Warkworth Gamefish Club One Base 2019 Friday 25th –Sunday 27th January Tournament Information and Rules

Early bird There's a juicy prize drawn from Earlybird entries. Cut off for the early bird prize draw will be 5pm Saturday the 5th of January.

Entries $100 per angler, includes the dinner on Sunday night. The entry fee will go up to $120 per angler after the earlybird cutoff time of 5pm, the 5th of January. Entries cut off time is 8pm on Tuesday the 22nd of January. Entries will be restricted to 150 anglers because of venue constraints. Entries can be made at our ticket outlets or by internet banking. Entries must be paid for the whole crew of each boat – sort it out amongst the crew later if necessary. Entries paid by internet banking close at 8pm Tuesday 22nd January. Grab the entry form off our website, fill it out, scan it and email to warkworthgamefish@gmail.com and pay (incl sweepstake if chosen) per boat NOT individual angler to Warkworth Gamefish Club Inc 03 0481 0064792 00, with your boat name as the ref. You must be a member of a NZ Sportfishing Council Affiliated Club. If you have a query on the Rules, contact Rob on Karakia or the assisting vessels. Disqualification of catches and the non-refund of the entry fee will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Tournament Briefing will be held at the Sandspit Yacht club on Tuesday the 22nd of January at 7pm sharp. **AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF EACH TEAM MUST COME TO THE BRIEFING** to pick up rules and boat pack. Failure to do so will forfeit your team from fishing the tournament.

The tournament times START- 0500 Friday 25th – 1700 Saturday 26th (ie this is the stay away night) Then Sunday 27th 0500- 1500. You must be at the weigh station by 1600hrs Sunday for your tagged OR weighed fish to count for the contest.

Tournament Venue Smokehouse Bay OR Fitzroy Wharf on Saturday (dep on weather, listen to channel 01 and 06 or phone the organisers), and Sunday final prizegiving at the Fitzroy Boating Club.

Weigh stations: All fish must only be weighed by tournament officials in Fitzroy harbor. Friday: Marlin and large tuna only, Fitzroy Wharf. If weighing on Friday night this must be arranged by 1700hrs and weighed before 1800. Otherwise chill it for the Saturday weigh in at Smokehouse Bay and have this as a backup plan if radio/phone contact with the organizers is unreliable on Friday arvo. Saturday: anything bigger than 30kg at Fitzroy Wharf, under 30kg at Smokehouse (note it might be at Fitzroy anyway, depends on the weather). All fish on Sunday at Fitzroy Wharf. A weigh sheet must be filled in for all captures (INCLUDING T&R anything and measured snapper and kingfish).

Fishgrid: The Fish grid supplied must be used to reference to your location at the radio roundup AND for calling in hook ups. All hook ups and the eventual result must be called in immediately using the Fishgrid Sponsors name on channel 01. The grid is the boundary so any fish captured out of the grid map will not qualify for the tournament.

Organizers' are Rob Southey (027 2754306) on Karakia and Dave Adams (021886289) on Blue Wazoo. Listen to radio channel 01. Assisting on radio duties is Cam Rathe on Brenda L and possibly others, to be advised during the event. The organizers' reserve the right to (reasonably) change these Rules at any time to cater for weather conditions or other factors outside their control, for the benefit and safety of participants.

Prize Giving and meal (included in the entry fee) is at the Fitzroy Boating Club on Sunday night from 1900. SHOW RESPECT FOR OUR HOSTS, PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE FOR THE MEAL. An informal watertaxi service will be available, stay tuned to the radio on 06. Gold coin donation please, this is given to the young fellas operating the taxis kindly supplied by the taxi owners and dragged to/from 'Barrier.

Prizes In the schedule below are the categories for fish captures. There are of course a kazillion other awesome prizes and the eye watering travel lucky draw prize. Presidents Challenge: $100 + rum for the first Marlin weighed or tagged within the contest. Photographs of T&R fish are required.

