

Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Inc

JAWS

NOVEMBER 2019



Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd.

Established 1929

2019/2020 Office Bearers

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Including point score certificates within 14 days
of Capture and/or Tag & Release



Presidents Report

Welcome to the first Jaws report for the 2019/2020 season.

Firstly I would like to welcome our newest director Bob Baldwin. Bob brings a wealth of knowledge & experience to the board, myself & the rest of the board look forward to working with him.

The club is trading well with an increase in sales which is good to see. The board is currently looking at some options on extending the back of the club so we look forward to in the coming months to be able to announce changes to the club.

Onto the fishing scene. Fishing has been a little slow so fingers crossed the good water & fish wont be too far away & that the fish decide to hang around this year.

2020 Garmin Billfish Shootout

2020 Garmin Billfish Shootout is fast approaching, this year we a record amount of prizes & prize money up for grabs.

As most of you would be aware, we have \$200K for the heaviest Blue Marlin over 258kg as well as the other usual cash prizes. We remain most grateful to naming rights sponsor

Garmin, and to major sponsor **Costa Sunglasses** and of course **West's Diggers** and **Shimano**... To all of our incredible sponsors we thank you for your support and backing and as always, we encourage our large membership and all tournament participants to give consideration toward supporting those companies and products whenever possible.

The club has joined forces with the Mark Hughes Foundation in the fight against brain cancer. You will see on the entry forms an area where you can donate, all donations will be much appreciated & are tax deductible. On the night we will be holding a mega raffle & there will be an auction for a day's fishing on Little Audrey kindly donated by Phil from Little Audrey Fishing Charters. All money raised will be then donated to The Mark Hughes Foundation. Please dig deep as it is for a great cause.

2020 NSWGFA Interclub: Rules & Entries will be available at end of November ... www.nswgfa.com.au

NSWGFA have advised us of the following dates:

- Wednesday 19th February ... Ladies Day Briefing (Via Facebook)
- Thursday 20th February ... Ladies Day Fishing
- Thursday 20th February ... Briefing
- Friday 21st February ... Fishing
- Saturday 22nd February ... Fishing
- Sunday 23rd February ...Fishing & Presentation

Members Nights

We have 2 huge members night pencilled in for January and February, dates to be confirmed, the January night we will have some of our lure sponsors showing off their products and February we will do our normal tournament talk.

Finally with Christmas fast approaching we would like to wish everyone a safe & merry christmas & I look forward to seeing you all out on the water.



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PROPOSED NSWGFA CLUB'S TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2019/2020

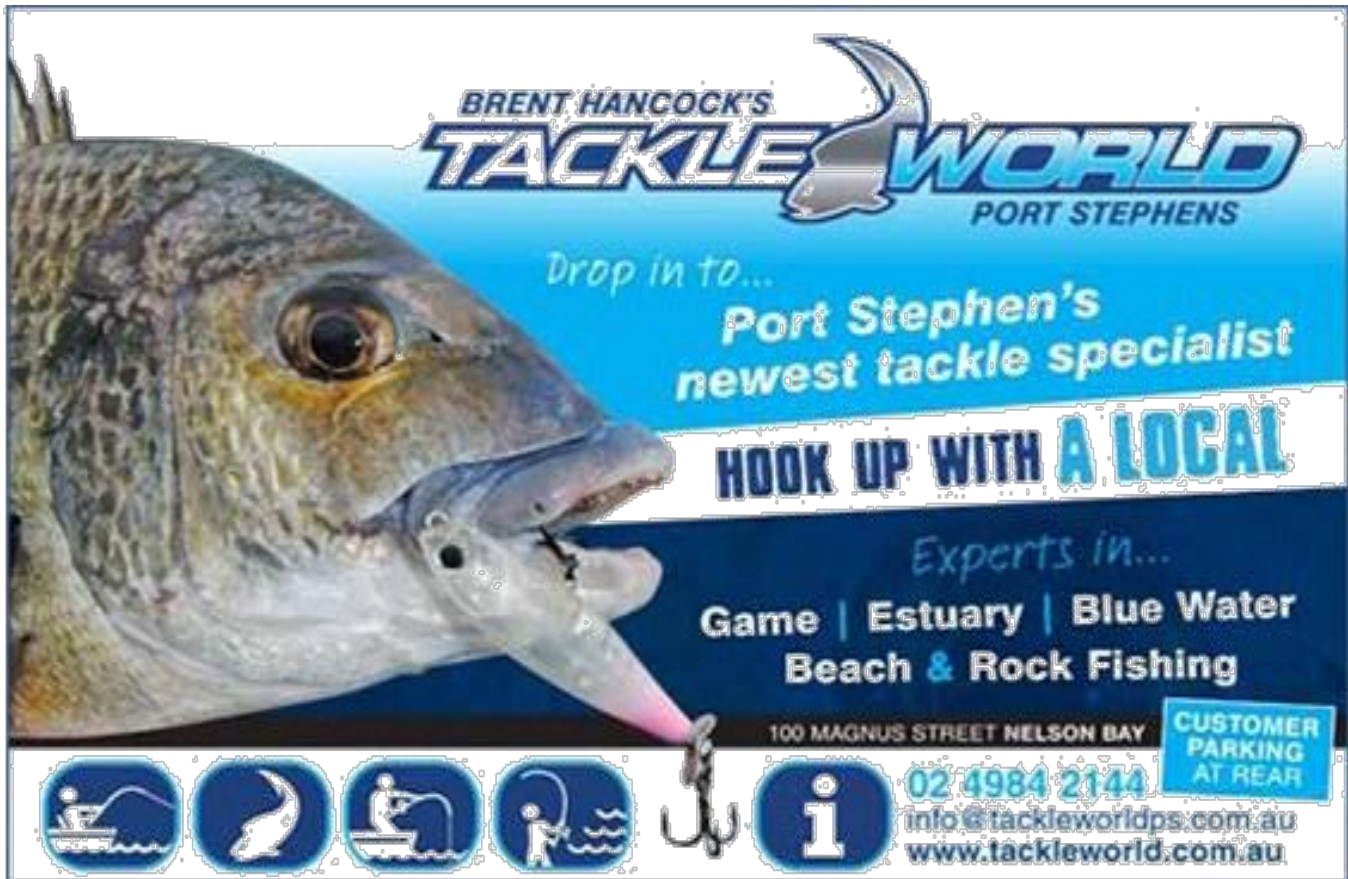
Date	Tournament	Club
29 TH Nov to 2 ND Dec 2019	Annual Whitesands Tournament	Jervis Bay GFC
29 TH Nov to 2 ND Dec 2019	Hot Current Tournament	Coffs Coast G & SFC
10 TH to 18 TH Jan 2020	36th Golden Lure Tournament	Port Macquarie GFC
17 TH to 19 TH Jan 2020	Tollgate Island Classic Tournament	Batemans Bay GFC
17 TH to 19 TH Jan 2020	Bill Heyward Memorial Tournament	Botany Bay GFC
25 TH to 27 TH Jan 2020	Bermagui Bluewater Classic	Bermagui BGAC
31 ST Jan to 2 ND Feb 2020	Jess Sams Game Fishing Tournament	Ulladulla GFC
8 TH to 9 TH Feb 2020	Bigfish Bonanza Tournament	Lake Macquarie GFC
8 TH to 9 TH Feb 2020	Shellharbour Annual Tournament	Shellharbour GFC
14TH to 16TH Feb 2020	2020 Garmin Billfish Shootout	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
14 TH to 16 TH Feb 2020	2020 Eden Open Game Fishing Tournament	Eden S & GFC
20 TH to 23 RD Feb 2020	2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament	NSWGFA
7 TH to 8 TH Mar 2020	2020 East Coast Classic	Newcastle GFC
7 TH to 8 TH Mar 2020	2020 Bluewater Classic	Central Coast GFC
14 TH to 15 TH Mar 2020	Jervis Bay Top 100 Billfish Shootout	Jervis Bay GFC
20 TH to 22 ND Mar 2020	Shoalhaven Open Tournament	Shoalhaven GFC
20 TH to 22 ND Mar 2020	Broken Bay Invitational Tournament	Broken Bay GFC
30 TH Mar to 28 TH Apr 2020	Wahoo Tournament	Lord Howe Island GFC
4 TH to 5 TH Apr 2020	Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic	Kiama GFC
4 TH to 5 TH Apr 2020	Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament	Sydney GFC
18 TH to 19 TH Apr 2020	The Don Goswell Big Blue Memorial Tournament	Ulladulla GFC
2 ND May to 3 RD May 2020	Shimano Port Hacking 100	Port Hacking GFC
7 TH to 9 TH Jun 2020	Merimbula Open Yellowfin, Southern Bluefin Tuna & Broadbill Tournament	Merimbula BG&LAC
23 RD to 25 TH Jun 2020	Canberra Yellowfin Tuna Tournament	Canberra GFC
1 ST Jul to 31 ST Aug 2020	Tuna Slam	Sydney GFC
1 ST to 2 ND Aug 2020	Geoff Woolley Monster Mako Tournament	Sydney GFC





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Line, Backing, Double, Leader

(a) Line

1. Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see Australian Record Requirements.
2. Wire lines are prohibited.

