

FIRST MARLIN FOR THE SEASON OVER 120kg BONANZA

CONTEST RULES

Statement of Purpose

Our Fishing Rules have evolved internationally so that, in their observance every fish should have a sporting chance. Captures in which the fish has not fought, or in which the fish has not had the chance to fight, on the gaff rope or at the boat, are not caught within the intent of our rules and do not reflect credit on the fish or the angler. Only fish caught within the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club & NZSFC Angling Rules, incorporating the IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations, and within the intent of these rules will be recognised. We, as the Committee of the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers' Club, reserve the right to call a witness boat to verify a catch.

ELIGIBILITY

Skippers must be current financial members of the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club

CATCH SPECIES

Only Marlin are eligible

CONTEST FEES

The contest fees are \$50.00 per boat and **must be paid prior to the commencement of fishing**. – So if you leaving early, don't forget to enter the night before! Entry fees are not refundable. The entry fee entitles participants to fish as many contest days as they like.

AREA TO BE FISHED

East or West Coast within the NZ Ec. Zone. **All fish must be weighed at Tutukaka on the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club scales. Please observe all marine reserve regulations**

CONTEST PRIZE

From the boats entered in the contest, the boat weighing the first qualifying Marlin over 120kg will take the bonanza prize pool.

TACKLE

All tackle must be in accordance with WDSAC and IGFA Rules but line weight shall not exceed 60kg. In all matters not specifically covered, IGFA Equipment and Angling Regulations shall apply. WDSAC has adopted IGFA Equipment Regulation A 4, which specifies as follows: "The catch shall be classified under the breaking strain of the first five metres of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line." In other words, the first five metres of main line determines the line class used. Any type of line, including those known collectively as "braids" may be used as backing, whether attached to the main line or simply used as padding under the main line. The minimum amount of line class top-shot is five metres but there is no maximum amount of top-shot that may be used.

PROTESTS

Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing and signed by the plaintiff no later than **6.00pm** the same day. In the case of a protest the Contest Committee's decision is final.