

HARBOUR ROD AND REEL CLUB

Angling Regulations and Tackle Specifications

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It is the intent of the Club to promote sportsmanship and fellowship amongst those who love the thrill of a strike and a fair battle on sporting tackle. Since participation in the sport of game fishing is motivated by the thrill of a sportsmanlike contest, claims relative to tackle used, and all other circumstances involved with the method of taking or releasing the fish are assumed to be made on the angler's honor and in good faith.

HR&RC GENERAL ANGLING REGULATIONS

There shall be one classification of tackle, known as IGFA Tackle. The only departure from IGFA rules is that HR&RC rules, in conformity with local customs, require that double line and leader dimensions comply with item #6 below. All members shall fish in conformance with current California Sport Fishing Regulations and such other rules and Regulations as are set forth herein. Only club members and members of their immediate family are eligible for club trophies and awards. All fish, means the whole and entire fish, not a part or parts of a fish and only fish as defined herein may be entered for Club awards, trophies, or Championships and must conform to the following rules and regulations:

1. The taking of game fish by any member or associate member by means other than rod and reel is prohibited. The harpooning of Broadbill or the carrying of harpoon gear on one's boat, or the use of spotter aircraft to place an angler in position for the purpose of baiting any fish is unsportsmanlike conduct. A fish caught on rod and reel on an open party boat dragging a hand line or carrying a Broadbill harpoon that calendar day but over which the angler has no control shall not be disqualified under this rule.
2. The maximum length of pulpit on a member's boat, or on any boat on which a member fished the calendar day of the catch shall be no longer than 10% of the length of the boat, except that the Trophy Committee will give consideration to the written request from a member owning a boat with a pulpit in excess of the 10% and formal approval must be given prior to the weigh-in of the catch.
3. Violation of California Sport Fishing Regulations or of the specific rules and regulations of the Club may subject a member to action as set forth in Article IX of the bylaws.

4. HR&RC gives no trophies or awards for killed Marlin. All Marlin to be counted towards trophies and awards must be released or tagged and released. All other fish entered in competition for trophies and awards must be officially weighed and recorded by the Trophy Chairman scale or at any weigh station listed below.

Avalon - Pleasure Pier
Alamitos Bay (76 Dock)
Balboa Angling Club
*Cisco Landing Oxnard
Dana Point Marina
H. H. Mariners Point
*H & M Sportfishing
Harbor Island Fuel Dock
Marina Coral (Ensenada)
Marina Del Rey - 76 Dock
Mission Bay Marlin Club
Oceanside Harbor
San Diego Marlin Club
Peninsula Yacht Anchorage
Ventura Sport Fishing

Note: * Scales not IGFA certified for world record fish.

Weight slips may be provided during sanctioned Club events, which involve the weighing of fish on accurate scales. The event chairman or designated event committee member is authorized to issue weight slips to members. The weight slips so issued may then be submitted by members to the Trophy Chairman as a part of the Club's annual competition.

5. Certificates of weight or release must be filed with the Trophy Chairman within fifteen (15) days of date of catch.
6. In all line classes, the double line will be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). Leaders in use for these line classes shall also be limited to 15 feet. If both a double line and leader are used, the combined maximum length shall not exceed 30 feet (9.14 meters). Note: This rule does not comply with IGFA rules, but with local Southern California angling club custom.
7. Tackle must be available for inspection when fish is weighed in. Any protest relative to weight of fish or manner of weighing must be made before fish is removed from dock. Any protest relative to tackle or method of killing fish must be made in writing by a member and must be filed with the Violations Committee, as set forth in Article IX, within 30 days from the time the weight certificate was filed.

8. The tackle on which a fish is taken will govern the award of certificates and trophies.
9. In all tournaments including the for the First Fish of the Season trophies, the time of the catch will be the time the fish is brought to gaff or legally released.
10. In case of a tie in the weights of fish. the fish first weighed in shall be the winner.
11. Competition for all Club trophies and awards is limited to waters between a line drawn due West(true) from Point Conception and a line running due west (true) along the 31st parallel (approximately eighty (80) miles below the south tip of South Coronado Island).
12. In order to qualify a fish as having been caught, released or tagged alive, the following conditions must be met: (1) Prior to the time the leader is taken the angler must announce to the other occupants of the boat that he intends to release and/or tag the fish. (2) Leader must be in the hands of the angler or gaffer. (3) After the fish is gaffed or released, the leader or portion there remain in the hands of the angler or gaffer. (4) A tagged fish is considered caught when the fish is tagged and/or released, and the leader or a portion thereof remains in the hands of the angler or gaffer or, if retrieved from the fish, is still attached to the line with hook attached. (5) When entering the Harbour and for the remainder of the day upon which the fish was released, it is requested that the boat fly the proper specie flag with a white pennant or the red pennant with white 'T' below the specie flag designating that the fish Was released and is not aboard.
13. The Club is not responsible for the actions of any persons in the operations of boat, conduct of fishing endeavors, transfer of personnel or fishing equipment on or off of boats or docks or otherwise, and each participant assumes all risks in connection therewith.

