



Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club

Top 10 Billfish Shootout 2019 16th and 17th March 2019

Friday 15th March 2019 Sign on at 5.30pm and 7.30pm Briefing at the JBGFC Clubhouse and Briefing Raffle

Saturday 16th March Fishing Day 1 7am till 4.30pm

Saturday Night 16th March from 6pm Pizza Dinner and the monster Raffle at the JBGFC Clubhouse (Pizza Dinner Tickets \$15 extra and not included in entry, see entry form)

Sunday 17th March Fishing Day 2 7am till 4.30pm

Sunday Night Presentation at the JBGFC clubhouse from 7.30pm

1. VENUE:

The Committee and Members of the Jervis Bay Game fishing Club invite anglers who are financial members of a Member Club affiliated with a State Association and that state association is affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) or the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) (However ANSA members wishing to fish in NSWGFA sanctioned Tournament, must fish on a NSWGFA registered boat) to compete in The 2019 Jervis Bay GFC Billfish Tournament on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2019. Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club membership and temporary membership is available to those anglers who wish to participate but are not current members of a Club affiliated with a State Association as indicated above.

2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee of Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club are the sole adjudicators of all aspects of the Tournament and Rules; their decision shall be final. You may however seek clarification from NSWGFA if required.

3. PROTESTS:

Protests are to be made in writing, signed by the Team Captain and submitted to the Tournament committee no later than 7.00pm on the day of capture or Tag and release. On Sunday all protests must be submitted by 6.00pm. Protests of any substance after this time may be considered by the tournament committee if lodged within 24 hours to the Tournament Director in writing. The Committee's decision is final.

4. ENTRIES:

Entries for the TOP 10 Billfish Tournament are made by submitting a completed entry form with the associated fees together with details of insurance as stated in Rule 5 to the Tournament Director, Jervis Bay Game fishing Club, PO Box 56, HUSKISSON NSW 2540. Or by Email offtap1@msn.com but if entry emailed payment must be made via direct deposit and remittance also required to be emailed, or entry will not count. Entries will also be accepted at 5.00pm on Friday 15th March prior to the Tournament briefing with the additional late entry fee above. Jervis bay Game Fishing Club reserves the right to refuse entry to the Tournament. Refunds will only be considered after the reason for refund requested by the Skipper of a team is deliberated by the JBGFC Committee, however absolutely no refunds after 7.30pm Friday 15th March for The TOP 10 Billfish Tournament.

4.1 ENTRIES – ANSA Members

Any ANSA member wishing to fish a NSWGFA sanctioned tournament must fish on a NSWGFA registered boat.

5. INSURANCE:

Each vessel entered in the Tournament is to provide details and proof of insurance covering third party property damage and third party personal injury cover.

No Teams will be accepted without the insurance details provided on the entry forms and signed by the Owner /skipper

6. TOURNAMENT BRIEFING:

The Tournament briefing will be conducted at the JBGFC clubhouse Frank Lewis ay Woollamia at 7.30pm. At least one registered Tournament angler from each boat must be in attendance unless prior consent is obtained from the committee in writing. Competing boats traveling long distances to the Tournament by sea and are unable to be represented are to notify the Tournament Director in advance.

If a Team cannot attend the briefing and permission given by the committee the skipper and team must download a copy of the Jervis Bay Gfc Fishing sched map from the www.jervisbaygfc.com website

The Briefing will detail critical information in relation to the Billfish Tournament .

7. BOAT TEAMS:

All Teams must consist of a minimum of 2 registered Senior persons including the skipper

All persons on board a boat competing within the Billfish Tournament must be a financial member of the club they are representing and must be a registered angler in the Tournament. No observers or by-standers will be permitted on board without expressed written consent by the Committee prior to start fishing

With exception given to those vessels traveling by sea from their home port on Saturday, all vessels must depart and return through Jervis Bay Heads Saturday and Sunday unless prior permission is obtained from the Tournament committee. Vessels not departing or returning via Jervis Bay heads on Sunday 17th March will forfeit the prior days points.

