



**9th, 10th, 11th March
2023**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entry Fee: \$100 Per Angler

Entry Cut-Off: 17:00 8th March 2023

ANGLER NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

TEAMS:

A minimum of two members per boat per day.

Jet skis are permitted to have one angler provided two or more jet skis remain in close proximity at all times.

All Teams must consist of at least one angler over the age of eighteen on the boat at all times. All Anglers must be a member of a club affiliated to the N.Z. Sport Fishing Council.

Proof of your current membership may be requested at time of entry.

Non-affiliated anglers may become members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. for \$20.00 for the duration of the tournament.

PRIZES:

There will be no reallocation of the tournament prizes.

Please Print Clearly

Skippers NAME:

CONTACT PHONE #

POSTAL ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

BOAT NAME:

BOAT MODEL:

BOAT LENGTH:

DRAFT: Meters

VHF CALLSIGN:

DO YOU REQUIRE BOAT STORAGE/RAFT

PHONE#

Yes / No

I have read and made my team members aware of ALL tournament rules.

Signed(Skipper): **Date:**



Angler Details

Notes: Snapper jackpot is individual. Billfish jackpot is for the team (vessel). Measure boards are specific to the WSFC and **MUST** be used. Boards from previous years are acceptable. Non NZSFC club members must pay an additional entry fee of \$20.

	Anglers Name	NZSFC Club	Entry Fee \$100	Non-Member Fee \$20	Snapper Jackpot \$50	Total
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
Office Use:						
				Measure Board \$25		
				Billfish Jackpot \$100		
				Total		

Internet Banking: 02-0488-0034035-00. Ref: Boat Name. Particulars: Skippers Name
 Send Completed Entry Form to: officemanager@wsfc.co.nz





TOURNAMENT RULES

Skippers, please read and make certain your team members are informed.

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. Teams, any number, but a minimum of two. Except for jet skis where one person per ski is allowable provided a minimum of two jet skis remain in close proximity to each other at all times while fishing. All teams must consist of at least one person over the age of 18 on the boat at all times.
- b. If for any reason a team or team member wishes to change boats, permission must be first sought and granted by the Tournament Committee.
- c. All Anglers competing must be full financial members of a club affiliated to the NZ Sport Fishing Council **OR**
- d. For a fee of \$20.00 non-affiliated anglers may become members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. for the duration of the tournament.
- e. Only registered anglers are permitted on boats entered in the tournament except the skipper and one crew of a registered charter boat. Skipper and crew are not eligible for any prizes unless they are registered anglers.
- f. Media and sponsors may be permitted on boats at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- g. Refunds will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee if the tournament is cancelled or shortened for **ANY** reason, or an angler is unable to fish all or part of the tournament.
- h. Entries will be taken in order of receipt.
- i. All prizes to be awarded must be claimed by the angler or team member on the night or they will become the property of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. For **ALL** lucky angler draws the angler **MUST BE PRESENT**.
- j. Non-compliance of these rules may result in the team being disqualified from this or any future tournament.
- k. Acceptance of all entries will be at sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

2. TIMES AND RESTRICTIONS

- a. All tournament boats departing Whakatane port and crew must register and sign in at the Whakatane boat ramp up to 08:00 on the first morning of the Tournament, 9th March 2023, then at the clubrooms from 08:00 onwards.
- b. Skippers of trailer boats mooring in the river must advise the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc.
- c. Notification of the official start will be on VHF Channel 60. Vessels departing a port other than Whakatane will be sent a text message on the vessels designated cellphone. Until such notification is given all boats must remain upriver of the narrows in port Whakatane.
All other vessels must remain within their designated departure port until start notification is advised. (Refer rule 3c)
- d. Once the Whakatane Bar conditions are deemed workable by the harbour master the tournament shall be deemed open and boats may depart Whakatane.
- e. Launches and tow away vessels may depart from any other chosen port within chart 54 and commence fishing the tournament. (Refer to Rule 2f for handicap start time)
- f. The tournament times shall be as follows:

Vessels departing Whakatane The tournament times shall be 06.30am Thursday 9th March 2023 or such time as the whakatane bar is deemed workable and run continuous until 17.00 Saturday 11th March 2023.

