

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GREAT SPONSORS!

Registration

7:00 PM Thursday, September 17th
 8:00 PM Captain's Meeting
 OCMC Clubhouse
A member of each team must attend this meeting.
 Open bar and appetizers until 9:00 PM

Italian Night

Friday, September 18th
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 OCMC Clubhouse
 Six tickets included with Entry Fee

Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 19th
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 OCMC Clubhouse
 Six tickets included with Entry Fee

FISHING DAYS:

Fish 2 of 2:
 September 18th & 19th
 Lines In 8:30 AM
 Lines Out 3:00 PM

You may leave the dock any hour you wish, but all fishing must be within 100 miles from Ocean City, MD Sea Buoy. All boats must leave from & return to the dock where the tournament is taking place (OC, MD) unless fishing the first day out of Cape May.

WEIGH-INS:

There are no weigh-ins for this tournament.
THIS IS STRICTLY A RELEASE TOURNAMENT.

Each Club may field an unlimited number of boats for its respective team. Each boat must be a member of the club it represents or be subject to disqualification. Captains & mates are eligible for prizes and may be anglers.

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31st ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT



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SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

(REGISTRATION & CAPT. MEETING, 9/17)

A COMPETITION BETWEEN THE CAPE MAY MARLIN & TUNA CLUB AND THE

OCEAN CITY MARLIN CLUB

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TOURNAMENT RULES

SCORING: The scores of the top six boats of each team will be compiled to provide the overall club score. These top six scores will be divided by 6 to calculate the club score. A divider of 6 will be used even if a club does not field a full compliment of six boats. Points for all billfish will be as follows:

RELEASE ONLY NO BOATED BILLFISH

75 pts.: White Marlin, Sailfish Spearfish

150 pts.: Blue Marlin, Swordfish

FISHING: Fishing will be on each scheduled day unless cancelled by the weather committee over radio channel #72 (4143 Side Band) by 6 AM. In the event both days are cancelled by weather, the clubs will vote in regards to fishing on Sunday, or another date. No departure before 5 AM for the Ocean City sea buoy, unless fishing the first day out of Cape May.

FISHING HOURS: NO LINES IN WATER BEFORE 8:30 AM: NO FISH TO BE HOOKED AFTER 3:00 PM. Any fish hooked prior to the declared fishing time may be played until released; but must be reported to the committee boat before the declared fishing time. Any violation of this rule will automatically disqualify all angler on the boat for the day.

COMMITTEE BOATS must be notified when fish has been released, giving boat number and time of catch.

A FISH WILL BE CONSIDERED RELEASED when swivel touches the rod tip or the mate touches leader.

ALL TACKLE IGFA RULES apply to tackle of angler's choice. No live bait. The use of non offset circle hooks is mandatory in natural & bait/lure combinations during this tournament.

T-SHIRTS will be supplied every other year by each club.

No **catch report** will be accepted by the scoring committee after 9:00 PM on that day. Exception may be made in the case of unusual circumstances that were reported to, and confirmed by the Committee Boat or nearest tournament boat, and must be fully explained on "Catch Report". All scoring information is taken from the catch report, which must include exact time of catch, species of fish and boat number.

INDIVIDUAL BOAT TROPHIES:

A: Most points 1st day Cape May

B: Most points 2nd day Cape May

C: Most points 1st day OCMC

D: Most points 2nd day OCMC

E: Most overall points – 1 winner only

In the event of a tie, the club that catches the last fish the earliest in the tournament will be judged the winner.

No **MUTILATED FISH** will be judged.

In the event of a **BOAT DISABILITY**, contestants may transfer to an alternate boat and assume original tournament number or the alternate boat with a new set of anglers may leave under tournament rules from their home inlet but must return to the inlet where the tournament is taking place. Boat changes must take place prior to 8:30 AM each day.

Fish may be hooked and played by anyone. Fish may be handed off once, immediately after hook up.

WEATHER COMMITTEE: There will be three weather boats, which will consist of (1) from Ocean City and (2) from Cape May. If weather appears to be an issue, these boats will confer the night before or the mourning of an official fishing day. A call must be made and put on the air no later than 6:00 AM.

The CHALLENGE CUP has been donated by Scott Smith and Charles Kratz. It will be engraved and retained by the winning club for one year. Any club winning three consecutive years will retire it and a new cup will be donated for the following years.

BOAT NAME: _____

SSN or Tax ID no. (required before any monies are disbursed): _____

CONTACT CELL PHONE NUMBER DURING TOURNAMENT: _____

LAY DAY: _____

ANGLERS:

1. _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

5: _____

6: _____

PER BOAT ENTRY FEE **\$350.00**

Calcutta's: **\$400.00**

All Release Points Winner Take All

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(Six tickets included with Entry Fee)

_____ X \$50.00/person \$_____

Awards Banquet: Sat., Sept. 19

(Six tickets included with Entry Fee)

_____ X \$50.00/ person \$_____

TOTAL DUE \$_____