



WHANGAMATA CLUB 2025 TAG & RELEASE RULES

General

Open to Whangamata Club members and non-members. We want everyone to have fun but still bring your best game to this competition, so you can win the best prizes. No minimum anglers per boat required.

Please read all the rules and abide by them. If you have any questions, ask at briefing.

Channel 3 will be the chat channel.

Briefing

Briefing will be 7.30pm Thursday at the Whangamata Club. At least one angler should be present at the briefing.

Leaving Port

Must launch from either Whangamata, Tauranga, Tairua or Whitianga. Teams can leave port at 7am on Friday. You must have photographic evidence with a time stamp i.e. Whangamata Wharf, Tauranga Mount, Tairua Paku Hill, Whitianga Wharf.

Species and Points

Tagged Marlin or Broadbill 450 points, Shortbill Spearfish 100 points. Points are accumulated per boat/team.

Fishing Area Co-Ordinates

Post Charles 36-30-075 S 175-28-787 E to out past Cuvier 36-07-903 S 176-10-457

Tauranga entrance 37-37-914 S 176-11-555 E to out from Tauranga 37-11-848 S 177-03-455 E

Weather

The competition will go on no matter how the weather is! It is up to the team to decide if it is safe enough for them to go out. The Tag & release Committee hold the right to cancel the competition at any stage for unforeseen circumstances.

Fishing times

Leave port at 7am Friday to lines at 3pm Saturday. All possible winners must be in to the Whangamata Club by 5pm Saturday to show evidence and for line, lure, & rod checking. Line lengths must be IGFA approved.

Verification of catch

You must show photographic/video evidence with time of the fish tagged and also swimming away before 5pm Saturday (fish must still be in the water) and boats supply their own tags.

Prize giving

Saturday 22nd February 2025 at 7.30pm at the Whangamata Club.

Percentage of entry pool 1st 60%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 10%

If points are tied, the prizes will be evenly given out. Spot prizes (if any) will be given to randomly drawn angler numbers. Spot prizes will be redrawn if the angler is not in attendance.

All prize winners will need to be at prize giving and provide identification, i.e. Driver's License.

If there are no fish caught, 80% of the total prize pool will be split at random and distributed via lucky angler draws.

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