



Sydney Game Fishing Club

Geoff Woolley Memorial Monster Mako Tournament 2025

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September 2025

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 (secretary@sgfc.com.au).

Entry is \$400. Boat entry

The entry fee includes Sunday breakfast for competing boats, please note on entry form if you will be returning to SGFC Clubhouse on Saturday night.

Only Sydney Waters are eligible (refer Section 6) however boats can fish from their home port on both days if they wish (refer Section 14 & 15).

2. Briefing

There will be no formal briefing for this tournament. For any questions regarding this tournament please do not hesitate to contact the Club.

3. Presentation of Trophies

A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay on October 7th Tuesday night from 7pm

4. Fishing Days and Times

Fishing will start at 7:30am and end at 4:00pm on Saturday.

Fishing will start at 7:30am and end at 4:00pm on Sunday.

Late hooks ups on both days must be reported before the 4.00pm cut off time – refer to Section 17 for details of return to port and paperwork submission cutoff times.

Participants are to cease burleying at stop fishing at 4pm each day. No Burleying to take place before start fishing is called each day.

5. Tackle

All Line class is allowed for the tagging of sharks & Tuna

Note a 15kg line class only for the shark category Heaviest Mako on 15kg line over 150kg. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Saturday Night Dinner

Dinner will be available at the clubhouse on Saturday evening. The cost of this is not included in the entry fee.

9. 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.

10. Late Entries

Late entries will only be accepted 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.

11. Replacement of boats and Competitors

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

12. 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. There is a minimum boat size of 5.0 meters.

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

The Boat Safety Information Form must be filled out and provided with your Entry Form.

13. 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.

14. Leaving Port

Boats may elect to fish from their home port on the Saturday and Sunday.

15. Return to Port

Unless fighting a fish, which has been reported to SGFC during a radio SCHED, on Saturday of the Tournament, boats MUST return to either their home port or alternatively boats can come back to SGFC Clubhouse.

On Saturday and Sunday nights, regardless of destination, all boats must report their sign-off to Tournament Base on the radio when they enter their returning port.

Tournament Base must be notified of your planned return port each day.

Failure to report on your return may invoke a penalty at the absolute discretion of the Tournament Committee

16. 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.

17. Submission of Tags or Captures

Tag & Release cards, capture certificates and captured fish must be submitted on the day of capture or tag and must be brought to the weigh station aboard the vessel on which the fish had been fought. The transfer of fish, tag & release cards or capture certificates to another vessel or delivery of captured fish by a vehicle is not permitted.

The time of boating a fish must be noted on the capture certificate or Tag & Release card for consideration in the event of a count back. The time of Tag & Release is when the fish is released back into the water alive. If no time is detailed on the tag card, it will be recorded as the end of fishing for that day.

On Saturday there is no cut-off time for boats to return to port, however all tag and capture paperwork relevant to the days fishing must either be handed in directly at the SGFC weigh station or be emailed to SGFC (secretary@sgfc.com.au) before 8:00pm unless an alternative time has been specifically arranged with SGFC Tournament Base.

On Sunday all boats with fish to weigh or tag cards to present must be at their designated weigh station by 7:00pm and all tag and capture paperwork relevant to the days fishing must either be handed in directly at the SGFC weigh station or be emailed to SGFC (secretary@sgfc.com.au) before 8:00pm unless an alternative time has been specifically arranged with SGFC Tournament Base.

Boats may return to their home port on either night of the Tournament.

Please Note: the following additional rules apply to boats electing to return to a Port other than Sydney on either night

When weighing fish or submitting tag & release cards at a port other than Sydney Game Fishing Club, it is the skipper's responsibility to contact the relevant club's weighmaster before attending the weigh station, to ensure the weigh station they are attending has an Official Weigh Master available for verification.

Capture certificates and Tag & Release cards must be fully completed along with all tackle or equipment used in any Capture or Tag & Release including the terminal tackle, lures, hook(s), trace and double, tag pole or gaffs and must be submitted by water to the relevant club's weigh station and the Official Weigh Master of that club for inspection and verification of all equipment.

Photographic evidence of the fish (captures only), and the scale reading (captures only) must be included in the submission together with the Tag & Release Cards and signed Capture Certificates must then be electronically submitted via email to secretary@sgfc.com.au before the cut-off times as detailed above.

18. 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 VHF Channel 22 and will monitor Channel 82 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 & specify line class and angler name accurately. If possible, boats are to give suspected fish species for strikes and hook ups 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.

19. 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)

In the event that prior to the Tournament the weather looks unfishable the Tournament committee has the right to cancel and reschedule the Tournament at their discretion.

