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Stephens Game Fish Club Inc

# JAWS

**JANUARY 2026**



# Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd.

**Established 1929**

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we close out 2025, I would like to sincerely thank our members for their continued support of the Newcastle Port Stephens Game Fish Club. Your commitment, participation, and loyalty are the foundation of this club. Whether you competed in events, volunteered your time, or supported the club throughout the year, your involvement is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over 2025. Running successful competitions and maintaining a strong club takes a great deal of effort behind the scenes, and your professionalism and willingness to contribute do not go unnoticed.

One of the most encouraging developments for the club this year has been the continued growth in our junior membership. Seeing more young people involved in the club is extremely positive and something we should all be proud of. Our junior members are the future of our sport, and it is vital that we continue to support, encourage, and create opportunities for them to learn, participate, and develop a lifelong passion for game fishing.

The 2025 Garmin Billfish Shootout, run as a two-day competition, once again proved to be a highlight of the calendar. The event delivered strong participation, great sportsmanship, and showcased the quality of fishing our region is known for. The ongoing support from competitors and sponsors continues to strengthen the standing of this event.

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout, which will expand to a three-day fishing competition. This change is designed to give competitors more time on the water, greater flexibility around weather conditions, and an overall enhanced tournament experience.

Importantly, this year will also see NPSGFC joining forces with SGFC to field a junior team in the Garmin Billfish Shootout. This is an exciting initiative and a significant step forward in developing the next generation of game fishers. Providing our juniors with the opportunity to fish in a major event alongside experienced anglers is invaluable and reflects the club's commitment to the future of the sport.

As President, I am proud of what the Newcastle Port Stephens Game Fish Club has achieved throughout 2025 and optimistic about the year ahead. The strength of this club lies in its members, volunteers, and the shared passion we all have for game fishing and our local waters.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the club throughout 2025. I look forward to seeing you on the water in 2026.

Tight lines,

Troy  
Sent from my iPhone



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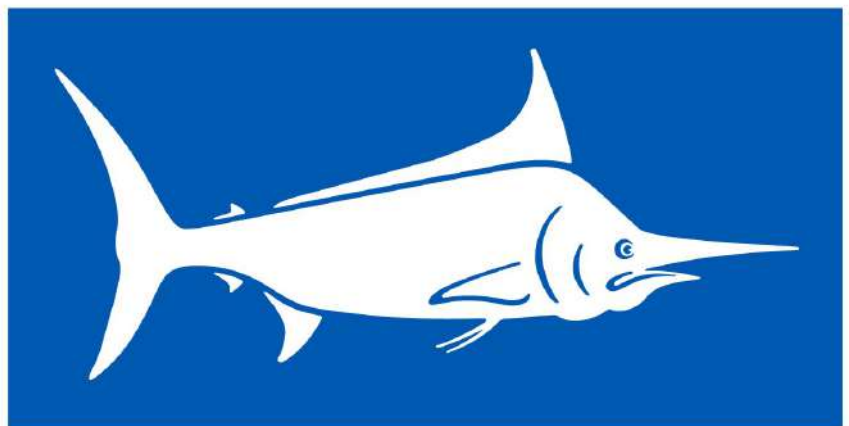


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# 2025 - 2026 Boat Register

Reg. Number	Boat Name	Skipper	Boat Mobile No	Boat Make	Boat Length
	ACCLAIM				0 m
AIW287N	ALOHA KAI	Max BECK	0447 662 855	Cruise Craft	6.35 m
NPSGFC	ANGLER POINTS ONLY		(02) 4981 0021		0 m
AJR521N	ARCED UP	Steve WOODS	0408 164 403	Sailfish	7.9 m
Y3835	ARGO		0422 857 852	Cabo	15.5 m
KILLINN	BAD HABITS	Jerome LAMB	0478 963 298	Caribbean	7.3 m
BTR01Q	BAD TEMPA	Duke HOWARD	0447 077 014	Horizon	4.85 m
HD375N	BIG HOOKS	Blake LAMBERT	0428 895 954		6.3 m
AMF77ON	BLUE LAMBOR-GHINI	Linkin YATES	0428 803 903	Quintrex	4.8 m
55622	BORN FREE	Geoffrey LEONARD	0414 688 056	Blackwatch	50 ft
ALF 273 N	BULLETPROOF	Nigel HUMPHRYS	0431 421 924	Haines Hunter	5.85 m
AEF772N	BUSHWACKER	Jason MARTIN	0429 078 135	Capricorn	40 ft
FISHNN	COME ON NOW	Edgar THOMAS	0400 457 757	AMM	5.2 m
TAGS IN	CURLY 3	Chris HARDING	0407 964 547		6.4 m
MACH11N	FORTEZZA	Marc CAPPELLACCI	0408 502 655		7.5 m
FRITO3	FRITO 3	Troy FRITH	0427 896 690	Haines Hunter	6 m
ZX844N	GAMBIT	Robbie DANCKERT	0448 492 221	Bertram	35 ft
11692 QC	GAMEFISHER	Greg HANCOCK	0412 562 799	Caribbean	35 ft
GERON	GERONIMO	Richard STOCKLEY	0448 101 010	Caribbean	40 ft
AIF647N	GLAUCUS	Jason PEPPER	0412 635 014	Caribbean	35 ft
INSALTN	INSALT'N	Peter MCGOVERN	0432 228 315		7.1 m
AIG674N	JENNA	Sam BRIDGE	0434 252 692	Haines Hunter	6 m
456610	KATANA	Michael KIRBY	0411 400 709		15.54 m
J069	LOCO	Andrew DAVIDSON	428585896	Seafarer	6 m
HJ971N	MAJESTIC HUNT	Steven REED	0401 441 807	Seafarer	5.2 m



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Reg. Number	Boat Name	Skipper	Boat Mobile No	Boat Make	Boat Length
HJ971N	MAJESTIC HUNT	Steven REED	0401 441 807	Seafarer	5.2 m
ALY291N	MARKSMAN	Darren WILLIAMS	0417 371 176	Seafarer	6 m
AER373N	MEGABITE	Frederick WRAIGHT	0418 679 211	Riviera	13 m
SM700N	MOVIN ON	Stephen MARSHALL	0427 106 682	Caribbean	40 ft
RIV40N	OBSESSION 2	Boyd MUDRYK	0419 016 058	Riviera	40 ft
TBA	OFFTAP	John CLAYDEN		Kevlacat	8 m
AIY 43IN	OLD MATE	Neil CROFT	0417 834 824	Cruise Craft	6.85 m
ALD873N	PELAGIC	Josh KATTAU	0448 790 076	Edencraft	6 m
ABM747N	PHOENIX	David TUBMAN	0438 478 909	Haines Hunter	5.8 m
SLAYN	PREDATOR	Linkin YATES	0428 803 903		7.5 m
KILLN	PUBLIC ENEMY	Luke SWEETMAN	0412 731 100	Cresta	32 ft
HL521N	PRESCRIPTION	Riagan DOWLING	0431 246 831	Stingray	7.2 m
CB 4101	REEL CONTA- GIOUS	Dale WELLHAM	0425 327 784	Kevlacat	8 m
TBA	REEL ISSUES	Angler POINTS		Powercat	0 m
ART64N	REELAX	Guy MCKENDRY	0407 451 304	Blackwatch	9.14 m
VIK52N	SHELBY	David MCANDREW	0412 395 661	Viking	52 ft
VJPC40N	SHELF LIFE	Jonathan POOLE	0416 278 994	Caribbean	40 ft
AK19DBN	SICARIO	Andrew FINNEY		Caribbean	23 ft
EFFECTN	SIDE EFFECT	Lee HARKNESS	0487 990 001	Caribbean	7 m
PS1947N	SNEAKY PETE	Peter M. SILCOCK	0429 872 227	Noble	7.5 m
HP486N	THE GRAY GHOST	Terry VAN VELDHUIZEN	0447 493 418	Mustang	5 m
IBK245N	WET DREAM	Greg SCOTT	0413 339 066	Cruise Craft	5.75 m
FOSSILN	WILD THING	Chris RUSSELL	0447 849 961	Blackwatch	9.14 m
POTION	WITCHDOCTOR	Peter ALEXANDER	0429 844 620	Century	26 ft
ALA074N	ZEPHYR	Lyndon TURNER	0432 517 534	Cruise Craft	7.2 m







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**RENEW BOAT REGISTRATION**

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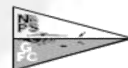







# CLUB MEMBER BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

OWNER/SKIPPER MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION



Owner's Name: .....  
Address: ..... P/C: ..... State: .....  
Mobile Telephone: ..... Facsimile: .....  
Telephone Private: ..... Business: .....  
Email: ..... Emergency Contact Name & Number: .....  
Boat Name: ..... Maritime Registration No: .....  
Length: ..... Make: .....  
Hull Colour: ..... Superstructure: .....  
Distinctive Features of Markings: .....  
No. of people safely carried at sea: ..... Moored at: .....  
Fuel - Type: ..... Capacity: ..... Range: .....  
Motor/s: Inboard Make: ..... ☐ 2 ☐ 1 Outboard Make: ..... ☐ 2 ☐ 1

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Flares	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Smoke <input type="checkbox"/>	Parachute <input type="checkbox"/>	Colour: .....
Life Raft	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: .....	Colour: .....	Capacity: .....
Life Buoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: .....	Colour: .....	No: .....
Life Jackets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: .....	Colour: .....	No: .....
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		VHF: .....	Frequencies: .....	
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Depth Sounder	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: .....	Depth: .....	
Compasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type: .....		
Food on Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No. of Days: .....	Water: Litres/Gallons: .....	
Sea Anchor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAILS: Insurer: .....

