

2015-Results

HNSITT 2015 – Sept 23-27

Hi everyone, the registrations for the 2015 Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament took place from 4-6 p.m. on the South Battery Pier at Bishop's Landing in Halifax on Tuesday the 22nd of September. Eleven Teams made it for the registration in this year's tournament.



Offloading Bait and the Trailer Setup on Bishops Landing

The Captains' meeting was held at the Garrison Brewery Building across from the Halifax Seaport Farmer's Market with the facilities space donated by Garrison Brewery. Pizza, munchies and drinks were sponsored by Polaris Marine. All teams were welcomed and informed of the rules of the tournament. Chris Purcell of Oceanview

Fisheries, who will also be marketing the catch, gave a brief overview of the best methods of handling a Bluefin once landed in order to maximise the value of the fish.



Opening remarks by Ric Hattin

Discussion of rules by Fred Voegeli

With those formalities out of the way everyone was keen to get fishing.

Teams Entered this year:

	HNSITT TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN/OPERATOR
1	Team – Ripley’s Believe It	Calvin Ripley
2	Team – Lobsters R Us	Jeffrey Martell
3	Team – The Big KaTunas	Don Cameron
4	Team – Contender	James Smith
5	Team – Pier Pressure	Vic Heniss
6	Team – Gaffer	Frederick A Voegeli
7	Team – Inventive Marine	James Judge
8	Team – Reel Knots	Greg Mombourquette
9	Team – No Time	Gerard Mombourquette
10	Team – Edge	Richard Bruce
11	Team – 21st Century	Gord Fraser/Greg Sheffer

Result Board

Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament					
Fishing for the Chronicle Herald Cup					
TEAM NAME	CAPTAIN	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY
RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT	CALVIN RIPLEY				
LOBSTERS R US	KERRY GRACIE				
BLANDFORD BLUEFIN	DAVID MURPHY				
THE BIG KATUNAS	DON CAMERON				
TEAM CONTENDER	JAMES SMITH	ⓐ 430			
TEAM PIER PRESSURE	VIC HENISS				
GAFFER	FRED VIGELLI				
TEAM EDGE	DAVE EPREVINC / RICHARD SAUNDERS				
21 ST CENTURY	GREG SHEFFER		ⓐ 390 lbs		ⓐ 300 lbs
REEL KNOTS	GREG MOMBVAQUETTE	ⓐ 471 lbs	ⓐ 260 lbs		ⓐ 205 lbs
NO TIME	GERRARD "	ⓐ 312 lbs	ⓐ 523 lbs		ⓐ 483 lbs
INVENTIVE MARINE	JAMIE JUDGE	ⓐ 451 lbs	ⓐ 451 lbs		
Total Catch					

Tournament Proceeds Donated to IWK

Day 1 – Wednesday (23rd) Results

The boats headed out at 8 am today to a gorgeous day of fishing with light winds and broken clouds in the morning and bright and sunny condition in the afternoon. Tuna are around as virtually everyone reported seeing tuna. Three fish were landed today and there were a few additional hook ups but not landed.

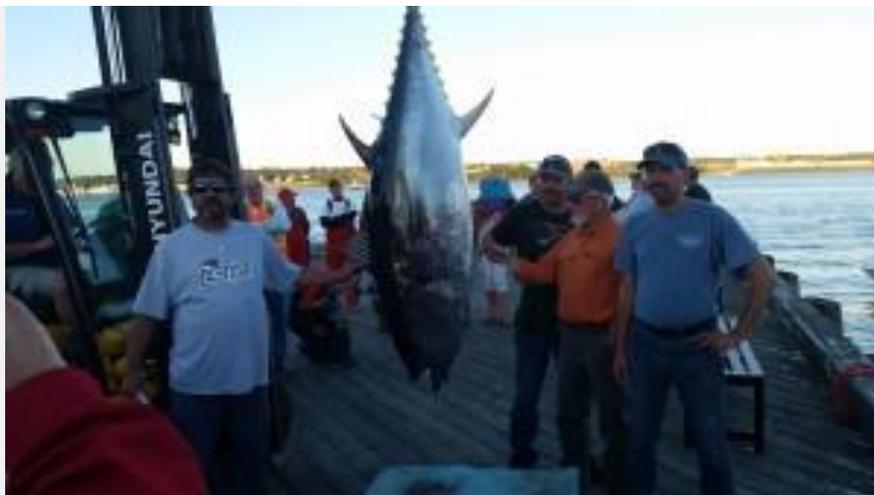
Team Reel Knots – 471 lb Bluefin (1st Place)

Caught in the first hours of the tournament.



