

VENUE

All boats competing, except those travelling to and from the tournament by sea (see below) **MUST LEAVE FROM BERMAGUI HARBOUR EACH DAY.** Any boat contravening this rule may be disqualified.

BOATS TRAVELLING BY SEA TO AND FROM TOURNAMENT

Boats must sign on with Tournament Base prior to commencing fishing. **MUST SPEND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS IN BERMAGUI HARBOUR.** Must sign off when leaving fishing zone.

FISHING BOUNDARIES

Fishing boundaries are all areas covered by the sked map supplied in tournament bags.

TEAMS

Teams shall comprise a minimum of 2 anglers. Team members must be financial members of clubs with State bodies affiliated with GFAA or a sport fishing (ANSA) club affiliated with IGFA. Evidence of current financial membership may be required during tournament.

Anglers who wish to participate but are not members of an affiliated club may join Canberra GFC on a pro rata basis as detailed in Entry Form.

The transfer of persons or fish at sea will not be allowed except in the case where human life is in danger. No replacement of boat and/or competitors for the duration of the tournament unless due to unforeseen circumstances and then only with the permission of the Tournament Committee.

FISHING LICENCES

All competitors are reminded of the requirement for a NSW Department of Fisheries Licence when fishing NSW waters.

SAFETY

Boats should be seaworthy and comply with NSW Maritime Services Board regulations for safety equipment. Skippers should be aware of the capabilities of themselves and their boats and should not put to sea or continue fishing in conditions beyond their capabilities.

BAD WEATHER

Fishing may be cancelled or restricted in the event of unfavourable or dangerous weather conditions. The CGFC President in conjunction with the Tournament Committee will make this decision. All fish captured or tagged and released prior to the cancellation or restriction of fishing will be eligible for the tournament.

In the event of a "Gale Warning" all vessels **MUST** cease fishing and return to port. The Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals in response to Committee decisions regarding the tournament.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Protest Committee will be nominated prior to the tournament and will comprise three Executive Officers of CGFC. Protests must be made in writing, signed by the team captain and lodged at Tournament Base no later than two hours following cessation of fishing on the applicable day.

ENTRIES

Entry forms should be submitted to The Secretary CGFC, PO Box 94, Woden, ACT 2606. A reduction of \$10 per angler applies to those entries received with full payment by 13 May 2009.

INSURANCE

All competing vessels must be comprehensively insured and carry Public Liability insurance. Details must be completed on Entry Form.

FISHING RULES

All GFAA and NSWGFA Rules for capture and tag and release apply to this tournament.

LINE CLASS

Eligible line class for this tournament include 6,8,10,15,24,37 and 60kg.

POINT SCORING

The NSWGFA point score system will apply. Capture points equal the weight of fish squared x factor, divided by line class. Factors are as follows :

6kg-19.5, 8kg-14.5, 10kg-11.5, 15kg-7.5, 24kg-4.6, 37kg-3, 60kg-1.7.

Marlin and Broadbill points to be doubled as above factor system. Other game fish points to be trebled as per factor system. Shark points half except for Blue Sharks which are one quarter of the above factor system.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Yellowfin and Southern Bluefin Tuna must weigh 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg, equal to line class for over 15kg and for junior anglers equal to line class in all cases.

Marlin must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line classes up to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.

Sharks must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line classes up to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg and 120kg on 60kg line class.

Other game fish must weigh at least equal to line class.

NB : All captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall be maximum of 15,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight. All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall be maximum 20,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Marlin : Black, Blue and Stripe

Sharks : Blue, Mako, Thresher, Whaler, Hammerhead, Porbeagle, Tiger.

Other Game Fish : Broadbill, Sailfish, Shortbilled Spearfish, Bigeye Tuna, Southern Bluefin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Albacore, Kawa Kawa, Striped Tuna, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda and Mahi Mahi.

NB : White and Grey Nurse Sharks are ineligible for capture and tag and release points.

TAG AND RELEASE POINTS

Billfish	10,000
Sharks	2,000
Yellowfin, Bigeye, Dogtooth, Southern Bluefin Tuna	1,000
Albacore, Longtail Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Wahoo	500
*Yellowtail kingfish	25
*Mahi Mahi, Cobia, Barracuda	
*Kawa Kawa, Stripe Tuna	10

NOTE :

*The maximum number of Yellowtail Kingfish and Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler is limited to 5 of each species per day with a maximum of 10 of each species per day per boat.

* Striped Tuna and Kawa Kawa are eligible for junior and small fry individual points only ie no boat points.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Anglers **MUST USE** the "Billfish Only" tag for all Billfish and no other species. This is the only tag that will be recognised for Billfish in any tournament, competition and point score trophy.

Circle hooks **ONLY** permitted for live baiting.

BAG LIMITS

Please note that bag limits apply in NSW waters. Points will only be awarded to fish captured in accordance with bag limits.

