

# INTERNATIONAL MARLIN SKINS<sup>TM</sup> 2018

WHANGAREI DEEP SEA ANGLERS CLUB | MAR 1-3 | TUTUKAKA

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Introduction

- 1) This document contains the tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry for the Bonze International Marlin Skins Tournament 2018 (the tournament). All participants in the tournament (whether registered angler or member of crew) agree to be bound by these rules and the terms and conditions of entry.
- 2) This event is fished under IGFA, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) and the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club (WDSAC) rules and the rules set out in this document (collectively the governing rules). In the event of any conflict between the elements of the governing rules, the rules set out in this document are binding.
- 3) It is the responsibility of each registered angler and crewmember to know, understand and abide by the rules governing this tournament. Any angler, captain or mate who breaks any rule will be deemed ineligible for any prize, award, honor, or recognition and that individual and his or her team may be immediately expelled and disqualified from this and future tournaments without a refund of any entry fee or compensation of any form. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to these matters are final and cannot be appealed. Further any registered angler or crew member who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct or who acts in any manner that, in the opinion of the tournament organizers, could bring the tournament into disrepute will be deemed ineligible for any prize, award, honor, or recognition and that individual and his or her team may be immediately expelled and disqualified from this and future tournaments without a refund of any entry fee or compensation of any form. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to these matters are final and cannot be appealed.
- 4) This event is organized by Bonze Lures Limited and is hosted by the WDSAC. For the purposes of this document those organizations and their representatives are deemed as tournament officials and tournament organizers.
- 5) These tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry may be modified by Bonze Lures Limited at any time to correct errors and omissions or to take account of unforeseen factors or changed circumstances. Final tournament rules and terms and conditions of entry will be confirmed at the compulsory tournament briefing (Min 1 crew member) on Wednesday 28 February 2018. (You must have a photo of the tournament briefing taking place)

### Tournament Venue, Key Dates and Fishing Area

- 6) The venue and host club will be the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, Tutukaka.

- 7) The compulsory tournament briefing will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28 February 2018 but are free to leave after 8pm.
- 8) The fishing days are scheduled for Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Saturday 3 March 2018.
- 9) The official competition fishing times for the following days Thurs 1 March , Friday 2 March and Saturday March 3 are as follows
  - a. Start fishing at 7.00am Stop fishing at 5.00pm.
- 10) Up to 4 registered anglers plus crew (being captain and mate(s) comprise a team)
- 11) The fishing area for this event is the east coast of the North Island. Boats can leave/launch from any port within the fishing area. (Boundary Map available on request)
- 12) Boats may leave from any harbor or port on the first night after the compulsory briefing but must leave from Tutukaka harbour on any other day except the designated stay away night.

### **Eligible Species and Line Class**

- 13) For the purposes of determining the team with the greatest number of points, the Daily Skin Prizes, 225 Club and Heaviest Marlin on a Bonze Lure caught include striped, blue and black marlin (hereafter billfish).
- 14) Any billfish that is brought to the scales and which weighs less than 100kg will not count for the tournament and the team that weighed that billfish will be awarded no points for its capture.
- 15) All line classes up to and including 60kg (130lb) test including braid may be used in this event.

### **Entry Fees and Attendance at Tournament Briefing**

- 16) The tournament entry fee (payable by each team) is \$1,800 including GST. Entry forms can be obtained by emailing [info@bonzelures.com](mailto:info@bonzelures.com) or online at [www.marlinfever.com](http://www.marlinfever.com) .
- 17) Each registered angler must also be a member of the WDSAC or an affiliated NZSFC or IGFA club.
- 18) Anglers who do not meet these membership requirements must pay a tournament membership fee of \$15per day including GST (total 3 days \$45). That fee is paid over to the WDSAC directly and is the anglers responsibility
- 19) All teams must be registered and all entry fees must be paid before the start of fishing on Thursday 1 February 2018. Payments can be made online at [www.marlinfever.com](http://www.marlinfever.com) , or by cheque before 23 February 2018 or in cash at the tournament briefing on Wednesday 28 February 2018. Cheques will not be accepted at the tournament briefing. EFTPOS is available.

### **Substitute Anglers and Non-Fishing Guests**

- 20) The maximum number of anglers per team is four individuals. Teams are free to vary the composition of their team during the tournament by substituting anglers providing:
  - On any given day only four anglers are competing.
  - Tournament control is advised of the substitution before the day's fishing commences.
  - The substitute anglers have signed and completed all applicable forms (release from liability, waiver of liability and all claims, and acknowledgment of risk that forms part of these rules).
- 21) It is up to each team to decide whether they wish to allow non-fishing guests on board to "ride along". However, each team must advise such guests they do so at their own risk and that they are not eligible to compete in this event.
- 22) If there is any Daily Skin Prize money remaining after the tournament (because it was not won on the day or when it rolled forward) then that money will be awarded to the team that has amassed the most points during the tournament (the top team). In the event two or more teams are tied on the same number of points then the remaining Daily Skin Prize money will be awarded to the team amassing there points first.
- 23) All prizes awarded in this tournament will be awarded as team prizes, irrespective of whether they are money prizes or sponsored prizes.

