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Here We Go Again

The one word that perhaps best describes our efforts to host the annual Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza is “adversity.” We started in the spring of 2019 with no experience and no idea how to run a tournament, and managed to pull off a very successful event. We all know what happened in 2020, but we weren’t going to let the fishermen or the students down so we persevered. Last year we faced Restricted Fishing Days that disrupted our schedule followed by a very last-minute category closure that forced us to postpone by a month and then the side effects of a tropical storm; yet we still managed to find a way to hold a tournament. Enough of the negative.

The ink had barely dried on our 2021 awards checks when we were already gearing up for 2022. With anticipated Restricted Fishing Days, we’ve revised our schedule to give you nearly a week full of activities for adults and kids alike. Registration fees went up but so did the awards. This year we’ve got more and much bigger prizes. We’ve moved our fundraising dinner and auction to an RFD so you won’t need to leave early or get up early the next day to go fishing. And we put our Youth Day on a Saturday so more folks can come and enjoy all the fun, educational activities.

We’re still promoting scholarships for community college students enrolled in trades and marine science programs but we’ve also stepped up the research support we started in our first year with internships and an endowment for the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. None of this would be possible without the continued financial support of our generous sponsors and the moral support and participation of our fishermen.

Thanks for playing and may you have tight lines and fair seas.



Jordan Caron
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Batson River Brewing & Distilling teamed up with the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza to create a refreshing summer beer, working together, savoring every sip to create the perfect summertime brew for days on the boat and reeling in good times. A portion of the proceeds from every beer sold goes to support the Bluefin Bonanza.

Established in 2002 the Hometown Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization committed to supporting those in need. In conjunction with Bozzuto's, Inc., its family of retailers and community business partners, the Hometown Foundation, Inc. raises money to support a broad range of programs that meet community needs. The Foundation's focus and commitment center around five key program areas: animal welfare, emergency response personnel, individuals with intellectual disabilities or in need, major illness and the military. By helping The Hometown Foundation, Inc. to sponsor these types of programs, you not only support our philanthropic beliefs and efforts, but you allow us to help you create an impact on our communities. Together, we can make dreams come true!



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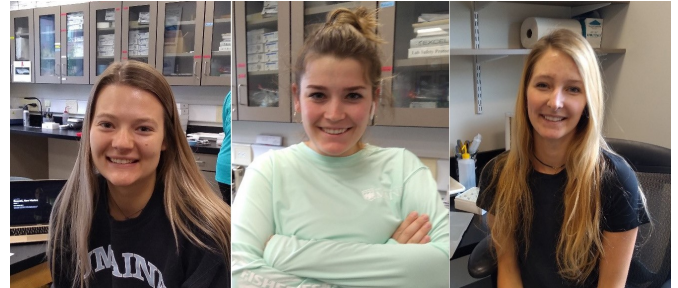
The Bluefin Bonanza provides a friendly competition among the top tuna captains in New England but our overall goal is building a better, stronger community.

One way we do that is by providing scholarships to students enrolled in trades and marine sciences programs at Maine's community colleges. In just 3 years we have provided \$60,000 to students and an endowment with the **Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges**. In doing so we're giving students a leg up in the job market and providing more qualified workers to local businesses in our community.



"Southern Maine Community College and the entire Maine Community College System are proud to be associated with the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza and incredibly appreciative of the financial support that the CBBB provides to our students," said SMCC President Joe Cassidy, who accepted our donation on behalf of the Foundation. "The monies raised by the CBBB directly support good science and good stewardship of the tuna population as well as Maine students seeking to prepare themselves for full participation in Maine's economy as fully trained and skilled employees."

It doesn't stop there. We also provide internships for students to work at the University of Maine's Pelagic Fisheries Lab at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. This gives them an opportunity to gain real field experience that will better prepare them for a career in marine sciences.



Our 2022 interns are Madi, Mackenzie and Avery, whom you will see at the tournament.

In addition, we've also established a fund with the University of Maine Foundation to support ongoing research by Dr. Walt Golet and his staff at GMRI, which you can read more about in the pages to follow. "The College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture is grateful for the generous donation from the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza. Their gift will support critical research and education associated with highly migratory species important to coastal Maine communities, specifically Atlantic bluefin tuna. Through this donation, UMaine undergraduate internships, electronic tagging, and biological monitoring programs for Atlantic bluefin tuna will help ensure the long-term viability of this species through development of effective conservation and management approaches," said Diane Rowland, Dean of the UMaine College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture, which oversees the School of Marine Sciences at the University of Maine.





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Schedule of Events

Captain's Meeting - Tuesday, August 2

6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Vessel Arrival

Dockage is available at standard rates through Port Harbor Marine.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Social Hour

Enjoy light refreshments, visit with friends and tell lies.

5:00 p.m. Captain's Check-in and Meeting (Mandatory)

Captains arrive, check-in and receive their Tournament package, apparel and a Captain's bucket. Each boat must have a representative present for a review of the rules and a brief Q&A period.



Fishing Begins - Wednesday, August 3

12:01 a.m. Fishing Begins.

Lines in the water and anglers may fish continuously through Thursday.

Thursday, August 4

12:00 a.m. - close - Fishing continues.

Tournament scales close temporarily at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022. All vessels with fish to be weighed must be inside Spring Point Light by 9:00 p.m. and tied to the scales dock at Spring Point Marina (rafting is acceptable) by 10:00 p.m.



