



New Plymouth Sportfishing & Underwater Club

Rules for the 2020/2021 Top Boat

Memorial, Tasman Marine, Kilwell Classic, and Brass Monkey Competitions.

DATES

- Memorial Competition 7th & 8th November 2020
- Tasman Marine Competition 9th January 2021
- Kilwell Competition 10th April 2021
- Brass Monkeys Competition 29th & 30th May 2021

FISHING TIMES

- Memorial Competition Saturday 06:30 to 16:30, Sunday 06:30 to 16:00
- Tasman Marine Competition 06:30 to 16:30
- Kilwell Competition 07:00 to 16:30
- Brass Monkeys Competition Saturday 07:30 to 16:30, Sunday 07:30 to 16:00
- No boats to leave the harbour prior to the above times.
- Fishing for bait within the harbour is acceptable prior to the start of the competition.

BRIEFING

- Briefing will take place at 7.30pm on the Friday night prior to each Top Boat competition at the New Plymouth Sportfishing & Underwater Clubrooms, Ocean View Parade.
- Attendance by skippers is compulsory, unless by prior arrangement with the Club Captain.

ENTRY FEES

- Entry fees must be paid in full by 6pm prior to the start of each Top Boat briefing.
- Entry forms are specific to, Senior fishing & diving and Junior section.
- Juniors can enter to fish in the Senior section by paying the appropriate fees and will no longer qualify for the Junior prizes. Likewise, those entered as Juniors can only win the Junior prize.
- There are three (3) entry categories, they are: Member, Associate (NPSUC Members) and Non-Members. Unless an angler **holds a full** membership with NPSUC they are classified as a Non-Member.

EARLY BIRD DRAW

- For entering all the four (4) 'Top Boat' competitions prior to the commencement of the Memorial competition there is an 'Angler Early Bird' entry prize. For entering as an 'Early Bird' NPSUC will draw one (1) anglers name who will receive the prize. This is to be drawn at the Memorial Competition prize giving.
- A minimum of two Senior entries over the four competitions are required per boat, i.e. a total of \$100.00 per angler. Additional Seniors and Juniors may enter as Early Birds in addition to this base requirement.
- Each boat/skipper **MUST** attend the briefing and sign the attendance register and complete an entry form for each of the subsequent competition Boat/Crew intends to fish. Anglers can be added for each subsequent competition (but not swapped).
- A single disclaimer form (for all 4 competitions) can be used for early bird skippers only.
- Note: You do not necessarily have to fish in all four competitions, but to qualify for the 'Angler Early Bird' draw you must have entered as above.
- No refunds will be given.

LUCKY ANGLER DRAW

- For any angler that enters all four competitions they will qualify for entry into Lucky Angler Draw. This will be drawn on the final night of the last competition (Brass Monkey). By default, this will include all 'Early Bird' and anyone that enters all 4 competitions.
- Note: You do not necessarily need to enter the 'Early Bird' draw to be eligible to win the 'Lucky Angler' draw.

LUCKY BOAT DRAW

- A prize will be awarded to a Skipper from the list of Boats that has entered the competitions. This will be drawn on the final night of the last competition (Brass Monkey).
- Note: To be eligible for this you do not have to be an 'Angler Early Bird' entrant. This is open to all boats entered all four competitions.



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- Must consist of not less than two registered anglers. All people on the boat over the age of 10 must be entered in the competition.
- A Disclaimer Form must be completed and signed as part of the registration.
- Boats may be spot checked by any NPSUC Committee Member at any time.
- Top Boat competition, the boat first registered prior to the Memorial must be fished on for ALL 4 bottom comps, with the exception if the skipper purchases a new boat and replaces previously entered boat.

