

2013-Results

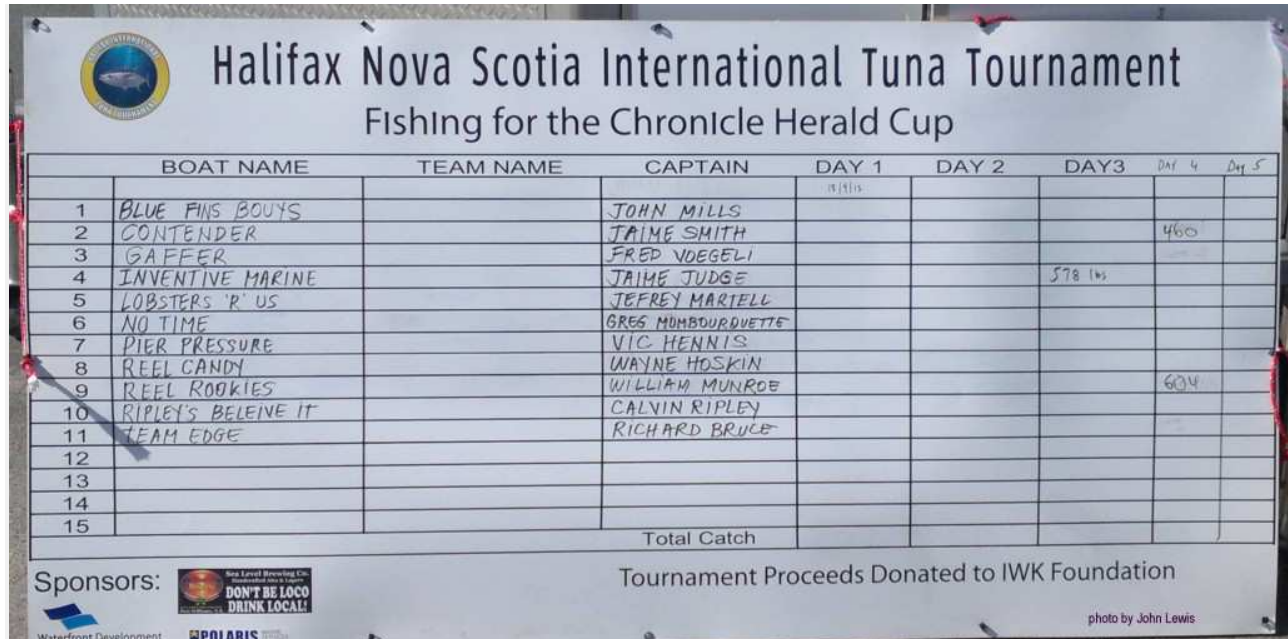
2013 – Sept 18-22

2013 Cheque Presentation to the IWK – \$41,415.42



November 28th presentation of the 2013 tournament proceeds cheque to the IWK. From left to right are John Lewis (Secretary, Halifax Tuna Tournament Society), Vic Heniss (President, Halifax Tuna Tournament Society), Geoffrey Milder (IWK Health Centre Foundation), Jamie Judge (Vice President, Halifax Tuna Tournament Society), Shawn Woodford (Director, Marketing & Product Development, The Chronicle Herald), and William Currie (Treasurer, Halifax Tuna Tournament Society). Courtesy of The Chronicle Herald/Jared Hochman photo.

Final Tournament Leader Board



The image shows a hand-drawn leader board for the Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament. The board is titled "Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament Fishing for the Chronicle Herald Cup". It features a logo on the top left and a table with columns for Boat Name, Team Name, Captain, Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, and Day 5. The table lists 15 teams, with some handwritten entries and totals. Below the table, there are sponsor logos for Sea Level Brewing Co., Waterfront Development, and Polaris, along with a note that tournament proceeds are donated to the IWK Foundation. A photo credit to John Lewis is also present.

