# Whangaroa Big Gamefish Club

## 33rd Annual One Base Contest

## *13th to 17th February 2010*

## ONE BASE CONTEST RULES & BRIEFING BOOKLET

**BRIEFING NOTES:**

Briefing will take place Friday February 12th at 7.30p.m.
We wish to emphasize that all anglers in the contest must be members of a club affiliated to NZBGFC or IGFA.
WBGFC **Subscription prices** as follows:
Full $90 - Family $150 (Receive monthly Newsletters & Yearbook)
Weekly Sub $40
**Prizegivings–Daily 8pm**
**Final Prizegiving – trophy presentation**

All forms are to be completed and fees paid not later than briefing night unless previous arrangements have been made. Boats fishing in to Whangaroa, please ensure that the contest registration, starter kits and fees are arranged as soon as you can. You have all been given a team number and flag, please display this flag on your boat and ensure that all team members are correctly enrolled on your entry form for quick location in case of an emergency. **Please call Channel 62 9 Adriaan) when reporting in and out of the harbour with your boat number.**
During the contest we will be contacting the secretaries of each club to verify that all anglers are financial. If any anglers are found not to be, disqualification will follow. Please check out your status with your club before you catch that big one!

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| Fishing Times: | Sat to Weds | 7.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. |
| | Weds | 7.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. |
| Fishing Areas: | North Cape – Cape Brett | |

***Boat speed 5 knots in the Harbour.***

**RADIO:**

Radio Operator will be – Gameclub (Adriaan)
monitoring the radio for us over the contest on VHF 62. Daily round up schedules, The Round Up, will be at 1.05 p.m. at this time please announce the location where you are situated as per our fishing area grid and confirm any fish captured or tagged.

**Your boat must reply and use the grid map to qualify.**

Please announce your departure ***using your boat number*** each day from the Whangaroa Harbour entrance to Adriaan and on return to harbour each night. Weather forecasts will be at 8.00 a.m., 1.p.m. and 5.45 p.m. daily. All boats are required to listen out for the round ups and report in, as this is an important safety consideration. If you are keen to talk to your friends on the VHF, please move to another channel.

The Official Radio Boat will be Millennium, skipper Dan Ivicevich.
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## 33rd ANNUAL ONE BASE CONTEST RULES

**ELIGIBILITY:**
Charter, Private and De-commissioned Commercial boats may take part in the contest. The entire team will fish from a single boat.

The Contest fee is $100.00 per angler, with no refunds.

A team shall be composed of not more than 6 anglers, Men or Women (Minimum of 2 PERSONS on the boat) and all 6 may fish each day. Mixed teams are now accepted, however to compete for the Waiataiti Club Trophy each boat shall represent one club (affiliated to the IGFA, or NZBGFC) and will be officially designated to represent that club. More than one team may be entered by any club, but the contest committee reserves the right to limit the numbers of teams in accordance with the number of boats.

**IGFA RULES:**
Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting will result in disqualification. Only freshly caught fish burley to be used. In all matters not specifically covered in these rules, New Zealand Big Gamefish Council rules shall apply.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:**
In the event of inclement weather the safety committee reserves the right to restrict fishing for the day. The boats will be advised by 7.00 a.m. of that day on VHF 62 and at the clubhouse. In the event of a day being cancelled due to inclement weather this will result in a non-competition day.

**ONE BASE;**
As suggested "One Base". All boats must return to base each night via the
Harbour entrance into Whangaroa Harbour – **except Monday 15th which is a stay away night.** Small boats may access and utilize the Whangaroa Harbour boat ramps only and all larger vessel's must remain each evening within the Whangaroa Harbour (Marina or mooring).
Failure to do so will result in disqualification of your boat for the remainder of the contest. All fish received at the weighstation must be presented from the vessel in which it was landed on. Not via dinghy, car or trailer etc. Weighsheets must be completed before the boat reaches the Weighstation.

**SPECIE CATEGORIES, SPECIFICATIONS AND POINTS:**

Contest categories for species are as follows:
Billfish, Shark, Tuna, Dorado Dolphin, Yellowtail Kingfish,
Short Billed Spearfish. Snapper

The minimum weights for all landed fish to qualify for trophies must be:

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| Billfish | Broadbill Swordfish, Pacific Blue Marlin,<br>Black Marlin, Striped Marlin.<br>*All Billfish must weigh 90 kg or over.* |
| Game Shark | Mako, Thresher, Tiger, Hammer Head, Blue,<br>and Bronze Whalers.<br>*All Sharks must weigh 50 kg or over or double* |

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| | *the breaking strain of the line.* |
| Tuna | Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna or Albacore.<br>*Yellowfin Tuna or Bluefin Tuna must weigh 15 kg or exceed breaking strain of the line.*<br>*Albacore must weigh 10 kg or exceed breaking strain of the line.* |
| Yellowtail Kingfish | *Yellowtail Kingfish must equal or exceed breaking strain of the line.*<br>N.B. MAF rules for Yellowtail Kingfish apply.<br>*N.B. Minimum fish length **75 cm landed or T & R**.*<br>Tagged Yellowtail Kingfish = 30 points.. |
| Dorado Dolphin | Also known as Mahi Mahi.Club rules apply |
| Shortbilled Spearfish | Club rules apply |
| Snapper | Club rules apply Max line weight 10kg |

If there is a tie between equal weight fish, the first fish boated will be the winner.
One point per kg for weighed fish over the minimum weight.
Tagged fish – any fish which already has a tag in it is to be brought in regardless of weight. If the tag originated from that boat, on that day, points do not count if it is an under weight fish.

