

2026 PARSUN RIVER RIPPER RULES

This competition is run by the fishing committee or other nominated members of the Stillwater Boating Club (the committee). The committee shall have final decision-making powers on the eligibility of any angler or catch entered into the competition. Timing, species and prizes available may be amended due to catch numbers, weather or entrants at the committee's discretion.

Read these rules carefully and if in doubt ask a committee member for clarification. Entries that are deemed invalid will not be eligible for any prizes.

The Competition

This competition is created to promote enjoyment of the resource we have in the Weiti river. The committee strongly encourages returning of fish to the river once measured.

This competition is to be run over the weekend of 27th February to 1st March 2026. Prize Giving will be held at the club at approx 4.30pm on Sunday the 1st March. Fishing will commence 5pm 27th February and entries must be received by midday 1st March.

No postponement date. In the event of a natural disaster, a refund will be given.

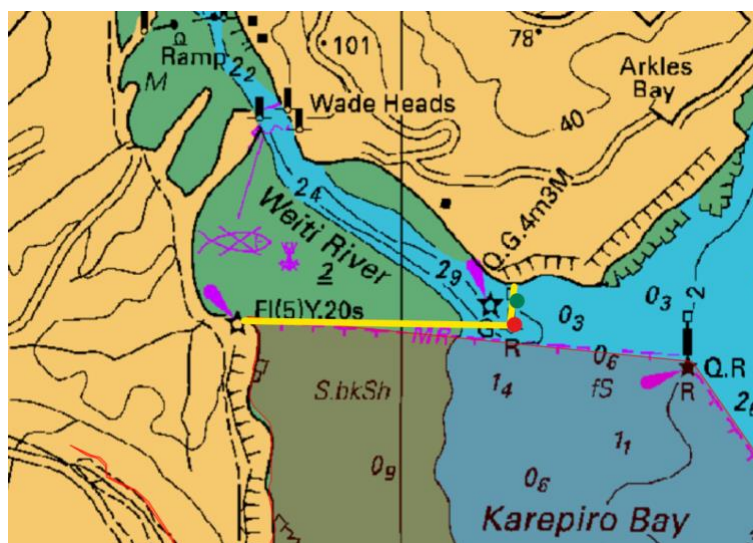
Fishing Method

NZ Fishing rules must be observed. Fish must be caught on a rod and reel, or handline. Flounder accepted by spear.

No longlines, no nets.

Fishing Area

All Fishing must be completed within the boundary of the entry to the Weiti river, see below snip of a line from the yellow reserve marker on land to the red pole, continuing through the green pole to the northern headland of the river.



Valid Species

Normal Species will be as below but not limited to;

- Snapper
- Flounder
- Gurnard
- Trevally
- Kingfish
- Longest other species.

Species eligible for prizes may be amended at the discretion of the committee based on entries received.

No sharks, rays or eels.

Entering A Fish

One fish per species can be entered for placing in the competition. An angler may send in more than one fish to be entered but only the longest eligible fish will be entered for any prizes. Entries must be sent to fishing@swbc.co.nz by close of competition. All entries must have the angler's name, species and length of the entry in the subject line.

Fish must be of legal length (SNA1) to be accepted.

In the event of a tie the entry that was received the earliest to the nominated email address will take the highest placing.

Anglers must be in attendance at the prizegiving to receive/ be valid to receive their prize. No show – no prize.

Photographing The Fish

Providing a clear and valid image of the fish is the anglers responsibility and failure to enter a valid photo may be grounds for the committee to invalidate or deduct length from the entry.

Photos must be taken on a valid measure mat showing 5mm increments and a 90-degree plastic stopper. Tape measures and stickers are not valid. A list of valid measure mats and examples of photos can be viewed [here https://www.fishingcomp.co.nz/approved-measures/](https://www.fishingcomp.co.nz/approved-measures/) Providing the measure mat has an L shaped end and has been provided by a reputable supplier then other measures may be acceptable. If in doubt contact a committee member.

The fish must be placed so that the upper or lower jaw are against the stopper in their natural position (i.e., not elongated) and the tail is spread to prove length. Depending on the species and type of tail the measure will be taken to the shortest point of the V or longest point of the flat or inverted tail. Gutted, gilled or butchered fish will not be accepted. Measures will be rounded down to the nearest 5mm marking.

At the commencement of the competition the committee will announce via email and social media a number or object that must be in the photo. This object or number must be clearly visible in the photo and if incorrect or not clearly visible may be grounds for invalidating the entry. The number

must be on an object in the image as the photo is taken, it cannot be edited into the photo afterwards.

The committee recommends geo tagging is active on the camera as the photo may be asked to be presented to confirm location and time of photographing.

Categories

Prizes will be awarded to categories as listed in the competition announcement, these categories will be divided into, but not limited to;

- Open
- Junior under 15 years

If a competitor enters a fish that places in the open category then that entry will be moved to that category and no longer be valid in the sub category. For example, if a junior catches a fish that places in the open category the entry will be removed from the junior category and be valid only in the open category.

General

Competition entry must be received before the commencement of the competition

The committee reserves the right to amend comp formats and rules and will do their best to announce these via social media, email etc.

It is solely the entrant's responsibility to be aware of the rules and requirements, the committee will be available to explain or clarify any areas that the angler does not understand.

The aim of the competition is to be fun and inclusive, any behaviour or actions deemed against this aim may be grounds for exclusion from the event. No refund will be given.