



Kilwell

WHANGAMATA CLASSIC

6 -7- 8th February 2025

RULES AND INFORMATION

This is NO LONGER a One Base Tournament
You may stay out Thurs & Fri nights

Briefing at WOSC (NO TENT)
Wednesday 5th February 2025
7.30 pm

Clubrooms – 07 865 8704
Kelly Meads, Commodore – 027 633 1942
Gary Smith, General Manager – 027 446 8961
Classic Game Base Phone – 027 486 5520

Public Liability

The Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc. will accept no liability for damage to any boat, vehicle or property, or personal injury of any nature.

As this Tournament has a stay away option, cancellation by WOSC may be applied to DAY 1 only.

Other days it is up to the Skipper's discretion.

Weigh Masters Indemnity

It is the responsibility of anglers to report catches to the official weigh master on channel 66.

All fishing gear is to be presented at the weigh station when weighing in.

It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that fish are properly secured in transfer from boat on to the Wharf.

Rule Changes

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the rules should it be deemed necessary in the best interest of the Tournament. (Any changes will be notified as soon as practical).

Entry Implies Acceptance of Rules

Completion of an entry form for the Tournament is deemed to constitute acceptance of the rules by all anglers.

Any violation of the rules may bring about team disqualification.

Eligibility

A team must be comprised of a minimum of two anglers. This is to ensure a level of safety for anglers.

Each angler must be a current financial member of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc OR a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council OR have registered as a day member at an additional cost of \$20.

Entry Fees

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES:

Members/Affiliated Club Members: \$175. Non-Members \$195

ENTRIES AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2024:

Members/Affiliated Club Members: \$185. Non-Members \$205

Entry fee includes 1x \$25 meal ticket to be redeemed on either 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th of February 2025 in our Club rooms.

If the tournament cannot be held due to unforeseen circumstances, a 10% admin fee will be deducted from all entries and the balance refunded.

Note: To be eligible for the early bird cash prize, the boat must be entered on or before Tuesday 31st December, 2024

Registration Packs

Registration pick up commences at 3pm on Wednesday 5th February 2025 inside the WOSC Club

Please Note: All registrations are to be completed by 7pm and we encourage all teams to complete registration early.

Briefing

From **7:30pm Wednesday 5th February 2025.**

The captain of each team or the captains designated representative (who must be a member of the team) must attend and register at the pre-tournament briefing unless exemption has been granted by the Tournament Committee.

Boats Fishing-in

It is important that any boats fishing-in have made prior arrangement with the organizing committee to be exempted from the registration pick up and briefing.

You must, however, collect your registration pack prior to 7:00pm on Thursday 6th February 2025.

Fishing-in is only applicable on the first day.

Boats fishing-in must not leave their own harbour prior to 6:00am on the first day.

That is no boats can fish in from Mayor, Alderman or Mercury Islands.

Boats reported contravening this rule will be disqualified from the Tournament.

Fishing Times

Day 1 - Leave Harbour - not before 6.00 am. Stop Fishing 6.00 pm

Day 2 - Leave Harbour or anchorage - not before 6.00 am. Stop Fishing 6.00 pm

Day 3 – Leave Harbour or Anchorage – not before 6.00 am. You must be at the Weigh Station by 4.30 pm

Hook-ups

All hook-ups of qualifying fish must be called into Tournament Base on Channel 66 or Game Base Phone 027 486 5520. Please try and identify the fish prior to calling a hook-up.

The result of hook-ups must be called to base, acknowledging whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost.

1. **On hooking up a fish, a signal flag should be displayed on the side of the vessel the fish is being played from. Please provide a description of your vessel e.g. colour, make of boat, flag colour etc when asking other boats to “steer clear” This will enable other vessels to give you room to play the fish.**
2. Any fish hooked-up and being played at stop fishing on the last day is still eligible for weigh in on that day **provided** it is at the weigh station by the times stipulated.

Fishing Area

The fishing area includes the whole of the Bay of Plenty area and as far north as the northern tip of Great Barrier Island (The Needles) and as far east as East Cape. The western limit is a line drawn from Cape Barrier to Port Charles.