FISH WEIGHT FORMULA

The following is the formula for use in estimating weight of fish by measurement:

Take measurement as follows: Girth at thickest point, length from point of lower jaw to crotch of tail.

Multiply square of the girth A (in inches) by the length B (in inches) and divide by 800.

For example: A fish measures 38 inches in girth and 59 in length:

$$38 \times 38 = 1,444$$

$$59 \times 1,444 = 85,196$$

$$85,196 / 800 = 106.495$$

Estimated fish weight 106.5 #

INTERNATIONAL ANGLING RULES

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, 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 rulemaking, however, angling regulations cannot insure 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.

RULES FOR FISHING IN FRESH AND SALT WATER

Equipment Regulations

A. Line

Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament line may be used. For line classes, See World Record Requirements. 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 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. (60kg)-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 farthestmost 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.(10kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line 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 the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure hook arrangement or other device. 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.

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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 (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. Saltwater
 - a. For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly 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. only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.

- b. The use of a dangling or swinging hook is prohibited. Double or treble hooks are prohibited.
 - c. 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 that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other
2. Freshwater
 - a. For freshwater fishing, any combinations of single, double or treble hooks may be used

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 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 books 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.

I. Other Equipment

1. Fighting chairs may not have any mechanically propelled devices, which 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 exceed not 8 feet (2.49 meters) in overall length, except that when fishing aboard passenger

sportfishing boats, also known as party boats. where it is necessary to have a gaff longer than 8 feet in order to reach the water, the member's fish may be gaffed using a gaff provided by the boat as a part of its normal fishing operations. In using a flying or detachable gaff the rope may not exceed 30 (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 gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply, and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location in the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). (When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply.)

4. Floats are prohibited with the exception of any small flotation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait. The flotation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.
5. Entangling devices, both with or without a hook, are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking fighting, or landing the fish.
6. Outriggers, downriggers, 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.
7. A safety line may be attached to the rod provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

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 and a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible. The intent of this rule is that the angler shall strike and hook the fish with the rod in hand.
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. A harness may be attached to reel or rod, but not to the fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
6. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

Any of the following 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 (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. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish.
4. Handlining 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 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 anglers line or leader to part of a boat or object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is released by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

HARBOUR ROD AND REEL CLUB AWARDS

First Fish Flags:

"First Fish" flags for each eligible species shall be presented by the Trophy Chairman to the owner of the boat taking the first fish of the season. A regular member on a member's or associate member's boat must catch the fish. Fish meaning the whole and entire fish, not a part or parts of a fish and only fish as defined herein may be considered. The actual time of catch will determine award of the flag and the taking of a first fish should be announced to another HR&RC boat on the radio as soon as possible after the catch.

In order to qualify for the flag, all species except Broadbill must be caught on 15 kg- 30# line or less. There is no maximum line test for Broadbill. Marlin must be released or tagged and released. All other species must be weighed at an approved weigh station.

In order to qualify for the "First fish" flag by a member's boat or "First fish" trophy by a member, the boat or angler taking the fish must bring the fish to the attention of the Trophy Chairman of HR&RC within 36 hours from official time of the catch. If the Trophy Chairman is not immediately available, the catch should be reported to any elected board member: President 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP or 4th VP.

Eligible Species are:

Broadbill
Swordfish
Marlin
Albacore
Tuna
White Sea Bass

Adult Awards: Based on points for the following:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Line Test</u>
Albacore	8kg – 16lb
Albacore-runner up	8kg – 16lb
Barracuda	4kg – 8lb
Bonita	4kg – 8lb

Broadbill	Any	Every Angler catching a Broadbill will receive an award
Calico Bass	6kg – 12lb	Minimum fish wt. - 5 lb
Dorado	8kg – 16lb	
Halibut	6kg – 12lb	
Mako	15kg – 30lb	Minimum fish wt. - 60 lb
Sand Bass	4kg – 8lb	
Thresher	24kg – 50lb	Minimum fish wt. - 60 lb
Trout	Any	Any Certified Scale
Tuna (Yellowfin / Bluefin)	10kg – 20lb	
Tuna - runner up	10kg – 20lb	
White Sea Bass	8kg – 16lb	
White Sea Bass - runner up	8kg – 16lb	
Yellowtail	10kg – 20lb	Minimum fish wt. - 10lb
Yellowtail - runner up	10kg – 20lb	Minimum fish wt. - 10lb.