Vessels departing any other port within chart 54. (Includes tow away vessels)

The tournament times shall be 09.00am Thursday 9th March 2023 or 2.5 hours after the whakatane bar is deemed workable and run continuous until 17.00 Saturday 11th May

- g. There is no time restrictions on when tow away vessels can tow away. (Refer to rule 2f and 3a for rule clarifications and start time photo rules)
- h. Vessels should monitor Tournament HQ on VHF Chanel 60.
- i. All fish to be weighed, photos to be logged and catch cards / weigh books to be logged **must be brought across the Whakatane bar by the tournament vessel** with a minimum of two crew.

- j. Vessels opting to commence the tournament from a port other than Whakatane within chart 54 may be asked to provide time and date photo evidence of their location and time (refer rule 2f).
- k. If the Whakatane Bar becomes unworkable after the start time of the tournament then to be fair to day fishing boats the stay away boats will not be able to fish for the tournament until such time as the bar becomes workable again as notified by Tournament HQ.
- l. The tournament program shall constitute part of the Tournament Rules.

3. RULES FOR LAUNCHES & TOW AWAY VESSELS WISHING TO COMMENCE THE TOURNAMENT FROM A PORT OTHER THAN WHAKATANE WITHIN CHART 54

- a. Skippers must attend the Tournament Briefing (*This is Compulsory*)
Time of briefing Wednesday 8th March 2023 19.00
- b. Launches and tow away vessels may depart from any other chosen port within chart 54 and commence fishing the tournament. (Refer to Rule 2f for handicap start time).
- c. *For All Vessels departing any other port within chart 54, (Includes tow away vessels).*
The tournament times shall be 09.00am Thursday 9th March 2023 or 2.5 hours after the whakatane bar is deemed workable and run continuous until 17.00 Saturday 11th March 2023.
- d. All Vessels opting to commence the Tournament from a port other than Whakatane within chart 54 will be asked to provide time and date photo evidence of their location.
The vessel and a location landmark must be within the photo and times must adhere to rule 2f.
- e. Vessels may be asked to provide time and date photo evidence of location by Tournament HQ.
- f. Any fish, tag cards, fish catch cards or crew with fish photos needing to be ferried over the bar by a support vessel to the weigh station must be organized in advance with Tournament HQ.
- g. The catch cards for any tagged fish, fish to be weighed, or fish photos to be eligible for the tournament must be in the Weigh Masters hands by **tournament close off, 17:00 Saturday 11th March 2023.**
- h. All fish to be weighed, photos to be logged and catch cards / weigh books to be logged *must be brought across the Whakatane bar by the tournament vessel* with a minimum of two crew.
- i. Tournament HQ must be advised if a support boat is to be used with rule f above.

TOURNAMENT TIDE TIMES - TIDES AT WHAKATANE

	Low tide – High tide – Low tide		
Thursday March 9th 2023	08:59	15:31	
Friday March 10th 2023	09:36	16:10	
Saturday March 11th 2023	04:20	10:16	16:49

4. Rules for anglers wishing to fish from jet skis

Jet skis wishing to fish the tournament must adhere to rule 1.a and provide details of both jet skis to form the two man safety team prior to tournament commencement.

5. FISHING AND TACKLE

- a. All fishing will be from boats or jet skis. There are no shore or kayak sections.
- b. IGFA Rules will apply.
- c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect **ALL** vessels, tackle, and equipment.
The tournament Committee also reserves the right to keep any fish weighed.
- d. Braid line can be used for all species in accordance with IGFA rules.

6. MINIMUM WEIGHT / LENGTH SPECIES

- a. Line Class: All tackle according to IGFA Rules.
 - b. Billfish (Broadbill, Black, Blue and Striped Marlin) Minimum Weight 90kg
 - c. Tuna (Big Eye, SBT and YFT) Minimum Weight 15kg
 - d. Albacore Minimum Weight 5kg
- Marlin (any) the “Big Three” 90 kg min - Team

ONLY TWO ALBACORE PER ANGLER PER DAY TO BE WEIGHED

- e. Yellowtail Kingfish (Measure & Release) Minimum Length 1metre
- Yellowtail Kingfish the “Big Three” 1.2 meters - Team