Weigh Station & Weighing In

All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at the Whangamata wharf by the official weigh masters, designated by the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club Inc.

All fish must arrive by sea to Whangamata weigh station.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE FISH TO BE LEFT AT THE WHARF.

All fish must be weighed on the day of capture.

Each angler shall complete a weigh sheet declaring that the catch was made in accordance with these tournament rules.

All details are to be clearly entered and the weigh sheet passed to the weigh master immediately upon arrival at the weigh station.

The angler must present all tackle, including gaff with which all fish were caught. All lures are to be removed before the fish are weighed.

Fish Processing : Tairua Butcher – Brett 021 882 420

Meat at the Beach – Steve 07 865 7241, Mobile 021 027 06 573

Eligibility for your Club Prize Giving

Angler is responsible for requesting a NZSFC Catch Card and for forwarding any results to their Club for their records.

Taking care of your fish

All fish presented at weigh-in need to be FRESH, i.e. on ice or chilled.

Failure to do so will result in your catch being disqualified and not eligible for prizes.

Protests

Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing, signed by the plaintiff and handed to the Tournament Committee no later than 7:00pm on the same day.

In the case of a protest the Judicial Committee’s decision is final.

Prize Giving Rules

Any species that is not caught in a category will be drawn.

You must be present at Prize Giving at time of the draw.

Cash prizes are drawn by Boat

Non cash prizes are drawn by Angler

This excludes the 1st Tag & Release Marlin category

The distribution of prizes within your team is the team responsibility.

Set your ground rules now as the Club WILL NOT get involved with **YOUR domestic differences.**

Categories & Prizes

Daily Prizes (Days 1, 2 & 3)

- Tag & Release
Marlin (all species) 1st only
- Weighed
Marlin (all species) 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
Tuna (Big Eye, Blue Fin, Yellow Fin & Albacore) 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
Kingfish: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Note: If there are no qualifying fish, Daily Prizes will be drawn from registered entries. You must be present at time of the Draw to be eligible.

Overall Prizes (Presented Day 3)

Tag & Release Marlin – all species

The first 20 Tag & Release Marlin confirmed by the weighmaster will be eligible for a portion of \$10,000. If there are no qualified Tag & Release Marlin the prize will be drawn with 20 x \$500 Spot Draws by boat.

All tag & release fish MUST have photographic & video evidence showing THE FISH INTACT AND SWIMMING AWAY, date & time on your digital camera or phone. The photo/video must show the WOSC T&R Card included in your starter packs & a clear view of the tag in the fish. The photo/video must be presented at weigh station for verification, along with all tackle used. Any failure to do so will result in the fish being disqualified.

Weighed species.

- Marlin – all species 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- Tuna. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Kingfish. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Spearfish. 1st only.
- Mahimahi, 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- Snapper, 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Prize giving will be held Thursday and Friday night from 7:30pm, Saturday 7.00pm

THE TEAM OR ANGLER DRAWN MUST BE IN THE CLUB ROOMS AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW TO BE ELIGIBLE OR THE PRIZE WILL BE RE-DRAWN.

Lucky Draws:

Angler Draws:

- Angler must be present to receive the prize, otherwise the prize will be re-drawn.

Team Draws: Boats registered back in harbour

- Unless an exceptional circumstance prevails, and the Judicial Committee has given dispensation, the complete team must be present to receive the prize; otherwise, the prize will be re-drawn.

BOAT POINTS PRIZE - \$1000 CASH

PLEASE NOTE THAT POINTS WILL BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF

- **TWO POINTS PER KILOGRAM FOR TUNA, KINGFISH AND MAHIMAHI.**
- **ONE POINT PER KILOGRAM FOR MARLIN and BILLFISH**
- **450 POINTS Tag & Release - Billfish only**

Note: No points will be awarded for any other species tagged

Any other species tagged and released will be for the individual angler's club

Points will be awarded irrespective of line weight providing the line shall not exceed 60kg.

Dick of the Day

If any of your team members qualify for this nomination, please ensure that details of the “offence” are advised to Tournament control, no later than 6.30 pm

Social Media Photo Competition

Tag your social media posts with images to #WOSCCLASSIC2025 to be in the draw to win the Social Media Spot Prize.

