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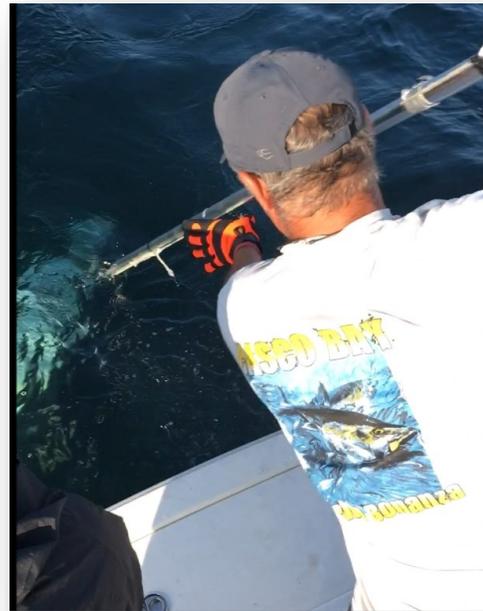
Inaugural Event a Rousing Success

South Portland, Maine - When the dust finally settled and the last Batson River brew was poured, all who participated agreed that the inaugural Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza was an overwhelming success. "We got a late start putting this together but thanks to a hard-working, dedicated committee and exceptional support from our many sponsors and donors we were able to pull it off," said CBBB president Bob Humphrey. The effort, which first started taking shape just last spring, involved countless hours of planning and organizing. "We got a huge helping hand from the Sturdivant Island (Tuna Tournament) folks like Jim Hinkley and Larry Grondin," said Humphrey. "They gave us their blessing to pick up where they left off, and offered lots great advice.

Forming and maintaining a committee was not without its challenges. "It was a bit of a revolving door for a while as folks had to resign from the committee due to personal and professional obligations. But no sooner did one person leave then another would show up offering to help. Ultimately we ended up with a very solid committee, each person providing a particular skill set to the effort."

Support for the endeavor was also overwhelming with donations of cash, goods and services from more than 75 different individuals and businesses. "The generosity from our community and beyond far exceeded our expectation," said Humphrey, "particularly considering this was only our first year. It certainly bodes well for the future."

It was also a financial success. "Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, the Bluefin Bonanza will be able to make a difference in our communities



by providing \$1,000 scholarships to each of the seven schools in Maine's Community College System." said Humphrey.

Participation was also robust. Following the SITT model, the CBBB limited registration to 40 boats, ultimately falling just shy of that mark. "The captains all told us what a great time they had. Once word gets around, I think we'll have no problem filling the (weigh-in) board next year. I just hope we don't have to turn folks away, but it will be again limited to 40 boats on a first-come, first-served basis."

And the fishing wasn't bad either. In the final tally, 17 boats landed 22 fish; 8 on Day 1, 10 on Day 2 and 4 on Day 3. See results on Page 2.



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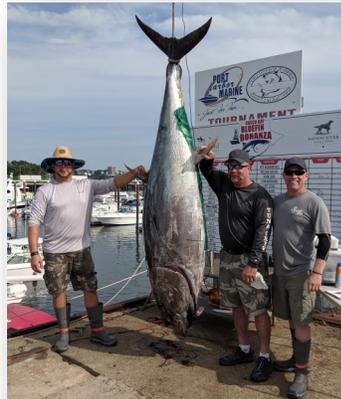
2019



Awards



First Place: Capt. Kurt Christensen, Molly Jane, 724 lbs., 109.25"



Second Place: Capt. Keith Jordan, Bailey & Bella, 578 lbs., 101.25"



Third Place: Capt. Kevin Lord, Square Footage, 523.5 lbs., 97"



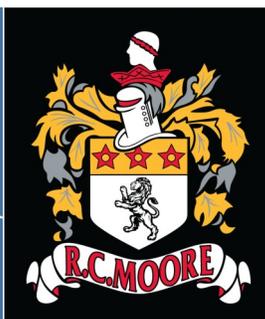
Fourth Place: Capt. Eric Knight, Ivy Jean, 498.5 lbs., 94.5"



Fifth Place: Capt. Ian Bexon, Sara Ann, 427.5 lbs., 92"



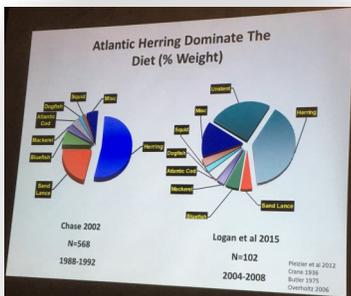
Smallest Fish: Capt. Jordan Caron, Pandion, 197 lbs., 73.5"



In the Name of Science

Samples collected from fish landed at the Tournament will aid in further research to help protect and prolong the fish and the fishery. From each fish, Walt Golet and his team from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute extract otoliths (small bones in the head), which record information about the fish's life, much

like growth rings record information about the life of a tree. Otoliths, together with other tissue samples, provide information on where the fish was born, its health, and what it has been eating. Brian Tarbox and his students, from Southern Maine Community College, also collected biological samples for their ongoing research.



