



JUNE 23-25, 2017

2nd year in the making and once again hosted by the Canyon Club Resort Marina! In 2016 the tournament was pretty tough to get off the ground for the first year. With back to back weekends of overwhelming wind and sea conditions participation was low but interest was excitingly high. Still a few brave anglers set sail the morning of and held their own, knowing the fish were there. After a long night at sea, the target species of Bigeye and Yellowfin tuna were all brought back to the scales. Even a Mako and plenty of Mahi were weighed in as well. It just goes to show that the timing was right, even though the weather did not cooperate that night.

So for 2017 we are making it CAPTAINS' CHOICE! Now you can choose to depart on Friday the 23rd into Saturday the 24th, OR Saturday the 24th into Sunday the 25th. No weather committee. The Canyon Club Overnight Tuna Tournament is still a trolling, chunking, or jigging tournament and you will have a full 24 hours on the water! Early season tuna fishing has continued to be a growing reason for getting out on the water and into the canyons. As we have seen in previous years the fish were there and 2016 proved it for our event.



As encouraged in our first year, we welcome all anglers to join in. With a low entry fee and variety of calcuttas to choose from, one of these nights on the fishing grounds could be very rewarding. Whether you want to specifically target Bigeye or would rather wander inside the 100 fathom line for a stringer of Yellowfin, the cash payout could be equally worthwhile. Don't forget whatever else you can drum up throughout the night or day because Mako, Swordfish, and Mahi also offer an opportunity to weigh in for some big bucks!

The Captains' Meeting will be the morning on day one of the tournament. We will be serving a continental breakfast for our participants. Weigh in will be held on day two for those who took the first night shift and day three for anglers looking for a Saturday night at sea. Sunday night will conclude the tournament with a poolside dinner served with a side of awards. We look forward to taking this event to the next level in 2017. With Mother Nature's cooperation, this year we'll be certain to shatter the record our first year's participation and overall purse!

Tight lines!
Sincerely,
Aaron T. Hoffman – South Jersey Tournament Director

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CANYON CLUB OVERNIGHT TUNA TOURNAMENT

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ENTRY FEE \$500

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All tournament activities will take place at Canyon Club Resort Marina

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

Captains' Breakfast / Late Registration: 7:00 am

Captains' Meeting: 7:30 am to 8:00 am

CAPTAINS' CHOICE FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING

Depart Inlet: 9:00 am June 23rd

Lines In: Noon June 23rd

Lines Out: Noon June 24th

Scales Open: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm June 24th

CAPTAINS' CHOICE SATURDAY NIGHT FISHING

Depart Inlet: 9:00 am June 24th

Lines In: Noon June 24th

Lines Out: Noon June 25th

Scales Open: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm June 25th

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

Poolside Dinner: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Awards: 6:30 pm

Register for Shark and Tuna by May 1 - \$700 Covers Entry Fee for Both

Register for Shark and Tuna by Shark Captains Meeting - \$900 Covers Entry Fee for Both

