

The World's Largest Seaheart by Dr. Gerald Sullivan

(The following is a repeat of last issue's call for seahearts by Dr. Gerald Sullivan—just in-case any of you missed it! However, it is followed here by an update from Jerry, and a call for even more seahearts!—*editor*)

The UTMSI sea-bean collection at Port Aransas, Texas, continues to expand. The newest arrival is the "World's Largest Seaheart." This unbelievable seed was discovered stranded on the Port Aransas beach one-tenth mile northeast of Horace Caldwell Pier on 11-08-03. Its size was calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Height x Width x Weight} &= \text{Size} \\ 52\text{mm} \times 60\text{mm} \times 1.4 \text{ oz} &= 4,368 \end{aligned}$$

The seed was weighed on a super digital US Postal Service scale. The odds that this seaheart is really the largest in the world are "slim-to-none and slim is out of town." Regardless of the fact, it will remain King until its size is successfully challenged by a larger *Entada gigas*.

Therefore, if you think you have a challenger seaheart which you have found washed up on a beach anywhere in the world, send it to Jerry "Seabeader" Sullivan at PO Box 2888, Port Aransas, Texas, 78373, USA.

Reward! Prize! No one said anything about a reward or prize, just professional self-satisfaction. Your champion seed will be displayed in the UTMSI showcase along with your name and where the new King was found. If, at a later date, a larger seaheart is submitted, yours would be returned to you.

In order for your seaheart to be considered, it must be officially qualified. If you would prefer to retain your champion seed rather than display it in a foreign country (The Sovereign State of Texas), your seaheart would be returned and the sign on the existing seaheart at UTMSI would simply be altered to read "World's Second Largest Seaheart." Happy hunting!

editor's note: UTMSI, The University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute, is located on the northeast tip of Mustang Island, a barrier island between the coastal bays and the Gulf of Mexico.

The World's Largest Seaheart: Update

THE KING IS DEAD! The largest seaheart in the world, which was discovered on the Texas coastline, has been usurped by the World's Largest Seaheart from Florida.

The newest King was submitted by Parks Services Specialist, Edward L. Perry IV of Melbourne FL. Ed found the stranded *Entada gigas* in 2001 on a Melbourne beach. The new King features:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Height} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Weight} &= \text{Size} \\ 56 \text{ mm} \quad 69\text{mm} \quad 1.40 \text{ oz.} &= 5409.6 \end{aligned}$$

It should be noted that the new King was almost disqualified from competition because of its extraordinary high polish. What a beauty!

I firmly believe there are larger seahearts out there – so let's hear from you. LONG LIVE THE KING!

Not to be outdone, a local seabeaner, Jan Cooper, claims to have the smallest seaheart in the universe and wants to enter it in a contest.

At about this same time, I received two quite small seahearts from Christopher Boykin of Miami, Fl., who also wanted to enter both in competition.

Therefore, by popular demand, an official contest is mandated in order to determine the smallest seaheart in the world. Please send your itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny seaheart to Seabeader Sully at P.O. Box 2888, Port Aransas, Texas, 78373, USA, in order to compete for the title, **WORLD'S SMALLEST SEAHEART**. "LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!"