(b) Line & Backing

1. The use of backing is permissible.
2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five meters of the line directly preceding the double, leader & hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line.

(c) Double line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the double line shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The double line on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19m (40ft).

Freshwater species: The double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82m (6ft). The combined length of the double line and the leader shall not exceed 3.04m (10ft).

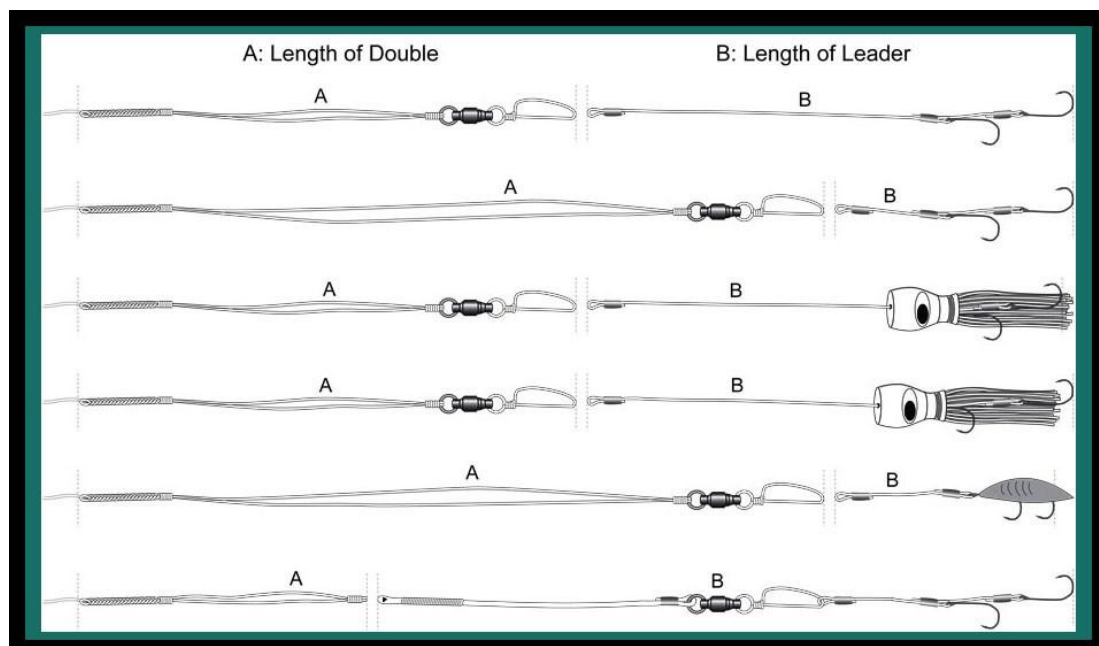
(d) Leader

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook.. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

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2019—2020 Boat Register

Boat Name Skipper Name	Boat Make Boat Size	Boat Mobile Number	Boat Registration No
ARCED UP Steve WOODS	SAILFISH 7.9 Metres	0408 164 403	AJR521N
AQUAHOLIC Josh CARNEY	ARCHER 6.8 Metres	0407 699 195	AGK137N
BORN FREE Geoffrey LEONARD	BLACKWATCH 15.24 Metres	0414 688 056	55622
CALYPSO Tim DEAN			
CAROKESO Kent DONNOLLEY	CUSTOM OWNER BUILT 6.9 Metres	0419 460 042	REELAXIN
DARK HORSE Andrew PAYNE	EVOLUTION EXTREME 6 Metres	0428 450 562	AIX777N
DELIRIOUS Darren WILLIAMS	SEAFARER 5.5 Metres	0417 371 176	NY700N
EL NINO Emery KERTESZ	CARIBBEAN 8 Metres	0418 639 534	AB5374N
EXTREMEDY KERROD ALLEY	EXTREME 6.5 Metres	0447 037 438	AJR147N
FULL METAL JACKET Brett TISDELL	PERFORMANCE PLATE 6.8 Metres	0487 409 565	
GAMEFISHER Greg HANCOCK	CARIBBEAN 10.66 Metres	0412 562 799	CFB12332
GET REEL Robert PEARSON	CUSTOM 6.8 Metres	0401 107 073	MNS1164
GLAUCUS Jason PEPPER	CARIBBEAN 10.66 Metres	0412 635 014	AIF647N
JENNA Sam BRIDGE	TRAILCRAFT 5.8 Metres	0434 252 692	IBF006N
KAOS Peter WILLIAMS	RIVIERA 16.45 Metres	0411 018 834	QU871QN
MEGABITE II Frederick WRAIGHT	RIVIERA 10.1 Metres	0418 679 211	AHT415N
MOVIN ON Stephen MARSHALL	DEEP VEE 10.4 Metres	0427 106 682	5M700N
MUTTLEY Matthew LOJSZCZYK	CRUISE CRAFT 6.25 Metres	0412 689 011	MM625N
NOTHIN SUSS Kane HARTCHER	SUPER SPORT 6.8 Metres	0427 707 843	AEF672N
OUTWIDE Tony CECCATO	BROADBILL 7.0 Metres	0418 462 144	AAN238N
PHOENIX David TUBMAN	HAINES HUNTER 5.8 Metres	0438 475 909	ABM747N
PIDORI Andrew GIBLIN	BARCRUSHER 6.15 Metres	0427 282 083	AIT639N





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2019—2020 Boat Register

Boat Name Skipper Name	Boat Make Boat Size	Boat Mobile No	Boat Registration No
PUBLIC ENEMY Luke SWEETMAN	CARIBBEAN 7 Metres	0412 731 100	KILLN
REEL ISSUES Jared BANEK	PRECISION 17.67 Metres	0407 575 313	RF854Q
SEAKA Jeffrey THOMPSON	CARIBBEAN 12.19 Metres	0427 104 414	JT3265N
SEND IT Shane GAGELAR	CLARK 5.1 Metres	0407 943 53	AIR105N
SIDE EFFECT Lee HARKNESS	CARIBBEAN 7.02 Metres	0487 990 001	EFFECTRN
SNACK PACK Jason MCCLOY	GRADY WHITE 6.4 Metres	0408 418 730	AKF964N
THE MISTRESS Petrus L.L KUNZ	RAZER LINE 6.6 Metres	0455 505 803	AJP625N
TRUE GRIT Brent HANCOCK	TOURNAMENT 6.25 Metres	0447 842 143	AIH374N
TUFF N UP Andrew TUXFORD	SOUTHWIND 6.4 Metres	0409 946 793	PSJN
WET DREAM Greg SCOTT	CRUISE CRAFT OUTSIDER 5.75 Metres	0413 339 066	IBK245N
WHITEDOG Josh SOWTER	CRUISE CRAFTT 7 Metres	0432 223 189	AIH978N

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Detailed of Major Point Score Report

Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Cat	Date/Time	Species	L/C	Points	Location/Boat
Kane HARTCHER	M	19-10-19 17.00	Yellowtail Tuna	15	290	Port Stephens/Nothin Suss
Shane GAGELER	M	20-10-19 17.00	Striped Marlin	37	8500	Port Stephens/Whitedog

Summary of Major Point Score Report

Tag & Release Angler Points

Name	Category	Count Back	Points	Boat
Shane GAGELER	Male	20-10-19 17.00	8500	Whitedog
Kane HARTCHER	Male	19-10-19 17.00	290	Nothin Suss

