



# Air Vanuatu

## NAUTI-GALS TOURNAMENT

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 (Fri/Sat)

ANGLERS	MEMBER		Entry Fee	Jackpot	Guess weight of heaviest	
	Number	Club	\$60 Senior \$30 Junior	\$5 for 2 species	Marlin	Tuna
1. Name: Email Address:						
2. Name: Email Address:						
3. Name: Email Address:						
4. Name: Email Address:						
5. Name: Email Address:						
6. Name: Email Address:						
<b>BILLFISH BONANZA \$100 per boat</b>						
<b>BE IN TO WIN BIG \$\$\$\$\$</b> (see attached sheet)						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

Contact Name:.....

RADIOVHF 07

Address:.....

CELLPHONE:.....

Phone:.....

SKIPPER:.....

TEAM No.:.....

BOAT NAME:.....

### DECLARATION

I declare that the above information is correct. I agree to carry out the instructions of the Club officials and accept their decisions as final and binding upon me and my crew. I indemnify the WDSAC against any losses, damages or untoward expenses caused or incurred by myself or my crew. I consent to the collection of the details on this entry form by the WDSAC for event registration and promotion purposes and for it to retain, use and disclose these to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. (NZSFC) I acknowledge my right to access and correct this information. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Skipper Signed:.....

For all entry enquiries, contact:

Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club Marina Road, RD 3 Whangarei Phone 09 434 3818 Fax 09 434 3755

**Note:** Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC

WDSAC Club Membership available:

Family Membership \$180.00 p.a.

Day Membership \$15.00 per day

Senior Membership

Junior Membership

Seven Day Membership

\$90.00 p.a.

\$20.00 p.a.

\$45.00

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### **CONTEST RULES**

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Our Fishing Rules have evolved internationally so that, in their observance every fish should have a sporting chance. Captures in which the fish has not fought, or in which the fish has not had the chance to fight, on the gaff rope or at the boat, are not caught within the intent of our rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or the angler. Only fish caught within the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club & NZSFC Angling Rules, incorporating the IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations, and within the intent of these rules will be recognised. We, as the Committee of the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club, reserve the right to call a witness boat to verify a catch.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC. A team may be comprised of any number of female anglers with a minimum of two people on board a boat. If visiting anglers are not able to produce current membership cards, their membership will be checked through the secretary of their club. Failure to be a financial member of a club will result in disqualification from the contest. Team captains are responsible for this. **All fish are to be credited to WDSAC.**

#### **REGISTRATION / BRIEFING**

The Committee expect to see at least one representative of each team at the briefing on Thursday evening, 21<sup>st</sup> February, commencing at approximately 7.30pm at the WDSAC. Clubhouse. Registration for the contest should be done prior to briefing if possible, or at the Clubhouse on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

#### **CONTEST FEES**

The contest fees are \$60-00 per Senior angler and \$30-00 per Junior angler and must be paid prior to the commencement of fishing and are not refundable unless the tournament is cancelled. Any alteration to teams listed on the entry forms must be notified and paid prior to the start of the day's fishing. By prior arrangement any boats wishing to fish into the contest may do so, providing your starting point and team members are advised to the Club **prior** to start fishing. Registration must be completed at the Contest Desk immediately upon arrival at Tutukaka.

#### **BILLFISH BONANZA !!**

***Check out the page attached for this exciting prize competition, with a chance to win big \$\$\$\$\$***

#### **AREA TO BE FISHED**

Northern Boundary bearing North East of Cavalli Light, Southern Boundary Latitude 36° (Cavalli Islands in the north to Sail Rock/Simpson Rock in the south). All vessels must remain within VHF radio or cellphone contact with Tutukaka Gamebase at all times. **Please observe all Marine Reserve Regulations.**

#### **RETURN TO TUTUKAKA**

All boats must return to Tutukaka each evening.

#### **FISHING TIMES**

No boats will leave the harbour before **5.00am** and baits or lures must not be in the water before **7.00am** **Friday and 6.30am Saturday** when Start Fishing will be called. All baits, lures and game fishing gear must be out of the water no later than **5.00pm** on Friday and **4.00pm** on Saturday, when stop fishing will be called. In case of hook-ups, the radio operator must be notified as soon as possible and your flag hoisted to half mast. **Hook ups must be called in to Tutukaka Gamebase before stop fishing - any fish called in after stop fishing will be disqualified.** **PLEASE NOTE** if you have not caught or tagged a tournament fish during the day's fishing, you may fish back to Tutukaka after Stop Fishing, except on the last day of the contest, when baits and lures must be out of the water by 4.00pm unless a fish is being played.

