

2022-Results

HNSITT 2022 – Sept 28 – Oct 2

(modified due to effects of hurricane Fiona)

Hi everyone, the hurricane modified date of the registrations and Captains meeting for the 2022 Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament took place at 6 p.m. at Oceanview Fisheries wharf in Sambro on Sunday the 25th of September.

At 5 pm a special board meeting of the committee was held with updates on the weather situations and status of the crews coming from Cape Breton which was badly affected by the hurricane. As these boats making up a third of this years fleet will be unable to get to Halifax before Tuesday evening it was decided to delay the start of fishing for this years tournament until Wednesday the 28th of September.

Due to Covid restrictions and an abundance of caution only the Captain's, or 1 designated crew member were 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 took place this year.

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

14 Teams have entered this years tournament (listed below) and 9 teams had representatives present to pick up their registrations packages for this year. Alternate arrangements are being made to get packages to the teams unable to attend. The packages included their initial tuna tag, ICCAT forms along with the DFO license conditions and log forms to be filled out and returned to DFO at completion of the tournament. In addition there were vessel tracker units and updated instructions for the tournament. The Halifax Tuna Tournament Society Board members included Vic Heniss and wife Biruta as master organisers for the tournament and Fred Voegeli to explain the rules and details of this years program. Additional Board members present included Chris Gibbs (Secretary), Dave Edgecombe (member) and John Lewis (member and webmaster).

Sorry no photos this year.

Note to Teams: Please send photos and any comments and good fishing stories to HITT@bluefintournament.ca so that I will be able to update this 2022 results page as the tournament progress's. Thanks from the webmaster.

Teams Entered 2022 year:

Team Name	Captain	Vessel Name
Blind Strike	Gerard Mombourquette	Blind Strike
Jacobite	Michael Martell	Jacobite
Mad Dad	Roddie MacCuspic	Mad Dad
Ripley's Believe It	Calvin Ripley	Ripley's Believe It
Chasing Tail	Don Cameron	Nauticare
Viking	Mark Wilbur	Nijinski
Newfie Rockets	Blaise Bolland	Hubley Hillbilly
Edge	Dave Edgecombe	Blu
Fin Addict	Ron MacEachern/Brad Bethell	Zacapa
Gaffer	Fred Voegeli	Gaffer
Knot Enough Time	Chris Gibbs	Knot Enough Time
Leeway Marine	Jamie Sangster	Leeway Striker
Rubber Boot Bandit's	Regan HenneBerry	My Other Honey
Lobster's R Us	John Martell	Lilah Sophia

2022 Results Summary:

Team Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Blind Strike			320		0
Jacobite					
Mad Dad		353	525	483	0
Ripley's Believe It					0
Chasing Tail			89		
Viking					
Newfie Rockets				90	
Edge	479				
Fin Addict					

Gaffer					
Knot Enough Time					
Leeway Marine					
Rubber Boot Bandit's	537				
Lobster's R Us			720		0
Daily Totals (lbs)	1016	353	1654	573	0
Tournament Totals (lbs)					3596
	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Post Tournament Fishing Oct 3rd-7th	448	433 Leeway			
		501 Leeway			
		645 Edge			
		633 Edge			
Cumulative Tournament Totals (lbs)					6256
Post Tourny fishers	Viking	Leeway Marine 2 fish			
		Edge 2 fish			

Day 1 – Wednesday (28th) Result

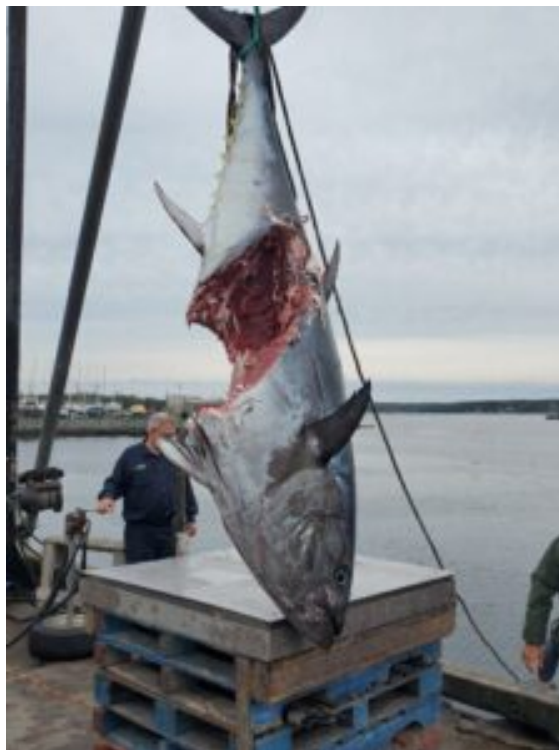
On day one of the tournament 8 boats hailed out to start a day of fishing. Conditions were light winds with heavy fog and confused seas in the 6-10 ft range which made for a rather uncomfortable fishing day. Three boats headed out to the Eastern Shore and the remaining boats fished off Sambro Island and Chebucto Head.

