



CARPENTER MOTORS VANUATU

6KG EASTER CHALLENGE

Dear Anglers

Welcome to the 2017 Carpenter Motors 6-kg Challenge. This tournament is designed primarily to encourage sport-fishing to a wider variety of local recreational fisherman and their families as well as to test skills with the lighter line class.

The tranquil setting of Havannah harbour is an ideal staging point for such an event offering the smaller boat owners a unique opportunity to compete on a relatively even footing with larger boats.

Once again the club would like to thank Martin at the Wahoo Bar and our friends at Havannah for the use of their superb venue and to our naming sponsors Carpenter Motors Vanuatu for their generous support and sponsorship which makes this event possible. Carpenter Motors has a long relationship with the club and in particular the 6kg Easter Challenge competition.

We want to emphasise that the tournament is for all keen anglers and their families. We encourage all parents and their junior anglers to have a crack at this event because 6kg line means anyone can be a prize winner.

NOTE WELL: The competition will be an individual points format. Trophies will be awarded for the Highest Point Scoring Angler Light - 6kg Challenge Perpetual Trophy, Highest Point Scoring Lady, Highest Point Scoring Mens, Highest Point Scoring Junior and Highest Point Scoring Minnow. There will also be a champion boat prize and highest point scoring individual fish prize.

Organise the boat, tackle, kids and the camping gear now. The venue is perfect with plenty of sheltered fishing water, great climate this time of the year and a great venue for swimming and taking it easy over the weekend.

Come and join us it will be a lot of fun....

**The Committee
Port Vila Game Fishing Club**



Tournament Details

Registration and Briefing: will be on Thursday the 13th April 2017 at Reefers Bar & Grill from 6:00PM

The registration fee is **VT5,000 per senior angler, VT2,500 per junior angler (16 years and under.) or Family for VT10,000.** This includes entry, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and BBQ on Saturday and Sunday.

Competitors do not need to be financial members of PVGFC to enter.

Fishing:

Saturday - Fishing will commence on Saturday at 7.00 am within the areas defined inside the shaded area on the grid map. Lines out at 4pm. Fish must be returned to Havannah and be present at the weigh station by 5 pm.

Sunday - Sunday's fishing will commence with lines in at 6.00 am within the areas defined inside the shaded area on the grid map. Lines out at 1.00 pm. Fish must be returned to Havannah and be present at the weigh station by 2.30 pm.

Lines in: No fishing of any kind may occur before lines in on either day.

Day 1

Saturday 15th April

Lines In 7 am
Lines Out 4 pm

Day 2

Sunday 16th April

Lines In 7 am
Lines Out 1 pm

Weigh In

Day 1

Saturday 15th April

Wahoo Bar 5 pm

Day 2

Sunday 16th April

Wahoo Bar 2.30 pm

All fish must reach the weigh station by the designated weigh in time. In the event of a late hook-up – which must occur before the lines out deadline - watchdog should be contacted immediately. Late returns due to late hook-ups will only be accepted if the boat in question was in a position to get the fish to the weigh in station at the time of the hook-up.

Any queries, protests or special circumstances on the day of fishing should be raised immediately on return to Havannah and will be ruled on by the Committee that same day. The Committee's ruling will be final.

Presentation:

The presentation of trophies and prizes will be held at **3.30PM Sunday 16th April at the Wahoo Bar.** We encourage everyone to be present for this great afternoon.

Seaworthiness and Safety

It is the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that all boats entered in the Tournament are completely seaworthy and meet local Marine Safety Authority standards. The PVGFC accepts no responsibility for decisions made by boat owners, crew members or competitors going out to sea.

All boats must carry a functioning reliable VHF radio on board at all times. Any boat without a working VHF radio, and the primary mobile phone number they registered at the briefing, will not be permitted to fish the Tournament.

All boats must carry a life vest for all those present onboard, a minimum of 2 distress flares and 1.5 litres of back up water per angler.



Radio Schedule

Watch Dog will operate on channel 60. Radio skeds will be held on the hour beginning one hour after the start of each day.

Boats are to reply to watch dog as:

- **Boat Name**
- **Location** (only as per the grid reference at the end of this document) - general location references, such as Mataso or Nguna, will not be accepted.
- **Score** strikes, hook-ups, captures, tags- e.g. 1-1-1-0 or 3-2-1-0
- **Capture Details** for each capture please advise angler, line class, fish, approximate kg weight.