First Of season:

Albacore

Broadbill

Marlin (must be released)

Tuna

White Sea Bass

Marlin - tag & release or release

Marlin must be caught on 15 kg -30 lb. test line or lighter to qualify. In the case of a tie the first fish tagged and released or released will win.

First - Lifetime

Most - Member

2nd Most - Member

Most - Boat

2nd Most - Boat

3rd Most - Boat

Last of season

Junior Awards

To qualify for Junior awards the child must be a junior member or the child or grandchild of a member holding a family membership, who has not reached his or her 16th birthday.

Species - based on points will be for the following:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Line Test</u>
Albacore	8kg – 16lb
Barracuda	4kg – 8lb
Bonita	4kg – 8lb
Broadbill	any
Calico Bass	6kg – 12lb
Dorado	8kg – 16lb
Halibut	6kg – 12lb

Sand Bass	4kg – 8lb	
Trout	Any	Any Certified Scale
Trout - runner up	Any	Any Certified Scale
Tuna (Yellowfin / Bluefin)	10kg – 20lb	
White Sea Bass	8kg – 16lb	
Yellowtail	10kg – 20lb	Minimum fish wt. - 8lb

Miscellaneous Awards – Trophy Committee discretion.

Gag Awards

Hard Luck Awards

Rules for Flags and Awards

1. All fish must be caught in accordance with HR&RC angling rules.
2. Competition for trophies for salt water fish is limited to waters between a line drawn due West (true) from Point Conception and a line running due west (true) along the 31st parallel (approximately eighty miles below the south tip of South Coronado Island).
3. Competition for trout is limited to the waters of the State of California.
4. The club must receive Weight slips within fifteen (15) days of the catch.
5. The only species that over 30-lb. or 15 kg test line will qualify for are Broadbill, Thresher Shark, and Mako Shark.
6. No individual can win more than 4 awards per season (excluding gag or hard luck awards).
7. A single fish may not qualify for more than 2 awards - Gag and Hard Luck awards in addition.
8. All non-perpetual trophies and awards are unisex.

9. In the event of a tie, the earliest date and time of catch wins.

The Point System

1. Each species has a benchmark line size. A fish caught on the benchmark line size scores one point per pound.
2. To determine points per pound for other line sizes:
 - A. Divide the benchmark line size by the line size the fish is caught on. The result is the number of points per pound.
 - B. Multiply the result in (A) above by the fish weight.

Two illustrations are as follows:

1. Halibut benchmark is 12# test, each lb. equals 1 point.
A 20# fish on 12# test would be worth 20 points.
A 20# fish on 20# test would be .6 points per lb. or 12 points total.
The light tackle fisherman will win the point category.
2. Yellowtail benchmark is 20" test. each lb. equals 1 point.
A 10# fish on 20# test would be worth 10 points.
A 10# fish on 12# test would be 1.66 test points per lb. or 16.6 points total.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

All perpetual trophies are to be kept in the club's trophy case.

Marlin trophies: The high angler and high boat for Marlin will have their names added to the respective perpetual trophies each year.

Casting trophies: The winners of the men and ladies' annual casting contest will have their names added to the perpetual casting trophies.

Merle King Memorial Trophy

The “**Merle King Memorial Trophy**” was added as a perpetual trophy in 2006. It was donated by Preston King and first awarded in 2007. The HR&RC High Boat (by MABT rules) in the Master Angler's Billfish Tournament will have its name added to the trophy each year.

Linda Moss Memorial Trophy

Outstanding Lady Angler, known as the “**Linda Moss Trophy**”: Joyce Woodard donated this perpetual trophy. Beginning in 1999, the lady angler accumulating the most points, according to the rules of awards, will have her name added to the trophy each year. The largest fish for each species will be used as the basis for awarding points. At least two species must be caught in order to qualify. Marlin does not qualify in the point totals.

Joyce Woodard Memorial Trophy

The **Joyce Woodard Memorial Trophy**, donated by Paula and Bob Hetzler, was added in 2010 and is awarded annually to the child or grandchild of a member, under age thirteen (13) on January 1st. of the competition year, who accumulates the most points during the calendar year. First using the club formula for weighed fish and then multiplying the total by an age factor will calculate total points. Fish must be caught under the club's angling rules and weight slips must be submitted. Only one fish of each species may be counted. Marlin are not eligible for points.

Age Factor

Under age 10 - Club points x 1.50

Ages 10 to 13 - Club points x 1.00

Preston King Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Angler of the Year

The **Preston King Memorial Trophy** was added in 2013. The “Outstanding Angler of the Year” perpetual trophy will be awarded to the member who has accumulated the most points on the leader board as determined by the Trophy Chairperson. That member shall have their name added to the trophy for the year in which they have accumulated the most points. Becky King donated the Preston King Memorial Trophy.

