

# GAME FISHING CLUB OF NORTHERN TASMANIA

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Saturday, 23 March - Devonport

# FAMILY FUN FISH



## COMPETITION INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

**This competition is open to GFCNT financial members only. Day memberships available.**

### COMPETITION INFORMATION

- Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024
- Location: Devonport, Tasmania
- Entry Form: Access the Online Entry form at: [GFCNT Website](#)
- Entry Fee: Full financial members: \$30 per boat, also can enter for shore fishing.  
Day membership available at \$15 per adult and \$5 per child plus boat entry fee of \$30 per boat.
- Entries Close: Monday, 18th March, 7pm. *Late entries may be considered, if accepted, may attract a late fee of \$100 per boat.*
- Briefing: Online briefing (Facebook), Friday 22nd March 7pm start. All boats/groups will be required to comment in the feed.  
Anyone wanting further information or clarification, please contact the Committee.
- Boat Ramps: Vessels must use the public Devonport boat ramp opposite the Elimatta Hotel
- Parking: Please following the directions from club members on the day, there are 22 parking spots available at the ramp, overflow parking available on the street.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Before entry to this Fishing Competition can be accepted, the Boat Owner must supply a copy of current Insurance and the Safety Form to the Secretary.

Email to [Info@gfcnt.com.au](mailto:Info@gfcnt.com.au)

### MEMBERSHIP

Day Membership is available at \$15 per adult and \$5 per child. Day members will not be eligible for GFCNT end of year prizes.

Full year club membership is available at \$80 per adult with children free who sign up with an adult.

### ENTRIES

The contest is open for teams of no less than two (2) and not more than six (6) anglers who are at present current financial members of the Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania (GFCNT).

### FISHING TIMES

Anytime from 6.30 am to 3.00 pm

No lines or burley shall be placed in the water before starting times. Any angler playing a fish at the designated finishing time may continue to fight the fish. However, the Committee must be notified immediately via radio or phone. The fish will still need to be presented during the designated weigh-in time.

### WEIGH STATION LOCATION

Location: Devonport Football Club, 33-61 James Street, Devonport  
 Times: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

### BBQ AND PRESENTATION

GFCNT will be providing a BBQ and the Devonport football club will have their bar open. **Strictly no BYO.**  
 Location: Devonport Football Club, 33-61 James Street, Devonport

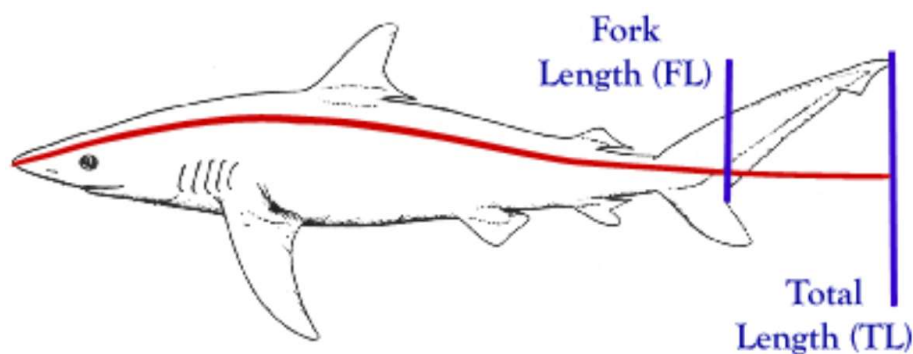
### RULES OF CONTEST

Minimum weight for Mako Shark is 60 kg, approximately 180 cm in length.  
 No size or weight limit will be placed on Thresher Sharks as per committee discission.  
 Refer to weighing of fish section for gilling and gutting rules.  
 Full financial members are recommended to fish under GFAA rules, to ensure eligibility for end of year trophies or records  
 Please adhere to the updated Sand Flathead sizing which is 35-40cm minimum.

### ESTIMATED MAKO SHARK WEIGHTS

The following is a chart that will give you a good idea how big the fish is if you are luckily enough to catch one!

