



# SHOALHAVEN

## GAME FISHING CLUB LIMITED



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# 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shoalhaven Open Tournament

22 - 23 March 2025

To be held from the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club  
Entry via 110 Greens Road, GREENWELL POINT

Photo by Kelly Fallon

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***Heaviest Blue or Black  
Marlin over 250 kg  
Senior Angler  
Conditions apply.  
\$25,000 CASH***

***Champion Boat  
Capture and Tag &  
Release \$4000 EACH***





#### 1. VENUE & WEIGH STATION:

The tournament will be held from the Greenwell Point Bowling and Sports Club, 110 Greens Road, Greenwell Point.

#### 2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee of Shoalhaven 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 9 pm Saturday 22nd, and by 4.30 pm Sunday 23rd March 2025.

#### 4. ENTRIES:

Entries for the 52nd Shoalhaven Open 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 Secretary, Shoalhaven Game Fishing Club, PO Box 5, GREENWELL POINT NSW 2540. The entrant is entitled to Tournament Entry only. All anglers must be affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA or ANSA. **Please fill in the entry form and send with full payment to the Secretary SHGFC PO Box 5, GREENWELL POINT, NSW 2540** **Entries will not be accepted without full payment.** Juniors/Small Fry are defined as not having reached their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday as at tournament commencement, junior anglers wishing to compete for senior trophies other than those dedicated to juniors are required to pay the junior and senior entrance fee. No refunds will be granted 52nd Shoalhaven Open Tournament after the commencement of the briefing.

#### 5. INSURANCE:

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

#### 6. TOURNAMENT BRIEFING:

The Tournament briefing will be conducted at The Greenwell Point Bowling Club on Friday 21st of March 2025 at 8:00 pm. We must have a representative from

each boat at the briefing. Competing boats travelling long distances to the Tournament by sea and are unable to be represented are to notify the Tournament Secretary in advance. The Briefing will detail critical information in relation to the 52nd Shoalhaven Open Tournament.

#### 7. BOAT TEAMS:

Entries must consist of a minimum of two competing anglers. The boat captain and all crew involved in the capture and or tag and release (anglers, boat skippers, wire/trace man, gaffer and or tagger) of a fish must be registered/paid anglers. Vessels that breach this rule may be disqualified from that day's fishing. Boats may fish from and return to any port/boat ramp within the fishing boundaries, including Jervis Bay. Boats may bring their capture/tag cards and tackle by road to the weigh station at Greenwell Point. All capture/tag cards and tackle must be bought to the weigh station on the day of capture/tag.

#### 8. TRANSFER OF ANGLERS OR CREW:

In the event of vessel breakdown there will be no transfer of anglers after the start of the tournament (**safety reasons may be exempt**) please check with tournament committee.

#### 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.

#### 10. LINE CLASSES

**Multifilament lines cannot be used in this Tournament (Backing Only).** Eligible line class that may be fished are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg. (Monofilament and Dacron lines are allowed)

#### 11. MINIMUM WEIGHTS

**Marlin:** 4-10kg line class, 70kg, 15kg upwards, 90kg.

**Sharks:** a minimum of 70kg inline classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 90kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 130kg on 60kg line class.

**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:** Equal to line class used.

**Minimum Weights for Blue Sharks and Tiger Sharks for Adults**

**Tiger Sharks.**

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 120kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 200kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 250kg

**Blue Sharks.**

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 100kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 125kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 150kg

#### 12. CAPTURE POINT SCORE:

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

Points = weight of fish in kg<sup>2</sup> x line class factor divided by the line class.

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

**MARLIN AND 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.

**SHARKS** shall score half points with the exception of **BLUE SHARKS** which shall score **QUARTER** of the points as calculated.

**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:

Tag and release points shall be awarded as per the NSWGFA Tag and Release list that is current at the time of Tournament.

**Note:**

**a.** Kawa are eligible species in this tournament for junior **PERSONAL POINT SCORES ONLY.**

**b.** Striped Tuna are **MEASURE & RELEASE ONLY.**

Cards are available from **tournament committee.**

**JUNIORS ONLY, PERSONAL POINT SCORES ONLY.**

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

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO CLAIM TAG AND RELEASE POINTS

Photo and/or video evidence will be required to all T&R fish. Tag and Release points will not be awarded unless the minimum photo and/or video 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 photo or video must be original not screen shot. The minimum requirement for point score tag and release as photo evidence is date stamped and photo of fish being tagged. Any photo evidence including video showing more detail than the minimum requirement above will also be included but must also include date stamp.

