Get ready to gear up, start those engines, and get down to Cape May for the 37th Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament hosted once again at South Jersey Marina on Schellenger's Landing. As this tournament continues to be one of the leading competitive big-game sport fishing events of the early season, we can only expect another banner year for the event! Even a breezy start to 2016 didn't prevent our angler's from fishing in great numbers! Our format to fish two out of three days allows captains and their crews, on vessels of all sizes, to choose their days without a weather committee. With our structured options of calcuttas, high cash payouts, and large number of participants annually, this is your opportunity to win big after a hunt on the ocean. Last year's purse exceeded $317,000 and had a payout of over $176,000 to the winning Mako!

The South Jersey Shark Tournament has always been one of the most memorable fishing events for anglers of all ages and levels. We do this while continuing to set the standard of sportsmanship throughout our event. All species are caught, released, or landed within federally compliant rules and regulations. With our minimum qualifying weight of 200lbs, we encourage conservation and stewardship for future growth of the shark population.

Entry fee for the event is $600 per boat which covers five entry tickets to our extensive dockside dinners, libations, and entertainment. All of which take place under our tournament tent at South Jersey Marina. We continue to provide shuttle services between South Jersey Marina and our sister facility, the Canyon Club Resort Marina for participants docked across the harbor. As always, we strive to exceed our participants, their friends, and families' expectations to be a leader in holding fun and rewarding sport fishing events!

Whether you're new to big game shark fishing or seasoned by the salt over the years on the water, the South Jersey Shark Tournament is your go to event. In our 37 years of hosting this event we have seen underdogs reign in as champions, and the winning fish weighed in at the last seconds. Between our record payouts, dockside festivities, and annual turnout, there's no better reason than to come fish the South Jersey Shark Tournament this year, starting June 7th through the 10th.

See you at the scales!
Sincerely,
Aaron T. Hoffman
The "New" South Jersey Tournament Director

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ENTRY FEE

$600 per boat

Entry Fee includes activity tickets for 5 participants
Additional tickets can be purchased at the Captains' Meeting for $35.00 per night or $60.00 for both nights.
Please include Entry Fee and Dockage with Entry Form.

EARLY BIRD ENTRY

Participants who pay their Entry Fee prior to June 1 will be eligible for a "Free Entry Drawing" which will be held at the Captains' Meeting. The lucky winner will receive a full refund of their $600 Entry Fee!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will take place at South Jersey Marina

Wednesday, June 7

6:00 PM • Late Registration

7:30 PM Sharp • Captains' Meeting

Thursday, June 8

6:00 AM • Depart Inlet **8:30 AM - 3:30 PM** • Fishing

2:30 PM - 7:30 PM • Weigh-In

Friday, June 9

6:00 AM • Depart Inlet **8:30 AM - 3:30 PM** • Fishing

2:30 PM - 7:30 PM • Weigh-In

6:30 PM • Dockside Dining, Entertainment

Saturday, June 10

6:00 AM • Depart Inlet **8:30 AM - 3:30 PM** • Fishing

2:30 PM - 7:30 PM • Weigh-In

6:30 PM • Dockside Dining, Music, Awards

Tournament VHF Radio Channels will be 69 (primary) and 71 (alternate).

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

The minimum weight for all sharks in this tournament is 200 lbs.

Heaviest Shark - Any Species	•	$3,000
2nd Heaviest Shark - Any Species	•	$1,500
3rd Heaviest Shark - Any Species	•	$1,000
Heaviest Mako - 200 lb. min.	•	$3,000
2nd Heaviest Mako - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,500
3rd Heaviest Mako - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,000
Heaviest Mako Day 1 - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,000
Heaviest Mako Day 2 - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,000
Heaviest Mako Day 3 - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,000
Heaviest Blue - 200 lb. min.	•	$1,000

Total • $15,000*

*Prize money will be paid to official registrant or their designees.
Tournament Prize money based on 100 boats entered.

PRIZES

Valuable trophies will be awarded for:

Most Points Mako • 2nd Most Points Mako • 3rd Most Points Mako

200 points per Mako Released

1 pt. per lb. for boated Makos equal to or over min. weight.

CALCUTTA INFO

Calcutta prize money is separate from tournament proceeds. You may enter as many as you wish or none at all. 94% of Calcutta entries will be paid out. To be eligible for Calcutta prizes, fish must be caught according to tournament rules and meet the tournament's minimum weights. Percentages listed are of total purse within each Calcutta.

OVERALL CALCUTTAS

Entry Fee - Calcutta "A" $400 • Calcutta "B" $800

Each Overall Calcutta covers the following categories

Heaviest Shark • 20% 2nd Heaviest Shark • 15%

Heaviest Mako • 25% 2nd Heaviest Mako • 15%

Heaviest Blue • 15% 2nd Heaviest Blue • 10%

In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish in that category. If no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories.

SUPER CALCUTTAS

DAILY DOUBLE • Entry Fee - $300

Covers the following categories for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Daily purses will depend on the number of boats fishing each day. Your entry in this Calcutta will only be added to the daily purse of the two days that you fish. (50% each day).

Daily Heaviest Mako - 35% of the day's purse

Daily 2nd Heaviest Mako - 15% of the day's purse

Daily Heaviest Shark - 35% of the day's purse

Daily 2nd Heaviest Shark - 15% of the day's purse

In the event that no fish is caught in a particular category, the prize money for that category will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories for that day. If no qualifying fish are caught on any day(s), the un-won prize money will be transferred evenly to the corresponding categories on the remaining days.

