

The Marlin Bill

June 2009

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A Message from the President

Franky Pettolina

Hello again everybody. So much going on right now, and so much more to come in the next couple of weeks!! Lets jump right to it.

Wifi internet service is now available at the club, and our computer station should be available in the main meeting room any day now. Please take advantage of this new benefit. I can picture the information sharing and fishing reports being posted from the lounge now. And of course, remember that all catch reports must be submitted via email this season.

Speaking of catch reports, I expect that the first White Marlin of the season will be caught any day now. Over the past weekend there were a couple of Whites raised and missed, and Past President Pat Svhela had a Blue marlin bite that managed to escape. Things are getting ready to break loose. Don't forget that the White Marlin prize from

the Club this year is \$5,000 and there is a new prize for the first Blue Marlin of \$2,500. Ahh man Patsy, so close to \$2,500 worth of slammers.....

Shark fishing has been absolutely spectacular. I want to offer congratulations to all of our members that did well in the Mako Mania Tournament. Next on tap is our Small Boat tourney and the Ocean City Shark tourney. With the

TOURNAMENTS IN JUNE

Mid-Atlantic Mako Mania
6/5 - 6/7
Bahia Marina

Big Rock Blue Marlin
6/6 - 6/13
Morehead, NC

South Jersey Shark Tournament
6/11 - 6/14
Cape May, NJ

OC Shark Tournament
6/18 - 6/20
OC Fishing Center

OCMC SMALL BOAT
TOURNAMENT
6/19 - 6/21
OC Marlin Club

MSSA Tuna-Ment
6/26 - 6/28
Sunset Marina

Flounder Pounder
6/27
Ake Marine



Alex Bernhart swimming with a sailfish in Guatemala.

Editor, Stefanie Gordy





Captain Tony Battista of the Clear Shot fished 2 1/2 days out of Hatteras May 22nd – 24th and ended up with 920 pounds of mahi. The crew went through 12-12 packs of bait. It was absolutely the best gaffer fishing I have ever seen, said Tony. They Ended up keeping 73 fish and released another 20+. The biggest was 32 pounds and the average was 12.60

dates falling the way they do this year the 2 events overlap. I have not checked with the OC Sharker's rules, but I believe both events can be fished simultaneously, but be sure to adhere to the more strict rules and times of either event. Good luck out there everyone.

In addition to the sharks, the 20 fathom line has seen the arrival of some Bluefin Tuna. As a matter of fact, my wife Jennifer caught a 39 pounder aboard the Blackjack with Capt. Eric Schline and his mate John Adams. I was aboard that day and saw some true sportsmanship. We had our own little "mini" tournament going on amongst the crew, but when the tuna bit, Eric's wife Danielle refused the rod, insisting that Jenn take it because she does not get as many opportunities to fish throughout the summer as Danielle. Of course, she didn't have to tell my rod hogging wife twice!!! That night we took some tuna steaks to the club and Chef Mike and the boys whipped up an awesome tuna platter for us. When bringing your catch to the club, the kitchen will prepare it to your liking, with sides, for a very reasonable fee.

Just be sure to bring the fish in "cleaned" and in "appropriate" portion sizes. Please don't flop a 100 pound fish on the front deck and holler "git 'er done!!"

In closing this month, I want to ask the members to remember Skip Johnston and his wife Laura (Metal Magic) in their thoughts and prayers. Skip is a long time member and strong supporter of the club. The doctors are doing their best to keep Skip comfortable in his illness, but at this point it is in the Lord's hands.

Til next time, I will see you at the club or around the docks,

Franky



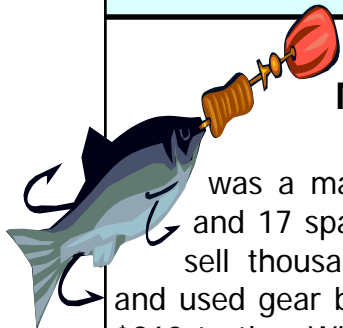
Photo compliments of Clear Shot.





Capt. Jeremy Blunt and wife, Jennifer went fishing on May 9th with Capt. Mitch Pierson aboard the "Shotgun" out of Los Suenos in Costa Rica where Jen released her first Blue Marlin (pictured).

