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Newsletter of the  
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## EVENTS CALENDER 2010-2011

<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>June 1</b>
Batemans Bay Yellowfin Tournament	June 12-13
Zone weekend	June 12-13
Merimbula Broadbill	June 18-20
Zone weekend	June 26-27
<b>Southern Zone AGM and Presentation</b>	<b>July 4</b>
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>July 6</b>
Zone weekend	July 10-11
Zone weekend	July 24-25
Zone weekend	August 7-8
<b>CGFC AGM and Presentation Dinner</b>	<b>August 14</b>
Zone weekend	August 21-22
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>September 7</b>
Zone weekend	September 11-12
Wollongong Open Tournament	September 18-19
Zone weekend	September 25-26
Zone weekend (Labour Day)	October 2-3-4
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>October 5</b>
Zone weekend	October 9-10
Zone weekend	October 23-24
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>November 2</b>
<b>Bracken Bash</b>	<b>November 6-7</b>
Shoalhaven Light Tackle Tournament	November 13-14
Zone weekend	November 13-14
Zone weekend	November 27-28
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 27-18
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>December 7</b>
Zone weekend	December 11-12
Zone weekend (Christmas & Boxing Day)	December 25-27
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>January 4</b>
Zone weekend	January 8-9
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic *	January 14-16
Zone weekend	January 22-23
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 22-25
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>February 1</b>
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 4-6
Zone weekend	February 12-13
Shellharbour Tournament *	TBA
Zone weekend	February 26-27
NSWGFA Interclub, Pt Stephens	February 26-27 March 5-6
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>March 1</b>
Zone weekend	March 12-13
<b>Southern Zone Interclub *</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 25-27
Zone weekend	March 26-27
<b>CGC General Meeting</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Eden Invitational Tournament *	April 8-10
Zone weekend	April 9-10
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 9-10
Merimbula Open *	April 23-25
Zone weekend (Anzac Day)	April 23-24
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>May 3</b>
Zone weekend	May 7-8
<b>Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *</b>	<b>May 14-16</b>
Zone weekend	May 21-22

Zone weekend are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of every month plus any gazette NSW Public Holidays.  
\* denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points and the Columbus and George Bass trophies.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Well first of all I would like to congratulate all the winners at the AGM and thanks to John the past president we have a new committee which looks great. It's good some new people and an original life member life on the committee again like Alan Latimer as vice president. His expertise will be warranted. I would like thank Frank Tallarida for his generosity for the August meeting, we had a nice barbeque and John did a presentation on fish. Good day all round. I must admit the weather was so crappy and there were a few people in Goulburn flooded in. It would have been good to have a few more people but these things happen.

We have changed our meeting times at the Hellenic Club this will be 7:00 for committee meeting 7.30pm for general meeting if anyone has any problems with this please let us know as we are trying to make these meetings a bit earlier so people are not too late getting home.

Well it looks like the fish are still not there... It is still very quite out there.

I have had so much interest for the Yellowfin tournament even as far as New Zealand which is great and Frank Jones has been working hard getting the boat ready. So far everything is on track for a big one. I remind everyone that is thinking of going to the tournament to get your accommodation in order quick as the reports I am getting it is starting to get very slim on accommodation at Bermagui.

### **I have put information for you in the tale rope regarding**

NSW Interclub 2011

Circle Hooks

The Mako shark issue

The Life Jacket reform

Marine Park

Expression of Interest for representatives for recreational fishing council and committees

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Enjoy reading

**DONT forget the Bracken Bash on the 6-7 of November which will be our XMAS PARTY it will cost \$20.00 but you will get a refund of \$15.00 please let Sanchia or myself know so we can cater for it. Also bring your camping gear, if you are coming down Friday night also let us know. Also no trucks, boats over the bridge they are to be parked inside the gate.**

Kim Hobday

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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With renovations proceeding at the Hellenic Club, Frank generously offered his home as the venue for the September meeting. It was disappointing that there were so few that bothered to turn up. Of course it was pouring and that obviously caused a problems for some that were travelling from interstate. After the meeting a barbeque was enjoyed by all and John gave a demonstration and shared information.

At the October meeting we have Patrice from Bermagui Marine Rescue giving a talk on the radio courses that are available. We will gauge the interest and organise a time and place to sit for the course so please come along and show your interest.

It has been a pretty lean season so far. Obviously the weather has not been very helpful but there also seems to be a distinct lack of fish. Hopefully this will turn around and we will start getting some results as the weather warms up and the winds drop.

You will be receiving a personal invitation to the NSWGFA Interclub this year and I urge you to consider this fabulous event. Everyone should try and make it at least once just to see what it is all about. It is after all the State championships and well worth the trip.

