

WHANGAREI DEEP SEA ANGLERS CLUB

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TUTUKAKA LIGHT TACKLE YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH TOURNAMENT **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 **Teams fishing from a boat must have a minimum of two anglers.** 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.

REGISTRATION / BRIEFING

There will be no briefing held for the tournament - if you have any queries about the rules, please contact the Club prior to the commencement of the tournament. Registration for the contest should be done prior to Friday 3rd June. **Email forms to office@sportfishing.co.nz**

CONTEST FEES

The contest fees are **\$25 per team** and should 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 should be notified and paid prior to the start of the days 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 Clubrooms immediately upon arrival at Tutukaka. **You can pay your entry fees online 03-0497-0186604-00 ref: Tournament + boat name**

AREA TO BE FISHED

From **Bream Tail to Moko Hinaus** in the south and to the **Cavalli Islands** in the north. Boats may stay away on Saturday and Sunday nights. This area can be fished from **boat or land**. **Please observe all Marine Reserve Regulations.**

FISHING TIMES

Baits or lures must not be in the water before 7.00am Saturday and **all fish must be at the Tutukaka weighstation by 4.00pm Monday, the 6th.**

SCORING

This is a light tackle contest. Trophies will be awarded on a points basis (please see the points scoring attached). A Trophy will only be awarded for the Angler most points for a single fish, the Angler with most points overall and the Team most points overall landed.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

All fish must equal or exceed the breaking strain of the line used and must also exceed 75cm in length. No more than **two** landed fish per person per day. **NB: 75cm is approximately 5kg in weight. All tagged fish must be measured and the length recorded on your tag card and catch sheet.**

TACKLE

3kg-4kg-6kg-8kg-10kg-15kg lines may be used. 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.

TAG & RELEASE

There will be a prize for the **Angler most tagged Yellowtail**. **Tagged Yellowtail must exceed 75cm in length. If fish are less than the minimum length, they must be released untagged. All tagged fish must be measured, and the length recorded on your tag card and catch sheet.**

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. When calling in your tagged fish please give the radio operator the tag number. In the event of a **tie**, the winning Angler will be the one who caught the first fish.

WEIGH IN

Boats may stay away. **On Monday 6th June, all fish must be presented at the Bradley Smoker Tutukaka weighstation or be at the weighstation waiting to be weighed by 4.00pm.** Each angler must fill in a catch form declaring that the catch was made in accordance with the contest rules and **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 weigh master immediately on arrival at the weighstation, and 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 boats weighing fish must call the office when entering the harbour. **All tag cards and accompanying catch sheets must be presented at the Bradley Smoker Tutukaka weighstation by 4.00pm Monday.** All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at Tutukaka by an official weighperson/s designated by the WDSAC. and all fish are to be credited to WDSAC.

RADIO ROUND-UPS

There will be no radio round ups during the tournament.

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 **5.00pm** the same day. In the case of a protest the Contest Committee's decision is final.

PRIZEGIVING

The presentation of Trophies will be held in the clubrooms at 5.30pm on Monday night.

All trophies must remain at the Clubrooms:-

TUTUKAKA COAST ELECTRONICS SHIELD

Full member with the single fish gaining the most points

CONCHITA TROPHY

Team most points

WATCO PLUMBING TROPHY

Full member gaining the most points overall

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

The Club Office will not be manned during the weekend. The weighmaster will be available from 4pm Sat, Sun and Mon to weigh any fish.

BERTHAGE

Contact Tutukaka Marina Office, Telephone 09 4343441 if you require a berth.

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 inside the Clubrooms, behind the Clubrooms and in the Marina Office block (keys/swipe card and tokens required). Don't forget your towel and soap.

TELEPHONES

A card phone is situated by "A" Marina. Phone cards are available at the Tutukaka Store.

TUTUKAKA COASTGUARD

The Coastguard channel is **VHF 62** for trip reports.

PLEASE: NO CLEANING OR DISPOSING OF FISH WITHIN THE HARBOUR

WDSAC Yellowtail Contest Scoring System

Points for landed Yellowtail will be awarded as follows:-

Weight of Fish × Weight of Fish × Fighting Factor ÷ Line weight.

Fighting factors are assessed as follows:-

Line Weight	Fighting Factor
3	23.5
4	21.5
6	19.5
8	14.5
10	11.5
15	7.5

Example for a 20 kg Yellowtail landed on 4 kg line

$$(20 \text{ kg} \times 20 \times 21.5) \div 4 = 2150 \text{ points}$$

Example for a 20 kg Yellowtail landed on 6 kg line

$$(20 \text{ kg} \times 20 \times 19.5) \div 6 = 1300 \text{ points}$$