



2026 PETER GOADBY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY 21ST & SUNDAY 22ND
MARCH**

PRIZES:

Champion Boat T&R: Cash and Prizes

Champion Boat Capture: Cash and Prizes

CASH BONUSES: (Special Entry Fee \$250)

Heaviest Marlin over 190kg: \$5,000 Cash

Heaviest Tuna over 50kg: \$1,500 Cash

Tag and release (GRAND SLAM): \$5,000 Cash





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TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

1. 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 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 wave-riders, FADs or fish trap buoys, and disqualification from the Tournament may result for breaches of this fisheries regulation.

2. Entries

Completed entry forms and fees should be emailed to Sydney Game Fishing Club secretary@sgfc.com.au no later than 5:00pm on Friday preceding the Tournament start date by email.

Entry is \$180 for adult anglers and \$50 for junior & small fry anglers.

The entry fee includes Sunday breakfast for competing anglers.

Special entry prizes \$250 entry fee to be eligible for below categories

3. Heaviest Marlin over 190kg - \$5,000 cash must be weighed at Sydney Game Fishing Club and you must have paid into the special prize category (see Prize categories) Juniors can win heaviest marlin

3A Heaviest Tuna over 50kg - \$1,500 Cash must be weighed at Sydney game fishing club and you must have paid into the special prize category (see Prize categories) Juniors can win heaviest tuna.

3B Grand Slam Tag & Release. - \$5,000 First to, Tagging three different marlin species including Shortbill Spearfish Photo or video evidence of the different species will be required.

4. Presentation of Trophies

A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay commencing at 7pm on the Friday following the Tournament. Complimentary light snacks. The cost of this is included in the entry fee for registered anglers. Additional people can be accommodated at \$20 each, space permitting. Booking of extra tickets is highly recommended.

5. Fishing Days and Times

Fishing will start at 7:30am on the Saturday and Sunday of the Tournament and fishing will end at 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday of the Tournament.

Fish hooked before stop fishing may be played out. On Saturday there is no cut-off time for boats to return to port. On Sunday all boats with fish to weigh or tag cards to present must be at their designated weigh station by 7:00pm, there will be no exceptions to this requirement.

6. 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 paper work 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 9:00pm 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 9:00pm.

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

Photographic evidence of the fish (captures only), the scale reading (captures only) and terminal tackle (captures and T&R) 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.

7. 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.

8. Teams

This Tournament is open to teams comprised of anglers who are financial members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, IGFA 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 3 anglers per team required for boats under 8 metres, and minimum of 4 anglers per team required for boats 8 metres and over.

By submitting this entry form and / or paying entry fee(s) all team members will be deemed to have accepted the Tournament Rules without limitation or amendment.

9. Saturday Night Dinner

Dinner will be available at the clubhouse on Saturday evening. The cost of this is \$20.00.

10. 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. Breakfast will be served by 5am.

11. 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.

12. Replacement of boats and Competitors

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

13. 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.

14. Insurance

In accordance with NSWGFA/Central Zone directives, each competing vessel must carry public liability insurance with a recommended minimum cover of \$10 million. Details of the insurance cover in place must be included on the Boat Safety section of the entry form.

15. Leaving Port

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

16. Return to Port

On Saturday of the Tournament, boats may return to their home port if they wish, 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.

17. 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.

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 SSB 2284 or VHF Channel 22/ 82 on two hourly skeds commencing at 9:10am and a final sked at 4:40pm. 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. On the final sked of each day 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

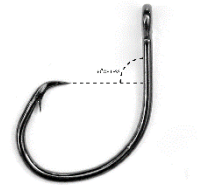
If a "Gale Warning" or higher category of warning is issued after the commencement of fishing only those fish captured or tagged prior to, or at, the time fishing is cancelled will count in the Tournament. Any fish still being played which are subsequently captured or tagged will not count for this Tournament

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. 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."



21. 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.

22. Measure & Release

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

23. 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 Billfish must be tagged with a Billfish tag. This is the only tag that will be recognized for Billfish in any Tournament, competition, point score or trophy. The Billfish Tag is for Billfish only point score (ie no other species).
- 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 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.

Juniors & Small Fry anglers can Tag & Release Yellowtail kingfish over 70cm for Tag & Release personal and 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.

DPI minimum size limits apply to all tagged species.

