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Whether you're catching fish or not, you'll enjoy great benefits from time on the ocean observing nature. Even the weather is more interesting and spectacular. To watch rain showers move across an uncluttered landscape, or to see a waterspout or a dramatic stormfront moving up the coast is a visual feast that you'll rarely enjoy from the comforts of suburbia.

While the ocean's natural wonders are rewarding enough, as anglers we enjoy the ocean's bounty on another level again. To pit our skills against the natural evasiveness of our quarry, then hear our reel scream and feel the power as one of the ocean's most formidable creatures connects in battle, that is the primary lure that draws us out there.



Instead of waiting and hoping, master anglers know that an ability to read the ocean's processes and signs will see you hooked-up far more often. Learning how to recognise and interpret the clues will tell you where the gamefishing action is going on – or is likely to be going on soon. The skills that set successful anglers apart are their abilities to assess the clues of any given day, then take appropriate action to find and tempt the available gamefish. Teaching these skills is what drives me to produce *BlueWater* magazine. Each issue I distil the world's experts into practical how-to guides that will

make a real difference to your gamefishing success. I hope you will join me and boost your results in the year ahead.



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A big year for all of us

We achieved a lot in 2016, and with the support of the Australian gamefishing community we also have great things in store for the year ahead.

This should be a year of conciliation for gamefishing anglers throughout Australia. The Federal Government is proposing to acknowledge recreational anglers in legislation, which will entitle us to an official stake in the fishery and a more substantial voice in the management of it. Such recognition will also help the government to see we are a group with considerable benefits to offer the Australian economy.

The Game Fishing Association of Australia is very proud that through your affiliation membership fees we have been able to invest thousands of your dollars every year into marine scientific studies, as well as a wide range of diverse community-based projects.

Our 79th Annual General Meeting, held in Cairns last September, was a huge celebration of gamefishing. The presentation dinner was attended by IGFA President Rob Kramer, Australia's outgoing IGFA Australian Trustee, Neil Patrick, as well as numerous GFAA Life Members and general members, including a number of young families from across Australia. It was a very memorable evening, with Past President Brett Cleary receiving Life Membership for his ongoing service to the Game Fishing Association of Australia – a very special award for our history books.

Congratulations also to our Small Fry and Junior anglers in attendance, each of which received trophies or certificates for their angling achievements last year. To see the family support for our Juniors is very impressive. Rob Kramer made

the comment on the night that Australian gamefishing is certainly heading in the right direction, with the future of our sport being with our young members.

My hearty thanks to Kevin Oates, Peter Cox and all our State Coordinators for making the GFAA National Junior Tournament an ongoing great success, proven by our team of juniors taking out all awards in a major New Zealand tournament last year. The GFAA was very happy to provide some financial support towards their competitive quest.

My first year as President of the GFAA involved a great learning curve, but it was a pleasure to work with my Executive team in implementing a number of special projects throughout several States in conjunction with the GFAA Research & Development Foundation. Thank you for the opportunity to act on your behalf for gamefishing in Australia.

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As such, the GFAA is affiliated with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and plays an active part in the leadership of the sport of gamefishing on a world level.

The constitutional membership of the GFAA is the Australian States and the Northern Territory (the Canberra Game Fishing Club is affiliated with the New South Wales Game Fishing Association). Thus, gamefishermen, wherever their place of residence, have a voice and representation — just as was planned by those who founded the national body in 1938.

Each of the State and Northern Territory branch memberships is made up of affiliated clubs. The club members – the fishermen – in turn, receive the benefit of membership.

There are many reasons for the success and longevity of the GFAA, all of which are directly related to benefits for the members. These include:

- The administration of club, State and Australian records for male, lady and junior anglers — not only traditional offshore gamefishing records, but also fly and land-based game.
- Organised club structures that help give knowledge on technique and where to find fish. Club-organised tackle and 'how-to' instructional nights and the like.
- Fellowship and social functions within the clubs.
- Competition, both intra- and inter-club. That is, competition with other clubs, competition within the State and national competition.
- Representation for club, State or country in international competition. The GFAA and members of its State associations and member clubs are welcome and recognised at international tournaments. Such teams have competed successfully in international tournaments in New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Tahiti and Nova Scotia.
- The dissemination and application of knowledge, which is important over a lifetime of fishing with a GFAA club.
- Receipt of member club and State associations' newsletters and the GFAA's *Official Gamefishing Journal*.

However, one of the most important benefits of membership of clubs affiliated with the GFAA is to give input to club, State and national executives with governments and related organisations and departments. This involvement ideally leads to representation on government committees and advisory councils — a very necessary step.

Thus, GFAA clubs and association members are more often becoming the contact point for government seeking advice and information, as well as contact points for lobbying on behalf of members.

Along the same lines, the GFAA offers gamefishermen:

- Representation at national and international seminars on billfish and other pelagic species by all gamefishing sectors.
- An active voice and contribution to ensure that recreational offshore fishermen have access to and an equitable share in fish and bait resources.
- The opportunity to take active executive positions in clubs, State associations and the national body, the GFAA.

The GFAA Executive strives to maintain affiliation fees at the minimum level necessary to give service and efficient operation.

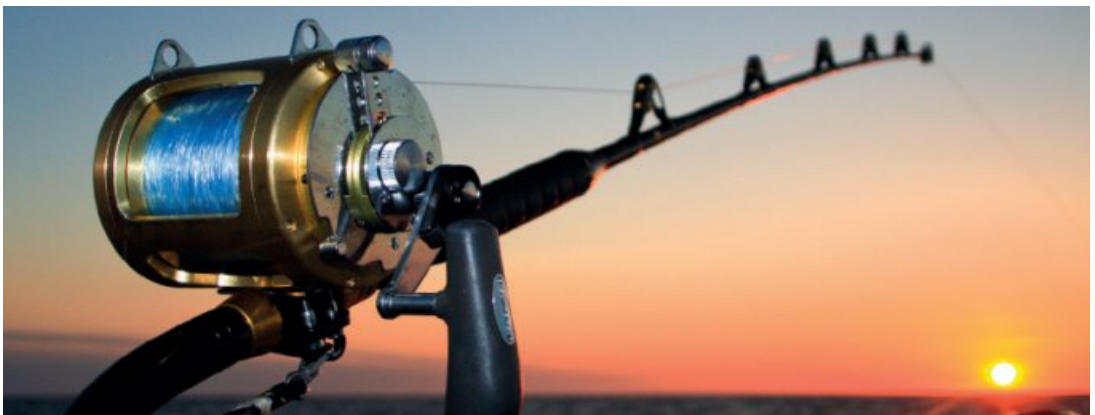
The association's interests in science and conservation are clearcut and the association is regarded, rightly, as a world leader. The gamefish tag & release programs and tournament minimum weights are just two examples of leadership in ethical fishing and conservation.

In addition, the GFAA now has a research foundation. The wisely allocated grants that have been made so far are already providing benefits to fish and fishermen.

The GFAA is your organisation. The support and membership you give will result in multiplying benefits for you, the angler.

Put simply ... IF YOU GAMEFISH, IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO BELONG TO A GFAA-AFFILIATED CLUB.

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Code of Practice for a Responsible Gamefish Fishery

Codes of Practice are important to set standards for organisations and have been developed for a wide range of activities and industries, including the seafood industry. Many of the principles incorporated into Codes of Practice might seem obvious or general, but they clearly demonstrate to those inside and outside

the organisation that high standards do exist and are strongly encouraged.

It is important that a Code of Practice for gamefishing in Australia be promoted, especially since some sectors of the public and the media are not well informed about this form of angling.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GFAA

To a large extent, the GFAA has operated under a form of 'Code of Practice' for many years. The constitution of the GFAA contains a set of objects (or aims) that are a very useful starting point in this regard. Taking the relevant points from the Objects of GFAA (the ones that relate to fishing ethics, conservation and so on), it is clear that the Association has set itself high standards. That is:

- To formulate and support fair, uniform and ethical angling rules.
- To conserve gamefish and food fish resources for the recreational and economic use of present and future generations.
- To affiliate with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and work closely with that Association as well as scientific institutions and government bodies interested in fisheries conservation and management.
- To encourage and further the study of recreational angling, the related fish species and the habitat requirements of such species.
- To develop and support fish tagging programs and other scientific data collection.
- To act as a data accumulation centre for fishing results and to make such information available to governments and others for furthering education in the wise use and conservation of the species.
- To analyse the pressure of recreational and commercial fishing upon the respective gamefish species.
- To disseminate information and knowledge of scientific studies of commercial fishing and gamefishing to GFAA member clubs and to the general public.
- To assist and participate in domestic and international gamefish seminars and symposiums where the expertise, data and purposes of the Association may be helpful in assisting other organisations with similar objectives.
- To make grants to gamefish-oriented organisations or institutions for the support of research and education in the sciences related to gamefish and the sport of angling.

These objects are largely pursued through the rules and regulations of the Association. The GFAA Research & Development Foundation has also been formed to assist in funding the pursuit of many of these specific goals.

THE CODE

Principles of a Code of Practice for gamefishing in Australia (not only for members of clubs, it should be noted) include the following. Gamefish anglers will strive to:

- Fish to the ethical standards espoused by the GFAA. Follow the rules and regulations set by the GFAA. Always conduct gamefishing activities in an ethical manner.
- Show due care and responsibility for the habitat of gamefish and other marine life. Don't discard anything overboard, including plastic, metal and fishing line. Report pollution. Pick up floating rubbish. Take care in anchoring over sensitive reef areas. Only use biodegradable chemicals onboard.

- Minimise direct effects on wildlife, including seabirds, marine mammals and reptiles.
- Minimise taking onboard material that will produce pollution or rubbish. Observe proper provisioning processes. Minimise packaging.
- Follow all relevant regulations by governing institutions. Adhere to bag and size limits. Respect and adhere to protected species legislation. Be aware of zoning within marine parks and marine protected areas.
- Be informed about the biology of gamefish. For example, be aware of how to identify various gamefish species for more accurate recording of tagging and capture data.
- Tag and release fish with care. Learn the correct procedures for tag and release and catch and release to ensure maximum likelihood of survival of tagged and released fish. Record and forward accurate post-release information in a timely manner.
- Take only what is needed. Exercise restraint when taking any species of fish even if no bag limits exist. Be realistic about the amount of baitfish taken for fishing. Try to return unused live baitfish to the area in which they were caught.
- Dispatch fish quickly and humanely. All fish that are taken should be killed as quickly and humanely as possible.
- Convey the benefits of gamefishing to the public. Take opportunities to educate the non-fishing public about the benefits of gamefishing, of tag and release and support of research. Encourage others to join affiliated gamefishing clubs.
- Cooperate and participate in research and development activities that will enhance the sustainability of the resource. Offer free access to fish for recognised research programs. Participate in biological sampling programs.
- Participate and assist in the collection of catch and effort statistics.
- Consider and respect the rights of others when engaged in any aspect of gamefishing. This includes other anglers, and commercial fishers' rights to harvest common property resources.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FADS)

- Respect other FAD users at all times.
- FADs are for the benefit and enjoyment of all recreational sectors.
- Courtesy should be given to fishers who are already using the FAD.
- FAD users should take turns in fishing the FAD and accommodate new arrivals.
- All fishers should keep boats, lines and lures a safe distance from the FAD.
- Do not use braid (Spiderwire) near the FADs. This line type causes cutting damage to the mooring line of the device. This will result in the FAD breaking free and the ground tackle being lost.
- Do not tie your boat up to the FAD.
- Report any damage to the FAD to the appropriate owner.
- Comply with bag limits and only take what you need.



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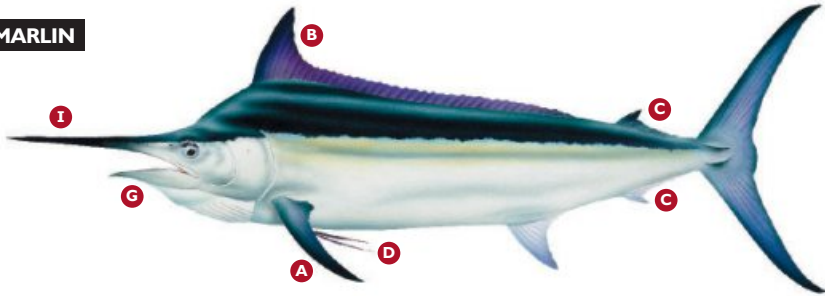
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What marlin is that?

BLACK MARLIN



BLUE MARLIN



STRIPED MARLIN



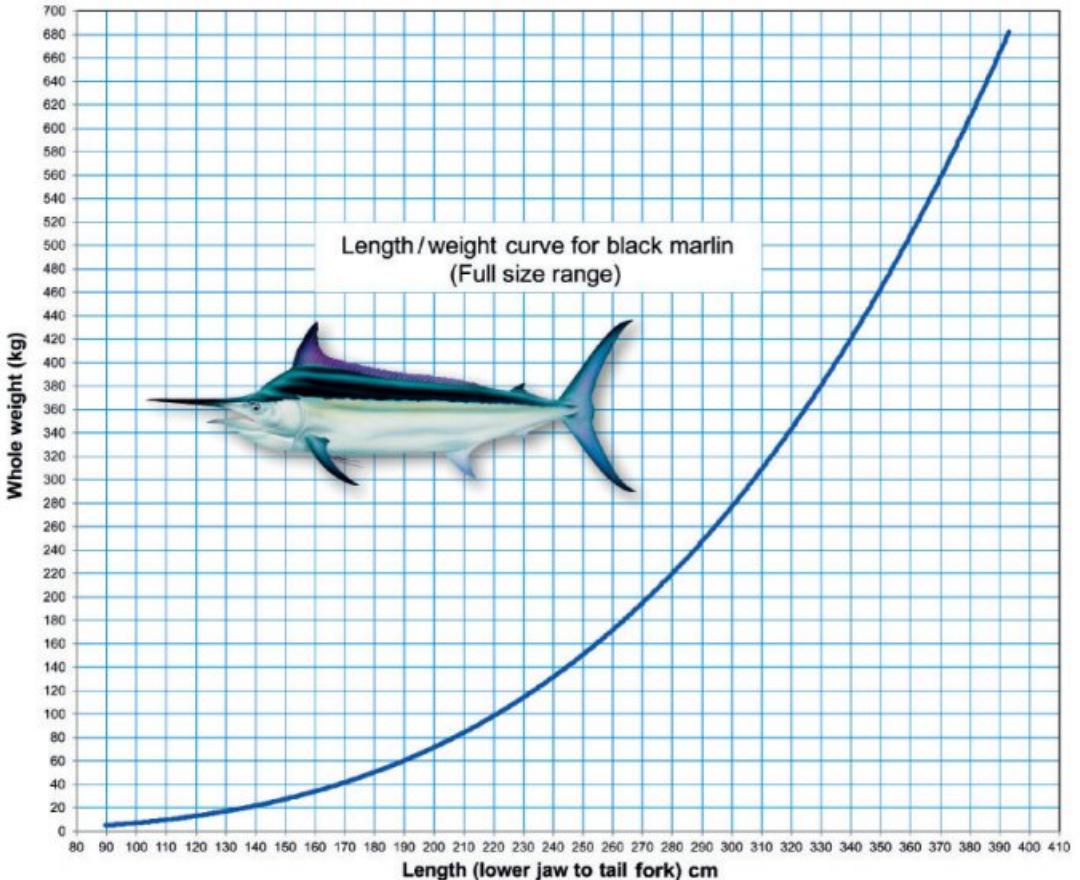
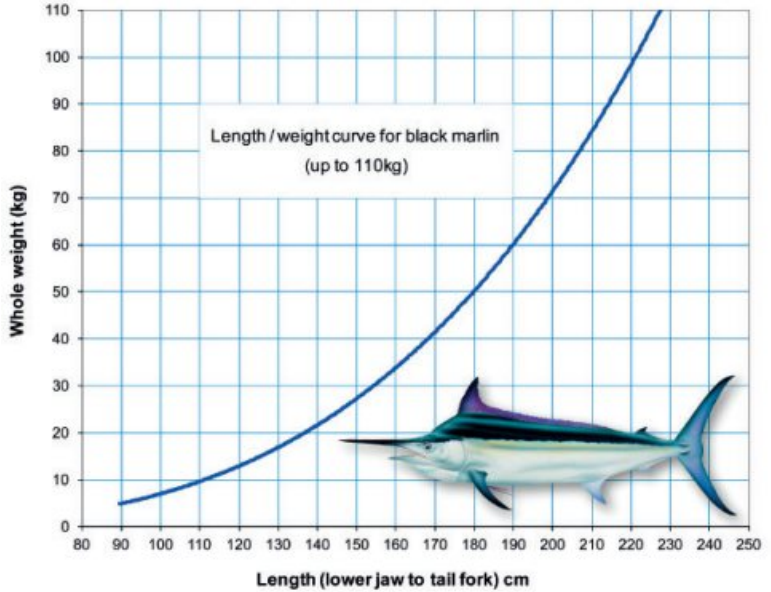
FEATURE	BLACK MARLIN	BLUE MARLIN	STRIPED MARLIN
A Pectoral fins	Rigid. Cannot be folded along body (for fish over about 20kg). Curved like half sickle, aerofoil cross-section.	Can be folded along body. Strap-like, flat cross-section.	Can be folded along body. Strap-like, often 'leaf' shaped. Flat cross-section.
B First dorsal fin (when fully erect)	Lowest of all marlin; somewhat rounded tip. Height about half body depth. Rarely has spots. Stout (fin rays are relatively thick). In fish less than 50kg, dorsal relatively high for much of its length.	Intermediate (but obviously high). Height about two-thirds body depth (about to level of origin of pectoral fin). Pointed tip. Sometimes has numerous small spots. Stout (fin rays are relatively thick).	Highest of the marlins. Height equal to, or just less than, body depth. Trailing edge more gradual than other two marlin, often resulting in rounded tip and 'ragged' trailing edge. Relatively floppy (fin rays not stout).

FEATURE	BLACK MARLIN	BLUE MARLIN	STRIPED MARLIN
C Second dorsal & second anal fins	Second dorsal fin anterior to (in front of) second anal fin (measure as shown in accompanying figure).	Second dorsal fin posterior to (behind) second anal fin.	Second dorsal fin posterior to (behind) second anal fin.
D Pelvic, or ventral fins	Very short. Less than 15% of lower jaw-fork length.	Moderately long. 16 to 23% of lower jaw-fork length.	Long. 15 to 27% of lower jaw-fork length.
E Lateral line	Single. Obvious only in small (less than about 25kg) specimens.	Complex, but not visible. (If skin is cleaned and dried, lateral line shows as 'chicken-wire' shapes on back of skin).	Often visible as a single line, especially in fish under about 80kg. Present in larger fish, but not always obvious.
F Scales	Scales relatively deep, but can be clearly seen.	Very obvious just under skin. Scales are nearly always exposed by skin breaking when handling.	Scales not obvious (deep in skin). Not easily exposed by superficial abrasion of skin.
G Lower jaw	Short & 'stocky' (like chicken's beak). Often turned down at tip.	Short & 'stocky' (like chicken's beak). Sometimes with downward turn at tip.	Long and slender. Acutely pointed.
H Length ratios	% of eye-fork to lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 85% and 88%. Similar to blue marlin.	% of eye-fork to lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 86% and 89%. Does not overlap with striped marlin.	% of eye-fork to lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 82% and 86%. Does not overlap with blue marlin.
I Bill	Stoutest of the three marlins. Large sharp denticles over surface – can cause abrasive injuries when handling.	More slender than black, stouter than striped. Large sharp denticles over surface – can cause abrasive injuries when handling.	Slenderest of the three marlins. Very small denticles over surface – unlikely to abrade skin when handling.
J Body shape	Oval in cross-section. Robust at level of pectoral fin, tapering gradually toward tail.	Oval in cross-section. Usually heavier than striped marlin for any given body length (see graph).	Slab-sided. Elliptical in cross-section. Weight per body length least of the three marlins (see graph).
K Maximum size	Northern Qld: 650kg; NSW: 350kg possibly up to 500kg. Usual 'run' off southern Qld/NSW is 30-120kg. Specimens less than 20kg not uncommon.	Eastern Australia: 370kg. Usual 'run' is 100-200kg. Specimens under 50kg very rare off east coast.	Eastern Australia: 190kg. Rare at this size. Usual 'run' off eastern Australia is 60-120kg. Uncommon under 40kg.
L Flesh colour	Pinkish white/grey.	Pinkish white/grey.	Mostly a distinct orange colour (resembling smoked salmon).
M Colour/vertical bars	Many show bars when alive (esp. juveniles), but disappear after death. Dorsal fin usually a distinctive mauve/pink in life. Body colour tends to a dull grey after death.	Show vertical bars in life and usually after death. Body colour becomes steely grey to very dark blue after death. Dark colour over whole body, including head. Light blue eye colour stands out.	Vertical bars in life, and always visible after death. Whole body does not become dark after death. Belly usually retains creamy white colour.

And how big is it?

Estimating the size and weight of your catch is one of the more refined skills of a gamefisherman. It's especially important when practising tag-and-release as many of the important statistics flowing from tagging programs are influenced by your size and weight estimates.

Prepared by Dr Julian Pepperell, and illustrated by Craig Smith, here's a quick reference guide to help you more accurately determine the weights of striped, blue and black marlin, plus yellowfin tuna, tiger sharks and mako sharks.





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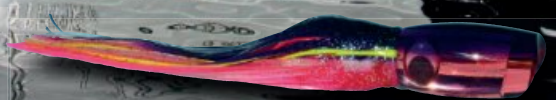


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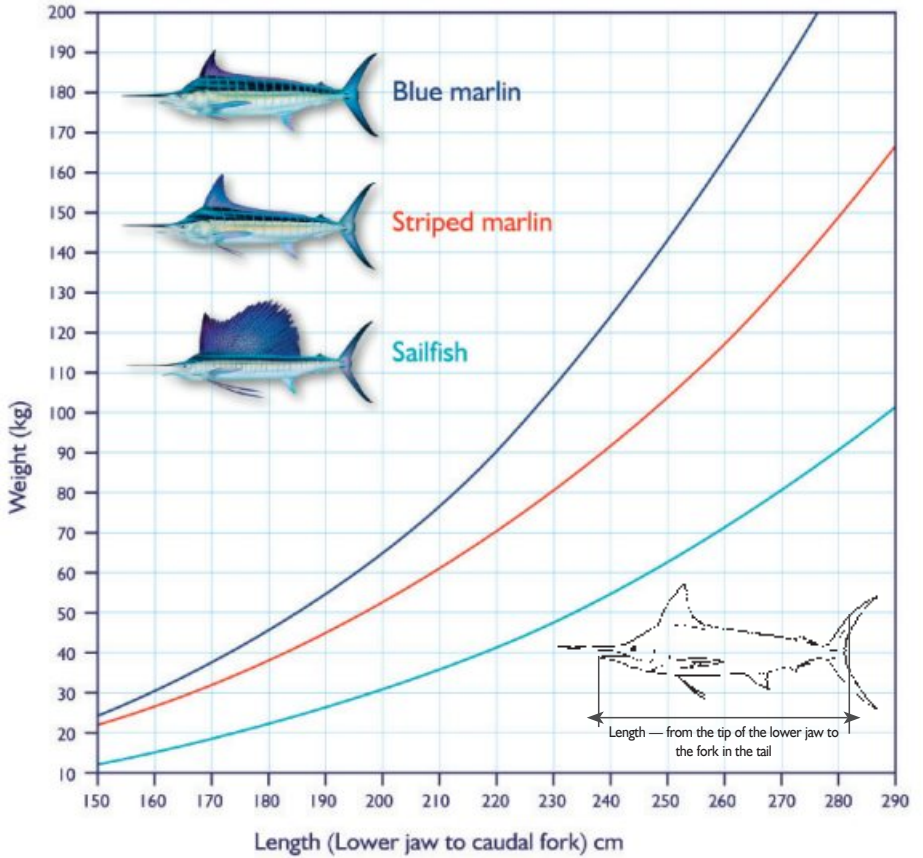


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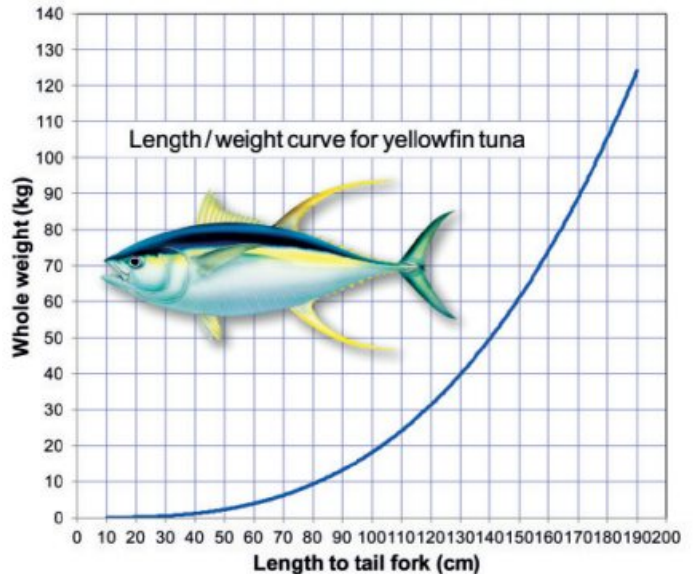
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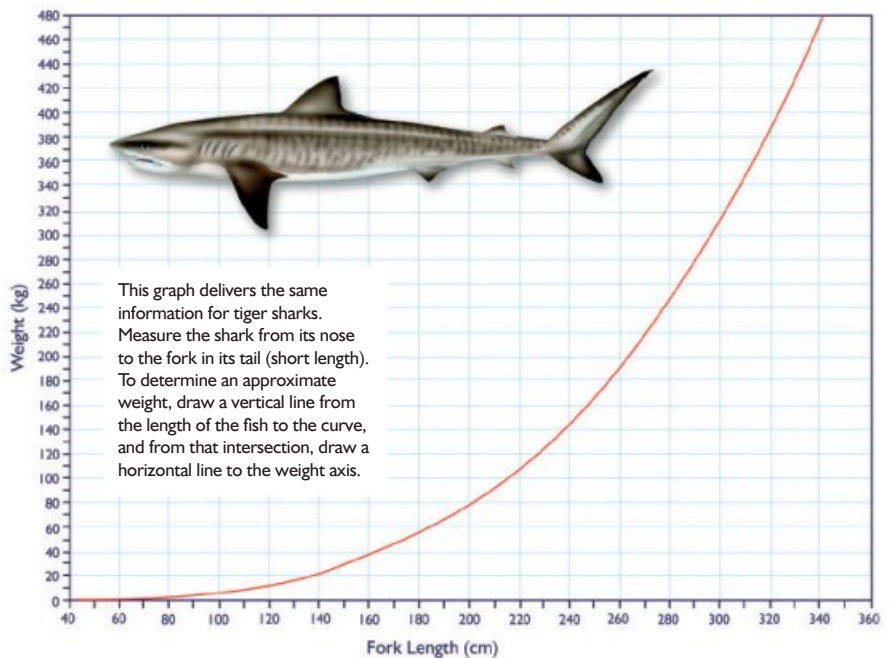
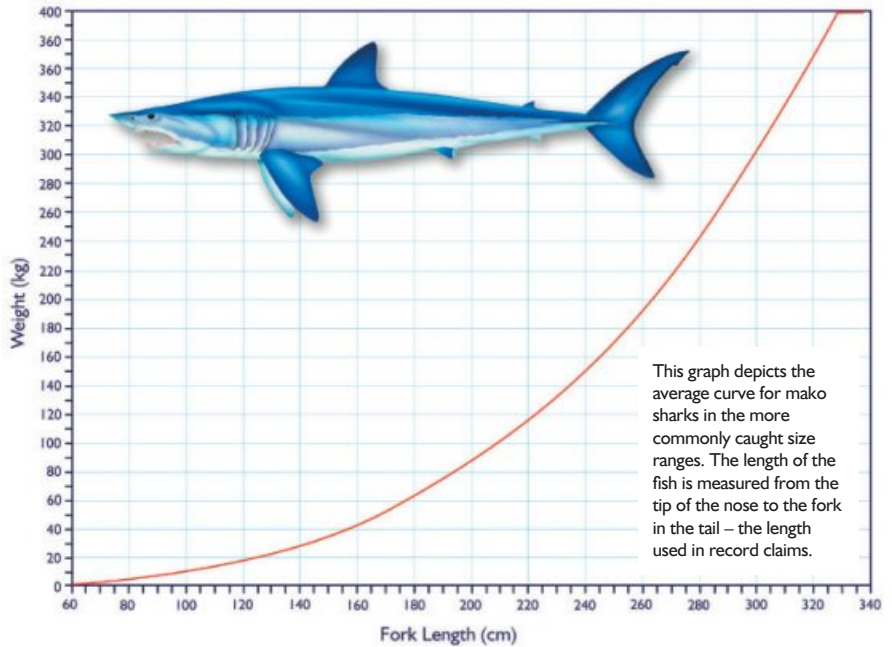
The above graph depicts average curves for blue marlin, striped marlin and sailfish in the more commonly caught size ranges. The length of the fish is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork in the tail – the ‘short length’ used in record claims. In order to read these curves, draw a vertical line from the length of the fish to the curve, and from the intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis. Please note that the black marlin length/weight relationship is nearly identical to blues.

The graph at right shows the length/weight relationship for yellowfin tuna. To determine the approximate weight of your fish, measure from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail, then draw a vertical line on the graph from the length of the fish to the curve, and from that intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis.



How big is that mako or tiger shark?

Just as accurately estimating the size and weight of a billfish is important, so, too, is estimation of sharks' weights. To this end, Dr Ricky Chan has compiled length-versus-weight graphs for the two most popularly targeted 'game' sharks, the mako and tiger.



Australia's pioneering big-game tackle

Unrealised by most of the world today, Australia has taken a leading role in the development and manufacture of big-game fishing tackle from the dawn of our sport. As well as a rod-builder regarded by Zane Grey as the very best in the world, before WWII Australia also produced a wide range of hand-crafted gamefishing reels, some introducing technology that revolutionised the sport, as historian John McIntyre explains.

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the capture off Cairns, Queensland, of the first 1000-pound (453.59kg) black marlin in Australia – a feat well publicised, much discussed and certainly one of the most important events in the sport of gamefishing. As a result of this capture, the region of Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef went on to become synonymous with big fish and blue water!

Internationally respected Cairns skippers Peter Bristow, Peter B Wright and Laurie Wright recently penned articles for *BlueWater* magazine tracing the development of tackle and techniques in this almost unprecedented giant black marlin hotspot. Very few of the world's captains can boast the experience that these men have accumulated during their lifetime in the fishery. Their articles are shining examples of how adversity was overcome by ingenuity, patience and, at times, accidents of good timing.

From the earliest days of the 20th century, Australian gamefishing inspired the development of tackle and techniques to catch very big fish. Much of this development was home-grown, dictated largely by the sheer difficulty in obtaining tackle suitable for such enormous fish. In those early days, the principal suppliers of tackle were located in Britain or the USA, making it a daunting and costly challenge just to procure suitable equipment. To complicate matters further, at various times stringent import regulations and foreign exchange restrictions made life for the angler even more difficult.



EARLY BIG GAME RODS

The earliest rods suitable for offshore angling were constructed from seasoned wood or bamboo sections with ring guides bound on and basic reel mounts fixed in place. These soon proved inadequate for tussles with sizeable fish, so the search began for more appropriate rods.

The earliest split cane fishing rods seem to have originated in the early-to mid-18th century for trout and salmon fishing in Britain and USA. A number of Australian hobbyists/local makers began to develop split cane rods for big gamefish, although these were often of questionable quality. Leading tackle houses including Eastway Brothers, Craig & Aitken and Mick Simmons in Sydney, and Hartleys and Alcock and Pierce in Melbourne, contracted rod-makers, mainly sole traders or hobbyists, to supply a variety of rods, including those suitable for big game. Leading the field was the remarkable William L (Bill) Southam (1899-1968) of Sydney, who by the early 1930s had already mastered the technique of splitting prime imported Tonkin bamboo cane into precise segments, to produce beautifully uniform and strong rods.