**NOTE:** - However, A photo of the fish being held on the leader away from the boat must show clear evidence of the fish being tagged or the tag in the fish. The Device brought to the gantry for evidence of Tag and Release with all tackle / gear used in the tagging of the fish. Photo of the fish and tag must be a clear and 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 before end of day 1 dinner and day 2 close of submission where the angler and weigh master will view the footage on the club computer and only after the gear/ tackle has been marked off by weigh station staff will the fish count. Tags will not count until the photos/video are signed off by the committee or weigh master.

**d. 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.**

**e.** All other clubs to supply their own members with all necessary tags.

#### CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION

**A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.**



#### f. THE METHOD OF RELEASING TAGGED FISH:

"A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive."

#### 14. FISHING BOUNDARIES

The fishing area for the tournament is defined as any area between a line due East of Stanwell Park in the North and a line due East of Brush Island in the South. No fishing inside Jervis Bay is allowed, with a boundary line from Point Perpendicular to Bowen Island.

#### 15. FISHING TIMES

Fishing times on Saturday 22nd March are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 23rd March will be from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fish that are being fought and notice given to the Tournament base prior to the cessation of fishing may be continued to be fought with the **exception of Sunday.**

#### 16. WEIGH STATION TIMES

Saturday 22nd March 2025 opens 4.00 pm until return of all boats. Sunday 23rd March 2025 opens 1.00 pm. To be eligible for any tournament capture or tag divisions, 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 4pm.

## 17. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES

Tournament Capture and/or Tag & Release (T&R) Certificates or T&R cards must be **filled out in full** (except in the case of captures, the weight of fish) before arrival at the weigh station. Tournament Capture Certificates and T&R cards must be handed in on the day of the capture or tagging. Boat crews are required to assist lifting of fish onto the weigh station and removing the fish after weighing. 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/Capture time. All unwanted fish must be taken to at least two nautical miles outside Crookhaven Head's entrance and disposed of. No fish may be disposed of in a Marine Park. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. Captains and Crew are responsible for assisting with the removal of fish from weigh station. All traces and doubles used in captures must be produced for measurement. All gear for trophy fish must be checked. Both T&R and CAPTURE.

## 18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

Radio Schedules will be run in accordance with the NSWGFA guidelines for Radio Schedules. For Tournaments and this includes the fact that the captain of any boat having total radio failure must make contact with another boat and have them advise the Tournament Radio Base of the problem. **They MUST then return to port immediately.** Boats will be called by the Tournament Radio Base on frequency VHF 81 every two hours commencing at 8:10 am each day, calling boats in numerical order. Please sign on for the day at the 8:10am sched only. Sched run by Marine Rescue. Competitors are asked to be prompt in answering their calls, accurately reporting strikes, hook-up and captures for the previous two hours only. If boats answer promptly and briefly, we will all be well informed, including those listening to the club receiver. During the last period of fishing each day, a ten-minute radio silence period is required for the reporting of late hook-ups. All captures and tagging's MUST be reported at the NEXT radio sched.

**Shoalhaven Game Fishing Club Limited encourages all boats to log on and off with Marine Rescue Shoalhaven each day.**

**If a boat fails to report for two consecutive scheds, their details will be passed over to MR Shoalhaven as an overdue boat and emergency procedures will be initiated. A 'failure to sign off' penalty will apply.**

Failure to sign off will result in the loss of all points scored that day for Capture and Tag & Release.

**All fish hooked in the last hour of each day's fishing must report to Tournament base at the time of hook-up.**

**19. 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 a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact with Game Fish Base or members of the Tournament Committee. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing then the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether or not the competition will be called off for the remainder of the day. Note: A declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require the suspension of the tournament while the gale warning is current (**Cancellation only applies until Gale Warning is lifted**).

In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. The committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Committee's decision on the Tournament for the day. The ultimate decision on return to harbour remains with the competitors. In the event of the Tournament being cancelled in part or in whole, fish caught before cancellation will be eligible.

## 20. SAFETY

Seaworthiness and safety is the responsibility of boat owners and crew. As safety is of prime importance, we ask you not to take risks. Contestants putting to sea do so of their own volition and at their own risk. Safety gear as required by the Roads and Maritime Services must be carried on-board all competing boats.

