NOOTKA MARINE ADVENTURES

MOUTCHA BAY RESORT | NEWTON COVE RESORT | NOOTKA SOUND RESORT

First annual 'Nootka Sound Tuna Showdown' hooks Vancouver Island this September

Hosted by Nootka Marine Adventures, anglers compete while celebrating the region's famed Pacific Albacore tuna fishery

Courtenay, BC – June 17, 2025 – Nootka Marine Adventures is thrilled to announce the launch of the Nootka Sound Tuna Showdown, a new annual Albacore tuna fishing tournament taking place September 6–13, 2025 at Moutcha Bay Resort on Vancouver Island. Presented by Port Boathouse and Yamaha, this week-long event will bring together up to 40 teams and 160 anglers for a high-stakes competition in some of the Pacific's most productive late-season tuna waters. Participants will be competing for a $30,000 Grand Prize, a $15,000 second-place prize, and daily $5,000 prizes (CAD).

"The Nootka Sound Tuna Showdown is about serious fishing, shared experiences, and contributing to the growth of the BC Sportfishing Industry," said Trish Braun, CEO of Nootka Marine Adventures. "We're excited to build on Vancouver Island's history of great tournaments and highlight the unique fishing opportunities here."

Located between Gold River and Tahsis, Moutcha Bay Resort gives direct access to offshore grounds where late-summer Albacore gather. These fast-moving fish are known for testing even seasoned anglers, demanding focus, stamina, and technical trolling skills to land.

The event isn't just about the fishing—shore-side events will include live music, locally inspired meals, sponsor showcases, and evening gatherings that bring the angling community together around the day's stories and catches.

Nootka Marine Adventures actively supports conservation through its involvement with the Sport Fishing Institute and Sport Fishing Advisory Committee, and by working with regional operators to raise funds for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society and the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Registration is open through August 29, with early-bird incentives available until June 30. For full details and to register, visit: nootkamarineadventures.com.

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About Nootka Marine Adventures

Nootka Marine Adventures, is a collection of three remote fishing resorts on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Ideally positioned in one of the world's most prolific salmon runs, the resorts provide access to the ultimate sport fishing experience. For avid anglers, or first timers alike, NMA ensures everyone can learn something new with their Angler's Academy offerings and revel in the bounty and beauty of its resort locations. With the largest fleet of Seakeeper-equipped boats, NMA is setting a new standard for guided fishing on Canada's West Coast.

Whether guests are craving an adventure or seeking a tranquil escape to reconnect with nature, Nootka Marine Adventures resorts offer the perfect destination. With three distinct resorts to choose from, guests can tailor their experience to match their preferred level of comfort and adventure, all while enjoying the pristine coastline and calm waters of Nootka Sound and the Esperanza Inlet.

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