

2018 GEORGE BESOFF MEMORIAL BIG FISH CLASSIC

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st March through to Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd
April 2018
PORT STEPHENS

Hosted for N&PSGFC Members Only: Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. THE TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held from 30th March to the 2nd of April 2018,

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee to conduct the competition shall be, Peter Simpson, Troy Radford and Emma Turner.

2. THE COMPETITION

The competition will be for both Tag & Release and Capture and will be fished as per the GFAA & NSWGFA rules – Pointscores – Tackle regulations and minimum weights. Line classes to be fished 4g, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

Minimum Weights: **Yellow Fin Tuna** – 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line and for Junior Anglers equal to line class in all cases. **Marlin** - a minimum of 70kg on line classes to 10kg, and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over. **Sharks** - a minimum of 70kg on line classes to 10kg, a minimum of 90kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg and 130kg on 60kg line class. **OGF & Broadbill** - a minimum weight to be equal to line class. Species to be fished for as per NSWGFA eligible species list as are in effect at the time. Please note that Grey Nurse, White Pointer are a protected species and are not eligible for capture or tag & release points.

3. FISHING TIMES

Friday 30th 7.00am to 12.00 midnight, Saturday 31st 12.00 midnight to 12.00 midnight, Sunday 1st 12.00 midnight to 12.00 midnight & Monday 2nd 12.00 midnight to 4.00pm. (Incorporating our overnight rule b).

Boats can fish the 4 days but only 2 best days will be counted to determine winners.

4. ENTRIES

Boat teams shall consist of a minimum of two (2) tournament anglers with no maximum number of anglers. There is no fee to enter this tournament. **Note:** Boats wishing to join the competition need complete the entry form which is attached or contact the sked boat before fishing - announcing their intention to fish the tournament. (Sked Boat will be announced on Friday 30th March)

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN to N&PSGFC registered boats only - Note introductory members are welcome -

NOTE: Introductory Members Fee - \$25.00 when first fish is caught. Introductory members are allowed 1 fish only. In the event of an introductory member catching a fish, all the above criteria must be met before personal capture/tag & release points will be credited.

Boat points will be awarded for introductory members capture /tag & release if the \$25 dollars is received.

5. POINTSCORE

Will be as per the NSWGFA Pointscore System. In the case of a tie, the count-back system will apply.

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6. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Will be conducted in accordance with the adopted *NSWGFA Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments* as are in effect at the time. These shall be conducted by Nominated Sked Boat on VHF 80. The skeds will start at 9.10am every day of the tournament, skeds will run every two hours during this time at ten past the hour All boats must answer each schedule, giving boat name, fishing report using the 0:0:0 system and fishing position using the club grid chart. If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it **MUST RETURN TO PORT** and notify the Nominated Sked Boat of their actions by other means (phone etc).

Boats **MUST** keep the air clear 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing so late hook-ups may be recorded by the nominated sked boat.

ALL VESSELS MUST SIGN OFF WITH NOMINATED SKED BOAT ON RETURN TO PORT – Or penalties will apply.

7. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES AND TAG & RELEASE CARDS

All capture or tag & releases are to be reported by radio to Nominated Sked Boat when affected and the time given by Nominated Sked Boat recorded on the tag & release card/capture certificates. **IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT THE NOMINATED SKED BOAT, PLEASE CONTACT YOU'RE NEAREST VESSEL.**

FAILURE TO RECORD THE TIME OF AN AFFECTED CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE WILL RESULT IN A TIME RECORDED FOR THE CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE AS BEING THE END OF FISHING FOR THAT DAY, Failure to record line class will result in line class 60kg being recorded.

If you have reported a hook up before the close of fishing the fish may be fought out, in the case of the Nominated Sked Boat returning to port, boats remaining at sea fighting fish will be logged on with VMR Port Stephens. All tags & capture certificates must be lodged at the club office by 6.00pm Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

8. PROTESTS

All protests to be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee by 6.00 pm on 2nd April 2018.

THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.

9. Presentation

Will be held in conjunction with the club annual presentation, this is scheduled for August.

10. TROPHIES

A. CHAMPION BOAT CAPTURE

CHAMPION JUNIOR CAPTURE

HEAVIEST SHARK

HEAVIEST BILLFISH

HEAVIEST OGF

B. CHAMPION BOAT TAG & RELEASE

CHAMPION JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE

11. WEIGH MASTER – Nigel Rushworth 0423 727 195

12. BAD WEATHER

To avoid taking unnecessary risk in the event of bad weather, the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing, the Tournament Committee will decide whether the competition day will be called off for the remainder of that day. All fish caught or hooked-up prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals as whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Tournament Committee's decision on fishing for the day.