



TAURANGA ONE BASE 2017 1-4 MARCH 2017

TOURNAMENT GUIDE



TAG & RELEASE BILLFISH SECTION

All T&R Marlin and Broadbill are guaranteed to receive a high end SHIMANO reel.

\$15,000

Worth of reels thanks to Bay Insurance Brokers!

BRIEFING:

Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm

4 DAYS OF FISHING...

All your favourite species

PRIZE GIVING:

Saturday 4th March 2017 at 6.00pm

ENTRY

\$130 per angler

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For more information please contact:

Tauranga Sport Fishing Club 07- 578 6203 or www.tsfc.co.nz

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ESSENTIAL INFO

Registration – Opens at 1.00pm on Tuesday 28th February and is located at the TSFC Club rooms. Team starter packs may be collected from this time.

Briefing Check In – With the One Base reception staff in the Club between 5.00pm-7.30pm to record your attendance. (Attendance is compulsory for Team Captain or representative).

Briefing – 7.30pm Tuesday 28th February at the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club.

Fishing Times – Start fishing 8.00am Wednesday 1st March continuous until 3.00pm Saturday 4th March. No boat in the tournament may depart the Tauranga Entrance before 7.30am on Wednesday 1st March.

Weigh Station – Open daily from 9am till 6.30pm except for Saturday when final weight in time is 3.00pm (no exceptions).

Daily Prize Giving – 7.00pm Wednesday 1st March, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd March

Major Prize Giving – 6.00pm Saturday 4th March 2017.

Communications - All communications through **Game Base Ch66** broadcast from the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club. Remember to radio all 'hook ups' (except Snapper) and acknowledge whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost.

EMERGENCY – Tauranga Coast Guard VHF 01

Club Phone – 07 578 6203

Roly Bagshaw, Tournament Convener – 021 702 248

Kerren Packer, Weighmaster – 021 858 751

Remember to keep your angler number and team number on hand at all times.

Minimum Fish Weights/Length

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| Billfish | 90 kg | Tuna | 8 kg |
| Broadbill (to exceed line weight) | | Shortbill Spearfish | 7 kg |
| Yellowtail Kingfish min length 1 m | | Snapper | 5 kg |
| Mahi Mahi 4 kg | | | |
| Snapper measure & release min length 45cm | | | |
| Kingfish measure & release min length 1 m | | | |

A FISH SMOKING service is offered from SMOKING JOES – Call John 0275040802



NEW FOR 2017!

BAY INSURANCE BROKERS GOLD REEL GUARANTEE

A brand new initiative for the 2017 A1 Homes One Base this year is to offer Shimano gold reels for any tag and released Marlin. Over \$15,000 worth of gold reels are on offer for those who achieve the ultimate in fishing endeavors!

TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB

A1 HOMES ONE BASE 2017 - TOURNAMENT GUIDE

The Tauranga Sport Fishing Club's annual One Base Fishing Tournament held at Sulphur Point is a prestigious Sport Fishing Tournament and also a major event on Tauranga City's Calendar.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tournament Control

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| Convener – Roly Bagshaw 021 702248 | Comperes – Bruce Mack/Roly Bagshaw |
| Weigh Master – Kerren Packer 021 858 751 | Manager – Roly Bagshaw 021 702248 |
| Bar – Jackie Henry | Administrator – Fiona Knarston, Jess Guy-Patterson. |
| Results – Deryk Nielsen 021 620 634 | Meals – Salt Kitchen – Darren Gussy, Helen Thornton-Gussy |

Judicial Committee – Aaron Layne, Tony Dolman & Deryk Nielsen, Adam Milnes
One Base Committee – Aaron Layne, Tony Dolman, Deryk Nielsen, Adam Milnes, Jo Oxenham, Bruce Mack, Leanne Lory, Eric Tait.

Reminder

The skipper of the boat is always responsible for ensuring the area, weather and sea conditions are satisfactory for the safe use of the craft they are using.

HEATH & SAFETY PLAN

Please be advised the One Base Tournament now has a Health and Safety policy that will be available from the Club. A copy will be in teams starter packs and also available on line at www.tsfc.co.nz

TOURNAMENT RULES

Eligibility

Anglers may fish this tournament as individuals, including fishing from PWC or Kayaks as long as they have VHF communications with Club on VHF Channel 66. The team captain must enter and participate in the tournament. Each team member must be a current financial member of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club (Inc.) or a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. If visiting anglers cannot produce current membership cards, their membership will be checked through the secretary of their club. Failure to be a financial member of a club will result in disqualification from the contest. Team Captains are responsible for this. Day membership to the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club (Inc.) of \$20 per day will be accepted. No team may fish any other tournament during the period of the One Base.

Teams who fish the 2017 One Base have first right of entry into the 2018. **From 1 Feb 2017 remaining available entries will be offered firstly to those entrants on the waiting list and then on a first come first serve basis until the limit of 100 teams is reached.** In some instances new teams from the waiting list, are offered a provisional 'stand in' position replacing teams on a one year stand down. After this time they will retain their position on the waiting list or gain priority entry.

Contest Fees

Entry fees are \$130.00 per angler. All angler fees must be paid for by the conclusion of briefing night, Tuesday **28th February 2017**.

Registration

The team captain or a member of the team must register for the tournament and sign an acknowledgement that he/she has read and accepts the rules for the One Base Tournament. A starter pack will be issued to each team. Registration opens at 1300hrs (1.00pm) on Tuesday **28th February 2017** and is located in the TSFC Clubrooms. Anglers must produce some form of ID when registering. Refunds will only be given in exceptional circumstances upon receipt of a written request stating the reason for a refund and approved by the One Base Committee. At any time of the tournament if an angler wishes to change teams they must seek the approval of the Tournament Convenor.

Briefing

Attendance at the pre-tournament briefing is compulsory for the team captain or his representative. Briefing will be held in the Club and commences at 1930hrs (**7.30pm**) on Tuesday, **28th February 2017**. Please **check-in** with the One Base Reception staff in the Club on Tuesday between 1700hrs (5.00pm) – 1930hrs (7.30pm), who will record your attendance. Anglers checking in must present their angler pass.

Entry to and Exit from Chart 54 (Modified)

All vessels must depart via the Tauranga Harbour Entrance at the start of the tournament and return via the Tauranga Harbour Entrance. Fishing-In and trailering of boats to other launching areas is not permitted. **Empty trailers may be transported to destinations within Chart 54 Modified for the purpose of removal for maintenance, fuelling and safety but must return to Tauranga for retrieval of the vessel (which must leave from and return to Tauranga Harbour) at the conclusion of the tournament.**

No boat in the tournament may depart the Tauranga Harbour Entrance before 0730hrs (7:30am) or commence fishing before 0800hrs (8:00am) on **Wednesday 1st March 2017** and may then fish continuously until 1500hrs (3.00pm) on Saturday **4th March 2017**.

Fishing Area

As per Chart NZ54 (Modified). See map attached. All of Chart 54 west of a line drawn due North from Lottin Point.

Cancelled Fishing Days

In the event that any day's fishing is cancelled due to bad weather or any other unforeseen event or circumstance, notification will be via Club Channel 66. The Club will also notify the following Coastguards: Whitianga (Ch63), Whangamata (Ch04), Whakatane (Ch18) and Waihou Bay (Ch65). Any vessels outside of Ch66 coverage should make contact with one of the above Coastguards. Where possible and practicable the Tournament Committee will make the decision to cancel any days fishing the previous evening, but no later than 0700hrs (7.00am) on the day.

Stay Away

All vessels must notify Tournament headquarters of their intention to stay away and also their intended overnight location at 1600 roundup or prior to going out of radio range each day.

Prior to leaving CH66 VHF coverage area boats are to radio CH66 and then establish communications with the relevant Coastguards: Whitianga VHF Ch 61, Whangamata VHF Ch 84, Whakatane VHF Ch 80, Waihou Bay VHF Ch 63. Inform the above that they are fishing the TSFC One Base and advise of intended overnight location.

Fishing Times

Wed 2 March 2016 Start Fishing: From 0800hrs (8.00am) continuous until 1500hrs (3.00pm)
Saturday 4th March 2017.

Sat 5 March 2016 Final weigh in time: 1500hrs (3.00pm). All fish must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time 1500hrs (3.00pm) (no exceptions).

Hook – Ups

All hook-ups (except snapper) must be radioed to the Tournament Base on Ch66. The result of hook-ups are also to be radioed to base immediately, acknowledging whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost. Failure to report all hook-ups (less snapper) including the sponsors grid square in which the hook-up took place could result in the fish being disqualified. Report Boat Name – Species – Angler Name – Line Weight – Lure/Bait – Area according to Sponsors Grid Map.

Radios

All boats must be equipped with a VHF RADIO IN GOOD WORKING ORDER and be in radio contact with Tournament Base at all times on the designated channels.

Communication with the Tournament Committee

Cell phones or similar type devices may be used if outside VHF range. All ONE BASE Tournament communications will be through Ch 66. Monitored radio hours on CH66 are between 0600 – 2000hrs. For continued monitored radio please change to Tauranga Coast Guard Ch01 outside of these times.

All hook-ups and results of hook-ups along with roundups and lucky draws will be on CH66 which will be manned through the Club.

This channel is kindly offered to the TSFC by Coastguard so please enjoy the channel by using the normal courtesies and radio protocols.

Scheduled Round ups will be at 0800 & 1600 (please let us know where you intend to spend the night) and weigh master roundup at 1930. Updated Coastal weather forecasting will be presented by Coastguard 15 minutes before each schedule.

Please notify Tauranga Game Base if you are leaving the area so we can exclude you from the schedule. Please call us on your return into the coverage area. This is considered north of the Alderman Islands and East of White Island. (Weather conditions may affect this range.)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. Assistance will be available on either CH16 or Tauranga Coastguard CH01.

Team Numbers

Have your team and angler numbers on hand so you can quote it along with your boat name, when making radio contact. Anglers are required to have these numbers on hand in the Club for the purpose of ID and lucky draws.

IGFA Rules and Regulations for Sponsored Tournaments

In all matters not specifically covered, either IGFA Rules or Regulations for the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Sponsored Tournaments will apply.

Tackle

All tackle must be in accordance with IGFA Rules and Regulations but shall not exceed 60kg.

Weigh – In

Angler must present catch card and fish at the TSFC official weigh station by 1830hrs (6:30pm) to be included in that day's prize giving. All catches after this time will be weighed and included in the following day's prize giving apart from the last day when final weigh in is at 1500hrs (3.00pm) and all fish must be at the weigh station by the final weigh-in time.

Fish caught on any day must be presented to the weigh station no later than 1830hrs (6.30pm) or the following day to qualify unless this cannot be achieved due to safety reasons. In that event fish must be reported to Game Base on the day caught by whatever means the angler has at his/her disposal. Failure to report the catch on the day it was caught will result in the fish being disqualified. The weigh master will be available from 0800hrs (8.00am) by prior arrangement to weigh fish from the previous day, if required.

Each angler shall complete a catch card declaring that his/her catch was made in accordance with Tournament Rules. Please use the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club catch cards that are included in the tournament starter packs only. All details are to be clearly entered and the card passed to the weigh person immediately upon arrival at the weigh station.

The angler must present all tackle, including gaff, with which the fish was caught. All lures are to be removed before the fish is weighed. The Club has the right to retain any fish for further analysis if required.

Once the catch card has been presented to the weigh master, it cannot be withdrawn.

Fish must be presented to the weigh station in a fresh but not frozen condition. The weigh master will be the sole judge of the fish condition.

Fish may only be weighed from the vessel it was caught on.

The TSFC will do a nightly fish catch report via VHF66 at 7.30pm.

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 the day of the alleged breach. In case of any protest, the Judicial 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.

Species

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Billfish | Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin & Broadbill |
| Tag & Release | Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin & Broadbill |
| Tuna | All Tuna species |
| Kingfish | Yellowtail Kingfish |
| Snapper | |
| Squid | |

Tag & Release

All tags require photographic evidence clearly showing the tag in the fish and date of capture on a digital camera or camera phone. Cameras recording tagged and released fish must be presented to the weigh master by final weigh in time. Digital cameras must have a date function which must be switched on. The Angler complete with tag card, catch card and digital camera along with all tackle with which the fish was caught must be at the weigh station no later than 1500hrs (3.00pm) Saturday 4th March 2017.

*Please note the new length required for tag poles is 2.44m (8 feet).

LONGEST KINGFISH & SNAPPER

These One Base categories are Measure and RELEASE categories. The fish must swim away and be returned in good condition for an entry to be eligible.

LENGTH PHOTO REQUIREMENTS;

A. MEASURING REQUIREMENTS

1. Fish must be measured using a IGFA, NZ Fishing Competition, Decoro or Top Catch measure board. Measure boards should be used on a flat surface. No other measures accepted unless checked with One Base Convener.
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. Fish that measure between centimetres increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.

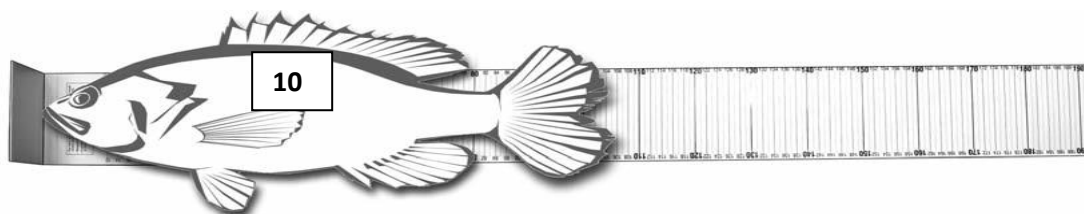
B. PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

All measured and released fish require photographic evidence clearly showing the fish on a TSFC approved measure board. Photographs included with applications must contain the following information.

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape.
2. A close up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. **Every fish must have the angler number included in the picture (placed on the fish)** Angler numbers are issued at registration and will be your OB Angler Number.
4. If in doubt take extra photographs, or even GoPro footage to authenticate.
5. All photographs must be digital and recorded on SD or CF cards. Please bring in USB lead to the camera for any other format. Photos can be emailed to roly@tsfc.co.nz, but must be high enough resolution to clearly see measure.

6. All entries must be submitted on a TSFC catch card and presented to the weigh station. Angler complete with catch card, measure board and photographic proof along with all tackle with which the fish was caught must be at the weigh station by final weigh in time.

Any doubt as to the authenticity or accuracy of the measured fish will result in disqualification.



Minimum Fish Weights/Length

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| Billfish | 90 kg | Tuna | 8 kg |
| Broadbill | (must go line weight) | Shortbill Spearfish | 7 kg |
| Yellowtail Kingfish | min length 1 m | Snapper | 5 kg |
| Mahi Mahi | 4 kg | | |
| Snapper measure & release | min length 45cm | | |
| Kingfish measure & release | min length 1 m | | |

Shortbill Spearfish and Mahi Mahi

Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest weight of each of these species if caught.

Nacsan Lucky Floats

Keep your eyes peeled! Two lucky floats have been deployed. These buoys have flags on them. Notify Game Base if you find them and bring the float back to base to receive 1 of 2 Nacsan prizes.

Daily Prize Giving

Daily prize giving will be held each night commencing at 1900hrs (7.00pm) except for Saturday 1800hrs (6.00pm).

Prizes and draws will consist of:

Daily Fish Prizes:

Billfish (Blue, Black, Broadbill), Striped Marlin, Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish and Snapper
All Tag and Release Billfish

Lucky Angler Draws:

Please bring in your Angler ID as numbered tickets will be issued (where attendance at the Daily prize giving is down) so random draws can proceed smoothly. Anglers must be present to receive prize otherwise it will be redrawn until won.

Team Draws:

The whole team must be present to receive a prize otherwise it will be redrawn until won.

Major Prize Giving

The major prize giving will be held following the daily prize giving on Sat night. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners as follows, with only one prize package awarded per fish;

Major Fish Prizes;

1-3 Heaviest Billfish (Blue & Black Marlin, Broadbill)

1-3 Heaviest Striped Marlin

1-3 Heaviest Tuna

1-2 Heaviest Kingfish

1-2 Heaviest Snapper

1st Heaviest Mahimahi & S B Spearfish, if caught

1st Heaviest Squid

Longest Kingfish (minimum 1 metre)

Longest Snapper (minimum 45cm)

Tag & Release Billfish . (Bay Insurance Guarantee – All fish receive a Shimano Goldie)

A trophy will be awarded to the boat gaining the most points in the billfish section.

Weighed fish one point per kilo, minimum weight 90kg.

Tagged & released fish 120 points

In the event of prizes not being won by qualifying fish they will be drawn. (Except for the Billfish tag and release section). The tournament committee reserves the right to break down prize packages in the event that they are being drawn.

All prize winners please make your way to the stage as quickly as possible, drawing attention to yourself as you do so. Ensure you have your angler ID with you.

Pot Your Mate

DOB-ins, hard luck stories and poems must be handed to Roly no later than 1845hrs (6.45pm) each evening.

Important

The distribution of prizes within your team is the team's responsibility. Set your ground rules now, as the Club will not get involved with your domestic differences.

Anglers must enter and fish at least one day of the tournament to be eligible for drawn prizes.

ENTERTAINMENT

Auckland band the **Radical Kids** are down again after a fantastic debut at the Club earlier this year!

FACILITIES

The Club

The Tauranga Sport Fishing Club offers a wonderful kitchen and dedicated dining area. A full bar service will be open normal hours (1100- Close). Through the One Base Tournament a temporary bar will be set up in the adjoined marque annex with Eftpos facilities. We have an ATM onsite, kids area and pool table. A fish filleting area and fish chiller is available at the rear of the Club for use by contestants.

Taxi & Dial a Driver

Transport can be arranged by letting bar staff know you are ready to be picked up. They will call the necessary transport for your requirements. If you are being difficult you can make your own arrangements!

MOUNT TAXIS - 578 6086

DIAL A DRIVER - 07 576 1234

Telephones

Card phones are available next to the Marina Café for local and toll calls. Club phones are available for local calls only.

Fuel

Diesel is available from the Tauranga Marina. Please note that petrol is available at the Bridge Marina. They accept GO FUEL card, Visa and Eftpos. Please note that Shell cards can no longer be used at the Tauranga or Bridge Marina's. Please support the Tauranga Marina fuel stations as GO FUEL is now sponsoring TSFC events. We will post the latest GO FUEL rate in the Club for the events.

Water

Supplies of fresh water are available at fuelling stations also the TSFC weigh station.

Weigh Station

ALL fish will be weighed at the TSFC clubhouse. Purpose-built trolleys are available to transport your fish from your boat to our weigh station. Please ensure Catch Cards are filled out before fish are presented to the weigh station. Catch cards are in the Teams starter packs received at registration.

A weigh station berth is available on request through ch66. The berth is F5 located in the Sulphur Pt Marina. The berth is available for boats wishing to get close to the weigh station with large fish. This is a short term berth and must be booked.

A fish bench and wash down and fish chiller are available at the rear of the Club for use. Removal of fish from the weigh station and clean-up of the bench area is the responsibility of the angler.

Photographs

ALL fish weighed will be photographed with angler/team if requested. Blue Chilli Photography (<https://www.facebook.com/BlueChilliNZ>) will be on hand at the weigh station and for prizegiving. Photos will be on display the following evening. Please order your photos directly from the photographer.

Showers

Showers are available in the Clubhouse. Marina showers are available to key holders, bring your own towel.

Bar / Entertainment

The bar will be open from 1100hrs (11:00am) daily. There will be a DJ Ultimate Sounds will be playing on Saturday 4th March. So boogie down to after prize giving has finished!

SALT KITCHEN Restaurant

The Salt Kitchen in the Club will be operating normal hours throughout the Tournament.
12-2pm Lunch and 5- 9pm Dinner (Wed/Thurs/Fri) & 12pm-9pm (Sat).

For the A1 Homes One Base this year The Salt Kitchen will be offering a reduced Tournament menu to ensure meals are served up

Event Menu

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| Garlic Bread | Beef Burger | Fish & Chips (sm & Lrg) |
| Fries | Chicken Burger | Angus Sirloin Steak, fries and salad |
| Beef Nachoes | Chicken Curry & rice | Hot Chicken Salad |
| Spicy wedges | Bangers & Mash | Dukkah roast vege salad |

Merchandise

The Tauranga Sport Fishing Club offer a cool range of clothing including hoodies, polos, caps and T-shirts all on display at the bar.

Guests Invited to the Event

Contestants are encouraged to bring friends and family to the Club to participate in the weigh station activities, dining and prize giving. No guest passes have been issued or are required this year for the One Base dates. However the Committee requests that guests still please sign in to the Club through the Guest book located in the foyer.

ONE BASE SPONSORS

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- *Tauranga Coastguard
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- *The Meat Company
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- *Ministry for Primary Industries
- *New Zealand Fishing News.
- *Office Max
- *Papamoa Beach Car Rentals
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- *Cavanagh Truck
- *Legasea
- *Bay Fisher Magazine
- *Nacsan
- *Black Magic
- *Decoro
- *NZ Outdoor Gear
- *Tauranga Boat Sales
- *Salt Kitchen
- *Seatrek Charters
- *DB Breweries
- *Go Fuels

2016-2017 Sponsors Grid



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| 15 ALL ABOUT CONSTRUCTION | 16 CHAMPNESS ROOFING 027 328 8994 | 17 HIGH DUTY PLASTICS | 18 PHIL BUCKLAND MOTORS | 19 DECORO FISHING TACKLE 0508 545 545 | 20 ZOG RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS | 21 |
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Tips for ensuring safe, trouble-free boating this summer

✔ Get your engine serviced

Make sure your boat's engine is up to the job. Schedule an annual service and make regular visual checks.

✔ Change your fuel

If your boat has been out of the water for a while, it pays to replace old fuel with clean, fresh fuel. Never assume your trip will run exactly according to plan – always plan to use a third of your fuel for the trip out, a third for the trip back, and have a third in reserve to allow for anything unexpected.

✔ Give your boat a good once-over

Take a thorough look and make sure everything on your boat is in good working order. Start in one place and work your way around the boat, checking everything, inside and out. If you find anything that is damaged or worn, repair it properly or replace it.

✔ Check your lifejackets

Before reuse, make sure that lifejackets are still the correct size (especially for children) and in good condition. Check that your lifejackets are suitable for the type of boating you do. If you have an inflatable, make sure it's checked and serviced, and regularly check that the gas cylinder is properly secured and not corroded. Remember, too, that lifejackets do not work unless they are worn.

✔ Check your equipment

Look at all of the equipment on your boat and make sure it works properly. Check expiry dates on flares and fire extinguishers, and replace them if they're out of date. Make sure the boat's battery is professionally checked so that it will be capable of operating all electric equipment and have enough strength to start the motor. After lying idle over winter, batteries have a habit of providing a start or two before failing completely. Check batteries on portable equipment such as torches, radios and your GPS, and replace them if you need to. Make sure your distress beacon's registration is up to date.

✔ Think about your emergency plan

Look at where your safety equipment is stored. Can you access it easily in an emergency or after a capsize? Put together a floating 'grab bag' that contains all the emergency gear you will need should your boat capsize. Remember, the best place to store a lifejacket is on your person, with a means of communication in your pocket or attached to you!

Before you go out, brief your crew or passengers on what to do if things go wrong, and practise different scenarios – be mentally prepared for the unexpected.

✔ Wear your lifejacket or PFD

Maritime law requires ALL skippers to carry enough lifejackets of the right size for everyone on board. Lifejackets must also be worn in any situation where there is an increased risk to safety.*

*The Government is currently considering a law change that would make it compulsory for lifejackets to be worn at all times on vessels under 6 metres, unless the skipper gives permission for them to be removed.

✔ Check the marine weather forecast before you go

If in doubt, don't go out. And keep checking the forecast while you are out, using VHF channel 21.

✔ Carry at least two reliable forms of marine communication

A distress beacon (EPIRB or PLB) and a handheld, waterproof marine VHF radio are the most reliable forms of emergency communication. Flares (red handheld, orange smoke and red parachute or rocket) are another useful way to signal that you need help. If carried, cell phones should be inside a resealable plastic bag, but should not be relied on as your only form of communication.

✔ Don't go overboard on alcohol

Alcohol impairs judgement and balance, and its effects are exaggerated on the water. Consumption of alcohol increases the risk of hypothermia and will reduce your survival time if you end up in the water.

✔ Make a trip report

Let someone responsible know where you're going and when you expect to be back.

✔ Be considerate to other water users

Keep a lookout, stick to safe speeds and be patient, so that everyone can enjoy the water.



NEW ZEALAND HYDROGRAPHIC AUTHORITY TIDE PREDICTIONS

TAURANGA

Lat. 37° 39' S Long. 176° 11' E

MARCH 2017

N.Z. LOCAL TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

| | Time | m | | Time | m | | Time | m | | Time | m |
|-----------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|
| 1 | 0350 | 0.2 | 9 | 0505 | 1.8 | 17 | 0518 | 0.4 | 25 | 0538 | 1.7 |
| | 1014 | 2.0 | | 1111 | 0.4 | | 1134 | 1.8 | | 1142 | 0.5 |
| We | 1620 | 0.2 | Th | 1729 | 1.8 | Fr | 1742 | 0.4 | Sa | 1755 | 1.7 |
| | 2234 | 1.9 | | 2336 | 0.3 | | 2358 | 1.8 | | | |
| 2 | 0437 | 0.2 | 10 | 0605 | 1.8 | 18 | 0559 | 0.4 | 26 | 0004 | 0.5 |
| | 1100 | 2.0 | | 1212 | 0.4 | | 1213 | 1.8 | | 0631 | 1.8 |
| Th | 1707 | 0.2 | Fr | 1830 | 1.8 | Sa | 1821 | 0.4 | Su | 1235 | 0.5 |
| | 2321 | 1.9 | | | | | | | | 1850 | 1.8 |
| 3 | 0526 | 0.2 | 11 | 0035 | 0.3 | 19 | 0039 | 1.8 | 27 | 0057 | 0.4 |
| | 1147 | 2.0 | | 0702 | 1.9 | | 0641 | 0.5 | | 0721 | 1.8 |
| Fr | 1755 | 0.2 | Sa | 1309 | 0.4 | Su | 1253 | 1.8 | Mo | 1327 | 0.4 |
| | | | | 1926 | 1.8 | | 1902 | 0.4 | | 1943 | 1.8 |
| 4 | 0011 | 1.9 | 12 | 0130 | 0.3 | 20 | 0122 | 1.7 | 28 | 0148 | 0.3 |
| | 0616 | 0.2 | | 0754 | 1.9 | | 0724 | 0.5 | | 0811 | 1.9 |
| Sa | 1237 | 2.0 | Su | 1402 | 0.3 | Mo | 1335 | 1.7 | Tu | 1417 | 0.3 |
| | 1845 | 0.2 | | 2018 | 1.9 | | 1944 | 0.5 | | 2034 | 1.9 |
| 5 | 0104 | 1.9 | 13 | 0221 | 0.3 | 21 | 0207 | 1.7 | 29 | 0238 | 0.2 |
| | 0709 | 0.3 | | 0843 | 1.9 | | 0810 | 0.6 | | 0900 | 2.0 |
| Su | 1329 | 1.9 | Mo | 1451 | 0.3 | Tu | 1420 | 1.7 | We | 1507 | 0.2 |
| | 1938 | 0.2 | | 2107 | 1.9 | | 2030 | 0.5 | | 2124 | 2.0 |
| 6 | 0200 | 1.9 | 14 | 0308 | 0.3 | 22 | 0257 | 1.7 | 30 | 0328 | 0.2 |
| | 0805 | 0.3 | | 0929 | 1.9 | | 0859 | 0.6 | | 0948 | 2.0 |
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| | 2034 | 0.3 | | 2152 | 1.9 | | 2120 | 0.5 | | 2213 | 2.0 |
| 7 | 0300 | 1.8 | 15 | 0353 | 0.3 | 23 | 0350 | 1.7 | 31 | 0418 | 0.2 |
| | 0905 | 0.4 | | 1012 | 1.9 | | 0952 | 0.6 | | 1038 | 2.0 |
| Tu | 1524 | 1.8 | We | 1620 | 0.3 | Th | 1602 | 1.6 | Fr | 1645 | 0.1 |
| | 2133 | 0.3 | | 2235 | 1.9 | | 2214 | 0.5 | | 2304 | 2.0 |
| 8 | 0402 | 1.8 | 16 | 0436 | 0.3 | 24 | 0444 | 1.7 | | | |
| | 1008 | 0.4 | | 1054 | 1.9 | | 1047 | 0.6 | | | |
| We | 1626 | 1.8 | Th | 1701 | 0.3 | Fr | 1659 | 1.7 | | | |
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