	BOAT NAME	TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	Day 4	Day 5
1	BLUE FINS BOYS		JOHN MILLS					
2	CONTENDER		JAIHE SMITH				460	
3	GAFFER		FRED VOEGELI					
4	INVENTIVE MARINE		JAIHE JUDGE			578 lbs		
5	LOBSTERS 'R' US		JEFREY MARTELL					
6	NO TIME		GREG MOMBOURQUETTE					
7	PIER PRESSURE		VIC HENNIS					
8	REEL CANDY		WAYNE HOSKIN					
9	REEL ROOKIES		WILLIAM MUNROE				604	
10	RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT		CALVIN RIPLEY					
11	TEAM EDGE		RICHARD BRUCE					
12								
13								
14								
15								
	Total Catch							

Sponsors: Sea Level Brewing Co. (DON'T BE LOCO DRINK LOCAL!), Waterfront Development, POLARIS

Tournament Proceeds Donated to IWK Foundation

photo by John Lewis

Final Leader Board

The Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament kicked off with registration on the docks at Bishop's Landing from 4-6 pm on Tuesday the 17th of September. After the registration a Captain's Meeting was held at **The Red Stag Tavern** in the Alexander Keith's Original Brewery from 7-9 p.m. In total 11 Team Boats have entered the tournament.

	HNSITT TEAM NAME	TEAM CAPTAIN
1	Team -Gaffer	Fred Voegeli
2	Team -Reel Rookies	William Munroe
3	Team – No Time	Greg Mombourquette
4	Team – Pier Pressure	Vic Heniss

5	Team – Edge	David Edgecomb
6	Team – Ripley’s Believe It	Calvin Ripley
7	Team – Inventive Marine	Jamie Judge
8	Team – Contender	Jamie Smith
9	Team – Bluefin Bouys	Gordon Fraser
10	Team – Reel Candy	Wayne Hoskin
11	Team – Lobsters R Us	Kerry Gracie

Day 1 – Wednesday (18th) Results

The actual fishing tournament began with a shotgun (air horn blast actually) start off Bishop’s Landing at 08:00 on Wednesday morning on a glorious sunny day with light winds and beautiful fishing conditions.



photo by Ross Argante

Milling for the start



After the great start the fishing gods weren't with us as live bait (mackerel) was virtually impossible to catch and although a few tuna were spotted no hookups were achieved.

Day 2 - Thursday (19th) Results

Boats left the dock at any time after 5 a.m. to again a glorious day with virtually no bait and no hookups but more tuna were spotted so they are around.

Day 3- Friday (20th) Results

Again boats left the dock at any time after 5 a.m. to a glorious day with so little wind that you couldn't fly a kite or use a helium balloon to dangle bait (unless into your cockpit !!!). Some of the boats were able to catch a few live mackerel and near the end of the day team Inventive Marine managed to break the jinx and to hookup and land the first fish of the tournament. It was a nice 578 lb. bluefin that was too big to actually get into their boat. They slowly towed it in from off Sambro Island to Bishop's landing arriving at the dock around 8:30 in the evening.



Team Inventive Marine

Day 4 - Saturday (21st) Results

Another glorious day with mackerel and a bit of wind to allow some fun kite fishing. Two fish were landed; Team Contender (460 lbs.) and Team Reel Rookies (604 lbs). Two other boats (Team Gaffer and Team Edge) had hookups but were unable to land their fish.



Team Contender



Team Reel Rookies

Day 5 – Sunday (22nd) Results

Not an auspicious weather forecast. Winds got up to around 20 knots with higher gusts and only the two larger fishing boats from Cape Breton actually ventured out to try their luck. Team No Time had a morning hookup and battled a fish for about two hours before finally breaking their line and losing the fish in the rough sea conditions. No other hookups were reported so we have ended with a 3 fish tournament this year.

Closing Ceremonies

Sunday evening closing ceremonies took place again at The Red Stag Tavern in the Alexander Keith's Original Brewery from 7-9 p.m. Virtually all teams had some representatives present and a good time was had by all.

The Halifax Tuna Tournament Society was awarded a plaque of appreciation for organizing the Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament with proceeds going to the IWK. The plaque was awarded by Geoffrey Milder (left) of the IWK to Vic Heniss (right) the president of the HTTS.



