

EAST COAST



THE BITE

CHAMPION'S
—CUP—



2022 *InTheBite* **CHAMPION'S CUP**

EAST COAST DIVISION



Welcome to the *InTheBite Magazine* Champion's Cup. Since 2014, *InTheBite* has awarded its prestigious Captain of the Year honor to the most successful captain in this sanctioned tournament competition in five separate and geographically diverse divisions: Florida, Hawaii, International, Gulf and East Coast.

Back for 2022, we are once again adding an optional paid entry with a winner-takes-all prize format for teams who want to up the stakes in the East Coast division utilizing our longstanding tournament scoring formula.

Our website, the official scoring app and every issue of *InTheBite Magazine* will be updated with leaderboard scores and prize money upon the completion of each event. We are excited to offer you the opportunity and celebrate your Champion's Cup success in 2022.

Please note the *InTheBite* Captain of the Year program has not changed and the Champion's Cup is in addition to the time-honored tradition.

All the best,

Captain Dale E Wills
Tournament Chairman | Publisher

WINNER-TAKE-ALL FORMAT FOUR WAYS TO WIN



- 1. Largest Division Blue Marlin:**
Largest sanctioned tournament caught blue marlin. (90% payout)
Entry: \$1500
- 2. Largest Division White Marlin:**
Largest sanctioned tournament caught white marlin. (90% Payout)
(Only two events qualify: White Marlin Open and MidAtlantic tournaments) Entry: \$1,500
- 3. Most Division Points:**
Points are awarded for first (500), second (300) and third (100) place finishes within the sanctioned tournaments. Winning a multi-event series earns an additional 250 points. (90% payout) Entry: \$1500

Duration: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

Register: [ReelTimeApps.com](https://reeltimeapps.com)

More Info: info@inthebite.com

2022 InTheBite CHAMPION'S CUP

EAST COAST DIVISION RULES



East Coast Division Champions

- 2020 Capt. Russell Sinclair | *Wave Paver*
1000 Points
- 2019 Capt. Ryan Knapp | *Top Dog*
1000 Points
- 2018 Capt. Alan Neiford | *Mister Pete*
1750 Points
- 2017 Capt. Chucky Moore | *Gryphon*
1050 Points
- 2016 Capt. Harvey Shiflet | *Anticipation*
1000 Points
- 2015 Capt. Gary Richardson | *Reel Passion* | 2250 Points
- 2014 Capt. Mike King | *Stream Weaver* |
1100 Points

TOURNAMENT PARAMETERS:



Eligibility: *InTheBite's* Captain of the Year Champion's Cup is open to all teams registered in compliance with the rules of each sanctioned tournament. The registered team must be the sanctioned tournament registered team in order to receive points or most releases prizes.

Eligible Events: *InTheBite* shall manage an official Captain of the Year Champion's Cup sanctioned tournament calendar, consisting of the most prestigious and popular billfish tournaments in the world.

Changing Boats: The series points for the Champion's Cup reside with the registered boat and the owner of that boat. If a registered boat elects not to participate in a sanctioned tournament and other members of the team wish to continue forward on a new boat with those points, they may do so provided at least 3 of the original team members are on board the new boat and approval in writing has been provided by the owner of the original boat. However, points may not be transferred to another boat already competing in the series.

Scoring: Points are accrued through *InTheBite* Captain of the Year Champion's Cup sanctioned tournaments and listed for each tournament (see schedule). Championships points: 250 points will be awarded for each championship win. The following are eligible championships for the East Coast Division: South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series, North Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series.

Disputes: *InTheBite* Champion's Cup board shall have the final and binding decision on any questions or disputes that may arise during the year.

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CHAMPION'S CUP
EAST COAST DIVISION RULES CONT'D



TOURNAMENT PARAMETERS:

Tracking: Scores shall be made available online at *InTheBite.com* and will be updated as quickly as possible following each sanctioned tournament. The results shall come from the official tournament standings. *InTheBite* shall not become involved in disputes over the legitimate winners of the sanctioned tournaments but will follow the lead as directed from each event.

Ties: In the event of any tie at the conclusion of the season, the team who reached their point total first shall be declared the winner. In the event of both teams receiving the same points in their last event, the one who competed in the highest number of *InTheBite* sanctioned tournaments shall be declared the winner. In the event the top two have the same number of tournaments, they shall be declared co-winners for that year.

Vacant Prize Category: In the event of a vacant prize category among the division registered boats, the division category prize will be rolled over to the next year and the entries will start anew.

Protests: Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rules violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than the close of the fishing day on the day of the alleged violation. Along with a non-refundable \$500. The rules committee will address protests; the decisions of the committee and director are final. Teams may be subject to polygraph if necessary and agree to polygraph by filing said protest.

Refunds: No refunds for entry fees.

Hold Harmless: All registered teams and non-registered occupants of their boats enter and participate in this series voluntarily at their own risk. In consideration for the series' acceptance of his or her entry, each angler, for his or her heirs, executors, and administrators, agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify the series (*InTheBite* LLC) its officers, managers, directors, agents, sponsors, donors, the city and county where the event is held, and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the series, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, fees or expenses, which he or she may have against any above-described party, or which his or her captains, crew members, family members, companions or non-registered occupants of their boat may have, arising out of or in any way connected with his or her participation in this series, including any injury or death suffered by any registered angler, boat captains, crew members, family members, companions or other occupants of any boat, and including any damage to vessels and equipment, which occurs during or in conjunction with the event. Each team understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims based on libel, slander, negligence, action or inaction of any above-named party.



East Coast Division Schedule of Events

Awards presentation will be scheduled at the conclusion of the year



May 11-14, 2022

Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

May 10-14, 2022

Hatteras Village Offshore Open

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

May 25-28 2022

Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

May 26-29, 2022

Swansboro Rotary Memorial Day Blue Water Fishing Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

June 1-4, 2022

Cape Fear Blue Marlin Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

June 10-19, 2022

The Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

June 22-25, 2022

Carolina Billfish Classic

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

TBA

Megadock Billfish Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

July 4, 2022

World Cup

500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

July 20-23, 2022

Edisto Marina Billfish Tournament

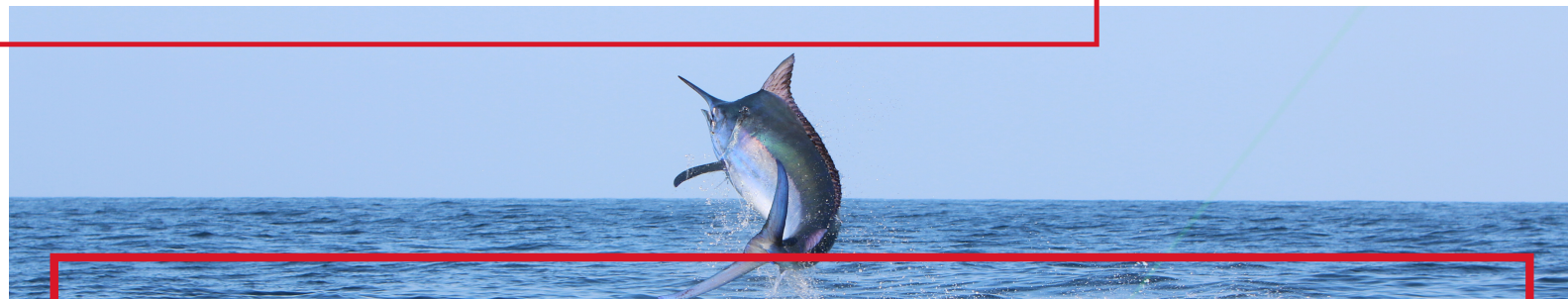
500 points for 1st place release team
300 points for 2nd place release team
100 points for 3rd place release team
500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

South Carolina Governor's Cup

250 points for overall winning team

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North Carolina Governor's Cup

250 points for overall winning team

TBA

Dare County Boat Builders Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team

300 points for 2nd place release team

100 points for 3rd place release team

500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

July 29-31, 2022

HUK Big Fish Classic

500 points for 1st place release team

300 points for 2nd place release team

100 points for 3rd place release team

500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

July 2022

*Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament

500 points 1st place overall

300 points 2nd place overall

100 points 3rd place overall

August 8-12, 2022

**White Marlin Open

500 points for 1st place release team

300 points for 2nd place release team

100 points for 3rd place release team

500 points for largest tournament white marlin

August 3-4, 2021

Alice Kelly Memorial Ladies Only Billfish Tournament

500 points for 1st place release team

300 points for 2nd place release team

100 points for 3rd place release team

500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

August 13-19, 2022

*Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament

500 points 1st place overall

300 points 2nd place overall

100 points 3rd place overall

August 17-20, 2021

Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club

White Marlin Invitational

500 points for 1st place release team

300 points for 2nd place release team

100 points for 3rd place release team

500 points for largest tournament white marlin

August 21-26, 2021

***The MidAtlantic

500 points for 1st place release team

500 points for largest tournament blue marlin

500 points for largest tournament white marlin

August 24-27, 2022

*Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament

500 points 1st place overall


300 points 2nd place overall

100 points 3rd place overall

*The following tournament combines harvested fish and release points for overall scoring.

**Scoring for the purpose of the Champion's Cup awards the heaviest white marlin 500 points and points for white marlin releases.

***Scoring for the purpose of the Champion's Cup scores the heaviest blue marlin, heaviest white marlin and most overall releases 500 points for each.

 White marlin tournaments