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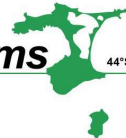
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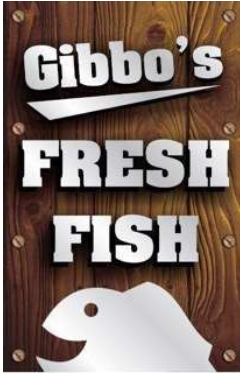
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**2024 ANNUAL LADIES TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

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

**ALL ANGLERS MUST BE 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER**

**Fishing: Fri 26<sup>th</sup>- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

SKIPPERS NAME:		CONTACT PHONE #				
BOAT NAME:		EMAIL:				
TEAM MEMBERS FULL NAME		MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ENTRY FEE \$70	NON AFFILIATED FEE \$20	SNAPPER JACKPOT \$50	TOTAL
1						
2						
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<b>BILLFISH JACKPOT</b>				<b>\$100 PER VESSEL</b>		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>					<b>\$</b>	

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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.....**

# LADIES TOURNAMENT 2024 RULES

## 1. Dates & Tides

	Low Water	High Water
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan .....	02:09/14:43 .....	08:21/20:35
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan .....	02:53/15:27 .....	09:03/21:18
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan .....	03:34/16:09 .....	09:44/22:00

## 2. Start Time & Fishing Area

### 06:00 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

All boats entered in this tournament cannot depart from any port or boar ramp until 06:00 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. All boats fishing the tournament will be restricted to stay within Marine Chart 54.

## 3. Registration

All competitors must be full members of the Whakatane Sportfishing Club or have paid the appropriate social/non-member membership fee. Registration will be taken up until 12.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Registrations taken before this time can sign the register and collect information on arrival at the briefing. Anglers registering after this time, can sign the register and collect information after the briefing. Early Bird Draw for those entered no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Confirmation of registration will be sent by email/text. If you have not received confirmation, please contact the office or email [tournaments@wsfc.co.nz](mailto:tournaments@wsfc.co.nz).

## 4. Briefing

There will be a briefing in the clubrooms at 19:00 on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The skipper or nominated team member must attend briefing. The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes to the rules as required, **prior** to the start of the tournament and any changes made will be advised at the briefing.

## 5. Entry Fees

Entry fee for full or affiliated members is \$70.00 per angler. Social/non-members must pay an additional social/non-member fee of \$20.00. If the tournament is cancelled, refunds of entry fees will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

## 6. Species

Marlin - All Species	Snapper
Tuna - YFT, SBT & Bigeye	Tarakihi
Kingfish	Trevally
Albacore	Red Gurnard

## 7. Minimum weight/length

Billfish .....	90 kgs	Snapper .....	40 cm
Kingfish.....	1 Metre & 13 kgs	Tarakihi .....	25 cm
Tuna .....	15 kgs	Trevally .....	35 cm
Albacore .....	5 kgs	Red Gurnard .....	25 cm

**Note: Only two fish per species per angler per day to be weighed**

## 8. Weighing of fish

Anglers wishing to weigh GAME FISH must call in to Tournament HQ on VHF channel 60 with details of catch and sponsors grid map reference. For the first two days of the tournament the weigh station will be open from **14:00 until 18:00**. On the last day of the tournament the weigh station will be open from **14:00 until 17:00**. 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. **AN OFFICIAL FISH CAPTURE & WEIGHT RECORDING CERTIFICATE** must be filled out for **ALL fish** before arriving at the 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/measured are the same weight/length a live draw will take place at prize giving to determine the heavier/longer 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 FISH" from the previous days catch.**

**\*\*\* Incorrect or incomplete catch cards will nullify your catch. Please ensure these are filled out correctly.**

## 9. Tag & Release

All tag and release fish need photos, these will need to be presented to the Whakatane weigh station before final weigh in closes along with a completed **OFFICIAL FISH CAPTURE & WEIGHT RECORDING CERTIFICATE**. Vessels do not need to come over the Whakatane Bar if they are only presenting Tag & Release Cards.

