



MARLIN MADNESS

Theme: Game Fishing SKIPPER'S INFORMATION GUIDE

Competition Dates:

SATURDAY 17TH January HIGH TIDE 9.40am LOW TIDE 3.30am

SUNDAY 18TH January HIGH TIDE 10.20am LOW TIDE 4am

If competition is cancelled on both days, it will be run two weeks later and so on until we get to fish

Briefing: FRIDAY 16th January 7pm MMBC club rooms downstairs – get your welcome pack on arrival

All skippers or a crew representative are to attend.

Fishing Time: A decision will be made on Thursday 15th January once the Health and Safety team has assessed the weather and bar conditions – if the competition is cancelled skippers will be contacted.

LAUNCHING CAN BE DONE FROM DAYLIGHT on clearance from H & S

Bar will open at 3.30pm and meals will be available from the kitchen.

Prize Giving: 5.00pm on Sunday – if we don't fish on either day there will be no prize giving.

Prizes: There are 5 categories

1. Marlin
 - **\$2,000 Cash prize for heaviest Marlin**
 - **2nd to 5th Prizes from Hunting & Fishing**

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| 2. Kingfish | - Prizes 1 st to 5 th |
| 3. Tuna | - Prizes 1 st to 5 th |
| 4. Mackerel | - Prizes 1 st to 5 th |
| 5. Kahawai | - Prizes 1 st to 5 th |

Photos

Photos may be taken and used for promotional purposes.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Skipper is responsible for properly equipping the boat, for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of all on board.

The Skipper is responsible for ensuring compliance with Maritime Safety Rules and Standard, Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws Manawatu River users' rules, and Ministry of Fisheries Recreational Fishing Rules. Any boat found to be in breach of these rules will be disqualified.

All entrants must abide by the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc's Club rules.

The Skipper is responsible for ensuring that all crew are aware of and accept the tournament rules. Your signed entry form to the tournament is confirmation that you and your crew have read and accept the tournament rules and conditions.

Lifejackets must be worn when crossing the bar (both ways) – anyone seen not doing so may result in the entire boat being disqualified.

FISHING METHODS:

Only rods with a maximum of 3 hooks per line may be used.

(No setlines, set nets)

BOUNDARY: There are no set boundaries for this competition but you must launch from the MMBC boat ramp and return to the MMBC boat ramp.

WEIGH IN:

Weigh in: from 1pm each day. If you have hooked a Marlin later in the afternoon on the Saturday and think you may not make the weigh in time skippers can call in to register their hook up for a late weigh in. Call must be made before 4pm. Sunday due to Prize giving all fish must be weighed in by 4pm.

If you have fish to weigh, you must be standing in the line at the weigh station wearing your wristband before 4pm. If there is congestion at the ramp at 3.30pm the weigh-in staff will wait for you to retrieve your boat and weigh your fish, but you must have been inside the 5 knot zone and visible to weigh station staff before 3-30pm not crossing the bar at 3-30pm. **THIS RULE WILL BE INFORMED.**

Only one fish of each species to be weighed per angler

Tuna and Kingfish may be bleed. Do not bleed Kahawai

Weigh station staff may cut or gut fish after weighing to confirm fish has been weighed or if tampering is suspected. Any tampering detected will result in immediate disqualification of the boat and its crew from the tournament.

Each fish may only be weighed and entered only once. 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.

In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed will be deemed the winner.

The Health & Safety Team will inspect the bar conditions prior to the start regarding the commencement of competition for that day. Times may be delayed or altered on the day by Tournament Organizers and such changes will be noted on a board outside the club entrance and broadcast on VHF Channel 60 and MMBC Facebook. The Manawatu Coastguard will also be on patrol.

Any protest must be made in writing to the Fishing Committee by 4.00pm on the day of the competition and handed to the bar or any fishing committee member. \$50 protest fee to paid, this will be refunded if protest is successful. The decisions of the Tournament 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.

REMINDER – CONTACT “FOXTON SPORT RADIO on

VHF CHANNEL 60

**** Before crossing the bar with Boat Name and Number of people on board** After crossing the bar with your trip and return plan**

**** On return before crossing the bar**

**** Once back safely in the river**

**LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN WHEN CROSSING THE BAR PLEASE
CALL IF YOU CHANGE YOUR PLANS**

Radio Operator’s Cellphone if VHF is not working is: 027 453 0049

BOAT TO BOAT CHAT CHANNEL IS 77