



Rules and Regulations

1. Entry is open to all boats, which may depart from any of the recognised harbours between Cape Town and Gordon's Bay. **However, fish will ONLY be weighed in at the Atlantic Boat Club in Hout Bay, daily.** It is recommended that all boats attempt to launch or be berthed in Hout Bay where ever possible.
2. Boats and each individual angler irrespective of which day they fish on must be registered and full entry fees paid before departing to sea.
3. If driving fish through for weigh-in you must notify the organisers before hand – please phone and advise (**Chris 083 455 4849**) or (**ABC 021 7902930**). No exception will be given for close of scales time because if so it will impact on the daily prize giving and main prize giving times. Boats must leave the fishing grounds earlier (before lines up call) if necessary.
4. Entry fees applicable: **ABC member R1400 – Non-members & guests R1600 per angler** is payable on registration or before **Monday 6 November 2017**. Once a boat has paid for six anglers any **additional crew entering qualify for an entry fee of R1200** [an early bird payment made on or **before 20 October 2017 qualify for a R200 discount** on all the above entry fees]
All entry fees are inclusive of giveaway goodie package ,entry into the daily lucky boat draw, complimentary mini breakfast & light evening meal & drinks and snacks at weigh-in on each fishing day.
5. **Late entries** after the **6 November 2017 pay a fee of R1650** per angler and are not guaranteed the tournament give away package. **Junior anglers U16** (age as at 6 Nov) fee will be reduced to **R500** and will receive the tournament give away package, but they are not eligible for the main prize.
6. The opening function will be on Monday 6 November 2017, and the competition will run from Tuesday 7 November to Saturday 11 November. In the event of only **ONE DAY** being fished this will constitute a tournament. In the unlikely event of all five days being blown out, participants will **NOT BE REFUNDED** but each registered boat will be entered into a lucky draw and stands a chance to win a **SELECTION** of the sponsored prizes **EXCLUDING THE MAIN PRIZE.**

7. All persons on board must be registered on the official registration form, with a minimum of a skipper and one crewmember (over the age of 18) per boat.
8. The sponsors' **Two Oceans Marine Tuna Derby 2017** decal handed out at registration must be displayed on the vessel [port & starboard] as proof of participation. **Failure to display will result in the boat being penalised.**
9. The skipper, on behalf of all crew and in the presence of a witness must sign the official registration form including indemnification and acknowledgement that the main prize is subject to a 3-day waiting period in the event of any objections lodged before the official handover.
10. **Skippers briefing is compulsory** for all skippers or their designated representative and the attendance register must be duly signed.
11. It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that his boat conforms to all safety regulation and that all tournament rules and the legal angling regulations are adhered to.
12. Each registered angler must be in possession of a **valid fishing permit (Post Office)**. Commercially licensed boats that carry a TP license may participate in the competition **ONLY if it is in accordance with their regulations and that they fish within the rules as detailed in this document, and each angler must also be in possession of a Post Office fishing licence.**
13. **Maximum line class is 80 pound/37kg line class - rod and reel only** (no short sticks, handlines, bungees or poles allowed on board). A pole with a plastic bag to deter the birds is allowed but NO paintball guns will be permitted.
14. **IGFA rules apply throughout the tournament.**
15. Minimum size of any fish considered for prizes will be **20kg for YellowFin/BigEye/BlueFin Tuna & 10kg for LongFin Tuna**. The onus is on the skipper/angler to ensure the correct prize category is selected on the official weigh sheet.
16. The weather committee consisting of three appointed tournament committee members will make all weather decisions before and during the competition. Their decisions will be binding always. Notwithstanding this, it remains each individual skipper's responsibility to operate within his own craft's safety limits.
17. The official LAUNCH TIME each day is **from 05h00** with the exception on the first day, which will be from 05h30 because of the mass start.

MASS START ON THE FIRST DAY AT 06h00 IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL BOATS except for the boats launching from other harbours who must only depart at 06h00 on the first day.

17a Lines up will be at **15h00** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday but **14h00** on the Saturday.

HOWEVER, THESE TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & EXTENSIONS MADE by the Tournament Committee taking into consideration the number of fishing days and weather forecast predictions. All boats will be advised before launch. No angling may take place outside of the APPROVED launch time and lines up times except if a fish is hooked and so reported before lines up to the control boat. **A maximum of 1-hour extension** will then be granted, there after the line must be cut.

If a boat decides to continue fishing after lines up or extension they are entitled to disqualify themselves for that particular day.

In the event of an early weather call and safety reasons no extension will be allowed and anglers fighting fish must cut off immediately.

18. All fish entered must be weighed at ABC. Scales will be open from 16h00 to 18h00 except Saturday from 15h00 until 17h00. Subject to decisions taken in pt.17a above.

