

Ta-Ta Tuna Tournament

July 4th through July 10th 2010

Entry Fee & Entry Fee Payout

Entry fee is **\$200 per boat if received by June 26th**; after that, the cost is **\$250 per boat**. Entry money will be accepted for late registration through out the tournament. Late registration fee must be received by noon the day before fishing takes place and can only be paid to a IRBA officer. Online registration & payment (including entry fee & calcuttas) available before July 3rd. See www.irba.us for details. There is a guaranteed payout of 50% of the entry monies. It will be split 50%, 30% and 20% for the first, second and third heaviest Tuna. Trophies will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd heaviest Tuna and the heaviest Dolphin.

Captain's Meeting

Will be held on **July 3rd** at the Indian River Marina from **6:00 to 9:00pm** A representative from each boat **should** attend the meeting. It is the responsibility of the participants to fully understand the printed rules.

Tournament Dates

July 4th to July 10th. Boats may fish only **2 of the 7 days** of this tournament. **Boats must declare a fish day** by calling **302 537 6728 by 7:00 am** on the FISH day . Please leave boat name and tournament number. If you do not call, then your boat is considered **NOT** fishing for that day.

Fishing Hours

Boats may leave any port or ramp they wish within the tournament boundaries but not earlier than 4:00 AM. No lines, teasers or bait of any kind may be put in the water until **7:00am**. All lines and teasers must be out of the water at **3:00pm**. Fish hooked up before 3:00pm may be fought until caught or released.

Boundary Limits

Boundary limit is **100 nautical miles** from Indian River sea buoy (Green Can). Your track for the days fishing must be left on your GPS until your fish are tagged or weighed. See rule 13.

Weigh-In Times

Weigh-in starts at **5:00pm**. No fish may be weighed prior to that time. Scales close at **7:00pm**. Any fish not available for weigh-in by 7:00pm for any reason will not qualify. **Exception:** to accommodate anglers from Ocean City and Lewes, a tournament official will be stationed at White Marlin marina and Lewes Harbor marina from 5:00 to 7:00PM to tag eligible fish for transport **directly** to the tournament scales at Indian River Marina. **Time will be allowed to transport tagged fish from Ocean City and Lewes to Indian River.** All fish must be weighed or tagged directly from the tournament registered boat from which they were caught. Fish must be brought to the IRBA scale at the fish cleaning facility in Indian River Marina. You may weigh 3 Tuna and one Dolphin per day fished.

Eligible Tuna Species

Eligible Tuna species for the Ta-Ta Tuna tournament will be Yellowfin tuna (includes big eye) and Bluefin tuna. In this event, a big eye tuna will be considered a Yellowfin for identification purposes & will be eligible as such in all tournament & Calcutta categories.

Additional Rules :

1. All fish must be caught by rod and reel only. In order to be eligible for awards, prizes & Calcuttas, fish must be caught legally by state & federal regulations under an angling, general or charter / headboat permit
2. This is a **trolling or chunking** tournament.
3. Each boat must prominently display their tournament number while fishing.
4. In the event of a breakdown, you may use an alternate boat after getting permission from the tournament director. Your tournament number must be displayed on the alternate boat.
5. All fish eligible for awards & cash prizes may be subject to examination by tournament directors.
6. Protest committee will consist of tournament director & weigh master. The tournament committee shall have the right to rule and decide on any dispute. Their decision is final and binding in any matter.
7. Polygraph examination may be required of winning crews.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the participant to keep all eligible catches in suitable condition until weigh-in.
9. No fish may be placed in the walk in freezer at the fish cleaning facility before weigh in.
10. A representative from the boat must remain with the fish until the fish has been weighed on the tournament scale.
11. The crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which days to fish. The IRBA and it's sponsors assume no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.
12. Only one day needs to be fished by one boat to make the tournament official and award prizes. The IRBA director has the right to cancel the tournament.
13. The days GPS track line must be available for tournament official review at the weigh in or tagging stations. Failure to comply with this rule will disqualify that days catch.

2010 Calcutta Information Ta-Ta Tuna Tournament

After entering the Ta-Ta Tuna Tournament, boats may enter any or all of the nine added entry divisions of :

- A. **Heaviest Bluefin Tuna** \$100
- B. **Heaviest Yellowfin (includes Bigeye)** \$100
- C. **Combined weight for 3 heaviest Tuna caught during the two days of fishing*** \$100

For the three Calcutta's above:

- 1st place pays 50%
- 2nd place pays 30%
- 3rd place pays 20%

- D. **Heaviest Tuna** takes all \$100
- E. **Heaviest combination of 3 Tuna caught during the two days of fishing*** takes all at \$100
- F. **Breast Cancer Charity Heaviest Tuna **** \$100
- G. **Daily Calcutta Heaviest Tuna ***** \$100
- H. **Heaviest Dolphin** takes all \$100
- I. **Ladies Division ****** \$100

- Must be a total of three fish. Can be a combination of any eligible tuna

** 50% will be donated to the breast cancer foundation. 50 % to the heaviest tuna entered in this Calcutta .
If there is no Tuna caught in this Calcutta half the money will be refunded.

*** Your entry in this Calcutta will only be added to the daily purse of the two days that you fish.

**** A cash award will be presented to the lady angler who catches the largest tuna. A fish may be hooked by someone other then the lady angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the lady angler after hook-up. From that point on, the lady angler must fight the fish until boated or released.

95% of all the Calcutta money will be awarded except Calcutta F.

NOTE: You can only win money from a Calcutta that you entered.

In the event of a tie for a first place fish, the first and second place monies will be split. The third place monies will go to the next heaviest fish. In the event of a tie for a second place fish, the second and third place monies will be split. There will be no third place winner. In the event of a tie for third place, the third place monies will be split. For categories that have first, second and third place, if there are no second or third place fish, the first place fish takes all. If there is no third place fish, the first and second place fish split the third place money. If the Calcutta C categories are not filled, that money will be split between the Calcutta's A & B; 50%, 30% & 20%. If Calcutta D is not filled, that money will go to the winner of Calcutta E that was entered in Calcutta D. If Calcutta E is not filled, that money will go to the winner of Calcutta D that was entered in Calcutta E. If Calcutta H is not filled, that money will go to the winner of Calcutta D that was entered in Calcutta H. If there are no qualifying fish for Calcutta F, then 50% of the money will be refunded. If there are no qualifying fish for Calcutta I, that money will go to the winner of Calcutta F.

If Calcutta G is not filled when participating boats fish, the money goes to the heaviest dolphin. If no qualifying fish are caught, a drawing will be held between participating boats with the money going to the winner.

Tournament Director Bill Conrad