

54th ANNUAL BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB INTERNATIONAL
TOTALSPAN BAY OF ISLANDS YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION
9th - 14th June 2024

BASIC OVERVIEW

There are 5 categories that a fish you could catch in this tournament will fall into. The yellowtail is primarily a points tournament

| | Yellowtail kingfish tagged and released | Yellowtail kingfish measured and released | Yellowtail kingfish killed and weighed | Yellowtail kingfish released or disqualified & released | Other species |
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| Minimum | 80cm fork length | 80cm fork length | 6.0kg on 6kg line 8.0kg on 8kg line | Fork length less than 80cm IGFA disqualified fish | Gamefish and minimum weight as per BOISC Yearbook |
| Points | N/A | Points based on length and Line class see points table | Points as per yellowtail points formula (formula = weight ² x 19.5 / line) | No Points | No points |
| Daily Limit | No limit | 3 fish per angler per day, 6 fish per boat per day | | No Limit | MPI Fishing rules |
| Prizes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team most T/R - Angler most T/R points - Skipper most T/R points - Junior most T/R points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Longest M/R fish daily - Longest fish on 6kg - Longest fish junior - Most M/R points junior - Angler most M/R points - Angler most M/R points single fish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heaviest fish daily - Heaviest fish tournament - Heaviest fish live bait on 6kg - Heaviest fish junior | Not included in tournament | - Heaviest other species |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angler most points tournament - Team most points tournament - Winning skipper - team most points tournament - Team runner-up most points tournament - Junior team most points tournament - Junior angler most points tournament - Runner up Lady Angler - Lady angler most points -weighed fish/ Lady angler most points overall - Aussie angler runner-up / Aussie angler most points - NZ Angler runner-up / NZ Angler most points - Skipper heaviest Kingfish | | | |

- You get the same points for a measure and release as you do for a killed and weighed fish, and they count toward the same total
- T&R is a completely separate category
- In one day you can only **measure and release** or **weigh**, 3 fish per angler per day or 6 fish per boat per day

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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 eight 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

Saturday 8th June commencing at 5.30pm with the briefing starting at 6.30pm in the Russell 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.

Start Line

A line from Tapeka to the Black Rocks.

All boats must be inside the line prior to 7.00am on all fishing days of tournament.

An exception applies to boats with a top speed below 9 knots who may cross the line at 6.30am. These boats must be registered on briefing night with the convenor.

All trailer boats who will not be crossing the start line must be on their trailers in Russell and report into Bruce Smith on the wharf prior to 7.00am and may not leave Russell until 7.00am.

BAITFISH may be caught behind the start line before 7.00am

All boats must report in on channel 3 to say 'behind line'.

Fish Credits

All fish will be credited to the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club.

Basic Rules

All catches, including tag and release must conform to IGFA, NZSFC and BOISC Rules.

Teams will consist of not less than 2 and not more than 4 anglers. If a team member must withdraw after the fishing starts and is replaced then their points, if any, will be cancelled, individually and for the team. If they are not replaced all points remain so long as there remains at least 2 team members.

All fish must be caught from a vessel, no land based caught fish are eligible for this tournament.

Junior Angler Age Restrictions

To participate as a Junior Angler that person must not have turned 17 years of age by the 14th June, 2024.

Junior Anglers, for this Tournament, **must be 11 through 16 years of age.**

Line Classes

6kg Minimum and 8kg Maximum. All weighed yellowtail must equal or exceed reported line weight and be a minimum of 80 cm in length.

For the purpose of this tournament, reels must be fully spooled with 6kg or 8kg test monofilament line, no backing may be connected to the mainline. This is a variation from the IGFA line backing rule.

The BOISC suggests that anglers test their line before arriving in Russell. The BOISC line tester will be in the Russell Clubrooms and an operator will be available to assist you from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday the 10th June only. There will be supplies of replacement IGFA rated 6kg and 8kg line in Russell.

Conservation

A maximum of three (3) yellowtail per angler per day and a maximum of six (6) yellowtail per boat per day may be weighed in or measured.

Each and every yellowtail landed are included in calculating the daily maximum for the individual angler and the boat as a whole regardless of the weight of each such fish. Any boat having six (6) yellowtail to weigh or measure on that day may continue to fish, but anglers must tag and release all legal size yellowtail (80cm) thereafter.

Anglers may tag and release yellowtail before having reached the individual or boat maximum for weighed and measured fish. Yellowtail under 80cm, are required to be released without being tagged.

Tagging

To count for Tagging Awards, all fish must be a minimum of 80cm in length (skipper must measure fish and confirm with signature on weigh sheet).

Measure & Release

Kingfish may be measured and released and will be included in the overall points. All fish must be a minimum of 80cm in length. The points for each Measured and Released kingfish are prorated to the points system of the Yellowtail tournament. A photo must be supplied prior to 6pm on each day of competition or these can be emailed through to us at swordfish@xtra.co.nz.

An official IGFA measure device or NZSFC must be used and they are available from the club. See IGFA All Tackle Length Rules in starter kit.

Baits, Live and Dead

There is no fishing for live baits before 7am on the first day of fishing, baits may be kept and used throughout the tournament.

Awards

Should there be a tie in the points in any award category the first angler and/or team to earn their points will be the winner.

