



GARMIN®

TRAILER BOAT TOURNAMENT

5TH – 7TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Team Captain

Welcome to the 2nd Garmin Trailer Boat Tournament. We invite you to enter this season's tournament. Enclosed is all the information. Please fill out all the necessary sheets and return them to us as soon as possible by email to office@mbgfc.co.nz or call into the office. A copy of the rules are available at the office if you would like them in advance.

PLEASE READ ALL THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION CAREFULLY

VENUE

The venue for the Garmin Trailer Boat Tournament briefing, prizegiving is in the Blue Lagoon (behind MBGFC clubrooms). Briefing starts at 1930 sharp on Wednesday 4th February 2026.

ENTRIES

Entries and sweepstakes MUST be completed and paid for no later than Friday 30th January 2026. After this date entries and sweepstakes can only be paid for using cash, paid directly at the office, and will only be accepted BEFORE the briefing starts at 1930.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee \$400 per boat, with optional sweepstakes

ELIGIBILITY

All anglers must be current financial members of Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club Inc (MBGFC) or an affiliated NZSFC Club. Proof must be provided. Day membership to MBGFC will suffice.

Trailer boats must be launched from a trailer. Jetskis and Kayaks are eligible.

NOTE: A commercial vessel (Trailer boat) must provide a particular approval form under Section 111(1)(a) of the Fisheries Act for the Tournament dates to the Club office before going fishing. **Fishing in is NOT permitted.**

REGISTRATION & BRIEFING:

Registration will be held at the MBGFC Clubrooms on Wednesday 4th February from midday and briefing at 1930 sharp. We will have burley and ice available to purchase from midday to end of briefing.

At least one team representative **MUST** attend, and all team members are urged to attend to give sponsors maximum exposure.

All rules and/or clarifications as well as additional instructions given at briefing are deemed to be known and accepted by all participants whether present or not.

Teams can depart after briefing.



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ENTRY FORM

BOAT NAME..... **SKIPPER**

TEAM CAPTAIN (*Entry Owner*)

EMAIL ADDRESS **MOBILE.....**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF TOURNAMENT

All anglers must be current financial members of Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club Inc (MBGFC) or an affiliated NZSFC club.

Day membership for all three days of the tournament will suffice, provided that this is arranged and paid for prior to the commencement of the tournament.

It is the skipper's and/or angler's responsibility to ensure that any membership is up to date and paid for. MBGFC will not be checking this prior to the tournament, and any fish caught by anglers not meeting this eligibility requirement will be disqualified from the tournament.

This is an important rule, we expect team captains to check evidence that anglers on their team meet this criteria. Regardless of any announcements made during or after the tournament, prize money will not be paid until and unless this eligibility requirement can be proven

TEAM CAPTAINS DECLARATION – please sign

The Team agrees to fish by the tournament rules

Signed

PAYMENT CHECK LIST

TEAM ENTRY FEE	\$400
OPTIONAL BOAT SWEEPSTAKES: Circle which sweepstakes you would like to participate in.	
MOST POINTS BILLFISH & BROADBILL	\$100.00
HEAVIEST TUNA	\$ 50.00
HEAVIEST KINGFISH	\$ 50.00
HEAVIEST SNAPPER	\$ 50.00
HEAVIEST KAHAWAI	\$ 50.00
DAY MEMBERSHIPS \$50 for the tournament (all 3 days) \$50 x anglers (please provide names of day members)	
TOTAL PAYMENT including sweepstakes / day members	\$
Scan and email Entry form to: office@mbgfc.co.nz or hand into the office	
MBGFC Bank Account for Direct Credit 03 1578 0038675 000 Please state your name and boat name in the reference	
DO YOU REQUIRE A GST TAX INVOICE	YES / NO

GOOD LUCK & GOOD FISHING



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I have entered into the above fishing competition. I understand and accept that it involves a certain degree of risk to be associated with fishing either land based, from personal watercraft or from any sized vessel. Hazards that I could encounter whilst involved in this activity may include and is not limited to weather conditions, sea conditions, underwater obstructions, channel markers, other vessels, navigating, anchoring, traveling during darkness, mooring, and all other matters related to the sport of fishing and boating in general.

1. All skippers must sign a copy of this document prior to commencing the tournament.
2. Where possible it is recommended that all skippers should attend a tournament briefing.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the Skipper to advise the correct authority of their intended fishing area and estimated time of return. – Coastguard Channel 63
5. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify their nearest Coastguard or radio operator.
6. All participants agree and accept:-
 - To enter this Tournament at their own risk;
 - That boating and fishing involves a risk;
 - Not to hold Tournament organizers, Officials, Sponsors or any other person involved with the Tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the Tournament;
 - Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations and by-laws related to (but not limited) to boating and fishing are complied with;
7. All participants agree to have read and understood the Tournament Rules.

SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the skippers responsibility to decide whether or not to put to sea on any one day, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge and qualifications to safeguard all on board.
- My vessel & all equipment are properly maintained.
- My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.
- We have a minimum of two means of communication; i.e. VHF marine radio, cellphone, flares etc.
- Each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.
- My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is securely stowed.

I agree that neither the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club (Inc) nor any parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that may arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or my crew, from my intended or actual participation in the event or related activities.

I have made my crew aware of these conditions and have authority to sign on their behalf.

SIGNED: _____

NAME (Print) _____

SKIPPER/BOAT OWNER

Boat Information: Name:

Length:

Colour: Deck/Roof:

VHF Call Sign:

Colour: Hull above waterline and sides: