

# The Marlin Bill

SEPTEMBER 2009

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## A Message from the President

*Franky Pettolina*

WOW!!! I just double checked my last Marlin Bill article to be sure that I would cover all of the fishing news in this one. I don't know where to begin. I guess what I am going to do is give you a bunch of one liners, and I will apologize now if I leave anyone out. Just way too much has gone on.

For the second consecutive year junior anglers caught more billfish in the Kids Classic than adult anglers caught in the Canyon Kickoff.

The "Heels and Reels" Ladies Tournament exceeded all expectations, despite a lousy weather forecast. 27 Boats and over 25 grand!!!! 2010 is going to be even bigger.

Taylor Harman proved that the Marlin Club President can be moved to tears by the accomplishments of a junior angler (catching not only her first, but also her second White Marlin during the "Heels and Reels" tourney). Taylor- your dad would have been so proud, way to go young lady.

Just when you think the Non Typical is going to slow down their winning streak..... 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the WMO- not too

shabby- and lets not forget Jackie Le-compte (the much better looking and from what I have heard, better angling girlfriend of Jim Hughes!!!) was part of the winning team in the "Heels and Reels" tourney- I am going to start going to the 7/11 in the Pines for luck in the morning before I go fishing. Many congrats to all of the members of team Non Typical.

## SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**51st Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament**  
9/3—9/6

Ocean City Marlin Club

**2nd Annual Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up**  
9/11—9/13

Sunset Marina

**1st Annual MSSA Beach-N-Boat Tournament**  
9/12—9/13

Sunset Marina

**4th Annual Flounder Pounder**  
9/13—9/13

Bahia Marina

**31st Annual Challenge Cup**  
9/17—9/19

Ocean City Marlin Club





*Photo compliments of Franky Pettonlina.*

Speaking of the WMO, Marlin Club members definitely did the home team proud this year. I do not have the stats in front of me, but I believe that Club members placed in all of the categories, with the exception of the Blue Marlin division. The cream rises to the top yet again.....

Even though it is not a club sponsored event, The Branch Krepel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament deserves a mention here. The fishing community showed its strength and support in yet another new tournament this season. Branch was my friend, and he was an integral part of the fishing community, he will never be forgotten. This event will become huge, and I can't wait to fish it again next year.

The Marlin Club has anglers of all skill and experience levels. This past weekend Danielle Schline of the "Black Jack" caught her first, of what I am sure will be many, White Marlin. To celebrate her catch she joined her family at the Club for drinks and some fresh caught

Yellowfin Tuna- this is what its all about- family, friends and fishing.

The Playmate, under the leadership of Capt. Willie Zimmerman, caught a Grand Slam right after the WMO. This has only been done a handful of times in OC- congrats congrats congrats....

I could go on for pages and pages talking about fishing this month, but I will stop here on this thought- 2009 may eclipse the 1980 in fishing history- lets see what September brings (I am so excited for the "Labor Day" White Marlin Tournament and the Challenge Cup).

Things have gone pretty smoothly at the club this summer. There have been no more fires or floods (fingers crossed touching wood), and I am pretty sure that Shirley swatted all of the locusts!! Mike and the rest of the staff

*Photo compliments of Bill Pino.*



have worked their tails off, and I would ask all of the members to make sure to let the staff know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Keep filling out the catch reports everybody, and I will see you at the club to swap a fish story or two.

*Franky*



# FIRST ANNUAL LADIES TOURNAMENT

Twenty seven boats entered the First Annual OCMC Ladies Tournament held July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ocean City Marlin Club. Lady anglers fished one of two days on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Divisions included Billfish Release, Meatfish category, Inshore category and a special Jr. Angler category for participants who were 19 years of age or younger. Inshore anglers fished for Flounder, Sea Bass, Tog, Bluefish, Rockfish, Trout and Bluefin Tuna. The Meatfish division included Tuna (no bluefin), Dolphin, and Wahoo.

Ninety nine female anglers battled it out for over \$25,000 in prize

money. The team from Big Oh 2 took the top purse of \$10,080 with 500 points in the Billfish Release division. Reel Chaos took first place for a 57.8 pound yellowfin tuna and third place for 200 points in the Billfish Release category. Their total prize money amounted to \$6,612. Top Jr. Angler award was won by Taylor Harman for 2 white marlin releases.

Tournament Chair, Allison Sappington, considers the tournament a great success and is looking forward next year's event which promises to be even bigger.