Scales closing are subject to Tournament Committee considerations due to queuing for weigh-in & re fuelling restrictions.

All boats must report in to the control boat at lines up that they are. ...**Lines up and running & qualify the number & species of what fish they have on board**

19a **QUEUING**...each boat on entering the harbour mouth must report in to **ABC CONTROL** on channel 71 who will then allocate a number to that respective boat. This number will be the order in which weigh-in will take place. The onus is on the skipper to ensure their vessel is allocated a number otherwise they will be put at the back of the queue

19b **SORTING OF FISH** Prior to entering the harbour all boats are requested to sort their weighable fish on their decks so as to speed up the weigh in.

20. No single fish will be eligible to win more than one prize and in the event of a tie, the first fish

weighed (the reason why you are allocated a number on entrance to the harbour...pt 19a above) will be declared the winner.

21. Daily call-ups on fish catches will be done at 11h00 and 14h00 by the control boat and it is mandatory that all boats comply. ANY NOTABLE WEIGHING FISH MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE CONTROL BOAT IMMEDIATELY ONCE LANDED.

22. **EACH BOAT MAY ONLY WEIGH IN TWO (2) YELLOWFIN tuna or (BIG EYE/BLUEFIN tuna) EACH PER DAY.**

Once the benchmark weights are determined after the 1st fishing day the Tournament committee may announce the minimum size fish allowed at the scales [subject to not jeopardising the boats chance to qualify for the Top boat prize]

ONLY ONE (1) LONGFIN PER BOAT PER DAY MAY BE WEIGHED

The Ladies & Juniors category may weigh max. 2 Y/F & 1 L/F each per day and this will NOT count towards the overall boat quota or count towards the daily top boat prize. This category selection must be notified to the weigh master.

All fish weighed on the official scales and entered for prize consideration remain the property of the boat and must be removed immediately from the weighing area.

Any fish left unattended will be removed & kept by the organisers.

All prize-winning fish may be inspected, tested to verify their freshness and weight.

The rod & reel used for any weighable fish may be requested by the organisers for inspection of line class & leader lengths.

23. **LADIES/JUNIOR PRIZES OVERALL**

All fish weighed in by a lady or junior and not allocated to the OPEN category will be totalled and count towards the top Lady/Junior overall.

24. **DAILY PRIZES**

Individual daily prizes will be presented to the top anglers for the heaviest fish of the day subject to category chosen on the official weigh sheet by the angler.

DAILY LUCKY BOAT DRAW

Applies to all boats that have registered in the tournament. A minimum of the skipper or crew member **must be present at the daily prize giving draw to qualify for the prize** [if not present the organisers will re draw]

TOP BOAT OVERALL

Top Boat overall will be calculated from the total accumulated weight of the (2) Yellowfin & (1) Longfin only that are weighed daily each day by the boat.

ADDITIONAL OVERALL LUCKY BOAT DRAW

An additional [selected sponsor] sticker supplied for another Lucky Boat Draw prize must be displayed on the vessel to qualify for entry into the draw

RELEASE CATEGORY

All participants are requested to put a lot of emphasis on the release of fish & will be rewarded accordingly from the selection of prizes allocated.

Photo footage is required as proof of the catch and release

The actual criteria for this release category will be advised separately before commencement of the derby.

JIGGING & POPPING CATEGORY

Only fish caught on a JIG / POPPER will qualify. IGFA rules apply. Any fish caught in this category must be notified to the control boat [species & approx. weight to be logged on the official sheet provided] & tagged separately for identification at the scales. Fish caught in this category do not qualify or count towards any other prize category or the restricted daily quantity allowed to be weighed per boat.

FLY FISHING CATEGORY

Only fish caught on a fly rod & reel will qualify. IGFA rules apply for tippet & leaders. Any fish caught in this category must be notified to the control boat [species & approx. weight to be logged on the official sheet provided] & tagged separately for identification at the scales. Fish caught in this category do not qualify or count towards any other prize category or the restricted daily quantity allowed to be weighed per boat.

25. **MAIN PRIZE WINNER** must attend prize giving to accept the prize, which will be subject to a 3-day waiting period in the event of any objections lodged before final ownership handover. Sponsors and winners team photographs will be compulsory.
26. **ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES** the following will run in conjunction with the derby & will be available to all boats participating & is optional to enter & does not form part of the allocated prizes.
CALCUTTA – heaviest Tuna weighed will win the **CASH POT** [number of boats that partake - less 10% fundraising fee]
Entry fee to qualify for the Calcutta is **R1000 per boat** – payable before the first fishing day
27. Non-compliance of rules will result in disqualification. All the rulings of the Tournament Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered.
28. **Clothing item sizes in goodie bag give away packs are not guaranteed & are subject to availability. Tournament organisers will endeavour to ensure size requests are honoured.**
29. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change or amendments before the 6 November 2017