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The 52nd Annual White Marlin Open — the world's largest billfishing tournament — concluded yesterday with fierce competition, impressive catches, and monumental payouts. Across multiple divisions — White Marlin, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin — the leaderboard showcases top boats, anglers, species, weights, and points.

Final Results & Payouts

White Marlin Division

1st Place: Boat: Billfisher — Angler: Dan Gough (Ocean City, MD) — Weight: 72 lb

2nd Place: Boat: Catch 23 — Angler: Trey “Cricket” McMillan (Michael Jordan's boat, Charleston, SC) — Weight: 71 lb

Blue Marlin Division

1st Place: Boat: Barbara B — Angler: Drew Osmeyer (Timonium, MD) — Weight: 929.5 lb

Tuna Division

1st Place: Boat: Sea Hab — Angler: Jonathan Cianciulli (Cape May, NJ) — Weight: 188 lb

2nd Place: Boat: Shorebilly — Angler: Alex Eason (Cordova, MD) — Weight: 186.5 lb

3rd Place: Boat: Mama C — Angler: Tommy Farella (New Smyrna Beach, FL) — Weight: 95 lb

Wahoo Division

1st Place: Boat: SHOOTING STAR — Angler: Chris Jones (Pottstown, PA) — Weight: 49.5 lb

Dolphin Division

1st Place: Boat: Barbara B — Angler: Andrew Schreiber (Essex, MD) — Weight: 32.5 lb

2nd Place: Boat: RoShamBo — Angler: Rusty Shriver (Leonardtown, MD) — Weight: 27 lb

3rd Place: Boat: Sweet Freedom — Angler: Angelo Ponte (New York, NY) — Weight: 26.5 lb

Top Anglers (by points)

1. Rob Wagner (Taylor Jean) — 595 points
2. TJ Ely (Irish Twin) — 490 points
3. Matthew Gessler (Boy's Toy) — 420 points

Top Boats (by points)

1. Taylor Jean — 1,085 points
2. Lights Out 62 — 945 points
3. Catch 23 — 806 points

2025 Estimated Payouts by Boat

Billfisher — \$3,928,119.74
Barbara B — \$1,271,759.73
Sea Hab — \$764,325.86
Catch 23 — \$404,877.95
Bow Down — \$132,667.85
Mama C — \$111,529.04
Shorebilly — \$85,647.86
SHOOTING STAR — \$74,145.00
No Limit — \$64,785.64
Don't Ask — \$64,447.44
Taylor Jean — \$59,719.00
C■Student — \$52,837.39
Special Situation — \$39,783.00
Lights Out 62 — \$32,574.00
Hot Lick — \$28,764.80
RoShamBo — \$18,950.83
Pachanga — \$16,287.00
BAR South — \$13,922.14
Waste Knot — \$13,922.14
Boy's Toy — \$13,922.14
Southern C's — \$13,922.14
Billed Acres — \$13,652.60
Hall Pass — \$11,273.33
TELLUM II — \$6,835.20
Pitch■n■Bills — \$4,672.50
Sweet Freedom — \$2,450.00
Jenny Poo — \$2,076.67

Held annually in Ocean City, Maryland, the White Marlin Open celebrates more than five decades of competitive deep-sea sport fishing and record-breaking prizes. In 2025, the 52nd event awarded a multi-million dollar purse and reinforced the tournament's reputation for life-changing payouts and thrilling catches.

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