



WHANGAMATA CLASSIC ONE BASE 2020

13 - 15 February 2020
ENTRIES LIMITED TO 160 TEAMS ONLY

RULES AND INFORMATION

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WHANGAMATA OCEAN SPORTS CLUB

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A cash prize of **\$300** for the photograph which best captures the essence of the Tournament.



Public Liability

The Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc. will accept no liability for damage to any boat, vehicle or property, or personal injury of any nature.

Weigh Masters Indemnity

It is the responsibility of anglers to report catches to the official weigh master on channel 03.

All fishing gear is to be presented at the weigh station when weighing in.

It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that fish are properly secured in transfer from boat on to the Wharf.

Rule Changes

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the rules should it be deemed necessary in the best interest of the Tournament. (Any changes will be notified as soon as practical).

Entry Implies Acceptance of Rules

Completion of an entry form for the Tournament is deemed to constitute acceptance of the rules by all anglers.

Any violation of the rules may bring about team disqualification.

Eligibility

A team may be comprised of any number of anglers (not less than two). Each angler must be a current financial member of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc OR a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council OR have registered as a day member at an additional cost of \$10 per day (i.e. \$165 per angler).

Entries are limited to 160 TEAMS only.**Entry Fees**

REBATE/DICOUNT OFFER APPLIES TO ALL REGISTERED ANGLERS IN THE WOSC 2019 CLASSIC GAMEFISHING TOURNAMENT ONLY.

IF YOU WERE A REGISTERED ANGLER ENTERED IN THE 2019 CLASSIC YOU RECEIVE A \$35 REBATE/DISCOUNT ON YOUR ENTRY FEE.

2019 CLASSIC REBATE/DISCOUNT OFFER: Members/Affiliated Club Members: \$100. Non-Members \$130.
The cut off for this discount is 5pm Friday 10th January. After this date and time standard fees and late fees will apply.

ALL OTHER ENTRANTS: Members/Affiliated Club Members: \$135. Non-Members \$165

LATE ENRTY FEE OF \$10 PER ANGLER PER DAY IF NOT PAID IN FULL BY 5PM MONDAY 10th 2020

The Minimum total fees payable for any boat entry is \$300.

Fee Summary:**Prior to 5pm 10th January 2020 if you entered 2019 Classic Tournament:**

\$100 per angler for WOSC or affiliated NZSFC Members. Non-members \$135.

After 5pm 10th January 2020 if you entered 2019 Classic Tournament:

\$165 per angler for WOSC or affiliated NZSFC members. Non-members \$195.

Prior to 5pm 10th January 2020 if you DID NOT enter 2019 Classic Tournament:

\$135 per angler for WOSC or affiliated NZSFC Members. Non-members \$165.

After 5pm 10th January 2020 if you DID NOT enter 2019 Classic Tournament:

\$165 per angler for WOSC or affiliated NZSFC members. Non-members \$195.

Note: To be eligible for the early bird prize the boat must be entered prior to 5:00 pm on 10th Jan 2020.

Registration Packs

Registration pick up commences at 3pm on Wednesday 12th February 2020 in the main marquee.

Please Note: All registrations are to be completed by 7:00pm and we encourage all teams to complete registration early.

Briefing

Commences at 8:00pm Wednesday 12th February 2020.

The captain of each team or the captains designated representative (who must be a member of the team) must attend and register at the pre-tournament briefing unless exemption has been granted by the Tournament Committee.

Boats Fishing-in

It is important that any boats fishing-in have made prior arrangement with the organizing committee to be exempted from the registration pick up and briefing.

You must however collect your registration pack prior to 7:00pm on Thursday 14th February 2020.

Fishing-in is only permitted on the first day.

Boats fishing-in must not leave their own harbor prior to 6:30 am on the first day. That is no boats can fish in from Mayor, Alderman or Mercury Islands.

Boats reported contravening this rule will be disqualified from the Tournament.

Hook-ups

All hook-ups of qualifying fish must be called into Tournament Base on channel 03.

Please try and identify the fish prior to calling a hook-up.

The result of hook-ups must be called to base, acknowledging whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost.

1. **On hooking up a fish, a signal flag should be displayed on the side of the vessel the fish is being played from. Please provide a description of your vessel e.g. colour, make of boat, flag colour etc when asking other boats to "steer clear" This will enable other vessels to give you room to play the fish.**
2. Any fish hooked-up and being played at stop fishing on the last day is still eligible for weigh in on that day **provided** it is at the weigh station by the times stipulated.

Fishing Area

The fishing area includes the whole of the Bay of Plenty area and as far north as the northern tip of Great Barrier Island (The Needles) and as far east as East Cape. The western limit is a line drawn from Cape Barrier to Port Charles.

Weigh Station & Weighing In

All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at the Whangamata wharf by the official weigh masters, designated by the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc.

All fish must arrive by sea to Whangamata weigh station. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE FISH TO BE LEFT AT THE WHARF.**

All fish must be weighed on the day of capture.

Each angler shall complete a weigh sheet declaring that the catch was made in accordance with these tournament rules.

All details are to be clearly entered and the weigh sheet passed to the weigh master immediately upon arrival at the weigh station.

The angler must present all tackle, including gaff with which all fish were caught. All lures are to be removed before the fish are weighed.

Club Prize giving Eligibility

Angler is responsible for requesting a NZSFC Catch Card and for forwarding any results to their Club for their records

Taking care of your fish

All fish presented at weigh-in need to be FRESH, i.e. on ice or chilled.

Failure to do so will result in your catch being disqualified and not eligible for prizes.

Protests

Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing, signed by the plaintiff and handed to the Tournament Committee no later than 7pm on the same day. In the case of a protest the Judicial Committee's decision is final.

IMPORTANT

The distribution of prizes within your team is the team responsibility.

Set your ground rules now as the Club WILL NOT get involved with **YOUR domestic differences.**

Categories & Prizes

Daily Prizes (Days 1,2 &3)

- Tag & Release Marlin (Blue, Black & Striped Marlin,). 3 Daily Prizes.
- Billfish (Blue, Black & Striped Marlin, Broadbill) 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- Tuna (Big Eye, Blue Fin, Yellow Fin & Albacore) 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- Kingfish: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- Mahimahi. 1st only.

Note: Tag & Release and Billfish Prizes will not be drawn. All other daily prizes will be drawn if there are no qualifying fish; Tuna, Kingfish and Mahimahi.

Overall Prizes (Presented Day 3)

- Tag & Release Marlin. The first 20 Tag & release Marlin confirmed by the weighmaster will be eligible for a portion of \$20,000. If there are no qualified Tag & Release Marlin 10x \$1000 spot prizes will be drawn.

- **Striped Marlin.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- **Other Billfish.** (Blue, Black & Broadbill). 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- **Tuna.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- **Kingfish.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- **Spearfish.** 1st only.
- **Snapper,** 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Note: If no Marlin Tagged & Released 10x \$1000 spot prizes will be drawn. Qualifying fish prizes will be distributed. None qualifying fish prizes will be drawn.

IMPORTANT: DAILY TAG & RELEASE & BILLFISH PRIZES WILL NOT BE DRAWN IF NO QUALIFYING FISH ARE CAUGHT. OVERALL PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN IF NO QUALIFYING FISH ARE CAUGHT. 10x \$1000 CASH SPOT PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE TAG & RELEASE PRIZE POOL IF NO QUALIFYING FISH CAUGHT.

Prize giving will be held for the first two nights at approximately **8pm** and at **7pm** on the final night. A daily team prize (boats registered back in harbor) and angler lucky draw in which all qualifying fish weighed each day will be drawn each day.

THE TEAM OR ANGLER DRAWN OUT MUST BE IN THE MARQUEE AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW TO BE ELIGIBLE OR THE PRIZE WILL BE RE-DRAWN.

