



# Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club

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## *Minutes of Trustees Meeting July 13, 2011 Rella's Restaurant, Brielle*

President Dan Burns called the meeting to order. Officers in attendance were Steve Mellett, Treasurer ; Ken Warchal, Secretary and Past President Tony Cuccia. Trustees in attendance were Jim Carton, JP Dalik, Butch Kross, Ralph Munsie, Joe Oles, Dan Purdy, Lenny Smith and RobWedeking. Mike Benti , Club webmaster, also attended.

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's report. It was noted that one additional member signed up for the Monthly Derby bring the total of participants to forty four (44) members.

It's still not too late to enter. The entry application is posted in the members only section of our website [www.mrmmtc.com](http://www.mrmmtc.com) (user name: blackfish, password: mrmmtc) under" member downloads"

A new member application was received from Kathy Manning who is the daughter of fellow member John Visceglia. The officers and trustees unanimously approved her application. We welcome her into the Club and wish her tight lines and calm seas.

The Ladies and Juniors Tournament was another success this year. Forty one (41) boats entered, eighty five (85) ladies and one hundred (100) juniors fished. There are some great photos posted in the "members only" section of our web site. Check them out. Many thanks go to Dan and Vicky Burns and John and Patty Muly for spearheading this tournament as well as to the L&J Committee for all their efforts and time spent. Thanks also go to Larry Grafas of Hoffman's Marina, the Fontana family of Sportfish Products, the Carduners of Silver Decoy Winery, the Niccolais, Bob Nelson and Rich of Reel Life Bait and Tackle for their generous donations

Mike Benti reported the website is receiving significant activity. He's seeing referrals from NJ Fishing and the Bass Barn as well as some international activity. One visitor was from Pakistan ! As always, please send Mike ([Michael@benti.net](mailto:Michael@benti.net)) any photos and information you would like posted. Don't be bashful. We all enjoy seeing Club member catches.



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Butch advises that we will have five (5) or more platinum sponsors for the Offshore Open tournament. A platinum sponsor donates \$1500 in cash. That is really significant given this is only the second year of the recent push to make this an open tournament with the goal of being the flagship tournament of offshore competition out of Manasquan River. This is a reflection of Butch and the OO Tournament Committee's efforts and dedication to the Club as well as the support of all the sponsors.

The Jack Meyer and Bluefin tournaments are now history. Congratulations to all the winners. The results and tournament photos have been posted to the web site.

Joe reviewed the activity of the Tournament Committee. Next in line is the Fluke Tournament. The captain's meeting is at Southside Marina on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>. Fishing days are Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> through Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

Joe also advises that the Offshore Open Tournament Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to promote this event and make certain it's executed in a very professional manner.

Lastly and most regrettably, we are saddened to report the passing of James "Buddy" Cortese, captain of the Mako My Day II. Buddy passed Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> while some thirty five (35) miles offshore returning from an overnight trip in the Hudson Canyon. On behalf of all our members, the officers and trustees of Manasquan River Marlin & Tuna Club extend our deepest condolences to Buddy's family and many friends. He will be missed.

The next trustees meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Warchal, Secretary