Bluefin Benefit Dinner - Friday, August 5

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Social Hour

Enjoy craft beer and locally distilled spirits while you visit with sponsors, vendors and friends, enter raffles and bid on silent auction items.

5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner Sponsored by Red Claw

Dig in to a traditional Maine lobster dinner hosted by our sponsors from Red Claw. While you eat, we'll be pulling Bucket Raffles and drawings - must be present to win. Each tournament registrant will receive two meal tickets. Additional tickets are \$20.

6:00 p.m. Live and Silent Auctions

Here's your chance to pick up some cool items while helping a great cause.



Youth Day - Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A day of hands-on fun activities including sample collection by staff from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, fishing instruction from Bass Pro Shops / Cabela's and a crab fishing tournament.

Fishing Resumes - Sunday, August 7

12:01 a.m. Fishing Begins.

Lines in the water at 12:01 a.m. and anglers may fish until closing. Lines out at 4:00 p.m. .

6:00 p.m. Official Scales Close

Tournament scales close at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2022. All vessels with fish to be weighed must be inside Spring Point Light by 5 p.m. and tied to the scales dock at Spring Point Marina (rafting is acceptable) by 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Join us for a dinner sponsored and prepared by **Cabela's—Bass Pro Shops** as we recognize and congratulate the winning captains.





YOUTH DAY

Friday, August 6, 10 - 2



The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza, Bass Pro Shops - Cabela's and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute are partnering to provide a day of activities for the youngsters, and grown-ups.

Join Dr. Walt Golet and his team of interns from the **University of Maine School of Marine Sciences** and the **Gulf of Maine Research Institute** as they provide hands-on demonstrations on how they collect biological samples for research. Activities will include guessing the age of bluefin, identifying what they eat (Yes, you will get to pull out what's in their stomach.) and using some data to guess which side of the Atlantic (east or west) the bluefin tuna came from.



Crab Derby

Down on the docks, we'll hold the inaugural Green Crab Bonanza where kids can compete to catch invasive green crabs.



Prizes for the biggest crabs, the most crabs, the weirdest catch and the top five finishers in our crab race.

The Fighting Chair

Ever wonder what it's like to battle a Bluefin? We'll have a real fighting chair set up so kids can try to reel in the big one.



Hands-On Gyotaku

Fish Printing

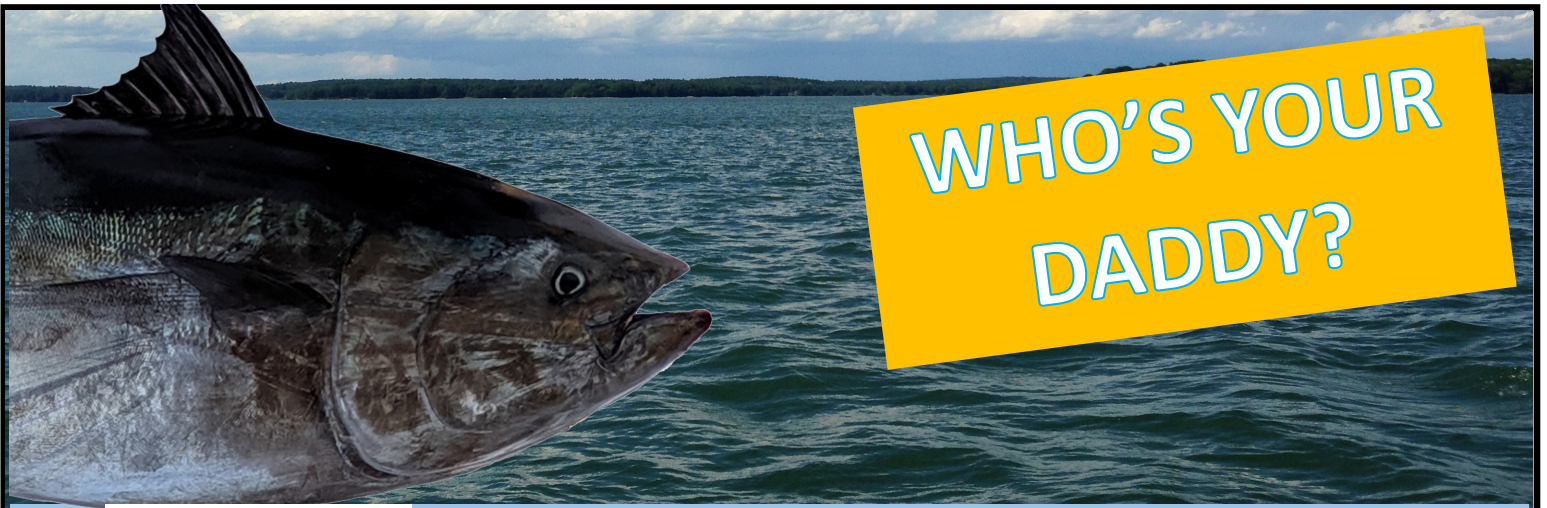
Gyotaku artist Nate Garrett will be on hand demonstrating the Japanese art of Gyotaku fish printing.



All activities are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should have a life jacket.

