

2020-Results

HNSITT 2020 – Sept 16-20

Hi everyone, the registrations for the 2020 Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament will take place from 5-6 p.m. on the South Battery Pier at Bishop's Landing in Halifax on Tuesday the 15th of September (rain alternate location Alexander Keith's Brewery atrium area).

Due to Covid restrictions and an abundance of caution only the Captain's, or 1 designated crew member are invited. This Modified Registration is to pass on Tuna Tags, ICCAT forms, vessel trackers and detailed instructions on communications and tuna landing procedures to all teams. No formal social gathering Captains Meeting will take place this year.

Tuna landings will be at the Oceanview Fisheries docks in Sambro with only the Captain allowed off the vessel to complete necessary documentations. There will be no public viewings allowed.

Note to Teams: Please send photos and any comments and good fishing stories to HTT@bluefintournament.ca so that I will be able to update this 2020 results page as the tournament progresses. Thanks from the webmaster.

All twelve teams entered this year had representatives present and successfully picked up their registration packages containing a tuna tag, an ICCAT form along with the DFO license conditions and logs as well as vessel trackers and instructions for the tournament. The Halifax Tuna Tournament Society Board members included Fred Voegeli explaining the rules and general operations and Vic Hennis along with his wife Biruta as the Master Organiser. Below are a few photos of the restricted meeting along with some shots of the Cape Breton contingent vessels that will be staying along the waterfront for the tournament.



Team Captains along with Fred Voegeli and Biruta Hennis starting the meeting



The Registration packages



Fred explaining the Rules and tracker units before handing out the Registration Packages



Some of the Cape Breton contingent vessels that will be docking on the Halifax waterfront during the tournament.



The Cape Breton Participant boats.

Teams Entered this year

Team Name	Captain	Vessel Name
Shorty -LRU	John Martell	Lilah Sophia
BlindStrike	Gerard Mombourquette	BlindStrike
Furious	Roddie MacCuspie	2 Fast 2 Furious
Reel Deal	Mark Wilber	Reel Deal
Edge	Dave Edgecombe	Blu
Chasing Tail	Don Cameron	Nauticare
Jacobite	Michael Martell	Jacobite
Gaffer	Fred Voegeli	Gaffer

Fin Addict	Art Gaetan	Knot 4 Sale
Contender	James Smith	Contender
Ripley's Believe It	Calvin Ripley	Ripley's Believe It
Lewie	Reagan Henneberry	My Other Honey

2020 Results Summary:

Weights in Pounds.

Team Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Shorty -LRU	349				
BlindStrike	581		343		
Furious					
Reel Deal	536				
Edge	412				
Chasing Tail			598		
Jacobite			190		
Gaffer					
Fin Addict		562	736		
Contender			523		
Ripley's Believe It					
Lewie					
Daily totals (lbs)	1878	562	2390		
Cumulative total (lbs)					4830

Day 1 – Wednesday (16th) Result

Day 1 of the tournament started off as a calm misty morning that quickly cleared off to a bright sunny day. Wind and sea were calm in the morning but the southwesterly breeze filled in strongly through the day building to approximately 20-25 knots in the afternoon with building 3-5 ft seas.

Team Edge reported an early hook up but lost that fish, however they hooked up again mid morning. Team Reel Deal actually reported the first fish of the tournament to be secured at 10:32 to Atlantic Catch Data (ACD). Approximately 11:30 Team Edge on Blu also secured a fish though hailed it in to ACD at 12:34.

Mid afternoon both teams Blindstrike and Shorty-LRU hooked up and eventually secured tuna. Team Shorty-LRU on the Lilah Sophie delivered a 349 lb tuna at 16:00 and Team BlindStrike delivered a 581 lb tuna at 18:00 to the Sambro weigh in.



