IL CLUB AMICI DEL MARE ASD ANCONA

c/o PORTO TURISTICO MARINA DORICA – ANCONA

Big Game World Championship

A warm welcome to our angling friends.

On behalf of myself and the Federazione Italiana Pesca Sportiva Attività Subacquee e Nuoto Pinnato (FIPSAS), I am very proud and delighted to extend a most sincere welcome to all participants in this important world championship, which will take place from 7 to 13 September 2026 in Ancona.
I am absolutely certain that all the athletes, officials and competition judges who visit this beautiful region will have the opportunity to discover and appreciate the beauty of these surroundings and the hospitality of the people of the Municipality of Ancona, the Marche Region and all those who have gone to great effort to ensure that the organization of this major sport fishing event is a resounding success.

As I once again extend a warm welcome to all participants, I also look forward to spending some wonderful days together in the true spirit of sport.

Allow me to extend a special “good luck” to all the competition judges who are tasked with overseeing the scheduled competition, ensuring it runs in a completely fair and orderly manner, confident that on this occasion too they will be able to bring to the sport the professionalism and skill they have demonstrated on previous occasions.

Finally, I feel both a duty and a pleasure in thanking the organizers, the authorities, the local institutions and all the journalists present at the event for their support and their contribution to the success of this event.

President of the FIPSAS
Ugo Claudio Matteoli

From 7 to 13 September 2026, the entire world of big game fishing will have its eyes fixed on the city of Ancona, which, with its waters rich in tuna, will be the setting for major challenges in the world of big game fishing.
Ancona, with its beauty and its food and wine, will captivate its guests. The complex organization of the Big Game World Championship will be masterfully managed by Club Amici del Mare ASD, which is working in collaboration with one of Italy's most important marinas, Marina Dorica, which is no stranger to such undertakings.

The Club Amici del Mare ASD has already demonstrated impeccable organizational reliability in recent years and, in this event too, will show the whole world its ability and professionalism in managing major events. In this regard, I would like to thank all those working to make this World Championship an event to remember, as well as the local authorities and institutions that will welcome all the participating nations. I invite all FIPSMer member nations to take part in this event, which I am sure will leave a special memory and serve as a model for future events.

Vice Head of the FIPSAS Surface Fishing Section – Sea Division
Stefano Sarti

The Club Amici Del Mare ASD is delighted to present the 34th Big Game World Championship in Drifting, which will take place in the city of Ancona from 7 to 13 September 2026.

The Club Amici del Mare is a sailing club, founded on 31 January 1988 and part of the "Marina Dorica" – Ancona Marina.
The Club is administered by a Board of Directors currently comprising 11 members and manages moorings at sea and on land for its members, ranging in size from 5 to 20 metres in length. Since 2007, within the large service complex of the "Triangolone", we have had our administrative offices and a beautiful hall with a terrace overlooking the marina's jetties.
The dining room is located in the spacious premises at 42 Via Mattei, which have been completely refurbished in terms of both décor and management. Social gatherings and themed evenings are also organized here, ensuring moments of fun and interesting entertainment.

Among the events that characterize our Club's sporting activities, we would like to highlight the "Amici in Vela" sailing regatta, which is particularly appreciated and loved by sailors from the Doric region and beyond; it offers a day of competitive racing as well as cheerful socializing, and the now well-known F.I.P.S.A.S. Open national deep-sea fishing competition, the "Dorica Tuna Contest". In recent years, our Club has also been entrusted on several occasions with organizing FIPSAS Italian Championship competitions, both in spinning (2018 and 2022) and in drifting for crews (2023 and 2025), thanks both to our proven organizational skills and the, by now well-known, richness of tuna in our seas.

Club Amici del Mare
The President
Michele Covotta

The Asd Club Amici del Mare of Ancona, in collaboration with F.I.P.S.A.S., is pleased to invite your Federation to take part in the 34th Big Game World Championship, which will be held from 7 to 13 September 2026 in the waters off Ancona.

Marina di Ancona

Marina Dorica is a place of passion and nautical services waiting to be discovered, designed and built to offer all boaters a safe haven and the warmest of welcomes every time.