Southam rods were regarded as being among the finest in the world up until the 1960s when the fibreglass revolution really kicked in. Southam's rods came in a variety of sizes and were designed to accommodate the then common line classes with suitable fixed metal guides and tips, as well as robust reel seats. Such was their quality that the famous and extremely wealthy US angler and author Zane Grey,

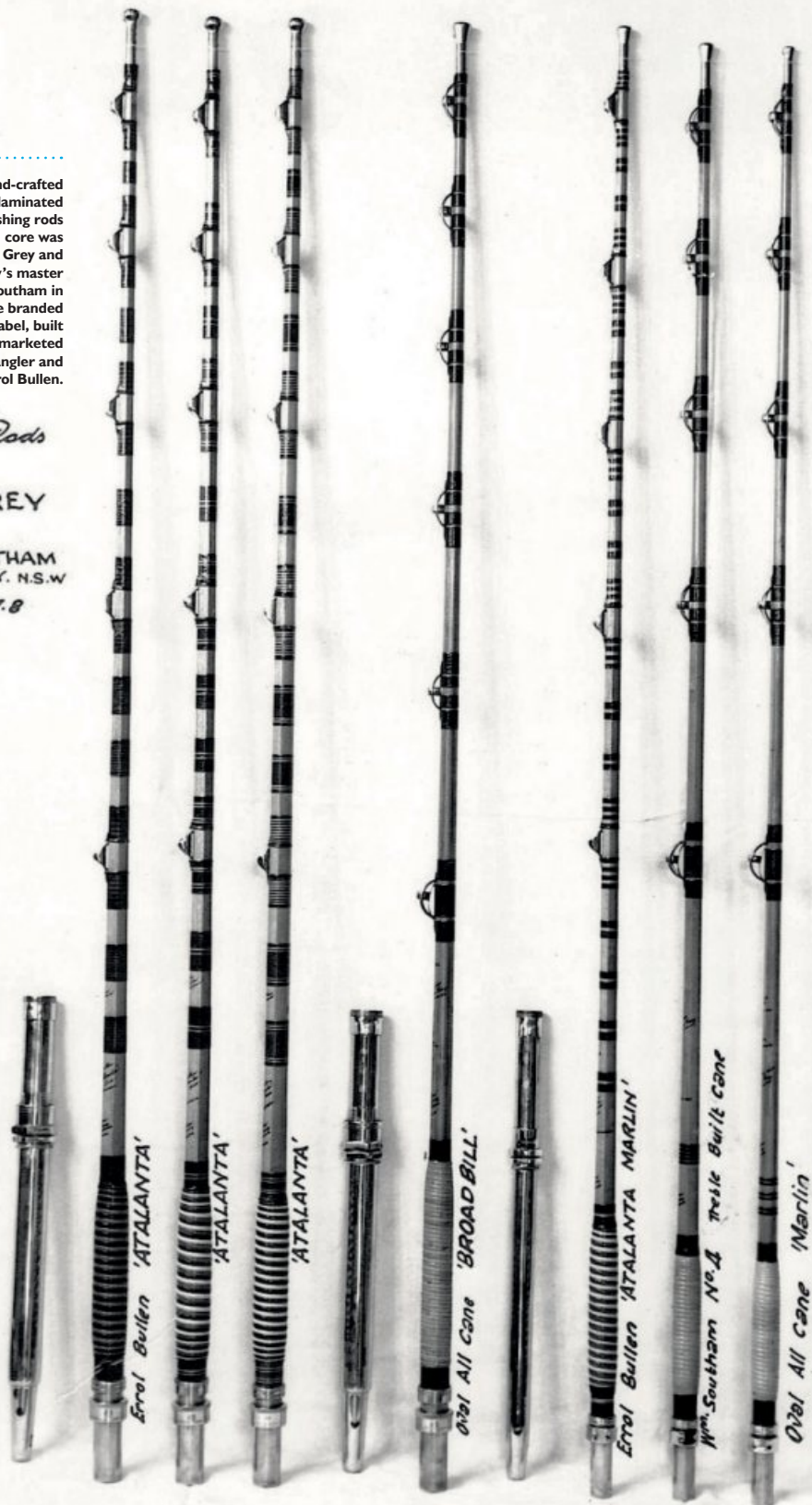
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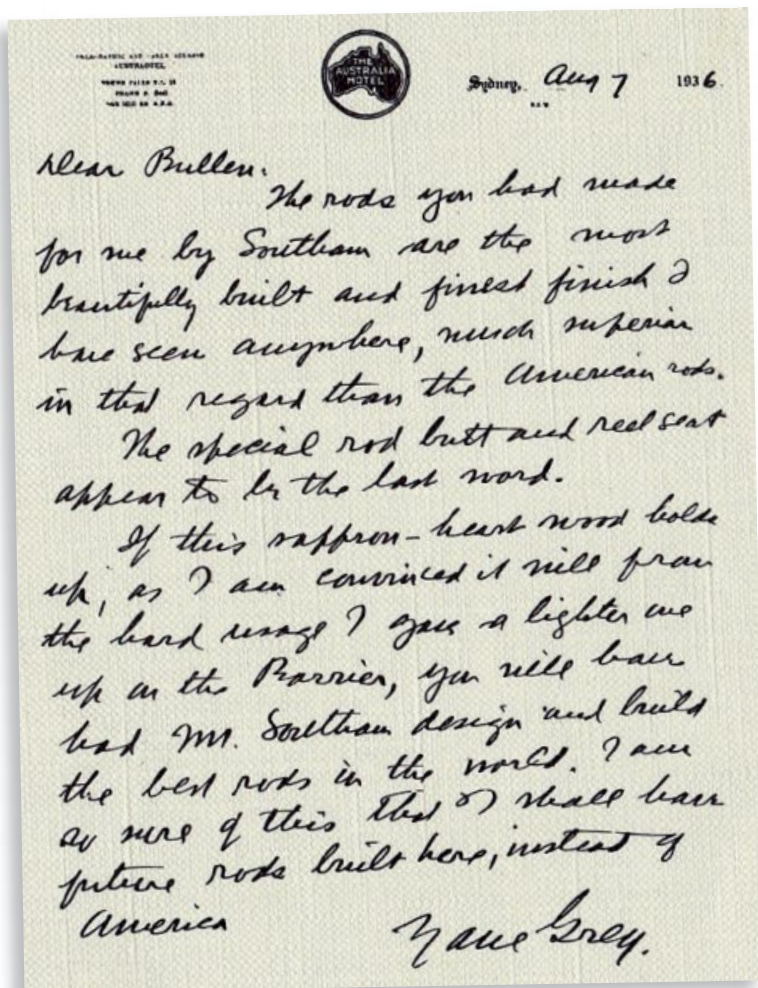
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Above: Sydney rod-craftsman Bill Southam inspects one of his exquisite split-cane fly rods in front of his stockpile of high-grade Tonkin cane imported from China. As well as roles in the administration of the GFAA, Southam had a long and influential career in the Australian fishing tackle industry. His split-cane gamefishing rods were regarded by Zane Grey as the very best in the world.

This set of hand-crafted hexagonal and laminated oval cane gamefishing rods with saffron wood core was commissioned by Zane Grey and built for him by Sydney's master rod-craftsman Bill Southam in 1937. Several were branded under the Atalanta label, built by Southam but marketed by Australian angler and businessman Errol Bullen.

*Special Rods
built for
ZANE GREY
by
W^m. SOUTHAM
SYDNEY, N.S.W
Season 1937.8*





Famed US author and gamefishing pioneer Zane Grey poses with his new Atalanta rods and reels commissioned from Errol Bullen during his first visit to Sydney in 1936. Note the massive line-dryers behind the seat, necessary to wash and dry the braided linen lines every day after fishing to prevent them rotting.

“Southam rods were regarded as being among the finest in the world up until the 1960s.”

This letter, addressed to Errol Bullen and written by Zane Grey in August 1936 on stationery from The Australia Hotel, Sydney, testifies that he regarded Bill Southam's laminated wood and split cane gamefishing rods as the best in the world. It reads:

Dear Bullen,
 The rods you had made for me by Southam are the most beautifully built and finest finish I have seen anywhere, much superior in that regard than the American rods. The special rod butt and reel seat appear to be the last word. If this saffron-heart wood holds up, as I am convinced it will from the hard usage I gave a lighter one up on the Barrier, you will have had Mr Southam design and build the best rods in the world. I am so sure of this that I shall have future rods built here, instead of America.
 Zane Grey

a man known to be obsessive about his tackle and able to commission the leading makers in the world, purchased full sets of Southam's saltwater range. Grey made the decision while on his first expedition to Australia in 1936, after being convinced to try them by his Australian friend and leading big shark angler Errol Bullen of Sydney's Watsons Bay.

ZANE GREY ENDORSES SOUTHAM

Zane Grey's endorsement of the Southam rods provided an important impetus to the small but innovative local maker. Southam also made specially designed, triple-built, heavy-tackle split cane rods for a small number of elite shark anglers, including Errol Bullen, Max Lawson and Bob Wild, the latter being probably the most successful shark specialist in the pre-World War II era.

Bullen and Wild, successful businessmen in the Sydney community, had financial interests in the Southam business, ensuring that it remained viable during the Great Depression years. Bill Southam was intimately involved in the administration of gamefishing in Australia from the earliest times, serving as President of the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) from 1960 to 1961.

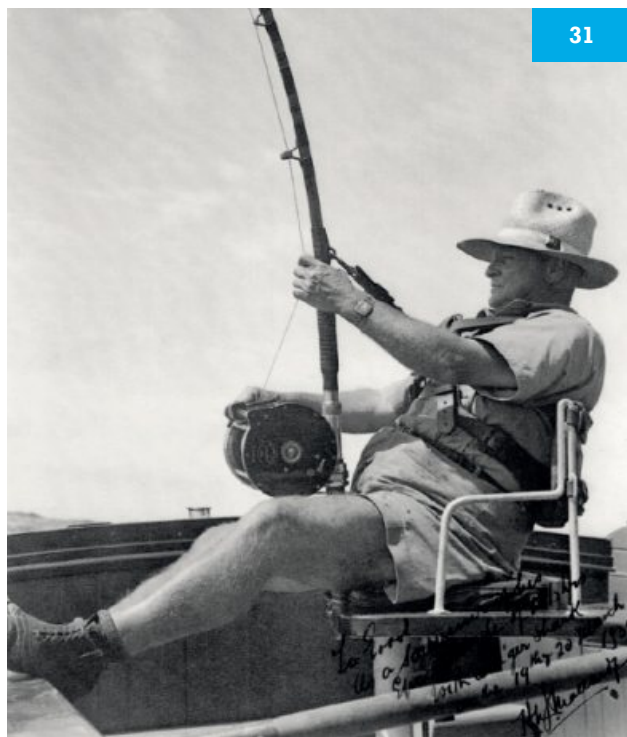
Tom Bell (1891-1978) of Melbourne and GR (Jim) Cowell of Balhannah, South Australia were other notable exponents of heavy-tackle angling, and worked closely together on rod designs, particularly on rod curves, to determine dimensions and the optimum placement of guides. Such designs were considered vital for reducing friction with the then standard use of fixed rod guides and somewhat fragile linen lines.

TACKLE FOR GIANT SHARKS

Both men served stints as GFAA President, Tom in 1948/49 and from 1954 to 59, and Jim in 1950/51. Jim trained as an engineer and over the course of his remarkable career he designed and built, or had built, a range of rods, reels, gaffs and associated equipment that enabled anglers to tackle the huge white pointer sharks present in South Australia's offshore waters. His success is evidenced by the many highlights of his fishing career, including the first white pointer shark over 1000 pounds – a 1023lb (465kg) shark taken in 1938. Adding to his impressive feats was an extraordinary tally of 22 sharks weighing "over the ton" and up to 1919lb (872kg), as well as another 11 more weighing up to the ton.

Aside from his record-breaking fishing feats and the huge contribution he made to the growth and administration of our sport, Tom Bell had a firm grasp of the physics involved in battling giant fish, and based on his and Jim's long experience he devised formulae for other rod-makers. His books and diagrams still exist and are fascinating to peruse as relics of an era when Australian angling was largely self-taught through the school of hard knocks.

The parallel development of fishing reels able to withstand the rigours of angling for giant fish is a saga of its own. The first reels deemed suitable for tussling with offshore speedsters and sizeable sharks in the early decades of the 20th century were imported. Reels made by British tackle



Using an under-the-rod Atalanta reel of his design, Sydney angler Errol Bullen strains against a large tiger shark in a battle that lasted 11.5 hours in March 1939. The reel was fitted with a levelwind and was hand-made for Bullen by Sydney craftsman Fred Smith of Stanmore.

“Australian gamefishing inspired the development of tackle and techniques to catch very big fish.”

house Hardy Brothers and US-made products by the Vom Hofe brothers of New York were particular favourites. However, there appears to be mixed views about the functionality and reliability of these reels, most of which were fitted with fairly rudimentary star drag systems, especially by today's standards.

Dr Mark Lidwill caught the first authenticated marlin on rod and reel in Australasia in 1913, which was also the first black marlin ever captured on regulation tackle. A remarkable specialist physician and inventor from Strathfield, Sydney, he is recorded as being completely dissatisfied with his very expensive imported Edward Vom Hofe reels, to the point of designing and having made reels of his own design. Unfortunately, none of these bespoke examples survived, so we do not know exactly how they performed, but Dr Lidwill did catch the first marlin on one of his reels and went on to boat many fine fish, particularly off Port Stephens and Broken Bay in NSW.

SELLING REEL DESIGN TO ENGLAND

Another pioneer gamefisherman dissatisfied with the imported tackle was EP (Harry) Andreas, a wealthy Sydney builder and property developer. Harry rejected his Hardy saltwater reels and designed his own, incorporating his patented Andreas design, a unique combination of adjustable clutch drag, free spool and anti-reverse mechanisms. The drag was regulated by a large tension nut on the drive side

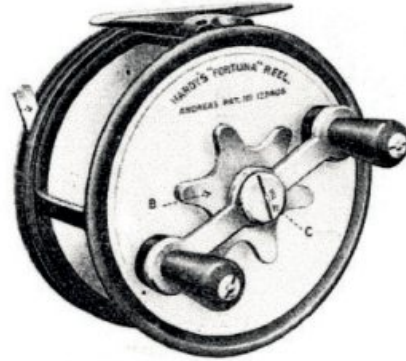
of the reel. Mounted on the back plate was another nut that placed the reel in either freespool or in anti-reverse mode. These reels were manufactured from 1920 by the AC Reel Company of Sydney and were marketed by a number of the leading local and interstate sporting goods houses of the time.

In the following year, a catalogue produced by Hardy Brothers featured a range of centrepin-style alloy 'Tuna' saltwater reels with remarkable similarities to the Andreas patent reels. Andreas instituted proceedings for breach of patent and the parties subsequently came to a settlement. The agreement saw the reels renamed 'Fortuna' and branded as being made under license from the Andreas patent. Up until the start of World War II these extremely successful reels were a staple of saltwater angling tackle around the world, especially in Australia and New Zealand.

With the upsurge of interest in Australian gamefishing in the 1930s, a bewildering array of reels appeared on the market. However, many were probably home-made or the result of limited manufacturing runs from small jobbing metal-working businesses. The late Bob Dunn of Sydney (1936-2001), author and dean of Australian tackle collectors and the authority on Australian tackle, catalogued a large number of these reels in his book *Australian Fishing Reels: A Collector's Guide*. Although there were some quite exotic examples, it is obvious that a number were what we would now call knock-offs from British and US makers.

Australian hand-crafted reels made under a variety of brands also began appearing. Many were built by Leo Willis

The "FORTUNA" Reel



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123405).

FORTUNA reel.
HARDY'S ANGLERS' GUIDE, 1927

Above: The Hardy 'Fortuna' gamefishing reel as advertised in Hardy's *Anglers' Guide* in 1927. These reels remained popular for many years and incorporated features designed and licenced by Sydney gamefisherman and reel manufacturer Harry Andreas.

Below: Frustrated with the failures of imported reels, Sydney gamefisherman Harry Andreas designed his own, which incorporated greatly improved drag and anti-reverse mechanisms. These were copied by the highly respected English tackle manufacturer, Hardy, which led to a licencing agreement and the creation of Hardy's world famous 'Fortuna' gamefishing reels.





of Sydney, who marketed the Landem, Tasman, Neptuna and Barrier brands, and also made a number of other brands exclusively for larger tackle dealers who then marketed them under their own labels to cash in on the burgeoning big-game market. The Atalanta range of extremely well-constructed big-game reels were made for Sydney angler Errol Bullen by Fred Smith of Stanmore in Sydney, and were marketed directly by Bullen on a custom-built basis.

WORLD'S FIRST LEVER-DRAG?

Another Australian manufacturer was Ted Bush from Eastlakes in Sydney, who had a small engineering business and produced reels under the Marlin and Super Marlin brand names. These were particularly robust and almost unbreakable products. Interestingly, in the mid-1930s, Bush designed and marketed a small number of big-fish reels with lever drags, supplemented by level-wind mechanisms to ensure the line was laid evenly on the spool during retrieve. This lever-drag design may have been the forerunner of what is today the almost exclusive method of drag control on premium gamefishing reels. It is recorded that the Fin-Nor company of Florida, USA developed their own lever-drag

Influential Victorian anglers Tom Bell (at left) and Ian Cutler use Australian-made gamefishing reels and rods to battle large southern bluefin tuna in a double hook-up close to the rocks off Eaglehawk Neck in south-eastern Tasmania.

“Australian angling was largely self-taught through the school of hard knocks.”

reels during the 1930s, but whether Ted Bush's design was a parallel and coincidental development – or whether one copied the other – will probably never be known.

During the 1930s, Hartleys and Alcock & Pierce were two of Victoria's largest tackle dealers, whose big-game tackle experts were Reg Lyne and George Hosford respectively. Both men organised and led pioneering gamefishing expeditions to Bermagui, Eden and Narooma in southern NSW, ensuring their patrons were well equipped with the best in Australian-made equipment. They popularised and promoted the Imperial Montague range of large star-drag reels. These were made of Duralumin, an alloy largely



South Australia's plentiful and enormous great white sharks inspired the development of big-game fishing reels to suit. This 1747lb (792kg) white was caught by EV Riggs off Port Lincoln in March 1941.

impervious to saltwater corrosion. During this period, rival Melbourne tackle company Cowells & Dunn also marketed large game reels under the Duplex brand.

The redoubtable Jim Cowell, mentioned earlier, designed the Cowell range of big reels especially to battle large white

pointer sharks in South Australia. These star-drag reels proved to be very popular and were made under contract, albeit in small quantities, and marketed by Elder Smith and Co. from Geelong in Victoria. Constructed of almost indestructible Monel metal, these reels led the way in the region becoming famed for its giant sharks.

ALVEY GAME REELS!

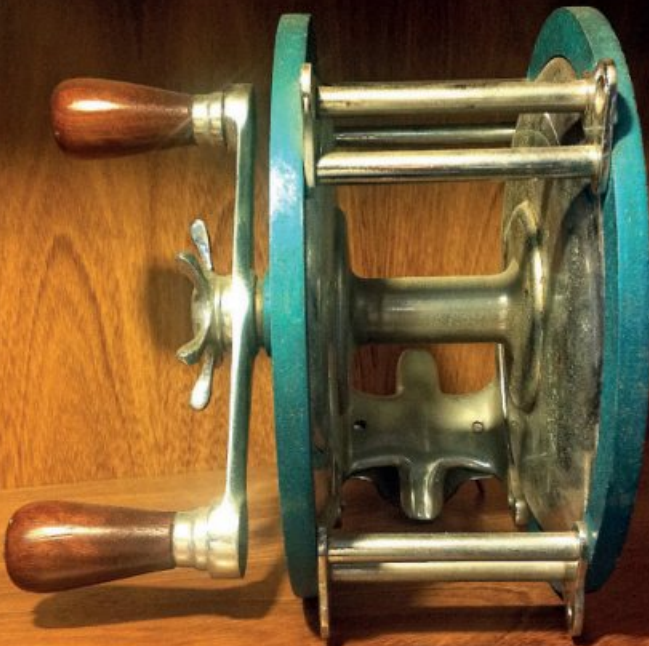
During the 1930s, the iconic Queensland sidecast reel manufacturer Charles Alvey & Son, of St Lucia, Brisbane, also produced the Alvey H1, J1 and J2 single-action alloy big-game reels, particularly for the huge sharks found in nearby Moreton Bay and offshore.

Sadly, the Alvey company is the sole survivor from the bewildering number of Australian reel manufacturers that existed from the early 20th century until the 1960s, when the ready availability of mass-produced and significantly cheaper imported reels took over the market. Now-familiar names like Shimano, Penn, Fin-Nor, Everol, Okuma and others dominate today's angling scene. These reliable lever-drag reels are now sold at a small fraction of the equivalent price and are of a quality that early anglers could never have imagined during the sport's formative years.

As Australia embarked on Federation, the new nation felt its way with often ingenious solutions to the tackle problems associated with battling giant fish. The processes recently discussed by our leading Cairns skippers in *BlueWater* articles illustrate a continuation of that innovative heritage dating from the very birth of the sport of gamefishing. While Australia still produces world-renowned rod craftsmen, for nearly half a century Australian-made gamefishing reels were also among the best in the world! ♦

“For nearly half a century Australian-made reels were also among the very best in the world!”

The Brisbane-based iconic sidecast reel manufacturer Alvey also made several models of gamefishing reels shortly before the outbreak of WWII. The company's flagship model was the H1 (pictured), an enormous alloy and chromed brass star-drag reel designed to tackle huge sharks. Less than 12 of these reels were produced before the war halted production – sadly, never to be resumed.



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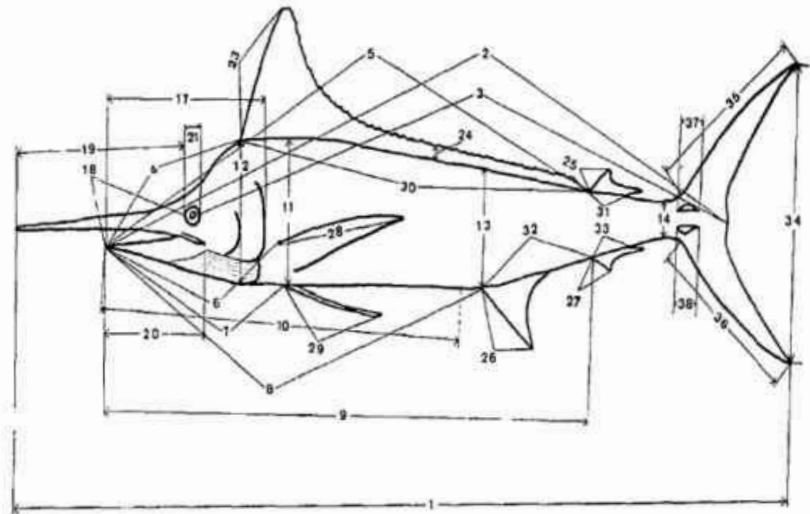
Billfish ancestry redefined

Scientists classify species into groups and orders to show their evolutionary lineage. This helps to understand how and when morphological features developed, but it was an extraordinarily difficult process to get right before DNA testing. Mistakes of the past are now being discovered and addressed, and as researcher Sam Williams describes, the ancestry and classification of billfish is continually being refined.



Author: Sam Williams
Photography: Tim Simpson

Taxonomic research conducted by the scientist Izumi Nakamura in 1985 compared the size and positioning of 38 physical features on swordfish (*Xiphiidae*) and billfishes (*Istiophoridae*).



The billfishes are a unique group of fishes in many ways, and one of their most interesting features is their DNA. The evolutionary relationships between billfish and groups such as the mackerels and tunas do not appear to reflect their morphological (physical) appearance, making billfish genetics particularly fascinating.

It was originally thought that billfish were close relatives of the tunas and other scombroid fishes, including wahoo and mackerel. The apparent close relationship makes a lot of sense from a biological perspective as both families are large pelagic predators with some similar evolutionary adaptations. Besides their large streamlined body shapes, billfish and tunas have specialised circulatory systems and modified muscle tissues that enable them to maintain elevated temperature in their eyes, brain and body core while their outer body temperature remains at water temperature. These features give them substantial predatory advantages.

One scientific classification project compared the size and positioning of 40 physical characteristics – as shown in the accompanying illustration – and concluded that swordfish (*Xiphiidae*) and billfishes (*Istiophoridae*), as well as mackerels, tunas and bonitos (*Scombridae*), longfin escolar (*Scombrobracidae*), cutlassfishes (*Trichiuridae*) and snake mackerels (*Gempylidae*) should all belong to the fish classification suborder Scombroidei.

However, despite the distinct physical similarities between the billfishes and scombrids, the DNA of billfishes actually suggests that they are only distantly related to the tunas and mackerels. This conflict between morphology and genetics created debate in the scientific community, some of which remains today.

The genetic study found that the billfishes and swordfish belong to their own group (now known as *Xiphiidae*) and that they are more closely related to the cobia, moonfish and dolphinfish than any other pelagic fish – as illustrated in figure 2. This is the situation as it stands today, although this may well change in the near future.

OLD & NEW CLASSIFICATIONS

The placement of billfish in relation to other pelagic species on the evolutionary family tree is currently being reviewed, but there have also been significant changes in our understanding of the relationships between the species of billfish.

Earlier taxonomy (classifying species into groups) of the billfishes categorised them into 11 separate species across three genera (groups): *Makaira*, *Istiophorus* and *Tetrapturus*.

This original body of work considered that the two most widely distributed Istiophorid billfish – blue marlin (genus *Makaira*) and sailfish (genus *Istiophorus*) – each comprise two different species. This was based on the occurrence of slight physical differences between individuals from the Atlantic (*M. nigricans* and *I. albicans*) and Indo-Pacific (*I. platypterus* and *M. mazara*).

The black marlin (*Makaira indica*) and blue marlin were considered to be closely related due to their similar physical appearance, so both were placed in the genus *Makaira*.

The remaining species were all grouped into a third genus, *Tetrapturus*. This large group included the Atlantic Ocean species, comprising white marlin (*T. albidus*), longbill spearfish (*T. pfluegeri*), roundscale spearfish (*T. georgii*) and the Mediterranean spearfish (*T. belone*), as well as striped marlin (*T. audax*) and the shortbill spearfish (*T. angustirostris*) which occur only in the Indo-Pacific.

Following this original classification by Izumi Nakamura in 1985, the taxonomy of the billfishes was revised based on the genetic differences between species (See figure 3). This review not only expanded the number of genera to five, but recommended the number of species be reduced to nine by reclassifying the two subspecies of both blue marlin and sailfish into single species across their range (*M. nigricans* and *I. platypterus*, respectively).

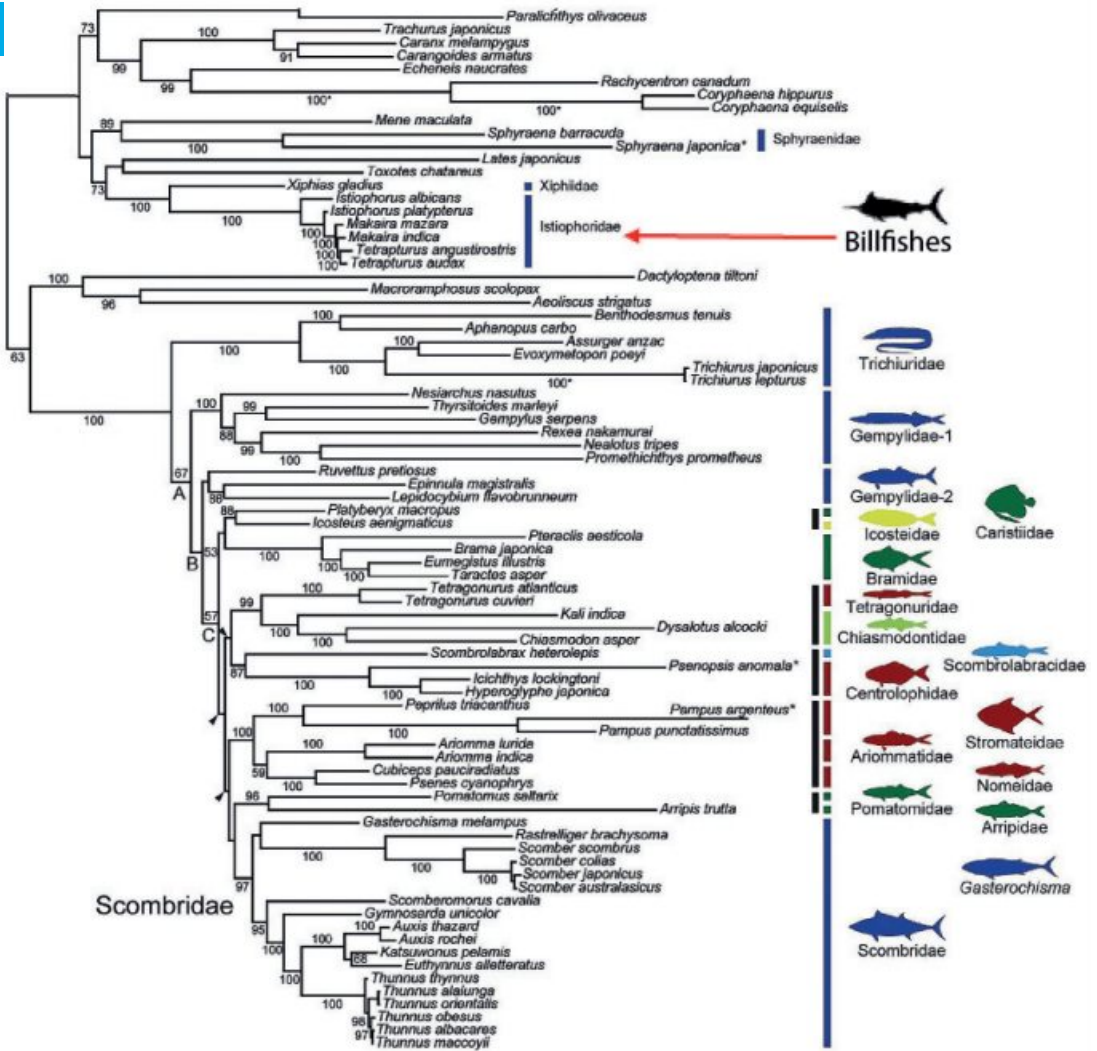
The two newly formed genetic groups included black marlin (*Istiompax indica*) in the genus *Istiompax*, and the assignment of white marlin (*K. albidus*) and striped marlin (*K. audax*) to the genus *Kajikia*.

However, even after this study, a number of unresolved questions remained. These included whether the black marlin was more closely related to the blue or striped marlin, and whether striped and white marlins represent one or two valid species?

EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF BLACK MARLIN

We recently completed a study looking at some of these questions more closely.

The results showed that black marlin are more closely related to striped and white marlin than to blue marlin.



This genetic tree, proposed by Miya and associates in 2013, shows a distant genetic relationship between the billfishes (*Istiophoridae*) and the tunas (*Scombridae*).

Unfortunately for those out there who have named their boats (or even their kids) *Makaira* after the black marlin, our research suggests that black marlin should now be referred to as the scientific name *Istiompax*. The good news is that *Makaira* still exists, albeit only in reference to the blue marlin.

Although this finding was an important aspect of the study, when we looked deeper into the genetics we found some other very interesting results as well. Using a 'molecular clock' we were able to determine how old and how closely related species really were. We found that Atlantic and Indo-Pacific blue marlin have been separated for around 7 million years, and that Atlantic and Indo-Pacific sailfish have been separated for around 3.5 million years. However, we know that the occasional blue marlin and sailfish moves between the ocean basins, which is why they are now regarded as single species.

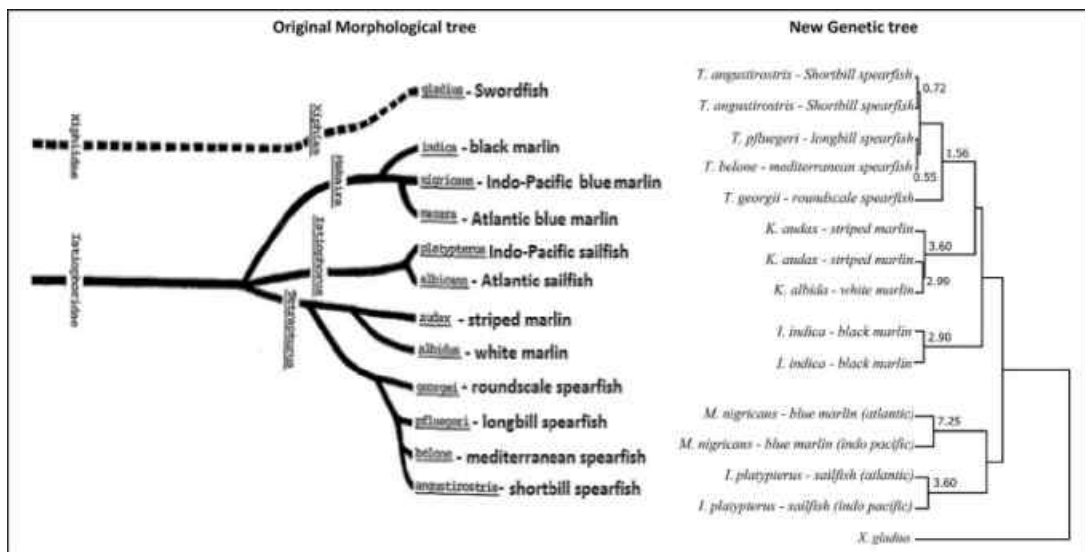
Another important billfish classification issue is that the striped marlin and white marlin are genetically very similar. Indeed, they are so similar that if you gave a geneticist a

piece of tissue from either a white or striped marlin, they couldn't tell you with 100% confidence which species it was from by looking at their DNA alone. For this reason, we investigated whether the striped marlin and white marlin actually represented two valid species, or were simply different populations of the same fish – as turned out to be the case for the Atlantic/Indo-Pacific blue marlin and sailfish.

STRIPED AND WHITES THE SAME?

When we looked at the separation between white and striped marlin we found only three million years' worth of evolutionary separation. What this suggests is that the striped and white marlins may not actually be two valid species, but instead two populations of the same species, one in the Atlantic and one in the Indo-Pacific. Perhaps a new name to cover both species is required.

A paper from the 1970s that analysed Japanese longline data from around the Cape of Good Hope, on the southern tip of Africa, provided further evidence that there may be some level of connectivity between the two species. The researchers found that during warm summer and autumn months the water temperature around the Cape rose to



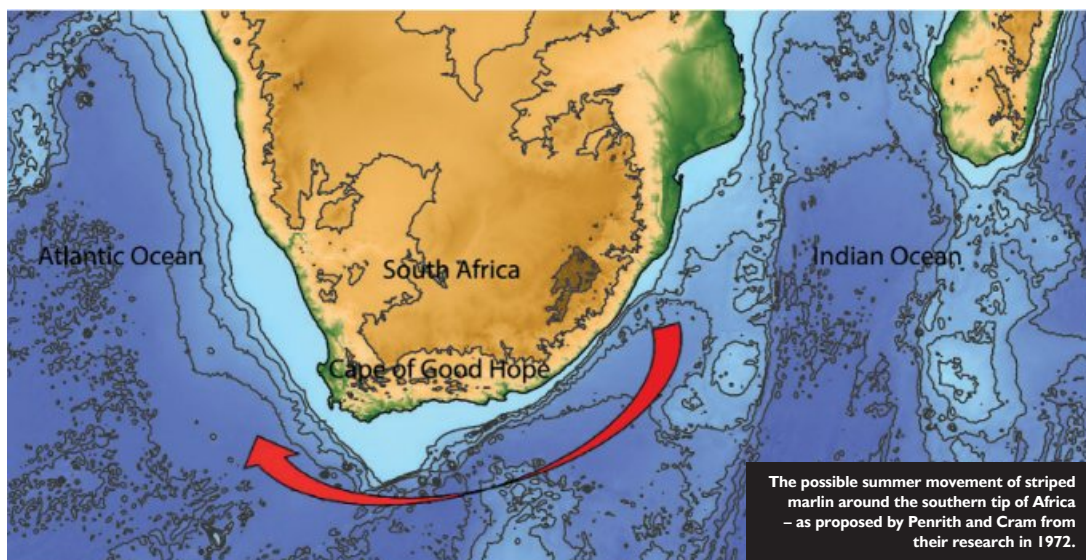
The evolutionary tree for billfish was previously based on morphological (physical) features – shown at left – whereas the latest groupings and evolutionary progressions – illustrated on the right – have been based on genetics. The numbers shown on the branches of the new genetic tree refer to how many million years' separation has occurred between the species (i.e. 3.6 million years of separation between the Atlantic and Indo-Pacific sailfish).

between 22 and 24°C, and in doing so the catches of striped marlin appeared to show them moving around the Cape from the Indian Ocean into the Atlantic. This makes sense considering that, other than swordfish, striped marlin are found in cooler temperate waters more often than any other billfish species. However, the question remains whether the striped marlin that move into the Atlantic are able to find a population of white marlin to breed with? The good news is that this question is being looked at by a student in the USA at the moment, so hopefully an answer is not too far away.

As genetic and tagging technologies continue to advance, who knows what we will learn and how much will change regarding our understanding of billfish over the next decade. The life and times of the billfishes has been a fascinating story so far, and I am sure it will continue to confuse and intrigue researchers like myself for years to come.