24. Tag and Release Line Class Points

Line Class	4 – 10 kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
Marlin					
Marlin – Black	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin – Blue	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Striped	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Billfish – Other Game Fish					
Broadbill Swordfish	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Sailfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
Short Bill Spearfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
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
Other Game Fish					
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	625	575	500	425	375
Wahoo	625	575	500	425	375
Yellowtail Kingfish – min length 70cm	310	290	250	210	190
Barracuda	31	29	25	21	19
Cobia	31	29	25	21	19
Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	31	29	25	21	19
Junior /Small Fry (Personal points only)					
Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Striped Tuna	13	12	10	9	8
Measure & Release (J/SF Personal points only)					
Yellowtail Kingfish- under 70cms	13	12	10	9	8

Great White Sharks: whilst Great White Sharks remain on the vulnerable and threatened species list 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. Capture - Minimum Weights

- Yellowfin Tuna and 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.
- Marlin: A minimum of 70kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.
- **Sharks: Excluding Tiger Sharks and Blue 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.

Tiger Sharks Minimum Weights

- Line Classes 6 – 10kg minimum 120kg
- Line Classes 15 – 24kg minimum 200kg
- Line Classes 37 – 60kg minimum 250kg

Blue Sharks Minimum Weights

- Line Classes 6 – 10kg minimum 100kg
- Line Classes 15 – 24kg minimum 125kg
- Line Classes 37 – 60kg minimum 150kg
- Other Game Fish and Broadbill: Minimum weight to be equal to line class.

Minimum Weights for Junior and Small Fry Anglers

- Yellowfin Tuna and Southern Bluefin Tuna: Equal to the line class in all cases.
- Marlin: A minimum of 60kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
- 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.
- Other Game fish and broadbill: Minimum weight to be equal to line class.

26. Protests

Any protest must be submitted in writing by the boat captain to the Tournament Committee. Protests must be submitted by 10:00pm on the fishing day concerned, or if an extension of the paperwork submission time has been granted to the relevant boat one hour after the paperwork has been submitted. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

27. 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 shark 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 being 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.

28. Sale of Fish

Any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Anyone found to have sold or bartered their catch will be disqualified from the Tournament.

29. 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. 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.

