



## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. **COMPETITORS** : All persons (including Skippers, gillies , non-fishing passengers, etc.) on the boats entering this tournament must be fully paid up competitors.
2. **PAYMENT**: All competitors must be registered and paid up prior to launching on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010. No entries will be accepted after 19H00 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
3. **ANGLING LICENSE**: All anglers must be in possession of a valid angling license.
4. **LINE CLASS**: This is an Open Line Class Tournament, with the IGFA maximum line class of 60kg.
5. **IGFA RULES**: Fishing tackle and fishing practices are to be strictly in accordance with IGFA Rules.
6. **NUMBER OF RODS**: There is no restriction on the number of rods in the water at any time.
7. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**: The Tournament Committee are not in a position to police the movements of competition boats, however Skippers are reminded that their Seaworthy certificates and their Skippers Certificate of Competency are valid for varying distances out to sea from land (depending on whether your vessel is licensed for A, B, C or D). Should these limits be broken, you are opening yourself to objections in terms of the rules of the competition as well as prosecution by the relevant authorities.
8. **THIS IS A FULL RELEASE BILLFISHTOURNAMENT**. There is no provision for weighing any dead fish, Billfish or Gamefish, however should Gamefish be captured as by-catch, the committee would appreciate if such fish could be donated to the Tournament sponsors are willing to cook the some fish snacks for us at the end of each days fishing.
9. **LAUNCHING**: Boats may launch from any launch site or mooring in Richards Bay.
10. **SAFETY CONTROL**: The usual Disc collection and return from Richards Bay Ski-Boat Club is **MANDATORY** for ALL BOATS. (These discs can be collected from 03h30 and must be returned by not later than 17H00) Failure to collect the disc or return on time will result in disqualification of the boat for the day.
11. **HARBOUR EXIT**: Boats may only leave the harbour at first light, which will be called from Richards Bay Ski-Boat Club at the appropriate time.
12. **LINES IN**: There is no Lines-in time and boats may fish at any time after leaving the harbour.
13. **LINES UP**: There is no Lines-Up time but the discs mentioned in Rule 10 above must be returned to the Disc Board at Richards Bay Ski-Boat Club by 17H00.
14. **WEATHER**: A five man Weather Committee has been nominated and will decide prior to any boat leaving the harbour if the weather is suitable for the Tournament to commence that day. The Weather Committee may well decide to postpone launching rather than cancel the day in its entirety and Skippers and Crew are asked to co-operate with them to ensure the longest possible fishing hours in the four days.

Should the weather deteriorate at sea during a days fishing to a point where a decision has to be made whether the Tournament should be cancelled for the day and all boats return to the harbour, (Committee member TBA), will make the decision after consulting the at-sea weather committee.

In accordance with internationally accepted practice, if the Tournament is called off for safety reasons, any fish being fought at that time must be cut loose and all boats must immediately return to the harbour.

15. TAG AND RELEASE OR RELEASE: Whilst we encourage the tagging of Billfish, it is not compulsory therefore a Tag and Release or a Release count for the same during the Tournament.

16. POINT SCORING:

MARLIN released	:	100 points.
SAILFISH released	:	30 points
SPEARFISH released	:	15 points.

17. RELEASE PROCEDURE:

It is recognized that the biggest single problem with our venue is the great distances and the problems of effective Radio communication; therefore the following procedure will be adopted for the release of Billfish.

At Registration each boat will receive a RED, BLUE and YELLOW armband.

On a daily basis each boat will receive an envelope containing a coloured armband (these will be with the safety number Discs at Richards Bay Ski-Boat Club from 03H30 every morning).

To prove the catch, photographs must be taken of the fish with a crew member holding the trace and/or bill clearly showing the daily coloured armband.

Photographs whether taken by camera or cell-phone, must have the facility to record and display the date and time. In accordance with International practice, the time of the release will be the determining factor in the event of a tie and in the event of a number of fish being released at the same time, the tie-break rule will be the usual "LAST FISH FIRST"

In the event of a second fish being released the same procedure as above must be adopted but with the daily coloured armband and the RED armband displayed.

In the event of a 3<sup>rd</sup> fish being released the same procedure must be adopted with the daily coloured armband and the BLUE armband displayed.

In the event of a 4<sup>th</sup> fish being released the same procedure must be adopted with the daily coloured armband and the YELLOW armband displayed.

In the event of a 5<sup>th</sup> fish being released the same procedure must be adopted with the daily coloured armband and all three other bands displayed.

Beyond this you have had one hec of a day and I guess we trust you.

18. RADIO: With the Armband rule in Rule 17 above, it is not mandatory to report the hook-up or release by radio, however, we would encourage everybody to communicate hook-ups, release etc., to the fleet and in particular the three boats namely .... T.B.A..
19. VERIFICATION OF CATCH: The verification will be carried out at the Lapa next to the Podium at Richards Bay Ski-Boat Club and will commence at 15H00 and close 17H00 at which time your Safety Disc must be returned. Should competitors have a unique connection from camera to computer, we would require them to bring this equipment with them to the verification centre.

A score sheet must be signed by the angler and/or Skipper prior to leaving the verification area.

An angler scoring points must bring to the verification area his rod, reel, trace and lure for checking and his team should accompany him for a team photograph with the Catch & Release Board.

20. PRIZES: The Tournament has been structured with a few valuable prizes and not the usual assemblage of goods typical of a Big Bonanza competition. There are no individual prizes, all prizes are for teams. The first prize is for the most points accumulated over the four fishing days and can be won by any boat. Should the winning boat be 7metres in length or below, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> and third prize can be won by any boat. However, should the 1<sup>st</sup> prize be won by a boat larger than 7metres, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be won by the first boat in the 7metres or under category. Third prize is open to all boats.

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: T.B.A. - PLUS MEDALS AND TROPHY  
The winning team qualify for the  
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2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE T.B.A. - PLUS MEDALS AND TROPHY

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: T.B.A. - PLUS MEDALS AND TROPHY

Plus other prizes by various sponsors.

21. OBJECTIONS: Should an angler wish to raise an objection against another angler this objection must be made in writing and given to the verification desk on the day of the incident prior to the verification closing together with a fee of R1000. This fee is only refundable if the objection is upheld but will be forfeited if the objection is overruled.
22. Any dispute that may arise during the competition will be decided upon by the Tournaments Committee and their decision will be final and binding.

**SADSAA would like to thank RICHARDS BAY SKI-BOAT CLUB,  
Its Committee and members, for hosting and assisting with this event.**

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