**FISHING TIMES:**
No fishing equipment in the water before 7.00 a.m.(excluding Bait fishing) and must be out of the water not later than 5.00 p.m., unless a fish is being played at the time. Any boats seen with baits or game lures in the water before 7.00 a.m. will be disqualified from the contest. Catching bait is okay.
All fish caught must be at the weighstation within Weighstation hours if fish is **not being played at the time of Stop Fishing**. READ OPPOSITE NOTES RE WEIGHSTATION.

On the final day, fishing times will be 7.00 a.m. till4.00 p.m. Weigh in prior to 6.00 p.m.
At stop fishing time if you have tagged or landed a fish you must pull in lines and head for home, but if you have not achieved either of the above you can fish home (this is a Northern Clubs ruling). However please note they will not be contest fish. This is with the exception of Saturday 10th February where all lines must be out of the water at stop fishing 3.00 p.m.

All registrations are to be completed and fees paid not later than briefing night unless prior arrangements have been made. Boats fishing up or down to Whangaroa, please ensure that the contest registration and fees have been arranged prior to your lines in the water (as per fishing times and areas), and should you have further anglers to register please do so on VHF 62 to Bryan Cookson our Volunteer Coastguard Radio operator. We wish to reiterate, the anglers must be full financial members of a club affiliated to NZBGFC or IGFA. Payment must be completed upon arrival immediately unless prior arrangement has been made.

**HOOKUP'S:**
All Hookups must be reported immediately to the Gameclub or Official contest boat Millennium, skipper Dan Ivicevich. When hooked up hoist a flag at half mast. Hookup flags are available from the clubhouse
NZBGFC tags available $3. each.

Marina on VHF 12.
Great range of T.Shirts, Polo Shirts, and hats & caps featuring WBGFC are available.

## WEIGH STATION:

Please, no public on the weigh station during weigh ins. Weigh person, Assistant, Photographer and one off boat weighing the fish only. All catches must be weighed on the official scales by the weigh person of the WBGFC. Each angler shall first fill in the claim form stating that his/her catch was made in accordance with WBGFC rules... If a fish has been tagged and released the tag card must be filled in and returned with the completed weigh sheet with tag number and estimated weight recorded on the weigh sheet. The angler shall exhibit the rod, reel, gaff and tackle with which the fish was caught. Random checks of length of traces and doubles will be carried out. The judges may investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the contest on their own initiative. Line testing will be done at random. Any protest concerning the validity of any catch or tag and release shall be filed in writing, signed by the team captain and delivered to the Club's committee within 48 hours of the weigh in.

**ALL FISH TO BE WEIGHED MUST BE AT THE WEIGHSTATION NO LATER THAN 7. pm TO ALLOW DAILY PRIZEGIVING TO COMMENCE ON TIME. ANY FISH WEIGHED AFTER 7.pm—THE FISH WILL CARRY FORWARD INTO NEXT DAYS CATCH-EXCEPT ON THE LAST DAY, WEIGHSTATION CLOSES WHEN LAST FISH WEIGHED**

All fish must be presented to the weighmaster dead.
Weigh station berths are to be kept clear until after the last fish has been weighed. Skippers, please assist. N.B. Make sure your outriggers are clear of the gantry boom.
Please, no butchering or carving of fish on the weigh station, Marlin Hotel pontoon or **any part of the Marina**...No disposing of fish remains within the harbour.Please ensure ALL information is detailed on your weigh sheets e.g. Boat number.**WEIGHSHEETS MUST BE FILLED IN BEFORE ARRIVAL AT THE WEIGHSTATION.**

## LUCKY DRAWS:

There will be lucky angler AND Skipper draws each day and will be WILL FOLLOW PRIZEGIVING

**FINAL**
**Travel Voucher $1000 prize draw. You must be present—10 surprise draws of wine.**

SMOKERS AVAILABLE
ST PAULS CANNERY – Manuka smoking and vacuum packing $2.90 per kg green weight
K B HOLLAND & SONS - $2.50 per kg of green weight.

## We wish to thank the following sponsors

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**Email: wbgc@xtra.co.nz**
**Website: www.whangaroabiggamefishclub.co.nz**

FUN CALCUTTA TYPE BOAT AUCTION.
All registered boats will be auctioned by Craig Reesby & his team.

- $5 starting bids
- Anyone can bid—fishing or not
- Payment immediately to organising team.
- No bids—club buys at $5
- One Prize—Total cash pool to buyers of the boat with the Heaviest Weighed Striped Marlin at end of fishing (If No Striped Marlin—Heaviest Gamefish Weighed)
- Bid must be paid for on briefing night.

## BAR

Ticket system operating during contest—available from Club Office. Eftpos available with cash out facility.