



OFFSHORE COMPETITION RULES 2011



As a requirement of Club's Constitutional Rules, each boat must have an operational 27Meg/hz or VHF Marine Radio on board when taking part in Offshore Club outings.

All boats fishing offshore must have a minimum of 2 people on board and Lifejackets are mandatory when crossing bars.

A minimum of 3 boats are required to call a trip.

All competitors taking part in any outing are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and fair manner and promote the objects of the Club.

NOMINATIONS FOR EACH COMPETITION :-

Trips will be called via an SMS message on the Wednesday prior to the trip nominating day to be fished and weigh out/weigh in times.

All competitors must register with the Competition Secretary or the Captain by 9.00am on Friday after SMS has been sent. Only those who reply to message will be eligible to fish. NO REPLY NO FISH.

WEIGH-OUT PROCEDURE -

Competitors are required to attend the designated weigh-out area (South Passage Bar) at the time stated in SMS. If unable to attend the weigh-out by the scheduled time, please contact either the Captain, Vice-Captain or Competition Secretary as early as possible. A buddy system will be put in place where 2 x boats will be paired up and are to stay in contact with each other throughout the day. Coastguard should also be contacted if possible.

Should a competitor choose to leave from an area other than the designated weigh-out area, the Competition Secretary or Captain is to be notified at time of nomination. Contact the Captain by radio is essential immediately on launching vessel. Late starters must contact the Captain by radio on launching their vessel. If unable to contact Captain ensure you contact one of the offshore committee members who will pass on your message.

If it is necessary to leave the competition early, contact the Captain when leaving and Coastguard and captain when safely back to shore.

The Captain can designate new boundaries for the competition or cancel the trip in the event of bad weather conditions. This decision will be made at the weigh-out time. All competitors must contact the captain prior to departure to confirm fishing boundaries and the status of the trip.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES -

All fish are to be in weigh-in area by the designated time to be eligible for points to be recorded. In the case of extenuating circumstances it will be up to the Offshore Captain to make a decision in regards to weighing in or not. Competitors can weigh their catch earlier if the Weighmaster agrees and is at the weigh-in area. Captain or Vice-Captain must also be present in case of any disputes.

NOTE: Competitors who do not weigh in must declare "NO FISH" to register as taking part in the competition. All fish to be weighed in whole. Mutilated fish will not be accepted for weighing.

Any undersized fish presented to the Weighmaster will receive a 25 points penalty per fish. Should four or more undersized fish be presented the total catch will be disqualified. All penalty points will be deducted from total points accrued to date. There are no exceptions. All fish are deemed to be presented when placed in the Weighmaster's bin. All visitors must declare their catch. Any visitor taking part in three or more trips is expected to lodge an application for membership with the Club.

FISHING LINES -

A maximum of 3 lines per angler in the water at any one time. This includes hand lines.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:-

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	BONUS WEIGHT
Jew	5	75cm	10kg
Pearl Perch	5	35cm	2.0kg
Mackerel (spotted)	5	60cm	5.0kg
(Spanish)	3	75cm	10kg
Cobia	2	75cm	10kg
Parrot	5	30cm	2.0kg
Squire/Snapper	3	40cm	5.0kg
Sweetlip (spangled)	5	38cm	5.0kg
Red Throat	5	38cm	2.0kg
Moses Perch	5	35cm	1.5kg
Teraglin	5	38cm	3.0kg
Kingfish (Yellowtail)	2	60cm	10kg
Maori Cod	2	45cm	2kg
Samson Fish/Amberjack	2	50cm	10kg
School Mackerel	5	50cm	3.0kg

NOTE - There will be a bag limit of 5 for all other species and no bag limit points will apply. Fish such as Seargent Baker, Grinner, Long Tom, Iodine Bream, Ghost Fish are excluded from weigh-ins. Only 1 Cod (excluding Maori Cod) will be allowed per trip for weigh points only. All other species must be a minimum of 35cm, (or longer as per Fisheries Regulations) and scale bearing to be eligible for weight points. If in doubt consult Fisheries Regulations.

POINTS SYSTEM

Maximum points for any one fish	150 points (excluding 50 points for species of trip)
Maximum points for any one species	250 points (excluding 50 points for species of trip)
Weight	1 point per 100gms (10 points per kilogram)
Species	10 points per species
Fish	1 point per fish
Bonus weights	20 points per bonus weight achieved
Bag Limit Achieved	20 points per bag
Species of the Trip	50 points to heaviest fish of nominated species

SPECIES OF THE TRIP

A designated **Trip Species** will be nominated at the time of weigh in and the heaviest of that species caught on the trip will attract an extra 50 bonus points.

TIED COMPETITION

Should a TIE eventuate at the end of the Fishing Year, the Trophy will be awarded to the Competitor with the least number of fish caught during the year. This will acknowledge those members who caught quality fish.

OFFSHORE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Competitions are as follows;

Senior Men and Ladies - Men and Women aged over 16 years at 1st February. All offshore trips will score points towards Senior Champion

Juniors - Juniors shall be under the age of 16 years at 1st February. All offshore trips will score points toward Junior Champion.

Rookie - Eligible rookies will score points toward Rookie of the Year. To qualify as a rookie the competitor must –

- Be in their first 3 years at the club
- Not have won the rookie section before
- Not have exceeded 500 points in one season before

Trophies will be awarded to Champion Angler and Runner up in each competition category.

OFFSHORE TROPHIES

Heaviest Species trophies to be awarded to the heaviest of the following species caught during the season:-
Pearl Perch, Parrot, Mackerel, Squire/Snapper, Sweetlip, Tuna, Kingfish/Amberjack.

All senior men, ladies, juniors are eligible for the largest of species trophies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR TROPHIES

Senior Men must accrue 5 points to qualify for any trophy. Points are obtained as follows;

Inshore Trip (Including Artificial Bait trips)	1 point per trip
Offshore Trip	1 point per trip
Beach Trip	1 point per trip
Boat Skipper on Ladies/Juniors day	1 point per trip
Raffle Selling	1 point each raffle
Club Committee Member	1 point for year

Ladies, Juniors and Pre Juniors do not have any minimum qualification criteria.