Team Edge had a very eventful morning on the Eastern Shore with an initial hookup that they lost and very shortly afterwards hooking up again. They eventually landed the first fish of the tournament, but not until a

rather unusual encounter with about a 20 ft long Great White Shark that took a nasty chunk out of their fish as it was along side the boat. The whole weight of the fish was 479 lbs.... but the Great White took some of it.



Team Edge's First Fish of the Tournament minus a minor Great White Shark Bite. Team Captain David Edgecombe with Jeff Potter, Jim Lawley, Peter Moloney, Ben Maloney and Dave Greenwood



Amazing what a Great White shark can do to a tuna !!!!

A bit later Team Rubber Boot Bandit's on My Other Honey delivered a 537 lb tuna to the Oceanview Fisheries wharf that was landed in the outer Halifax Harbour area.



Team Rubber Boot Bandit's with their 537 lb Fish. Captain Regan HenneBerry with Corey Irons, Phil Payne, Shawn HenneBery, Chad Irons and Todd Dorsey

Overall a good start to the Tournament and tomorrow we should have at least three more of the teams from Cape Breton as conditions look even better tomorrow.

Day 2 – Thursday (29th) Results

Day 2 in downtown Halifax the boats at Bishops Landing and the Foundation wharf got a special send off by a contingent from the IWK at 5:30 in the morning to wish them a successful day.



IWK Special Send off Team Early Thursday morning:
Melanie Matheson, Manager of Community & Corporate Giving
Trena Crewe,
VP of Philanthropy & Development
Nichole Garnett,
Manager of Donor Engagement

Thursday morning brought much nicer conditions for fishing with light winds and only a dying residual 2-3 ft swell making for a much more pleasant day offshore. 10 boats hailed out for the days fishing. Winds were light enough that helium assistance was needed for any kite fishing that some of the boats managed.

Although there were numerous tuna sightings, there were few hook ups. Around 11 a.m. Team Mad Dad with captain Roddie MacCuspig managed to hook up and land a tuna that they delivered to the Oceanview Fisheries dock about 3 p.m. The tuna weighed in with a round weight of 353 lbs.



Team Mad Dad With their 353 lb tuna. Chris Gracie, Captain Roddie MacCuspic, Caleb Madden, and Shaun MacLeod

Day 2 closed with only one fish landed for the tournament even though there were nine other boats trying.

Day 3- Friday (30th) Results

Day 3 of the tournament turned out to be a beautiful sunny day with light winds ideal for tuna fishing. 9 boats hailed out this morning and it has been a successful day of fishing.

Around 10:00 Team Chasing Tail on Nauticare hooked and landed a whopping 89 lb tuna, and kudos to them as honest fishermen for following the rules of not cutting off or hi-grading a fish and the DFO statement that a landed fish must be at least 50 lbs. The fish was was offloaded and weighed at Oceanview about 12:30.



Chasing Tail's whopper. Honest fishermen Captain Don Cameron with Erik Gaudet, Keith Sawlor, Tyler Rutledge and Roy Meech.

At approximately 13:00 Team Blindstrike delivered a 320 lb tuna to Oceanview.



Blindstrike's 320lb tuna. Captain Gerrard Mombourquette with Kerry Gracie, David Doucette, and Ross Sampson

At about 14:30 Team Mad Dad delivered their second fish to Oceanview Fisheries. A nice 525 lb. tuna.



Team Mad Dad's second 525 lb tuna. Captain Roddie MacCuspic with Shaun MacLeod, Caleb Madden, Chris Cracie, Dylan MacCuspic and Colin MacCuspic

At 18:50 Captain John Martell of Team Lobster's R Us on Lilah Sophia arrived at Oceanview with a tuna that weighed in at 720 lbs.



Team Lobster's R Us 720 lb Tuna. Captain John Martell with Jeff Martell, Jerry Martell, Aubrey Lendry, Blaire Martell and Janelle Martell

Great day of fishing for the IWK charity and lets keep it up.

Through the afternoon today we have been notified that three additional tags and quota have been donated to the tournament this year. 2 tags from Marshall Boutilier and one tag from Melvin Watts. HITT and the children's charity extend much thanks for the generous donations. Note that DFO has also allowed a replacement tag for the fish that was damaged by the Great White shark.

Day 4- Saturday (1st) Results

Day 4 began with hazy skies and moderate southwesterly winds around 10 kts that increased slightly through the day with some increasing cloud cover as well. Initially 6 boats hailed out for today with a 7th boat joining the fray about noon. Two fish were caught today making our total so far at 9 tuna for the tournament.

