

# **SOUTH JERSEY TOURNAMENTS PRESENTS THE 30th ANNUAL SOUTH JERSEY SHARK TOURNAMENT**

**JUNE 10-13, 2010**

The annual South Jersey Shark Tournament is the first competitive big-game fishing opportunity of the season. Averaging 185 to 200 boats each year, this event is the premiere Shark Tournament in the Mid-Atlantic region. With a cast of over 1,000 anglers participating annually, this exciting event takes place when the bite has been historically at its best in our productive waters off of Cape May. Our shark tournament is structured to provide participants with the best possible fishing hours, lucrative cash prizes and an equal chance for boats of all sizes to compete – all while setting an example of sportsmanship and sound conservation practices.

The entry fee is \$525 per boat which provides eligibility for tournament prizes and five tickets to all dockside dinners and festivities (additional tickets can be purchased at the Captains meeting). In 2008 we made some slight changes to our Calcutta options, so make sure to check those out in the Calcutta section of this brochure.

Last year prize money reached \$298,670 and we're anticipating topping the 300K mark this year! If you enjoy competitive shark fishing, dockside parties and the camaraderie inherent in this sport, there is no better opportunity to enjoy yourself with family and friends than the South Jersey Shark Tournament. If you need transient dockage and want to be where the action is, be sure to make your reservations early to guarantee yourself a spot at South Jersey Marina or Canyon Club Resort.

**IMPORTANT:** This event is run in accordance with all current state & federal rules & regulations.

## **Slip Reservations**

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

Transient rates are \$3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day X 4 days minimum (June 10-13).

To reserve a slip for the Tournament, call now: **609-884-2400**

## **Entry Fee**

\$525 per boat

Entry Fee includes activity tickets for 5 participants (additional tickets can be purchased at the Captains' Meeting for \$30.00 per night or \$55.00 for both nights.) Please include Entry Fee and Dockage with Entry Form.

## **Early Bird Entry**

Participants who pay their Entry Fee prior to June 1 will be eligible for a "Free Entry Drawing" which will be held at the Captains' Meeting. The lucky winner will receive a full refund of their \$525 Entry Fee - enter early!

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Thursday, June 10**

6:00 pm • Late Registration at Canyon Club

7:30 pm Sharp • Captains' Meeting at Canyon Club

### **Friday, June 11**

7:00 am • Depart Inlet 9:30 am - 4:30 pm • Fishing

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Weigh-In at South Jersey Marina

6:30 pm • Dockside Dining and Live Music at Canyon Club

### **Saturday, June 12**

7:00 am • Depart Inlet 9:30 am - 4:30 pm • Fishing

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Weigh-In at South Jersey Marina

6:30 pm • Dockside Dining, Live Music and Awards at Canyon Club

### **Sunday, June 13 - Alternate**

## **Tournament Prizes**

The minimum weight for all sharks in this tournament is 200 lbs.

Heaviest Shark - Any Species • \$3,000 2nd Heaviest Shark • \$1,500 3rd Heaviest Shark • \$1,000

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

Heaviest Mako Day 1 • \$1,000 Heaviest Mako Day 2 • \$1,000 Heaviest Blue - \$2,000

**Total - \$15,000\***

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

## **Points**

Valuable trophies will be awarded for:

Most Points Blue • Most Points Mako • Most Points Overall

200 points per Blue Released • 200 points per Mako Released • 1 pt. per lb. for boated Blues or Makos equal to or over min. weight.

In the event of a tie in a points category, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point accumulation.

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## CALCUTTA INFORMATION

The following information describes the various "Calcutta" levels 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. You may enter as many as you wish or none at all. 95% of Calcutta entries will be paid out. To be eligible for Calcutta prizes, fish must be caught according to tournament rules and meet the tournament's minimum weight standards. Percentages listed are of total purse within each Calcutta. Good Luck!