CALCUTTAS

EYE FOR BIGEYE CALCUTTAS

Heaviest Bigeye • \$600

Heaviest Bigeye • 50%

2nd Heaviest Bigeye • 30%

3rd Heaviest Bigeye • 20%

Heaviest Bigeye Stringer • \$600

Heaviest Bigeye Stringer • 50%

2nd Heaviest Bigeye Stringer • 30%

3rd Heaviest Bigeye Stringer • 20%

YELLOWFIN HUNTER CALCUTTAS

Heaviest Yellowfin • \$600

Heaviest Yellowfin • 50%

2nd Heaviest Yellowfin • 30%

3rd Heaviest Yellowfin • 20%

Heaviest Yellowfin Stringer • \$600

Heaviest Yellowfin Stringer • 50%

2nd Heaviest Yellowfin Stringer • 30%

3rd Heaviest Yellowfin Stringer • 20%

DEEP IN THE NOTCH CALCUTTAS

Heaviest Bigeye • \$1,200

Heaviest Bigeye • 60%

2nd Heaviest Bigeye • 40%

Heaviest Yellowfin • \$1,200

Heaviest Yellowfin • 60%

2nd Heaviest Yellowfin • 40%

Heaviest Stringer, Combined • \$1,000

Heaviest Stringer • 60%

2nd Heaviest Stringer • 40%

MEATFISH CALCUTTAS

Heaviest Dolphin • \$200

Heaviest Dolphin • 60%

2nd Heaviest Dolphin • 40%

Heaviest Mako • \$250

Heaviest Mako • 60%

2nd Heaviest Mako • 40%

Heaviest Swordfish • \$250

Heaviest Swordfish • 60%

2nd Heaviest Swordfish • 40%

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TOURNAMENT RULES

TIMES & BOUNDARIES

1. All boats must sail from and return to Cape May Inlet.
2. Boats are not permitted to clear the Cape May Sea Buoy prior to 9:00 AM.
3. Fishing begins at 12:00 PM. No lines, chum, or bait of any kind may be put into the water prior to this time.
4. Fishing ends at 12:00 PM on each scheduled fishing day. Any fish hooked prior to the deadline may be played until boated or released, provided that said fish is announced hooked on the tournament channel before the deadline.
5. Boundaries for the tournament will be 100 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
6. Weigh-in begins at 2:00 PM. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at Canyon Club Resort Marina by 5:00 PM aboard the boat on which they were caught.
7. Each boat must pick one NON-FISHING DAY by submitting the official Lay Day Form prior to 1:00 PM on the day selected. Said forms must be physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the dockmaster's office at South Jersey Marina or Canyon Club Resort Marina. The boat must be dockside when the lay day is declared. Any boat not submitting the proper form by the 1:00 PM deadline will be automatically assumed to be fishing on that day. Boats may not fish on a lay day unless all of their available fish days have been used. Boats with mechanical problems or other emergencies may use lay days to arrive late to the tournament so long as it is with the advance permission of the Tournament Directors and they conform with all other rules.

ANGLING/FISHING

8. Participants shall comply with I.G.F.A. equipment and angling rules with the following exceptions: A) A fish may be hooked by someone other than the angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the angler after hook-up. From that time on, the angler must fight the fish alone until boated or released. B) No harpoons, dart gaffs or greensticks. C) Spreader bars with hooks ARE permitted. The Tournament Directors retain sole authority for interpreting and implementing the I.G.F.A.'s rules.
9. There is no limit on the number of lines or teasers.
10. All fish boated over 75 lbs. must be reported over the tournament channel at the time of the catch.
11. There are 2 available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be either 1 of the available 2 days, captains' choice; no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which day to fish.
12. Anglers may not switch to another boat nor can anyone from another boat come aboard to assist in fighting or boating a fish.

SCORING/PRIZES

13. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official & prizes to be awarded.
14. Qualifying tuna species are Bigeye and Yellowfin. Bluefin Tuna will not be eligible for awards in this tournament. Dolphin, Mako and Swordfish will be eligible for prizes in the "meat fish" category.
15. Boats may weigh up to 3 Bigeye and 3 Yellowfin. Participants will be given tags which must be securely attached to each fish prior to being weighed and must include boat name and number.
16. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.
17. A stringer can consist of 1 to 3 eligible fish per stringer Calcutta.
18. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided between those tying.
19. In the event that all places are not filled the unwon prize money will be proportionally divided among the winners of that prize.
20. In the event that no qualifying fish are caught in a calcutta, the entry fee for that calcutta will be returned.
21. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes, and calcuttas, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules. Said rules include conformance to state and federal size limits and possession of a current NMFS angling, general or charter/headboat category HMS permit.
22. All fish eligible for cash prizes may be subject to examination by the Tournament Directors, consulting biologists and/or Torrymeter, should there be any question as to the "freshness" of the catch. It shall be the responsibility of the participant to keep all eligible catches in suitable and proper condition until weigh-in. In the event of any disputes arising from such examination, the decision of the Tournament Directors shall be final. Polygraph examination may be required of winning crews.

ADMINISTRATION

23. The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate).
24. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline entry of any boat or crew.
25. The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
26. In the event of a boat disability, contestants may transfer to another boat, not entered in the tournament, and may fish in the name of the original, with the prior approval of the Tournament Directors.
27. Allegations of violations of any of the above rules may be submitted only by an official tournament registrant and must be submitted in writing on the day of the alleged infraction. In the event of such an allegation, the Tournament Directors will have the sole and exclusive responsibility to investigate the alleged incident and to rule as to whether any violation materially aided the angler, crew, or vessel, or otherwise affected the outcome of the tournament. Any subsequent penalty will be solely at the discretion of the Tournament Directors and shall be final. In all cases, registrant and their crews agree to be bound by the ruling of the Tournament Directors.