



FISH N CHICKS '26

5TH - 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

COME DRESSED IN THEME: PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

BRIEFING - THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 5:30PM
WEIGH STATION - SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY FROM 4PM
PRIZEGIVING - SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 11AM

**"NOT ALL TREASURE IS
SILVER AND GOLD"**

CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW

TICKETS ON SALE 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025:
EARLY BIRD (1ST SEPTEMBER - 1ST DECEMBER): \$100
STANDARD (FROM 1ST DECEMBER): \$115

**\$5 FROM EACH TICKET GOING TO OUR CHOSEN CHARITY
PARTNER: THE WOMENS FUND WBOP**



SCAN ME

Ka mua, ka muri
WOMEN'S
western bay of plenty
FUND

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EVENT SCHEDULE:

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"MAP OUT YOUR ADVENTURE SO YOU'RE PREPARED TO FEATURE ON THE LEADERBOARD"

WEIGH STATION - SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY FROM 4PM (FINAL WEIGH IN 8PM)

"IT'S GONNA BE A SHIN-DIG, WE'RE TALKING DJ, RUMS AND A WHOLE LOAD OF PIRATE ANTICS!"

PRIZEGIVING - SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 11AM

"JUST HOW THE LADIES LIKE IT - SLOW TO START, A SIDE OF SNACKS AND A BEVERAGE OR TWO - AIMING FOR A REWARDING FINISH"



2026

TOURNAMENT GUIDE:

CONVENOR: NICK SHEEHAN

WEIGH MASTER: DERYK NIELSEN

OPERATIONS MANAGER: LIZZ PARSONS

ADMINISTRATOR: LISA STROEVEN

MEALS: SEA DOG

BAR: TSFC

PHOTOGRAPHER: BEX EDE

RADIO OPERATOR: DERYK NIELSEN/ LIZZ PARSONS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TARA HEDGMAN, SARAH ENSOR, JAIMEE THOMSEN AND SHANEL HONORE

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.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Eligibility

Anglers may fish this tournament as individuals, including fishing from PWC or Kayaks if they have VHF communications with TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB CHANNEL 03. 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. Event membership for non-members is \$20 per angler for the tournament duration.

Tournament Entry Fees

Entry fee is \$75 per angler. (\$85 after 1st January 2026) with \$5 from each ticket sale going to our charity The Western Bay Of Plenty Womens Fund. All angler fees must be paid for by the conclusion of briefing night, Thursday 5th February 2026.

Registration

Registration opens at 5:00pm on Thursday 5th February 2026 and is in the TSFC Clubrooms. NOTE: Refunds will only be given in exceptional circumstances upon receipt of a written request stating the reason for a refund and approved by the Fish Committee. NOTE: At any time of the tournament if an angler wishes to change teams, they must seek the approval of the Tournament Convener. By registering in the event you agree to your email being shared with Stabicraft for database purposes.

Social Media

This year we have prizes allocated to the best social media posts so get out there, get posting, get tagging and get excited! We want to see your best moments of Fish n Chicks 2026! Don't forget to scan our QR code and follow the event page!

Briefing

Briefing will be held in the Club and commences at 5:30pm on Thursday 5th February 2026 Attendance at the pre-tournament briefing is compulsory for the team captain or his/her representative. Please check-in with the registration staff before briefing starts. Please contact the Tournament Convener should you NOT be able to attend!

Fishing Area

As per Chart NZ54 (Modified) back page of Tournament Guide. (Chart 54 west of a line drawn due North from Lottin Point.)

Random Access Rule applies so vessels may launch from any safe haven inside Modified Chart 54. If departing after briefing, please log your trip report with Coastguard VHF CH01. TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB VHF CH03 and VHF CH05 will be operational from: 7:00am Friday 6th February 2026.

Cancelled Fishing Days

If 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 TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB VHF CH03 AND VHF CH05 Fishing will be confined strictly to the Tauranga Harbour and prizes re-allocated to the Harbour prize schedule.

Overnight Fishing

All vessels must notify Coastguard VHF CH01 of their intention to stay overnight and their intended overnight location.

Fishing Times

Thursday 5th February 2026 - Saturday 7th February 2026 After the conclusion of briefing until Saturday 7th February 2026 - All fish/catch cards and photos must be into the weigh station by 8:00pm - No Exceptions

Hook - Ups

All gamefish hook-ups (except Snapper, Wreckfish, Trevally, Kingfish and Kahawai) must be radioed to the TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB VHF CH03 or CH05. The result of hook-ups is also to be radioed to base immediately, acknowledging whether the fish is landed, tagged or lost. Failure to report all hook-ups (except Snapper, Trevally, Kingfish and Kahawai) 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 -Team Name- Lure/Bait - Area according to Sponsors Grid Map (located at the back of this Tournament Guide) The time recorded that Tauranga Game base is advised of the hook-up will be used to determine the first 4 tag and release billfish or communication via txt or phone call if you are out of VHF Radio Range.

Radios

ALL BOATS must be equipped with a VHF RADIO IN GOOD WORKING ORDER and be in radio contact with TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB CHANNEL VHF CH03 OR VHF05 (Tauranga Game Base). Friday Roundups will be at 10:00am and 3:00pm and Saturday will be at 11am. Lizz Parsons will be operating VHF CH03 AND CH05 TAURANGA GAME BASE for this event.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Communication with the Tournament Committee

Cell phones or similar type devices may be used if outside VHF range. Tournament communications will be through CH03 AND CH05 Monitored radio hours on CH03 AND CH05 are between 7:00am – 5:00pm. For continued monitored radio please change to TAURANGA COASTGUARD VHF CH 01 outside of these times.

Lizz Parson's MOB: 0223 441 397 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Assistance will be available on either VHF CH16 or Tauranga Coastguard VHF CH01.

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 and all fish must be at the weigh station by the final weigh-in time (8:00pm Saturday 7th February 2026). The weigh station will feature our new leader board, an outdoor bar and a DJ so come prepared to support!

FISH LIMITS - One FISH, Per SPECIES, Per ANGLER, Per DAY.

Fish caught on any day must be presented to the weigh station within the weigh in times to be eligible for prizes. The weigh master will be available from 9:00am by prior arrangement to weigh fish from the previous day, if required. All fish or captures must be presented to the weigh station prior to the end of the final weigh in. Each angler MUST complete a catch card declaring that her catch was made in accordance with Tournament Rules. Catch cards are available from the Club reception area, please take a pad for the boat! 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 landed. 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 weighmaster, it cannot be withdrawn. Fish must be presented to the weigh station in a fresh but not frozen condition. The weighmaster will be the sole judge of the fish condition. Fish may only be weighed from the vessel it was caught on. Please feel free to radio up or submit to event page with any other great catches that you wish us to hear about. The TSFC will do a fish catch report on Friday evening via VHF CH03 AND CH05 just before shut down at 7:00pm.

Weigh – In Times

Friday 6th February 2026 Time 3:00pm - 5:00pm and Saturday 7th February 2026 4:00pm - 8:00pm.

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 Judiciary 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. 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. In the event of a fish not being caught in a category, prizes will be lucky drawn. All team members must be present for team prizes.

Anglers must be present for lucky draws.

Prizegiving

The prizegiving awards are in the Tauranga Sport Fishing Clubroom's at 11am on Sunday 8th February 2026. Dress Up Theme for this year's tournament is "Pirates of the Caribbean". Contestants are encouraged to bring friends and family to the Club to participate in the weigh station activities, dining and prizegiving. The more the merrier. Prizes not collected by winning anglers before 9 April 2026 will be forfeited.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Champion Boat

The points system as listed below will be used to determine the Overall Champion Boat. Catch points are allocated per angler in the top 10 for each species whereas entry points are calculated per boat (ie: the earliest entrant from each boat will be counted). The committee decision will be reviewed by the TSFC Fish Committee and endorsed by Stabicraft to determine the overall winner announced at Prizegiving. Anglers will have until 4pm Wednesday the 11 February 2026 to submit any appeals to the decision at which time the prize will be awarded and handed to the winning team.

Tagged Billfish - Blue, Black, Striped Marlin, Broadbill
Other Tagged Fish - Yellowfin Tuna, Mahimahi, Spearfish

Stabicraft Adventure with Confidence Prize

A lucky drawn prize for anglers fishing from a Stabicraft boat - send in a picture of your team and your boat to our social media event page to go in the draw!

Catch Points	
1st Place	100 Points
2nd Place	90 Points
3rd Place	80 Points
4th Place	70 Points
5th Place	60 Points
6th Place	50 Points
7th Place	40 Points
8th Place	30 Points
9th Place	20 Points
10th Place	10 Points
Tagged Billfish	50 Points
Tagged Other	30 Points

Entry Points	
September Entry	90 Points
October Entry	75 Points
November Entry	60 Points
December Entry	45 Points
January Entry	30 Points
February Entry	15 Points



<u>Prize Schedule</u>		
Prize	Species	Minimum Weight/ Length
1st - 4th Heaviest	Billfish (Blue, Black, Striped Marlin & Broadbill)	90kg
1st to 4th Tag and Release	Billfish (Blue, Black, Striped Marlin & Broadbill)	N/A
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Tuna	10kg - (Skipjack/ Albacore Tuna 2kg)
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Kingfish	1m
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Snapper	2kg
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Trevally	1.5kg
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Kahawai	1.5kg
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Wreckfish (Bass, Hapuku & Blue Nose)	10kg
Heaviest	Mahimahi	4kg
Heaviest	Short Bill Spearfish	7kg
Average Weight	Snapper	N/A
Unusual Catch		N/A

<u>Harbour Prize Schedule</u>		
Prize	Species	Minimum Weight/ Length
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Kingfish	75cm
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Snapper	1.5kg
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Gurnard	25cm
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Kahawai	1.5kg
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Jack Mackerel	None
1st - 3rd Heaviest	Squid	None
3 Most Unusual Catches		N/A
Average Weight	Snapper	N/A

<u>Other Categories</u>		
Prize	Species	
Overall and Runner Up	Skipper and Deckie Prizes	To be drawn at Prizegiving.
Overall and Runner Up	Best Fancy Dress Team	To be judged at Prizegiving
Overall	Young Fisher Chick Award	To be drawn from all junior anglers who weigh a fish.

Harbour Prize schedule to apply ONLY if Fishing is restricted to the harbour due to weather restrictions. In this instance the announcement will be confirmed and announced at briefing.



TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB FACILITIES

CLUB & BAR THE TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB OFFERS A WONDERFUL KITCHEN AND DEDICATED DINING AREA.

A FULL BAR SERVICE WILL BE OPEN NORMAL HOURS DAILY FROM 12.00NOON - CLOSE.

WE HAVE AN ATM ONSITE, KIDS' AREA, DART BOARD AND POOL TABLE. 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 - 07 578 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 (GO FUEL). PLEASE NOTE THAT PETROL IS AVAILABLE AT FORT NAUTILUS OR THE BRIDGE MARINA. THEY ACCEPT GO FUEL, 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 ARE NOW SPONSORING TSFC 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. COURTESY TAURANGA SPORTS FISHING CLUB

FISH LIFT ARRANGEMENT IS TO BE MADE VIA THE WEIGHMASTER ON VHF CH03 OR VHF CH05 TO UTILIZE THE FISH LIFT IN THE SULPHUR POINT MARINA IN FRONT OF TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB. VESSEL IS TO BE FACING NORTH ON THE DOCK FOR EASY ACCESS TO FISH TO BE LIFTED. ONLY ONE VESSEL AT A TIME. NO VESSELS ARE TO BLOCK THE CHANNEL/S IN THE MARINA, AND NO VESSELS ARE TO BERTH IN EMPTY BERTH OWNER/HOLDER SPOTS WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH BERTH OWNER/HOLDER

FISH FILLETING/ WASH DOWN STATION AND FISH CHILLER A FISH BENCH AND WASH DOWN STATION AND FISH CHILLER IS AVAILABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CLUB FOR USE. REMOVAL OF FISH FROM THE WEIGH STATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ANGLER.

THE SEA DOG RESTAURANT IN THE CLUB WILL BE OPEN DURING THE EVENT!

Western Bay of Plenty Women's Fund, ka mua, ka muri

Where generosity meets impact, and women empower women to create a lasting ripple of change in our region.

Ka mua, ka muri Philosophy

"Ka mua, ka muri" is a Māori proverb meaning "walking backwards into the future" or "to walk into the future with your eyes fixed on the past." It signifies the interconnectedness of past, present, and future actions, suggesting that our actions have consequences that ripple forward in time.

What is the Women's Fund?

The Western Bay of Plenty Women's Fund is a community of compassionate people dedicated to making a real difference in the lives of women and whānau in the Western Bay of Plenty. Members join forces with like-minded individuals, working together to unlock opportunities and empower women to reach their full potential.

50% of every donation will be paid annually to chosen charity recipients, for immediate impact. The remaining 50% of your donation will be invested into an endowment fund, with a portion of the investment returns granted back into the region each year. This will create a perpetual, self-sustaining fund.

One year in and the Western Bay of Plenty Women's Fund, ka mua, ka muri, has distributed \$15,000 split evenly between three local charities that care for women, girls, and whānau in our community. Our 2025 recipients were: Tauranga Women's Refuge, Tauranga Living Without Violence and Mums4Mums.

We are currently focusing on personal safety and security for women, girls, and whānau. Whether it's at home, in intimate relationships, or online, everyone deserves to feel safe. The charities chosen for our 2026 distributions will reflect this focus.

Charities are chosen based on nominations made by our members. Members are the individuals who have donated to our fund. Our voluntary Steering Committee will review nominations and decide upon a shortlist. Members will then be able to vote to decide on the final recipients. These recipients will be announced at an Annual Members' Meeting in May.

Once the fund is large enough, there will be an opportunity to start an awards programme for tertiary students with the invested portion of the fund.



