



**THE 48TH ANNUAL BEACH HAVEN
WHITE MARLIN INVITATIONAL
July 25-29, 2017**

[WWW.THEWMIT.COM](http://www.thewmit.com)

REGISTRATION PACKET



Dear tournament participant,

The Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club presents to you our 48th Annual White Marlin Invitational Tournament, which will take place from July 25th – July 29th 2017. We are well underway in preparing for this year's exciting tournament and look forward to having you participate once again - or perhaps for the first time!

On behalf of the club and the tournament committee, I am pleased to inform you of some changes this year that will build on 47 years of tradition- while introducing some new options in response to your feedback - further solidifying our tournament as one of the pre-eminent offshore fishing events on the East Coast.

This year we will be allowing departures from any inlet in NJ and offer a second Weigh-In Station at Hoffman's Marina in the Manasquan Inlet! We have also added a day, so participants pick two (2) of four (4) days to fish. This tournament is still one of the most affordable on the East Coast with registration fees ranging from \$700 - \$1000 depending on registration date and size of boat. Further information is included in this packet.

THIS TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 PAID PARTICIPANTS. Please fill out the registration form and return to the provided address to **GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE 1 OF 100.** Please visit us at www.TheWMIT.com for additional information on the tournament and updates. We look forward to seeing you July 25th – July 29th, 2017.

Enclosed within this registration packet is the following:

- 1) 2017 WMIT rules
- 2) Your registration form
- 3) Tentative schedule of events

You are encouraged to sign up at www.TheWMIT.com or by mailing the completed forms as soon as possible as the number of participating boats is limited to 100.

Sincerely

David Ridley
Tournament Director

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BHMTC White Marlin Invitational Tournament



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CURRENT RULES FOR 2017*

***RULES ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE DISCRETION
OF THE WMIT COMMITTEE UP TO THE CONCLUSION OF
CAPTAIN'S MEETING ON JULY 25TH AT 8 PM**



48th Annual White Marlin Invitational Tournament Rules

Tournament Date: July 25th-29th, 2017

Tournament Website: www.TheWMIT.com

Tournament Committee:

Dave Ridley	John Tichy
Bill Linney	Wes Jones
John Fitzgerald	Brendan Graham
Brian McMahan	Tom Lynch

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE 2017 RULES FROM PRIOR YEARS. IT IS THE REGISTRANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE AND BE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ALL RULES.

Tournament Rules

1. By participation in this tournament on any registered vessel, an individual is consenting to hold harmless The White Marlin Invitational (hereinafter, the Tournament) and Tournament Officials of the White Marlin Invitational, The Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club (hereinafter, the Club or BHMTTC) and its Officers, Directors and members from any and all liability;
2. Members of the Tournament Committee are Tournament Officials. The Weigh-master for BHMTTC is also a Tournament Official;
3. There shall be four (4) available fishing days for the tournament. The four (4) available fishing days for the tournament are as follows:

Wednesday, July 26th
Thursday, July 27th
Friday, July 28th
Saturday, July 29th

Each registered vessel shall be permitted to fish a maximum of two (2) of the four (4) available days of the tournament, and the choice of days to be fished shall be made individually by each captain/crew. The Tournament and/or Club shall make no determination on the fishability of a given day, and holds no responsibility for the choice of a captain/crew to fish on a certain day. The Tournament and Club assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.

4. An angler or boat will be disqualified for such cause, as misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or any other incident deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Committee (hereinafter, the Committee).
5. Registration is to be made by vessel, not by angler.
6. Boats will be issued one Tournament Boat Number placard at the captain's meeting unless your registration indicates that you will not attend the captain's meeting in which case a placard will be mailed to registrant. This Tournament Boat Number must be visibly displayed on the port side of the vessel (not behind smoked glass). The placard must be firmly affixed to the port side of the boat during declared fishing day(s), from prior to departure from slip through completion of weigh-in or release reporting.
7. Fishing grounds are limited to a 100-mile radius from Little Egg Bell Buoy (Latitude: 39° 27' 56.2", Longitude: 74° 16' 27.3",)
8. Fishing hours are between 7:00am and 3:00pm (Eastern Daylight Time, as measured by GPS). Vessels may not clear your chosen inlet prior to 12:00 AM of any chosen fishing day.
9. No lines of any kind are permitted in the water until announcement of the starting time by the Committee Boats. In the event that a Committee Boat is not heard, fishing may begin no earlier than the 7:00am starting time (Eastern Daylight Time, as measured by GPS).
10. Each boat must pick two (2) non-fishing days by submitting "No Fish Day cards" with Boat Name, Tournament Boat Number, and signature prior to 9:30AM for the day selected. A member of the boat's crew may physically deliver the card to the Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club mailbox. Alternatively, the Primary Contact identified on the registration form may submit an email to wmit@bhmtc.com with a copy to angling@bhmtc.com which is required to be electronically timestamped and delivered prior to 9:30 AM on the elected No Fish Day. Email submissions by anyone other than the Primary Contact may not be accepted and will be counted as a fishing day. The Email must include the Boat Name, Tournament Boat Number, and state "The [name of registrant] elects [date] as a non-fishing day." The tournament director at the captain's meeting may determine alternate directions for delivery/reporting. All boats must be dockside in order to declare a non-fishing day. Any boat not submitting the card by 9:30am on any given day is assumed to be fishing that day. NO EXCEPTIONS.

11. All 48th Annual White Marlin Invitational rules will apply. All IGFA rules for fishing and tackle will apply unless noted otherwise in this document. Any rule changes will be addressed as the Captain's meeting on July 25, 2017 and posted to www.TheWMIT.com prior to 11:59 PM on July 25, 2017. These rules include, but are not limited to:
 - a. No Fang Hooks
 - b. No Harpoons
 - c. No Green Sticks
 - d. No Live Bait
 - e. Non- Offset Circle Hooks required on all dead baits
 - f. "Hook and Hand*" is allowed
 - * Hook and Hand is defined as a rod being able to be picked up from a rod holder after a fish is on the line for the purpose of transferring the rod immediately to the designated angler. After the moment of transfer of the rod to the designated angler, the angler must fight the fish alone until it is boated or released.
 - g. Spreader Bars are allowed as teasers only. No hooks are allowed to be attached to a spreader bar. (This includes Squid Nation Flippy Floppies per IGFA)
12. Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off the angler is grounds for disqualification. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification. (NEW IGFA RULE, 2017)
13. The maximum line strength that can be used is 130-pound test. The use of backing is permissible. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 16.5 feet (5 meters) of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line. (NEW IGFA RULE, 2017)
14. There is no limit on the number of lines with hooks or teasers that may be fished.
15. This tournament is trolling only.
16. Use of spotter planes, drones or any other types of aerial surveillance is prohibited.
17. For all purposes of identification, Hatchet Marlin shall be considered White Marlin.
18. Bluefin tuna regulations will be reviewed at the Captain's Meeting.
19. A maximum of 3 tuna, 3 White Marlin, 1 Blue Marlin, 1 Dolphin, 1 Wahoo, and 1 Bluefin Tuna* may be weighed in per boat, per day. (* Bluefin tuna fishing is under the Recreational Atlantic HMS permit).
20. Tournament radio channel is VHF-69. Captains must identify as fishing "Beach Haven Tournament" when hailing committee boats.

21. All boats must report boated or released White Marlin, boated or released Blue Marlin, and boated tuna over 100 pounds to a Committee Boat. The only reported information required for each reportable fish is boat number, species, time and as to marlin, whether the marlin was boated or released. All Committee Boats shall identify themselves when called.
22. All boats with boated tuna over 100lbs, as well as boated White and/or Blue Marlin should notify the BHMTTC as soon as within radio contact range of the BHMTTC, but no later than the entrance to the inlet of their intended weigh station.
23. For release purposes, a fish is considered caught when the mate grabs the leader or when the swivel touches the rod tip, or when a wind on leader passes through the rod tip.
24. Boats may depart from any inlet in New Jersey, but must return through one of the following five (5) inlets if weighing in a fish at BHMTTC or Hoffman's Marina: Manasquan Inlet, Great Egg Harbor Inlet, Atlantic City Inlet, Little Egg Inlet, or Barnegat Inlet. Boats not weighing in fish may return through any inlet in NJ.

Weigh-ins:

25. All fish must weigh-in at Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club or at Hoffman's Marina. BHMTTC & Hoffman's Marina are the only two (2) official tournament weigh locations.
26. Weigh-in is allowed by vehicle; however, weigh-in by vehicle is only allowed at Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club and must otherwise comply with all deadlines and rules. Fish brought to Hoffman's Marina scales by vehicle will not be weighed in and will be disqualified.
27. For fish being transported for weigh-in by vehicle to BHMTTC, the fish must be immediately transferred from your fishing vessel to your vehicle and brought directly to BHMTTC for weigh-in during the official weigh-in times. Participants weighing in fish by vehicle must be present with the fish inside the property gates/fence of the BHMTTC by 8 pm— NO EXCEPTIONS
28. Fish being weighed in may be brought to the scale on a boat other than the boat it was caught on should a larger boat need to transfer a fish to a smaller boat to navigate the inlet or waterways to the scales. All other rules relating to deadlines still apply.
29. In the event of a malfunction in the primary weighing system, the Tournament shall switch to a back-up scale certified by the New Jersey Office of Weights and Measures or an approved vendor certifying the BHMTTC scales to the requirements of the New Jersey Office of Weights and Measures.
30. Boats fighting fish after 2:45pm must radio the hook-up immediately to a Committee Boat. All other radio communications must cease. Report of a hook-up between 2:45 and 3:00pm WILL NOT constitute a boated fish. For the fish to be eligible it must be:
REPORTED to a Committee Boat or to the BHMTTC, and HAVE BOATED TIME ASSIGNED BEFORE RETURNING TO THE DOCK. This is the responsibility of the Captain of the Vessel catching the fish. The Club radios will be on from 3:45pm-8:00pm.

31. All fish eligible for prizes must be brought to the official scale at the Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club or Hoffman's Marina by boat or in a vehicle (only at BHMTTC) between 4:30pm and 8:00pm on the same day as caught, and a completed catch report must be delivered to the Weigh Master. If a fish is being transported to weigh in by vehicle, a catch report must still be completed in the manner prescribed above.
32. For Beach Haven weigh-ins, the line drawn from 108 Marker to 120 degrees SE is the "finish line." Your boat must cross this line prior to 8 pm to weigh in any fish. A digital camera may be used to verify that the boat has passed or not by 8 pm satellite (GPS) time. In Manasquan Inlet for weigh-ins at Hoffman's Marina, the "finish line" is the northern monument of the Manasquan Inlet entrance with a straight line South.
33. In the event that you do not have fish to be brought to the scale, but have released White or Blue Marlin that day, you are responsible for turning in a completed catch report by 8:00pm that day. A release report may be faxed to the BHMTTC (609) 492-6566 or a picture can be taken of the completed release report and emailed to wmit@bhmtc.com with a copy to angling@bhmtc.com. Absence of catch or release reports means disqualified fish. NO EXCEPTIONS.
34. Any protest as to the weight of the fish, the manner in which it is being weighed or the condition of the fish must be made while the fish is on the scale to the Weigh Master. Once the fish has been removed from the scale, the weight is considered official and shall stand. Any fish under protest will be kept at Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club until the judges release an official decision. If a protest is made at Hoffman's, the fish will be turned over to the Weigh Master at Hoffman's who will transport (or accompany/observe the transport) of the fish to BHMTTC for further review.
35. Any other protest, including any boat observed fishing before 7:00am, must be presented to any tournament committee official by 9:00pm on the day of the alleged infraction. Protests made on the final day of fishing, Saturday July 29th, must be made by 8 pm. The Committee shall serve as judge, and their decision is final.
36. Weigh Master has the right to protest any fish.
37. In the event of a tie in the point category, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point total in its respective first or second day of fishing.
38. Only one day need be fished by at least one boat to make an official tournament and for the prizes to be awarded.
39. No entry of the White Marlin Invitational may participate in any other fishing tournament while fishing the Invitational (Exclusion is the BHMTTC Annual Fishing Tournaments, which also requires an angler to fill out a weigh slip).
40. The Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club reserves the right to cancel the tournament or modify any aspect of it at any time, for any reason.
41. Any amendments to the Rules will be announced at the Captain's Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th at 8pm at the Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club, 420 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ

08008, Each boat entry is strongly encouraged to have a representative attend the captain's meeting; however, it is not mandatory. Rule changes will be posted to www.TheWMIT.com prior to 11:59pm on July 25th. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES & ABIDE BY ALL RULES & REGULATIONS OF THIS TOURNAMENT.

42. Any boat not submitting their No Fish Day card by 9:30am on any given day is assumed to be fishing that day. Should a boat submit a No Fish Day card and still fish, that day of fishing is unofficial and cannot be counted or considered for anything in the tournament.
43. The captain and crew of a boat with mechanical problems may be allowed to switch boats. In this event, they will fish under the same name and same Tournament Boat Number. The Tournament Committee must approve such transfers.
44. All fish eligible for cash prizes may be subject to examination by Tournament judges and/or consulting biologists should there be any question about the freshness of the catch. It is the responsibility of the participant to keep all eligible catches in suitable and proper condition until weigh-in.
45. Any fish mutilated prior to boating or landing the fish by Shark, Propeller, etc. will be disqualified.
46. The White Marlin Invitational Tournament Committee reserves the right to select a single person or multiple persons (including the entire crew if ordered by the White Marlin Tournament Committee) on a registered vessel to take a polygraph exam. Any person(s) administered a polygraph exam must pass the exam for prize money or awards to be awarded.
47. The White Marlin Invitational Tournament Committee, in consultation with the polygraphist, will approve the list of questions to be asked on the polygraph exam.
48. The time and place for the polygraph testing will be announced at the Captain's meeting and listed in the Tournament Information Book that is distributed with the boat packets or posted on www.TheWMIT.com prior to 9 pm on Saturday, July 29th. In the event that a test cannot be taken at a scheduled time, tournament officials reserve the right to reschedule the test within 30 days of the date on which the fish was caught. In the event of a rescheduled polygraph, A White Marlin Invitational approved examiner administered to ASTM standards will perform the polygraph, which will be at the angler's expense.
49. If an angler wishes to dispute an unfavorable polygraph result, the angler may have a second polygraph conducted within 10 days by a certified polygraphist by the American Polygraph Association at the angler's expense. This polygraph must be administered to ASTM standards. The decision as to which of the two-polygraph tests will be used to determine prize money eligibility is that of the Tournament Committee in cooperation with the polygraph examiner(s).
50. The Treasure Chest will be based on a minimum of 65 boats.
51. Prize money will not be awarded to anyone who does not provide a social security number OR a Federal ID Number.

52. Prize money will not be awarded to anyone (individually or to a boat) selected by the Committee to take a polygraph test should that individual or members of the selected boat crew refuse to take a polygraph examination.

End of Rules

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JULY 25TH – JULY 29TH 2017**

*****BEACH HAVEN AND MANASQUAN INLET WEIGH STATIONS*****

Please read the registration form carefully, fill in the required information and mail it along with your check Payable to: BHMTC White Marlin Invitational • Attn: Dave Ridley • 144 E 84th Street, Apt. 2G • New York, NY 10028. Any questions, please contact Dave Ridley, Tournament Director • (908) 963-5924 / wmit@bhmtc.com

OWNER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ **MOBILE #:** _____ **FAX #:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON (SEE RULES RELATING TO NO FISH DAY CARD):

BOAT NAME: _____

BOAT MANUFACTURER: _____

REGISTRATION #: _____

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

SAT PHONE #: _____ **VHF SIDE BAND:** _____

OVERALL LENGTH: _____

BEAM: _____ **DRAFT:** _____

WEIGH STATION YOU MOST LIKELY WILL BE USING (CIRCLE ONE):

BEACH HAVEN MARLIN & TUNA CLUB

HOFFMAN'S MARINA

DEPARTING INLET: _____

VESSEL WILL BE DOCKED AT: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

POLICY #: _____ **LIABILITY COVERAGE:** _____

*****PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PAGE AND SUBMIT WITH REGISTRATION PAYMENT*****

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IF YOU AND YOUR CREW WILL BE ATTENDING THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING AT THE BEACH HAVEN MARLIN AND TUNA CLUB ON TUESDAY, JULY 25TH AT 8:00 PM.

YES: _____ # OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IF YOU AND YOUR CREW WILL BE ATTENDING THE AWARDS DINNER AND PARTY AT THE BEACH HAVEN MARLIN AND TUNA CLUB ON SATURDAY, JULY 29TH FROM 6 PM -11 PM

YES: _____ # OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION

BOATS 30' AND LARGER (6 DINNER TICKETS)

BOATS 29' AND UNDER (4 DINNER TICKETS)

REGISTERED PRIOR TO JUNE 1 - \$700 _____

REGISTERED THROUGH JULY 1 - \$700 _____

REGISTERED JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 1 - \$800 _____

REGISTERED AFTER JULY 1 - \$800 _____

REGISTERED AFTER JULY 1 - \$1000 _____

SEPARATE CHECKS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION AND CALCUTTAS, BOTH MADE PAYABLE TO: BHMTTC WHITE MARLIN INVITATIONAL

CALCUTTAS CAN BE ENTERED UP UNTIL THE END OF IN-PERSON REGISTRATION ON JULY 25, 2017 AT 8 PM, AND DO NOT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
IN PERSON REGISTRATION – TUESDAY, JULY 25TH 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club

PLEASE DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM AND BRING WITH YOU ALONG WITH PAYMENT.

NOTES:

A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT WILL BE PROVIDED IF EMAIL ADDRESS IS INCLUDED

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DAVE RIDLEY (908) 963-5924 OR EMAIL WMIT@BHMTTC.COM

***CASH OR CREDIT CARD IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY FEE AND CALCUTTAS AFTER JULY 15TH**

Entry Fee & Calcuttas paid before July 15th will be fully refunded if requested in writing prior to July 15, 2017.

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Registration Fee Worksheet

Registration Category	Deadline	Fee	Acceptable Forms of Payment	Total \$
Boats LOA 29' and under	Prior to 7/1/17	\$700	Check, Cash, Credit Card	
Boats LOA 29' and under	7/1/17 and later	\$800	Check (until 7/15/17), Cash, Credit Card	
Boats LOA 30' and greater	Prior to 6/1/17	\$700	Check, Cash, Credit Card	
Boats LOA 30' and greater	6/1/17 through 7/1/17	\$800	Check, Cash, Credit Card	
Boats LOA 30' and greater	After 7/1/17	\$1000	Check (until 7/15/17), Cash, Credit Card	
			Total	\$

Calcutta Fee Worksheet

Calcutta	Amount
\$1000 Blue Marlin	
\$500 Daily	
\$1000 Daily	
\$1500 Daily	
\$2000 Super Calcutta	
\$1000 White Marlin Release	
\$250 Dolphin/Wahoo Calcutta	
\$250 Bluefin Tuna	
\$250 29' and Under Calcutta	
Total Calcuttas	\$

I HAVE ENCLOSED: REGISTRATION (ENTRY) FEE: \$ _____

I HAVE ENCLOSED: CALCUTTAS: \$ _____

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FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS, PLEASE CALL DAVID RIDLEY AT (908) 963-5924 OR EMAIL WMIT@BHMTc.COM AND REQUEST A CREDIT CARD FORM TO BE PROVIDED

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2017 WMIT – Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Registration in Person – Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club (BHMTTC)

8:00 PM – Captain's Meeting and Dinner – Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club

Live music

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Fish Day Option 1

Scales open at BHMTTC & Hoffman's Marina from 4:30 PM – 8PM

Food Truck and drinks available at BHMTTC

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Fish Day Option 2

Scales open at BHMTTC & Hoffman's Marina from 4:30 PM – 8PM

Food Truck and drinks available at BHMTTC

Friday, July 28, 2017

Fish Day Option 3

Scales open at BHMTTC & Hoffman's Marina from 4:30 PM – 8PM

Food Truck and drinks available at BHMTTC

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Fish Day Option 4

Scales open at BHMTTC & Hoffman's Marina from 4:30 PM – 8PM

Food and drinks available at BHMTTC

Awards Ceremony – Approximately 9 PM

Live Music

The Tournament Committee may be able to assist you with dockage - the cost of which will be paid by you directly to the marina.

Morrison's Marina
(Adjacent to BHM&TC Clubhouse)
(609) 492-2150
2nd & Pennsylvania Ave., Beach Haven, NJ 08008
<http://www.morrisonslbi.com/>
morrisonslbi@att.net

Beach Haven Yacht Club
(609) 492-9101
20 West Ave., Beach Haven, NJ 08008
<http://www.beachhavenyachtclubmarina.com/Welcome.html>

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club
(609) 492-9750
Berkeley Ave., Beach Haven, NJ 08008
<http://www.lehyc.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

Shelter Harbor Marina
(609) 492-8645
11th & the Bay, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
www.shelterharbormarina-lbi.com

High Bar Harbor Yacht Club
(609) 494-8801
35 Sunset Boulevard
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008
www.hbhyc.com

Hoffman's Marina
(732) 528-6200
608 Green Avenue
Brielle, NJ 08730
<http://www.hoffmansmarina.com/>