



## GBBAC 2017 FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC RULES

1. IGFA Rules apply.
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 (commercials 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 2017 FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC.  
  
Launch time 5:00am, lines up at 4:00pm. This applies from Sunday 30 April – Friday 05 May 2017, the Saturday 06 May 2017 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 to 19h00 pm Sunday to Friday. Saturday 6 May 2017 scales open 14h00pm to 16h00pm. In the event of engine trouble, scales will stay open in order to weigh fish caught from the vessel in distress.



9. Only **one** fish per species per angler per day to be presented to scales. Fish to be clearly identified before weighing (specie/angler/line class/boat).
10. Only the four biggest fish per boat to count for top boat. This will be worked out over an average of weight and days fished.
11. 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!
12. 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.
13. **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.
14. 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
15. 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).
16. 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. **Prize list to be made available closer to competition date.**
  1. **BIGGEST Game fish overall** will take the main prize.  
**BIGGEST Longfin Tuna will win R 30 000.00 Cash**
  2. There will be prizes for each of the allocated positions.
  3. Top Lady and Top Junior prizes for biggest fish landed.
  4. Top Boat and Top Angler
  5. Possible inclusions of other noticeable catches may take place!
  6. 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 registering prior to 1 April 2017 will pay an entrance fee of R900 per person.
23. All anglers registered prior to 27 March 2017 will have their VESSEL NAME printed on the official 2017 FURUNO OFFSHORE CLASSIC apparel.
24. Any entries after the 2nd April 2017 to be R1000 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 FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2017**

*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 FRIDAY (28 April 2017) night at GBBAC.**

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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  
**boat for the day!**

