



**RULES FOR THE MATAKANA MARINE MERCURY  
WARKWORTH GAMEFISH CLUB 10kg TOURNAMENT 2019**

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** All anglers must have entries paid prior to commencing fishing.
- 2. MAXIMUM LINE WEIGHT:** The maximum line weight is 10kg. Samples of line may be tested at weigh in. Braid lines are not acceptable unless TESTED as breaking at maximum 10kg, or a complying leader per the IGFA rules as summarised below. The Club line tester will be available for mono line testing. Braid cannot be tested.
- 3. IGFA RULES:** The following guidelines are the most common areas questions are asked on IGFA rules that apply for this contest.
  - If using braid or any other main line (wire is prohibited) other than pre-tested monofilament the catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 5m of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line ie a leader of maximum 10kg breaking strain mono, and of a minimum 5m length attached to a braid mainline. For a full explanation of this rule refer to the IGFA Equipment Regulation A.
  - Maximum length trace (if the trace is heavier than the line class being fished, ie for mono) is 15 ft (4.57m), and this can be any line weight. If a double line is used to join the trace and main line, then the maximum length of trace and double is 20 ft (6.1m)
  - Free running 'keeper' hooks are not allowed. Keeper hooks must be tied in place or just use a single hook.
  - If two hooks are used, they must be not more than 18 inches apart (45.72cm) for baits, 12 inches (30.45cm) for lures and not less than a hook length apart i.e.; they must not overlap.
  - Only fish caught on rod and reel are eligible.
- 4. LINE SAMPLES:** If your fish exceeds the following values:  
KINGFISH 20kg (120cm) SNAPPER 9kg (78cm) KAHAWAI 3kg (60cm) TREVALLY 3kg (55cm) you must present the terminal tackle that was used to catch that fish for inspection - i.e. don't use it again that day. For this contest we need your hook/s and trace used plus double if used and one metre of line presented in one piece.  
NB: for a New Zealand Record or World Record Claim 50ft (15.24 metres) of line above the terminal tackle is required, ref NZSFC website for Record Claim requirements.
- 5. AREA:** Open. But Marine Reserves and local area restrictions (as charted) must be observed of course.
- 6. FISHING TIMES:** Fishing may commence from 6am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Measure-in closes 4pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 7. WEIGH (MEASURE)-IN:** Bring your TICKET with you for measure-in, also if you want your dinner. This year's competition is a fully MEASURED event. The measuring format allows anglers to release large fish in the interests of conservation and respect for our Shared Fishery.  
Measurement photographs must be made on a propriety measuring mat with integral 'L' backstop. Get one from Hunting & Fishing Warkworth or Matakana Marine, or use the IGFA, BeachandBoat, or NZ Fishing Comp one. Follow the measuring instructions below, we don't want to have to disqualify your catch. **Your 2019 10kg ticket must be in each photograph**, so find a plastic bag for it or laminate it. Record your catches as date/angler/ticket number/fish species/length and bring this to the measure-in along with the photographic device used for proof of catch. Round down to 0.5cm ie 73.3cm is recorded as 73cm, 73.7 is recorded as 73.5cm. Maximum 2 snapper (longest plus a potential average length), 1 kahawai, 1 trevally, and 1 kingfish measurement to be submitted per day ie just your best ones. Only measure-ins made on the Saturday will qualify for the longest Saturday snapper prize. A measure board will be available at measure-ins.  
Checklist:
  1. Have THESE rules in all your fish pics, on top/under, wherever, but ensure fish length is clear.
  2. Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality, do not submit blurry/dark ones.

3. The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
4. Take the photo from above the fish looking directly down on it.
5. The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. It is permissible to have someone hold the fish on the measure while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish or measurement. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
6. The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible.
7. Fish must be measured fresh. No 'fish-stretching', jaw extending, or other attempts to alter the natural length. Do not gut or gill your catch before taking the photo.
8. The innermost point of the tail V must touch or exceed the line on the measure to qualify for that 0.5cm increment ie round DOWN to nearest 0.5cm.
9. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any catch at their discretion and prize-winning catches will be digitally checked.

The competition has one measure-in station, at **SANDSPIT YACHT CLUB**. Measure-in times are Saturday 4pm - 5pm, Sunday 2pm - 4pm. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that fishing is stopped in time to make the measure-in and be standing in the queue by the time stated. The organiser has the final decision on the acceptability of any fish measurements and photographic evidence of submitted fish photographs. Responsibility for kept fish remains with the angler (see also meal donation rule). There will be calibrated scales on hand if you wish to weigh for a fish weight Record.

**8. MINIMUM LENGTHS:** Kingfish 90cm, Snapper 45cm, Kahawai 45cm, Trevally 40cm.

**9. PRIZE CATEGORIES:** One kingfish longest length prize. Snapper length to 10 places plus average length. Kahawai and Trevally length to 5 places, no average. The points formula for the 10kg trophy will be amended for fish length. In the (likely) event of tied lengths the first photograph submitted to the organiser at the measure-in will take precedence. Only one prize per fish category per angler. The organiser reserves the right if deemed necessary to massage the prizepool to reward actual catches, rather than random draws for uncaught categories. Either way the full prizepool will be awarded. The average length snapper will be awarded by reduction draw in the event of tied qualifying fish.

**10. JUNIORS:** Juniors are only eligible for the main prizes if an adult entry ticket has been purchased for that junior (optional). Otherwise juniors' fish for the Junior prizepool, which is Kingfish 1<sup>st</sup> place length, Snapper length to 3 places, Kahawai to 3 places, and longest Trevally.

**11. SANDSPIT RIVER SPEED LIMIT:** The speed limit is 5 KNOTS. But zero wake in the marina, which typically means doing less than 5 knots.

**10. INFRACTIONS:** Any person found in breach of the contest rules will be disqualified and any prize won forfeited. Further, they may be prohibited from entering any future tournaments conducted by this Club. Any disputes arising during the tournament shall be reported to the tournament organising committee. They will investigate and make their decision known to all interested parties. The decision of the organising committee shall be final and binding on all contestants.

**11. PRIZE GIVING:** Prize giving will be held at 7.30pm Sunday, which will be preceded by a dinner starting at 6pm. The prize giving will include all measured fish presented during the contest. EACH CONTESTANT WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PRIZE PER DIVISION. The best achieved will be the prize awarded.

**12. FISH DINNER:** The Sunday dinner is typically complimented with fresh battered snapper. We need YOU to supply enough snapper at the Sunday measure-in that would feed your crew. Maybe an extra one if you can spare it for any less successful fishers (nope, can't say 'idiots' these days). The organisers will gratefully accept and process your fresh slurried snapper with maximum respect. Fishers donating snapper (whole or fillets) will be entered in to a special 'thank you' prize draw.