

Press Release

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WICKED TUNA: OUTER BANKS SEASON 3 PREMIER PARTY ANNOUNCED

Outer Banks, NC - Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks, the third season of the National Geographic TV channel series featuring North Carolina fishermen will have a local premier party on Saturday, July 23, 2016. The event is being hosted at Pirate's Cove Pavilion and is a fundraiser for North Carolina Watermen United and North Carolina Watermen Foundation.

The event which includes dinner by Ortega's Southwestern Grill, a cash bar with beer and wine, a Q&A with all 3 participating Southern Captains, as well as the screening of the 2015 final episode and the 2016 first episode will cost \$30 per ticket. A limited number of tickets are available. Each of the Captains, Greg Mayer, 2014 and 2015 winner of the Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks; returning three year veteran Captain Britt Shackelford; and two year veteran Captain Charlie Griffin will all be on hand to talk about the experience, sign autographs and shake hands. Some of their mates will be there as well. Both Mayer and Shackelford are members of the Board of Directors for NCWU. The captains will have their boats on hand at the marina - weather permitting.

On the heels of its fifth season of the hit series **Wicked Tuna**, National Geographic Channel once again pits the finest captains in Gloucester, Massachusetts against the best Southern fishermen in the third season of exciting spinoff series **Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks, premiering Monday, July 25, at 9/8c**. Three of Gloucester's top captains are following the fish to try their luck against a fleet of the South's best fishermen. It's a risky gamble - the Outer Banks is a notoriously dangerous fishing spot where the potential for earnings is offset by the challenges of fishing these waters. And in addition to the unpredictable, treacherous conditions, the Gloucester captains will have to contend with competition from experienced locals who will stop at nothing to beat them to the catch.

The first episode showcases the kickoff of the Bluefin tuna season, and introduces a new captain from Ocean City, MD, who is determined to best the rest of the fleet. This is the third premiere here on the Outer Banks and has become a well watched series by many worldwide. The series was shot primarily in the Gulfstream

off the North Carolina coast in the first quarter of 2016. Wanchese is the port where all the fish were brought in and weighed.

NCWU, which originally came together in 2005 as a group of commercial, charter/headboat, and recreational anglers, has worked hard to promote the North Carolina fishing industry and protect those who work on the water along with recreational fishermen who enjoy being able to fish. Of equal importance, is the consumer, who may not necessarily fish, but who wants the highest quality protein source in the world - North Carolina fresh seafood. This organization was originally responsible for developing the idea of Outer Banks Catch as a means of educating the consumer of the benefits of fresh, local NC seafood; and has brought the importance of the NC fishing industry to the attention of local, state and federally elected officials.

NCWF is a non-profit organization created in 2014 to support North Carolina's working watermen, those who earn a living on the water. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to inform and educate the North Carolina general public about issues concerning the fishing industries on the local, regional and national levels. A secondary purpose is to promote and assist in fisheries research and the collection of accurate scientific data that can be used to help make informed decisions about the health of stock assessments for all fisheries.

For more information on the organization, visit www.ncwu.net or <https://www.facebook.com/NCWatermenUnited>. For tickets to the Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks event, you can buy them at Ortega's in Manteo; online at www.ncwu.net under the "click here to shop" button; or by calling 252-305-6094.