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# **Gilbert & Roach**

## **NEWCASTLE**

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# **GCCM**

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& SHIPYARD**





## Detailed of Major Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Cat	Date/Time	Species	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
Braith FINNEY	JM	14/09/2025 9:04	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Sicario/Port Stephens - First Fish & First Marlin tagged for the season
Braith FINNEY	JM	14/09/2025 10:20	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Sicario/Port Stephens
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 8:25	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 10:08	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 10:47	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
Michael KIRBY	M	12/10/2025 11:25	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 11:40	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 14:16	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 14:55	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 15:17	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 16:30	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 16:50	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
BOAT POINTS ONLY		12/10/2025 17:10	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Katana
Terizia HAVRON	F	19/10/2025 11:45	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Pelagic
Emma TURNER	F	26/10/2025 10:16	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Zephyr/Port Stephens
Geoff ALLEN	M	1/11/2025 12:10	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
BOAT POINTS ONLY		8/11/2025 10:25	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Glaucus
BOAT POINTS ONLY		8/11/2025 12:20	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Glaucus
BOAT POINTS ONLY		8/11/2025 13:35	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Glaucus
Geoff ALLEN	M	15/11/2025 9:40	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Jerrome LAMB	M	16/11/2025 7:55	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Jerrome LAMB	M	16/11/2025 9:09	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Greg SCOTT	M	16/11/2025 11:12	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Jerrome LAMB	M	16/11/2025 13:35	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Mitchell MCDONALD	M	22/11/2025 11:05	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Geoff ALLEN	M	22/11/2025 11:10	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Mitchell MCDONALD	M	22/11/2025 12:45	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Chad FINCH	M	22/11/2025 16:10	Marlin-Black	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Mitchell MCDONALD	F	29/11/2025 14:02	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Mitchell MCDONALD	M	29/11/2025 15:40	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Born Free
Greg SCOTT	M	30/11/2025 8:50	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Greg SCOTT	M	30/11/2025 9:10	Marlin-Black	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream



## Detailed of Major Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Cat	Date/Time	Species	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
Terizia HAVRON	F	30/11/2025 10:08	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Pelagic
Greg SCOTT	M	30/11/2025 10:30	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Greg SCOTT	M	30/11/2025 11:45	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Greg SCOTT	M	30/11/2025 13:48	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	Port Stephens/Wet Dream
Rachel DAVIDSON	F	6/12/2025 10:01	Marlin-Black	15	11500	Port Stephens/Loco
Neil CROFT	M	14/09/2025 11:00	Marlin-Striped	24	10000	Port Stephens/Old Mate
Leeroy FACEY	M	2/11/2025 11:00	Marlin-Striped	24	10000	Port Stephens/Predator
Leeroy FACEY	M	2/11/2025 13:30	Marlin-Striped	37	8500	Port Stephens/Predator
Albert LILLEY	JM	29/11/2025 10:00	Shark-Hammer Head	10	3750	Port Stephens/Curly 3
Albert LILLEY	JM	29/11/2025 8:45	Yellowtail Kingfish	8	310	Port Stephens/Curly 3
Albert LILLEY	JM	29/11/2025 11:30	Yellowtail Kingfish	8	310	Port Stephens/Curly 3

## Summary of Major Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Category	Count Back	Points	Boat
BOAT POINTS ONLY	Male	8/11/2025 13:35	149500	
Greg SCOTT	Male	30/11/2025 13:48	69000	Wet Dream
Mitchell MCDONALD	Male	29/11/2025 15:40	46000	Born Free
Jerrone LAMB	Male	16/11/2025 13:35	34500	Wet Dream
Geoff ALLEN	Male	22/11/2025 11:10	34500	Born Free
Braith FINNEY	Male	14/09/2025 10:20	23000	Sicario
Terizia HAVRON	Female	30/11/2025 10:08	23000	Pelagic
Leeroy FACEY	Male	2/11/2025 13:30	18500	Predator
Michael KIRBY	Male	12/10/2025 11:25	11500	Katana
Emma TURNER	Female	26/10/2025 10:16	11500	Zephyr/
Chad FINCH	Male	22/11/2025 16:10	11500	Born Free
Rachel DAVIDSON	Female	6/12/2025 10:01	11500	Loco
Neil CROFT	Male	14/09/2025 11:00	10000	Old Mate
Albert LILLEY	Junior	29/11/2025 11:30	4370	Curly 3



## Summary of Major Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Boat Points

Boat	Skipper	Count Back	Points
KATANA	D Kirby	12/10/2025 17:10	126500
WET DREAM	G Scott	30/11/2025 13:48	103500
BORN FREE	G Leonard	29/11/2025 15:40	92000
GLAUCUS	J Pepper	8/11/2025 13:35	34500
PELAGIC	J Kattau	30/11/2025 10:08	23000
SICARIO	A Finney	14/09/2025 10:20	23000
BLUE LAMBORGHINI	L Yates	2/11/2025 13:30	18500
LOCO	A Davidson	6/12/2025 10:01	11500
ZEPHYR	L Turner	26/10/2025 10:16	11500
OLD MATE	N Croft	14/09/2025 11:00	10000
CURLY 3	C Harding	29/11/2025 11:30	4370



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## Major Point Score Report

### Detailed Angler Capture Points

Name	Cat	Count Back	Species	Weight	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
Brett TISDELL	Male	11/10/2025 15:00	Shark-Whaler	300.1	15	20300.1	Port Stephens/Sicario
Kate FINNEY	Female	14/09/2025 13:00	Marlin-Striped	81	10	15081	Sicario/Port Stephens/First Fish & First Marlin cap-
Leeroy FACEY	Male	2/11/2025	Mahi Mahi	17.7	15	469.94	Port Stephens/Predator

## Major Point Score Report

### Summary Angler Capture Points

Name	Category	Count Back	Points	Boat
Brett TISDELL	Male	11/10/2025 15:00	20300.1	Sicario
Kate FINNEY	Female	14/09/2025 13:00	15081	Sicario
Leeroy FACEY	Male	2/11/2025 15:00	469.94	Blue Lamborghini

## Major Point Score Report

### Summary Boat Capture Points

Boat	Skipper	Count Back	Points
SICARIO	Andrew FINNEY	11/10/2025 15:00	35381.1
BLUE LAMBORGHINI		2/11/2025 15:00	469.94

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## Detailed of Midweek Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Cat	Date/Time	Species	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
BOAT POINTS ONLY		11/10/2025 10:36	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	
BOAT POINTS ONLY		11/10/2025 11:38	Marlin-Striped	15	11500	
Noah TUBMAN	SFM	22/11/2025 17:40	Shark-Whaler	15	3450	Port Stephens/Phoenix
Braith FINNEY	JM	8/10/2025 14:00	Shark-Blue	10	3125	Port Stephens/Sicario
Albert LILLEY	JM	1/11/2025 7:30	Yellowtail Kingfish	8	310	Port Stephens/Curly 3
Albert LILLEY	JM	1/11/2025 8:00	Yellowtail Kingfish	8	310	Port Stephens/Curly 3
Albert LILLEY	JM	1/11/2025 8:30	Yellowtail Kingfish	8	310	Port Stephens/Curly 3

## Summary of Midweek Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Category	Count Back	Points	Boat
BOAT POINTS ONLY	M	11/10/2025 11:38	23000	
Noah TUBMAN	SFM	22/11/2025 17:40	3450	Phoenix
Braith FINNEY	M	8/10/2025 14:00	3125	Sicario
Albert LILLEY	JM	1/11/2025 8:30	930	Curly 3

## Summary of Midweek Point Score Report

### Tag & Release Boat Points

Boat	Skipper	Count Back	Points
KATANA	D Kirby	11/10/2025 11:38	23000
PHOENIX	D Tubman	22/11/2025 17:40	3450
SICARIO	A Finney	8/10/2025 14:00	3125
CURLY 3	C Harding	1/11/2025 8:30	930

# SHORT MARINE



## Midweek Point Score Report

### Detailed Angler Capture Points

Name	Cat	Count Back	Species	Weight	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
Braith FINNEY	JM	8/10/2025 16:00	Shark-Mako	78.4	6	9988.16	Sicario
Jamie TUBMAN	JM	28/09/2025 16:05	Shark-Mako	110	15	3025	Phoenix
Braith FINNEY	JM	8/10/2025 19:30	Shark-Tiger	403.5	60	2306.51	Sicario
Braith FINNEY	JM	4/10/2025 14:30	Shark-Whaler	196.7	37	1568.55	Sicario

## Midweek Point Score Report

### Summary Angler Capture Points

Name	Category	Count Back	Points	Boat
Braith FINNEY	Male	8/10/2025 19:30	13863.22	Sicario
Jamie TUBMAN	Male	28/09/2025 16:05	3025	Phoenix

## Midweek Point Score Report

### Summary Boat Capture Points

Boat	Skipper	Count Back	Points
SICARIO	Andrew FINNEY	8/10/2025 19:30	13863.22
PHOENIX	David TUBMAN	28/09/2025 16:05	3025



