

2024 WAR ON THE WATER
OFFSHORE DIVISION
Rules and Regulations

1. All Boats must be represented at the captains meeting on (8/2/24)
2. Boats must report the days they are fishing by calling **Dan Lorah @ 610-226-5674**. Please report your fishing day the evening or morning before your departure. If you are fishing (2) separate days, you must report each day prior to departure. Failure to report your fishing day may result in disqualification of weighed and releases reported. This is a **captain's choice format (8/26/24 to 8/30/24)** with no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which day to fish. The Michael Strange Foundation assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
3. **Boats may leave any inlet after 12:00 Midnight. Fishing times are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for Day trips.**
Overnight fishing times are 7:00AM day one to 3:30PM day two. Weigh in is from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ the Ocean City Yacht Club.
4. Fishing Boundaries are within **100 miles of the GE Inlet.**
5. All Billfish must be reported to a Committee Boat at the time of release. Provide boat name and number. If you cannot raise a Committee Boat, you must report your release to another boat fishing this tournament
6. Any fish hooked prior to 3:30PM may be played until boated or released, but the hookup must be reported to a Committee Boat prior to 3:30PM. **All boats must reach the Weigh Dock by 8:00PM, no exceptions.**
7. All boats must make weigh-in from 5:00Pm to 8:00PM upon return. **ALL Boats weighing fish must return via GE inlet directly to the Weigh Dock at OCYC in order to qualify for prize consideration. NO stopping at fuel dock or personal dock prior to weigh-in. All Boats must return their release form to the weigh dock by 8:00PM via:**
 - Hand off form to personnel at the OCYC weigh dock
 - Text Photo of release slip to Dan Lorah @ 610-226-5674 (CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF WEIGH SLIP MUST BE RECEIVED FROM DAN LORAH FOR THE RELEASES TO BE COUNTED)
8. In the event of a tie on the billfish release category, the winner will be the boat with the earliest time of release of their LAST billfish.
9. **Boated billfish do NOT count for points in this tournament.**
10. IN the event of a tie in a prize category other than billfish release category, the winner will be the fish brought to the scales first
11. If a cash prize category is not won, the guaranteed prize money will be divided equally among all other categories in the offshore division
12. VHF Channel 71 is the tournament Channel
13. Charter Boats are permitted
14. Awards, prizes, and Calcutta Payout eligibility: All fish must be caught in accordance with the following:
 - a. State and Federal regulations apply.
 - b. NMFS circle hook requirements: Any natural bait or natural bait/artificial lure combination may be rigged with non-offset circle hooks. J-hooks may be used on artificial lures that are NOT combined with natural baits

- c. IGFA rules apply: No restrictions on weight class of tackle. The Tournament Chairman and committee retain sole authority for interpreting IGFA rules and administering any such interpretation. EXCEPTION: Spreader bars are permitted
 - d. Use of electric reels is prohibited (Except for Dredges)
15. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Chairman or weigh master on the day of the alleged infraction. In the event of a protest, the Tournament Directors will have the sole and exclusive responsibility to investigate the alleged violation with the intent to determine if the alleged violation materially aided the angler, crew or vessel or otherwise affected the outcome of the tournament. The chairman, co-chairman and weigh master shall serve as judges and their decision shall be final. IN all cases, each registrant and their respective crew agree to be bound by the ruling of the tournament committee. Polygraph examination may be required of any crew claiming prizes.
16. By entering this tournament, each owner, captain, angler and crew holds harmless the Michael Strange Foundation and any staff or volunteer associated with this tournament from any and all liability whatsoever.

SCORING

Species	Release Points	Point per LB	Minimum Size	Limit
Blue Marlin	100	None	None	None
Other Billfish	50	None	None	None
Swordfish	75	1	100 lbs	None
Tuna	0	1	30 lbs	5
Dolphin	0	1	None	5
Wahoo	0	1	None	5

Trophies/Prizes awarded for each species

Overall winner will be the boat with most accumulated points across all species combined

CALCUTTAS

ENTRY FEES

- Entry into each Calcutta is separate and independent from one another
- CASH Only accepted for all Calcutta

Red: \$750
 White: \$350
 Blue: \$250
 Small Boat*: \$300

**Small Boat is open to boats 38' and under per the manufacturer*

PAYOUTS

50% in all Calcutta Categories
 30% in all Calcutta Categories
 20% in all Calcutta Categories

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Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

The undersigned, representing themselves to be an authorized agent of the official tournament registrant aboard the (Enter Boat Name):

BOAT NAME: _____

And hereby agrees, on behalf of the registrant, owner, crew and any invitees or guests, hereinafter referred to as the "Participating Team" and the participation of the above named boat on the 2024 War on the Water Tournament, to indemnify and hold harmless the Michael Strange foundation, its agents, officers, directors, representatives, the Tournament Director, and all Tournament volunteers, including indemnity for any negligent acts or omissions of the foregoing released and indemnified parties, from any and all liability, claims, or damages arising out of or in any many whatsoever connected with the planning, operation or conduct of the Tournament, and including but not limited to, claims for personal injury, wrongful death, survival damages, property damages, costs, expenses, or claims relating in any way to the awarding of prizes in the Tournament.

Each member of the Participating Team releases the 2024 War on the Water Tournament the right to publicize, photograph, and or broadcast the name of any Participating Team member as a prize winner, and all other matters incidental thereto.

The Participating Team acknowledges having been provided a copy of the Tournament Rules and Regulations, and understands that the decisions of the Tournament Directors shall be final in all cases involving alleged rules infractions, as well as the awarding of prizes, and agree to abide by and accept those decisions. We hereby waive any rights we may have to seek redress min any Municipal, State or Federal court regarding the administration of the Tournament or the awarding of Prizes.

Date: _____

Boat Owner/Captain: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____