IWK plaque award

Final placements and trophies went to:

- **First Place: Team Reel Rookies** – 604 lb. Bluefin
 - Bill Munroe, Blair Burgoyne, Wade Barry and Philip Stevens



First Place Team Reel Rookies – Geoffrey Milder(IWK), Blair Burgoyne, Bill Munroe and Shawn Woodford (Chronicle Herald)

- **Second Place – Team Inventive Marine** – 578 lb. Bluefin
 - Jamie Judge, Ken Twohig, Peter Frederick and Mark Flinn



Second Place – Team Inventive Marine

- **Third Place – Team Contender** – 460 lb. Bluefin

- Jamie Smith, Hugh Smith, Thomas Poulsen, Ross Argante and Dave Greenwood



Third Place – Team Contender

Additional funds were raised for the IWK during the event with a silent auction of items generously donated by sponsors and a raffle for a Shimano 130 tuna reel donated by Schooner Cove Marine and Shimano. The draw for the Shimano reel was won by our president Vic Heniss who immediately donated it back to an auction (non silent) that generated additional funds for the IWK. This essentially doubled the funds to IWK from the reel. Thank you Vic!

Thanks to all of our sponsors and particularly our volunteers who manned the dock and herded our fishers throughout the tournament; Bob Moore, Ric Hattin, Peter Simpkin, Jessica Wallingford and Biruta Heniss.

Epilogue

Note that this year DFO has generously allowed us both a five day tournament and an additional five day (to the 27th) fishing extension to catch fish for the IWK. Approximately half of the fleet have indicated they will continue to fish through the coming week for the challenge and for the benefit of the IWK.

Teams Gaffer, Reel Candy, Ripley's Believe It and Contender managed to get out at least once through the week and Team Contender hooked and landed an 890 lb. tuna on Friday morning. The tuna was landed at Oceanview Fisheries facilities in Sambro approximately mid day on Friday the 27th and proceeds will go to the IWK. Thanks to all teams and to Oceanview for your added efforts.



Team Contender – Jamie Smith, Dave Greenwood and Ross Argante. 890 lb. BIG FISH !!

Info

As of Sunday morning (22nd) all three fish caught in the first 4 days of the tournament had been delivered to the airport ready for shipment to Japan for auction. We will know the auction results and proceeds for the IWK soon and will update you on the results.

Extra

Some interesting tournament YouTube links posted by Ross Argante of Team Contender:

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3esSmIfsWAY&feature=em-upload> *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5UZRZ3BxE4&feature=em-upload> *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #2

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owoM6t_ipoQ&feature=em-upload *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #3

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJh6HT28Io&feature=em-upload> *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #4

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlT5YYfLhTg&feature=em-upload> *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #5

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOoOJncbzHk&feature=em-upload> *owner*

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB5OXTGv14k&feature=em-upload> *owner*

2013 Nova Scotia Tuna Tournament #7

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MioJEBetZjg&feature=em-upload> *owner*

Sept 30 Press Announcement:

Team Reel Rookies wins The Chronicle Herald Trophy

The Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament was held September 18-22, 2013.

Organized by the Halifax Tuna Tournament Society, some 11 teams were involved in the five day competition with Team Reel Rookies coming out on top with a **604 lb** tuna.

Captain Bill Munroe led his team of Blair Burgoyne, Wade Barry, and Phillip Stevens to the victory.

The winning team received The Chronicle Herald Trophy at an awards event held Sunday September 22nd. With its win, Team Reel Rookies gets an invitation to the Offshore World Championship in Costa Rica planned for April 6-11, 2014 in Quepos.

Funds raised through the Tournament will be donated to the IWK Health Centre. Last year over **\$20,000.00** was donated to the cause.

Results for the 2013 tournament will be released by the end of October.

Weighing in at **604 lbs**, this tuna gave Team Reel Rookies a first place finish.

From left, Bill Munroe, Blair Burgoyne, and Phillip Stevens



For more information on the tournament go to <http://www.bluefintournament.com/>



Winning the tournament this year is Team Reel Rookies which caught a 604 pound tuna.

From left, Shawn Woodford, Director of Marketing & Product Development, presenting The Chronicle Herald Trophy, Blair Burgoyne and (Captain) Bill Munroe of the Reel Rookies, and Geoffrey Milder, Development Officer with the IWK Health Centre Foundation. Missing from photo is Phil Stevens and Wade Barry of Reel Rookies.



Team Inventive Marine took second place in the Tuna Tournament with its 578 pound tuna catch.

From left, Jamie Judge, team captain, and Mark Flinn proudly display their trophy. Missing from the photo are Peter Frederick and Ken Twofig.



Team Contender's 460 pound tuna managed third place in the Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament.

From left, Jamie Smith, team captain, with members Dave Greenwood and Ross Argente. Missing from photo are Hugh Smith and Thomas Poulsen.