

The Ocean City Marlin Club

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Registration

Thursday Aug 29, 2024 @ 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

Fishing Days

(Fish 1 of 3) Aug. 30, 31 & Sept 1, 2024

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

You may leave any time that fishing day observing the prescribed fishing times. All release reports must be turned in to OCMC Clubhouse or a photo of the catch report can be text to; 443-365-7911 each night by 8p.

Weigh-Ins

Billfish Release ONLY

Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1, 2024

6:00p - 8:00p @ OCMC Clubhouse

Boats must be inside the Marina cut by 8:00p. RELEASE ONLY. All catch reports must be turned into the Ocean City Marlin Club Weigh-Masters at The Ocean City Marlin Club Clubhouse on the day of fishing by 8:00p. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Awards Banquet

Oct 19, 2024 6:00p - 10:00p

During the OCMC Seasonal Awards Party



Congratulations

You are invited to fish OCMC's

Labor Day White Marlin Invitational

Aug. 30, 31, & Sept. 01, 2024

Registration Aug 29, 2024 6:00p - 8:00p

100% Payout of all entry fees!

Ocean City Marlin Club

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

Official 2024 Rules:

1. Fish 1 of 3, August 30, 31 & September 01., Lines in 8:00am / Lines out 3:00pm.
2. Registration: In-person registration at the Club Thursday August 29, 2024 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
3. Captain's meeting: Thursday August 29 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 any Inlet but all catch reports must be turned in to the OCMC weighmasters @ The OCMC Clubhouse by 8p each fishing day
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.** \$5000 50/30/20 release ONLY. \$2500 Daily Billfish release based on your fishing day.
7. Catch Reports can be turned in at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at OCMC Clubhouse **YOU MUST BE INSIDE MARINA CUT BY 8:00 pm.** ALL CATCH REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN DAILY BY 8:00 pm to the weighmasters @ OCMC Clubhouse or you may text a photo of your release report to 443-365-7911 by 8:00p of your fishing day. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. 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 greensticks or danglers. No chunking or bailing allowed. All fish species must be caught while trolling.
9. 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
10. 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).
11. Tournament Channel is 72, Billfish released White Marlin must be put on the air to other tournament boats. Meatfish are not included in this tournament
12. 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.**



Tournament Chairmen:

Special Thank You to:

Jeremy Blunt,
James Giles &
Bob Althausen

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Dave Messick, Hooked on O.C.



Photo Credit: Hooked on OC

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 release reports must be turned in to OCMC by 8:00p, either in-person or via photo/text to 443-365-7911 no later than 8:00p.m. of your fishing day.

SCORING: Most Billfish Released - 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.

The Marlin Club retains 0% of all Calcutta monies. In the event no fish is caught in a particular Calcutta the money will be returned.. All protests must be made to the Marlin Club President by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 1, 2024 The tournament will become official at 8:00 p.m. on Monday September 2, 2024. Winner payment - All winners must complete a W-9 form. All checks will be mailed by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2024. In the event of a tie, the money will be split equally