

2008 Tournament Success

The 21st Annual Greater Atlantic Bluefish Tournament was held on Saturday June 7th, 2008. Seventy seven boats answered the starting gun, a record field for this event. Tournament day dawned calm, but quite foggy, and with a mild breeze. The fishermen departed in good spirits and with high expectations. As the day progressed, the breeze stiffened a bit, but the visibility offshore remained rather poor all day. The bluefish were all of good size, and very cooperative again this year. As lines were put out, most boats were soon hooked up and happily fighting fish. At the final tally, 48 of the 77 boats returned to weigh stations to register their catch. Those boats that fished deep seemed to have better success and schools of bunker were evident everywhere. There were several reports of good sized sharks and even a few bluefin tuna being landed. All fish retained by the tournament were donated to local charities to help feed the homeless.

The awards banquet was held in Brigantine on Sunday evening, and a lively crowd soon filled the hall to capacity, partaking of the excellent food and beverages, good fellowship and the inevitable tall fishermen's tales. Cash prizes were awarded to the first through tenth place crews, and for the single heaviest fish of the tournament. Garmin GPS units were awarded to each of the three port winners, and over five thousand dollars in door prizes were distributed to those in attendance.

The tournament committee wishes to thank the many contestants and sponsors for their support in making this the most successful tournament ever, and is looking forward to their participation in next year's event, which is already being planned. This year, the tournament raised over forty thousand dollars to help in the fight against cancer. This amount is more than what was raised in the first six tournaments combined. Since its inception in 1988, this annual event has raised well in excess of half a million dollars to help people in the local area combat this dreaded disease. Congratulations are in order, to all the fishermen, sponsors, and committee people. YOU helped to make it happen!

The members of the GABT Tournament Committee, along with the GABT Foundation Board members, are dedicated to the cause of helping our neighbors fight the effects of cancer. This is done through education, financial aid, and services directly to the patients and their families. Beginning in 2006, the GABT began offering a scholarship to a medical student specializing in the treatment of cancer. With the help of the dedicated volunteers of the GABT, and those who support this event, we can make a difference in the fight against cancer, and to help those in need.

2008 GABT Winners 3 Heaviest Fish

1st: *Scorpio* - 39.48 lbs.

Captain: Paul Galasso of West Caldwell, NJ

2nd: *Team Sheltered Cove* - 35.79 lbs.

Captain: Mark Hattman of Egg Harbor Twp, NJ

3rd: *Nauti-Gal* - 34.78 lbs.

Captain: Ernie Alburger of Egg Harbor Twp, NJ

4th: *Chance* - 34.42 lbs.

Captain: Dave Eldridge of Brown Mills, NJ

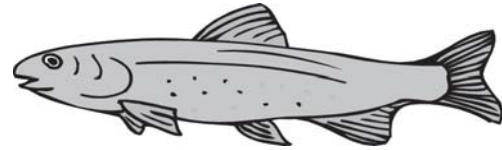
5th: *Fishizzle* - 32.06 lbs.

Captain: Collin Kelly of Sweetwater, NJ



2008 GABT Winner Single Heaviest Fish

Captain Paul Galasso
Scorpio - 15.05 lbs.



2008 GABT Winners Port Winners

Little Egg Inlet: *Scorpio*

Captain: Paul Galasso - 39.48 lbs.

Atlantic City Inlet: *Fishizzle*

Captain: Collin Kelly - 32.06 lbs.

Great Egg Inlet: *Luck-A-Lee*

Captain: Doug Collins - 18.26 lbs.



Benefits of Sponsorship

Platinum Sponsorship

Highest Rating - Over \$1,000 Contribution

- Special Recognition
- Included in all publicity sponsored by GABT
- Name on Tide Chart
- Full Page Ad in Program Book
- Six T-Shirts
- Six Sponsor Night Tickets

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- Four Sponsor Night Tickets

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- Two T-Shirts
- Two Sponsor Night Tickets



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- ~ Thompson's Marine & Engine Inc. ~ Traa Corporation McDonald's ~ Waterfront Marine
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Sponsorship Agreement

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Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

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(_____) _____

I the undersigned agree to a _____ Sponsorship for the Greater Atlantic Bluefish Tournament to benefit the war against cancer in the amount of \$_____ enclosed. The GABT Committee will comply to all sponsorship promises and advertisements. I am enclosing a camera ready ad copy.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Checks should be made payable to: GABT Inc.