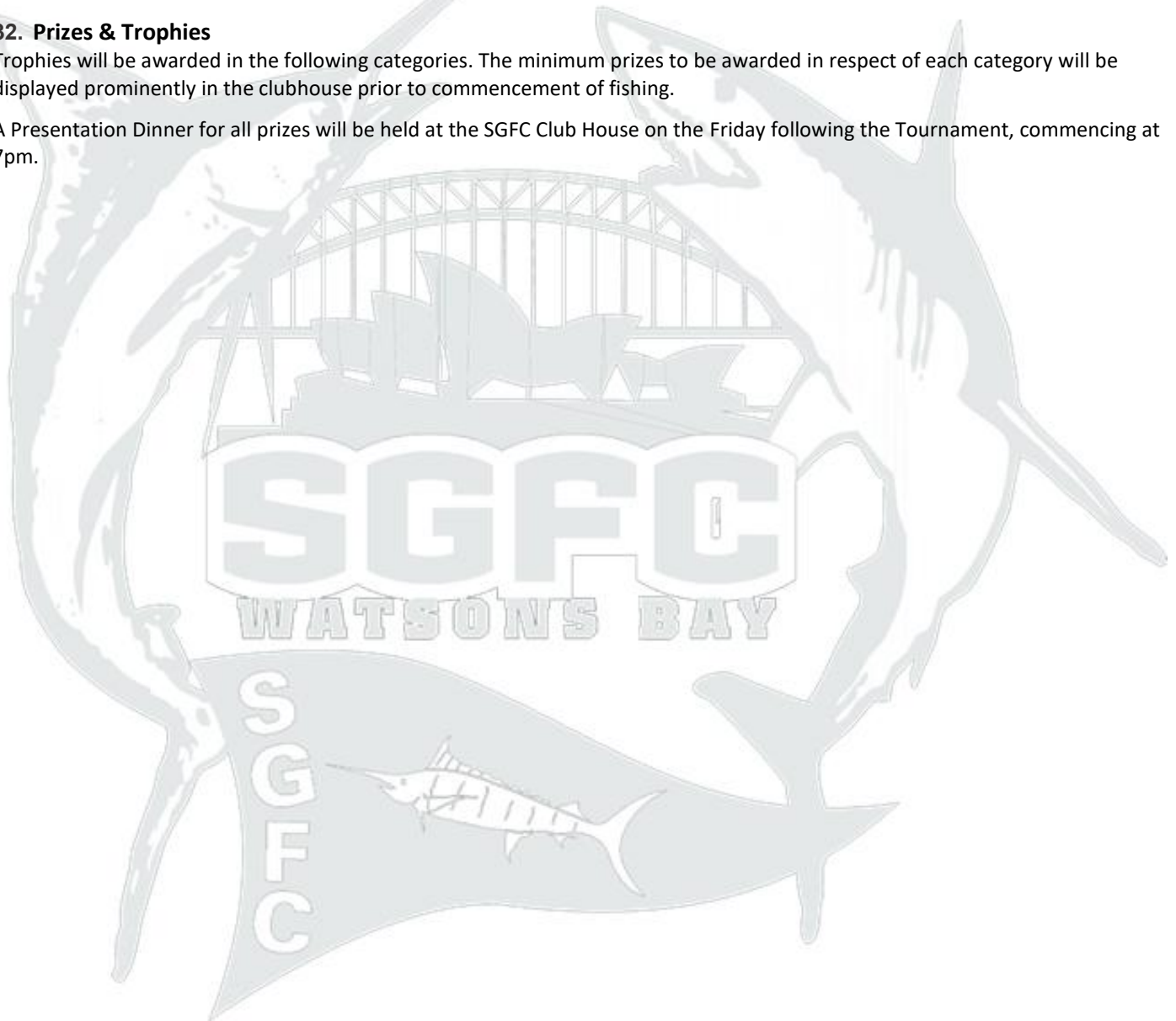
31. Central Zone Tournament

This Tournament coincides with the Central Zone Tournament also being hosted by SGFC. The normal rules for Central Zone Tournaments apply for all boats entered for the Tournament – please refer to www.centralzone.com.au for details.

32. 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.

A Presentation Dinner for all prizes will be held at the SGFC Club House on the Friday following the Tournament, commencing at 7pm.



Prizes and Trophies – Tag & Release

1.	Champion Boat T&R	Boat with highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
2.	Runner-Up Boat T&R	Boat with 2 nd highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
3.	Third place Boat T&R	Boat with 3rd highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
4.	Fourth place Boat T&R	Boat with 4 th highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
5.	Champion Lady T&R	Lady with highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
6.	Tag & Release OGF	Angler with highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
7.	Champion Junior Angler T&R	Junior angler with highest cumulative Tag & Release Points
8.	Champion Small Fry Angler T&R	Small Fry angler with highest cumulative Tag & Release Points

Prizes and Trophies – Capture

1.	Champion Boat Capture	Boat with highest cumulative Capture Points
2.	Runner-Up Boat Capture	Boat with 2 nd highest cumulative Capture Points
3.	Meritorious Marlin	Most Meritorious Marlin
4.	Meritorious Tuna	Most Meritorious Tuna
5.	Heaviest OGF	Heaviest Other Game fish
6.	Champion Lady Capture	Lady with highest cumulative capture Points
7.	Champion Junior Angler Capture	Junior angler with highest cumulative Capture Points
8.	Champion Small Fry Angler Capture	Small Fry angler with highest cumulative Capture Points

Special Entry Prizes

\$250 enters you into both sections

1.	Heaviest Marlin over 190kg	\$5,000
2	Heaviest Tuna over 50kg	\$1,500
3	Tag & Release Grand slam combination of 3 marlin or Shortbill Sphere fish	\$5,000



Sydney Game Fishing Club

Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament

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 or small fry)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ENTRY FEES – under Tournament rules there is a minimum of 3 anglers per boat under 8 meters and minimum 4 anglers per boat over 8 meters. There is no maximum number of anglers.

Adult Angler No. of Anglers _____ @ \$180 each \$ _____

Junior Angler No. of Anglers _____ @ \$50 each \$ _____

Special Entry prize Heaviest Marlin over 190kg & Tagging Grand slam Heaviest Tuna 50kg @ \$250 per Boat \$ _____

Total Entry Fee \$ _____

PAYMENT

Total Cheque or Cash Herewith \$ _____
or

Charge My Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard

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 _____

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"/>
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