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The possible summer movement of striped marlin around the southern tip of Africa – as proposed by Penrith and Cram from their research in 1972.

Annual GFAA awards and trophies

Each year GFAA-administered trophies for Capture and Tag & Release are awarded to anglers fishing in Australian waters. The Capture trophies are the Tom Bell Trophy and the Peter Goadby Trophy. The Tag & Release trophies are the John O'Brien Trophy, the Sir Garrick Agnew Trophy, the Bob Lowe Trophy, the Peter Bennett Trophy, and the trophy for the Highest Point-scoring Boat, which was donated by Tailored Marine Accessories.

In 2003 anglers had three new trophies to fish for: the Geoffrey Woolley Trophy for the most meritorious tag & release achievement by an adult angler, the Grahame Williams trophy for the most sharks tagged by an angler, and the John and Anne Brooker Trophy for the most southern bluefin tuna tagged by an angler.

In 2004 another trophy was added: the Neil Patrick Trophy for the most other gamefish tagged by an angler.

In 2012 the David Litchfield Trophy was added for the highest point scoring boat tag & release marlin in Australian waters.

The operative year for all trophies is from 1st July in one year to 30th June the following year. Entries for the Tom Bell Trophy, Peter Goadby Trophy, Bob Lowe Trophy, Peter Bennett Trophy

and Geoffrey Woolley Trophy must be submitted to GFAA by clubs through their State Association, and will be judged by the GFAA Executive. All other trophies are based on tag cards received by NSW Fisheries. To be eligible for the Peter Bennett Trophy the angler must be under 16 years of age at the time of the event.

It should be recognised that a claim need not be an Australian record to win the trophy. However, sufficient data must accompany the application to satisfy the Executive of its validity. The decision to award a trophy, or otherwise, rests totally with GFAA and no correspondence will be entered into.

There are also three trophies available at the Australian International Billfish Tournament, a prestigious tournament held every year from a different location: the Ern Palmer Trophy awarded to the winning team, the Moreton Bay Trophy awarded to the runner-up team (previously champion international team), and the Mal Ramsey Trophy awarded to the champion angler (previously champion Australian team).

Note: The use of the 'billfish only' tag is mandatory to be eligible to win any GFAA billfish trophies and awards.

EW PALMER TROPHY

From 1963-1975 awarded to the winning team at any All-Australian contest under the auspices of GFAA All-Australian competition. From 1981 awarded to the winning team(s) at the Australian International Billfish Tournament (AIBT).

1963	<i>Tennessee II</i> , Sydney GFC – Bob Dyer, Dolly Dyer, Basil Davidson (Sydney)
1965	<i>JAC III</i> , Sydney GFC – John Kellion, Peter Goadby, John McIntyre, Kevin Brennan (Sydney)
1967	<i>Adriatic III</i> , Port Hacking GFC – Frank Lipanovich, Fred Leate, John Davidson, Terry Healy (Sydney)
1969	<i>Kestelle</i> , Broken Bay GFC – Bob Oliver, Frank Pfeiffer, Ern Leslie, Eric Howarth (Port Hacking)
1971	<i>Kakana</i> , Sydney GFC – Neil Sutton, Bob Barstow, David Steele, C Barstow (Port Hacking)
1973	<i>Georgina</i> , Broken Bay GFC – Don Swawley, Jens Christensen, Phillip Swawley, Peter Swawley (Broken Bay)
1975	<i>Kakana</i> , Sydney GFC – Neil Sutton, David Steele, Bob Barstow (Broken Bay)
1981	<i>Victoria 2</i> – Len Rowler, Joy Rowler, Bob Denham (Moreton Bay)
1982	South Queensland – Laurie Munroe, Pat Gay, Mal Ramsay (Moreton Bay)
1983	North Queensland – Jack Erskine, Tom Roche, Jim Dalling (Moreton Bay)
1984	South Australia – Ern Palmer, Bill Coombs, John Johnston (Moreton Bay)
1985	South Queensland – Bill Siganto, Arthur Trass, David Farley, John McPherson (Moreton Bay)
1987	North Queensland – Eddie Wong, Leigh O'Brien (Jnr), Damien Savis (Jnr), Tina McMillan (Jnr), (Townsville)
1988	Hong Kong – Bob McKernan, Alan Curtis, John Ridley (Townsville)

1989	St George Sportfishing Club – Al Hooper, Barry Yates, Roy Allen, Neil Sutton (Townsville)
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1992	GFC of South Australia – Bob Forbes, Lance Vater (Townsville)
1993	Gold Coast GFC – Ian Bladin, David Bladin (RQYS)
1994	GFC of South Australia – John Johnston, Allen Turnbull, Rolf Czabayski (Gold Coast)
1995	Tag & Release: Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC – Steven Corde, Clifton Corder, Kevin Corder, John Ambrose, Benny Hancock; Capture: Botany Bay GFC – Michael Bednaic, Les Vella, Ron Van Ham, Mark Gunning (Botany Bay)
1996	Tag & Release: Ulladulla Sport & Game Fishing Club – Chris Brack, Gary Foster, Shaun Malone, Mike Trevisaki, Steve Pisani, Ed Kennett; Capture: Botany Bay GFC – John Siphthorp, Anthony Smith, David Stephens, Glen Crawford, Grant Cammack (Botany Bay)
1997	Tag & Release: Port Macquarie GFC – David Wilson, David Sinclair, Tony Graham, Jeff Wilson, Bob Ronfa; Capture: Broken Bay GFC – Graham Bland, John Franklin, Bert Lloyd, Arthur Foy (Port Stephens)
1998	Lake Macquarie GFC – Geoff Wyatt, Jason Nunn, Peter Sanderson, Allan McCafferty (Port Stephens)
1999	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC – Chris Russell, David Russell, Richard Robinson (Port Stephens)
2000	Canberra GFC – Gary Cairns, Ron Smith, Darren Sterzenbach, Steve Bawden (Batemans Bay)
2001	Sydney GFC – Vern Padagas, Jeff Wood (Port Hacking)
2002	Wollongong GFC – Peter Brown, Bob Pearson, John Pearson (Port Hacking)

2003	Bermagui BGAC – Steve Pearce, Lucas Nunn
2004	Batemans Bay GFC – Karen Mitchell, Jane Cutler
2005	Great Lakes GFC (NSW) – Robert Fitzalan, Brock Bunderus, Richard Baker, Paul Meredith, Lynne Meredith
2006	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) – Michael Blanche, Daniel Johnston
2007	Sunshine Coast GFC (QLD) – Robert Smith, Mark Bird, Conor Lynch
2008	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) – Garry Holt, Alan Ward, James Holt, Marc Storr
2009	Botany Bay GFC (NSW) – Keith Johnson, Fred Johnson, Geoff Brooks
2010	Sydney GFC (NSW) – Phillip Webster, Daniel Carlson, Jeff Hudson, Andrew Davis
2011	Exmouth GFC (WA) – Neil Silver (c), Seth Nafta, Chris Pol
2012	Exmouth GFC (WA) – James Roscik (c), Matt Nikkula, Steve Moore, Rowan Smith, Andrew Griffiths, Jeremy Klar
2013	Broome FC (WA) – Chris Nisbet, Jason Bull, Richard Black, Al Sartori, Steve Ring
2014	Cairns Bluewater GFC (QLD) – Sue Crocker, Townsville GFC – Mick Meiers, Hervey Bay GFC – Doug Sanderson
2015	Champion Boat: <i>Askari</i> – Corey Hard, Shane Siphthorp, Mitch Liddell, Rhys Younan-Wise, Jay Housman

MORETON BAY TROPHY

Awarded to the runner-up team at the AIBT.

2003	Ulladulla S & GFC – Don Goswell, Troy Dowling
2004	Tathra AFC - GFS – David Fitzpatrick, Jacinta Riseley, Paul Broderick
2005	Port Hacking GFC (NSW) – John Dunphy, Mark Mikkelsen, Daniel Mikkelsen, Steve Tucker, Grant Grounds

- 2006 Great Lakes GFC (NSW) — Ozzie Collins, David Ross, Bill Walker, Craig Walker
 2007 Not Won
 2008 Gold Coast GFC — Simon Christidis, Peter Hargraves, Peter Purcell, Ross Talbot
 2009 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) — Scott Lee, Jason Lee, Katie Lee, Phillipa Seldon
 2010 Lake Macquarie GFC (NSW) — Simon Carosi, Jacinta Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Dean Wood
 2011 Exmouth GFC (WA) — Bernie Vale (c), Darren Garraway, Shaun Lennon, Kim Renner, Paul Rowe, Matt Lupton
 2012 Perth GFC (WA) — Josh Bruynzeel (c), Chris Fonti, Chris Pol, Nathan Sibley
 2013 Broome FC (WA) — Geoff Ellens, Emile Ellens, Steve Parlumbo, Joe Sutherland
 2014 Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld) — Dan Bergamo, Matthew Bergamo, Anthony Bergamo, Benjamin Bergamo and Ben Hardy
 2015 Runner-up Champion Boat: *Athahldo* — Josh Eggins, Paul Axisa, Lachie Eggins, Alan Geale, James Kinniburgh

MAL RAMSAY TROPHY

Awarded to the champion angler at the AIBT.

- 2003 Lucas Nunn — Bermagui BGAC
 2004 Paul Broderick — Tathra AFC - GFS
 2005 Steven Gardener — Bermagui BGAC (NSW)
 2006 Daniel Johnston — Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW)
 2007 Conor Lynch — Sunshine Coast GFC (QLD)
 2008 James Holt — Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW)
 2009 Fred Johnson — Botany Bay GFC (NSW)
 2010 Aris Keramidas — Sydney GFC (NSW)
 2011 Kurt Williamson — Exmouth GFC (WA)
 2012 Sahara Pittman — Exmouth GFC
 2013 Troy Dahlstrom — Broome FC
 2014 Sue Crocker — Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld)
 2015 Mitch Liddell — Boat: *Askari*

JOHN O'BRIEN TROPHY

Awarded to the highest tag & release point-scoring GFAA club.

- 1983-84 Cairns GFC
 1984-85 Townsville GFC
 1985-86 Townsville GFC
 1986-87 Cairns GFC
 1987-88 Moreton Bay GFC
 1988-89 Townsville GFC
 1989-90 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 1990-91 Gold Coast GFC
 1991-92 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 1992-93 Townsville GFC
 1993-94 Townsville GFC
 1994-95 Roebuck Bay Game & Sportfishing Club
 1995-96 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 1996-97 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 1997-98 Sunshine Coast GFC
 1998-99 Sunshine Coast GFC
 1999-00 Sunshine Coast GFC
 2000-01 Sunshine Coast GFC
 2001-02 Sunshine Coast GFC
 2002-03 Broome GFC

- 2003-04 Sunshine Coast GFC (186,492 pts)
 2004-05 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (224,310 pts)
 2005-06 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (132,032 pts)
 2006-07 Sunshine Coast GFC (175,506 pts)
 2007-08 Sydney GFC (108,256 pts)
 2008-09 Sunshine Coast GFC (132,579 pts)
 2009-10 Exmouth GFC (240,977 pts)
 2010-11 Exmouth GFC (144,073 pts)
 2011-12 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (191,414 pts)
 2012-13 Sunshine Coast GFC (211,428 pts)
 2013-14 Exmouth Game Fishing Club
 2014-15 Gold Coast GFC (163,130 pts)
 2015-16 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC

SIR GARRICK AGNEW TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most billfish in Australian waters.

- 1987-88 Michael Delaunay (16)
 1988-89 Graham Deanshaw (27)
 1989-90 Lance Vater (14)
 1990-91 Len Brooks (31)
 1991-92 Len Brooks (54)
 1992-93 Leon Wregg (44)
 1993-94 Bryan Frost (29)
 1994-95 Steve Chambers (17)
 1995-96 Stephen Williams (26)
 1996-97 Tony Graham (35)
 1997-98 Michelle Jansz (88)
 1998-99 Peter Pescell (98)
 1999-00 Tony Pink (31)
 2000-01 Fred Temminck (24)
 2001-02 Tie: Andrew Yeh and Vic Levett (28)
 2002-03 Marc Storr (20)
 2003-04 Bart Portelli (43)
 2004-05 Bart Portelli — Sydney GFC (43)
 2005-06 Bart Portelli — Sydney GFC (41)
 2006-07 Jeff Oates — Sunshine Coast GFC (47)
 2007-08 Bart Portelli — Sydney GFC (40)
 2008-09 Jay Graham — Sunshine Coast GFC (38)
 2009-10 Jeff Oates — Sunshine Coast GFC (56)
 2010-11 Scott MacGowan — King Bay GFC (51)
 2011-12 Gavin Goodwin — Groote Eylandt G&SFC (39)
 2012-13 Jeff Oates — Sunshine Coast GFC (82)
 2013-14 Channon Arbutnot (55)
 2014-15 John Stehmann — Gold Coast GFC (43)
 2015-16 Chloe Laurence — Botany Bay GFC (41)

BOB LOWE TAG & RELEASE TROPHY

The most meritorious tag & release achievement by a GFAA-affiliated club in Australian waters.

- 1993-94 Roebuck Game & Sportfishing Club
 1994-95 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 1995-96 Kimberley Fly Rodders Club
 1996-97 Darwin GFC
 1997-98 Sunshine Coast GFC
 1998-99 Perth Game Fishing Club
 1999-00 Latrobe Valley GFC
 2000-01 Sydney Game Fishing Club
 2001-02 Lake Macquarie GFC
 2002-03 Game Fishing Club of South Australia
 2003-04 Sydney Game Fishing Club
 2004-05 Broken Bay GFC
 2005-06 The Southern Game Fish Club, Tasmania

- 2006-07 St Helens Game Fishing Club
 2007-08 St Helens Game Fishing Club
 2008-09 Southern Gamefish Club
 2009-10 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 2010-11 South Gippsland GFC
 2011-12 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
 2012-13 The Hervey Bay GFC
 2013-14 Warrambool Offshore & Light GFC
 2014-15 Canberra Game Fishing Club
 2015-16 Tuna Club of Tasmania

PETER BENNETT TROPHY

Most meritorious tag & release achievement by a GFAA junior in Australian waters.

- 1997 Lindsay Dorney (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
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 1999 Ryan Bettison (Lake Macquarie GFC)
 2000 Andrew Blyth (Broken Bay GFC)
 2001 Jim Rocchi (Lake Macquarie GFC)
 2001-02 Pascale Paton (Broken Bay GFC)
 2002-03 James Holt (Broken Bay GFC)
 2003-04 Jordan Atkin (Lake Macquarie GFC)
 2004-05 Fletcher Scott (Huskisson G&SFC)
 2005-06 Sophie Stewart (Ribbons Ladies GFC)
 2006-07 Amy McAndrew (Broken Bay GFC)
 2007-08 Jacinta Thomas (Lake Macquarie GFC)
 2008-09 Kiara McMahon (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
 2009-10 Kiara McMahon (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
 2010-11 Connor Craven (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
 2011-12 Braden McDonald (Groote Eylandt G&SFC)
 2012-13 Mathew Sandy — (Victoria GFC)
 2013-14 Locki Nichols (Tuna Club of Tasmania)
 2014-15 Riley Smith (Exmouth GFC)
 2015-15 Toby Mason (King Bay GFC)

TOM BELL TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest gamefish (excluding sharks) in Australian waters.

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| 1965-66 | George Park | 626lb bluefin tuna |
| 1966-67 | Richard Obach | 1064lb black marlin |
| 1967-68 | Basil Mitchell | 1208lb black marlin |
| 1968-69 | Bill Dickens | 1157lb black marlin |
| 1969-70 | Ed Seay | 1124lb black marlin |
| 1970-71 | Sir William (Alf) Stevenson | 1231.5lb black marlin |
| 1971-72 | George McKendrick | 1133lb black marlin |
| 1972-73 | Jo Jo Delguercio | 1271lb black marlin |
| 1973-74 | Michael Magrath | 1442lb black marlin |
| 1974-75 | Basil Mitchell | 1257lb black marlin |
| 1975-76 | Neville Green | 1367lb black marlin |
| 1976-77 | Peter Storrer | 1286lb black marlin |
| 1977-78 | Tie: Garrick Agnew and Georgette Douwma | 1323lb black marlin |
| 1978-79 | Jack Nicklaus | 1358lb black marlin |
| 1979-80 | Morton D May | 1347lb black marlin |
| 1980-81 | Ray Reeds | 1313lb black marlin |
| 1981-82 | Gus Schram | 1392lb black marlin |
| 1982-83 | Rick Jones | 1236lb black marlin |
| 1983-84 | Jack Anderson | 1307lb black marlin |
| 1984-85 | M Benmergui | 1227lb black marlin |
| 1985-86 | Alan Turnbull | 1271lb black marlin |
| 1986-87 | Bob Connellan | 1291lb black marlin |
| 1987-88 | Jeffrey McCloy | 1067lb black marlin |



1988-89	H Priddle	11991lb black marlin
1989-90	David Cadman	9331lb black marlin
1990-91	Janet Forster	10521lb black marlin
1991-92	Phil Pratt	12671lb black marlin
1992-93	Tim Holmes	589kg black marlin
1993-94	Leon Hall	496.4kg black marlin
1994-95	Howard Spence	254kg blue marlin
1995-96	Takaaki Ushimura	408kg black marlin
1996-97	Sandra (Honey) Pfleger	484kg black marlin
1997-98	Nawaji Shinagawa	477kg black marlin
1998-99	Melanie Kisbee	452.2kg blue marlin
1990-00	John Kilgour	463.1kg black marlin
2000-01	Robert Manwarring	252kg blue marlin
2001-02	Jason Caughlan	631kg black marlin
2002-03	Robert Henderson	284kg blue marlin
2003-04	Darren Peak	201kg blue marlin
2004-05	Wal Aulsebrook	258kg blue marlin
2005-06	Graham Powe	258kg blue marlin
2006-07	Jason Simpson	254.2kg blue marlin
2007-08	Mark Hislop	504.5kg black marlin
2008-09	Ross Smith (Coffs Harbour GFC)	362.5kg blue marlin
2009-10	Wade Harper (Sydney GFC)	288.7kg blue marlin
2010-11	Len Vollebregt (Eden S&GFC)	283.88kg blue marlin
2011-12	Philip Lamond (Shellharbour GFC)	246.7kg blue marlin
2012-13	Jason Scholes (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)	219kg blue marlin
2013-14	Rowan Smith (Exmouth GFC)	368.2kg blue marlin
2014-15	Michael Kirby (Sydney Game Fishing Club)	265.5kg blue marlin
2015-16	Daniel Cock (Newcastle GFC)	273.6kg blue marlin

PETER GOADBY TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest shark in Australian waters.

1983-84	John Johnston	626kg tiger shark
1984-85	Rolf Czabayski	552.5kg white shark
1985-86	Robert Donehue	531kg tiger shark
1986-87	George Trinkler	535kg tiger shark
1987-88	Paul Besoff	503kg tiger shark
1988-89	Vic Sampson	620kg white shark
1989-90	Neville Gray	477kg tiger shark
1990-91	Ken Kirkwood	619kg tiger shark
1991-92	Glen Booth	590kg tiger shark
1992-93	Trent Visscher	472kg tiger shark
1993-94	David Rix	840kg white shark
1994-95	Jason Caughlan	919kg white shark
1995-96	Ralph Czabayski (Jnr)	542.5kg white shark
1996-97	Steve Morris	764kg white shark
1997-98	Rolf Czabayski	699.5kg white shark
1998-99	Craig Walkom	553.5kg tiger shark
1999-00	Chris O'Toole	568kg tiger shark
2000-01	Stephen Millgate	480kg tiger shark
2001-02	Robert Baker	593kg tiger shark
2002-03	Ryan Jones	498kg tiger shark
2003-04	Jason Hewitt	506kg tiger shark
2004-05	Graham French	515.5kg tiger shark
2005-06	Simon Pender	458kg tiger shark

2006-07	Daniel Johnston	529kg tiger shark
2007-08	Jason Hewitt	694.5kg tiger shark
2008-09	Richard Bull (Lake Macquarie GFC)	512kg tiger shark
2009-10	Tony Pink (Lake Macquarie GFC)	575.8kg tiger shark
2010-11	Iain Houlford (Jervis Bay GFC)	489kg tiger shark
2011-12	Tristan Davis (Central Coast GFC)	587.5kg tiger shark
2012-13	Clint Starkey (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)	341.5kg mako shark
2013-14	Shaun Thornton (Lake Macquarie GFC)	511.5kg tiger shark
2014-15	Phil Kean (Broken Bay GFC)	614kg tiger shark
2015-16	Joel Nancarrow (Lake Macquarie GFC)	625.5kg tiger shark

HIGHEST POINT-SCORING BOAT TAG & RELEASE IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS

Donated by Tailored Marine Accessories.

1999-00	<i>Bill Collector</i> – Canberra GFC
2000-01	<i>Reel Capture</i> – Sunshine Coast GFC
2001-02	<i>Reel Capture</i> – Sunshine Coast GFC
2002-03	<i>Reel Chase</i> – Townsville GFC
2003-04	<i>Keneka</i> – (26,200 pts) Sunshine Coast GFC
2004-05	<i>Palagero</i> – (28,782 pts) Sunshine Coast GFC
2005-06	<i>Reel Chase</i> – (31,200 pts) Townsville GFC
2006-07	<i>Watch Ya Problem</i> (28,490 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2007-08	<i>Reel Smoka</i> (20,860 pts) – Sydney GFC
2008-09	<i>In Deep</i> (18,000pts) – Exmouth GFC
2009-10	<i>Reel Capture</i> (29,602 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2010-11	<i>The Wench</i> (33,200 pts) – King Bay GFC
2011-12	<i>No More Favours</i> (36,605 pts) – Groote Eylandt G&SFC
2012-13	<i>Kamikaze</i> (42,200 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2013-14	<i>The Wench</i> (48,802 pts) – King Bay GFC
2014-15	<i>Chaos</i> (40,000 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2015-16	<i>Polaris</i> (38,850 pts) – Eden Sports & GFC

GEOFFREY WOOLLEY TROPHY

Awarded for the most meritorious tag & release achievement by an adult angler in Australian waters.

2002-03	Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC
2003-04	Damian Elmer – St Helens GFC
2004-05	Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC
2005-06	Sam Taranto – Bass Strait GFC
2006-07	Glenn Nutter – Townsville GFC
2007-08	Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC
2008-09	Dennis Minuti – Jervis Bay GFC
2009-10	John Rankin – Eden S & GFC
2010-11	Mitchell Hogg – Lake Macquarie GFC
2011-12	Anton Vojatzis – Victorian GFC
2012-13	Colin Ward – Hervey Bay GFC
2013-14	Paul Rebbechi – Eden Sports & GFC
2014-15	Shane Evans – Adelaide Game Fishing Club
2015-16	Gerard Billing – Coffs Harbour GFC

GRAHAME WILLIAMS TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most sharks in Australian waters.

2002-03	Neil Schulz (30) – SEQTAR Club
2003-04	Neil Schulz (102) – SEQTAR Club
2004-05	Stephen Parker (58) – Canberra GFC
2005-06	Stephen Parker (63) – Canberra GFC
2006-07	Gordon MacDonald (25) – Moreton Bay Boat Club G&SFC
2007-08	Shane Ashton (14) – Shellharbour GFC
2008-09	Danny Standing (13) – Bass Strait GFC
2009-10	Adam Todd (21) – Adelaide GFC
2010-11	Jono Livingstone (21) – Lake Macquarie GFC
2011-12	Cody Wright (14) – Exmouth GFC
2012-13	Dennis Heinicke (13) – Adelaide GFC
2013-14	Krystal Wietecki (14) – Shoalhaven GFC
2014-15	Mitchell Liddall (17) – Sydney GFC
2015-16	Toby Mason (34) – King Bay GFC

JOHN AND ANNE BROOKER TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most southern bluefin tuna in Australian waters.

2002-03	Tie: Scott Sinclair and Bradley Smith (2) – GFCSA
2003-04	Tie: Ryan Baillie and Ben Oakley (2) – Tuna Club of Tasmania
2004-05	Stephen Morris (17) – GFC of SA
2005-06	Janet Forster (26) – GFC of SA
2006-07	Dennis Heinicke (90) – Adelaide GFC
2007-08	Dennis Heinicke (111) – Adelaide GFC
2008-09	Damon Lovell (89) – GFC of South Australia
2009-10	Ian Carrison (230) – Adelaide GFC
2010-11	Max Barrett (153) – Port MacDonnell OAC
2011-12	Leo Miller (30) – Tuna Club of Tasmania
2012-13	Ian Tarbottom (43) – GFC of SA
2013-14	Tony Bell (66) – Port MacDonnell OAC
2014-15	Rolf Czabayski (126) – GFC of South Australia
2015-16	Russel Bianco (303) – GFC of South Australia

NEIL PATRICK TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most other gamefish in Australian waters.

2003-04	John Rankin (214) – Eden S&GFC
2004-05	Brian Schofield (374) – Eden S&GFC
2005-06	John Rankin (404) – Eden S&GFC
2006-07	John Rankin (170) – Eden S&GFC
2007-08	Dennis Heinicke (116) – Adelaide GFC
2008-09	Stephen Morris (97) – GFC of South Australia
2009-10	Ian Carrison (234) – Adelaide GFC
2010-11	Max Barrett (154) – Port MacDonnell OAC
2011-12	Braden McDonald (113) – Groote Eylandt G&SFC
2012-13	Aaron Komaromi (84) – Adelaide GFC
2013-14	Lewyn McDonald (115) – Groote Eylandt S & GFC
2014-15	Rolf Czabayski (127) – GFC of South Australia
2015-16	Russel Bianco (306) – GFC of South Australia

DAVID LITCHFIELD TROPHY

Awarded to the highest point scoring boat for tag & release marlin in Australian waters.

2011-12	<i>Gunrunner</i> (61) – N'cle & PSGFC
2012-13	<i>Kamikaze</i> (101) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2013-14	<i>The Wench</i> (25,600 pts) King Bay GFC
2014-15	<i>Chaos</i> (39,600 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC
2015-16	<i>Polaris</i> (35,600 pts) – Eden Sports & GFC

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2015-16 Chloe Hammersley – GFC of Northern Tasmania

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1,006 lb Blue Marlin - Trinidad Tobago Record
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Winner - Team Amiramir
Captain Ken Ross

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Winners Blue Marlin - Team Unbelievable
Captain Mark Blackwell

2016 Grander Horta Azores
1254 lbs - Team Habitat
Captain Luis Folk

Samoa Grander - All Tackle Record
1,025 lb Blue Marlin - Team Southern Destiny
Captain Chris Donato

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Winner 1,181 lb Blue Marlin
Team Desire - Captain Jacques

2016 White Marlin Open
Winner Blue 790 lbs - Team Get Real
Captain Brian Arni

2016 Hawaiian Lure Makers Challenge
Winner Blue Marlin - Team El Joban
Captain Robbie Brown

Continental USA Record Blue Marlin
Pirates Cove Winner - Team Mimi
Captain Mike King - Angler Trey Irving
1,228.5 lbs Blue Marlin

2016 Bermuda Sea Horse Open
Winner Blue Marlin - Team Es Mucho
Captain Allen Desilva

2015 JIBT Japan International Billfish
Winners - Team Apache
Angler - Yoshinori Hamamoto

2016 Masters El Golfo Tournament
Largest Blue Marlin - Team Makaira
Captain John Cochrane

2016 Grander La Gomeria Canary Islands
1160 lbs Blue Marlin - Team Sea Sprint
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CATEGORIES CAPTURE and RELEASE

(incorporating Tag & Release / Measure & Release)

Sections include water-based (i.e. on a boat), land-based and freshwater species.

Rules are as detailed in the GFAA Journal, but may be subject to change. Please check with your Club or State Junior Recorder, or the GFAA website.

TO ENTER

- 1 You must be under 16 years of age.
- 2 Register and complete the official entry form online.
- 3 Entry is FREE!

TROPHIES

Each State will have eight winners (male and female categories – for Small Fry Release, Small Fry Capture, Junior Release, and Junior Capture). The two Small Fry and two Junior overall National Champions will receive an Australian Champion trophy.

OTHER PRIZES

Other prizes may be awarded for exceptional captures and tags throughout the year, with further meritorious awards being provided for outstanding achievement.

Registration, tournament rules and entry of Tagged or Captured fish is available at www.gfaa.asn.au – then click on 'Junior Happenings and Tournaments'.

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Annual awards and trophies

Each year, the eight winners (Small Fry Tag & Release, Small Fry Capture, Junior Tag & Release and Junior Capture) from each State in the male and female categories are awarded a State Champion award. The two Small Fry and two Junior Overall National Champions will receive an Australian Champion trophy. All perpetual trophies for the Junior National Tournament were donated by the late Tom Roche, who was the tournament patron, and these trophies and awards are presented at the annual GFAA awards dinner.

GFAA NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT – 2015/16

NATIONAL SMALL FRY WINNERS

TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY CAPTURE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters

Chloe Hornhardt 3,627.16 points King Bay GFC

TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY TAG & RELEASE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters

Bryce Bartleson 210 points Sunshine Coast GFC

NATIONAL JUNIOR WINNERS

TOM ROCHE JUNIOR CAPTURE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters

Dylan Baker 2,702.17 points Tuna Club of Tasmania

TOM ROCHE JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters

Toby Mason 916 points King Bay GFC

STATE SMALL FRY WINNERS

State	Male	Points	Female	Points
Capture (Small Fry)				
QLD	Ryan Meads	471.88	not won	
NSW	not won		not won	
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Max Grasso	380.33	Chloe Hornhardt	3627.16
VIC	not won		Makayla Buttigieg	178
SA	Sam Whan	471.80	Georgia Barrett	169.75
TAS	not won		not won	

Tag & Release (Small Fry)

QLD	Bryce Bartleson	210	Emmi Roberts	101
NSW	Tyler Whitaker	15	not won	
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Albern Ho	6	Jessica Hornhardt	60
VIC	not won		not won	
SA	Ben Rippin	56	not won	
TAS	Lachlin Hicks	11	Sarah Donovan	4

STATE JUNIOR WINNERS

State	Male	Points	Female	Points
Capture (Junior)				
QLD	Darcy Hallam	215	not won	
NSW	not won		not won	
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Toby Mason	2180.17	Mikayla Lannary	865.23
VIC	not won		not won	
SA	not won		Sharna McKinnon	201.67
TAS	Dylan Baker	2702.17	Chloe Hammersley	417.35

Tag & Release (Junior)

QLD	Dylan Roberts	55	Chloe Murray	180
NSW	Kieryn Morley	500	Melanie Hain	2
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Toby Mason	916	Tasmin Kyle	129
VIC	not won		not won	
SA	not won		Sharna McKinnon	52
TAS	Dylan Baker	76	Chloe Hammersley	23





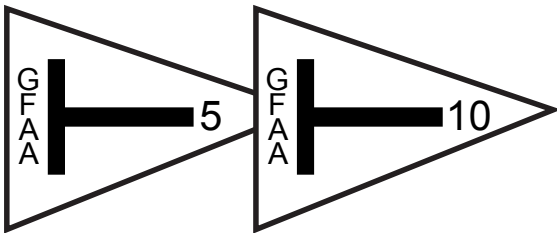
PATCHES FOR TAG & RELEASE

GFAA Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- Tag & release of five fish of three separate species, including sharks.
 - Tag & release of 10 fish of five separate species, including sharks.
 - Tag & release of 15 fish of five separate species, including sharks.
- To qualify for the awards, the angler must submit the following:

1. species of fish;
2. dates of tag & release;
3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
4. cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch.

Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.



PATCHES FOR BILLFISH TAG & RELEASE

GFAA Billfish Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- Tag & release of five billfish.
- Tag & release of 10 billfish.

To qualify for the awards, the angler must submit the following:

1. species of fish;
2. dates of tag & release;
3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
4. cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch.

Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.

MERIT PINS FOR CAPTURE

Merit pins may be awarded to anglers for captures made in Australian waters and recorded in each of the various line classes according to the tables below.

GFAA shall design and control the issue of such Capture merit pins, which shall be engraved with the initials GFAA and be symbolic of the fish for which the award is made.

Club secretaries shall, by the authority of GFAA, order and distribute Capture merit pins to club members who have submitted to them a written application supported by relevant Capture and

GAMEFISH MERIT PINS

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	2	3	4	8
2	4	6	8	16
3	6	9	12	24
4	8	12	16	32
6	12	18	24	48
8	16	23	32	64
10	20	30	40	80
15	30	45	60	120
24	48	72	96	192
37	90	135	250	500
60	150	210	325	650

SHARK MERIT PINS

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	4	6	8	16
2	8	12	16	32
3	12	18	24	48
4	16	24	32	64
6	24	36	48	96
8	32	48	64	128
10	40	60	80	160
15	60	90	120	240
24	96	144	192	384
37	180	270	500	1000
60	30	420	650	1300

Weight Recording Certificates. State branches shall advise GFAA by 15th July each year of the number of each type of Capture merit pin so distributed.

Only one Capture merit pin for each species and for each line class may be issued to any one angler during any single year ending 30th June.

It is recommended that Capture merit pins be presented at club annual general meetings, trophy presentation evenings or similar occasions.

The cost of the Capture merit pins shall be borne by the angler.

Note to club secretaries: to order Capture merit pins, contact Mackays Jewellers, PO Box 1113, Toowoomba, QLD 4352; Tel/Fax (07) 4630 8737; Mob 0419 709 229.

CAPTURE MERIT AWARD 10 TO 1, 15 TO 1, 20 TO 1

A GFAA certificate is available for any recognised gamefish species. To qualify for the certificate the angler must submit the following:

1. An Australian Record Claim Form stating the club the claim is submitted for (eg 20 to 1); and
2. A cheque for \$27.50 (incl. GST) for the issue of the certificate

1000LB (454.4KG) CLUB

A GFAA award is available for any recognised gamefish species.

To qualify for the certificate the angler must submit the following:

1. An Australian Record Claim Form stating the claim is submitted for the 1000lb club
2. A cheque for \$110.00 (incl. GST) for the issue of the cap and certificate
3. Assistance Certificate(s) – awarded to boat crew members for assistance. A cheque for \$27.50 (incl. GST) per certificate –
4. Complete application form on page 51.
5. Boat Plaque will be engraved with the name of the boat, the skipper and fish details as given in the application. A cheque for \$50.00 (incl. GST) for the issue of the boat plaque – complete application form on page 51.