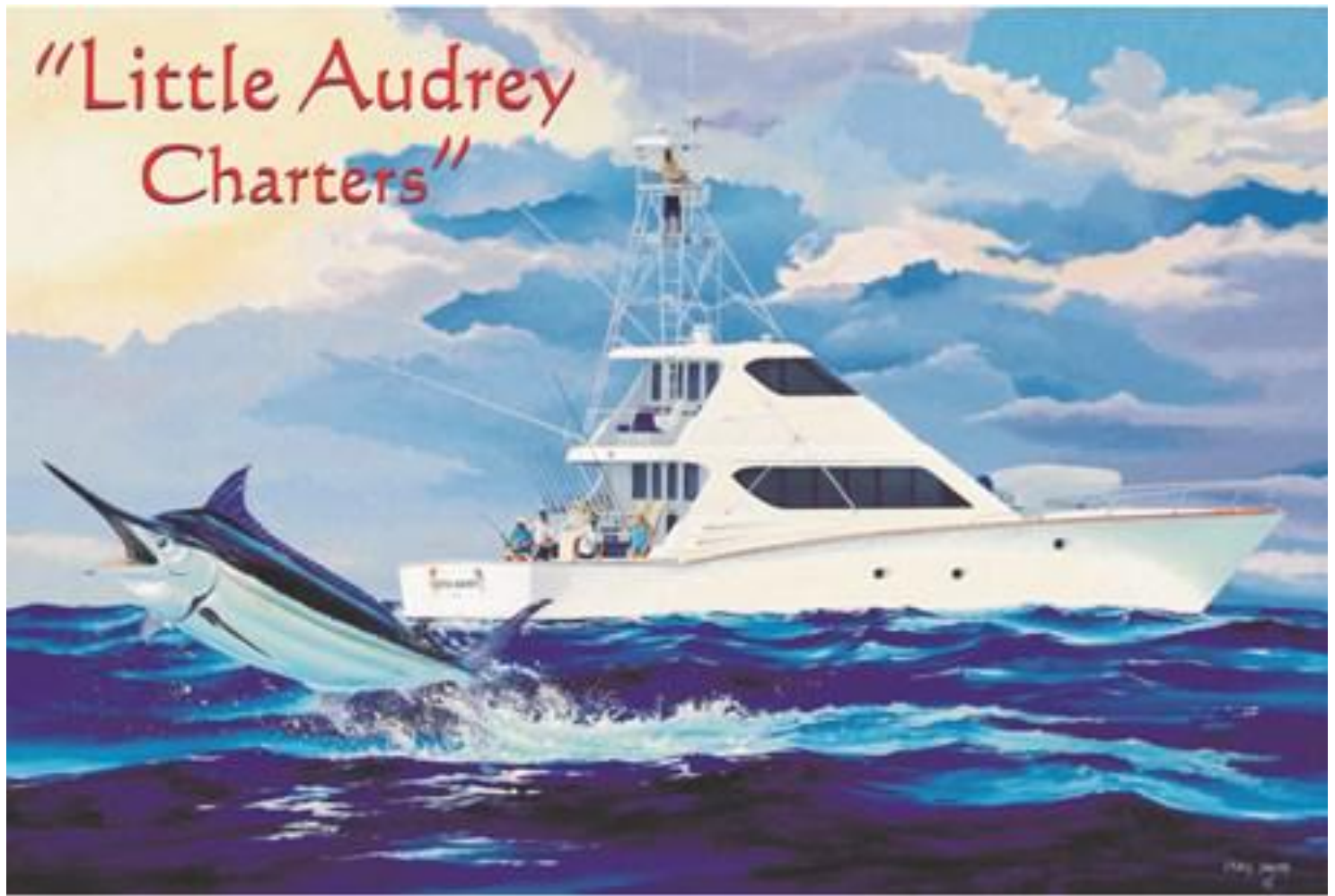
Summary of Major Point Score Report

Tag & Release Boat Points

Boat	Skipper	Count Back	Points
WHITEDOG	Josh SOWTER	20-10-19 17.00	8500
NOTHIN SUSS	Kane HARTCHER	19-10-19 17.00	290

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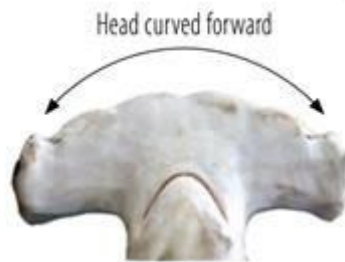
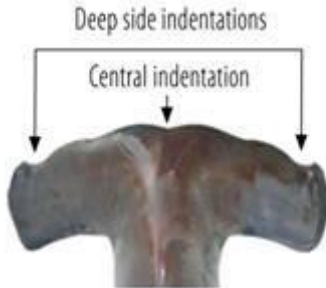
THE BEST BEHIND YOU



A QUICK GUIDE TO IDENTIFYING HAMMERHEAD SHARKS

SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD SHARK (*Sphyrna lewini*)

STATUS IN NSW: **ENDANGERED**



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IN NSW

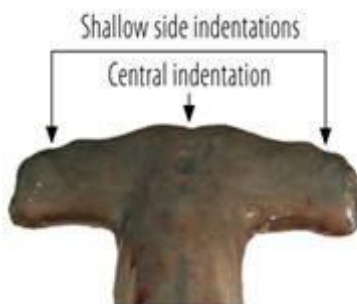
Grows to
3.5m



Scalloped Hammerhead Shark,
Photo by Frederic Buyle

GREAT HAMMERHEAD SHARK (*Sphyrna mokarran*)

STATUS IN NSW: **VULNERABLE**



NO CATCH
PERMITTED
IN NSW

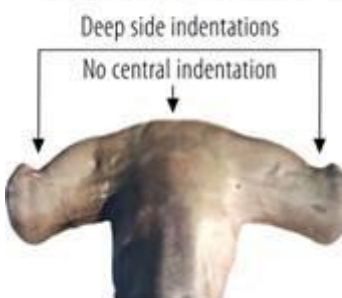
Grows to
6m



Great Hammerhead Shark,
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SMOOTH HAMMERHEAD SHARK (*Sphyrna zygaena*)

STATUS IN NSW: **NOT THREATENED OR PROTECTED**



CATCH
PERMITTED
IN NSW

Grows to
3.5m



Smooth Hammerhead Shark,
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Hammerhead Shark head photos by Alexander Wray-Barnes; Paul Butcher NSW DPI; Alastair Harry, Fishing & Fisheries Research Centre, James Cook University; and CSIRO Australian National Fish Collection



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT A SIGHTING OF A THREATENED SPECIES

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Page is for financial fishing members of Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club

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Hammerhead Fishing Charters

CASUAL DECKHAND REQUIRED

LOCAL PRIVATE FISHING CHARTER BUSINESS IS LOOKING FOR A DECKHAND.

