

TOURNAMENT RULES

Tuna Tournament

- 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 safe at all times. 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.
- Boats and anglers must be registered before the boat is launched. No radio registrations accepted. All boats may leave from any port but all fish must be brought to Mokotahi to be weighed.
- No boat entering the tournament can be in the water before Midnight on Thursday.
- Boat trailers must be named. If your name is not on the trailer you will be disqualified.
- 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.
- No undersize or mutilated fish will be weighed or eligible for a prize.
- Minimum of two people per boat. The committee must be notified if any angler changes boats. No spectators are allowed aboard any boat.
- No fish will be weighed after final weigh in times.
- 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.
- Skeds will be at 9.05am 12.05pm & 2.05pm over VHF Channel 63. All boats must answer skeds. 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.
- The decision of tournament committee in respect of all matters relating to this tournament shall be final and binding to all contestants.
- It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure all anglers are registered prior to boat launching.
- Entry fee is \$40 per angler members and \$50 per angler non-members (no junior section).
- 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.
- Boat trailers must be named. If your trailer is not named you will be disqualified. Weigh station open from 2.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 1.00pm on Sunday. Final weigh in is 6pm Friday and Saturday and **3.00pm** Sunday. Boats not lined up for fish to be weighed by weigh in time will have their fish disallowed.
- There will be a number of lucky angler prizes with Rod and Reels drawn Friday, Saturday and Sunday **nights sponsored by Wairoa Motorcycles**. The major lucky angler draw is for a fishing trip for 4 out of the Bay of Islands valued at \$5000.00. The draw will be conducted at the club rooms by 10 anglers names being drawn Friday and Saturday night at 8pm and a further 5 anglers drawn Sunday immediately before prize giving. The lucky 25 will then go to the final draw and must be present at the final draw to be eligible for the prize.
- Prize giving will be at the club at 5pm on Sunday.
- Prizes will be awarded for the following species:

Yellow Fin or Big Eye	Minimum weigh in 15kg
Albacore Tuna	Minimum Weigh in 5kg
Skipjack Tuna	Minimum Weigh in 3kg
Kingfish	Minimum Weigh in 1 metre in length
Kahawai	Minimum Weigh in 500 grams
Snapper (golden & red)	Legal Minimum length applies plus minimum weigh in 500grams
Marlin	Minimum Weigh in 90kg
- Maximum weigh in of 3 fish per species per day
- The prize list for Yellow fin and Bigeye will be combined with billfish (including Marlin). Weights for Yellow fin or Big Eye will be doubled to compete with Bill fish weights.
- Special prize draw for marlin tag and release if called in over radio and photographic evidence of the tag in place.
- Prizes must be taken as offered.

PLEASE READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY SO IF THERE ARE ANY DISQUALIFICATIONS THERE WILL BE NO DISAPPOINTMENTS.