8. TRANSFER OF ANGLERS OR CREW:

The transfer AT SEA of any person or persons from one vessel to another for the purpose of assisting with the capture or tag and release is not permitted at any time during the conduct of this tournament and the Shoot Out.

The transfer AT SEA East of the entrance to Jervis Bay as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map, of any person or persons, fish, and tackle from one vessel to another for the purpose of returning to the weigh station for any reason during the conduct of this tournament is not permitted.

Team captains may submit written application for approval by the Tournament committee to transfer the whole crew or part crew to another vessel which is already registered in the tournament in the event of their vessel being forced to withdraw for the entire Tournament due to mechanical, electrical defects or any other reason preventing that vessel from completing the Tournament. However, this will forfeit all accumulated Boat points for that vessel. Angler points only will remain.

Vessels unable to enter Currambene Creek to moor with safety due to tide or current at the skipper's discretion are permitted to transfer crew, gear and fish to another vessel, but the tournament Committee must be notified of the teams intentions, Vessel points are not Transferable.

9. FISHING RULES:

Fish are to be captured in accordance with GFAA Rules and regulations, additionally, those rules laid down by the NSWGFA for capture and tag and release shall apply as are in effect at the time of the Tournament.

NSW Maritime Rules need to be adhered too and all anglers need to ensure they comply with the fishing licencing rules and have a current NSW Fishing License if required

10. LINE CLASSES

Eligible line class that may be fished are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

1. 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.

2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line (for record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied).

11. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Yellowfin Tuna & Southern Bluefin Tuna: 15kg on line class up to and including 15kg, equal to line class for over 15kg line and for Junior/Small Fry anglers equal to Line class in all cases.

Other Game Fish and Broadbill: Equal to line class used.

Shark or Marlin are not a Prize category in this tournament for capture

12. CAPTURE POINT SCORE:

Capture Points shall be awarded using the current NSWGFA FACTOR SYSTEM:

Points = weight of fish in kg² x factor

Line class in kg

Factor 29.5 19.5 14.8 11.5

7.5 4.6 3.0 1.7

Line Class 4kg 6kg 8kg 10kg

15kg 24kg 37kg 60kg

BROADBILL, captures shall score DOUBLE POINTS as calculated from the above.

OTHER BILLFISH, Sailfish and Shortbill Spearfish, shall score TRIPLE POINTS as calculated from the above.

OTHER GAME FISH, shall score TRIPLE POINTS as calculated from the above.

Captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall score a maximum of 15000 points plus 1 point per kilo of the weight of the fish. Captures on line classes 15kg and over shall score a maximum of 20000 points plus one point per kilo of the weight of the fish.

13. TAG & RELEASE POINT SCORE:

1. PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO CLAIM TAG AND RELEASE POINTS

An Object of the day will be required to be in Photo evidence , and the item required will be advised either the night prior to the next day fishing or when each vessel logs on each day to fish.

Tag and Release points will not be awarded unless the minimum following Photo evidence is provided to the Weigh Station at the time of submission of the completed tag cards and fishing gear inspection on the day the tagging took place

The minimum requirement for Point Score tag and release as photo evidence is

Date Stamped Photo of Fish being held boat side (Against the Vessel) and the object of the day in the picture frame taken on the day of the tournament, any photo evidence including video showing more detail than the minimum requirement above will also be included but must also include the object of the day

NOTE:- However A photo of the fish being held on the leader away from the boat must show clear evidence of the tag in the fish also along with the object of the day

DEVICE USED:- The Device brought to the Gantry for evidence of Tag and Release with all tackle / gear used in the Tagging of the fish, must have a Screen with a clearly visible photo or video, If storage devices without a display screen are submitted it will be the responsibility of the Angler and team to also produce the device on the same night of tag to the Tournament director at Tournament head quarters at JBGFC Clubhouse where the angler and Director will view the footage on the club computer and only after the gear/ tackle has been marked off by Gantry /Weighstation staff , Tags will not count until the photos/ video are signed off by the committee/ director

2. TOP 10 Highest Point Scoring Marlin Tag and release by Team as per current Point score for line class tag and release and as per copy provided in tournament bags

3. **White Sharks**, This species cannot be targeted and POINTS FOR THIS SPECIES ARE NOT AWARDED IN THIS TOURNAMENT

HOWEVER the incidental hooking , fighting and Tagging and releasing of a White shark is allowed if this takes place in Commonwealth waters (over 3nm outside Headland) but will not count to points in the Top 10 Marlin Tournament

4. All Billfish must be tagged with Billfish Tags. These Tags are for Billfish ONLY, no other species.

5. **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks except narrow barred mackerel. Circle Hooks must be used for all Billfish Species

CIRCLE HOOK

DEFINITION

A hook with it's point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.



6. Other clubs to supply their own members with all necessary Tag Cards.

7. **THE METHOD OF RELEASING TAGGED FISH:** The hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish

14. FISHING BOUNDARIES

The Tournament fishing boundaries are as follows:

Black Point, northern boundary, as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map.

East of a Line taken from Long Nose Point to North East corner of Bowen Island. With the exception of taking fish for use as bait, fishing within Jervis Bay west of this boundary is not permitted during this tournament.

Brush Island, southern boundary, as indicated on the Radio Schedule Map.

It is the Skippers responsibility of each vessel to ensure they only fish inside the above areas and must be aware of the requirements relating to all Marine parks and Sanctuary Zones as per Jervis Bay Marine Park brochure provided in the tournament bags. Heavy penalty's apply for fishing with in sanctuary zones.

15. **FISHING TIMES** Fishing times on Saturday 16th March for The Top 10 Shootout are from 7.00am to 4.30pm. . Sunday 17th March from 7.00am to 4.30pm.

Fish that are being fought and notice given to the Tournament Base prior to the cessation of fishing may be continued to be fought. However Sunday 17th March the tag and capture certificates and all associated tackle/gear must be within the confines of the gantry prior to 6pm

16. WEIGH STATION TIMES

Saturday 16th March opens 3.30pm until return of all boats.

Sunday 17th March opens 3.30pm and closes 6.00pm

To be eligible for any tournament capture or tag submissions, a member of the crew who fished aboard the claimant vessel that day, must be present and signed off at the weigh station by the tournament director only. It is the sole responsibility of that crewman to ensure that he/she locates the tournament director within the confines of the weigh station and is signed off as present before approaching the weigh master. On Sunday **NO FURTHER SUBMISSIONS** will be allowed after the tournament director declares Time at 6pm over the radio.

17. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES

Captured fish or tag and release cards may be brought to the Weigh Station by sea or land provided the vessel returned via Jervis Bay Heads..

To be eligible for tournament points captured fish or tags must be presented at the weigh station on the day of capture or tagging with all tackle and equipment used for inspection and measurement, excluding fish that are continued to be fought after cessation of fishing subject to Tournament Committee Prior approval.

In regard to any protest, the Tournament Committee shall retain all tackle and equipment that fails any equipment regulation when presented for inspection and measurement at the weight station for further clarification. Such tackle or equipment shall be returned to the angler on completion of the protest procedure.

Captured fish that have been weighed are to be removed from the weigh station and away from the public view . Fish not removed from the gantry and out of public view after weighing, or the mutilation or cutting up of fish within sight of the gantry, will have that fish disqualified from the tournament..

It is the responsibility of the whole team to ensure that any fish captured during the tournament, weighed in or not, is disposed of appropriately. In the event of any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew. Any Shark or marlin carcass or part thereof unwanted by the team are to be taken a minimum of 2 NM east of Jervis Bay heads and disposed of appropriately. Failure to comply with this will result in the whole team being disqualified from the tournament.