A first-class marina, tailored to the needs of those who take to the sea, knowing they can count on a comprehensive, convenient and well-organized facility, even when ashore.

Marina Dorica is a tourist port well worthy of a visit; it is lively and practical, thanks to the many dining and entertainment options on offer, such as restaurants, pizzerias, bars, lounge cafés and a mini-market for all your essential galley supplies.

THE HOTELS FOR THE EVENT

HOTEL TOURING, FALCONARA MARITTIMA

For bookings outside the official period, please contact us directly**:**

Hotel Touring Ancona - Via degli Spagnoli 18, Falconara Marittima (AN)

Tel. +39 071 913136 - info@touringhotel.it

Or visit the website: https://www.touringhotel.it/

HOTEL EUROPA, TORRETTE DI ANCONA

<u>For bookings outside the official period,</u> please contact us directly**:**

Hotel Europa Ancona - Via Sentino 3, Ancona (AN)
Tel. +39 071 888096 - info@hoteleuropa-ancona.it
Or visit the website:: https://www.hoteleuropa-ancona.it

Hotel Location:

Marina Dorica Tourist Port	10 minutes' drive
Ancona Nord Highway Exit	15 minutes' drive
Ancona International Airport	15 minutes' drive
Ancona Train Station	10 minutes' drive
Regional Hospital	5 minutes' drive

The costs of the packages are determined as follows:

1) **Full package for a team of 4 athletes**, including full board (7 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner, lunch, a gala dinner and a packed lunch for competition days, accommodation in a twin room

€ 6.600,00

2) **Full-board package for individual athletes** (7 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner, lunch, gala dinner and packed lunches for race days, accommodation in a twin room)

€ 1.650,00

3) **Team fee for 4 people,** excluding hotel accommodation, lunch and dinner, including the gala dinner.

€ 4.840,00

4) **Price per person** excluding hotel accommodation, lunch and dinner, including the gala dinner

€ 1.210,00

5) **Accompanying persons' package** including full board (7 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner, lunch, gala dinner and packed lunches for the days of the competition, accommodation in a twin room)

€ 870,00

6) **Half-board rate for accompanying persons** (7 nights' accommodation, breakfast, dinner and a gala dinner, in a twin room)

Cost of an extra lunch or dinner (not included in the package)	**€ 35.00**
Daily cost of a packed lunch for competition days	**€ 30.00**
Single room supplement (€30 per day)	**€ 210.00**
Cost of the gala dinner for those not on the full package	**€ 60.00**

The dinner will consist of a starter, a main course, a side dish, water and ¼ litre of wine included.
Any additional drinks are not included in the package.

PAYMENTS:
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BIC/SWIFT : POSOIT2107Q
Causale: BIG GAME W.C. ANCONA (specificare il nome della nazione che si iscrive)
Registration and a copy of the bank transfer must be sent byv 1 July 2026 to the e-mail address:
e-mail: pesca.superficie@fipsas.it
tel. +39 0687980521/3

Boat rent for the trial days leading up to the World Championships - boat length 7–9 metres - speed 18–25 knots
Boat rent for the trial days prior to the World Championships - boat length 7–9 metres - speed 18–25 knots

Daily Rent **€ 950,00**

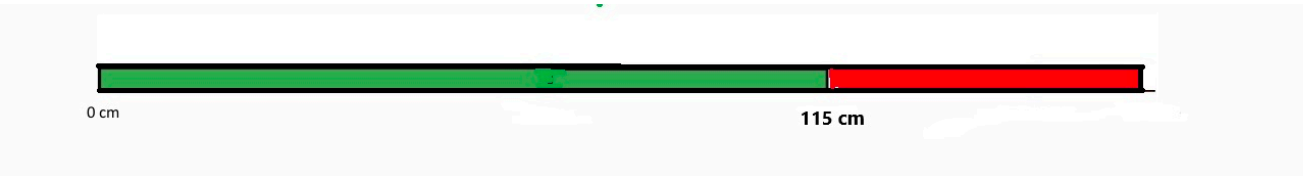
Bait/groundbait for the competition, included on the days of the World Championships

