



Oceanside Anglers Club

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ANGLING RULES

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2010 Season

The Oceanside Anglers Club follows the California Fish and Game regulations, the International Game Fish Associations rules and the following addendum:

1. To qualify for any Award, the OAC Member Angler must catch the fish on a boat the leaves from and returns to Oceanside Harbor by water. And, weighs in at an approved OAC weigh station with an OAC "Official Weighing Certificate 2010". Weigh Certificates must be completely and legibly filled out. Any other Weigh Slip cannot be accepted. In the case where the fish is to be released the member **MUST** provide a photo with leader in hand (Marlin), a clear photograph showing some relative scale to a known object (Shark) a readable tape measurement and if possible a photo of a scale with the fish weight visible (for all other species.) It is **MANDATORY** that the club boat leaves from, and returns to, Oceanside Harbor by water to qualify for any awards.
2. The Angler must exhibit all tackle (or photos if released) at weigh in or with weigh master. Any protest relative to weight of fish or manner of weighing must be made before fish is removed from scales. Any protest relative to tackle or manner of killing or release of fish must be filed in writing with the Board of Directors within 24 hours after the fish is weighed in or released. No heavier than 130# line will be accepted.
3. No fish intended for commercial use shall be weighed in. No fish caught by a member shall be sold.
4. First Fish Flags go to the boat as follows: Marlin-any size, either harvested or released. 1st Marlin of the year Trophy (yearly donated trophy) and Flag, Either caught or released only needs a photo of fish at scales, or photos that will qualify a release (see rule 6) will win. If the release fish is large enough to be a club record contender then release rules **MUST** be followed from rule 6...plus a precise measurement photo **MUST** be accompanied with the weigh slip if it's released. Tuna-any size (Albacore, Bigeye, Bluefin, Yellowfin), Yellowtail-any size, Dorado-any size, and Thresher Shark (110 lb minimum). Awarded to the boat catching the first fish that meets these specifications, weighed in at Oceanside Harbor **ONLY** using the OAC "Official Weighing Certificate 2010". Weigh Certificates must be completely and legibly filled out. Any other Weigh Slip cannot be accepted. OAC boats that receive a first fish flag will also receive 5 points towards "Boat of the Year".
5. Weigh Certificates must be turned in within seven (7) days after the fish is weighed. Weigh Certificates **MUST** be legible and completely filled out. This is the responsibility of the Angler. Tournament Weigh Certificates are to be left with the Official Tournament Weighmaster at the designated scales. This is also the responsibility of the Angler. Weigh Certificates must be OAC "Official Weighing Certificates 2010". Any other Weigh Slip cannot be accepted.
6. The weighing of a fish kept and killed and the signing of the Weigh Certificates must be by someone other than those on the boat at the time the fish was caught. That person must verify the species and weight shown on the scale. The person weighing and certifying the fish must also fill out the OAC "Official Weighing Certificate 2010" completely, accurately and legibly. Exception: Unless the fish is to be released, in which case the weigh slip must be accompanied by a photo with leader in hand and some form of measurement (Marlin), a clear photograph showing some relative scale to a known object for estimating size (Shark), a readable tape measurement and if possible a photo of a scale with the fish weight visible for all other club targeted species.) These released fish may be eligible for 2 points for the release-see rule 17 for qualifying fish.

7. All fish caught during one-day tournaments must be weighed at the designated Oceanside Harbor scales. During the Marlin or Billfish two-day tournament, boats must still leave and return to Oceanside harbor, however, boats may leave as early as tournament director decides and will be posted on the Tournament entry form. Weighing in at Dana, Avalon and San Diego Marlin Club and will be accepted for the first day's weigh-in only for those boats that wish to stay out over night. The OAC "Official Weighing Certificate 2010" must be used filled out completely, accurately and legibly. No other Weigh Slips can be accepted.

8. Fishing boundaries are as follows: Pacific Ocean Waters Northerly limit from a line west from Point Conception following 34° 27".00 North Lat. just above the city of Santa Barbara and the southerly limit is 31 ° 00".00 North Lat. that intersects the coast line at Punta Colnett, Mexico, 53 nautical miles South of Ensenada. The westerly limit is a line running north and south following 122° 00".00 Longitude 230 nautical miles west of Oceanside.

9. Each annual fishing season begins January 1st and ends December 31 st.

10. To be eligible for any award, record, prize or honor, all fish must be hooked, fought and landed by an OAC Member in good standing. No other person is permitted to help in any manner. Driving the boat, netting, gaffing and assisting with the leader are acceptable.

11. One prize per boat for Boat Tournaments, Angler tournaments, and one prize per angler.

12. All tournaments entry forms must be in the Weigh Certificate box at the scales by 8:00 pm the night before the start of the tournament.

13. There are no ties in tournaments. In case of equal weights or numbers caught in a tournament, the winner will be determined by first caught.

14. Per I.G.F.A. rules, a clear original photograph showing some relative scale to a known object must accompany record fish.

15. A 5 point award will be given to all "Largest Fish of the Season" for both Adult and Junior Anglers for each of the following species: Marlin, Tuna (Albacore, Bigeye, Bluefin, Yellowfin), Halibut, Bass, Yellowtail, Dorado, Bottom Fish, Bass (Sand or Calico) and White Sea Bass. An OAC angler will receive a Jacket for achieving "Largest Fish of the Season" including 5 points for that category and if applicable, each other category where "Largest fish of the Season" has been accomplished.

16. All rule changes and/or changes to the club shall be made by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors, which includes the Officers.

17. Points for "Top Boat of the Year" and "Top Angler of the Year" will be awarded based on O.A.C. tournament fishing only as follows: Record Fish = 10 points, 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place =7 points, 3rd place = 5 points, 4th place = 4 points, 5th place = 3 points, Released fish of record size during a tournament = 10 points obviously for its size, and 2 points for the release. Points will be awarded for non-tournament fishing as follows: Record Fish caught or released= 10 points, Released record Fish =10 points plus 2 points for the release. Release Fish that count for 2 points are: Mako larger than 4'6", Thresher 100lb minimum, Marlin, or any species of record or award size that member wishes to release instead of kill. (again refer to rule 1 or 6 of angling rules) , Released marlin of any size during a tournament = 2 points. All "release rules" stated above apply to any qualifying fish released. 5 points towards "Boat of the Year" will be awarded to the OAC boat for first flag of qualifying categories. 5 points towards "Angler of the Year" for both Adult and Junior categories will be awarded for "Largest fish of the Season" in all applicable categories. (See rule 15).

This is an honor club. This means each angler is assumed to be honest. If it is found, by a vote of the Board of Directors to be otherwise, the Angler in question will be permanently removed from the OAC Roster. No refund of dues. Any previous recorded catches will be erased from the record.

If it is found that the rules are written incorrectly, should be changed or a situation comes up that is not covered by these rules, dated 12/02, 12/00, 12/99, or the 1992 O.A.C. rule book, the Board of Directors will meet and make the necessary changes or final ruling.