

Plimmerton Boating Club Fish and Dive Competition



COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENTRY FORM AND PRIZE LIST)

10th and 11th April 2010

REMEMBER TO DISPLAY YOUR ENTRY TAG AND SHOW IT TO WEIGH IN YOUR FISH AND COLLECT ANY PRIZE OR LUCKY DRAWS ETC. NO EXCEPTIONS

Fees must be paid up and cleared prior to competition – no refunds will be given.

1. All crewmembers must be paid up competitors (no passengers). No fishing substitution will be allowed.
2. Rods and handlines ONLY must be used. No set lines, longlines, droppers, nets or any other method is allowed. **Divers** must only use Mfish approved methods.
3. Competition fishing grounds: The southern boundary is a straight line from Cape Terawhiti to the entrance to Tory Channel. The northern boundary is the Latitude line from Te Horo beach. A Cook Strait grid map will be provided for each boat.
4. All boats must be launched and retrieved by the Club with tractors at the Plimmerton Boating Club (PBC) launching ramp with the exception of non-trailerable boats leaving from Mana Cruising Club (see 5 below). **NB:** The crew must be responsible for hitching or unhitching the trailer to the tractor and the boat from the trailer.
5. Non trailerable boats departing from **Mana Cruising Club** MUST **a)** approach Plimmerton Boating Club's starter box and report in with their VHF radio, **b)** in the same manner report their return at the day's conclusion and land a crewmember at the end of the PBC's jetty with any catch to be weighed – the vessel at this point may be scrutinized at the Scrutineers discretion.
6. No launching or retrieving from any other location.
7. Competition starts 6.30 am and finishes 4 pm both days. You MUST be in the weigh in queue by 4.15pm – no exceptions. Closing time is FINAL. Starting and Finishing times can be changed at the Organisers discretion for whatever reason.
8. All fish submitted for weighing must be entire – no gutting, gilling or bleeding. In the event of a tie the first fish weighed will be the winner. All fish submitted for weighing will become the property of the Plimmerton Boating Club and will be auctioned on both days from 5pm.
9. Cancellations will be broadcast on Newstalk ZB (1035) and will also be posted on the Club's website plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz. If fishing is cancelled on any day the competition will be determined over the one day. Should BOTH days be cancelled the prizes will be determined by draw of all

registered competitors on all prizes EXCLUDING the first prize for the heaviest snapper which will revert back to the Sponsor. In that event, prize giving will be at 5PM Sunday and will be restricted to ONE prize per Competitor.

10. Prize giving will be on the final day approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Fish Auction. There will be one prize per category per competitor.
11. Prizes cannot be redeemed for cash under any circumstances. All prizes must be claimed within ONE month of prize giving or on terms set out by the Sponsors

12. SAFETY:

- All vessels must carry an operational VHF radio, one approved Life Jacket per person and one current hand held flare – **this is a Competition requirement.**
 - The official VHF radio channel for this competition is Marlborough Marine Radio CH 63. This is an initial contact channel after which you will be directed to a working channel. CH 63 must not be used for general 'chat'.
 - **ALL VESSELS MUST COMMUNICATE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL (CH 63). If any vessel has not reported its arrival 15 minutes after finish time on either day, the Club will initiate a Search and Rescue with Police and Coastguard – all costs will be borne by the skipper.**
 - Distress safety calling channel as usual is ch 16
 - **In addition to a VHF radio, flare and life jackets, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the following equipment be carried on each vessel: Mobile phone, Navigation lights, First Aid Kit, EPIRB, Anchor and Warp, Bilge pump, Bucket, Paddle(s), Compass, Knife, Fire Extinguisher, Spare fuel, Torch, Emergency tool kit.**
 - Launching: All winch ropes must be disconnected at the waters edge by crew
 - Retrieval: Crew members must operate the winch
13. Any boat that has fish taken by MFish OR NOT COMPLYING WITH MFish regulations or daily bag limits will result in automatic disqualification from the Competition and all prizes.
 14. Boats will be scrutinized at the Club's discretion
 - 15. ANY ABUSE OF OFFICIALS OR HELPERS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.**
 16. All competitors, boat owners and spectators participate at their own risk. The Organizers, sponsors or any other party connected with the event accept no responsibility in any respect for any injury, loss or damage to property, regardless of the cause.

Any decision of the Plimmerton Boating Club organizing committee is final.

BRIEFING: Competitors will be expected to attend the briefing at the Plimmerton Boating Club on Friday 9th April at 7pm. For those not yet

registered, registrations will be accepted between 4pm and 7pm – cash or EFTPOS – no Credit Cards and no cheques.

Registrations will stop while Briefing is on.

Briefing commences 7pm SHARP – LUCKY DRAW AFTER Briefing commences. Another Lucky Draw at the conclusion of the briefing.

Spot prizes between 8pm and 8.30pm.

Saturday Night Lucky Draw – after the conclusion of the fish auction between 6.30 pm and 7.00pm (approx.). Spot prizes between 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

Sunday Prize Giving – approximately half an hour after the conclusion of the Auction.

All prize giving and Spot prizes on Saturday and Sunday will be in the Club's upstairs lounge.

A Competitor MUST be present to win any Lucky draw OR Spot prize.

All enquiries prior to Competition please phone Roger Mizzi 021527917 between 9am and 5pm or email mizzi@xtra.co.nz

NOTES

- The official VHF radio channel for this competition is Marlborough Marine Radio CH 63. We have been trialling this channel and have found that the coverage over our fishing grounds is excellent. We are continuing to trial this channel for the duration of the Competition courtesy Marlborough Marine Radio Association (MMR).
mmradio@xtra.co.nz
- Breakfast will be available for purchase at the Club on both competition mornings. Dinner can also be purchased on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please phone the club on 2331592 for reservations before each day.

The Plimmerton Boating Club Committee thanks all competitors and wishes everyone a successful and enjoyable contest

We have some control over our humour but not the weather!

Tight lines everyone!!

*Roger Mizzi
Vice Commodore Power
Competition Organizer*



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