Last Person Standing \$10,000

Prize will be won from a ‘Last Person Standing’ draw.

- You must be over 18 to be eligible to win this prize.
- You MUST be present on Saturday 8th February 2025 at approximately 7.00 pm, on stage, to claim this prize. Lucky angler prize is NOT exchangeable to another person for ANY reason. If any lucky angler drawn for this prize cannot make the last person standing draw on 8th February at approx. 8pm they will be disqualified from the draw.
- You MUST be dressed in sponsors apparel that is provided to you. If at any time you are spotted inside the WOSC Club without the sponsored apparel on you will be disqualified from the draw
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Lucky anglers will be drawn as such

1. 31st Jan 2025 – Nauti Girls Briefing – 2x lucky anglers
2. 1st Feb 2025 – Nauti Girls Prize Giving – 2x lucky anglers

THESE 4 ANGLERS ABOVE MUST RETURN ON SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2025 TO BE IN THE DRAW.

1. 5th Feb 2025 – Classic Briefing – 2x lucky anglers
 2. 6th Feb 2025 – Classic Prize Giving Day 1 – 2x lucky anglers
 3. 7th Feb 2025 – Classic Prize Giving Day 2 – 2x lucky anglers
 4. 8th Feb 2025 – Classic Prize Giving Day 3 – 2x lucky anglers
- 12 lucky anglers will be called to the stage on 8th Feb 2025 at approx. 8pm to take part in the last person standing draw.
 - They will be numbered 1 to 12. The last person’s number to remain in the draw will win the prize.
 - Once won, the money is the winner’s responsibility and WOSC will take no liability for the prize from that point on.

Tackle

All tackle must be in accordance with I.G.F.A rules but shall not exceed 60kg. No electric reels may be used.

Radios

All boats must be equipped with VHF and be in radio contact with Tournament Base at all times on the designated Channel 66.

A grid map is supplied, and all reports must be relayed, with team number, and the area being fished.

Communications

Each skipper MUST radio Game Base on leaving the harbor and on their return each day.

Tournament Channel 66 - Trip reports & Hook Ups - Sponsored by Whangamata Coastguard

Boat to Boat 08, 10

Coastguard Channel 04

Marina 73

Weather 19

Calls for assistance *May Day* must be Channel 16

Classic Game Base Phone 027 486 5520

When you call to record your catch, you MUST inform the operator of:

- Area/Grid in which fish is caught
- The species
- Anglers Number & Name
- Boat name & Team Number

Speak Clearly for the recorders. Listen to the recorder’s instructions.

NOTE:

Please keep the airways clear 15 minutes before “stop fishing” in case of late hook-ups, ie HOOK- UP CALLS ONLY IN THIS PERIOD.

Team Numbers

Remember your number so you can quote it when making radio contact. Quote your team number on all call-ups.

Roundups

There may be two bulletins each day starting at **10:30am and 2:30pm**.

Please make sure your VHF radios are tuned accordingly to **Channel 66**.

Bad Weather

In the event of unfavorable weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel or delay Day 1 fishing only. Once started it is ON.

In the event of cancellation of the Day 1 fishing, Game Base will broadcast the cancellation via VHF, in the Club Rooms and via Club’s social media pages. Also, the Club flag will be lowered.

(NO FLAG NO FISHING) Updates on CH 66.

This is NOT a One Base Tournament.

Fishing times are strictly 06.00 – 18.00 daily. Final Day, you must be at Weigh Station by 16.30 hrs

Boats are not required to return to Base each night but are required to inform Classic Base by 18.00 hrs of their intentions to remain at sea and of location of overnighing.

Boats remaining at sea must inform Classic Base when they leave anchor point.

All fish caught on the day need to be weighed on the day.

Any boats returning to Whangamata Harbour must register their return with Classic Base no later than 18.30 hrs

All boats returning to Base will be eligible for Drawn and Spot prizes at the day’s prizegiving.

Any boats returning to weigh fish may return to sea that night, but must inform Classic Base of their intention to do so.

<p>FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT</p>

Photographs

To ensure that a photo is taken of your fish we strongly recommend you bring your own camera. The Tournament Committee will endeavor to have a photographer in place at the weigh station.

