



Geoff Woolley Memorial Winter Classic Tournament 2011

Saturday 30th July & Sunday 31st July 2011
15kg line class & circle hooks ONLY. are permitted to be used



TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director Otto Volz (HLM) and Nominees of the Host Club being Sydney Game Fishing Club Ltd.
2. COMPETITOR INFORMATION: All information needed by competitors will be distributed by the Tournament Committee or will be provided on Radio Skeds. Any further information or clarification required during the tournament can be obtained from the **Tournament Director Otto Volz (0428660360)**

- ENTRIES: Teams should forward fully completed entry forms and fees to Sydney Game Fishing Club **no later than 7:00pm on Thursday 28th July 2011 by hand, post, fax or email** the cost of entry is \$65 for adult anglers and \$30 for junior anglers. Both amounts are inclusive of GST.

The entry fee includes **Saturday night dinner & Sunday breakfast for competing anglers**. Boats may return to their home port on Sunday night. A presentation will be held at SGFC on Tuesday 2nd August at 7:00pm and will include finger food at no additional cost.

- TEAMS: The competition is open to teams comprised of anglers who are financial members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, or international bona-fide members of IGFA. 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.
- EPIRB & RADIOS: All boats must carry a **406Mhz EPIRB**, and have **two** working marine radios fitted, one of which must be **VHF** frequency.
- 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.
- REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS: No replacement of boats or competitors for whatever reason will be allowed after fishing as started.
- 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.
- 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.
- FISHING DAY & TIMES: Saturday 30th July and Sunday 31st July. Fishing will start at 7:00am and fishing will end at 4:00pm on each day. Late hooks ups on both Saturday 31st July and Sunday 31st July must be reported before the 4.00pm cut off time, but there is no time limit on the fighting of these fish.
- 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.
- LEAVING PORT: Boats may fish from their home port on Saturday 30th July. For Saturday 30th July boats must be present at SGFC for any weigh-in of captures and/or submission of T&R cards.
- RETURN TO PORT: On Saturday 30th July, 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 31st July boats may elect to return directly to their home port after fishing, but must still effect 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 31st July 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 Tuesday 2nd August. Tag cards and capture certificates may be sent by fax (02-9388-7087) or scanned and emailed to club@sgfc.com.au the tournament presentation will be held on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm at SGFC, Watsons Bay.

14. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** Radio Skeds will be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA “Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments” 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. Boats are to report on each sked as follows:

- (1) Boat number
- (2) Boat Name
- (3) Fishing Report, using the “000” system. I.e. Strikes, Hookups, Captures and angler name. 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.
- (4) Position using Central Zone grid chart, and whether travelling, trolling, anchored or drifting.

Please Note

- 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.
- 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.
- If a vessel misses two (2) radio skeds, this will trigger the relevant safety authorities being informed and may invoke penalties.
- Captures and tags not reported on each radio sked shall not be counted in the pointscore and shall not be eligible for trophies.
- All boats are to report on **every** sked. All boats must report to SGFC tournament base on returning to port (see rule 13). Radio silence must be observed for 10 minutes before the finishing time of 4:00pm to allow for report of late hookups. Fish caught subsequent to the 3:10 pm sked and prior to 4:00 pm should be radioed through to base at the time of capture.
- 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.

15. **BAD WEATHER:** In the event of a “Gale Warning” (or higher level warning) being issued, or foul weather is determined, the tournament shall be cancelled for the day. In any event, it is the responsibility of each boat owner or skipper to decide if conditions are safe to put to sea or stay at sea, having regard to the size and type of boat involved and experience of the crew. The committee accepts no responsibility for the decisions made by individual boat captains and crews.

If a “Gale Warning” or higher category of warning is issued or the Tournament Committee cancels fishing for the day 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.