**TIAMAT LURES**





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# JANUARY

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## LIVE MUSIC

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2PM TO 5PM

SUN

**MICK JONES**

4TH JANUARY

SUN

**ZANE PENN**

11TH JANUARY

SUN

**PISTOL PETE**

18TH JANUARY

SUN

**MICK JONES**

25TH JANUARY





# FEBRUARY

## LIVE MUSIC

**SUNDAYS  
2PM TO 5PM**

SUN

**BOBBY C**  
1ST FEBRUARY

SUN

**TY**  
8TH FEBRUARY

SUN

**REBECCA HENRY**  
15TH FEBRUARY

SUN

**CROC Q**  
22ND FEBRUARY

# MARCH

## LIVE MUSIC

**SUNDAYS  
2PM TO 5PM**

SUN

**MICK JONES**  
1ST MARCH

SUN

**VEGEMITE JAM**  
8TH MARCH

SUN

**JAMES PAUL**  
15TH MARCH

SUN

**REG SINCLAIR**  
22ND MARCH

SUN

**DAMIEN**  
29TH MARCH





APRIL

LIVE MUSIC

SUNDAYS  
2PM TO 5PM

SUN

ZANE PENN

5TH APRIL

SUN

MICK JONES

12TH APRIL

SUN

REG SINCLAIR

19TH APRIL

SUN

BOBBY C

26TH APRIL

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Dear Junior Fishers,

On behalf of the selection panel and everyone involved with the Garmin Billfish Shootout, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you who applied for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team.

We were genuinely impressed by the number of applications and, more importantly, by the passion, commitment, and sportsmanship shown by all of you. The standard was extremely high, which made the selection process very tough. Please understand that missing out this year is in no way a reflection of your ability or enthusiasm for fishing.

You should all be proud of putting your hand up and having a go — that alone shows maturity, confidence, and a real love for the sport.

After careful consideration, we would like to congratulate the following successful applicants who have been selected for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team:

- Sean Leeman – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- Jack Cunneen – Port Macquarie GFC
- Brae Geelan – Port Hacking GFC
- Flynn Vernon – Sydney GFC
- Kai Delaney – Canberra GFC
- Jye McDonough – Shellharbour GFC

To those selected, congratulations — this is a fantastic achievement and a well-earned opportunity. We look forward to seeing you represent the junior anglers with pride, respect, and good sportsmanship on and off the water.

To those who were not selected this time, we strongly encourage you to keep fishing, keep learning, and apply again in the future. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and opportunities like this will come again.

We will be in contact with the selected Juniors closer to the Tournament date.

Thank you once again to all applicants. The future of fishing is in very good hands.

Tight lines and all the best,  
Troy Radford

President NPSGFC



# GARMIN **BILLFISH SHOOTOUT** JUNIOR TEAM

## MEET THE TEAM



**SEAN LEEMAN**  
N&PSGFC



**BRAE GEELAN**  
PHGFC



**JYE MCDONOUGH**  
SHGFC



**KAI DELANEY**  
CGFC

**JACK CUNNEEN**  
PMGFC

**FLYNN VERNON**  
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# 2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

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# GARMIN®



## 2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
2026

PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Hosted by: Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd

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Phone: Mobile 0439 012 714  
Email: [manager@npsgfc.com](mailto:manager@npsgfc.com)

OFFICE: The Tournament Secretary  
Phone: (02) 4981 0021

## TOURNAMENT RULES

### 1. THE TOURNAMENT

The competition will be held over three days, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

#### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

President NPSGFC	Troy Radford	0439 012 714
Director NPSGFC	Greg Miles	0412 067 496
Director NPSGFC	Brent Hancock	0447 842 143

### 2. THE COMPETITION

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

Small fry anglers are restricted to a maximum 10kg line class

Billfish Shootout Minimum Weights – see below

Species eligible for Capture in the tournament are Marlin. Note: Marlin -As per NSWGFA minimum weights.

Species Eligible for Capture in the tournament are Shark (Excluding Scalloped, Great hammerhead and Great white sharks). Note: Shark – exceeding 350kg on any line class.

Species eligible for Tag and Release Are Marlin, Sailfish, Broadbill Swordfish & Short Bill Spearfish.

CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected) NB: No points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with “J” hooks.



#### CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION

A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

### 3. ENTRIES

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## Eligibility

All anglers are to be financial members of a club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, ANSA or IGFA. **(Penalty:** Automatic disqualification of the vessel from the tournament. This includes ineligibility for any boat prizes not yet awarded at the time of disqualification.) ANSA Members wishing to fish for the tournament must fish on an NSWGFA Club Registered Boat.

The tournament committee reserves the right (at its absolute discretion) to refuse to accept entry to the tournament from any boat and/or angler. The tournament committee is not required to provide a reason for its decision.

## Entry fees

### 2026 BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

**The Team Captain, skipper and any person assisting in (or involved in affecting) a capture or tag & release must be a competing angler that has paid the applicable entry fee. (Penalty:** Automatic disqualification of the vessel from the tournament. This includes ineligibility for any boat prizes not yet awarded at the time of disqualification.)

There must be a minimum of **three (3)** registered anglers onboard each boat under 8 meters and **four (4)** registered anglers onboard each boat 8 meters and over. The maximum limit to the number of anglers on each boat shall be as per the limit imposed by vessel capacity plate.

Entry fees are **\$260.00 (Inc. GST) includes presentation ticket, tournament shirt and \$110.00 (Inc. GST) for each junior angler (under 16 years of age at the start of the Tournament).**

The entry fee includes tournament clothing, briefing, and boat team kit, angler draws.

**Please Note: Presentation tickets are limited to the first 105 boats, boats that entered after this cut off are invited to the presentation, drinks and buffet-style snacks will be supplied.**

## Late entries

Entries close on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5pm. Entries submitted after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$30.00 per angler. Late entries will be accepted up until the commencement of the briefing Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**(Note: Tournament clothing may not be available for late entrants at the briefing)**

## 4. FISHING DAYS & TIMES

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.30am to 4.00pm, 8.00am to 4.00pm Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 8.00am to 3.30pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Boats cannot commence burleying, trolling or fishing before the Radio Operator announces the official start of fishing.

**(Note:** Collection of live bait prior to the official start is permitted).

Any hookups prior to the end of fishing on Saturday that has been reported to and acknowledged by radio base (Game Fish Base), may be fought out. Fish hooked prior to the end of fishing on Sunday that has been reported to and acknowledged by radio base can be fought out if the tag card/capture is at the weigh station by 5.00 pm.

**(Note:** Weigh station is deemed to be Fly Point.)

## 5. FISHING AREA (TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES)

The Fishing area for the tournament is South to latitude 33 degrees 15 minutes (Bird Island) and North to latitude 32 degrees and 13 minutes (Latitude Rock)

## 6. LEAVING PORT

Boats may fish from their home port on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February but CANNOT commence burleying, trolling or fishing until:

- The Radio Operator announced the official start of fishing at 8:30 am, AND
- The boat is located within the prescribed fishing area (tournament boundary).

## 7. RETURN TO PORT

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, ALL boats must return to the Club's port at Port Stephens. Failure to report on your return may invoke a penalty.





## 8. SALE OF FISH

Any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Any person or boat entered in the tournament found to have sold or bartered their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.

## 9. FISH HANDLING

All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing *unless requested by a scientific research official and permitted/confirmed by a tournament official* (**Safety of the crew is paramount - if the boat is incapable of disposing of the fish safely you must inform a tournament official to organise an alternative**). Competitor and boat crews must not clean or fillet fish, in the vicinity of the weigh station, not at any time near any beach or Harbour foreshore area. Unwanted fish must be taken at least 3nm outside the port and disposed of in an appropriate manner. **NOTE: FISH MUST NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN A MARINE PARK:** In the event of any shark or marlin gave away for eating, only the fillets may be given, and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew. Failure to comply with rule 8 may incur a penalty (Discretion of tournament committee)

## 10. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES

Once boats enter the vicinity of the weigh station, they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the Weigh Station and **MUST** obey all instructions issued by the Official. Before coming alongside the weigh station, boats must have, all equipment used to affect the Capture or Tag & Release ready for inspection and have completed all applicable paperwork.

## 11. LAWFUL CONDUCT

### Compliance with NSW and Australian Laws

All boats, skippers and crew members must comply with applicable Australian and NSW state regulations, including but not limited to current valid licenses (e.g. boat operation, NSW fishing, marine radio operator). The tournament committee reserves the right to inspect licenses of all members of a competing crew. Failure to provide this documentation and notification of a breach by the regulatory authority (e.g. police, maritime, etc.) Will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.

### Seaworthiness of vessels/boats

All boats must comply with NSW Maritime Authority regulations, for safety equipment and safety standards.

All boats must carry a 406 MHz EPRIB and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be VHF frequency.

A Boat Safety Form is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the boat skipper.

## 12. CONDUCT

It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to Tournament Officials and other Competitors at all times throughout the tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament.

## 13. MISCONDUCT

The Tournament Committee may on its own initiate investigation and act upon any incident of misconduct by an angler on a boat, be he/she registered for the tournament or not occurring during the tournament. The committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any future club tournaments. All competitors are reminded that as members of a club they are regarded as representatives of that club, as such any unbecoming behavior reflects adversely on the club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, the tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

## 14. DISPUTES OR PROTESTS

Disputes or protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee by 6.30pm on the day in question. The dispute will be considered by a minimum of 3 members of the Tournament Committee, one of whom shall be the NPSGFC President. Protests cannot be made anonymously, and the other party shall be given the right of reply in writing. Both parties may be called upon to present their case to the review committee.

THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.



## 15. INSURANCE

Each vessel is to have their own Third-Party Liability insurance and Boat Owner must provide details of insurance covering third party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance (**minimum \$5 million**) on the 'Boat Safety Rescue Form'.

## 16. BRIEFING

There will be a tournament Briefing on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Soldiers Point Bowling Club 118 Soldiers Point Rd, Soldiers Point NSW at 7:00 pm.

Boats that plan to commence fishing from Port Stephens must have an entered angler from the boat attend the briefing. Tournament bags will be issued at the briefing. Only boats that nominate on the entry form that they will commence fishing on day 1 from another port are exempt from attending the briefing, (**Boats who do not attend the briefing must download a sked map from the club's website [www.npsgfc.com](http://www.npsgfc.com)**). Tournament bags for these vessels will be available from the tag return and weigh station on day 1.

**Please Note: You must be present to claim boat and angler prize draws**

## 17. POINTSCORE

Point score will be as per the NSWGFA Point score System. In the case of a tie, the angler or team to reach the tied score first will be deemed the winner.

## 18. 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 Tournament Base on 2284 SSB, 80 & 21 VHF. The scheduled times will be Friday at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.10pm Saturday at 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm, 4.00pm Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm. All boats must answer each schedule, giving boat number, boat name, accurate fishing report using the 0:0:0 system and fishing position using the supplied grid chart (**Note: Marlin & Shark captures must be radioed into tournament base with accurate measurements using the weight/curve graph**). If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it MUST RETURN TO PORT and notify Radio Base of their actions by other means (phone, etc.). Boats MUST keep the air clear 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing for late hook-ups to be recorded to tournament base. ALL VESSELS MUST SIGN OFF WITH TOURNAMENT BASE ON RETURN TO PORT – or penalties will apply.

**If a vessel misses two (2) radio Skeds, the tournament base will commence emergency procedures.**

## 19. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES AND TAG & RELEASE CARDS

All capture or tag & releases are to be reported accurately by radio to Tournament Base when effected and the time given by Tournament Base recorded on the tag & release card/capture certificates. If captured or tagged & released during sked, the skipper is entitled to record his/her time **IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT TOURNAMENT BASE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST VESSEL.**

FAILURE TO RECORD THE TIME AND LINE CLASS OF AN EFFECTED CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE WILL RESULT IN A TIME RECORDED FOR THE CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE AS BEING THE END OF FISHING ON EACH DAY, LINE CLASS WILL BE 60KG. All captures or tag & release cards must be lodged at the Weigh Station on the day of capture or tag & release and on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February no later than **4.00pm** for fish reported as a hook up prior to the end of fishing. All hand deliveries of equipment and Tag Cards must be at the Weigh station facility by the 5.00pm deadline. (**Weigh station will be Fly Point**) **Please note that NSW DPI tags only will be accepted.** Billfish tags must be used to tag all billfish species. The appropriate flags are to be flown on return to the weigh station.

## 20. METHOD OF RELEASING A TAGGED FISH

The hook is to be removed, or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish. A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive.

## 21. EVIDENCE OF TAG & RELEASE

All Tag & Release of fish throughout the competition must be accompanied by time and date stamped photographic images. The tournament committee may, at its discretion, review the photographic images at any stage throughout the tournament and amend provisional results accordingly. Failure to provide the images, or images that do not contain the





object of the day (Photographic evidence), will result in zero points being allocated to the tag and release. The object to be used in photographic equipment for day one of fishing may be randomly selected, in which case it will be announced at the briefing night. The object of the day to be used for photographic equipment on day two will be announced at the commencement of the 1710 sked at the end of day one's fishing. Images provided to the tournament committee as evidence of the tag and release must be date stamped.

**Smallfry/Junior anglers maybe requested to demonstrate their proficiency in handling a rod and reel outfit**

## **22. BOAT / ANGLER REPLACEMENT**

No replacement of boats or anglers for whatever reason will be allowed after the conclusion of the briefing on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 pm (**Any alterations and additions to entry form can be made at the briefing**). Anglers may only affect a capture or tag & release on the vessel on which he or she is a registered angler.

## **23. TROPHY PRESENTATION DINNER**

The Trophy Presentation Evening will be held at **Soldiers Point Bowling Club 118 Soldiers Point Rd, Soldiers Point NSW 2317**, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, commencing at 7:30 pm.

**Please Note: You must be present to claim any angler or boat draws**

## **24. BAD WEATHER**

To avoid taking unnecessary risks 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 captured or tagged prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals as to whether to put them to sea or not, having regard to the Tournament Committee's decision on fishing for the day. The declaration of a gale warning by the Bureau of Meteorology will cancel fishing for that day: Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning is lifted. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea fishing will cease immediately and vessels must return to port.

## **25. INDEMNITY**

THE N&PSGFC accepts no responsibility for actions by entrants in this tournament & shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to any property or person during this tournament. In that regard, all entrants indemnify the tournament committee, N&PSGFC & all voluntary workers against any claim for loss or damage to property or person.

## **26. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision or provisions of these rules are declared unenforceable or invalid, the remaining provisions will continue to be valid and enforceable.

## **27. ACCEPTANCE OF TOURNAMENT RULES**

By signing the application to enter the form and/or paying the entry fee(s) described in rule 3 applicants will be deemed to have accepted the tournament rules without limitation or amendment. (Refer Rule 3 Entries/Eligibility)





# **2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT**

## **Trophy List**

### **Major Prize (Capture) Heaviest Marlin**

### **Major Prize (Capture) Heaviest Shark** **Exceeding 350kg**

### **Major Prize (Capture) Heaviest OGF**

### **Major Team Prize (Tag & Release)**

(Accumulative point score of Marlin & other Billfish)



# 2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

## Trophy List

### Tag & Release Team Prizes

Champion Team 1  
Champion Team 2  
Champion Team 3  
Champion Team 4  
Champion Team 5  
Champion Team 6  
Champion Team 7  
Champion Team 8  
Champion Team 9  
Champion Team 10

### Champion Junior Angler

***Plenty of giveaways during the event***





# 2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT ENTRY FORM

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Port Stephens NSW Australia**

**APPLICATION TO ENTER**



We will be representing:.....Club

Boat Name:..... Length:.....

Boat Location (Port Stephens):..... Boat Mobile Number:.....

Team Captain (Surname):..... (First Name):.....

Owners Home Address:.....

Contact number in Port Stephens:.....

**We will commence fishing from our own port** ☐ **(PLEASE TICK)**

## TEAM MEMBERS

1: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
2: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
3: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
4: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
5: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
6: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
7: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....
8: .....	CLUB: .....	SENIOR .....	JUNIOR: .....

## INSURANCE DETAILS

Name of Insurer:..... Policy Number:..... Renewal Date:.....

## **ALL BOATS MUST COMPLY WITH NSW MARITIME AUTHORITY OFFSHORE SAFETY REGULATIONS**

All boats must carry their own insurance covering third party liability and third-party personal liability. The Tournament Committee takes no responsibility for damage or injury to boat, anglers or visitors under any circumstances. The rules of the sea apply. I have read and agree to abide by the Tag & Release and Capture Rules as published by G.F.A.A., NSWGFA and the Rules for this Tournament, as issued, with the understanding that any classifications I desire will be furnished in writing by the Tournament Committee before the competition.

**Captains Signature** .....

.....: Number of Adult Anglers @ \$260.00 each (which includes presentation ticket)

**(Refer to Rules – Entries regarding presentation)**

.....: Number of Junior Anglers @ \$110.00 each Which (includes presentation ticket)

.....: Late Fee \$30.00 per Angler

\$.....: **Total**

## SHIRT SIZES

**Size** **Quantity**

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M	
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XL	
2XL	
3XL	
5XL	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Please address all correspondence to The Tournament Secretary  
55a Shoal Bay Rd, Shoal Bay NSW 2315 email: [manager@npsgfc.com](mailto:manager@npsgfc.com) Phone: 02 4981 0021

**(Maximum Cash Payout for any boat competing in the tournament is \$50,000)**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT**

**BSB: 637 000**

**A/C: 715 117 320**

**REFERENCE: BOAT NAME**

**ENTRIES CLOSE – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5 pm**

Late entries submitted after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$30.00 Per Angler

**NB: This is an application to enter form. The application to enter will be deemed an entry into the tournament only when approved by the tournament committee. Refer Tournament Rule 3, Entries/Eligibility**







# 2026 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT BOAT SAFETY FORM

## Description of Vessel



Owner's Name: .....  
Address: ..... P/C: ..... State: .....  
Mobile Telephone: ..... Facsimile: .....  
Telephone Private: ..... Business: .....  
Email: ..... Emergency Contact Name & Number: .....  
Boat Name: ..... Maritime Registration No: .....  
Length: ..... Make: .....  
Hull Colour: ..... Superstructure: .....