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10 to 1 Club

Angler	Species	Weight
Andrew Brook	Eagle ray	32kg
Sarah Ciantar	Whaler shark	115.6kg
Paul Hicks	Mako shark	285.2kg
Brian Besoff	Striped marlin	81.9kg
Scott McWhirr	Black marlin	85.5kg
Paul Aulsebrook	Black marlin	108.5kg
Steve Morris	Mako shark	114kg
James Goodluck	Mako shark	245kg
Matthew Sharpe	Blue marlin	242.5kg
James Holt	Black marlin	87.5kg
Paul Bacon	Mako shark	190.8kg
Bradley Smith	Eagle ray	41kg
Ossie de Bonis	Striped marlin	108kg
Steven Evangelou	Eagle ray	66kg
Pascale Paton	Blue marlin	202kg
Kale Watts	Black marlin	129.6kg
Gary Clarke	Mako	40.04kg
Adam Todd	Gummy shark	11kg
Katie Lee	Striped marlin	86.8kg
Len Vollebregt	Blue marlin	283.88kg
Mitchell Hill	Mako	106kg
Spencer Hoye	Mako	105.6kg
Reece Cokun	Thresher shark	151.4kg
James Holt	Black marlin	44kg
Kyle Longmore	Broadbill	263.5kg
Chloe Hornhardt	Tiger shark	75.1kg
George Vekiarellis	Thresher shark	186kg

15 to 1 Club

For historical purposes, GFAA wishes to recognise those anglers whose achievements have previously been recognised by Sydney Game Fishing Club. As of 1st January, 2001, this is now the Australian 15 to 1 club.

Angler	Species	Weight
Frank L Ritchie	Grey nurse shark	287lb
John R Farrell	Grey nurse shark	311.5lb
Philip W Bensted	Grey nurse shark	353.5lb
Keith A Charman	Grey nurse shark	280lb
H John McIntyre	Striped marlin	338lb
William T Green	Hammerhead shark	308lb
Gregory Howarth	Hammerhead shark	191lb
Roy E Allen	Tiger shark	782lb
Edward Seay	Black marlin	1124lb
James D McElwaine	Yellowfin tuna	145lb
Thomas Waddell	Tiger shark	831lb
Ross Kimble	Grey nurse shark	292lb
John H Barclay	Mako shark	854lb
Pamela Hudspeth (L)	Mako shark	183lb

Angler	Species	Weight
Robert Oliver	Black marlin	343lb
Patrick Gay	Black marlin	816lb
Charles E White	Blue shark	150lb
Perry James (J)	White shark	350lb
Cecil C Hinch	Hammerhead shark	333lb
Graham A Donaldson	Mako shark	66lb
Edward R McGovern	Grey nurse shark	387lb
Bob Dyer	Black marlin	1098lb
Paul E Caughlan	Mako shark	91.5lb
Vincent HP Young	Grey nurse shark	385lb
Norman Hall	Mako shark	74lb
John V Toohey	Whaler shark	279lb
John V Dulhunty	Hammerhead shark	309lb
Philip Birdsall	Black marlin	148lb
Bruce Downie	Blue shark	113kg
Leslie Bann	Black marlin	1116lb
Olwen G Lamberton (L)	Black marlin	988lb
Robert W Green	Whaler shark	272lb
Antoon G Boomgaard	Grey nurse shark	365lb
Dulcie J Chee (L)	Mako shark	115lb
Vincent J Chee	Blue shark	119.5lb
Brian Stinson	Blue shark	205lb
Wilma Childs (L)	Black marlin	733lb
Peter Moody	Whaler shark	135lb
Charles T Russell	Pacific sailfish	100.5lb
Gordon Guidoux	Blue shark	138lb
David M Vader	Blue shark	120lb
Terry Atkinson	Grey nurse shark	357lb
Maxwell L Mitchell	Whaler shark	376lb
Geoff A Robinson	Mako shark	358lb
James C Longson	Grey nurse shark	315lb
Peter S Simpson	Grey nurse shark	311lb
Frank Spruce	Tiger shark	377lb
George N Besoff	Grey nurse shark	333lb
Ronald B Green	Blue shark	190lb
Garry Spruce	Tiger shark	910lb
Robyn A Spruce (L)	Mako shark	253.5kg
Brett R Remington	Mako shark	349kg
Leslie Dee	Blue shark	112.5kg
Tim Simpson	Tiger shark	346kg
Brian H Bohm	Tiger shark	395kg
Andrew F Hurst	Mako shark	312kg
Gordon C Slack	Tiger shark	324kg
John C Chandler	Tiger shark	248kg
Charles Pullicin	Tiger shark	282kg
Bob Hart	White shark	639kg
Mark J Cosgrove	Black marlin	153kg
Katherine P James (L)	Mako shark	285kg
Louis J Ardilley	Blue shark	82kg
Peter J McKinnon	Blue shark	129kg
Michael J McGraw	Blue shark	148kg

Angler	Species	Weight
Arthur S Prince	White shark	815kg
Phillip R Bailey	Tiger shark	264kg
Peter F Holyfield	Tiger shark	256kg
Warren S Weldon	Tiger shark	273kg
Jack G Heathfield	Tiger shark	326kg
Joseph F Taylor	Blue shark	102kg
Brian V Fisher	Tiger shark	270kg
Louise Hill (L)	Tiger shark	442kg
Ivan Vale	Tiger shark	290kg
Daniel J Ardilly	Mako shark	249.5kg
Timothy J Hudson	Tiger shark	202.5kg
Craig P Caughlan	Blue shark	64kg
Barry P Hudson	Tiger shark	408.5kg
Troy D Grieves	Whaler shark	319kg
Jan Wiggins	Mako shark	168kg
Rowan E Waddy	Blue shark	100.5kg
Geoff Winnin	Blue shark	135.5kg
Jonathon F Fox	Tiger shark	195kg
David H Edwards	Black marlin	347lb
Peter W Mahood	Black marlin	1051lb
Francis R Going	Black marlin	390lb
Katherine Mulholland (L)	Black marlin	874lb
Wynne E Going	Black marlin	357lb
Gordon J Peterson	Tiger shark	283lb
Peter Burnham	Blue shark	96lb
Greg Platt	Mako shark	289.5lb

Angler	Species	Weight
Joseph Remeteau	Mako shark	77.5lb
Ronald J Ford	Hammerhead shark	406lb
John Bennetts	Tiger shark	516lb
Michael Baker	Tiger shark	440lb
Dick Mulholland	Striped marlin	191lb
Paul J Besoff	Tiger shark	988lb
Ian S Doust	Blue shark	117lb
Dennis Ivory	Tiger shark	474.5kg
Michael Ivory	Mako shark	287.5kg
Connie Rolley (L)	Mako shark	150.5kg
Neil Glohe	Tiger shark	231.5kg
William Dixson	Blue shark	147.5kg
Robbie Mayer	Mako shark	135kg
Miran Canov	Blue shark	118.8kg
Jason J Simpson	Blue marlin	245.5kg
Ivan M Bennett	Tiger shark	286.5kg
Anthony J Dunford	Tiger shark	424kg
Peter N Pakula	Mako shark	126.5kg
Michael Tess	Mako shark	268kg
R Van Beek	White shark	230kg
Brad Crompton	Mako shark	242kg
Chriss Tess	Mako shark	242kg
John Banks	Tiger shark	138.5kg
Jason Lane	Mako shark	259kg
Jason Caughlan	Blue shark	110kg
Tony Furkham	Whaler shark	172kg

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Angler	Species	Weight
Sidney C Payne	Blue shark	65kg
Stephen T Tucker	Blue shark	88kg
Stuart C Wright	Mako shark	253kg
David J Packman	Black marlin	1244.5lb
Georgette Douwa (L)	Black marlin	1323lb
Ronald A Scott	Blue shark	134kg
Peter W Thompson	Mako shark	266kg
Larry E Dyer	Black marlin	493lb
Peter J McNamara	Black marlin	1193lb
Alan A Dent	Hammerhead shark	166kg
James Moore	Whaler shark	152kg
Brett Williams	Blue shark	99.5kg
Stephen Sloan	Black marlin	862lb
John L Heathfield	Whaler shark	163kg
Wayne R Elliott	Blue shark	102kg
David L Curnock	Black marlin	513kg
Morton D May	Black marlin	611kg
Donald S Patterson	Blue shark	140kg
Wayne N McCool	Mako shark	153kg
Graham E Artley	Mako shark	77.5kg
B Robert Henderson	Whaler shark	346kg
Annette Reitano (L)	Blue shark	131.5kg
Evan Reitano	Whaler shark	268.6kg
Peter Toohey	Tiger shark	182.8kg
Craig Frost	Tiger shark	178kg
David V Toohey	Mako shark	165kg
Mark Byrne	Tiger shark	302kg
Steven Viney	Tiger shark	362kg
David Hilton	Tiger shark	336.5kg
Ray Camilleri	Whaler shark	289kg
Katie Lee	Striped marlin	64.1kg
Rhiannon Halling	Mako	118.1kg
Tim Morgan	Blue shark	188.4kg
Claire Jones	Mako shark	261.5kg
Alexandra Nuttall	Blue Marlin	236.3kg
Daniel O'Neill	Blue shark	129.5kg
Belinda Rayment	Tiger shark	292.5kg

20 to 1 Club

Angler	Species	Weight
Danielle Williams	Tiger shark	458kg
Gareth Williams	Tiger shark	572kg
Andrew Brookes	Whaler shark	121.6kg
Jason Mullins	Tiger shark	498.5kg
Darren Ikin	Mako shark	218kg
Mitchell Hogg	Tiger shark	383kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	521.5kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	529kg
Shane Sanders	Mako shark	88kg
Sean Beardsworth	Mako shark	86.74kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	82.3kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	60.9kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	62kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	63.5kg
Richard Horlock	Tiger shark	284.6kg
Bradley Smith	Whaler shark	185kg
Claire Jones	Tiger shark	418kg
John Paton	Mako shark	324.8kg
Karen Wright	Mako	144kg
Karen Wright	Blue shark	161.6kg
Samuel Barning	Tiger shark	282kg
Max Cullen	Blue shark	124.5kg
Kade Ross	Hammerhead shark	154.8kg
Travis Brinkhuis	Tiger shark	111.6kg
Richard Kidd	Blue shark	147kg
Mathew Hudson	Blue shark	178.5kg
Phil Kean	Blue shark	197.6
Pascale Paton	Mako shark	147.8
Riley Page	Blue shark	141.2
James Holt	Blue marlin	157.8
James Holt	Blue marlin	93.5kg
Luke Leech	Tiger shark	74.1kg
Rebecca Dean	Blue marlin	78.5kg



1000lb Club

As of 1st January, 2001, the 1000lb Club is open to overseas anglers at the cost of \$US100. Applications should be made in the same manner as Australian applicants. Also available are boat plaques and certificates for crew members who assist in the capture of a 1000lb Club fish. The certificates cost \$27.50 (incl. GST) each and the boat plaques are \$40 (incl. GST) each.

Note: For the 1000lb Club ONLY, fish may be weighed at sea. Of course, if the fish is a record claim, this does not apply.



Angler	Species	Weight
Danielle Williams	Tiger shark	458kg
Gareth Williams	Tiger shark	572kg
Andrew Pattie	Tiger shark	571kg
Philip Hoawerth	Tiger shark	476.5kg
Jason Mullins	Tiger shark	498.5kg
Graham French	Tiger shark	515.5kg
Graham French	Tiger shark	455kg
Barry Beach	Tiger shark	509kg
Chad Kavanagh	Tiger shark	464kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	521.5kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	529kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger shark	490kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger shark	694.5kg
Tristan Davis	Tiger shark	587.5kg

Angler	Species	Weight
Brian Forbes	Tiger shark	531.6kg
Bernie Sharpe	Tiger shark	462.7kg
Richard Bull	Tiger shark	512kg
Robert N Curry	Black marlin	502kg
Billy Gray	Tiger shark	503.5kg
Tony Pink	Tiger shark	575.8kg
Shaun Thornton	Tiger shark	533.5kg
Shane Martin	Tiger shark	499.5kg
Kelly Sweetman	Tiger shark	463.5kg
Jayden Bruce	Tiger shark	502.5kg
Chris Weeks	Tiger shark	518.5kg
Nathan Bright	Tiger shark	472.7kg
Shane Martin Jr	Tiger shark	467.5kg
Joel Nancarrow	Tiger shark	625.5kg

1000lb Club boat plaque application and assistance certificate

I am submitting this application for: (tick those that apply)

Assistance certificate(s)
\$27.50 (incl. GST) per certificate

Boat plaque
\$50.00 (incl. GST)
The plaque will be engraved with the name of the boat, the skipper and the fish details as given in this application.

Application for a certificate to be awarded to boat crew members for assistance

In the capture of a _____ kg _____ (species)
on _____ kg line, captured ____ / ____ / ____ (date)
by _____ (angler)

Name of boat: _____

Name of boat captain: _____

Name(s) of boat crew: _____

Note: Angler must complete a GFAA record application form to join 1000lb Club. This form should accompany the record application form.

Please print all names as they are to appear on the certificate.
Attach completed form to record application form and return it to the club secretary, who will forward it to the State Recorder.

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Rules and Equipment Regulations

The following Angling Rules and Regulations have been formulated to promote ethical and sportsmanlike angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of Australian Gamefish Records and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activity.

The word 'angling' is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line and hook as outlined in the GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations. However, there are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule-making. Angling rules cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and Australian records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish.

Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the angler, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record.

Only fish caught in accordance with GFAA Australian Angling Rules and within the intent of these rules will be considered for Australian records.

EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

(a) Line

1. Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see Australian Record Requirements.
2. Wire lines are prohibited.

(b) Line backing

1. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
2. If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 60kg (130lb) line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

(c) Double line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the double line shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The double line on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19m (40ft).

Freshwater species: The double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82m (6ft). The combined length of the double line and the leader shall not exceed 3.04m (10ft).

(d) Leader

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

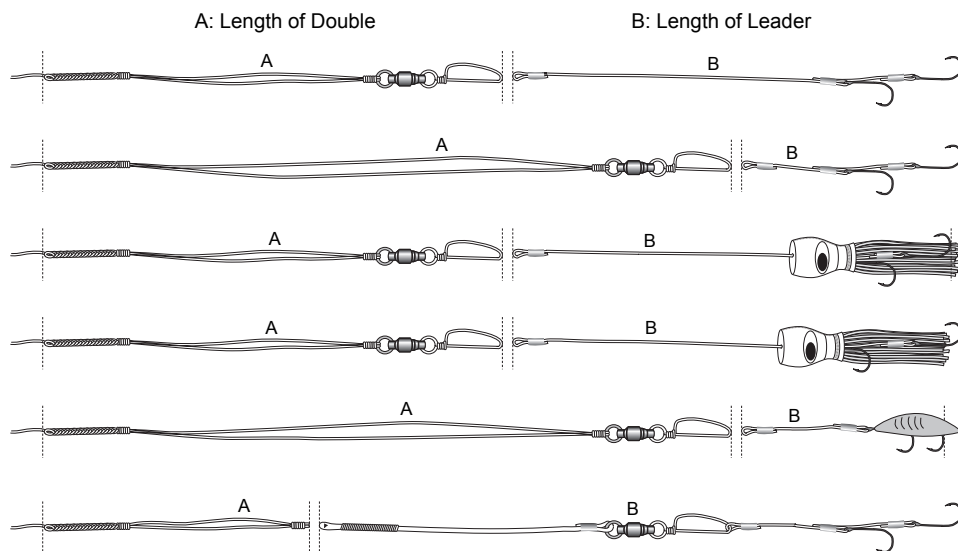
1. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the leader shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19m (40ft).

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(e) Rod

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of rod, but rods giving the angler an unfair advantage will be disqualified. This rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.



- The rod tip must be a minimum of 101.6cm (40in) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 68.58cm (27in) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the centre of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. (Above measurements do not apply to surf-casting rods.)

(f) Reel

- Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
- Power-driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic or electrically driven reels and any device that gives the angler an unfair advantage.
- Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
- Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

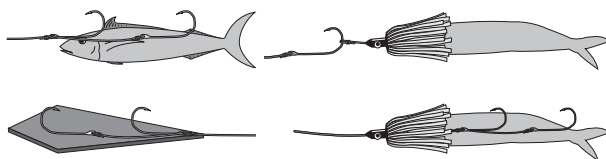
(g) Hooks for fishing with natural bait

- For live or deadbait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 45.72cm (18in) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.
- The use of a dangling or swing hook is prohibited. Double and treble hooks are prohibited.
- A two-hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be imbedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other.
- All record applications made for two-hook tackle must be accompanied by a photograph or sketch of the hook arrangement.
- A lure may be used in conjunction with a natural bait, provided the hook satisfies the requirements of hooks for fishing with natural baits (g) & the lure touches the bait during normal fishing/trolling practices. The hook must NOT precede the bait or bait/lure combo by more than the length of the hook.

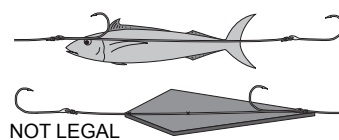
(h) Hooks and lures

- When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of

Hooks for fishing with natural bait

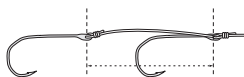


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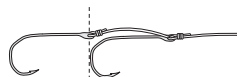
NOT LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are more than 45.72cm (18 inches) apart.
LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are less than 45.72cm (18 inches) apart.



NOT LEGAL: if eyes are less than hook's length apart.



LEGAL: if eyes are no less than hook's length apart and no more than 45.72cm (18 inches) apart.



LEGAL: point of one hook may be passed through eye of other hook.



Note: hooks connected in this way are ganged hooks and not to be confused with gang hooks in Rule H2.

the hook must be no less than an overall hook's length (overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 30.48cm (12in) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany the record application. **Clarification: If a hook is cut, then the length of the hook will be deemed to be to the cut – anything beyond the cut will be deemed as leader. See illustration 01.**

- Gang (double or treble) hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free-swinging and shall be limited to a

maximum of three hooks (either single, double or treble, or a combination of any three). Bait may not be used with gang hooks.

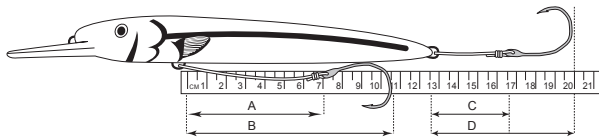
- Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, **other than a skirted lure**, the lead cannot be more than 1 1/2 hook's length and the bend of the hook must not be more than 4 inches (101mm), whichever is less from the closest point of attachment on the lure. **Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks.** See Illustration 02.

A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications.

A gang hook in the intent of this rule is a hook with two or more

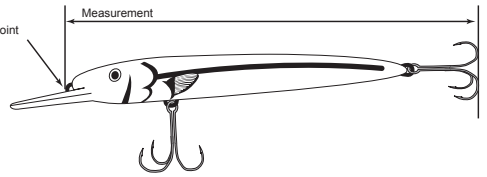
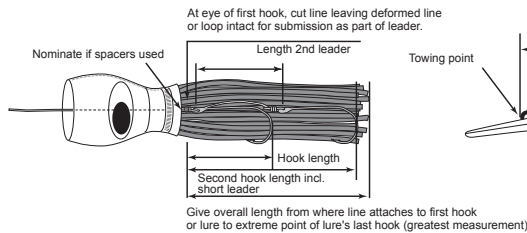
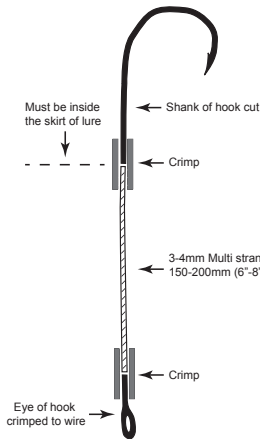
Hooks and lures

Illustration 02

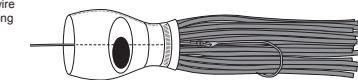


- A. Not legal, the connection length is longer than 1.5 times the length of the hook
- B. Not legal, the overall length exceeds 101mm.
- C. Legal, the connection is less than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- D. Legal, the overall length is less than 101mm from the lure.

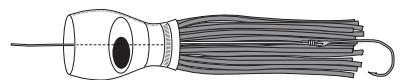
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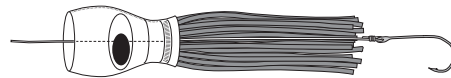
When submitting a drawing or photograph of a lure, the above information is required.



LEGAL: if the hook is wholly contained within the skirt of the lure.



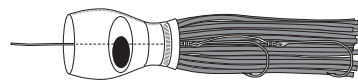
LEGAL: if the hook is partially contained within the skirt of the lure.



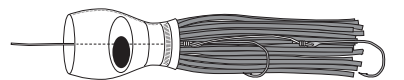
NOT LEGAL: if the hook is not partially or wholly contained within the skirt of the lure.



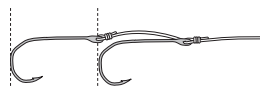
NOT LEGAL: the trailing hook must be at least partially within the skirt of the lure.



LEGAL: if the leading hook and the trailing hook are entirely within the skirt of the lure.



LEGAL: if all of the leading hook and some of the trailing hook are within the skirt of the lure.



LEGAL: if eyes are no less than hook's length apart and no more than 30.48cm (12 inches) apart.



LEGAL: point of one hook may be passed through eye of other hook.

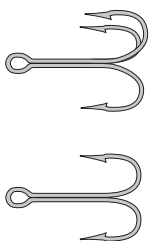


NOT LEGAL: if eyes are less than hook's length apart.

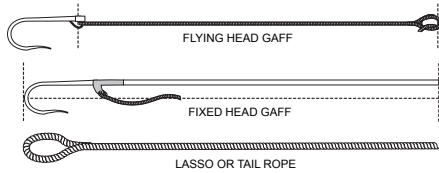


NOT LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are more than 30.48cm (12 inches) apart.
LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are less than 30.48cm (12 inches) apart.

Gang hooks



Gaffs and tail ropes



prongs (ie: multi-pointed hook, not to be confused with ganged hooks as per diagram in Rule G1).

(i) Other equipment

1. Fighting chairs may not have any mechanical propelled devices that aid the angler in fighting a fish.
2. Gimbals must be free-swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
3. Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44m (8ft) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply.) In using a flying or detachable gaff, the rope may not exceed 9.14m (30ft). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where the rope is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitation shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 9.14m (30ft).
4. Floats are prohibited with the exception of any small flotation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait. The flotation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.
5. Entangling devices (either with or without a hook) are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose, including baiting, hooking, fighting, or landing the fish.
6. Outriggers, downriggers and kites are permitted provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism, either directly or with the use of connecting device.
7. Any devices used in conjunction with a lure that could impede the fighting ability of the fish MUST be on a breakaway system.
8. A safety line may be attached to the rod, reel or harness provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

ANGLING RULES

1. From the time a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided for in these regulations. (CLARIFICATION to ANGLING RULE 1.) *If the mate is letting out a bait or lure and the reel is in free spool, the rod can be put back in the cover board or handed to the angler. Under no circumstances can any drag be put on the reel. This situation is legal. The rationale is that the hook has not been set with the reel out of gear. When retrieving a bait or lure the fish would be disqualified immediately if the rod is put back into the cover board or transferred to another person as the reel is in gear and the hook has been set.*
2. If a rodholder is used and a fish takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible.

3. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought will be considered for an Australian record.
4. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish is to be fought on the single line for most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
5. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
6. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.
7. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
8. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.
9. The Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations shall apply until a fish is weighed.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line (including the double line), either bodily or with any device during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether berley, floatline, rubber band or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod in a rodholder, on the gunwale of the boat or any other object while playing the fish.
4. Handlining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
6. Berleying with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any other part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
9. Splicing, removing or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of the boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
15. The act of any person touching any part of the leader when striking or hooking a fish.

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THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.



- Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation of the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.
- When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.

GUIDELINES FOR TAG & RELEASE

- All GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations apply until the fish is tagged.
- Tagpoles must not exceed 4.57m (15ft) overall length.
- The tagpole or holding device must be in the hand when the fish is tagged.
- One or more persons, in addition to the person holding the leader, may tag or assist in tagging the fish.
- The tag needle must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tagpole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in diameter.
- Billfish only tag: The tag needle must protrude a min of 45mm and no more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or holding device, nor shall it exceed 6mm in diameter.
- A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and released back into the water.

RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE AND MEASURE & RELEASE

- (a) No tournament shall be approved by a State Association that awards points for free release for GFAA tag species. No Tag & Release points shall be awarded in State Association-approved tournaments unless GFAA-approved tags are used.
(b) Measure & Release is allowed for species that have been determined by the GFAA from time to time – see section titled GFAA eligible gamefish for Measure & Release and section Guidelines for Measure & Release.
Note: (i) All GFAA Angling & Equipment regulations shall apply.
(ii) All applicable Tag & Release rules shall apply – ie items 1, 2 & 3 of the acts that disqualify a Tag & Release.
(iii) No fish can be released after measurement unless it is in a healthy and vigorous state.
(iv) The GFAA Measure & Release card is to be used to record species release information.
- The use of the 'billfish only' tag is MANDATORY to be eligible to win any GFAA billfish Trophies and Awards.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A TAG & RELEASE:

- Failure to comply with GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations or tournament tag and release rules.
- Failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture.
- Use of a gaff (other than release/jaw gaff for the purpose of tagging).

GFAA ELIGIBLE GAMEFISH FOR MEASURE & RELEASE

Albacore; Amberjack; Barramundi; Bass – Australian; Black jewfish; Bonefish; Bonito; Catfish – freshwater; Chinaman; Cobia; Kingfish – yellowtail (under 70cm); Mackerel – broad barred, narrow barred, shark and spotted; Mahi mahi; Mangrove jack; Mulloway (under 60cm); Perch – English, estuary, golden and silver; Queenfish (under 60cm); Rainbow runner; Salmon – Australian (under 40cm), Atlantic; threadfin; Samson fish; Saratoga; Snapper (under 40cm); Spangled emperor; Tailor; Tench; Trevally – big eye, giant, gold spot, golden and silver (under 60cm); Trout – rainbow, brook and brown; Tuna – bigeye, bluefin, kawa kawa, longtail, skipjack, southern bluefin and yellowfin (all under 60cm).

Note: Any species that is larger than the sizes noted above will not count in any Measure & Release competition as they are eligible to be tagged or captured.

GUIDELINES FOR MEASURE & RELEASE

- Only gamefish species as listed for Measure & Release are to be considered by this guideline.
- All GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulation & Codes of Practice to apply until fish is caught, measured and released in a healthy and vigorous state.
- The use of knotless, rubber-coated nets or similarly designed nets that minimise slime and scale removal are to be used – the use of gaffs (other than release/jaw gaff) is prohibited.
- The fish is to be measured using an approved or recognised measuring mat. Measurements between centimetre increments shall be measured at the lower of the two increments; ie 45-46cm will be recorded as 45cm.
- Once measured, the fish is to be returned to the water as quickly as possible, and supported until it is able to swim away in a healthy and vigorous state. If the fish dies during this process, it is the skipper and angler's responsibility to disqualify the catch.
- All measurements and data must be recorded on an approved GFAA Measure & Release card that is to be returned to the angler's club for processing.
- Fish caught and released under these guidelines may be eligible for club or state points. (Check with your club or state for this.)

Rules for all tackle length records

GENERAL INFORMATION

All fish entered for length records must be measured by anglers at the site of the capture and released so that it swims away on their own and in good condition. Fish should be revived by moving it forward in the water to ensure a healthy release.

Fish caught and entered for length records are NOT eligible for weighing and submission for other record categories.

RULES AND EQUIPMENT REGULATION

All GFAA rules and equipment regulations stipulated for fishing with conventional and fly tackle in fresh and saltwater shall apply with the exceptions below. All angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is measured and released alive in a healthy and vigorous state.

(a) Gaffs and nets

1. The use of gaffs to land fish is prohibited.
2. Nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44 metres (8 feet) in overall length (when fishing from a bridge, pier or other high, stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply).
3. The use of knotless, rubber-coated nets or other similarly-designed nets that minimise slime and scale removal is strongly recommended.

(b) Measuring device

1. All fish must be measured using an official GFAA/IGFA measuring device. (IGFA, NSW DPI or Shimano mats).
2. The measuring device mat may be shortened by cutting it, but it may not be rejoined after it has been shortened

ANGLING REGULATIONS

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with GFAA equipment or angling rules.
2. If the fish dies during the documentation process or does not swim away on its own accord after release.

LENGTH RECORD REQUIREMENTS

All fish entered for length records are subject to the same requirements stipulated for other record categories with the following additions and exceptions.

(a) Measuring requirements

1. Fish must be measured using an official GFAA/IGFA measuring device on a flat surface.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose-stop and be free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout to the rear centre edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in centimetres.
5. Fish that measure between centimetre increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.

(b) Minimum length requirements for vacant records

Fish entered for vacant record categories must measure within the top-half of that species' maximum recorded length, as shown in the eligible species list.

(c) Minimum length requirements needed to defeat or tie existing records

1. To defeat an existing record, the fish must measure at least two (2) centimetres longer than the existing record.
2. A catch that matches the length of an existing record or exceeds the length by less than two (2) centimetres will be considered a

tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, length must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing measuring less than the original record (first fish to be caught) will be considered.

(d) Photographic requirements

Photographs included with applications must contain the following information:

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but this must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the device.
2. A close-up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. The angler with the fish.
4. The rod and reel used to make the catch.

GENERAL BEST-HANDLING PRACTICES

To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberised landing net to minimise slime and scale loss. Lip-gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish; however, fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water as this can cause damage to the jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to support the fish's underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically. Ensure that the measuring device and surface the fish is placed on is kept wet.

DOCUMENTATION

GFAA records require pictures and measurements of the catch. All of this takes time, so you should have the necessary equipment ready before landing the fish.

If the documentation process takes longer than several minutes, periodically place the fish back in the water or place in a livewell to allow it to breathe.

RELEASING

Considerable time and care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back and forth. A fish's gills somewhat resemble the pages of a book and are designed for water flow in only one direction. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will accomplish this. Demersal species caught in waters deeper than 10 metres must be released by the use of a release weight.

Rules for flyfishing

EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS**(a) Line**

Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The breaking strength of the fly line and backing are not restricted.

(b) Leader

Leaders must conform to generally accepted fishing customs.

The leader includes a class tippet and, optionally, a shock tippet. A butt or taper section between the fly line and the class tippet shall also be considered part of the leader, and there are no limits on its length, material, or strength.

The class tippet must be made of non-metallic material and either attached directly to the fly or to the shock tippet, if one

is used. The class tippet must be at least 38.10cm (15in) long (measured inside connecting knots). With respect to knotless, tapered leaders, the terminal 38.10cm (15in) will also determine tippet class. There are no maximum length limitations. The breaking strength determines the class of the tippet.

A shock tippet, not to exceed 30.48cm (12in) in length, may be added to the class tippet and tied to the lure. It can be made of any type of material, and there is no limit on its breaking strength. The shock tippet is measured from the eye of the hook to the single strand of class tippet and includes any knots used to connect the shock tippet to the class tippet.

In the case of the tandem hook fly, the shock tippet shall be measured from the eye of the leading hook.

(c) Rod

Regardless of material or number of sections, rods must conform to generally accepted flyfishing customs and practices.

A rod shall not measure less than 1.82m (6ft) in overall length. Any rod that gives the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified. Extension butts are limited to 15.24cm (6in).

(d) Reel

The reel must be designed expressly for flyfishing. There are no restrictions on gear ratio or type of drag employed, except where the angler would gain an unfair advantage. Electric or electronically operated reels are prohibited.

(e) Hooks

A conventional fly may be dressed on a single hook or double hook or two single hooks in tandem. The second hook in any tandem fly must not exceed beyond the wing material. The eyes of the hooks shall be no farther than 15.24cm (6in) apart. Treble hooks are prohibited.

(f) Lures

The lure must be a recognised type of artificial fly, which includes streamer, bucktail, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, nymph, popper and bug. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited.

The fact that a lure can be cast with a fly rod is not evidence in itself that it fits the definition of a fly. The use of any lure designed to entangle or foul-hook a fish is prohibited.

No scent, either natural or artificial, is allowed on flies. The use of scented material in a fly is prohibited.

(g) Gaffs and nets

Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44m (8ft) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.)

The use of a flying gaff is not permitted. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited.

A rope or any extension cannot be attached to the gaff.

(h) 15kg category rules

1. 15kg tippet is for billfish and sharks only.
2. Shock tippet length is not to exceed 100cm (1m).
3. A minimum 500cm (5m) of fly line must be used.
4. Flying gaffs are permitted for this line class only.
5. All other GFAA rules and regulations for flyfishing apply.

ANGLING RULES

1. The angler must cast, hook, fight and bring the fish to gaff or net unaided by any other person. No other person may touch

any part of the tackle during the playing of the fish or give aid other than taking the leader for gaffing or netting purposes.

2. Casting and retrieving must be carried out in accordance with normal customs and generally accepted practices. The major criterion in casting is that the weight of the line must carry the lure, rather than the weight of the lure carrying the line. Trolling a lure behind a moving watercraft is not permitted. The craft must be completely out of gear both at the time the fly is presented to the fish and during the retrieve. The maximum amount of line that can be stripped off the reel is 36.57m (120ft) from the lure.
3. Once a fish is hooked, the tackle may not be altered in any way, with the exception of adding an extension butt.
4. Fish must be hooked on the lure in use. If a small fish takes the lure and a larger fish swallows the smaller fish, the catch will be disallowed.
5. One or more people may assist in gaffing or netting the fish.
6. The Angling and Equipment Regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. Failure to comply with Equipment or Angling Regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line, either bodily or with any device, during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod on any part of the boat, or on any other object, while playing the fish.
4. Handlining or using handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purposes of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Intentionally foul-hooking or snagging a fish.
6. Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
7. Berleying with flesh, blood, skin or any part of mammals.
8. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
9. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
10. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.

THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces its length below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.
3. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation of the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.

Australian record requirements

Gamefish captures can only be considered for Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) record status if they are caught according to GFAA Rules. Following is the information and procedures for filing claims. A fee of \$20.00 (incl. GST) is required for filing an Australian record application. *All materials submitted become the property of GFAA.*

Australian record categories

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GFAA maintains Australian records for both freshwater and saltwater gamefishes in Line Class, Tippet Class and All Tackle categories.
2. To qualify for official recording and granting of GFAA records, gamefish, rays and sharks must be caught by a financial or life member of a club affiliated with a state branch of GFAA. In order to qualify for a vacant GFAA record a fish must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed. For a fish to replace an existing record it must outweigh the current record by an amount as shown in the section 'Weight Required to Defeat or Tie an Existing Record' under Regulations Governing Record Catches.
3. No application will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or banned fishing areas in national parks. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.
4. GFAA will not accept any record application generated from within a non-sanctioned tournament other than an internal club competition.
5. When an additional species of gamefish is made eligible for GFAA records, the effective date will be announced. Fishes caught on or after this date will be eligible for records. An announcement of additional species will be made in the Australian Game Fishing Records and Rules or by notification to State Association Secretaries.