Program Book Ads

I wish to purchase an ad for the GABT Program Book:

Size of Ad: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please enclose camera ready ad copy. SIZES and RATES:

Patron	\$ 10	Business Card	\$ 40
Quarter Page	\$ 125	Half Page	\$ 200
Full Page	\$ 350		

For additional information or an applications, please call the **GABT at 609-646-5495.**

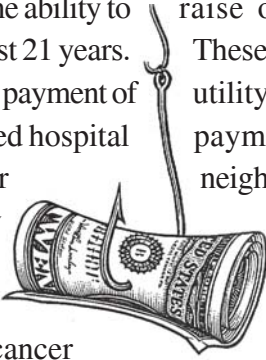
PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL TO:

P.O. Box 1633, Absecon, NJ 08201

Visit our website at **www.gabt.com**

GABT CONTRIBUTES

Sponsorships, contributions, program book ads, and entry fees have afforded us the ability to raise over half a million dollars over the past 21 years. These funds have provided prescription drugs, payment of utility bills, transportation costs, guaranteed hospital payments and purchased groceries for our neighbors who are facing conditions that they never imagined possible.



Sometimes folk who are waging their own war against cancer come to the reality that there is no way to continue because of financial restraints. The volunteers of the GABT try our best not to let finances take away our friends and neighbor's self esteem. Please try to help in any way you see fit and for more information contact the GABT through our website www.GABT.com or call the GABT at (609) 646-5495.

The GABT appreciates and welcomes all financial and material support no matter what the amount. Thank You.

Don Baumgartel, Chariman GABT, Inc.

BOX CHECK WEIGH-IN STATIONS

- Kammerman's Marina in A.C.
- Seaview Harbor Marina in Longport
- Sheltered Cove Marina on Tuckerton Creek in Tuckerton with a box check at Little Egg Harbor Inlet at the Old Coast Guard Station the morning of the tournament.

For transit anglers, berthing can be arranged at the State Marina at Trump Marina in A.C., across the basin from the A.C. weigh-in station.

Entry forms and sponsorship may be obtained from the GABT.

Visit our website at www.gabt.com

QUESTIONNAIRE

T-Shirt Size(s):

L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Would you like to buy extra shirts?

YES ___ NO ___

If YES, check sizes and indicate quantities:

L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Do you want us to distribute anything at the Captain Meeting/Award Dinner?

YES ___ NO ___

If YES, explain: _____

How many people will be attending our sponsorship dinner? Quantity _____

Would you display/hand outs?

Entry Forms: YES ___ NO ___

Tide Tables: YES ___ NO ___

Posters: YES ___ NO ___

Would you be interested in donating a door prize?

YES ___ NO ___

If YES, please explain: _____

Notes and Comments



**June 6, 2009
National Cancer
Awareness Day**

22nd Annual
GREATER ATLANTIC BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

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**Fish for a Cause...
Fight Cancer!**

\$10,000

**In Total Prize Money Based
on 75 Boat Entry**

JUNE 6th, 2009

Early Entries Postmarked by May 13th are eligible for a Special Prize Drawing!

The Greater Atlantic Bluefish Tournament is a competitive, popular event with a significant and loyal following of local and regional fishing enthusiasts. The tournament and its associated events engages anglers from all walks of life in an enjoyable, worthwhile fund-raising campaign to aid our friends and neighbors in the fight against cancer and catastrophic illnesses.

The GABT Tournament Board of Trustees and committees are comprised of all volunteers. We are a registered Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) organization with no paid workers. Funds for the organization are derived primarily through individual and corporate contributions, as well as entry fees from the tournament. All donations are tax deductible.

This is our 22nd year for this tournament. We are committed to continue, "Neighbors helping Neighbors" throughout southern New Jersey. Since we became a non-profit organization 6 years ago, we have helped more than 170 families from seven southern New Jersey counties. We have given grants ranging from \$250 to \$6200 to help families who are battling these illnesses.

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