



Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

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2021 Jack Meyer Memorial Trolling Tournament

Tournament Outline, Rules and Awards

2021 MRMTC Jack Meyer Memorial Trolling Tournament

FREE ENTRY - MRMTC Membership Required.

Each entry may fish **Two single-day trips** Fishing Dates: Thursday, July 1 thru Monday, July 19

Captains Meeting - Wednesday, June 30 - 6:30 pm - Hoffman's West, Brielle

Weigh-Ins daily 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Hoffman's Marina East Fuel dock

PRIZE: GUARANTEED CASH AWARD OF \$3,250

50% HEAVIEST Tuna, 30% SECOND HEAVIEST Tuna 20% THIRD HEAVIEST Tuna

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/

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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- A. Tournament Entry: Free
- B. Guaranteed Prize Money: \$3,250
- C. Fishing Days: Thursday, July 1 thru Monday, July 19, Members can fish 2 single-day trips
- D. Captains Meeting: Wednesday, June 30, Hoffman's West, Brielle, 6:30 PM
Food and Beverages provided
- E. Registration: All members in good standing are automatically registered to fish the tournament, Call-in required
- F. Calcuttas: Enter at Captains Meeting or see Calcutta entry section
- G. Call In: Entrants are required to call-in their fishing day
- H. Weigh-Ins: Hoffman's East, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- I. Awards: 3 largest Tuna by weight (BFT excluded)

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. Call-in required.
3. Tournament participation is on a per boat basis. A member may fish on a member or non-member boat.
4. Each boat may fish 2 single-day trips. However, a boat may fish 2 additional day-trips if the member's fishing "partner" is also a club member. The "partner" must be on board on their additional fishing days for any catches on that day to be eligible for award consideration.
5. Members 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: Member's name, boat name, fishing day, tournament being fished 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. Overnight trips are not permitted.
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 and report if they will or will not be weighing fish.



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8. In the event of a boat becoming disabled after leaving Manasquan Inlet, a substitute boat and/or 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: Member's name, boat name, fishing day, nature of the boat disability and date and time of call.
9. Yellowfin tuna, Longfin tuna and Bigeye tuna are eligible for awards. Bluefin tuna are not eligible for awards.
10. Fish being entered for award consideration must have the fish weighed on the MRMTC scale at Hoffman's Marina - East. Weigh in hours are from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM each day of the tournament. Fish must be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught.
11. A completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip must be submitted for all tuna that are to be considered for awards. A photo of the completed weigh slip shall be electronically submitted via **email to WIN@mrmtc.com**.
12. The boundary for the tournament is 125 miles from the Manasquan Inlet sea buoy. If the boundary limit is exceeded at any time during the declared fishing day, that boat is disqualified from the tournament.
13. There is no limit to the number of rods or lines used while fishing.
14. This is a recreational fishing tournament. The use of commercial fishing gear is prohibited. Commercial fishing gear includes, but is not limited to, green sticks, bandit gear, or similar type gear. The use of spotter planes, drones or any other type of aerial surveillance equipment is prohibited.
15. 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 spreader bars is permitted.
16. Once a boat leaves the inlet, assistance of any nature for the purpose of enhancement of or continuation of fishing may not be rendered to that vessel. This includes but is not limited to providing fuel, bait, tackle or mechanical assistance. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of both involved vessels from the tournament.



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17. In the interest of conservation, MRMTC encourages the use of circle hooks when using natural bait and natural bait/artificial lure combinations. However, circle hook rules are not in effect for this tournament.
18. This is a trolling only tournament. Chunking, casting, jigging, popping, hand feeding, hand lines, spearfishing and shooting are strictly forbidden.
19. The official tournament radio channel is: VHF Channel 65.
20. Prize Money will be paid by check and made out to the member's name as on record. Prize money will be distributed to the winners upon determining the official results.
21. This tournament is being run concurrently with the War at The Shore Tournament. Participants may fish both tournaments on the same day. The participant must state which tournament, or both is being fished when declaring the fishing day.
22. 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 awards.
23. The Jack Meyer Trophy will be awarded on the basis of highest number of points accumulated during the declared fishing days. The two heaviest tuna from the declared fishing days will be used to determine the winner. Points are calculated as such: Tuna – One point per pound for the two largest tuna (Yellowfin, Longfin, bigeye, no Bluefin).
24. In the event of a tie in the Points Category, the boat accomplishing its total points first will be declared the winner. This determination will be based upon the time of catch during the declared fishing day (not the date). Remember to record time of catch on the Weigh Slip.
25. The tournament may be altered, cancelled, postponed or extended to other dates at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
26. All interpretations of the Rules and decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.



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Tournament Awards

Guaranteed Prize Money for the tournament is \$3,250. The prize money will be distributed across the three heaviest tuna (Bluefin Tuna are not eligible) as follows:

Heaviest Tuna	\$1,625
2 nd Heaviest Tuna	\$975
3 rd Heaviest Tuna	\$650

Jack Meyer Trophy

The Jack Meyer Trophy will be awarded on the basis of highest number of points accumulated during the declared fishing days. The two heaviest tuna from the declared fishing will be used to determine the winner. See the Rules for details on how points are awarded.

Calcuttas

- Calcutta A Split 50/30/20 - \$500
- Calcutta B Split 50/30/20 - \$250
- Calcutta C Aggregate weight of two fish - Winner take all - \$150
- Calcutta D Heaviest Mahi - Winner take all - \$100



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Calcutta Entry

Complete the 2021 Jack Meyer Tournament Calcutta Entry Form.

Calcutta payments must be made in cash.

Bring Calcutta entry form and payment to Captains meeting.

Deliver the Calcutta entry form and cash payment to MRMTC in one of the following ways:

1. Mail to MRMTC, PO Box 251, Brielle, NJ 08730. The envelope must be postmarked no later than noon, June 30, 2021
2. Drop off at Carton Law Firm, 40 Union Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. The envelope must be delivered no later than 12 Noon, June 30, 2021.

Weigh-In Execution

Weigh-ins will be performed at Hoffmans-East fuel dock from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM each day of the tournament.

Weigh-in procedure is as follows:

1. The Hoffmans East staff will weigh the fish. A MRMTC Trustee will verify tuna species.
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. Take a picture of the completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip clearly noting the "Jack Meyer Tournament"
Also list "War at the Shore" on same weigh slip if fished same day.
5. Electronically submit the weigh slip picture to WIN@mrmtc.com.
6. The deadline for submitting weigh slip photos is 10:00 PM on each day of the tournament.