

Tutukaka Light Tackle Yellowtail / Snapper Tournament 2026



Angler Entry \$30 Junior \$60 Senior

Boat:

Skipper:

Skippers Mobile:

Skippers Signature:

DECLARATION

I declare that the below information is correct. I agree to carry out the instructions of the Club officials and accept their decisions as final and binding upon me and my crew. I indemnify the WDSAC against any losses, damages or untoward expenses caused or incurred by myself or my crew. I consent to the collection of the details on this entry form by the WDSAC for event registration and promotion purposes and for it to retain, use and disclose these to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. (NZSFC) I acknowledge my right to access and correct this information. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Team Member (1):.....
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Team Member (5):.....
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Team Member (6):.....
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Note: Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC

WDSAC Club Membership available:

Senior \$100.00

Junior (16 years & under) \$25.00

Day \$20.00 per day

Intermediate (17 to 21 years) \$65.00

Family \$200.00

Seven Day \$45.00

OFFICE USE

Entry Fee – Team \$

Total PAID: CASH / ONLINE / CARD (Circle)

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TUTUKAKA LIGHT TACKLE YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH / SNAPPER TOURNAMENT **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

Anglers must be current financial members of the WDSAC or a club affiliated to the NZSFC **Teams fishing from a boat must have a minimum of two anglers for safety.** If visiting anglers are not able to produce current membership cards, their membership will be checked through the secretary of their club. Failure to be a financial member of a club will result in disqualification from the contest. Team captains are responsible for this.

REGISTRATION / BRIEFING

There will be no briefing held for the tournament - if you have any queries about the rules, please contact the Club prior to the commencement of the tournament. Registration for the contest should be done prior to Friday 29th May. Email forms to **office@wdsac.co.nz** Or enter online via our website

CONTEST FEES

The contest fees are **\$30 per Junior & \$60 Per Senior Entry** and should be paid prior to the commencement of fishing and are not refundable unless the tournament is cancelled. Any alteration to teams listed on the entry forms should be notified and paid prior to the start of the days fishing. By prior arrangement any boats wishing to fish into the contest may do so, providing your starting point and team members are advised to the Club **prior** to start fishing. Registration must be completed at the Clubrooms immediately upon arrival at Tutukaka.

AREA TO BE FISHED

From **Bream Tail to Moko Hinaus** in the south and to the **Cavalli Islands** in the north. Boats may fish into this tournament & stay away on Saturday and Sunday nights. This area can be fished from **boat or land**.

Please observe all Marine Reserve Regulations.

FISHING TIMES

Baits or lures must not be in the water before 7.00am Saturday 30th May and out of the water no later than 3.00pm Monday 1st June. **This is a fish through tournament there is no stop fishing till the last day of the tournament.** **All fish must be at the Tutukaka weighstation by 4.00pm Monday, the 1st. Any fish caught overnight should be called in the following morning.**

TROPHY SCORING

This is a light tackle contest. Trophies will be awarded on a points basis (please see the points scoring attached). A Trophy will only be awarded for the Full Member Angler most points for a single fish **Landed yellowtail**, the Full Member Angler with most points overall **Yellowtail Landed & Tagged** and the Team most points overall **landed yellowtail**.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Yellowtail must equal or exceed the breaking strain of the line used and Yellowtail must also exceed 75cm in length. No more than **two** landed fish per person per day. **NB: 75cm is approximately 5kg in weight All Tag & Released fish will be based off 5kg. All tagged fish must be measured and the length photographed and sent to the office and recorded on your tag card and catch sheet.**

Snapper must have a minimum weight of 3kg on the following line classes 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, & 15kg. All Snapper must also exceed 30cm in length. No more than **two** landed fish per person per day.

TACKLE

3kg-4kg-6kg-8kg-10kg-15kg lines may be used. 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.

TAG & RELEASE

There will be a prize for the **Angler most tagged Yellowtail**. **Tagged Yellowtail must exceed 75cm in length. If fish are less than the minimum length, they must be released untagged. All tagged fish must be measured & photographed and the length recorded on your tag card and catch sheet.**

When a fish is tagged, the tag card must be filled in and handed to the weighmaster with a completed catch sheet and the tag number recorded on the catch sheet. When calling in your tagged fish please give the radio operator the tag number. In the event of a **tie**, the winning Angler will be based off the time of capture.

