



2022 CARRY CAT OFFSHORE CLASSIC RULES

1. ALL IGFA RULES APPLY: NO passing of rods or helping in any way.
2. Maximum line class: 37kg (80lb).
3. The area to be fished is a radius of 40 nautical miles from Cape Point light house.
4. Recreational bag limits will be complied with by all (commercials and recreational)
5. All participants are required to have valid REC fishing licenses.
6. No commercial tackle allowed on boats. (i.e. short sticks, poles, bungis).
7. NO SHARKS TO BE WEIGHED INCLUDING MAKO!!!
8. Day One: All vessels to gather 1 Nautical Mile outside of launching harbour at 6:00am for BLESSING OF THE FLEET and official GUN start of the 2022 CARRY CAT OFFSHORE CLASSIC.
9. All other fishing days: weighing opens at 16:00 and closes at 19:00 CAT at GBBAC. Saturday 7 May 2022: weighing opens at 13:00 and closes at 16:00. Only the heaviest four fish per species, per team, will count toward TOP Boat. In the event of engine trouble, scales will stay open for an additional 2 hours only, to weigh fish caught from the vessel in distress.
10. BEST four fishable days, as advised by the weather committee, to be counted.
11. One-hour extension allowed for fish being fought at lines up. **Does not apply to Saturday the 7th of May 2022.**
12. Fish to be clearly identified before weighing (species/angler/line class/boat). **Please note that you MUST wear your official identification tag when weighing or attending functions at the club)**
13. ALL ANGLERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE WEIGH STATION WHEN WEIGHING THEIR TEAMS FISH.
14. Only four fish per team to count for Top Team. This will be worked out over an average of weight and days fished. Yellow/Blue and Big Eye Tuna minimum 20kg and Longfin 10kg. No fish under this to be brought to the scales.
15. Fish to be removed immediately after weighing and recording. Fish remain the angler's responsibility. Any unclaimed fish will be donated to a charity appointed by the Tournament Committee.
16. NO weighing for size (first fish weighed to count), fish need to be decided on the boat and only the fish for weighing-in will count, extra's will be disqualified.
17. Boat skippers are to confirm the number of anglers fishing on any given day and to sign the weigh sheet on completion of daily weigh-in, all anglers must be present at weigh station.

18. Fish landed at other harbours to be presented to the scale at GBBAC/Harbour Island with the acknowledgement of Control Boat subject to scale closure time (before 19:00).
19. The weigh master will not have the authority to make a judgment call on a fish! This will be up to the discretion of the OFFSHORE CLASSIC committee! If such a situation arises, a committee member needs to be approached for a decision (member to be announced)! The fish in question needs to be set aside until such a member is available.
20. Tag and Release is welcome, however, for a fish to be eligible for main prizes it needs to be presented at the scales!
21. Weather decisions will be made (by the appointed persons) prior to launch time on a daily basis.
22. GUIDELINES of weather call: In the event that the average wind speed exceeds 20 knots, fishing will be called off for the day. In the event that the average swell exceeds 3.5 meters with a period of less than 10 seconds, Fishing will be called off for the day.
23. All boats must be in compliance with correct legislation and operate within their limits.
24. NO REFUELING ON THE CLUB MOORING UNTIL AFTER 20:00
25. NO GILLIES (ALL PERSONS ON BOAT MUST BE ENTERED AND PAID UP ANGLERS)
26. All anglers to be registered and paid up prior to launch
27. Any transgressions of the rules will lead to immediate disqualification of that angler and team for the day!
28. Main and Daily Prize list to be made available prior to competition date.
29. BIGGEST TUNA overall will take the main prize.
30. There will be daily prizes/sponsor lucky draws so anglers are required to wear their name tags at all times for this purpose. Anglers and Teams must be present to receive their prize.
31. A Boat Auction to take place during the Opening Function.
32. The Tournament Committee's decision on allocation of prizes will be final and no correspondence will be entered into after the tournament.
33. Rules are subject to change, pending Offshore classic committee and or the skippers briefing.
34. REGISTRATION FOR THE COMPETITION CLOSSES AT 7:00PM ON FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2022
35. Collection of Goodie Bags from 15:00 pm to 18:00 pm on SATURDAY 30 April 2022 and Skippers Briefing/Boat Auction (same day) from 18:00 pm and Opening function afterwards at Gordon's Bay Boat Angling Club.
 - a. OPENING FUNCTION: 30 APRIL 2022 (Dinner will be provided)
 - b. POSSIBLE FISHING DAYS: From 1 MAY – 7 MAY 2021 (1 x Dinner will be provided during the course of the week – to be determined)
 - c. BEST 4 FISHING DAYS as advised by weather committee
 - d. CLOSING FUNCTION: 7 MAY 2021 (Dinner will be provided)
36. Entry fees to be PAID before the 15th of March to ensure name of boat on sleeve
37. Any entry fees PAID after the 15th of March will not have the boat name on sleeve

and shirts may only be ready for collection after the event.

*** All information can be reviewed by the Offshore Committee at any given time **