



# PLIMMERTON BOATING CLUB FISHING & DIVING COMPETITION 2020



**14TH AND 15TH MARCH 2020**

**Remember to display your entry tag. It must be on your photo entry with your fish to collect any prize or lucky draws etc. No exceptions.**

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

## **Important changes**

1. Launching can be done from anywhere within the competition boundaries.
2. Competition fishing grounds: The southern boundary is a straight line from Cape Palliser 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.
3. Fish submitted for prizes must be photographed on specified measure with tag and submitted as per instructions in 'Fishing' section below.
4. There is no fish auction this year - All competitors may keep or release their fish caught. It does not make sense to weigh in the big ones anymore. They are our sustainable breeders for the future of our sport.

## **General information**

5. Entries will be accepted online, at the club, or on Friday 13th March from 4pm.
6. All crew members must be paid up competitors (no passengers). No fishing substitution will be allowed.
7. Only random boat scrutineering will take place as all competitors will sign a waiver.
8. **Cancellations** will be broadcast on Newstalk ZB and will also be posted on the Club's website [plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz](http://plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz) and the club's FaceBook Page. If fishing is cancelled on any day the competition will be determined over the one day. Should BOTH days be cancelled, then the prizes will be determined by draw of all registered competitors on all prizes and will be restricted to ONE prize per Competitor.

9. **Friday March 13th from 4pm** registration starts. Compulsory safety briefing will be held at 7pm. Dinner will be available from 5.30pm and the bar open from 4pm.
10. **Saturday March 14th.** Dinner will be available from 5.30pm and the bar will open at 4pm. Spot prizes will be drawn
11. **Sunday March 15th.** Dinner will be available from 5.30pm and the bar will open at 4pm. Prize giving at 6pm. Spot prizes will be awarded after prize giving.

## Launching and retrieval

12. Launching and retrieving of boats and kayaks from the Plimmerton Boating Club or any other location can be done by yourselves **from 5am Saturday and Sunday.**
13. All boats will be allowed to be launched at Plimmerton Boating Club and retrieved by your own personal vehicles from 5am each day. This will be co-ordinated by a club marshal.
14. Launching starts 5.00am and **last photos must be in by 4.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.** Closing time is FINAL. Starting and finishing times can be changed at the organisers discretion for whatever reason.
15. **Please send photos as soon as possible** - do not send all photos at one time at the end of the day. Photos to be emailed to [bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz).
16. Retrieval. All boats must drop off their designated driver to the wharf and **retreat 50 - 70 metres from the wharf** until their retrieval vehicle is in place in the water. Retrieval will be assisted by the club marshals
17. TYING UP OR WAITING INSIDE THE WHARF AREA FOR VEHICLE IS NOT PERMITTED
18. Launching: All winch ropes must be disconnected at the waters edge by crew
19. All boats must have a bow and stern rope attached for launching and retrieval
20. Retrieval: Crew members must operate the winch. If self launching this is not required. Please use common sense and have consideration of other competitors

## Fishing

21. Rods and handlines ONLY must be used. No set lines, longlines, droppers, nets or any other method is allowed. (Any rig with more than 3 hooks is ruled as a long line/set line and therefore banned.) Divers must only use MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) approved methods.
22. All fish submitted for measure must show tag with fish in photo. All tags to be worn/carried by each individual. All photos to be in by email by 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. All photos to be emailed to [bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz). If your tag is not showing you will not be eligible for a prize. Please mark the species of fish and what you believe to be the length of the fish in the photo. Please ensure you have phone coverage in the area when you send your photos.
23. NZ standard measuring mats are available for purchase at Plimmerton Boating Club. These are \$20 each. These can also be used for our all year round fishing competition and other fishing competitions.