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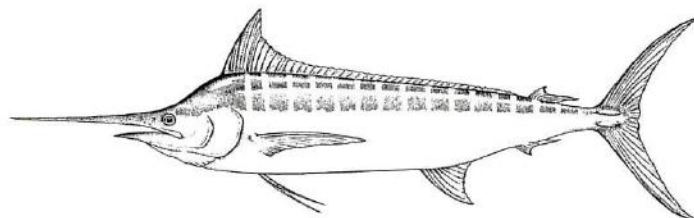
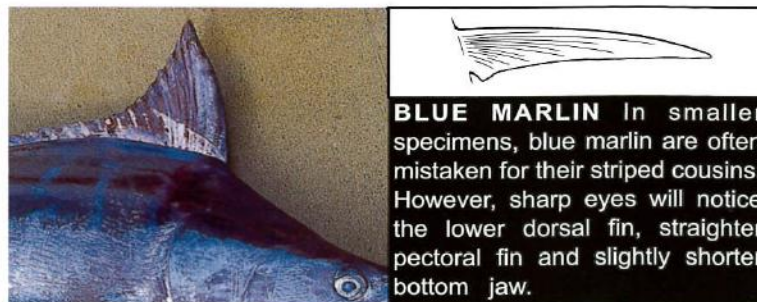
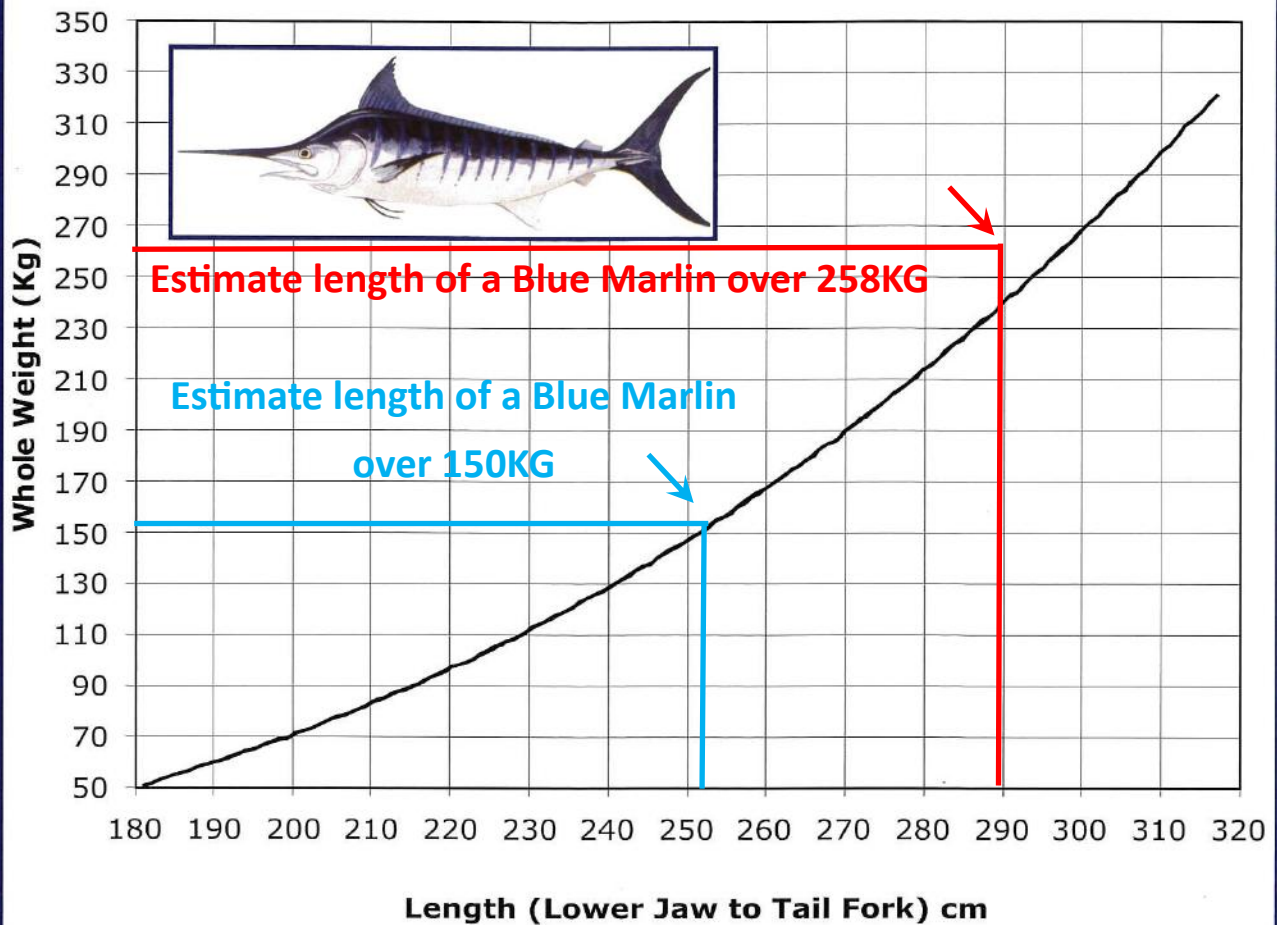
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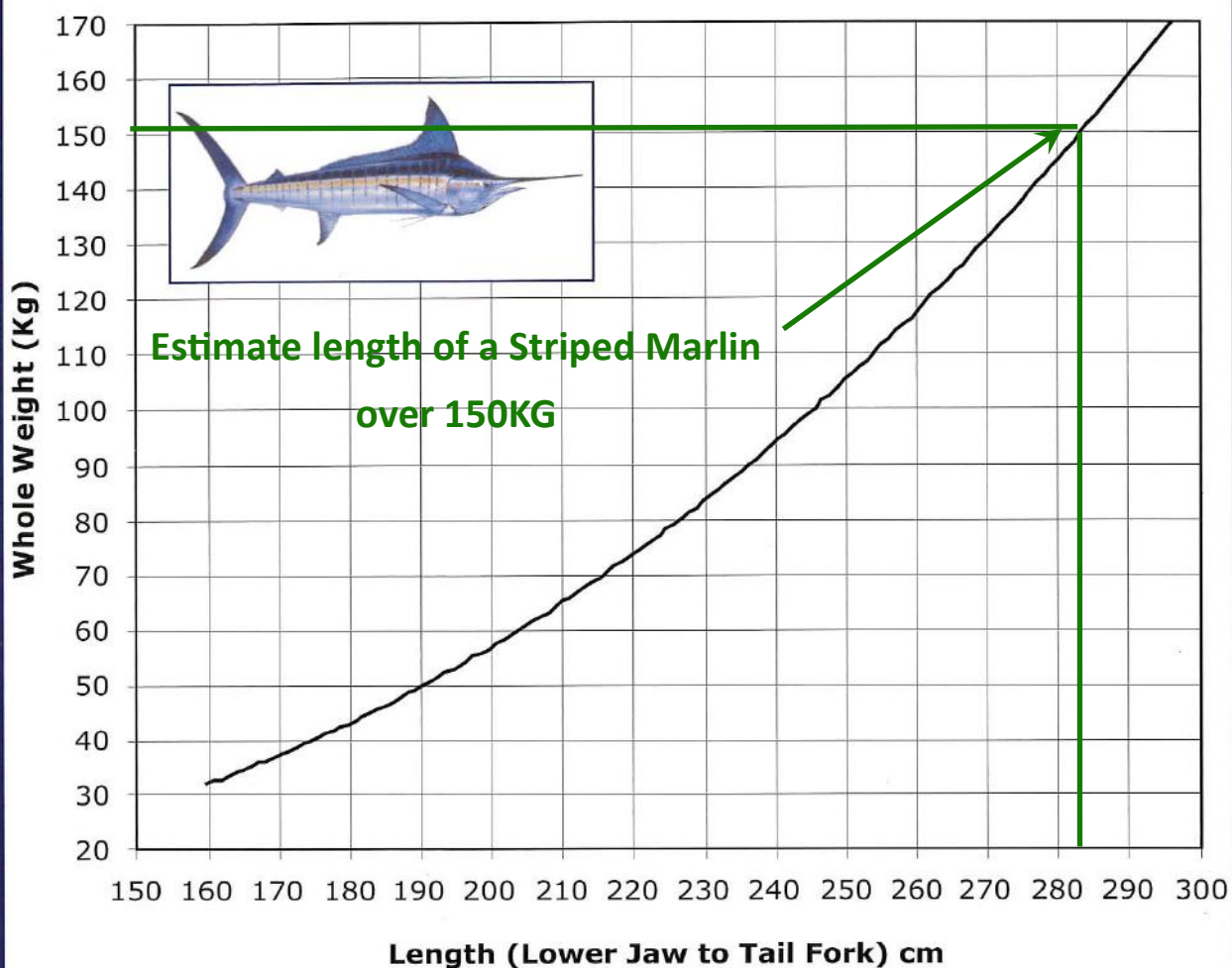
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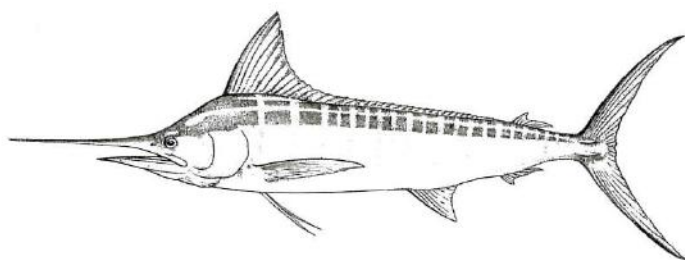
Blue Marlin Length/Weight Curve



Striped Marlin Length Weight Curve



STRIPED MARLIN Out of the three, the striped marlin has the highest dorsal fin, which helps to distinguish it from the very similar blue. Stripes also have a longer lower jaw and leaf-shaped pectoral fins.



Club Fishing Rule Update

There is a small change to fish rule 9 (b)

9. FISHING AREAS FOR CLUB POINT SCORES & TROPHIES

(a) Must be within one (1) days travelling and return time from the ports of Newcastle or Port Stephens. Boats must leave from, and return to, the above ports on the day of capture/tag & release.

(b) Anglers and boats fishing away from home ports of Newcastle or Port Stephens competing in a sanctioned inter-club competition in NSW shall be entitled to all major point score trophies excluding 9.e ***(this rule applies for a registered club member on board a registered club boat)***

(c) Fish hooked during the fishing hours of the sanctioned tournament may be fought out and will count for all major point score regardless of any cut off time at the weigh station for that tournament.

(d) Boats may depart from Broughton Island.

(e) First and last point scoring fish trophies, first and last marlin trophies, you must leave and return to your home port of Port Stephens



