

The Marlin Bill

FALL 2009

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A Message from the President

Franky Pettolina

I know it has been a little while since the last Marlin Bill, but a lot has gone on, so I will dive into to the deep end right away.

First of all, I would like to take the time to thank all of you who have shown support for me serving a second term as President. Many of you know that I was initially not going to do so. But after talking with many members, staff, Auxilliary President Dee Rigsby and of course the current board and officers, I decided that I could handle 2 more years afterall. I would also like to thank my wife Jen for supporting this decision. The spouses of the BOD and officers sacrifice a lot of their time to these positions as well. Whether it is dining by themselves at the Club functions, or the burden of lonely times when the "club comes first" the BOD and officers could not get it done without the support of their families. So, barring anything unforeseen, it will be my honor to serve as President of the greatest fishing club for another 2 years.

Speaking of the election, I have seen the final list of nominees for the BOD positions. Back in 1999 my good friend Robby Paquette and I were asked by the incoming President of the club, Kevin Opper, to serve on the BOD. Its been a wild ride for 10 years, watching the club grow, the construction of the new building, and all sorts of other fun. Through it all my closest confidant on the BOD has been Robby. He has chosen not to seek another term, and I respect his reasons and decision. Thank

Dates to Remember

Friday, November 6th
Ballots Due

Saturday, November 7th
Seasonal Awards Ceremony

Saturday, November 14th
Fall Club Dinner

Saturday, December 5th
Club Christmas Party

Thursday, December 31st
Club NYE Party

Every Sunday
The Club has your
NFL ticket





you Robby for all of your hard work over the years (and you won't be off the hook that easy- I've got plans for you!!). The rest of the list of nominees is incredible. I do not see a bad choice on there. So over the next few weeks, talk to the nominees, feel them out and make your choice. I look forward to working with the new BOD for the next couple of years.

One last touch on the election. Annette Cropper is running unopposed for secretary. She is not one for "hanging at the bar" as much as, oh I don't know, cough Billy, cough cough Ron, sneeze Franky..... But believe me, she puts her time in at the club on a daily basis. I am thrilled to have Annette back as an officer. She is the heart and soul of the BOD, and things would not get done without her. Looking forward to 2 more years Miss Cropper...

I made a comment in an earlier Marlin Bill that should September live up to the hype, this year would be one for the record books. Well, it sure did. I know the tuna fishing has not been spectacular, but wow, the marlins!!!! The Labor Day

and the Challenge Cup had world class fishing. And I mean World Class. I have been fortunate enough to spend several falls in Venezuela, and I can tell you that what went on here in September is on that level. We have 3 boats to break the century mark this year, a feat that I do not think has been done in many years, if ever. Congratulations to the DASEA, Predator and the Billfisher on an outstanding season. I don't want to ruin the seasonal awards, but we have a Junior Angler this year who shattered all previous Junior Angler awards. And let's not forget the race for top angler. There has been a lot of competition this year, and the September fishing definitely helped. The season still has a few days left, and maybe the weather will let a few more get caught, but wow what a year.

Speaking of the seasonal awards, a young man caught his first White Marlin this year. At 7 years old, he fought the fish completely by himself. I would like to congratulate Conner "The Marlin King" Campbell for catching his first, of what I know will be many marlin. He was lucky



nough to do this with his dad and grandfather on the family boat "Reel Estate" with him. I could hear the excitement in his father Curtis' voice when he relayed the story to me. I am proud of you boy, and I look forward to hearing many more fish stories in the future.

With all of this good fishing news, this next bit is a little hard for me to write. But here it goes, Congratulations to the Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club on their victory in the Challenge Cup this year. That's 2 in a row for their team, so we need to tighten up and get our game on next year. The tournament is a lot of fun, and the fishing has been great several years in a row. Mark your calendars and plan on fishing that one folks, our team needs to do us proud next year.

We just had our first monthly dinner this past weekend. The Italian feast was delicious and the event was a great time for all who attended. Thanks go out to the Staff and the Auxiliary for making it such a huge success. Next on the list is the Seasonal Awards dinner, I hope to see many of you there.

Til next time- keep fishing when the weather lets you, and see you at the club.

Franky

Kids Classic Awards are available at the Club.

If your child won an award and did not receive it at the ceremony, please stop by the club to pick it up.

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 AM —2:30 PM
Wednesday—Sunday 3:00 PM —10:00 PM

**FALL TOURNAMENT
SCHEDULE**

**30th ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC
SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
10/2—10/3
OC Maryland (410)213-0646**

**5th ANNUAL AMSA SURF
FISHING TOURNAMENT
10/16—10/17
AMSA (443)235-2603**

**10th ANNUAL ROCKTOBERFEST
TOURNAMENT
10/17—10/18
Bahia Marina (410)289-7473**

**9th ANNUAL SOUTH JERSEY BIG
BASS OPEN
11/6—11/7
Cape May, NJ (609)884-2400**

**5th ANNUAL AKE MARINE PRIME-
TIME ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT
11/15—11/15
Ake Marine (410)213-0421**

**17th ANNUAL MSSA CHESAPEAKE
BAY FALL TOURNAMENT
11/21—11/22**

**3rd ANNUAL BLACK FRIDAY 550
ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT
11/27—11/28
OC Fishing Center (410)213-1121**





NOVEMBER CLUB DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 6:30 PM

Begin the evening sipping a cocktail of your choice beer, wine, or rail drink. Then feast on a delicious meal of "comfort foods" including stuffed pork chops, green beans, and mashed potatoes. End your meal with a delicious assortment of desserts.

Only \$30.00 per person

Call 410.213.1613 for your pre-paid reservations. The OCMC accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash or check. The OCMC can not take seating reservations. Reservations limited to 110.