Distinctive Features of Markings: .....  
No. of people safely carried at sea: ..... Boat Location: .....  
Fuel - Type: ..... Capacity: ..... Range: .....  
Motor/s: Inboard Make: ..... ☐ 2 ☐ 1 Outboard Make: ..... ☐ 2 ☐ 1

### Safety & Emergency Equipment

Please ☒ appropriate box and fill in the relevant details

Flares ☐ Yes ☐ No Smoke ☐ Parachute ☐ Colour: .....  
Life Raft ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: ..... Colour: ..... Capacity: .....  
Life Buoy ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: ..... Colour: ..... No: .....  
Life Jackets ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: ..... Colour: ..... No: .....  
Radio ☐ Yes ☐ No SSB HF: ..... Frequencies: .....  
27MHz: ..... Frequencies: .....  
VHF: ..... Frequencies: .....  
EPIRB ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Radar ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: ..... Range: .....  
GPS ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: .....  
Depth Sounder ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: ..... Depth: .....  
Compasses ☐ Yes ☐ No Type: .....  
Food on Board ☐ Yes ☐ No No. of Days: ..... Water: Litres/Gallons: .....  
Sea Anchor ☐ Yes ☐ No First Aid Kit ☐ Yes ☐ No

INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAILS: Insurer: .....

Policy Number: ..... Expiry Date: .....

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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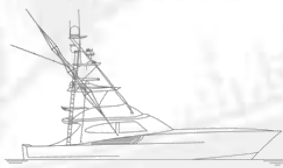
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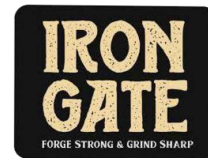
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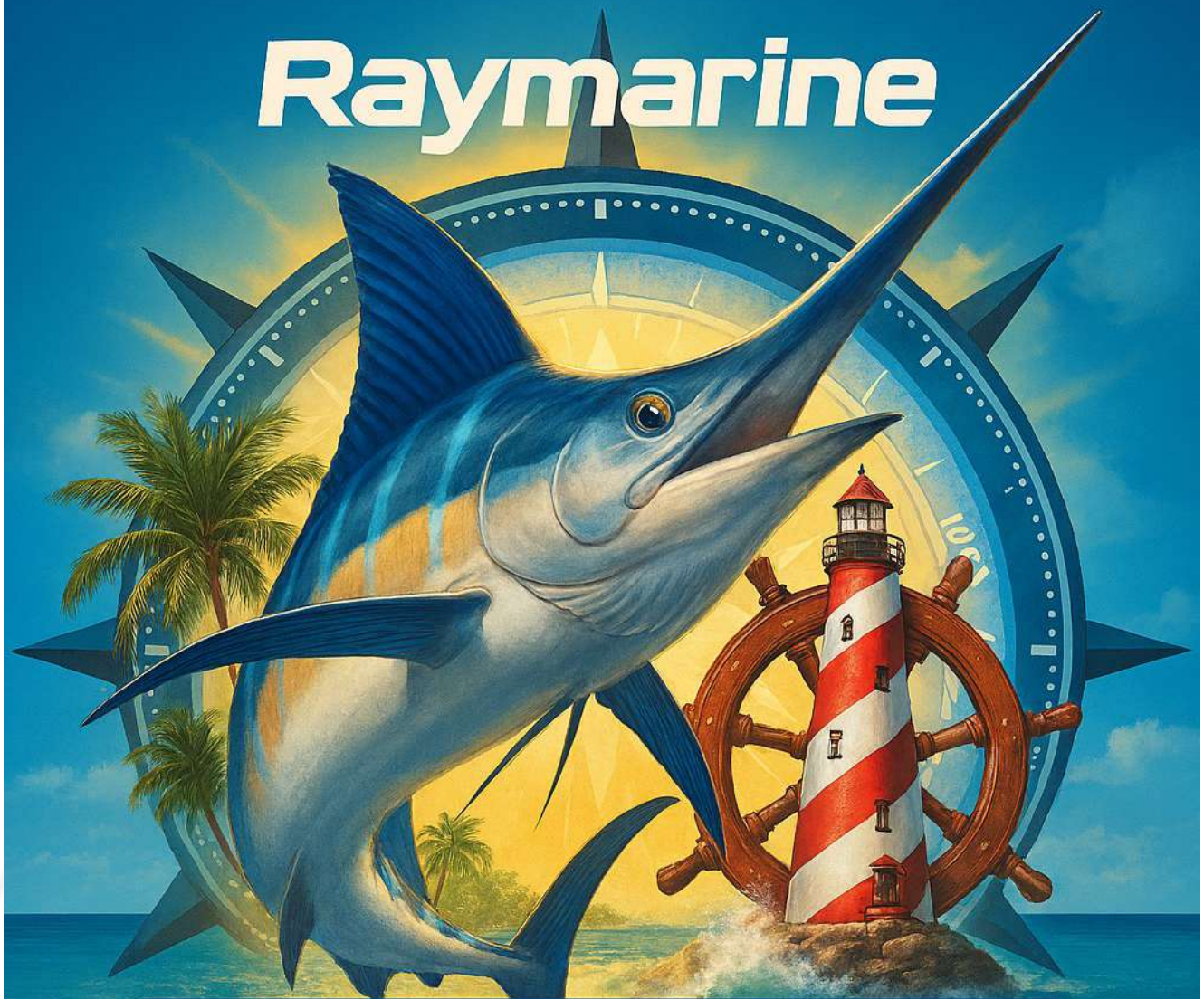


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# NSWGFA proudly invites you to attend the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

**Note: Neither the Tournament Committee nor NSWGFA, nor any sponsor will be liable for any loss or damage to any person, property, personal injury, or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament. All anglers participate entirely at their own risk.**

**19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Port Stephens, NSW**

## **“A” ENTRIES**

1. **NSWGFA CLUBS** are invited to nominate **TEAMS of 3 boats**, each of which **MUST** be registered and compliant with all NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSWRMS) safety equipment requirements with that Member Club. Any boats not in Club teams will be grouped by NSWGFA into teams of **3 boats** to fish as a composite team, where possible composite teams will be made up of boats from the same zone area. If any one of the composite teams wins a team trophy in the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament, then the trophy will be awarded to the Club represented by the highest point scoring boat in that team. **(Minimum of 2 boats will constitute a team)**
2. **NSWGFA** reserves the right to refuse entry to the Tournament.
3. **ANGLERS** entering the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament **MUST** be full financial members (or Life Members) of a Club affiliated with NSWGFA. For this tournament, an angler is a financial club member from the date of receipt of their completed Membership Application form and dues by his/her Club Executive. **The Boat Captain and all crew involved in the capture or the tag and release (anglers, boat skippers, wire/trace man, gaffer or tagger) of a fish must be registered/paid angler.**
4. **ENTRY FEES** is \$120.00 (incl. GST) for each competing adult angler and \$50.00 (incl. GST) for each junior angler (under 16 years of age at the commencement of the tournament) and small fry angler (under 11 years of age at the commencement of the tournament). There must be a minimum of two (2) Adult registered persons on board each boat under 8 metres and three (3) Adult registered persons on board each boat 8 metres and over. There is a minimum entry fee of \$240.00 (incl. GST) for each boat under 8 metres and a minimum entry fee of \$360.00 (incl. GST) for each boat 8 metres and over. **Completed entry forms together with proof of insurance as stated in Rule “A” 5 and fees MUST be forwarded to your CLUB SECRETARY by 31st January 2026.** Incomplete entry forms will be rejected, and **MAY attract a late entry fee of \$100.** Anyone who participates in the tag and/or capture of a fish must be a registered angler in the tournament.
5. **INSURANCE** – each vessel is to have their own Third-Party Liability Insurance and Boat Owner **MUST** provide details of insurance covering third party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance on the *Boat Safety Rescue form*.
6. **LATE ENTRY FEE** of \$100.00 (incl. GST) will apply to boat entries received after the closing date 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of NSWGFA and must be registered before 6.30pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
7. **ADDITIONAL ANGLERS & BOATS** – will not be accepted after briefing Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for additional anglers & boats.
8. **NO MAJOR TEAM/BOAT CHANGES** after 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
9. **NO REFUND** of entry fees for whatever reason will be considered after 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026
10. **VISITING ANGLER TEAMS**
  - (a) Interstate teams of anglers must consist of a minimum of two (2) adult anglers per boat under 8 metres and three (3) adult anglers per boat over 8 metres, each angler must be a financial member of a club affiliated with a State Member Association of GFAA.
  - (b) International teams must consist of a minimum of two (2) adult anglers per boat under 8 metres and three (3) adult anglers per boat over 8 metres; each angler must be an overseas resident financial member of IGFA or a financial member of an international game fishing club that is affiliated with IGFA.
  - (c) Visiting anglers and visiting boats as per “A” ENTRIES 10 (a) & (b) (i.e., anglers not affiliated with NSWGFA Inc. Member Clubs and Boats not on NSWGFA Club register) shall only compete for trophies as listed in **VISITING ANGLER & VISITING BOAT TROPHIES** section on **page 10**. Note: Visiting anglers and boats are not entitled to fish for NSWGFA Angler, NSWGFA Team and Boat Trophies in this competition.
  - (d) Entry form is to be completed and returned direct to NSWGFA – PO Box 730, Nelson Bay NSW 2315 **(Visiting Teams Only).**