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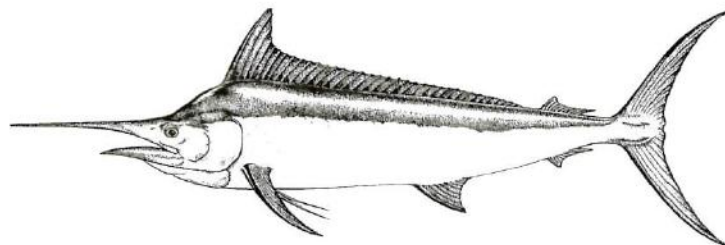
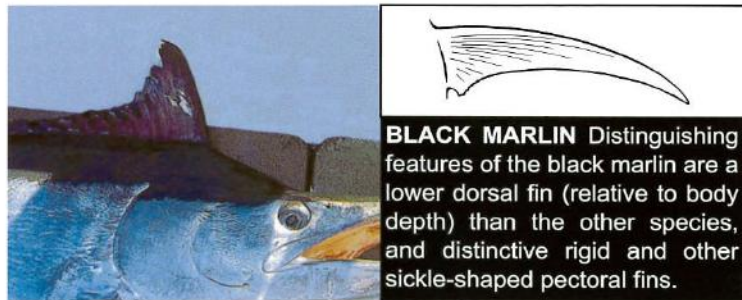
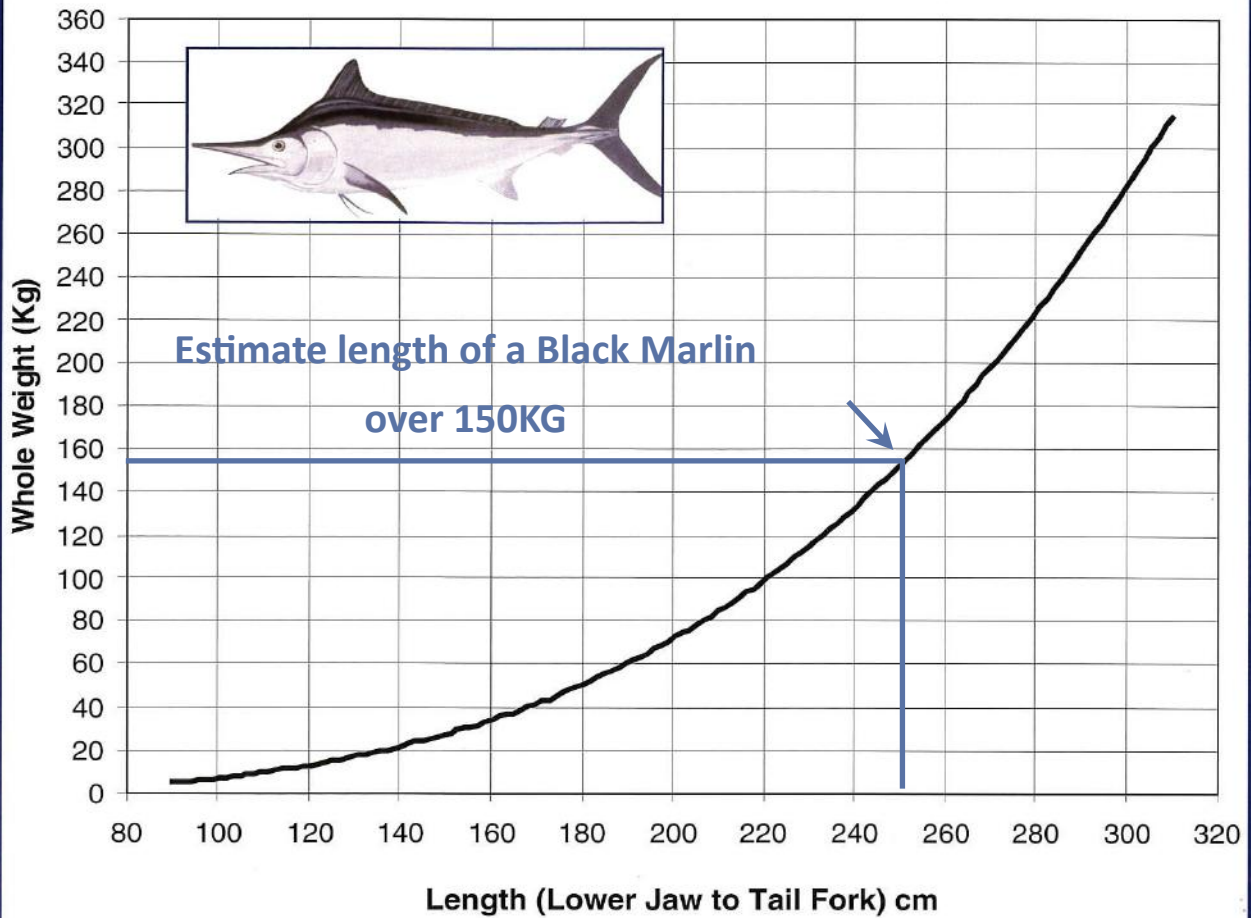
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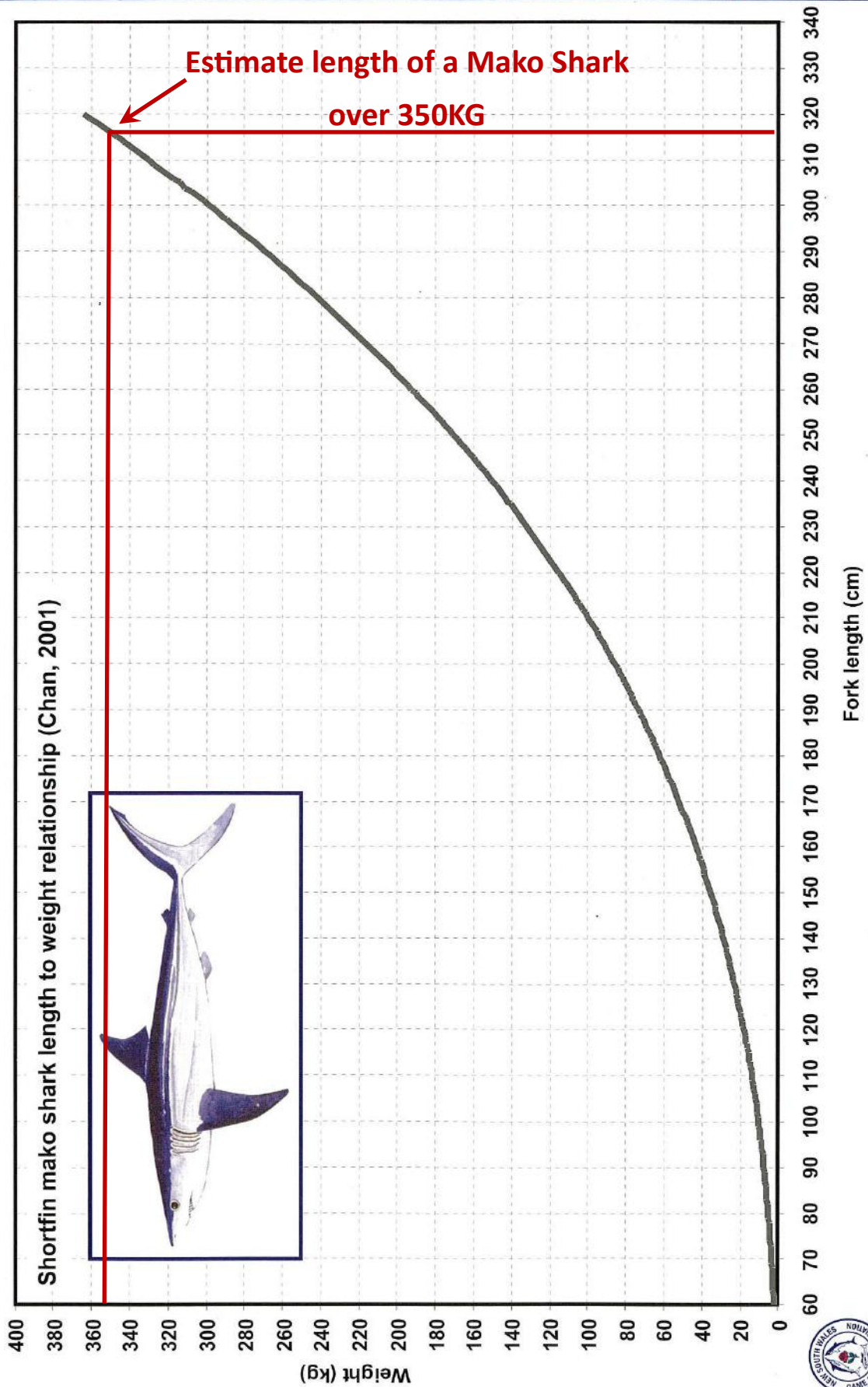
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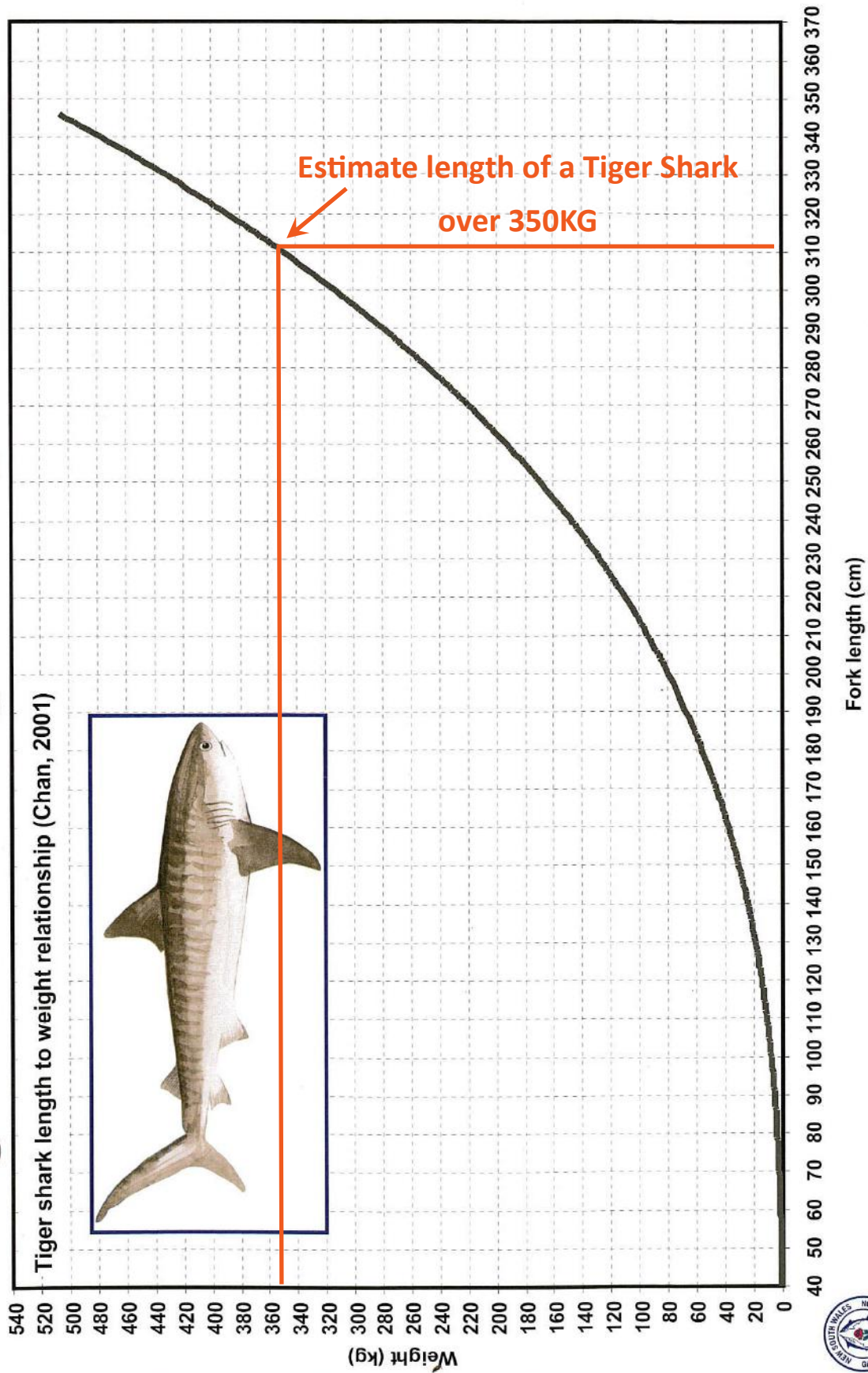
Black Marlin Length Weight Curve