For the test days leading up to the World Championship

Crates of sardines **€ 120.00**

(The money for the sardines is not refundable)

FISH MEASURING ROD



Score system for valid fish

FISH	GREEN ZONE From 0 to 115 cm (points)	RED ZONE From 115 cm (points)
Bluefin Tuna	1	150
Little Tunny	1	1

30-Pound Fishing Line Class

Fishing Method: Anchored Boat

AUTHORIZED FISH FOR THIS COMPETITION

TONNO ROSSO

Bluefin Tuna

ALLETTERATO
Little Tunny

COMPETITION VENUE

	LAT	LONG
A-	43° 42’ 00’’ N	13° 47’ 00’’ E
B-	43° 48’ 00’’ N	13° 55’ 00’’ E
C-	43° 35’ 00’’ N	14° 11’ 00’’ E
D-	43° 28’ 00’’ N	14° 00’ 00’’ E

FIPSAS Organizing Officer Stefano Sarti (+39 3480718796)
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Coordinator Club Amici del Mare **Michele Covotta (+39 3283218053)**
Technical Coordinator Club Amici del Mare Diego Bedetti (+39 3470808569)
Mail: info@clubamicidelmare.it

Registration forms and proof of payment must be received by 1 July 2026 at the following

email address: pesca.superficie@fipsas.it

tel. +39 0687980521/3

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Anti-doping

By registering for the Championship, athletes implicitly agree to comply with all WADA's anti-doping sports rules

The FIPS-M rules are available to view and download:
www.fips-m.org/statutes-rules-gb

PROGRAMME

Monday, 7 September 2026 Arrival of the teams, preferably **by 14:00**, at Club Amici del Mare,

Via Mascino n. 5/H – tel. +39 07153724 for accreditation and distribution of materials.
Welcome toast and dinner.

Tuesday, 8 September 2026
10:00 Captains' Meeting and boat draw
13:00 Lunch at Marina Dorica
17:30 Opening Ceremony – event and parade
20:00 Buffet/dinner at Marina Dorica

Wednesday, 9 September 2026
06:00 Breakfast
07:00 Distribution of pocket lunches and chum
07:30 Departure for training day at sea
19:00 Buffet/dinner at Marina Dorica

Thursday, 10 September 2026 first competition day
06:00 Breakfast
07:00 Distribution of pocket lunches and chum
07:30 Departure for training day at sea
19:00 Buffet/dinner at Marina Dorica

Friday, 11 September 2026 second competition day
06:00 Breakfast
07:00 Distribution of pocket lunches and chum
07:30 Departure for training day at sea
19:00 Buffet/dinner at Marina Dorica

Saturday, 12 September 2026 third competition day
06:00 Breakfast
07:00 Distribution of pocket lunches and chum
07:30 Departure for training day at sea
19:00 Buffet/dinner at Marina Dorica

Sunday, 13 September 2026 reserve day for the competition
13:00 Buffet at Marina Dorica Ancona
18:00 Awards Ceremony at Marina Dorica Ancona
20:00 Gala Dinner at Marina Dorica Ancona

Monday, 14 September 2026 return of the teams to their respective countries

The delegations must provide the organization with their national anthem on an electronic device and two national flags of their country.

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7–13 September 2026 – Ancona (AN)

REGISTRATION FORM

FEDERATION/NATION:

NATION:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
TELEFON NUMBER:	
E-MAIL:	
REFERENCE PERSON:	
PHONE :	

DATE _____ SIGNATURE_____

Please complete this form and send it by **1 July 2026**

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REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

FEDERATION /NATION: _____

	Name and Surname

1	Athlete
2	Athlete
3	Athlete
4	Athlete

5	Reserve
6	Captain

Registration for 4 participants with the full package € 6.600,00	
Registration for individual athletes with the full package € 1,650.00	
Captain/reserve registration – full package €950.00 per person x n……..people	
Registration for 4 athletes without a package €4,840.00	
Registration of accompanying persons (full board) (€870.00 x n…….)	
Registration for accompanying persons ½ Board (€770.00 x n…….)	
Single room supplement (€30 per day per person x n……..)	
Gala dinner for athletes and the captain (no organization required) (€60 per person x n…)	
Lunch box during the event for competitors and captains without a package (€30 per day per person x n….)	
Lunch or dinner at the hotel (not included in the package) (€35 per person x number of people)	
TOTAL	

