

***Wicked Tuna* returns for Season 8 to National Geographic Asia and FOX+**

National Geographic's hit reality fishing competition returns for an eighth season in the unrelenting waters of the North Atlantic.



HONG KONG, MARCH 13, 2019 – The epic fishing battles are back for a highly anticipated eighth season as National Geographic's smash hit show *Wicked Tuna* premieres this March. The action-packed series will air as a global event on National Geographic in 172 countries and 43 languages. Viewers across Asia can tune in to the premiere of *Wicked Tuna* on **Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 9.00 PM (Hong Kong time)** on National Geographic and video-streaming service FOX+.

Wicked Tuna is executive-produced by an Emmy-winning team including Michael Cascio (*Man v. Animal*, *Banged Up Abroad*, *Deep Sea Killers*) and Craig Piligian (*American Chopper*, *Survivor*, *The Ultimate Fighter*); as well as Lynn Sadofsky (*Facing Trauma*, *Food Detectives*, *Classical Baby*) and Mike Nichols (*Ghost Hunters*, *The Runner*, *Shark Week*).

Continuing under the narration of Mike Rowe (*Deadliest Catch*, *Mystery Diagnosis*, *Ghost Hunters*), season 8 of *Wicked Tuna* will showcase the trials and tribulations faced by commercial fishermen as they battle it out to see who can catch the most fish – specifically, the lucrative Atlantic bluefin tuna.

Each episode offers a behind-the-scenes look into one of America's oldest industries as the fishermen are pushed to their limits by the twists and turns of the competition. Underdog boat captain Wicked Pissah speeds off to an early lead, swiftly followed by Captain Ralph; reigniting the hearty spirit of competition on *The Odyssey*. Yet, as viewers know, in this unpredictable fishery race, a dominating lead can disappear in the blink of an eye.

Season 8 brings added surprises for viewers as original cast member Jay Muenzner marks his return as a first mate on the helm of new boat, *The Falcon*, led by Captain Marciano. Jay Muenzner has been a fan-favorite of the show since season 1, and a member of the winning team on season 4.

However, in the midst of the competition, a newfound emotion is highlighted throughout this season – loss. Members of the Captains of Gloucester are mourning the passing of pinwheel mate Nick 'Duffy' Fudge. Together, the team dedicate all of their fishing efforts to honor his memory.

Tune into *Wicked Tuna* Season 8 on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 9.00 PM (Hong Kong time) on National Geographic and FOX+, to witness a season of high adrenaline, compassion and achievement that culminates in one of the most memorable finales in *Wicked Tuna* history!

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