

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entry is open to all boats, which may depart from any of the recognised harbours between Cape Town and Gordon's Bay. **However, fish will only be weighed in at the Atlantic Boat Club in Hout Bay, on a daily basis.** It is recommended that all boats attempt to launch or be berthed in Hout Bay where ever possible.
2. Boats and each individual angler irrespective of which day they fish on must be registered and full entry fees paid before departing to sea.
3. If driving fish through for weigh-in you must notify the organisers before hand – please phone and advise (Chris 083 455 4849) or (ABC 021 7902930). No exception will be given for close of scales time because if so it will impact on the daily prize giving and main prize giving times. Boats must leave the fishing grounds earlier (before lines up call) if necessary.
4. An entry fee of **R1000 per angler** is payable on registration or before the **MONDAY 31 October 2011.** **Once a boat has paid for 6 anglers (R6000) any additional crew qualify for an entry fee of R500** but will not receive the competition shirt
5. **Late entries** after the 31st **October pay a fee of R1200** per angler and are not guaranteed a competition shirt. **Junior anglers U16** (age as at 31 Oct) fee will be reduced to **R450** and will receive a goody bag, but they are not eligible for the main prize.
6. The competition will run from Tuesday 1 November to Saturday 5 November. In the event of only **ONE DAY** being fished this will constitute a competition. In the unlikely event of all 5 days being blown out, participants will **NOT BE REFUNDED** but each registered angler will be entered into a raffle and stands a chance to win a **SELECTION** of the sponsored prizes **EXCLUDING THE MAIN PRIZE.**
7. All persons on board must be registered on the official registration form, with a minimum of a skipper and one crewmember (over the age of 18) per boat.
8. The 2 sponsors DECALS handed out at registration must be displayed on the PORT AND STARBOARD SIDE of each registered boat as proof of participation. **Failure to display will result in disqualification for that particular day.**
9. The skipper, on behalf of all crew and in the presence of a witness must sign the official registration form including indemnification and acknowledgement that the main prize is subject to a 3-day waiting period in the event of any objections lodged before the official handover.
10. Skippers briefing is compulsory for all skippers or their designated representative and the attendance register must be duly signed.
11. It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that his boat conforms to all safety regulation and that all tournament rules and the legal angling regulations are adhered to.
12. Each registered angler must be in possession of a **valid fishing permit (Post Office).** Commercially licensed boats that carry a TP license may participate in the competition **ONLY if it is in accordance with their regulations and that they fish within the rules as detailed in this document & each angler must also be in possession of a Post Office fishing licence.**
13. **Maximum line class is 37 kg, rod and reel only** (no short sticks, handlines, bungees or poles allowed on board). A pole with a plastic bag to deter the birds is allowed but **NO** nainthall guns will be permitted

14. **IGFA rules apply throughout the tournament.**
15. Minimum size of any fish considered for prizes will be **10 kg**. The onus is on the skipper/angler to ensure the correct prize category is selected on the official weigh sheet.
16. The weather committee consisting of three appointed tournament committee members will make all weather decisions before and during the competition. Their decisions will be binding at all times. Notwithstanding this, it remains each individual skipper's responsibility to operate within his own craft's safety limits.
17. The official LAUNCH TIME each day is **from 05h00** with the exception on the first day, which will be 05h30 because of the mass start. .
MASS START ON THE FIRST DAY AT 06h00 IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL BOATS with the exception of the boats launching from other harbours who must only depart at 06h00 on the first day.
18. Lines up will be at **15h00** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday but **14h00** on the Saturday.
HOWEVER THESE TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & EXTENSIONS MADE by the Tournament Committee taking into consideration the number of fishing days and weather forecasts. All boats will be advised before launch.
 No angling may take place outside of the lines in and lines up times except if a fish is hooked and so reported before lines up to the control boat. **A maximum of 1 hour extension** will then be granted, here after the line must be cut
 In the event of an early weather call and safety reasons no extension will be allowed and anglers fighting fish must cut off immediately.
19. All fish entered must be weighed at ABC. Scales will be open from 16h00 to 18h00 except Saturday from 15h00 until 17h00. Subject to decisions taken in pt.18 above.
 Scales closing are subject to Tournament Committee considerations due to queuing for weigh-in.
 All boats must report in to the control boat at lines up that they are. ...**Lines up and running.**
- 19a **QUEUING**...each boat on entering the harbour mouth must report in to ABC CONTROL who will then allocate a number to that respective boat. This number will be the order in which weigh-in will take place. The onus is on the skipper to ensure their vessel is allocated a number otherwise they will be put at the back of the queue
- 19b **SORTING OF FISH** Prior to entering the harbour all boats are requested to sort their weighable fish on their decks so as to speed up the weigh in.
20. No single fish will be eligible to win more than one prize and in the event of a tie, the first fish weighed (the reason why you are allocated a number on entrance to the harbour...pt 19a above) will be declared the winner.
21. Daily call-ups on fish catches will be done at 11h00 and 14h00 by the control boat and it is mandatory that all boats comply. **ANY NOTABLE WEIGHING FISH MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE CONTROL BOAT IMMEDIATELY ONCE LANDED.**
22. **EACH BOAT MAY ONLY WEIGH IN TWO(2) YELLOWFIN or (BIG EYE/BLUE FIN) EACH PER DAY.**
 Once the benchmark weights are determined after the 1st fishing day the minimum size fish allowed at the scales will be announced.
ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER BOAT PER DAY MAY BE WEIGHED.
 All fish weighed on the official scales and entered for prize consideration remain the property of the boat and must be removed immediately from the weighing area.
 Any fish left unattended will be removed & kept by the organisers.
 All prize-winning fish may be inspected, tested to verify their freshness and weight.
 The rod & reel used for any weighable fish may be requested by the organisers for inspection of line class & leader lengths

23. **LADIES/JUNIOR PRIZES OVERALL:**

All fish weighed in by a lady or junior and not allocated to the OPEN category will be totalled and count towards the top Lady/Junior overall.

24. **DAILY PRIZES:**

Individual prizes ie. Top angler; top lady; top junior is for the heaviest fish of the day subject to category chosen on the official weigh sheet by the angler.

Top Boat is the total weight of the (2) Yellowfin & (1) Longfin only weighed by the boat.

LUCKY BOAT DRAW:

Applies to all boats that have participated during the derby. A minimum of the skipper or crew member must be present at the final prize giving draw to qualify for the prize.

RELEASE CATEGORY:

All participants are requested to put a lot of emphasis on the release of fish & will be rewarded accordingly from the selection of prizes allocated.

Photographic evidence must be made available on request by the organisers on completion of the release sheets that need to be handed in to the weighmaster.

25. **Main prizewinner** must attend prize giving to accept the prize, which will be subject to a 3-day waiting period in the event of any objections lodged before final ownership handover. Sponsors and winners team photographs will be compulsory.

26. Non-compliance of rules will result in disqualification. All the rulings of the Tournament Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

27. Subject to change or amended before the 1st November 2011.

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