

## 2nd annual frederick mssa mid-summer tuna tournament rules

1. entry fee: \$125.00 per boat.
2. tournament dates and location: july 17 and 18, 2004 - chincoteague, virginia.
3. eligible fish species: all tunas except false albacore.
4. weigh-in: fish must be brought to official weigh-in station by boat directly from fishing by water.
6. fishing hours: no lines in the water before 5:30 am. all lines must be out of the water by 3:00 pm. you still must be back to the official scales no later than 7:00 pm.
7. the minimum length for weighing-in any tuna will be 27 inches (curved fork length).
8. fishing boundaries have been designated as 100 miles from the chincoteague inlet.
9. all fish must be brought to the official weigh-in scales at captain bob's marina in chincoteague. scales will be open from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. no fish will be weighed after 7:00 pm unless you are in line with fish in hand or have been recognized by the weigh-master as being in the boat weigh-in line.
10. only one day need be fished in order to make an official tournament and for prizes to be awarded.
11. in the event of a weight tie in any segment of the entire tournament, the places will be combined and the prize money will be divided equally.
12. only three (3) fish of each tournament species per boat can be weighed-in per day. heaviest fish of the three (3) will be registered as tournament entry. largest tuna is determined by weight only. boat captain must choose his three (3) fish to be weighed for each day.
13. all fish must be caught on hook and line while chunking or trolling.
14. vhf channel#71 will be the official tournament channel.
15. one prize per boat.
16. main tournament prize money:  
1st place - 40% of pool    2nd place - 30% of pool  
3rd place - 20% of pool    largest dolphin - 10% of pool
17. in the event no dolphin are weighed in, the largest dolphin category prize will be awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup> place tuna.
18. no uncleaned fish (category species) can be on the boat before the start of the day.
19. captain must be a frederick chapter mssa member.
20. only whole complete fish will be weighed suspended from the tail on the official weigh in scale.
21. a portion of the water may be closed for navy activities.
22. this is not a refundable event so long as the inlet remains open.
23. participants enter the tournament at their own risk and discretion and accept full responsibility for boat and anglers. there is no weather committee. it is the captain's decision of each individual boat whether to participate each or any day of the tournament.