

Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.
Fishing Competition Rules
The Great Spiny Hunt 2022

Date: 2nd July (save day 16th July)

Registrations: on the day 8am – 9.00am

Briefing: 9.00am upstairs in the boat club

Prize Giving: 5.00pm upstairs in the boat club

Cost: \$25

Rules

These rules are for the safety and fairness of competitors. Failure to abide by any of the following competition rules will result in disqualification of the entire boat from the competition.

The fishing committee reserves the right to decline entry to any person or boat.

We recommend you wear a mask in the boat club

If you have any Covid symptoms or are a close contact please do not enter this competition.

Eligibility:

- For Club registered boats, skippered by a Club member. Crew members need not be Club members.
- All entrants must be paid up competitors (**No boat passengers**).
- Boats and equipment may be scrutinized at the contest organizers discretion.
- All entries must be on the official entry form supplied on the day and fees paid in full.
- Individual numbered wristbands issued by competition registration must be worn at all times during competition, weigh station and prizegiving.

Your accepted entry into the contest is confirmation that you and your crew have read and accept the contest rules and conditions.

Categories:

- **3 longest spiny dog fish – 1st, 2nd, 3rd**
- Also **heaviest Snapper (under 600mm), Gurnard, Kahawai and Red Cod** 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each of these species.
- Only one of each species per angler to be weighed.
- **No other species of fish will be weighed.**

NOTE: For conservation purposes, there is no prize for snapper over 600mm In this competition.

The Skipper is responsible for:

- Properly equipping the boat and for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of all on board.
- Ensuring trip reports are recorded with Foxton Sports radio – channel 60
- Compliance with Maritime Safety Rules and Standards and Ministry of Fisheries Recreational Fishing Regulations.
- **Ensuring all crew abide by the MMBC Inc's Club rules.**
- Ensuring that all crew are aware and accept the contest rules.

All competitors are responsible for

- Wearing a lifejacket when crossing the river bar and at any other time of increased risk.

Launching:

- All boats must depart from and return to MMBC ramp.
- All boats must assemble on the parking area until cleared by carpark staff to go fishing
- Ensure an 80M distance between boats when crossing the bar.

Fishing Methods:

- Only Rods or Hand Lines with a maximum of 3 hooks per line may be used or carried on the boat.
- No set lines, set nets or fish traps hooks sections to be carried on the boat.
- **Boundary** - Fishing must be between Himitangi and Waitarere Beaches.
- **Fish must be landed at the MMBC ramp or wharf.**

Weigh In:

All fish which you wish to enter into the competition must be weighed or measured at the Weigh station – the weigh station will be open from 1pm to 3pm. You must have crossed the bar and be in the 5 knot zone visible by weigh-in staff by 3.00pm. Retrieve your boat and bring fish to be weighed straight to the weigh station.

- **Do not gut, gill or bleed fish**
- Weigh station staff will cut or gut after weighing to confirm fish has been weighed or if tampering is suspected.
- Only one fish of each species per angler will be weighed.
- **Contestants must be wearing their wristband at the weigh station.**
- No swapping or gifting of fish between boats, your fish must be caught by you, on your boat.
- If you dispute the weight, state this while the fish is on the scales, the staff will check their reading/recording and their decision will become final.
- Any tampering detected will result in immediate disqualification of the boat and its crew from the contest.
- Undersized fish will not be weighed and Fishery Inspectors could be present. MAF Regulations for the size and quantity of fish apply.
- In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed will be deemed the winner.
- **Note: Maximum length of Snapper considered for weigh in is 600mm**

Postponements:

Will be notified on a board outside the MMBC, MMBC facebook and VHF channel 60.

Prizegiving:

- Will be held at 5.00pm on the day of the competition at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club.
- **You must be wearing your wristband to claim your prize.**
- **If any prizes are not allocated (e.g. not enough, or no fish of that species caught) the prizes will be given out as spot prizes to entrants, who must be present at the prizegiving and wearing their wristbands. (This does not apply if the competition is cancelled).**

Amendments, alterations & notices & times: Any important notices, amendments or alterations to these rules will be explained at briefing.

Fishing times may be delayed or altered on the day by contest organizers and such changes will be noted on a board outside the MMBC, VHF channel 60 and on MMBC Facebook.

The decision of the contest organizers will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into.

ALL ENTRANTS AND BOAT OWNERS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE MANAWATU MARINE BOATING CLUB, EVENT ORGANISERS, PROMOTERS AND SPONSORS ACCEPT ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSIBILITY IN ANY RESPECT FOR INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF THE CAUSE.

TRIP REPORT

**CONTACT “FOXTON SPORT RADIO”
ON VHF CHANNEL 60 or phone 027 453 0049**

- ⇒ **Before crossing the bar with boat name and number of people on board**
- ⇒ **After crossing the bar with your intended location and return plan**
- ⇒ **On return before crossing the bar**
- ⇒ **Once back safely in the river**
- ⇒ **BOAT TO BOAT CHAT CHANNEL 77**

LIFEJACKETS MUST BE WORN WHEN CROSSING BAR