Tag and Release Line Class Points

<u>Species</u>	<u>15kg</u>
SHARKS (min length of 100cm)	
Shark – Blue	2,300
Shark – Hammerhead (all)	2,300
Shark – Mako (all)	2,300
Shark – Porbeagle	2,300
Shark – Thresher (all)	2,300
Shark – Tiger	2,300
Shark – Whaler (all)	2,300
TUNAS - OGF	
Tuna – Albacore	575
Tuna – Longtail	575
Tuna – Bigeye	1,150
Tuna – Dogtooth	1,150
Tuna – Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,150
Tuna – Yellowfin	1,150
OGF - Miscellaneous	
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

Measure & Release

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

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 Y'tail kingfish over 70cm for T&R personal & boat points)

The maximum number of *Yellowtail Kingfish and *Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler be limited to Five (5) of each species per day, with a maximum of ten (10) of each species per boat per day shall also apply.

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.

17. **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 weighstation with captures or submission of Tag & Release cards.

18. ELLIGIBLE SPECIES: Only Sharks, Tuna (**and Other Game Fish for junior prizes**) only will count in this tournament. **Billfish species will not be counted.**
19. WEIGHING OF FISH: On Saturday 30th July, all captures must be weighed in at Sydney Game Fishing Club, Watsons Bay. Capture books must be completed prior to arrival at the weighstation and must show boat number, boat name, angler name and line class (15kg only).

Boats returning to their home port on Sunday 31st July 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 Tuesday 2nd August. Tag cards and capture certificates may be sent by fax (02-9388-7087) or scanned and emailed to club@sgfc.com.au The tournament presentation will be held on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm at SGFC, Watsons Bay.

20. 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. 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.
21. 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.
 - T&R cards and capture certificates must be transported by the boat that effected the capture on Saturday 30th July. T&R cards and capture certificates for Sunday 31st July will be accepted by fax (02-9388-7087) or scanned and emailed to club@sgfc.com.au by 3:00m Tuesday 2nd August.
 - Fish must be fought according to NSWGFA rules and regulations to qualify for Tag & Release. For example: Maximum length tag pole 4.57 metres (15 feet).
 - Terminal tackle 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.
22. 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.
23. 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*

24. 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.

25. BRIEFING: Friday 29th July 2010 at Sydney Game Fishing Clubhouse 7:30pm for 8:00pm. Attendance is welcomed, but is not compulsory. Refreshments and light snacks will be available.
26. SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: The cost of this dinner is included within the entry fee for registered anglers. Additional tickets for non registered crew or family members can be purchased for \$25 each. Bookings are highly recommended.
27. SUNDAY BREAKFAST: A cooked breakfast will be available at the clubhouse on Sunday the 31st July morning. The cost of this is included within the entry fee for registered anglers.

28. **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** A presentation will be held at SGFC, Watsons Bay on Tuesday 2nd August at 7:00pm. Refreshments and light snacks will be available.
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.
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.

TROPHY LISTING

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.

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 - T&R** (Highest Cumulative Points Scored of eligible species)

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BOAT SAFETY INFORMATION FORM

OWNER/SKIPPER MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Description of Vessel

Name: _____ Make _____ Reg. No: _____ Length: _____

Boat on the club register of-----GFC

Colour: Hull: _____ Deck _____ Superstructure: _____

Hull Material: _____ Distinctive Features or Markings: _____

In case of trailer boats- Trailer registration number-----

And name of Port to be launched from-----

Emergency contact name & number (not to be onboard) ----- (-----)

Boat captains mobile number-----

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

Yes No **VHF** Frequencies: _____

Yes No **27MHz** Frequencies-----

Please nominate for sked purposes either **SSB2284** or **VHF Channel 21** *Please Tick*

EPIRB-MMSIN Registration number-----

All Mobile(s) on board during Tournament list Number(s) -----

SATELLITE PHONE ON BOARD (IF AVAILABLE) -----

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INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAILS: Insurer: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

All entries are due to SGFC by 28th July 2011 to:

Sydney Game Fishing Club

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