WEIGH IN

Boats may stay away Saturday & Sunday Night. There is no requirement to weigh a fish the same day it is caught. **On Monday 1st June, all fish must be presented at the Bradley Smoker Tutukaka weighstation or be at the weighstation waiting to be weighed by 4.00pm.** Each angler must fill in a catch form declaring that the catch was made in accordance with the contest rules and catch sheets must be filled in before fish are presented at the scales. All details must be **CLEARLY** entered, and the form passed to the weigh master immediately on arrival at the weighstation, and the angler must present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The Weighmaster may also request to inspect the Gaff and/or Tag Pole. All boats weighing fish must call the office when entering the harbour. **All tag cards and accompanying catch sheets must be presented at the Tutukaka weighstation by 4.00pm Monday.** All catches are to be weighed on the official scales at Tutukaka by an official weighperson/s designated by the WDSAC. and all fish are to be credited to WDSAC.

RADIO ROUND-UPS

There will be a radio round up at 10am & 3pm Saturday & Sunday and 10am & 1pm Monday

BAD WEATHER

In the event of unfavourable weather conditions, the Contest Committee reserves the right to cancel fishing for the day.

PROTESTS

Any protest concerning the validity of any catch shall be filed in writing and signed by the plaintiff no later than **5.00pm** the same day. In the case of a protest the Contest Committee's decision is final.

PRIZEGIVING

The presentation of Trophies & prizes will be held in the clubrooms at 5.30pm on Monday night.

All trophies must remain at the Clubrooms:-

TUTUKAKA COAST ELECTRONICS SHIELD

Full member with the single fish gaining the most points Yellowtail

CONCHITA TROPHY

Team most points landed Yellowtail

WATCO PLUMBING TROPHY

Full member gaining the most points overall Yellowtail

FISH REPORTING

Please Report all catches to VHF Channel 07, Email office@wdsac.co.nz, message the club Facebook page or call catches in to 09 4343818 ext 1

Please call in any fish caught during the "office closed hours" to the office first thing the following morning.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 7am – 4pm Saturday and 9am – 4pm Sunday & Monday. The weighmaster will be available from 4pm Sat, Sun and Mon to weigh any fish.

SONAR USE PROHIBITED - The use of sonar and omni-sonar equipment is prohibited from the official start of fishing on the first day of the tournament until the official stop of fishing on the last day of the tournament.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 7am – 4pm Saturday and 9am – 4pm Sunday & Monday. The weighmaster will be available from 4pm Sat, Sun and Mon to weigh any fish.

BERTHAGE

Contact Tutukaka Marina Office, Telephone 09 4343441 if you require a berth.

TOILETS

Please **DO NOT** use the boat toilet when in the Marina, **use the onshore facilities** - there are plenty of them. **Thank you!**

WATER

Available on all Marinas and floating pontoons. **Please don't waste water. Turn off hose at tap - not nozzle.**

RUBBISH

Please keep our harbour and oceans clean. Bring all rubbish back to port. Use rubbish receptacles provided by each Marina.

SHOWERS

Showers are situated inside the Clubrooms, behind the Clubrooms and in the Marina Office block (keys/swipe card and tokens required). Don't forget your towel and soap.

TUTUKAKA COASTGUARD

The Coastguard channel is **VHF 62** for trip reports.

PLEASE: NO CLEANING OR DISPOSING OF FISH WITHIN THE HARBOUR

WDSAC Yellowtail / Snapper Contest Scoring System

Points for Tag & Release Yellowtail are as follows – 75cm is approximately 5kg in weight All Tag & Released fish will be based off 5kg in weight. All tagged fish must be measured and the length photographed and sent to the office and recorded on your tag card and catch sheet.

Points for landed Yellowtail & Snapper will be awarded as follows:-

Weight of Fish × Weight of Fish × Fighting Factor ÷ Line weight.

Fighting factors are assessed as follows:-

Line Weight	Fighting Factor
3	23.5
4	21.5
6	19.5
8	14.5
10	11.5
15	7.5

Example for a 20 kg Yellowtail landed on 4 kg line

$$(20 \text{ kg} \times 20 \times 21.5) \div 4 = 2150 \text{ points}$$

Example for a 20 kg Yellowtail landed on 6 kg line

$$(20 \text{ kg} \times 20 \times 19.5) \div 6 = 1300 \text{ points}$$

PRIZE SECTIONS

Prize list to be updated

1st & 2nd Angler Most Points Overall – Yellowtail

1st & 2nd Angler Most Points for a Single Fish – Yellowtail

1st & 2nd Team Most Points Overall – Yellowtail

1st & 2nd Angler Most Points Overall – Snapper

1st & 2nd Angler Most Points for a Single Fish – Snapper

1st & 2nd Team Most Points Overall – Snapper

1st & 2nd All Tackle Heaviest Yellowtail

1st & 2nd All Tackle Heaviest Snapper

Most Meritorious Catch

ALL TACKLE LONGEST SNAPPER RULES

MEASURING YOUR CATCH CORRECTLY -



A clear photograph of the fish, correctly placed on the measure, is critical for your entry into the competition. It is your responsibility to ensure you provide an image that we can use to validate your entry. Place your fish on a measure as shown above and take one or more digital photographs that clearly shows the whole fish, placed side-on, on the measure with either the upper or lower jaw touching the edge of the measure mat or tape measure. Please take your photo in **landscape** format as a portrait photo can be difficult to assess and your catch may be declined.

ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE THE TOURNAMENT RIBBON IN THE SAME PHOTO – 2025 RIBBON COLOUR IS YELLOW

Ensure the V of the tail is clearly visible and as close to the midline of the measure as possible. Take the photo from directly above the fish looking down on it rather than from the front or side. For your entry to be valid it's critical you take a good clear photo that complies with our rules. Your photo is the only way we can validate your entry so please make it a good one and take several just in case.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT CAN GO WRONG WITH PHOTOS:

- Image not focused (length can't be verified).
- Image doesn't show the whole fish on the measure (length can't be verified).

- Shadows - strong shadows may mean we can't verify the length. Photos are better taken in light shade with no shadow if possible, or use a fill-in flash.
- Fish is gilled, partly gilled or gutted - entry may be declined or reduced in measurement
- Photos should be taken as close to above the fish as possible. The rule of 'feet' applies - if you stand over and look down on the fish and your feet are in the shot, you're in the right position!

DEFECTIVE PHOTOGRAPH ENTRY EXAMPLES



YOUR ENTRY SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS PHOTO



CHECKLIST

- Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality and suitable to enable the species and length to be verified.
- The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
- Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed in part sun/part shadow.
- The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the end of the measure. It is permissible to place a hand on your fish or have someone hold the fish on the measure, or use a damp cloth on the fish to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish significantly or prevent WDSAC administrators from being able to validate your catch.
- The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible.
- The measure must be placed on a flat surface.
- The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length and the tail must sit naturally on the measure. If the jaw has been extended or the tail appears to have been squeezed together, the catch may be declined or a deduction in length may be made at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
- Fish must be measured fresh and must not be obviously cut or mutilated to qualify for any prizes. We strongly recommend you DO NOT gut or gill your catch before taking the photo as it MAY render the fish ineligible for any prizes in the Light Tackle Tournament.
- Please note that your fish may not be eligible for entry to the Tutukaka Light Tackle Tournament if the above conditions are not met. The Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept an entry on the basis that an appropriate reduction in length is made for any non-compliance and/or the Tournament Committee also reserve the right to disqualify any

catch at their sole and absolute discretion for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to, suspected measure tampering and false date submissions.

HOW IS THE LENGTH DETERMINED?

For species with a V tail, the innermost point of the V must touch or exceed the line on the measure to qualify for that 0.5cm increment. For example, if your fish is just over 40cm but does not reach the 40.5cm mark then the length recorded will be 40.0cm. For species with a straight or convex tail the measurement will be the point where the middle of the tail touches the measure. Please ensure your fish is placed so the tail is evenly spread and the middle of the tail is along the midline of the measure.