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GAME
TOURNAMENT
2023

27TH - 29TH JAN 2023

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BILLFISH * TUNA * KINGFISH * MAHIMAHI





Anniversary Weekend Game Tournament 2023 Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$80 Full Member.

ALL SKIPPERS OR A NOMINATED "FISHING" TEAM MEMBER MUST ATTEND THE BRIEFING

Fishing: Friday 27th January - Sunday 29th January 2023
Briefing: 19:00 Thursday 26th January 2023

SKIPPERS NAME:		CONTACT PHONE #			
BOAT NAME:		Email:			
	ANGLERS FULL NAME	Club	Fee \$80	Non affiliated \$20	TOTAL
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
				TOTAL	

Internet Banking: 02 0488 0034035 00 Email to: office@wsfc.co.nz

Please be aware of the safety rules that are attached. They must be read as a condition of entry into this tournament. Failure to complete these details may result in disqualification.

ALL rules understood. Skipper to sign:



Anniversary Weekend Game Tournament 2023 Rules

1. Dates & Tides

	Low Water	High Water
Friday 27 th January	05:59/18:30	12:09
Saturday 28 th January	06:51/19:25	13:00
Sunday 29 th January	07:44/20:15	13:49

2. Start/End Time

06:00 Friday 27th January 2023.

All boats entered in this tournament cannot depart from any port or boat ramp until 06:00 on Friday 27th January 2023. Tournament end time is 17:00 on Sunday 29th January 2023.

3. Briefing

There will be a briefing in the clubrooms at 19:00 on Thursday the 26th Jan 2023. The skipper or nominated team member must attend briefing.

4. Entry Fees

Entry fee is \$80.00 per angler. Anglers must be full members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club OR affiliated NZSFC club. Non or social members must pay an additional fee of \$20.

5. Species

Marlin: All species

Tuna: All species

Kingfish - Mahimahi – Shortbill Spearfish – Broadbill Swordfish.

6. Minimum Weight

Billfish: 90 kgs

Broadbill Swordfish: 90 kg

Tuna: 15 kg

Kingfish: 1 metre

Mahimahi: 5 kg

Shortbill Spearfish: 10 kg

7. Weighing of fish

Anglers wishing to weigh fish must call in to Tournament HQ (when able) on 027 304 8389 with details of catch and sponsors grid map reference. For all days of the tournament the weigh station will be open from **14:00 until 17:00**. Weighing of fish before **14:00** will be at the discretion of the weigh master. All fish weighed must be brought across the Whakatane Bar and must be weighed from the boat (unless stated otherwise) at the Whakatane weigh station. Fish may only be caught on rod and reel in accordance with IGFA rules. Electric reels are not permitted. In the event that two or more fish weighed are the same weight a live draw will take place at prize giving to determine the heavier fish. Correctly completed catch cards **MUST BE** filed with the weigh master for all weighed **and** tagged fish.

8. Prize Categories (all prizes are cash except spot prizes)

- Heaviest Marlin (all)
- Heaviest Tuna (all)
- Heaviest Kingfish
- Heaviest Mahimahi
- Heaviest Shortbill Spearfish
- Heaviest Broadbill Swordfish
- **Team most tag and release points***

*Team tag and release points are calculated as per the Whakatane Sportfishing Clubs By Laws and can be accumulated across all species included in this tournament. Points allocated are:

Marlin (all) and Broadbill Swordfish	600 points
Tuna (all)	150 points
Shortbill Spearfish	100 points
Kingfish (Limit of 4 per crew)	25 points

Photos of **ALL** tagged fish including IGFA tag must be taken and emailed to: tournaments@wsfc.co.nz

9. Prize Giving

Final prize giving will be held in the club rooms from 19:30 on Sunday 29th Jan 2023. The winner of a prize or a team member from the same team must be present to collect the prize unless the Tournament Committee have been advised of any problems before 18:30 on Sunday 29th Jan 2023 and dispensation granted. **Anglers must be present to collect spot prizes.**

10. Cancellation or postponement

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to abandon the tournament for any reason. This Information will be broadcast on Radio's 1XX and SunFM prior to the start time or as soon as possible after the decision has been made. Notification will also be made on the club's social media pages. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refund entry fees.



11. Disclaimer

All participants involved with this tournament do so at their own risk. The team skipper shall be responsible for the safety and other considerations of self, crew, and boat. The Whakatane Sportfishing Club accepts no responsibility.

12. Complaints and protests

Any complaints must be made in writing and directed to the Tournament Convenor. The Tournament Committee will then consider the complaint. Any dispute against the Whakatane Sportfishing club will be heard by a mutually agreed third party. In all other matters the decision of the Tournament Committee is final. Angler entry confirms acceptance of this process. Any concern relating to the weighing of fish must be brought to the attention of the weighmaster at time of weighing.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE WHAKATANE SPORTSFISHING CLUB.

- (1) All skippers or a nominated "fishing" team member must attend the briefing. Attendance to this briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in this tournament until the skipper or nominated "fishing" team member has attended the briefing and once the briefing is completed, sign the briefing attendance sheet.
- (2) There must be a minimum of two (2) persons on the vessel, and at least one of the persons should be over the age of 18 years.
- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the skipper or the nominated "fishing" team member to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
- (4) In the interest of safety, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter all times for the duration of the Tournament depending on the weather or sea conditions.
- (5) In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Whakatane Coastguard on VHF channel 16
- (6) All boats must carry correct size Life Jackets for all passengers. It is compulsory for all crew members on recreational vessels to wear Life jackets while crossing the Whakatane River Bar.
- (7) All participants agree and accept -
 - (a) To enter this Tournament at their own risk,
 - (b) That boating and fishing involves a risk
 - (c) Not to hold Tournament organizers, Officials, Sponsors, or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament,
 - (d) Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations, and by-laws related to (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with.
 - (e) All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

I have the necessary skill, knowledge, and qualifications to safeguard all on board. My vessel and all equipment are properly maintained.

My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.

We have a minimum of two means of communications, i.e. VHF marine radio, cell phone, flares.

My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.