
PLEASE READ THIS SECTION

Welcome to Stillwater Boating Club's BOUNTY OF THE SEA Fishing Competition and Charity Auction. We are very proud to be able to have the opportunity to give back to our community by organising this event.

We ask that all fish entered for weigh in are donated for the charity auction, and we thank you all for your support in helping Stillwater Boating Club raise money for 3 great causes - Coastguard HBC, Stillwater Waterwise & Cancer Research Trust NZ.

Besides the fish that you are donating there have been other items also donated to auction or raffles - invite family & friends to come along & enjoy a great family day out.

Food and Beverages will be available at the venue along with some other stalls and attractions, also giving their time and donating toward this event.

We have attracted a lot of sponsors. Without them the competition and charity auction would not be possible so please support them. A big thanks to our sponsors and businesses that have kindly donated goods to be auctioned.

We do ask our Fishos to be organised when arriving at weigh in & keep your fish on salt ice to keep them in good condition and ensure all fish you present are legal. Otherwise they will be disqualified.

Each entrant can only weigh in one fish per species except for snapper (which is 2). We are open to you donating more of your catch if you wish too. (It all goes towards raising money for our 3 great charities)

You must attend weigh in to be able to collect any raffle or prize etc otherwise it will be redrawn, including the amazing Seafarer inflatable & Mercury outboard package.

There are no boundaries for this competition, so we ask that you check all your safety gear and make sure that you stay in contact with the appropriate channels and Coastguard as to your whereabouts, especially if your attempting a bar crossing. If in doubt don't go out. Fishing isn't limited to just boats.

Prizes are for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & average Snapper, 1st & average Gurnard, Heaviest Kingfish, John Dory, Flounder, Crayfish, Trevally, Kahawai (must be bled). Plus, there are spot prizes including the Seafarer 2.5m soft bottom aluminium transom inflatable & 3.3hp Mercury outboard package big spot prize (value \$3,800). Remember you must be at prizegiving to receive your prize. Christine Black Memorial Trophy is awarded for Average Snapper. KIDS under 15 yrs is for average Snapper - prize is a Laptop worth \$1,500. Wow!!!! Take a kid.

This is a fun competition so be careful. We want you back safely at the weigh in and the festivities and auction and prize giving

GOOD LUCK, GOOD FISHING, KEEP IT SAFE, HAVE FUN.

RULES FOR THE DAY

1. No fishing boundaries - Be sensible and safe
2. You must have your ticket on you in line at weigh in.
3. Fishing will proceed - weather dependent (Remember **SAFETY is the 1st rule** in any competition) Postponement date 24th May, weigh in 25th May. Keep an eye on SWBC (Stillwater Boating Club) webpage or contact the organisers, ensure you've put your contact details on entry form.
4. **Fishing commences 6am Friday 10th until 12pm weigh in Saturday 11th May at Stillwater Boating Club.**
5. Boat ramp will be closed from 2pm Saturday until the end of prizegiving.
6. Weigh in commences 12pm Saturday at Stillwater Boat Club. **Close off for weigh-in is 2pm** (not in line, you're wasting your time)
No exceptions.
7. **No sharks, stingrays, eels, or any other fish* not pertaining to the competition fish sections will be accepted.**
8. All fish to be kept in good condition on ice (this rule will be strictly enforced as all fish will be auctioned). Any fish deemed unfit for auction by the weigh masters will be disqualified (no exceptions) Kahawai must be bled.
9. Any decision by the weigh masters on all fish entered or to be excluded from the competition is final and cannot be challenged.
10. All fish caught must be kept within the catch limit and legal size of the area it is caught.
11. All fish weighed in will become the property of Stillwater Boat Club for auction purposes.
12. Actual winners in any prize category including spot prizes must be present to claim prizes (No prize may be collected on behalf of the winner). Prize will be redrawn if winner is not present.
13. No more than 2 snapper can be weighed in per entrant. Kingfish remain at 900 minimum length for our competition.
14. No nets or long lines.
15. Flounder must be speared not netted.
16. **NO*** Granddaddy Hapuka, Scorpion fish, Marlin will be accepted into this competition.
17. Entries are limited to the first 200 anglers. Entries must be in by the 7th May 2019 - no late entries will be accepted.
18. Stillwater jetty will be used for loading and unloading of large boats only (15-minute allowance). We strongly recommend that if you can launch or leave from another marina/boat ramp on the competition day it is advisable. **NO boats** at all on the jetty by 2pm.
19. No anchoring in the river we need to ensure water access always remains clear.
20. Don't leave coming to weigh in till the last minute! Please have your fish organised and ticket ready for the weigh masters.
21. If no fish are caught in any categories the prize for that category will then be drawn as a spot prize.