



Sydney Game Fishing Club

Geoff Woolley Memorial Monster Mako Tournament 2017



Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2017

TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

1. Entries

Teams should forward fully completed entry forms and fees to Sydney Game Fishing Club no later than 3:00pm on Friday preceding the tournament start date by post, fax or email.

Entry is \$80 for adult anglers and \$35 for junior anglers. Both amounts are inclusive of GST.

The entry fee includes Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast for competing anglers. Boats may return to their home port on Sunday night.

2. Fishing Days and Times

Saturday 5th August and Sunday 6th August. Fishing will start at 7:00am and fishing will end at 4:00pm on each day.

Late hooks ups on both days must be reported before the 4.00pm cut off time, but there is no time limit on the fighting of these fish.

3. Tackle

Note that this is specifically a **15kg line class & circle hook only tournament**. All rods, reels, lines, tackle, gaffs, and gaff ropes used in effecting a capture must be ready for presentation at the weigh station with captures or submission of Tag & Release cards

4. Fishing Area

The fishing area for the tournament is limited to Sydney GFC prescribed ocean waters, which essentially extend from Norah Head to Wollongong Lighthouse and 60 nautical miles seawards from the NSW Coastline.

5. Teams

This tournament is open to teams comprised of anglers who are financial members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA or ANSA. Any ANSA member wishing to fish in a NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament, **MUST** fish on a NSWGFA Registered Boat. Proof of financial membership must be produced if requested.

There is a minimum of 2 anglers per team required for boats under 7 metres, and minimum of 3 anglers per team required for boats 7 metres and over.

6. EPIRB and Radios

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

7. Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of Sydney Game Fishing Club Ltd. If accepted they may attract the payment of a \$50.00 per boat late entry fee.

8. Replacement of boats and Competitors

Replacement of boats or competitors will not be allowed for any reason once fishing has commenced.

9. Seaworthiness of Boats

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat is completely seaworthy and meets NSW Maritime Authority safety standards and the safety standards of that owners Club.

10. Insurance

In accordance with NSWGFA/Central Zone directives, each competing vessel must carry public liability insurance with a recommended minimum cover of \$5 million. Details of the insurance cover in place must be included on the Boat Safety section of the entry form.

11. Leaving Port

Boats may fish from their home port on the Saturday however on Sunday are required to leave from the port of Sydney.

12. Return to Port

On Saturday of the tournament, all boats must return to Sydney GFC on completion of fishing and must report their sign-off on the radio when they enter port. If unable to make radio contact with the SGFC tournament base, they are to report to a Tournament Committee member on the weigh station or at the Club House before going to moorings.

On Sunday all boats may elect to return directly to their home port after fishing, but must still affect a sign-off with Tournament Base. Failure to report on your return will invoke a penalty. Boats which elect to continue fishing after-hours are to report that decision to SGFC tournament base, which will be accepted as a sign-off.

Boats returning to their home port on Sunday can weigh fish at their home club premises, but all tag cards and capture certificates for that day must be received by SGFC by 3:00pm on the Tuesday following the tournament. Tag cards and capture certificates may be sent by fax (02-9388-7087) or scanned and emailed to club@sgfc.com.au.

13. Radio Communications

Radio Skeds must be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournament" effective as at the time of the Tournament.

Tournament Base, or the nominated radio boat, will call each boat in number order on SSB 2284 or VHF Channel 21 on two hourly skeds commencing at 9:10am and a final sked at 4:10pm. The number of people onboard should be advised during the first sked for the day.

1. Boats are to report on each sked as follows–
 - a. Boat Number
 - b. Boat Name
 - c. Accurate fishing report using the "0-0-0" system – strikes, hook-ups, captures & angler name accurately. Line class does not need to be reported as tournament is 15kg line class only. If possible boats are to give suspected fish species for strikes and hookups not landed as well as for captures. Short Measurement of captured fish and accurate weight of captured fish must be reported in fishing report.
 - d. Position using Central Zone grid chart, and whether travelling, trolling, anchored or drifting. Please Note:
 - i. If any vessel is unable to fish on either competition day, it is a requirement that the SGFC tournament base be notified, either by radio or by telephone. Clubhouse telephone is 02-9337-5687.
 - ii. Should any vessel suffer total radio failure, the skipper must attempt to notify another vessel of the problem, and then MUST return immediately to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with SGFC tournament base at Watson's Bay.
 - iii. If vessel misses two (2) radio skeds, this will trigger the relevant safety authorities being informed.
 - iv. Captures and tags not reported or not reported accurately on each radio sked shall not be counted and shall not be eligible for trophies.
 - v. All boats are to report on EVERY sked. All boats must report to Base on returning to port. Radio silence must be observed for 10 minutes before the end of stop fishing to allow for report of late hook-ups. Fish caught subsequent to the last sked prior to the end of fishing should be radioed through to base at the time of the capture.
 - vi. There will be a 4:10pm sked and each boat is required to confirm their tally of weighable fish landed, tag & release results for the days fishing and expected time to arrive at designated returning port.

