

1. SKEDS

- (a) It is mandatory that a sked be run for all point score days. If the skipper has not heard a sked run for that day, the skipper is to start one themselves. If you are the only boat at seas for that fishing day all capture/tag & release should be reported to VMR Port Stephens.
- (b) It is recommended that all Radio Skeds are operated on two of three frequencies available i.e. 27 meg, V.H.F. and High Frequency. A dual broadcast is desirable with the Radio Operator repeating each report. This allows all vessels to listen to the total Sked. It is understood that in some areas due to radio traffic and conditions that not all frequencies operate effectively.
- (c) Radio Skeds should be conducted at a maximum of TWO HOUR intervals.
- (d) Grid Maps of the local fishing area and Sked record sheets are to be used on all point score days. They are available from the club office.
- (e) Reporting Procedures;
First Sked - On the first Sked each day vessels will report the following: Number of persons on board. Position in reference to Grid Map. Fishing activity (travelling, anchored, drifting, trolling). Fishing report detailing captures/tag & release.
Following Sked Report - Position in reference to Grid Map. Fishing activity as above. Fishing report as above.
Last Sked Report – Position in reference to Grid Map. Fishing activity as above. Fishing report as above. E.T.A. Estimated time of arrival back in port.
- (f) It is mandatory for all vessels to report on each Sked. Failure to report on two consecutive Skeds will activate an Emergency Procedure. A suitable points penalty will be imposed if a satisfactory explanation is not given.
- (g) In the event of a vessel failing to report on TWO consecutive Skeds the Base Operator/Sked Recorder will start the Emergency Procedure: Sked Recorder will issue a description of the vessel including all details by radio to all other club boats. Instruct all vessels near the last know position to start a search of their area. After one hour of club vessels searching, the Sked Recorder notifies Local Search and Rescue Authorities of the possible missing vessel and detail all actions taken. The overall Responsibility for Search and Rescue is the NSW Police Service
- (h) Vessels must answer each Sked with the required details. If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact base/sked recorder or relay through another vessel, it must return to port immediately and notify Sked Recorder of their actions by other means (phone etc). Remember that if TWO Skeds are not answered the Emergency Procedure will be activated.
- (i) It is mandatory for every vessel to sign off with Sked recorder. The vessel must wait for a reply from the Sked recorder to confirm sign off or with the permission of the remaining vessel/s at sea may be transferred to the local VMR Port Stephens.
- (j) An accurate record of each Sked shall be kept and submitted within 14 days to the point score recorder.
- (k) Skeds are conducted every two hours at 10 minutes to the odd hour.