## **"B" TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** to conduct the competition shall comprise of the NSWGFA Executive, Tournament Radio Communications Officer & 1 NPSGFC Representative.
2. **MISCONDUCT** – the Tournament Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident of misconduct by any person on a boat, be he/she registered for the tournament or not occurring during the tournament. The Committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any future NSWGFA Interclub Tournaments. All competitors are reminded that as members of a Club they are regarded as representatives of that Club, as such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on that Club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, **the Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.**
3. It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to Tournament Officials and other Competitors always throughout the Tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the Tournament.
4. **PROTESTS** – any protest relative to a capture or tag & release must be submitted in writing by the Boat Captain to the Tournament Secretary. **Protests MUST be lodged no later than 9.00 pm on the day of the incident concerned except last day which is 6.30pm.**  
**Note: the tournament committee has the right to act on any breach of any tournament rule whether a protest is lodged.**
5. **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION** of a penalty imposed by the Tournament Committee must be submitted in writing by the Boat Captain to the Tournament Secretary no later than 8.00 pm on the day following the incident concerned. (Except on Sunday the last day when the time for a request for reconsideration is 7.00pm).
6. **ALL 2026 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT DECISIONS AND RULINGS ARE FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL ENTRANTS.**
7. **NON mandatory BRIEFING will be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club from 6.00pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February (PRESIDENTS SHOUT),** an Online briefing will be broadcast on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.00 pm. It is compulsory for 1 crew member to register their attendance at either one of these events. A member from each boat will need to attend the briefing to collect their boats tournament satchel.
8. **NO REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS** will be allowed after the commencement of the briefing. Anglers may not effect a capture or tag & release on any other vessel than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag & release card, the angler, all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture or tag & release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel however in the case of an emergency the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to affect the capture or tag.  
**SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS** All boats must comply with NSW RMS regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home Club. A "Boat Safety Rescue form" is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a **406 MHz EPIRB** and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be **VHF** frequency.
9. **BOAT NUMBERS** supplied are to be prominently displayed on both sides of the cabin. **Any alteration of the Sponsors boat numbers will impose a penalty. See page 8 "F" Penalties.**
10. **SAIL PAST** – There will be no Sail past, Tournament base will call start fishing at 8am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.
11. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS** – **all boats must comply with NSW RMS regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home club.** All competitors are reminded of the requirement for a NSW DPI licence and bag limits when fishing.
12. **FISHING DAYS & TIMES**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.** On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**, fishing will commence at 8.00am Game Fish Base will announce start fishing on this day. **On the other fishing days starting time will be at 8.00 am and Fishing shall finish at 4.00 pm on Friday and Saturday, on the last day fishing will finish at 3pm,** all fish and tag cards must be presented at the weigh station on the day the fish was tagged excluding Sunday. Any fished hooked and reported to Game Fish Base prior to finish time may be played out and if caught will be eligible for the tournament provided the angler, fish and/or tag and full equipment is presented to the weigh station by 5.00pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. **Weigh station will be deemed FLY POINT.**





### 13. FISHING AREA (TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES)

The Fishing area for the tournament is South to latitude 33 degrees 15 minutes (Bird Island) and North to latitude 32 degrees and 13 minutes (Latitude Rock)

14. **LEAVING AND ENTERING THE PORT** – Boats must leave Port Stephens on each tournament day and return to Port Stephens on completion of fishing. The safety organisation for competing boats is considered paramount to the advantage that could be gained by some boats staying out overnight. Boats that elect to continue fishing after hours are to report this to Game Fish Base and sign off for the day. Any boat in transit is required to enter Port Stephens and report to the Game Fish Base before leaving port to commence fishing. All boats must report by radio to Game Fish Base on return to port. If unable to make radio, contact with Game Fish Base they then must report to a member of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station before going to the mooring/trailer. **Any Breach of this regulation will incur a penalty – see page 8 “F” – Penalties.**
15. **NO WASH** – apart from “No Wash” areas applying in the port by statutory authorities a specific tournament “NO WASH” area prevails between the inner light at Nelson Head and the Tournament Weigh station. **Any breach of this regulation will incur a penalty – see page 8 “F” – Penalties.**
16. **BAD WEATHER** – to avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact from 6.00am with Game Fish Base or members of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing then the NSWGFA President and the Interclub Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether the competition will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. Note: A declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority requires the cancellation of the tournament. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning is Lifted. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Committee’s decision on the Tournament for the day. The ultimate decision on return to harbour remains with the competitors.
17. **2026 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT AWARDS**  
At the conclusion of the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 an Awards Presentation will be held at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club, commencing at 7.30 pm. **(Ticket price includes 2 course meal and some refreshments @ \$75 Each per person)** At this function Provisional Winners will be announced and presented with Tournament Trophy Mementos. Boat Captains/Anglers are encouraged to purchase their tickets for themselves and friends when completing Entry Form. All Presentation tickets MUST BE paid for no later than 6.00 pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 only those with pre-paid tickets will gain entry to Presentation Dinner.

PRESENTATION DINNER TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN ANGLER ENTRY FEE

Presentation of Lyndy Grieves Memorial Ladies Day Trophies will be held in conjunction with the interclub presentation.





## "C" FISHING RULES

The 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament will be fished under the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of the GFAA and NSWGFA as are in effect at the time. Note: The Tag & Release rules also are published by NSWGFA and will apply, in addition NSWGFA point scores, fishing rules and minimum weights will apply.

1. **LINE CLASSES** – which will be recognised, are 4kg (no sharks), 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

(a) **CAPTURE - Adult Angler MINIMUM WEIGHT TO QUALIFY**

- (b) **MARLIN** must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.

Black, Blue & Striped Marlin

- (c) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN 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.

- (d) **SHARKS** must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class to 37kg and 130kg on 60kg line class. No points shall be awarded for shark captures on 4kg line class. **Blue Sharks (New Minimum weights see below)**, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), **Tiger (New minimum weights see below)**, Whaler (all)

**Tiger Sharks. New Min. Weights**

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 120kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 200kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 250kg

**Blue Sharks. New Min. Weights -**

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 100kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 125kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 150kg

- (e) **OTHER GAME FISH** must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.

Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Broadbill, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Albacore, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda and Mahi Mahi

**\*\* Junior Angler personal points only – Striped Tuna & Kawa Kawa. Striped Tuna Catch & Release Only Same Points Apply**

**SHARKS – No Sharks** will be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify a capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.

- (f) **MARLIN** – The use of identifiable Marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.

**Junior and Small Fry Angler Minimum Weights**

(g) **CAPTURE - MINIMUM WEIGHT TO QUALIFY**

- (h) **MARLIN** must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.

Black, Blue & Striped Marlin

- (i) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** – Equal to line class in all cases.

- (j) **SHARKS** must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class to 37kg and 120kg on 60kg line class. No points shall be awarded for shark captures on 4kg line class.

Blue, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), Tiger, Whaler (all)

- (k) **OTHER GAME FISH** must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.

Sailfish, Shortbill Spearfish, Broadbill, Bigeye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Dogtooth Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Albacore, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda and Mahi Mahi

**\*\* Junior Angler personal points only – Striped Tuna & Kawa Kawa. – Measure & Release Only Same Points Apply**

**SHARKS – No Sharks** will be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify a capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.

- (l) **MARLIN** – The use of identifiable Marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.



## 2. TAG AND RELEASE

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
<b>MARLIN</b>					
Marlin - Black	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Blue	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Striped	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
<b>OTHER BILLFISH</b>					
Broadbill Swordfish	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Sailfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
Shortbill Spearfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
<b>SHARKS – minimum 100 cm</b>					
*Shark - Blue	3,125	2,875	2,500	2,125	1,875
*Shark – Smooth Hammerhead Only	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Mako (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Porbeagle	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
* Shark – Thresher (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Tiger	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark – Whaler (all)	3750	3450	3000	2550	2250
*Shark – Great White	3,750	3450	3000	2550	2250
<b>TUNAS</b>					
Tuna – Albacore	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Longtail	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna – Bigeye	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Dogtooth	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna – Yellowfin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	625	575	500	425	375
Wahoo	625	575	500	425	375
*Yellowtail Kingfish - minimum 70cm	310	290	250	210	190
Barracuda	31	29	25	21	19
Cobia	31	29	25	21	19
*Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	31	29	25	21	19
<b>JUNIOR PERSONAL POINTS ONLY</b>					
Tuna – Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Tuna – Striped – Catch & Release Only	13	12	10	9	8

**THE METHOD OF RELEASING TAGGED FISH** -The hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish

- (a) **POINTS** will be awarded as per NSWGFA Tag & Release point score.
- (b) **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). Except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*) NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks.



- (c) **BILLFISH TAG** – all billfish must be tagged with the billfish tag; this is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in this tournament. The billfish tag is for billfish only point score i.e. no other species.
- (d) **ELIGIBLE SPECIES** – as per tag & release point score table – copy of which is in boat satchel. **Blue, Smooth Hammerhead ONLY, Mako (all), Porbeagle, Thresher (all), Tiger, Great White, Whaler (all)**
- (e) **LINE CLASS** - **must** be provided on tag & release forms and cards. If no line class is provided it will be deemed to have been caught on 60kg tackle.
- (f) **TIME** - Failure to record time of release on the tag card will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or after the last fish for the day has been tagged, whichever is the latter.

