Registration

Wednesday, September 7 @ 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 M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A representative from each boat must watch/attend the Captain's Meeting.

Fishing Days

(2 of 3) September 8, 9 & 10; No weigh-ins Lines In 8:30 a.m. - Lines Out 3:30 p.m. You may leave the dock any hour you wish, but all fishing must be within 100 miles from Ocean City, Maryland Sea Buoy. Cape May and Ocean City Boats will fish both days out of your respective port.

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 Office at the Ocean City Marlin Club September 8, 9 & 10 to fill out an official form of your releases 6:00-8:00 PM. Good luck to both Clubs!

The Ocean City Marlin Club

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September 8, 9 & 10, 2022

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Ocean City Marlin Club vs. Cape May Marlin & Tuna Club



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.

T-Shirts will be available at all Tournament functions.

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.



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2022 Official Registration Form

| Boat Name |
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| SLIP# |
| MARINA |
| Contact info To be used during tournament only. |
| Name |
| Cell phone |
| E-Mail |
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City, State, Zip Code

Street Address

Entry fee:

TBD

By entering this tournament I agree to abide by all of the tournament rules. Please make all checks payable to: OCMC

Calcutta's CASH ONLY

includes: \$400 winner-take-all, a \$300 daily \$1,000 on a per Club basis, & a \$300 overall daily

Total Due \$ ____