



Waitara Offshore Fishing Club Inc Open Competition



**Saturday
14th
February
2026**



Rules and Regulations

Early Bird Entries Close Friday 6th February 2026

Registration:

1. All Anglers, both Junior and Senior must complete and sign an entry form to register.
2. Each Angler will be issued with a numbered ticket and receipt of entry fee.
3. All Anglers must carry their numbered ticket with them at the weigh station and prize giving.
4. All Anglers agree to abide by the organizers and judge's decisions. Registration constitutes acceptance of the Competition Rules and Regulations.
5. Registration can be by post to P.O. Box 203, Waitara, 4346. Or email competition@wofc.co.nz and deposit into Waitara Offshore Fishing Club Inc account 15-3945-0279374-01 please make sure your name and boat name is a reference.
6. Eftpos available at Topprint, 51a Queen Street, Waitara. (Across from New World)
7. Late Registrations close Friday 13th February 2026 at 7pm and a late fee of \$20 will apply.
8. Anglers to collect Angler cards between 5pm – 7pm. Briefing starts at 7.00pm Friday 13th February 2026 at Waitara District Services & Citizens Club, Queen Street. (They will NOT be sent via post)

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE COMPETITION DAY

9. Early Bird Entries Close Friday 6th February 2026.
10. **Entry Fee is**

Non-Member	\$60.00 Senior	\$25.00 Junior
WOFC Member	\$45.00 Senior	\$15.00 Junior

Please note ANY registration received on the 13th February 2026 incurs a \$20 late Entry fee in addition to all above prices.

Competition Rules:

1. High Tide is 08.54hrs (8.54am) on Saturday 14th of February 2026. No boat to leave the river before 06.30 hrs (6.30am) – TO BE CONFIRMED AT BRIEFING.
2. River bar crossings and times are solely the boat skipper's responsibility.
3. The wearing of life jackets for bar crossing is mandatory.
4. Fishing hours are between 06.30 hrs (6.30am) and 12.00 hrs (12.00pm) on Saturday.
 - a) Boats must be back inside the Waitara River Bar BEFORE 12.00 hrs (12.00pm) on Saturday
 - b) Failure to comply will result in disqualification of boat and anglers on board.
5. Launching and retrieval of all boats, jet skis and kayaks is from WAITARA RIVER ONLY.
6. Sea Kayakers & Jet Skies will be permitted to enter – Must wear Hi Vis and display a flag.
7. All fish must be caught by rod and reel only, with no more than 3 hooks per rod.
8. The Waitara Offshore Fishing Club or its authorized agents have the right to inspect any boat and or fish entered the Competition.
9. Nets, long lines or dropper lines are totally prohibited and possession of these on board will bring disqualification to the boat and all anglers on board.
10. All fish **must** comply with primary industries regulations. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification of boat and all anglers on board.
11. Fish weighed in must be green (Not gutted). Mutilated fish are ineligible for prizes.
12. Kahawai and Tuna may be bled.
13. All boats must carry safety equipment, and all must have either a VHF radio or a fully charged working Cell phone. (Cell Phone Number must be on entry form).
14. VHF Communications to Competition Base on Channel 1.
15. The Waitara Offshore Fishing Club Reserves the right to and if they see fit to.
 - a) Exclude any person from entering the Competition.
 - b) Disqualify any entrant for breach of competition rules.
 - c) Cancel the ticket of any competitor at any time.

- d) Make any decision relating to the rules of the Competition if the competition has started.
 - e) As per Maritime Safety NZ – Avoid alcohol – alcohol impairs judgement and the ability to survive in an emergency.
16. In the event of unfavourable weather on Saturday 14th February 2026. All prizes will be drawn on Saturday night.
 17. If the competition has started and conditions become unfavourable to continue fishing in the committee's opinion. The competition will be stopped, any fish caught prior to stoppage will be weighed and entered, all other prizes will be drawn.
 - a) If 14th February 2026 is not fishable the competition will be deemed to be cancelled.
 - b) If cancelled, prize giving will be held at 16.00hrs (4.00pm) Saturday 14th February 2026 at the Waitara Districts Services & Citizens Club, Queen Street, Waitara.
 - c) Cancellations phone Colin Oakes 027-496-1804 or Michael Clements 021-156-6000
Club phone 027-862-7891
 18. Abuse to the organizers or officials will result in instant disqualification.
 19. Should any disputes arise, they will be handled by the Club President, Committee Member, Angler and one Independent Person to be nominated by the Committee. The disputes decision is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
 20. All boat owners, anglers, entrants and spectators enter and participate at their own risk. The organizers and sponsors or any other party connected with this event accept absolutely no responsibility in any way for personal injury, loss or damage to property regardless of the cause.
 21. Boats will be allocated a number at registration. This number is used in all communications with the Club Competition Radio Base. Please notify the Radio Operator upon crossing the bar at the start and when returning at the completion of the Competition Day.
 22. Weigh Station will be at the Waitara Marine Park (Base) Boat Ramp only.
 23. Open at 10.00 hrs (10.00am) and closing at 14.00hrs (2.00pm) on Saturday
 24. Please use onion bags provided, Sort anglers fish before you enter the Weigh station.
 25. All fish weighed in, become the property of the Waitara Offshore Fishing Club (donated to sponsors)
 26. Categories being fished are as follows:

Senior: Snapper, Gurnard, Kahawai, Terakihi, Blue Cod, Trevally, Tuna, King Fish, John Dory, Marlin.

Average Weight categories will be Snapper, Gurnard and Kahawai for seniors.

Juniors: Snapper, Gurnard, Kahawai

Average Weight Categories will be Snapper, Gurnard and Kahawai for juniors.
 27. Junior Entrants must be 16 years and under

Prizes:

1. Prize giving will be held at The Waitara District Services & Citizens Club, Queen Street, Waitara at approx. 18.00 hrs (6.00pm) Saturday. (Please respect Club Rules. Reasonable Dress and NO hats) Junior prizes drawn and given out first.
2. All fishing prize winners are by scale weight determined by the Weigh Master and verified by the angler's signature on their weigh card.
3. Angler Card MUST be presented at weigh station – No card No weighing of fish.
4. If two or more fish of equal weight become eligible for any prizes, the first fish weighed will be the winner.
5. Prizes are as offered and are not redeemable for cash or exchanges
6. Winners must present their numbered ticket to received drawn prizes. Failure to present numbered ticket will result in prizes being redrawn. No Ticket No Prize.
7. Prizes become the responsibility of the winners once presented.

Refunds:

1. Once tickets have been issued, we will not offer refunds or exchanges.
2. All tickets have a unique number to them and the angler. Keep them safe, they will not be replaced.

The Competition Organizer's Decision is Final:

