

The Humber Cod Open

Sunday 28 Feb 2016 10.30am to 5.30pm

The H.C.A. Fishing Club are proud to present the Humber Cod Open.

This information sheet is designed to help you successfully gain entry to fish the match.
Please fill in the supplied sheet with your details and post back with your cheque for the correct amount.
All applications should be sent to the address below.

Mr C. Banks
The Croft, North End Crescent, Tetney, Lincs, DN36 5LZ

Please make all cheques payable to H.C.A. Sea Angling Club.
Please write your boat name on the back of the cheque.
All application forms and match fees must be received by the 14th Feb 2016.
Applications after this date will not be considered.
If there are more than six people fishing, please add their names separately.

Cost per angler is £20. This will not be refundable after the match has been fished.

The committee reserves the right to refuse any admission.
Secure parking for boats and trailers is available.
There is a facility to moor trailed boats in the HCA marina prior to the match.
There will be two tractors on the beach to assist in launching and retrieval.
Boats may be subject to inspection before and after the match.
There will be marshals available before the match starts and there will be a control boat out on the day to ensure rules and regulations are adhered to and to help any boats with minor problems.

There will be a total cash payout of at least £2000:
With a minimum prize of £1000 for the heaviest Cod.
There will also be an extensive prize table
Only two cod can be weighed in per angler.
All fish weighed in, will be sold on the Grimsby fish market. All proceeds will be donated to the HCA fishing club's designated charity.
There will also be collection boxes for any other donated fish, these will also be sold and all proceeds will be donated to the clubs designated charity.

If the match is cancelled it will be re-arranged for Sunday 27th March, if that is cancelled, then Sunday 24th April.
In the event of the match being unable to take place on those dates, all entrants will be entered in to a draw, with the original prize fund being fully paid out.

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Name Angler 1	Name Angler 2
Address	Address

Post Code	Post Code
Telephone	Telephone
Mobile	.....	Mobile	.....

Name Angler 3	.....	Name Angler 4	.....
Address	.....	Address	.....

Post Code	.....	Post Code	.....
Telephone	.....	Telephone	.....
Mobile	Mobile

Name Angler 5	Name Angler 6
Address	Address

Post Code	Post Code
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Boat Information

Make of boat

Name of boat

Hull Colour

Beach or Marina

Secure overnight parking for boat & trailer yes no

Tractor assistance needed yes no

Minimum Safety Equipment for boats

VHF or DSC Radio Yes

GPS or Chartplotter Yes

Coastal flare pack (in date) Yes

Life jackets: 1 per person Yes

Spare anchor and rope Yes

A radar reflector Yes

NB: All boats fishing must have up to date third party insurance cover, this may be checked on the day.

Humber Cod Open 2016 Match Rules

- Fishing must not take place outside of the match start and finish times.
- Boats launching from the beach or leaving the marina before 9.30am must stay in the designated holding area until after 9.30 and not travel to their fishing marks before then.
- Fishing is only allowed within the boundaries of the map supplied to all skippers.
- A maximum of two rods per angler to be fished with at any one time, with a maximum of three hooks per rod.
- Beach boats must launch from Cleethorpes beach – Not from the Humber Yacht club.
- All types of baits, feathers, and lures may be used.
- All cod must be caught by rod and line; No handlines, longlines or anchor packs to be used. Boats must not have any such equipment on board.
- Each person taking part will steward himself and all other members while fishing.
- Boats may be inspected at any time before and during the competition.
- By submitting a cod for weighing, the captor of that fish will be donating it to the match organisers to be sold for charitable purposes. This year the charity is the Humberston Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal.
- Cod are weighed un-gutted. Only two fish are to be weighed in per angler. All Cod submitted for weighing may be opened up and inspected after the fish has been weighed. All Cod submitted for weighing must have a weigh-in tag securely attached.
- In the event of bad weather or in the interests of safety, organisers shall have the right to abandon the match, at any time.
- In the event of a match being abandoned, cod caught after the match start time will be eligible for weighing in. This is providing that the match has been running for a minimum of one hour.
- Competitors are advised to monitor VHF Channel 6.
- Skippers must register on the morning of the match. Match weigh-in tags and trailer tags will only be issued on registration.
- All boats launching from the beach must display the supplied trailer tag on the boats trailer.
- Any complaints must be submitted to the match organisers within 15 minutes of the end of the weigh in time.
- The decision of the organisers will be final in the case of a dispute.
- All boats used in club competitions shall be in a seaworthy state and shall be of adequate size for the number of anglers on board. All boats must have the recommended safety equipment on board.
- All boats should have a designated skipper who will be responsible for the safe operation of his craft and the safety of his crew. The skipper must be fully aware of the particular requirements regarding the use of small boats in the Humber, particularly in regard to the movement of commercial shipping. For instance, no boat should anchor either in or close enough to the shipping channels to cause the boat to drift into the channels.