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DATE_____SIGNATURE_____

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BOOKING FORM FOR BOATS/BAIT FOR TRAINING

Boat Rental for training days prior to the World Championship
boat length 7–9 m Speed 18/25 Knt

Daily Rental € 950.00

Bait/Chum included during the World Championship days
60 kg Sardines per boat per day

For training days prior to the World Championship
60 kg Sardines € 120.00

Lunch box during the event for competitors and captains without package € 30.00

BOOKING FORM

FEDERATION / NATIONAL TEAM: _____

	date	date	date	date
Boat booking for training days prior to the World Championship (950 € per day)				
Booking of bait for the trial days prior to the World Championship (€120 per day)				
Booking of basket(s) for the trial days prior to the World Championships (€20 x n____)				
TOTAL				

Total payment must be completed by 1 July 2026 to:

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AGREEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE BUREAU FOR THIS CHAMPIONSHIP

2. Guidelines for Big Game Competitions

- Fishing by trolling (Offshore trolling and Coastal trolling) (6 rods)
- Fishing from anchored boat 5 rods
- Fishing from drifting boat 5 rods

2.1. Only national teams entered by the Member Federations of the FIPS-M have the right to participate in the World or Continental Championships.

2.2. The organizer of an international competition cannot impose the exclusive use of a specific brand of line, rod, reel or lures to be used in the competition. The competitors are free to choose their material according to the rules and directives.

2.3. The permitted breaking strain of line will be fixed by the host nation considering the species of fish caught in the area where the competition takes place. The breaking strain of the line must be mentioned in the specifications and the program of the competition. However, it may not exceed 37 kg (80 lbs) with a maximum tolerance of 5%.

2.4. A maximum of five (5) rods and reels for fishing, and (1) extra small rod (maximum 140 cm long with bat) and a reel, which may be electric, for working with Bait dropper (for anchored and drifting competitions) or six (6) rods and reels (for trolling competitions) are allowed. No other rod, or reserve reel will be accepted on board. The skippers must remove all their own rods from the boat before departure.

2.5. The use of Panoptix, Minnkota or similar products is prohibited.

2.6. The lures can be artificial or natural or a combination of both.

2.7. Fishing areas

1. The organizer determines the fishing areas.
2. The zone may not be bigger than 150 square miles
3. Throughout the duration of the competition a control boat must be in the fishing area to guaranty the Vhf communication with the international jury.

3. Teams - Participation conditions

3.1. For technical reasons, the participation is limited to 2 teams per nation composed of 2 to 4 competitors (maximum of anglers/team given by the organizer) are allowed.

It is forbidden for teams to have their own boats to participate in the FIPS-M championship.

3.2. The captain may be a member, reserve or companion of one team. He is the official representative of the team. If he is not registered as a Captain-Reserve, he cannot participate in the competition. As a reserve, he may fish for only one team, as needed.

The captain has the right to be on the boat with the team for which he is registered.

3.3. If two teams participate in the contest, they will both be classified.

3.4. Only a classification by team will be made.

3.5. It is possible to replace a team member before the start of each competition day.

The replacement must be notified to the International Jury. Any changes to the entry list must be communicated to the organizer when the delegations arrive, at the latest before the captains' meeting. The national federation must indicate the name of the reserve angler when registering the team (1 reserve angler per team). The captain may be registered as reserve angler

3.6. All participants must be a member of their own national federation, they must be inscribed according to the rules by their respective nation. The general conditions of competition rules, (Chap. IV Art. 2.04) must be met.

Member nations can be represented at FIPS-M international competitions by competitors having the nationality of that nation and who are members of their national federation.

- Only one participant, having foreign nationality but residing more than five years in this country and participating in the national selections of this nation, is admitted to a national team. This foreign competitor must not be federated in his country of origin and participate in these national teams. In the case multiple nationalities, a competitor can only compete for one nation.