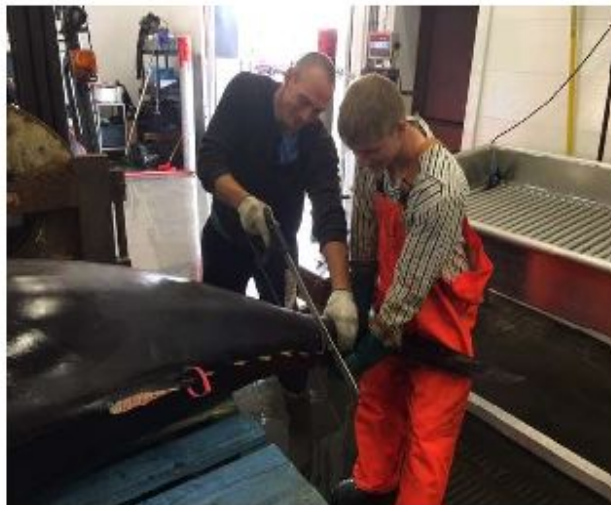
Team Shorty-LRU unloading at Oceanview



349 lbs Team Shorty-LRU with Captain John Martell



581 lbs -Team Blindstrike with Captain Gerrard
Mombourquette



Prepping the fish minutes after removed from water

Day 2 – Thursday (17th) Results

Day 2 brought light overcast with strong Southwesterly winds keeping most of the boats tied to the dock. One boat ventured out this morning, team Fin-Addict and at 9:35 they reported that they have secured a tuna and were headed into Sambro with an ETA of approximately 11:00. Team Fin-Addict delivered a 562 lb tuna to the Oceanview Fisheries dock in Sambro at 11:00 and were the only boat out today as of noon.

Just after noon Team Lewie on My Other Honey ventured out although didn't manage to hook-up or land any fish.

Day 3- Friday (18th) Results

Day 3 started out overcast with relatively light NE winds that increased to about 15-20 in the early afternoon. Team Contender hooked up early and eventually landed a nice 523 lb tuna that they delivered to Oceanview in Sambro about 11 am.



Team Blindstike also landed a 343 lb tuna followed by Team Fin-Addict with a 736 lb fish that they delivered to Sambro about noon leaving two tags available for the tournament.



Art Gaelan with the winning 736 lb tuna

Around 14:30 Team Jacobite delivered a 190 lb tuna to Sambro leaving one tag to be filled and with team Chasing Tail hooked up and fighting a fish. Around 15:30 team Chasing Tail reported that they had secured their fish making it the 10th fish of the tournament and officially the tournament is over for 2020. At approximately 16:30 team Chasing Tail delivered a nice 598 lb tuna to the dock at Oceanview Fisheries in Sambro.



Some of the tuna being loaded for the airport at Oceanview on the 18th.

Day 4- Saturday (19th) Results

No fishing: 10 tag quota filled.

Day 5- Sunday (20th) Results

No fishing: 10 tag quota filled.

Post Tournament Fishing Updates

Closing Ceremonies:

The closing ceremonies social gathering will not be held this year. Final results will be posted on this website and winning teams will be notified. Trophies will be sent to the winning teams after the tournament.



The 2020 Trophies

Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy

The Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy is given out each year to the Team that lands the first Bluefin to be secured and logged by call in to Atlantic Catch Data (ACD) for donation to the IWK.

The winning team for this year of the **Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy** was Team: **Reel Deal**.

First Place: Team

Fin-Addict – 736 lbs

Art Gaetan, Ron MacEachern, Brad Bethel, Ron Wilson and Harry Munroe.



Team Fin-Addict – Art Gaetan with the 1st Place Trophy and invitation to the 2021 Offshore World Championship