To sign up for the Crab Derby please send us an email at bluefin-bonanza@gmail.com





**WHO'S YOUR
DADDY?**



DNA PATERNITY TESTING

One of several research projects The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza supports through our endowment to the University of Maine Foundation is a brand new initiative called "Genetics for Giants." It's a new pilot program at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute's Pelagic Fish Lab that aims to identify stock structure of the bluefin we land. Using gene tags, Walt Golet's team hopes to find tuna relatives (parent-sibling matches) in the ocean. This information can then be used to derive a more accurate estimate of the number of bluefin in the ocean, and ultimately ensure the resource and the fishery remain sustainable.....very cool stuff.

**Special thanks to Taylor Richardson and
the Richardson Family for their support of
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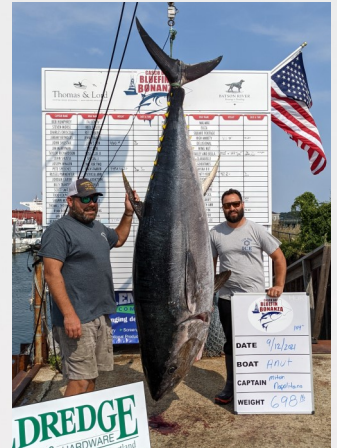
Awards



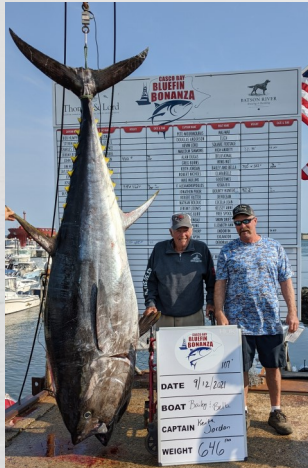
**First Place: Capt. Pete Speeches,
Backstabber, 719 lbs., 105"**



**Second Place: Capt. Keith
Jordan, Bailey & Bella, 700
lbs., 103.5"**



**Third Place: Capt. Mitch
Napolitano, ANUT, 698
lbs., 104"**



**Fourth Place: Capt. Keith
Jordan, Bailey & Bella,
646 lbs., 104"**



**Fifth Place: Capt. Kurt
Christensen, Molly
Jane, 632 lbs., 102.5"**



**Greatest Cumulative Weight: Capt.
Keith Jordan, Bailey & Bella, 582 lbs,
646 lbs, 700 lbs., 103.5" = 1,928 lbs**

2022 Tournament Awards

First Place - \$12,500

Second Place - \$6,000
Cumulative weight - \$1,000

Third Place - \$3,000
Smallest Fish - \$600

Fourth Place - \$1,500

Fifth Place - \$1,000 Cumulative weight - \$1,000
First Fish Landed - \$1,000



AUCTION ITEMS

Reel Easy Trident Custom Rod - The Trident 80/130 is a 130 rod tapered to an 80 tip that was designed specifically for and by bluefin tuna fisherman of New England. Its light tip ensures your hookup with less pulled hooks and tackle failure than the stiffer 130 rods on the market. Then, the forgiving blank helps you battle wild headshakes or a rough sea, keeping the rod loaded and the line tight. The Trident puts you in control of your fish, not the other way around. (\$1,200)



L.T. Marine 10' Two-Piece Blue Fish Scale Commercial Harpoon - This two-piece cockpit harpoon features a rough textured non slip grip, hard coat anodized finish, stainless steel eye-bolt for rigging, traditional bronze tuna dart rigged with Dyneema rope, a carrying/storage bag and Lifetime Warranty against material and workmanship defects. (\$340)



Adirondack Chair - Sit back, relax and enjoy the comfort of a custom-made, exclusive Casco Bay Bonanza Adirondack chair made and provided by CMCC Building Construction Technology. (\$250)



Big Fish Gyotaku & Nature Prints - This one of a kind Gyotaku print by Nate Garrett depicts the official art of the 2022 Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza. Nate is a commissioned & licensed artist and a sought-after presenter and instructor. His work is grounded in the tradition of Gyo (fish) taku (to press or rub), a Japanese method of fish printing in which fish are used as a printing plate. (\$1,000)

Two-hour Lobster Tour and Dinner for 6 - Enjoy a 2-hour lobster or bay tour for 6 people on Blue Hill Bay with author and fisherman Linda Greenlaw, then return to shore for a lobster dinner at Perry's Lobster Shack in Surry. (\$2,000)



Two-day Cabin Rental - Spend a couple days in the wilds of Maine snowmobiling, ice fishing or cross-country skiing, then return to a cozy cabin and visit the restaurant and bar at Lake Parlin Lodge and Cabins. (\$450)





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1 Dozen Live Lobsters - Winning bidder will receive a gift certificate for a dozen lobsters from our sponsors at Free Range Fish and Lobster. (market price)

Imperial Survival Suit - The Imperial immersion suit is meticulously crafted and pressure-tested upon completion, and was in fact the very first immersion suit available for the maritime market. This version is available in Adult Universal size and comes with a USCG approved ACR light and color coded storage bag. (\$300)



Open Array Radar - Donated by Portland Yacht Services, This new in box MDS-10R radar sensor manufactured by Koden will work on a variety of displays. Includes the pedestal with 10 meters of cable, mounting kit for the pedestal, 4.5' Humminbird open array antenna, and mounting kit for antenna to pedestal.



Chipper/Shredder - Donated by FedEx Biddeford, this powerful 6.5 HP gas powered chipper shredder quickly reduce piles of leaves and small branches to useful mulch. Four chipping and shredding hammers make short work of yard debris and branches up to 3 in. diameter. (\$599)



The Chase - A stunning set of six photos by artist Paul Murray, donated by Dr. Walt Golett.



