



INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION COMPETITION IN BIG GAME FISHING 2025

OFFSHORE CHALLENGE KOMIŽA 2025

KOMIŽA, ISLAND VIS - CROATIA
July 16-19, 2025

R U L E S

1. ORGANIZER:

Sport Fishing Club "KOMIŽA" with headquarters in Komiža in cooperation with the Tourist Board of Komiža, organizes an international qualification competition in big game fishing in Komiža 2023.

The competition shall be held in accordance with the Ordinance on principles and basic elements of the system of sport competitions at sport fishing at sea (hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance) and the Ordinance on implementation of big game fishing competitions (hereinafter referred to as the Implementing Ordinance) of 20 December 2014.

The competition is combined (by type); Still fishing and Trolling in accordance with Articles 105 and 106 of the Ordinance.

2. DATE OF THE COMPETITION: July 16-19, 2025 - Komiža, Island Vis

3. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS:

The parties entitled to participation are members of sport fishing associations / clubs that are members of Croatian Association of Sport Fishing at Sea (CASFS) or members of any other international fishing federation. Competitors are required to hold the prescribed and valid fishing permits.

If the team has a rented boat with the captain who is not a member of the team, i.e. he controls the boat at the discretion of the team leader, he does not have to be a member of the fishing association.

Eligible to compete are those competitors who pay the per boat/team entry fee of **900,00 €** to the giro account: **TOURIST BOARD OF KOMIŽA at ERSTE BANK - IBAN HR2124020061100667089 (designated purpose: Entry fee for international big game fishing qualifications KOMIŽA 2025 – team name)** i.e., until available positions are filled (40 vessels)

Entry fee includes fishing lure - 40 kg per vessel per fishing day (120 kg in total), mooring, three dinners for crew members and promotional materials. By paying the entry fee, competitors accept the Competition Rules.

4. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT:

Members of the Management are:

- Chief Judge: **Tonči LUKETA**
- Judge Assistant: **Boris ŠKORIĆ**
- Organizer's representative (will be appointed at the meeting of captains)

OTHER OFFICIALS:

- Competition Manager: **Tonči BOŽANIĆ**
- Protocol Manager: **Marijana ČULAR**
- Doctor on duty for the area of the town of Komiža

5. REGISTRATION:

Registration for participation is a form which the team leaders are obligated to fill for their members. By verifying the registration, the responsible person guarantees that the entered data corresponds to the truth.

A competitive team shall have no more than 4 (four) active competitors on the boat. The team is represented by the leader, and he is the only one who has the right to communicate with the Competition Management from point 4. of these Rules.

The rest of the crew members not entered in the registration for participation are considered guests.

6. LIABILITY:

Organizer, host and all participants involved in the competition organization shall be held harmless and indemnified against any liability and damage compensation for consequences that may arise in this competition. The competitors shall participate under full responsibility for themselves, the crew, the boat, the equipment and for all damages that may occur against them and any third parties.

Every competitor accepts the above-mentioned by signing the Statement of Personal Capacity and Liability for Participation as prescribed by the Ordinance on principles and basic elements of the system of sport competitions at sport fishing at sea of the CAFS.

Every competitor shall also sign a Subject's Declaration of Approval prescribed by the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which regulates providing and processing data and transferring them to third persons. The organizer, competitors and officials of the competition shall be held responsible for concealing illicit catch if they are aware of it. They shall report such knowledge to the Management, who will disqualify the team based on the Ordinance, and report them to the competent authorities of the Republic of Croatia for legal sanctions.

Competitors who do not have adequate annual sport permits will be able to buy daily and multi-day permits for big game fishing tools. Only those team members who have valid permits can pull and/or fight a fish, whereas other crew members may assist (recording, ground baiting, etc.).

In accordance with the "Ordinance on Sport and Recreational Fishery" one permit allows fishing for a team with max. 3 (three) sets of fishing gear.

7. FISHING AREA:

Approved by the competent ministry Fishing zones on nautical charts with drawn coordinates will be delivered to the managers together with the competition documentation.

8. SMALL BOATS:

Competition is held with proprietary small boats, and the provisions of Article 19 of the Ordinance and all other provisions of the Ordinance on implementation of competitions with proprietary vessels shall apply.

9. LIST OF SPECIES:

The following fish are targeted and scored:

TYPES	MINIMAL LENGHT / WEIGHT
Atlantic bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	Minimal length - 115 cm (catch/release) Minimal weight 40 kg (for weighing)
Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	Minimal length - 100 cm (catch/release)
Mediterranean spearfish (<i>Tetrapturus belone</i>)	Minimal length – 100 cm (catch/release)
Longfin tuna (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	Minimal length 70 cm (catch/release)
Mahi-mahi (<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>)	Minimal length 70 cm (catch/release)
Little tunny (<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>)	Minimal weight 5 kg

Competitors shall release (while carefully removing the hook or cutting the fishing line) rare, accidentally caught specimens of other fish species (sunfish, manta ray, sea turtle, blue shark, common thresher, etc.)

They shall respect the prescribed lengths and weights for pulling in fish, as well as the daily quotas for southern bluefin tuna. In case of doubt about the type of fish in question, the team leader shall contact the Judge's boat.

Quotas have not been approved for that species (mediterranean spearfish, swordfish, longfin tuna and mahi-mahi). Competitors are obliged to release the caught specimens on the vessel before the draw. Any hauling of fish to the vessel entails disqualification and legal sanctions.

For fish that are being scored (littletunny), the quota is not determined, and the rule of minimum measurements of length and weight prescribed by these Rules are applied.

The caught fish is disposed of by the Competition Organizer. In case of a dilemma about which fish species it is, the team leader is obliged to contact the judge's boat.

10. SCORING:

Scoring is carried out by points per species (PpS) in case of releasing the catch or weight points (WP) for fish pulled in on the boat.

TUNA - CATCH / RELEASE minimal length **100 cm** (length is measured from **the tip of the upper jaw** to the middle of the caudal fin), it is awarded with **240** points per released fish. A released fish smaller than a minimal length does not win points to the team.

WEIGHING - minimal weight of **40 kg**

from 40 kg – 99,99 kg	= 7 points per kg of weight
from 100 kg – 149,99 kg	= 8 points per kg of weight
from 150 kg – 199,99 kg	= 9 points per kg of weight
from 200 kg – 249,99 kg	= 10 points per kg of weight
from 250 kg –	= 11 points per kg of weight

SWORDFISH - CATCH / RELEASE minimal length of **100 cm** (length is measured from **the tip of the lower jaw** to the middle of the caudal fin), it is awarded with **319** points per released fish. A released specimen smaller than minimal length does not win points for the team.

MEDITERRANEAN SPEARFISH - CATCH / RELEASE minimal length **100 cm** (length is measured from **the tip of the lower jaw** to the middle of the caudal fin), it is awarded with **279** points per released fish. A released fish smaller than a minimal length does not win points for the team.

LONGFIN TUNA – CATCH / RELEASE minimal length **70 cm** (length is measured from **the tip of the upper jaw** to the middle of the caudal fin), is scored with **55 points** per released fish. A released fish smaller than the minimum length does not earn the team points.

MAHI-MAHI – CATCH / RELEASE minimal length **70 cm** (length is measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the middle of the caudal fin), scored with **45 points** per released specimen. A released specimen smaller than the minimum length does not earn points for the team.

LITTLE TUNNY - WEIGHING - minimal weight of **5 kg** is scored with **5** points per kilogram of weight.

In case of pulling in a fish lighter than prescribed weight, the team does not win weight points - negative points are not provided.

11. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

The number of rods is not limited for this competition. The only restriction refers to the possession of sports licenses in accordance with point 6 of these Propositions.

12. VIDEO RECORDING OF THE CATCH:

The beginning and end of the fight with the catch must be filmed without interruption until the release or hauling of the fish onto the boat. The video recording will be recognized and the team will receive points if it complies with the provisions of Articles 89, 90 and 91 of the Regulations on Implementation.

Special remarks:

- On the INITIAL video shot (up to 1 min), must be seen the competitor fighting the fish, the plotter with coordinates, the recording time (if the time on the plotter itself is not loaded) and the control stamp of the fishing day.
- the recording must be sent via **WhatsApp to the Chief Judge** and reported via VHF radio link on channel 72.

- In the FINAL video shot (up to 2 min), the released fish must be recognizable by species, the release and free departure of the fish from the vessel must be seen.
- If fishing was done with the boat in motion (trolling) with fish decoys, **the uninterrupted video shot** must show the removal of the decoy, the departure of the fish from the boat and **a shot of the decoy** (on a light background) with a clear emphasis - showing the hooks on the decoy system.
- there's no excuse for bad, choppy or blurry video shot.
- the camera can be fixed on the ship or one of the crew members can be the cameraman.