3.7. The minimum age of the competitors is 18 years

4. Stewards

4.1. Role of the steward:

- On each competition boat an independent steward must be present throughout the competition times.

  The stewards on the boats are appointed by the host nation. The registered names and national qualifications have to be submitted to the jury before the start of the competition.

  An observer from a non-hosting nation can be assigned by the Jury on the boats of the host nation.

- For the championships with anchored boats or drifting boats, the skipper can act as steward
- Observers cannot be team captains and must be independent
- mark on the sheet the precise time of strike and release of each fish and the fisherman catching the fish.
- At the end of the fishing day, the steward, accompanied by the captain or a member of the team, hands over immediately to the Jury the results sheet and the rods with the numbers that caught fish for the test of the main line.
- If at the end of the competition's regular time a fisherman is still playing a fish, the steward must inform the competition management by radio.

4.2. Daily results will be noted on a scoring list. This list will be signed by the steward and the competitor.

4.3. The Chief Steward (on the Main Boat) must draw up a complete list (chronological report) with all the catch data reported by the stewards of all the competition boats.

4.4. The Chief Steward must not be member or reserve of any team registered for the

competition.

4.5. Where possible, the Chief Steward should create a group on a platform (WhatsApp, Viber, etc.) for faster and more accurate communication. The group should include all stewards on the boats and members of the international jury. The language of communication shall be the official language of the host country.

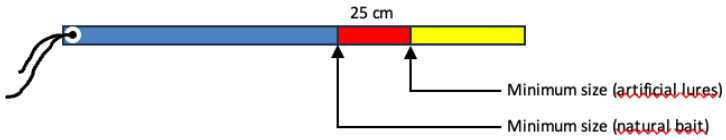
4.6. Where possible, the FIPS-M Delegate should create a group on a platform (WhatsApp, Viber, etc.) for faster and more accurate communication. The group should include all team captains, national team captains, the Chief Steward, and members of the international jury. The language of communication (FRA / ENG) shall be decided at the Captains' Meeting.

4.7. If the above is not possible, the Chief Steward must communicate the catch results of each team during the competition every hour per radio (VHF).

6. Measuring stick

6.1. For minimum length verification, the organization must provide all boats with a measuring stick scale with color markings for individual species listed for the classification.

6.2. The measuring stick must show two measurements with different colors, separated by 25 cm to establish the minimum size of the fish. The first color for catches with natural baits and the second, 25 cm apart, for catches with artificial lures.



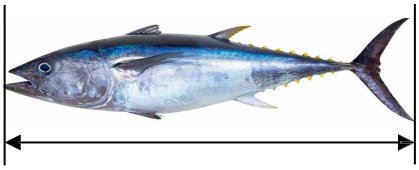
6.3. For safety reasons, measuring with a measuring stick is forbidden for all billfish. For these fishes points will be fixed by species.

For other fish species, only the minimum length prescribed for scoring is measured. If they meet the minimum length, the points by species will be given.

If the fish do not meet the minimum length, the released fish shall be recorded as a BONUS FISH or awarded 1 (one) point.

No points or bonus fish will be awarded to hooked fish that are not entered in the scoring list of fish.

6.4. Fish measurement



8. Bait

8.1. The organizer of a CIPS - FIPS/M competition must ensure that natural baits of equal quality and quantity are available to each competitor during the official training and during the

competition. Baits will be distributed by drawing lots.

The use of bait not distributed by the organizer, or additional bait from previous days, will result in disqualification for the day and consequently for the final ranking. (This does not apply to artificial lures).

8.2. Provided baits can be used to attract fish, minimum amount of bait for competitions from anchored and drifting boats – 60 kg of sardines per team.

8.3. Using any parts of mammals as bait or luring with blood of mammals is prohibited in all FIPS-M disciplines.

9. Draw of the boats

At the captain's meeting the boats are drawn electronically.

