

# TRUCKERS & LOGGERS FISHING TOURNAMENT

## 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### General Information and Fishing Rules

#### Anglers Entry Fee & Guest Entry:

Inclusive of one briefing dinner on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and one prize giving dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March commences from 5-30pm at the Paihia clubhouse of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club.

#### Fishing Days and Times:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March start fishing 7-00am stop fishing Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3-00pm

#### No Start Line:

There is no start line. You are allowed to be on your favourite fishing ground at time of start fishing. No tournament lines are allowed in the water until the 7-00am announcement on VHF radio CH 3 to start fishing. You may catch bait prior to 7-00am.

#### Fishing in From Other Areas

Teams may fish in from other areas, however this must be advised to the tournament organisers prior to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and all entry fees and membership payments must be made prior to start fishing. They will have to make arrangements to collect their tournament kits with the organisers prior to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Fish Categories:**

Marlin, Shark, Tuna, Snapper, Kingfish.

**Prizes:**

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

**Other Prize Categories:**

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

Angler 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, Broadbill, Tuna, Spearfish and Shark Weighed Snapper and Kingfish weight in kilos x 5, no fish formula applies.

Tagged Marlin 500 points

Tagged Tuna 150 points

No points for tagged sharks

**Tournament Winner:**

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

**Fishing Area:**

North Cape in the north to Tutukaka in the south. All fish caught outside this area are deemed non-tournament fish.

**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 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and between 3-00pm and 5-00pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All fish must be weighed on the day of capture unless still being played when stations close on Thursday and Friday. No fish accepted after official weigh times on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Fish may be courtesy weighed at any Zone one Weigh Station. Please call other clubs in advance to arrange your weigh in and ask them to forward details of weigh in to Ph/Fax 09 4027773, Mob 021 411950, Email: accounts@trucker.co.nz

**Calling in catches:**

All catches must be called in on VHF CH3 within 30 minutes of the capture being completed. All hook ups must be called in also on VHF CH3. If unable to make contact with VHF CH3 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

Sharks 50kg

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, Shark a limit of two of each species per team per day and one of each species per angler per day may be weighed in.

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

Snapper and 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 "Karcher Base" VHF CH 3  
Radio Round ups will be at 12noon and 4-00pm Thursday and Friday and  
12-00pm noon Saturday.

**Stop Fishing:**

Karcher Base 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 Thursday and Friday, however on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 TRUCKERS & LOGGERS FISHING TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 3 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 TRUCKERS & LOGGERS FISHING 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.**