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The Shark's Eye Tournament, July 27 to 28, made history as Montauk's first satellite tag-and-release tournament. In the two-day, no-kill tournament, 10 boats participated and 64 sharks were tagged and released, among which were 33 Mako sharks, all with Mustad-provided circle hooks designed to do less harm to released sharks.

The tournament's success was due to the efforts of the Concerned Citizens of Montauk, Montauk Chamber of Commerce, Montauk Boatmen, the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, the Shark Brothers, Mote Marine, OCEARCH, Carl Darenberg of Montauk Marine Basin and Capt. Michael Potts.

This week, the satellite-tagged sharks are already showing up on OCEARCH'S website, pinging back their locations. Beamer, a 200-pound blue shark named by Montauk schoolchildren, will provide information for years to come. Go to www.ocearch.org and check on Beamer's wide-ranging progress.

Host and chief organizer of the event Carl Darenberg said, "With the success of this tournament, I'm going to mandate circle hooks for all future shark tournaments. Its success was beyond my expectations, and means that my kids and grandkids will be able to enjoy the ocean the way I have." Full tournament results are available at Montauk Marine Basin's website, www.marinebasin.com.