Second Place: Team

Chasing Tail – 598 lbs

Don Cameron, Erick Gaudet, Keith Sawlor, Tyler Rutledge and Murray Marchicew



Chasin Tail – Don Cameron with the 2nd Place Trophy

Third Place: Team

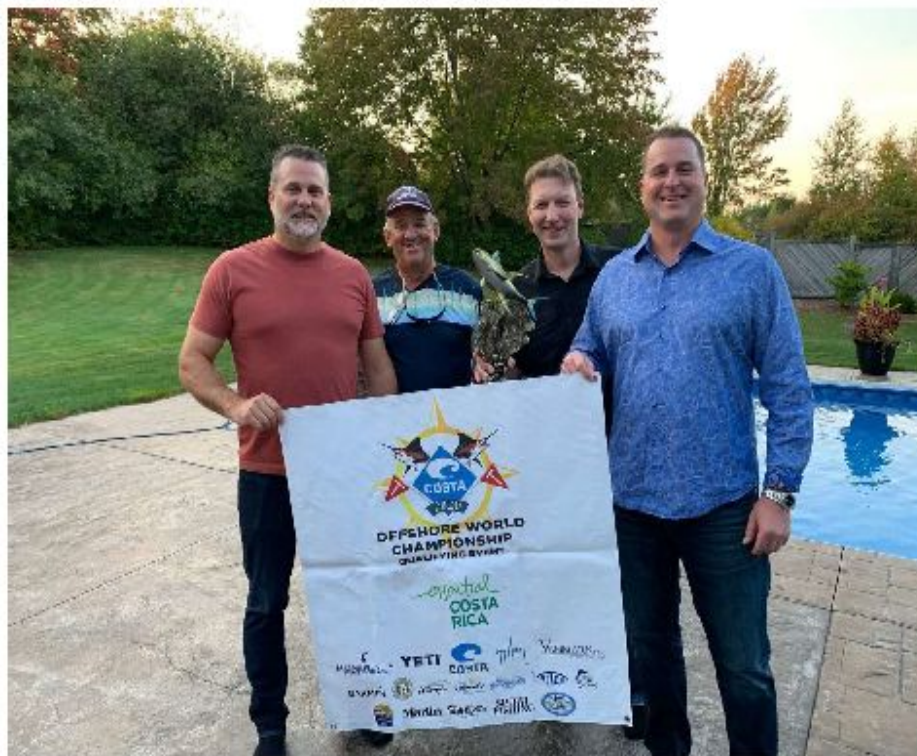
Blindstrike – 581 lbs

Gerard Mombourquette, Greg Mombourquette, Kerry Gracie, Patricia Martell, Dave Doucett and Dana Dorey.



Team Blindstrike with 3rd Place Trophy

The winning Team 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 April 11-16, 2021. Art has indicated that their team will be going.



Team Fin-Addict: from the left Glen Butler, Art Gaetan, Ron MacEachern and Brad Belhell

Special thanks to Oceanview Fisheries for Tuna landing facilities, bait, fish processing and marketing as well as to all of our sponsors and donors for their support.

Particular thanks to our volunteers: Vic Heniss, Biruta Heniss and Fred Voegeli for their effort at the Captain's meeting and throughout the tournament.

Info

Below are the fish proceeds results for the 2020 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/Market	Rnd Weight lbs	Dressed Weight lbs	Price/lb	Total Price
Shorty-IRU	Tag # 2771 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	349	274	\$10.00	\$2,740.00
Blind Strike	Tag # 2772 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	581	456	\$4.75	\$2,166.00
Reel Deal	Tag # 2774 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	536	412	\$4.00	\$1,648.00
Team Edge	Tag # 2775 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	712	315	\$8.00	\$2,520.00
Chasing Tail	Tag # 2775 Bluefin Tuna " Domestic "	598	468	\$1.95	\$902.85
Jacobite	Tag # 2777 Bluefin Tuna " Domestic "	190	140	\$10.00	\$1,400.00
FIN-ADDICT	Tag # 2778 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	562	435	\$7.25	\$3,153.75
Contender	Tag # 2780 Bluefin Tuna " Domestic "	523	398	\$5.50	\$2,189.00
FIN-ADDICT	Tag # 2783 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	736	588	\$8.00	\$4,704.00
Blind Strike	Tag # 2790 Bluefin Tuna " Japan "	340	271	\$10.00	\$2,710.00
	Total weight	4830	3752		
				Total to IWK	\$24,133.60

Total proceeds including the Cash donations, Bait Sales and the portion of Registration Fees donated to the IWK amounted to **\$55,045.47** for the 2020 tournament.

Announcement:

Presentation:

On the 23rd of December 2020 the Board of Directors Treasurer Greg Connor sent a cheque in the amount of **\$55,045.47** to Hillary Forsyth the Relationship Manager, Community & Corporate Giving of the IWK Foundation. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions a photo op presentation will be organised some time in early 2021.

This brings the HTTS 10 year cumulative donations to a total of **\$464,213.91** from running of the Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament. We wish the IWK all the best and thank all participants, volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and generosity to make this year another great success.

In May of 2021 a virtual presentation of the cheque to the IWK was made for the IWK Telethon by Greg Connor our Treasurer on behalf of our entire Board of Directors. See the attached Link and click on the image to play the video:

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BAGC5eTesNuP9j4a8kw5GEqU>

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