CATEGORIES

Records may be claimed in the following categories and subcategories.

Saltwater

1. Men
2. Women
3. Juniors – persons who have not attained the age of 16 years. A junior angler may hold juniors, men's or women's records, and All Tackle records, if eligible.
4. Small Fry – persons who have not attained the age of 11 years.

Freshwater

1. Men
2. Women
3. Juniors – persons who have not attained the age of 16 years. A junior angler may hold junior, men's or women's records, and All Tackle records, if eligible.
4. Small Fry – persons who have not attained the age of 11 years.

Saltwater fly

For saltwater recognised species.

1. Men
2. Women
3. Juniors – persons who have not attained the age of 16 years. A junior angler may hold junior, men's or women's records, and All Tackle records, if eligible.
4. Small Fry – persons who have not attained the age of 11 years.

Freshwater fly

For freshwater recognised species.

1. Men
2. Women
3. Juniors – persons who have not attained the age of 16 years. A junior angler may hold junior, men's or women's records, and All Tackle records, if eligible.
4. Small Fry – persons who have not attained the age of 11 years.

Land-based saltwater

For anglers fishing from the land, bridge, pier and other structures or platforms that are not free-floating.

1. Men
2. Women
3. Juniors – persons who have not attained the age of 16 years. A junior angler may hold junior, men's or women's records, and All Tackle records, if eligible.
4. Small Fry – persons who have not attained the age of 11 years.

LINE CLASS CATEGORIES

Line Class records are maintained according to wet testing strength of line used by the angler. (See 'Appendix A' for testing standards.) Records are kept in the following line class categories: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

ALL TACKLE RECORDS

All Tackle records are for the heaviest capture of each GFAA-recognised gamefish species caught under GFAA Record Requirements, Rules and Regulations and Line Categories.

FLY ROD CATEGORIES

Australian fly rod records are maintained according to tippet strength of line used by the angler. The tippet is wet tested using the same procedure as for other lines.

Records are kept for the same recognised saltwater and freshwater species in the following tippet classes: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg 10kg and 15kg.

Note: For 15kg tippet please refer to Rules for Flyfishing – Equipment Regulations – subsection H for Tackle Regulations.

Regulations governing record catches

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Protest applications on disputed existing records will be referred to the GFAA Executive for review. Its decision will be final. All GFAA decisions will be based upon the intent of the regulations.
2. In some instances an official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish' – see overleaf) or a member of the GFAA Executive may request that the information supplied on a claim be rechecked. Such action is not to be regarded as doubt of the formal application, but rather as evidence of the extreme care with which GFAA investigates and maintains records.
3. GFAA reserves the right to reject an application for either a record or award and its decision shall be final.
4. Rejected applicants in relation to subsections 1 and 4 above will not be informed by the GFAA executive of the reason(s) for the rejection of their application.
5. The GFAA executive reserves the right to alter the regulations governing record catch and/or award applications as is required from time to time and in accordance with the requirements of the GFAA constitution.

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

1. If there is the slightest doubt that the fish cannot be properly identified from the photographs and other data submitted, the fish should be examined by a qualified scientist or retained in a preserved or frozen condition until a qualified authority can verify the species, or until notified by GFAA that the fish need no longer be retained.
2. In the case of a disputed identification, photographs of the catch will be submitted to two qualified authorities for their decision. When a question of identification arises, the angler will be notified and given ample opportunity to submit further evidence of identification.

WITNESS TO CATCH

1. On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable, if at all possible. Unwitnessed catches may be disallowed if questions arise regarding their authenticity.
2. It is important that the witnesses can attest to the angler's compliance with the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.

WEIGHT REQUIRED TO DEFEAT OR TIE AN EXISTING RECORD

1. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 11kg, the replacement must weigh at least 50g more than the existing record.
2. To replace a record for a fish weighing 11kg or more, the replacement must weigh at least one half of one per cent more than the existing record. Examples: At 10kg the additional weight required would be 50g. At 50kg the additional weight required would be 250g.
3. Any catch that matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, weight must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing weighing less than the original record will be considered.
4. Estimated weights will not be accepted (refer to 'Weighing of Fish' – see below). Fractions of grams will not be considered.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

For gamefish to be eligible for a vacant GFAA record they must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed. For sharks or rays to be eligible for a vacant GFAA record they must be at least twice the weight of the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed.

TIME LIMIT ON CLAIMS

Recognition of the capture of an Australian record may not be granted by GFAA until after two months from the date of the capture of the fish. Any claim received by GFAA more than two months after the date of the capture will be considered only if the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances. If an incomplete record claim is submitted, it must be accompanied by an explanation of why certain portions are incomplete.

An incomplete claim will be considered for a record if the following conditions are met:

1. The incomplete claim with explanations of why portions are incomplete must be received by GFAA within the time limits specified above.
2. Missing data must be due to circumstances beyond the control of the angler making the record claim.
3. All missing data must be supplied within a period of time considered to be reasonable in view of the particular circumstances. Final decisions on incomplete claims will be made by the Executive of GFAA.
4. A late payment fee of \$110.00, where applicable, will be charged to whoever has caused the delay: Angler, Club or State.

WEIGHING OF FISH

1. All captures shall be weighed by either a Club Weighmaster, a Club Recorder, a Club Committee Member in the location at which the fish was caught or by a GFAA or IGFA Official, or by a recognised local person familiar with the scale.
2. Disinterested witnesses to the weight should be used whenever possible. The weight of the sling, platform or rope (if one is used to secure the fish to the scales) must be determined and deducted from the total weight.
3. No estimated weights will be accepted. Fish weighed at sea or on other bodies of water will not be accepted.
4. All fish that are subject to record applications should be weighed on a scale that has been checked and certified for accuracy by a government department or other qualified organisation. All scales must be regularly checked for accuracy and certified. *Note: the certification of the scale should not be more than one year old. However, if at the time of weighing the fish, the scale has not been properly certified within one year, it should be checked for accuracy as quickly as possible. A report stating the findings of the inspector prior to any adjustments of the scale must be included with the record application.*
5. GFAA reserves the right to have any scale recertified for accuracy if there are any indications that the scale might not have weighed correctly.
6. If there is no official government inspector or accredited commercial representative available in the area where the fish is weighed, the scale must be checked by weighing objects of recognised and proven weights. Objects weighed must be at least equal to the weight of the fish. Substantiation of the correct weight of these objects must be provided to GFAA along with

the names and complete addresses of accredited witnesses to this entire procedure.

7. Only weights indicated by the graduations of the scale will be accepted. Visual fractionalising of these graduations will not be allowed. Any weights that fall between two graduations on the scale must be recorded as the lower of the two.
8. In remote areas where no weighing scales are available, an angler is permitted to use his own scale provided that it is of acceptable quality and has been properly certified. *Note: State branches may prescribe minimum weights for the recording of fish within a state.*
9. Scales used to weigh fish must be attached to an object or weigh station that is fixed or mounted on a solid base attached or connected to the ground. In the case of a mobile crane or similar apparatus the displayed weight must remain stable for a minimum of 5 seconds.

PREPARATION OF RECORD CLAIM

At the time of weighing a fish, all tackle and equipment used in the capture, including gaffs, leader/trace, lure and a sample of line, shall be submitted to an official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish') for examination, measuring, photographing or tracing of hook and lure.

An application for an Australian record must be made on the prescribed form.

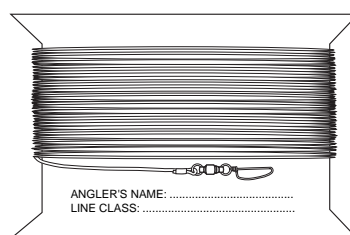
The form must be completed in full and include the following:

1. The name, address and signature of the angler.
2. The date and approximate location of capture.
3. The gross weight of the fish and sling, platform or rope; the separate weight of the sling, platform or rope; and the net weight of the fish.
4. The overall length of the fish, the short length of the fish (measured from the point of the lower jaw to the crotch of the tail) and the maximum girth measurement (at the thickest part of the body, usually behind the pectoral fin). Extreme care should be exercised in measuring the fish as the measurements are often important for other scientific studies. (A measurement diagram is shown on the application form.)
5. The length of double line, length of trace, type of lure, number of hooks used and the type of hook used in the capture.
6. The specified strength of the line used to catch the fish. This will place the claim in a GFAA line class category. The line must test in this category or the application will be disallowed. The heaviest line strength permissible is 60kg.
7. The signature of the boatman or fishing companion as witness that the fish was caught by the angler on the tackle described in the application, strictly in accordance with the GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations.
8. The signature of the official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish') attesting to the correctness of all the information contained in the application form.
9. The application must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the state branch in whose waters the capture was made, and must be accompanied by:
 - (a) A Statutory Declaration stating that the rules and regulations of GFAA were strictly observed in the capture.
 - (b) The entire leader, the double line, and at least 16m of the single line closest to the double line, leader or hook. All line samples and the leader (if one is used) must be submitted in

one piece. If a lure is used with the leader, the leader should be cut at the eye attachment to the lure. (Refer to rule H1 in the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.)

Clarification: The leader must be submitted in one piece with the hook attached, if a lure is to be removed then the leader should be cut on an angle at least 25mm above the eye of the hook so that both pieces of the leader can be re-joined to check the length.

Note: each line sample must be in one piece. It must be submitted in a manner that can be easily unwound without damage to the line. A recommended method is to submit the line on a piece of stiff cardboard. Write the angler's name and specified strength of the line used on the cardboard. Do not submit the line in a hank. Any sample submitted that can't be unwound will not be accepted (see diagram).



- (c) All applications for flyfishing records must be accompanied by the lure, the entire tippet and the entire leader, along with 25mm of the fly line beyond the attachment to the leader. These components must be intact and connected. **GFAA no longer requires that 25mm of fly line be attached to the leader.** If a loop to loop connection is used, the angler need only unloop the leader from the fly line and submit it with the record application. The entire leader, however must still be intact with the fly attached.
- (d) Photographs showing the full length of the fish, the rod and reel used to make the catch, and the scale used to weigh the fish. A photograph of the angler with the fish is also required. So that there can be no doubt about species identification, the clearest possible photos should be submitted. This is especially important in the cases of marlin, trevally, shark, tuna and other fishes that may be confused with similar species. Shark applications should also include a photograph of the shark's head and the front teeth. Photographs should be taken of the fish in a hanging position and also lying on a flat surface on its side. In both types of photos no part of the fish should be obscured. When hanging, the fish should be broadside to the camera with the fins fully extended and with the tip of the jaw and sword or spear clearly shown. Do not hold the tip of the fin. Do not stand in front of the fish. Do not hold the fish in your hands. A sky background for the fish is most desirable. Backgrounds cluttered with objects and people may complicate identification and detract from the photograph. When photographing a fish lying on its side, the surface beneath the fish should be smooth, with a ruler or marked tape placed beside the fish if possible. Photographs from various angles are most helpful. An additional photograph of the fish on the scale with actual weight visible helps to expedite the application. Photos taken during daylight are highly recommended.

- (e) Where a two-hook rig was used, a photo or tracing of the actual hook arrangement indicating the measurements.
- (f) Where a plug or artificial lure was used, a photograph of the plug or lure, indicating the measurement. If this is not completely satisfactory, the plug itself may be requested. (Refer to rule H1 in the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.)
- (g) Applications for Australian Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Rod records shall be on the same basis as applications for other GFAA records.
- (h) Where a capture is the subject of a claim for both a World and an Australian record both appropriate filing fees are payable.
GFAA shall issue a certificate for each capture that is approved as an Australian record, or a tie for an Australian record.

WORLD RECORDS

A claim for both an Australian and World Record must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the state branch in whose waters the capture was made. The claim must be made on both the GFAA prescribed form and on the IGFA 'Form for Recording Record Game Fish Catches', which may be obtained from the Secretary of a state branch or affiliated clubs, or from GFAA.



Application forms must be completed in every detail personally by the angler, and must be accompanied by:

- (a) an affidavit attested by a notary public or justice of the peace;
- (b) line samples as for a GFAA record;
- (c) photographs as for a GFAA record; and
- (d) a filing fee as specified on the IGFA application form.

NOTE: It is required that the filing fee be paid by credit card by filling in the details on the IGFA World Record Claim Form.

Claims will not be accepted by IGFA if the date of the catch is more than three months before the date of receipt of the claim by IGFA.

IGFA requires that the claim be witnessed by a representative of IGFA, or a club official, if available.

IGFA Rules and Regulations change from time to time, and anglers are advised to check these before submitting a claim.

Any deliberate falsification of an application will disqualify the applicant from any future IGFA World Records.

On acceptance of a World Record, an Australian record will be granted, provided that it meets the GFAA requirements and was applied for on the prescribed form.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

All clubs affiliated with the state branches must adopt GFAA rules as part of their constitution.

Where a non-member angler captures a fish that obviously approaches a World Record, affiliated clubs are asked to cooperate to see that the fish is properly weighed, measured, witnessed, photographed and registered according to the requirements of IGFA.

Appendix A

TESTING OF LINES FOR AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

1. The line testing will be conducted on a GFAA-approved machine or by an approved testing laboratory in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2001-2.7 Determination of Breaking force and extension of yarns.
2. The Standard AS2001-2.7 will be varied to reduce the number of tests on each sample to not less than three (3) and not more than five (5).
3. The line will be conditioned prior to testing by soaking for two hours in distilled water complying with British Standard BS 3978 (1966).
4. The mean of the tests will be calculated and this figure will be the accepted test figure for the determination of the claim.

PRECIS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD AS2001-2.7

1. The machine on which testing will be conducted will be constantly rate-of-extension type, complying with the requirements of Grade B machines specified in Australian Standard 2193.
2. The test specimen will be extended at a constant rate of 20cm (+/- 2cm) per minute.
3. Specimens will be tested using a gauge length of 500mm (+/- 1mm).
4. The fixed and moving jaws will be in the same plane and at right angles to the direction of traverse. Bollard jaws will be used, so constructed that they do not damage the test specimen.

GFAA eligible gamefish species – Tag & Release

BY SPECIES

Albacore

Thunnus alalunga

Amberjack

Seriola dumerilii

Barracuda

Sphyrna spp.

Bonito

Sarda spp.

Broadbill

Xiphias gladius

Cobia

Rachycentron canadum

Eagle ray

Myliobatis australis

Mackerel, broad barred

Scomberomorus semifasciatus

Mackerel, narrow barred

Scomberomorus commerson

Mackerel, shark

Grammatocyclus bicarinatus

Mackerel, spotted

Scomberomorus spp.

Mahi mahi (dolphinfish)

Coryphaena spp.

Marlin, black

Makaira indica

Marlin, Pacific blue

Makaira nigricans

Marlin, striped

Tetrapturus audax

Rainbow runner

Elagtis bipinnulatus

Sailfish

Istiophorus platypterus

Samson fish

Seriola hippos

Shark, blue

Prionace glauca

Shark, gummy

Mustelus antarcticus

Shark, hammerhead

Sphyrna spp.

Shark, mako

Isurus spp.

Shark, porbeagle

Lamna nasus

Shark, school (tope)

Galeorhinus galeus

Shark, thresher

Alopias spp.

Shark, tiger

Galeocerdo cuvier

Shark, whaler

Carcharinus spp.

Spearfish

Tetrapturus spp.

Tuna, bigeye

Thunnus obesus

Tuna, dogtooth

Gymnosarda unicolor

Tuna, longtail

Thunnus tonggol

Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa)

Euthynnus affinis

Tuna, Pacific bluefin

Thunnus orientalis

Tuna, skipjack

Katsuwonus pelamis

Tuna, southern bluefin

Thunnus maccoyii

Tuna, yellowfin

Thunnus albacares

Wahoo

Acanthocybium solandri

BY LENGTH

Kingfish (yellowtail)

Seriola lalandi

(Min. size: 70cm)

Queenfish

Scomberoides spp.

(Min. size: 60cm)

Trevally, big eye

Caranx sexfasciatus

(Min. size: 60cm)

Trevally, giant

Caranx ignobilis

(Min. size: 60cm)

Trevally, gold spot

Carangoides fulvoguttatus

(Min. size: 60cm)

Trevally, golden

Gnathanodon speciosus

(Min. size: 60cm)

BY STATE

Victoria, South Australia and

Western Australia (south of the Tropic of Capricorn) only

Trevally, silver*

Pseudocaranx dentex

(Min size: 35cm)

Snapper*

Pagrus auratus

(Min. size: 40cm)

Salmon, Australian*

Arripis trutta

(Min. size: 40cm)

Mulloway (jewfish)

Argyrosomus japonicus

(Min. size: 60cm)

Notes:

- All sharks must be a minimum of 100cm in length.
- Species marked with an asterisk (*) are to be tagged with the new, small, plastic gamefish tag.

Eligible species and minimum lengths for All-Tackle Length records

SALTWATER

Albacore

(Min. size: 61cm)

Amberjack

(Min. size: 90cm)

Bonfish

(Min. size: 50cm)

Chinaman#

(Min. size: 50cm)

Cobia

(Min. size: 85cm)

Kingfish (yellowtail)

(Min. size: 80cm)

Mackerel, narrow barred

(Min. size: 100cm)

Mulloway (jewfish)#

(Min. size: 60cm)

Queenfish

(Min. size: 60cm)

Salmon, Australian

(Min. size: 50cm)

Salmon, threadfin

(Min. size: 70cm)

Samson fish

(Min. size: 90cm)

Snapper#

(Min. size: 50cm)

Spangled Emperor#

(Min. size: 45cm)

Tailor

(Min. size: 45cm)

Trevally, bigeye

(Min. size: 45cm)

Trevally, giant

(Min. size: 76cm)

Trevally, golden

(Min. size: 50cm)

Tuna, longtail

(Min. size: 75cm)

Tuna, yellowfin

(Min. size: 90cm)

FRESHWATER

Barramundi

(Min. size: 62cm)

Bass, Australian

(Min. size: 30cm)

Mangrove jack

(Min. size: 35cm)

Trout, brown

(Min. size: 50cm)

Trout, rainbow

(Min. size: 50cm)

Note:

- All demersal species – indicated with a hash (#) – that have been brought up from waters deeper than 10m must be released with the use of a release weight to minimise barotrauma.



GFAA recognised gamefish species – Capture

SALTWATER SPECIES

Albacore

Thunnus alalunga

Amberjack

Seriola dumerilii

Barracuda

Sphyraena spp.

Black jewfish

Protonibea diacanthus

Bonefish

Albula vulpes

Bonito

Sarda spp.

Broadbill

Xiphias gladius

Chinaman

Symphorus nematophorus

Cobia

Rachycentron canadum

Eagle ray

Myliobatis australis

Kingfish (yellowtail)

Seriola lalandi

Mackerel, broad barred

Scomberomorus semifasciatus

Mackerel, narrow barred

Scomberomorus commerson

Mackerel, shark

Grammatocyclus bicarinatus

Mackerel, spotted

Scomberomorus spp.

Mahi mahi (dolphinfish)

Coryphaena spp.

Marlin, black

Makaira indica

Marlin, Pacific blue

Makaira mazara

Marlin, striped

Tetrapturus audax

Mulloway (jewfish)

Argyrosomus hololepidotus

Queenfish

Scomberoides spp.

Rainbow runner

Elagatis bipinnulatus

Sailfish

Istiophorus platypterus

Salmon, Australian

Arripis spp.

Salmon, threadfin

Polynemus spp. and

Eleutheronema

Samson fish

Seriola hippos

Shark, blue

Prionace glauca

Shark, grey nurse

Carcharias arenarius

(Note: records closed since 1977)

Shark, gummy

Mustelus antarcticus

Shark, hammerhead

Sphyrna spp.

Shark, mako

Isurus spp.

Shark, porbeagle

Lamna nasus

Shark, thresher

Alopias spp.

Shark, tiger

Galeocerdo cuvier

Shark, whaler

Carcharhinus spp.

Shark, white

Carharodon carcharias

(Note: records closed)

Snapper

Pagrus auratus

Spangled Emperor

Lethrinus nebulosus

Spearfish

Tetrapturus spp.

Tailor

Pomatomus saltatrix

Tope

Galeorhinus galeus

Trevally, big eye

Caranx sexfasciatus

Trevally, giant

Caranx ignobilis

Trevally, gold spot

Carangoides fulvoguttatus

Trevally, golden

Gnathanodon speciosus

Trevally, silver

Pseudocaranx dentex

Tuna, bigeye

Thunnus obesus

Tuna, dogtooth

Gymnosardo unicolor

Tuna, kawa kawa

Euthynnus affinis

Tuna, longtail

Thunnus tonggol

Tuna, Pacific bluefin

Thunnus orientalis

Tuna, skipjack

Katsuwonus pelamis

Tuna, southern bluefin

Thunnus maccoyii

Tuna, yellowfin

Thunnus albacares

Wahoo

Acanthocybium solandri

FRESHWATER SPECIES

Barramundi

Lates calcarifer

Bass, Australian

Macquaria novemaculeata

Carp

Cyprinus carpio

Catfish, freshwater

Tandanus tandanus

Mangrove jack

Lutjanus argentimaculatus

Murray cod

Maccullochella peelii

Perch, English (redfin)

Perca flavescens

Perch, estuary

Macquaria colonorum

Perch, golden

Plectroplites ambiguus

Perch, silver

Bidyanus bidyanus

Salmon, Atlantic

Salmo salar

Salmon, chinook

Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

Saratoga

Scleropages

Tench

Tinca tinca

Trout, brook

Salvelinus fontinalis

Trout, brown

Salmo trutta

Trout, rainbow

Oncorhynchus mykiss

GFAA Australian record application

Form for recording freshwater and saltwater gamefish catches

Read all GFAA Angling Rules and Requirements before completing and signing this application. The angler's signature on the completed form must be witnessed by a notary. This application must be accompanied by line or tippet samples complete with double, leader and hooks; clear photographs as specified in the GFAA Record Requirements; current certification of the scale on which the fish was weighed; and the filing fee. If the lure does not accompany the claim, then a photograph of the rig and a sized drawing of the lure must be included. Hybrids and other species that may pose a problem of identity should be examined by an ichthyologist or qualified fishery biologist.

I am submitting this application for: (tick those that apply)

- Saltwater State only
 Saltwater land-based State & Aust.
 Saltwater fly
 Freshwater
 Freshwater fly
 All tackle length

In the category: (tick those that apply)

- Men
 Women
 Juniors (under 16) M F
 Small Fry (under 11) M F

Capture Clubs: (tick those that apply)

- 20 to 1 Club _____ 1000lb Club
 15 to 1 Club _____ * Assistance certificate
 10 to 1 Club _____ * Boat plaque

(*see separate application form)

Line or tippet class: _____ kg

SPECIES

Common name: _____

Scientific name: _____

Weight: _____ kg

Length (see measurement diagrams):

X to X _____ mm XX to XX _____ mm

Girth (see measurement diagrams): _____ mm

Date of Capture: _____

Location of Capture: _____

State: _____

Was this fish captured during a tournament? YES NO

Name of tournament: _____

Was this tournament sanctioned? YES NO

METHOD OF CATCH (trolling, casting, flyfishing, etc)

FIGHTING TIME _____

ANGLER

(please print as you wish it to appear on your record certificate)

Permanent address (include state and postcode):

Angler's fishing club: _____

EQUIPMENT

Rod

Make: _____

Tip length (centre reel to end of tip): _____ mm

Butt length (centre reel to lower end of butt): _____ mm

Reel

Make: _____ Size: _____

Line or tippet

Make: _____ Size: _____

Length of double line: _____ mm

Make of backing: _____ Size: _____

OTHER EQUIPMENT

Type of Gaff: _____ Length: _____ mm

Length of trace or leader: _____ mm

Number of hooks: _____

Name of lure, fly or bait: _____

BOAT (if used)

Name: _____

Make: _____ Length: _____ m

I/we certify that this capture was made in accordance with GFAA rules.

Captain's name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Mate's name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

SCALES

Location: _____

Type: _____

Manufacturer: _____

Date last certified: _____

Person and/or agency that certified scales

Scales must have been certified within 12 months prior to the date of capture.

WEIGHMASTER

Name: _____

Signature: _____

(see checklist)

Address: _____

WITNESS TO THE WEIGHT

Witnesses to the weight (other than angler, captain or weighmaster)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

WITNESSES TO CATCH

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible.

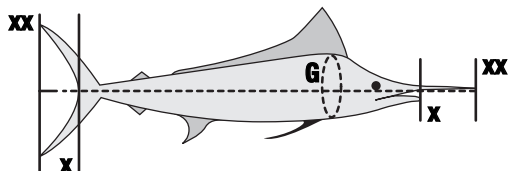
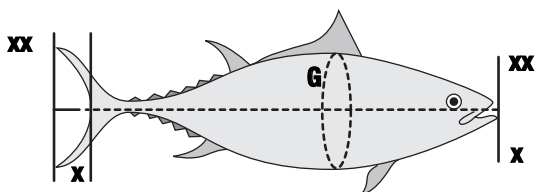
1: _____

2: _____

Number of persons witnessing catch: _____

VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY**(see GFAA record requirements)****Signature of examining ichthyologist:**

Address: _____

Species MeasurementsMeasure as indicated below, take lengths from X to X and XX to XX.
Take girth around the fish on the line marked G or at largest dimension location.

Statutory Declaration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the fish described in this application for an Australian record was hooked, fought and brought to gaff by me without assistance, that it was caught strictly in accordance with the rules of the Game Fishing Association of Australia, and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that I am a financial member of a gamefishing club or a gamefishing division within a club affiliated with GFAA.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signed: _____

Declared at: _____ the day of _____ 20 _____

Before me: _____

Title: _____

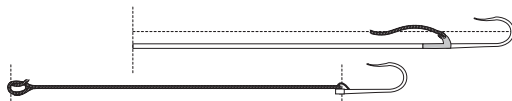
If a Small Fry/Junior record application, give the applicant's date of birth: _____

The following items must accompany this claim:

1. The first 16m of the actual line used in the capture, including the entire double line and the leader.
2. A full-length photograph of the fish showing dorsal and pectoral fins, angler and tackle used and scales.
3. Photograph showing the teeth of shark.
4. Photograph/tracing of any two-hook arrangement used and lure showing the necessary arrangements and measurements.
5. Certificate of scales.
6. Filing fee of \$20.00 (incl. GST), payable to GFAA by whoever has caused the delay, for each record claim.
7. Additional filing fee of \$27.50 (incl. GST) for 10 to 1, 15 to 1 and 20 to 1 claims.
8. Additional filing fee of \$110.00 (incl. GST) for 1000lb claim.
9. Late payment, where applicable, \$110.00 (incl. GST) payable to GFAA by whoever has caused the delay.

The application must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the State branch in whose waters the capture was made.

Note: This Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a JP or an authorised Notary.





Checklist	Angler	Weigh master	Club Sec.	State Assoc.	GFAA Remarks
Check GFAA rules	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Check species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Check for mutilations If any, give full explanations; mutilation that could affect fighting capabilities will disqualify capture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Line: one piece 16m Including double.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Double length OK Including knots, swivels, clips, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Leader length OK Including hook, lure, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Hook arrangement OK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rod and Reel OK and measured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gaffs checked and measured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Weighing To nearest LOWER graduation NET weight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Scale test certificate OK and enclosed with claim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Capture certificate OK and enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
PHOTOS					
1. Show full length of fish, dorsal fin, pectoral fins, tackle used and scales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Shark's teeth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Any unusual scars, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Lure, if not included with claim. Mark length on back of photo.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fish identification positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fee enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Date received by Club: _____ / _____ / _____

Date received by State Association _____ / _____ / _____

Date received by GFAA _____ / _____ / _____

Note: Late fee will apply unless claim reaches GFAA within two (2) month of capture except in extenuating circumstances.



Records Officer's Report

(Current as at 5 November 2016)

The 2015/2016 season was a record-breaking year with 84 claims submitted, including 20 IGFA world record claims.

Records are being updated on the GFAA website (www.gfaa.asn.au) as they are approved, so please check the website for the most current list. The latest record application form can also be downloaded from the website, which is better than using a potentially redundant form, or cutting up your Journal.

This year the GFAA received 84 record claims, comprising 22 Male, 14 Female, 12 Junior Male, 16 Junior Female, 9 Small Fry Male and 16 Small Fry Female applications. There were 34 claims from Western Australia, 15 from New South Wales, 10 from South Australia, 9 from Tasmania, 6 from Victoria and 4 from Queensland. Of the 84 claims, 12 were rejected.

Some of the outstanding records achieved over the year included:

- Clinton Adlington's 116.55kg southern bluefin tuna for world and Australian Male records on 15kg tackle.

- Joel Nancarrow's 625.5kg tiger shark for world and Australian Male records on 15kg tackle.
- Antony Suttill's 126.2kg southern bluefin tuna for world and Australian Junior Male records on 24kg tackle.
- Tegan Lucardie's 140kg broadbill swordfish for world and Australian Female records on 15kg tackle.
- Nicholas Taranto's 166.2kg broadbill swordfish for an Australian Male record on 37kg tackle.
- Oska Davis' 97kg mako shark for an Australian Junior Male record on 6kg tackle.

The GFAA President and Executive congratulate all successful record anglers, and look forward to more claims from GFAA-affiliated anglers in the year ahead.

Peter Babarskas
GFAA Recorder

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Albacore (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)				
All-tackle	30.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAR-07	Darren Kolpin
M1	5.5	Eagle Hawk, TAS	10-FEB-01	Mark Schuettpezel
M2	10.15	Narooma, NSW	31-OCT-81	John Wright
M3	15.75	Broken Bay, NSW	21-SEP-80	Tim Simpson
M4	23.32	Port MacDonnell, SA	12-MAY-07	Peter Harris
M6	24.4	St Helens, TAS	08-MAR-08	Mark Perkins
M8	25.95	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-01	Mark Irvine
M10	28.85	Port MacDonnell, SA	12-MAY-01	Anthony McDonnell
M15	29.6	Port MacDonnell, SA	16-APR-06	Paul Carrison
M24	30.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAR-07	Darren Kolpin
F2	5.2	Bunga Canyon, NSW	04-JUN-97	Jan Florentine
F3	12.5	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-14	Bernadette Pedlar
F4	11	Bermagui, NSW	03-NOV-90	Ronda Jenkins
F6	15	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	17-NOV-95	Judy Mitchell
F8	20.1	Port MacDonnell, SA	24-APR-00	Kerry Heinicke
F10	17.05	Port MacDonnell, SA	22-APR-00	Kerry Heinicke
F15	20.1	Port MacDonnell, SA	24-APR-00	Kerry Heinicke
JF3	4.64	St Helens, TAS	20-APR-08	Erin Cook
JF6	13.29	Pt MacDonnell, SA	4-APR-15	Sharna McKinnon
JF8	11.58	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-14	Sharna McKinnon
JM2	3.8	Bermagui, NSW	27-SEP-87	Robert Breden
JM4	14.6	St Helens, TAS	12-MAR-16	Mitchell Hill
JM6	16.4	Bermagui, NSW	08-MAY-85	Paul Hogg
JM8	19	Bermagui, NSW	12-MAY-84	Ashley Hall
JM10	17.8	St Helens, TAS	11-JAN-03	Jak Wyatt Elmer
JM15	21.9	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	14-MAR-15	Sam Nichols
SFM4	7.8	Coles Bay, TAS	25-MAR-07	Timothy Cook
SFM6	13.8	St Helens, TAS	25-MAR-06	Jak Wyatt Elmer
SFM8	10.7	St Helens, TAS	11-MAR-06	Jak Wyatt Elmer
SFM10	17.7	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	23-MAR-13	Lachlin Hicks

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFM15	20	Moruya Canyon, NSW	29-JUN-13	Jayden Mann
SFF4	5.2	St Helens, TAS	09-MAR-13	Zara Nelson
SFF6	9.6	Triabunna, TAS	05-APR-14	Amber Clarke
Saltwater fly				
M6	11.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	23-MAY-98	Martin Montebello

Amberjack (<i>Seriola dumerili</i>)				
All-tackle	36.74	Flinders Reef, QLD	01-AUG-70	Ron Jenyns
M3	6.82	Rowley Shoals, WA	26-SEP-80	J Nelson
M6	20.8	Caloundra, QLD	07-FEB-88	Evan Russell
M10	36.74	Flinders Reef, QLD	01-AUG-70	Ron Jenyns
M15	18.8	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
F6	6	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	12-AUG-90	Olga Mack
F10	12.7	Point Lookout, QLD	12-JUL-70	Rosemary Russell
JM6	18	Cape Moreton, QLD	28-JAN-96	Ian Brookes

Barracuda (<i>Sphyræna spp.</i>)				
All-tackle	32	Yammacutta Reef, QLD	03-AUG-79	Anne See Poy
M1	6.62	Dampier, WA	30-JUL-16	Ryan Turner
M2	11.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	08-NOV-92	Mark Voyzey
M3	22.42	Cairns, QLD	25-SEP-74	Robert Oliver
M4	26.5	Mission Beach, QLD	07-NOV-93	Bruce Shepherd
M6	26.6	Mossman, QLD	01-MAR-82	Greg Harrold
M8	27.1	Exmouth, WA	31-OCT-92	Phil Tickle
M10	30.84	Cairns, QLD	04-OCT-73	Peter Owen
M15	27.21	Cairns, QLD	05-NOV-67	Eric Hebron
M24	25.85	Moreton Bay, QLD	31-OCT-69	E French
F1	2.58	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-16	Chloe Hornhardt
F2	20	Groote Eylandt, NT	30-NOV-86	Jeananne Woods
F3	15.6	North East Island, NT	01-JUL-01	Tanya Collins
F4	21.3	Groote Eylandt, NT	16-OCT-93	Jane Manton
F6	22.6	Cardwell, QLD	10-SEP-05	Alison Savis



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F8	25.2	Coral Bay, WA	02-JUL-84	Kay Webber
F10	32	Yamamacutta Reef, QLD	03-AUG-79	Anne See Poy
F15	31.6	Coral Bay, WA	04-SEP-84	Katherine Webber
F24	24.04	Osprey Reef, QLD	09-FEB-79	Jill Hooper
JF1	2.58	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	15.9	Groote Eylandt, NT	27-SEP-00	Jessica Dowling
JM1	2.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	15-JUN-99	Ben Sands
JM2	12.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	25-FEB-96	Justin Micola
JM4	15.95	Groote Eylandt, NT	29-MAR-97	Justin Micola
JM6	21	Townsville, QLD	23-OCT-82	Leigh O'Brien
JM8	16.2	Exmouth, WA	16-JUN-02	Brendon Hourn
JM10	14.1	North East Island, NT	20-MAR-99	Benjamin Sands
SFM3	7.4	Port Hedland, WA	14-APR-06	Dale Spera
SFM4	6.4	Port Hedland, WA	17-APR-07	Joshua Spera
SFM6	6.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	04-MAR-12	Riley McConachy
SFM8	8.4	Groote Eylandt, NT	04-MAR-12	Riley McConachy

