

NORTHLAND SOCIAL - KAYAK FISHING

Labour Weekend

— Friday 25 October to —
Sunday 27 October 2024

Event Rules

1. Kayak Fishing only. Electric motors and sails are allowed. No ferrying of kayaks by other boats is permitted. All fish submitted for measure are to have been caught on the water from a kayak and transported to shore by kayak.
2. Anglers are responsible for adhering to minimum size and bag limits for each fish species for fishes kept for their own personal use.
3. Only rods and reels may be used. No long lines and set nets allowed.
4. Anglers are to fish in the Northland Region. No fishing is allowed within any Marine Reserve or other officially prohibited areas.
5. To be eligible for receipt of prizes, anglers must be registered to enter and additionally, be present at the official prize giving to claim any spot-drawn prizes.
6. The official fishing period commences at 5.00am on Friday, 25 October 2024 and finishes at 2.00pm on Sunday, 27 October 2024. Any fish caught outside these times are not eligible to be entered.
7. All measure-in entries (only largest fish of each species eligible for prizes) must be sent using the Messenger App through to the Northland Social Facebook page or emailed to an email address which will be provided closer to the event date. The photograph must have the date and time that the photo was taken, and the fish must be measured on a Measure Mat, for example, an NZ Lure Masters Measure Mat.
8. All measure-in entries must be received by 2.00 pm on Sunday, 27 October 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.
9. All measure-in entries messaged must be caught by the person messaging them, failure to do so will result in instant disqualification for all parties involved.
10. All fish submitted for measure-in shall comply with the NZ Amateur Fishing Regulations. No under size fish and no mutilated or processed fish will be accepted.
11. The Early Bird Spot Prize will be won by the angler whose entry form number is drawn at random from all the "Early Bird" entry form numbers during the official prize giving on Sunday, 27 October 2024. (Note: Only entries paid for and received no later than 31 July 2024 shall qualify for this prize).
12. Prizes will be given for the top 3 fish of each species category that are measured-in during the contest period.
13. The eligible species are: Snapper, Kingfish, Trevally and Kahawai.



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14. If two fish of the same species are measured-in with equal lengths, then the first fish that was measured (based off the date and time on the photograph) shall be deemed the longest. The second fish measured-in at that length shall then become the runner-up in that species category.
15. We reserve the right to cancel the fishing, or change the fishing times, or change the fishing areas on one or all three days of the competition.
16. In the event of a cancellation - all prizes will be drawn. All prizes must be won.
17. The purchasing of an entry in the Northland Social constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations and participants agree to abide by any decision of the organisers. No correspondence will be entered into.

Safety Rules:

1. Solo fishing is discouraged. Anglers are advised to buddy up with another angler or group. The organisers will be pleased to assist in arranging partners if required.
2. At least one form of electronic communication (cell phone or VHF radio) is required for each angler. You must advise the organisers of your cell phone number or VHF call sign prior to commencing fishing. The VHF radio channels to be utilised for the contest will be advised on the Northland Social Facebook page prior to the event.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the anglers to determine that launching and fishing conditions at the locations they choose to fish are safe for their craft and personal abilities.
4. The purchasing of an entry into the Northland Social confirms that you have or will have all of the following mandatory safety equipment in order to be eligible to fish the event.

Mandatory

- Approved PFD/Life Jacket (to be worn at all times on the water)
- Communication (cell phone and or/VHF radio)
- Tow Line/Anchor Rope
- Hand Bailer Pump (not required for sit- on-top kayaks)
- Paddle Rescue Float (not required for sit-on-top kayaks)
- Sit-In Kayaks must have sealed bulkheads or buoyancy bags bow & stern

Optional

- White Navigation Light or Torch (mandatory if night fishing)
- Flares & Signalling Mirror
- EPIRB Locator Beacon
- Distress whistle (attached to PFD)
- Hi-Viz Kayak Safety Flag
- Spare paddle
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Sun Hat & Sunglasses
- Food & Water

Note: These rules may be revised as deemed necessary by the organisers. Anglers will be duly notified of any changes.