

General Information and Fishing Rules

13 & 14 March 2021

Entry Fees:

No team or angler can compete in the tournament unless their entry fee and membership payments have been made in full prior to start fishing. A team must consist of two or more anglers and no more than anglers.

Tournament Memberships:

If an angler is not a member of a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council then they must also pay a tournament membership of \$25 before their team starts fishing.

Meet the Teams Registration and Briefing:

Briefing and Registration will be held at the BOISC Paihia Clubrooms from 5pm Friday 12 March. Teams must register as normal before 7-00pm at the Paihia Clubhouse of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club. All crews must be represented by a fishing member of the crew and must register and make full payment of Entry Fees and Tournament Memberships on this night to be eligible to fish the tournament. Late entries will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances. Any communication or notice to one team member is notice to all team members, whether at the Briefing, over VHF Radio CH3 or by phone.

Small Boat definition:

Maximum 9 metres overall hull length - does not include "Added on" bowsprits or duckboards

Prize Giving:

There will be a prize giving held on Sunday 14 March at the Paihia Clubhouse, starting at 6:30pm and all persons winning prizes must attend to be eligible for those prizes, this includes lucky draw prizes.

Fishing Days and Times:

Saturday 13 February start fishing 7:00am

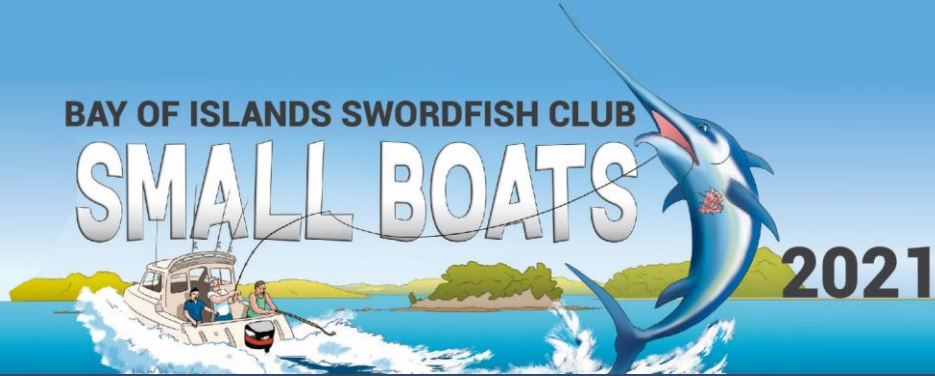
Sunday 14 February stop fishing 4:00pm

Start Fishing:

No tournament lines are allowed in the water until the 7:00am announcement on VHF radio CH3, Swordy Sports.

Eligible Species:

- Snapper
- Yellowtail Kingfish
- Marlin (Striped, Blue, Black) - minimum weight 90kgs
- Broadbill - minimum weight 90kgs
- Shortbill Spearfish - minimum weight 10kgs
- Tuna (all species) - minimum weight 10kgs
- Other species as per BOISFC Rules



Point System:

This tournament is a non-line class specific, all tackles available under IGFA rules (1kg to 60kg line classes).

The points system is based on the fishing effort and skill. As such the points system is below:

Tagged & Release Marlin and Broadbill: 1 fish = 120pts

Tagged & Release Shortbill Spearfish: 1 fish = 24pts

Weighed Marlin and Broadbill: 1kg = 1pt

Example: $Points = (Fish\ weigh\ kgs) \times 1$
 120kg Marlin, $120kgs \times 1 = 120pts$

Weighed Short bill Spearfish 1kg = 2.4pts

Example: $Points = (Fish\ weigh\ kgs) \times 2.4$
 10kg Spearfish, $[(10kgs)] \times 2.4 = 24pts$

Weighed Tuna: 1kgs = 2pts

Example: $Points = (Fish\ weigh\ kgs) \times 2$
 50kg Tuna, $[(50kgs)] \times 2 = 100pts$

Weighed Kingfish: 1kg = 0.6pts

Example: $Points = (Fish\ weigh\ kgs) \times 0.6$
 20kg kingfish, $[(20kgs)] \times 0.6 = 12pts$

Weighed Snapper: 1kg = 1.33 pts

Example: $Points = (Fish\ weigh\ kgs) \times 1.33$
 9kg snapper, $[(9kgs)] \times 1.33 = 12pts$

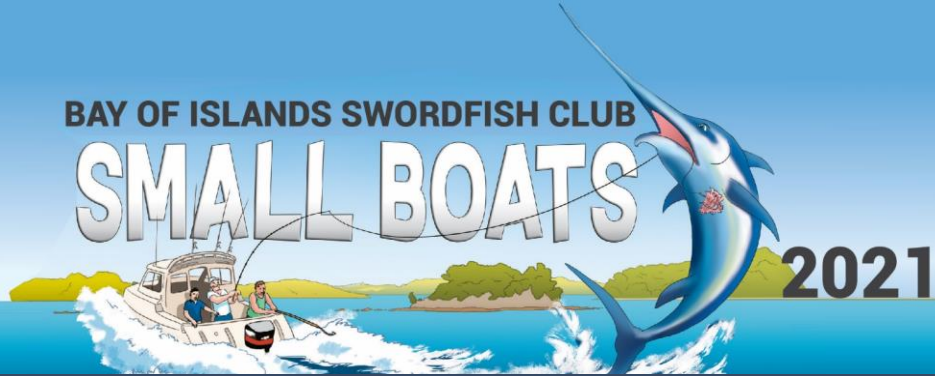
Measured and Released Kingfish

Example: $Points = 0.0024 (Fork\ length\ cm)^2 - 0.241(Fork\ length\ cm) + 7.98$
 115cm kingfish \cong 20kg kingfish, $0.0024 (115)^2 - 0.241(115) + 7.98 = 12pts$

