



## SAF YACHT CLUB FISHING COMPETITION 2025 19 October 2025

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### PARTICIPATION

1. The competition is open to SAF Yacht Club (SAFYC) Members, their Family, and Friends. The competition is organized as an 'Open Individual' event. The competition will commence at **9am** on **19 October 2025** and end at **3pm** on **19 October 2025**. All catch must be submitted for weighing in at the SAFYC Slipway area by **3.30pm** on the same day. Late entries will not be entertained. There will be no refund in the event of 'No Show'.
2. All anglers must assemble at SAFYC Sembawang at or before **8am**. Registration will commence at **8.30am**. Fishing will commence only when official instructions are given by The Organiser. Anyone who commences fishing before the stipulated time, or the time declared by The Organiser (even in the event of foul weather), fishes caught shall not be entitled to weigh in.
3. The competition is open only to participants who have officially registered and made payment before the stipulated closing date, **9 October 2025**, at **5pm**. Each competitor must collect a competition tag for their rod. Competition tags will only be issued during registration on the day of the competition. All fishes caught must have a respective competition tag attached to be submitted for weigh-in.
4. On competition day, participants are highly encouraged to adjust their watches in synchronisation with the official watch-keeping time. The competition's official time will be based on the official clock provided by The Organiser, which will be on display at the registration counter.
5. Participants may take part in the competition by joining the Organiser's boat charter, by using their own boats, or by participating with kayaks.



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## **FISHING EQUIPMENT AND FISHING METHODS**

1. All participants shall provide their own equipment and baits, food, and refreshments. Only conventional rods and lines will be permitted. Only a landing net is allowed for landing a catch. Each participant is allowed to use **ONE (1)** fishing rod for the competition.
2. All fishes must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line. All fishing must be done from a tournament-inspected boat. Trolling as a fishing method is strictly prohibited.
3. No net casting is allowed, and no wading into the water is allowed. No nets (other than landing nets) and fish traps are allowed.
4. All fishes entered into competition must be caught by the participant registering the fish, and it must be caught with a rod and reel or a pole and line. No participant shall be assisted in any way to land his or her fish except for help in netting or gaffing his/her catch. No exceptions shall be made.

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## **HEAVIEST FISH CATEGORY**

1. The fish will be weighed using **official competition scales** provided on-site.
2. In the event of identical weight, the **earliest recorded catch** wins.

## **LONGEST CATCH CATEGORY**

1. Only the **total length** of the fish will be considered. Length is measured **from the tip of the mouth (closed) to the tip of the tail (pinched/extended)** using a standardized measuring board or tape.
2. In the event of a tie (same length), the **earliest recorded catch** will be declared the winner.

## **SPECIAL CATCH CATEGORY (Non-Scaly Fish – e.g., Catfish, Shark, Eel, etc.)**

This category is specifically for non-scaly fish species such as catfish, shark, eel, and others, as determined by the judges.

Winners in this category will be decided based on weight criteria:

1. Heaviest Non-Scaly Fish
  - Fish will be weighed using the **official competition scales** provided on-site.
  - In the event of a tie (same weight), **the catch recorded earliest** will be declared the winner.

Note: The judges' decision on whether a fish qualifies under the Special Catch Category is final.

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## **SUBMISSION OF FISHES**

1. Each participant is allowed to submit only **ONE (1)** fish for each category and a total of **THREE (3)** fishes in the categories. Only fishes weighed at the official weigh-in station will be eligible for a prize.
2. All participants must be present at the weigh-in station to witness the weighing of their fish. Participants will be required to personally acknowledge the official weight of the fishes when announced by the Weigh-master.
3. Participants must remove all foreign objects from their fishes during weigh-in, eg. Hooks, Sinkers, Fish-keepers, etc. The official judge or his representative may, at his discretion, cut any fish presented for weigh-in. Foreign matter is defined as any matter or substance not found in the natural stomach contents of the fish.

The presence of foreign matter in the stomach contents of the fish shall, because of its presence therein, disqualify the participant in respect of that fish and of any participation in the competition.

