



BATTLE OF THE SMALL BOATS

General Information and Fishing Rules 9 & 10 February 2019

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 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 \$25 before their team starts fishing.

Meet the Teams Registration and Briefing:

Briefing and Registration will be held at the BOISC Paihia Clubrooms from 5pm Friday 8 February. Teams must register as normal before 7:00pm at 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.

Small Boat definition:

Maximum 9 metres overall hull length - does not include "Added on" bowsprits or duckboards

Prize Giving:

There will be a prize giving held on Sunday 10 February at the Paihia Clubhouse, starting at 6:00pm and all persons winning prizes must attend to be eligible for those prizes, this includes lucky draw prizes.

Fishing Days and Times:

Saturday 9 February start fishing 7:00am
Sunday 10 February stop fishing 4:00pm

Start Fishing:

No tournament lines are allowed in the water until the 7:00am announcement on VHF radio CH3, Swordy Sports.

Fish Categories:

Snapper, Kingfish, Tuna & Billfish (Striped, Blue, Black Marlin & Broadbill), Shortbill Spearfish

Tournament Prizes:

Marlin 1st, 2nd, 3rd

T&R Marlin 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Swordfish 1st, 2nd, 3rd

T&R Swordfish 1st, 2nd

Tuna 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Kingfish 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Snapper 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Weighed Marlin: A point per kg (no line classes)

Tag and Released Marlin: 120 points (no line classes)

Swordfish: Same as Marlin for both tag and release and weighed. (no line classes)

Tuna: Minimum weight of 10kgs, 10 points per kg over the 10kg minimum. (no line classes)

Kingfish and Snapper max of 2 weighed fish per angler per day.

For kingfish minimum weight of 8kgs, 10 points per kg over the 8kg minimum. (no line classes)

For snapper minimum weight of 2kgs, 10 points per kg over the 2kg minimum. (no line classes)

Tournament Fish Rules:

For all tournament awards fish must exceed the following weights: Marlin and Broadbill 90kg

Snapper must exceed 30cms in length

Kingfish must exceed 80cms in length

All tagged fish must be verified with a dated and timed photo in a viewable digital format.

All qualifying fish must have the double line, leader, lure and or hook available for inspection if requested.

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

All fish caught in this tournament will be recorded as catches for the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc and may not be claimed for recognition by any other club.

Catch Limits:

Snapper and kingfish there is a limit of 2 per species per day per team or two of each species per day per angler may be counted.

Weigh Sheets and Tag Cards:

All fish must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Weigh sheet when handed in at the weigh station. Ensure weigh sheets are signed by both angler and skipper. Courtesy weighs need two weigh sheets, one is to be brought back, must ensure its filled out correctly including weighmasters signature.

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 Saturday and 12-00 noon and 3-30pm Sunday. For those fishing in other areas it is a requirement to also update us at these times by other means of communication. Phil Bayly will be on stand by with a mobile phone and you can either text or call through reports to which will be relayed over the radio. Phone: Jake - 0273 456 2068 or Phil - 0274 263 072

Stop Fishing:

Swordy Sports VHF CH3 will call STOP FISHING and their call will be the official stop fishing time. Any fish hooked up and still being played when Stop Fishing is called can continue to be played and landed after stop fishing and will be eligible for the tournament provided the weigh sheet and fish are brought to the weigh station during the official weighing times.

Safety Notice:

BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB SMALL BOATS FISHING 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 BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH SMALL BOATS 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.

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