**The Shoalhaven Game Fishing Club Limited will not accept responsibility for any accident or injury occasioned during this tournament.**

## 22. BERTHING

**Please note that berthing for larger boats is limited and rafting may be necessary, so get your entry in early. Alcohol purchased 'at establishments' other than Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club is not to be consumed within the club or on the club grounds including the wharf area. All alcohol consumed on the club grounds must be purchased from the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club. Please note that sleeping overnight in the grounds of the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club is not allowed. If found camping on club grounds this may result in disqualification from the Tournament and no refund of entry money.**

## 22. TOURNAMENT RULE

**Conduct-** It is an expectation that all participants will always conduct themselves in a reasonable and courteous manner to tournament officials and other competitors throughout the tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament.

**Misconduct-** The tournament committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident of misconduct by an angler on a boat, be he/she registered for the tournament or not, occurring during the tournament. The committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to future club tournaments. All competitors are reminded that as members of a club they are regarded as representatives of that club, as such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on the club and indeed on all game fishers, hence, the tournament committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

## 23. BAG LIMITS

Bag limits apply to Kingfish and Mahi Mahi for T&R. **All anglers may tag a maximum of five Yellowtail Kingfish and five Mahi per day with a boat limit of ten per day for each species.**

Grey Nurse Sharks have been removed from the T&R point score.

Short Length, girth measurement and estimated weight of any fish captured must also be supplied. Please note that all fish to be weighed must be measured for the short length at time of capture.

- Billfish are to be measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork in the tail. (Short Measurement).
- Sharks or other game fish to be measured from the nose to the fork in the tail (short measurement).
- The length in cm must be reported at the time of capture along with estimated weight to tournament base using the weight to length curve graph.
- **Tagging of White Sharks – The incidental hooking, fighting, and tagging and releasing of a White Shark in Commonwealth Waters (outside 3NM) is permitted for scientific purposes and T&R points will be awarded in all tournaments including club point-scores. This species cannot be targeted. For clarity, the NSW GFA President advised that a dispensation has been granted by the Federal Government.**

24. Fish are to be captured in accordance with GFAA and NSWGFA Rules and regulations.

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.

**All junior capture and T&R points also contribute to boat points excluding strip tuna, mac tuna and kawa. The heaviest capture by a junior angler includes all species by current rules.**

## 25. FISH HANDLING

**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.**

## 26. PLEASE NOTE

All anglers are to be financial members of a club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, ANSA or IGFA. ANSA Members wishing to fish the tournament must fish on an NSWGFA Club Registered Boat

## 27. LINE and BACKING

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.

28. **\$25,000 prize for the Heaviest Blue or Black marlin over 250kg, caught within the tournament boundaries, timeframe and within the rules as outlined by GFAA'.**

**Heaviest Marlin min 250kg will receive the cash prize. (senior entries anglers only) via bank transfer upon approval from category broker.**

Fish are to be captured in accordance with GFAA and NSWGFA Rules and regulations.

\*Those rules laid down by the NSWGFA and GFAA for capture and tag and release shall apply as are in effect at the time of the Tournament.

# PRIZE LIST

## Capture Prizes

Highest Point Scoring Boat	<b>\$4000.00</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Point Scoring Boat	<b>\$1000.00</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest Point Scoring Boat	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Heaviest Marlin Senior Entry Angler (min 250 kg)	<b>\$25000.00</b>	(Black or Blue Marlin ONLY)
Next Heaviest Marlin Senior Angler	<b>\$1000.00</b>	
Heaviest Capture by a Junior	<b>Shimano Reel and Shimano Rod</b>	
Heaviest Shark Senior Angler	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Heaviest Other Game Fish Senior Angler	<b>\$500.00</b>	

## Tag and Release Prizes

Highest Point Scoring T&R Boat	<b>\$4000.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Point Scoring T&R Boat	<b>\$1000.00</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest Point Scoring T&R Boat	<b>\$500.00</b>
Highest Point Scoring T&R Junior Angler*	<b>Shimano Reel and Shimano Rod</b>
Most Billfish T&R Boat	<b>\$500.00</b>
Most Shark T&R Boat	<b>\$500.00</b>
Most Tuna T&R Boat	<b>\$250.00</b>

## Miscellaneous

First Marlin Each Day	<b>Mako Eyewear Pack</b>
Last Marlin Each Day	<b>Mako Eyewear Pack</b>

### \*Junior Trophies Only (All up to the age of 16)

Juniors wishing to fish for Junior and Senior Trophies MUST pay both entries (junior and senior)

## 52nd Annual Shoalhaven Open Tournament

22 - 23 March 2025

Friday night the Greenwell Point Bowling Club offers both a Bistro and Chinese Restaurant, they both serve Lunch and Dinner.