4. All fishes caught shall be **photographed with the angler** and **sent to the official WhatsApp number within 15 minutes** for documentation purposes. Video proof from the point of the fish biting onto the line to the landing of the fish onto the craft is **strictly required during submission of the fish**.

All fishes shall be kept in as good condition as possible, preferably on ice, so the judge can make an accurate judgment as to its freshness. Any fish deemed to be spoiled or rotten may be disqualified. Any fish that has been shot, cut, mutilated, frozen, or appeared to have been frozen, chemically treated, or showing signs of unsportsmanlike handling may be disqualified.



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## **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. Decision(s) made by the Chief Judge will be final.
2. When presenting fish for the weigh-in, the participant cannot touch the fish while the official takes measurements. Once a fish is presented to the Weigh-master, it immediately becomes the "Official Catch" of the contest and is subject to the Weigh-master to measure, weigh, record, or other actions deemed necessary.

Participant may request a one-time immediate "re-weigh" of their fish before leaving the weigh-in area. Once the participant leaves the weigh-in area, he/she loses the right to request a re-weigh-in, and any request of that nature thereafter will be denied.

3. Submission of fish after the official end time will **NOT** be entertained.
4. No participant may give, buy, or barter a fishing location from any other participant or the general public for use during the competition day.

## **SAFETY**

1. Participants shall enter the competition at their own risk. SAFYC, its employees, and officers will not be responsible in the event of any accident that results in the injury to a person or loss or damage to property, whether such accident shall occur afloat or ashore.
2. The Organiser has the right to delay or cancel the start of the competition because of bad weather or other factors that will endanger the SAFETY of the participants.



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## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. Any angler who deliberately hampers other anglers, fouls their lines, or intervenes with their catch will be disqualified. The Organiser will investigate all reported cases of foul play and may, at their discretion, disqualify the perpetrators of such behaviour.
2. Participants are urged to respect and preserve the environment. Discarded lines and other debris should be brought ashore and disposed of responsibly. DO NOT DISPOSE PLASTIC BAGS, FISHING LINE, TIN CANS, ETC. INTO THE SEA.
3. The event organiser requests all participants to enter this competition in a true spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play to promote camaraderie amongst fellow anglers in a congenial and fun atmosphere.
4. The laws of sportsmanship and good judgment, as well as courtesy towards others on and off the water, will be adhered to at all times. Specifically, the use of obscene language or gestures is forbidden at any time before, during, or after the event in the immediate area of the Clubhouse, weigh-in area, lodging facilities, or competition headquarters.
5. All competition winners must be present at the awards ceremony.

## **PROPERTY OF SAFYC**

1. All fish submitted for the weigh-in will become the property of the organiser of this competition and will be put on display at the weigh-in station until the competition is over. Fishes weighed in for the competition may be disposed of or returned to the participant at the sole discretion of the organiser at the end of the competition.
2. Within the framework of reasonable requests, all contestants in this competition will cooperate with media representatives covering this event. Likewise, participation in this competition grants the organiser the use of ANY pictures of contestants, accounts, or interviews with contestants it gathers for the lawful promotion of SAFYC and this competition.



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## **CLARIFICATION OF THE RULES**

1. Participants are to be familiar with all the Rules and Regulations. If in doubt, please clarify with The Organiser as no warning will be issued for any breach of rules upon the commencement of this competition. Any participant who commits a breach of any of the rules and regulations will be disqualified, with no refund of the entry fee.
2. The rules printed in this guide are the official rules of SAF YACHT CLUB OFFSHORE FISHING COMPETITION 2025 and supersede any previously published rules or any rules promulgated in any other fishing competitions. Copyright remains the property of the organisers of the SAF YACHT CLUB OFFSHORE FISHING COMPETITION 2025.
3. These Rules and Regulations may be modified, interpreted, or changed without notice to meet unusual or emergency conditions by action of The Organiser. Only the Organiser of this competition shall amend these Rules and Regulations. They are subject to interpretation only by the organiser, under the supervision of the Chief Judge. Decisions made by The Organiser and approved by the Chief Judge shall be final.

By Order  
The Organiser  
SAF Yacht Club Offshore Fishing Competition 2025