



**JULY 20-23, 2011**  
**CAPE MAY, NJ**

The **Main Event**  
for Tuna  
**Fishermen**

By popular demand to make the event more competitive and lucrative for the participants, the Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament has been switched to a trolling only format as of last year. Recognizing the changes in our tuna fishery, this new format was well received and ultimately makes the event more exciting and competitive than ever before. As always, you still 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 at several different financial levels and have a great sporting experience. But remember, the more you're in, the more you win! All of the calcuttas have been restructured and we've even added an exciting team aspect to the event called Team Play. 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

### **TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

<b>Heaviest Tuna (yellowfin or bluefin)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>2nd Heaviest Tuna</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Heaviest Yellowfin</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>2nd Heaviest Yellowfin</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Heaviest Bluefin</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>2nd Heaviest Bluefin</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Heaviest Stringer*</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>2nd Heaviest Stringer*</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>3rd Heaviest Stringer*</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

### **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.

### **SLIP RESERVATIONS**

A limited number of slips will be available at South Jersey Marina and the Canyon Club. Transient rates are \$3.25 per foot, per day (includes electric) X 4 days minimum (July 20-23.) To reserve a slip for the Tournament, call now: **609-884-2400**

## ENTRY FEE

**\$825.00** per boat  
**(\$750.00** per boat if paid in full prior to July 1st)  
Entry fee includes Awards Party Tickets for 5 participants.  
(Additional tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 each at the Captains' Meeting.)

## SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, July 20

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

### Thursday, July 21

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

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

### Friday, July 22

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

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

### Saturday, July 23

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

## SPONSORED BY



\*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.

## CALCUTTA INFORMATION

The following information describes the various additional entry levels (calcuttas) that are available for those who wish to indulge. Remember, calcutta prize money is separate from tournament proceeds and you are under no obligation to enter any of these additional levels. 94% 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!

## KAHUNA TUNA

**Kahuna Tuna 'A' • Entry Fee: \$500**

**Kahuna Tuna 'B' • Entry Fee: \$1,000**

**Kahuna Tuna 'C' • Entry Fee: \$2,000**

*Each of the three Kahuna Tuna Calcuttas will be shared as follows*

**Heaviest Tuna • 30%**

**2nd Heaviest Tuna • 20%    3rd Heaviest Tuna • 10%**

**Heaviest Yellowfin • 20%    Heaviest Bluefin • 20%**

## DAILY CALCUTTA

**Daily Calcutta 'A' • Entry Fee: \$500**

**Daily Calcutta 'B' • Entry Fee: \$1,000**

*Each of the two Daily Calcuttas will be shared as follows*

**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

**Super Stringer 'A' • Entry Fee: \$1,000**

**Super Stringer 'B' • Entry Fee: \$2,000**

*Each of the two Super Stringer Calcuttas will be shared as follows*

**Heaviest 3 Fish • 45%**

**2nd Heaviest 3 Fish • 25%    3rd Heaviest 3 Fish • 15%**

**4th Heaviest 3 Fish • 10%    5th Heaviest 3 Fish • 5%**

## TEAM PLAY

**Team Competition: Teams consist of 1-4 boats**

**Entry Fee: \$1,000 per team**

**Team With The Heaviest 5 Fish - 100%**

*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.*

**BAIT:** A full line of quality baits including Ballyhoo (small, medium, large and horse) is available at South Jersey and Canyon Club. Call 609-884-2400 for information or to pre-order.

# TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- 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 dock-side 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) 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) No harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks. Spreader bars are permitted only in accordance with I.G.F.A. rules. 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 tuna boated over 75 lbs. should be reported to a Committee Boat at the time of the catch.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided among those tying.
- 16 Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official and prizes to be awarded.
- 17 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.
- 18 Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.
- 19 In order to be eligible for awards, prizes, 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.
- 20 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.
- 21 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.



# Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament Entry Form

## JULY 20-23, 2011

Entry Fee • \$825.00 per boat (\$750.00 per boat if paid in full prior to 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 20-23)

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 _____	Team Play Members (if applicable) _____
	Dockage _____	_____
Kahuna Tuna "A": \$500*	_____	_____
Kahuna Tuna "B": \$1,000*	_____	_____
Kahuna Tuna "C": \$2,000*	_____	_____
Daily Calcutta "A": \$500*	_____	
Daily Calcutta "B": \$1,000*	_____	
Super Stringer "A": \$1,000*	_____	
Super Stringer "B": \$2,000*	_____	
Team Play: \$1,000*	_____	
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	<b>_____</b>	

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: A full line of quality baits including Ballyhoo (small, medium, large and horse) 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 • 1231 Route 109 • Cape May, NJ 08204

Payment may also be made by credit card. Call for forms and details.

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