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Welcome to the Offshore Boats NZ Small Boats 2026

Welcome to the very first **Offshore Boats NZ Small Boats Competition**, proudly hosted by the **Marsden Cove Fishing Club!** 🎣 🇳🇿 Let's make this an unforgettable event full of great catches, good vibes, and friendly competition. Tight lines, everyone!

Please read these rules carefully, make sure you understand them. If you require any clarification on any of these rules, please ask us at briefing night.

Any matters not specifically covered by these rules will be covered by NZSFC & IGFA rules, or the discretion of the tournament committee.

Please be aware, if you have not purchased an angler ticket then you will not be eligible for prizes. Should you win, you will be required to show your ticket. No ticket, no prize.

No liability is accepted by Offshore Boats NZ or Marsden Cove Fishing Club for damage to any boat, vehicle or property or personal injury of any nature.

It is the Skippers and Anglers responsibility to take all steps to ensure no harm comes to any person.

Please ensure any use of the vessel VHF is suitable for all ages. Bad language and/or aggressive communication is **not permitted or tolerated**. This will be monitored and anglers maybe disqualified from the competition. Disqualification will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

- Briefing:** 6.30pm 19th February 2026 - At least one representative from each team is required to be present. (Team is defined as a group of anglers on one boat)
- Stay away:** Stay away from Marsden Cove base is not permitted. Your vessel shall leave from and return to and all fish are to be weighed at Marsden Cove.
- Fishing Area:** Please observe all Marine Reserve Regulations.
As per the Grid Map Supplied. GPS Coordinates show each corner boundary.
- Bad Weather:** In the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee reserves the right to delay the start or cancel fishing for the day. A gale storm warning in force will automatically cancel fishing for the duration of the warning. If the forecast is predicted to exceed 25 knots consistently we will look to reschedule the competition
- Radion Chanel:** For Safety Reasons Please Stay Within VHF Range.
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| Marsden Cove Fishing Club Contest Chanel | 18 |
| Coastguard Chanel | 5 |
| Boat to Boat Chanel | 18,7 |
| Marsden Cove Marina | 18 |
- Tackle:** Fishing must only be played by the person who first touches the rod. Junior anglers up to the age of 10yr may have assistance to get the rod to game chair or gimble only.
- Tackle must be in accordance with NZSFC & IGFA Rules. This is an open class line weight tournament. Line classes are 1,2,3,4,6,8,10,15,24,37, 60KG
- Round Up:** MCFC will commence a round up call on CH18 at 1PM each day.
If nothing heard, Chanel 7 will be used to attempt contact.
It is the Skippers responsibility to stay in daily contact. Failure to do so may mean disqualification for Safety reasons.
During the roundup stating your grid location is mandatory.
- Weigh Master:** This competition will be utilizing the Daiwa NZ Tournaments App to capture all fish catches. Simply download the app from your app store. Register yourself and then Click on the Offshore Boat NZ Small Boats. We will run through this at briefing however please if you are unsure please ask. This MUST be set up before you start fishing.
- Catch Rules:** Teams shall enter a photo of their catch, (including tag where specified below). Ensure you have the angler ticket in the picture and the colour of the day tag ribbon (if T&R)
Friday = **PURPLE**, Saturday = **BLUE**
Note: You may be asked for proof of your location so ensure you take a photo of your GPS at the time of your capture.

T&R, catch claims must have photo evidence showing tag in the fish.

Measured & Released, must provide a photo of the catch with mouth closed on a suitable measure board, showing clearly, length from nose to inner v^m of the tail.

Landed to Weigh, upload a photo of your catch.

ALL tackle used to catch for T&R, Weigh or Measure & Release categories shall be presented to the weighmaster for verification, this includes completed T&R cards.

All entries will be deemed to be confirmed or declined after the weighmaster is satisfied that all competition, NZSFC/IGFA rules have been met and sign off on the catch sheet is achieved.

In the event of non-compliance, the entry will be deemed disqualified.

The Weighmasters decision is FINAL.