20. Fishing Rules

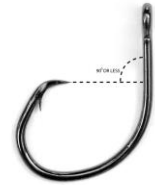
Fishing rules as published by GFAA and NSWGFAA (including NSWGFA minimum weights and point score system) shall prevail throughout the Tournament, which covers all eligible NSWGFA line classes and species. NSWGFA Tag & Release rules will apply. Current rules are available online at the NSWGFA website.

All anglers must carry a Saltwater Fishing License 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 wave-riders, FADs or fish trap buoys, and disqualification from the Tournament may result for breaches of this fisheries regulation.

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.

Circle Hooks are not compulsory there are however encouraged with the tagging of sharks.



22. Tackle

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.

The use of backing is permissible. (Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.) The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook.

23. Eligible Species

Only Sharks, Tuna only will count in this tournament. Billfish species will not be counted.

Note only Smooth Headed Hammerhead sharks can be captured or tagged.

24. Tag and Release Line Class Points

Line Class	4 – 10 kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
Sharks (min length of 100cm)					
Shark – Blue	3,125	2,875	2,300	2,125	1,875
Shark – Hammerhead (smooth 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)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
Tuna – Other Game Fish					
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
Junior /Small Fry (Personal points only)					
Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Striped Tuna	13	12	10	9	8

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.

25. 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 port. If no time is included, the time will be recorded as at close of fishing on the day the tag was made, unless known to have been caught later.
- 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.

Junior & Small Fry anglers can Tag & Release Kawa Kawa & Striped Tuna for Tag & Release personal points only and not boat points.

DPI minimum size limits apply to all tagged species.

26. Captures

Note Capture category for the Geoff Woolley Monster mako. Heaviest Mako shark on 15kg Minimum weight 150kg

- Yellowfin Tuna: 15kg online 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 online 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

Minimum weights for captures by junior and small fry anglers:

- Sharks: a minimum of 60kg online classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 120kg on 60kg line class.
- Yellowfin Tuna: 15kg online 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 online 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.

27. Protests

Any protest must be submitted in writing by the boat captain to the Tournament Committee. Protests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the fishing day concerned. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

28. 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 fish 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.

29. Conduct

It is expected 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. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

30. 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.

31. 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 on our Facebook page, prior to commencement of fishing.

Prizes and Trophies		
1.	Heaviest Mako Shark on 15kg line over 150kg	Boat with Heaviest Mako Shark over 150kg \$2,000
2.	Most Tag Points - Shark	Boat with Highest Accumulated Shark Tag points \$1,000 Cash & Vouchers
3.	Heaviest Tuna over 60kg	Boat with Heaviest Tuna \$1,000
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/ Small fry)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Number attending SGFC Clubhouse for dinner on Saturday night: _____

ENTRY FEES – under tournament rules there is a minimum of 2 anglers per boat.

Boat entry _____ @ \$400. each \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total Fee \$ _____

PAYMENT

\$ _____

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: Tournament Safety Rescue Information Form must be completed on following page

Tournament Safety Rescue Information Form

Boat Name _____ Registration Number _____

Boat on the Club Register of _____ GFC _____ 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 Number _____ Renewal Date _____

Vessel Moored/Garraged At _____

In the case of Trailer Boats - Trailer Registration Number _____

Emergency Contact Name (Not to be onboard vessel) _____

Boat Captains Address _____ Tel. _____

Boat Captains Mobile Number _____ Email _____

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

Boat Owners Address (if not the Boat Captain) _____

Note: Contact the email address that you provide on this form may be used by Any Central Zone Club or NSWGFA Central Zone for the purpose of informing you of future Tournaments or services.

	YES	QTY	DETAILS	NO
Radios on Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	SSB HF FREQUENCIES _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	27MHZ FREQUENCIES _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	VHF FREQUENCIES _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	MAKE _____ Registration # _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	YES	QTY	DETAILS	NO
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	TYPE _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
BILGE PUMPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	MANUAL/MECH _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FLARES	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	TYPE _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMOKE SIGNALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
DINGHY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	TYPE & COLOUR _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFERAFTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	MANUFACTURE & CAPACITY _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFEBOUYS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	TYPE & COLOUR _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFEJACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	COLOUR _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
RADAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	RANGE _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEPTH SOUNDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	DEPTH _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMPASSES	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	HAND - HELD/FITTED _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
SEA ANCHORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANCHORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	MUD/REEF _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	NUMBER OF DAYS PER PERSON _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRESHWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	NUMBER OF DAYS PER PERSON _____	<input type="checkbox"/>