14. Bad Weather

If a "Gale Warning" or higher category of warning is issued after the commencement of fishing only those fish captured or tagged prior to, or at, the time fishing is cancelled will count in the tournament. Any fish still being played which are subsequently captured or tagged will not count for this tournament

The cancellation of fishing will only apply until the Gale warning is lifted (by BOM)

Note due to bad weather prior to the tournament the tournament may be moved back to another date to be confirmed by SGFC.

15. Tag and Release Line Class Points

Species	15kg Class
Sharks (min length of 100cm)	
Shark – Blue	2,875
Shark – Hammerhead (smooth only)	3,450
Shark – Mako (all)	3,450
Shark – Porbeagle	3,450
Shark – Thresher (all)	3,450
Shark – Tiger	3,450
Shark – Whaler (all)	3,450
Tuna – Other Game Fish	
Tuna – Albacore	575
Tuna – Longtail	575
Tuna – Bigeye	1,150
Tuna – Dogtooth	1,150
Tuna – Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,150
Tuna – Yellowfin	1,150
Other Game Fish	
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	575
Wahoo	575
Yellowtail Kingfish – min length 70cm	290
Cobia	29
Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	29
Junior /Small Fry (Personal points only)	
Kawa Kawa	12
Striped Tuna	12
Measure & Release (J/SF Personal points only)	
Yellowtail Kingfish- under 70cms	12

Great White Sharks: SGFC does NOT agree or support the tagging of Great White Sharks and they will not count in any way towards the results of this tournament.

SGFC notes that anglers who tag and release Great White Sharks will be doing so at their own risk and that the club will not accept any liability for any such actions. If you have any further questions regarding this issue please contact us directly.

16. Measure & Release

Yellowtail Kingfish under 70cms will apply for Junior & Small Fry Personal Points only and not boat points. Use measure & release cards.

17. Tag & Release

Kawa Kawa & Striped Tuna will apply for Junior & Small Fry Personal Points only and not boat points.

Juniors & Small Fry anglers can still tag & release Yellowtail kingfish over 70cm for T&R personal & boat points.

The maximum number of Yellowtail Kingfish and Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler is limited to five (5) of each species per day, with a maximum of ten (10) of each species per boat per day also applying.

Note only smooth headed Hammerhead sharks can be captured or tagged

All anglers must carry a Saltwater Fishing Licence if applicable. Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie up any vessel and to objects such as waveriders, FADs or fish trap buoys, and disqualification from the tournament may result for breaches of this fisheries regulation.

18. Eligible Species

Only Sharks, Tuna (and Other Game Fish for junior prizes) only will count in this tournament. Billfish species will not be counted.

19. Minimum weights for Adult Anglers

- Sharks: a minimum of 70kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 90kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 130kg on 60kg line class.
- Yellowfin 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 the line class in all cases.
- 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 the line class in all cases
- Other Game fish: minimum weight to be equal to line class

20. Minimum weight for junior and small fry anglers

- Sharks: a minimum of 60kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 120kg on 60kg line class.
- Yellowfin 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 the line class in all cases.
- 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 the line class in all cases.
- Other Game fish : minimum weight to be equal to line class

21. Circle Hook Definitions

A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook. If an imaginary line is drawn and follows the trajectory of the point of the hook to the shank - the angle made where the imaginary line crosses the shank should be 90 degrees or less.”



22. 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, boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all equipment used to affect the capture or tag & release and applicable paperwork.

23. Fish Handling

All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing. Competitors must not, without a tournament official's permission, clean or fillet fish or remove sharks jaws in the vicinity of the weigh station, nor at any time near any beaches or harbour foreshore area. Carcasses may be hung from boats overnight as long as they are discrete. Unwanted carcasses must be taken at least 2nm outside Sydney Heads and sunk on the day of capture or following morning.

In the event of any shark given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of skipper & crew. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification of fish against the offending boat. All boats are requested to empty burley pots on return to port at the end of fishing.

24. Tag & Release

To be eligible for scoring in the Tag & Release section of this competition, completed tag cards including capture sheet must be lodged as follows:

All Tag & Release cards must show the time the fish was tagged and released, and must be handed in at the weigh station to the weigh master on return to SGFC. If no time is included, the time will be recorded as 4:00pm, unless known to have been caught later.

Tag & Release cards and capture certificates must be transported by the boat that affected the capture on the Saturday. Tag and Release cards and capture certificates for Sunday will be accepted by fax (02-9388-7087) or scanned and emailed to club@sgfc.com.au until 3:00pm on the Tuesday following the tournament.

Fish must be fought according to NSWGFA rules and regulations to qualify for Tag & Release.

Terminal tackles to be supplied hook, trace, double and at least 3 meters of line.

In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

25. Protests

Any protest must be submitted in writing by the boat captain to the tournament committee. Protests must be submitted by 5:30pm on the fishing day concerned. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

26. Penalties

Will apply to both capture and tag & release points, as such for the following indiscretion

- Radios - failure to sign off, inappropriate language, loss off 5,000 Capture & T&R points for each breach.
- Excessive boat wash loss of 2,000 Capture and T&R Points for each breach
- Misconduct, breach of fisheries regulations, 2,000 Capture and T&R points for each breach

All penalties at the discretion of Committee up to and including disqualification from Tournament.

NOTE Sale of fish will lead to automatic disqualification from the tournament.

27. Saturday Night Dinner

Saturday dinner will be available at the clubhouse on Saturday evening. The cost of this is included within the entry fee for all registered anglers.

28. Sunday Breakfast

A cooked breakfast will be available at the clubhouse on Sunday morning. The cost of this is included within the entry fee for all registered anglers.

29. Presentation of Trophies

A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay prior to the SGFC's annual presentation day, details and dates are available on the SGFC website.

30. 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 through the tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament.

31. NSWGFA Rules

The rules & regulations of NSWGFA & GFAA By laws are available on the NSWGFA website

32. Indemnity

Sydney Game Fishing Club accepts no responsibility for the actions by entrants in this tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to property or persons during the tournament. In consideration of accepting this application to participate in the event, all competitors agree to release or indemnify Sydney Game Fishing Club, the Tournament Committee and any or all of their employees, servants, agents and voluntary workers against all claims proceedings or actions for loss or damage to property or person.

33. Prizes & Trophies

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories. The minimum prizes to be awarded in respect of each category will be displayed prominently in the clubhouse prior to commencement of fishing.

Prizes and Trophies		
1.	Heaviest Shark	Boat with Heaviest Mako Shark
2.	Most Sharks Tagged	Boat with Highest Number of Sharks Tagged
3.	Heaviest Tuna	Boat with Heaviest Tuna
4.	Most Tag Points - Tuna	Boat with Highest Accumulated Tuna Tag Points
5.	Champion Junior Angler – Capture	Highest Cumulative Points Scored of eligible species
6.	Champion Junior Angler – Tag and Release	Highest Cumulative Points Scored of eligible species
7.	Champion Small Fry Angler – Capture	Highest cumulative points scored by eligible species
8.	Champion Small Fry Angler – Tag and Release	Highest cumulative points scored by eligible species



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NSWGFA Rules apply

ENTRY DETAILS

Boat Name: _____ Club: _____

Boat Owner: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Mobile: _____ Vessel / Sat Phone: _____

ANGLER NAMES (please indicate if junior)

ENTRY FEES – under tournament rules there is a minimum of 2 anglers per boat under 7 meters and minimum 3 anglers per boat over 7 meters. There is no maximum number of anglers.

Adult Angler	No. of Anglers _____	@ \$80 each	\$ _____
Junior Angler	No. of Anglers _____	@ \$35 each	\$ _____
Total Entry Fee			\$ _____

PAYMENT

Total Cheque or Cash Herewith \$ _____

or

Charge My Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Amex

Card Number: _____ CCV: _____ Expiry: ____ / ____

Name on Card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgement: My crew and I agree to abide by all Tournament rules and all Tournament Committee decisions. I have completed the Safety Form overleaf. I confirm that the vessel described thereon meets or exceeds all relevant NSW Maritime Authority Safety Regulations and requirements for a vessel of its size. In addition, we agree that participation is at our own risk and that the holding of the Tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea in conditions beyond the capability of the craft or its crew.

Boat Captain Signed _____ Date _____

NOTE: Boating Safety Information Form must be completed on following page



Boat Safety Information Form

Owner / Captain **must** fill out the following information



DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

Boat Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Make: _____ Length: _____

Hull Colour: _____ Hull Material: _____

Deck Colour: _____ Superstructure Colour: _____

Distinctive Features or Markings: _____

COMMUNICATIONS

All craft must be equipped with the minimum radio channels 27.88 MHZ and 27.94 MHZ.

Radios **SSB HF** Yes No Frequencies: _____

VHF Yes No Frequencies: _____

27 MHZ Yes No Frequencies: _____

On board mobile number during Tournament: _____

INSURANCE

Insurer: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Details: _____

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