ONLY TWO KINGFISH PHOTOS PER ANGLER PER DAY TO BE PRESENTED

- f. Snapper (Measure & Release) Minimum Length 40cm
- Snapper the “Big Three” 60 cm - Team

ONLY TWO SNAPPER PHOTOS PER ANGLER PER DAY TO BE PRESENTED

- g. Trevally Minimum Length 35cm

ONLY TWO TREVALLY PER ANGLER PER DAY TO BE WEIGHED



7. WEIGHING

- a. All **GAME FISH** requiring to be weighed must be called in to Tournament HQ on VHF Channel 60 with details and sponsors grid map reference along with weigh station ETA.
- b. Each angler **MUST** complete all details in the official weigh book including the area caught specifying the sponsor's grid map reference for all fish before presenting fish to the Weigh Master. The angler and witness must be present at the time of the weigh in.
- c. Weigh books must be in the hands of the Weigh Master officials no later than the stipulated times. Additional weigh books can be collected at the weigh station.
- d. All fish must be weighed at the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. weigh station.
- e. All photos for Measure & Release **MUST BE EMAILED TO: tournaments@wsfc.co.nz**
- f. All **GAME FISH** must be weighed from the boat from which it was caught.
- g. Launches not entering the Whakatane Harbour may use a support boat for fish to be weighed and all associated catch books, tag cards and associated photos and crew to the weigh station. Tournament HQ must be advised.
- h. All fish to be weighed, photos for Measure & Release, tag cards and weigh books on all vessels including tow away vessels **MUST** travel by sea on the tournament vessel back to the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. weigh station. (Refer rule 2h)
- i. Only freshly caught fish may be presented for weighing. Fish that the Tournament Committee deem not fresh and the team presenting such fish will be disqualified from the Tournament and any future tournaments.
- j. In the event of two or more fish of equal weight or length, a live draw will be undertaken at prize giving to determine the heavier or longer fish, then in descending order.
- k. All fish weighed will be credited to the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc.

8. BILLFISH JACKPOT

- a. The Billfish Jackpot for the tournament is on a voluntary basis.
The Billfish Jackpot minimum entry fee is **\$100.00 per vessel** paid at time of entry.
An optional increase in entry fee is available if crews wish to increase their possible prize pool.
- b. The Billfish Jackpot is an accumulated points system.
Weighed fish points will be calculated as per IGFA Points Rules.
Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight.
The Billfish Jackpot species shall be Blue, Black and Striped Marlin, Shortbill Spearfish and Broadbill Swordfish. A points accrual reference guide is included in the Skippers entry pack.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TOURNAMENT ONLY TAGGED FISH SHALL SCORE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

Blue or Black Marlin 1000 points
Striped Marlin 600 points
Broadbill Swordfish 510 points
Shortbill Spearfish 410 points

All tagged fish must be photographed prior to release. If the clarity of the photo of a Tag & Release Blue/Black Marlin is not of a quality for clear identification to differentiate to that of a Striped Marlin then the points allocated shall be 600.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TOURNAMENT ONLY POINTS ARE ACCUMULATIVE AND MAY BE USED AS FOLLOWS:

Collectively by the team only

All individual rights to the fish used in scoring in the jackpot are forfeited.

FROM THE POOL THERE WILL BE THREE PRIZES DISTRIBUTED FOR THE HIGHEST SCORING FISH

The Highest scoring combined score by a team – 50% of the pool

The 2nd Highest scoring combined score by a team – 30% of the pool

The 3rd Highest scoring combined score by a team – 20% of the pool

In the event insufficient Billfish are caught the jackpot(s) will be drawn, only to those vessels who have entered the Billfish Jackpot are eligible for such a draw.

9. SNAPPER JACKPOT

- a. The Snapper Jackpot for the Tournament is on a voluntary basis.
The Snapper Jackpot minimum entry fee is **\$50.00 per angler** and paid at time of entry.
An optional increase in entry fee is available if crews wish to increase their possible prize pool.

FROM THE POOL THE JACKPOT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR

THE THREE LONGEST SNAPPER AS FOLLOWS:

The Longest Snapper	– 50% of the pool
The 2nd Longest Snapper	– 30% of the pool
The 3rd Longest Snapper	– 20% of the pool

In the event insufficient Snapper photos are presented the jackpot will be drawn out from only those anglers who have entered the Snapper Jackpot.