#### **SCORING**

The contest will be divided into eight sections: HEAVIEST BILLFISH (Marlin and Broadbill only) – HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN, BIG EYE or BLUEFIN TUNA – HEAVIEST YELLOWTAIL – HEAVIEST SHORTBILL SPEARFISH – HEAVIEST SNAPPER – HEAVIEST MAHIMAHI - TAG & RELEASE MARLIN and OVERALL MOST POINTS BILLFISH (Marlin and Broadbill only).

Points will be awarded for landed billfish (marlin and broadbill only) on the basis of one point per kilo for fish weighed, regardless of line weight, and will accumulate for the major prize.

## **TAG & RELEASE**

Each Tag & Release Marlin will be awarded 120 points and the prizes for Tag & Release Marlin are team prizes. There are **no** Tag & Release sections for any other species. When a fish is tagged, the tag card must be filled in and handed to the weighmaster with a completed catch sheet and the tag number recorded on the catch sheet. The Angler must also present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The Weighmaster may also request to inspect the Tag Pole.

**ALL Tag & Release Marlin must be accompanied by photographic evidence and be presented to the Weighmaster. If sufficient photographic evidence is not provided, the fish will simply be disqualified. The decision made by the Contest Committee in this respect will be final and no further discussion or correspondence will be entered into.**

## **Photographic Evidence**

Your photo or video **must** capture **the tag in the fish**. When you call in your tagged fish the radio operator will advise you of **a clearance photo** – this will be a random photo that you need to take to present at the weighstation together with the tag in the fish photo.

It is essential that you call in your catch to Tutukaka Gamebase over the VHF just as soon as possible – this will be recorded as the time of capture (according to the tournament clock). Tutukaka Gamebase will be operating on VHF Channel 7 - If you are outside VHF and cell range and have tagged and released a Marlin you must photograph or record your vessel underway and fishing again as soon as practicable after releasing the fish and continue your attempts to reach Tutukaka Gamebase on VHF or cell.

When calling in your tagged fish please give the radio operator the tag number. In the event of a **tie**, the winning team will be the team amassing their points first based on the time of capture as recorded by Tutukaka Gamebase (according to the tournament clock).

## **MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

BILLFISH 75kg, if caught on 15kg & over, SHORTBILL SPEARFISH 10kg, TUNA 15kg. MAHIMAHI 5kg. YELLOWTAIL 12kg. Yellowtail are limited to **two** per person per day. SNAPPER 5kg.

## **WEIGH IN**

All fish must be presented at the Bradley Smoker Tutukaka weighstation or be at the weighstation waiting to be weighed by **6.00pm** to be included in Friday's prize giving. All tag cards and accompanying catch sheets must also be presented by **6.00pm** to be included in Friday's prize giving. **On the Saturday all catch sheets and tag cards must be at the Tutukaka weighstation and all fish must be waiting to be weighed at Tutukaka by 5.30pm** unless a fish is being played at Stop Fishing time. If a fish is still being played at Stop Fishing then catch sheets including tag cards and contest fish must be presented at the weighstation by 6.30pm to qualify for the tournament – no exceptions.

All boats weighing fish, or presenting tag details, must call Tutukaka Gamebase when entering the harbour. All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at Tutukaka by an official weighperson/s designated by the WDSAC. Each angler must fill in a catch form declaring that the catch was made in accordance with the contest rules. **Catch sheets must be filled in before fish are presented at the scales.** All details must be **CLEARLY** entered and the form passed to the weighmaster immediately on arrival at the Bradley Smoker Tutukaka weighstation. For all catches, including tagged fish, the angler must present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The Weighmaster may also request to inspect the Gaff and/or Tag Pole. **All fish are to be credited to WDSAC.**

## **RADIO ROUND-UPS**

Round-ups will be broadcast on VHF Channel 07 at 11.00am and 3.15pm. On Saturday, the afternoon round-up will commence at 2.00pm. When answering sked calls you must give a grid map reference name (as supplied) and a result report of: number of strikes, hook-ups and successful catches (or T & R).

**PLEASE USE YOUR TEAM NUMBER AND BOAT NAME WHEN CALLING THE OFFICE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

## **TACKLE**

All tackle must be in accordance with WDSAC and IGFA Rules but line weight shall not exceed 60kg. In all matters not specifically covered, IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations shall apply. WDSAC has adopted IGFA Equipment Regulation A 4, which specifies as follows: "The catch shall be classified under the breaking strain of the first five metres of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line." In other words, the first five metres of main line determines the line class used. Any type of line, including those known collectively as "braids" may be used as backing, whether attached to the main line or simply used as padding under the main line. The minimum amount of line class top-shot is five metres but there is no maximum amount of top-shot that may be used.