Thank you OCMC Auxiliary for working so hard for the Club. The Auxiliary spends countless hours preparing for club dinners, tournament functions, and mailings. Most recently members from the group spent a combined 60+ hours for the 2010 nomination and ballot mailings.

THANK YOU!



VOTE

2010 Ballots Board of Directors

ORIGINAL FORM MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON OR BY POST TO THE CLUB NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009, 6:00 PM. ANY FORM RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Upcoming Dinners



New Year's Eve

December 31st
Appetizers all night
\$75.00 per person

Super Bowl Tailgate

February 7th
Football Fare &
Plenty of Beer!

Valentines Day

February 13th
Stuffed Shrimp & Filet

Eastern Shore Dinner

March 6th
Oysters, Chicken & Ham

Ocean City Marlin Club's Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 5th \$45 per person

6:30 PM Cocktails & Appetizers

Enjoy a delicious assortment of appetizers while sipping on your complimentary cocktail (your choice of one of the following wine, beer or rail drink)

7:00 PM Prime Rib Dinner

Complete your evening with an irresistible collection of mouth watering desserts.



Hild's Marine Service



Support the Club Elevator

The Ocean City Marlin Club is happy to announce the kickoff of our pledge drive to build a new elevator coupled with additional storage facilities.

We have completed all engineering and received bids for construction.

We are well on the way to our goal of \$250,000 dollars by January 1, 2010.

Pete Meeks of Delaware Elevator donated the elevator cab; valued at \$50,000 dollars and we have additional pledges of over \$35,000 dollars.

We are now asking the general membership for your support to make this dream a reality.



Grand Slam- \$10,000 dollar pledge includes name placed on plaque inside of elevator as well as on plaque inside club designating your support at the Grand Slam level.

Blue Marlin- \$5,000 dollar pledge includes name on plaque inside the clubhouse designating your Blue Marlin Level support.

White Marlin- \$1,000 dollar pledge includes name on plaque inside the clubhouse designating your White Marlin Level support.

Sailfish- \$500 dollar pledge includes name on plaque inside the clubhouse designating your Sailfish Level support.

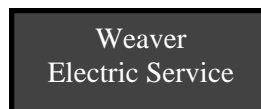
Spearfish- \$100 dollar pledge includes name on plaque inside the clubhouse designating your Spearfish Level support.

Board Member John Sippel is the team leader on this drive and will have a meeting on Friday October 23rd at 8 pm at the clubhouse to review the plans and answer any questions.

To make a pledge please return this page to the club or contact Stefanie Gordy; stefaniegordy@comcast.net

I am happy to pledge the following amount \$ _____ (payable by January 1, 2010)

Name _____ Signature _____



2009 Challenge Cup Results Final Results

OCMC	POINTS	CAPE MAY	POINTS
Phat Mann	975	Viking 68	1575
Size Matters	825	Covert Mission	1425
DA SEA	750	Badger	1275
Topless	750	Liquidity	1125
Reel Joy	675	Lizanne	675
Billfisher	<u>600</u>	Krazy Salts	<u>600</u>
	4575		6675

TOP BOAT : VIKING 68 1575 POINTS

WINNING CLUB: CAPE MAY TUNA AND MARLIN CLUB

TOTAL BILLFISH CAUGHT 207



Photos compliments of Jim Gatto.

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 150 pts.: Blue Marlin, Swordfish

31st Annual Challenge Cup September 18th & 19th

Thirty seven boats entered the 31st Annual Challenge Cup, a competition between the Cape May Tuna and Marlin Club and the Ocean City Marlin Club. Boats from each club fished two days, September 18th & 19th. The fourteen boats comprising the OC Marlin Club Team and the 23 boats fishing for the Cape May team released a total of 207 billfish.

This billfish release tournament awards boats from each club for the highest daily points, and the most points over all to the Club with the greatest number of points for the tournament. The scores of the top six boats of each club team are compiled to provide the overall club score. These top six scores are divided by 6 to calculate the club score. Seventy five points are awarded for each RELEASED White Marlin or Sailfish. One hundred and fifty points are awarded for each RELEASED Blue Marlin or Swordfish.

By the end of the first day of fishing, 104 white marlin were released. *Viking 68* had 12 white marlin releases earning top score for the day with 900 points for the Cape May Team. *Size Matters* was top scoring boat for the OCMC team with 675 points for 9 white releases.

Day two proved to be another great day of fishing with 102 whites and one blue marlin released. The Cape May team dominated the board with their top six boats earning 3900 points for 52 white marlin releases. *Covert Mission* released 13 whites, *Liquidity* released 11 and

Badger released 10 whites for Cape May. The OC Marlin Club team ended the day with 2325 points for 29 whites and 2 blue marlin. *Topless* (8 whites), *Phat Mann* (6 whites), *DA SEA* (5 whites) and *Par Five* (5 whites) led their team to 2325 points and a total of 29 whites and 1 blue.

Cape May Tuna and Marlin Club left Ocean City with the coveted Challenge Cup Award. Their team scored a total of 6,675 points. Over two day of fishing Cape May boats released 118 white marlin. The OC Marlin Club Team earned a total of 4,575 points and released 87 white and 1 blue marlin. *Viking 68*, a Cape May Club boat, was the top boat with 1,575 points and a total of 21 white marlin releases.



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WINTER CLUB HOUSE HOURS

Wednesday & Thursday

3:00 - 10:00 PM

Light fare Served 4:00 - 5:00
Full Menu Available 5:00 - 9:00

Friday & Saturday

3:00 - 11:00 PM

Light fare Served 4:00 - 5:00
Full Menu Available 5:00- 10:00

Sunday

12:00 - 10:00 PM

Light fare Served 2:00 - 5:00
Full Menu Available 5:00 - 9:00
We have you NFL Ticket!



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