

OBC FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This is the biggest event on the Club Calendar. We have put together Frequently Asked Questions to give you guidance on what happens from Registration time through to prize-giving.

Please also find a “Format of the Day” on page 4. This will help you understand what happens on Competition Day. This will hopefully help you and relieve the 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, public holidays and daylight saving. (And this year, also by the America’s Cup)

Cost

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

Not just for Families

Your family is busy on this date? No problem ... grab a bunch of non-member mates! All welcome in this fun competition. The more the merrier.

Children’s Registration

All OBC members’ children, grandchildren and non-member 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 organised to encourage members to register early and not leave it until the last minute. This assists with planning for equipment hire.

Donations

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

Sponsors

New sponsors are welcomed each year. Products or Service can be for use on Competition Day by the Club, provided as a single prize, go up for auction or part of a prize bag.

Some examples are:

- Beverages (alcoholic and non) available for members at the prize-giving BBQ or meat or bread for the BBQ!
- Vouchers for products or services
- Product, prizes or services (marine related or non-marine related)
- Monetary donation (put towards prizes or boat bag product)
- Flight, accommodation and restaurant vouchers
- Merchandise or product for boat bags

- Auction items (flights, services, mystery holidays, bach for a weekend etc)

Sponsors are asked to provide the prizes, banners, flags, promotional material or samples (for inclusion into boat bags) at least two weeks prior.

What we do for our Sponsors:

- Company ezines (group member emails)
- In issues of the Club magazine – the ‘Outboarder’ (the Outboarder is received by all 2000+ members)
- Through prizes, donations and promotional material or product in the boat bags
- On our Facebook page
- Your Banners and Flags on our premise (passed by 33,000 people per day)
- Continue to support and market you to our other members
- Sponsors company names with links to their websites are also loaded onto the OBC event page
- A mention in the club magazine, in an edition following the event
- Invite you to our annual thank you event, drinks and canapes provided

Where do I get a Registration Form?

Registration Forms are included in the Dec/Jan Outboarder. They can also be downloaded from the Club website www.obc.co.nz or you can also pick one up in the office.

Is there a closing date for Registrations?

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

Can I Register on Competition Day?

No. Registrations will not be accepted after closing date – no exceptions.

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

Yes, although you are not entitled to participate in any prize-giving. The Clubgrounds will have extremely heavy demand on parking that day too.

Do I have to park back in my allocated Hardstand?

Yes. If you have a permanent hardstand, 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. Please advise the Office if your 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 90-120 vessels (approx. 400 people) participate. This is one of the biggest Club Fishing Competitions in NZ.

Can I go out boating the previous night or prior to 5am Competition Day?

No. The Family Fishing Competition is a ‘one base’ competition. You must launch from the OBC only! Fishing hours are only between 0500hrs and 3:00hrs (measure close off).

Can I collect my Registration Pack if I go boating the previous night or prior to 5am Competition Day?

Your boat bag MUST be collected on fishing competition morning from 0500hrs only! The bag includes your special competition code to upload your catches. You cannot collect your boat bag once you return from fishing. Sorry, no exceptions!

FORMAT OF THE DAY

FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS

From 0500hrs

Competition Begins

Collect your boat bag and register your boat on arrival at the Club, from 0500hrs (only). The registration desk is located by the Security Hutt where you will be checked-in.

Bait and Ice

A bait stand will be operating by the bait station from 0500hrs – 1000hrs. Unbagged salt ice is provided by OBC Free of Charge for Registered Competition entrants. The usual OBC Bait Station will be available for purchases after 1000hrs on Competition Day.

Launching

Vessel launching will only be permitted at the 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 your vessel and clear ramps as quickly as possible. This will allow the ramp to be used by the next member.

Parking of Vehicle/Trailer

If you are a permanent hardstand occupier, please return your vehicle and trailer to your space as per normal. Other members, please take instruction from Competition Volunteers (wearing Hi-Viz Jackets) on where to park. Non-competition members will also launch and retrieve on this day.

Retrieving Vessels

This is a very busy time on Competition Day. If returning later in the day and Eastern ramps are full, 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 collect your vehicle. 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.

Afternoon Trailer Parking

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.

1100hrs – 1500hrs

Measure Station

If you are having trouble uploading your catch, the Measure Station is located outside the filleting station. The Measure Station is open from 1100hrs -1500hrs (sharp). 1501hrs is too late.

Please ensure your fish comply with current Ministry of Primary Industries Finfish size regulations.

Only one of each species can be uploaded. (See the Rules)

Parking for Visitors

All visitors need to accompany members in their vehicle or park on Tamaki Drive.

Toilet Facilities

Portaloos are provided (one at the far end ramps one by the filleting station). Clubhouse toilets are also available.

Tractors

Will be available for use as per normal for those members who have completed tractor training. Please be prompt so other members can also use this facility. Other members' vessels may be tied up to Club jetties to wait for tractor retrieval.

Cancellation

How do we decide if the competition is going ahead?

The weather forecast for the Waitemata Harbour not Hauraki Gulf will dictate the decision as to whether the competition will proceed. The wind should be no more than 20kts in the Waitemata Harbour.

A decision will be made late Friday afternoon (after 1800hrs) if forecast is for fine settled weather. If the weather forecast is to be monitored until the last minute - a decision will be made at 0500hrs on Competition Day.

A message will be left on the OBC Info Line 0800 622 462 (0800 OBC Inc). This will confirm whether the competition will proceed on Saturday or postponed until Sunday.

Volunteers

This competition runs smoothly as a result of the help of our hard working volunteers.

There are a large range of duties required to ensure the Competition runs well. You can work for 2-14 hours (you decide) helping or running such tasks as:

- Banner installation
- Early morning check-in desk
- Breakfast preparation and cooking for volunteers
- Parking / traffic / ramp Launching
- Runners
- Measure Station x 3
- Online Entry Judges x 8

Volunteers are always welcome. If you or someone you know would love to help out during this fun event, please have them email erin@obc.co.nz