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29 JUNE - 2ND JULY 2023





29th June – 2nd July, 2023

Postponement dates, weekends of July 6th – 9th & July 13th – 16th, 2023

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entry Fee: \$50 Per Angler (affiliated to a New Zealand sport fishing council club)

Juniors: \$25 per Angler (affiliated to a New Zealand sport fishing council club)

TEAMS:

A minimum of two members per boat per day.

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.

A photocopy of your current membership card must accompany your entry form.

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

Please Print Clearly

SKIPPERS NAME:	CONTACT PHONE #
POSTAL ADDRESS:	EMAIL:
BOAT NAME:	BOAT MODEL:
BOAT LENGTH:	DRAFT: Meters
VHF CALLSIGN:	CELL PHONE#

***The information above may be passed onto Coastguard for assisting in an emergency situation ***

Signed (skipper) Date



Angler Details

ANGLERS NAME	NZSFC CLUB	ENTRY FEE \$50 / \$25 ADULT / JUNIOR	NON-MEMBER FEE \$20	TOTAL
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
JACKPOT \$200 (PER BOAT)				
TOTAL				

POLO SHIRTS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	
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	\$40 each							

Internet Banking: 02-0488-0034035-26.
Ref: Boat Name. Particulars: Skippers Name
Send Completed Entry Form to: tournaments@wsfc.co.nz





TOURNAMENT RULES

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

1. Eligibility and Entry:

Skippers Must attend the Tournament Briefing on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 19:00 at the Whakatane Sportfishing Club.

Teams may consist of any number but a minimum of two. All teams must consist of at least one person over the age of 18 on the boat at all times.

If for any reason a team or team member wishes to change boats, permission must be first sought and granted by the Tournament Committee.

Anglers competing must be full financial members of a club affiliated to the NZ Sport Fishing Council **OR** For a fee of \$20.00 non-affiliated anglers may become members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc. for the duration of the Tournament.

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. Media and sponsors may be permitted on boats at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

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.**

Non-compliance of these rules may result in the team being disqualified from this or any future tournament.

Acceptance of all entries will be at sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

2. Tournaments Ports and Restrictions:

The 3 Official Tournament ports are Whakatane, Waihou Bay and Tauranga. (Moored boats in the Ohiwa Harbour and Rangitaiki River make seek an exemption to leave their home port)

The decision to run the tournament will be made on the Monday 26th June, 2023.

You will be disqualified if you **Depart** the Whakatane bar if it is deemed unworkable/closed.

Departure Times: You may leave any of the Tournament Ports after briefing, bearing in mind, you cannot start fishing until 0730 Thursday 29th June, 2023.

3. Tournament Fishing Times:

Fishing starts 0730 hours 29th June, 2023 and runs continuous until 1600 Sunday 2nd July, 2023.
Live bait fishing will be allowed before start time.

4. Eligible Species:

Southern Bluefin Tuna, Pacific Bluefin Tuna, Northern Bluefin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, Albacore Tuna, Broadbill Swordfish

5. Fishing and Tackle:

IGFA Rules will apply.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats, tackle and equipment used.

Braid line can be used for all species in accordance with IGFA rules.

6. Categories:

1st – 5th Heaviest Tuna (all eligible species, **except** albacore tuna)

1st – 5th Heaviest Albacore section

Juniors 1st – 5th Heaviest Tuna (all eligible species)

Male Angler 1st most Catch and release points

Lady Angler 1st most Catch and release points

Junior Angler 1st most Catch and release points

1st Tuna catch and release (albacore not included)

Last Tuna catch and release (albacore not included)

Broadbill Swordfish 1st Heaviest

Champion Tuna Boat jackpot section: Entry into this section is \$200 per boat (all money goes into the jackpot): 1st 70% of total pool 2nd 20% of total pool 3rd 10% of total pool.

7. Champion Boat section:

The champion boat section is a points-based section of both CAPTURE AND RELEASE Tuna and WEIGHED TUNA. (Broadbill Swordfish are not included in this section) This is a Team section, not an individual angler section. If you choose to weigh a fish you gain 1 point per kg, this is for all eligible Tuna species. (you will only be allowed to weigh one fish per person per species per day) However if you choose to catch and release your fish you will gain **100** points for a capture and release Southern Bluefin, Pacific bluefin, Northern Bluefin, Big Eye or Yellow Fin Tuna and **20** points for a catch and release albacore tuna, there will be a maximum limit of **4** catch and release albacore tuna per boat for the tournament in this section.