Mako Shark Length Weight Curves



Tiger Shark Length Weight Curves





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

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.....



How to make a tag pole

Attach the tag applicator to the end of a broom handle or similar pole.

For billfish and shark applicators, drill a small hole in the end of the pole and secure the applicator in position using strong epoxy based glue. Pelagic applicators are generally whipped to the end of the pole using nylon line and again secured with glue.

For billfish, ensure that approximately 75mm* of the applicator needle is exposed to ensure that tags are inserted the correct depth into the fish. For sharks and other game fish, ensure that approximately 50mm* of



Billfish tag



Pelagic tag



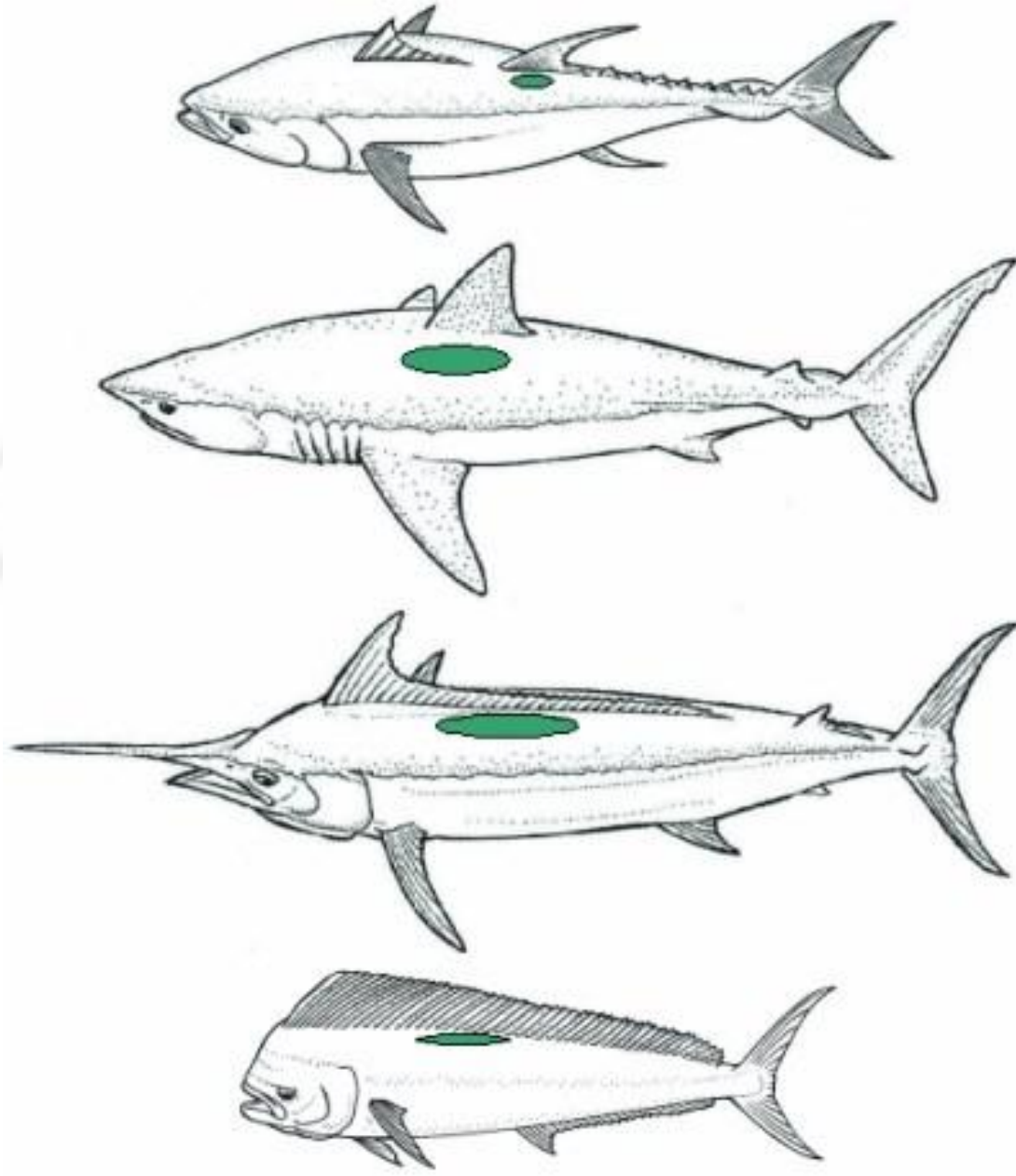
Shark tag

**Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) guidelines specify that the tag needle for the billfish only tag must not protrude more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 8mm in diameter. The tag needle used for sharks and other game fish must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in diameter.*



Recommended tagging areas

The images below show the recommended tagging areas on game fish:



How to tag game fish using the billfish and shark tags

Billfish and shark tags are designed to lock into muscle tissue on the dorsal area of the fish, well above the lateral line. It is important to insert the tag to the correct depth - ~75mm for the billfish tag and ~50mm for the shark tag. Shallow or incorrectly placed tags may result in premature tag loss.

Once the angler brings the fish within range, the fish should be traced and led alongside the boat so that it presents a broad tagging target. It is usually best to keep the boat moving slowly forwards to enable better control of the fish.



Once the fish is in position for tagging, the person handling the tag pole should take position behind the person tracing the fish to allow for a clear tag shot.



An attempt to apply the tag should only be made if the fish is calm or subdued. The tag should be placed towards the middle of the fish, well above the lateral line towards the dorsal fin (See recommended areas above). For billfish and most sportfish, the fish should be tagged with a firm, well-aimed stroke - simply place the tag against the fish's flank and push. Do not stab. Sharks will require a firm jab in order to penetrate their tough skin.



Once the tag has been placed, remove the hook if possible (a de-hooker can facilitate this) or cut the trace close to the fish's mouth.



Revive any fish that appear to be exhausted or are struggling to remain upright in the water.

A commonly used approach for billfish is to hold the fish firmly by its submerged bill whilst the boat moves forwards at 2 to 3 knots. This ensures a good flow of water over the fish's gills. The fish should only be released when it shows strong signs of life and displays improved skin colour, which may take several minutes or more. Exercise caution, especially in rough weather. Alternatively, use a snooter. This is a safe and effective tool for reviving billfish.



What to do if you catch a tagged fish

Whenever you catch a fish, examine the dorsal area of both sides of the fish to see if a tag is present. The tags may only be just showing or may be obscured by marine growth if they have been in the fish for a long time.

If you catch a billfish, shark, tuna or other listed sportfish that is already tagged, carefully record the tag number or cut off the old tag and re-tag the fish with a new tag. Tags that look old may indicate that the fish have been at large for a long time and these long-term recaptures are particularly valuable.

