



Waikato Sport Fishing Club
P.O. Box 9036 HAMILTON

WSFC Raglan One Base Tournament

8th, 9th and 10th March 2012

SKIPPER'S BRIEF

1. The Skipper is legally responsible for the safety of the boat and the people on board.
2. The skipper has read and understood the briefing document. The Skipper is also responsible for complying with all the relevant rules and regulations.
3. If in doubt about your responsibilities please refer to the booklet produced by the Maritime Safety Authority of New Zealand "Safe Boating An Essential Guide" and the tournament rules.
4. To participate in the tournament/competition your boat must have a registered VHF radio call sign. If you need to register and obtain your unique call sign please phone the toll free 0800 number 0800 40 80 90. There is a small charge but this can easily be paid by credit card over the phone direct with Coastguard.
5. Make your trip reports direct with Coastguard on your VHF, channel international 86.
6. Skippers are responsible for determining whether they should go fishing or not. If fishing is cancelled for that day, for any reason, then the Tournament organisers will issue a statement over the VHF radio to that effect.
7. Tournament Organisers and Coastguard accept no responsibility for any decision by a Skipper to launch their boat, enter any waterway and or cross any bar.

SAFETY

- a. All skippers must attend a briefing. The principal briefing is on **7th March 2012** at 7.00pm. Additional briefings may be arranged with the Tournament Committee.
(Attendance at a briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in the Tournament until the skipper has attended a briefing)
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
- c. In the interest of safety the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter all times for the duration of the Tournament depending on the weather or sea conditions.
- d. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the **Coastguard VHF channel 86 or 16 international.**
- e. All boats must carry correct size life jackets for all passengers. It is compulsory for all participants to wear life jackets while crossing the Raglan Bar.

DISCLAIMER: All participants agree and accept:-

- a. To enter this tournament at their own risk.
- b. That boating and fishing involves a risk.
- c. Not to hold Tournament organizers, officials, sponsors or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament.

- d. Notwithstanding any representation made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations and by-laws related (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. All boats must have an operational VHF radio.
- b. The only official communication with Tournament HQ will be VHF channel 4 international.
- c. All boats must call Coastguard on VHF channel **86** international and log in before crossing Raglan Bar and log out upon clearing the bar and when returning to Raglan Harbour. All boats shall identify themselves by VHF call sign.

PROTESTS AND RULE CHANGES

- a. Any protest must be filed in writing and delivered to the Tournament Disputes Committee no later than 30 minutes after close of daily weigh in.
- b. Any protest relating to the weighing of fish is to be brought up with the weigh master before the fish is removed from the weigh station.
- c. The Tournament Disputes Committee shall be the sole arbiter in respect of protests. The committee decision is final and binding.
- d. The Tournament Disputes Committee reserves the right to amend or alter these rules as it deems necessary, any changes will be advised.

All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules

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Acknowledgement and Indemnification

I agree to abide by the rules of the Waikato Sport Fishing Club Raglan One Base Tournament and accept all responsibility for the safety of the boat and the people on board while participating in the Waikato Sport Fishing Club Raglan One Base Tournament.

I confirm that I have read and understood the briefing information. **Yes/No**

I confirm the boat has a registered call sign and a life Jacket for every crew member. **Yes/No**

I agree to indemnify the Waikato Sport Fishing Club Raglan One Base Tournament organisers, Waikato Sport Fishing Club, officers, employees, affiliates and partners harmless from any claim, demand, liability or damage asserted by any third party due to or arising out of my participation in this tournament.

Signed:

Date: