

Mid-Summer Tournament

For a quarter of a century, Star Island Yacht Club has been hosting its annual mid-summer sport fishing tournament: the Mako, Thresher & Tuna Tournament. This year's tournament will take place from August 4th to 5th. With overnight fishing and expanded categories, this will be the most exciting tournament sport fishing enthusiasts and spectators

will see this August on the East End.

Prizes will be offered for Heaviest Mako, Heaviest Thresher and Heaviest Tuna. Once again, anglers can also bring in any species of Tuna, including Blue Fin; this gives the participants better odds of bringing in the winning catch. As a result of this expansion last year, Star Island paid out more than

\$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Back for this year's tournament is overnight fishing, which will allow participants to stay out overnight, in the event they did not have fish to weigh in for the first day or if they weighed in earlier and wanted to get a head start on Day Two.

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Although only one shark may be weighed in per day, more than one tuna may be weighed per day, as long as the anglers are in accordance with National Marine Fisheries regulations.

Last year, the heaviest shark caught was a 288-pound Mako aboard Capt. Chuck Mallinson's Joy Sea.

Participants and fans will also have the opportunity to learn about these mysterious, sometimes dangerous and often misunderstood species from marine biologists who will be on-site. These marine biologists will be available to comment on the migration habits, predatory nature and the health of the species.

Fishing starts at 6 a.m. on both days and ends on Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 5 p.m. An awards ceremony will commence at the end of the tournament. Entry fee is \$800 per boat. For anglers who would like to get in on the action but do not own a boat, the Star Island Yacht Club Charter Boat fishing fleet is available for hire for one or both days of the tournament.

Star Island wishes to advise all prospective participants that, as per Environmental Conservation Law 13-0338, New York State law now requires that all shark tournament participants use non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks exclusively.

Dockage is available on

a first-come, first-serve basis. Transient rates for the tournament are \$6.00 per foot for up to 59 feet, \$6.50 per foot for 60 to 84 feet and \$7.50 per foot for 85 feet and up. Utilities are \$30 for 30-amp and single-cord, 50-amp service and \$50 for two-cord, 50-amp service.

To make your reservation, or for more information, call 631.668.5052, or visit www.starislandyc.com.