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Juniors Tournament 2023



4th - 6th January 2023

\$23,000 in Prizes!



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NEW WORLD WHAKATANE 2023 JUNIORS TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM



Entry Fee: \$30 Full Member

\$50 Social/Non-member

Briefing: 7:00pm Tuesday 3rd February 2023

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

Fishing: Wed 4th – Fri 6th January 2023. Sat 7th Lay Day.

SKIPPERS NAME:		CONTACT PHONE #				
BOAT NAME:		EMAIL:				
	ANGLERS FULL NAME	DOB	AGE CURRENT	MALE FEMALE	M/SHIP NUMBER	TOTAL PAID
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
					TOTAL FEES PAID	

Internet Banking: 02 0488 0034035 26 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. We now require you to complete the details below with your signature and boat name. Failure to complete these details may result in disqualification.

All rules and appendices understood:

Skippers to sign.....



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Juniors Tournament 2023 Rules

1. DATES

Wed 4th Jan
Thur 5th Jan
Fri 6th Jan

2. HIGHTIDE

05:40/17:50
06:35/18:40
07:24/19:27

LOW TIDE

12 Noon
12:52
13:41

3. START TIME

All boats entered this tournament cannot depart from any port or boat ramp until 06:00hrs Wednesday 4th January 2023.

4. AGE GROUPS

11 years & under
12 years & 16 years and under

5. REGISTRATION

All competitors must be full members or (have paid the appropriate social/non member membership fee) of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club. Registration will be taken in the Clubrooms from 16:00 Tuesday 3rd January 2023 or prior to this time at the discretion of the tournament committee. For anglers to be added to already registered teams, there is a box at the weigh station where angler's details and the correct fees can be deposited **PRIOR TO DEPARTING**. This box will be cleared each day of the tournament, prior to weigh in time.

6. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing in the Clubrooms at 19:00 on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. The Skipper **or** a nominated "fishing" team member **must** attend the briefing and at the completion of the briefing **sign the briefing attendance sheet**.

7. ENTRY FEES

Entry fee for full financial members is \$30.00. Social/non-members must pay an entry fee of \$30 plus the additional day fee of \$20.

If the tournament is cancelled, there will be no refund of entry fees.

8. SPECIES/CLASSES

11yrs and under. "The little Three" plus Snapper -Tarakihi – Trevally – Kahawai

12yrs and over. Yellowfin Tuna – Marlin – Kingfish – Snapper – Tarakihi - Trevally

Marlin (any)	IGFA points (must exceed 90 kg) or 600 points for tagged **
Kingfish	Must exceed 15 kg & 1 meter
Snapper	Must exceed 40cm
Tarakihi	Must exceed 25cm
Trevally	Must exceed 25cm
Kahawai	Must exceed 50cm
Gurnard	Must exceed 25cm (Little Three)

**** Catch and/or Tag card must be submitted to Weigh Master.**

ELECTRIC REELS CANNOT BE USED IN ANY CLUB TOURNAMENT

9. WEIGHING OF FISH

Catch cards must be in the hands of the weigh master by no later than **17:00hrs** on the first three days of the tournament & **16:00hrs** on Saturday the 7th January 2023 **if the lay day is used.**

Weighing of fish commences at **14:00** each day & all fish must be freshly caught, brought across the Whakatane River bar and weighed from the vessel (unless stated otherwise) at the weigh station.

Only 2 fish to be weighed daily, per angler, per species. The angler must accompany their fish.

NOTE: Skippers who elect to fish overnight can only weigh in 2 fish per angler, per species when next in port. THERE WILL BE NO "CARRY OVER OF FISH" from the previous days catch.

Anglers wishing to weigh in fish prior to these hours may do so at the convenience of the weigh master. No fish may be weighed in after the final weigh in time on the last day of the tournament. In the event of two or more fish being of equal weight, a live draw will take place at prize giving to determine the heavier fish.