The 4th Annual Nautical Flea Market



was a major success with 16 vendors and 17 spaces rented. Not only did we sell thousands of dollars worth of new and used gear but we were also able to give \$360 to the "Wish a Fish" foundation. Some of the success was because we had more than normal foot traffic due to Spring Fest. The threat of storms held off to provide a beautiful morning and the bloody mary bar (shush....) made it fun as usual! The feedback from the participants has been great – it seems to be as much a social gathering of sorts where old fish heads can talk about the upcoming season with friends they haven't seen since the fall and find a couple of bargains in the mean time. There is big interest in next year's event already – we are planning for the Saturday of Spring Fest weekend once again! Thanks to everyone who bought, sold and just showed up!

Mark Radcliffe

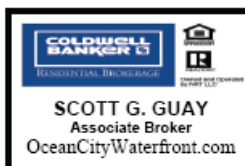
Don't forget to turn in your **CATCH REPORTS**. All reports must be entered online at www.ocmarlinclub.com.

The club is wired for **WIFI** and has a computer & printer available to anyone who needs to enter catch reports online.

It is easy, secure and you receive a confirmation email to keep track of your stats.



Alan Rittmeyer released this black marlin estimated in the 450's while fishing in Guatemala on the Monkey Business.



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THE PERFECT FATHER'S DAY GIFT!



30TH ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT

June 20 & 22

Open to Boats 34' and Under

Registration & Capt. Meeting

June 19, 6:30 PM

Captains Meeting 8:00 PM

OCMC Clubhouse

Entry Fee

ONLY \$150.00 per boat up to 4 anglers
INCLUDES CRAB FEAST ON FATHER'S DAY!
\$25.00 for each additional angler

Awards

\$500 to largest flounder

\$500 to largest tuna

Calcutta's for Inshore & Offshore Categories!

Offshore: Meatfish Only, no Bluefin A: \$100, B: \$200, C: \$300

Inshore: A: \$100.00, B: \$200, C: \$300

A & B: 50/30/20 C: Winner Take All

Bluefin: \$150.00 Winner Take All

Fishing Days

Fish 1 of 2 June 20 & 21

Fishing Times

Lines In: 6:30 AM Lines Out: 3:00 PM

Weigh Ins

Sunset Marina

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

June 20 & 21

Awards & Banquet

June 21, 7:00 PM OCMC Clubhouse

Eastern Shore Style Crab Feast Four tickets included with entry fee

Download complete tournament brochure with rules and entry form at www.ocmarlinclub.com
(click on the Tournament button).



Hild's Marine Service



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July 2 – 5
FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMEBERS

Registration

July 2, 6:30 PM
 Captains Meeting 8:00 PM
 OCMC Clubhouse

Entry Fee

\$400 per boat
 up to six anglers
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Calcutta's

Meatfish: A: \$200, B: \$300, C: \$500, D: \$1000
 Tuna 50% (No Bluefin), Dolphin 25%, Wahoo 25%
 Levels A & B pay 50/30/20

Levels C & D are Winner Take All

Billfish Release: A: \$200, B: \$300, C: \$500, D: \$1000

Levels A & B pay 50/30/20 Levels C & D are Winner Take All

Bluefin: \$250 Winner Take All

Fishing Days

Fish 2 of 3 July 3, 4, 5

Fishing Times

Lines In: 8:00 AM Lines Out: 3:00 PM

Weigh Ins

Sunset Marina
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM July 3, 4, 5

Awards & Banquet

July 5, 6:30 PM OCMC Clubhouse

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 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

At the Ocean City

*Time:
Noon - 4:00 PM*

Marlin Club

**Annual
Jewelry
Show**

Come and enjoy a
spectacular array of fine
jewelry, sterling silver,
sea glass, &
fashion accessories.

\$5 Admission Includes:
Complimentary glass of wine, beer or cola
Proceeds to benefit the Bertha Holloway
Scholarship Fund for Stephen Decatur
High School Students

**Thursday,
August 6th**

Looking for More Details??
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OVER 900 HOUSEHOLDS.
IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW A LOT OF
PEOPLE WHAT YOU'VE CAUGHT!**

**EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:
info@ocmarlinclub.com**

*Alex Bernhard released this blue marlin est. in the 200's while fishing
in Guatemala on Monkey Business.*



**Bay Marine
Group**

**Weaver
Electric Service**



OLD PRO GOLF



Photo by Jim Whaley.

CLUBHOUSE HOURS
Wednesday – Sunday
Bar Opens at 3:00
Food Service begins at 4:00

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Volunteers needed to distribute
the 2009 OCMC Guidebook. Call
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