



Boating A Big One: Crew of the Misty struggles to bring aboard 729-pound tuna caught yesterday in U.S. Atlantic Tuna

Tournament. Fish was caught by Marty Hoffer, extreme left in center photo.

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Brooklyn-Galilee Team Boats 729-Pound Tuna

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A new combination, a Brooklyn angler and a Galilee skipper, put new life and much poundage into the USATT yesterday during the second day of fishing at the annual three-day quest for giant tuna off Galilee.

The angler, Marty Hoffer of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, was fishing from the Misty, a Galilee charter boat, quite without long range plan. One of the club's boats couldn't make it this week, so Andy Ambrosia's Misty was chartered

by the club. It proved a happy union.

Hoffer hooked his fish at 11:31, boated it at 12:19, gave it an appreciative and appraising look and estimated the weight at 660 pounds.

Five hours later, when the tuna dangled from Ed Fisher's official scales, the actual weight was 729 pounds. Now, you know perfectly well that a fish doesn't gain weight lying in the sun, so Hoffer's catch must have been 10 or more pounds heavier when he boated it.

Whereas that one was the

largest fish so far in this event, it wasn't the only one boated yesterday. Actually four were lifted from the briny during the day, five counting a non-keeper.

The first one boated was at 10:30 yesterday morning with Hugo Uhland of the Babylon T.C., bringing a 287-pounder aboard the Talley IV. Then came Hoffer's whopper. Next was Bob Casey of the Seaford Harbor Anglers, on the Kopy Kat, with one that weighed 340 pounds and the fourth was taken by Ed Ferris of Nick's Point T.C. He was on the Bingo and his catch weighed 299 pounds.

Teamwork seemed the watchword as anglers and skippers cooperated in such commendable fashion that every fight ended in a quick knockout. Uhland and skipper Sal Bellavia needed only 23 minutes for the victory. The Hoffer-Ambrosia achievement took 48 minutes (and they were a new combination). Casey and Harold Osterby required 22 minutes and the Ferris-Ed Bing elapsed time was 44 minutes.

It was a large day for Ambrosia as well as Hoffer. The Misty's proprietor is relatively new at the game, as he would

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