

The Ocean City Marlin Club

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Registration

Thursday Aug 31, 2023 @ 6:00p-8:00p

In-person Captain's Meeting @ 7:45p or Virtual Captain's Meeting link available on the Club's Facebook page. Registrations will be taken in-person until 8:00p of the Tournament registration night, as well as over the phone by calling the office at 410-213-1613 M-F 9:00a-5:00p. A representative from each boat must watch/attend the Captain's Meeting.

Form available online or at OCMC Clubhouse



OCMC's 65th Annual

Fishing Days

(Fish 2 of 3) Sept 1, 2 or 3, 2023

Lines in 8:00a - Lines out 3:30p

You may leave any time that fishing day observing the prescribed fishing times. ALL fish must be weight at Sunset Marina

Weigh-Ins

Sept. 1, 2 & 3 6:00p - 8:00p Sunset Marina

Boats must be inside the Marina cut by 8:00p. You may get the fish to the scales by any means you wish, including transferring the fish to another boat or by car. All fish weight-ins will be rounded to the nearest 1/10 pound. All catch reports must be turned into the Ocean City Marlin Club Weigh-Masters at Sunset Marina on the day of fishing by 8:00p. NO EXCEPTIONS. (This includes Billfish release)

Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Sept. 1, 2, & 3, 2023

Registration Aug 31, 2023 6:00p - 8:00p

Ocean City Marlin Club

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



Awards Banquet

Sept. 3, 2023 6:30p - 9:30p
@ OCMC Clubhouse

You **DO NOT** have to be a OCMC Member to fish in this Tournament.

Official 2023 Rules:

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3. Captain's meeting: Thursday August 31 at 7:45pm. All boats must have a representative at the meeting or view the video recording of the meeting.
4. Fishing boundary is 100 nautical miles from the Ocean City Sea Buoy. You may leave from either Indian River Inlet or Ocean City Inlet but all fish must be weighed at Sunset Marina.
5. An OMNI, SIMRAD or similar 360-degree scanning sonar may not be deployed prior to lines in. No lines or teasers may be deployed before lines in.
6. Release Points: White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish 100 points. Blue Marlin 150 points must have video or photo proof for identification if not white marlin points will be awarded. The top 3 places will be awarded in the release category with ties broken on time of last fish caught first. NO POINTS FOR BOATED BILLFISH IN RELEASE CATEGORY. Levels A and B 50/30/20. Level C winner take all. Daily Billfish release based on your fishing day 1 and fishing day 2.
7. Non-sonar Boats: **Boats who declare at registration** that they are NOT fishing with an OMNI or similar 260-degree scanning sonar will receive an additional 50% release points for a total of 150 points per White Marlin, Sailfish or Spearfish and 225 points per Blue Marlin released.
8. Heaviest White Marlin: A minimum size 70" LFT, limit of 1 fish per day per boat. Level A and B 50/30/20. Level C winner take all.
9. Meafish Category: Tuna (Yellowfin, Bigeye, Longfin), BLUEFIN ARE NOT ELIGIBLE, and Dolphin/Mahi. Minimum Size Tuna 30 lbs. and Dolphin 10lbs. All state and federal laws apply. Levels A and B 50/30/20, Level C winner take all.
10. Scales open at 6:00 pm and close at 8:00 pm at Sunset Marina. YOU MUST BE INSIDE MARINA CUT BY 8:00 pm. ALL CATCH REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN DAILY BY 8:00 pm to the Weighmaster at Sunset Marina. NO EXCEPTIONS.
11. No more than 3 Tuna and 3 Dolphin/Mahi may be weighed per boat, per day.
12. IGFA rules apply except a fish may be hooked by anyone and passed to an angler. There is no limit to the number of lines fished. Spreader bars are allowed. The use of non-offset circle hooks is mandatory in all natural baits and natural/lure combinations. Harpoons are not permitted. The intentional use of live bait and live bait teasers is not permitted. No green sticks or dangers. No chunking or bailing allowed. All fish species must be caught while trolling.
13. Fish may be gotten to the scales by any means possible including another boat, a car or cart. Fish hooked up prior to lines-out may continue to be fought but still must be presented at the scales prior to closing and should be called out on the tournament channel. In case of boat failure, the registration may be transferred to another boat by notifying Renee at 443-365-7911
14. Releases count when the leader or swivel touches the rod tip or the mate grabs the leader. Leader length is limited to 30 feet as per IGFA regulations (30 lbs. and up).
15. Tournament Channel is 72. Billfish released and Boated White Marlin must be put on the air to other tournament boats. Meafish do not have to be called in.
16. Lay Day must be declared by the start time of each fishing day (8:00 a.m.) or turned in at registration. Call (410) 213-1613 to declare a lay day. **IF NO CALL IS RECEIVED, THE BOAT IS CONSIDERED FISHING. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Information

IGFA RULES: All IGFA rules apply with the following exceptions. A fish may be hooked and handed off to the angler who must continue to fight the fish until complete. Effectively, this is a boat tournament and awards will be distributed to top boat teams, not individual anglers. Spreader bars may be used. The use of non offset circle hooks is mandatory in natural bait and natural bait/lure combinations during this tournament. Intentional use of live bait or live bait teasers is not allowed.

