



The 64th Annual Long Island Marlin & Tuna Tournament

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Fish Categories

Tuna: Big Eye
Bluefin
Yellowfin
True Albacore
Minimum weight 30 lb. all tuna
1st and 2nd each species

Shark: Mako - *minimum 83 inches*
Thresher - *minimum 125 lbs.*
1st and 2nd only

Dolphin: *minimum 5 lbs.*
1st and 2nd only

Marlin: Blue Marlin
White Marlin
catch and release only

***Prizes to be determined**

****ADD DAY CATEGORY "INSHORE" \$150.00****

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Day Category 2019 OFFSHORE

Date: Thursday, Friday, Saturday OR Sunday

Tournament Hours: 5:00 am to 8:00 pm

Tournament Mission:

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2. YOU MAY FISH **ONE** OF THE FOUR DAYS: CAPTAIN'S CHOICE!
3. The Captain's Meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday July 17th at Captain Bill's Restaurant, 122 Ocean Ave, Bay Shore, NY 11706.
4. Each participating boat must have a representative attend the Captain's Meeting.
5. **The entry fee is \$250.00** payable to SSMTC.
6. Participating boats must display their Tournament numbers throughout the Tournament fishing day.
7. All fish shall be weighed in with a current (valid) NMFS permit and must comply with current Federal Regulations. For permit information visit <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/> or call the HMS Management Division at (888) 872-8862.
8. Boats must be a minimum of 23 feet in length to enter the LIMTT.

Safety:

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3. If a Captain decides not to fish any of the four days of the Tournament (e.g. weather, crew, vessel, etc.) and never hands in his angler card, the boat is entitled to the return of their entry fee less 20% [operating cost].
4. All participating boats must be equipped with a VHF radio (Tournament channel 69) and ALL Coast Guard required Safety Equipment.
5. If a participating boat becomes disabled for any reason and has to be towed, the towing boat must report its location, number of the fish on board and the estimated time of arrival. In the event that both boats arrive after the official deadline, only the towing boat can qualify for weigh-in. No Exceptions!
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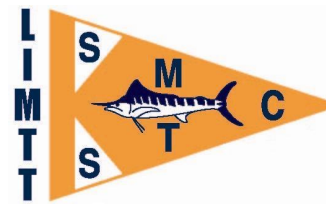
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4. Reels may only have one handle and no line heavier than 130lbs. may be used.
5. No harpoon equipment, bang sticks, firearms etc. of any type are permitted.
6. Federal law mandates that all anglers participating in a tournament which bestows points, prizes, or awards for Atlantic blue & white marlin must deploy only non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait and/or natural/artificial lure combinations. Anglers in these tournaments may only use J-hooks in solely artificial lures.
7. Boats are to fish within the NMFS regulations at all times. In the event that the NMFS makes changes in regulations (specifically but not limited to bluefin tuna) the Tournament participants are responsible for being aware of the changes on a daily basis and must fish accordingly.

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1. Official starting time on each day will be at 5am. No boat can break any inlet before 5am.
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11. A valid NMFS/HMS permit must be presented at the time of weigh-in or the fish will not be permitted on the dock.
12. The Tournament Committee may request to inspect tackle and fish at any time at their own discretion.
13. All shot or mutilated fish will be thoroughly examined by the weigh-master and/or Tournament Committee and their decision as to eligibility to qualify is final.
14. The weigh-master and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to cut open any fish for inspection of any suspected weight altering. Insertion of weights, ice or water, etc. is not permitted.
15. All tuna must be bled [e.g. raking the gills] by making an incision behind the gill plate.
16. For all Tournament purposes, the official weight of the fish will be the weight recorded for the carcass in whatever condition it is weighed; absolutely no allowances will be made for blood, guts or heads removed from the fish prior to official weigh-in, and no heads or guts will be weighed separately.
17. All fish are the participant's responsibility throughout the entire Tournament, including the weigh-in.
18. Contestants take full responsibility for ineligible fish.
19. **The angler shall fight the fish alone until boated or released. No passing the rod!**
20. Anglers from another boat may not help in any aspect of fighting, boating and/or releasing any fish.
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22. All blue and white marlin must be caught on a "catch and release" basis. Any blue or white marlin brought back to the dock will result in an **automatic disqualification** from the Tournament. All boats must have a digital camera [with date feature] to take a picture of the blue and white marlin to qualify for release points. The picture must be taken with the fish "boatside." In the event the picture is unclear to whether it is a blue or white marlin, the fish will be declared a white marlin. Digital video can help in species determination. The LIMTT strongly *discourages* Tournament participants from pulling marlin out of the water and into their boats.
23. Photographic evidence of any blue or white marlin catch and release(s) must be brought to one of the designated weigh stations by 8PM in the same manner (on the boat it was caught on) as a physical weighable species and presented to the weigh-master.
24. In the event that no boats fish the Tournament, all prize money will be returned less 20% operating cost at our following General Membership Meeting (8 pm Captain Bill's Restaurant).
25. Any gross misconduct on land or on the water during the Tournament will result in disqualification by the Tournament Committee.
26. Any winning teams may be subject to polygraph examinations at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
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Blue Fish: *minimum 5 lbs.*
1st, 2nd and 3rd

Fluke: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Sea Bass: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Striped Bass: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

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21. A protest may only be filed by a boat captain or participating crew member registered on their angler card. Protests by Tournament participants will be called to the attention of the Tournament Committee [in writing] within one half hour of the final weigh-in time. If a Tournament Committee member is not present, call the designated phone numbers provided at the Captain's Meeting. A protest fee equal to the entry fee is required. A protest may be filed by a Tournament Director and/or a Tournament Committee Member until the time the prizes are awarded. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final!
22. All blue and white marlin must be caught on a "catch and release" basis. Any blue or white marlin brought back to the dock will result in an **automatic disqualification** from the Tournament. All boats must have a digital camera [with date feature] to take a picture of the blue and white marlin to qualify for release points. The picture must be taken with the fish "boatside." In the event the picture is unclear to whether it is a blue or white marlin, the fish will be declared a white marlin. Digital video can help in species determination. The LIMTT strongly *discourages* Tournament participants from pulling marlin out of the water and into their boats.
23. Photographic evidence of any blue or white marlin catch and release(s) must be brought to one of the designated weigh stations by 8PM in the same manner (on the boat it was caught on) as a physical weighable species and presented to the weigh-master.
24. In the event that no boats fish the Tournament, all prize money will be returned less 20% operating cost at our following General Membership Meeting (8 pm Captain Bill's Restaurant).
25. Any gross misconduct on land or on the water during the Tournament will result in disqualification by the Tournament Committee.
26. Any winning boats or anglers may be subject to polygraph examinations at the Tournament Committee's discretion.
27. Any last minute changes will be announced at the Captain's Meeting on Wednesday, July 17th at 7:30PM. Boats are responsible for these changes. All participants are responsible for the information and rules herein and those reviewed at the Captain's Meeting.