## Summary of Prizes

<b>BONZE</b> Daily Skin Prize	Cash prize Comprised of 50% of all entry fees to form the Skins Prize Pool	Any Daily Skin Prize money that is not won rolls forward to the next day of competition. If after the completion of the tournament, there is any Daily Skin Prize money remaining then that money will be awarded to the top team as explained in the tournament rules. Awarded to the heaviest billfish landed each day of 150kg or more in weight in accordance to the tournament scales.
<b>SIMRAD</b> The 225 Club	Sponsored Prize (To the Value of \$10,000) Awarded to the first marlin weighed in each day of 225kg or more in weight in accordance to the tournament scales. Fish must have been caught on a Bonze lure.	To be eligible you must be the first team to weigh a Marlin caught on a Bonze Lure weighing exactly 225kg or more on that day of fishing. There will be only <b>ONE winner per day</b> for this category. (Once the fish is hooked the name of the Bonze Lure must be radioed in to base along with photographic evidence showing lure hooked billfish once the fish is captured)
<b>YEEHAA</b> Heaviest on a Bonze Lure	Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$3,000)	Awarded to the team that weighs the heaviest Billfish over the duration of the tournament under tournament rules. Billfish must be caught on a Bonze Lure. (Once the fish is hooked the name of the Bonze Lure must be radioed in to base along with photographic evidence showing lure hooked billfish once the fish is captured)
<b>SHIMANO</b> First Tagged Billfish	Daily Cash / Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$1,800)	To be eligible you must be the first team to tag a Marlin within the tournament rules. There will be only <b>ONE winner per day</b> for this category.
<b>THE KRAKEN</b> Last Tagged Billfish	Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$2,000)	To be eligible you must be the team to tag the last Marlin of the day within the tournament rules. There will be only <b>ONE winner per day</b> for this category.
<b>TONGA HERE WE COME!!</b> Most Tagged Billfish	Sponsored Prize (To the value of approx. \$15,000)	Awarded to the team tagging the most Billfish over the duration of the tournament. Fish must be caught, tagged and recorded in accordance to the tagging tournament rules. In the event of a 1st place tie, the team that tagged, radioed and photographed the 1st marlin of the tournament will be the winner.
<b>SIMRAD</b> Briefing Night	Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$2,500)	To be eligible your team <b>must</b> be present at briefing night to be in with a chance to be randomly selected. You will need your tournament starter pack Ping Pong Ball at briefing to enter.
<b>VARIVAS</b> Mystery Team Challenge 1	Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$2,500)	To be eligible your team must be present at daily prize giving to be in with a chance to be randomly selected for your chance to compete in the daily mystery challenge.
<b>ALL BLACK TOURS</b> Mystery Team Challenge 2	Sponsored Prize (To the value of \$8,000)	To be eligible your team must be present at prize giving on Friday night. Team must be dressed in black and present a business card upon request. More info at briefing night.
<b>SHIMANO</b> The Stella WildCard	Sponsored Prize (Various values)	More info at briefing night

## Points & Point Scoring for Billfish

- 24) Points will be awarded to teams on the following basis:
- One hundred (100) points for each official billfish release for each billfish over the 100kg minimum weight.
  - One hundred (100) points for any billfish brought to the scales weighing between 100kg and 149.99kg
  - One (1) point per kilogram for any billfish brought to the scales weighing 150kg or more.
- 25) Any billfish boated for any reason must be weighed. Failure to weigh a boated billfish will result in immediate disqualification for the remainder of the tournament and forfeiture of all points previously earned. All billfish boated must be weighed on the day they are caught. Failure to do this will result in immediate disqualification.

## Official Billfish Releases

- 26) To verify releases all teams must provide their own still or video digital camera pictures. The pictures MUST include correct camera dated time and date stamps on the pictures for the pictures to be valid. Iphone and Gopro equivalent is allowed.
- 27) A release will be deemed an official release if:
- The camera images shows the billfish on the leader with the tag clearly visible in the billfish and the correct time and date on the photograph or video; and
  - The subsequent camera image or video footage shows the object on your boat. Tournament control request you photograph or record  
(This will prevent any discrepancies if more than one (1) billfish is tagged and released in any day's fishing).

## Communications with Tournament Control

- 28) All hookups must be called in to tournament control as soon as practicable after the hookup occurs.
- 29) All billfish released or boated must also be reported to tournament control as soon as practicable. Please note your fish capture time will be registered from the time tournament control is notified and acknowledged.
- 30) Tournament control will be operating on VHF Channel 7. If you are outside VHF and cell range and have boated or released a billfish you must photograph or record the vessel underway and fishing again as soon as practicable after boating or releasing the billfish and continue your attempts to reach tournament control on VHF or cell.

## Attendance at WDSAC Weigh Station

- 31) All teams with fish to weigh must be at the weigh station by 8pm on the day the fish was caught except on the final day of competition when the team must be at the weigh station by 6.30pm.
- 32) For all catches, including tagged fish, the angler must present the Rod, Reel and tackle with which the fish was caught. The Weighmaster may also request to inspect the Gaff's and/or Tag Pole used to complete the capture.
- 33) The use of J-Hooks for bait fishing for Billfish is acceptable in this tournament. Also cut leaders for tagged and released fish only.
- 34) If the team is not at the weigh station by the specified times then the catch for that day will not count for the tournament. Being within the 5 knot zone off Tutukaka Marina entrance constitutes being at the weigh station. However, we will also accept fish that are delivered to the weigh station at the roadside providing the fish is in the boat and the time limits for this event are observed.
- 35) All teams with tag cards and digital camera or video footage of billfish that have been tagged and released must

hand those tag cards and camera or video footage to tournament control no later than 6.30pm on the final day of competition.

### **Returning to Base Each Night**

- 36) Each team's boat must return to base each night, but is free to leave the Tutukaka Harbour after 8pm each night.
- 37) There is an exception:  
On the designated stayaway night which will be Thursday 1 March. On that night, and that night only, teams can elect to "stay away" but must abide by the tournament rules in all respects, especially the stop fishing time of 5.00pm on 1 March and the 7.00am start fishing time the following day (Friday 2 March). However, any team that boats a fish on 1 March must return to base and weigh their fish that day. This does not include tagged fish refer to rule 34. All boats must return to base on the evening of Friday 2 March.

### **Tournament Prize Money**

- 38) The Daily Skin Prize – A daily skin will be awarded to the team weighing the heaviest billfish of 150kg or more in weight according to the official tournament scales. A maximum of three daily skins will be available assuming three days of competition.  
As indicated previously the prizes for the above categories are money prizes and will be awarded as a team prize. Cheques will be made payable to the nominated team captain. It is up to the team to decide how any tournament prize money is divided amongst the team and the tournament organizers will hear no disputes on that or any related matter.

### **Definition of Daily Skin and Optional Entry Prizes**

- 39) The Daily Skin Prize – a daily skin is calculated as 50% of the GST exclusive amount of the sum of the tournament entry fees received divided by the number of days of competition. For example, if 50 teams compete and each pays the tournament entry fee of \$1800 including GST and there are three days of competition, then each daily skin would be \$13,043 as calculated with the below formula:  
$$\$90,000/1.15 = \$78,260/3 = \$26,087 \times .50 = \$13,043.$$
- 40) The exact amount available for the Daily Skin and Optional Entry Prizes will depend on the number of teams competing in each category. Prize money will not be distributed until all results are verified and until the payment of all entry fees are available as cleared funds.

### **What happens if a Daily Skin Prize is not won?**

- 41) If a Daily Skin Prize is not won on a particular day then that prize carries forward to the next day's fishing.
- 42) If more than one billfish with identical weights equal to or exceeding 150kg are landed on a particular day then the Daily Skin Prize for that day will be awarded to the team who weighs their fish first.
- 43) Any Daily Skin Prize money that has not been won during the tournament will be awarded to the team that has amassed the most points during tournament. For example, if the day 3 Daily Skin Prize was not won on the third day of fishing that money would be awarded to the top team as determined by the number of points awarded during the event.

### **What happens in the event of a tie for most points scored?**

- 44) Should two or more teams score the same amount of points over the course of the tournament then any Daily Skin Prize not already awarded will be awarded to the team who amasses the points first.

## Protests

- 45) All protests must be filed in writing and handed to a member of the tournament committee by 7.30pm on the day of the potential rules infraction along with a protest fee of \$100 including GST. The protest fee is non-refundable. The tournament committee may call a protest hearing at their discretion. However, a protest hearing is not guaranteed. All protests will be settled on the day of the incident. The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, must be present at any official protest hearing. The tournament committee may refuse to consider any protest evidence not submitted at the protest hearing in the presence of the protested team. If the protesting or protested team fails to show up for the protest hearing, that team forfeits its right to submit evidence. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to protests are final and cannot be appealed.

## Weather Committee

- 46) A weather committee will be formed for the duration of this tournament and shall decide whether the tournament shall be fished on each day of competition. However, this is a “fish at your own risk” event and each boat captain is responsible for all decisions relating to safety at sea and for making the final “go/no go decision” as to whether his or her team competes on any given day. Importantly, responsibility for the risk of competing in this tournament cannot be shifted to the tournament organizers, Bonze Lures Limited or its representatives, or the WDSAC irrespective of the weather committee’s determination on the conditions for any given day of competition.

## Tournament Refunds

- 47) If the tournament is cancelled in its entirety due to weather each team will receive a refund of 50% of the total entry fee paid.

## What if no billfish are tagged and released or weighed when only one day is fished?

- 48) Each team will receive a refund of 25% of the total entry fee paid. This applies only where the competition is reduced to a single day and no team tags and releases or weighs a billfish in the course of that day’s fishing.

## Safety Message

- 49) The tournament is set down for three days of competition. However, this is a fish at your own risk event. Each team is responsible for deciding whether to compete on any given day of the event. In particular, the boat captain has overall responsibility for determining whether the sea conditions and weather forecast are safe for his or her boat to be put to sea and for ensuring the boat in which each team is competing is seaworthy and meets all Coast Guard and other regulatory requirements.