

# White Marlin weigh-ins get under way

## 238 vessels ship out for 37th White Marlin Tournament

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OCEAN CITY ---- When it comes to fishing, the person with the biggest tale about their big catch is bound to be the winner.

But in the 37th annual White Marlin Tournament, no stories are needed, only proof. The five-day fishing contest opened Monday with a few anglers pulling in the biggest catches of the day.

Jack Seidman of Doylestown, Pa., understood, as he and his crewmates on the Canyon Express pulled in one of the first white marlins of the event weighing in at 66 pounds.

"It's real early," he said. "It's good to weigh a fish in this tournament, but it's very, very early."

The Canyon Express was one of 238 vessels out on the water trying to catch the biggest marlin. The winner will receive a \$1 million prize.

Seidman and his teammates held onto the lead for most of the afternoon until the Reel Passion pulled into the marina with two white marlins. The first fish, caught by Hector Torres of Brandt Beach, N.J., was 66 1/2 pounds, good enough for first place. The second marlin, caught by teammate Thomas Garmany of Mount Pleasant, S.C., weighed in at 74 pounds and was the largest catch of the day as of 7 p.m.

"I didn't really know if I had it, I just got lucky," Garmany said. "We knew it was a good one, but we didn't really try to think about the size of it. We just kept fishing all day."

In addition to the first place prize for marlin, there are also prizes being awarded for the biggest tunas and dolphins.

Tiffany Holland of Dillsburg, Pa., was one of a few female anglers who brought in fish. Holland, who is participating in her third White Marlin Tournament, caught a 20-pound dolphin, her first-ever weigh-in.

"It took me about 20 minutes (to reel it in)," she said. "He was out pretty far."

Seidman said despite his team falling behind in the standings, the Canyon Express crew knows what it takes to come out the winner.

"You just got to fish hard," he said. "No monkey business, just go out there and fish hard. That's all you have to do."