- Event of a tie:** The winning boat will be based on the first compliant entry.
- Calcutta:** The Calcutta will be awarded to the boat that has entered the Calcutta section and records the first confirmed and verified Tagged and Released Striped Marlin, provided all the rules mentioned above are followed. In the event no marlin are caught, the money will be returned to the Calcutta entrants.
- Eligible Species:** **Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahimahi, Kingfish, Snapper & Kahawai**
- Prizes:**
Heaviest overall Marlin (Blue, Black or Striped)
Most tagged Marlin
Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna over 25kg
Heaviest Mahimahi over 5kg
Longest Kingfish 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Longest Snapper 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Longest Kahawai 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Combined Fish (Boat with Most Categories)
Leading Fish in each Category on Day 1 (Friday 20th February 2026)
Best Offshore Boats NZ Photo
Injuns Pick
Spot Prizes galore
- OFFSHORE 740HT:** To win the OFFSHORE 740HT, an All-Tackle World Record Striped Marlin must be caught weighing over 224.1 kg.
The angler must have purchased your tickets prior to midnight 31st January 2005
All tackle used will be inspected and must comply with IGFA rules and regulations, with the catch requiring official confirmation.
- Fishing Times:** Start 5am stop 6pm Friday 20th and Start 5am to Stop 3pm Saturday 21st February

All entries must be entered into the app or have been through the weigh station by 4.30pm Saturday 21st February 2026. (Including T&R Claims)

Hook Ups must be called into the Marsden Cove Fishing Club CH 18 before Stop Fishing time.

Any fish caught after stop fishing time will be disqualified, any fish still being played after stop fishing time (that has been called in prior) must be at the weigh station by 5.30pm (No exceptions)

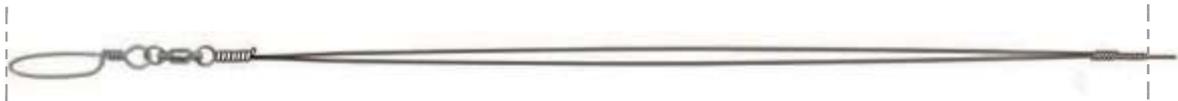
In the event of an angler wishing to weigh a fish and cannot present their personal angler ticket, they will be disqualified.
- Fish Smoking:** Contact Graeme Ellis, SH1 Ruakaka Phone 0274 869 465 should you wish to have fish smoked.
- Prizegiving:** Prizegiving will be held 6pm Saturday 21st February at the Marsden Cove Fishing Club.

Should no fish be landed, measured or tagged the prizes will go via spot prize.
Anglers must present their tickets in order to claim prize – No ticket no prize
- Safety:** Please look out for all your fellow competitors. Skippers are responsible for ensure all catches are legal and for the safety and behaviour of their crew on and off the boat.

Angles must call in to the Marsden Cove Fishing Club (CH18) when they leave to go out and, on their return, – same applies to Coastguard (CH5).

Illustrated Guide to Equipment Regulations

Double Lines and Leaders



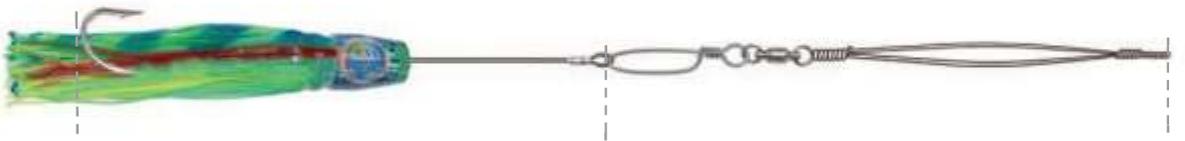
Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double line to the farthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader lure or hook to the double line. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish. For saltwater species, the double line shall be limited to 4.57 meters (15 feet) for all line classes up to and including 10 kg. (20 lb.); and shall be limited to 9.14 meters (30 feet) for line classes over 10 kg. (20 lb.). For freshwater species, the double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82 meters (6 feet).



The leader shall be limited to 4.57 meters (15 feet) for saltwater species in line classes up to and including 10 kg. (20 lb.), and 9.14 meters (30 feet) for all line classes over 10 kg. (20 lb.). For freshwater species, the leader on all classes of tackle shall be limited to 1.82 meters (6 feet).



