

Emergency Services Tournament Rules

FISHING DAYS

- Saturday, 18th March 2023. Start time 6:00am with final weigh in at 4:00pm
- Prize Giving 6pm followed by BBQ. Bar will be open from 5-10pm.
- All boats entering the tournament may depart from any port, but all fish must be brought to Clubrooms at Mokotahi to be weighed.
- No fish will be weighed after final weigh in times. Boats not lined up for fish to be weighed by weigh in time will have their fish disallowed.
- All fishing to be done from boats: no shore section. Rod & Reel only. Club and IGFA rules apply.
- All commercial boats must be deregistered for this competition.

REGISTRATION

- Friday 17th March 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Bar will be open. Saturday 18th 8:00am. By arrangement only.
- Tournament Briefing Friday 17th 7pm.
- Cost is Adults \$25:00. Non-members welcome. 1 angler per boat must be associated with Emergency Services.
- Register at Mahia Boating & Fishing Club, Mahia Beach. Boats and anglers must be registered before the boat is launched. No radio registrations accepted. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure all anglers are registered prior to boat launching.
- The decision of tournament committee in respect of all matters relating to this tournament shall be final and binding to all contestants.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

- Use VHF channel 63
- Sked times are 9.05am 12.05pm & 2.05pm
- When giving location you must use the appropriate sponsor's name for the area as per the tournament map.
- Please call in any major hook ups or any other fish worth reporting.

SPECIES

- Prizes will be awarded for the following species:
\$100 Prize for heaviest; Terakihi, Hapuka, Gurnard, Kahawai, Snapper
\$1000 Prize for any boat weighing in all five target species. Should more than one boat weigh in all five then the combined weight of the heaviest fish of each species will win.
- Maximum weigh in of 3 fish per species per day. Minimum weight for any fish is 500 grams
- No undersize or mutilated fish will be weighed or eligible for a prize.

WEIGH IN

- All fish must be weighed at the clubrooms and only registered anglers may compete and weigh fish.
- All fish to be weighed must be presented individually to the weigh master with a completed catch form from a club catch recording book.
- Any boats with fish to weigh that is assisting or rescuing another boat must advise the weigh master so that arrangements can be made to get the fish to the weigh station.

PHOTO COMP

- \$100 for best photo of the tournament. Enter as many times as you wish.
- Email photos to info@mahiafishingclub.com no later than 4pm
- Photo can be of any aspect of the tournament; fishing, boating, safety, fun etc

SAFETY AND SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

- All boats must be equipped with the following safety equipment; Flares, life jackets, first aid kit & VHF Radio, as a bare minimum. Lifejackets must be worn by all crew on boats under 6 metres.
- It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that anyone aboard their boats is always safe. Make sure you check the forecast, and that the sea conditions are suitable for your boat and crew.
- Safety is your responsibility. The club will not send anyone to sea in questionable sea conditions. The club will do everything they can to ensure the safety of anglers, by way of insisting on safety equipment; however, the club will not take responsibility for those who go to sea without adequate safety equipment.