



Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association
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117.8 Pound Tuna Wins 21st Annual Tuna-ment – Ocean City, MD ***Lady Luck Takes Home \$10,033 in Prize Money***

(PASADENA, MD) – The 21st Annual Tuna-ment concluded Sunday as anglers from Ocean City to Wachapreague, VA competed for top prize and bragging rights among MSSA's offshore anglers.

Pete Gahles of Brookeville, MD brought in the largest tuna this weekend (June 25-27), weighing in at 117.8 pounds. Gahles said he caught it just south of Hambone early Sunday morning. Gahles and crew took home \$2,248 for their efforts, a reduced amount because the team unfortunately did not enter all of the skill levels.

However, Captain Tommy Baldwin and Steve Ramsey aboard *Lady Luck* was the big winner at this weekend's event as he and his crew elected to enter all skill levels. Captain Baldwin and crew weighed in four magnificent tuna (75.8 BFT, 68.3 BFT, 46.2 YFT, 42.6 YFT), securing them second place in the main tournament and first place in all skill levels. All together, their winnings totaled \$10,033.

Third place went to Charlie Reichert of Interlude Charters with his 50.3 lb BFT. Reichert fished out of Wachapreague, VA all three days and will take home \$302 for his efforts.

Tom Dickerson of the *Stress Reel-ief* also weighed in four fish securing him \$1,056 (43.6 BFT, 40.9 YFT, 39 YFT, 36.4 YFT).

Rob Hartman took the dolphin category with his combined weight of three (25.5, 13.9, 9) taking home \$765.

All anglers competing in this weekend's tournament have been awarded points in MSSA's annual Captain of the Year contest. This year's contest is sponsored by Maryland's premier boat builder, Judge Yachts. As always this contest is very competitive and even more as Judge Yachts has put money down for the winner. Captain of the Year standing can be found online at www.mssa.net.

For a complete listing of fish weights and prize break down visit www.mssa.net/tunament.html or call the MSSA headquarters at 410-255-5535.