Fork Length	Estimated Weight
3.35 m	447.6 kg
3.20 m	386.8 kg
3.05 m	332.0 kg
2.90 m	282.5 kg
2.74 m	238.5 kg
2.59 m	199.1 kg
2.44 m	164.6 kg
2.29 m	134.7 kg
2.13 m	108.4 kg
1.98 m	85.7 kg
1.83 m	66.7 kg
1.68 m	50.8 kg
1.52 m	37.6 kg
1.37 m	27.2 kg
1.22 m	18.6 kg
1.07 m	12.2 kg



### FISHING AREA

The contest fishing boundaries are the perimeter of the Devonport grid map. Fishing beyond the area will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.

*The set fishing area may be varied or reduced in size according to weather or other safety needs.*

**Devonport Grid map will be provided in briefing bags on the day.**

## **PRIZE CATEGORIES**

- Heaviest Australian Salmon – Adult and under 16
- Heaviest Flat head – Adult and under 16
- Heaviest Gummy Shark – Adult and under 16
- Heaviest King Fish – Adult and Under 16
- Heaviest King George Whiting – Adult and Under 16
- Heaviest Shark Overall (Excluding Blue Shark)– Adult and under 16
- Heaviest Snapper – Adult and under 16
- Heaviest Tuna Overall – Adult and under 16
- Heaviest Tuna – Adult Male
- Heaviest Tuna – Adult Female
- Heaviest Tuna – Jnr
- Heaviest Tuna – Small fry
- **Full Members Only:** T&R Mako, Blue shark or Thresher shark – Overall Boat
- **Full Members only:** T&R Tuna – Overall Boat

**Conditions: One fish, one prize. Blue Shark only eligible for tag and release categories.**

## **LIST OF ACCEPTABLE SPECIES THAT CAN BE WEIGHED IN**

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Please note as a fun fish, we encourage fishing for non-game species, however non-edible fish such as Wrasse, Blue Throat Wrasse, Carpet shark's etc will not be accepted. A list of acceptable edible fish that can be weighed in are provided below\*:

1. Australian Salmon
2. Flathead
3. Gummy Shark
4. King Fish
5. King George Whiting
6. Mako Shark
7. Thresher Shark
8. Snapper
9. Tuna

\*Other species maybe weighed at Committee's discretion.

## **LINE CLASS**

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There is no minimum or maximum line class for the Family Fun Fish.

## **MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENTS**

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In accordance with Tasmanian Sea Fishing bag and size limits apply. Refer to [Tasmania Recreational Sea Fishing Guidelines](#).

## **WEATHER**

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Participation in this event is at own risk. The holding of this tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea in conditions beyond the capability of craft and crew.

## **TAG & RELEASE – MAKO AND BLUE SHARK & Tuna (Full members only)**

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Club tags will need to be pre-arranged by contacting Harry Murfet: 0438 346 624 or Brad Lewis: 0427 033 331 Please arrange prior to comp day (Can be placed in briefing bags). Fish must be over 600mm as per GFAA rules.

**All fish tagged must be photographed with a date/time camera and show correct tag placement or**

**points will not be awarded.**

## **DISPOSAL**

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All offal must be disposed of at sea. Any offal disposed of in an unacceptable manner will result in disqualification of the offending team from the competition.

## **WEIGHING OF FISH**

All fish will be weighed in at the competition weigh station by the weighmaster appointed by the contest committee.

Weights will be rounded down to the nearest increments on the scales. The weighmaster's decision is final and no disputes will be entered into.

- Maximum of two (2) tuna per angler to be weighed, maximum of four (4) per boat
- Maximum of one (1) shark per angler to be weighed, maximum of two (2) per boat

All fish will be weighed gilled and gutted, except Sharks, which will be gutted only. If in the opinion of the angler, the fish is a potential record, the fish can be weighed whole then taken away for cleaning and then re-weighed for the Tournament. At the request of the angler or the weigh master and with both in agreement, 10% of the whole weight may be deducted off the fish rather than being taken away for cleaning and reweighing.

## **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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All vessels are required to comply with safety and equipment regulations as prescribed by Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

It is mandatory for all competing boats to submit a Vessel Detail Form with the Entry Form. Tasmania Police may be in attendance checking safety equipment and adherence to regulations.

The safety check list on the entry form must be filled out and signed by the skipper or team captain for the team to be entered into the contest.

