



Kilwell “One Base” WHANGAMATA CLASSIC

5th, 6th & 7th February 2026
RULES AND INFORMATION

**Briefing at Whangamata Memorial Hall
Wednesday 4th February 2026
7.30 pm**

**Clubrooms – 07 865 8704
Ian Johansen, Commodore – 027 449 9021
General Manager – 021 965 392
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 any day.

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

Note: To be eligible for the early bird cash prize, the boat must be entered on or before Saturday 4th January 2026

ENTRIES AFTER 4th January 2026:

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

Entry Fee includes 1 x \$25 meal ticket to be redeemed on either 4th, 5th, 6th or 7^h of February 2026 at the War Memorial Hall.

Registration Packs

Registration pick up commences at 3pm on Wednesday 4th February 2026 inside the Whangamata War Memorial Hall. Please Note: All registrations are to be completed by 7pm and we encourage all teams to complete registration early.

Briefing

From **7:30pm Wednesday 4th February 2026 at the Whangamata War Memorial Hall**

The captain of each team or the captain's 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 has made prior arrangements 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 5th February 2026.

Boats fishing in must not leave their own harbour prior to 5.30am 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 Whangamata Harbour - not before 5.30 am.

Day 2 - Leave Whangamata Harbour - not before 5.30 am.

Day 3 - Leave Whangamata Harbour – not before 5.30 am. Lines out at 3.30pm and 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. **Call in cutoff time for hookup is 3.30pm on Saturday**
3. **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 at 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: Meat at the Beach – Steve 07 865 7241, Mobile 021 027 06 573

Eligibility for your Club Prize Giving

Angler is responsible for requesting an 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

Noncash prizes are drawn by Angler

This excludes the 1st Tag & Release Marlin category

The distribution of prizes within your team is 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** and the **Kilwell 2026 Grid Square** both 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.

- **Most tagged Marlin**
- **Marlin – all species 1st, 2nd & 3rd**
- **Tuna. 1st, 2nd & 3rd**
- **Kingfish. 1st, 2nd & 3rd**
- **Mahimahi, 1st, 2nd & 3rd**
- **Snapper, 1st, 2nd & 3rd**

Prize giving will be held Thursday and Friday night from **7:30pm approximately**, Saturday **7.00pm approximately** THE TEAM OR ANGLER DRAWN MUST BE IN THE WHANGAMATA WAR MEMORIAL HALL AT THE TIME OF THE DRAW TO BE ELIGIBLE OR THE PRIZE WILL BE RE-DRAWN

Lucky Draws:

Angler Draws:

- Anglers 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 #WOSCCLASSIC2026 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 7th February 2026 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 7th February at approx. 8pm they will be disqualified.
- You MUST be dressed in sponsors' apparel that is provided to you. If at any time you are spotted inside the Whangamata War Memorial Hall without the sponsored apparel on, you will be disqualified from the draw

Lucky anglers will be drawn as such

1. 30th Jan 2026- Nauti Girls Briefing - 2 x lucky anglers - MUST be present to be in the draw
 2. 31st Jan 2026 - Nauti Girls Prize Giving - 2 x lucky anglers - MUST be present to be in the draw
- THESE 4 ANGLERS ABOVE MUST RETURN ON SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2026 TO BE IN THE DRAW**

1. 4th Feb 2026 – Classic Briefing – 4 x lucky anglers – MUST be present to be in the draw
 2. 7th Feb 2026 – Classic Final Prize Giving – 4 x lucky anglers – MUST be present to be in the draw
- 12 lucky anglers will be called to the stage on 7th Feb 2026 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 always be in radio contact with Tournament Base on the designated Channel 66.

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

Communications

Each skipper MUST radio Game Base on leaving the harbour 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 will be a round-up each day starting at **1.00pm, please state your boat name, boat number and grid location**

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 fishing at any time.

In the event of fishing being cancelled, Game Base will broadcast the cancellation via VHF, at the War Memorial Hall and via Club's social media pages. Also, the Club flag will be lowered.

(NO FLAG NO FISHING) Updates on CH 66

This is a One Base Tournament.

Fishing times are strictly 5.30am – 18.00 daily. Final Day, you must be at Weigh Station by 16.30 hours

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

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 of capture

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

All boats returning to Base will be eligible for Drawn and Spot prizes at the day's prizegiving. Stay-out boats are not eligible

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

FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT
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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 Thursday or Friday 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

Minimum Fish Weights

- Billfish 90kg
- Mahi-mahi 3kg
- Tuna 5kg
- King Fish 1 metre
- Snapper 400mm

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 extn 6

Gold Coin Donation.

Admission to Whangamata War Memorial Hall

All anglers MUST display an ANGLER wristband at all times to obtain access to the War Memorial Hall

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 HALL. 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 in the Hall 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 the Hall on any day of the tournament. This is non-refundable.

Classic 2026 – “ONE BASE TOURNAMENT”

Kilwell Whangamata Classic Angler Information Sheet - Appendix to the Rules

Registration - In Whangamata War Memorial Hall from 3pm Wednesday 5th Feb

Briefing - Wednesday 4th Feb in Whangamata War Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm

Tides

Thursday 5th Feb: High 10.42 am Low: 17.00 pm (price giving may be delayed allowing for this low tide access)
 Friday 6th Feb: High: 11.27 am Low: 17.30 pm (price giving may be delayed allowing for this low tide access)
 Saturday 7th Feb: High: 12.0 am Low: 18.20 pm

Fishing Times - Day 1 Must not leave Whangamata Harbour before 5.30 am. Must return to Game base daily. Flag must be flying on Club Flagpole.

Day 2 Must not leave Whangamata Harbour before 5.30 am. Must return to Game base daily

Day 3 Must not leave Whangamata Harbour before 5.30 am.

Must be at Weigh Station by 4.30 pm (Saturday)

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Cancellation - WOSC reserves the right to cancel or delay the fishing at any time

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 Whangamata War Memorial Hall car park or phone/txt 027 865 2582 or phone 07 865 8704 extn 6

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