Jackpot

There is a jackpot boats can enter if they wish (this is not mandatory) for heaviest Yellowtail on 6kg line. Entry is \$200 per boat.

To enter the Jackpot please sign up here: <https://swordfish.co.nz/yellowtail-jackpot/> or contact the Club prior to 5pm on 8th June.

The pool of money received from buyers then goes into the prize pool for: Heaviest Yellowtail on 6kg line wins - 90% to the owner (the purchaser) of the boat, 10% to BOISC.

Fishing Area

Entrance to Whangaruru in the South being lat 35 ° 23' and including all the Cavalli Islands up to and including long 173° 54'in the North. Please refer to the grid map chart and note it is not a government approved navigational chart. Any team that leaves the fishing area during fishing hours, unless having registered a hook up and still playing that fish, will have that days total team catches, including tag and released fish, disqualified.

Fishing Times and Days

The Tournament consists of 4 fishing days between Sunday the 9th of June and Thursday the 14th of June. There will be no fishing on the Friday for tabulation of results. Fishing times are 9.00am to 3.30pm daily. Anglers who are hooked up at 3.30pm may continue to fight the fish until landed, tagged and released or lost.

Russell Weigh Station

The weigh masters will be available from 5.00pm each fishing day up to 7.00pm, later weighs by arrangement. All weigh sheets for fish to be weighed in must be completed and all tag cards must be given to the weigh masters with completed weigh sheets each night.

No live fish are to be presented to the Weigh Master. All Fish must be presented at the weigh station on board the boat from which the catch was made. All fish landed or tagged using a lure, that lure must be presented to the Weigh Master for inspection and this requirement is in addition to line testing.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE IGFA LURE HOOK RULES IS IN EACH STARTER PACK.

Anglers who have a fish to be weighed or have tagged and released a fish will be randomly selected to submit a 3m line sample and double, or as the line tester requires, if used, for testing.

All landed fish must have the trace and hook(s) left in the fish for presentation at the weigh station. The trace and hook(s) must not be used again that fishing day as that fish may be one that the randomly selected angler must bring the trace and double line in with the line sample to be tested. This requirement applies to both bait and lure caught weighed fish. If the trace and hook(s) or lure is not presented then that fish will not qualify for the angler and his team. The anglers so selected will be notified before their team boat arrives at the Russell Weigh Station and shall deliver the sample to the weigh master in a condition that it can be easily unwound from the cardboard holder. The submitted line, if tangled, will not be untangled by the tester (IGFA rule) but will result in that fish not qualifying. The lines will be tested each night.

Radio & Skeds

- Tournament Channel VHF 3 'Swordy Sports', roundups are at 12.15pm and 3.35pm daily.
- Hookups and captures (landing or T/R) must be reported to Tournament Headquarters immediately or as soon as practical thereafter (Swordy Sports will maintain a watch on Channel 3).
- The report shall first be called into 'Swordy Sports' and if direct contact cannot be established then the report shall be relayed from another participating boat and the last resort by cell phone (BOISC: 0274088804).
- If a fish is measured and released the report must state the measured length.

Any misconduct or personal attacks on the Tournament Radio on individuals or the club will result in instant disqualification of the team involved and a stand down period of one year from all BOISC tournaments.

Dan Bouys

The use of Dan Bouys is not permitted in this tournament. Anchoring is allowed, however, skippers are asked when anchoring, to give consideration to other boats.

Bait Holding Devices

No external bait holding devices not attached to a tournament vessel may be used i.e.

- Anchored holding pots may not be used
- A holding pot attached to a tournament vessel may be used to allow for overnight storage of bait

Layday/Weather

The weather will dictate the fishing days. If the weather looks doubtful, listen to your Radio (VHF 3) at 7.00am. If a lay day is called due to weather, no casual fishing for Yellowtail will be allowed on that day. This year is an exception to previous years – there will be 4 possible days out of 5 (Sunday 11th to Thursday 15th)

Disputes

Any dispute should be put in writing to the convener by 19.00 on the day of the incident. There is a Disputes Committee and this Committee has final say in the unlikely event of a dispute. Payment of the entry fee constitutes acceptance of the above rules and acceptance of any decision made by the Disputes Committee, in accordance with BOISC rule 7.4. Disputes over a fish's weight have to be resolved before the fish is removed from the weigh station. Disputes will be resolved by the weigh master and tournament convener, and their decision will be final.

SAFETY

The Totalspan Bay of Islands Yellowtail Tournament has been arranged for a maximum of four days of competition and it is the skipper's responsibility to determine that on any one day, the sea conditions and weather forecasts are safe for his/her boat to put to sea. It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure that the boat they intend to participate in is capable of putting to sea and meeting local coast guard and all Club requirements. Participation in the BOISC hosted tournament does not diminish each skipper's sole responsibility under maritime law nor shift any of that responsibility to the Club even if the event officials made the decision on the conditions for that day.

EACH BOAT MUST HAVE A RELIABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY CAN MAKE CONTACT, OR BE CONTACTED AT ALL TIMES.

Each boat must return to port each day.

ENTRY INTO THIS TOURNAMENT IS DEEMED TO BE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS RULES AND ANY VIOLATIONS COULD BRING ABOUT DISQUALIFICATION.