COMMUNICATION AND VHF

- VHF Channel 03 call sign 'Club Base' – club radio operator on this channel
- VHF Channel 20 weather report
- Club Phone number 06 7583901 - Club Cell Phone 027 245 1188
- The station will be manned as per the fishing times above.
- All boats must log in with the Radio operator on leaving the harbour stating 'Boat name, VHF Call Sign and Number of persons on board'. Wait for acknowledgement from 'Club Base'.
- All boats must log out with the radio operator on returning to port stating 'Boat name, VHF Call Sign'. Wait for acknowledgment from 'Club Base'.
- Report all incidents/breakdowns to the radio operator giving position, nature of problem, situation etc.
- Polite radio etiquette is required at all times – polite language only, and long conversations should be transferred to a working channel (Channel 6 or similar)

VHF SCHEDULES

- Radio call at 1130 hrs by 'club base' - give your sponsors grid position and ETA/ETR
- Divers must ensure that boatman can use the radio.
- Missing the radio schedule or not complying with the above radio rules may result in dis-qualification. If outside VHF coverage please contact the club directly by phone.

FISHING SECTION

- All boats must depart from and return to Port Taranaki each day.
- All fish must meet NPSUC and amateur fishing regulations pertaining to size and allowable numbers of each species.
- All fish must be caught on rod and reel or hand line (no longlines, electric reels or set nets to be carried)
- NZSFC and NPSUC records, awards and trophies - in the Top Boat competitions there is no requirement to adhere to the NZSFC Rules and Regulations. The competition rules (only) apply. This means that two or less hooks and a line class is not required, noting that fishing outside the NZSFC Rules and Regulations will mean that you may not be eligible for NPSUC/NZSFC records, awards, pin fish and trophies, for further clarification please refer to the 'NPSUC Rule Clarifications'
- Fish are to be weighed in green (do not gut or gill).
- The Fishing Committee has the right to cancel or postpone a Top boat competition after the competition has commenced, in the event of weather deterioration or other marine safety situations (i.e. Tsunami) Any fish caught until this time will still count.
- Should this competition be "called off", due to weather or other marine situations, after fishing has commenced, all boats will have 2 hours to get any caught fish to the Weigh Station. Once "called off", lines must be out of the water and NO fishing to be conducted by any boat.

DIVING SECTION

- All Divers and equipment should be Certified/In Test, use a capable Boatman and dive within their Certification.
- All fish and crayfish must meet amateur fishing regulations pertaining to size and allowable numbers of each species.
- All crayfish taken must be caught by hand, no Rod/Reel or Pots
- Crayfish can be weighed in at each competition, noting that two (1st and 2nd Heaviest) for the four competitions will be awarded at the Brass Monkeys Competition Prizegiving.



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WEIGH STATION

- Competition weigh station manning times are 15:30 to 16:30 hrs on the last day and 16:00 to 17:00 hrs on the first day of a two-day competition and a single day competition. The weighmaster (at their discretion) may elect to open the station earlier than times stated, with the closing time always being maintained.
- Anglers must be in line at the weigh station by the times stated above, noting late weigh ins will not be accepted.
- The angler will be responsible for the following:
 - ✓ Producing tackle and requirements as requested by the weigh master.
 - ✓ Washing down the weighing table and pad after use and disposing of fish.
 - ✓ Ensuring that the correct details are entered and signing of the weigh sheet.

PRIZES

- One caught prize per angler (Early Bird, lucky angler prizes are not classed as a caught prize).
- Prizes not won may be drawn as lucky angler prizes, angler must be there to claim prize.
- All prizes are valued at recommended retail prices.
- Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or swapped by the club or Sponsor.

GENERAL

- Fishing Boundaries – Cape Egmont Lighthouse to Albatross Point. (Out to 100nm).
- Use of jetty - Please clear quickly. Complete your preparation in the preparation bay.
- When on the boat ramp turn off your headlights to avoid blinding others using the boat ramp facility.
- Please do not park in the commercial boat parks (marked out area in red paint).
- Please do not exceed 5 knots in the harbour. (Non compliance may result in disqualification)
- Clear the boat wash facilities as quickly as possible and leave in a tidy state.

