

OBC FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This is the biggest event in the Club Calendar. To assist those newer members or those of you who have not participated in this event, we have put together frequently asked questions to give you guidance as to what to expect from Registration time through to Prizegiving.

There is also a "Format of the Day" as to what is happening when on Competition Day. This hopefully will help you all and relieve the Club Office during an extremely busy time.

How does OBC decide on the Competition date:

Date selection is dictated by Tamaki Drive Road Closures for public events & daylight saving. Prizegiving must be held and completed during daylight.

Cost:

Event fee is set annually and does not cover all costs incurred. Competition is heavily subsidized by the OBC.

Children's Registration:

All OBC members' children, grandchildren and guest children are able to be registered. Children must be aged 4-12 years inclusive. Children over 12 years are registered in the Adults section. If there are Special Prizes organized for Children's Division, special conditions may apply.

Earlybird Prize:

This has been done in past events to encourage members to register early and not leave until last few days. This assists the organizing group with planning for equipment hireage quantities and catering numbers.

Donations:

A charitable marine organization will be selected by the organizing group that members' donations will be made to. Donation \$ amount is voluntary.

Sponsors:

New sponsors are welcome each year. Products/Services can be either for use on Competition day by the Club, can be provided as a single prize or part of a prize bag. Examples are: Non alcoholic drinks available for members at the Prizegiving BBQ or Vouchers for products or services for marine related or non-marine related, i.e. Accommodation and Restaurant vouchers. Sponsors are asked to provide banners, flags, promotional material (for inclusion into prize bags) and prizes at least 12 days prior to event to ensure sufficient time for

marketing exposure on Tamaki Drive. A noticeboard with all competition sponsors is on view on Competition day. The MC will ensure sponsor's company names are frequently mentioned during prizegiving.

Sponsors company names with links to their websites are also loaded onto the OBC website.

Can Sponsors (members or non-members) attend the prizegiving?

Sponsors are encouraged to attend Prizegiving whether they are registered fishers or not. Only registered sponsor fishers will be able to be included in prize draws.

Where do I get a Registration Form:

Registration Forms are included in the February Outboarder, can be downloaded from the Club website www.obc.co.nz, will be available at the February Fishing Meeting or can be collected from the OBC Club Office.

Is there a closing date for Registrations?

Yes. This needs to be adhered to for catering purposes and planning for prizes, equipment hireage and parking.

Can I Register on Competition Day?

No Registrations will be accepted after Closing Date.

Do I need to wear the wristband provided?

Yes. This is to ensure all attendees are entitled to food/beverage/prizes.

Can my wife/partner come to the Prizegiving only?

Yes. Please ensure they are listed on the Registration form for catering purposes.

As a Financial OBC Member, can I still go fishing if I'm not Registered?

Yes, although you are not entitled to participate in any Prizegiving BBQ/Drinks etc. Please note the Clubgrounds will have extremely heavy demand on parking.

Can I purchase bait from the Club if I'm not Registered in Competition?

Yes, although Duty Staff may not be available to serve you immediately. We suggest you purchase bait the previous day.

Do I have to park back in my allocated Hardstand?

Yes. For those members who are permanently allocated a hardstand on an annual basis, please park your vehicle and vessel/trailer back in your space. Every single park is used in the grounds. Hardstand allocated members may be inconvenienced if they don't park back in their own space.

Can the Club use my empty hardstand?

Yes. Allocated hardstand members are asked to advise the Club office prior to Competition day if their hardstand space is going to be empty on the Competition weekend. These spaces will be used for overflow parking.

How many vessels usually enter the Competition?

In the past few years between 165-200 vessels (650-800 people) have participated.

This is one of the biggest Club Fishing Competitions in NZ.

Can I go out boating the previous night or prior to 6am Competition Day?

Yes. For those who are registered you can go boating. Remember to be back to OBC no later than 5pm for weigh-in.

Can I collect my Registration Pack if I go boating the previous night or prior to 6am Competition Day?

Yes. You can collect Registration Packs **after 4pm** on Friday afternoon or immediately on your return to the Club and prior to weigh-in.

FORMAT OF THE DAY FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS/VOLUNTEERS

From 0600hrs

Drive to Check-in Desk by Security Hut:

Wrist tags (need to be worn for Prizegiving/BBQ/Drinks) will be handed to Registered Participants, along with Safety Rules. Vessel skipper/vessel name will be checked off.

Drive to Bait/Ice Truck:

Will be located by OBC Garage. Cash Sales only for bait. Salt Ice is provided free of charge for Registered Competition entrants. OBC Bait Station will be available for purchases previous day and after 10am on Competition Day.

Launching:

Vessel launching will only be at Eastern End Ramps. Vessels need to be prepared for launching in the normal marked Boat Preparation Area. Volunteers will then direct you to the next available ramp. Please be prompt in launching vessel and clear ramps as quickly as possible to allow the ramp to be used by the next member.

