

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Seafood Industry,

Re. The 2017 NFI/SIRF Hockey Game for the Mark Leslie Living Tribute Fund
Dear NFI Members:

Once again for the third out of the last four years, the Gorton Cup went into overtime with Seafax squeaking out a 5-4 win over the NFI in a very exciting fundraising game for the Seafood Industry Research Fund held at Harvard University on March 20th. For the most part, it was a close-checking, hard-nosed game that featured outstanding play by both goalies, Howard Bloom of Seafax and Fred Torrisi of the NFI.



In the second period, Seafax went up by the score of 3-1 when Jason Hamilton scored a nifty goal after Seafax had applied tremendous pressure in the NFI's defensive zone. However, John McGeough of Newport International playing for NFI shortly thereafter managed to tighten up the game to 3-2 with some fancy stick handling and a shot under the crossbar that eluded Seafax's very stingy goalie, Howard Bloom. But Adam Rousseau's second goal of the evening late in the 2nd period gave Seafax another two-goal cushion to make the score 4-2.



For a good part of the 3rd period, Seafax bottled up the NFI in its own end with tenacious forechecking. However, the young and speedy Joe Lyons of the NFI finally blew down the left wing boards and scored on a wide angle shot to bring the NFI to within one goal of Seafax again. It stayed this way right until the last 30 seconds of the game when John McGeough patiently worked the puck down deep before feeding Will Stoner a centering pass which he redirected for the tying goal, forcing the overtime.

Early in the OT before the NFI could get the tired John McGeough back on the ice, Adam Rousseau worked the puck down low and then fed Joel Harvey of Bellingham Cold Storage playing for Seafax with a nice pass for the game winning goal and a 5-4 hard-fought victory for Seafax.

We managed to complete this year's game without injury to anyone including John Connally, our head ref and his linesman and assistant referee, Steve Burke.



The best news is that with the funds raised through the hockey game in addition to Russ Mentzer's SIRF direct mail campaign and the Global Aquiculture Alliance's (GAA) efforts, the Mark Leslie Living Tribute Fund has become the highest grossing named fund of all time with the total in excess of \$72,400 with more donations and pledges continuing to be received. The success of the fund is certainly a testament to the high degree of respect and admiration that our industry holds for Mark Leslie.



It was also most appropriate that Mark was present at the game to drop the first puck along with Wally Stevens of GAA. The evening certainly turned out to be an enjoyable and meaningful one for all participants.

Sincerely,

Mike Gorton (NFI) & Jim Bonnie (Seafax)

2017 NFI / Seafax Hockey Rosters

NFI /USA/ WHITE TEAM

Mike Gorton - Captain / SG & Co.

Ryan Martin - Preferred Freezers
William Stoner - Preferred Freezers
Carl Hampe 'C' - Ipswich Maritime Products
Steve Mannarino
Nat Gorton
Darren McGinnis
Joe Lyons
Pete Taussig
John McGeough - Newport Intl.
Matt Tenaglia - Preferred Freezers
Doug Lyons
Jim O'Hanley
George 'Chags' Chagnon
Goalie - Fred Torrisi

SEAFAX/CANADA/RED

Jim Bonnie - Captain

Jason Hamilton - Seafax
Patrick Maloney - Maloney S/F
Chris Shea
Andy Mecs - Starkist
Adam Rousseau - Bristol Seafood
Kyle Monahan
Nolan Russ - Ready Seafood
Joel Harvey - Bellingham Cold Storage
Kevin Joy - Seafax
Todd Clark - Endeavor S/F
Ken Lundberg
Rob Junkin
Andy Raynor - GAA
Tom Morss

Goalie

Howard Bloom

Referees

John Connelly - NFI
Steve Burke

Photographer

Gail Hannagan

Dropping the Puck

Wally Stevens
Mark Leslie