We get a lot of flack in the Southern Zone for lack of attendance.

We are getting a lot of positive feedback from our new and improved website and Kim should be congratulated for this. She has been assisted by a young man in Batemans Bay who I hear has been fantastic and must also be thanked.

There has been considerable interest in our Yellowfin Tournament and I am sure it is going to be absolutely fantastic. The major give away tops an amazing array of product donated by our generous sponsors. It is well worth the trip to Bermagui so make sure you circle the date in your diary! Also please make sure that you use the goods and services provided by our sponsors and identify yourselves as Canberra members when doing so.

We of course won our battle with Garrett on the Mako issue but I am afraid now we will be doing battle with Labour and the Greens regarding Marine Parks. There may be more petitions in the future so please fill them out and hopefully our voice will be heard. We generate an enormous amount of revenue and obviously help those communities whose financial viability relies heavily on recreational fishing.

Please note that Kim has changed the time for our general meetings, commencing with the next one in October. They have been brought forward to 7:30. Just that one hour difference is important for those travelling some distance.

**NEXT MEETING : 5 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30PM**

**HELLENIC CLUB OF CANBERRA**

See you there! Sanchia Glaskin

## CGFC POINTSCORE 1 JUNE 2010 TO MAY 2011

DATE	ANGLER		BOAT	LOCATION	SPECIES	TAG	POINTS
12 Jun	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	Striped Marlin	B031030	8500
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474942	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474944	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474941	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474943	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A540401	13
19 Jun	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482922	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482922	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482923	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482924	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482925	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482939	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482940	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482934	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482938	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482935	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482936	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482937	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A517039	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A517038	13
24 July	Ryan Capp		Panlicker	Bermagui	Mako Shark	S233970	2300
	Ryan Capp		Panlicker	Bermagui	Blue Shark	S218880	2300

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# Southern Zone

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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... AUGUST 2010

### CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
Mako	102.0	8	S/M	Mark Halling	Anticipation	Shellharbour	5
TUNA							
OGF							

### CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

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**CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH**

Shellharbour 10

**TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH**

“Wicked One “ Batemans 2,000 5  
Bay

**PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2010-2011**

Batemans Bay 64

Shellharbour 10

**PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2010-2011**

Batemans Bay 17

Merimbula 5

Bermagui 2

Jervis Bay 1

What a dismal start to the season! Last year we had so many more fish recorded. No doubt the weather has not helped any but I hope we have a turn around very soon. Make sure you fish on Zone days and get some points up. It will be hard to top last year but I know you will give it a try.

I have a NSWGFA executive meeting this weekend in Port Stephens so it will be interesting to hear how the other Zones are doing. Hopefully as bad as us!!!

If you do get out, have fun and stay safe.

Sanchia

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

#### 1: NSW INTERCLUB 2011

Hi everyone,

NSWGFA is seeking permission from your club to invite your members to attend the NSWGFA Interclub Tournament at Port Stephens next February/March. The other Zones are doing the same and we hope that this personal invitation may encourage better participation. Our Zone always receives a lot of flack because of our low numbers attending this terrific tournament. It is after all the state championships and I would love to have more of our Southern Zone boats and members there.

Please let me know if you agree as soon as possible.

Thank you

Sanchia

#### 2. CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY :

are permitted to be used for livebaiting and trolling natural baits. NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using livebaits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks. (rule comes into effect on 29th July 2010)

#### 3. MAKO SHARKS:

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Recreational Fishing for Mako and Porbeagle Sharks) Act 2010* (No. 107 of 2010) (the Act) has received Royal Assent.

As of 15 July 2010 it will not be an offence to catch, kill or injure long fin or short fin mako or porbeagle sharks in Commonwealth Waters in the course of recreational fishing. It will continue to be an offence to catch, kill or injure the sharks as part of commercial fishing unless an existing exemption applies.

As you are aware it is in everyone's best interest to maintain a long-term sustainable fishery. Consistent with your stance on sustainable fishing, we ask that the your organisation continues to encourage participants to give preference to catch and release and to avoid the killing of Mako sharks when appropriate.

#### DETAIL:

As you are aware, on 29 January 2010, shortfin mako, longfin mako and porbeagle sharks were listed as migratory species under section 209 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This was a legal obligation under the EPBC Act following the inclusion of these species on Appendix II of the Convention of Migratory Species (CMS). As a result of the mandatory listing, it became illegal to kill, injure, take or move these species in Commonwealth waters.

Aware of the disproportionate impact that this listing would have on recreational fishers, immediately prior to the listing the Minister announced that the Government would act as a matter of priority to progress a legislative solution to mitigate the impacts of these mandatory listings on recreational fishing for all three species. On Thursday 25 February the Minister introduced the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Recreational Fishing for Mako and Porbeagle Sharks) Bill 2010* (the Bill) into the Parliament. This Bill applies specifically to recreational fishing for these three shark species.

