



# Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

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## 2021 Spring Striped Bass Tournament

### Tournament Outline, Rules and Awards

## 2021 MRMTC Spring Striped Bass Tournament

**FREE ENTRY** – MRMTC Membership Required.

Each entry may fish **ONE** of the eight days.

**Fishing Days - Friday, May 21 thru Monday, May 24, and Friday May 28 thru Monday May 31**

**Captains Meeting – Wednesday, May 19 – 6:30 PM – Southside Marina**

**Weigh-Ins daily 6:30 – 7:30 PM at Brielle Yacht Club**

**PRIZE: GUARANTEED CASH AWARD OF \$1,250.**

**50% HEAVIEST BASS, 30% SECOND HEAVIEST BASS, 20% THIRD HEAVIEST BASS**

\*In the event of a tie for 1st Place, 40% will be awarded to the two entries. No second place. \*In the event of a tie for 2nd Place, 25% will be awarded to the two entries. No third place.

### COVID-19 Statement

The safety, health and well-being of our officers, trustees, members, families, friends, guests, and the general public will always be our primary goal. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposures at Manasquan River Marlin and Tuna Club (MRMTC) member events, tournaments and gatherings (functions), we have developed a MRMTC COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan. That plan is available for viewing at: [mrmtc.com/covid19/](http://mrmtc.com/covid19/)

### NJDEP/ NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife

#### **COVID-19 Fishing Guidelines**

Charter fishing services, for-hire vessels, and watercraft rental businesses may open so long as they follow all safety requirements.

Consistent with Governor Murphy's orders that all New Jerseyans practice social distancing in order to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), **A minimum six-foot social distance between anglers must be maintained at all times.**

Anglers **MUST NOT** congregate in parking areas, boat ramps or at popular fishing locations.



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## **Tournament Outline**

- A. Tournament Entry: Free
- B. Guaranteed Prize Money: \$1,250
- C. Fishing Days: Friday, May 21 thru Monday, May 24 and Friday, May 28 thru Monday, May 31
- D. Captains Meeting: **Wednesday, May 19 – 6:30 PM – Southside Marina**
- E. Calcuttas: Cash only at Captains meeting or see Calcutta Entry section
- F. Registration: All members in good standing are automatically registered to fish the tournament
- G. Call In: Entrants are required to call-in their fishing day by 12:00 AM
- H. Awards: 3 largest legal length striped bass (28" – less than 38") by weight

## **Tournament Rules**

1. This tournament is a MRMTC member only tournament. Only MRMTC members and non-member guests are eligible to fish this tournament.
2. All members in good standing are automatically registered to fish this tournament.
3. Tournament entry is on a per boat basis. A member may fish on a member or non-member boat. In lieu of fishing on a boat, a member may fish from the shores of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
4. Each entry may fish only one day. However, a boat may fish multiple days if the member's fishing "partner" is also a club member and has declared a fishing day. The "partner" must be on board on the fishing day of their entry for any catches on that day to be eligible for award consideration.
5. Entrants must declare their fishing day by 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing. To declare a fishing day, a representative from the boat must call (732) 612-8052 and leave a message with the following information: Entrants name, boat name, fishing day, and day and time of call.
6. Boats must not depart Manasquan Inlet before 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing and must return through Manasquan Inlet on the same day. Similarly, members fishing from shore must not commence fishing before 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing.
7. Upon returning to Manasquan Inlet, a representative from each boat is requested to call Dave Mellett at (732) 423-6520 to advise of their safe return.  
Boats not having fish to weigh are also requested to call so that the weigh scale does not need to remain unnecessarily open.
8. Fish being entered for award consideration must have their fish weighed on the MRMTC scale at Brielle Yacht Club. Fish must be legal length 28" to less than 38" to qualify.  
Weigh in hours are from 6:30 PM to 7:30. PM each day of the tournament. The fish must be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.
9. In the event of a boat becoming disabled prior to leaving Manasquan Inlet, the entry may be transferred to a substitute boat and/or a substitute fishing day. The boat disability must be reported by calling (732) 612-8052 and leaving a message with the following information: Entrant's name, boat name, fishing date, nature of the boat disability, date and time of call.



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10. In the event of a boat becoming disabled after leaving Manasquan Inlet, a substitute fishing day will be granted as long as the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a. Fishing lines must not have been placed in the water.
  - b. The boat must return to Manasquan Inlet by 10 AM on the same day it departed.
  - c. A participant on the boat must call (732) 612-8052 as soon as the boat enters Manasquan Inlet and leave a message with the following information: Entrants name, boat name, fishing day, nature of the boat disability, date and time of call.
11. Awards will be made for the 3 largest legal length striped bass based on weight. NJ Division of Fish and Game Regulations stipulate that the striped bass bag limit is one fish, 28" to less than 38". Determine striped bass length per the method specified in the following link: <https://www.fishinjersey.com/how-to-measure-gamefish/>
12. The official tournament radio channel is: VHF Channel 65.
13. All State, Federal and IGFA Rules and Regulations apply to this tournament except as follows:
  - a. A fish may be hooked by anyone other than the angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the angler after the hook-up. From that time forward, the angler must fight the fish alone until boated or released
  - b. The use of umbrella rigs and wire line while trolling for striped bass is permitted.
  - c. Snag and drop is not permitted. A snagged bait fish must be transferred to a single hook on another rod.
14. There is no limit to the number of rods used while fishing. The use of commercial fishing gear is not permitted.
15. Anglers targeting striped bass with natural bait and/or natural bait/artificial lure combinations are required to use non offset inline circle hooks.
16. Fish caught on a member's boat during the course of a non-member charter trip are not eligible for award consideration regardless of who the angler is. Fish caught by a member who is being paid as a crew member, i.e. a mate, captain, etc. during the course of a fishing trip, are not eligible for any prize or trophy.
17. Prize Money will be paid by check and made out to the Entrant's name. Prize money will be distributed to the winners upon determining the official results.
18. The tournament may be altered, cancelled, postponed or extended to other dates at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
19. All interpretations of the Rules and decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.

As there is no official entry form, a member's participation in the Spring Striped Bass Tournament will be automatically considered to be that member's acknowledgement of compliance with the MRMTC General Disclaimer, as follows:

*All boat owners, their crews, and anglers participate in the tournament voluntarily and at their own risk. They hereby agree to release and hold harmless the MRMTC, it's Officers, Trustees, Agents, and employees from and against all claims, Damages, losses and expenses – including all attorneys' fees incurred as a result of their suffering bodily injury, illness, death, economic loss, or property damage while participating in this tournament. By calling in a fishing day and/or signing the Calcutta agreement I acknowledge that I have liability insurance coverage for my vessel and crew. The decision to fish or not relative to weather or any other reason is at the sole discretion of the participants. The entrant may elect to withdraw from the tournament if they are concerned with weather related sea conditions. All*



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entry monies will be fully refunded as long as an officer, a trustee, or a tournament committee member is notified prior to the time of the captains meeting. Participants must comply with all applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations. MRMTC assumes no responsibility in that or any other regard. Any non-complying fish will be disqualified. I agree to the aforementioned terms and conditions, and represent that anyone invited to fish on the boat entered, has been informed and has accepted accordingly. Participation constitutes acceptance of the aforementioned terms and conditions and that the crew has been notified of these and all applicable, state, federal and IGFA rules.

## **Tournament Awards**

Guaranteed Prize Money for the tournament is \$1,250. The prize money will be distributed across the three longest striped bass as follows:

Largest Striped Bass	\$600
2nd Largest Striped Bass	\$400
3rd Largest Striped Bass	\$250

## **Calcuttas**

Calcutta A - Base:	\$100
Heaviest Striped Bass (60%)	
2nd Heaviest Striped Bass (30%)	
3rd Heaviest Striped Bass (10%)	
Calcutta B – 2 Fish Stringer:	\$50
Heaviest Stringer (70%)	
2nd Heaviest Stringer (30%)	
Calcutta C – Daily	\$100
Heaviest Striped Bass	

## **Calcutta Entry**

1. Calcutta payments must be made in cash.
2. Complete the 2021 Fall Striped Bass Tournament Calcutta Entry Form.
3. Bring Entry form and Calcutta payment to Captains meeting.
4. Deliver the Calcutta entry form and cash payment to MRMTC in one of the following ways:
  - a. Mail to MRMTC, PO Box 251, Brielle, NJ 08730. The envelope must be postmarked no later than noon, May 20, 2021
  - b. Drop off at Carton Law Firm, 40 Union Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. The envelope must be delivered no later than 12 Noon, May 20, 2021



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## **Weigh-In Execution**

Weigh-ins will be performed at Brielle Yacht Club from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM each day of the tournament.

Weigh-in procedure is as follows:

1. The MRMTC Weigh master will measure the length of the fish and weight.
2. The fish are to be placed on the dock and removed from the dock in a manner that complies with social distancing requirements.
3. Complete an MRMTC Official Weigh Slip.
4. Only one member from the boat will be allowed on the dock for Weigh Slip completion and fish weight witnessing.

