

Weekend Tide Times

Date	Tide	Time	Height
Thursday 8 th March	Low	04:33	0.2m
	High	10:56	3.5m
	Low	16:57	0.1m
Friday 9 th March	Low	05:15	0.1m
	High	11:38	3.6m
	Low	17:40	0.0m
Saturday 10 th March	Low	05:58	0.0m
	High	12:20	3.7m
	Low	18:23	0.0m

Team Number: _____

ANGLER NAME	ANGLER NUMBER

Waikato Sport Fishing Club (Inc)



RAGLAN ONE BASE 2012

**TOURNAMENT RULES
&
INFORMATION**

Thursday 8th March 2012
to
Saturday 10th March 2012

Registration & Briefing Wednesday 7th March from 5:00 pm

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Tournament Disputes
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The Committee of the Waikato Sport Fishing Club welcome members and visitors to their annual One Base Tournament at Raglan.
We hope you all enjoy the Tournament. This booklet hopefully covers all areas. If you have any further queries, please contact a member of the Tournament Committee.
Enjoy good fishing and safe boating.

Bob Gutsell
Club President

Tournament Sponsors

“Please support our valuable sponsors”

Updated List Shortly

Angler's Verse: Try your hand at creative writing

This competition is held in the spirit of amateur fishing and fair competition. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, competitors have breached the spirit of the competition, then the Committee reserves the right to exclude competitor(s). The Committee's decision is final.

The organisers, promoters, sponsors or any other party connected with the event accept absolutely no responsibility for personal injury, loss or damage to property, regardless of the cause.

Good luck, good fishing and safe boating.

From the Waikato Sport Fishing Club and all sponsors.



Tournament Rules

Eligibility

- One member of each team must be over the age of 18.
- A team may be comprised of any number of anglers (not less than two), with only one team per boat.
- Team Captains/Skippers shall be responsible for the registration of the team and its members.
- Any information given to the Team Captain/Skipper is deemed to have been given to the whole team.
- All team members must belong to a Fishing Club affiliated to the NZSFC. A day affiliation is available from Waikato Sport Fishing Club at a cost of \$20 per day per angler or alternatively our club can be joined for
 - **\$70 for family membership, (2 adults + \$7 per Child). Children must be 16 yrs & under at 1st July 2011**
 - **\$40 for adult membership**
 - **\$20 for student (must have suitable student ID card)**
 - **\$15 for Junior (16 yrs & under at 1st July 2011)**
- Possession or the use of nets, long-lines or droppers is strictly prohibited and will bring automatic disqualification for all competitors on the boat.
- No registered commercial fishing boats allowed.

Contest Fees

Entry Fees: \$55 Senior
 \$20 Junior (must be 16 & under as at 1 July 2011)

- All fees must be paid before fishing commences, including Day Members.
- The Tournament Committee has the right to refuse any entry.

Briefing

- 7.00pm Wednesday 7th March 2012 at Raglan Club Inc, Raglan (Waikato Sport Fishing Club Base).
- All skippers must attend a briefing. 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) Phone Bob Gutsell or Mark Olsen for exemption.

Boats Fishing-In

- By prior arrangement any boats wishing to fish-in may do so. This intention must be relayed to Bob Gutsell or Mark Olsen by telephone before 9pm on 7th March 2012.
- Any boats fishing-in must not have lines in the water before the official start time.

Fishing Area

- The area is defined as from Tirua Point to the south, up to North Head of Manukau Harbour in the north. The Raglan Harbour is not included in the fishing area.

Fishing Times

Thursday 8th March 2012

- Start Fishing No lines in the water before 7:00 am
- Stop Fishing All lines out of the water unless playing a fish 5:00 pm
- Weigh in times 5pm-6.30pm

Friday 9th March 2012

- Start Fishing No lines in the water before 7:00 am
- Stop Fishing All lines out of the water unless playing a fish 5:00 pm
- Weigh in times 5pm-6.30pm

- If a team has a hook-up which will be played past the fishing time, notification must be radioed to Waikato Club Base prior to the relevant Stop Fishing time.
- A buddy boat may remain with the boat playing the fish.
- The buddy boats are to radio Tournament Headquarters by VHF.
- Any boat fishing past the Stop Fishing time without dispensation as outlined above will be out of the next day's fishing.

Saturday 10th March 2012

- Start Fishing No lines in the water before 7:00 am

All anglers with fish to weigh must be in line at the weigh station no later than 5pm to be eligible.

