

# Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club



## RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. The ruling of the Tournament committee will be final in all matters and without recourse. Non-compliance with the Tournament rules will result in disqualification.
- 2. Attendance of skippers briefing compulsory.**
3. The IGFA rules for fishing in salt water will apply.
4. All anglers must have a valid fishing licence.
5. All boats must have a valid and correct Certificate of Fitness/Compliance.
6. All Skippers must have a valid Skippers Certificate.
7. Only fully paid up participating anglers allowed on boats, strictly no guests.
8. There will be no refunds of tournament entries under any circumstances.
9. Acceptance of the Organiser's indemnity by signing of such is compulsory.
10. Entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the tournament committee and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. All fish weighed belong to the angler. Donations will be accepted.
- 12. The maximum fishing limit is 40 Nautical Miles from shore (i.e. 34degrees 42'00" South) any boat past this point (i.e. 34degrees 42'05") will be disqualified for the day. A second transgression will result in a total disqualification of the boat and all anglers on the boat.**
- 13. St Francis boats launching from PSF on the 1<sup>st</sup> day may only commence with fishing EAST of the 20s. Plotters will be checked after days fishing**
14. The skippers will be required to enable the "track" mode on their plotters and GPS's for random scrutiny by the appointed tournament organisers along with the competitions officer.
15. Fishing tackle: Open line class, maximum 60kg/130lb using rod and reel only – no hand lines, electric reels or illegal tackle is allowed on boats.
16. Qualifying fish: all Tuna Species Dorado and Skipjack
17. Minimum weight of Tuna: 15kg (Please release fish less than 15kg)
18. Minimum weights for other species: Dorado and Skipjack - NONE
19. All boats must be fitted with VHF radios. (Pedsac control channel 68). All must have GPS navigation.
- 20. Radio boat call-ups are at 10h00 and 13h30 on VHF channel 68. Please stand by with position and catch. Boats calling in false positions will be disqualified from the tournament for safety reasons. When calling in position give only the middle co-ordinates**
- 21. All boats must launch and return through PE Harbour (PSF boats may launch from home base 1<sup>st</sup> day only). There will only be one weigh in point. Anglers are allowed to weigh their catch for the day, limited to the target species exceeding 15kg. Total bag limit not to exceed 10 fish per person/day. Only the four heaviest fish per boat per day will count towards the top boat prize.**

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22. All weighing will be independently verified by the Tournament representative.
23. The weather committee may cancel part or all fishing days.
24. Blessing of the fleet will happen at 07h00 at the Shark Rock Pier on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.  
Compulsory for all participating boats to be present. (excl PSF boats 07h00 launch time)
25. Launching from the harbour on the remaining 2 days starts at 06h00. Blanket permission will be granted between agreed times – dependant on shipping operations- Earlier departure will result in disqualification for the day. Boats departing after blanket clearance times will have to contact port control on CHNL 12 (times will be advised evening prior to launch)
26. All boats must be back in the harbour by 17h30. Returning boats to contact port control on CHNL 12.
27. The time for return on the last day is 16h30.
28. Return is considered complete when a boat passes a line drawn between PE Port Control tower and the light on the PE breakwater. Delays caused by shipping will only be considered if the boat concerned is at the breakwater light & verified by standby boat.
29. Boats returning after cut off time will be disqualified – only boats assisting vessel in distress will be exempted – control boats must be advised of such situations
30. Boats having a break down will have to arrange to transfer their fish & 1 crew onto another boat. The Support boat will also have to make cut off time to avoid disqualification
31. Disputes of complaints can be handed in writing to Pierre Westerveld the day of the dispute/complaint no later than 19h00 on the first two days and 17h30 on the last day. The dispute or complaint must be accompanied by a R200 payment. (refundable on a successful appeal)
32. Prize-winning fish of the same weight will be decided on a first fish weighed basis if caught on different days. The prize money will be split for winning fish of the same weight caught on the same day.
33. Any Tuna that may claim the winning prize will be subjected to scrutinising by an appointed independent adjudicator to positively identify the species, to ensure that it hadn't been caught prior to the commencement of the competition and will be dissected to confirm that no foreign object has been inserted into the fish.
- 34. Prize giving to commence @ 19h00 Sun 22nd in the downstairs venue.**