

## **HOW THE SOUTHERN ZONE COCK-O-WALK OPERATES**

As members of NSWGFA Clubs are split into three zones and we in the Southern Zone conduct and participate in the Southern Zone Cock-O-Walk.

This competition is held in Southern Zone waters for all financial members of Southern Zone Clubs. To be eligible, fish must be captured and weighed or tagged and released on designated zone weekends or nominated tournaments. The dates for these are listed as per your fishing calendar with special mention that the zone weekends are the second and fourth weekend of each month with the exception of February plus any gazetted NSW Public Holiday that forms a long weekend.

Southern Zone waters extend from due east of Stanwell Park to due east of the Victorian border.

Cock-O-Walk is decided by allocating 5,4,3,2,1 points for the best captures in the Zone each month. A tag and release competition is run in conjunction with this. The Club with the highest number of points scored at the end of the year is the Cock-O-Walk. Please send your tag cards and capture certificates as soon as possible as we have to have your returns in to the Zone Secretary by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the following month to be eligible.

Fishing rules shall be GFAA rules and tackle regulations, with the point scoring being as per NSWGFA formula. Fish captured from boat or land are eligible.

The Columbus Trophy is awarded to the boat that accumulates the greatest number of points at nominated open tournaments within the Southern Zone. Points allocated as per NSWGFA point scoring formula plus 3000 points for attendance and participation at each of the nominated open tournaments as listed by the Zone. Boats must attend and participate in at least three nominated open tournaments to be eligible for this trophy

A tag and release competition is run along the same lines and is run in conjunction with the Columbus and is called the George Bass.

The aim of these competitions is to encourage boat owners to attend and participate in tournaments outside their own waters.

There are a number of other trophies that are awarded within the Zone for the year. The three Zones also compete for the NSWGFA Cock-O-Walk each year which is hotly contested.