

OBC Fishing Competition

RULES

You can only upload **ONE FISH, PER PERSON, PER CATEGORY**

Take photos 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
- Have recorded competition code. Available from 05:00am on competition day by dialing 0800 622 462 (0800 OBC INC)
- Competition code written on catch card (must be placed with fish on top left hand of measure in photograph).
- Competition registration form completed and returned to erin@obc.co.nz
- Each angler is registered on the OBC fishing comp site <https://obc.fishingcomp.co.nz/>

General

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 be 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

- Family Fishing Comp – OBC member + friends/family, including children from 4yrs+
- Ladies Fishing Comp – OBC member + 18yrs+ females only fishing (male skippers or attendees cannot fish this tournament)
- Burnsco Interclub Fishing – Member + friends/family from participating boat clubs (OBC, MBBC, HCBC, BBYC, TABC)

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) Each angler to register at <https://obc.fishingcomp.co.nz/>
- b) Anglers without email addresses can be added on to your account, under the tab 'My Account', then 'My Friends'
- c) Return the completed relevant comp team registration form (on the home page links) to erin@obc.co.nz

Fishing Rules

Species

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

- Family Fishing Comp Adults(13yrs+) – Snapper, Kingfish, Kahawai
- Family Fishing Comp Children (4-12yrs) – Snapper, Kahawai, Other Species (as specified on the 'enter catch' web page
- Ladies Fishing – Snapper, Kahawai, Other Species (as per specified on the 'enter catch' web page
- Burnsco –Snapper, Kahawai and Kingfish. (Other species may be awarded a prize.)

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 and Ladies Fishing are 'one base' competitions. You must launch from the OBC only! Fishing hours are between 0500hrs and 1500hrs (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!
- Burnsco – hours are the same 0500hrs launch with measure close-off at 1500hrs but can launch outside of the OBC.

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 1500hrs. Please see us well before this time if you require assistance.

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,

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.

Any prizes or prize bags distributed within the teams are the responsibility of the skipper.

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 PHOTOS.**

The photo submitted must be in landscape format.

Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed on part sun/part shadow.

The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length. 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 reserve 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

We will email you your login and password the week before the comp.

Click on Enter catch from main menu.

Fill in all the fields. You can load one images for each species 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.

We recommend you upload your catch, back on the mainland for best reception. Then if you have any problems, you are close to the measure station if you require help before close-off time.

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Catch Details

Name Demo User

Club Doubtless Bay Sportfishing Club Inc Fishing Club you belong to (update)

Date

Species *Select the species of fish

Activity *Select how the fish was caught

Technique *Select the technique used to catch the fish

Length *Enter the length in centimetres

Location *General area where the fish was caught

Released? Caught and released
 Kept
*Was the catch released?

Angler or team number
Complete if you are fishing a tournament AND have an angler or team number

Shimano Bonus? Yes, my catch photo contains a Shimano branded item. Please enter me in the Shimano Bonus prize draw

Image Upload No file chosen
* You must upload one **JPG** picture of your catch on the official measurer that complies with our Rules, Terms and Conditions. You are welcome to add other images such as the angler holding the fish, the fish being released etc

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