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End Game Gear - Harpoons, dart lines, poly-balls, anchor clips, tail ropes, swim sticks, bait buckets and more from End Game Tuna Gear.

Bow Street Market - Cornhole Set and grill

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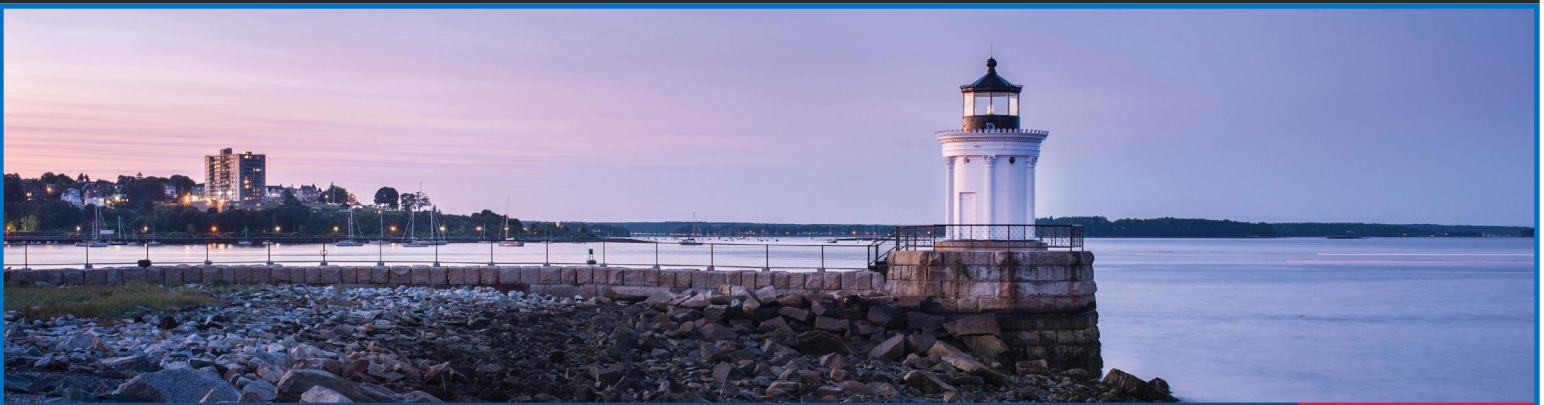
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Guidelines for Landing Your Fish



While you're welcome to fish wherever you like, all fish to be entered must be brought to the official tournament weigh station at Spring Point Marina during open scale hours.

In order to be eligible, heads and tails **must** remain attached. You are also advised to bring innards and gill plates as they are included in total weight.

Please notify weighmasters by phone or VHF channel 8 as soon as a fish is landed, and provide an ETA.

Weighmasters

Shawn Tibbetts - 207 - 502 - 0368

Brian Jones Steve Selleck Walt Golet

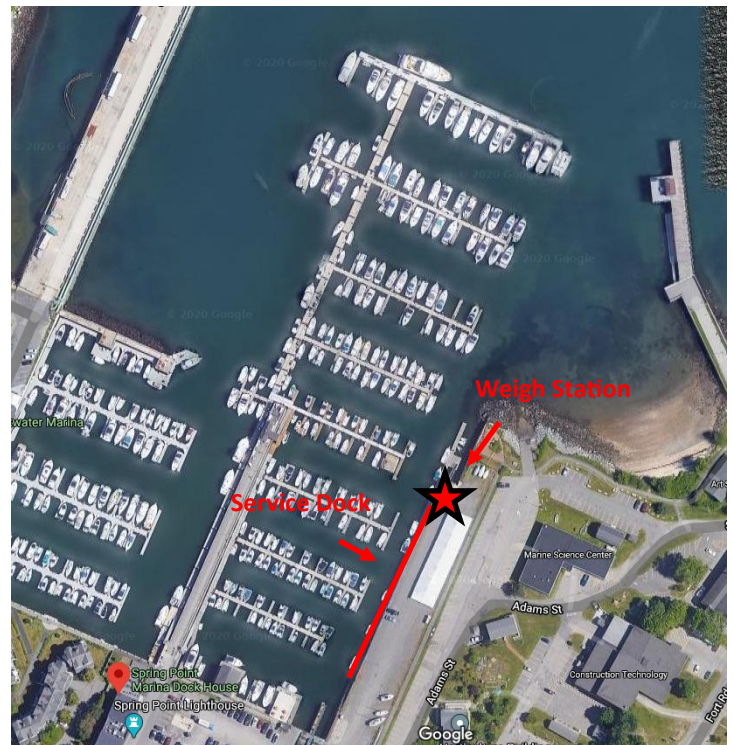
We understand the importance of getting your fish offloaded, iced and off to market quickly so scales will be open continuously Wednesday and Thursday. Please do not contact weighmasters outside of scale hours

Upon arrival, tie up to the service dock at Spring Point Marina and notify weighmaster. All fish will be weighed in order of arrival.

Caution is advised when nearing weigh station as the channel is very narrow and shallow at low tide.

Once they are done and you have signed your weight slip, the fish is yours to do with as you please. Buyers will be onsite to accept fish.