Rubbish

Please keep our harbour clean and use the receptacles provided.

Remember it is an offence to pump out your toilet in the harbor or to put solid rubbish into the sea.

Bring your debris back to shore for disposal.

Remember not to leave fish waste in the wharf bins or leave fish on the wharf.

Showers

Cold showers are available under the Clubrooms.

**THE SUCCESS OF THIS TOURNAMENT RELIES ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SPONSORS.
Please support them to ensure continuation of this event. HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!!!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Any boat leaving prior to starting times each day will be disqualified from fishing that day. See page 8 Summary.

Weigh-in Times

Thursday & Friday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

The angler and his TEAM are responsible for disposal of any fish caught. They must not be left at the weigh station or the wharf.

Note 1: Early weigh-ins between 12:00 and 3:00pm can be arranged if requested.

Note 2: Fish weighed after 5:00pm on Thurs or Fri will count the following day.

Note 3: Fish must be weighed on the day of capture.

On Saturday you must be at the weigh station with your fish by 4:30pm. There will be no exceptions.

7:00 pm Final Prizegiving

Minimum Fish Weights

- Billfish 90kg
- Mahi-mahi 3kg
- Tuna 5kg
- King Fish 1 metre
- Snapper 300mm

Fuel

Diesel is available at the marina. There are no petrol pumps at the wharf, but petrol is available from Challenge on Port Road or 24hours at Waitomo on the corner of Martyn and Casement Roads.

Water

Supplies of water are available at the wharf. You need your own hose.

Transport

**CLUB Courtesy Van outside Club Rooms until 11:30pm - 027 865 2582 or 07 865 8704 ext 6
Gold coin donation.**

Admission to Club Rooms

All anglers MUST display an ANGLER wristband at all times to obtain access to the Club rooms.

One wristband per angler is provided.

Guest wristbands are not required.

Club Rooms are R18 from 9.00 pm

Bar & Alcohol

- Bar will be open from 11.00 am daily.
- No ALCOHOL soft drinks or food is to be brought into or out of the TENT. Intoxicated anglers or guests will NOT be tolerated and will be removed by security.
- No alcohol to be sold to minors.
- 10:30pm ONE WAY DOOR ONLY - GO OUT STAY OUT
- Leave empty bottles on tables – they will be collected by Onemana Rural Fire Brigade.

Meals will be available from Club Restaurant each evening from 4:00pm to 11:00pm.

As part of your entry cost you will be provided with one meal ticket to the value of \$25 to be redeemed inside our Club Rooms on any day of the tournament. This is non-refundable.

Classic 2025 Summary – This is NOT A ONE BASE TOURNAMENT

Registration

In WOSC Club Rooms from 3pm Wednesday 5th Feb

Briefing

Wednesday 5th Feb in Club Rooms from 7.00 pm

Tides

Thursday 6^h Feb: Low: 07.45 am

Friday 7th Feb: Low: 08.45 am

Saturday 8th Feb: Low: 09.47 am

Fishing Times - Day 1 Must not leave harbour before 6:00 am. Flag must be flying on Club Flagpole. Stop Fishing 6.00 pm.
Day 2 Must not leave harbour or anchorage before 6.00 am. Stop 6.00 pm
Day 3 Must not leave harbour or anchorage before 6.00 am. **Must be at Weigh Station by 4.30 pm**

Weigh In

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Prizegiving

Thursday & Friday 7.00 pm. You must be present at Prize Giving to be eligible for Drawn and Spot prizes.

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Admission to Club Rooms

All anglers MUST display an ANGLER wristband at all times to obtain entry.

Wristbands are not required for angler guests.

Club is R18 from 9.00 pm

Cancellation – applies to Day 1 only. Other days it is up to Skipper's discretion.

Flag will not be raised outside the wharf end of club.

Update to follow in Club Rooms, Club social media and on CH 66 from 08:00 am that morning.

Courtesy Van – Gold coin donation - available from Club car park

or phone/txt 027 865 2582 or phone 07 865 8704 ext 6

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YOU MUST VIEW THE FULL RULES ONLINE AT: www.oceansports.co.nz