Special thanks to our weighmasters, Walt Golet and Brian Jones for their tireless efforts.

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Captain's buckets all packed and ready to go thanks to our generous sponsors.



Captain Caron prepares a traditional Maine lobster bake for attendees.



We also had some great auction items generously donated.



The boys from Batson River made sure everyone had plenty to drink.



There wasn't a dry eye in the place when Jess Doughty made her dedication speech.



Weighmaster Brian Jones taking a rare break



Capt. Kurt Christensen taking a sip of bubbly from the inaugural Casco Cup.



The 2019 CBBB Committee (back row l. to r.: Kevin Lord, Billy Tranter, Jordan Caron, Sam LeDuc, Cory LeDuc, Brian Jones, Jane Humphrey, Sue Frigon, Merri-lee West, Jess Doughty; (front row l. to r.) Wesson and Remington LeDuc, Bob Humphrey, Alex Kennedy; (not shown) Walt Golet, Shawn Tibbetts.



Thomas & Lord		BLUEFIN BONANZA		BATSON RIVER	
NAME	WEIGHT	PRICE	NAME	WEIGHT	PRICE
BOB HUMPHREY	24.0	1,200.00	PETE ANDERSON	20.0	1,000.00
STEVEN MORSE	22.0	1,100.00	WILLIAM BARKER	18.0	900.00
CHARLES DORFSCHEID	21.0	1,050.00	KEVIN LORD	17.0	850.00
BILL KNIGHT	20.0	1,000.00	JOHN BURGESS	16.0	800.00
JOHN SPINALE	19.0	950.00	CORY LE DUC	15.0	750.00
MAX ROSCAMPONECH	18.0	900.00	ERIC BURNS	14.0	700.00
DOUG BARNES	17.0	850.00	KEVIN FORBES	13.0	650.00
THOMAS GOSWAMI	16.0	800.00	STEVE FRIGON	12.0	600.00
KENNETH SPYBARD	15.0	750.00	SEAN WALT	11.0	550.00
PEE SPECIENES	14.0	700.00	KEVIN SPYBARD	10.0	500.00
RUSSEL PARMENTER	13.0	650.00	MATTHEW KOENIGS	9.0	450.00
JOSUAS CARON	12.0	600.00	ROBERT BUTTER	8.0	400.00
FRANK SPINALETTI	11.0	550.00	MATT GARDNER	7.0	350.00
SCOTT SMITH	10.0	500.00			
KEVIN LITVIN	9.0	450.00			
SHAWN ANDREWS	8.0	400.00			
JACK PERLIN	7.0	350.00			
EMMETT SHAW	6.0	300.00			
WILSON	5.0	250.00			
BOB CHRISTENSEN	4.0	200.00			
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	2.0	100.00			
	1.0	50.00			



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Mark your calendars now
Captain's Meeting: Aug. 5
Fishing Days: Aug. 6-8



New Youth Tournament



We are excited to announce a new addition to the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza. Beginning in 2020, the final day of the Tournament will also include a separate category for young anglers ages 6-16. We're still working on the rules but this mini tournament

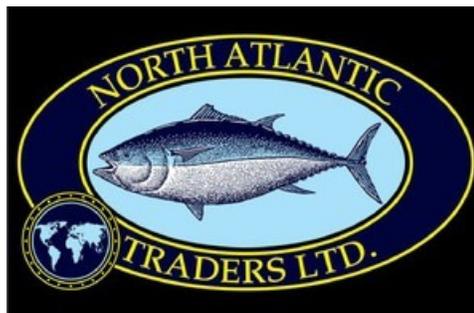
for mini fishermen will include categories for striped bass, mackerel and groundfish. Stay tuned for details.

Same Good Food and Drink

We're also pleased to announce two of our big sponsors will be returning. Red Claw will again be providing a Downeast lobster bake for the Captain's meal and Batson River will again provide adult liquid refreshments.

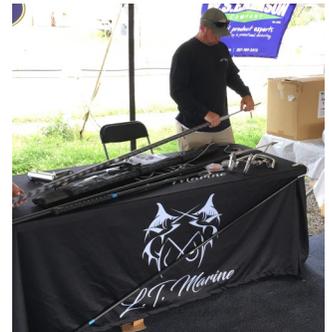


We hope to see you all next year.



**More,
More,
More...**

You should expect to see a few more vendors next year as well so show up early, especially if you have any last-minute tackle or gear needs. Any vendors interested in participating should contact bob@bobhumphrey.com



Wanna get involved? It takes a tremendous group effort to plan and implement the CBBB and many hands make for lighter work. We can always use more committee members and volunteers. If you'd like to be a part of our success, get in touch with us at bluefinbonanza@gmail.org