### **BAD WEATHER**

In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, the Contest Committee reserves the right to cancel fishing for the day.

### **PROTESTS**

Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing and signed by the plaintiff no later than 7.00pm the same day. In the case of a protest the Contest Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### **PRIZEGIVING**

Prizegivings will be held in the clubrooms at 7.30pm unless there are an excessive number of fish to be weighed. There will be lucky draws (anglers must be present to win the lucky draws) and much, much more for your enjoyment. The distribution of prizes within your team is the team's responsibility. Set the ground rules now as the Club will not get involved in your domestic differences.

### **JACKPOT**

A voluntary jackpot is available to all anglers. To enter you must fill in, on your registration form, your guess for the Heaviest Marlin and Tuna. All entries must be lodged, with weights, and paid for prior to start fishing. All monies in the jackpot will be divided equally between the two species. The winner in each section will be the angler who guesses the nearest to the heaviest weight. In the event of a species not being caught, the monies will be drawn out of a container with the names of all anglers entered in this Jackpot.

### **TROPHIES**

**All trophies must remain at the Clubrooms:-**

#### **HARDCASE TROPHY**

Hardcase story of the tournament

#### **NOEL & JENNY ERICKSON TROPHY**

Lady Angler catching the heaviest fish of the contest  
(She must be a full member of the WDSAC)

### **MAJOR PRIZE**

The team with the most points tagged and landed **BILLFISH (Marlin and Broadbill only)** will win a trip for 4 people to Vanuatu including accommodation.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

The Office will be open from 6.00am to 6.00pm each day of the contest.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **BERTHAGE**

Contact Tutukaka Marina Office if you require a berth - Phone 09 4343441

### **BAIT & ICE**

Ice is available from the Office and/or Bar. Bait is available at the Ngunguru or Tutukaka Store.

### **TOILETS**

Please **DO NOT** use the boat toilet when in the Marina, **use the onshore facilities** - there are plenty of them.

**Thank you!**

### **WATER**

Available on all Marinas and floating pontoons. **Please don't waste water! Turn off hose at tap - not nozzle.**

### **RUBBISH**

Please keep our harbour and oceans clean. Bring all rubbish back to port. Use rubbish receptacles provided by each Marina.

### **SHOWERS**

Showers are situated behind the Clubrooms and in the Marina Office block (keys/swipecard and tokens required). Don't forget your towel and soap.

### **TUTUKAKA COASTGUARD**

The Coastguard channel is VHF 62 for trip reports

### **CALLING IN YOUR CAUGHT OR TAGGED FISH - INFORMATION REQUIRED**

**FISH, ANGLER, TEAM NUMBER, BOAT, EST. WEIGHT FOR TAGGED FISH, LINE WEIGHT, TAG NUMBER IF TAGGED, LURE TYPE & AREA.** - Our Sponsors are important to us so please use our Sponsors Area Names.

***PLEASE: NO CLEANING OR DISPOSING OF FISH WITHIN THE HARBOUR***

# BILLFISH BONANZA \$\$\$\$\$\$

Voluntary prize competition – Back your team to win \$\$\$\$\$\$!!!

## Eligibility

- \* Your team must be entered in the Nautigals tournament to be eligible to enter this competition.
- \* The team with the heaviest landed Billfish (Marlin and Broadbill only) over 120kg will take out the prize pool.
- \* **All other angling rules** for the Nautigals tournament will apply.

## Fees

- \* The fee for the Billfish Bonanza is \$100 per team (only one entry per team).
- \* Fees must be paid in full, preferably by cash on briefing night, but otherwise by no later than the time the first tournament Billfish is captured. Failure to do so will result in your entry being removed.

## Prize Pool

- \* The maximum prize pool will of course be dependent on the number of teams entered in the competition.
- \* The team with the heaviest Billfish (Marlin and Broadbill only) over 120kg will take out the total prize pool, less a maximum 10% administration fee. This fee will be used to assist with trophies, plaques and modest non-cash prizes for the tournament.
- \* In the event of a tie, the prize pool will be shared between the winning teams.
- \* If there are no Billfish weighed over 120kg then the total prize pool will be refunded to the entrants. If entry fees are not claimed within 3 months of the tournament then they will be accepted as a kind donation to the Club.
- \* A list of all teams entered in the Billfish Bonanza will be made available as soon as possible after entries close.

## Prizegiving

- \* The winner/winners will be announced at the final Nautigals tournament prizegiving and the prize will be awarded to the team representative/s on that night.