

# Tuna Tournament Rules

## FISHING DAYS

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. (Postponement dates 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023)
- Start time 6:00am Friday 24<sup>th</sup> with final weigh in at 3:00pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Prize Giving Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm followed by BBQ. Bar open from 3pm.
- Boats entering the tournament may depart from any port, but all fish must be weighed at Clubrooms at Mokotahi.
- 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

- Registration; Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Bar will be open. Briefing starts at 7pm.
- Registration; Friday 8:00am (by arrangement only)
- Open Section only (Male, Female, Junior), \$40:00 for members, \$50 non-members. Non-members welcome.
- 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

- Lucky Angler Prizes: There will be several lucky angler prizes drawn on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night.
- The Major Lucky Angler Draw is for \$5000.00. The draw will be conducted at the club rooms with 10 anglers' names being drawn Friday and Saturday night at 7.30pm 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.
- Prizes will be awarded for the following species:

Albacore Tuna (Minimum weigh in 5kg)	Skipjack Tuna (Minimum weigh in 3kg)
Kingfish (Minimum weigh in 1000mm)	Kahawai (Minimum weigh in 500 grams)
Marlin (Minimum weigh in 90kg)	Yellow Fin or Big Eye (Minimum weigh in 15kg)
Snapper (golden & red) (Legal Minimum length, minimum weigh in 500grams)	
- 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.
- Sweep Stake; 50% of takings for nearest to average Skipjack (minimum of \$100)
- 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

- Weigh station is opened from 2.30pm to 6pm, Friday and Saturday and 1.00pm to 3pm on Sunday
- 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 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. Photo can be of any aspect of the tournament, fishing, boating, safety, fun etc.
- Enter as many times as you wish. Email photos to [info@mahiafishingclub.com](mailto:info@mahiafishingclub.com) no later than 4pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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.