MAKO MANIA JACKPOT • Entry Fee - $1,000

Covers the Mako category only for the tournament overall

Heaviest Mako • 60% 2nd Heaviest Mako • 40%

In the event that no qualifying 2nd place fish is caught, the prize money will go to the 1st place fish. In the event that no qualifying fish are caught at all, the entries will be returned.

BIG MONEY MAKO • Entry Fee - $2,500

Heaviest Mako - Winner take all

In the event that no qualifying fish are caught at all, the entries will be returned.

UNDER 35' CALCUTTA

Entry Fee - $350

Heaviest Mako • 60% Heaviest Shark • 40%

In the event that a qualifying Mako is not caught, the prize money will go to the Heaviest Shark. In the event that no qualifying sharks are caught in the Calcutta, the Calcutta entry will be refunded. Boats must be 35' or less in length according to the given boat's model name.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

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 6:00 AM.
3. Fishing begins at 8:30 AM. No lines, chum, or bait of any kind may be put into the water until starting time is announced by a Committee Boat.
4. Fishing ends at 3:30 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 60 nautical miles from the Cape May Sea Buoy.
6. Weigh-in begins at 2:30 PM. All eligible fish must be available for weigh-in at South Jersey Marina by 7:30 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 11:00 AM 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 11:00 AM 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) Fish may be dispatched by gun or bangstick after they have been wired. The Tournament Directors retain sole authority for interpreting and implementing the I.G.F.A.'s rules. (The use of mammal blood or flesh is prohibited.)
9. No more than 5 lines may be fished from any boat, regardless of number of anglers.
10. All fish boated or released must be reported to a committee boat at the time of the catch.
11. Moves during the day should be accomplished with care for established slicks. Boats passing through competitors' slicks within 300 yards may be subject to disqualification.
12. For release purposes, a fish will be considered caught when the mate grabs the leader or the swivel touches the tip of the rod.
13. There are 3 available fishing days for the tournament. Fishing days for boats entered will be any 2 of the available 3 days, captains' choice; no weather committee. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which days to fish.
14. 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

15. Only one day need be fished for the tournament to be considered official & prizes to be awarded.
16. Fractional weights will be rounded to the nearest pound.
17. For release points to count, boats must be dockside by the weigh-in deadline and submit a Daily Catch Report by 7:30 PM.
18. In the event of a tie in the point categories, the winner shall be the first boat reaching the winning point accumulation.
19. In the event of a tie in the cash prize categories, the prize money will be equally divided between those tying.
20. In the event that all places are not filled the unwon prize money will be proportionally divided among the winners of that prize. In the event that any Tournament Prize category is not won at all, that prize money will be equally divided among the winners of the other categories with the exception of the prize money for daily heaviest Mako.
21. In the event that no qualifying Mako is caught on a particular day, the tournament prize money for Daily Heaviest Mako will be equally divided among the Daily Heaviest Mako winners on the remaining days. If there are no qualifying makos caught, the tournament prize money for Daily Heaviest Mako will go to heaviest shark.
22. For the purpose of identification, a Porbeagle will be considered a Mako.
23. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes, and calcuttas, fish must be caught in compliance with all tournament rules. Said rules includes conformance to state and federal size limits and possession of a current NMFS angling, general or charter/headboat category HMS permit, with any applicable endorsement.
24. 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

25. The designated tournament VHF radio channels are 69 (Primary) and 71 (Alternate)
26. Registration is by boat rather than by angler. Tournament Directors reserve the right to decline entry of any boat or crew.
27. The Tournament Directors and hosting facilities assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
28. 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.
29. 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.

REMEMBER TO RESERVE YOUR BAIT

Have your bait delivered to your boat daily. Whole mackeral (25# flats) and chum (whole bunker, bunker and mackeral) available at South Jersey and Canyon Club.
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All smiles out of the "El Cid III" crew as they receive their winnings in the 2016 South Jersey Shark Tournament!

The crew of the "Reel Games" celebrating their Heaviest Mako after winning the winner takes all Big Money Mako Calcutta in 2016!

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Name of Boat _____

Manufacturer _____ Year _____ Length _____ ☐ Inboard ☐ Outboard

Name of Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell # _____ Work # _____ Home # _____

Email Address _____

Dockage rate: $3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day, 4 day minimum.

Dockage required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like dockage at: (if applicable) ☐ South Jersey Marina ☐ Canyon Club Marina

Electric Required: ☐ Single 30 amp ☐ Twin 30 amp ☐ 50 amp

Fuel Required: ☐ Gas ☐ Diesel

☐ I would like to volunteer as a committee boat.

Entry Fee _____

Dockage _____

Daily Double Calcutta: $300* _____

Under 35' Calcutta: $350* _____

Overall Calcutta "A": $400* _____

Overall Calcutta "B": $800* _____

Mako Mania Jackpot: $1,000* _____

Big Money Mako: $2,500* _____

Total Enclosed _____

Payment of Entry Fee does not constitute a guarantee of dockage. Dockage (if needed) must be paid in advance to guarantee a berth for the tournament. Dockage rate is $3.25 per foot, (includes electric) per day X 4 days minimum.

Entry Fees are not refundable after the commencement of the Captains' Meeting unless the tournament is cancelled.

*All Calcuttas are strictly optional.

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