

Durville Island Fishing Club

2026 WINTER FISHING COMPETITION

D'Urville Island Fishing Club in association with Durville Island Wilderness Resort and all of our sponsors wish to welcome you to the 2026 Winter fishing Competition- July 9th – July 11th 2025.

The purpose of this written briefing is so every competitor is aware of the rules and process, but also for who wish to carry a copy as a reference during the competition.

1- EVERY COMPETITOR must be a member of the Durville Island Fishing Club.

2- Competition Start and Finish Times 1.1- Start Time- Thursday 9th July , fishing commences from 07.00hrs

1. Finish Time- There is no stated finish time on Friday 10th or Saturday 11th , Weigh in commences at 13:00hrs on all 3 days and last fish accepted will be at 15:30hrs on Saturday 11th July.

Prizegiving 2.1- Start Time- Prizegiving will start at approx. 17:00hrs on Saturday 11th July, we expect this to run until approx. 18:30hrs

2.2 Recipients- All prize winners must be present at prizegiving to claim your prize. If you are not present the prize will be redrawn.

2.3 Prizes- Prizes are awarded to the heaviest fish in each category, Major prizes awarded to the average weight fish in each individual category. Kingfish category is awarded by length using the approved measuring mat. All prize decisions will be final. All recipients will be responsible for their prizes once awarded.

2.4 Behaviour- we expect respectful and mature behaviour during the prizegiving, Prize decisions are final.

2.5 Equal weights- If two or more fish are weighed in at the exact equal weights, the prize will be awarded to the fish that was weighed first.

Weigh in – 3.1 Fish condition- All fish weighed in must be gutted (not gilled)

For inspection. Fish may be chilled (slurry) but not frozen.

3.2 Fish keeping- D'Urville Island Wilderness Resort offers all participants the option of having their fish chilled overnight in our chiller. All fish caught and

weighed must be taken off site by the respectful owner at the close of the competition.

3.3 Recording-All fish weighed will be recorded manually.

4. Fishing-

4.1-Fishing area- Entrants are allowed to fish anywhere they choose within the **Challenger East** recreational fishing area. All size and bag limits will be based on the MPI rules and regulations for this area. Each individual entrant is responsible for themselves knowing the rules for the challenger east fishing area. These are on display on the wharf at the resort.

4.2 – Methods- The fishing method we are allowing for the competition are rod and reel caught fish only. NO speared, net, setline or dropline caught fish shall be accepted. Boat fishing and surfcasting are allowed. All types of rod fishing are accepted. Dead bait, Live bait, Top water, Jig, Lure and Fly.

4.3 Species-The listed categories are the species you should be targeting Kingfish, Grouper, Snapper, Terakihi, John Dory, Trevally, Gurnard, Kahawai, Blue Cod

The combined species category is the combination weight of any 8 of the 9 stated species. To win the combined weight category you must submit 8 different species of fish.

4.4 Kingfish Measurement- Photos of Kingfish must have the approved measuring mat and the mouth of the Kingfish must be closed to be valid measurement.

PLEASE NOTE- All species are weighed except Kingfish which is measurement with photo evidence.

4.5 2026 Competition we have secured a sponsor for a Best by-catch prize.

By-catch includes species like Gemfish, Bluenose, Trumpeter, Tuna ,etc (still excludes sharks and rays) Can be done on weight or official measure. This is judged by the sponsor

5. Safety and behaviour

The D'Urville Island Wilderness Resort is promoting a social tournament that is family friendly. We expect all entrants behaviour while at the resort to be kept to a friendly and mature manner. There is no BYO alcohol to be consumed on the premises of the Café/Bar/Wharf and prizegiving areas. Those who have booked accommodation may consume their own alcohol in the immediate area of their accommodation only.

The D'Urville Island Wilderness Resort will be notifying the coastguard, Marlborough-Nelson radio of our competition and how many people/vessels we have taking part. It is advised that you make your own calls to Marlborough-Nelson radio and let them know your intentions. You may also call the resort on VHF channel 01 at any time.

6. Moorings

Mooring priority will be given to those who have booked accommodation. The larger moorings will be awarded to the larger vessels. Once all our moorings have been taken you will be expected to either anchor your vessel or raft up with other vessels on the same mooring. Rafting up will be the boat owners risk and responsibility.

7. Wharf

You are expected to use the wharf only for loading and unloading of your vessel. You are not to leave your boat unattended on the wharf. Due to the large volume of vessels, a quick turnaround of vessels is essential. We encourage the use of both sides of the wharf if conditions suit.

8. Entry Forms

All entry forms and fees must be submitted and paid by Friday 26th June. No late entries on the day of competition will be accepted. Due to the huge interest entries are limited to the first **50** boats entered. The fees can be paid online to the account stated on the entry form.