10. PRIZES: (One Prize per Angler per Species)

1st – 3rd plus average weight will be awarded to the 11yrs and underage group for the following species – Snapper, Tarakihi, Trevally and Kahawai. 1st – 3rd will also be awarded to the "Little Three". Consisting of Snapper, Kahawai and Gurnard in the 11yrs and underage group **ONLY.** Each angler can only weigh in one of each species over the three days of the tournament in this section. Prizes will be awarded to the heaviest combined weight of **all three species.** Not all three species need to be weighed in to enter this section, but prizes will be awarded to those anglers weighing in three species first then in descending order.

1st – 3rd plus average weight will be awarded in the 12yrs and over section for the following species – Kingfish, Snapper, Tarakihi and Trevally. 1st – 3rd heaviest for Yellowfin Tuna and most points for Marlin (all) (IGFA or 600 points for tagged).

Air Chathams Daily Photo Comp:

Daily prizes will be awarded for the best photo taken on that day. One prize will be awarded for the 11 years and under section and another prize will be awarded for the 12 years and over section (two per day). The Tournament Committee is the sole judge of the best photo (s). These photos must be taken by or be of the angler who enters the photo. All photos must be emailed to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz and must include the anglers name and age in the subject line. Cut off times to receive photos for that day are the same as the weigh station close times.

Daily winners will be notified via the club's social media and will be presented with their prizes at final prize giving.

There will also be an overall winner of the Air Chathams Photo comp. This will be chosen from the six top photos received over the tournament by the Tournament Committee. All photos become the property of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club.

Trophies you are competing for are:

Don Hills Trophy	Angler most IGFA points (catch card required)
Crosland Shield	Most Meritorious catch (catch card required)
McCracken Farm Trophy	Heaviest Snapper
Bay of Islands Cup	Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna (Interclub)
Kevin McCracken Memorial Trophy	Heaviest Kingfish

11. PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving will be held in the club rooms from 18:00 Saturday 7th January 2023.

The winner of any prize must be present to collect their prize unless the Tournament Convenor has been advised of any problem before 17:30 Saturday 7th January 2023 and dispensation granted. Anglers must be present at prize giving to claim a spot prize.

12. Complaints

Any complaint regarding this tournament will be directed to the Tournament Convenor. The Tournament Committee will then consider the dispute. Any complaint must be submitted in writing. Any complaint against the Whakatane Sport Fishing Club will be heard by a mutually agreed third party. In all other matters the decision of the Whakatane Sport Fishing Club is final and binding. Angler entry constitutes agreement to this process. Any concern relating to the weighing of fish must be brought to the attention of the Weigh Master before the angler leaves the weigh station.

13. Cancellation or postponement

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone or cancel the tournament for any reason. This information will be broadcast on Radio's 1XX and SunFM, and on social media prior to the start time of the tournament or as soon as possible after the decision has been made.

14. Disclaimer

All participants involved in this event do so at their own risk. The team Skipper shall be responsible for the safety and other consideration of self, crew, and boat. The Whakatane Sport Fishing Club accepts no responsibility.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TEAMS:

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 Lifejackets 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.
My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

JUNIOR TEAM TO REPRESENT WHAKATANE

Following the prizegiving, a team will be selected to represent the Whakatane Sportfishing Club at the Bay of Islands Sportfishing Club International Yellowtail Tournament to be held June 2023.

The team of four anglers plus a reserve will be selected on the following basis:

1. The angler must be a FULL financial member of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club. Day members are not eligible.
2. The anglers must be 14 years of age and **under** 17 years as of the 30th of June 2023.
3. Those 4 anglers selected must be able to attend the Bay of Islands Tournament on the dates specified.
4. The Whakatane Sportfishing Club will provide transport to and from the Bay of Islands. The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club will provide accommodation, a boat for the team to fish from, and most meals, while the team is in the Bay of Islands for the tournament. A chaperone selected by the Committee will accompany the team.
5. The anglers are expected to provide their own out of pocket expenses.
6. The team will consist of four anglers, boys, or girls.
7. **The team selected will be from those anglers catching the heaviest Yellow Tail Kingfish. In the event a team comprising of the foregoing species cannot be made up, the qualifying species will be (in order) Yellowfin Tuna, Marlin, then Snapper.**
8. Any angler who has represented the club previously at the Bay of Islands will not be eligible for the team.
9. In the event insufficient or no fish are caught during the tournament, a draw will be held from all registered eligible anglers to fill any vacant position.