CLUBROOMS

- Only alcohol purchased from the Club Bar may be consumed in the clubrooms and surrounding areas.
- A reasonable standard of behaviour and dress is required at all times.
- Breach of Clubroom Rules will result in instant disqualification of the angler from the competition and potentially membership cancellation.
- Visitors to the Clubrooms must be signed in.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

- The Main Prize Giving will be held at 7:30 pm on the last night of the competition, A short prizegiving is held at 7:30 pm on the first day of a two-day competition.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Top Nine

- The boat winning the Top Nine competition (within each of the 4 NPSUC bottom fishing competitions) catches the most species across:

Fish	Minimum Size (cm)	Fish	Minimum Size (cm)
Snapper	35	Kingfish	75
Gurnard	30	Hapuka	-
Terakihi	30	John Dory	-
Blue Cod	35	Trevally	25
Kahawai	40		

- Where two or more boats catch the same number of species, then the winner is that boat with the most species and greatest aggregate weight in kilograms.
- A \$250.00 Voucher is presented to the winning boat of the TOP 9 in each of the 4-bottom fishing competition



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Top Boat

- The top boat is the boat that scores the most points across the 4 NPSUC bottom fishing competitions with a maximum of 20 fish (4 fish per species). Only 3 fish per species are scored per competition (15 fish maximum).
- Fish MUST meet the NPSUC minimum size limits. (Detailed below)
- The winner of each individual Top Boat competition is the boat with the most points across a maximum of 15 fish caught in that competition (3 fish, per species, per competition).
- The target species are:

Species	Points per 100 grams	Min. length (cm)	Example 1. points for 1.5kg fish	Example 2. weight for fish = 200 points
Snapper	3	35	65	6 kg
Gurnard	10	30	170	1.8 kg
Terakihi	8	30	140	2.25 kg
Blue Cod	8	35	140	2.25 kg
Kahawai	6	40	110	3.0 kg

- All fish weighed get 20 points each, plus points for the weight of the fish, as shown above.

Trophy and prizes

- The top boat over the whole season wins the Harry Wilson Memorial Trophy (name engraved on trophy). The top boat for the season receives 4 x Hunting & Fishing vouchers and 4 x NPSUC sponsored \$50 vouchers, (total \$400.00) and if shirts are chosen with appropriate embroidery supplied by NPSUC.
- A \$250.00 Voucher is awarded to the Top Boat of each individual Top Boat Competition by the sponsor.
- The Top Boat overall winner will be announced at the NPSUC Annual prize giving night in September.

Boat Eligibility

- The Top Boat Fish points for Top Boat stay with the boat that caught the fish, with the exception if the skipper purchases a new boat and replaces previously entered boat. Points do not follow with the crew movements.

Calculation of Overall Top Boat Points

- To put this in perspective over the season, a boat might weigh a 2kg, 3kg and a 4kg Snapper on the first comp, which will be recorded. On the second comp the same boat may present for weighing a 5kg and a 6kg Snapper of which the 2kg Snapper from the first comp would drop out and the points from after the second competition would reflect a 3kg, 4kg, 5kg and a 6kg Snapper. Maximum 4 weighed fish of each of the 5 species in the system at any time.
- Subsequently if the boat presented for weighing in the third competition a 7kg, 8kg and 9kg Snapper these would surpass the presently recorded 3kg, 4kg, 5kg and 6kg Snapper. ie: the tally in the system, would then be a 6kg, 7kg, 8kg, and 9kg Snapper with the 3kg, 4kg and 5kg dropping out. If a particular boat per competition weighs in no fish heavier than the four already in the system then the boats points for that species won't change overall.
- Each boat may, if they have an average day, only weigh 1 or 2 fish of any of the 5 species, but in the next competition add to the boat's totals. This methodology applies across all 5 species.