REGISTRATION

Teams should register, as far as possible, between 4.00pm and 8pm Friday 15 May 2009 at the Tournament Marquee. Teams may also register after the briefing and on the following days from 6am at Tournament Base and must be registered prior to leaving the harbour.

TOURNAMENT BRIEFING

A minimum of one member of each team to attend the briefing at 8pm Friday 15 May 2009 in marquee.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday 6.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 6.30am to 4.00pm

Monday 6.30am to 3.00pm

Please note that boats with fish and/or tag cards must be in the inner harbour by 4.00pm on Monday to be eligible for the tournament.

WEIGH STATION PROCEDURE

Only boats travelling to the tournament by sea may bring their captures and tag cards by land on the final day, but must adhere to the time limits ie 4.00pm. All other captures must be presented by sea. Tag cards may be presented at the weighstation by land or sea. Tackle used for capture and tag and release must be available for inspection. Please complete necessary paperwork prior to arrival at weighstation.

RESULT FORMS

The result forms in your tournament bag MUST be correctly and clearly completed as trophies are awarded on the basis of information supplied. This includes the time of capture or tagging which is used for count back purposes to resolve any ties. All forms MUST be lodged on the day of capture and/or tag and release.

CARCASSES

Anglers are responsible for the disposal of their captures with any unwanted fish taken at least 2km to sea and cut open prior to disposal. Note that there are heavy fines for disposing of fish in Bermagui Harbour.

SALE OF FISH

Competitors are reminded that it is an offence in NSW for recreational anglers to sell fish or give them to professional fishermen.

RADIO

Radio skeds will be conducted under NSWGFA guidelines as included in tournament bags. All boats must be equipped with either 27Mhz or VHF marine radio. Skeds will be conducted at two hourly intervals commencing at 8.10am. These will be transmitted simultaneously on 27.94Mhz and VHF 77. Tournament Base will remain on air each day until all boats are accounted for.

ALL TEAMS MUST SIGN ON AND OFF EACH DAY.

Teams failing to sign off will be subject to disqualification from the tournament.

When responding to Tournament Base teams should give their team number, boat name and position from the sked map. Reporting via the 3 zero system (strikes, hook-ups and captures) with species, estimated weigh and angler.

In the event of communication difficulties, skippers are to use all available means to maintain contact with Tournament Base. This may include relaying via another boat or using a mobile phone. The skipper of any boat suffering radio failure must make contact with another boat and have them advise Tournament Base of the problem. They must then return to port immediately.

All boats must be accounted for during each radio sked. Failure to respond to two consecutive radio skeds will result in disqualification from part or all of the tournament. Boats having had radio problems must check their radios with Tournament Base prior to leaving port again.

CONTACT

Tournament Base (Sanchia) 0409 923 585

CAPTURE CATEGORIES

- Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna
- Second heaviest Yellowfin Tuna
- Next heaviest Yellowfin Tuna - senior male
- Next heaviest Yellowfin Tuna - senior female
- Next heaviest Yellowfin Tuna – junior
- Next heaviest Yellowfin Tuna – small fry
- Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna on a boat under 6.5 meters (21'2") .. see note
- Most meritorious Yellowfin Tuna
- Heaviest Marlin
- Heaviest Shark
- Heaviest Other Game Fish

Note : If the heaviest Yellowfin is captured on a boat under 6.5 meters, this trophy will be awarded to the next heaviest Yellowfin Tuna on a boat under 6.5 meters.

TAG AND RELEASE CATEGORIES

- Highest point score Yellowfin by senior male
- Highest point score Yellowfin by senior female
- Highest point score Yellowfin by junior
- Highest point score Yellowfin by small fry
- Highest point score team Yellowfin
- Second highest point score team Yellowfin
- Highest point score angler
- Highest point score angler – day 1
- Highest point score angler – day 2
- Highest point score angler – day 3

TIES

In the case of individual trophy categories, the first fish captured will be declared the winning fish. In the case of a tie for tag and release, a count back system will be used with the angler or team accumulating their points first being awarded the trophy. The times used for breaking the ties will be those recorded on the Result Sheets.

NB : If no time has been entered the time used will be the close of that days fishing.

FRIDAY NIGHT BRIEFING

Hot food and drinks will be available for purchase both prior to and following the Briefing.

SATURDAY NIGHT

FREE BBQ for competitors will be held in the marquee from 6.00pm onwards on Saturday 16 May 2009. Drinks will be available for purchase at the Bar.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Tournament dinner will be held in the marquee commencing at 7.30pm. Note that the tournament entry form DOES NOT cover this event so please order as per entry form. Numbers are strictly limited. Dinner tickets MUST be produced for the meal and also to establish eligibility for lucky draw prizes

MONDAY NIGHT TROPY PRESENTATION

This will be held in the marquee at 6.30pm on Monday 18 May 2009. **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE** with drinks available for purchase at the Bar.

SANCTIONING

This Tournament is sanctioned by the New South Wales Game Fishing Association.

“You’re the skipper, your’re responsible”