## And the Winners Are...



### JR. ANGLER AWARD

Taylor Harman 2 Releases

### BILLFISH RELEASE

1st	Big Oh 2	500	\$10,080.00
2nd	Legasea	300	\$2,268.00
3rd	Reel Chaos	200	\$1,512.00

### MEATFISH

#### Yellowfin Tuna

1st	Reel Chaos	57.80	\$5,100.00
2nd	Putty Patrol	52.20	\$1,441.00
3rd	Reel Joy	49.60	\$960.00

#### Dolphin

1st	DA Sea	19.0 lbs	
2nd	Brenda Lou	17.4 lbs	
3rd	Big Oh 1	16.6 lbs	\$2,549.00
4th	Legasea	15.2 lbs	\$720.00
5th	Magic Marlin	15.0 lbs	\$480.00

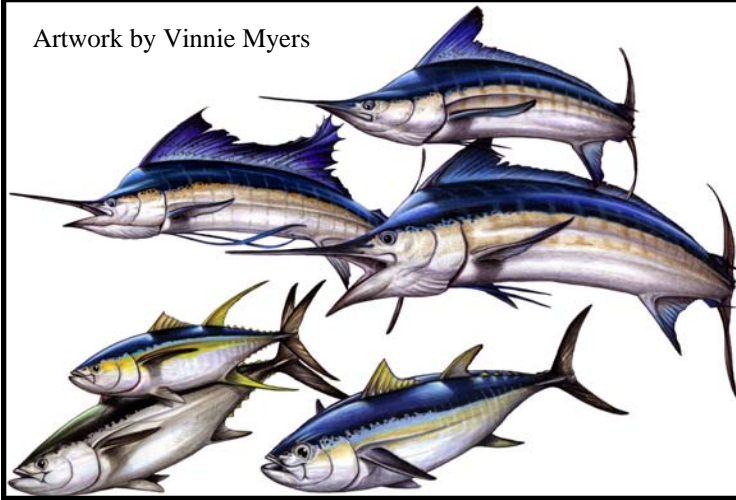
### INSHORE

#### Flounder

1st	Carolina Skiff	3.2 lb
2nd	Carolina Skiff	1.6 lb



Artwork by Vinnie Myers



# 51st Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament September 3-6

## Registration & Capt. Meeting

September 3

Registration Begins 6:30 PM

Captains Meeting 8:00 PM

OCMC Clubhouse

### Entry Fee

\$500 per boat

### Calcutta's

#### **Billfish Release Division**

Level A - \$200; Level B - \$300; Level C- \$500; Level D- \$1000

Levels A & B pay 50/30/20

Levels C & D are Winner Take All

#### **Daily Billfish Release Division**

Level A- \$500; Level B- \$1000

Daily billfish winner take all. In the event of a tie, the money will be split.

#### **Meatfish Division**

Level A- \$200; Level B- \$300; Level C- \$500; Level D- \$1000

All Levels: 1st place Tuna: 50%, 1st place Wahoo: 30%, 1st place Dolphin: 20%

### Fishing Days

Fish 2 of 3 September 4th, 5th, 6th

### Fishing Times

Lines In: 8:30 AM Lines Out: 3:30 PM

### Weigh Ins

Sunset Marina

3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

September 4th, 5th & 6th

### Awards & Banquet

Sept. 6th 6:30 - 9:00 PM OCMC Clubhouse

Download complete tournament brochure with rules and entry form at  
[www.ocmarlinclub.com](http://www.ocmarlinclub.com)





# 31st Annual Challenge Cup Tournament

September 17 - 19

A competition between the Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club and the Ocean City Marlin Club

## Registration & Capt. Meeting

September 17

Registration Begins 6:30 PM

Captains Meeting 8:00 PM

OCMC Clubhouse

## Entry Fee

\$350 per boat

## Calcutta's

\$400 Billfish Release Only

Winner Take All

75 pts. White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish

150 pts. Blue Marlin, Swordfish

## 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

## Fishing Days

Fish 2 of 2 September 18th & 19th

## Fishing Times

Lines In: 8:30 AM Lines Out: 3:00 PM

## Weigh Ins

There are no weigh-ins for this tournament. This is strictly a release tournament.

## Italian Night

September 18th

6:30- 9:00 PM

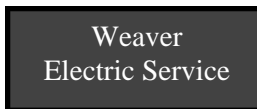
OCMC Clubhouse

## Awards & Banquet

Sept. 19th

6:30 - 9:00 PM

OCMC Clubhouse



## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KIDS CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

Three hundred and eighty one Jr. Anglers, 63 boats, and 3 headboats entered the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Classic Fishing Tournament making it the largest OCMC tournament to date! Anglers ranged in age from 19 months to 19 years and competed for just about every species of fish one can catch in the sea. Included in the bounty were bluefish, croaker, mackerel, flounder, seabass, spot, tog, rockfish, tuna, billfish and dolphin.

The purpose of this annual event is to encourage young people to show good sportsmanship while developing an appreciation for fishing. Participants enjoyed a weekend of food and fun with a cookout on Saturday at the OC Marlin Club and a carnival with amusements by Fantasy World Entertainment on Sunday. Each angler was honored with a plaque courtesy of Cyntinory Marine and recognized during Sunday's award ceremony. Anglers were also treated to goody bags and free tournament T-shirts compliments of Red Sun Apparel.

The OC Marlin Club sponsored two headboats to take Wish-A-Fish families fishing on Saturday. This organization works with families in high stress situations most likely resulting from a child's struggle with physical disabilities, or terminal illness. One hundred percent of the tournament proceeds benefited the Wish-A-Fish foundation. This year, the Club was able to raise thousands to donate to the Foundation through tournament proceeds and the generous donations of Marlin Club Members and tournament participants.



## 5TH ANNUAL KIDS TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS

### BLUEFISH

#### FIRST PLACE

Reel Joy 9.2

Parker Kreppel

#### SECOND PLACE

Reel Joy 3.6

Parker Kreppel

#### THIRD PLACE

Good For Pop 2.6

Noah Good

Git-R-Done 2.6

Brody Field

### CROAKER

#### FIRST PLACE

Double Trouble 1.0

Graham McCabe

Lucky Break 1.0

Jack & Alec Burbage

#### SECOND PLACE

Fish Stories .8

Bryce Larsen

Shark Tooth .8

Howel Blake

Lucky Break .8

Jack & Alec Burbage

#### THIRD PLACE

Shark Tooth .6

Hank Dippel

Shark Tooth .6

Luke Dippel

American Lady .6

Nicole Gia, JoJo Herring, Tyler Herring

Odd Couple .6

Emily Miller

Martini Time .6

Daniel Melamerson

Four Eights .6

Team Four Eights

Reel Fantasy .6

Amy Ewen

Kingfisher .6

Kelsey Deppe

Fish a Billy D .6

Billy Donahue



Ocean City Today



**DOLPHIN**

**FIRST PLACE**

Espondon 18.6  
Ben Hild

**SECOND PLACE**

Pumpin Hard 66 17.8  
Michael Murray

**THIRD PLACE**

Playmate 17.2  
Frank Mattes Jr.

**FLOUNDER**

**FIRST PLACE**

Moe Trouble 5.4  
Tyler Stierhoff

**SECOND PLACE**

Senor Cigars 4.6  
Kaitlyn Kennington Wendler

**THIRD PLACE**

Senor Cigars 4.2  
Caroline Kennington

**MACKERAL**

**FIRST PLACE**

Bills\$ 4 Bills 8.6  
Nicholas Roy

**ROCKFISH**

**FIRST PLACE**

Get Sum 13.4  
Get Sum Fishing Team

**SEABASS**

**FIRST PLACE**

Morning Star 2.6  
Sean Hemphill

**SECOND PLACE**

Fishin Permission 2.0  
Michael Rutka

**THIRD PLACE**

The Angler 1.0  
Ava Usavage  
From the Shore 1.0  
Hailey Shea

**SPOT**

**FIRST PLACE**

Reel Joy .4  
Parker Harllee  
Reel Joy .4  
Taylor McCart  
Magic .4  
Dalton Warren

Lucky Break .4  
Jack & Alec Burbage  
Reel Fantasy .4  
Amy Ewen  
Reel Fantasy .4  
Courtney Grady  
Reel Fantasy .4  
Chelsea Ireland  
Senor Cigar's .4  
Caroline Kennington  
Voom .4  
Voom Team  
Get-R-Done .4  
Dawson Fields  
From the Shore .4  
Hailey Shea  
Missy .4  
Danny Brennan  
**SECOND PLACE**  
Reel Joy .2  
Paige Kreppel  
Reel Joy .2  
Preston Harllee  
Good For Pop .2  
Noah Good  
Good For Pop .2  
Jake Good  
Dock, Fishermans  
Marina .2  
Avery Lorah  
Odd Couple .2  
Emily Miller  
Lady Beet .2  
Taylor Jendrick  
Lucky Break .2  
Jack & Alec Burbage  
Senor Cigar's .2  
Caroline Kennington  
No Name .2  
Mason Staehle  
Voom .2  
Voom Team  
From the Shore .2  
Hailey Shea  
Double Trouble .2  
Jackson Lucido

**TOG**

**FIRST PLACE**

Tuna Box 4.0  
Sam Heimer

**SECOND PLACE**

Good for Pop 3.2  
Noah Good

**THIRD PLACE**

Tuna Box 3.0  
Gracie Heimer

**TUNA**

**FIRST PLACE**

Riptide 150.6  
Justin Layer

**SECOND PLACE**

Crush Em 142.4  
Jacquelyn Barnett

**THIRD PLACE**

Predator 54.8  
Team Effort

**UNUSUAL CATCH**

**FIRST PLACE**

Magic Trigger 3.0  
Wyatt Richins

**SECOND PLACE**

Morning Star Trigger 2.6  
Sean Hemphill

Playmate Trigger 2.6  
Frank Mattes Jr.

**THIRD PLACE**

Tuna Box Trigger 2.4  
Garrett Richardson

**BILLFISH DIVISION**

**FIRST PLACE**

Reel Joy 350 pts  
Taylor McCart (white)  
Parker Kreppel (white)  
Spencer Cropper (blue)

**SECOND PLACE**

Cyntinory 300 pts  
Gavin Gray (white)  
Neil Villanueva (white)  
Serena O'Connell (white)

**THIRD PLACE**

Predator 200 pts  
William Mengason (white)  
Mason Motes (white)

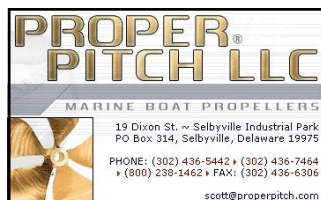




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**CLUBHOUSE HOURS**  
Wednesday – Sunday  
Bar Opens at 3:00  
Food Service begins at 4:00

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday – Thursday  
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM



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