Measured and Released Snapper

Example: $Points = 0.0039 (Fork\ length\ cm)^2 - 0.1907(Fork\ length\ cm) + 3.253$
 78cm Snapper \cong 9kg Snapper, $0.0039 (78)^2 - 0.1907(78) + 3.253 = 12.1pts$

There is not points for any other species.



Other rules:

- All tagged & measure and released fish must be verified with a dated and timed photo in a viewable digital format.
- All qualifying fish must have the double line, leader, lure and or hook available for inspection if requested.
- The tournament follows BOISFC, NZSFC and IGFA rules, the hierarchy of rules if there is any clash is Tournament Rules(1st), BOISFC Rules(2nd), NZSFC Rules(3rd), IGFA Rules(4th).
- All fish caught in this tournament will be recorded as catches for the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc and may not be claimed for recognition by any other club.
- Fish can be weighed at any Zone 1 weigh station on the Saturday but must be weighed in Paihia on Sunday.
- Kingfish there is a limit of 3 per species per day per angler and a maximum of 5 per team per day.
- Snapper there is a limit of 5 per species per day per angler and a maximum of 5 per team per day.
- You can fish anywhere on the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Grid Map.

Tournament Prizes:

- Winning Team Most Points
- Runner up Team Most Points
- Angler Most Points
- Winning Skipper Most Points
- Heaviest Billfish (Marlin & Broadbill) 1st
- Heaviest Tuna 1st & 2nd
- Heaviest Snapper 1st & 2nd
- Heaviest Kingfish 1st & 2nd
- Heaviest Other Species

The convenor the right to reattribute prizes or offer prizes not listed above.

Catch Limits:

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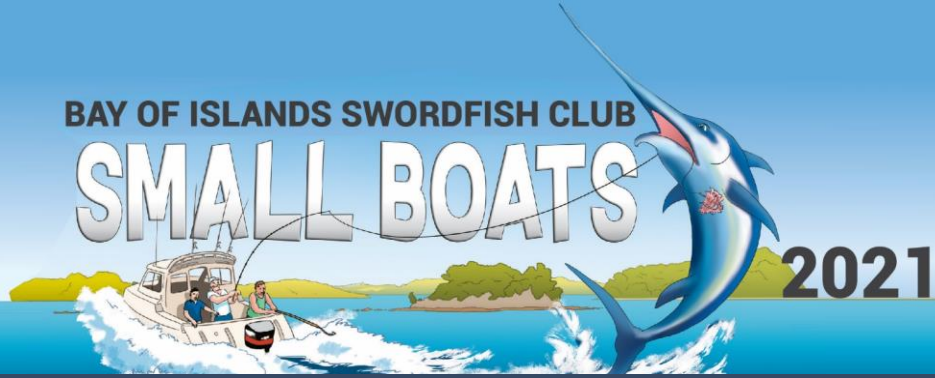
Weigh Sheets and Tag Cards:

All fish must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Bay of Islands Swordfish Club weigh sheet when handed in at the weigh station. Ensure weigh sheets are signed by both angler and skipper. Courtesy weighs need two weigh sheets, one is to be brought back, must ensure its filled out correctly including weighmasters signature. Weigh station hours on the last day fishing are strictly 4pm – 5.30pm.

Radio Round Ups:

The official tournament radio call sign will be “Swordy Sports” VHF CH 3

Radio Round ups will be at 12noon and 4-00pm Saturday and 12-00 noon and 3-30pm Sunday. For those fishing in other areas it is a requirement to also update us at these times by other means of communication.



Stop Fishing:

Swordy Sports VHF CH3 will call STOP FISHING and their call will be the official stop fishing time. Any fish hooked up and still being played when Stop Fishing is called can continue to be played and landed after stop fishing and will be eligible for the tournament provided the weigh sheet and fish are brought to the weigh station during the official weighing times.

Safety Notice:

BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB SMALL BOATS FISHING TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 2 DAYS OF COMPETITION AND IT IS THE SKIPPERS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THAT ON ANY ONE DAY, THE SEA CONDITIONS AND WEATHER FORECASTS ARE SAFE FOR HIS BOAT TO PUT TO SEA. IT IS THE SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE BOAT THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING TO SEA AND MEETING LOCAL COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS.

PARTICIPATION IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH SMALL BOATS TOURNAMENT DOES NOT DIMINISH EACH SKIPPER'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER MARITIME LAW NOR SHIFT ANY OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB EVEN IF THE EVENT OFFICIALS MADE THE DECISION ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THAT DAY.

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