



## **WHAKAPAI HAUORA WAHINE TOA 2026**

***"Improving the Health/Wellbeing of Strong Women"***

### **WOMEN'S FISHING COMPETITION**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

#### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION**

\*Entry forms are available at MMBC club rooms or downloaded from the MMBC website.

\*Entries must be in by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

\*Entry fee of \$30 per angler can be paid online to MMBC or at the MMBC Club Bar.

**Bank A/c 03-0633-0021346-00** - For direct credit payments please enter Boat name and Women's Fishing.

\*This competition is open to all women, but boat must be skippered by a MMBC Member

\*Each boat must have a skipper competent at bar crossing (can be male).

The skipper's job is to drive, assist crew and to take care of the safety of the crew and boat. If the skipper is female, they can also fish in the competition.

**Competition Date - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - High Tide – 1.15pm**

**Layday** - In the event the competition cannot go ahead on the day we will advise the lay day via the Club Newsletter and our Facebook page.

**Briefing** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9-30am upstairs in the Boat Club –all skippers to attend

**Start Time** - Immediately after the safety briefing.

**Weigh in** - The weigh station will be open from 1pm to 3-30pm

**Prize Giving** - Starts sharp at 4-30. Meals will be available in the kitchen from 5-30 pm and the Social Club have organised musical entertainment from 7pm.

**Prizes:** There are 4 categories

1. Heaviest Snapper

**Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

2. Heaviest Gurnard

**Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

3. Heaviest Kahawai

**Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

4. Heaviest Featured species - any **one** of these – Kingfish, Trevally, Mackerel.

**Only one** of each species of fish to be weighed in by each female angler.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Spare place on your boat?** If you have a spare place or two on your boat for a woman who does not have access to a boat, please write 'place available' under the Female Crew section below and we will allocate a female entrant to your boat. NB: You would have to supply their bait, life jacket and fishing gear – thank you for being a willing host.

**Woman without a boat to go on?** If you are a woman without a boat to go on we will try to find you a host. Just fill out the registration section below under 'Female Crew' and don't forget your cellphone number so we can let you know if there is a place available after registrations close. Try to bring your own life jacket to ensure the correct size.

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## **WOMENS FISHING COMPETITION 2026 RULES**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- \*All entries must be on the official entry form.
- \*All fishing females are registered ie **NO** passengers .
- \*Individually numbered wristbands issued at tournament briefing and must be worn at all times during tournament events including Prize Giving.
- \*All boats must depart and return from the MMBC ramp.

### **SKIPPERS RESPONSIBILITY:**

**Lifejackets must be worn when crossing the bar both directions.**  
**(Anyone seen not doing so will result in the entire boat being disqualified.)**

**You must contact Foxton Sports Radio Channel 60 before and after crossing the bar, with boat name, number of people on board and intended location.**

**The Radio Operators cellphone number is 027 4530049 if no VHF.**

**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 Standards; Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws 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 rules.**

**The Skipper is responsible for ensuring that all crew are aware 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.**

### **FISHING METHODS**

**Only rods or hand lines with a maximum of 3 hooks per line may be used or carried on the boat. No setlines, set nets or fish traps to be carried on the boat.**

**BOUNDARY - Fishing must be North of the Ohau River and South of Himitangi.**

### **WEIGH IN**

If you have a fish to be weighed, you must be standing in the queue at the weigh station wearing your registration wristband before 3-30pm. If there is congestion at weigh-in or the ramp at 3.00pm the weigh-in staff will wait for you but you must go straight into the line with your fish to be weighed.

**Only one fish of each species to be weighed per female angler.**

**Do not gut, gill or bleed fish.**

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

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 be final.

Undersized fish, according to Ministry of Fisheries Recreational Fishing regulations, will not be weighed.

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

**All Snapper entries will have a maximum length of 600mm.**

### **CANCELLATION:**

Times may be delayed or altered on the day by Tournament Organizers and such changes will be noted on a board displayed in the club foyer and broadcast on VHF Channel 60 and posted on the MMBC Facebook page.

### **PRIZEGIVING**

**All non-members must be signed in. YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND WEARING YOUR WRISTBAND TO CLAIM A SPOT PRIZE.**

**Any protest must be made in writing to the Fishing Coordinator by 4 pm on the day of the competition.**

**The decisions of the Tournament Organisers will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into thereafter.**

**ALL ENTRANTS AND BOAT OWNERS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

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