Saltwater fly

M4	7.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	18-DEC-88	Alan Philliskirk
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Land-based saltwater

M10	10.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	24-JAN-88	Heinz Zimmer
JM3	9.5	Port Hedland, WA	08-NOV-98	Nelson Jeffs

Black jewfish (*Protonibea diacanthus*)

All-tackle	18.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Justin Leech
M3	8.2	Broome, WA	11-MAR-09	Justin Trigwell
M4	18.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Justin Leech
M6	13.6	Broome, WA	18-NOV-07	Jake O'Brien
M8	11	Broome, WA	03-MAY-08	Jeffrey Cooper
M10	17	Broome, WA	12-MAY-07	Andrew Crosby
F10	15.2	Broome, WA	23-MAR-08	Karen Crosby
JM6	9.8	Broome, WA	24-APR-10	Eric Locke
JM8	11	Broome, WA	15-MAR-09	Eric Locke
JM10	14.4	Broome, WA	08-AUG-07	Tristan L Franks

Bonito (*Sarda spp.*)

All-tackle	8	Sydney, NSW	01-AUG-93	Michael T Doyle
M1	2.83	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAY-00	Ken Irvine
M2	4.71	Augusta, WA	27-MAR-89	John Williams
M3	5.1	Montague Island, NSW	27-MAR-78	Bill Jenkins
M4	6	Montague Island, NSW	11-JUL-87	Darren Redman
M8	8	Sydney, NSW	01-AUG-93	Michael T Doyle
F2	3	Greenwell Point, NSW	24-APR-82	Julie McEnally
F4	5.4	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-87	Roslyn Uttlemore
F6	7.5	The Banks, NSW	24-APR-79	Aileen Malone

Land-based saltwater

M2	2.3	Hamelin Bay, WA	11-APR-99	Andres Paz
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Broadbill swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)

All-tackle	263.5	Coles Bay, TAS	21-MAR-15	Kyle Longmore
M15	175	Merimbula Canyons, NSW	30-JUN-96	Bill Schroder
M24	263.5	Coles Bay, TAS	21-MAR-15	Kyle Longmore
M37	166.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	16-MAY-16	Nicholas Taranto
M60	201.4	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	3-MAR-16	Leo Miller

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F15	140	Eden, NSW	14-MAY-16	Tegan Lucardie
F24	124.5	Eden, NSW	24-APR-16	Tegan Lucardie
F37	156	St Helens, TAS	28-MAR-16	Melissa McGiveron
F60	87	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-07	Tracey Rushford
JM37	50	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-92	Jarrold Whitford

Chinaman (*Symphorus nematophorus*)

All-tackle	13.2	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell
M1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham
M2	9.75	Dampier, WA	12-AUG-07	Tim Perry
M3	10.5	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-14	Andrew Epding
M4	13.2	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell
M6	10	Port Hedland, WA	14-JUL-96	Anthony Giles
F3	9.6	Port Hedland, WA	10-APR-98	Rachael Green
F4	5.4	Port Hedland, WA	07-JUN-98	Rachael Green
JM1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham
JM2	2.4	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-07	Rhys Clatworthy
JM3	5.07	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Toby Mason
SFM1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham

Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*)

All-tackle	49.66	Southport, QLD	22-NOV-71	George Walsh
M2	13	Dampier, WA	29-MAY-16	Scott Sharpe
M3	16.1	Rosemary Island, WA	28-OCT-78	Michael Quilliam
M4	23.8	Cape Moreton, QLD	19-JUN-99	Robert Brookes
M6	30.39	Port Stephens, NSW	28-MAR-70	Eric Mcelwaine
M8	41.5	Bribie Island	09-DEC-00	Claude Puggioni
M10	36.4	Rosemary Island, WA	13-OCT-76	Mathew Rack
M15	45.35	Point Lookout, QLD	04-OCT-62	Peter Bristow
M24	49.66	Southport, QLD	22-NOV-71	George Walsh
M37	49.44	Flat Rock, QLD	15-OCT-38	G Lambert
F2	4.4	Dampier, WA	05-JUL-91	Wendy Patzak
F3	11.9	Exmouth, WA	03-APR-09	Jo Decker
F4	19.6	Moreton Bay, QLD	27-OCT-88	Olga Mack
F6	32	Moreton Island, QLD	30-AUG-90	Olga Mack
F8	36.2	Western Rocks, QLD	18-JUN-89	Olga Mack
F10	30.6	Bribie Island, QLD	23-OCT-89	Kathy Maguire
F15	18.82	Point Lookout, QLD	30-APR-67	Margaret Keid
F24	38.55	Point Lookout, QLD	15-AUG-64	Margaret Keid
JF3	6.81	Dampier, WA	9-SEP-15	Tasmin Kyle
JF6	19	Western Rock, QLD	15-DEC-96	Zoey Balfour
JM3	11.3	Tasman Point, NT	03-AUG-97	Nathan Woods
JM4	16.96	Cape Moreton, QLD	11-JUL-98	Ian Brookes
JM8	23.9	Mackay, QLD	12-DEC-15	Ryan Meads
JM10	16	Port Stephens, NSW	04-MAY-86	Jason Toll
JM15	36.2	Southport, QLD	02-JUL-95	Stone Needham
SFF3	5.3	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-14	Jesse Sutton
SFF4	7.5	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Shanae Cook
SFM8	23.9	Mackay, QLD	12-DEC-15	Ryan Meads

Saltwater fly

M2	5.6	Darwin, NT	15-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin
M3	3.4	Roche Reef, NT	02-JUL-01	Wayne Baldwin
M4	8.3	Darwin, NT	15-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M8	11.4	Fitzroy Island, QLD	29-NOV-83	Barry Cross
M10	20.85	Dampier, WA	05-OCT-13	Ryan Turner
Land-based saltwater				
M1	1.44	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-93	Mark J Lazzaro
M4	10	Exmouth, WA	03-OCT-00	Mark Hourn
M8	18.6	Shark Bay, WA	15-JAN-94	Timothy Wedding

Eagle ray (*Myliobatis australis*)

All-tackle	72.5	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-95	Ron Vanderdrift
M1	13.65	Streaky Bay, SA	08-MAR-98	George Florentzou
M2	21	American River, SA	20-MAR-95	Paul Williams
M3	41	Port River, SA	11-NOV-06	Bradley Smith
M4	56.5	Neptune Island, SA	13-APR-91	Rolf Czabayski
M6	66	Port River, SA	02-SEP-07	Steven Evangelou
M8	55.8	Port River, SA	21-FEB-09	John Marsh
M10	56.5	Langton Island, SA	27-JUL-90	Jeff Earle
M15	55	Kangaroo Island, SA	14-MAR-00	Michael Kemp
M24	72.5	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-95	Ron Vanderdrift
F2	10	Port Lincoln, SA	20-MAR-91	Christine Stone
F3	16	Kangaroo Island, SA	18-MAR-01	Bronwyn Brooks
F4	31.5	Neptune Island, SA	09-FEB-87	Janet Forster
F6	35	Port River, SA	01-DEC-02	Diane Breed
F8	41.5	Kangaroo Island, SA	16-MAR-99	Xenia Dodt
F10	68.5	Thistle Island, SA	21-NOV-87	Emma Forster
F15	35.5	Streaky Bay, SA	16-FEB-86	Sonja Coombe
JM2	9.4	Louth Bay, SA	15-FEB-92	Darrin C Stone
JM3	11	Boston Is, SA	4-JAN-15	Max Forster
JM4	13	Port Lincoln, SA	21-JAN-05	L Williams
JM6	30	American River, SA	26-APR-95	John Marsh
JM8	43	Kangaroo Island, SA	15-JAN-04	Ashley Williams
JM15	37	Spilsby Island, SA	23-FEB-89	Jake Edwards
JF10	68.5	Thistle Island, SA	21-NOV-87	Emma Forster

Land-based saltwater

M2	8.6	Port River, SA	02-NOV-13	Bradley Smith
M3	9	Port Lincoln, SA	02-NOV-97	Norm Fiegert
M4	35	Ardrossan Jetty, SA	20-OCT-01	Wayne Green Shields
M6	32	Arno Bay, SA	15-OCT-94	Norm Fiegert
M10	43	Towradgi Beach, NSW	18-JUN-99	Vince Murphy
M15	61.1	Daily Heads, SA	08-JUL-01	Craig Williams
F4	24	Peak Bay, SA	16-MAR-96	Gloria Fiegert
F6	39	Carcasse Rocks, SA	10-APR-99	Debra Hoey
F8	40	Tulka, SA	09-MAR-97	Gloria Fiegert
F10	42.1	Port Lincoln, SA	26-MAY-93	Gloria Fiegert
JF4	11	Taylor's Landing, SA	01-JAN-94	Nicole Atkinson
JM8	22	Goolwa Beach, SA	20-APR-02	Chris Earle
JM10	29	Port Lincoln, SA	16-APR-98	Jason Stockham

Kingfish – yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*)

All-tackle	42	Port Augusta, SA	17-SEP-06	Bradley Smith
M1	3.98	Yallingup, WA	15-JUL-01	Dean Eggleston
M2	5.15	Yallingup, WA	19-AUG-01	Dean Eggleston
M3	11.1	The Banks, NSW	18-FEB-79	Grant Cammack

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M4	21.8	Ulladulla, NSW	31-JUL-88	Bruce Yalden
M6	20.86	Sydney, NSW	02-FEB-69	Gregory Howarth
M8	22	The Banks, NSW	30-AUG-85	Raymond Carrall
M10	37	The Peak, NSW	07-SEP-84	Phillip Zaccagnini
M15	35	Coffin Bay, SA	04-NOV-02	Jason Aldridge
M24	42	Port Augusta, SA	17-SEP-06	Bradley Smith
F2	2.8	Lord Howe Island	21-MAY-14	Vivienne Crombie
F3	7.25	Sydney, NSW	24-SEP-72	Pam Hudspeth
F4	7.43	Eden, NSW	14-JAN-06	Alissa Heise
F6	16.78	Sydney, NSW	17-JUL-71	Pam Hudspeth
F8	20.2	Bermagui, NSW	08-JUN-87	Janet Wainright
F10	21.31	Sydney, NSW	29-APR-72	Pam Hudspeth
F15	34.2	The Banks, NSW	18-SEP-77	Betty Solomon
F24	30.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Roslyn Uttleymore
JM2	2.99	Lancelin, WA	03-MAR-01	Carl Babarskas
JM3	3.15	Lancelin, WA	27-JAN-01	Carl Babarskas
JM4	7.5	Montague Island, NSW	09-NOV-85	Marcus Stepenek
JM6	9.5	Bermagui, NSW	16-MAY-83	Tyson Brent
JM8	15.4	Montague Island, NSW	08-JUN-87	Terry Brown
JM10	12.8	Elizabeth Reef, NSW	18-OCT-99	Zachias Albert Crombie
SFF4	7.43	Eden, NSW	14-JAN-06	Alissa Heise

Land-based saltwater

M15	30	Currarong, NSW	30-OCT-10	Peter Oberg
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Mackerel – broad barred (*Scomberomorus semifasciatus*)

All-tackle	9	Whitsundays, QLD	20-JUL-08	Brett J Atfield
M1	6.6	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-15	Brenton Cartledge
M2	7.4	Dampier, WA	08-JUN-97	Russell Leaver
M3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
M4 (Tie)	6.2	Exmouth, WA	13-AUG-93	Scott Davis
M4 (Tie)	6.2	East Woody, NT	28-JUN-04	Kelly Pellenat
M6	9	Whitsundays, QLD	20-JUL-08	Brett J Atfield
F1	3.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	14-NOV-99	Tracy Sands
F2	6.5	Dampier, WA	04-AUG-13	Joanne Tatham
F3	6.2	Dampier, WA	04-AUG-08	Vicki Searle
F4	7.4	Exmouth, WA	21-AUG-10	Jo Decker
F6	6.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	02-NOV-97	Maryanne Thumwood
JM1	6.16	Dampier, WA	29-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM2	7.2	Dampier, WA	21-AUG-16	Ryley Hinchcliffe
JM3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
JF2	5.88	Dampier, WA	6-AUG-16	Tasmin Kyle
JF3	5.72	Dampier, WA	28-FEB-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF4	6.2	East Woody, NT	28-JUN-04	Kelly Pellenat
JF6	6.2	Roche Reef, NT	29-JUN-01	Jessica Dowling
SFM2	6.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	5.9	Dampier, WA	28-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFF2	2.86	Dampier, WA	10-SEP-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	6.1	Vernon Island, NT	11-DEC-06	Montana Baldwin



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF10	33.1	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-MAR-08	Emily Lockwood
JF15	19.39	Mackerel Island, WA	07-OCT-87	Patti Horwood
SFM4	17.8	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-11	Cody Wright
SFM6	9.7	Dampier, WA	28-APR-12	Tyson Tatham
SFF3	12.5	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-10	Amber Cloughessy
SFF6	9.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	04-NOV-10	Hannah McConachy
SFF8	11.4	Dampier, WA	05-FEB-11	Amber Cloughessy
SFF10	33.1	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-MAR-08	Emily Lockwood
SFF15	24	Dampier, WA	05-FEB-11	Amber Cloughessy

Saltwater fly				
M3	7.6	Darwin, NT	01-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin
M8	12.4	Broome, NT	25-JUL-98	Col Roberts
M10	18.5	Innisfail, QLD	16-SEP-96	George Campbell

Land-based saltwater				
M4	19.2	Sawtell Headland, NSW	10-MAR-94	Shane Third
M6	17.4	Sawtell Headland, NSW	08-MAR-94	Shane Third
M8	19.4	Port Hedland, WA	26-APR-02	Dave Tobin

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Saltwater fly				
M2	4	Roche Reef, NT	11-JUL-02	Wayne Baldwin
M3	3.4	Roche Reef, NT	02-JUL-01	Wayne Baldwin

Mackerel – narrow barred (<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>)				
All-tackle	38.75	Rottneest Island, WA	05-MAY-78	Barry Wrightson
M1	13.9	Exmouth, WA	20-OCT-00	Troy Wright
M2	17.3	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-01	Mike Smith
M3	36.4	Dampier Archipelago, WA	06-AUG-00	Wayne Brown
M4	33	Lee Point, NT	24-AUG-85	Henry Fehres
M6	35.2	Long Island, QLD	06-MAY-03	Ashley Moore
M8	36.4	Coral Bay, WA	01-JUN-87	Bob Burdinet
M10	35.38	Moreton Bay, QLD	16-MAY-70	John French
M15	34.47	Innisfail, QLD	28-MAR-75	Alan Fitzmaurice
M24	38.75	Rottneest Island, WA	05-MAY-78	Barry Wrightson
F1	2	Exmouth Gulf, WA	04-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	15.4	Exmouth, WA	30-DEC-02	Robyn Fenech
F3	22.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	10-FEB-97	Clare Pries
F4	24.3	Whitsundays, QLD	25-NOV-82	Kelly Dalling
F6	31.7	Exmouth, WA	29-OCT-03	Shelley O'Brien
F8	30.2	Port Hedland, WA	16-AUG-98	Joy Burrage
F10	33.8	Cairns, QLD	03-DEC-05	Cloe Albert
F15	30.84	Hayman Island, QLD	14-MAY-69	Lady Joan Ansett
F24	34	Hayman Island, QLD	26-MAY-79	Lady Joan Ansett
JM2	10.2	Roche Reef, NT	21-MAY-94	Karl Bochow
JM3	18.9	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-16	Callum Horlock
JM6	31	Cape Moreton, QLD	31-MAY-87	Wade Trass
JF4	24.3	Whitsundays, QLD	25-NOV-82	Kelly Dalling
JF8	23.25	Exmouth, WA	15-APR-96	Mesha Prince

Mackerel – shark (<i>Grammatorcynus bicarinatus</i>)				
All-tackle	12.3	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	24-MAR-89	Kathy Maguire
M1	8.7	Whitsunday Islands, QLD	12-JUN-83	Trevor Draper
M2	9	Whitsunday Islands, QLD	03-JAN-84	Col Jansen
M3	10.89	Exmouth, WA	14-OCT-76	MG Paterson
M4	9.05	Abrholhos Islands, WA	18-APR-07	Peter Berryman
M6	10	Cook Island, NSW	09-JUL-78	David Wheatman
M8	12.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	Murray Lewin
M10	10.7	St Crispians Reef, QLD	21-JUL-88	Alan Carpenter
F1	3.3	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-97	Jan Prince
F2	8.2	Exmouth, WA	25-OCT-97	Carol Bickford
F3	9.6	Exmouth, WA	29-OCT-03	Robyn French
F4	10.17	Abrholhos Island, WA	14-MAY-06	Sandra Steel
F6	12.3	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	24-MAR-89	Kathy Maguire
JM1	4.22	Dampier, WA	29-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM2	8.73	Mackerel Island, WA	07-OCT-87	Ben Crisp
JM4	8.96	Mackerel Island, WA	03-OCT-87	Ben Crisp
JM6	11.5	Innisfail, QLD	11-SEP-99	Christopher Kassiotis
JM8	10.3	Exmouth, WA	21-OCT-00	Beau Britton
SFM2	5.5	Exmouth, WA	20-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham

Land-based saltwater				
M3	5.6	Exmouth, WA	27-DEC-04	Timothy Fuller
JM3	5	Exmouth, WA	27-APR-03	Brendon Hourn

Mackerel – spotted (<i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>)				
All-tackle	8	Coffs Harbour	30-APR-06	Karen Goodwin
M1	2.1	Watumba Creek	20-DEC-96	Steve Bain
M2	3.85	Mermaid Reef	30-MAR-97	Stone Needham
M3	4.8	Exmouth	26-SEP-98	Chris Bechard

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M4	5.35	Abrholos Is, WA	22-APR-15	Paul George-Kennedy
M6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
F1 (Tie)	1.6	Watumba Creek	20-DEC-96	Kim Bain
F1 (Tie)	1.6	Exmouth Gulf	29-OCT-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	2	Moreton Bay	04-APR-97	Kim Bain
F4	8	Coffs Harbour	30-APR-06	Karen Goodwin
JF1	1.52	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JM2	3.85	Mermaid Reef	30-MAR-97	Stone Needham
JM4	6.445	South West Rocks, NSW	09-APR-14	James Rayment
JM6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
SFM6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
SFF1	1.52	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
Land-based saltwater				
M1	1.7	Exmouth Gulf, WA	17-FEB-01	Mark Hourn



Mahi mahi (dolphinfish) (*Coryphaena spp.*)

All-tackle	31	Port Stephens, NSW	16-FEB-81	Ray Bourke
M1	7.1	Exmouth, WA	13-AUG-94	Steve Pitman
M2	9.4	Exmouth, WA	23-OCT-97	Ray Gansberg
M3	10.4	Rottnest Island, WA	17-FEB-96	David Andrew Wood
M4	13.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Steven Viney
M6	20	Cape Moreton, QLD	10-APR-81	Dave Curnock
M8	27.9	Shallow Tempest, QLD	24-JAN-14	Kiel Pozzey
M10	26.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Peter Toohey
M15	30.5	Montague Island, NSW	01-FEB-78	Bob Jackson
M24	31	Port Stephens, NSW	16-FEB-81	Ray Bourke
F1	3.2	Rottnest Island, WA	14-MAR-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	7	Exmouth, WA	19-AUG-96	Kathy Ryan
F3	10.43	Cairns, QLD	13-OCT-72	Wilma Childs
F4	10.7	Cairns, QLD	2-JAN-16	Sharon Poulter
F6	21	Broken Bay, NSW	29-JAN-84	Frances Bell
F8	21.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	30-DEC-14	Karen Fancett
F10	24	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	22-JAN-92	Olga Mack
F15	25.9	Coffs Harbour, NSW	19-SEP-04	Kylie Hare
JF1	2.22	Rottnest Island, WA	29-FEB-04	Mia Cramer
JF3	4.5	Rottnest Island, WA	20-APR-02	Mia Cramer

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF10	13.3	Linden Bank, QLD	21-DEC-14	Savannah Woolcott
JM1	6.2	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-16	Callum Horlock
JM2	3.5	Rottnest Island, WA	28-APR-01	Carl Babarskas
JM4	9.25	Rottnest Island, WA	25-APR-98	Marcus Maher
JM6	14.5	Norah Head, NSW	14-OCT-06	Jordan Atkin
JM8	18	Shellharbour, NSW	10-JAN-04	Jarrod P Clarkson
JM10 (Tie)	21	Port Stephens, NSW	02-MAR-02	Mitchell Hogg
JM10 (Tie)	21	Norah Head, NSW	31-JAN-15	Bailey Blanche
JM15	22	Sydney, NSW	22-NOV-15	Jerome Ayad
JM24	25	Coffs Harbour, NSW	02-JAN-10	Nicholas Edwards
SFM3	3	Rottnest Island, WA	23-MAR-13	Zehad H. El-Brollosy
SFM6	14.5	Norah Head, NSW	14-OCT-06	Jordan Atkin
SFM8	18	Shellharbour, NSW	10-JAN-04	Jarrod P Clarkson
SFF10	16.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	09-JAN-10	Kaysie Fancett
Saltwater fly				
M4	5	Rottnest Island	26-MAR-83	Graham Whitehouse
M8	9.7	Exmouth, WA	8-OCT-14	Ben Knight

Marlin – black (*Makaira indica*)

All-tackle	654.08	Cairns, QLD	01-NOV-73	Michael Magrath
M2	33	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-JAN-85	Jack Erskine
M3	51.5	Innisfail, QLD	08-AUG-81	Bill McLeod
M4	44	Gold Coast, QLD	4-JAN-15	James Holt
M6	167	Lizard Island, QLD	26-SEP-75	Terry Russell
M8	108.5	Drum Canyon, NSW	12-MAR-05	Paul Aulsebrook
M10	476.73	Cairns, QLD	07-OCT-76	PW Mahood
M15	489.5	Cairns, QLD	28-NOV-80	Robert Oliver
M24	509.84	Cairns, QLD	31-OCT-69	Ed Seay
M37	611	Lizard Island, QLD	01-NOV-79	Morton May
M60	654.08	Cairns, QLD	01-NOV-73	Michael Magrath
F1	11	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	05-JUL-86	Anne Dalling
F2	29.5	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	18-SEP-97	Anne Dalling
F3	29.55	Oyster Reef, QLD	13-AUG-13	Natalie Andersen
F4	42.5	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	22-SEP-85	Anne Dalling
F6	176.9	Cairns, QLD	28-SEP-76	H Going
F8 (Tie)	68	Port Stephens, NSW	25-FEB-84	Lynelle Buxton
F8 (Tie)	68	Newcastle, NSW	10-MAR-84	Leanne Grieves
F10	452.69	Lizard Island, QLD	23-OCT-82	Kay Mulholland
F15	369.22	Lizard Island, QLD	04-NOV-83	Jill Hooper
F24	396.44	Opal Reef, QLD	16-OCT-76	Kay Mulholland
F37	600.1	Agincourt Reef, QLD	08-NOV-77	Georgette Douwma
F60	599	Lizard Island, QLD	01-NOV-81	Nicole Denholm
JM2	14	Townsville, QLD	13-AUG-89	Damien Savis
JM4	29.5	Cape Moreton, QLD	14-FEB-87	Daniel Toms
JM6	53	Cape Moreton, QLD	02-JAN-90	Gregory Caporn
JM8	129.6	Shoalhaven Heads, NSW	01-FEB-09	Kale Watts
JM10	98.5	Greenwell Point, NSW	31-JAN-04	Nathan Pascall
JM15	128	Bermagui, NSW	21-JAN-87	Terry Brown
JM24	163.5	Merimbula, NSW	03-FEB-08	Daniel Bridle



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM37	120	Bermagui, NSW	19-JAN-98	Marcus Malouf
JM60	392	No. 10 Ribbon Reef, QLD	11-OCT-98	Marcus Malouf
SFM6	23.7	Mooloolaba, QLD	18-JAN-13	Mitchell Behrens
SFM8	62	Newcastle, NSW	29-JAN-06	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	67.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-15	Corey Radford
SFM15	72.6	Port Stephens, NSW	27-JAN-12	Nathan Plunkett
SFM24	70.5	Swansea, NSW	24-JAN-16	Rhys Jolly

Saltwater fly

M4	27.5	Mooloolaba, QLD	09-JAN-96	Mark H Carnegie
M8	16.8	Cairns, QLD	08-SEP-84	Barry Cross
M10	36.7	Exmouth, WA	12-SEP-16	Aaron Rampling
M15	54.1	Exmouth, WA	05-JAN-14	Ryan Mumford
F10	24.5	Gold Coast, QLD	26-DEC-08	Carmen J McCloy

Land-based saltwater

M15	56	Green Cape, Eden, NSW	19-FEB-89	M Moolenaar
M24	86	Kiama Blowhole, NSW	25-FEB-00	Rixon Knight

Marlin – Pacific blue (*Makaira mazara*)

All-tackle	452.2	Batemans Bay, NSW	14-MAR-99	Melanie Kisbee
M4	93.5	Tweed Canyons, NSW	14-JAN-16	James Holt
M6	157.8	Gold Coast, QLD	15-FEB-15	James Holt
M8	170.5	Gold Coast, QLD	8-MAY-15	James Holt
M10	176	Port Stephens, NSW	12-MAR-80	Perry James
M15	245.5	Sydney, NSW	05-APR-88	Jason Simpson
M24	283.88	Eden, NSW	08-APR-11	Len Vollebregt
M37	417.6	Batemans Bay, NSW	16-JAN-98	David Leighton
M60	368.2	Exmouth, WA	21-FEB-14	Rowan Smith
F3	78.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	5-APR-16	Rebecca Dean
F10	72.5	Sydney, NSW	12-FEB-89	Jenny Lovett
F15	236.3	Sydney, NSW	18-APR-15	Alexandra Nuttall
F24	260	Pt Cartwright, NSW	08-JUL-89	Marie McCormick
F37	452.2	Batemans Bay, NSW	14-MAR-99	Melanie Kisbee
F60	193	Gold Coast, QLD	14-JAN-06	Carmen Darcy
JM10	106.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	07-JAN-89	Trent Visscher
JM15	204.9	Port Stephens, NSW	28-DEC-06	Elliot Gyler
JM24	242.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-05	Matthew Sharpe
JM37	246.7	Shellharbour, NSW	23-MAR-12	Philip Lamond
JM60	169.3	Exmouth, WA	27-OCT-03	Ben Miles
JF24	141	Lake Macquarie, NSW	20-MAR-15	Caitlin Hoff
SFM8	129.5	Sydney, NSW	17-JUL-16	Daniel O'Neill
SFM24	242.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-05	Matthew Sharp

Saltwater fly

M15	123.8	Exmouth, WA	02-SEPT-14	Ben Knight
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Marlin – striped (*Tetrapturus audax*)

All-tackle	191.5	Merimbula, NSW	28-MAR-92	Bill Schroder
M2	62	Port Stephens, NSW	15-JAN-12	James Holt
M3	63.5	Port Stephens, NSW	13-JAN-12	James Holt
M4	82.3	Port Stephens, NSW	24-JAN-08	James Holt
M6	97	Broken Bay, NSW	17-MAR-84	Owen Richardson
M8	106	Bermagui, NSW	21-MAR-94	Glen Booth
M10	153.31	Sydney, NSW	20-OCT-68	John McIntyre
M15	172	Bermagui, NSW	14-MAY-88	Bruce Everard

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M24	169.5	Bondi, NSW	12-SEP-85	Bill Wotton
M37	191.5	Merimbula, NSW	28-MAR-92	Bill Schroder
M60	159	Bermagui, NSW	22-JAN-00	David Inglis
F4	64.1	Port Stephens, NSW	11-JAN-07	Katie Lee
F6	86.8	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-11	Katie Lee
F8	106.5	Port Stephens, NSW	07-MAR-04	Karen Thomson
F10	91.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-01	Jessica Paton
F15	128.5	Browns Mountain, NSW	17-DEC-95	Connie Rolley
F24	152	Ulladulla, NSW	04-MAR-83	Fay Dunkley
F37	143.8	Batemans Bay, NSW	29-MAY-05	Pirkko Miinin
F60	149.68	Ulladulla, NSW	27-FEB-38	Jessica Sams
JM8	81.9	Coffs Harbour, NSW	20-SEP-03	Brian Besoff
JM10	102	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-00	Robert Besoff
JM15	124	Broken Bay, NSW	30-SEP-01	Shane Dwyer
JM24	127.75	St Helens, TAS	22-MAR-86	Simon Carosi
JM37	117.8	Solitary Island, NSW	02-APR-95	Glen Williams
JM60	107	Port Stephens, NSW	31-DEC-04	James Holt
SFM8	79	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-05	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	83.6	Shoalhaven, NSW	6-APR-15	Tyler Whitaker
SFF15	92.5	Merimbula, NSW	12-MAR-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF24	147	Merimbula, NSW	13-MAR-16	Makayla Buttigieg

Saltwater fly

M10	90.5	Newcastle, NSW	20-APR-96	Dean Butler
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Mulloway (jewfish) (*Argyrosomus holeolepidotus*)

All-tackle	33.8	Sawtell Headland, NSW	18-MAY-96	Tony Bourne
M1	4.4	Adelaide, SA	31-JAN-83	Dean Butterworth
M2	15.2	Bathurst Island, NT	06-NOV-89	Mitchell Margaretich
M3	20.2	Geographe Bay, WA	16-SEP-01	Aaron Bussell
M4	17.8	Geographe Bay, WA	28-JUN-00	Shane Eggleston
M6	31.2	Ceduna, SA	19-AUG-86	Allan Suter
M8	28	Ceduna, SA	20-MAY-91	Allan Suter
M10	28	West Coast, SA	23-OCT-87	Arthur Lear
M15	26.75	Claire Bay, SA	09-NOV-84	Tom Tierney
M24	25	Ulladulla, NSW	11-MAY-93	Tony Evans
F2	2.06	Northhaven, SA	26-JAN-89	Joanna Marsh
F3	12.1	Port Hedland, WA	18-APR-01	Karen Jeffs
F4	14.4	Bathurst Island, NT	08-NOV-89	Margot Patricks
F6	16.4	Cape Moreton, QLD	05-APR-96	June Brookes
F10	27.8	Nullarbor, SA	13-DEC-86	Deborah Richter
JF2	2.06	Northhaven, SA	26-JAN-89	Joanna Marsh
JF6	6.36	Jurien Bay, WA	2-MAY-15	Jessica Jarrett
JM4	15	Cape Moreton, QLD	05-APR-96	Ian Brookes
JM8	12.8	Peron Island, NT	22-JUN-03	Adam Dowling
JM10	13.2	Dundee Beach, NT	13-APR-01	Adam Dowling

Land-based saltwater

M2	6.2	Ceduna, SA	06-MAY-88	Allan Suter
M4	21	Ceduna, SA	25-FEB-88	Allan Suter
M6	24	Ballina, NSW	28-SEP-90	Paul Gray
M8	31.2	Ceduna, SA	02-NOV-92	Allan Suter
M10	34	West Coast, SA	09-DEC-96	Tom Tierney
M24	33.8	Sawtell Headland, NSW	18-MAY-96	Tony Bourne



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F4	6	Shark Bay, WA	31-DEC-94	Jayne Taylor
JM8	16	Yalata Beach, SA	05-JAN-03	Beau Williams

Queenfish (*Scomberoides spp.*)

All-tackle	14	Townsville, QLD	10-JUL-83	Andrew Mead
M1	8.5	Whitsundays, QLD	10-FEB-85	Trevor Draper
M2	9.8	Whitsundays, QLD	23-JUN-86	Malcolm Draper
M3	8.05	Dampier, WA	27-MAY-16	Toby Mason
M4	14	Townsville, QLD	10-JUL-83	Andrew Mead
M6	9.6	Bathurst Island, NT	13-JUL-88	Mark Tesseyma
M8	9.5	Freshwater Point, QLD	18-FEB-85	Brian Baldock
M10	10.4	Exmouth, WA	28-MAY-91	Wayne Barber
F1	6.1	Exmouth Gulf, WA	31-OCT-01	Rita Lewin
F2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
F3	8.1	Groote Eylandt, NT	14-APR-01	Alexandra Sands
F4 (Tie)	10.5	Dampier, WA	14-APR-91	Bronwyn Rack
F4 (Tie)	10.5	Whitsunday, QLD	07-JUN-87	Carol Draper
F6	9.29	Point Essington, NSW	31-AUG-72	CE Selvey
JM1	7.3	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-16	Ryley Hinchcliffe
JM2	8.5	Whitsundays, QLD	01-MAY-88	Richard Draper
JM3	9.9	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-11	Callum Horlock
JM4	9.45	Whitsundays, QLD	26-JUN-86	Richard Draper
JM6	9.6	Bathurst Island	13-JUL-88	Mark Tesseyma
JM8	9.3	Groote Eylandt, NT	12-APR-13	Lewyn McDonald
JF1	4.58	Pt Samson, WA	26-APR-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF8	8.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	13-JUN-98	Cheree Collins
SFF1	4.58	Pt Samson, WA	26-APR-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFM1	4.6	Dampier, WA	01-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM2	4.6	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	9.9	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-11	Callum Horlock

Saltwater fly

M2	5.6	Bare Sand Island, NT	22-MAY-02	Wayne Baldwin
M3	5.4	Quail Island, NT	07-APR-02	Wayne Baldwin
M4	5.8	Quail Island, NT	08-APR-02	Wayne Baldwin
JM6	6.5	Platypus Bay, QLD	21-FEB-98	Jarad Boshammer

Land-based saltwater

M1	3.6	Exmouth Gulf, WA	17-FEB-01	Mark Hourn
M2	6.5	Exmouth, WA	26-FEB-00	Mark Hourn
M3	9	Groote Eylandt, NT	26-MAY-98	Michael Ward-Grodd
M4	11.8	Exmouth, WA	12-NOV-91	Mark Renwick
M6	13.6	Bushland Beach, QLD	12-DEC-96	Daniel R Millgate
M8	10	Willie Creek, WA	08-JUL-96	Laurie R Chadder
JF4	10	Gove Harbour, NT	13-JAN-02	Karlee Jensen
JM3	6.9	First Beach, NT	24-JAN-10	Jacob Enever
JM6	13.6	Bushland Beach, QLD	12-DEC-96	Daniel R Millgate
JM8	8.6	Gove Harbour, NT	02-FEB-03	Jordan Boyd

Rainbow runner (*Elagatis bipinnulatus*)

All-tackle	5.8	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-91	Ken Keiley
M3	4.2	Dampier Archipelago, WA	17-JUL-00	Russell Leaver

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M4	5.8	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-91	Ken Keiley

Sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*)

All-tackle	88.75	Lord Howe Island, NSW	11-FEB-87	Ian Bailey
M2	25.4	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-98	Phil Perry
M3	45.58	Hayman Island, QLD	03-JAN-75	Terry Russell
M4	46	Mooloolaba, QLD	25-OCT-99	Aaron Concord
M6	77.95	Exmouth, WA	11-JAN-83	Vic Rayner
M8	62.5	Hayman Island, QLD	17-NOV-90	John Hughes
M10	60	Cape Moreton, QLD	10-APR-85	Colin Viethier
M15	83	Mooloolaba, QLD	11-OCT-92	Jefferey Ryan
M24	88.75	Lord Howe Island, NSW	11-FEB-87	Ian Bailey
M37	54	Cairns, QLD	06-DEC-75	Des Schumann
M60	61.68	Lady Musgrave Island, QLD	29-DEC-38	N Beaver
F2	29	Dampier, WA	31-MAY-92	Bron Rack
F3	27.22	Dampier, WA	12-JUN-77	Melva Rack
F4	28	Whitsundays, QLD	12-OCT-85	Carol Draper
F6	50	Tangalooma, QLD	26-APR-76	Cynthia Edwards
F8	59	Cape Moreton, QLD	22-MAR-84	Lorrie Fay
F10	57.5	Whitsundays, QLD	04-DEC-81	Bunnie McLean
F15	58	Whitsundays, QLD	12-AUG-85	Carol Draper
F24	78	Cairns, QLD	04-DEC-83	Bronwyn Dowson
F37	40.37	Port Moresby, PNG	21-MAR-71	R Milligan
JM4	31.5	Carter Reef, QLD	09-JAN-87	Jason Caughlan
JM6	45	Lizard Island, QLD	04-JAN-87	Jason Caughlan
JM8	46.5	Mooloolaba, QLD	08-OCT-06	Reid Hall
JM10	36.5	Cape Moreton, QLD	24-APR-83	Wade Trass
JM15	39.2	Port Macquarie, NSW	09-JAN-94	Leon Clogg
JM24	26.5	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-04	Michael Harrington
JF10	23.35	Dampier, WA	27-AUG-16	Tasmin Kyle
SFF8	15.6	Dampier, WA	26-SEP-10	Amber Cloughessy

Saltwater fly

M6	23.6	Exmouth, WA	15-OCT-13	Ben Knight
M8	30	Cairns, QLD	26-DEC-97	Alby Ziebell
M10	36.4	Exmouth, WA	08-AUG-12	Ben Knight
M15	33.3	Exmouth, WA	17-SEP-11	Aaron Rampling

Salmon – Australian (kahawai) (*Arripis spp.*)

All-tackle	6.9	Streaky Bay, SA	20-FEB-86	Sonja Coombs
M1	5.8	Fremantle, WA	7-NOV-14	Rhys Whittred
M2	5.79	Rottneest Island	26-APR-14	Brian Arnett
M3	6.8	Yallingup, WA	12-MAR-04	Mark Brown
M4	6.25	Bunker Bay, WA	14-APR-15	Tom Miller
M6	6.2	Yallingup, WA	15-MAR-98	Dean Eggleston
F1	4.87	Rottneest Island, WA	17-APR-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	4.65	Bunker Bay, WA	12-APR-15	Sahra Pitman
F3	5.45	Bunker Bay, WA	12-APR-15	Sahra Pitman
F4	5.45	Fremantle, WA	15-NOV-14	Sarah Coleman
F6	6.9	Streaky Bay, SA	20-FEB-86	Sonja Coombs
JF1	2.6	Almonta Beach, SA	21-APR-85	Deanne Potter
JM2	4.14	Ceduna, SA	03-SEP-85	Simon Miller



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM3	5.2	Yallingup, WA	14-MAR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM4	5.66	Yallingup, WA	13-APR-03	Ashley Coote
SFM2	2.4	Cape Jervis, SA	22-NOV-15	Oscar Dade

Saltwater fly

M2	4	Port Stephens, NSW	25-OCT-97	David Stone
M3	4.31	Fremantle, WA	2-APR-16	Jonathon Weston

Land-based saltwater

M1	3.28	Hamelin Bay, WA	11-APR-99	Andres Paz
M2	4.54	Denmark, WA	31-MAY-03	Tom Dickerson
M3	5.4	Cape Naturaliste	31-3-97	Andres Paz
M4	5.8	Yeagarup Beach, WA	02-MAY-99	Darcy Walker
M4	5.8	Yeagarup Beach, WA	02-MAY-99	Steven Busby
M6	6.35	Myalup Beach, WA	15-APR-15	Tom Miller
F3	5	Yallingup, WA	14-MAR-98	Kerrie Fairbairn
JM2	3.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	13-APR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM3	5.2	Cape Naturaliste, WA	30-MAR-97	Steven Busby
JM4	5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	17-APR-98	Steven Busby

Length

All-tackle	74cm	Fremantle, WA	24-MAY-15	Tim Carson
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Salmon – threadfin (*Polynemus spp./Eleutheronema*)

All-tackle	14.6	Roebuck Bay, WA	14-APR-95	Graham McPherson
M1	6.3	Port Hedland, WA	13-MAY-01	Anthony Boekhorst
M2	6.6	Bathurst Island, NT	11-JAN-88	Wayne Ross
M3	7.8	Port Hedland, WA	11-NOV-01	Brett Thompson
M4	9.6	Bathurst Island, NT	17-MAY-86	LG Brown
M6	14.6	Roebuck Bay, WA	14-APR-95	Graham McPherson
M8	10	Bathurst Island, NT	24-NOV-90	Wayne A Ross
M10	10.6	Bathurst Island, NT	04-MAY-91	Peter Taylor
F1	3.15	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Vicki Searle
F2	5.24	Karratha, WA	8-JAN-16	Vicki Searle
F3	4.8	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Talisha Cook
F4	5.4	Bathurst Island, NT	01-DEC-87	Mary-Ann Gemmill
F6	9.6	Port Hurd, NT	04-AUG-91	Dottie Wing
F8	8.8	Bathurst Island, NT	16-JUN-86	Lorrie Fay
JM2	4.3	Proserpine River, QLD	01-FEB-96	Leonard Howson
JM6	9.4	Bathurst Island, NT	26-APR-88	Christian Thiele
JF1	1.4	De Grey River, WA	29-NOV-98	Justine Boekhorst
JF3	4.8	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Talisha Cook
JF4	9.4	Bathurst Island, NT	26-APR-88	Christian Thiele

Land-based saltwater

M1	2.8	Bathurst Island, NT	23-MAR-88	Wayne Baldwin
F3	3.4	Port Hedland, WA	08-NOV-97	Rachel Green

Samson fish (*Seriola hippos*)

All-tackle	36.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	31-JAN-93	Terry Coote
M1	7.9	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAR-10	Mathew Bell
M2	11.8	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAR-10	Trevor Bell
M3	26.6	Geographe Bay, WA	03-SEP-05	Mathew Bell
M4	28.6	Cape Naturaliste, WA	15-OCT-00	Rusty Ellis
M6	31.5	Busselton, WA	20-MAR-86	Terry Coote
M8	29.75	Rottneest Island, WA	28-DEC-09	Rhys Whittred

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M10	32.3	William Island, SA	20-SEP-13	Mathew Forrest
M15	33.9	Williams Is, SA	25-JUL-14	Matthew Forrest
M24	36.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	31-JAN-93	Terry Coote
F1	3.8	Geographe Bay, WA	17-JUN-07	Caroline Davies
F2	6.8	Geographe Bay, WA	15-JUL-07	Caroline Davies
F3	8	Eagle Bay, WA	17-FEB-08	Caroline Davies
F4	18.4	Eagle Bay, WA	14-MAR-09	Caroline Davies
F6	19.2	Geographe Bay, WA	11-MAR-00	Robyn Fenech
F8	29.4	Geographe Bay, WA	08-JUN-02	Katarina Mikic
F10	22.8	Jurien Bay, WA	18-MAR-90	Christine Ezekiel
F15	29.9	Geographe Bay, WA	12-MAR-00	Robyn Fenech
F24	24	Rottneest Island, WA	07-DEC-00	Mia Samantha Cramer
JM4	6.2	Geographe Bay, WA	21-DEC-97	Jason Burgoyne
JM6	18.5	Rottneest Island, WA	07-FEB-88	Myles Blond
JM8	24.63	Rottneest Island, WA	02-MAR-03	Cody Rummer
JM10	27	Geographe Bay, WA	30-JAN-99	Stephen Pittard
JF15	27.04	Rottneest Island, WA	30-DEC-00	Maddison Cramer
JF24	24	Rottneest Island, WA	07-DEC-00	Mia Samantha Cramer

Length

All-tackle	100cm	Dawesville, WA	6-AUG-15	Dylan Picken
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Land-based saltwater

M6	12.07	Cape Naturaliste, WA	08-MAY-93	Norm Bedford
M10	14.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	26-APR-96	Norm Bedford
JM8	18.1	Kalbarri, WA	19-MAY-03	Tom Miller

Shark – blue (*Prionace glauca*)

All-tackle	198.2	Catherine Bay, NSW	02-OCT-76	Peter Hyde
M1	23	Munro Bight, TAS	05-MAY-85	Ashley Hallam
M2	178.5	Browns Mountain, NSW	06-SEP-13	Matthew Hudson
M3	110	Jibbon Point, NSW	02-OCT-77	Paul Caughlan
M4	115.5	Port Hacking, NSW	20-NOV-83	Denis Pearce
M6	197.6	Sydney, NSW	4-OCT-14	Phil Kean
M8	189	Botany Bay, NSW	03-NOV-85	Jayson Heyward
M10	188.4	Jervis Bay, NSW	28-NOV-11	Tim Morgan
M15	198.2	Catherine Bay, NSW	02-OCT-76	Peter Hyde
M24	188	East Newcastle, NSW	30-SEP-95	Ross Ireland
M37	189	Coles Bay, TAS	23-MAR-14	Ryan Ivory
M60	138	Hastings, VIC	04-MAR-90	Grant Dalziel
F1	32	Port MacDonnell, SA	20-APR-97	Kerry Heinicke
F2	39.4	Port MacDonnell, SA	19-JAN-97	Kerry Heinicke
F3	95	Port MacDonnell, SA	17-APR-99	Kerry Heinicke
F4	161.6	Browns Mountain, NSW	01-OCT-12	Karen Wright
F6	184.4	Sydney, NSW	11-APR-04	Karen Thomson
F8	149	Kiama, NSW	20-NOV-99	Virginia Way
F10	142	Swansea, NSW	08-SEP-84	Leanne Grieves
F15	186.4	Wollongong, NSW	15-SEP-07	Nicole Salmon-Seivers
F24	118	Port Hacking, NSW	03-NOV-85	Agnes Ledingham
JM3	15.2	Ohara Bluff, TAS	11-JAN-97	Justin Myers
JM4	64	Marley, NSW	18-DEC-83	Craig Caughlan
JM6	141.2	Sydney, NSW	5-OCT-14	Riley Page
JM8	189	Botany Bay, NSW	03-NOV-85	Jayson Heyward



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM10	144	Swansea, NSW	03-OCT-87	Michael Jones
JM15	172	Swansea, NSW	30-SEP-90	Simon Reynolds
JM24	122	Batemans Bay East, NSW	21-APR-96	Ashley Wallis
JM37	98.8	Batemans Bay, NSW	16-JUL-11	Joshua Hay
SFM6	124.5	Browns Mountain, NSW	11-AUG-13	Max Cullen
SFM10	131.5	Kiama Canyons, NSW	23-OCT-10	Jake Brisbane
SFM15	135.5	Kiama, NSW	31-JUL-16	Jackson Smith
SFF8	38.2	Portland, VIC	29-APR-11	Zarli Sanders
SFF10	172.3	Kiama Canyons, NSW	15-SEP-12	Tayla Killmore

Saltwater fly

M6	50	Port Hacking, NSW	20-SEP-92	Jason Caughlan
M8	27.45	Middle Ground, TAS	17-MAR-97	Scott Minehan

Shark – gummy (*Mustelus antarcticus*)

All-tackle	33	Black Point, SA	05-OCT-02	Tim Marsh
M1	11	Port Augusta, SA	18-OCT-09	Adam Todd
M2	9.6	Yalata, SA	13-JUN-86	Allan Suter
M4	25	Cape Jervis, SA	30-APR-88	Trevor Bennett
M6	33	Black Point, SA	05-OCT-02	Tim Marsh
M8	23	Wilson's Prom, VIC	28-NOV-87	William Stroker
M10	28.5	McLaughlins Beach, VIC	24-MAR-91	Jeff Trembath
M15	30.8	McLaughlins Beach, VIC	15-NOV-92	Neale Blunden
F4	13	Marion Bay, SA	08-JAN-15	Lee Van Soest
F10	25	Port Welshpool, VIC	27-NOV-00	Alicia Hermens
JM6	12.08	Port MacDonnell, SA	07-MAY-12	Mark Tiller
JM8	16.15	San Remo, VIC	04-FEB-12	Brayden Richardson
JF10	25	Port Welshpool, VIC	27-NOV-00	Alicia Hermens

Shark – hammerhead (*Sphyrna spp.*)

All-tackle	358	Port Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-99	Tony Eastwood
M1	8	Whitsundays, QLD	04-JAN-85	Paul Oates
M2	19	Currarong, NSW	04-JAN-92	Ted Dixon
M3	23	Victor Harbour, SA	03-JAN-13	John Marsh
M4	154.8	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-13	Kade Ross
M6	134.5	Redhead, NSW	28-JAN-80	Neil Williamson
M8	153.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-13	Ryan Turner
M10	184	Botany Bay, NSW	29-JAN-84	Barry Yates
M15	358	Port Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-99	Tony Eastwood
M24	236	Port Stephens, NSW	26-JUL-85	Kevin Burbridge
M37	239.49	Cronulla, NSW	26-MAR-61	G Barter
M60	256.28	Bermagui, NSW	26-JAN-36	JE Moorardt
F2	17	Whitsundays, QLD	16-FEB-86	Teena Draper
F3	28.8	Cape Bailey, NSW	21-FEB-71	Suzi Lipanovich
F4	12.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	04-JAN-04	Bree Irlam
F6	69	Port Stephens, NSW	08-MAR-79	Aileen Malone
F8	83	Bermagui, NSW	10-FEB-01	Sharon Male
F10	189	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-84	Monique Eady
F15	185	Bermagui, NSW	21-JAN-84	Stephenie Newman
F24	224.53	Long Reef, NSW	30-JAN-71	Helen Gillis
F37	169.19	The Peak, NSW	30-DEC-71	M Reid
F60	170.09	Sydney, NSW	01-DEC-54	G Forrester

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM1	8	Whitsundays, QLD	04-JAN-85	Paul Oates
JM6	97	Catherine Hill Bay, NSW	18-DEC-84	Paul Hogg
JM8	90	Port Hacking, NSW	22-DEC-85	Peter Childs
JM10	27.2	Ulladulla, NSW	26-MAY-90	Daland Proudfoot
JM15	220	Bermagui, NSW	09-MAR-85	Ashley Hall
JM24	160	Bermagui, NSW	03-JAN-89	Aaron Back
JF4	12.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	04-JAN-04	Bree Irlam

Shark – mako (*Isurus spp.*)

All-tackle	467	Port Stephens, NSW	23-FEB-91	Richard Rasmussen
M1	5.6	Cape Naturaliste, WA	02-MAR-84	Adrian Pike
M2	26	Hippolyte Rocks, TAS	10-APR-93	Scott A Johnson
M3	155.13	Port Hacking, NSW	22-SEP-74	Norman R Smith
M4	126.3	Port Hacking, NSW	22-OCT-98	Jason Caughlan
M6	296	Port Hacking, NSW	07-OCT-96	Jason Caughlan
M8	317.5	East Botany Bay, NSW	31-OCT-93	Mark Johnston
M10	329	Wybung Head, NSW	25-NOV-79	Neil Williamson
M15	443.5	Botany Bay, NSW	04-NOV-95	Andrew Nasr
M24	467	Port Stephens, NSW	23-FEB-91	Richard Rasmussen
M37	428.1	Sydney, NSW	28-NOV-76	Joe Remetean
M60	315.25	Dee Why, NSW	22-APR-62	RR Clifton
F3	52.16	Botany Bay, NSW	27-OCT-74	Dulcie Chee
F6	147.8	Sydney, NSW	20-SEP-14	Pascale Paton
F8	185.8	Ulladulla Canyons, NSW	29-NOV-09	Krystal Wietecki
F10	181	Port Stephens, NSW	03-MAR-90	Cheryl Adams
F15	288	Port Stephens, NSW	29-FEB-92	Cheryl Adams
F24	317	Redhead, NSW	11-OCT-87	Lesley Martin
F37	366	Bermagui, NSW	01-FEB-85	Odile Gall
F60	186.88	Sydney, NSW	18-JAN-53	Dolly Dyer
JM4	40	Apollo Bay, VIC	30-APR-88	Chris Considine
JM6	97	Sydney, NSW	14-MAY-16	Oska Davis
JM10	214	Port Stephens, NSW	28-MAR-93	Chad Nelson
JM15	324.8	Broken Bay, NSW	23-JAN-11	John Paton
JM24	285.5	Barrenjoey Head, NSW	17-MAR-01	Evan Dunn
JM37	212	Jervis Bay, NSW	29-AUG-07	Beau Taylor
JM60	214	Port Hacking, NSW	04-MAY-86	Peter Childs
JF6	118.1	Kiama Canyons, NSW	07-NOV-09	Rhiannon Halling
JF8	185.8	Ulladulla Canyons, NSW	29-NOV-09	Krystal Wieteck
JF15	110	St Helens, TAS	3-JAN-15	Chloe Hammersley
JF24	139	St Helens, TAS	16-JAN-16	Chloe Hammersley
JF37	106	St. Helens, TAS	28-DEC-13	Chloe Hammersley
SFF6	118.1	Kiama Canyons, NSW	07-NOV-09	Rhiannon Halling
SFF15	97	St. Helens, TAS	28-DEC-13	Zara Nelson
SFM8	112.4	Browns Mountain, NSW	27-JUN-04	Adam Danckert
SFM10	105.6	Sydney, NSW	14-JUL-13	Spencer Hoye
SFM15	216	Botany Bay, NSW	22-JAN-05	Mark Brancourt
SFM24	152	St Helens, TAS	31-DEC-14	Lachlin Hicks
SFM37	87.6	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	16-MAR-15	Toby Nichols

Saltwater fly

M10	27.1	Devonport, TAS	22-MAR-09	Craig Rist
M15	51.7	Devonport, TAS	10-JAN-09	Craig Rist



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Shark – porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)				
All-tackle	93.2	Pirates Bay, TAS	6-JUN-15	Leo E Miller
M24	64.5	Merimbula, NSW	16-JUL-92	Bruce Libbis
M37	93.2	Pirates Bay, TAS	6-JUN-15	Leo E Miller

Shark – thresher (<i>Alopias spp.</i>)				
All-tackle	227.25	Port Stephens, NSW	27-MAR-67	Barry Caldwell
M4	72	Dutton Bay, King Island, SA	17-MAR-99	George Flourentzou
M6	89.4	Kilcunda, VIC	04-DEC-97	Russell Taylor
M8	84	Boat Harbour, NSW	09-JUL-94	Robert Gleghorn
M10	88.5	Kilcunda, VIC	04-JAN-97	Peter Sviar
M15	186	Pt Hacking, NSW	18-SEP-16	George Yekiarellis
M24	182	Port Hacking, NSW	01-OCT-94	Michael Durkin
M37	227.25	Port Stephens, NSW	27-MAR-67	Barry Caldwell
M60	172.36	Sydney, NSW	15-MAR-37	Errol E Bullen
F8	47	Cape Woolamai, VIC	26-FEB-95	Christine Grech
F10	93.4	Coffs Harbour, NSW	03-AUG-13	Julie Elvery
F15	48	Kangaroo Island, SA	05-MAR-88	Janet Forster
F24	144	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-96	Pamela Willmott
F37	91.5	St. Helens, TAS	14-MAR-14	Melissa Nelson
F60	183.7	Jervis Bay, NSW	01-JAN-36	JL Myers
JM8	64	San Remo, VIC	17-FEB-96	Dane Newman
JM10	55	Western Port, VIC	11-MAR-95	Dane Newman
JM15	151.4	Sydney, NSW	9-AUG-14	Reece Cokun
SFM15	151.4	Sydney, NSW	9-AUG-14	Reece Cokun

Shark – tiger (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>)				
All-tackle	694.5	Swansea, NSW	24-MAY-08	Jason Hewitt
M3	74.1	Dampier, WA	6-APR-16	Luke Leech
M4	111.6	Exmouth, WA	21-MAR-14	Travis Brinkhuis
M6	168.5	Swansea, NSW	03-JAN-99	Chris Vegh
M8	381	Swansea, NSW	15-DEC-02	Troy Atkin
M10 (Tie)	411.5	Swansea, NSW	22-NOV-81	Gary Hoff
M10 (Tie)	412	Broughton Island, NSW	07-JUN-86	Mike Volkens
M15	625.5	Swansea, NSW	26-JAN-16	Joel Nancarrow
M24	579.5	Swansea, NSW	01-JUN-96	Trent Visscher
M37	591.94	Sydney, NSW	17-MAY-59	Sam Jamieson
M60	694.5	Swansea, NSW	24-MAY-08	Jason Hewitt
F2	7.7	Shute Harbour, QLD	11-MAY-87	Tracy Hallan
F6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt
F10	194	Broken Bay, NSW	15-MAR-97	Sharon Hegner
F15	548	Lake Macquarie, NSW	16-APR-89	Leanne Grieves
F24	476	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-86	Robyn Spruce
F37	532.06	Cronulla, NSW	24-MAR-63	June Turnbull
F60	596.02	Cape Moreton, QLD	27-JUL-53	Dolly Dyer
JM8	102	Swansea, NSW	10-SEP-88	Trent Visscher
JM10	282	Stanwell Canyons, NSW	27-APR-13	Samuel Barning
JM15	434	Port Stephens, NSW	03-MAR-90	Nick Hocking
JM24	439.8	Port Macquarie, NSW	13-JAN-95	William Pritchard
JM37	375.5	Swansea, NSW	04-MAY-08	Tyler Elliott
JF6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF24	359.75	Dampier, WA	25-OCT-15	Mikayla Lannary
SFF6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Land-based saltwater				
M6	19.4	Exmouth, WA	16-OCT-05	Mark Hourn
M60	156.2	Woodgate, QLD	27-NOV-05	James Harmon

Shark – whaler (<i>Carcharinus spp.</i>)				
All-tackle	378	Port Stephens, NSW	29-MAR-86	Peter Bergsma
M1	7.7	Port Lincoln, SA	18-FEB-86	Desmond Woolford
M2	28.15	Groote Eylandt, NT	12-MAY-01	David Rossi
M3	45.5	Moreton Bay, QLD	29-MAR-03	Gordon MacDonald
M4	65	Port Hacking, NSW	07-DEC-85	Geoff Childs
M6	126.55	Seal Rocks, NSW	04-MAR-73	John Toohey
M8	185	St Kilda, SA	07-NOV-09	Bradley Smith
M10	199	Port Stephens, NSW	12-JUN-88	Peter Noakes
M15	346	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-94	Bryce Henderson
M24	334.3	Cape Moreton, QLD	17-JUL-54	JB Wallace Jnr
M37	311.62	The Whale, NSW	07-NOV-62	Roy E Allen
M60	378	Port Stephens, NSW	29-MAR-86	Peter Bergsma
F1	3.9	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
F2	13.5	Dunk Island, QLD	25-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F3	30.16	Grose Island, NT	30-JAN-77	Judy Jenkins
F4	22	Bromby Inlet, NT	03-NOV-03	Debbie Gregory
F6	63	Bermagui, NSW	07-APR-80	Carolyn Southall
F8	71.5	Port Stephens, NSW	04-MAR-90	Louise Munch
F10	156	Greenwell Point, NSW	31-MAY-86	Robyn Sharland
F15	250	Port Stephens, NSW	31-MAR-91	Leanne Miles
F24	334	Port Stephens, NSW	27-FEB-85	Tracy Chapman
F37	268.98	Port Stephens, NSW	09-MAR-60	Mrs Lender
F60	242.67	Sydney, NSW	09-FEB-53	Dolly Dyer
JM1	5.8	Whitsundays, QLD	25-FEB-90	Richard Draper
JM2	10.6	Darwin Harbour, NT	07-DEC-98	Craig Johnston
JM6	78	Port Hacking, NSW	07-DEC-85	Peter Childs
JM8	107	Swansea, NSW	14-OCT-84	Mitchell Spruce
JM10	83.5	Port Macquarie, NSW	29-JAN-94	William Pritchard
JM15	268.6	Long Reef, NSW	12-FEB-95	Evan Reitano
JM24	323.6	Port Macquarie, NSW	17-JAN-87	Robert Mackay
JF1	3.9	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF2	4.42	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-15	Ella Day
JF3	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	23-SEP-01	Cheree Collins
JF4	13.65	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Talisha Cook
JF15	88.5	Botany Bay East, NSW	20-JUL-13	Shantelle Ayad
SFM2	4.5	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
SFF1	3.9	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF6	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	3-OCT-10	Hannah McConachy

Land-based saltwater				
M1	4.5	Belmore River, NSW	26-JAN-01	Wayne Colling
M2	4.3	Belmore River, NSW	15-JAN-01	Wayne Colling
M4	24.5	Exmouth, WA	28-NOV-03	Timothy Fuller
M6	33.1	Exmouth, WA	15-JUN-03	Brendan Hourn
M10	50.8	Woodgate Beach, QLD	13-AUG-97	Douglas Mizzi
M15	62.3	Aylangula Wharf, NT	29-MAY-01	David Rossi
M24	195	Elizabeth Beach, NSW	05-APR-14	Geoffrey McEwan



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M37	248	Tathra, NSW	10-JAN-97	Douglas Mizzi
F1	3.95	Brisbane River, QLD	01-JAN-97	Kim Bain
F2	4.62	Brisbane River, QLD	05-JAN-97	Kim Bain
F6	25.4	Exmouth, WA	15-NOV-04	Bretteny R Fuller
F10	29.8	Exmouth, WA	21-MAY-04	Tina Fuller
JM6	33.1	Exmouth, WA	15-JUN-03	Brendan Hourn
JM8	35.5	Exmouth, WA	22-NOV-03	Brendan Hourn
JM10	38.3	Exmouth, WA	12-JAN-02	Brendan Hourn

Snapper (*Pagrus auratus*)

All-tackle	16.2	Cockburn Sound, WA	27-OCT-01	Louis Rummer
M1	8.3	Port Lincoln, SA	09-MAY-87	Des Woolford
M2	11.6	Port Lincoln, SA	26-MAY-88	Des Woolford
M3	13.6	Geographe Bay, WA	13-APR-03	Trevor Bell
M4	14.2	Cape Naturaliste, WA	20-SEP-98	Mark Brown
M6	16.2	Cockburn Sound, WA	27-OCT-01	Louis Rummer
M8	12.88	Mindarie Keys, WA	17-AUG-96	Graham D Nottle
M10	13.5	Port Lincoln, SA	23-AUG-89	Lee Piekarsk
F1	5	Kangaroo Island, SA	08-MAR-88	Anne Whillas
F2	5	St Kilda, SA	29-MAR-15	Lee Van Soest
F3	6.6	Geographe Bay, WA	30-MAR-03	Charmaine Bell
F4	8.5	Port Neil, SA	24-MAR-91	Margaret Coad
F6 (Tie)	7.4	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-MAR-96	Junee Brookes
F6 (Tie)	7.4	Black Point, SA	08-DEC-06	Kate Hutson
F8	9.2	Ceduna, SA	08-FEB-87	Deborah Richter
JM1	8.2	Port Lincoln, SA	24-MAY-88	Damian Woolford
JM2	6.8	Cape Jervis, SA	22-MAY-85	Tim Forster
JM3	5.36	Cape Moreton, QLD	15-SEP-96	Ian Brookes
JM4	9.2	Port Lincoln, SA	24-SEP-88	Gary Blayney
JM6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks
SFM2	2.8	Port Kembla, NSW	13-FEB-10	Aaron Anderson
SFF6	7.6	St Vincent Gulf, SA	20-APR-12	Tayla Brook

Land-based saltwater

M4	4.8	Shark Bay, WA	13-DEC-94	Franklin Taylor
M6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks
JM6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks

Spangled emperor (*Lethrinus nebulosus*)

All-tackle	6.25	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
M1	3.3	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Clinton Damians
M2	4.4	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Travis Brinkhuis
M3	3.8	Exmouth, WA	14-MAR-04	Clinton John Damian
M6	6.25	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
F1	1.6	Exmouth, WA	06-AUG-11	Jan Prince
F2 (Tie)	3.2	Exmouth, WA	09-MAR-08	Jan Prince
F2 (Tie)	3.2	Lord Howe Island	22-DEC-13	Vivienne Crombie
F3	3.3	Exmouth, WA	31-OCT-03	Marie Pittock
F4	4.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Shanae Cook
JM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	14-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
JM2	4	Exmouth, WA	10-JUL-96	Clinton John Damian
JM3	3.3	Murion Islands, WA	15-MAR-03	Brendan Hourn
JF1	1.1	Exmouth, WA	6-APR-14	Jesse Sutton

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF4	4.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Shanae Cook
SFF1	1.1	Exmouth, WA	6-APR-14	Jesse Sutton
SFM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	14-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham

Spearfish (*Tetrapturus spp.*)

All-tackle	33.5	Sydney, NSW	17-MAY-97	Frank Farrugia
M10	27	Sydney, NSW	04-JUL-02	Bob Jones
M15	33.4	Bermagui, NSW	15-MAY-11	Josh Smith
M24	33.5	Sydney, NSW	17-MAY-97	Frank Farrugia
F8	15	Tweed Canyons, NSW	15-JAN-11	Alisa Schofield
F10	29	Port Stephens, NSW	01-MAR-84	Sharon Parkins
F15	21.5	Norah Head Canyons, NSW	02-FEB-08	Brianna Fish
F24	32.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	13-MAR-16	Emma Turner
JM10	26.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Fabio Farallo Jnr
JM15	19.3	Batemans Bay, NSW	17-JAN-15	Jakob Murphy
JM24	30.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	15-FEB-15	Luke Ashman

Tailor (*Pomatomus saltatrix*)

All-tackle	6.5	Kalbarri, WA	19-OCT-97	Greg McDougal
M1	2	Kalbarri, WA	13-OCT-00	Laurie Malton
M2	4.3	Kalbarri, WA	27-DEC-00	Laurie Malton
M3	4.5	Kalbarri, WA	06-NOV-01	Laurie Malton
M4	6.5	Kalbarri, WA	19-OCT-97	Greg McDougal
F2	2.9	Kalbarri, WA	13-OCT-00	Suzanne Malton
JM1	2.4	Kalbarri, WA	12-NOV-00	Ben Malton
JM3	3.4	Kalbarri, WA	14-OCT-01	Ben Malton
JF2	4.1	Kalbarri, WA	12-OCT-00	Rebecca Malton

Tope (*Galeorhinus galeus*)

All-tackle	30.415	Pt MacDonnell, SA	16-SEP-15	Roger Munn
M3	22.92	Port MacDonnell, SA	11-MAY-13	Craig Medhurst
M4	22.44	Port MacDonnell, SA	07-MAY-12	Gary Clarke
M6	25.6	Portland, VIC	17-JUL-09	Shane Sanders
M8	30.415	Pt MacDonnell, SA	16-SEP-15	Roger Munn
M10	22.4	Cape Schank, VIC	9-JAN-16	Richard Greven
M15	30	Port Welshpool, VIC	19-NOV-89	Trevor Porter
F8	16.4	Nullarbor, SA	22-JUN-86	Deborah Richter
JM6	12.55	Cape Paterson, VIC	13-NOV-11	Brayden Richardson
JM8	22.25	New Haven, VIC	11-JUN-12	Brayden Richardson

Land-based saltwater

M4	19.6	Kangaroo Island, SA	03-MAR-04	Adam Todd
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Trevally – bigeye (*Caranx sexfasciatus*)

All-tackle	8.5	Darwin, NT	29-SEP-71	Brian Cuttler
M1	1.1	Dampier, WA	28-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
M2	2.7	Exmouth, WA	13-AUG-93	Steven Pitman
M3 (Tie)	8.5	Darwin, WA	29-SEP-71	Brian Cuttler
M3 (Tie)	8.5	Port Essington, NT	31-AUG-72	CH Selvey
F1	2.2	Exmouth, WA	03-NOV-96	Jan Prince
F2	4.3	Exmouth, WA	18-MAR-04	Jan Prince
F3	7.93	Darwin, WA	13-APR-74	Enid Selvey



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	28-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
SFMI	1.1	Dampier, WA	28-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham

Trevally – giant (*Caranx ignobilis*)

All-tackle	39.5	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-89	Colin Barron
M1	4	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Rowan Smith
M2	8	Exmouth, WA	01-NOV-96	Ross Gardam
M3	16	Dampier, WA	25-MAR-16	Scott Sharpe
M4	13.8	Russell Heads, QLD	11-JUL-86	Eric Fisher
M6	30.2	Monte Bello Islands, WA	04-JUL-81	Warren Cornelius
M8	39.5	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-89	Colin Barron
M10	34.6	Exmouth, WA	15-NOV-80	Don Clemkey
M15	36.3	Wreck Reefs, QLD	17-OCT-89	Kim Anderson
M24	37.6	Exmouth, WA	06-AUG-81	Ray Neville
F1	2.2	Port Hedland, QA	14-APR-01	Rachael Green
F2 (Tie)	2.8	Quail Island, NT	04-NOV-90	Margot Patricks
F2 (Tie)	2.8	Dampier, WA	01-NOV-08	Vicki Searle
F3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-03	Bridgette Wright
F4	14.5	Exmouth, WA	05-MAR-94	Belinda Barrow
F6	21.8	Port Hedland, WA	07-NOV-93	Wendy Brown
F8	16	Dunk Island, QLD	27-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F10	27	Dampier, WA	12-NOV-78	Melva Rack
F15	22.4	Whitsundays, QLD	03-OCT-00	Elva Patterson
JF3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-03	Bridgette Wright
JM1	1.4	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-11	Wade Clark
JM2	6	Dampier, WA	30-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM4	13.8	Russell Heads, QLD	11-JUL-86	Eric Fisher
JM6	23	Whitsundays, QLD	29-JUN-86	Warren Nagan
JM8	16.5	Dampier, WA	07-AUG-89	Jamie Wotherspoon
JM10	26	Dampier, WA	22-FEB-88	Joshua Gusthart
JM15	18.35	Whitsundays, QLD	01-OCT-86	Warren Nagan
SFM2	2.15	Whitsundays, QLD	17-AUG-08	Oscar Jensen
SFM8	13.85	Mackay, QLD	7-JAN-16	Ryan Meads
SFM10	14.8	Cairns, QLD	26-SEP-13	Jet Edwards
SFF3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-03	Bridgette Wright