## WEEKEND PROGRAMME

### Friday 21st March 2025

- Registration of competing anglers from 5:30 pm (Function Room)
- Briefing commences at 8:00 pm at the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club - An angler from each competing boat should be present to collect satchel.

### Saturday 22nd March 2025

- Fishing commences at 7:00 am, ceases 5:00 pm
- The Weigh Station will be open for both T&R and Captures from 4:00 pm
- Tournament Dinner and Major Raffle from 6.30 pm
- 100 Club draw

### Sunday 23rd March 2025

- Fishing commences at 6:00 am, ceases at 3:00 pm, with weigh in by 4:00 pm
- The Weigh Station will be open for both T&R and Captures at 1.00 pm.
- The presentation will be held at the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club starting at approximately 4:30 pm (BBQ Area at the Greenwell Point Bowling Club)

*The President and Committee of the Shoalhaven Game Fishing Club would like to extend a friendly invitation to all members of an affiliated Game Fishing Club, all members of an ANSA club and all our own members to fish our 52nd Annual Shoalhaven Open Tournament.*

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat No: \_\_\_\_\_



# SHOALHAVEN GAME FISHING CLUB LIMITED



*52nd Annual Shoalhaven Open Tournament*

## Entry Form 22nd & 23rd March 2025

Surname (Please Print)	Christian Name	Gender M / F	Category M / L / J&SF	DOB (if Junior & S/Fry)	Club
CAPTAIN					
CREW					

**Committee:** Craig Murphy, Liz Sikora, Rhianon Roulstone, Dale Spresser, Kim Bice, Matthew Walton, Blake Matthews and Chris Hefferan, Kaleena Matthews, Justin Van Hooven, Zane Tibbutt.

Is Berthing Required? **YES/NO**

## ENTRY FEES

Senior Tournament Entry                      No. ....                      at \$110.00 each                      \$ .....

Junior/Small Fry Tournament Entry                      No. ....                      at \$50.00 each                      \$ .....

\*Note - Junior/Small Fry Anglers must pay the

Senior Tournament Entry Fee to be eligible for senior prizes\*                      No. ....                      at \$110.00 each                      \$ .....

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**SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLE  
TICKETS ONLY**

No. ....                      at 5 for \$20.00                      \$ .....

No. ....                      at 15 for \$50.00                      \$ .....

**Total Entry Fees Payable**                      \$ .....

**\*Entries will not be accepted without full payment.**  
**All boat drivers must hold a valid boat operators license.**

**SAFETY INFORMATION & DECLARATION TO BE COMPLETED OVERLEAF**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat No: \_\_\_\_\_

# VESSEL & SAFETY INFORMATION FORM

*To be completed by the Captain*

## Vessel Information

Name of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Marine Radio Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. SA Number)  
Make/Model Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Registration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: Hull: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type (eg Half Cabin): \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: Topsides: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Engine/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Engines: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fuel Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Cruising Range: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vessel Insurance (Certificate of concurrency must accompany entry)

Vessel Liability Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Policy No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vehicle Information

Vehicle Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

## Radio and Navigation Equipment

Radio Equipment: 27 MHz: \_\_\_\_\_ VHF: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Meg: \_\_\_\_\_  
Navigation Equipment: Radar: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS: \_\_\_\_\_ Sounder: \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety Equipment

All Boats Fishing this Tournament must carry all Safety Equipment for Open Waters as required by the NSW Maritime Authority for the period of this tournament? Yes

All Boats Fishing this Tournament must carry an in-date 406Mhz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) for the period of this tournament? Yes

\*\*\* EPIRB 406 MHz AMSA Register Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Captain's Details

Captain's Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number during Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_  
Captains Address during Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile Phones on Board: \_\_\_\_\_

**I confirm that the information provided in this form is true and correct. My Crew and I agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and those decisions made by the Tournament Committee. We also agree that the participation in this tournament will be at our own risk and understand that the holding of this tournament must not be construed as an invitation to put to sea in conditions beyond the capability of craft and crew. I fully understand that the safety of vessel and crew is the Captain's responsibility, as is the decision to put to sea.**

**Signed - Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Once completed and signed please return with appropriate fees to:*

The Secretary  
Shoalhaven Game Fishing Club  
PO Box 5  
Greenwell Point NSW 2540

**All Enquiries: -  
The Secretary  
Phone: 0402715861  
Email:  
shoalhavengamefishingclub@gmail.com**

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