Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

Established in 1936

2026 MRMTC Artificial Reef Tournament

FREE ENTRY – MRMTC Membership Required.

Each entry may fish three single day trips.

Fishing Days - Friday, October 30 thru Monday, November 30

Captains Meeting – Wednesday, October 28 – 6:30 PM – Crystal Point Clubhouse

Weigh-Ins daily at Brielle Yacht Club Fuel Dock

PRIZE: GUARANTEED CASH AWARD OF $500.
50% HEAVIEST BLACKFISH, 30% SECOND HEAVIEST BLACKFISH, 20% THIRD HEAVIEST BLACKFISH

*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.
*In the event of a tie for third 10% will be awarded to each of the two entries.

Tournament Outline

A. Tournament Entry: Free
B. Guaranteed Prize Money: $500
C. Fishing Days: Friday, October 30 thru Monday, November 30
D. Captains Meeting: **Wednesday, Oct 28 – 6:30 PM – Crystal Point Clubhouse**
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.

Awards: 3 heaviest legal length blackfish by weight

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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.

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 three individual days. However, a member boat may fish additional 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 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 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.

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. 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. Entrants with fish that are unable to be weighed on day of catch are required to send a picture of the fish to WIN@mrmtc.com before 10 PM on declared fishing day to document the catch and weigh the fish the following day, submitting weigh slip by 10 AM on the day after the declared fishing day.

The fish may be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.

A representative from each boat is requested to call Brielle Yacht Club (732-528-6250) to inform weigh dock if they will or will not be weighing fish.

8. A completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip must be submitted by the member or all fish that are to be considered for awards. All fish weighed may be placed on one weigh slip. A photo of the completed weigh slip shall be electronically submitted via MRMTC App or by **email to WIN@mrmtc.com** by 10 PM on the declared fishing day. Entrants with fish that are unable to be weighed on day of catch are required to send a picture of the fish to WIN@mrmtc.com before 10 PM on declared fishing day to document the catch and weigh the fish the following day, submitting weigh slip by 10 AM on the day after the declared fishing day.

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.

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 3 largest legal length blackfish based on weight.

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

14. There is no limit to the number of rods used while fishing. The use of commercial fishing gear is not permitted.

15. 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.

16. A member who is a paid captain or mate may not enter the tournament to fish on his employers boat.

17. Entrant cannot be getting paid in any capacity on the declared trip for fish caught to be eligible for any awards.

18. 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.

19. The tournament may be altered, cancelled, postponed, or extended to other dates at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

20. 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 Artificial Reef 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 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 $500. The prize money will be distributed across the three longest striped bass as follows:

Heaviest Legal Length Blackfish	$250
2nd Heaviest Legal Length Blackfish	$150
3rd Heaviest Legal Length Blackfish	$100

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Calcuttas

Calcutta A - Blackfish $50
- Heaviest Blackfish (50%)
- 2nd Heaviest Blackfish (30%)
- 3rd Heaviest Blackfish (20%)

Calcutta B – 2 Blackfish Stringer: $50
- Heaviest Stringer (70%)
- 2nd Heaviest Stringer (30%)

Calcutta C – "Weekly" Heaviest Blackfish $50
- 10/30 – 11/06
- 11/07 – 11/13
- 11/14 – 11/20
- 11/21 – 11/28

Calcutta D – Heaviest Sea Bass $50
- Heaviest Sea bass (50%)
- 2nd Heaviest Sea Bass (30%)
- 3rd Heaviest Sea Bass (20%)

Calcutta Entry

1. Calcutta payments must be made in cash.
2. Complete the 2026 Artificial Reef 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, October 29, 2026
   b. Drop off at Carton Law Firm, 40 Union Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736. The envelope must be delivered no later than 12 Noon, October 29, 2026

Weigh-In Execution

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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:

1. The dock attendant will weigh the fish and complete the weigh master portion of the MRMTC official weigh slip. All fish weighed may be placed on one weigh slip.
2. Member will complete his portion of the MRMTC Official Weigh Slip clearly denoting the weight of the fish.
3. Take a picture of the completed MRMTC Official Weigh Slip.
4. Electronically submit the Weigh slip **via MRMTC App or by email to WIN@mrmtc.com**.
5. The deadline for submitting weigh slips for awards consideration is 10:00 PM on the declared fishing day.
6. Entrants with fish that are unable to be weighed on day of catch are required to send a picture of the fish to WIN@mrmtc.com before 10 PM on declared fishing day to document the catch and weigh the fish the following day, submitting weigh slip by 10 AM on the day after the declared fishing day.