No green sticks. Intentional use of live bait or live bait teasers is not allowed for any and all tournaments and seasonal awards. No chunking in any OCMC Tournaments. Bailing dolphin is not allowed in OCMC tournaments.

TOURNAMENT CHANNEL 72: You must call in all released billfish over the radio-boat name, species, & time. You do not need to call in meatfish.

LAY DAY: Must be declared by the start time of the fishing day. NO EXCEPTIONS. Leave message at the Club: 410-213-1613. If no call is received by the start time of the fishing day, boat is automatically considered as fishing. You may also declare a lay day at registration.

FISHING GROUNDS: Within 100 miles of the OC Sea Buoy. You may leave from either Indian River Inlet or Ocean City Inlet and all fish must be weighed at Atlantic Tackle.

SCORING: Most Billfish Released - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Heaviest Fish - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Heaviest Stringer - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Scoring for the Release Division works on a point system.
NO POINTS AWARDED FOR BOATED BILLFISH.
POINTS DIVISION: White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish - 100 pts
Blue Marlin, Swordfish - 150 pts Photo identification required of a Blue Marlin to ensure proper identification of the Billfish. If no photo identification is available, White Marlin points will be received. In the event of a tie: the boat which released its last fish first wins. No points awarded for boated Billfish. NonSonar boats receive 50% more release points.

HEAVIEST FISH DIVISION: Tuna - 30 lbs. (Yellowfin, Big Eye, Longfin)
Dolphin - 10 lbs.

The Marlin Club retains 10% of all Calcutta monies. In the event no fish is caught in a particular Calcutta the money will be returned; less the 10% Marlin Club retention. All protests must be made to the Marlin Club President by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 3, 2023. The tournament will become official at 8:00 p.m. on Monday September 4, 2023. Winner payment - All winners must complete a W-9 form. All checks will be mailed by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023. In the event of a tie, the money will be split equally

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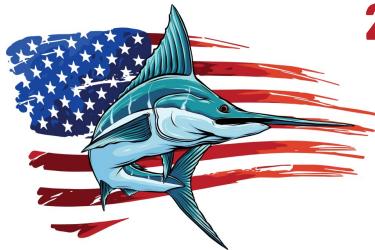
Tournament Chairmen:

Special Thank You to:

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Bob Althauser

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2023 65th Annual O.C.M.C. Labor Day White Marlin Tournament Official Registration Form

Does your boat have an Omni, Simrad or similar sonar device?

Yes

No

Boat Name: _____

Port/Slip: _____ / _____

Name: _____ Cellphone #: _____

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

Boat Entry Fee	\$500 for 6 anglers, \$35 ea additional angler/Banquet Guest	\$500.00 \$_____
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75% of the entry fee is returned as guaranteed prize money for Billfish Release. 50/30/20 Split

Hypothetical example: with 40 boats, \$7500 for 1st place, \$4500 for 2nd place, \$3000 for 3rd place.

Additonal Angler	\$35 x _____ =	\$35.00ea \$_____
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Billfish Release:	Nonsonar will receive 50% more points for Billfish
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Level A	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd	\$300.00 \$_____
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Level B	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd	\$500.00 \$_____
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Level C	WINNER TAKE ALL	\$1,000.00 \$_____
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Heaviest White Marlin:

Level A	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd	\$300.00 \$_____
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Level B	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd	\$500.00 \$_____
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Level C	WINNER TAKE ALL	\$1,000.00 \$_____
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Daily Billfish Release:

Level A	WINNER TAKE ALL	\$300.00 \$_____
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Small Boat Billfish Release 34' & Under:
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Level A	WINNER TAKE ALL	\$300.00 \$_____
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Meatfish Division:

Level A	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Tuna 50% -No Bluefin / Dolphin 50%)	\$300.00 \$_____
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Level B	pays 50 / 30 / 20 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Tuna 50% -No Bluefin / Dolphin 50%)	\$500.00 \$_____
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Level C	WINNER TAKE ALL	\$1,000.00 \$_____
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Calcutta Total: \$_____

DONATION	Marlin Crew of OC Scholarship Fund
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Donation TO- \$_____



FORM TOTAL: \$_____



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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.

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

Liability Release: All participants, including anglers, crew members and guests acknowledge that they enter the Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament 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. 1, 2 & 3, 2023)

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