



GBBAC FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC RULES

1. ALL IGFA RULES APPLY WITH 1 EXCEPTION:

The 2018 FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC IS A TEAM EVENT, HENCE THE ENTIRE TEAM MAY ASSIST DURING FISH CAUGHT.

2. Maximum line class: 37kg (80lb).
3. The area to be fished is a radius of 40 nautical miles around Cape Point.
4. Recreational bag limits will be complied with by all (commercial and recreational). All participants are required to have valid REC fishing licenses.
5. No commercial tackle allowed on boats. (i.e. short sticks, poles, Bungis).
6. NO SHARKS TO BE WEIGHED!
7. Day One: All vessels to gather 1 Nautical Mile outside of launching harbour at 6:00am for BLESSING OF THE FLEET and official GUN start of the 2018 FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC.

All other fishing days: Launch time 5:00am, lines up at 4:00pm.
Saturday 05 May 2018 launch time as per normal and lines up at 1:00pm.

BEST four fishable days, as advised by the weather committee, to be counted.

One hour extension allowed for fish being fought at lines up if reported to control boat, subject to scale closing ruling.

8. Weigh-in station open from 16h00 pm. All Skippers to report and be present at weigh in Master/ Scales before 19:00 pm. Saturday 5 May 2018 scales open 14h00pm to 15h00pm.
In the event of engine trouble, scales will stay open in order to weigh fish caught from the vessel in distress.
9. Only **four** fish per species per team per day to be presented to scales. Fish to be clearly identified before weighing (specie/angler/line class/boat).
10. **ALL ANGLERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE WEIGH STATION WHEN WEIGHING THEIR TEAMS FISH.**
11. Only four fish per species per team to count for Top Team. This will be worked out over an average of weight and days fished.
12. Boats to call up GBBAC as entering harbour mouth, in order to be allocated a position in the weigh-in queue. If you take too long to get to the queue once allocated a position, you will be put to the back of the line!
13. Fish to be removed immediately after weighing and recording. Fish remain the angler's responsibility. Any unclaimed fish will be donated to a charity appointed by the Tournament Committee.
14. NO weighing for size (first fish weighed to count), fish need to be decided on the boat and only the fish for weighing-in will count, extra's will be disqualified.
15. Boat skippers are to confirm the number of anglers fishing on any given day and to sign weigh sheet on completion of daily weigh-in, all anglers must be present at weigh station.
16. Fish landed at other harbours to be presented to the scale at GBBAC/Harbour Island with the acknowledgement of Control Boat subject to scale closure time (before 7:00pm).
17. The weigh master will not have the authority to make a judgment call on a fish! This will be up to the discretion of the OFFSHORE CLASSIC committee! If such a situation arises, a committee member needs to be approached for a decision (member to be announced)! The fish in question needs to be set aside until such a member is available.
17. Tag and Release is welcome, however, for a fish to be eligible for main prizes it needs to be presented at the scales!
18. Weather decisions will be made (by the appointed persons) prior to launch time on a daily basis. Thereafter it is each skipper's decision to fish based on safety considerations

GUIDELINES of weather call:

In the event that the average wind speed exceeds 20 knots, fishing will be called off for the day.

In the event that the average swell exceeds 3.5 meters with a period of less than 10 seconds,

Fishing will be called off for the day.

Please note these are only suggested guidelines.

19. All boats must be in compliance with correct legislation and operate within their limits.
20. Main and Daily Prize list to be made available prior to competition date.
 1. BIGGEST Game fish overall will take the main prize.
BIGGEST Longfin Tuna will win R 20 000.00 Cash
 2. There will be daily prizes/sponsor lucky draws. Anglers and Teams must be present to receive their prize.
 3. Possible inclusions of other noticeable catches may take place!
 4. Auctioning of Teams to take place during Opening Function.
21. The Tournament Committee's decision on allocation of prizes will be final and no correspondence will be entered into after the tournament.
22. All anglers **registered** prior to **14 March 2018** will receive their official 2018 Furuno Offshore Classic apparel during the opening function with their team name on the sleeve.
23. All anglers **registered** after to **14 March 2018** will receive official 2018 Furuno Offshore Classic apparel a maximum of 6 weeks from registering.
24. Any entry fees **PAID** before the 1st of April = R 1200 per angler
Any entry fees **PAID** after the 1st of April = R 1300 per angler

Rules are subject to change, pending Offshore classic committee and or the skippers briefing.

*REGISTRATION FOR THE COMPETITION CLOSSES AT 7:00PM ON
SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018*

Late entries will be accepted, but paid in before the intended day of fishing.

Skippers briefing to be held at 19:30- 20:00 pm SATURDAY 28 April 2018 at GBBAC.

OPENING FUNCTION: 28 APRIL 2018

POSSIBLE FISHING DAYS: From 29 APRIL – 5 MAY 2018

(BEST 4 Fishing Day as advised by weather committee)

CLOSING FUNCTION: 5 MAY 2018

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- Please note: NO REFUELING ON THE CLUB MOORING UNTIL AFTER 20:00

- NO GILLIES (ALL PERSONS ON BOAT MUST BE ENTERED AND PAID UP ANGLERS)

- All anglers to be registered and paid up prior to launch.

- Any transgressions of the rules will lead to immediate disqualification of that angler and team for the day!