



Rules and Regulations 2019

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, daily.** It is recommended that all boats attempt to launch or be berthed in Hout Bay wherever 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 beforehand - no exception will be given for close of scales time as 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. Entry fees applicable to ALL entrants **R2300 per angler** is payable on registration or before **Friday 1 November 2019** (early bird payment made on or **before 18 October 2019 qualifies for a R200 discount.** Once a boat has paid for six (6) anglers, any **additional crew entering qualify for an entry fee of R1375, with no goody bag.**
5. **All entry fees are inclusive of the OPENING AND CLOSING ceremony, giveaway goodie package, entry into the raffle and daily lucky boat draw, complimentary mini breakfast and light evening meal and drinks and snacks at weigh-in on each fishing day.**
6. **Late entries** after the **1 November 2019 pay a fee of R2400** per angler and are not guaranteed the tournament give away package. **Junior anglers U16** (age as at 5 November 2019) fee will be reduced to **R500** and will receive their own tournament give away package, **but they are not eligible for the main prize.**
7. The **OPENING ceremony formalities will be held on Friday 1 November 2019**
8. The tournament will run from **Saturday 2 November to Sunday 10 November 2019 (10-day window period)**

The tournament committee recognise from past tournaments the one uncontrollable factor is the weather and sea conditions causing roll overs that are difficult to please all - therefore, this year they have decided for an extended fixed period as a better option. They realise that participants entrants cannot maintain a continuous ten days on standby so will be applying the following rules:

 - a. With reliable weather & conditions forecasts available decision making will commence from Wed 30 Oct and notified to all .
 - b. Notice periods will be two (2) days

- c. With the obvious commitment to fish, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to extend the tournament up to & including Sunday 10 November providing NO fish have been weighed in prior to this decision being made.
 - d. Single random fishing days will not be elected during the 10-day period.
 - e. The tournament weather committee will choose the most favourable three (3) day CONSECUTIVE period effective from Saturday 2 Nov.
 - f. In the event that above (e) is not possible, consideration will be to choose the most favourable TWO (2) day CONSECUTIVE period as the MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.
 - g. Once these CONSECUTIVE PERIODS have been chosen NO further days will be considered.
 - h. In the event of only ONE (1) day being fished (and FISH WEIGHED) due to the CONSECUTIVE period further elected days being blown out this will constitute a tournament.
 - i. On completion of 3 (or 2 if applicable) fishing days the closing function & prize giving to be held on that FINAL fishing evening.
 - j. In the unlikely event of ALL days being blown out, participants will NOT BE REFUNDED but each registered boat will be entered into a lucky draw and stands a chance to win a SELECTION of the sponsored prizes EXCLUDING THE MAIN PRIZE.
 - k. FINAL cut off for the tournament will be Sunday 10 Nov
9. All persons on board must be registered on the official registration form, with a minimum of a skipper and one crew member (over the age of 18) per boat.
 10. The sponsors' **Two Oceans Marine Tuna Derby 2019** decal handed out at registration must be displayed on the vessel (port & starboard) as proof of participation. **Failure to display will result in the boat being penalised.**
 11. 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.
 12. **Skippers briefing is compulsory** for all skippers or their designated representative and the attendance register must be duly signed.
 13. 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.
 14. 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, and each angler must also be in possession of a Post Office fishing licence.**
 15. **Maximum line class is 80 pound/37kg line class - 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 paintball guns will be permitted.
 16. **IGFA rules apply throughout the tournament.**

17. Minimum size of any fish considered for prizes will be **30kg for YellowFin/BigEye/BlueFin Tuna & 15kg for LongFin Tuna**. The onus is on the skipper/angler to ensure the correct prize category is selected on the official weigh sheet.
18. 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 always. Notwithstanding this, it remains each individual skipper's responsibility to operate within his own craft's safety limits.
19. The official LAUNCH TIME each day is **from 05h00** with the exception on the first day, which will be from 05h30 because of the mass start.

MASS START ON THE FIRST DAY AT 06h00 IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL BOATS except for the boats launching from other harbours who must only depart at 06h00 (subject to available fishing days therefore a decision will be made prior to the start)

Lines up will be at **15h00** every day, except for Sunday 10 November when lines up will be **14h00**. **HOWEVER, THESE TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & EXTENSIONS MADE** by the Tournament Committee, taking into consideration the number of fishing days and weather forecast predictions. All boats will be advised before launch. No angling may take place outside of the APPROVED launch time 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, thereafter the line must be cut. If a boat decides to continue fishing after lines up or extension, they are entitled to disqualify themselves for that particular day.

In the event of an early weather call and safety reasons, no extension will be allowed and anglers fighting fish must cut off immediately.

All fish entered must be weighed at ABC. Scales will be open from 16h00 to 18h00 except Sunday 10 November 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 & re fuelling restrictions. All boats must report into the control boat at lines up that they are **Lines up and running & qualify the number & species of what fish they have on board**

19. **QUEUING:** Each boat on entering the harbour mouth must report into **ABC CONTROL** on channel 71 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
- 19a. **SORTING OF FISH:** Prior to entering the harbour all boats are requested to sort their allowable weighable fish on their decks so as to speed up the weigh in **(each boat may ONLY bring 3 fish – 2 YF and 1 LF to the scales. NO additional fish will be accepted to make comparison weights)**.
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 tuna or (BIG EYE/BLUEFIN tuna) EACH PER DAY.**

Once the benchmark weights are determined after the 1st fishing day the Tournament Committee may announce the minimum size fish allowed at the scales [subject to not jeopardising the boats chance to qualify for the Top boat prize]

ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER BOAT PER DAY MAY BE WEIGHED

The Ladies & Juniors category may weigh maximum 2 Y/F & 1 L/F each per day and this will NOT count towards the overall boat quota or count towards the daily top boat prize. This category selection must be notified to the weigh master.

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. **OVERALL MAIN PRIZE WINNERS**

The tournament organisers will allocate the MAIN PRIZES 1st to 6th to the TOP TEAMS BOATS OVERALL that have the heaviest aggregate weight accumulated over the period of the tournament from the 3 (2 Y+ 1 LF) allowable fish weighed in daily.

7th – 10th PRIZES will be allocated to the HEAVIEST INDIVIDUAL YF recorded
Positions will be shown on the tournament LEADER BOARDS daily

DAILY PRIZES

Individual daily prizes will be presented to the top anglers for the heaviest fish of the day subject to category chosen on the official weigh sheet by the angler.

DAILY LUCKY BOAT DRAW

Applies to all boats that have registered in the tournament. A minimum of the skipper or crew member **must be present at the daily prize giving draw to qualify for the prize** [if not present the organisers will redraw].

TOP BOAT DAILY PRIZE

Top Boat DAILY will be calculated from the total accumulated weight of the (2) Yellowfin & (1) Longfin.

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.

Photo footage is required as proof of the catch and release.

The actual criteria for this release category will be advised separately before commencement of the derby.

JIGGING & POPPING CATEGORY (subject to final confirmation)

Only fish caught on a JIG / POPPER will qualify. IGFA rules apply. Any fish caught in this category must be relayed to the control boat [species & approximate weight to be logged on the official sheet provided] & tagged separately for identification at the scales. Fish caught in this category do not qualify or count towards any other prize category or the restricted daily quantity allowed to be weighed per boat.

25. **MAIN PRIZE WINNER** 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. **ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES** the following will run in conjunction with the derby & will be available to all boats participating & is optional to enter & does not form part of the allocated prizes.
CALCUTTA – heaviest Tuna weighed will win the **CASH POT** [number of boats that partake - less 10% tournament fundraising fee].
Entry fee to qualify for the Calcutta is **R1000 per boat** – payable before the first fishing day.

BOAT AUCTIONS – each participating boat will be auctioned at the Opening ceremony and all funds bid will be accumulated and split as follows according to the TOP 3 TEAM BOATS overall results
1st 70% 2nd 15% 3rd 5% - Tournament fundraising 10%
27. Non-compliance of rules will result in disqualification. All the rulings of the Tournament Committee will be final, and no correspondence will be entered.
28. If any clothing items are included in goodie bag give away packs, sizes are not guaranteed and are subject to availability. Tournament organisers will endeavour to ensure size requests are honoured.
29. These Rules and Regulations are **subject to change or amendments before the 1 November 2019**



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