

FFWPU USA: Peace King Cup: Participants Reinforce 'Not Giving Up'

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"Sometimes fishing is slow, but there is always something to gain from the waters and being on the boat," shared organizer Minobu Sato, who [chronicled on social media](#) the 2023 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament held by the New Jersey Ocean Tribe. "Thank you so much captains, deckhands, and participants for not giving up until the end!"



The weeklong [tournament](#), which ran from May 20 to 26 with an awards ceremony on May 27, brings awareness to the enduring issue of world hunger while providing an opportunity for participants to engage in some friendly fishing competition.



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Though participants faced challenges on New York's Hudson River and surrounding waters, they remained determined throughout the event. "The big fish [were] very elusive this year," Sato shared. "I was reminded of hearing some of our veteran captains talking about waiting for over 30 to 40 days to catch one single tuna, going out every day. They went through some incredible training."



Still, organizers remained hopeful for an "exciting, fruitful, and safe" tournament despite some windy weather and long hours on the water. Participants of all ages eagerly fished in groups on multiple boats for the biggest striped bass, competing for cash prizes up to \$1,500.

"[We had] wonderful contestants this year," shared Sato. "It was so amazing to see the people's wide and genuine smiles on their faces holding their catch."

The winning fish measured an impressive 36 inches, but organizers said the tradition behind the tournament is what is most important. "[This tournament] set up by Rev. Moon [has] a deeper significance, such as raising the community for the Ocean Era, building an economic foundation, and awareness in the local community," Sato shared. "And of course, it brings people together in good sportsmanship and in peace."

With a special message from Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, as well as words from veteran fishing captains and leaders of Ocean Providence Holdings, LLC, the awards ceremony held at the Clifton Family Church in New Jersey honored top competitors with prizes including cash, statues, new fishing poles, and certificates.



"We had a lot of people show up to commemorate this annual event and to celebrate the winners," shared Sato. "All the captains, deckhands, staff, and volunteers ... helped make this event a safe and successful one once again this year."

True Parents initiated the annual Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament in 2000. This year's event also commemorated their 63rd Holy Blessing Anniversary.

You can learn more about the history of the Peace King Cup [here](#).



2023 Peace King Cup Highlights World Hunger



"Whoever is concerned about the future must look to the ocean," wrote True Father in his book, *God's Will and the Ocean*. "The future economy of the world, the food problem of the world, and the survival of mankind will be solved by the ocean."

From May 20 to 26, the 2023 [Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament](#) is taking place on the Hudson River and adjacent East River and Raritan Bay in New York. The weeklong tournament, which also commemorates True Parents' 63rd Holy Wedding Anniversary, has long been instrumental to the movement's Ocean Providence — a plan to bring widespread peace and unity while preparing people for the ocean era, and building economic and social support for eradicating world hunger.

"True peace will not come as long as humanity does not solve the problem of hunger," True Father wrote in his bestselling autobiography, *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen*. "If the person next to me is about to die of hunger, peace is a mere luxury."

Recognizing fishing as both a solution to hunger and an avenue toward world peace, True Parents initiated their first fishing tournament in 1981, and eventually established the Peace King Cup in 2000. The annual competition has since been held in locations throughout the world, bringing together tens of thousands of participants globally.

Participants of this year's event, organized by leaders of the New Jersey

Ocean Tribe, will be fishing for the biggest striped bass and competing for cash prizes up to \$1,500. While the tournament draws competitors of all ages, there has been a surge of interest among young fishers.

“The tournament is about more than just fishing for me,” said one young Unificationist. “True Parents spent a lot of time on the water, and they learned a lot of valuable skills there that I hope to inherit.”

True Parents viewed fishing as a great way to strengthen personal character while developing a heart for nature and the virtues of patience and perseverance. “Learning to be a fisherman is good leadership training,” True Father wrote. “Once a person receives intense training to become a fisherman, he can go anywhere in the world and become a leader of people.”

