

# OBC & FAMILY BOATS

## Family Fishing Competition 2020 (FFC2020)

# THE RULES

**Saturday 14 March 2020**  
(rain date Sunday 15 March)

### Tides

Low tide            0.4m @ 0537hrs and 1806hrs  
High tide           3.5m @ 1203hrs  
Sunrise            0718hrs

## You can only upload

# ONE FISH, PER PERSON, PER CATEGORY

Take photo's of all fish caught and carefully select which one to submit at the end of your fishing day.  
Multiple entries will be removed and only first entry will be counted.

### Checklist before fishing

- Phone or digital camera is fully charged
- Official Measure on board
- Competition code/card (must be placed with fish on top left hand of measure in photograph)
- OBC FFC2020 Registration form completed and returned to [erin@obc.co.nz](mailto:erin@obc.co.nz)
- Registered online at [www.fishingcomp.co.nz](http://www.fishingcomp.co.nz) and joined leaderboard 'FFC2020'

### General

Welcome to the OBC (and 2020 major sponsor), Family Boats, Family Fishing Competition.

Please read the rules carefully and if there's anything that needs clarification, please e-mail/call us prior. Any matters not specifically covered by these rules will at the sole discretion of the Tournament Administrator.

This is a measure tournament and fish will not be weighed. Measurement allows you, the anglers to make an informed choice on what fish you reasonably need to keep for food and release the rest. Best practice for release is to wet your hands before carefully placing the fish on the measure for photographing. Then place it back in the net to release or use wet hands. Don't use a towel or rag as it will remove the protective slime making the fish susceptible to infection and do not place your fingers in its gills as it will cause serious damage.

Your entry and registration for the tournament means you accept the tournament rules outlined in this document and agree to abide by all Tournament Administrator decisions. The Tournament Administrator reserves the right to amend the rules, should they deem it to be necessary and in the interests of the tournament and at their sole discretion.

Competitors participate in the tournament at their own risk. OBC does not accept any liability whatsoever for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the tournament. Leaving port and participating is at the sole discretion of the skipper and crew at all times.

### Eligibility

Member + family and/or friends, including children aged 4yrs+

### Online Registration

All rules and/or clarifications as well as additional instructions in this document are deemed to be known and accepted by all participants whether present or not. This includes detailed instructions on the measuring system, taking a digital photograph of your catch and uploading your entries.

Please register as follows:

- a) Register at [www.fishingcomp.co.nz](http://www.fishingcomp.co.nz) – make sure to use the code ‘DB Export’ and there is no charge.
- b) Once registered, login to the site
- c) Click on the tab ‘leaderboards’. Under ‘Join a Leaderboard’, type ‘FFC20120 then search to join the tournament leaderboard. If you were joined to the FFC2019 tournament last year, you should already be on the FFC2020 leaderboard. Please check!
- d) Click join. The Tournament Administrator will approve your application. Once that’s done you’ll see the tournament leaderboard name and logo appear in ‘Groups I belong to’ under the dropdown, under your name. Now you’re able to load your catches.
- E) The skipper can enter anglers on their vessel under their registration on [www.fishingcomp.co.nz](http://www.fishingcomp.co.nz) should the other anglers not have an email address or are children (Only the skipper will be eligible to receive DB Export prizes in this instance).

## **FISHING RULES**

### **Species**

The eligible species are ... (MPI minimum sizes and bag limits apply.)

### **Adult Categories**

Kingfish, Snapper, Kahawai

### **Child Categories**

Snapper, Kahawai, Other Species

Only one fish per species per registered angler can be entered on any day of the tournament. We suggest you take photos of all your fish during the day then strategically submit fish (from all participants) when you’ve finished fishing.

### **Fishing Boundary and Times**

The Family Fishing Competition is a ‘one base’ competition. You must launch from the OBC only! Fishing hours are between 5am and 3:30pm (measure close-off). Your boat bag MUST be collected on fishing competition morning from 5am only! This includes your special competition sticker for online length entries and your official measure. You cannot collect your boat bag once you return from fishing. Sorry, no exceptions!