About 13:10 Team Mad Dad delivered their 3rd tuna to the Oceanview Fisheries dock that measured in at 483 pounds.



Team Mad Dad with Captain Roddie MacCuspic and crew with their 483 lb. third fish.

Almost immediately afterwards at 13:30 Team Newfie Rockets on vessel Hubley Hillbillies delivered a whopping 90 lb fish to the Oceanview Fisheries dock.



Day 5- Sunday (2nd) Results

Sunday turned out to be a bit nasty with strong northerly winds of around 15 knots and gusting to 23 or more. Four boats ventured out in the morning but two retired early and only Mad Dad and Lilah Sophia persisted through most of the day. The tuna didn't seem to like it either and there were no hook ups reported through the day.

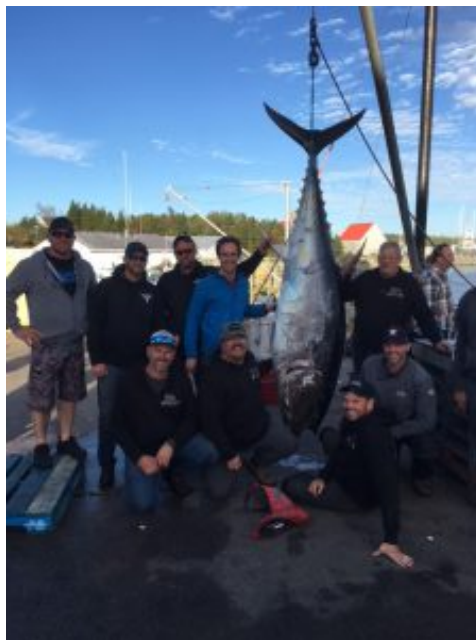
So ends the official 2022 Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament. We hope everyone enjoyed their fishing endeavours.

Note that we have 5 tuna tags remaining and our license conditions allow boats registered in the tournament to continue fishing for the next 5 days (October 7th inclusive). Any proceeds from fish caught will be donated to the IWK. Subsequent catch information will be reported below when available.

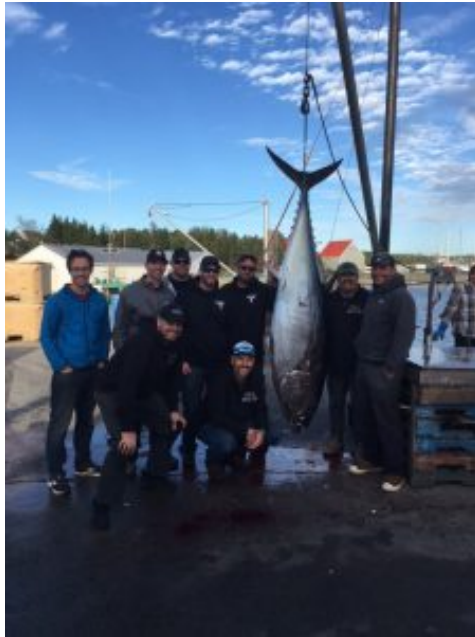
Post Tournament Fishing Updates

On Monday October 3rd Team Viking on Nijinski was out and caught a nice tuna that measured a round weight of 448 lbs when landed at Oceanview.

On Tuesday Team Leeway Marine on their vessel Striker went out and managed to hook up and actually land two fish. Their fish weighed in at 433 lbs and 501 lbs. We actually have some photos thanks to Vic Heniss who was at the Oceanview dock when they came in.



Leeway Marin Striker Captain Jamie Sangster Ross
Argante, Bill Boyle, Mark Decker and Danny Rowe with
friends



Leeway Marine #2

Later in the day Team Edge also landed 2 good size fish and made it to Oceanview at 9:50 pm where their fish were weighed in with round weights of 645 lbs for the first weighed fish and 633 lbs for the second fish. Photos thanks to Greg Connor of ACD and an HTTS board member.



Team Edge with their first weighed fish of 645 lbs



Team Edge with their 2nd weighed fish of 633 lbs

These landed fish officially closed down the 2022 HNSITT tournament fishing as now all 14 available tags have been filled. Thanks to all our fishermen.

Closing Ceremonies:



This year in a semi post covid world we decided to again hold a closing ceremonies gathering which was held on Monday Oct 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Best Western Plus, Chocolate Lake Hotel, 250 Saint Margaret's Bay Road. Due to the tournament schedule changes because of Hurricane Fiona we were unable to re-book the facilities for Sunday which was the actual last day of the tournament. As a result the three teams from Cape Breton were unable to attend as they had to transit their boats back to Cape Breton on Monday. Representatives from four local teams were in attendance and a pleasant time was had by those groups with a very nice roast beef carvery supper.