True Parents also understood that, historically, tournaments and sports events have been effective ways to create harmony, even during times of conflict and tension.

“The children of war-torn countries have gathered together to play soccer and sing songs of peace,” wrote True Father. “[Sports] participants represent [their] own nations ... but during [our] fishing tournaments, we must break down such barriers to create a foundation for peace.”

The Peace King Cup awards ceremony and luncheon will be held May 27 at the Clifton Family Church in New Jersey.

You can sponsor or donate to the tournament, and find more information including registration details [here](#).

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The 2023 Peace King Striper Tournament, celebrating Father and Mother Moon's 63rd Holy Wedding Anniversary, will take place from Saturday, May 20th through Friday, May 26th. Award Fest will be May 27th, Saturday. The tournament will be held on the Hudson River and adjacent waters. For details, click on Tournament info below.



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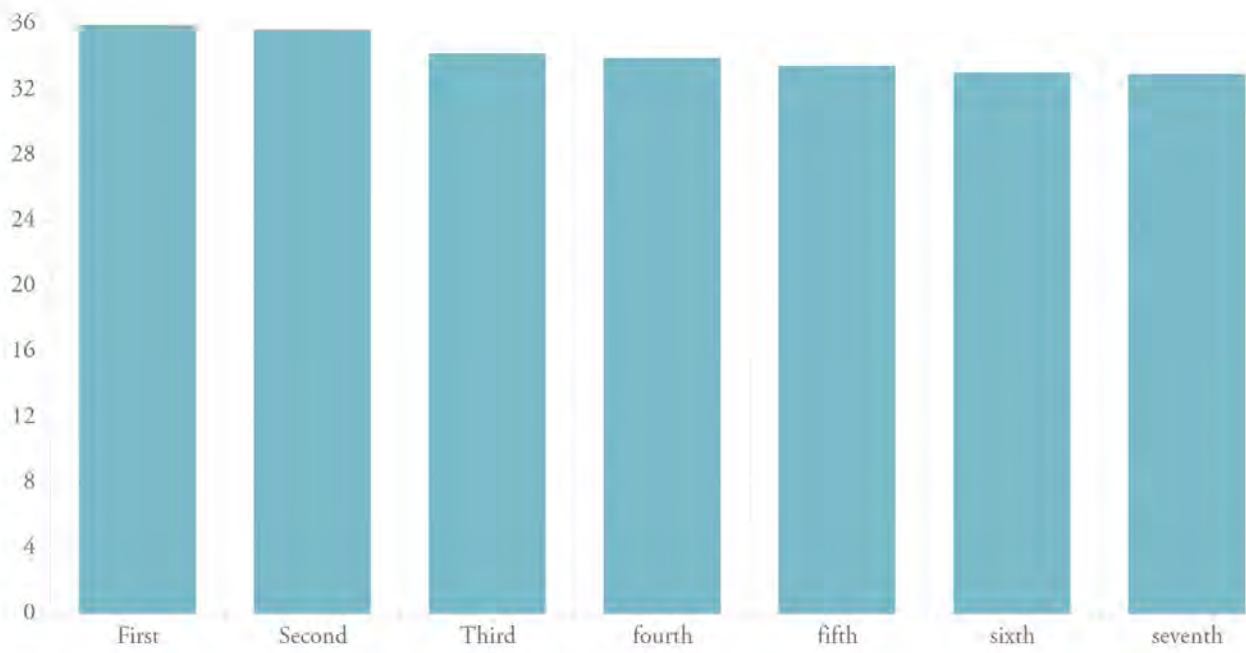
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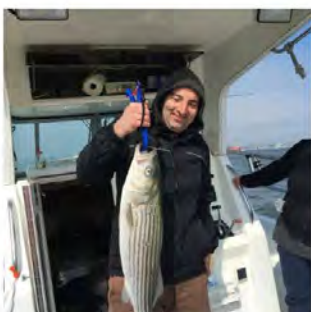


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