



Easter Fish Hunt

SKIPPER INFORMATION GUIDE

Competition Dates

Friday 3rd April HIGH TIDE 11.08am LOW TIDE 5.04am
Saturday 4th April HIGH TIDE 11.41am LOW TIDE 5.37am

If the competition is postponed – a layday will be next available date

Briefing Thursday 2nd April - 7pm - MMBC club rooms upstairs – get your welcome pack on arrival

All skippers or a crew representative are to attend the briefing

The Health & Safety Team will inspect the bar conditions prior to the start regarding the commencement of competition for that day and assess the weather conditions. 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.

LAUNCHING CAN BE DONE FROM Approximately 7-30am on clearance from the H & S team.

The MMBC Bar will open from midday and snacks and meals will be available from the kitchen.

MMBC Fishing have some amazing sponsors and we encourage you to support them whenever possible.

Great prizes up for grabs for the heaviest of each species

**Snapper
Gurnard
Kahawai
Kingfish
Mackrel
Grey Shark
Blue Cod
Tuna
Trevally
Terikihi**

The Three Sisters Aggregate Prize - a bucket containing one of each of these - Snapper – Gurnard – Kahawai

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

Each Competitor must be wearing their correct arm band matching the number and name on their entry form to weigh any fish and collect a prize.

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 over the bar and on your return over the bar.

FISHING METHODS:

**Only rods with a maximum of 5 hooks per line may be used.
(No setlines, set nets)**

Weigh in - will be from 1pm to 4pm each day.

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 ENFORCED.**

Only one fish of each species to be weighed per angler per fishing day.

Tuna and Kingfish may be bled. 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.

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 is to be paid - this will be refunded if your 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.