### **Fishing methods**

All eligible fish must be caught on a rod and reel or a handline with no more than three hooks attached. Fish cannot be caught in a net, longline or speared.

### **Proof of catch**

All photos will be required to have a tournament competition card with correct code placed on the fish on the official measure so the photo clearly shows the fish on the measure and complies with the requirements outlined under “Measuring your catch”. We are here to help upload your photos and if necessary can assist with photographing and uploading your catch, please see us at the Measure Station.

Only official tournament measures may be used to measure fish.

All entries will be required to be uploaded by 1530hrs. Please see us before these times if you require assistance.

### **Tournament Admin**

Tournament times are:

Saturday 14 March 0500hrs – 1530hrs

or (rain date)

Sunday 15 March 0500hrs – 1530hrs

For the FFC2020 tournament, all fish caught will be judged on length ONLY. Please ensure you have your catches uploaded to the on-line tournament leaderboard by close-off times at stated above. Uploads or catch cards handed in after this time will not be accepted unless the Tournament Administrator agree there are extenuating circumstances.

Catches can be loaded on behalf of another angler, under the Skippers registration, HOWEVER please note those catches will not also be eligible for any of the DB Export NZ Fishing Competition prizes run in conjunction with FFC2020.

## **Radio**

If any assistance is required, please call Coastguard Radio first on channel 64 (Waitemata Harbour/Inner Hauraki Gulf), 60 (Outer Hauraki Gulf), 62 (Waiheke). If the radio isn't working then dial \*500 by mobile.

## **CHANNEL 16 IS THE EMERGENCY CHANNEL FOR MAYDAY AND PANPAN CALLS**

For safety reasons it is the responsibility of all skippers to ensure that their vessels have operational VHF radios.

## **Weather**

In the event of bad weather the Tournament Administrator reserves the right to make one or more of the following decisions:

- postpone the start on any day
- cancel fishing on any day
- restrict the fishing area on any day

Confirmation will be on the OBC Info Line (0800 OBC INC or 0800 622 462). If in doubt call

## **Disputes**

The Tournament Administrator's decision shall be final and binding.

## **Measuring your catch**

A clear photograph of the fish, correctly placed on the measure, is critical for your entry. It is your responsibility to ensure you provide an image that we can use to validate your entry.

Place your fish on the official measure as shown below 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 touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure.



Ensure the V of the tail is clearly visible and as close to the midline of the measure as possible. Take the photo from above the fish looking down on it rather than from the front or side. **YOUR COMPETITION CARD/CODE SHOULD BE VISIBLE ON TOP LEFT HAND OF MEASURE IN ALL PHOTO'S.**

## **Checklist**

1. Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality and suitable to enable the species and length to be verified.
2. The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
3. Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed on part sun/part shadow.
4. The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. It is permissible to place a hand or have someone hold the fish on the measure or use damp cloth on the fish to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish significantly or prevent The Tournament HQ Admin team from being able to validate your catch.
5. The V of the tail should be as close to the midline of the measure as possible.
6. The measure must be placed on a flat surface.
7. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
8. Fish must be measured fresh and must not be significantly cut in a manner that alters the length.  
We strongly recommend you **DO NOT** gut or gill your catch before taking the photo.  
Please note that your fish may not be eligible for entry if the above conditions are not met, however the Tournament Administrator totally reserves 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 Administrator reserves the right to disqualify any catch at their sole and absolute discretion.

### 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.

### Loading a catch

Log in with your e-mail and password either using the side bar or on the home page.



Click on Enter catch from main menu.

Fill in all the fields. You can load one or more images for each catch but be aware that using mobile devices, the more data you're uploading the longer it will take. Image loading time is directly proportional to the signal strength/image size and may take some time to load if the connection is weak or the image size is large.

Any problems, see us at the measure station – as long as you have the photographs of the catch we can help