

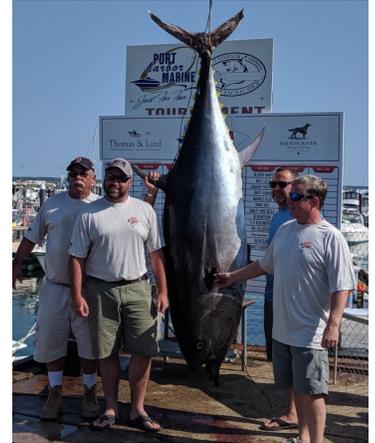


BONANZA

Official newsletter of the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza

Summer, 2022

It's Tournament Time



With some of the prelims already over and more soon underway we're counting down the days to the main event. Make sure you mark the dates as we have nearly a week full of activities for everyone.

We'll kick things off with a Tournament **Captain's Meeting** on Tuesday, August 2. Then fishing begins Wednesday, August 3 at 12:01 a.m. and continues until Thursday night. Captains can stop by, grab their SWAG and tournament packages and enjoy some light refreshments before they head to sea.

Friday evening brings our annual **benefit auction**. As always, there will be tons of great stuff to bid including a harbor cruise and lobster dinner from Linda Greenlaw Charters, a Reel Easy custom rod, an original Gyotaku fish print and much more. We'll also have a Downeast lobster bake from Red Claw and plenty of Batson River Bluefin Brew. This event is open to the public and dinner tickets are \$25 each, first-come, first-served.

Saturday is **Youth Day** hosted by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's. Walt Golet and his team of interns will have some fun stuff and we'll have a Crab Derby down on the docks. Then it's back on the water for our final fishing day on Sunday, followed by the awards ceremony. A full schedule is posted further down and on our website at

www.bluefinbonanza.org



BENEFITTING BLUEFIN

Much of what we do provides a direct benefit to our valuable bluefin tuna resource and those that fish for them. Thanks to the support of our sponsors, the University of Maine's Pelagic Fisheries Lab at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute was able to bring on three interns this year for a full 12 weeks. Their support has also helped GMRI get supplies and equipment for their bluefin sampling program.

GMRI launched a brand new initiative called "Genetics for Giants." It's a new pilot program that aims to identify stock structure of the bluefin we land (similar to the otoliths) using gene tags to find tuna relatives (parent sibling matches) and then use that to estimate the number of bluefin in the ocean. Meanwhile, they are continuing their tagging work this summer, putting PSAT tags on bluefin here in the Gulf of Maine. They are also working with Maine DMR to continue bluefin diet work. Fishermen are encouraged to save their tuna stomachs and let Walt Golet at GMRI know so he can pick them up.



BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Proceeds from our annual event also go toward scholarships for students enrolled in trades programs at each of Maine's 7 community colleges. These scholarships provide students with an opportunity they might otherwise not have to obtain the skills necessary to improve their position in the work force. They also provide that work force with more qualified employees. The businesses that support our efforts understand the value and importance of this partnership.

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Bluefin Brew

Batson River Brewing & Distilling teamed up with Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza to create a refreshing beer that's perfect for boat days, fishing in Maine and reeling in good times. This summer brew will be available for a limited time at all Batson River brew pubs in Portland, Kennebunk and Wells. A portion of the proceeds from every beer sold will go to support scholarships and bluefin research so drink up!



Rod & Reel Raffle



Don't forget about our annual ready-to-fish rod & reel raffle. Grand prize includes a Saco Bay Tackle custom Long 80 rod with Winthrop guides and a Penn International 130 reel with backing and topshot installed. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for

\$100 and the winner can take the combo or \$1,000 cash. The drawing will take place Friday, August 5 at our fundraising dinner. Tickets are also available online at www.bluefinbonanza.com



Tournament Apparel

As always, we'll have plenty of official Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza apparel on sale at our Captain's Meeting, Auction and Youth Day. Be sure to stop by and pick some up before it's gone.



Auction Items—8/5/22

Below is a sampling of some of the great items that will be available at our fundraising auction.



Ryobi Cordless Mower



Reel Easy Custom Rod



Lobster Tour and Dinner for 6



L.T. Marine Harpoon

Tournament apparel generously provided by



BLUEFIN BONANZA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - Captain's Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - Fishing Begins at 12:01 a.m.

Thursday, August 4, 2022 - Fishing ceases, scales close at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, August 5, 2022 - Dinner/Auction 4 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 6, 2022 - Youth Day 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 7, 2022 - Fishing begins at 12:01 a.m. Lines out at 4 p.m. Scales close at 6 p.m. Awards at 7:00 p.m.

(All dates subject to change based on the whims of the National Marine Fisheries Service.)

Awards

Registration fees are going up - to \$600 - but so are the prizes.

First Place: \$12,500 and the Casco Cup

Second Place: \$6,000

Third Place: \$3,000

Fourth Place: \$1,500

Fifth Place: \$1,000

Cumulative Weight: \$1,000

First Fish Landed: \$1,000

Smallest Fish: \$600

Total \$26,600

Official Tournament Art



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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YOUTH DAY

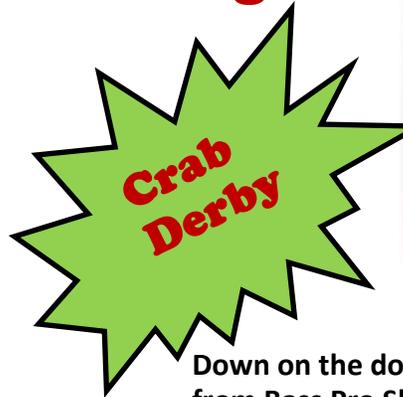


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Saturday, August 6, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Port Harbor Marine, South Portland, Maine

Featuring:



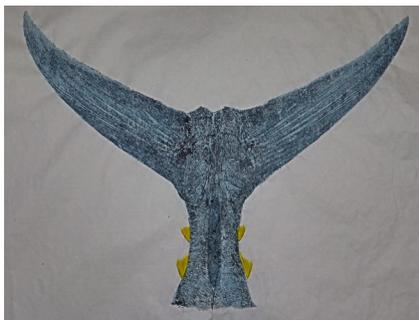
Down on the docks, tournament staff and Pros from Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's will hold a green crab derby for the kids with lots of prizes and free gifts.

Hands-on demonstrations with staff from the University of Maine School of Marine Sciences and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

Kids are encouraged to dive right in and help the biologists while they explain the process and the importance of the samples they collect.



All activities are free of charge and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian.



Gyotaku fish painting demonstrations by Maine artist Nate Garrett of Big Fish Gyotaku.

Refreshments will be available.