Prizewinners, please make your way to the stage as quickly as possible. If you have difficulty trying to get through the crowd, please raise your arm.

Lucky Draws: Angler Draws:

Angler must be present to receive the prize, otherwise the prize will be re-drawn.

Team Draws:

Unless an exceptional circumstance prevails, and the Judicial Committee has given dispensation, the complete team must be present to receive the prize; otherwise the prize will be re-drawn.

Dick of the Day

If any of your team members qualify for this nomination, please ensure that details of the "offence" are advised to Tournament control, no later than 7:30pm.

BOAT POINTS PRIZE - \$1000 CASH

PLEASE NOTE THAT POINTS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF **TWO POINTS** PER KILOGRAM FOR **TUNA, SPEARFISH** AND **MAHIMAH**.

ONE POINT PER KILOGRAM FOR MARLIN AND KINGFISH.

Tag & Release Billfish; 120 points.

Note: No points will be awarded for any other species tagged

Any other species tagged and released will be for the individual angler's club

Angler is responsible for forwarding any results to their Club for their records

Points will be awarded irrespective of line weight providing the line shall not exceed 60kg.

Photo Competition.

Whangamata Ocean Dental is sponsoring \$300 to be awarded on the last day to the person who sends in a photograph which best captures the essence of the tournament. All photos must be received via email to admin@oceansports.co.nz prior to 15th February 2020 @ 3pm.

The angler and his **TEAM** are responsible for disposal of any fish caught. They must not be left at the weigh station or the wharf.

Tag & Release

- **Marlin ONLY – Stripped, Black, Blue**
- **Tag & Release Marlin.** The first 20 Tag & release Marlin confirmed by the weighmaster will be eligible for a portion of \$20,000. (\$20,000/No of T & R Fish). If no Marlin Tagged & Released 10x \$1000 spot prizes will be drawn.
- **All tag & release fish MUST have photographic & video evidence showing THE FISH IN TACT AND SWIMMING AWAY, date & time on your digital camera or phone. The photo/video must show the WOSC T & R Card included in your starter packs & a clear view of the tag in the fish. The**

photo/video must be presented at weigh station for verification, along with all tackle used. Any failure to do so will result in the fish being disqualified.

- Any other species tagged and released will be for the individual angler's club.
- Angler is responsible for forwarding any results to their Club for their records.
- The WOSC fishing committee's decision is final.

Tackle

All tackle must be in accordance with I.G.F.A rules, but shall not exceed 60kg.

Moorings

Marina Berth contact the Marina 07 865 6274.

Pole or Swing mooring contact Steve Wise directly 021 594 563

Radios

All boats must be equipped with VHF and be in radio contact with Tournament Base at all times on the designated Ch 03. A grid map is supplied, and all reports must be relayed, with team number, as to the area being fished.

COMMUNICATIONS

Each skipper MUST radio Game Base on leaving the harbor and on their return each day.

Tournament Channel 03 - Trip reports - Sponsored by Whangamata Coastguard

Coastguard Channel 04

Harbor master 04

Marina 73

Weather 19

Calls for assistance *May Day* must be Channel 16

Classic Game Base Phone 022 674 0525

When you call to record your catch, you MUST inform the operator of:

- Area/Grid in which fish is caught
- The species
- Anglers Number & Name
- Boat name & Team Number

Speak Clearly for the recorders. Listen to the recorder's instructions.

NOTE:

Please keep the airways clear 15 minutes before "stop fishing" in case of late hook-ups, ie HOOK- UP CALLS ONLY IN THIS PERIOD.

Team Numbers

Remember your number so you can quote it when making radio contact. Quote your team number on all call-ups.

Roundups

There will be two bulletins each day starting at **10:30am and 2:30pm.**

Please make sure your VHF radios are tuned accordingly to **Channel 03.**

Bad Weather

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel the days fishing in the event of unfavorable weather conditions.

In the event of cancellation of the days fishing Game Base will broadcast the cancellation via website, in the Marquee and via Clubs social media pages. Also, the club flag will be lowered. (NO FLAG NO FISHING) Updates on CH 03.

