



The Governor's Cup Returns

The War at the Shore July 13-16, 2017

The New Jersey Governor's Cup was awarded to a fishing club from 1938-1953 for an inter-club fishing tournament between New Jersey and New York fishing clubs. The cup was retired in 1953 when the tournament was discontinued and the MRMTC is the last winner of this prestigious event. We have now resurrected the tournament for a "War at the Shore" with a tournament between the MRMTC, Beach Haven, Forked River, Ocean City and Cape May Marlin/Tuna clubs. Mike Benti, Jack Novak and Jim Carton attended a meeting at the Beach Haven Marlin and Tuna Club on April 2, 2017 with all participating clubs to set a framework for the tournament. The tournament will be held from Thursday July 13 through Sunday, July 16, 2017. Boats will depart from local club marinas and Hoffman's will be our weigh station.

Beach haven anticipates fielding 35 boats for the tournament, Cape May and Ocean City another 18 or so, Forked River expects nearly their entire fleet to join and we would like a strong showing from our members. The captain's meeting and sign ups will be held July 12th at Hoffman's West. Hoffman's is hosting their annual offshore tournament and boats may fish the tournaments simultaneously. The more restrictive rules of each tournament would govern boats fishing both tournaments i.e. the War allows lines in at 7 am and is more restrictive than Hoffman's Overnight tournament.

Boats may sign up any time before July 12th at 8 pm. The tournament is **free** and there will be a \$100 cash Calcutta for our intra-club members and another \$200 Calcutta (split between marlin and other species) for the Governor's Cup. Boats can fish any ONE day and points will be awarded for all species of tuna (no giants as they are closed south of Great Egg), dolphin, wahoo and marlin.

By allowing bluefin, we can send our inshore bluefin boats to stack up tuna points and our offshore boats to rack up marlin points. The tournament appeals to boats of all sizes.

Each club's total points will be divided by the number of boat entries. Our captain's meeting will be more of a strategy session, so please have an idea if you will be fishing inshore or offshore and we can have a unified plan to score points!

The rules are somewhat different from our local events as you must call in each night and advise whether or not you are fishing the following day. Lines in starts at 7 am and fishing ends at 3:30 pm, with weigh-ins e-mailed to the tournament director by 8 p.m. The rules will be disseminated early next month, but if you have any interim questions, please call Jim Carton.

We delivered the Governor's Cup plaque to BHMTTC where it is proudly displayed in their clubhouse with OUR name on it as the winner. Let's keep it that way with our burgee hanging from it!

2017 Tournament Committee

Art Kushner – CMMTC

Brendan Graham – BHMTTC

Eric Engard – FRTC

Jim Carton IV – MRMTTC

Alex Sabetta - OCMTC

WAR AT THE SHORE TOURNAMENT



***** 5- WAY CLUB vs CLUB TOURNAMENT*****

Date: July 13th to July 16th, 2017 (Captain's Choice* – Fish 1 day out of 4)

Fishing Time: 7:00AM-3:30PM

Weigh In: **RELEASES AND WEIGH IN SLIPS
REPORTED TO CLUB COMMITTEE
PERSON BY 8 PM on DAY OF FISHING**

Radio Channel: VHF # 72

Captain's Meeting: TBD by EACH Club, Individually.

MRMTC Captain's Meeting: July 12th @ Hoffman's West

RULES

1. The DISTANCE for the Tournament will be a 100 Nautical Mile radius from the Little Egg Inlet (or PAST little Egg Inlet) Bell Buoy. Or 100 NM from 39°27.937' N, 074°16.456'W.
2. IGFA Rules with Spreader Bars allowed
3. Jigging/Chunking/Live Bait is allowed.
4. All Entrants to be registered with Individual Club Tournament Committee Person by 8pm on Wednesday (7/12/17)
5. Disputes must be made to Club Committee Person by 9pm on day of fishing.
6. Disputes will be resolved by 5-person tournament committee by majority vote.
7. This will be a Club v. Club Tournament with NO ENTRY FEE.
8. Each competing boat will have the option to fish one day between July 13th and July 16th.
9. Each boat will have the option to enter 3 Calcutta's:
 - a. Home Port Calcutta (\$100)
 - b. Billfish Release Jackpot (\$100)
 - c. Tuna/Dolphin/Wahoo (70/20/10%) (\$200)
10. 20% of total Calcutta entries for this event will be donated to a Charity for Childhood Leukemia Research in the Name of Parker Nork by each individual club.
11. Overall Club Winner will be determined by overall points (tiebreaker will be determined by first fish time, caught or released.)
12. Overall Club Winner will have name engraved onto Historic Governor's Trophy Award to be displayed at BHMTTC with winning club's burgee above trophy for ENTIRE year.

POINTS/SCORING

1. MEATFISH
 - a. Tuna – Point per pound (3 fish per boat max) Bluefin count, within regulations (NO GIANTS due to SEASON Closed South of GE INLET.)
 - b. Mahi – 2 points per pound (3 fish per boat max)
 - c. Wahoo – 2 points per pound (3 fish per boat max)
 - d. Individual boat is only allowed to weigh in 3 fish of each type.
2. BILLFISH
 - a. Points per release (3 BILLFISH RELEASES per boat max for overall points scoring)
 - i. 50 points for White Marlin
 - ii. 100 points for Blue Marlin
 - b. Marlin Release Jackpot Calcutta is for boat with MOST BILLFISH RELEASE POINTS. While only 3 billfish releases count for the boat towards the overall club

tournament, the same points are awarded for all releases the boat has for the Marlin Release Jackpot Calcutta.

3. Points DIVIDED by CLUB ENTRANTS
 - a. Total club points will be summarized for each individual club and then divided by the total of entrants of the individual club to create a “fair” playing field for all the clubs.

OPTIONAL CALCUTTAS

1. Homeport Calcutta (\$100)
 - a. Gentleman’s agreement between the members of the Club at the location of the Club. The structure is TBD by the Club Tournament Committee Person.
 - b. The amount for the homeport Calcutta is suggested at \$100.00 but may change per individual club.
2. Overall Calcutta (\$200)
 - a. Gentleman’s agreement between all clubs/entrants into the Calcutta for heaviest meat fish.
 - b. The breakdown for the payouts of the Calcutta are:
 - i. Tuna (70% of pot): 1st – 70%, 2nd – 30%
 - ii. Mahi (20% of pot): 1st – 70%, 2nd – 30%
 - iii. Wahoo (10% of pot): 1st – 100%
 - c. All ties split payout for tied position.
 - d. No wahoo, money rolls into mahi, no mahi, money rolls into wahoo, no mahi or wahoo, money rolls into tuna, no tuna, money rolls into split mahi and wahoo, no mahi, wahoo, or tuna, whole pot goes to the Children’s Leukemia Research in the name of Parker Nork.
3. Billfish Release Jackpot Calcutta (\$100)
 - a. Gentleman’s agreement for boat with most billfish release points in whole tournament across all clubs.
 - b. Paid out 100% to boat with most release points in Calcutta.