18TH ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION

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Whitianga

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FISHING DAYS
Friday 10th & Saturday 11th February 2023

HIGH TIDES
Friday : 11.28am
Saturday: 12.07pm

START TIME
6.00am Friday 10th February 2023. **All fish submitted in this competition must have been caught from a Surtees boat.**

VENUE
Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club situated at 2 The Esplanade, Whitianga 3510

REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEE
This year we will have a maximum of 300 anglers.
Early entries registered and paid before the 25/11/2022 go into an early bird prize draw.
Entries close on the 10/01/2023 or when 300 anglers are reached. Entry fee is $90 per person and includes a roast meal dinner at the Club on Saturday night, a T-Shirt and Goodie Bag.

All entries are to be completed and fully paid for online via the Surtees website - no exemptions.
www.surteesboats.com
NO Registrations on the night!

VHF COMMUNICATION

Coastguard Channel	63 Whitianga	60 Coromandel
Boat to Boat	61	
Emergency	16	

BRIEFING
Will be held in the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club at 7pm on Thursday, February the 9th 2023 Surtees T-Shirts from Entry Pack must be worn by competitors to be eligible for spot prizes.

All Skippers or a nominated crew member MUST attend the briefing.

PRIZE GIVING
Prize giving will be held at Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club at 7.00pm on Saturday, 11th February 2023
Surtees tee shirts (from entry pack) must be worn by competitors to be eligible for spot prizes.
Your attendance is required to be eligible for a prize.
For prize draws on briefing night, your prize can be collected by the skipper of the boat you're fishing from.

SPECIES
Length - all fish are now measure, photo & release

- Snapper
- Kahawai
- Trevally
- Kingfish

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the listed species.
We will also have a Snapper mystery length over 40cm.

MINIMUM SIZES

Snapper:	35cm
Kingfish:	100cm
Trevally:	25cm
Kahawai:	No size limit applies

1 fish per species per angler per day

TOURNAMENT FISHING RULES

SAFETY RULES

1. All skippers or a nominated crew member must attend the briefing. The principal briefing for the Surtees Eighteenth Annual Fishing Competition will be held on Thursday 9th February, at 7:00pm in the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club. Attendance to this briefing is compulsory and no team can compete in this competition until the skipper or nominated team member has attended the briefing.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper or a nominated crew member to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
3. In the interest of safety the competition committee reserves the right to alter all times for the duration of the competition depending on the weather or sea conditions.
4. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify the Whitianga Coastguard on VHF channel 63. or the Coromandel Coast / Hauraki Gulf on channel 60
5. All boats must carry correct size life jackets for all passengers.

All participants agree and accept:-

- To enter this competition at their own risk.
- That boating and fishing involves a risk.
- Not to hold competition organisers, officials, sponsors or any other person involved with the competition liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the competition.
- Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations and by-laws related (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with.
- All participants agree to have read and understood the competition rules.

SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge and qualifications to safeguard all on board.
- My Surtees and all equipment are properly maintained.
- My Surtees carries all the necessary safety equipment.
- We have a minimum of two means of communication;
  i.e. VHF marine radio, cell phone, flares.
- Each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.
- My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

HELPFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

We have accumulated a selection of local information; as well as the boundaries of the fishing area on the fishing competition website

www.surtees.fishingcomp.co.nz

You will be able to find restaurants, bars, accommodation, tackle and boat storage information to help you planning your trip to Whitianga.

RAMP INFORMATION

Some of the boat ramps in Mercury Bay, as well as all of the Tairua and Pauanui areas do not require a permit.

However, facilities at Te Kouma, Coromandel, Mercury Bay (Whitianga Wharf pontoon and Cooks Beach Purangi Estuary pontoon) and Whangamata, require a permit for trailer boat parking.

Day Permit- $30 per day for all designated boat launch/trailer parking permits.

Day permits must be prominently displayed and be clearly visible at all times through the vehicle windscreen.

Please see the Thames District Council Website https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps for a list of free ramps, and also a list of outlets that sell permits for the permitted ramps.

Measuring your catch

A clear digital photograph of the fish, correctly placed on the measure from your entry bag, is critical for your fish to be entered. It is your responsibility to ensure you provide an image that we can use to validate your entry.

Place your fish on an official measure as shown below, sit your angler number on the fish 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 touching 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 middle of the cm increments on the upper part of the measure as possible. Take the photo from directly above the fish looking down on it rather than from the front or side.

Please note that the Surtees Tournaments Committee reserve the right to disqualify any catch at their sole and absolute discretion for any reason whatsoever including but not limited to suspected measure tampering and false submissions.

How is length determined

The fish will be measured from the innermost point of the V as shown below: Measuring mats will be in 0.5cm increments.

CHECKLIST

1. Make sure the photo is of sufficient quality and suitable to enable the length to be verified.
2. The photo submitted must be in landscape format.
3. Take several photos just in case. Shadows can cause problems if the fish is placed on part sun/part shadow.
4. The tip of either the upper or lower jaw must touch the edge of the L shaped plastic end of the measure. It is permissible to place a hand on or have someone hold the fish on the measure to settle it while a photo is taken, provided this does not obscure the fish or the angler number significantly or prevent us from being able to validate your catch.
5. The V of the tail should be as close to the middle of the cm increments on the upper part of the measure as possible. The measure should be placed on a flat surface.
6. The jaw of the fish must not be distorted in an attempt to exaggerate the length.
7. Fish must be measured fresh and must not be significantly cut in a manner that alters the length. If you are going to keep your catch we strongly recommend you DO NOT gut or gill your catch before taking the photo as it will render the fish ineligible for the competition. Photos with the fish clean of any blood are preferred and images with excessive blood may be declined.

Submitting your catch

SUBMITTING YOU CATCH

You will need to log in to **www.surtees.fishingcomp.co.nz** prior to the fishing competition.
From January 17th, enter your email address and a 4 digit pin will be emailed to you.That is your pin for the fishing comp.

DURING THE COMPETITION
Enter your email address that was registered at the time of entry and your 4 digit pin. Click on “enter catch” and follow instructions.

Once your catch has been approved by the Surtees Boats administration team you will receive an email to confirm the entry of your catch.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE DATA ON YOUR PHONE TO UPLOAD YOUR CATCH, wireless internet will be available at the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club.

All catches must be uploaded by:
Friday 10th February 5:00pm
Saturday 11th February 3:00pm
Please be patient and respect the officials during this time.

COASTGUARD

We are proud partners of Coastguard New Zealand and will support them this year with all proceeds made from the competition.

The Coastguard volunteer rescue crews provide the primary maritime search and rescue service in New Zealand and make sure you are safe out on the water.

Last year they brought over 6,000 people home safely after an emergency on the water - and we are happy to support them to make sure they can keep doing what they are doing to look after us.

Visit www.coastguard.nz for more information or to sign up to one of their courses to expand your knowledge.

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