The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangements or other device.



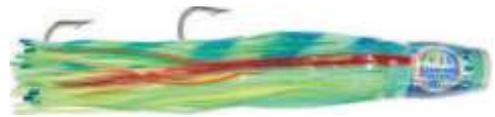
The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 meters (20 feet) in line classes up to and including 10 kg. (20 lb.) and 12.19 meters (40 feet) in line classes over 10 kg. (20 lb.) for saltwater species. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 3.04 meters (10 feet) for freshwater species.

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Natural Baits and Artificial



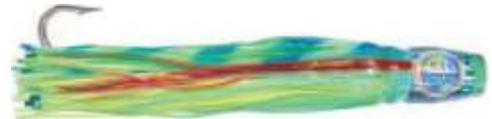
LEGAL if eyes of hooks no more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) apart in baits and no more than 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) apart in lures. **ILLEGAL** if eyes further apart than these distances.



LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) apart, and the trailing hook does not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt.



NOT LEGAL as the second or trailing hook extends more than the hook's length beyond skirt. See also two hook rigs.



LEGAL as hook is contained within the skirt.



NOT LEGAL in bait or lures as eyes of hooks are less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook) apart.



NOT LEGAL as the single hook extends more than its length beyond the skirt.



LEGAL as eyes of hooks are no less than a hook's length apart and no more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) in baits and 30.45 centimeters (12 inches) in lures.



NOT LEGAL as back hook is not firmly imbedded in or securely attached to bait and is a dangling or swinging hook.



LEGAL in baits and lures. The point of one hook is passed through the eye of the other hook.



LEGAL as both hooks are firmly imbedded or securely attached to bait. Would not be legal if eyes of hooks were more than 45.72 centimeters (18 inches) apart.

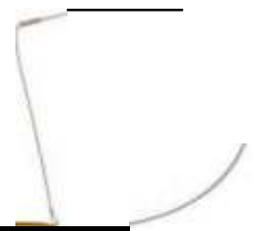
Gaffs and Snares



Flying Gaffs - LEGAL on boats if effective rope length does not exceed 9.15 meters (30 feet).



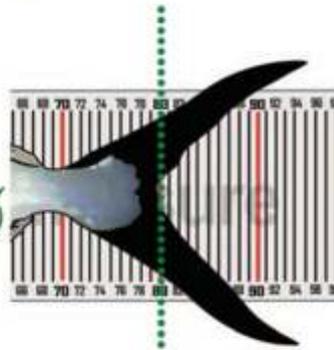
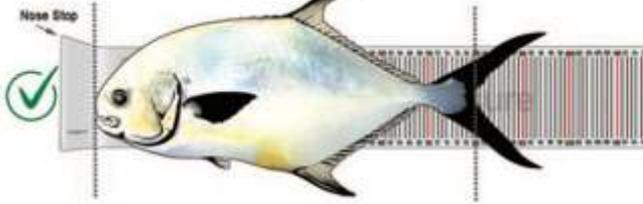
Fixed and Flying Gaffs - LEGAL on boats if overall gaff length does not exceed 2.44 meters (8 feet).



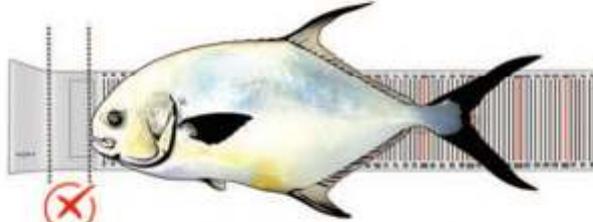
Snares - LEGAL Overall length of tail snares is defined as the distance from the beginning of the handle to the apex of the snare when loaded. Must not exceed 2.44 meters (8 feet) in overall length.

With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements must be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout to the rear center edge of the tail.

