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REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. In-Person Captain's Meeting 7:45 p.m. or Virtual Captain's Meeting available on the Club's website and Facebook page. Registrations will be taken in-person until 8:00 p.m. of the tournament registration night, as well as over the phone by calling the OCMC office at 410-213-1613. A representative from each boat must watch/attend the Captain's Meeting

FISHING DAYS

(Fish 2 of 3) Sept 14, 15 or 16, 2023

Lines in 8:30a - Lines out 3:30p—any fish hooked prior to 3:30p may be played until released; but **MUST** be reported to the committee boat before 3:30p. **ANY** violation of this rule will automatically disqualify all anglers on the boat for the day.

NO WEIGH-INS

THIS IS STRICTLY A RELEASE TOURNAMENT.

There are no weigh-ins for this 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 and mates are eligible for prizes and may be anglers.

All Challenge Cup boats please report to the Ocean City Marlin Club office September 14, 15 & 16 to fill out an official form of your releases 6:00p - 8:00p.

ITALIAN NIGHT THURSDAY

SEPT 14, 6:30P-9:30P

AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY

SEPT 15, 6:30P-9:30P



Maryland - vs - Jersey



A competition between
Ocean City Marlin Club &
The Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club.

Sept. 14, 15 & 16 2023

Fish 2 of 3

**Registration Wednesday Sept. 13
6:00p - 8:00p @ OCMC Clubhouse**

9659 Golf Course Road
Ocean City, MD 21842
Phone: 410-213-1613
info@ocmarlinclub.com
www.ocmarlinclub.com

2023 RULES:

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 six to calculate the club score. A divider of six will be used even if a club does not field a full complement of six boats. Points for all billfish will be as follows: (Release only— No boated billfish.) 75 points—White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish 150 points—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 6:00 a.m. In the event both days are cancelled by weather, the clubs will vote in regards to fishing on Sunday, or another date.

Fishing Hours: NO LINES IN WATER BEFORE 8:30 A.M.— NO FISH TO BE HOOKED AFTER 3:30 P.M. Any fish hooked prior to 3:30 p.m. may be played until released; but must be reported to the committee boat before 3:30 p.m. Any violation of this rule will automatically disqualify all anglers on the boat for the day.

A Fish Will Be Considered Released when swivel touches the rod tip or the mate touches leader.

All IGFA Rules: Apply to tackle of angler's choice. No live bait. The use of non offset circle hooks is mandatory in natural and bait/lure combinations during this tournament. Circle hooks are required. No green sticks. Intentional use of live bait or live bait teasers is not allowed for any and all tournaments and seasonal awards.

No Catch Report will be accepted by the scoring committee after 8:00 p.m. 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 fully explain 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. Catch Reports will be available on both days of fishing inside the OC Marlin Club Office with a designated OCMC Volunteer/Staff Member from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL BOAT TROPHIES:

A. Most points 1st day—Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club

B. Most points 2nd day—Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club

C. Most points 1st day—Ocean City Marlin Club

D. Most points 2nd day—Ocean City Marlin Club

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.

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

WEATHER COMMITTEE: If weather appears to be an issue: Weather Committee of (2) persons from Cape May and (1) person from Ocean City would decide on fishing days depending on weather. A call must be made and put on the air no later than 6:00 a.m.

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.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday Sept 13, 2023

REGISTRATION 6:30p - 8:00p

Captain's Meeting 7:45p

Thursday Sept 14, 2023

Turn in Release Report(s) to the OCMC Office 6:00p - 8:00p

Italian Night 6:30p - 9:00p - Open to all Challenge Cup Participants

Friday Sept 15, 2023

Turn in Release Report(s) to the OCMC Office 6:00p - 8:00p

Saturday Sept 16, 2023

Turn in Release Report(s) to the OCMC Office 6:00p - 8:00p

Awards Banquet 6:30p - 9:30p

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMEN:

Special Thank You to:

Andy Helms &

Gary Stamm

2023 45TH ANNUAL CHARLES KRATZ & SCOTT SMITH CHALLENGE CUP

Official Registration Form

Boat Name: _____

Port/Slip: _____ / _____

Name: _____ Cellphone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Club: _____

Boat Entry Fee \$400 for 6 anglers, \$50 ea additional tournament participant **\$400.00** \$ _____

Additional Participant **\$50 x** _____ **=** **\$** _____

Calcutta **CASH ONLY** **\$1,000.00**

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Please read all Tournament Rules & Information & sign below

**By entering in to this OCMC Tournament, I agree I have read and will abide by all of the
Tournament Rules.**

Liability Release: All participants, including anglers, crew members and guests acknowledge that they enter the Charles Kratz & Scott Smith at their own risk. Participants hereby acknowledge that the Ocean City Marlin Club, Sunset Marina and its owners and directors, sponsors, employees, volunteers and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament shall be exempt from any liabilities or libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participants, entrants, boat captains, crew members, observers, boats and equipment which may occur during the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual. Participants entering this tournament agree that the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding in any matter requiring their action. Participants agree to the future use of their images and/or audio recordings by the tournament and its affiliates for any purpose, including advertising and promotions, without compensation. I have read and understand this Liability Release as well as the rules for this tournament. In addition, at least one member of my team will be present during the mandatory Captain's Meeting.

Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

LAY DAY DECLARATION:

Boat: _____

Capt/Rep.: _____

Phone: _____

Lay Day: _____

Sign: _____

(Fish 2 of 3; Sept. 14, 15 & 16, 2023)

Lay day MUST be declared by the start time of the fishing day, NO EXCEPTIONS. If lay day is not declared at registration and no call is made to 410-213-1613 by the start time of the fishing day, boat or shore based angler will be automatically considered as

45th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup

2023 Official Rules

- 1. Tournament is a Captains Choice fish 2 of 3 days September 8, 9, or 10th. There is no weather Committee. If one boat fishes one day the tournament is official. There will be no makeup date.**
- 2. Boats must leave from and return to Ocean City, Maryland Inlet on all fishing days.**

Only exception to this rule is the first fishing day for a Cape May Boat; that boat may leave Cape May Inlet and proceed directly to the fishing grounds but must fish out of Ocean City Inlet for the remainder of the tournament days.
- 3. You may leave the dock any hour you wish, but all fishing must be within 100 miles from Ocean City, Maryland Sea Buoy.**
- 4. All three fishing days. Lines in 8:30 am Lines out 3:30 pm.**
- 5. Lay day must be declared at 410-213-1613 by lines in, 8:30am, the day you are not fishing. You may also declare your lay day at the OCMC registration/captains meeting.**
- 6. Omni Sonar or similar device may not be deployed in any manner until lines in each day.**
- 7. All IGFA Rules: Apply to tackle of angler's choice. No live bait. The use of non-offset circle hooks is mandatory in natural and bait/lure combinations during this tournament. No green sticks. Intentional use of live bait or live bait teasers is not allowed.**
- 8. THIS IS STRICTLY A RELEASE TOURNAMENT. There are no weigh-ins for this tournament. A Fish Will Be Considered Released when swivel touches the rod tip or the mate touches leader.**
- 9. You must call in all released billfish, including the boat name, species and time of release on the tournament channel 72.**
- 10. Boats entered in the Challenge Cup may "Fun Fish" on their lay day. Boats "Fun Fishing" are prohibited from scouting, assisting, or communicating any fishing related information with boats fishing in the Challenge Cup directly or indirectly.**

- 11. After a CMMTC boat has completed their two fishing days they may choose to leave Ocean City or fish a third day as a fun day.**
- 12. We encourage all boats and anglers to participate in the Spaghetti Dinner (Thursday, September 14, 6:30-9:00 p.m.) and Award Dinner (Saturday, September 16, 6:30-9:00 p.m.) at OCMC. Friday night there is no dinner, crews are free to explore Ocean City and enjoy themselves. OCMC will allow CMMTC members and crews to patronize the OCMC Club.**
- 13. All Boats are expected to be good Ambassadors of their clubs and ensure that your crew and guests represent the clubs appropriately. Be courteous and respectful to the Sunset Marina staff, OCMC/CMMTC members and the public in general.**
- 14. Catch Reports must be turned in on the fish day at the OCMC Office between 6 pm and 8 pm in person. Catch reports will include time of each catch and boat number. No Catch Report will be accepted by the scoring committee after 8:00 p.m. on that day.**
- 15. Scoring: The scores of the top six boats of each team will be compiled to provide the overall club score. Release only, No boated billfish. 75 points—White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish; 150 points—Blue Marlin, Swordfish**
- 16. CMMTC fishing boats are asked to check in at arrival, pay for electric and purchase fuel at Sunset or whatever marina dockage is provided.**
- 17. 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 and mates are eligible for prizes and may be anglers.**
- 18. All Cape May Boats must be owned by a Member in Good standing of the CMMTC and have fished a minimum of 2 CMMTC tournaments in 2023.**
- 19. All OCMC boats must be a member in good standing of the OCMC.**
- 20. For additional rules See Challenge Cup under Ocean City Marlin Club website Tournament section www.ocmarlinclub.com**
- 21. All CMMTC boats must have a representative attend the Captains Meeting at 8 pm on Friday September 8, 2023 at the CMMTC.**
- 22. All OCMC boats must have a representative attend the Captains Meeting at the OCMC, Wednesday, September 13 at 7:45pm.**

- 23. In the event of a Boat Disability, contestants may transfer to an alternate boat and assume original tournament number. Boat changes must take place prior to 8:30 AM each day.**
- 24. All CMMTC Tournament Entry Fees and Calcutta entry must be paid in cash at the September 13th Captains Meeting.**
- 25. CMMTC questions email tournaments@capemaymarlintunaclub.com or contact Cape May Challenge Cup Chairmen Mike Linus 610.212.7401 or Jim McCarthy at 484.256.5430.**
- 26. OCMC questions contact Renee at info@ocmarlinclub.com or call 410-213-1613.**

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