1. Before the draw begins, boats must be divided into three categories (groups):

- Group A – the smallest third of the boats
- Group B – the middle third of the boats
- Group C – the largest third of the boats

2. After dividing the boats into groups, competition numbers are assigned as follows:

- Group A – assigned and drawn numbers: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22 …
- Group B – assigned and drawn numbers: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23 …
- Group C – assigned and drawn numbers: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24 …

At the end of the boat draw, a list of competition numbers is created:

1(A), **2**(B), **3**(C), **4**(A), **5**(B), **6**(C), **7**(A), **8**(B), **9**(C), **10**(A), **11**(B), **12**(C), **13**(A), **14**(B), **15**(C) …

3. Draw of the teams on the boats.

Teams change the boat daily in the numeric order of identification numbers according to the draw of the first boat. As they change numbers, they also change boat categories.

The draw of the boats will be done using the FIPS-M program. In case of lack of Wi-Fi or other computer problems, the draw of the boats will be done according to the manual draw.

Example: 8 boats and 4 fishing days (1 training day + 3 competition days)

If for instance a team will be for the training day on boat "5 (B)"

1st competition day -> boat "6 (C)"

2nd competition day -> boat "7 (A)"

3rd competition day -> boat "8 (B)"

If the training day is cancelled, this team will be nevertheless the first competition day on boat "6 (C)".

If the 1st competition day is cancelled, just the date will change (not the boat), the team will stay the next fishing day on boat "6 (C)".

4. Reserve boats must also be categorized. In the event of a replacement, a boat of the same or a higher category shall be assigned.

10. Daily and final classification

10.1. The catches must be documented on a film including the release of the fish. The exact time of the release of each fish must be written on the score sheet. To guarantee the originality of the film, a capture of a distinctive panel, indicating the competition day and the date must be part

of the film. The organizer distributes every day a new panel to all the boats.

10.2. Only the jury will watch the videos and according to the measures token with the stick will make the validation decisions. In case of doubt, they can ask the advice of the captain of the team.

10.3. Teams are awarded points based on the types of fish caught during the competition day.

The total points of all legal fish constitute the team's score for that competition day.

By comparing the points of all teams, a ranking list for each individual competition day is created, and teams are awarded the corresponding **ranking points**.

10.4. If the points are tied, the team with the greater number of legal fish will be ranked higher. If still tied, the advantage goes to the team that caught a higher number of so-called "BONUS FISH" (fish from the scoring list that do not meet the legal size). If still tied, the teams share the same ranking points as follows:

For example: 6 teams share 3rd place with the same number of points.
The 6 teams without fish will all receive the following place number: 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 33 / 6 = **5.5** ranking points.

The next place in the classification is not allocated.

10.5. The place of the teams, that did not take fish, is calculated by taking the sum of the number of all remaining places divided by the number of teams without fish.

For example: 20 registered teams. 16 teams caught fish.

The 6 teams without fish will all have the following place number: 15 + 16 + 17 + 18 = 66/4 = ***16.5*** ranking points

10.6. **Final Team Ranking**, after each fishing day and at the end of the competition.

If the competition lasts several days, the final classification of the event will be calculated by adding the ranking points.
The team with the lowest sum of ranking points. will be declared the winner.

If there is a tie in the final team classification, lowest ranking points during the whole competition will decide the tie.

If there is still a tie afterwards, the following criteria will be considered for classification:

1. The sum of points for all days of the competition.
2. The largest number of legal-size fish caught during all days.
3. The biggest fish caught (by point value) during the championship.
4. Second best daily result – lowest ranking points
5. Third best daily result – lowest ranking points
6. The number of undersized (listed) fish (= number of Bonus Fish).
7. Which team caught a fish earlier in relation to the fishing days (first, second, or third). If a training day is included in the scoring, the training day shall be considered the first fishing day.
8. The time of catch (hooking) of the first, second, third, fourth, … fish on the fishing day in which the teams reported the catch.
9. The time of catch (hooking) of the second, third, fourth, … fish on the other fishing days in which the teams reported the catch.
10. If after that there is still a tie, the teams share the same ranking place. The next place in the classification is not allocated.