Important: We will be making regular broadcasts of tournament standings on VHF Channel 8. If you land your fish at



another location because it will not place, we ask that you still report your fish to the tournament weighmaster. When participating in the tournament, you are fishing under our permit, and NOAA Fisheries requires that we report all fish caught by participants.

Remember, your fish represents a valuable source of information to the scientific community, which is trying to learn more about the population movements and status of the resource we value so dearly. Scientists will be on hand to collect biological samples from all fish landed.

FMI, visit the Gulf of Maine Research Institute at:

<https://www.gmri.org>

Scale Hours

Wednesday, August 3 - 8:00 a.m. through

Thursday, August 4 - 10: p.m.

Sunday, August 7 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



The Bluefin Initiative

The overriding objective of the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza is giving back to our community, and not just the community colleges. We also want to help the fishermen and the seafood industry whose participation is so important to meeting our objectives.

When the pandemic struck, it created economic hardships for many, including Maine's commercial tuna fleet. After years of sacrifice and conservative management and harvest, the resource turned a huge corner and was finally recovering. Government agencies and non-profit conservation groups alike declared the fishery as sustainable and growing. Groundfishermen and lobstermen were able to improvise by selling directly to consumers, but tuna must be handled differently and the tuna market has depended primarily on major population centers and overseas exports, all of which were shut down.

We responded by establishing the Bluefin Initiative, creating and promoting local markets and educating local consumers about our sustainable, artisan fishery. The concept quickly caught on and several companies were able to develop markets, buying from Maine fishermen and selling to local consumers. In the short term, we helped fishermen and their families who rely on this resource for their livelihood. In the long term, we could reduce our dependency on out of state and overseas markets, keeping money in our local economy. Bluefin tuna is better. Please patronize local restaurants and seafood markets that sell bluefin tuna and thank them for supporting local our local, sustainable fishery.



The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza would like to offer special thanks to the local lobstermen who donated all the lobsters for our event, but asked to remain anonymous.



Special thanks to Shawn Moore and the Katelyn A. for your continued support of the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza.

IT TAKES A CREW

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We are proud to support one another in benefitting our community. The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza is committed to raising funds for deserving Maine students seeking educational scholarships and for important bluefin research. The Bluefin Benefit Battle is dedicated to

raising funds for local Maine families battling cancer. Together we hope to continue shining a light on Maine's working waterfront and deeply rooted fishing history, while bringing the community together to support two very meaningful causes.

We're also delighted with the support we received from our friends at the Casco Bay Tuna Club and the Bailey Island Fishing Tournament. Our combined efforts will help encourage the next generation of anglers to ensure the heritage remains strong.



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Photos and videos help us tell a story and provide an opportunity to share all the fun and excitement of our event. Please send your photos to bluefinbonanza@gmail.com or contact a committee member for instructions on how to upload videos. And thank you for being a part in the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza.



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RULES

Note: In the event of RFDs, alternate rules will be in effect.

General Compliance

Tournament participants are responsible for obtaining and becoming familiar with tournament rules and all applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations.

All Tournament participants must be in full legal compliance with Maine Department of Marine Resources and NOAA/ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regulations and must possess any and all state and federal licenses and permits required by these agencies.

All entrants must be properly licensed to fish in the Atlantic Tunas General Category or HMS Charter/Headboat Category with commercial endorsement under NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regulations and must have required safety equipment. Note: All vessels must also possess a Maine Landing Permit.

Location

There are no limitations on fishing area, except that tournament participants must fish in a location that allows fish to be landed at Spring Point Marina.

Weather

There is no weather committee. The decision to fish is that of the captains and participants, and is strictly at their own risk. Upon signing the Waiver of Damages, the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza Tournament cannot be held liable.

Fishing

Fishing may commence (lines in) Thursday, August 5 at 12:01 a.m. and will conclude (lines out) at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7.

All hookups should be reported or relayed to the Tournament Weighmaster as soon as possible when the fish is hooked. Tournament channel - 8

A second report or relay to the Weighmaster should be made once the fish is boated (subdued, tail-rope and is hanging from or lying on the deck of the vessel).

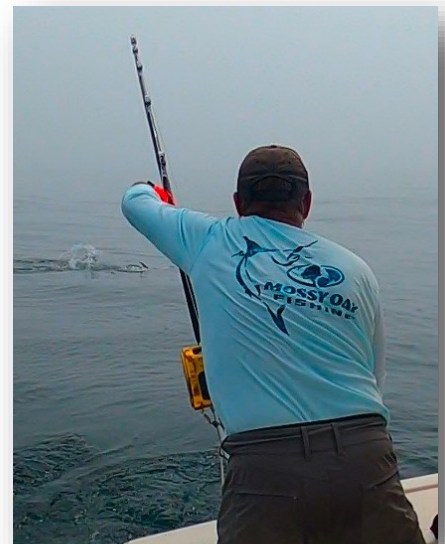
All participants are expected to operate in the spirit of cooperation and fair play. At the quest of a boat fighting a fish, all others must stay clear.

General Category Rules apply with the following exceptions: a) no electric harpoons, b) aerial reconnaissance allowed and c) all tuna are to be hooked, fought and brought to boat side only by manually operated rod and reel (hand line or conventional harpoon prohibited except cockpit harpoon may be used to land fish). Power driven reels or devices of any kind are prohibited, except when used as kite rods or for physically disabled anglers with committee approval. This includes, but is not limited to motor, hydraulic or electrically driven devices. Fish may be fought from the rod holder or freestanding. Fish may be fought by multiple anglers.