Every team shall own a camera for recording the catch with the following technical characteristics:

- saves the records on an "SD memory card" (for easier transfer to a computer),
- has the associated connectors and cables (backup possibility of data transmission)
- it can also be recorded with mobile phones / tablets (without an "SD memory card"); in this case the team must send a video shots during the competition using one of the platforms **Viber**, **Whats App** or by **e-mail** to phone number **+385 91 121 4704**, Tonći LUKETA mail; tonci.luketa@gmail.com

13. CATCH VERIFICATION:

A catch is verified by Management in the following way:

- checking and comparing the official competition documentation; List of caught fish (entered by team leaders) and Lists of registered catches (entered by the Chief Judge),
- inspecting the video recording of the catch, recorded material proves the catch and respecting the fishing rules in accordance with Articles 88 and 89 of the Ordinance

The team leader or an authorized member shall bring a video recording and attend the viewing of the recording, if they are not present, it shall be considered that they have given up on the catch and shall not be awarded points. Points are awarded to the accepted catch in accordance with point 10 of these Rules. Catch verification shall be held at the end of every fishing day at a time prescribed by the schedule.

14. MINIMAL DISTANCE:

The competition is combined and, in accordance with the provision of Article 50 of the Implementing Ordinance, the following minimal distances of competitive small boats are prescribed:

- minimal lateral small boat distance - 2 cables vertical to the direction of floating of the "berley trail",
- minimal distance in a trail -0.5 NM in the direction where a "berley trail" spreads,
- a boat in motion shall respect the minimal distance of a floating boat, laterally and in "berley trail" distance,
- small boats in motion can come closer to each other, 1 cable minimum laterally, 2 cables from behind.

Team behavior (proper or not) during fishing from a floating boat is regulated by Articles 119-126, and if they are trolling, Articles 127-134 of the Implementing Ordinance apply. Trolling shall be announced to the Chief Judge of the competition. In case of possible misunderstandings only the Chief Judge of the competition shall have a competent opinion and make a final decision.

15. FISHING LURE AND BAIT:

Amounts for this competition are not limited. Teams are provided with 40 kg of ground bait fishing lure (sardines) of equal quality before daily competition starts (included in the entry fee).

Buying extra amounts shall be allowed before daily competition starts. Hosts/organizers shall provide purchase of ground bait fishing lure (sardines or other oily fish) of equal quality before daily competition starts.

Teams acquire baits of their own choosing, in accordance with Article 42 of the Ordinance.

Using artificial baits is allowed in accordance with the provisions of Article 58 of the Ordinance.

During the competition it is allowed to catch other species of fish and use them as a whole or for their parts for baiting or ground baiting, but using LIVE BAITS is forbidden.

16. RANKING:

Winners shall be determined according to the biggest point count achieved over three fishing days. In case of adverse weather conditions and inability to hold the competition for three fishing days, the results realized in the days on which the competition was held shall be declared as the final results of the competition.

Ranking teams with an equal number of points in a daily ranking shall be made according to the time of a valid catch (earlier time of hooking - i.e. reporting is used).

Ranking teams with an equal number of points after a second and third fishing day shall be made according to the time of a valid catch per each day (teams that have a catch during a first day, then second, and eventually third have an advantage) If even then we have teams with an equal number of points, the team that has achieved a better placement in that fishing day shall have the advantage.

17. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

prescribed by these Rules:

For every fish-hooking, the team leader shall report "a fish on the rod" to the Judge's boat with the boat's identification number and boat's position. He shall enter this into the List of caught fish. A team leader shall write it down and inform about the release or pulling in a fish on a boat (for tuna he also has to report the approximate weight).

Conditionally prolonging the fishing time, as prescribed by Article 79 of the Implementing Ordinance in case of a so-called "late fish-hooking", shall prolong it by 1 hour for the team.

The amount of ALLOWED Southern bluefin tuna catches shall be distributed across the three fishing days. In case of an unfulfilled quota predicted for a certain fishing day, it shall be transferred to the next day, and in case of exceeding the quota, it shall be deducted from the next fishing day.

Teams shall learn about daily quotas during the meeting of team leaders, and about any changes in the daily quotas during list verification.

Until the predicted quota is met, it is allowed to keep one tuna on a boat per day. Chief Judge of the competition follows the progress of quotas and makes a decision of the "Catch and release" rule to be put into effect. Every subsequent caught tuna will result in disqualification and legal sanctions.

