

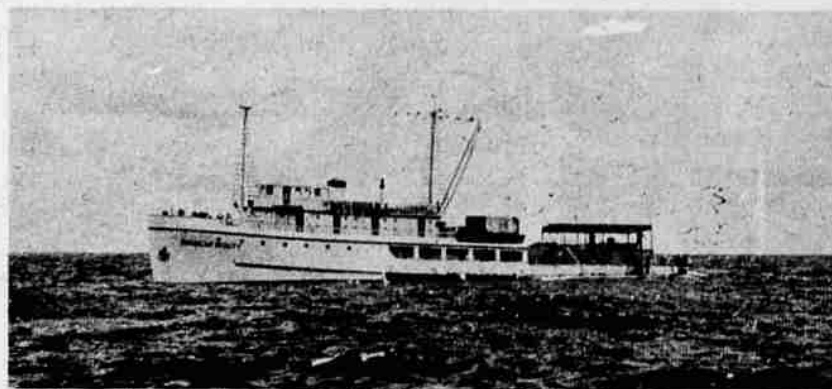


Three men on a hook: it takes the combined strength of these husky fishermen to lift a fighting 125-pound tuna from sea to shipboard.

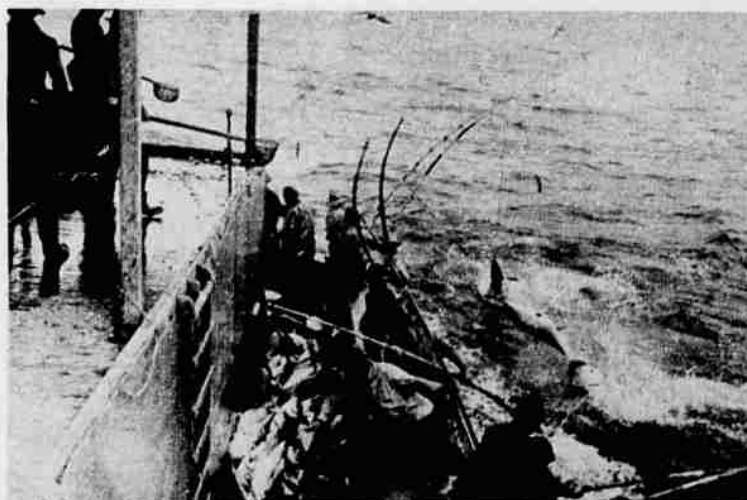
when the tuna strike

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A voice rises above the ocean roar—"Atun!" A school of tuna has been spotted, and the tuna clipper comes alive with rugged men ready to do battle with fish weighing up to 400 pounds. The men scamper into the ship's narrow ramps which dip into the swelling sea, then rise high above the water. Bamboo poles, sometimes three to one hook, are readied. Sardines are dumped overboard to lure the tuna to the feathered hooks. There is an anxious wait. Then the tuna strike. Here are the moments of high adventure and backbreaking work that follow.



A tuna clipper in search of 350 tons of fish for its refrigerator.



Working in low, narrow ramps, fishermen can be yanked overboard by tuna. "Chummers" (upper left) bait water to draw mess of tuna salad.