10. MEASURE PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS (Snapper & Kingfish)

- a. The tournament measure boards, and tape must be purchased from the Whakatane Sportfishing Club at time of entry for \$25 **AND MUST BE USED**. Photos on non-tournament measuring tape may be disqualified.
- b. Photographs of fish on the measure board must adhere to the following requirements:
The nose of the fish must be firmly placed on the board end of the tape.
One side of the tape must be continuously visible, that is, the tape must be seen from the nose end of the board to the tail without any part of the fish obscuring the tape. **MUST** include angler number for correct day.

All photographs MUST include the anglers numbered day card.

Any photographs not meeting these requirements will not be considered for this tournament.



11. TAG & RELEASE PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS

- a. All tagged fish must be photographed prior to release showing a clear shot of the fish tag, anglers numbered day card, and species of fish for clear identification.
All photographs must display the time and date it was taken. The anglers name must be included in the subject field.
Any photographs not meeting these requirements will not be considered for this tournament.
- b. All photographs become the property of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc and **MUST** be emailed to the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc at : tournaments@wsfc.co.nz.

12. TEAM MOST TAG & RELEASE POINTS

- a. Most tag & release points are accumulated over every day of the tournament.
- b. Team most tag & release points are allocated for the boat (team) only over the tournament.
- c. Billfish tagged for the Team most Tag & Release points may also be eligible for the Billfish Jackpot.
- d. Eligible species and points allocated are:

Blue or Black Marlin	1000 points as per Billfish Jackpot guide
Striped Marlin	600 points as per Billfish Jackpot guide
Broadbill Swordfish	510 points as per Billfish Jackpot guide
Shortbill Spearfish	410 points as per Billfish Jackpot guide
Tuna (YFT ,SBT, Bigeye)	150 points
Yellowtail Kingfish	25 points (Limit four (4) per crew for tournament).
- e. All individual rights to the fish used in scoring are forfeited.
- f. All tagged fish must be photographed prior to release. If the clarity of the photo of a Tag & Release Blue/Black Marlin is not of a quality for clear identification to differentiate to that of a Striped Marlin, then the points allocated shall be 600. **ALL** photos must include the angler's day number, IGFA tag, and **CATCH CARD** then emailed to: tournaments@wsfc.co.nz including the anglers day number in the subject field.

13. SHIMANO PHOTO COMPETITION

- a. Anglers may take photos of any subject matter they choose.
- b. Photos of an angler taken by a third party are acceptable.
- c. Only one photo per day per angler will be accepted.
- d. Photos must be emailed to tournaments@wsfc.co.nz including the anglers full name and anglers number in the subject field.
- e. The Tournament Committee is the sole judge of the winning photo.

14. SAFETY

- a. **All Skippers MUST attend the Tournament briefing (This is compulsory).**
The briefing is on Wednesday the 8th of March 2023 at 19:00.
- b. At the conclusion of the briefing the **Skipper must sign** the briefing attendance register and advise of departure Port intentions and designated vessel cellphone details.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given in the briefing.
- d. 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.
- e. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Coastguard VHF 16. Whakatane Coastguard can be contacted on VHF 18.
- f. 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.

15. DISCLAIMER

All participants agree and accept to: Enter this tournament at their own risk. That boating and fishing involves some risk. Not hold tournament organisers, officials, sponsors, or any other person involved with the tournament liable for any loss or injury to any person or equipment incurred during this tournament. Notwithstanding any representation made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations, and by-laws related, but not limited, to boating and fishing are complied with.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

All boats **MUST** have an operational VHF radio. The only official communication with Tournament HQ is Via VHF channel 60. The club cell phone number is 027 304 8389. All boats must call Whakatane Coastguard on VHF channel 18 to log or cancel trip reports. All boats should use their VHF callsign.

17. **PROTESTS AND RULE CHANGES**

Any protest must be filed in writing and delivered to the Tournament Convenor. The Tournament Committee will then consider the protest.

Any protest relating to the weighing of fish is to be brought up with the Weigh Master **BEFORE** the fish is removed from the weigh station.

Any protest against the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. will be heard by a mutually agreed third party. In all other protests the Tournament Committee decision is final and binding.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend or alter these rules as it deems necessary, any changes will be advised.