## **MARINE RADIO CONTROL AND SCHEDS**

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All vessels are to be equipped with either 27mhz or VHF Marine radio.

Vessels are to log on to Channel VHF 72 and advise:

- Vessel Name, Departure Boat Ramp and Persons on Board (POB)

Competitors are asked to stay on channel 72 during the day.

The skipper of the boat must answer all scheds and file a position according to the grid map. If two scheds are missed, the competition will be called off and a search for your boat will commence. **Scheds will be commence at 7.30 am and every 2 hours throughout the competition. Scheds will be conducted on Channel 72.**

**Please log in at the start of the day to the radio boat Stillnodaproblem (Harry Murfet)**

## **REPORTING PROCEDURE FOR RADIO SKEDS**

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On the FIRST and each subsequent HOURLY sked vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name or boat number
- Position as a grid reference, using the phonetic alphabet
- Number and type of fish captured and tagged and released

On the FINAL sked vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name or boat number with grid reference
- Number and type of fish captured and tagged and released
- Estimated time of arrival at Port

Upon returning to the boat ramp, vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name or Boat number
- Officially sign off.

The Skipper MUST receive acknowledgement that they have made contact with the Radio Operator. If radio contact is not made, the Skipper is to report in person to the Radio Room and sign off.

If a vessel fails to log off on return to the boat ramp, the vessel, its Skipper and Crew WILL be disqualified from the Tournament immediately.

## **EMERGENCY PLAN**

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### **In the event that a vessel fails to report for two consecutive radio skeds;**

The contest committee through the radio base or relay vessel will instigate the following procedure:

1. Request all vessels especially those near the last known grid position to commence a search of the area. In the event of inclement weather, only vessels capable of handling the conditions safely would be expected to undertake a search. This decision must be at the discretion of the skipper as the person with the sole responsibility for the safety of his vessel and crew.
2. Instruct all other competitors not involved in the search and not within reasonable range through the base station or relay vessel to cease competition fishing until the situation is resolved.
3. After 1 hour of searching without locating the vessel the contest committee, relay boat or base station operator will notify the Marine Police of the situation and all action from that point on will be at the direction of the Marine Police or Coast Guard or in their absence the contest committee.
4. All boats engaged in the search for the missing vessel will be asked to continue looking until the situation is resolved.
5. Competition fishing will not recommence until the situation is resolved and the contest committee, through the radio base or relay boat, announce the restarting of fishing in the Tournament.

If during any Club organised fishing tournament or other competition day an emergency call is initiated such as a "May Day" direct call or flare, all fishing will cease immediately at the direction of the Committee and not recommence until announced by the Committee.

All available vessels should assist where possible in the event of any emergency.

# FULL FINANCIAL GFCNT MEMBERS ONLY

## TAG AND RELEASE GUIDELINES

The GFAA guidelines for tag and release and the GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations apply and these guidelines are additional.

The current Tag and Release Point Score values as agreed by the TGFA Executive will be the only Tag and Release Point Score system used. Tag and Release point values will be allocated as follows irrespective of line class used:

- Shark - Blue 500
- Shark – other 1,000

**Tag and release of Shark:** In line with the NSW DPI policy the TGFA does not support the practice of multiple capture and multiple tagging of a shark where the multiple capture and multiple tagging occurs on any one day.

During a sanctioned competition tag and release points will only be awarded to an angler or a team for the initial tag and release of any one particular shark on any one day of a competition. No additional points will be awarded for any subsequent recapture of a shark on that day by the same angler or the same team.

**Correct Tags and Tag Applicators:** Only NSW DPI Pelagic, Shark and Billfish tags are approved by the TGFA (see figure 1). During sanctioned competition points will not be awarded for the deployment of any other tags. Where anglers are also involved in the deployment of satellite tags, the placement of an approved tag in addition to the satellite tag is advised. Appropriate tag applicators should be used. (see figure 2)

**Figure 1: Approved Tags**

**Pelagic tag (A series)** - Over 60cm for Tuna, Mackerel, Dolphinfish and Wahoo, and over 70cm for Kingfish



**Steel Head Shark tag (S series)** - Sharks only.



**Billfish tag (B series)** - Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and Spearfish only.



**Figure 2: Approved Tag Applicators**



Billfish tag



Pelagic tag