### 3. “D” OPERATIONS

- (a) **COMMUNICATIONS** – radio schedules will be conducted as per the NSWGFA adopted “Guidelines for Radio Schedules” as are in affect at the time. **Compulsory log on from 6:00am.** Due to safety of boat and anglers the radio communications will be recorded from the start of fishing and will cease when the last boat returns to port. “Game Fish Base” will operate on **VHF 80 /21. The Base will announce “Start Fishing” each morning and will relay the latest weather information whenever available. Radio Schedules will be conducted every TWO hours with the first schedule 9.10am, 11.10am, 1.10pm, 3.10pm and the Final Schedule at 4.10pm with ETR. (Minute silence at 1.09pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, radio silence unless of Mayday situation)** Competitors are requested to advise “Game Fish Base” of the number of persons on board when they sign on by answering the first schedule. Boats will be called in numerical order, regardless of type of radio they have, and the Base will acknowledge each reply by repeating the report on both frequencies so that all competitors will be aware of all reports. Boats are to report on each schedule as follows: (i) Boat Number; (ii) Boat Name; (iii) Position (using grid map references); (iv) whether Trolling, Drifting or Anchored; (v) **Accurate Fishing Report** using the “000” system, i.e. Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures. If possible, boats are to give Species for Strikes and Hook-ups which are not landed. All boats are to report on every schedule. In the interests of safety, communication on each schedule is compulsory. **Failure to answer two (2) consecutive radio schedules will incur a penalty – see page 8 – “F” Penalties.** In the event of a boat suffering radio failure then they must make contact with another competing boat and have them advise Game Fish Base of the problem at the next schedule and immediately return to port. Boats must maintain RADIO SILENCE for 10 minutes before FINISH FISHING TIME to allow for reports of late hook-ups. Friday & Saturday on the 4.10pm schedule and on Sunday the Final day 3.10pm schedule, boats are requested to advise Base of total tag and release or captures for the day. All boats are to sign off with “Game Fish Base” when they enter port at the end of the days fishing. If unable to make radio contact, then they must report to a Tournament Committee member at the weigh station before proceeding to their moorings/trailer.
- (b) **MAYDAY/PANPAN, if a mayday is called the radio operator will communicate the severity of the MAYDAY to the NSWGFA president it will be the decision of the NSWGFA president whether to suspend fishing.**
- (c) **Failure to report on return to port will invoke a penalty – see page 8 – “F” Penalties.** All boats are requested to avoid chatter on tournament frequencies. If competitors wish to talk to each other, please use another frequency and leave the tournament frequencies clear for safety and/or tournament business only. **Inappropriate radio use is not only an offence under the Communications Act but will incur a penalty – see page 8 “F” – Penalties.**
- (d) **WEIGHSTATION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES – Only the angler is allowed onto the weigh station whilst the fish is being processed. Note: Angler & Crew will be given permission to come onto the weigh station for photo purpose at the appropriate time.** Once the boats enter the Nelson Bay inner harbour, they are to proceed slowly between the weigh station and the two (2) fixed poles to obtain acknowledgement from the Dock master and be placed in order for processing as required. The Dock master reserves the right to bring boats alongside out of turn for the quick and orderly management of the area. Before coming alongside the weigh station boats must have completed and be ready for presentation all capture and/or tag & release forms. All tackle used in capture or tag & release must be ready for presentation to weigh station officials together with the angler i.e. the rod & reel, line, hook(s), terminal tackle, gaff(s), tail





rope(s) etc. In the event of a dispute regarding a capture and/or tag being rejected, the tackle used will be retained by the Chief Judge pending a resolution. Any angler wishing to “walk” gear etc. to weigh station must first obtain permission from the gate security officer prior to entering the Weigh station.

- (e) **CAPTURE and TAG & RELEASE DOCUMENTATION** – all captures and tag & release presented to the weigh station **MUST** be accompanied by correctly completed documentation. The white Tournament Capture/T&R form, provided to each boat, must be used and must include BOAT NAME, BOAT NUMBER, ANGLER NUMBER, DATE, and TIME & LINE CLASS of capture/tag. **Failure to record time of capture and/or tag on the return will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or the time last fish was tagged whichever is the latter, failure to record line class will result in a 60kg line class recorded.**
- (f) **IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES** – in the event of any dispute regarding species of fish the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.
- (g) **CAPTURES**
  - (ii) **SCIENTISTS** – It has been the practice of the Association to invite Research Scientists to the weigh station to gather measurements, weights and samples from fish weighed in. Only Scientists that have NSWGFA accreditation will be allowed access to the weigh station to gather information. These people will be officially identifiable. Anglers are requested to co-operate with these people and no other scientists.
  - (iii) **FISH** – may not be left at the weigh station, but must be taken by boat **well clear of Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park** and disposed of in an appropriate manner - If a vessel is unable to safely dispose of a fish on the day of capture, the boat captain must seek direction on the appropriate course of action from the NSWGFA President. (Safety of the crew is paramount - if the boat is incapable of disposing of the fish safely you must inform a tournament official to organise an alternative) **Failure to comply with this rule and the direction given will disqualify the capture.** Competitors must not clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws near the weigh station, beaches, marinas or places frequented by the public. Fish carcasses must not be hung off boats, moorings or marinas. If required, traces to be removed at the weigh station by or at the direction of a Tournament Committee member. Shark jaws to be removed on board boats only. Small boats to utilise larger boats if necessary. All boats must empty burley pots before entering the port. **Penalties will be imposed for any breach of these rules – see page 8 “F” Penalties In the event of any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given, and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew.**
- (h) **SALE OF FISH** – Competitors are reminded that it is illegal for recreational or un-licensed anglers to sell their catches. The following rule has been adopted by the Association: “That any fish weighed for NSWGFA Trophies shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards of the Association”. **Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament. BAG LIMITS – All anglers must abide by the current NSW Government laws on bag limits.**
- (i) **MEDIA** – only media representatives accredited by the NSWGFA and officially identifiable will be allowed access to the weigh station. Anglers should note that **ONLY** the **NSWGFA President** shall make any statements to the media. The NSWGFA logo, NSWGFA (name) or Official Tournament Name cannot be used in any media publication (including internet websites) without the express permission of the NSWGFA. **Any breach of this rule can invoke a penalty – see page 8 – “F” Penalties.**
- (j) **Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park** – The NSW Marine Park regulations (including Marine Park Permit special conditions) must be adhered to by all competitors. **Any breach of these regulations and special permit conditions may incur a tournament penalty – see page 8 – “F” Penalties Misconduct.**



4. **"E" "THE LYNDY GRIEVES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT.** To be fished on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This day is open to ALL LADY ANGLERS – REGARDLESS OF AGE, whether Club Members or Guests. GFAA and NSWGFA Rules & Tackle Regulations and NSWGFA Tag & Release rules will apply. Fishing will commence at 8.00 am and cease at 3.00 pm. Radio schedules will be called, and procedures will be as for the major weekend competition. Minimum weight rules apply. All captures and tag & release paperwork need to be presented to the weigh station prior to 4.30pm to be eligible – weigh station will open at 2.00 pm. **INDIVIDUAL LYNDY GRIEVES MEMORIAL TROPHIES ONLY**

**AWARDS will be for:**

<b>Capture</b>	Heaviest Marlin	Heaviest Shark	Heaviest OGF	Champion Angler
<b>Tag &amp; Release</b>	Most Marlin	Most Sharks	Most Points OGF	Champion Angler

**"The Lyndy Grievs Memorial" CHAMPION LADY ANGLER CAPTURE & CHAMPION LADY ANGLER TAG & RELEASE TROPHIES**

Presentation of Trophies will be held in conjunction with the interclub presentation

5. **"F" PENALTIES**

**Note: Penalties WILL APPLY to BOTH Capture and Tag & Release Points**

- (a) **MISCONDUCT** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see "B" Tournament Rules – Rule 2.
- (b) **ALTERATION OF BOAT NUMBERS** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see "B" Tournament Rules – Rule 9
- (c) **FAILURE TO SIGN OFF ON RETURN TO PORT** – loss of 10,000 capture & 10,000 tag & release points – see "B" Tournament Rules – see Rule D" Operations – Rule (c).
- (d) **BREACH OF NO WASH RULE** – loss of 2,000 capture & 2,000 tag & release points – see "B" Tournament Rules – Rule 15
- (e) **FAILURE TO ANSWER TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE RADIO SCHEDULES & INAPPROPRIATE RADIO USAGE** – loss of 10,000 capture & 10,000 tag & release points – see "D" Operations – Rule (a).
- (f) **FISH DISPOSAL** – Failure to comply with this rule and the direction given will disqualify the fish – see "e" Operations – Rule (g) (iii)
- (g) **DISCHARGE OF WASTE OR RUBBISH** – Non-compliance with current NSW RMS regulations will attract a loss of 2,000 capture and 2,000 tag & release points.
- (h) **SALE OF FISH** – disqualification from tournament – see f Operations (h)
- (i) **BREACH OF MEDIA RULE** – Penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Committee – see g Operations – (i)

**Notwithstanding the above penalties, the Tournament Committee reserves the right in any circumstance to disqualify any capture, angler or boat for disregarding any 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament rule or instructions.**



# 2026 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT AWARDS

## NSWGFA ANGLER TROPHIES

Anglers who are financial members of an affiliated NSWGFA Member Club are eligible to compete for the following trophies.

