



# Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

Established in 1936

## 2017 MRMTC Fall Striped Bass Tournament

**FREE ENTRY - Member Required. Each entry may fish **ONE** of the eight days.**  
**Fishing Days - Friday, Nov 10 through Monday, Nov 13**  
**and Friday, Nov 17 through Monday, Nov 20**

**Captains Meeting – Thursday, November 9 – 6:30 pm – Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Clubhouse**  
**Weigh-Ins daily 5:00 – 6:00 pm at Brielle Yacht Club**

**PRIZE: GUARANTEED CASH AWARD OF \$1,000.**

**50% HEAVIEST BASS, 30% SECOND HEAVIEST BASS, 20% THIRD HEAVIEST BASS**

\*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.

### **RULES:**

1. This tournament is a MRMTC member only tournament. Only MRMTC members and non-member guests are eligible to fish this tournament.
2. Members must submit a tournament Entry Form in order to be considered as fishing this tournament.
3. Tournament entry is on a per boat basis. A member may fish on a member or non-member boat.
4. Each entry is for one day of fishing only. However, a boat may fish multiple days if the member's fishing partner is also a club member and has entered the tournament separately. Each day of fishing requires a separate Entry Form. The entrant 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 9:00 PM the evening before their 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: 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. In lieu of fishing on a boat, a member may fish from the shores of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Similarly, members fishing from shore must not commence fishing before 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing.
7. Upon returning to Manasquan Inlet, a representative from the boat is requested to call (732) 423-6520 to advise of their safe return; boats not having fish to report are also requested to call in upon entering the inlet so that the weigh scale does not need to remain unnecessarily open.
8. 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.
9. 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: Entrants name, boat name, fishing day, nature of the boat disability, date and time of call.
10. Fish being entered for award consideration must have the fish weighed on the MRMTC scale at **Brielle Yacht Club**. Weigh in hours are from **5:00 PM to 6:00 PM** each day of the tournament. The fish must be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.
11. The official tournament radio channels are: VHF Channel 65, SSB frequency 4149.
12. 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 baitfish must be transferred to a single hook on another rod.
13. There is no limit to the number of rods used while fishing. The use of commercial fishing gear is not permitted.
14. In the interest of conservation, MRMTC encourages the use of circle hooks when using natural bait and/or natural bait/artificial lure combinations.
15. Fish caught on a member's boat during the course of a non-member-paid charter trip are not eligible for award consideration regardless of who the angler is.
16. Prize Money will be paid by check and made out to the Entrant's name as shown on the Entry Form. Prize money will be distributed to the winners upon determining the official results.
17. The tournament may be altered, cancelled, postponed or extended to other dates at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
18. All interpretations of the Rules and decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.



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Member \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this I acknowledge the rules and that I have read and understand the following:**

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 attorney's fees incurred as a result of their suffering bodily injury, illness, death, economic loss, or property damage while participating in this tournament. By signing this 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. Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph in which they appear, or audio recording, by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

**ONE REPRESENTATIVE MUST ATTEND THE CAPTAINS MEETING TO RECEIVE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION.**

**ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms may be mailed to MRMTC, PO Box 0251, Brielle, NJ 08730 and must be postmarked no later than November 3, 2017. All others will be accepted at the Captains Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.