



OFFSHORE COMPETITION RULES

As a requirement of Club 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

NOMINATION FOR EACH COMPETITION :-

Trips will be called on Wednesday prior to trip nominating day to be fished and weigh-out/weigh-in times.

All competitors must register with Captain/Competition Secretary by 9:00am on Friday before Competition date.

Captain Contact No. 0412 872982 (No register,, No Fish)

WEIGH-OUT PROCEDURE:-

Competitors are required to attend the designated weigh-out area (**South Passage Bar**) at the designated time as determined by Captain. If unable to attend the weigh-out by the scheduled time, please contact Captain, Vice-Captain or Competition Secretary as early as possible. A buddy system will be put in place where two 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 Captain by radio 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 onshore.

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 to be in weigh-in area by the designated time to be eligible for points to be recorded. In 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 in their catch earlier if the Weigh-master 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 undersize fish presented to the Weigh-master will receive a 25 point 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 Weigh-master's bin. All visitors must declare their catch. Any visitors 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 | 2 | 75cm | 10 kg |
| Pearl Perch | 5 | 35cm | 2 kg |
| Mackerel (spotted) | 5 | 60cm | 3 kg |
| Mackerel (Spanish) | 5 | 75cm | 10 kg |
| Cobia | 2 | 75cm | 10kg |
| Parrot | 5 | 30cm | 2 kg |
| Squire/Snapper | 4 | 40cm | 4 kg |
| Sweetlip (spangled) | 5 | 38cm | 5 kg |
| Sweetlip(red throat) | 5 | 38cm | 2 kg |
| Moses Perch | 5 | 35cm | 1.5 kg |
| Teraglin | 5 | 38cm | 3 kg |
| Kingfish (Yellowtail) | 2 | 60cm | 10kg |
| Maori Cod | 2 | 45cm | 2 kg |
| Samson Fish(Amberjack) | 2 | 50cm | 10kg |
| School Mackerel | 5 | 50cm | 3 kg |

NOTE:-There will be a bag limit of 5 for all other species and no bag limit points will apply. Fish such as Sargent Baker, Grinner, Long Tom, Iodine Bream, Ghost Fish are excluded from Weigh-ins. Only 2 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 legislation) and sczle bearing to be eligible for weight points. **If in doubt consult Fisheries Regulations**

POINTS SYSTEM:-

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| 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 as at 1st February of the fishing year. All offshore trips will score points towards Senior Champion.
- Juniors -** Juniors must be under 16 years as at 1st February of the Fishing year. All offshore trips will score points towards 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 previously
*Not have exceeded 500 points in one season previously.

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 and juniors are eligible for the largest of species Trophies

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR TROPHIES

Senior men must accrue minimum of 5 points to qualify for any trophy. Points are obtained as follows:-

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| 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 per each raffle |
| Club Committee Member | 1 point per year |

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