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REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 11 @ 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 12, 13 or 14, 2024

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 commit-
tee 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 it's respective team. Each boat must
be a member of the club it represents or be sub-
ject 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 12, 13
& 14 to fill out an official form of your releases
6:00p - 8:00p.

ITALIAN NIGHT THURSDAY
SEPT 12, 6:30P-9:30P

AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY
SEPT 14, 6:30P-9:30P



-VS-



Maryland - vs - Jersey



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

Sept. 12, 13 & 14 2024

Fish 2 of 3

Registration Wednesday Sept. 11
6:00p - 8:00p @ OCMC Clubhouse

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

2024 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 11, 2024

REGISTRATION 6:30p - 8:00p

Captain's Meeting 7:45p

Thursday Sept 12, 2024

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 13, 2024

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

Saturday Sept 14, 2024

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
Tournament Chairman:
Andy Helms**