All tuna must measure 73 inches curved fork length (CFL) or greater to be eligible for entry in this category.

IMPORTANT

Federal regulations require that all vessels participating in an HMS tournament must report all HMS caught during the tournament, whether landed or released. Please report any and all HMS that are caught and released to the weighmaster or a tournament official.

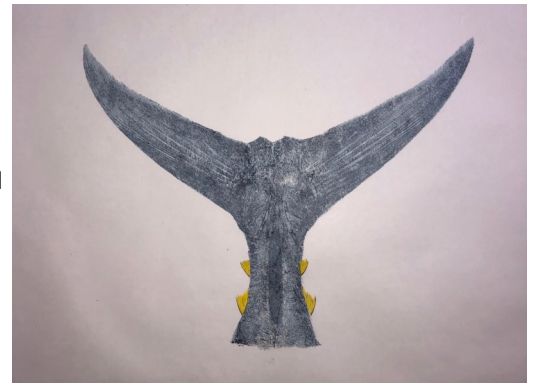


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Renowned local artist Nate Garrett of Big Fish Gyotaku approached us at last year's tournament and was so impressed with our mission that he asked how he could help. Last winter he created a custom Gyotaku print that adorn our official tournament apparel. There will also be a one-of-a-kind framed print available at our fundraising auction. FMI: www.bigfishgyotaku.com



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Weigh-in

Tournament Weighmasters are available from **Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to Thursday 10:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ONLY.**

• Shawn Tibbetts - 207 - 502 - 0368

Tournament scales will close at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2022, and all vessels with fish to be weighed must be inside Spring Point Light by 5 p.m. and tied to the scales dock at Spring Point Marina (rafting is acceptable) by 6:00 p.m. Any vessel with a fish to be weighed that is not tied or rafted to the scales dock by 6:00 p.m. will not be accepted (Tournament committee discretion).

All eligible fish must be weighed at Spring Point Marina and must be delivered on the tournament registered vessel upon which it was boated.

In order to be eligible, heads and tails must be left on prior to weighing.

Fish will be weighed by the tail using a tail rope provided by the Tournament.

Participants are asked (and advised) to bring innards and gill plates. They will be weighed separately and included in the final weight, if detached.

Please cooperate with the Weighmaster in filling and returning your weigh-in slips. Please do not leave the weigh stand until your slip is filled in and signed.

By signing the weight slip you acknowledge that you have accepted the weight of your fish as final and correct. In the event of a tie in weight, any prize due will be awarded to the first fish weighed by the official Tournament scales.

All tuna are subject to examination by the Tournament Rules Committee.

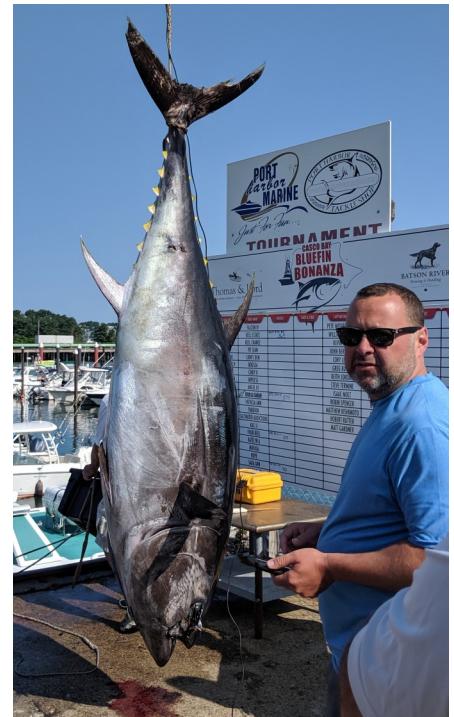
Any fish found to have bullet wounds or any unnatural damage will be disqualified (This does not include gaff and/or harpoon marks).

Disposal of fish and/or fish parts is the responsibility of the angler after the Weighmaster releases the fish. DO NOT dump fish entrails and/or heads at the marina. In most cases innards and head will be retained by weighmaster to researchers for research purposes and then become their responsibility for disposal.

Once released by the weighmaster, participants may sell their catch dockside to the local buyer of their choice.

In accordance with NOAA Fisheries regulations, all vessels participating in the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza must report all HMS (tuna and sharks) caught during the tournament, whether they are landed or released. Please report any and all HMS that are caught and released to the weighmaster or a tournament official.

Note: When traveling in Portland Harbor, the Tournament committee requests that all vessels observe State of Maine rules and regulations. Please obey 'No Wake Zones' and be mindful of lobster traps when traveling the inner and outer harbor waters.



Closure

If, at any time during the Tournament, NMFS declares that the quota is filled and fishing must cease, buyers place a moratorium on buying fish or tournament dates fall within restricted fishing days, the tournament will be concluded and awards presented that evening. In the event of an early conclusion, please direct all questions/concerns to the Rules Committee.