Return to Whangamata

This is a One Base Tournament.

All boats must return to Whangamata daily and report to Tournament Headquarters.

The captain of each team or the captain's designated representative (who must be a member of the team) must register their return no later than 7:30pm each night with the registration desk.

Boats must remain in the harbor overnight and may not leave before start fishing the next day.

FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT

Photographs

To ensure that a photo is taken of your fish we strongly recommend you bring your own camera.

The Tournament Committee will endeavor to have a photographer in place at the weigh station.

Rubbish

Please keep our harbor clean and use the receptacles provided.

Remember it is an offence to pump out your toilet in the harbor or to put solid rubbish into the sea.

Bring your debris back to shore for disposal.

Remember not to leave fish waste in the wharf bins or leave fish on the wharf.

Showers

Cold showers are available under the Clubrooms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Any boat leaving prior to starting times each day will be disqualified from that days fishing

Thursday 13th February 2020 & Friday 14th February 2020

6:30 am	Leave harbor	No earlier
3.00 - 6:00 pm	Weigh-in	Fish weighed after 6.00 pm will be included in the next day's catch
5 pm	Lines out of water unless a Hook up has already been reported	
8.00 pm	Prize giving	

Saturday 15th February 2020

6:30 am	Leave harbor	No earlier.
3.00 – 4.30 pm	Final Weigh In	

On Sat 15th, you MUST be at the Weigh Station, ready to have your fish weighed, by 4.30 pm.
There will be no exceptions.

7.30 pm Final Prize giving**Weigh-in Times**

Thursday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Friday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Saturday	3.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Note 1: Early weigh-ins between 12:00 and 3:00 pm can be arranged if requested.

Note 2: Fish weighed after 6.00 pm on Thurs or Fri will count the following day.

On Saturday you must be at the weigh station, ready to have your fish weighed by 4.30 pm. There will be no exceptions.

Minimum Fish Weights

- Billfish 90kg
- Mahi-mahi 3kg
- Tuna 5kg
- King Fish 1 meter
- Snapper 300mm

High Tides

Thursday	13th February 2020: 1412 hours
Friday	14th February 2020: 1501 hours
Saturday	15th February 2020: 1551 hours

Fuel

Diesel is available at the marina.

There are no petrol pumps at the wharf, but petrol is available from Z

Z Service Station, which will be operating extended hours as listed below:

Thursday – Saturday 5:00 am until 8:00 pm

Water

Supplies of water are available at the wharf. You need your own hose.

TRANSPORT

CLUB Courtesy Van outside to 11.30pm - 027 865 2582

Surf to Sand Passenger Service - 027 959 1686

Water Taxi – Steve - 021 594 563

Admission to Tent

All anglers and guests MUST display an ANGLER or GUEST wristband at all times to obtain access to TENT. One wristband per angler is provided. Additional wristbands can be obtained from the HELP Desk.

Bar & Alcohol

- Bar will be open from 5pm daily and close at 11pm.
- No ALCOHOL soft drinks or food is to be brought into or out of the TENT. Intoxicated anglers or guests will NOT be tolerated and will be removed from the marquee by security.
- MUST BE WEARING A WRIST BAND FOR ALCOHOL PURCHASES.
- FROM 10.30pm to 11pm ONLY ONE DRINK AT A TIME PER PERSON WILL BE SERVED
- TICKET SALES STOP at 11 pm
- BAR STOPS SERVING 11 pm
- 10:30 pm ONE WAY DOOR ONLY- GO OUT STAY OUT
- Leave empty bottles on tables – they will be collected by Onemana Rural Fire Brigade.

Meals will be available on site each evening from 5pm to 11pm. Onemana Rural Fire Brigade will provide meals on Wednesday & Thursday. WOSC kitchen will provide meals on Friday & Saturday.

**THE SUCCESS OF THIS TOURNAMENT RELIES ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SPONSORS.
Please support them to ensure continuation of this event.**

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT