



# PLIMMERTON BOATING CLUB FISHING & DIVING COMPETITION



**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Remember to display your entry tag. It must be on your photo entry with your fish to collect any prize or lucky draws etc. No exceptions.**

**Fees must be paid up and cleared prior to competition – no refunds will be given.**

## General information

1. Launching can be performed from anywhere within the competition boundaries.
2. Competition fishing grounds: The southern boundary is a straight line from Cape Palliser to the entrance to Tory Channel. The northern boundary is the Latitude line from Te Horo beach.
3. Entries will be accepted online, or in person via cash or bank transfer on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 4pm at the Club.
4. All crew members must be paid up competitors (no passengers). No fishing substitution will be allowed.
5. Only random boat scrutineering will take place, as all competitors will sign a waiver.
6. Starting and finishing times can be changed at the organiser's discretion for whatever reason.
7. **Last photos must be in by 4.00 pm on Sunday.** Closing time is FINAL.
8. **Cancellations** will be posted on the Club's website [www.plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz](http://www.plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz) and the Club's Facebook page. If fishing is cancelled on any day the competition will be determined over the one day. Should BOTH days be cancelled, then the prizes will be determined by draw of all registered competitors on all prizes and will be restricted to ONE prize per competitor.
9. Registration starts **Friday April 24th from 4pm**. A safety briefing will be held at 6.30pm. 'The Jetty Cafe' will be open for dinner, as will the Club bar.
10. **Saturday April 25th.** 'The Jetty Cafe' will be open for meals and snacks (bookings for Saturday evening meals recommended), as will the Club bar. A list of leaders will be placed on the Club noticeboard at 4pm.

11. **Sunday April 26th.** 'The Jetty Cafe' will be open for meals and snacks (bookings for Sunday evening meals recommended), as will the Club bar. Prizegiving is at 6pm. Spot prizes will be awarded after Prizegiving.

## Launching and retrieval

12. Launching and retrieving of boats and kayaks from the Plimmerton Boating Club or any other location can be done by yourselves **from 5am Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.**
13. All boats will be allowed to be launched at Plimmerton Boating Club and retrieved by your own personal vehicles from 5am each day.
14. TYING UP OR WAITING INSIDE THE WHARF AREA FOR VEHICLE IS NOT PERMITTED.
15. Launching: All winch ropes must be disconnected at the water's edge by crew.
16. All boats must have a bow and stern rope attached for launching and retrieval.
17. Retrieval. All boats must drop off their designated driver to the wharf and **retreat 50-70 metres from the wharf** until their retrieval vehicle is in place in the water.
18. Retrieval: Crew members must operate the winch. If self-launching this is not required. Please use common sense and have consideration of other competitors.

## Fishing

19. Rods and handlines ONLY must be used, setting a surfcaster rod via the drone method is allowed. No set lines, longlines, droppers, nets or any other method is allowed. Any rig with more than 3 hooks is ruled as a long line/set line, and therefore banned.
20. Divers must only use MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) approved methods.
21. All fish submitted for measure must show tag with fish in photo and be on a NZ standard measuring mat with the lips of the fish placed against an L shaped end or some kind of vertical placed at the 0 (zero) centimetre mark on the mat. Measurement must be to the centre of the 'V' of the tail of the fish. All tags to be worn/carried by each individual.
22. All crayfish measured will be from the edge of the carapace(body) along the back of the tail to the end of the fins. Tags must be displayed.
23. All photos to be in by email by 4pm on Sunday. **Please send photos as soon as possible.** Do not send all photos at one time at the end of the day.
24. Photos to be emailed to [bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:bigfishcomp@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz) If your tag is not showing you will not be eligible for a prize. Please mark the species of fish and what you believe to be the length of the fish in the photo. Please ensure you have phone coverage in the area when you send your photos.
25. **Last photos must be in by 4.00 pm on Sunday.** Closing time is FINAL.

## Prizes

26. Prizes will be awarded for the following: -

**Seniors (male and female): -**

Snapper - Longest, Average length  
Kingfish - Longest, Average length  
Terakihi - Longest, Average length  
Kahawai - Longest, Average length  
Trevally - Longest, Average length  
Wreckfish (Hapuka, Bass, Bluenose) - Longest  
Blue Cod – Longest, Average length

Snapper female only - First (longest)

**Juniors (up to 18 years): -**

Prizes will be awarded for the most species photographed in from the list above, there will be: -  
Longest Kahawai  
Longest Snapper  
Longest Trevally

Snapper female only - First (longest)

**Divers (Tank and Free Divers): -**

Crayfish - Largest  
Butterfish - Longest  
Kingfish - Longest

27. One caught prize per angler/diver per category (Spot draws are not classed as a caught prize).

28. Prizes for species not caught may be drawn as spot draw angler prizes. The angler must be present to claim the prize.

29. All prizes are valued at recommended retail prices and cannot be swapped, exchanged, or redeemed for cash.

30. All prizes must be claimed within ONE month of prize giving or on terms set out by the Sponsors.

31. In the event of a tie the first fish entered will be the winner.

32. Any boat that has fish taken by MPI, OR NOT COMPLYING WITH MFish regulations or daily bag limits, will result in automatic disqualification from the Competition and all prizes.

## Safety

33. All vessels must carry an operational VHF radio (handheld VHF is okay) and one other working communication device (e.g. phone) as well as one life jacket per person – **this is a mandatory competition requirement.**

34. Distress safety calling channel as usual is CH 16

35. Cellular phones can be used as a last resort if radio contact fails. Phone:

36. In addition to a VHF radio (handheld is okay). Flare / EPIRB and life jackets, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the following equipment be carried on each vessel: Cellular phone,

Navigation lights, First Aid Kit, Anchor and Warp, Bilge pump, Bucket, Paddle(s), Compass, Knife, Fire Extinguisher, Spare fuel, Torch, Emergency tool kit, Alternative propulsion.

37. ANY ABUSE OF OFFICIALS OR HELPERS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.
38. Boating and other water sports can be dangerous and life-threatening activities. *Skippers are responsible for ensuring the safety of their own boats, crew and boating equipment. All entrants, boat owners and spectators participate at their own risk. The Plimmerton Boating Club, officers, sponsors and volunteers (together "the organisers") accept no responsibility in any respect for personal injury, loss or damage to property arising out of or in connection with the Competition, regardless of cause. Each entrant releases the organisers to the fullest extent permitted by law from all claims or demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any incident associated with the Competition. Each entrant also agrees not to bring any action, claim or demand against the organisers in respect of the Competition and agrees to indemnify the organisers for all costs, claims, demands, expenses (including full legal expenses) arising in respect of their participation in the Competition. Scrutineering of boats by the organisers is not to be taken as an endorsement as to the safety of a boat, its equipment or the experience of its crew. The holding of the Competition does not constitute an endorsement by the organisers that the weather or sea conditions are suitable for the boats and/or entrants.*
39. The Competition is held in the spirit of amateur fishing and fair competition. The Committee reserves the right to exclude competitor(s) who do not meet the spirit of the competition. The Fishing Competition Committee's decision is final.

## Registration and Briefing

- Last minute registrations accepted at the Plimmerton Boating Club from 4pm on 1st of March. Cash or bank transfer are accepted.
- Bookings are recommended for dinner at 'The Jetty Cafe'. For opening hours and bookings visit <https://thejetty.co>
- **Competitors attendance** at the briefing at the Plimmerton Boating Club on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm is **compulsory**. **Briefing commences 6.30pm SHARP**
- Registrations will stop while the briefing is on.
- Spot prizes will be drawn after the briefing has finished. **A Competitor MUST be present in person to win a spot prize.**

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*This should be a great weekend of fishing. Please support this competition as the event helps keep our ramps, jetties, gates, lighting, fish tables and bins in great condition for all of us to enjoy.*

*More information will be advised as it comes to hand.*