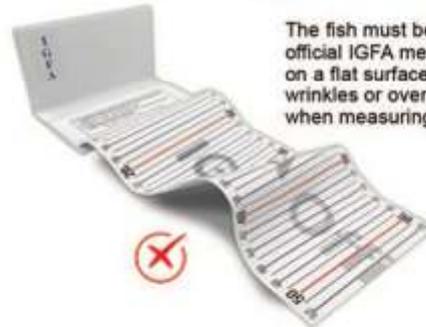
The fish's snout **must be touching** the nose stop and free of hands, flies or lifting devices.



All measurements must be made in centimeters. Fish measuring between centimeter increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 79 and 80 centimeters will have a recorded length of 79 centimeters.



The fish's snout **is not** touching the nose stop.



The fish must be measured using the official IGFA measuring device on a flat surface. There must be no wrinkles or overlaps in the device when measuring the permit.

B. Minimum length requirements for vacant records

Fish entered for vacant record categories must measure within the top half of that species maximum recorded length.

C. Minimum length requirements needed to defeat or tie existing records

1. To defeat an existing record, the fish must measure at least two (2) centimeters longer than the existing record.
2. A catch that matches the length of an existing record or exceeds the length by less than two centimeters will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, length must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing measuring less than the original record will be considered. In the event of an angler tying an existing record they currently hold; the catch must measure at least one centimeter greater than their current record to qualify for a tie.

D. Photographic requirements

Photographs included with applications must contain the following:

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. The angler with the fish.
4. The rod and reel used to make the catch.

General Best Handling Practices

To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberized landing net to minimize slime and scale loss. Lip gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish. However, large fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water, as this can cause damage to jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to grip the fish or the lower jaw and support the fish's underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically.

Documentation

IGFA World Records require pictures and measurement and/or weighing of the catch. All of this takes time, so you should have the necessary equipment ready before landing the fish. If the documentation process takes longer than a minute, periodically place the fish back in the water or place in a live well to allow it to breathe.

Releasing

Considerable care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back and forth. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will help water flow over the gills in the correct direction.

IGFA & NZSFC FISHING RULES & ANGLING REGULATIONS

The following angling rules have been formulated by the International Game Fish Association to promote ethical and sporting angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of world game fish records, and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activities.

The word "angling" is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line, and hook, as outlined in the international angling rules. There are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule making, however. Angling regulations cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish, and world records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish. Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the fisherman, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record.

Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA international angling rules, and within the intent of these rules, will be considered for world records.

As these IGFA fishing regulations are for world record claims, these rules have been extended by the NZSFC for better understanding to enable them to be more suited for club trophies and tournaments. Any club who is considering running a fishing tournament with high value prizes should extend these fishing rules further to cover any circumstances pertaining to their club and sponsors requirements.

These game fishing regulations must be used for NZSFC National Record Claims.

These game fishing regulations must be used in the Annual NZSFC National Fishing Tournament.

Any Club or organization using these Game Fishing Regulations do so at their own risk. The NZSFC does not accept any responsibility in the use of these game fishing regulations in any other Tournaments.

Following are the rules for freshwater and saltwater fishing and a separate set of rules for fly-fishing.

RULES FOR FISHING IN FRESH AND SALT WATER

(Also see *Rules for Fly-fishing*)

Equipment Regulations

A. LINE

1. Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see *World Record Requirements*.
2. Wire lines are prohibited.

B. LINE BACKING

1. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
2. If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 130-lb (60-kg) line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

C. DOUBLE LINE

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the farthest end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The double line on all classes of tackle over 20 lb (10 kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters).

The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 40 feet (12.19 meters). *Freshwater species:* The double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 6 feet (1.82 meters). The combined length of the double line and the leader shall not exceed 10 feet (3.04 meters).

D. LEADER

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications: The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 lb (10 kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet (12.19 meters).

Freshwater species: The leader on all classes of tackle shall be limited to 6 feet (1.82 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 10 feet (3.04 meters).

E. ROD

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of a rod, but rods giving the angler an unfair advantage will be disqualified. This rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.
2. The rod tip must be a minimum of 40 inches (101.6 cm) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 27 inches (68.58 cm) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the center of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. When the rod butt is placed in a gimbal, the measurement from the centre of the reel seat to the pivot point of the gimbal can be no more than 27 inches. (The above measurements do not apply to surf casting rods).