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On 22 June 2010 the Bill was passed by the Senate and came into law on 15 July 2010 after it received Royal Assent from the Governor-General. This means that recreational fishers will no longer be subject to offence provisions under the EPBC Act which related to these migratory species.

The new amendments to the EPBC Act are consistent with changes recommended by Dr Allan Hawke in relation to listed Migratory Species, and Australia continues to meet its international obligations that stem from the Convention on Migratory Species. In this regard, Australia continues to be an active participant in international efforts to develop a global memorandum of understanding for the conservation and management of migratory sharks.

### Definition of "recreational fishing"

A fishing activity within the ordinary meaning of 'recreational fishing' will be covered by the exception (for example, fishing of makos or porbeagle sharks by an individual person from their private boat for personal use). The Act also includes a definition of 'recreational fishing' for the purposes of the exception to clarify that 'recreational fishing' also includes (but is not limited to) the following types of fishing:

- fishing from a charter boat (within the meaning of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*), including fishing by the person in charge of the boat, the crew of the boat or any other person on the boat;
- fishing in a fishing competition (whether or not in a professional capacity); and
- fishing that is undertaken primarily for inclusion on a website, or in a film, video, television program or radio program, or for description or representation in a magazine, newspaper, book or other such document.

The exception will not apply to commercial fishing of mako and porbeagle sharks. As previously, commercial fishing of these species will be allowed where in accordance with accredited management arrangements.

### Copy of Act and EM

A copy of the relevant documentation is available at [www.aph.gov.au](http://www.aph.gov.au)

[http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;adv=yes;db=:group=:holdingType=:id=:orderBy=priority,title;page=5;query=Dataset%3AbillsCurBef%20SearchCategory\\_Phrase%3A%22bills%20and%20legislation%22%20Dataset\\_Phrase%3A%22billhome%22;querytype=:rec=9;resCount=](http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;adv=yes;db=:group=:holdingType=:id=:orderBy=priority,title;page=5;query=Dataset%3AbillsCurBef%20SearchCategory_Phrase%3A%22bills%20and%20legislation%22%20Dataset_Phrase%3A%22billhome%22;querytype=:rec=9;resCount=) If you would like further clarification please do not hesitate to call me on the number below.

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## **4: LIFE JACKET REFORM**



### **Paul McLeay MP**

**Minister for Ports and Waterways**

**Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources**

**Minister for the Illawarra**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Friday, 9 July 2010

### **DRESS FOR SAFETY: PUT ON A LIFEJACKET**

**New lifejacket rules to improve boating safety and reduce deaths from drowning were unveiled today by Ports and Waterways Minister, Paul McLeay.**

“Twenty three lives have been lost in boating incidents over the past 12 months, and too often lifejackets are on board but not being worn,” Mr McLeay said.

“Drowning doesn’t discriminate - fatal incidents have involved both small children and pensioners.

“A lifejacket can’t save your life unless you’re wearing it, and so we’re changing the rules to ensure that in times of heightened risk it’s now essential rather than optional.”

“We want boating to be fun so we haven’t said a lifejacket has to be worn at all times. Instead, we’ve worked with boaters to identify the higher risk boating activities where lifejackets will now be required.” Member for Kiama, Matt Brown said nationally over the last 18 years over 500 people have drowned in boating accidents.

“Closer to home, in the last 12 months, there have been four deaths along the Illawarra and South Coast. The deceased were not wearing lifejackets.

“These reforms are as much about education – reminding people that our waterways are fun and beautiful places – but they can also be dangerous and it’s important to take care.

“There was also a case in April at Montague Island, offshore from Narooma, where a boat was struck by a wave which resulted in a split hull. The 3 occupants were wearing lifejackets as the boat sunk and as a result, survived without injury,” Mr Brown said.

Mr McLeay said a NSW Maritime lifejacket discussion paper had touched a nerve in the boating community with a record 3615 responses.

“There was overwhelming support for the proposals. I’d like to thank boating organisations and the maritime industry for driving these reforms, and for boaters in general for taking the time to make a submission.”

“Wearing a lifejacket increases your chance of survival after a boating incident and it is clear the boating community takes this issue seriously,” Mr McLeay said.

**Mr McLeay said changes will take effect from 1 November 2010**

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There will be a 12 month advisory period whilst boaters get used to the new rules, where NSW Maritime will penalise repeat offenders.