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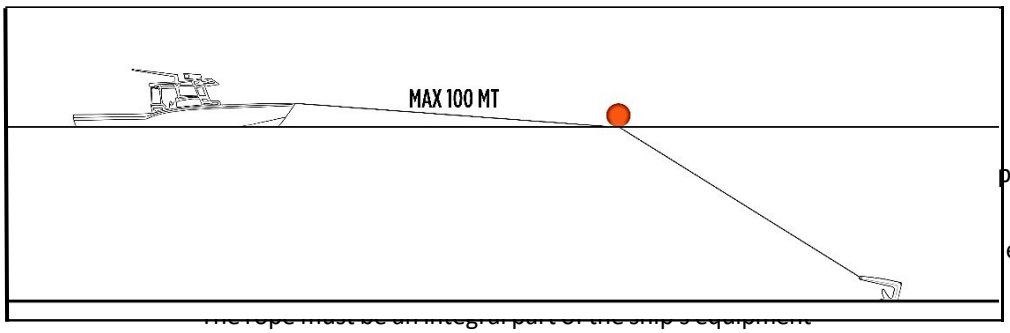

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~~The rope must be an integral part of the ship's equipment~~

c. A marker buoy (with boat name and home port with the possibility to attach a brightly coloured flag).

2. As soon as the anchor is dropped, the skipper must immediately announce per radio to the competition management:
   a. The time of dropping the anchor
   b. It's GPS position
3. The distance of 1/2 mile is required between each fishing boat
4. During the competition it is allowed to change the anchorage place twice (2X), unless it interferes with another competitor and only upon request of the latter, it must change its position. If the anchor drags and the boat is drifting unintentionally, it must return to its initial anchoring place announced to the competition management. This manoeuvre will not be considered as a change of place.

   All position changes must be communicated by radio to the jury. The lost time will not be recovered.
5. The anchor will be lifted at the end of each fishing day.
6. Fish caught after the lifting of the anchorage will not be counted.
7. Only 5 rods, independently of the number of the anglers in the team, may be used during the fishing, inclusive of any bait dropper. For bait dropper, a small rod (maximum 140 cm long with a bat) and a reel, which may be electric, may be used.
8. During the fight with the fish, the other team members can continue to bait and catch the fish.
9. During the fight with one or more fish the captain of the team may ask the skipper to leave the anchorage for the time necessary to retrieve, measure and release the fish. If there is another strike while the anchor is lifted the fish will not count.
10. The way to feed is free. If a boat is not equipped with an electrical device to prepare the feeding the team can use its own device under condition to have its own batteries.

15. Cases of disqualification (for a fish or for the scoring of the day)

15.1. If a crew or a team member does not comply with rules or instructions or specifications, the catch on this day of the competition day will not be taken into consideration for the ranking.

15.2. If a crew or a team member or another person on the boat touches the rod, the reel, the main line or double line of a angler, while playing the fish it will not count for the classification.

15.3. If the main line is touched, before the leader has been was touched with both hands by a team member, this fish will not count for the classification. (except to take off a balloon or a lead)

15.4. The angler is not allowed to take the mainline in his hand with the purpose to hold the fish in position or to pull the fish to the surface. In that case the fish will be disqualified.

15.5. It is not allowed to put the rod in a rod holder before the fish will be validated by another member of the team. In that case the fish will be disqualified.

15.6. It is forbidden to change the rod, to extend or reduce the length of a line while fighting a fish. In that case the team will be disqualified for that day (Last place +1).

15.7. The fish must be played with the main line to the boat. The main line must pass through the tip ring of the rod and any rigger clip. Fishes caught with the leader and double line, or just with the leader, will not count for scoring.

15.8. To reoxygenate the fish, it can be held with the hands, but under no circumstances it can be totally taken out of the water. In that case the fish will be disqualified.

15.9. It is forbidden to use tongs to hold fish by the mouth. The use of such instruments will lead to the disqualification of the day (= last place + 1)

It is allowed to use all instruments that can facilitate the release and rapid removal of the hook.

Note for tuna: the hook must not be removed from the mouth, and the leader must be cut as close to the hook as possible. If the above does not take place, the fish will be disqualified.

15.10. A fish is valid if it has been well identified near the boat and the leader has been touched by both hands documented by a continuous video. Underwater images will not be taken into consideration. Images taken with smartphones must be transferred to a memory card for examination on the computer. Images presented on the smartphone will not be considered