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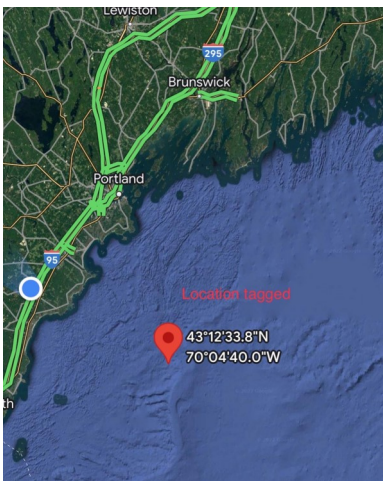


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A Fish Story

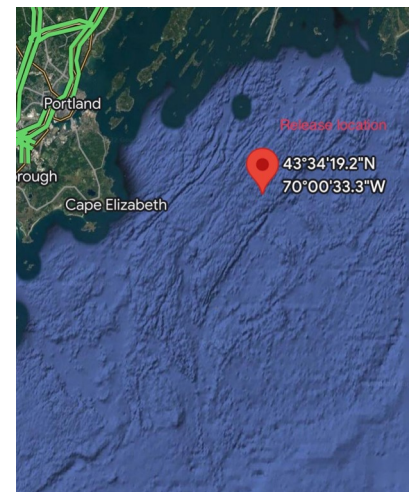
Here's how we are helping to support not only bluefin science, but those up and coming marine science students who will one day be working in the profession.



"On Sept 30 2021 a 99.5-inch Atlantic bluefin tuna was released with an electronic tag off Portland Maine. Nine months later, right on schedule the tag popped off and began transmitting it's data very close to where it had been tagged nine months earlier. Getting this tag back would allow us to download it's high resolution data. Recovering one of these tags requires good weather, a Goniometer (specialized equipment to pick up radio signals from the tag), good eyes and a little bit of luck.

Last Sunday provided all four of these conditions. After putting the tags' most recent location into the plotter we headed up the coast 22 miles and began acquiring the bearing and distance to the tag. We climbed up into the tower and after a few minutes worth of searching spotted the tag

floating in between two Ocean Sunfish (Mola, mola) swimming side by side. Finding a dark tag in a dark medium is no easy task, but thankfully luck was on our side and now we have millions of data point from this one tag alone. Stand by for the upcoming track to see the journey this Atlantic bluefin took. Thanks to the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza and the Linney family who made recovering this tag possible." - Walt Golet, University of Maine Pelagic Fisheries Lab at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute



Awards

Prize distribution will be awarded for tournament year 2021 as follows: 1st Place: \$7,500 plus trophy for (1) year; 2nd Place: \$4,000; 3rd Place: \$2,500; 4th Place: \$1,500; 5th Place: \$1,000; Greatest cumulative weight: \$1,000.

If all 60 entry slots are not filled, prize money will be reduced proportionately.

In the event of NO FISH, all prize money will be added to the 2021 Tournament. If only one (1) fish is landed, \$16,500 and trophy for (1) year will be awarded. If less than five (5) fish are caught, all prize winnings will be awarded proportionately.

Issues/Conflicts

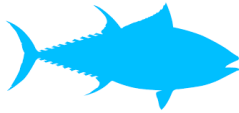
A person or vessel is ineligible to obtain or possess any type of award or certification associated with this tournament unless the fish submitted for consideration is caught legally and under compliance of tournament rules and State and Federal laws.

In the event that one or more rule(s) provision(s) appear to be in conflict, the most restrictive rule applies and is to be determined by the Tournament Rules Committee.

All landed fish are subject to examination by the Tournament Rules Committee and/or Weighmaster.

The Tournament Rules Committee has final and sole authority to resolve questions and/or issues that arise. All committee decisions are final. Protests must be in writing and submitted by the close of scales on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

Protests/Grievances - Protests shall be called to the attention of the Rules Committee via radio, by contacting the telephone numbers provided, or in person upon arrival at the dock. Protests must be written in detail and turned into the Rules Committee by 8:30 p.m. the day of the incident (exception: Saturday, August 7, 2021 by 6:00 p.m.). All decisions made by the Rules Committee are final.



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Pelagic Fisheries Lab (UMaine/GMRI)

Highly migratory species, including the tunas, sharks and billfish represent a group of the world's most sought after commercial and recreational fish. Species like bluefin tuna have been the focus for some of the world's most prominent figures, for instance Aristotle wrote extensively about bluefin tuna more than 2,000 years ago, while images of this fish have been painted onto ancient cave walls, stamped into currency and been the subject for countless books and works of art. While originally used only as a local source of food, bluefin tuna fishing has evolved into a global commercial and recreational business supporting tens of thousands of jobs and injecting tens of millions into local economies around the Atlantic. As with any harvested species, our ability to manage it successfully depends solely on the information we have about its life history (e.g., growth, age, migration, foraging). Complex mathematical programs are the foundation for assessing how a population of animals is doing including how many we can take annually to ensure long-term sustainability, but the value of those assessments is directly related to the amount and quality of information that go into them.

To learn more about these animals and provide the most robust stock assessment and management advice, research labs around the globe are trying to improve our understanding of species like bluefin tuna to ensure the long-term sustainability of this and all fish harvested for commercial or recreational purposes. Specific aspects of biology including longevity, age structure, stock structure, foraging ecology, age of reproduction, migration/habitat use and more are essential. What's more, many of these things can change from year to year and so require annual monitoring. As technology and the techniques to study these animals progress, so too does our ability to ask and answer more complex questions. To that end, the field of genetics is growing at an unprecedented rate as is the amount of information we can get from it. An exciting and new project is utilizing this technology in order to provide the first ever absolute estimates of abundance, for bluefin tuna, that is a calculated number of bluefin tuna in the Atlantic. This is a first of its kind study in the Atlantic and has the potential to be a game changer, answering fundamental questions about reproduction and mortality that have, to this point, eluded us.