18. CAPTURE/TAG AND RELEASE RETURNS:

Capture or Tag and release returns must be completed and correct with all details prior to arriving at the Weigh Station. This includes the time of capture or tag and release as provided by tournament base. Trophies will be awarded on the basis of the information given. Failure to record the time of capture or Tag and Release on the return will result in the time being set after the last recorded tag time/capture time. Incomplete or incorrect returns may result in disqualification of the fish listed on that particular return unless an acceptable reason can be provided. Line class unless filled out will be judged to be 60kg. This applies to both to the Tournament.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

All Vessels must have and maintain a working VHF Marine Radio to enter this tournament. All competing vessels are to log on daily with the "TOURNAMENT BASE" on VHF 81 prior to their commencement of fishing and log off when entering Jervis Bay at the end of each day's fishing. Failure to comply may result in part or total disqualification from the tournament. Additionally, we recommend all competing vessels log on daily with MARINE RESCUE JERVIS BAY on VHF 71, or direct with Marine Rescue Staff at the Woollamia Boat Ramp, However each vessel fishing The Tournament must also log on with JBGFC Tournament base, no exceptions. Tournament base shall operate in accordance with the NSWGFA 'Guide Lines for Radio Schedules for Tournaments. As are in effect at that time. Each team will be given a number which is used for radio schedules. Radio schedules will be conducted by Tournament Base at 2 hourly intervals commencing at **9.10am on VHF 81**. Tournament Base shall continue to operate until all vessels are accounted for each day.

When responding to schedule calls from Tournament Base, teams are to give their team number followed by the vessel name and position from the schedule map provided and status. The Sked Master will advise all vessels which boats are competing within the Shoot Out on the Saturday at each sked. Accurate reporting is to be done using the zero, zero, zero system, (strikes, hook ups, and captures or tag and releases) species, line class and angler number. Tournament Base shall request the statutory authorities to activate a search for any vessel failing to contact Tournament Base for two consecutive radio Schedules.

Any boat experiencing a breakdown of radio communications is to immediately make contact with another boat by other means and have them advise Tournament Base of the problem then return immediately to port for repairs.

20. HOOKED UP AND FIGHTING COMMUNICATIONS RULE

All Teams are required to Call Tournament Base at the time they are solidly hooked up and start fighting a fish and provide line class also, Communication for this rule must include

"Team (Number and Name) Hooked up and fighting on (Line Class)kg"

It is the teams responsibility to ensure Tournament base has acknowledged and replied

20.1 Reporting Tag / Capture at time of Tag / Capture

When the Fish has been Tagged or captured, it will be the teams responsibility to contact Tournament base at that time and provide line class/ angler and species along with tagged or captured, Measured short length if captured also, where tournament base will provide a time to be recorded on the tag/card, if a team does not provide this information at the time of tagging /capture the time on card will be changed to 4.30pm

21. BAD WEATHER AND SAFETY:

To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be competition day or not. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether or not the tournament will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time are eligible for the tournament. The declaration of a Gale Warning by

the appropriate government weather authority, will automatically require the cancellation of the tournament. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing and return to port. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale warning is lifted.

The seaworthiness of vessels is the responsibility of the Captains and their crews. Vessels putting to sea do so at their own risk. Safety Equipment as laid down by the NSW Waterways Authority Regulations, must be carried. Jervis Bay Game Fishing Club will not be responsible or liable for any loss of damage to any person, property, personal injury or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the conduct of The Billfish Shootout Tournament.

22. TOURNAMENT TROPHIES

In the case of a tied result the trophy shall be awarded to "FIRST PAST THE POST". Count backs will be based on the time of capture or tag and release. If for some reason there is no time entered on the return, the time will be set after the last recorded tag time/capture time. Listed within are The Top 10 Billfish Shootout Tournament 2019 categories.

Only 1 Cash Prize can be awarded per team for Tag and release