IMPORTANT COMPETITION DETAILS

- *verification of daily participation (of the fishing day) - verification done by Chief Judge before sailing out,*
- *distributing control flags for every daily participation - during verification of daily participation,*
- *communication - via WhatsApp group and with VHF radio connection on channel 72*
- *phone numbers of the Management, as a backup connection, shall be published in the documentation of the competition*

18. SPECIAL REMARK:

Using harpoons and battle stations on a ship during the competition is strictly forbidden.

After fish-hooking, only one contestant may, while using a fighting chair or a stand-up technique, tire out a fish without anyone's help. Assistance of other team members is regulated by the Implementing Ordinance.

"Late fish-hooking" - in case the team does not manage to pull in a catch in the extra time, he continues pulling in until the end and releases the catch by cutting the line (as close to the hook as possible), but the catch is not accepted. If he does not do so or refuses to do so, the team shall be disqualified from the competition.

In accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, for perceived or reported irregularities the Chief Judge of the competition warns, imposes corrections, disqualifies teams for one participation (fishing day) or for the entire competition.

19. COMPLAINTS, APPEALS:

For the duration of the competition, team leaders orally, via radio connection, publicly communicate any complaints for actions of certain teams to the Chief Judge.

All complaints shall be resolved at sea or no later than the beginning of the official weighing. Team leaders deliver appeals after the weighing and catch verifications in written form to the Management of the competition in accordance with the provisions of Articles 109 and 110 of the Implementing Ordinance.

The appeal fee costs 50,00 €.

20. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY July 16, 2025

- *Arrival at Komiža before 16,00 h (because of the limited number of positions)*
- *Team and fishing gear verification before 17:30 h*
- *Welcome drink 17,30 h (Boris Mardešić Gallery)*
- *Meeting of team leaders at 18:00 h (Boris Mardešić Gallery)*
- *Joint dinner at 20:00 h (Fabrika Pizza and Pasta)*
- *Opening of the competition, presentation of the teams, entertainment program from 21:30*

THURSDAY July 17, 2025

- *Ship inspection and list verification at 07:00 h*
- *Mutual line start marked with a sound signal at 08:00 h*
- *Hooks in the sea no earlier than 09:00 h*
- *Hooks out of the sea at 17:00 h*
- *Warm meal – afternoon refreshment for competition participants from 17:00 h (breakwater)*
- *Return to the port by 18:30 h*
- *Weighing and catch verifications from 18:45 h*
- *Joint dinner at 20,00h (Fabrika Pizza and Pasta)*
- *Entertainment program at 22:00 h*

FRIDAY July 18, 2025

- *Ship inspection and list verification at 07:00 h*
- *Mutual line start marked with a sound signal at 08:00 h*
- *Hooks in the sea no earlier than 09:00 h*
- *Hooks out of the sea at 17:00 h*
- *Warm meal – afternoon refreshment for competition participants from 17:00 h (breakwater)*
- *Return to the port by 18:30 h*
- *Weighing and catch verifications from 18:45 h*
- *Entertainment program at 22:00 h*

SATURDAY July 19, 2025

- *Ship inspection and list verification at 07:00 h*
- *Mutual line start marked with a sound signal at 08:00 h*
- *Hooks in the sea no earlier than 09:00 h*
- *Hooks out of the sea at 16:00 h*
- *Warm meal – afternoon refreshment for competition participants from 16:00 h (breakwater)*
- *Return to the port by 17:30 h*
- *Weighing and catch verifications from 17,45 h*
- *Joint dinner at 20,00 h*
- *Winner announcement ceremony at 21,00 h*
- *Entertainment program at 22,00h*

SUNDAY July 20, 2025

- *Port leaving until 15,00*

21. PRIZE FUND:

In addition to the medals, winners shall also receive valuable sponsorship awards. The winning team wins the right to participate in the invitational tournament OWC, Costa Rica 2026.

22. ADDITIONAL DETAILS

By registering for the competition and paying the registration fee, participants are provided with:

- *free mooring at the Komiža breakwater*
- *sardines for bait (40 kg per day)*
- *bread and pastries before each fishing day*
- *a hot meal after each day of fishing at the Komiža breakwater*
- *three joint dinners at the restaurant "Fabrika Pizza & Pasta"*
- *generous prizes from our sponsors for the top competitors with the best results.*

REMARK: There is a possibility of smaller amendments or modifications of rules (approved quotas, schedules, etc.). Leaders will be notified of the modifications before the beginning of the competition at a joint meeting.

*For the Sport Fishing Club
„KOMIŽA ”*

President

Tonči BOŽANIĆ