

14TH STURDIVANT ISLAND TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Largest Tuna Tournament in Northern New England

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South Portland - The 14th Annual Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament will be held under the tournament tent at Spring Point Marina in South Portland on August 4 – 6, 2011, with the Captain's Meeting and fundraising auction on Wednesday evening, August 3rd. The Captain's meeting and fundraising auction are open to the public. Tournament fishing begins at 12:00 AM Thursday, and concludes at 4:00 PM Saturday. The Awards dinner is Saturday at 6:00 PM.

The Captains who land the five largest Blue-fin tuna qualify for the cash prizes of \$6,250 for first prize, \$3,250 for second, \$1,500 for third, \$1,000 for fourth, and \$500 for fifth prize. The tournament is limited to 40 pre-registered boats and the accumulated entrance fees pay for the \$12,500 prize money. As an added incentive, the largest Blue-fin tuna landed that officially sets the Maine State Rod and Reel Record (819 lbs), will win a **Grand Prize award of \$50,000!** Last year, Captain Marty McLaughlin and the crew of the *Pacifier* took home the first place prize when they brought in the largest tuna weighing 684 pounds.

Over the past 13 years, with the help of tournament participants and generous sponsors, the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament has made charitable contributions approaching **\$425,000!** Some of this money has been donated to established scholarships at four of Maine's Community Colleges: Central Maine CC, Northern Maine CC, Southern Maine CC, and Washington County CC. In addition, donated funds have been given to the Byron R. Gouzie Foundation, the McAuley Residence at Mercy Hospital, the Isaac Baker "Baker-Mobile" fund, and the Maine Community Foundation. Last year SITT was awarded one of the prestigious Council for Resource Development Benefactor Awards for its many contributions to Maine's community colleges.