Hook-ups

The time hook ups are recorded dictates the order of placement in the event of multiple fish in tag and release sections.

For all Marlin, Tuna and Shark:

- All hook-ups must be radioed to Waikato Club Base as soon as possible, with the boat name, sponsor's grid area, fish hooked, Angler Name and Number.
- The result of hook-ups must also be radioed to base, acknowledging if fish is landed, tagged or lost.

Points Formula

- To score points weighing fish, all fish must exceed line weight or minimum Weight
- **Points = Fish Weight multiplied by 100, divided by Line Weight**
- **Braid will not be eligible for points**

Meals

Meals will be available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Dining Room of the Raglan Club Inc.

No alcohol is to be taken on to the property of the Raglan Club

No sponsor's or prize alcohol is to be consumed on the property of the Raglan Club

Rubbish

Removal of fish from the Weigh Station is the responsibility of the angler.

Unwanted Fish must not be disposed off in rubbish or landfill.

Please keep the Harbour and Weigh Station clean. Use the rubbish bins provided.

Team Numbers

Remember your team and angler numbers so you can quote it when making radio contact.

Pot Your Mate!

Dob-ins and hard luck stories must be handed to Tournament Headquarters no later than 7:30pm each evening to be "aired to the populace".

Parking

Vehicle security arrangements will be in place over night during the tournament at the Raglan Club Inc. Any vehicles parked illegally, including in loading zones, will be towed away at the owner's expense.

Buddy Boats

The Club encourages buddy boating in the interests of participants' safety on the water.


Waikato Sport Fishing Club

1 Hillsborough Tce, Hamilton
(Next to the boat ramp)

Club Nights

Third Tuesday every month (except January) 7.30 PM

All Welcome



Radio Black Spots

When using the radio, please move offshore before calling in from these areas:

- Manu Bay
- NW Gannett Island
- Jackson's Reef

Although you can't hear us, we can sometimes hear you if you are having problems. **If you are in one of these areas and are in trouble, don't forget Channel 16 Auckland Coastguard Radio will be able to receive your distress call.**

Weigh Station

- All fish will be weighed at the Raglan Club Inc.
- No fish are to be cleaned at the weigh station.
- **Vehicles with boats enter via Bow St (Main Street) for weigh-ins.**

Prize-giving for Fished Days

Prize-giving will be held **Thursday** and **Friday** nights at 7:30 pm, with Daily Prizes and Lucky Draws

Saturdays Prize-giving: Daily Prizes: 7:00pm
Major Prizes to follow

Important Note: The distribution of prizes within your team is the team's responsibility. Set your ground rules *now* as the Club will not get involved.

Lucky Draws: Angler Draws
Angler must be present to receive prize
or prize will be re-drawn

Team Draws: A Team Member must be present to receive the prize
or prize will be re-drawn

In the event of cancellation of a day's fishing, draws for that day's spot prizes will be run from the Raglan Club at 6:30pm. If fishing cannot commence on all days, it will be deemed to be a drawn tournament, all prizes will be drawn at 6pm, Saturday 10th 2012.

In the case of a Drawn Tournament

- All draws will be publicly drawn by way of a barrel (or similar) draw where all angler/team numbers are placed in the barrel and randomly hand drawn. The computer will only be used to match up the corresponding angler/team to the number drawn.
- As juniors & ladies are the only participants eligible for these prize categories in a tournament that is fished, it is deemed correct that in a drawn tournament the same applies, i.e. juniors & ladies are the only participants eligible to be drawn for these prize categories.
- Participants are eligible to win only one major prize section, i.e. if an angler/team number is drawn for a particular major prize, then that angler/team number does not get returned to the barrel for the remaining major prize draws.
- If an angler/team member is not present when a prize is drawn, then the prize will be redrawn.

Tag and Release

Points for Tag and Release will be:

Billfish	600 points	
Sharks	100 points	
Kingfish	50 points	Two fish per angler per day

- A fish is deemed tagged when the leader is in hand and the tag is inserted.
- In the event of a tie, the first fish tagged is deemed the winner.
- Only billfish are eligible for tag and release prizes.
- In the event no billfish are tagged then sharks will be eligible.
- Tags must only be applied to marlin, sharks, or kingfish (over 75cm).
- All other fish must be released untagged.
- Verification is required on tagged and released fish, either by photograph or buddy boat.
- All Tag and Release points go towards Top Team points.
- Fish are deemed tagged for the contest when the verification of all tackle process is completed and when the tag card is handed to the weigh master.

