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# TUTUKAKA LIGHT TACKLE

KINGFISH & SNAPPER TOURNAMENT 2026



## TOURNAMENT RULES

# TUTUKAKA LIGHT TACKLE YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH / SNAPPER TOURNAMENT

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## **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 ( \$45 7 day memberships available ) **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. 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 online prior to start fishing.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> May and out of the water no later than 3.00pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. **This is a fish through tournament there is no stop fishing till the last day of the tournament, Any fish caught overnight should be called in the following morning. All fish must be at the Tutukaka weighstation by 4.00pm Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in this tournament.**

## **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 or Measure Yellowtail**, the Full Member Angler with most points overall **Yellowtail Landed & Measure & Released** and the Team most points overall **landed & measure 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. **All Measure & Released fish will be based off the calculation formula and table attached ( see end of rules ). All measured fish must be photographed and sent to the office and recorded on your 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. There is one all tackle prize for yellowtail & snapper where any line weight can 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.

## **MEASURE & RELEASE**

There will be a prize for the **Angler most points overall, landed and measure. Measure & released Yellowtail must exceed 75cm in length. All measure fish must be photographed on the ITM measure mat provided in your starter pack (unless organised with the office prior to start fishing ) and the length recorded on your catch sheet.**

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 ITM 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 Measure photos 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 no radio roundup due to coverage.

## **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 5.00pm 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 & measure Yellowtail

### **WATCO PLUMBING TROPHY**

Full member gaining the most points overall Yellowtail

## **FISH REPORTING**

Please Report all catches to VHF Channel 07 ( during open hours), Email [office@wdsac.co.nz](mailto:office@wdsac.co.nz), message the club Facebook page or call catches in to lucy at 0211464201

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 6.45am – 3pm 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

### 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 (codes required can be purchased from the bar or marina office). 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 LANDED FISH

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

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

## Kingfish Weights Derived from Length

*Points formula: (fish weight × 100) / line weight*

*Kingfish Weights 75cm - 120cm | From Mckenzie et al 2000*

<b>Length (cm)</b>	<b>Weight (kg)</b>	<b>Points on 10kg line</b>	<b>Points on 8kg line</b>	<b>Points on 6kg line</b>	<b>Points on 4kg line</b>
75	5.5	55.00	68.75	91.67	137.50
76	5.7	57.00	71.25	95.00	142.50
77	5.9	59.00	73.75	98.33	147.50
78	6.1	61.00	76.25	101.67	152.50
79	6.3	63.00	78.75	105.00	157.50
80	6.6	66.00	82.50	110.00	165.00
81	6.8	68.00	85.00	113.33	170.00
82	7.0	70.00	87.50	116.67	175.00
83	7.2	72.00	90.00	120.00	180.00
84	7.5	75.00	93.75	125.00	187.50
85	7.8	78.00	97.50	130.00	195.00
86	8.0	80.00	100.00	133.33	200.00
87	8.2	82.00	102.50	136.67	205.00
88	8.5	85.00	106.25	141.67	212.50
89	8.8	88.00	110.00	146.67	220.00
90	9.1	91.00	113.75	151.67	227.50
91	9.4	94.00	117.50	156.67	235.00
92	9.7	97.00	121.25	161.67	242.50
93	10.0	100.00	125.00	166.67	250.00
94	10.3	103.00	128.75	171.67	257.50
95	10.6	106.00	132.50	176.67	265.00
96	10.9	109.00	136.25	181.67	272.50
97	11.2	112.00	140.00	186.67	280.00
98	11.5	115.00	143.75	191.67	287.50
99	11.8	118.00	147.50	196.67	295.00
100	12.2	122.00	152.50	203.33	305.00
101	12.5	125.00	156.25	208.33	312.50
102	12.8	128.00	160.00	213.33	320.00
103	13.4	134.00	167.50	223.33	335.00
104	13.7	137.00	171.25	228.33	342.50
105	14.1	141.00	176.25	235.00	352.50
106	14.4	144.00	180.00	240.00	360.00
107	14.8	148.00	185.00	246.67	370.00
108	15.2	152.00	190.00	253.33	380.00
109	15.6	156.00	195.00	260.00	390.00
110	15.9	159.00	198.75	265.00	397.50
111	16.3	163.00	203.75	271.67	407.50
112	16.7	167.00	208.75	278.33	417.50
113	17.1	171.00	213.75	285.00	427.50
114	17.5	175.00	218.75	291.67	437.50
115	17.9	179.00	223.75	298.33	447.50
116	18.3	183.00	228.75	305.00	457.50
117	18.7	187.00	233.75	311.67	467.50
118	19.2	192.00	240.00	320.00	480.00
119	19.7	197.00	246.25	328.33	492.50
120	20.2	202.00	252.50	336.67	505.00

# PRIZE LIST 2026

## ANGLER MOST POINTS OVERALL

### Yellowtail

#### 1st Prize

TUTUKAKA COAST ELECTRONICS SHIELD

LG 43" Smart TV

RAPALA 6" FILET KNIFE

JAF CASCADE SHELL JACKET BLACK

JAF TEE

CDX SMALL GAFF

SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

## ANGLER MOST POINTS OVERALL

### YELLOWTAIL

#### 2ND PRIZE

JAF TEE

RAPALA 6" FILET KNIFE

JAF MERINO SEA CREW

PERFECT IMAGE FLOUNDER LIGHT

## ANGLER MOST POINTS FOR A SINGLE FISH

### Yellowtail

#### 1st Prize

WATCO PLUMBING TROPHY

RAPALA 6" FILLET KNIFE

JAF SEAFARER BACKPACK

JAF TEE

APPLETONS ESTATE RUM

CDX SMALL GAFF

OKUMA NANOMATRIX 3-6KG ROD WITH OKUMA CITRIX REEL

## ANGLER MOST POINTS FOR A SINGLE FISH

### YELLOWTAIL

#### 2ND PRIZE

JAF TEE

RAPALA 6" FILET KNIFE

JAF MERINO SEA CREW

RAPALA RUBBER NET

## TEAM MOST POINTS OVERALL

### Yellowtail

#### 1st Prize

CONCHITA TROPHY

Weber Baby Q - SPONSORED BY MCKENZIE CIVIL  
CONTRACTING

4X JAF TEE

JAF COASTAL JACKET BLACK

JAF PU BUCKET

RAPALA 6" FILLET KNIFE

UNIDEN VHF

CDX SMALL GAFF

SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

\$150 BARRELLS VOUCHER

## TEAM MOST POINTS OVERALL

### YELLOWTAIL

#### 2ND PRIZE

JAF COASTAL STAMP 1/4 ZIP

JAF PU BUCKET

RAPALA 6" FILLET KNIFE

2X JAF TEE

RAPALA KNIFE SHARPENER

25L ICEY TEK WHITE

SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

## TEAM MOST POINTS OVERALL

### Snapper

#### 1st Prize

LG 43" Smart TV

JAF SHORTS

JAF COASTAL JACKET BLACK

JAF PU BUCKET

RAPALA 6" FILLET KNIFE

UNIDEN VHF

4X JAF TEE

SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

3x ORIZEN TYRES VOUCHER

## TEAM MOST POINTS OVERALL

### SNAPPER

#### 2ND PRIZE

JAF HOOD

JAF PU BUCKET

RAPALA 6" FILLET KNIFE

2X JAF TEE

RAPALA KNIFE SHARPENER

25L ICEY TEK WHITE

SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

**ALL TACKLE HEAVIEST KINGFISH**

**1st Prize**

JAF TEE  
RAPALA RUBBER NET  
JAF MERINO SEA CREW  
SUFFIX 37KG LEADER  
OKUMA XFACTOR SLIM 20-200G ROD WITH OKUMA  
SERRNAO REEL

**ALL TACKLE HEAVIEST KINGFISH**

**2ND PRIZE**

JAF TEE  
JAF MERINO SEA CREW  
SUFFIX 24KG LEADER  
PERFECT IMAGE FLOUNDER LIGHT

**ANGLER MOST POINTS OVERALL**

**SNAPPER**

**1st Prize**

Webber Baby Q - SPONSORED BY YENDELL  
ELECTRICAL  
JAF TEE  
JAF COASTAL JACKET BLACK  
SHIMANO ROD & REEL COMBO

**ANGLER MOST POINTS OVERALL**

**SNAPPER**

**2ND PRIZE**

JAF TEE  
JAF MERINO SEA CREW  
RAPALA RUBBER NET  
PERFECT IMAGE FLOUNDER LIGHT

**ALL TACKLE HEAVIEST SNAPPER**

**1st Prize**

JAF CASCADE SHELL JACKET BLACK  
SUFFIX 37KG LEADER  
RAPALA RUBBER NET  
JAF TEE  
OKUMA NANOMATRIX 100-150G ROD WITH OKUMA  
CITRIX REEL

**ALL TACKLE HEAVIEST SNAPPER**

**2ND PRIZE**

JAF TEE  
JAF MERINO SEA CREW  
SUFFIX 24KG LEADER  
CDX SMALL GAFF

**ANGLER MOST POINTS FOR A SINGLE FISH**

**SNAPPER**

**1st Prize**

RAPALA RUBBER NET  
JAF TEE  
JAF SEAFARER BACKPACK

**ANGLER MOST POINTS FOR A SINGLE FISH**

**SNAPPER**

**2ND PRIZE**

JAF TEE  
JAF SHORTS  
RAPALA RUBBER NET  
PERFECT IMAGE FLOUNDER LIGHT

**MOST MERITORIUS CATCH LADY ANGLER 1ST ONLY**

**SPONSORED BY ARMSTRONG BUILDING REMOVALS**

BOTTLE OF MUMM CHAMPAGNE -  
1 HOUR MASSAGE VOUCHER

**LUCKY DRAWERS**

5X JAF MERINO BEANIES  
JAF PRODUCT

Please note prize list smaller items may vary\*

# MEASURE RULES

## MEASURING YOUR CATCH CORRECTLY -



**ALL MEASURE PHOTOS MUST BE ON YOUR ITM MEASURE MAT PROVIDED IN YOUR STARTER PACK ( unless organised with the office prior to start fishing )**

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 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.