## Prizes

24. Prizes will be awarded for the following:-

**Seniors:-**

Snapper - First (longest), Average Length, Female Average Snapper  
Kingfish - First (longest), Average Length  
Terakihi - First (longest), Average Length, Female Average Terakihi  
Trevally - First (longest), Average Length  
Gurnard - First (longest), Average Length  
Tuna - First (Longest), Average Length

**Juniors - Up to 16 years:-**

Prizes will be awarded for the most species photographed in from the list above, there will be:-

1st Longest Kahawai  
1st Longest Snapper  
1st Longest Terakihi

**Divers (Tank and Free divers):-**

Crayfish - Largest  
Butterfish - Longest

25. One caught prize per angler/diver per category (Spot draws are not classed as a caught prize)
26. Fished for prizes not won may be drawn as spot draw angler prizes. The angler must be present to claim the prize.
27. All prizes are valued at recommended retail prices and cannot be swapped or exchanged for cash.
28. In the event of a tie the first fish entered will be the winner.
29. Any boat that has fish taken by MPI OR NOT COMPLYING WITH MFish regulations or daily bag limits will result in automatic disqualification from the Competition and all prizes.
30. **Prize giving will be on the final day (Sunday 3rd) at 6.00 pm during dinner.**
31. 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.
32. Spot prizes awarded throughout the weekend. A Competitor **MUST** be present in person to win a spot prize.
33. Major spot prizes on Saturday night include:
- Full ensuite bathroom fixtures and tap ware, floor covering, heated towel rail, paint and electrical fittings.
34. We will keep drawing numbers until the major spot prizes are won on Saturday night. You must be present to receive these spot prizes.

## Safety

35. All vessels must carry an operational VHF radio (hand held VHF is okay), one approved Life Jacket per person and one current hand held flare, and or 406mhz EPIRB – **this is a mandatory competition requirement.**
36. Phone can be used as a last resort if radio contact fails. Phone: 04 233 1592
37. Distress safety calling channel as usual is CH 16
38. In addition to a VHF radio ( hand held is okay). Flare / EPIRB and life jackets, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the following equipment be carried on each vessel: Mobile phone, Navigation lights, First Aid Kit, Anchor and Warp, Bilge pump, Bucket, Paddle(s), Compass, Knife, Fire Extinguisher, Spare fuel, Torch, Emergency tool kit, Alternative propulsion.
39. ANY ABUSE OF OFFICIALS OR HELPERS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.
40. Boating and other water sports can be dangerous and life threatening activities. Skippers are responsible for ensuring the safety of their own boats, crew and boating equipment. All entrants, boat owners and spectators participate at their own risk. The Plimmerton Boating Club, its employees, officers, sponsors and volunteers (together “the organisers”) accept no responsibility in any respect for personal injury, loss or damage to property arising out of or in connection with the Competition, regardless of cause. Each entrant releases the organisers to the fullest extent permitted by law from all claims or demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any incident associated with the Competition. Each entrant also agrees not to bring any action, claim or demand against the organisers in respect of the Competition and agrees to indemnify the organisers for the all costs, claims, demands, expenses (including full legal expenses) arising in respect of their participation in the Competition. Scrutineering of boats by the organisers is not to be taken as an endorsement as to the safety of a boat, its equipment or the experience of its crew. The holding of the Competition does not constitute an endorsement by the organisers that the weather or sea conditions are suitable for the boats and/or entrants
41. The Competition is held in the spirit of amateur fishing and fair competition. The Committee reserves the right to exclude competitor(s) is the spirit who do not meet the spirit of the competition. The Fishing Competition Committee's decision is final.

## Registration and Briefing

- Last minute registrations accepted at the Plimmerton Boating club from 4pm on 13th of March - cash or EFTPOS – no Credit Cards and no cheques.
- Dinner will be available from 5.30pm.
- Competitors have to attend the briefing at the Plimmerton Boating Club on Friday 13th March at 7pm. **Briefing commences 7pm SHARP**
- Registrations will stop while the briefing is on.
- Spot prizes will be drawn after the briefing has finished. A Competitor **MUST** be present in person to win a spot prize.

## **Club organisers**

Graham Gubb - Competition Organizer/ Vice Commodore Power

Matt Hipperson - Club Commodore

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*This should be a great weekend of fishing. Please support this competition as the event helps keep our ramps, jetties, gates, lighting, fish tables and bins in great condition for all of us to enjoy.*

*More information will be advised as it comes to hand.*