To differentiate the tuna species, you will be required to take your photo of an **albacore** tuna **Out** of the water for purpose of tuna clarification. The other 5 species will be accepted boat side. The photos must be of clarity to which the tournament committee can correctly identify species.

CAPTURE AND RELEASE: Due to potential for poor tag shots and tuna bleeding out prior to release, you will not be

required to tag your fish, instead you be required to present a clear photo of the fish boatside with your angler numbered Tag which you will find in your briefing pack. We also require a **Digital Video** of the release of the fish as it swims away and must be shown to weigh masters back at the Whakatane weigh station. The same ruling applies for the albacore section.

All Photographs & Videos must display time and date it was taken.

We ask that you send through photos as soon as you can, once back in phone reception.
Either to Toby on 0274749681 or tournaments@wsfc.co.nz.

In the event of a tie, a live draw will take place on stage to deem the winner.

In the event insufficient Tuna are caught the jackpot will be drawn, only to those vessels who have entered the champion team Jackpot are eligible for such a draw.

8. Angler Most Catch and Release Points Section:

Male, ladies & Junior Top Angler most catch and release points.

Includes All Eligible species with a maximum of 4 albacore tuna per tournament.

100 Points for a catch and release Tuna (all eligible species except Albacore)

20 points for a catch and release albacore

200 points for a catch and release Broadbill Swordfish

9. Broadbill Swordfish

1st Heaviest Broadbill Swordfish.

In the event two or more fish are equal weight this prize will be shared equally
You will not have to gill and gut your fish for this section

10. Weighing of fish:

All weighed fish will need to be **gilled / gutted and presented in an edible condition** to be eligible. If you happen to catch a potential record fish you may keep the gills and guts in for weigh in.

The fish will then have to be gilled and gutted and weighed a second time for the tournament weight.

Weighing of fish will be at the Whakatane weigh station only and the angler will need to be present. The fish can be brought back by sea OR on land if you are choosing to tow away.

If you happen to catch a fish at the start of the Tournament and want to weigh it on the final day providing you have it on ice and have photographic evidence of time and date of capture that will be accepted.

11. Weigh station times and cut off:

The Whakatane weigh station will be manned from 2pm – 6pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 2pm – 4pm on Sunday.

If you are wanting a fish weighed or photos, videos / gear checked outside of these times, arrangement will have to be made by contacting Toby Barkla on 0274749681 or Dean Frost 0278237825.

All participating fish in the tournament will be required to submit gear used to tournament organizers at the Whakatane weigh station anytime throughout the tournament but no later than 4pm on the final day of the tournament.
This also includes all capture and release sections.

The Team at LegaSea will be on hand with their purpose-built fish filleting trailer and team of experienced knife hands throughout the tournament. You will have the option of having your fish processed and packaged after the weigh in.

If you fail to make the 4pm cut off on the final day your fish will be disqualified.

12. Fishing Area:

All boats fishing the tournament will be restricted to stay within Marine Chart 54.

13. Early Bird Draw:

If you enter your team before 1730 23 June you will be in the draw for the early bird prize. A pack of Red Gill lures kindly donated by Nathan Adams at Red Gill Lures. These are fully rigged by Nathan and come in a Red Gill Lure Roll. This will be drawn at briefing.

14. Weather:

Whether or not to fish is not the responsibility of the WSFC, and must be based solely on the team's own judgement, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of the safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.

15. Prize Giving:

Prize giving will be held on Sunday 2nd July 2023 at the Whakatane Sport Fishing Club at 19:30.

16. Safety:

All skippers must attend The briefing is on Wednesday 28th June, 2023 at 19:00. Additional briefings may be arranged with the Tournament Committee.

Attendance at a briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in the tournament until the Skipper has attended a briefing.

At the conclusion of the briefing the **Skipper must sign** the briefing attendance register.

It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.

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.

In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Coastguard emergency VHF channel 16 at first instance. Whakatane Coastguard can be contacted on VHF 18, Waihou Bay Coastguard VHF 65, Tauranga Coastguard VHF 01.

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.

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. Refunds :

If the Tournament does not go ahead over the 3 weekends listed and has to be cancelled, full refunds will be given.

19. Disclaimer

All participants agree and accept to: Enter this tournament at there own risk. That boating and fishing involves some risk. Not to hold Tournament organizers, officials, sponsors, or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to a person or any equipment incurred during the 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.

