



Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

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2026 MRMTC Spring Striped Bass Tournament

FREE ENTRY - MRMTC Membership Required.

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

Fishing Days - Friday, May 15 thru Monday, May 18, and

Friday, May 22 thru Monday, May 25

Captains Meeting - Wednesday, May 13 - 6:30 PM - Deep Channel Marina Pt Pleasant

Submit Video of fish measurement taken on an official MRMTC ruler, with MRMTC weigh slip (release) listing measured length of fish to Win@mrmtc.com by 6 pm

Any fish not measured on an official MRMTC ruler will be disqualified.

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

50% Most Release Points BASS, 30% SECOND Most Points BASS, 20% THIRD Most Points BASS

See Tournament Awards section for points tie breaker procedures.

Tournament Outline

- A. Tournament Entry: Free
- B. Guaranteed Prize Money: \$1,000
- C. Fishing Days: Friday, May 15 thru Monday, May 18 and
Friday, May 22 thru Monday, May 25
- D. Captains Meeting: Wednesday, May 13 - 6:30 PM - Deep Channel 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

Call In: **Entrants are required to call-in their fishing day by 6 AM on the declared day of fishing, or before departure if leaving before 6 AM.**



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G. Awards: Top three entrants based on total release points for up to 6 fish
Points awarded per fish released based on length:

50" and over	- 40 points
48" to less than 50"	- 30 points
45" to less than 48"	- 25 points
40" to less than 45"	- 20 points
35" to less than 40"	- 15 points
Less than 35"	- 10 points

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 **member** boat may fish multiple days if the member's fishing "partner" is also a club member and has declared a fishing day. The **member, "partner" who declared a fishing day must be on board the boat on the fishing day of their entry** for any catches on that day to be eligible for award consideration.
5. Members must declare their fishing day by **6 AM on the declared day of fishing, or before departure if leaving before 6 AM**. 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. Boats may also declare a fishing day via the MRMTC App, same time constraints apply.



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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. The 2026 tournament is a release tournament. Fish being entered for award consideration require submission using MRMTC App or by email to WIN@mrmtc.com of a completed Official Striped Bass Tournament release slip listing **the length of each fish**, and a video of each fish length measurement as detailed in “Measure and Release” Execution section of the rules. **Legal size fish (28” to 31”) may be harvested but require video documentation of the fish length and a weigh slip submission to qualify for points.**

Determine striped bass length per the method specified in the following link:

<https://www.fishinjersey.com/how-to-measure-gamefish/> : see details in “Measure and Release” Execution section of rules.

8. A completed MRMTC Official Striped Bass Tournament Release Slip must be submitted by the member for all striped bass that are to be considered for awards. A photo of the completed release slip and videos of the fish length measurement shall be electronically submitted via MRMTC club App or **email to WIN@mrmtc.com** by 6 PM on the day the fish was released. See details in “Measure and Release” Execution section of rules.
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 if 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 top 3 entrants based on striped bass total release points for up to 6 fish per entrant.**

Determine striped bass length per the method specified in the following link: <https://www.fishinjersey.com/how-to-measure-gamefish/>

Points awarded per fish released based on length:

50" and over	- 40 points
48" to less than 50"	- 30 points
45" to less than 48"	- 25 points
40" to less than 45"	- 20 points
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12. The official tournament radio channel is: VHF Channel 65.



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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 circle 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.



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As there is no official entry form, a member's participation in the Fall 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, its 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 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.



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Tournament Awards

H. Guaranteed Prize Money for the tournament is \$1,250.

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Most Release Points Striped Bass	\$625
2 nd Most Release Points Striped Bass	\$375
3 rd Most Release Points Striped Bass	\$250

In the event of a points tie for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place or any Calcutta category, the measured length of each fish submitted will be rounded down to the next inch. The length measurements of all fish submitted will be added to determine a total length. The largest total length will qualify.

(Example: Member A submits 2 fish - 48.5" & 49.25" for 60 points and Member B submits 3 fish - 41.5", 43.5", & 44.25" for 60 points. Applying tie breaker rules: Member A- total fish length is 97" (48" + 49").

Member B - total fish length is 128" (41" + 43" + 44"). Member B would get 1st and Member A 2nd place.)

After applying above tie breaker rule if there is still a tie:

for 1st Place, 40% will be awarded to the two entries. No second place.

for 2nd Place, 25% will be awarded to the two entries. No third place.

for third 10% will be awarded to each of the two entries.



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Calcutta's

Calcutta A & C are based on points for up to 6 fish per entrant.

Calcutta A - Base: \$100

Most Release Points Striped Bass (50%)

2nd Most Release Points Striped Bass (30%)

3rd Most Release Points Striped Bass (20%)

Calcutta B – 3 Fish Stringer: \$50

Most Release Points Stringer (70%)

2nd Most Release Points Stringer (30%)

Calcutta C – Daily \$100

Total Release Points Striped Bass

Calcutta Entry

1. Calcutta payments must be made in cash.
2. Complete the 2026 Spring 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 14, 2026
 - b. Drop off at Carton Law Firm, 40 Union Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. The envelope must be delivered no later than Noon, May 14, 2026.



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“Measure and Release” Execution – How to submit a fish for award consideration

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All fish must be measured on an Official MRMTC Ruler, provided at Captains meeting, or can be picked up at Deep Creek Marina office.

Any fish not measured on an official MRMTC ruler will be disqualified.

1. The requirements for determining a fish’s length are as follows:
 - a. Determine striped bass length per the method specified in the following link: <https://www.fishinjersey.com/how-to-measure-gamefish/> :
 - b. Lay fish on top of or alongside a measuring rule, not measured over the body
Fish are measured from the tip of the snout (mouth closed) to the longest part of the pinched tail, to give maximum length.
 - c. **Take video of the fish as follows:**
 - Take a video of the overall fish while being measured.
 - The video must clearly show the snout (mouth closed) at the “zero” end of ruler and the tail end of the fish as the length is being determined.

A video is the preferred method to document the fish length. If video is not available submit pictures that show the overall fish on the ruler and clearly show the snout (mouth closed) at the “zero” end of ruler and the tail end of the fish as the length is being determined. Videos (pictures) submitted must be clear, and the ruler legible in the picture.

The Club Tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify any video (picture) submission that does not adhere to the measurement/documentation rules.



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2. Complete an MRMTC Official Striped Bass Tournament Release Slip **clearly denoting the length of each fish. Up to six fish may be listed on one weigh slip.**
3. Take a picture of the completed MRMTC Official Striped Bass Tournament Release Slip.
4. **Electronically submit the Striped Bass Tournament release slip and fish video (pictures) for each fish up to 6 fish per entrant. via MRMTC Club App or email to WIN@mrmtc.com.**
5. The deadline for submitting weigh slips for awards consideration is 6:00 PM on the declared fishing day.