For more information, visit: <http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au>

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- Of the 3615 responses, more than 90% of submissions supported the idea of water-skiers wearing a lifejacket and for skippers to be more responsible in ensuring everyone onboard wears lifejackets when necessary.
- 86% supported lifejackets being worn during times of heightened risk.

### **The new rules for wearing lifejackets include:**

- By children less than 12 years of age when:
  - in a vessel less than 4.8 metres;
  - when in an open area of a vessel less than 8 metres in length that is underway;
- By all boaters in a vessel less than 4.8 metres in the following heightened risk situations:
  - at night;
  - on open (ocean) waters;
  - on alpine lakes;
  - when boating alone; and
  - when the boat is being used as a tender more than 400 metres from shore;
- At times of 'Skipper Judgement and Direction' in 'heightened risk' situations such as when the weather worsens or the boat breaks down;
- When water-skiing or wakeboarding;
- When operating a canoe or kayak on:
  - enclosed waters, when more than 100 metres from shore; and
  - ocean waters.



## **Expression of Interest for representatives for recreational fishing council and committees**

Expressions of Interest are invited from persons with expertise in various aspects of recreational fishing to be appointed to fill vacancies on the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACoRF), Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC) and the Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC). Applicants should have knowledge of recreational fishing issues, and a willingness to assist in consultation on these issues.

Vacancies for positions on ACoRF include:

- ⌚ Estuary Fishing – Applicants must have expertise in estuary fishing.
- ⌚ Offshore Fishing – Applicants must have expertise in offshore fishing.
- ⌚ Freshwater Fishing – Applicants must have expertise in freshwater fishing.
- ⌚ Charter Boat Fishing – Applicants must have expertise in charter boat fishing.

Vacancies for positions on RFFTEC include:

- ⌚ Region 1 - North Coast.
- ⌚ Region 4 - Inner North West.
- ⌚ Region 5 - Inner Central West.
- ⌚ Region 7 - North West.
- ⌚ Region 8 - South West.

Vacancies for positions on RFSTEC include:

- ⌚ Region 1 – Applicant must reside between Tweed Heads and Evans Head.
- ⌚ Region 4 – Applicant must reside between Port Macquarie and Seal Rocks.
- ⌚ Region 6a – Applicant must reside between The Entrance and Wollongong.
- ⌚ Region 7 – Applicant must reside between Wollongong and Narooma.

Representatives on ACoRF, RFFTEC and RFSTEC meet up to three times each year, generally in Sydney. Members are paid a sitting fee, travel and accommodation expenses and are appointed for terms of up to three years.

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Applications are encouraged from women, persons from non-English speaking backgrounds and Indigenous Australians.

Expressions of Interest should clearly indicate the position(s) sought and include a resume detailing experience, knowledge and any affiliations relevant to the position(s), and be sent to: Recreational Fisheries – Confidential, Industry & Investment NSW, PO Box 21, Cronulla NSW 2230.

The closing date for applications for the ACoRF and RFSTEC positions is Thursday 7 October 2010.

The closing date for applications for the RFFTEC positions is Friday 15 October 2010. For further information visit the I&I NSW website: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries) or contact Eddie Douglas on (02) 9527 8439 or email [edward.douglas@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:edward.douglas@industry.nsw.gov.au).

## **MARINE PARKS JERVIS BAY AND SOLITARY ISLAND REVIEW**

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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**NEWS BULLETIN 51**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

### **JERVIS BAY AND SOLITARY ISLANDS MARINE PARK REVIEWS CLOSE SOON**

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA of NSW) is once again asking the anglers of NSW to actively participate in the marine park review process. The process of submitting an application has been streamlined and simplified.

The RFA of NSW is urging all anglers and users of the Jervis Bay Marine Park and the Solitary Islands Marine Park to go to the [www.savesol.com](http://www.savesol.com) and [www.savejb.com](http://www.savejb.com) website and complete a submission.

**The fully automated submissions, which take only a few minutes to complete, must include personal details and a brief personal statement.**

The completed submissions will be automatically emailed to the JBMP and SIMP offices, as well as to the NSW Environment Minister, the NSW Fisheries Minister and the NSW Shadow Fisheries Minister.

The anglers of NSW need to be aware what the conservationists are striving for and will be asking for in their submissions. A MINIMUM of 35-40% of all marine parks to be designated sanctuary zones, that means no fishing at all.

Personal statements must be added and should include comments such as:

- Recreational anglers do not support the current percentage process, with an average of 20% of total park area ‘locked up’ using sanctuary zones, taking away the majority of safe and accessible fish habitat from fishers without full support and reason from research.
- Recreational anglers support stock enhancement through breeding programs
- Recreational anglers support habitat enhancement through artificial reefs
- Recreational anglers support stock enhancement and recruitment through fish aggregating devices

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