



## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STURDIVANT ISLAND TUNA TOURNAMENT

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This year's 11<sup>th</sup> Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament (SITT) will be the biggest ever held at Spring Point Marina from August 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>. The mandatory Captain's Meeting will be held on August 6, 2008. During the last 10 tournaments fifty one (51) giant Bluefin Tuna have been landed.

All the SITT prize money has increased this year since no fish were caught during the 2006 and 2007 tournaments.

\$37,500 in cash prizes will be awarded:

- First Prize = \$18,750
- Second Prize = \$9,750
- Third Prize = \$4,500
- Fourth Prize = \$3,000
- Fifth Prize = \$1,500

The tournament is limited to 40 pre-registered boats and the accumulated entrance fees pay for all prize money. Anyone breaking the State Bluefin Tuna record of 819 lbs in the Rod & Reel category will receive a prize of \$50,000.

This event has raised a whopping \$292,000 over the past 10 years, which has been donated to various organizations such as:

- Southern Maine Community College = \$96,000
- SMCC Pier Project = \$25,000
- Northern Maine Community College = \$35,000
- Washington County Community College = \$20,000
- Byron Gouzie Memorial Fund = \$30,000

