 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.
13. No more than 3 fish will be weighed from any one boat on any fishing day. Participants will be given tags which must be securely attached to each fish prior to being weighed and must include boat name and number.
14. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided among those tying.
15. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official and prizes to be awarded.
16. 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 the prior approval of the Tournament Directors.
17. Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.
18. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes & calcuttas, fish must be caught legally by state & federal regulations under an angling, general or charter/headboat category 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" 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.
20. 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.

8th Annual Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament Entry Form

JULY 15-18, 2009

Entry Fee • \$750.00 before July 1 Entry Fee • \$825.00 after July 1

Entry Fee includes activity tickets for 5 participants

Name of Boat _____

Manufacturer _____

Year _____

Length _____

Name of Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Cell # _____

Work # _____

Home # _____

Email Address _____

Dockage rate: \$3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day, 4 day minimum (July 15-18)

Dockage required: Yes No

I would like dockage at: (if applicable) South Jersey Marina Canyon Club Marina

Electric Required: Single 30 amp Twin 30 amp 50 amp

Fuel Required: Gas Diesel

I would like to volunteer as a committee boat.

Entry Fee _____

Dockage _____

Big Fish Calcutta: \$300* _____

Daily Calcutta: \$600* _____

Super Stringer Calcutta: \$1,000* _____

Yellowfin Kahuna Tuna: \$2,000* _____

Bluefin Kahuna Tuna: \$2,000* _____

Total Enclosed _____

Payment of Entry Fee does not constitute a guarantee of dockage. Dockage must be paid in advance to guarantee a berth for the tournament. Dockage rate is \$3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day X 4 days minimum.

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

*All Calcuttas are strictly optional.

BAIT: Ballyhoo (small, medium, large and horse), and butterfish (25# flats) available at South Jersey and Canyon Club. Call 609-884-2400 for information or to pre-order.

Make checks payable to South Jersey Tournaments and mail to:
South Jersey Marina • P. O. Box 641 • Cape May, NJ 08204