18. *All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.*

19. **Storage**

Trailer boats requiring secure complimentary boat storage over the duration of the tournament should contact Mike at [Bay Storage](#) on 027 242 1122 well in advance of the tournament. Any vessels requiring Whakatane Harbour rafting **MUST** organize the requirements with the Harbour Master well in advance of the tournament.

END





PRIZE CATEGORIES

HEAVIEST STRIPED MARLIN 1ST – 3RD Heaviest also wins \$5000 sponsored by [The Whakatane Mill Ltd](#)

HEAVIEST BLUE/BLACK MARLIN 1ST – 3RD

HEAVIEST BROADBILL SWORDFISH

HEAVIEST SHORTBILL SPEARFISH

HEAVIEST MAHIMAHI

TEAM MOST TAG & RELEASE POINTS \$5000 sponsored by [Plains Butchery and Probuild](#)

HEAVIEST SBT, YFT, OR BIGEYE TUNA 1ST – 3RD

“KING OF KINGS” **LONGEST** YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH 1ST – 3RD + AVERAGE LENGTH.
Longest also wins \$5000 sponsored by [Williams & Wilshier Transport](#)

HEAVIEST ALBACORE 1ST – 3RD

LONGEST SNAPPER 1ST – 3RD + AVERAGE LENGTH. Longest also wins \$5000 sponsored by [Haddocks Spray Painters and Panelbeaters](#)

HEAVIEST TREVALLY 1ST – 3RD + AVERAGE WEIGHT

THE “BIG THREE”. MARLIN 90KG, KINGFISH 1.2M, SNAPPER 60CM, MINIMUM SIZES. \$5000 to the **FIRST TEAM** to achieve the “BIG THREE”. Sponsored by the [Whakatane Sportfishing Club](#). Will not be reallocated if a team does not achieve the “BIG THREE”.

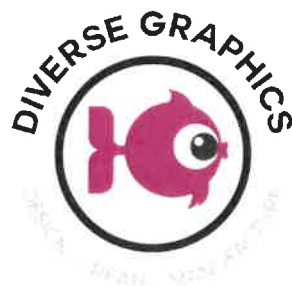
SHIMANO NZ PHOTO COMPETITION

DAILY HEAVIEST – MARLIN – TUNA – TREVALLY. \$100 **Mitre10** vouchers sponsored by [Alpha Pipelines](#)

DAILY LONGEST – YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH – SNAPPER. \$100 **Mitre10** vouchers sponsored by [Alpha Pipelines](#)

SPOT PRIZES – ONLY AWARDED ON FIRST TWO DAYS. **ANGLER MUST BE PRESENT**





SHIMANO

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2023

- 11:00 Tournament HQ Open.
19:00 Briefing commences. The Skipper of each team **MUST** attend tournament briefing.
The Skipper must also sign the briefing attendance register.

THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2023

- 05:30-8:00 Sign out at Boat Ramp
from 08:00 Sign out at Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. Clubrooms
06:30 FISHING COMMENCES AS SOON AS THE WHAKATANE RIVER BAR IS DEEMED WORKABLE
09:00 Or 2.5 hours after the Whakatane Bar is deemed workable vessels departing from any other port within chart 54 may depart from their port and commence fishing.
11:00 HQ Bar open
14:30 Weigh Station open
18:00 Daily fish to be weighed and length measure photos received.
Fish will go into the following days results if accepted after this time.
20:00 Daily round up, average weight and length prizes and lucky angler draws. Angler must be present.

FRIDAY 10th March 2023

- FISHING CONTINUES AS SOON AS THE WHAKATANE RIVER BAR IS DEEMED WORKABLE**
11:00 HQ Bar open
14:30 Weigh Station open
18:00 Daily fish to be weighed and length measure photos received.
Fish will go into the following days results if accepted after this time.
20:00 Daily round up, average weight and length prizes and lucky angler draws. Angler must be present for lucky angler draws.

SATURDAY 11th MARCH 2023

- FISHING CONTINUES AS SOON AS THE WHAKATANE RIVER BAR IS DEEMED WORKABLE**
11:00 HQ Bar open
14:30 Weigh Station open
17:00 Tournament finishes and final weigh in and measure photos received.
20:00 Final prize giving and entertainment