1. **FRED TOLL TROPHY** – for the heaviest Shark capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
2. **BOB DYER TROPHY** – for the heaviest Marlin capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
3. **JAY-AH TROPHY** – for the heaviest Blue Marlin capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
4. **IMPALA TROPHY** – for the heaviest Other Game Fish. **Perpetual Trophy**
5. **PETER GOADBY TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by an Adult Male angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
6. **GEORGE BESOFF TROPHY** – highest point scoring Angler – capture. **Perpetual Trophy**
7. **TOM ROCHE TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by an Adult Lady Angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
8. **BILL HEYWARD TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring capture by a Junior/Small Fry Angler. **Perpetual Trophy**
9. **LAKE MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** - for the highest point scoring Male Small Fry overall - capture. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**  
**LAKE MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring Female Small Fry overall - capture. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**  
**BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring Male Junior Angler overall - capture. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**  
**BOTANY BAY GFC TROPHY** – for the highest point scoring Female Junior Angler overall - capture. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**  
**LOUIS ARDILLY TROPHY** – for the angler who tags & releases the most Marlin. **Perpetual Trophy**
10. **PORT MACQUARIE GFC TROPHY** – angler who tags & releases the most Sharks. **Perpetual Trophy**
11. **N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Male Small Fry Angler. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
12. **N'CLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Female Small Fry Angler. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
13. **PETER BENNETT TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Male Junior Angler. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
14. **PETER BENNETT TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by a Female Junior Angler. **Dog Tag & Perpetual Trophy**
15. **J.A.C. III TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by an Adult Male Angler (all categories). **Perpetual Trophy**
16. **I.C. FRITH & ASSOCIATES TROPHY** – for the most tag & release points by an Adult Lady Angler (all categories). **Perpetual Trophy**
17. **DAILY AWARDS** for each day of the competition – **plaque will be awarded for:**  
Heaviest Marlin                      Heaviest Shark                      Heaviest Other Game Fish  
Most Marlin Tag & Release                      Most Sharks Tag & Release                      Most points OGF Tag & Release

## NSWGFA TEAM & BOAT TROPHIES

Boats who are on the register of the affiliated NSWGFA Member Club that they are competing for and anglers who are financial members of an affiliated NSWGFA Member Club are eligible to compete for the following applicable trophies.

1. **INTERCLUB SHIELD** – Champion Club Team Capture. **Boat Plaque to each of the boats in the team. Perpetual Trophy to the Club and Dog Tag to each registered angler in the winning capture team.**
2. **BILL SOUTHAM SPOON** – Runner-up Club Team Capture. **Boat Plaque to each boat. Perpetual Trophy to the Club.**
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team Capture. Perpetual Trophy to the Club**
4. **BROKEN BAY GFC TROPHY** – Champion Boat Capture. **Perpetual Trophy to the boat scoring highest points for competition. Trophy to each registered angler on the winning boat.**





5. **KEN HANLEY TROPHY** – Runner-up Champion Boat Capture. **Perpetual Trophy to boat scoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total points for the competition.**
6. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Boat Capture** – **Perpetual Trophy to the boat**
7. **BUNDABAH TROPHY** – Champion Club Team Tag & Release. **Boat Plaque to each of the boats in the team. Perpetual Trophy to the Club and Dog Tag to each registered angler in the winning Tag & Release team.**
8. **PORT HACKING GFC TAG & RELEASE TROPHY** - Runner-up Club Team Tag & Release. Boat Plaque to each boat. **Perpetual Trophy to the Club.**
9. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team Tag & Release. Perpetual Trophy to the Club**
10. **MARQUIS SHIELD** – Champion Boat Tag & Release overall. **Perpetual trophy to the boat and Plaque to each registered angler on the winning boat.**
11. **SYDNEY GFC TAG & RELEASE TROPHY** – Runner-up Champion Boat Tag & Release overall. **Perpetual Trophy to boat scoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total points for the competition.**
12. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Boat Tag & Release overall – Perpetual Trophy to the boat**
13. **GLORIANA SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Billfish – **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
14. **BROKEN BAY GFC TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 4kg to 10kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
15. **JEPPESSEN MARINE TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 15kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
16. **OTTO VOLZ TROPHY** - Champion Boat Tag & Release – 24kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
17. **DAVID LITCHFIELD TROPHY** – Champion Boat Tag & Release - 37kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
18. **NEWCASTLE & PORT STEPHENS GFC TROPHY** – Champion Boat Tag & Release 60kg section. **Perpetual Trophy to boat**
19. **BARBARA BEE SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Sharks – **Perpetual Trophy**
20. **RICKY CHAN TROPHY** – Team scoring the highest number of Sharks tagged & released – **Perpetual Trophy**
21. **GARI-LEE SHIELD** – Boat scoring the highest points for tag & release of Other Game Fish – **Perpetual Trophy**
22. **CHAMPION CLUB CAPTURE** – Gold Hook Capture Award
23. **CHAMPION CLUB TAG & RELEASE** – Gold Hook Tag Award
24. **DAILY AWARD** for each day of the competition – plaque will be awarded for:  
Highest Point Scoring Boat – Capture      Highest Points Tag & Release Boat

## VISITING ANGLER & VISITING BOAT TROPHIES

Visiting Anglers/Boats (i.e. anglers not affiliated with NSWGFA Inc. Clubs and Boats not on a NSWGFA Club register but comply with section “A” Entries – 10 will be welcome to compete in the 2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament, but not for the trophies as listed on page 9 & 10 in the NSWGFA Angler, Team & Boat Trophies. Except for the **VISITING ANGLER & VISITING BOAT TROPHIES**

Visiting Angler & Visiting Boats are eligible to fish for the following trophies in this competition.

1. **MARCUS MILLER MEMORIAL TROPHY** – for the visiting angler scoring the highest capture points. **Perpetual Trophy**
2. **NSWGFA TROPHY** – for the visiting angler scoring the highest tag & release points. **Perpetual Trophy**
3. **HEAVIEST MARLIN** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
4. **HEAVIEST SHARK** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
5. **HEAVIEST OTHER GAME FISH** – captured by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
6. **MOST MARLIN** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
7. **MOST SHARKS** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
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9. **MOST POINTS OTHER GAME FISH** – tagged and released by a visiting angler during the competition. **Plaque**
10. **NSWGFA TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest capture points. **Perpetual Trophy**
11. **COL HENDERSON MEMORIAL TROPHY** – for the visiting boat scoring the highest number of tag & release points. **Perpetual Trophy.**





# BOAT ENTRY FORM

2026 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Port Stephens, NSW

NSWGFA USE ONLY

**Entries close with your Club Secretary – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

Club.....G.F.C. Boat Name.....

Mobile Phone Number on Board..... DO NOT divert or turn off on tournament days. EACH BOAT must enter a minimum of 2 Adult anglers including the Boat Captain for vessels under 8 meters and 3 Adult anglers for vessels 8 meters and over. All persons involved in effecting either the capture or tag and release of a fish must be a registered/paid angler. (Please indicate whether angler is Senior Male (M), Senior Lady (L), Junior Male (JM), Junior Lady (JL), Small Fry Male (SFM), and Small Fry Lady (SFL)

In the case of Junior & Small Fry Anglers please list Date of Birth

1. Boat Captain.....Club.....Category.....
2. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
3. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
4. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
5. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
6. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
7. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....
8. Angler.....Club.....Category.....DOB.....

Number of Adult Anglers..... @ \$120.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Junior Anglers..... @ \$50.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Small Fry Anglers..... @ \$50.00 pp. \$.....

Minimum boat entry applies Difference \$.....

*(Minimum boat entry Under 8 metres \$240.00 over 8 metres \$360.00)*

Presentation Tickets ..... @ \$75.00 pp. \$.....

(Ticket price includes 2 course meal and refreshments)

**GRAND TOTAL – All prices include GST – Tournament Entry**

TOTAL \$.....

Please initial confirming all anglers entered are financial members of the club stated on this form.



# 2026 NSWGFA INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT SAFETY RESCUE INFORMATION FORM

Boat Name.....Registration Number.....

Boat on the Club Register of.....G.F.C. Length.....

Make.....Colour Hull.....Deck.....

Colour – Flybridge.....Distinctive Features or Markings.....

Engine(s) Type.....Number.....H.P.....Fuel Type.....

Capacity.....Range.....Speed-Cruising.....Max Speed.....

Name of Boat Insurer.....Policy No.....Renewal Date.....

Vessel moored/garaged at in Port Stephens.....

In the case of Trailer Boats – Trailer Registration Number.....

Emergency Contact Name (not to be onboard vessel).....Tel.....

Boat Captains Address in Port Stephens.....

Boat Captains Mobile Number.....Email.....

Boat Captains Home Address.....

Boat Owners Name (if not the Boat Captain).....Tel.....

Boat Owners Home Address.....

Note: Contact email address that you provide on this form may be used by NSWGFA and Major Sponsors of this tournament for the purpose of informing you of future NSWGFA tournaments and product information. If you do not wish to receive this information, please tick the box. ☐

Please Tick Registered Charter Boat ☐ Vessel has Professional/Paid Crew ☐

RADIOS ON BOARD– please tick ☒ SSB HF ☐ 27 MHz ☐ VHF ☐ UHF ☐

ALL MOBILE(S) ON BOARD – List Number(s).....

SATELLITE PHONE ON BOARD (if available) Number.....

E.P.I.R.B. – Expire Date.....

## BOAT CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION

I and my crew agree to abide by EVERY Tournament Rule and all Tournament Committee decisions and have completed the Safety Rescue form including details of insurance covering third party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance.

Signed..... Date.....  
Boat Captain