If boats are planning to go out of radio range - but not outside the designated grid area for this tournament - you must advise watchdog before leaving and relay scores through other boats wherever possible or by mobile phone to 7764477.

Weigh In

All fish presented to the Weigh Master must be tagged with the tape supplied for each boat with angler and line class clearly written on the tape.

Any pending record fish presented to the Weigh Master must be accompanied by rod, line, double, leader and hook and lure in accordance with IGFA Regulations.

Eligibility

To be eligible for weigh in all fish must be:

- Caught on a rod and reel.
- An IGFA recognised game fish listed on the table of eligible fish specified below.
- Captured as per IGFA rules.
- Fish must weigh 1/3 of line class to be eligible for points.

If you are unfamiliar with IGFA rules please take the time to read them.

In particular, note that the total length of your double line, leader and hook rig shall not exceed 20ft for line classes of 10kg (20lb) or less.

This total length is measured from the start of your double line knot to the end of the last hook on your lure. **People get this wrong so check carefully before you start fishing.**

If you need a copy of the IGFA Rules they are available on the PFGFC web site at www.pvgfc.com. Note that effective April this year there is a significant change to IGFA rules that is relevant to the competition. This related to any backing or the use of braided lines.



This change is effective April 1, 2017.

Backing & Top-Shot

Current IGFA International Angling Rules state: *"If the fishing line is attached to backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the lines."*

This rule has long been contested in cases where the main line or top shot is lighter than the underlying backing, as logic dictates that the lighter line will break before the heavier backing. This is also contrary to IGFA angling rules for fly-fishing where the catch is categorized based on the breaking strength of the class tippet, which must be a minimum of 15 inches.

To address this issue, IGFA will be making the following alterations to **Equipment Regulation A:**

- Title change from "LINE" to "LINE & BACKING"
- Adding a new subsection that reads: "3. The use of backing is permissible."
- Adding a new subsection that reads: "4. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 16.5 feet (5 meters) of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of line."

An updated copy of the English version of IGFA's International Angling Rules can be found here: <https://igfa.org/images/uploads/files/IGFA%20Rules%202017.pdf>

The tournament organizers reserve the right to inspect gear and or test the line used to catch any weighed fish. Any angler caught using line greater than declared will be disqualified.

Fishing Limits

Fishing for this competition is limited to the areas covered by the Position Chart contained within this document. Fishing outside these limits is not permitted.

Scoring System

The intent of light line fishing in this tournament is to test the skill of the angler. As such we would like to avoid cricket scores of fish and focus the tournament on anglers catching the biggest fish on the lightest line classes. As such the categories in the tournament will be awarded points as follows:

6Kg Challenge Perpetual Trophy

HPS Angler 6kg line class all anglers best 3 fish of each species counting

Highest Point Scoring Angler Male best 3 fish of each species counting

Highest Point Scoring Angler Female best 3 fish of each species counting

Highest Point Scoring Angler Junior best 3 fish of each species counting

Highest Point Scoring Angler Minnow best 3 fish of each species counting

Best Boat Highest scoring three fish for the boat. best 3 fish of each species counting

Highest Point Scoring single fish

Please note: Junior anglers will be the only anglers eligible for points in this tournament for reef fish. Reef fish will NOT be eligible for points for the category of best boat.

Penalties

Any angler caught cheating, misrepresenting captures or not competing in the spirit of the tournament will be disqualified from the tournament at the committee's discretion.



Line Class Points & Eligible Fish – 6kg and under may be used

Line class points will be awarded using the following formula:

$$\text{POINTS} = \frac{\text{Fish Weight X Fish Fighting Factor X 100}}{\text{Line Class}}$$

The following fighting factors will apply: **Eligible IGFA Fish**

Marlin (all species)	2.4
Sailfish/Spearfish	2.4
Tuna (Yellow Fin, Big Eye, DogTooth)	2.2
Skipjack / Bonito	2
Mahi Mahi	2
Trevally (all species)	2
Rainbow Runner	2
Barracuda	2
Reef Fish (nb: junior anglers only)	2

Note: Sharks attract no points and should not be brought to the weigh-in area.

Examples:

50kg Marlin on 6kg line	$\frac{50 \times 2.4 \times 100}{6}$	= 2000 points
17kg Wahoo on 4kg line	$\frac{17 \times 2 \times 100}{4}$	= 850 points

