



Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

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2023 Jack Meyer Memorial Trolling Tournament

Tournament Outline, Rules, and Awards

2023 MRMTC Jack Meyer Memorial Trolling Tournament

FREE ENTRY – MRMTC Membership Required.

Each entry may fish **Two single-day trips**

Fishing Dates: Thursday, June 29 thru Monday, July 17

Captains Meeting – Wednesday, June 28 – 6:30 pm – Crystal Point Marina Clubhouse

Weigh-Ins daily at Brielle Yacht Club Fuel dock

PRIZE: GUARANTEED CASH AWARD OF \$3,250

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

Tournament Outline

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| A. Tournament Entry: | Free |
| B. Guaranteed Prize Money: | \$3,250 |
| C. Fishing Days: | Thursday, June 29 thru Monday, July 17,
Members can fish 2 single-day trips |
| D. Captains Meeting: | Wednesday, June 28, Crystal Point Clubhouse Pt Pleasant, 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 or declare via MRMTC App |
| H. Weigh-Ins | Brielle Yacht Club |
| I. Awards: | 3 largest Tuna by weight (BFT Included) |



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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 **11:59 PM** on the day before 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. Boats may also declare a fishing day via the MRMTC App available in the App store or Google Play Marketplace - same time constraints to declare fishing day as for call in.
6. Boats must not depart Manasquan Inlet before **12:00 AM** on their declared day of fishing and must return through Manasquan Inlet by **11:59 PM** on the same day. Overnight trips are not permitted.
7. 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.
8. Bluefin tuna, Yellowfin tuna, Longfin tuna and Bigeye tuna are eligible for awards.
9. There is no limit to the number of rods or lines used while fishing.
10. 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.
 - Bluefin tuna measuring 73" or greater in length are not eligible for awards.
 - Possession of a commercial tuna permit will not allow the boat/entrant any privileges above those allowed by a recreational tuna permit.



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11. Upon returning to Manasquan Inlet, a representative from each boat is requested to call or text: John Bednar at (609) 471-4415 to advise of their safe return and report if they will or will not be weighing fish.
12. 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.
13. Fish being entered for award consideration must have the fish weighed on the official digital scale at Brielle Yacht Club. Weigh in hours are daily during the hours that the marina's fuel dock is open.

Call Brielle Yacht Club (732-528-6250) to confirm the time of fuel dock closing. Fish may be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.
14. The dock attendant is responsible only for weighing fish.

In the case of a fish weighing **175 lbs** or greater, Documentation of fish being a bigeye tuna of any length, or bluefin tuna less than 73" is the responsibility of the entrant.
15. The requirements for determining a fish's length for fish weighing **175 lbs** or greater are as follows:
 - a. Determine the length of the fish via the CFL method per the following link:
<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/bftMeasureData>
 - b. Take two pictures of the fish as follows:
 1. Take a picture of the overall fish while being measured.
 2. Take a picture of the tail end of the fish as the length is being determined. Both ends of the fish and the measurement that is being submitted must be clear and legible in the picture.
16. A completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip must be submitted by the tournament entrant for all tuna that are to be considered for awards. **A photo of the completed weigh slip and photos of the fish length measurement when required shall be submitted electronically via email to WIN@mrmtc.com or uploaded to the MRMTC App. The deadline for submitting weigh slips for awards consideration is 10:00 AM on the day after the declared fishing day.**
17. All State, Federal and IGFA Rules and Regulations apply to this tournament except as follows:



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- 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.
18. 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.
 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.
 19. This is a trolling only tournament. Chunking, casting, jigging, popping, hand feeding, hand lines, spearfishing and shooting are strictly forbidden.
 20. The official tournament radio channel is: VHF Channel 65.
 21. 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.
 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, and 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 day and time of catch during the declared fishing day. 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.

Tournament Awards



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Guaranteed Prize Money for the tournament is \$3,250. The prize money will be distributed across the three heaviest tuna (Bluefin Tuna are eligible less than 73") as follows:

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

Jack Meyer Trophy

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Calcuttas

Calcutta A Heaviest Tuna Split 50/30/20 - \$500

Calcutta B Heaviest Tuna Split 50/30/20 - \$250

Calcutta C Aggregate weight of two tuna - Winner take all - \$150

Calcutta D Heaviest Mahi - Winner take all - \$100

Calcutta Entry

Complete the 2023 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:



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1. Mail to MRMTC, PO Box 251, Brielle, NJ 08730. The envelope must be postmarked no later than noon, June 28, 2023
2. Drop off at Carton Law Firm, 40 Union Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. The envelope must be delivered no later than 12 Noon, June 28, 2023.

Weigh-In Execution

Weigh-ins will be performed at Brielle Yacht Club fuel dock. Call Brielle Yacht Club (732-528-6250) to confirm the time of fuel dock closing. **Fish may be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.**

Weigh-in procedure is as follows:

The Brielle Yacht Club staff will weigh the fish.

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 - c. Complete an MRMTC Official Weigh Slip clearly denoting the weight and length of the fish.
 - d. Take a picture of the completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip.
 - e. Electronically submit the Weigh slip and photos of the fish length measurement when required via email to WIN@mrmtc.com.
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