Fred Voegeli the Vice President of our HNSITT board acted as the Master of Ceremonies and gave a welcome to all and a nice summary of the progress of the tournament. Fred also summarised the overall proceeds to the IWK over the past 11 years of our group running the tournament less whatever this year's proceeds will be.



Fred Voegeli our Master of Ceremonies for 2022

Victoria Reid of the IWK was introduced and came forward to give a brief summary of what the IWK activities are and how they look forward to the contributions of the Halifax Nova Scotia International Tuna Tournament to their operations each year.



Victoria Reid of the IWK giving a summary and thanks to the tournament fishers

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.

This year the trophy had an additional red cross bandage attached as the first fish caught was also the one that had a nip taken out of it by a passing Great White shark. Something in the order of 100 lbs. of it.



The wounded 2022 Hoskins Trophy

The winning team for this year of the **Wayne Hoskin Memorial Trophy** was Team: Edge with team members Dave Greenwood and Jeff Potter available for the presentation. This year the trophy was presented by our President Vic Heniss as Virginia Hoskin was not available.



Team Blu's representative Dave Greenwood and Jeff Potter accepting the Wounded Hoskins Trophy

First Place: Team Lobsters R Us with a tuna of 720 lbs.

Team members: Captain John Martell, Jeff Martell, Jerry Martell, Aubrey Landry, Blaire Martell and Janelle Martell

As the team was transiting their vessel Lilah Sophia back to Cape Breton today and were not able to attend, the ladies from the IWK, Victoria Reid and Melanie Matheson graciously stood in for the Lobsters R Us team



IWK ladies standing in for Lobsters R Us accepting the HNSITT 1st place Chronicle Herald Trophy



IWK Ladies accepting the HNSITT 2022 1st place keeper trophy for Lobsters R Us

Second Place: Team Rubber Boot Bandit's with a tuna of 537 lbs.

Team members: Captain Regan HenneBerry, Corey Irons, Phil Payne, Shawn HenneBerry, Chad Irons, Todd Dorsey



Team Rubber Boot Bandit's accepting the HNSITT 2022 2nd place keeper trophy

Third Place: Team Mad Dad with a tuna of 525 lbs.

Team members: Captain Roddie MacCuspic, Shaun MacLeod, Caleb Madden, Chris Gracie, Dylan MacCuspic and Colin Macuspic

Again they were transiting their boat back to Cape Breton today and were unable to attend so the ladies from the IWK graciously stood in for them to accept the trophy.



Melanie Matheson and Victoria Reid standing in for Team Mad Dad accepting the HNSITT 2022 3rd place keeper 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 16-21, 2023.



IWK ladies accepting for team Lobsters R Us

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 2022 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 less Exp	Total Price to IWK
Blind Strike	Tag # 5701- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	320	253	\$11.42	\$2,889.26
Mad Dad	Tag # 5703- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	353	287	\$19.24	\$5,521.88
Chasin Tail	Tag # 5705- Bluefin Tuna "Domestic"	89	69	\$12.00	\$828.00
Viking	Tag # 5706- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	448	351	\$2.72	\$954.72
Newfie Rockets	Tag # 5707- Bluefin Tuna "Domestic"	90	68	\$10.50	\$714.00
Edge	Tag # 5708- Bluefin Tuna "Domestic"	479	307	\$7.50	\$2,302.50
Leeway Marine	Tag # 5712- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	433	331	\$6.66	\$2,204.46
Rubber Boot Bandit's	Tag # 5713- Bluefin Tuna "USA"	537	426	\$7.61	\$3,241.86
Lobster's R Us	Tag # 5714- Bluefin Tuna "USA"	720	567	\$6.94	\$3,934.98
Edge	Tag # 5715- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	633	487	\$4.08	\$1,986.96
Mad Dad	Tag # 5717- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	525	406	\$10.00	\$4,060.00
Mad Dad	Tag # 5719- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	483	384	\$10.00	\$3,840.00
Edge	Tag # 5722- Bluefin Tuna "Japan"	645	498	\$2.72	\$1,354.56
Leeway Marine	Tag # 5723- Bluefin Tuna "Domestic"	501	390	\$9.00	\$3,510.00
		6256	4824		
				Total to IWK	\$37,343.18

Total proceeds including the Cash donations, Bait Sales and the portion of Registration Fees donated to the IWK amounted to **\$66,747.72** for the 2022 tournament.

Announcement:

Presentation:

On the 8th of December, 2022 the Board of Directors Treasurer Greg Connor along with Secretary Chris Gibbs and board member John Lewis presented a cheque in the amount of **\$ 66,747.72** to Victoria Reid the Relationship Manager, Community & Corporate Giving of the IWK Foundation.



2022 Cheque Presentation at the IWK Goldbloom Entrance. From the left Chris Gibbs, Greg Connor, Victoria Reid and John Lewis.

This brings the HTTS 12 year cumulative donations to a total of **\$605,714.07** from the 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.

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