Minimum Fish Weights and Lengths

Billfish	90kg	all line classes
Shark	50kg	15kg/24kg/37kg line – must make weight on all other line classes
Yellowfin	10kg	} or better line weight
Albacore	5kg	
Skipjack	3kg	
Kingfish	75cm	
Kahawai	40cm	
Trevally	40cm	
Snapper	40cm	

- To score points for the Top Team, fish must make line weight.
- One fish per species per line class per day per person will be weighed.

Tackle

- All tackle must be in accordance with IGFA and NZSFC rules but shall not exceed 37kg.
- Line Classes fished are 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg.
- IGFA Rules apply.
- **The use of braid is accepted as long as a minimum of 2 metres of line class monofilament is tied between the end of the braid mainline and the beginning of the Leader**
Note: That fish caught using this configuration of braid and a "tippet" will not be eligible for New Zealand or IGFA records.
- **Braid will not be eligible for points if used without a tippet of line class.**
- In all matters not specifically covered, IGFA and NZSFC Rules will apply. Copies of these rules are available from the Tournament Committee.

Visitors on Board

- Persons on board a boat other than registered team entrants are not entitled to fish.

Weigh-In

- Fish must be presented at the Weigh Station by the following times to be included in that day's prizegiving:

Thursday 8th March 2012 6:30 pm

Friday 9th March 2012 6:30 pm

Saturday 10th March 2012 5:00 pm

- All catches are to be weighed on the Official Scales at Raglan by the Official Weighperson(s) designated by the Waikato Sport Fishing Club (Inc).
- All fish must be weighed on the day of capture at Waikato Club Base.
- Each angler shall complete a catch card declaring the catch was made in accordance with Tournament Rules, **prior** to presenting fish at the weigh station.
- All details are to be clearly entered on the card and passed to the weigh-master(s) immediately on arrival at the Weigh Station.
- **The angler must present all tackle, including gaff with which the fish was caught.**
- All lures are to be removed before the fish is weighed.
- Sharks and marlin mouth or bill are to be wrapped with insulation tape.

Note: **re-using terminal tackle could mean loss of said tackle, resulting in being unable to meet the conditions to weigh a fish.**
No Fish caught during the tournament shall be sold or auctioned

Protests

- Any protests concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing, signed by the plaintiff and handed to the Disputes Committee no later than 7 pm on that same day.
- In the case of a protest, the Judicial Committee's decision is final.

Bad Weather

- In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone the start or cancel fishing for that day.
- No entries/registrations will be accepted after the final weather review on the Saturday of the competition.

Postponement/Delayed Start

The Tournament Committee will at **6.30am** confirm whether the tournament is being fished for the day

- Announcements will be made via VHF Radio Channel 4.
- In the event of cancellation of the days fishing – The days prizes will be drawn at the Raglan Club at 6.30pm that day.
- If fishing cannot commence on all days, it will be deemed to be a drawn tournament, prizes will be drawn at 6pm on the Saturday, and no refunds will be given.

Return to Raglan

- As this is a One Base Tournament, all teams must return to Raglan daily.

Radios and Safety Equipment

- All radio contact with the **Waikato Club Base** at all times will be on the VHF Channel 4 International.
- All reports must be relayed, with the team number, as to the area being fished.
- **Please keep the airways clear 15 minutes before Stop Fishing time to allow for late-hook-up calls.**
- All boats must direct all trip reports to coastguard on Channel 86, advising them of departure and return details as detailed in the Skipper's Brief and West Coast Safety Plan.

Dispensation to the Rules

Dispensation to the Rules can be given by the Tournament Committee in the interest of public safety

- Anglers must make contact by VHF to the Waikato Club Base if they wish to gain such dispensation.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change or amend the Tournament or its rules at any stage, subject to any advice received, or in the interests of public safety.
- Notification will be via VHF Radio. Once broadcast, this will be deemed to have been given to all teams.

Radio Communications

- VHF Channel 4 International – make sure you are on INT 4
- Call sign – Waikato Club Base
- No Skeds
- For catch updates, call **Waikato Club Base**.

When calling to record catches, the operator must be informed of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the boat name/team name• the sponsor's grid area• the catch species• the angler's name• the angler's number