Parking of Vehicle/Trailer:

If you are a permanent allocated hardstand user, please return vehicle/trailer to your space as per normal. For other members, please follow Competition volunteers (wearing Hi-Viz Jackets) instructions to the next allocated parking

space. Economical straight parking is very important for this event. Please note that there are normal OBC members launching/retrieving on this day as well as Competition participants.

Retrieving Vessels:

This is very busy on Competition Day. If returning later in the day and Eastern ramps are busy, please move vessels up ramp as space allows. This will enable other vessels to come into next available space on the jetties. Please ask your crew to move vessel as far up the ramp as possible while you are collecting your vehicle and tie both bow and stern to the cleats provided. Care needs to be taken by your crew to ensure no damage to other vessels on ramps. If vessels are not tied off bow/stern, vessel can drift out and cause damage to other members' vessels.

Afternoon Parking of Trailers:

If your rig is being parked on site after fishing, please park in your original space or to the Orakei side of the Port/Starboard buoys (near the Garage/Tractor area). Cars only will be able to park at the Lilliput end of grounds.

Retrieval at Clubhouse jetties is not permitted for this event.

Nearing 5pm, Members may drop his crew and fish for weigh-in at Clubhouse ramp. Please return to Eastern ramps for vessel retrieval.

3pm Washbays:

Washbays will be available up to 3pm. These are disconnected at that time until after 7pm due to demands on Clubhouse water, i.e. toilets etc.

11am-5pm Weigh-in:

Weigh-in Tent will be marked with Adult (3) & Kids (1) (4-12 years inclusive) queue lines. Weigh-in will be open from 11am-5pm (sharp). 5.02pm will be too late.

Weigh-in sheets with scale weights will be entered into computer software. This program will provide the results of Heaviest Fish for all three species (Snapper, Kahawai, Kingfish for Adults) and will also calculate Average Weight Snapper. All fish weighed in will have tails clipped to ensure no double weigh-ins of the same fish.

Please ensure your fish comply with current Ministry of Fisheries Finfish size regulations. Only 3 of each species will be weighed in.

3-5pm BBQ/Drinks:

BBQ Sausages, Onions, Bread & Sauce are cooked up for registered participants. This will be available from 3-5pm. Canned Beer/Plastic glasses of wine restrictions are in place to comply with Special Licence conditions. Non alcoholic drinks are available for children (or adults). Cash bar open for other beverage purchases.

OBC expects members/guests to behave in a responsible manner with regards to alcohol consumption. OBC has a host responsibility plan in place and must comply with the Sale of Liquor Act.

3-5pm

Entertainment:

Inflatable castles etc. available for children. Supervision provided by contractor, however parents should be aware of where their children are and ensure they are safe.

Parking for Visitors:

No visitor parking available for this event. Visitors need to accompany member in their vehicle or park on Tamaki Drive.

Toilet Facilities:

Portaloos are provided (behind Prizegiving marquee). Clubhouse toilets are available.

Tractors:

Will be available for use as per normal for those members who have completed tractor instruction. Please be prompt. Other members' vessels will be tied up to Club jetties waiting for tractor retrieval.

Cancellation:

How do we decide if the competition is going ahead?

The weather for the Waitemata Harbour not Hauraki Gulf is where the call is decided.

The wind is no more than 25kts in the Waitemata Harbour.

A decision will be made late Friday afternoon (after 6pm) (if forecast is fine settled weather)

OR 5.30am Saturday (or raindate Sunday) morning if the weather forecast needs to be monitored up until the last minute as to whether competition will proceed.

A messages will be left on 0800 622462 (0800 OBC Inc) to confirm whether the competition will proceed on Saturday or will be transferred to the raindate Sunday.

If competition is cancelled on Saturday due to wind or rain, the competition will transfer to raindate Sunday. Again, as per Saturday a message will be left on 0800 622462 (0800 OBC Inc) after 5.30am on Sunday to confirm whether competition will proceed or whether a BBQ Prizegiving only will be held at 3pm onwards.

If competition is cancelled for both days, all prizes will be done as Boat Draws at the BBQ Prizegiving.

Volunteers:

Good working volunteers are always very welcome. This competition would not be smooth running without these great people.

There are a large range of tasks required to ensure the Competition goes well. Emails are sent out (and requests at Fishing meetings) for volunteers to send in their names, contact email, phone number and advice as to what hours they would prefer to assist.

You can work for 2-14hours

Volunteers are required for:

Banner Installation

Prizebagging

Early morning check-in Desk

Breakfast/Lunch preparation/cooking for volunteers

Parking/Traffic/Ramp Launching/Retrieving Assistants

BBQ Cooks

BBQ Drinks helpers

Equipment Setup –(Tables/Trestles/Chairs)

Weigh-in Tent/Weigh-in Computer entering

Removal of all equipment at completion of prizegiving