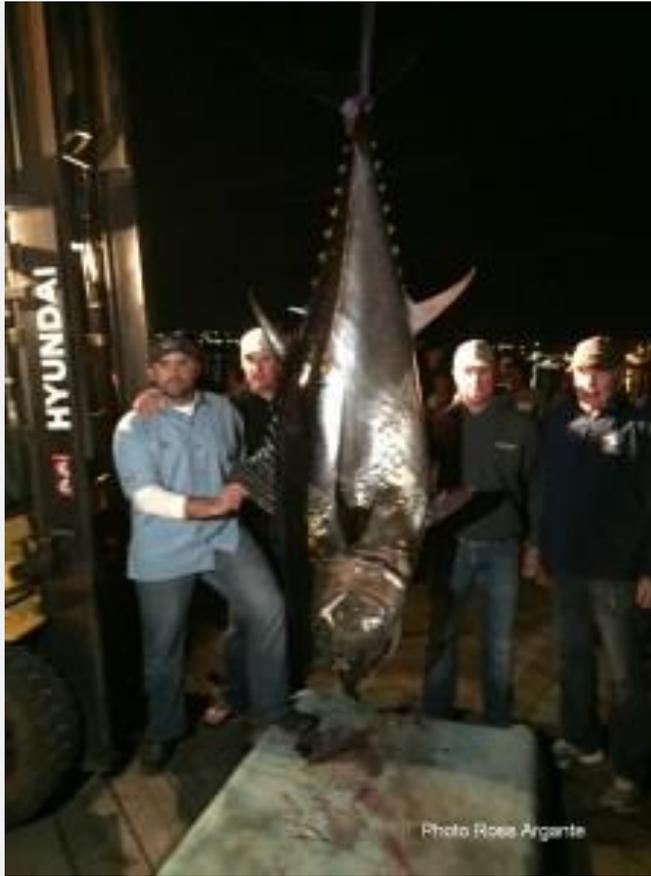
Team Reel Knots from right to left Mickey Kovacs, Greg Mombourquette, Chris Arcand, Dana Dorey and John Martell

Team No Time – 317 lb Bluefin



Team No Time – from left – Gerald Arcand, Gerry Crochene, Ross Sampson and Gerard Mombourquette

Team Contender – 430 lb Bluefin (3rd Place)



Team Contender from left Ross Argante, Dave Greenwood, James Smith and Hugh Smith.

A SPECIAL NOTE AND THE PRIMARY REASON WE ALL DO THIS. The photo below is of Team Reel Knots boat with Greg Mombourquette and two special visitors to the tournament docks on Wednesday in the foreground. A dad and his young son who has muscular dystrophy had just come from the IWK where the young man about 4 years old was being fitted with leg braces. We certainly all wish him well.



Day 2 – Thursday (24th) Results

Day two of the tournament was a bit more blustery with some relatively strong northerlies that moderated through the day. Generally a great fishing day though the morning whitecaps made it a bit difficult to spot tuna rising to the surface. In total four fish were landed through the day with a few additional hookups where the fish managed to win out. In order throughout the day the fish landings were:

Team Reel Knots – 260 lb Bluefin (2nd fish for IWK not counted in tournament standing)

Team 21st Century – 390 lb Bluefin

Team No Time – 573 lb Bluefin (2nd fish for IWK not counted in tournament standing)



Team No Time – from left – Gerald Arcand, Gerry Crochene, Ross Sampson and Gerard Mombourquette

Team Inventive Marine – 451 lb Bluefin (**2nd Place**)

Day 3- Friday (25th) Results

Day three was again a beautiful fishing day with light and variable winds that at times dropped to near nothing and made it necessary to add some helium balloons to help kites stay in the air. Again the Mombourquette teams came through for us and the IWK, adding to their incredibly lucky streak.

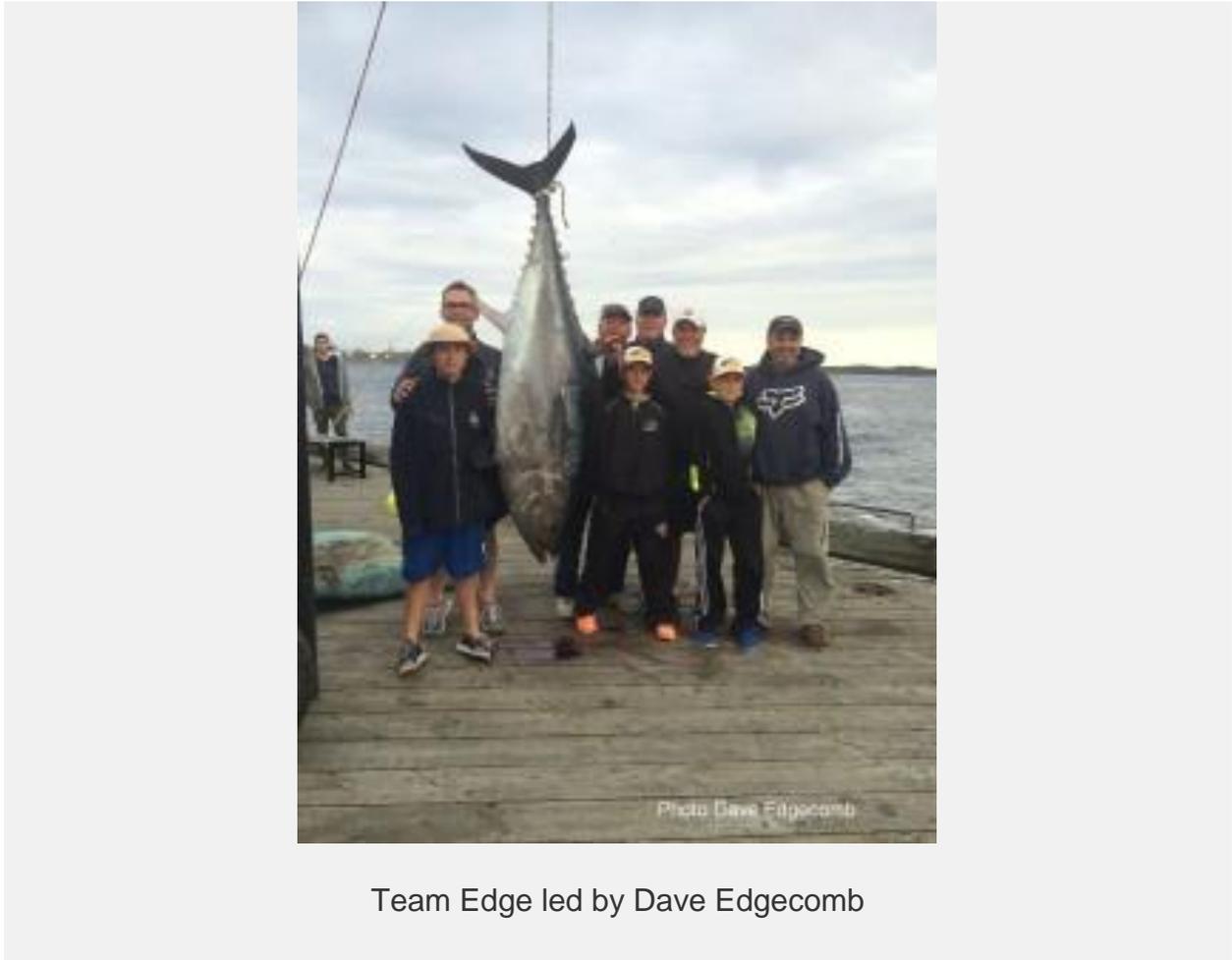
Team Reel Knots – 205 lb Bluefin (a 3rd fish for IWK not counted in tournament standing)

Team No Time – 483 lb Bluefin (a 3rd fish for IWK not counted in tournament standing)



Team No Time – from left – Gerald Arcand, Gerry Crochene, Ross Sampson and Gerard Mombourquette

Team Edge – 300 lb Bluefin



Team Edge led by Dave Edgecomb

END OF TOURNAMENT as the 10th tag of our quota limit was landed around 4 pm.

Special note of thanks to **Team The Big Katunas** who were also hooked up when **Team Edge** managed to land the 10th tag fish. Teams were immediately notified and The Big Katunas graciously cut off their fish (it was a big one) to ensure that our tournament did not violate our DFO license conditions.

Closing Ceremonies:

Closing ceremonies and trophy presentations were held on Sunday night from 7-9 p.m. at Durty Nelly's Irish Pub in downtown Halifax, along with a silent auction and some good food and fish stories. There was great food donated, along with the venue space,

by the great proprietors of Durty Nelly's with thanks from HTTS and the tournament participants. Below are a few pictures of the happy crowd provided by Debby Currie with our thanks.



Keeley Wallace, IWK Philanthropy Officer, Chris Purcell of Oceanview Fisheries and Elizabeth Hallet, Manager of Annual Giving at IWK Foundation (on the right)



The Master of Ceremonies was again Ric Hattiin for the 5th year running and opening remark by Ric thanked our sponsors and lauding the achievement of filling our

10 tuna quota for the first time in the 5 year history of the HNSITT. The only time that our predecessors the former Halifax International Tuna Tournament (HITT) had achieved this goal was in 2003. Vic Heniss our president added to Ric's intro.



Ric and Vic Opening Remarks

Vic then introduced Elizabeth Hallet from the IWK to give us an overview of how the funds raised by the tournament will be used by the IWK and graciously thanked the tournament organizers and all the participant for our efforts.



Elizabeth Hallet giving the IWK appreciations.

Subsequently it was on to the Trophy presentations.

Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy

It is with sadness that we have tragically lost one of our founding Halifax Tuna Tournament Society board members and an avid tournament participant in mid August of this year. Wayne Hoskin was the owner of Schooner Cove Marine in St. Margaret's Bay and had been a major supporter and donor to our tournament. He will be sorely missed.

Wayne's friends and tournament participants led by Calvin Ripley and Vic Heniss and other donors have commissioned the Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy to be given out each year to the Team that lands the first Bluefin to the dock for donation to the IWK. The Hoskin Family was on hand at our closing ceremony to present the trophy.



Hoskin family with trophy from left: David, Virginia and William

The winning team of this inaugural year of the **Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy** was **Team Reel Knots** who landed their 471 lb Bluefin to the dock at Bishops landing within the first few hours of the opening day of the tournament. The trophy was presented to Greg Mombourquette and his team by David Hoskin as the first presentation of the awards.



Hoskin Memorial Trophy – Team Reel Knots from the left: John Martell, Greg Mombourquette, David Hoskin, Chris Arcand, our MC Ric Hattin. Team members not present Mickey Kovacs and Dana Dorey.

At this point the agenda moved on to the awards for the winning teams. Although there was some confusion on the initial tournament placements it has always been the tournament policy to set placements based on the sizes of the “**first fish caught**” by any team. Should extra tags be provided to teams having caught a fish, any subsequent fish would be donated to the IWK and not count toward tournament placement. Although the largest fish of the tournament was a 573 lb Bluefin caught by **Team No Time** it was their second fish so didn’t count toward the tournament placement. We and the IWK charity thank **Team No Time** for their great efforts in raising additional funds for the charity.

First Place: Team Reel Knots – 471 lb Bluefin

- Greg Mombourquette, Chris Arcand, John Martell, Mickey Kovacs and Dana Dorey



1st Place – Team Reel Knots with Halifax Herald Trophy – John Martell, Vic Heniss (HTTS), Greg Mombourquette and Chris Arcand.

Second Place: Team Inventive Marine – 451 lb Bluefin

- Jamie Judge, Mark Flinn and Peter Frederick



2nd Place Team Inventive Marine: Jamie Judge and Mark Flinn.

Third Place: Team Contender – 430 lb Bluefin

- James Smith, Thomas Poulsen, Ross Argante, Dave Greenwood and Hugh Smith.



3rd Place – Team Contender: From left James Smith, Ross Argante and Dave Greenwood.

The winning Team has also received a 1st place Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament keeper trophy along with an invitation to the **Offshore World Championship Tournament** in Quepos, Costa Rica which will be held in April of 2016. Greg has already stated that his team will definitely be attending next April and we wish him good luck there as well.



Team Reel Knots with the HNSITT keeper trophy and their invitation to the Offshore World Championships in Costa Rica next April.

Special thanks to Waterfront Development Corporation for providing a great venue and Oceanview Fisheries for bait, fish processing and marketing as well as to all of our sponsors and donors for their support.

Particular thanks to our volunteers: Bob Moore and wife Nadia, Biruta Heniss, Peter Simpkin and John Zevenhuizen along with MC Ric Hattin. Without this support our board wouldn't be able to organize and run the tournament, and also have the opportunity to actually fish in it.

Info

Below are the fish proceeds results for the 2015 catch. Oceanview Fisheries handled marketing and shipping of all fish with a minimal charges for out of pocket costs to maximize donations to the IWK. Net Price per Pound is market less the averaged shipping and handling cost for all fish.

Team	Tag and Market	Gross wt. lbs	Dressed wt. lbs	NET \$ / lb	NET \$ to IWK
Contender	Tag # 0535 Japan	430	316	\$6.79	\$2,145.64
Edge	Tag # 0538 NAm	300	238	\$6.30	\$1,499.40
21st Century	Tag # 0539 NAm	390	309	\$11.00	\$3,399.00
Reel Knots	Tag # 0540 Japan	471	368	\$5.98	\$2,200.64
No Time	Tag # 0641 Japan	317	250	\$6.79	\$1,697.50
Inventive Marine	Tag # 0542 Japan	451	350	\$11.20	\$3,920.00
No Time #2	Tag # 0543 Japan	573	446	\$9.59	\$4,277.14
Reel Knots #2	Tag # 0544 NAm	260	203	\$4.50	\$913.50
No Time #3	Tag # 0545 Japan	483	378	\$8.25	\$3,118.50
Reel Knots #3	Tag # 0546 NAm	205	158	\$1.10	\$173.80
		3,880	3,016	Proceeds to IWK	\$23,345.12

Total proceeds including the Cash donations, Auctions, Bait Sales and the portion of Registration Fees donated to the IWK amounted to **\$45,875.61** for the 2015 tournament.