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Registration

Thursday Aug 1, 2024 @ 6:00p-8:00p

In-person Captain's Meeting @ 7:30p 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 10:00a-5:00p. A representative from each boat must watch/attend the Captain's Meeting. Form available online or at OCMC Clubhouse

Fishing Days

(Fish 1 of 2) Friday Aug. 2 or Saturday Aug. 3

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

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

Weigh-Ins

Aug. 2 & 3, 5:30p - 7:30p

Fisherman's Marina

Boats must be inside the Marina cut by 7:30p. 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 Fisherman's Marina on the day of fishing by 7:30p. NO EXCEPTIONS. (This includes Billfish release)

Awards Banquet

Aug 3, 2024 6:30p - 9:00p

@ OCMC Clubhouse

16th Annual Franky Pettolina

Heels & Reels

Ladies

Tournament

Aug. 2 & 3, 2024

Registration Aug 1, 2024

6:00p - 8:00p



Ocean City Marlin Club

9659 Golf Course Road

Ocean City, MD 21842

Phone: 410-213-1613

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

Official 2024 Rules:

1. Lines In 8 am. Lines Out at 3 pm. You may leave the inlet whenever you like. No baits, lures, or teasers in the water prior to 8 am.
2. Boundary is 100 nautical miles from the OC Sea Buoy.
3. Eligible Species:

360 Deg. Sonar Boats:

Release points White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish 100 points.
Blue Marlin and Swordfish 150 points.

Non-Sonar Boats:

Release points White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish 150 points.
Blue Marlin and Swordfish 225 points.

Blue Marlin must have video or photo proof for identification with catch report submission at the dock, if not White marlin points will be awarded. The Top 3 places will be awarded in release category with ties broken on time of last billfish caught first.

Meatfish: Tuna (Yellowfin, Longfin, Bigeye) BLUEFIN ARE NOT ELIGIBLE, and Dolphin/Mahi

4. Minimum sizes- Tuna 30 lbs. Dolphin/Mahi 10 lbs. All state and federal regulations apply.
5. No more than (3) Tuna, and (3) Dolphin/Mahi may be weighed per boat.
6. Heaviest Stringer (Tuna): Each boat can weigh a stringer of up to 3 Tuna. Each tuna in the stringer must qualify as a Tournament eligible fish by weighing a minimum of 30 pounds. If a fish does not meet the minimum weight another fish may be presented for consideration. A team's single largest fish will be included in their stringer weight. (Example: A team weighs their single largest tuna and may add 2 more tuna to arrive at their stringer total). NO Big Eye Tuna can be added to the stringer weight.
7. Scales open at 5:30 pm and close at 7:30 pm at Fisherman's Marina. You must be in the cut at Fisherman's Marina by 7:30 pm. **BILLFISH CATCH REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE OCMC WEIGHMASTER(S) AT THE SCALES (AT FISHERMAN'S MARINA)**
8. IGFA rules apply in this tournament, with the following exceptions. Fish may be hooked by anyone and handed off to the lady angler. Lady anglers may be assisted, but fish cannot be handed off to a male angler. Effectively this is a boat tournament with no individual awards given, except to junior anglers.

9. 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 bait and natural bait/lure combinations. Greensticks are **NOT** permitted. Harpoons are **NOT** permitted. The intentional use of live bait and/or live bait teasers is not allowed.

10. Releases count when the leader or swivel touches the rod tip, or the mate grasps the leader. Leader length is limited to 30 feet as per IGFA regulations (30 lb tackle and up).

11. Tournament channel is 72. Billfish releases must be put on the air to other tournament boats. Meatfish **DO NOT** have to be called in.

12. 360 deg. Sonars May Not be deployed before lines in.

13. Lay day must be called in to the Club no later than 8:00 a.m. on Friday or turned in at registration. 410-213-1613. No lay days need to be called in on Saturday.

14. Have Fun and Be Safe out there. Good Luck. God Bless America.



Tournament Chairmen:

Special Thank You to:

Ryan Freese,
Kayvan Bahrami,
&
Chrissy Summers

Photo Credit & Special Thanks to Dave Messick, Hooked on O.C.



Photo Credit: Hooked on OC

Information

IGFA RULES: All IGFA rules apply with the following exceptions. Lady anglers may be assisted. Fish cannot be handed off to a male angler. Effectively, this is a boat tournament and awards will be distributed to top boat teams, not individual anglers. Anyone may hook the fish as long as it is handed off immediately to a lady angler. 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 or shore based angler 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 Saturday August 3, 2024. The tournament will become official at 8:00 p.m. on Monday August 5, 2024. Winner payment - All winners must complete a W-9 form. All checks will be mailed by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024. In the event of a tie, the money will be split equally