The Pelagic Fisheries Lab works with commercial and recreational partners, including tournaments like the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza to obtain critical samples from landed fish, samples that



can be used to answer all the questions posed in the paragraphs above, especially this cutting-edge genetic work. The great thing about this work is we can collect all these samples from the part of the fish that are thrown away. Samples include muscle, stomachs, liver, otoliths, eye lenses, and when possible the application of conventional and electronic tags. The following are the bits and pieces of information we can obtain. (continued)



The support we get from the tournament helps to provide experience and training to the next generation of fisheries biologists/scientists. - Walt Golet

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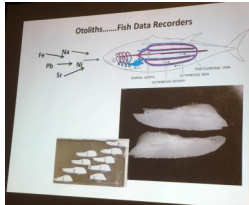
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Age/Growth- Using small crystals in the base of the skull and using similar approaches used for trees, we can count the rings in these structures and estimate age for every fish caught. If we know the lengths of the fish and the age, we can use that to estimate growth over time.



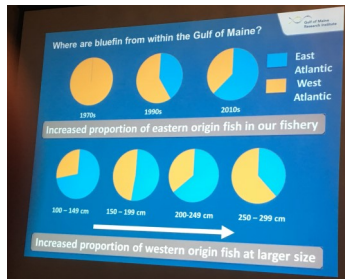
Foraging/Diet- We can assess what these animals have been eating by analyzing the contents of their stomachs or the specific chemical signatures in their muscle, liver and blood to look at foraging as far back as a year from when they were caught. This can tell us what prey are the most important and ensure there is always enough food for them.



Stock Structure- Understanding which individual fish belong to which population is one of the most important aspects of fishery management. We and our collaborators use three tools to do this including the chemistry of the otoliths (structures used for aging), and eye lens, and the specific genetic markers from the muscle tissue. This allows us, for example, to determine if a fish landed off the coast of Maine was spawned in the Gulf of Mexico or the Mediterranean Sea.



Movement/Migration- We use several different types of tags to track these fish including traditional/conventional plastic and more sophisticated electronic tags to determine where these fish travel and at what times of the year they enter their spawning grounds or cross management zones.



Reproduction/Abundance- Using reproductive tissues and genetic techniques we can assess when these fish spawn for the first time (often used

to set minimum sizes) and estimate total population abundance (both novel discoveries).

All this scientific information has direct application to the fishery. Ages, diet analysis, stock composition and more are included in the assessment and management of this species or the species this fish preys on (e.g., Atlantic herring Atlantic menhaden) submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and eventually the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the international governing body that manages all tunas, billfish and sharks throughout the Atlantic.



In addition to the physical scientific work, the Pelagic Fisheries Lab serves as a training ground for students interested in the field of fisheries biology, fisheries science and fisheries management. Internships, technicians, and graduate student positions are available to interested students to acquire the hands-on skills needed to enter the professional field and become the next generation of leaders who will continue the wise stewardship of this resource. The Pelagic Fisheries Lab also participates in the Gulf of Maine Research Institutes Lab Venture program, a free and unique marine biology experience for the state of Maine's 5th and 6th graders. Samples collected from the fisheries are part of these demonstrations to illustrate what species live in the Gulf of Maine and how scientists go about ensuring their sustainability. Samples are also used in demonstrations to area schools and for students at the University of Maine.



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As a first-class tuna tournament, the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza combines highly-skilled anglers from all over the northeast in a contest of competition, comradery and fun. We also understand the importance and reward of giving back to our communities. As an independent, non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza Tuna Tournament is committed to the purpose of raising and expending funds in support of educational scholarships to deserving individuals. To that end, all donations made by charity auction participants, raffle ticket buyers and our sponsors will go toward a scholarship fund to support students in Maine's community college and technical school system, the graduates of which will ultimately enter the work force and contribute meaningfully to our community.

Stock Surge Means Good News

At this time last year we were facing the very real possibility of a significant decrease in Total Allowable Catch (TAC), called for by several nations and private NGOs in ICCAT. Thanks to the efforts of researchers like the team at GMRI and the lobbying by the NMFS Highly Migratory Advisory Panel, not only was that threat avoided, the U.S. quota for the western Atlantic bluefin TAC was increased by 5%, from 1,273 mt to 1,341 m.

Moving forward, NOAA Fisheries intends to discontinue the purse seine category and re-allocate that quota among the other directed categories. If that occurs, which in all likelihood it will, the General Category quota will increase by 16% in 2023.

Meanwhile, ICCAT has been engaged in developing a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for bluefin tuna and conducted several workshops to update stakeholders and get their input. This process involves incorporating more of the best available data, including things like finally acknowledging stock mixing, the possibility

of more spawning areas and an increase in smaller, younger fish.

Like an old Novi, the wheels of government chug along at a sometimes frustratingly slow pace and results from the MSE won't show up soon. However, all indications are that the western Atlantic bluefin stock is much healthier than once thought.

That is the result of careful and conservative management. Fishermen have sacrificed in the name of science and responsible management but it looks like it's finally starting to pay off. The future looks very bright for our fishery for current and future generations.



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