

2022 CANADA INTERNATIONAL TUNA CUP CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 21ST - 24TH



TUNA CUP CHALLENGE RULES & REGULATIONS

Fishing for bluefin tuna is promised to be a great time, and even though we have had high catch/hook-up rates in the past, we cannot guarantee them. You will be spending your day on a tuna boat, so please read the next sections to understand the charter boat tournament rules, as well as the weather and what to bring.

Fishing gear/tackle will be supplied by your charter boat. The boats are equipped with rods, reels, and other required rigging. Boats are fully equipped with washroom facilities, bunks, a table/sitting area (inside and outside), a music system, life jackets, lunch, snacks, and beverages.

Canada International Tuna Cup Challenge works with the PEI Tuna Charter Association to ensure rules and regulations adhere to the Standardized Catch & Release Plan for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna as outlined by Fisheries & Oceans Canada. For the first time this year, each vessel will be permitted to catch and retain ONE bluefin tuna. As per fisheries regulations, all vessels will be required to have a camera mounted aboard before leaving the wharf.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- Each vessel will make one (1) trip per day.
- Boats must retain the first fish they land. If a team is unsuccessful in landing a bluefin, they may try again until the tournament is finished. Catch and Release will continue the following days of the Tournament.
- Maximum 2 Catch and Releases per day.
- Fishing shall be by Rod & Reel only.
- Maximum of 4 lines are to be used at one time.
- All hooks shall be circle hooks.
- Departure for the first fishing day shall be 8:00 am. Lines out of the water each day at 4:00 pm.
- All vessels shall have either a measuring stick painted on the side of their vessel or use a measuring rope that is measured off in segments.
- All vessels will comply with a fishing or no fishing decision based on weather conditions.
- Maximum of 6 anglers per vessel.
- Each hookup shall be texted to Harbour Master (902-969-5210) at the time of hookup & release.
- A measurement of each fish brought to the boat shall be taken from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail and passed along to the Harbour Master, a photo should also be taken.
- Points will be assigned based on 100 points for each fish landed and one point per inch in length. The Tournament winner shall be the team with the most points over the 3 fishing days.
- The heaviest fish prize shall be based on the official weight provided by the 3rd party monitor that will be used to determine the largest fish. In the event of a tie, the length of the fish will be used.
- As per regulations, all proceeds from the sale of the tuna must be donated to a designated charity.

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ALL VESSEL CHARTERS MUST HAVE:

- Transport Canada Certification for Passenger Transport.
- Captains in good standing of the PEI Charter Association.
- One Commercial Bluefin Tuna tag to be donated to the Tournament
- Captains with their Limited Masters.
- Catch and Retain Charter license
- Vessels must be clean and equipped with all required safety equipment.
- Sanitary washroom conditions.
- Potable drinking water, lunches/snacks, and beverages.

EVENT CANCELLATION BY CANADA INTERNATIONAL TUNA CUP CHALLENGE

The Canada International Tuna Cup Challenge reserves the right to cancel the tournament in the event of severely inclement weather or other circumstances that would make the event non-viable. If the Challenge is canceled in such circumstances, registrants will be offered a partial refund. Should circumstances arise that result in the postponement of an event, registrants will have the option to either receive a partial refund or transfer registration to the same event at the new, future date.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION BY PARTICIPANT

All fees associated with the event must be paid in full at the time of registration. The deadline to receive a refund for your registration is one month before the event. Cancellations received after this time will not be eligible for a refund. Cancellations will be accepted via fax or e-mail and must be received by the stated cancellation deadlines.