

# SALTFLYER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Our terms and condition is designed as a help to our clients. You will find useful information about the fishing, what gear to bring, accommodation, and hopefully lots of common questions answered.

## THE OPERATION

Saltflyer Ltd. is owned and operated by Nik and Anne-Marie Mathiesen.

We are based in Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty, on the eastern coast of the North Island.

As a general rule we operate in the Bay of Plenty from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> April, and for the rest of the year in The Far North.

## THE FLEET

With 3 different boats in our fleet, we customize each trip to suit the conditions and species we wish to target. All boats are in current MNZ Survey, which means that all safety equipment is under constant check, and we make sure that our clients always are feeling safe when on the water.

All 3 boats are fitted with 2-3 different communication systems and are all with new reliable Evinrude E-Tec engines.

## FISHING GEAR

A lot of our clients bring their own gear, but there will always be spare, top quality gear onboard, ready to use. This is on a Loose it, Break it, Replace it basis.

## THINGS YOU BRING

Sunglasses, sunscreen (UVA/UVB), hat, camera, warm jacket and raincoat.

## THINGS WE BRING

Extra clothing, drinks, food, snacks, seasickness pills, 1<sup>st</sup> aid equipment and life vests.

## BOOKING

When you book, we ask a 20% deposit to confirm the booking. We ask for the balance before the charter date or on the day of the charter.

All payments are to be in NZ\$.

Payments are to be deposited to:

Nikolaj and Anne-Marie Mathiesen, 68 The Drive, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand.

Swift code ASBBNZ2A, ASB Bank 12-3279-0002065-000.

## CANCELLATION

If we have to cancel, a full refund (or alternative dates if preferred) will be given.

If you cancel a charter more than 30 days prior to the charter date, all money less NZ\$250 cancellation fee will be refunded.

If you cancel a charter less than 30 days prior to the charter date, all money, less NZ\$250 cancellation fee will be refunded, only if a substitute booking is obtained.

If you cancel a charter less than 30 days prior to the charter date without obtaining a substitute booking, all money less \$250 cancellation fee and the booking deposit will be refunded.

## ACCOMODATION

In Tauranga we offer our clients accommodation in our home stay. This is a European style home with shared bathroom.

Breakfast included and dinner on request. Price pr night NZ\$150 for room with double bed.

On our away-missions we arrange accommodation in all different styles. From basic camp sites to luxury apartments. Let us know the level of luxury needed and we will arrange it. Prices from NZ\$20 - NZ\$200 pr night.

## **FOOD**

On our away-missions snack and lunch are still included in the charter, but breakfast and dinner is at shared cost. Where there is the opportunity to cook, we always enjoy the fresh seafood available.

## **LOCATIONS WE FISH**

### **EAST CAPE**

The East Cape region is one of the most unfished areas in New Zealand. Access is hard, and because of its remoteness, not a place that has a lot of appeal for the average fisherman. Here are no shops, nothing much to see, but it has some quality's that is hard to beat. With the continental shelf only a stones throw of the rocks, there is a fishery unlike anywhere else. Marlin has been hooked land based fishing and whales and sharks can be seen very close to shore. The East Cape is the first part of New Zealand to get the warm currents in the beginning of summer. This is the place where the Tuna, marlin and other game fish shows up first. For the fisherman chasing huge kingfish there is no better place in this world to be, and we have landed lots of record size kingfish in this area. Places like Lottin point, Midway, the hook and the backbone gets the hands shaking on every knowledgably game fisherman. Every year huge blue marlin up to 450kg is caught here. Striped marlin and yellow fin tuna show up in good numbers, and heard up the schools of small tuna and other baitfish. On the inshore reefs thousands of Kingfish can be caught with several fish in the 40kg range being caught every year. For the big fish hunter, this is the place to be. Also huge surface schools of kahawai feed on the krill being pushed in by the ocean currents.

### **THE FAR NORTH**

The Far North of the North Island offers saltwater fly fishing that can be found nowhere else in the world. We chase big snapper and silver trevally in very shallow water, and there is some big fish to be caught. This is what New Zealand would have been like before the fishing hook was invented. The area is so remote that no one but us has ever thrown a fly here. We experience that clients seem to return to this place to get more. A few sheltered natural harbour systems can create good fishing on days where the weather will not allow us to enter the open coast, and there is heaps of fish in there. On the coast, a new unfished spot is always just around the next corner, and our clients rarely fish the same bit of water twice. Not far offshore the huge striped marlin that New Zealand is famous for can be targeted from January to the end of May, and there are no other places in this world where striped marlin are so big and so plentiful. To get a unique fishing trip in the New Zealand fishing scene, this is the place to go to.

### **TAURANGA**

Bay of Plenty with its deep water and offshore reefs is the heart of New Zealand blue water fly fishing. Surface schools of Kahawai, tuna and mackerel are being chased by sharks and marlin over summer, and can all be targeted with a fly rod. Schools of yellowtail kingfish are herding up the baitfish on the reefs, which give the angler a great visual experience while casting his flies. The warm east Auckland current brings down tonnes of baitfish every summer, like sauries, flying fish, pilchards and anchovies, and as the bait arrives the party starts. Other predators like orcas, dolphins and pilot whales are also chasing the bait and just adds to the excitement while being on the water. Blue marlin and striped marlin, hunt the open water, and its common to see tailing marlin around a school of kahawai or skipjack tuna. Huge black marlin can be found on the reefs, and can be an experience of a lifetime as some of our anglers would agree about. Sharks, like hammerheads, makos and blue sharks are swimming deeper under the baitfish, but huge surface explosions reveal their presence. All species encountered in the Bay of Plenty can be targeted with a fly rod as with conventional gear. By adjusting gear and technique we can quickly adapt from chasing kingfish, to chase down a marlin seen on the surface. Places like White island, Mayor Island, Alderman Islands, Astrolabe reef all rings a bell with people fishing this area. We have access to all these places and will customize the day to suit our client's needs.