Record all recovery information on the new tag card, if you don't have a new tag, you may release the fish again with the same tag. Please ensure that you record the tag number, species, date, location and GPS co-ordinates, estimated size (or actual size if landed) and condition of fish on release. If you decide to take the fish, record the capture details on the attached tear-off slip.

One other point regarding reporting recaptures of tagged fish should be kept in mind. In these days of nearly 100% release of game fish, previously tagged fish are quite often caught and re-released without being able to retrieve the earlier tag. If you do hook and release a fish which has a tag in place, and you are not able to retrieve the tag, you should still record the details (even though the tag number is unknown) and report the release to NSW DPI as a genuine recapture. In this way, better statistics on actual recapture rates of game fish will be able to be maintained.

Tagging tips

- Use non-offset circle hooks whenever possible when using live or dead baits. These hooks minimise deep hooking, foul hooking and bleeding and promote the survival of tagged fish.
- Elect one crew member as the person in charge of the tagging equipment, to ensure that:
 - the number of the tag in position on the tag pole matches that on the tag card
 - details of the tagging are promptly recorded on the card
 - the card is handed to the fishing club recorder or mailed to NSW DPI as soon as possible.
- Keep your tag cards in an orderly bundle. This will help to ensure that tags do not become loose and fall out of their corresponding tag card
- Load your tagging pole with a tag before you hook a fish to ensure that it is attached properly and is readily available whenever you wish to tag a fish.
- Make sure the billfish tag head fits neatly onto the applicator without being too tight as the tag may break before releasing into the fish. The shark tag head must protrude past the end of the applicator, this is vital as it is the tip of the tag head that penetrates the sharks tough skin. If the applicator is too long, then it can be filed down. Pelagic applicators may sometimes have rough edges inside the tube at either end. Try pulling a tag in and out to make sure the edges do not catch the tag, if they do, a small round file will take the rough edges off. If you do not do this then the applicator may cut the tag off as it goes into the fish.
- Tags should be secured on tag poles with a rubber band, one wrap of the band is sufficient as too many may stop the tag releasing.
- Check the length of your tag applicator. ~75mm for the billfish tag is the optimal length for most billfish—this ensures that the tag is placed at the correct depth and reduces the risk of the tag being shed by the fish. For the shark tag this depth is ~50mm and for the pelagic tag the depth varies with the size of the fish but can be up to 50mm.
- Do not attempt to tag very active fish, especially if the fish is jumping at the side of the boat. Poor tag placement can injure fish or result in the tag being shed. It is better to release the fish without tagging, if accurate tag placement is not possible



Non-offset circle hooks are recommended



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2020 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT ENTRY FORM

Saturday 15TH & Sunday 16TH February 2020

Port Stephens NSW Australia

APPLICATION TO ENTER



We will be representing:.....Club

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

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

Team Captain (1) (Surname):..... (First Name):.....

Owners Home Address:.....

Contact number in Port Stephens:.....

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

TEAM MEMBERS

2:	CLUB:	SENIOR	JUNIOR:
3:	CLUB:	SENIOR	JUNIOR:
4:	CLUB:	SENIOR	JUNIOR:
5:	CLUB:	SENIOR	JUNIOR:
6:	CLUB:	SENIOR	JUNIOR:

For additional anglers, please copy form

INSURANCE DETAILS

Name of Insurers:..... 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 with the Tag & Release and Capture Rules as published by G.F.A.A., NSWGFA and the Rules for this Tournaments, as issued, with the understanding that any classifications I desire will be furnished in writing by the Tournament Committee before the competition.

Captains Signature

Shirt Sizes	
Size	QTY
XS	<input type="text"/>
S	<input type="text"/>
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..... : Number of Adult Anglers @ \$200.00 each

..... : Number of Junior Anglers @ \$75.00 each

Juniors: Note: \$75.00 entry includes fishing pack & entry to presentation

..... : Additional Presentation Tickets @ \$75.00 each

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

HEAVIEST PACIFIC BLUE MARLIN EXCEEDING 258KG CATERGORY

..... : \$200 Per Boat – See Tournament Rules Page 6 for Terms & Conditions of Entry

\$..... : Total

Pre-purchase of additional tickets will ensure table allocation if seats are available.
No guarantee can be given to bookings not made with Entry Form due to limited seating.
Cheques are to be made payable to Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd.

Please address all correspondence to The Tournament Secretary

55a Shoal Bay Rd, Shoal Bay NSW 2315 email: nigel@npsgfc.com Phone: 02 4981 0021

(Maximum Cash Payout for any boat competing in the tournament is \$200,000)

Mark Hughes Foundation Donation – In memory of Tony Conaghan: \$.....

DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 637 000

A/C: 715 117 320

REFERENCE: BOAT NAME

No refunds after 14TH January 2020. (Tournament Committee discretion)

ENTRIES CLOSE – 14TH January 2020 at 5 pm

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

Late Entry Fee will be strictly adhered to.

Early Bird Entry Draw

Submit your entry with payment by 14TH January 2020 to go into the draw to win free entry into the 2021 Tournament.
Maximum 4 Anglers (Prize valued at \$800). The draw will take place on Friday 14TH February 2020 on the night of the briefing.

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






2020 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: Moored at:
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

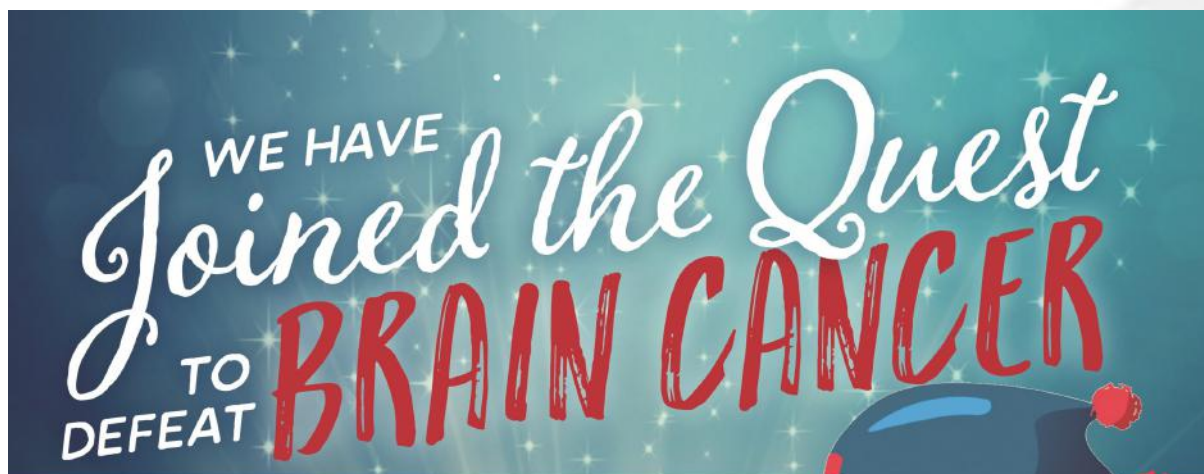
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Life Buoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type:	Colour:	No:
Life Jackets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type:	Colour:	No:
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Depth Sounder	<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

Policy Number: Expiry Date:

Signature _____ Date _____





IN MEMORY OF TONY CONAGHAN

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If you would like to donate any items for the Raffle
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All proceeds of the Raffle will go to the Mark Hughes Foundation





2020 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

**Saturday 15TH & Sunday 16TH February
PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA**

Hosted by: Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd

*Where It All Began in
1913 Est. 1929*

*President: Troy Radford
Phone: Mobile 0439 012 714
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Email: nigel@npsgfc.com*

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

THE TOURNAMENT RULES

1. THE TOURNAMENT

The competition will be held over two days Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2020.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

President	NPSGFC	Troy Radford	0439 012 714
Director	NPSGFC	Peter Simpson	0413 754 903
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.

Garmin Billfish Shootout Minimum Weights – see below

Species eligible for Capture in the tournament are Marlin. Note: Marlin - exceeding 150kg on any line class.

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, Broad-bill Swordfish & Short Bill Spearfish.

Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin exceeding 258kg Category

Species eligible for Capture in the tournament is Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin exceeding 258kg on any line class

See Terms & Conditions on page 6

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.

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CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION
A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or



3. ENTRIES

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 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

2020 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

The Team Captain, skipper & 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 metres 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 **\$200.00 (Inc. GST)** for each competing adult angler and **\$75.00 (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, and trophy presentation function and dinner. Each junior will receive a Fishing Pack (in addition to the inclusion listed above for registered adult anglers).

HEAVIEST PACIFIC BLUE MARLIN EXCEEDING 258KG CATEGORY (\$200,000 AUD Prize Money)

You must be entered in the 2020 Garmin Billfish Shootout to be eligible to enter the Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin exceeding 258kg Category.

A separate fee of **\$200** per boat is payable for entry into the Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin over 258kg Category. Please complete the entry form if you wish to enter the Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin exceeding 258kg category.

Tournament Terms & Conditions for the Heaviest Pacific Blue Marlin exceeding 258kg Category can be found on page 8.

Late entries

Entries close on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 5 pm. 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 Friday 14th February 2020.

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

4. FISHING DAYS & TIMES

8.00am to 5.00pm Saturday 15th, 8.00am to 4.00pm Sunday 16th February 2020.

Boats cannot commence burleying, trolling or fishing before the Radio Operator announces the official start of fishing at 8:00 am. **(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), maybe 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 as long as the tag card/capture is at the weigh station by 6 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 Saturday 15th February but CANNOT commence burleying, trolling or fishing until:

The Radio Operator announces the official start of fishing at 8:00 am, AND

The boat is located within the prescribed fishing area (tournament boundary).

7. RETURN TO PORT

On Saturday 15th February, ALL boats must return to the Club's port at Port Stephens and leave the Club's port at Port Stephens on Sunday 16th February 2020. 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 effect 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



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 Friday 14th February 2020 at West's Nelson Bay, 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**). Tournament bags for these vessels will be available from the tag return and weigh station on day 1.

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 VHF, and 27.940 MHz.
The scheduled times will be Saturday at 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 5.10pm, Sunday 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm. 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 in to 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, 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, SATURDAY – 5.00PM AND SUNDAY 4.00PM, 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 16th February no later than 6.00pm 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 6.00pm 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.

22. BOAT / ANGLER REPLACEMENT

No replacement of boats or anglers for whatever reason will be allowed after the conclusion of entries on Friday 14th February 7.00 pm **(Any alterations and additions to entry form can be made at the briefing)**. Anglers may only effect 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 Wests Nelson Bay, Sunday 16th February 2020, commencing at 7:30 pm. Additional Trophy Presentation tickets are limited, they are available only by prior arrangement on the entry form.

24. 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 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 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. **In case of bad weather, the tournament committee reserves the right to change dates of the tournament. (Refunds are at the discretion of the tournament committee)**

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 is 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)



HEAVIEST PACIFIC BLUE MARLIN EXCEEDING 258KG CATEGORY

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIZE PAYMENT:

a. In order to be eligible for a prize, the specified fish must be caught in accordance to all state and federal rules; in the manner prescribed by the International Game Fish Association ("IGFA") international angling rules; and all other rules contained herein. Any variance in this condition must be with the express written consent prior to the start of the Promotion.

b. A winning fish must be the largest to exceed the specified weight in Item 2.d., measured in kilograms unless. No "ties" will be honoured, in the event of a tie, a winner will be determined by the earliest time of capture recorded (on countback) of the first **eligible pacific blue marlin exceeding 258kg**.

c. All tournament waters must have been open to the public for fishing at least one (1) year immediately prior to the tournament and must be definitively specified in Client's Official Promotion Rules. In the event a fish is hooked by an eligible angler prior to the cut-off time, the eligible Angler may continue to play the fish until captured without penalty.

d. Eligible species of fish: **Pacific Blue Marlin | Exceeding a weight of 258 Kgs.**

e. Eligible tournament waters: Those waters off **Newcastle Port Stephens**, Australia as allowed by tournament rules.

f. All anglers must be pre-registered.

g. Only six (6) lines per boat may be used at any one (1) time. Tackle make and size may be the option of the angler.

h. Requisite Qualifications for Prize Award:

i. Eligible species of fish exceeding the specified weight in Item 2.d. must be caught by an official entrant (who must be an eligible contestant) in the Fishing Tournament during the Promotion dates and times.

ii. In order to be eligible, the fish must ultimately be certified by an approved certified agency as exceeding the weight specified in Item 2.d.

iii. All boats with visual recording equipment installed must be prepared to submit all visual recordings if requested.

vi. NPSGFC must visually record each winning weight and such recording must show

(i) the fish being weighed, **(ii)** the scales and **(iii)** the official weight of the fish.

vi. NPSGFC must provide two (2) objective witnesses to the official weight of fish. Witnesses' information and signatures must be provided.

i. Eligible Contestants: Only those participants officially entered in the Fishing Tournament who comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract and NPSGFC's official promotion rules shall be eligible to compete for a prize. In the event of a claim, NPSGFC may be required to provide an official list of registered entrants in the Fishing Tournament.

j. In order for a prize to be awarded, NPSGFC must submit official verification from the appropriate Tournament Official stating the fish caught was the largest to exceed the specified weight designated by NPSGFC in Item 2.d.



2020 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

Trophy List

Major Prize (Capture) Heaviest Marlin

Exceeding 150KG

\$12,500

Major Prize (Capture) Heaviest Shark

Exceeding 350KG

\$12,500

Major Team Prize (Tag & Release)

\$12,500

(Accumulative point Score of Marlin & other Billfish)



2020 GARMIN BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

Trophy List

Tag & Release Team Prizes

Champion Team 1 - \$12,5000

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

(Maximum cash payout for T&R winners is \$12500.00)

Champion T&R Boat under 8 Metres

\$5,000

(Accumulative point Score of Marlin & other Billfish)

(Maximum Cash payout for any boat competing in the tournament is \$200,000)

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Marlin Fishing in Australia

The first Black Marlin ever caught on rod and reel was landed by a Sydney-based doctor fishing from Port Stephens, New South Wales, in 1913. Nowadays, the east coast of Australia is a mecca for Marlin fishing, with Blue and Black Marlin frequently caught on fishing charters in this area. While fishing for Marlin is often successful from Cairns, Sydney and Port Stephens, Marlin fishing on the Gold Coast around Main Beach is the most productive in terms of numbers.

The Great Barrier Reef is the only confirmed breeding ground for Black Marlin, making eastern Australia one of the most popular Black Marlin fishing destinations in the world. Cairns boasts of being the world capital of Marlin fishing, and anglers flock to the area from September to December to try their hand at catching the fish of a lifetime.



It doesn't stop there though: the Black Marlin then move south towards Port Stephens, where the season stretches out through March. Port Stephens is famous for being the site of the Southern Hemisphere's largest Billfish tournament, the Garmin Billfish Shootout, which takes place in early February.

Marlin are also common on the west coast of Australia, with Exmouth, Broome and Rottnest Island off Perth all important and highly productive Marlin fishing spots.

A mere 1200 miles offshore to the east of Australia lies a magical Marlin hotspot: Vanuatu, a chain of 80 idyllic islands in the South Pacific. This paradise offers Blue Marlin fishing all year round, although it's best May through November. Black Marlin are around in the same period, and Striped Marlin are best August through November.



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WINNERS

Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC 60th Anniversary Trophy

*Heaviest Broadbill Swordfish captured on any line class up to
and including 60kg*

Stephanie Van Herp
123.3kg Broadbill Swordfish on 37kg Line



Peter Goadby Tag & Release Trophy
Club scoring highest points for Tag & Release

Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
1,555,360 Points

N&PSGFC President Troy Radford accepting the trophy on
behalf of the club

Geoffrey Woolley Memorial Trophy

*For the Senior Angler with the Most Meritorious
Achievement in either Capture or Tag & Release*

Andrew Pattie

N&PSGFC President Troy Radford accepting the trophy on
behalf of Andrew Pattie



NSWGFA COASTAL WATERS **TROPHY**

CHICKEN O'THE WALK

Zone scoring the Highest Total Junior/Small Fry
Angler points for Captures in 8 categories

NORTHERN ZONE
52 POINTS





BOAT ENTRY FORM

2020 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament
Briefing 20th February
Fishing Days 21st to 23rd February 2020
Port Stephens, NSW

NSWGFA USE ONLY

Entries close with your Club Secretary – 14th January 2020

A late entry fee of \$100 may apply if entries not received by this date.

Any incomplete or incorrect entry form will be returned & will incur a late fee

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.....

Note: Entry Fee DOES NOT include Presentation Dinner Ticket or Tournament Shirts

Number of Adult Anglers..... @ \$ 100.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Junior Anglers..... @ \$ 30.00 pp. \$.....

Number of Small Fry Anglers..... @ \$ 30.00 pp \$.....

Balance of Fees (vessel under 8m) to bring minimum entry fee to \$200.00 \$.....

Balance of Fees (vessel over 8m) to bring minimum entry fee to \$300.00 \$.....

After 14th January 2020– Late Entry Fee is may be applicable \$100.00 \$.....

PRESENTATION DINNER Number of Adults..... @ \$55.00 pp. \$.....

Juniors (under 16yrs)..... @ \$35.00 pp. \$.....

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS TO BE ORDERED ONLINE AND PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF ORDERING THROUGH THE ONLINE CHECKOUT – TO ORDER GO TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS www.nswgfa.com.au/shop

GRAND TOTAL – All prices include GST – Tournament Entry and Dinner Tickets

TOTAL \$.....



2020 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) & Names

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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.....



Newcastle & Port
Stephens Game Fish Club Inc

JAWS

NOVEMBER 2019