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## 10. Billfish Jackpot

The billfish jackpot for the tournament is voluntary. The billfish jackpot entry fee is **\$100.00 PER VESSEL** and must be paid at the time of entry. The billfish jackpot is an accumulated points system. Weighed fish will be calculated as per IGFA points rules. Tagged fish shall score points in accordance with billfish jackpot points guide which is included in the vessel's entry pack. All tagged fish must be photographed prior to release. The photograph must clearly show the IGFA tag, angler card and clearly identify the species. If clarity of the photograph cannot differentiate between a Blue/Black Marlin and a Striped Marlin then points allocated will be that of a Striped Marlin. The photograph must show the time and date it was taken. The anglers name must be included in the subject field.

For the purposes of this tournament points are accumulative and may be used as follows:

- a. Collectively by the team only.
- b. All individuals' rights to the fish used in scoring in the jackpot are forfeited.

The jackpot will be distributed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-50%, 2<sup>nd</sup>-30%, 3<sup>rd</sup>-20%.

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## 11. Snapper Jackpot

The snapper jackpot for the tournament is voluntary. The snapper jackpot entry fee is **\$50.00 PER ANGLER** and must be paid at the time of entry. The snapper jackpot is based on the **heaviest weight**.

The jackpot will be distributed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-50%, 2<sup>nd</sup>-30%, 3<sup>rd</sup>-20%.

All measured fish must be photographed prior to release. The photograph must clearly show the fish on the measure tape as outlined in rule 11. The photograph must show the time and date it was taken and the angler card. The anglers name must be included in the subject field.

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## 12. MEASURE PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS (Snapper & Kingfish)

### KINGFISH & SNAPPER

This year you have the option of measuring and releasing your Kingfish and Snapper, but you can still land and weigh a fish if you choose. Attached to the rules is a measure and release chart which will convert your measured fish into weight. Kingfish must be a minimum of 1 metre in length and Snapper must be a minimum of 40cm in length.

You will need to take a photo of good quality with your angler card on the Whakatane Sportfishing Club measuring board. The boards will be available at briefing if you don't have one. **AN OFFICIAL FISH CAPTURE & WEIGHT RECORDING CERTIFICATE** must be filled out and handed to the weigh station no later than 17.00 on the final day of the tournament.

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. 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. Maximum of 2 photos to be sent in per angler per species per day. Only send one photo of one fish once.



All photographs must be emailed to the Whakatane Sportfishing Club at [tournaments@wsfc.co.nz](mailto:tournaments@wsfc.co.nz) You will receive a reply of verification for all photos sent in. If you have bad reception or concerned that your photos have not been received, you will need to be at the Whakatane Sportfishing Club weigh station before 17:00 hours on the final day of the tournament.

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**13. Prize Categories (One Prize per Angler, Per Species, excludes Average Weight)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Marlin - All
- Team most tag and release Marlin (all)
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Tuna – YFT, SBT, Bigeye,
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Albacore
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Kingfish
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Snapper
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Tarakihi
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Trevally
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaviest Red Gurnard
- Average Weight for all species listed above
- Skipper winning vessel and Best dressed team - Theme is **SKIRTS**



**\$5000 Cash Draw**

Open to all anglers in the tournament. Five names will be drawn to go through to the final draw in July 2024.

**14. Trophies**

- John Dreifuss Memorial Trophy..... Skipper winning vessel
- Budget Wear Trophy..... Most meritorious catch (most IGFA points)
- Grahame Lerway Trophy..... Heaviest qualifying fish of tournament
- Andrew Wilde Memorial Trophy ..... Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna
- Personal Touch Trophy ..... Heaviest Marlin of tournament
- Mark Dobson Trophy ..... Best dressed team

**15. Prize Giving**

Final prize giving will be held in the club rooms from 19:30 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024. 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 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 and dispensation granted. Angler cards to be handed in before prizegiving and Anglers must be present at to claim a spot prize.

**16. 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.

**17. 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.

## **18. 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.

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