

General Information and Fishing Rules

CLUBS NZ MARLIN CLASSIC

5th & 6th March 2010

Anglers Entry Fee \$100-00 & Guest Entry \$30.00

Inclusive of one prize giving dinner on Saturday 6th March 2010

Entry Fees:

No team or angler can compete in the tournament unless their entry fee and membership payments have been made in full prior to start fishing. A team must consist of two or more anglers and no more than 6 anglers

Tournament Memberships:

If an angler is not a member of a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council then they must also pay a tournament membership of \$40 before their team starts fishing.

Meet the Teams Registration and Briefing:

Thursday 4th March commencing at 5-30pm with the briefing starting at 7-30pm in the Paihia Clubhouse of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club. All crews must be represented by a fishing member of the crew and must register and make full payment of Entry Fees and Tournament Memberships on this night to be eligible to fish the tournament. Late entries will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances. Any communication or notice to one team member is notice to all team members, whether at the Briefing, over VHF Radio CH3 or by phone.

Prize Giving Dinner:

Saturday 6th March commences from 6-30pm.

Prize Giving:

There will be a prize giving held on Saturday 6th March 2010 at the Paihia Clubhouse of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club, starting at 7-30pm and all teams must attend to be eligible for prizes. Non attendance of a winning angler or team if it is a team prize will result in forfeiture of any prizes and no disputes will be entered into on this issue.

Fishing Days and Times:

Friday 5th March start fishing 7-00am

Saturday 6th March stop fishing 3-00pm

Start Line:

There will be a start line in effect for the first day of the tournament only, Friday 5th March and this will extend from Tapeka Point to the Waitangi Flag pole. This line must not be crossed before 6-30am. No tournament lines are allowed in the water until the 7-00am announcement on VHF radio CH3, Swordy Sports.

Fish Categories:

Marlin, Tuna, Snapper, Kingfish,

Prizes:

Tournament prize for 1st, 2nd, 3rd heaviest of species. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, tagged and released.

Other Prize Categories:

Team highest points weighed and tagged combined using the Game Fish formula or points as described below.

Weight of fish x 100 divided by line weight. Applies to Marlin, Tuna,

Weighed Snapper and Kingfish weight in kilos x 5, no fish formula applies.

Tagged Marlin 500 points

Tagged Spearfish 100 points

Tagged Tuna 100 points

No points for tagged sharks

Tournament Winner:

The overall winner will be awarded to the angler with the most points as per above.

Lucky Draws:

All anglers will go into the Clubs NZ \$2,000 travel voucher contest.

There will also be two lucky draws on the prize giving night one for \$200 and one for \$50.

Anglers must be present in the clubhouse at the time of the draw to win these draws.

Fishing Area:

The fishing area will be the area shown on the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Grid map which extends from 34 degrees 40 S to 35 degrees 20 S and 173 degrees 40 E to 174 degrees 40 E.

Weigh Stations:

Weigh stations will be available in Russell and Paihia at the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club weigh stations between 5-00pm and 7-00pm on Friday 5th March, and between 3-00pm and 5-00pm on Saturday 6th March. All fish must be weighed on the day of capture unless still being played when stations close on Friday. No fish accepted after official weigh times on Saturday 6th March.

Calling in catches:

All catches must be called in on VHF CH3 Swordy Sports within 30 minutes of the capture being completed. All hook ups must be called in also on VHF CH3 Swordy Sports. If unable to make contact with VHF CH3 Swordy Sports then calls may be relayed or phoned into 09 402 7773

Line Weight:

Max 37kg

Tournament Fish Rules:

For all tournament awards, fish must exceed the following weights or measurements if weighed in.

Marlin 90kg

Tuna, Yellowfin 10kg Big Eye 20kg or exceed line weight

Snapper must exceed 30cms in length

Kingfish must exceed 80cms in length

All fish must be caught in accordance with IGFA and NZSFC rules to qualify for this tournament.

Catch Limits:

Marlin, Tuna, a limit of two per team per day and one per angler per day may be weighed in.

No limit on the number of Marlin, Tuna that may be tagged and released.

Snapper, Kingfish, a limit of 6 per species per day per team or two of each species per day per angler may be weighed in.

Banned Line:

Braid/ Spectra and fusion type lines may not be used in this tournament nor may they be used as backing if joined to the main line of mono or other approved line material.

Weigh Sheets and Tag Cards:

All fish captured or tagged must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Weigh sheet when handed in at the weigh station or handed into tournament control. All tagged fish claims must also be accompanied by the correctly filled out tag card with the weigh sheet. Please make sure your weigh sheets and accompanying tag cards are correctly filled out as this can lead to fish being disqualified if they are not correct. Ensure weigh sheets are signed by both angler and skipper.

Radio Round Ups:

The official tournament radio call sign will be "Swordy Sports" VHF CH 3
Radio Round ups will be at 12noon and 4-00pm Friday and 12-00 noon and 2-00pm Saturday.

Stop Fishing:

Swordy Sports VHF CH3 will call STOP FISHING and their call will be the official stop fishing time. Any fish hooked up before stop fishing can continue to be played until boated or tagged. If this takes the angler past the daily check in times or weigh station times then the fish will count for the following days tally, special dispensation will be granted on Friday, however on Saturday 6th March if the weigh sheet and accompanying tag card or the fish cannot be brought to the weigh station during the official weighing times then the tagged or weighed fish that day will not be eligible for the tournament.

Safety Notice:

THE CLUBS NEW ZEALAND MARLIN CLASSIC TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 2 DAYS OF COMPETITION AND IT IS THE SKIPPERS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THAT ON ANY ONE DAY, THE SEA CONDITIONS AND WEATHER FORECASTS ARE SAFE FOR HIS BOAT TO PUT TO SEA. IT IS THE SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE BOAT THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING TO SEA AND MEETING LOCAL COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS. PARTICIPATION IN THE CLUBS NEW ZEALAND MARLIN CLASSIC TOURNAMENT DOES NOT DIMINISH EACH SKIPPER'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER MARITIME LAW NOR SHIFT ANY OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB EVEN IF THE EVENT OFFICIALS MADE THE DECISION ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THAT DAY.