

TE ATATŪ BOATING CLUB INC PRESENTS



Commodore's **SNAPPER CLASSIC**

6-8 NOVEMBER 2026



TOURNAMENT RULES

Open to the public | All experience levels welcome

INAUGURAL MARINE DEALS COMMODORE'S SNAPPER CLASSIC

01 / EVENT & ENTRY

Tournament information

EVENT FORMAT

A three (3) day measure fishing tournament focused on Snapper and Kingfish, with daily gatherings (optional) /prizes and final weigh in and prize giving at Te Atatū Boating Club.

TOURNAMENT RULES ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is open to the public.

Anglers may fish this tournament as individuals.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens at 1600hrs (4pm) on Thursday 5th February 2026 and is located in the TBC Clubrooms.

CUT-OFF TIMES Early Bird: Only entries fully paid by midnight on 25th October 2026 are eligible for the early bird prize draw which will be drawn on briefing night (Thurs 5th Nov - 6pm).

Anglers may register up to 5pm Sunday 1st November 2026.

The team captain (or a nominated member for the team) or individual anglers must attend the briefing for the tournament on Thursday 5th November at 6pm and sign an acknowledgement that he/she has read and accepts the rules for the Tournament. A starter pack will be issued to each boat on briefing night. At any time during the tournament if an angler that's part of a team wishes to change teams they must seek the approval of the Tournament Convenor.

Skippers Briefing: 5th November - 6pm (compulsory)

Final Changes: Any Anglers that enter after the 2nd of November will not be guaranteed a spot or be eligible for any spot prizes. NO REFUNDS will be available after the 2nd of November without approval of the tournament Committee; requests must be submitted in writing and emailed to clubcaptain@teatatuboaclub.co.nz

Boats may leave from any boat ramp or Marina from within the area. All skippers must confirm where they intend to depart from at the beginning of the tournament. (Any boat that 'normally' resides outside the boundaries will be given an exception to be outside the area on request, for while traveling to and from port, no fishing outside the area is permitted).

02 / BOUNDARIES & HOURS

Fishing area

FISHING AREA and times

Fishing must be within the official tournament boundaries as per the supplied chart. All HPA's and Marine reserves are out of bounds. All area west of the outside boundaries given is available to fish. All fishing within the Hauraki Gulf area only.

Mainland to Little Barrier Line, Cape Rodney Lighthouse to Te Titoki Point

Little Barrier to Great Barrier line, Haurua Stream outlet Little barrier (36o13.213s . 175o6.542e) to False head with line continuing to Great Barrier Island

Coromandel boundary line From Square top island to Ruahine Rock (36o20.816s . 175o30.361e) Fishing may start from 6am Friday 6th November until 3pm Sunday 8th November. Final weigh in on Sunday at 4pm sharp. Any fish presented after 4:01pm will be disqualified from the tournament. Any fish presented after 7:01pm on Friday or Saturday will be added to the follow day's daily prizes.



03 / GATHERINGS & CATCHES

Meet-ups & measuring

Meet ups:

Friday 6th Nov - 6:00pm Social catch up, optional to attend - no weigh in available Saturday 7th Nov - 6:00pm Social catch up, optional to attend - no weigh in available A message via Whatsapp will be sent out to inform of which bay - optional to attend.

Sunday 8th Nov - Weigh in open from 2pm to 4pm sharp. (Te Atatū Boating Club, 32 Bridge Ave, Te Atatu) 1 fish per species only can be weighed Prize Giving - Approx 6pm

ROUND-UPS

Daily scheduled round-ups will be at 1300hrs (1:00pm). All anglers must be part of the WhatsApp group.

MEASURE & RELEASE SNAPPER AND KINGFISH

For Sustainability we promote the release of these larger fish, but the angler has the choice to keep the fish for weighing in, mounting or eating purposes.

MEASURING REQUIREMENTS

1. Fish must be measured using the approved Snapcatch measure mat - 1 per skipper will be provided. Measure mats should be used on a flat surface. No other measures accepted. Each angler is required to download the SnapCatch app to upload the photos to enter their catches - you will not be required to pay an app membership to use the app for this tournament. Each anglers email address will be added to the Snapcatch database for this tournaments entries.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose stop with the mouth closed and free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout with the mouth closed to the rear centre edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in centimetres.
5. All fish measured cannot be weighed in for heaviest daily prizes.
6. Daily measure times cut off Friday 6th Nov 6am to 7pm - any entries received after 7pm go into the next day's entries Saturday 7th - 7.01pm Friday 6th Nov to 7pm Saturday 7th Nov Sunday 8th - 7.01pm Saturday 7th Nov to 7pm Sunday 3pm sharp - no entries accepted after 3pm.

Weigh in,

Sunday 8th Nov 2026 - Weigh in open from 2pm to 4pm sharp. (Te Atatū Boating Club) 1 fish per species only can be weighed per angler Prize Giving - Approx. 6pm

- Fish must be presented to the weigh station in a fresh but not frozen condition.
- The weigh master and Tournament organiser will be the sole judges of the fish condition.
- Fish may only be weighed in from the vessel it was originally caught on.
- Fish must be weighed in whole, any fish presented mutilated will be disqualified.

04 / CHECK-IN & PRIZES

Tournament rules

TOURNAMENT RULES

All boats must:

- Remain within tournament boundaries
- Check in daily via WhatsApp group, or by text to 021 31 99 00 - angler name and boat name required.
- Use the supplied and approved measure mat and Snapcatch app to enter measured fish.

DAILY CHECK-IN

All boats must check in at 1:00pm daily:

- Boat name
- Largest Fish caught per category
- Grid location

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

All boats or anglers must make reasonable efforts to complete daily check-ins via the WhatsApp group. Failure to report without reasonable cause may result in disqualification for that day.

SPECIES & PRIZES (DAILY)

CATEGORY	PLACING
Longest Snapper Overall	1st
Longest Snapper Ladies	1st
Longest Snapper Junior	1st
Longest Kingfish Overall	1st
Longest Kingfish Ladies	1st
Longest Kingfish Junior	1st

Additional spot prizes daily

Other Species

John Dory • Kahawai • Trevally • Gurnard

05 / OVERALL RESULTS

Prize categories

OVERALL PRIZES	PLACING
Heaviest Snapper Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest Ladies Snapper	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest Junior (U16) Snapper	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Snapper Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Snapper Ladies	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Snapper Junior	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest Kingfish Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest Ladies Kingfish	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest Junior (U16) Kingfish	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Kingfish Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Kingfish Ladies	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Longest Kingfish Junior	1st, 2nd, 3rd, AVG
Heaviest John Dory	1st, AVG
Heaviest Trevally	1st, AVG
Heaviest Kahawai	1st, AVG
Heaviest Gurnard	1st, AVG
Heaviest Other	1st, AVG

(Sharks, Sting rays and eels not accepted)

Prize Pool Disclaimer

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to increase category prize values or prize pools should angler entries significantly exceed expectations. Any increase will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and will depend on the level of participation.

06 / WEIGH-IN & CONDUCT

Weigh-in rules

WEIGH-IN RULES

- 1 Fish per species per angler can be weighed in on Sunday 8th Nov 2026
- Rod and reel or handline only
- All fish must meet NZ legal limits - unlimited for Photo'd fish
- Fish must be presented whole
- Fish must be weighed/entered within set times
- Late fish will not be accepted

FISH CONDITION

Fish must be presented in a fresh and edible condition.
Any fish deemed spoiled or unfit by the weighmaster will be disqualified.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed or recorded will take precedence.

If a prize does not have a winner for the category, the prize will be done by way of ticket draw for the anglers, they must be present to claim or it will be redrawn.

SPOT PRIZES

Drawn daily at gatherings (Optional to attend) - the named registered angler must be present to claim

SKIPPERS POT

Optional buy-in (details & registration for this will be at briefing Thurs 5th Nov)

\$50 buy in per vessel. Overall winner of the comp takes 80% of prize pool with 2nd place taking 20%

SPORTSMANSHIP

All competitors are expected to act in good spirit and uphold club values.

DAILY FUN AWARD

"The She'll Be Right Award" - Awarded daily for the best story, mishap, or moment.

Enter / Dob in your crew via private WhatsApp message to the tournament committee or email clubcaptain@teatatuboaclub.co.nz

MARINE DEALS - EXTRA PRIZE DRAW

Be a registered angler of the 2026 Commodores Snapper Classic and make a purchase at Marine Deals between 16th October 2026 and 2nd November 2026, submit your purchase receipt via email to clubcaptain@teatatuboaclub.co.nz and go in the extra prize draw.

07 / EVENT CONDITIONS

Protests & safety

PROTESTS

Any protests concerning the validity of any catch or breach of rules, must be filed in writing, signed by and presented in person to the Tournament Convenor or his/her nominated representative by close of weigh station on Sunday 8th November 2026 - 4pm sharp.

In case of any protest, the Tournament Committee's decision is final.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change or amend the Tournament or its rules at any stage in the interests of public safety or in the best interests of tournament participants.

Alternative Dates

Should bad weather hit on the weekend of the tournament it will be at the discretion of the tournament committee to reschedule the tournament to another suitable date. All communication on any rescheduling will be via email to registered anglers.

SAFETY & LIABILITY

All Anglers, skippers and crew participate in this tournament at their own risk. The Te Atatū Boating Club Inc and organisers take no responsibility for the safety of vessels, equipment, or individuals, or for any loss, damage, or injury sustained during the tournament. Skippers are solely responsible for ensuring their vessel is seaworthy and complies with all Maritime NZ safety requirements

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