

MARLIN CUP SOUTH AFRICA

HOSTED BY MEERENSEE SKI BOAT CLUB

28th March to 1st of April 2019

INFORMATION

1. The competition will take place in three locations, namely Sodwana bay, Richards Bay and Durban.
2. Verification and call-ups will be done at the above launch sites with either a control boat or wherever a station is available.
3. The competition will officially be run from Meerensee Boat Club in Richards Bay, but as stated, verification points will be available in the three locations mentioned.
4. All documentation for the competition will be handed out at Meerensee Boat Club on the 26th of March, 2019. There will also be an introduction of the teams taking part.
5. The briefing will be at 18h00 on the 26th of March, 2019.
6. After the introduction has taken place, food platters will be made available for the participating anglers.
7. Preparation of the boats will take place on the 27th of March, 2019 at the various launch sites. There will be no fishing on this day.
8. Fishing will commence from the 28th to the 30th of March, 2019. Weather calls will be done from Richards Bay to ensure that all parties have the same chance of winning.
9. Prize giving will be held at Meerensee Boat Club on the 31st of March, 2019 at 12h00. Only one winner will be crowned.
10. There will be a cash bar and snack platters for those who participated.
11. The entry fee for each boat is R20,000.00 (up to 5 anglers).
12. Only boats that have paid the entry fee prior to the 25th of March, 2019 will be allowed to fish.
13. All payments must be paid into the Meerensee Boat Club account with the following reference: Marlin Cup South Africa, boat name and crew.
14. There will be one cash winner, 85% of all entry fees will be paid out to the top boat with the most releases.
15. If there is a total blow out, 85% of the entry fee will be refunded, and 15% will go to the club for expenses.

RULES

1. Launch time will be at 06h00 with lines in at 06h30. Lines up at 16h00.
2. If you launch from the beach, everybody must stay behind the backline until competition control says "lines in".
3. Boats launching from the harbour will also strictly be lines in at 06h30
4. VHF radio channel 68 will be used for call-ups and communication. Channel 69 will be for general use.
5. Once a fish is hooked up, it has to be reported to competition control, or the control boat for the area.
6. A colour card or band, our hand signal will be issued. This] must be visible in the release video of the fish.
7. Photos will not count as a release. The fish must be seen swimming away, along with the hand signal in order to qualify as a release.
8. In the case of a double hook up, both fish must be clearly visible in the release video, along with the required signal (eg. released from the same side of the boat at the same time).
9. The footage must indicate that the fish was released in a live state.
10. Please try your utmost to ensure the well-being of the fish. If a fish is dead, it will not count as a release.
11. IGFA rules will apply in this competition.
12. Open line class can be fished up to 130 pound line class.
13. The video footage will have to be handed in to the control point straight after the boats have returned from sea. Points of verification will be given on the briefing day.
14. Rod and reel must accompany the video for verification.
15. The final decision will lie with the committee after the points have been tallied and verified.
16. No extra time will be given.
17. Verification must take place within 1,5 hours of lines up, or the time from which the competition has been completed.
18. 300 points (per fish) will be given for Blue Marlin, Black Marlin and Striped Marlin. No other species will count in the competition.
19. No dead fish will be awarded points.
20. Isimangaliso Park rules will apply where participants are launching. Please adhere to these rules.



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