F. REEL

1. Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
2. Power driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic, or electrically driven reels, and any device, which gives the angler an unfair advantage.
3. Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
4. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

G. HOOKS FOR BAIT FISHING

1. For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be

firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. A hook may not precede bait, lure or bait/lure combo by more than one hook's length.

2. The use of a dangling or swinging hook is prohibited. Double or treble hooks are prohibited.
3. A two-hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be imbedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other.
4. A photograph or sketch of the hook arrangement must accompany all record applications made for fish caught on two-hook tackle.

H. HOOKS AND LURES

1. When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than an overall hook's length (the overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 12 inches (30.48 cm) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A hook may not precede bait, lure or bait/lure combo by more than one hook's length. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany a record application.

2. Gang hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (single, double, or treble, or a combination of any three). Baits may not be used with gang hooks. A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications.

3. Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, other than a skirted lure, the lead cannot be more than 1 ½ hook's length and the bend of the hook may not be more than 4 inches (101 mm) whichever is less, from the closest point of attachment on the lure. Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks.

I. OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. *Fighting chairs* may not have any mechanically propelled devices that aid the angler in fighting a fish.
2. *Gimbals* must be free swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
3. *Gaffs and nets* used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in overall length. In using a flying or detachable gaff the rope may not exceed 30 feet (9.14 meters). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where it is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Choke ropes must not exceed 30 ft (9.14 meters) including the wire or chain

on one end. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). (Once the catch is along side and under control and the crew are unable to lift the fish on board, an anchor rope or block and tackle may be attached to the tail or gaff rope to bring the catch on board as long as the crew can verify it was not used in the fight of the fish). (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply).

4. *Entangling devices*, either with or without a hook, are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking, fighting or landing the fish.
5. *Outriggers, downriggers, spreader bars and kites* are permitted to be used provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device. Spreader bars are also acceptable when used strictly as a teaser.
6. *Daisy chains, birds, floats and similar devices* may only be used if they do not unfairly hamper or inhibit the normal swimming or fighting ability of the fish, thereby giving the angler or crew an unfair advantage in fighting, landing or boating the fish.
7. A safety line may be attached to the rod, reel or harness provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.
8. Tag poles must be the same length as the Gaff i.e 8 feet (2.44 meters)

ANGLING REGULATIONS

1. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided in these regulations.
2. If a rod holder is used once the fish is hooked, the angler must remove the rod from- the holder as quickly as possible.
3. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought by the angler will be considered for a world record.
4. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish will be fought on the single line most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
5. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.
6. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader. Anyone assisting a shore-bound or wading angler must be within a rods length of the angler before touching the leader or netting or gaffing the fish.
7. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed
8. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.
9. In the event of an angler wishing to re-use a successful lure on the same day, the leader must be cut on a 45 degree angle at the swivel top or loop end. Both pieces together with the re-rigged lure must be presented to the weighmaster or judge that day.
10. Any catch will not be deemed to be complete until after the catch is weighed. In the event of a fish being tagged, the catch will be deemed complete when the tag is inserted in the fish.
11. When tagging a fish, the tag pole must be held at all times.

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line (including the double line) either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, until the fish is either landed or released, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether-chum, floatline, rubber band, or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Returning the rod to the rod holder, resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish. The rod being passed to the angler after the fish has taken the bait or lure
4. Handlining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks and halibuts) at any stage of the catch.
6. Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
9. Splicing, removing, or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing, or netting, and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
15. When live baiting and the deckhand or any other person other than the angler is holding the rod when the fish takes the bait.
16. If a fish escapes before gaffing, netting, tagging, or deliberately releasing it, it will be considered a free swimming fish and will not be regarded as a catch.
17. That any marlin taken out of the water to be Tagged and released will be disqualified.
18. If the tag pole is used in a manner of a Harpoon, when tagging a fish or when it leaves the hand.

The following situations will disqualify a catch:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries). Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.
3. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

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