## SHARK TOURNAMENT OVERALL CALCUTTAS

### Overall Calcutta "A"      Overall Calcutta "B"

Entry Fee • \$400

Entry Fee • \$800

Each Overall Calcutta covers the following categories

Heaviest Shark • 20%    Heaviest Mako • 25%    Heaviest Blue • 15%

2nd Heaviest Shark • 15%    2nd Heaviest Mako • 15%    2nd Heaviest Blue • 10%

*In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish in that category.  
If no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.*

## SUPER CALCUTTAS

### Daily Double

Entry Fee • \$300

Covers the following categories for Day 1 and Day 2

Heaviest Shark Day 1 • 12.5%    Heaviest Mako Day 1 • 25%    Heaviest Blue Day 1 • 12.5%

Heaviest Shark Day 2 • 12.5%    Heaviest Mako Day 2 • 25%    Heaviest Blue Day 2 • 12.5%

*If no qualifying fish are caught on Day One, that prize money will be awarded to the corresponding categories on Day Two and vice versa.  
In the event that no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money for that category will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories for that day.*

### Mako Mania Jackpot

Entry Fee - \$1,000

Covers the Mako category only for the tournament overall

Heaviest Mako - 60% • 2nd Heaviest Mako - 40%

*In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish.  
In the event that no qualifying fish are caught at all, the entries will be returned.*

### \$50,000 Monster Shark Bonus

Available to all participants at no additional fee

\$50,000 will be awarded to the first angler who lands a New Jersey State Record Mako or Blue.

*Note: The winning fish must be caught according to tournament rules. Only one prize will be awarded.  
The winning fish, angler and crew of the Monster Shark Bonus will be subject to catch verification procedures which may include polygraph examination of the angler and crew.*

NJ State Record Mako Shark - 856 lbs., caught 1994\* • NJ State Record Blue Shark - 366 lbs., caught 1996\*

\*Records current as of 11/7/2008

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# **SOUTH JERSEY TOURNAMENTS PRESENTS THE 30th ANNUAL SOUTH JERSEY SHARK TOURNAMENT 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 the last day of fishing.
3. Boundaries for the tournament will be 60 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
4. Boats are not permitted to clear the Cape May Sea Buoy prior to 7:00 AM with the exception of the official weather boats which may leave at 6:00 AM.
5. No lines or bait of any kind, including chum, may be put into the water until starting time is announced by a Committee Boat. Starting time is 9:30 AM.
6. Moves during the day should be accomplished with care for established slicks. Boats passing through competitors' slicks within 300 yards may be subject to disqualification.
7. Participants shall comply with I.G.F.A. equipment and angling rules with the following exceptions: A) Fish may be dispatched by gun or bangstick after they have been wired; B) No harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks; 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. (The use of mammal blood or flesh is prohibited.)
8. No more than 5 lines may be fished from any boat, regardless of number of anglers.
9. Fishing will be on each scheduled day unless cancelled by the weather committee by 9:30 AM. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official and prizes to be awarded.
10. All fish boated or released must be reported to a committee boat at the time of the catch.
11. For release purposes, a fish will be considered caught when the mate grabs the leader or the swivel touches the tip of the rod.
12. Fishing ends at 4:30 PM on each fishing day. 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.
13. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at South Jersey Marina by 7:30 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound. Weigh-in begins at 3:30 PM.
14. For release points to count, boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline and submit a Daily Catch Report by 8:30 PM.
15. In the event of a tie in the point categories, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point accumulation.
16. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided between those tying.
17. In the event that 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. In the event that any Tournament Prize category is not won at all, that prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories with the exception of the prize money for daily heaviest Mako.
18. In the event that there is not a qualifying Mako caught on Day 1, the daily Tournament prize money will go to the heaviest qualifying Mako of Day 2 and vice versa. If there are no qualifying Makos caught, the Tournament prize money for the daily heaviest Mako will go to the heaviest shark.
19. 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.
20. Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.
21. For the purpose of identification, a porbeagle will be considered a mako.
22. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes and Calcuttas, fish must be caught legally by state and federal regulations under an angling, general or charter/headboat category permit.
23. 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.
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.

# 30th Annual Shark Tournament Entry Form

## JUNE 10-13, 2010

Entry Fee • \$525.00

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 (June 10-13)

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 and/or weather boat.

Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Dockage \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Double Calcutta: \$300\* \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Calcutta "A": \$400\* \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Calcutta "B": \$800\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mako Mania Calcutta: \$1,000\* \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of Entry Fee does not constitute a guarantee of dockage. Dockage (if needed) 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: Whole mackerel (25# flats) and chum (whole bunker, bunker and mackerel) 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