• **Prize divisions:**

o 1st,2nd,3rd weighed STRIPED MARLIN
o 1st, 2nd, 3rd BILLFISH points (WWGFC One Base Trophy)
o 1st Heaviest BLUE or BLACK MARLIN, or BROADBILL
o 1st, 2nd, 3rd Heaviest TUNA
o 1st, 2nd Heaviest SHORTBILL SPEARFISH or MAHIMAHI
o SHARK section is tagged sharks ONLY, no prizes for weighed ones. Sharks caught in Fitzroy Harbour are ineligible.
o Longest 1, 2, 3rd place SNAPPERS
o Longest KINGFISH

• **Trophies**

Billfish Points (WWGFC One Base Trophy)
First Marlin Tagged (WWGFC Tagged Marlin Trophy)
Enl Vessel giving most support during contest Trophy
Hard Luck Trophy, maybe.

The billfish division will be run with a team points system

• Landed billfish must weigh a minimum of 90kg and are worth 1 point per kg.
• Billfish can be tagged and released and are worth 115 points each
• Shortbill Spearfish are worth 1 point per kg or 50 points for a T&R
• In the event of a tie, the respective prize will be awarded to the first fish landed/tagged
• If division prizes are not awarded, the prize might be decided by lucky draw of all contestants attending the prize giving, or divided amongst those that actually caught fish – either way the full prize pool will be awarded.
• Cancellation of blue water fishing due to bad weather will (at the discretion of the organiser) become a 'special inshore species' day, listen to channel 01 for details.
• **Minimum weights/lengths** and species to be eligible for prizes are: Marlin 90Kg Broadbill 90kg Tuna 10Kg Snapper min 50cm Kingfish min 100cm Mahimahi 5kg Shortbill Spearfish 10kg Shark TAGGED only Snapper and Kingfish measuring: tip of snout against backstop measured to V in tail. Photographs MUST have your laminated fish card that is included in your boat pack on the fish. Fill out a weigh sheet for your best ones. Maximum 1 snapper and 1 kingfish measured per day ie just show us your best ones. GET yourself a decent measurer from Hunting& Fishing Warkworth or Matakana Marine, or use the IGFA, BeachandBoat, or NZ Fishing Comp one – you know the sort, plastic 'L' backstop and broad vinyl measuring mat.

Prizes are CASH and sponsored products and services. Most prizes are donated or heavily subsidized so PLEASE let our sponsors know how much you appreciate them. Unless notified otherwise, non-cash prizes are non-redeemable for cash.

Travel Prize: the travel prize will be drawn from attending anglers, 6 drawn on Saturday night and the remaining 6 on Sunday night. 11 are then eliminated by marble draw or something like that. The travel prize is: $7000 (plus agent's enhancements) in the form of a holiday package through World Travellers Warkworth (start thinking weeks in the Pacific, or a big Europe mission). Travel must be undertaken prior to 1st December 2019, and there might be a few other light weight conditions. Anglers must attend the draw to be eligible.

IGFA Rules apply in the capture and handling of all fish. Braid Lines: braid lines set up to the IGFA Rules with the minimum line class leader are acceptable – KNOW the IGFA Rules www.igfa.org.

Radio is Barrier Radio 01 for contest traffic. Please respect Emmy's radio break (emergencies only) from 2200 - 0700, and her relayed weather forecasts at 0745 and 1745. Keep radio traffic to a minimum. Please use another channel (usually 06) for boat to boat traffic. Use 06 in harbor. AS ALWAYS, IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL CHANNEL 16.

Optional $50/boat Sweepstake is to be paid with the entry and before fishing commences. Sweepstake is awarded to the heaviest WEIGHED gamefish. Note: Kingfish and snapper are also gamefish. Disclaimer: Entry into and participation in this event deems acceptance and understanding of the disclaimer on the ticket and shows you have read and understood the Tournament Rules.