Saltwater fly

M4	4.4	Groote Eylandt, NT	03-JAN-89	Alan Philliskirk
M6	7.5	Grose Island, NT	12-NOV-83	Col Roberts
M10	23.25	Monte Bello Islands, WA	26-OCT-95	Rick Huckstepp

Land-based saltwater

M1	1.7	Groote Eylandt, NT	22-JUL-98	Michael Waliard-Grodd
M2	2.9	Exmouth, WA	25-JUN-03	Daniel Hudson
M3	3.2	Exmouth, WA	02-DEC-95	John Clark
M6	7.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	07-MAY-99	David Ross
M8	18.1	Exmouth, WA	09-JUN-03	Daniel Hudson
M10	13.1	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-13	Mark Hour

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Trevally – gold spot (<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>)				

All-tackle	12.6	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-88	Michael Wunhym
M1	6.8	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-15	Justin Leech
M2	7.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	27-JUL-86	Brenton Woods
M3	9.8	Mackerel Islands, WA	06-SEP-02	Peter Babarskas
M4	11.2	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell
M6	12	Port Hedland, WA	06-JUL-97	Mick Glen Burrage
M10	12.6	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-88	Michael Wunhym
F1	2.05	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-16	Jessica Hornhardt
F2	7	Dunk Island, QLD	28-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F3	6.4	Dampier, WA	08-OCT-00	Vicki Searle
F4	10.1	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-MAR-89	Sharon Piva
JM1	2.1	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham
JM3	7.75	Dampier, WA	07-DEC-13	Jack Clarke
JM4	8	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-91	Mathew Pike
JM6	9.5	Dampier, WA	09-MAY-92	Clayton Prescott
JF1	2.05	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF2	5.3	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-03	Bridgette Wright
SFMI	2.1	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	6.2	Dampier, WA	26-APR-11	Jackson Tatham
SFF1	2.05	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-16	Jessica Hornhardt

Saltwater fly

M6	6.5	Barrow Island, WA	07-MAY-88	Dean Gardner
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Trevally – golden (*Gnathanodon speciosus*)

All-tackle	14.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	John Constantine
M1	10.6	Exmouth, WA	05-NOV-01	Ray Gansberg
M2	9.4	Exmouth, WA	07-NOV-98	Ray Gansberg
M3	9.8	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-14	Jack Clarke
M4	12.6	Exmouth, WA	23-JAN-92	Steve Pitman
M6	12.25	Port Hedland, WA	07-AUG-96	Graeme Morris
M8	14.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	John Constantine
M10	11.3	Exmouth, WA	08-NOV-95	Des Ryan
F1	9.6	Exmouth Gulf, WA	05-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	8.9	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-12	Connie Taylor
F3	9.7	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	TaylaAnne Clatworthy
F4	10.3	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-11	Nikki Murray
F6	9.7	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-10	Tayla Clatworthy
F8	13.1	Exmouth Gulf, WA	02-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F10	10.4	Exmouth, WA	22-OCT-97	Marie Pittock
JM1	6.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Jackson Tatham
JM2	6.8	Exmouth, WA	27-JUL-98	Clinton Damien
JM3	9.8	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-14	Jack Clarke
JM4	10.4	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-91	Grant Gregory
JM8	9.7	Dampier, WA	07-AUG-89	Brendon Billett
JF1	7.8	Exmouth, WA	9-MAY-15	Jesse Sutton
JF3	9.7	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Tayla-Anne Clatworthy
JF4	7.2	Exmouth, WA	11-APR-15	Jesse Sutton



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF6	9.7	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-10	Tayla-Anne Clatworthy
SFM1	6.8	Dampier, WA	07-JUL-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM2	6.5	Dampier, WA	08-JUL-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	8.1	Dampier, WA	30-APR-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	5.7	Dampier, WA	27-DEC-10	Jackson Tatham
SFF1	7.8	Exmouth, WA	9-MAY-15	Jesse Sutton
SFF3	7.2	Exmouth, WA	11-APR-15	Jesse Sutton
SFF4	7.2	Exmouth, WA	11-APR-15	Jesse Sutton

Saltwater fly

M1	6.3	Whitsundays, QLD	12-JUL-08	Adrian O'Dea
M4	7.3	Arnhem Land, NT	23-OCT-97	Raffi Manjikian
M8	10	Broome, WA	18-JUL-98	Col Roberts

Land-based saltwater

M1	3.8	Groote Eylandt, Nt	22-JUL-98	Michael Ward-Grodd
M2	2.4	Groote Eylandt, NT	31-MAY-98	Michael Ward-Grodd
M3	4.3	Exmouth, WA	30-APR-06	Mark Hourn
M4	6.9	Alyangula Wharf, NT	01-AUG-99	Dale Ballantine
M6	10	Burrup Peninsula, WA	26-JUN-95	Alan Patzak

Trevally – silver (*Pseudocaranx dentex*)

All-tackle	6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	21-DEC-11	Zachias Crombie
M1	3.5	Streaky Bay, SA	18-FEB-98	George Flourentzou
M2	4	Streaky Bay, SA	24-JAN-94	George Flourentzou
M3	6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	21-DEC-11	Zachias Crombie
M4	4.6	Streaky Bay, SA	18-FEB-98	George Flourentzou
F2	2.6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	03-OCT-12	Vivienne Crombie
F3	3.4	Lord Howe Island, NSW	01-JAN-13	Vivienne Crombie
JM1	1.39	Geographe Bay, WA	13-MAR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM2	2.2	Geographe Bay, WA	21-DEC-97	Jason Burgoyne

Land-based saltwater

M1	1.6	Port Lincoln, SA	06-SEP-88	Roger Sinclair
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Tuna – bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*)

All-tackle	120	Bermagui, NSW	27-APR-86	Neville Ivill
M6	12.2	Exmouth, WA	26-OCT-00	Terry Coote
M8	22	Rottneest Trench, WA	12-JAN-02	John Cramer
M24	97.2	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	25-NOV-11	Dominic Cimilio
M37	120	Bermagui, NSW	27-APR-86	Neville Ivill
F6	16.25	Cape Moreton, QLD	29-DEC-89	Myra Webb
JM6	6.7	High Island, QLD	20-APR-85	Des Fisher
JM37	78.4	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	27-NOV-10	Joshua Hay

Tuna – dogtooth (*Gymnosardo unicolor*)

All-tackle	81	Flinders Reef, QLD	25-NOV-98	Dale Stanbury
M4	17.5	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Peter O'Brien
M6	36.5	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	05-NOV-83	Peter O'Brien

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M8	46	Rowley Shoals, WA	11-OCT-86	Mike Roenfeldt
M10	36	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	19-OCT-76	Ray Kent
M15	64.49	Lizard Island, QLD	29-AUG-75	John C Johnston
M24	81	Flinders Reef, QLD	25-NOV-98	Dale Stanbury
M37	55.45	Cairns, QLD	10-OCT-74	Bill Hinchen
M60	69.62	Lizard Island, QLD	25-SEP-75	Bill Chapman
F2	5.9	Cairns, QLD	28-JAN-82	Jill Hooper
F8	8.1	Cairns, QLD	28-JAN-82	Jill Hooper
F10	22	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Val O'Brien
F15	40	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	16-OCT-83	Anne Dalling
F37	47.4	Cairns, QLD	11-SEP-74	Gloria Applegate
JM6	18.5	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Leigh O'Brien
JM10	16.75	Ribbon Reef, QLD	21-OCT-92	Patrick Hafferty

Tuna – kawa kawa (*Euthynnus affinis*)

All-tackle	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
M1	3.48	Scarborough Blinker, QLD	28-MAY-00	Kevin J Hughes
M2	10	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
M3	8.84	Port Stephens, NSW	03-AUG-75	Johnathan Rowley
M4	8.8	Abrolhos Islands, WA	05-APR-01	Anthony Rogers
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Coogee, NSW	03-SEP-61	Peter Wiseman
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Broken Bay, NSW	01-OCT-61	Richard Rowe
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Marley, NSW	20-OCT-63	Geoffrey Thompson
M8	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
M10	9.07	Swansea, NSW	31-AUG-69	Thomas Henderson
F1	4.28	Fraser Island, QLD	06-DEC-97	Kim Bain
F2	5.8	Lindeman Island, QLD	26-SEP-86	Patricia Hallam
F3	7.71	Cairns, QLD	31-OCT-77	Jill Hooper
F4	9.3	Bribie Island, QLD	04-MAY-87	Kathy Maguire
F6	8.61	The Peak Sydney, NSW	23-JUN-74	Pamela Hudspeth
F8	8.5	Hutchison Shoal, QLD	21-JUN-03	Maureen Haylock
JM2	10	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
JM3	5.36	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-16	Toby Mason
JM4	8.2	The Banks, NSW	10-SEP-88	Lee Fitzgibbon
JM8	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
JF3	6.8	Mooloolaba, QLD	13-JUN-99	Zoey Balfour
JF6	7.7	Tweed Heads, NSW	03-MAY-92	Stacy Thornton
SFM2	10	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	6.6	Dampier, WA	12-DEC-10	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	7	Dampier, WA	26-DEC-10	Jackson Tatham

Saltwater fly

M3	4	Port Hedland, WA	26-AUG-07	Leith Larham
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Land-based saltwater

M3	6.08	Port Stephens	09-APR-99	Brent Hancock
M4	6.5	Port Stephens, NSW	6-MAY-16	Matt Elvins
F6	7	Exmouth	16-DEC-98	Debbie Snook

Tuna – longtail (*Thunnus tonggol*)

All-tackle	35.9	Bermagui, NSW	16-APR-82	Tim Simpson
M1	2.77	Dampier, WA	19-APR-16	Luke Leech



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
M3	13.8	Dampier, WA	2-AUG-14	Travis Brinkhuis
M4	23.5	Moreton Island, QLD	26-JUL-87	Jim Maguire
M6	23.75	Port Stephens, NSW	27-MAY-84	Chris Harding
M8	27.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Jim Uttleymore
M10	28	Montague Island, NSW	22-APR-82	Kevin Capron
M15	35.9	Bermagui, NSW	16-APR-82	Tim Simpson
M24	27.21	Bermagui, NSW	17-MAR-75	Noel Webster
F2	15	Dampier, WA	15-AUG-11	Joanne Tatham
F3	12.5	Dampier, WA	30-JUL-16	Joanne Tatham
F4	21.25	Bribie Island, QLD	17-JUL-88	Kathy Maguire
F6	23.5	Bribie Island, QLD	30-JUN-90	Kathy Maguire
F8	25.6	Moreton Island, QLD	03-MAY-92	Olga Mack
F10	22	Moreton Island, QLD	15-MAY-92	Kathy Maguire
F15	26.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Roslyn Uttleymore
JF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JM2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
JM3	12.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
JM4	18.5	Tommaree Head, NSW	06-APR-85	Chris Harding
JM6	22.5	Moreton Bay, QLD	10-MAR-91	Leon Wregg
JM8	22.5	Bribie Island, QLD	17-MAY-03	Christopher Haylock
JM10	20	Moreton Bay, QLD	21-JUN-88	Peter Lumsden
SFF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFM2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	12.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	12.6	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM6	13	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham

Saltwater fly

M4	9.5	Mooloolaba, QLD	28-MAY-97	Gavin Platz
M8	10	Bribie Island, QLD	22-MAR-97	Steve Morgan

Land-based saltwater

M3	7	Gove Harbour, NT	11-JUL-08	Craig I Jensen
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Tuna – Pacific bluefin (*Thunnus orientalis*)

All-tackle	282.59	The Peak, NSW	28-NOV-65	George WE Park
M60	282.59	The Peak, NSW	28-NOV-65	George WE Park

Tuna – skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)

All-tackle	12.5	Port Hacking, NSW	29-SEP-01	David Stokes
M1	3.8	Exmouth, WA	25-JUL-82	Ian Cornelius
M2	7.5	Swansea, NSW	12-SEP-86	Brendon Rolt
M3	7.4	Rottneest Trench, WA	09-FEB-02	Trevor Scott
M4	7.8	Perth, WA	20-FEB-83	Steve Webb
M6	10.5	Wollongong, NSW	25-SEP-93	Terry Tatton
M8	11.5	Cape Moreton, QLD	14-JUL-85	W Schwantes
M10	12.5	Port Hacking, NSW	29-SEP-01	David Stokes
F1	2.41	The Sisters, TAS	02-APR-84	Ann Self
F2	4.1	St Helens, TAS	16-FEB-08	Clare McKimmie
F3	5.68	Cape Solander, NSW	01-FEB-81	Marie Gosby
F4	6.2	Tasman Island, TAS	16-FEB-08	Katie Russell

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F6	8.5	Cape Banks, NSW	02-OCT-06	Julia Duncan
JF2	4.1	St Helens, TAS	16-FEB-08	Clare McKimmie
JF3	4.64	Rottneest Island, WA	02-MAR-03	Mia Cramer
JF6	8.5	Cape Banks, NSW	02-OCT-06	Julia Duncan
JM1	2.25	Maria Island, TAS	11-MAR-84	Ashley Hallam
JM4	6	Port Hacking, NSW	30-OCT-83	Craig Caughlan
JM10	10	Port Macquarie, NSW	02-SEP-06	Kurt Nocelli
SFF3	3.8	Rottneest Island, WA	29-NOV-11	Desert Gray
SFM10	10	Port Macquarie, NSW	02-SEP-06	Kurt Nocelli

Tuna – southern bluefin (*Thunnus maccoyii*)

All-tackle	167.5	Tathra, NSW	09-JUL-09	Phil Body
M1	8	Port Lincoln, SA	24-JUN-92	George Florentzou
M2	12.88	Liguanea Island, SA	12-MAY-07	Gary A Carter
M3	20.5	Ward Island, SA	19-FEB-97	George Florentzou
M4	24.1	Streaky Bay, SA	21-FEB-96	George Florentzou
M6	36.5	Streaky Bay, SA	05-FEB-97	David Young
M8	34	Port MacDonnell, SA	01-APR-07	Dane Newman
M10	58.96	Hippolytes, TAS	02-MAR-76	Tony Little
M15	116.55	Torquay, VIC	16-OCT-15	Clinton Adlington
M24	153	St Helens, TAS	11-MAY-07	Robert VC Arnold
M37	167.5	Tathra, NSW	09-JUL-09	Phil Body
M60	107.94	Bermagui, NSW	14-MAY-38	Thomas A Bell
F1	4.2	Rottneest Island, WA	04-JUL-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	6.6	Pt MacDonnell, SA	8-AUG-15	Bernadette Pedlar
F3	16.89	Pt MacDonnell, SA	28-MAR-15	Bernadette Pedlar
F4	16.2	Port MacDonnell, SA	06-MAY-09	Kerry L Heinicke
F6	31.34	Port MacDonnell, SA	01-FEB-14	Bernadette Pedlar
F8	28.08	Port MacDonnell, SA	07-MAR-09	Kerry L Heinicke
F10	49	Bermagui, NSW	23-JUL-14	Chloe Taylor
F15	143.7	Sydney, NSW	23-JUL-14	Karen Wright
F24	124.8	Pt MacDonnell, SA	17-APR-15	Amy Jobson
F37	112.8	Bermagui, NSW	21-JUL-14	Sammi Courts
F60	104.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	15-APR-16	Chloe Hammersley
JM3	11.8	Port MacDonnell, SA	10-MAY-14	Brodie Williams
JM4	14.64	Port MacDonnell, SA	06 MAY-09	Mathew Stark
JM6	20.38	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-08	Josh Wright
JM6 (Tie)	20.4	Tasman Island, TAS	08-MAR-09	Keiran Gilbert
JM8	30.1	Montague East, NSW	02-JUL-11	Joshua Hay
JM10	38	Bermagui, NSW	02-JUN-12	Daniel Arapakis
JM15	70.4	Bermagui, NSW	28-JUN-11	Thomas Wright
JM24	126.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	4-APR-16	Antony Suttill
JM37	98.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	08-JUL-12	Philip Lamond
JM60	63	Kiama, NSW	08-JUL-12	Lachlan Rogers
JF6	11.96	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-JUN-14	Georgia Hood
JF8	17.135	Pt MacDonnell, SA	28-MAR-15	Sharna McKinnon
JF10	24.5	Hippolyte Rock, TAS	22-APR-88	Rebecca Hallam
JF15	20	Bruny Island, TAS	05-APR-13	Jessica Nelson
JF24	80.7	Pedra Branca, TAS	13-JUN-15	Chloe Hammersley
JF60	104.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	15-APR-16	Chloe Hammersley



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFM4	11	Port Lincoln, SA	16-MAR-16	Oscar Dade
SFM6	13.66	Port MacDonnell, SA	01-JUN-08	Brodie Williams
SFM8	25.8	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	21-MAY-16	Caleb Berry
SFM10	27.4	Cape Pillar, TAS	10-MAR-12	Scott Salter
SFM15	27.8	Tathra Canyons, NSW	25-JUN-11	Jake Smith
SFM24	44.8	Bermagui, NSW	23-JUL-14	Finn Bradley
SFF3	3	Rottneest Island, WA	14-MAR-10	Desert Gray
SFF4	11.5	Pt MacDonnell, SA	18-JUN-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF6	17.1	Pt MacDonnell, SA	19-JUN-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF8	13.48	Pt MacDonnell, SA	18-JUN-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF10	17.8	Apollo Bay, VIC	21-MAY-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF15	45	Eden, NSW	4-JUL-15	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	24.5	Bruny Island, TAS	05-APR-13	Zara Nelson
Saltwater fly				
M4	5	Bunbury, WA	01-SEP-87	Adrian Pike
M6	8.48	Port MacDonnell, SA	20-MAY-11	David Fent
M10	14.2	Cape Borda, SA	21-APR-09	Barry D Elsdon
Land-based saltwater				
M4	19	Port Lincoln, SA	16-SEP-91	Tom Tierney

Tuna – yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*)

All-tackle	124	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-93	Bruce Farmer
M2	9	Exmouth, WA	26-JUL-82	Ian Cornelius
M3	19.38	Noosa Canyons, QLD	26-APR-07	Gary A Carter
M4	39.5	Bermagui, NSW	17-JUN-92	Ken Stockton
M6	74	Bermagui, NSW	15-MAY-83	Phillip Volkens
M8	86.5	Bermagui, NSW	13-APR-87	Jim Morris
M10	84	Stockton Bight, NSW	18-MAY-86	Alan Buck
M15	99	Bermagui, NSW	13-APR-80	Geoff Bennett
M24	124	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-93	Bruce Farmer
M37	99.5	Bermagui, NSW	30-MAY-92	Ron Taylor
M60	79.83	Montague Island, NSW	07-MAR-65	S Grant Clarke
F2	2.8	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	05-OCT-88	Jane Blaxland
F3	11.8	Cape Moreton, QLD	28-MAR-81	Judy Gay
F4	24.6	Newcastle, NSW	10-JUN-90	Michelle Jones
F6	53	Cronulla, NSW	08-OCT-78	Dulcie Chee
F8	41	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-92	Pam Willmott
F10	67.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-MAY-81	Clarice Besoff
F15	89.5	Bermagui, NSW	17-APR-90	Sharon Male
F24	97	Bermagui, NSW	20-APR-82	Jane Southey
F37	92.6	Exmouth, WA	17-JAN-10	Jacquie Rushford
JM4	20.6	Ulladulla, NSW	26-MAY-90	Daland Proudfoot
JM6	43.4	Tasman Island, TAS	16-FEB-08	Luke Gilbert
JM8	44	Port Hacking, NSW	17-SEP-88	David Grainger
JM10	59.4	Bermagui, NSW	08-APR-85	Richard Torossi
JM15	94.5	Newcastle, NSW	27-MAY-90	David Smith
JM24	90	Port Stephens, NSW	17-JUN-90	David Tubman
JM37	79.2	Exmouth, WA	16-JAN-10	Chris Rushford
JM60	61	Newcastle Canyons, NSW	07-FEB-04	Danny Curtis
JF4	10.25	Geraldton, WA	31-MAY-15	Casey Jane Clark
JF6	7.7	Geraldton, WA	31-MAY-15	Casey Jane Clark

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF8	12	Linden Bank, QLD	15-FEB-14	Savannah Woolcott
JF10	15.6	Fitzroy Island, QLD	22-AUG-14	Zoe Reinhardt
JF15	59.5	Swansea, NSW	11-OCT-14	Caitlin Hoff
SFM6	23.5	Swansea, NSW	17-SEP-06	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	29.4	Bermagui, NSW	24-JUN-09	Mehmet Huseyin
SFM15	35.2	Moruya, NSW	19-MAY-12	Jayden Mann
SFM24	48.1	Newcastle, NSW	25-OCT-15	Max Hardy
SFF8	14	Linden Bank, QLD	15-FEB-14	Ella Woolcott
SFF15	27.2	Bateman's Bay, NSW	14-JUN-09	Zoe O'Connor
Saltwater fly				
M4	8.4	Jervis Bay, NSW	29-SEP-01	Martin Montebello
M8	8.4	The Banks, NSW	14-OCT-01	Mitchell Ryan
M10	30.6	Carnarvon, WA	31-MAY-97	Graig Radford
Land-based saltwater				
M6	24	Greencape Eden, NSW	15-FEB-89	Lewis Wallace
M24	26.7	Tuna Oil Rig, VIC	20-DEC-88	Mal Reid

Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*)

All-tackle	47	Sydney, NSW	12-APR-87	Bernard Mulloy
M2	12.4	Mackerel Islands, WA	03-SEP-07	Chris Wilkes
M3	16.1	Cairns, QLD	18-SEP-76	Robert Oliver
M4	20	Exmouth Gulf, WA	10-NOV-89	Michael Thomas
M6	35	Broken Bay, NSW	27-JAN-80	Tim Simpson
M8	30.6	Mackerel Island, WA	07-AUG-86	John Edwards
M10	44	East Botany Bay, NSW	20-APR-85	Hans Vaneck
M15	43.6	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-86	David R Williams
M24	47	Sydney, NSW	12-APR-87	Bernard Mulloy
M37	38	Botany Bay, NSW	07-MAY-89	Jim Luxford
F4	16	Lord Howe Island, NSW	05-JAN-12	Vivienne Crombie
F6	34.5	Mission Beach, QLD	14-OCT-90	Helen Andrews
F8	28.5	Hutchinson Shoal, QLD	12-AUG-01	Rene Walker
F10	27.8	Nth Euston Reef, QLD	06-DEC-08	Sherie King
F15	36.5	Port Stephens, NSW	10-MAR-81	Aileen Malone
F24	41.4	Greenwell Point, NSW	01-APR-92	Diana Medcalf
JM4	11.5	Point Lookout, QLD	28-FEB-88	Chad Kirkby
JM6	16.8	Ulladulla, NSW	04-FEB-89	Andrew O'Brien
JM10	25	Sydney, NSW	19-MAY-83	Samuel Meyer
JM15	29.4	The Banks, NSW	03-MAR-90	Richard Mooney
JM24	40.15	Backnumbers Reef, QLD	30-NOV-08	Zac Ryan
JF8	24	Hutchinson Shoal, QLD	27-JAN-07	Hayley Longhurst
SFM8	20.2	Mooloolaba, QLD	26-APR-14	Max Proctor



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Australian Freshwater Records

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Barramundi (giant perch) (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)				
All-tackle	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
M1	11.6	Port Hedland, WA	30-OCT-02	A Boekhorst
M2	15.3	Port Hedland, WA	29-NOV-94	A Boekhorst
M3	22.1	Port Hedland, WA	08-DEC-97	G Maher
M4	22.2	Sth. Alligator River, NT	16-MAR-90	R de Grootte
M6	23.4	Margaret Billabong, NT	28-SEP-02	S Blair
M8	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
M10	19.6	Arnhem Land, NT	15-APR-92	J Caughlan
M15	15.1	Arnhem Land, NT	08-APR-93	C Caughlan
F1	3.9	Karratha, WA	09-NOV-08	V Searle
F2	7.8	Arnhem Land, NT	20-APR-94	C Caughlan
F3	11	Port Hedland, WA	27-APR-03	N Hickling
F4	18.8	Port Hedland, WA	16-DEC-02	J Boekhorst
F6	20.7	Arnhem Land, NT	12-APR-94	C Caughlan
F8	18.7	Arnhem Land, NT	18-APR-93	C Caughlan
F10	10.5	Arnhem Land, NT	14-APR-92	C Caughlan
JM1	3	Groote Eylandt, NT	15-MAY-99	B Sands
JM2	8.4	Fannie Bay, NT	07-AUG-88	S Martin
JM3	9.4	George River, TAS	31-DEC-06	S Cook
JM4	15.2	Angalarrri River, NT	05-APR-89	C Considine
JM6	17.8	Wearyan River, NT	17-APR-88	C Travia
JM8	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
SFM3	9.4	George River, TAS	31-DEC-06	S Cook
SFM4	6	Karratha, WA	18-DEC-03	M Owens
SFM8	12.2	Fortescue River, WA	05-DEC-04	T Cook
Freshwater fly				
M1	1.8	Arnhem Land, NT	10-APR-92	JA Caughlan
M2	8.1	Shady Camp, NT	31-MAY-92	M Domaille
M4	12	Darwin, NT	12-DEC-82	P Crase
M6	18.8	Margaret Billabong, NT	28-SEP-02	S Blair

Bass – Australian (*Macquaria novemaculeata*)

All-tackle	2.42	Wivenhoe Dam, QLD	19-MAR-00	JK Richards
M1	2.42	Wivenhoe Dam, QLD	19-MAR-00	JK Richards

Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

All-tackle	10.34	Lake Liddell, NSW	09-OCT-96	PB Hawkins
M1	6.24	Swamp Creek, NSW	16-JUL-94	R Gleghorn
M2	7.8	Swamp Creek, NSW	12-DEC-98	R Gleghorn
M3	10.34	Lake Liddell, NSW	09-OCT-96	PB Hawkins
M4	6.95	Loxford, NSW	27-JUN-92	RA Mychas
F1	6.05	Mawson Lakes, SA	16-SEP-12	S Durnell
F2	7.38	Lake Liddell, NSW	22-NOV-97	K New
F3	4.3	Branston	05-OCT-97	L Hawkins
F4	4	Cadell, SA	11-APR-15	Lee Van Soest



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM1	4.07	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JM2	3.9	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JM3	3.53	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JF1	6.05	Mawson Lakes, SA	16-SEP-12	S Durnell
Freshwater fly				
M1	2.14	Tamworth, NSW	01-JAN-96	S Bain
M2	3.35	Lake Keepit, NSW	24-MAR-01	W Colling

Catfish – freshwater (*Tandanus tandanus*)

All-tackle	1.29	Lake Sampsonvale, QLD	16-NOV-91	K Bain
M1	1.28	Brisbane River, QLD	07-FEB-90	S Bain
F1	1.25	Cobble Creek, QLD	08-FEB-90	L Rogers
JM1	1.29	Lake Sampsonvale, QLD	16-NOV-91	K Bain

Mangrove jack (*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*)

M3	3.2	Groote Eylandt, NT	02-SEP-01	P Collins
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Murray cod (*Maccullochella peelii*)

New eligible species – all line class and fly records currently vacant.

Perch – golden (*Plectroplites ambiguus*)

All-tackle	5.6	Windermere, VIC	03-NOV-97	J Florentine
M1	3.6	Lake Windamere, NSW	22-NOV-94	M Lazzaro
M2	2.22	Pindarie Dam, NSW	04-OCT-91	TG Earley
F1	5.6	Windermere, VIC	03-NOV-97	J Florentine
JM1	1.84	Wentworth, NSW	26-SEP-95	D Newman

Perch – silver (*Bidyanus bidyanus*)

All-tackle	2.2	Lake Windamere, NSW	25-NOV-94	J Carnegie
F1	2.2	Lake Windamere, NSW	25-NOV-94	J Carnegie

Saratoga (*Scleropages*)

New eligible species – all line class and fly records currently vacant.



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Trout – brook (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)				
New eligible species – all line class and fly records currently vacant.				

Trout – brown (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)				
All-tackle	3.7	Talbingo Dam, TAS	16-MAR-85	E Newman
M1	3.7	Talbingo Dam, TAS	16-MAR-85	E Newman
M2	3.25	Lake Eucumbene, NSW	19-OCT-94	C O'Brien
FI	1.3	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	15-OCT-93	J Carnegie
JM1	2	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	30-JUL-95	D Ware

Trout – rainbow (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)				
All-tackle	3	Ben Lomond, NSW	27-JAN-97	S Bain
M1	1.92	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	S Bain
M2	3	Ben Lomond, NSW	27-JAN-97	S Bain
FI	1.73	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-APR-96	K Bain



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F2	2.28	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	K Bain
JM1	1.73	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-APR-96	K Bain
JM2	2.28	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	K Bain
Freshwater fly				
M1	1	Ben Lomond, NSW	26-JAN-97	S Bain
FI	1.5	Ben Lomond, NSW	25-JAN-97	K Bain



Historical Records

In 1977 the GFAA executive of the day recognised that stocks of grey nurse sharks were in trouble, and from then on the species would no longer be recognised as a capture species for record claim purposes. From the commencement of the NSW Fisheries tag & release program the grey nurse was determined by the GFAA as a tag & release species only. However, in November 2002, with advice from the GFAA, the NSWGFA deleted grey nurse sharks from tag & release also.

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Shark – white (<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>)				
– records closed				
All-tackle	1208.38	Ceduna	21-APR-59	A Dean
M6	81	Dudley	05-MAY-91	D Ashman
M8	95.5	Lake Macquarie	29-OCT-83	G Hoff
M10	484.44	Moreton Bay	18-JUN-57	R Dyer
M15	699.5	Port Lincoln	05-JUL-97	R Czabayski
M24	850.94	Moreton Island	06-AUG-55	R Dyer
M37	1063.23	Streaky Bay	06-NOV-60	A Dean
M60	1208.38	Ceduna	21-APR-59	A Dean
F6	35.38	Lake Maquarie	14-MAR-71	P Poole
F10	167.37	Moreton Bay	06-JUL-57	D Dyer
F15	364.23	Cape Moreton	05-JUL-57	D Dyer
F24	85.72	Botany Bay	24-OCT-65	LM Potts
F37	413.68	Cape Moreton	29-AUG-54	D Dyer
F60	528	The Pages	11-MAR-94	J Forster
JM8	95.5	Lake Macquarie	29-OCT-83	G Hoff
JM15	472	Port Stephens	31-JAN-88	S Colreavy



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Shark – grey nurse (<i>Carcharias arenarius</i>)				
– records closed				
M6	109.77	Sydney	23-SEP-67	J Farrell
M10	175.54	Sydney	24-SEP-72	E McGavern
M15	165.56	Avoca	21-OCT-73	A Boomgaard
M24	186.88	Sydney	07-MAY-67	H Hollingdale
M37	204.11	Sydney	30-MAY-71	E Howarth
M60	172.36	Sydney	25-JUN-67	K Lewis
F6	80.74	Port Stephens	30-MAY-52	R Duncan
F10	167.37	Sydney	26-AUG-72	P Hudspeth
F15	173.27	Port Stephens	12-SEP-65	P McKay
F24	200.26	Sydney	19-SEP-72	P Hudspeth
F37	106.14	Sydney	02-SEP-72	P Hudspeth
F60	180.3	Sydney	09-SEP-72	P Hudspeth



Queensland Records

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Saltwater Records

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Amberjack (<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>)				
M3	5.44	Surfers Paradise	13-AUG-72	R Joyce
M4	12.04	Noosa	03-OCT-82	K Simmonds
M6	20.8	Caloundra	07-FEB-88	E Russell
M10	36.74	Flinders Reef	01-AUG-70	R Jenyns
M15	18.8	Mooloolaba	27-FEB-97	AP Bain
M24	13.39	Smiths Rock	27-AUG-60	A Higgins
W6	6	Hutchinson Shoal	12-AUG-90	O Mack
W10	12.7	Point Lookout	12-JUL-70	R Russell
JM6	18	Cape Moreton	28-JAN-96	I Brookes

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Barracuda (<i>Sphyraena spp.</i>)				
M1	3.6	Whitsundays	03-JAN-09	Grant Spees
M2	8.2	Shute Harbour	24-JUN-82	A Moore
M3	22.42	Cairns	25-SEP-74	R Oliver
M4	26.5	Mission Beach	03-MAY-92	B Shepherd
M6	29.03	Lizard Island	04-SEP-83	K Carne
M8	26.75	Mooloolaba	06-FEB-10	D Burnett
M10	30.84	Cairns	04-OCT-73	P Owen
M15	27.21	Cairns	05-NOV-67	E Hebron
M24	25.85	Moreton Bay	31-OCT-69	E French
M37	25.42	Cooktown	06-NOV-67	E Hebron
W2	9.4	Hamilton Island	08-SEP-86	P Hallam
W4	9.4	Hamilton Island	08-SEP-86	P Hallam
W6	31.25	Cairns	26-SEP-82	M Pearce
W8	18	Mooloolaba	31-JAN-94	M Needham
W10	32	Innisfail	03-AUG-79	A Poy
W15	18.82	Cairns	14-FEB-68	M Spalding
W24	24.04	Osprey Reef	09-FEB-79	J Hooper
JM6	21	Townsville	23-OCT-82	L O'Brien
JM8	24	Mooloolaba	24-APR-94	D Sargood
JM15	17.8	Porpoise Shoal	19-APR-11	J Rosman

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Cobia (<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>)				
M3	11.5	Tangalooma	25-MAR-80	M Ramsay
M4	23.8	Cape Moreton	19-JUN-99	R Brookes

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M6	29.48	Gold Coast	29-JUL-74	E King
M8	41.5	The Trench	09-DEC-00	C Puggioni
M10	29.77	Tangalooma	05-DEC-76	L Munro
M15	45.35	Point Lookout	04-OCT-62	P Bristow
M24	49.66	Southport	22-NOV-71	G Walsh
M37	49.44	Flat Rock	15-OCT-38	G Lambert
M60	35.41	Flat Rock	01-AUG-53	G Lambert
W4	19.6	Moreton Bay	27-OCT-88	O Mack
W6	32	Moreton Bay	30-AUG-90	O Mack
W8	36.2	Bribie Island	13-JUN-90	O Mack
W10	36.2	Bribie Island	13-JUN-90	O Mack
W15	22.6	Moreton Bay	17-OCT-90	O Mack
W24	38.55	Point Lookout	15-AUG-64	M Keid
JM4	16.96	Cape Moreton	07-NOV-98	I Brookes
JM8	23.9	Mackay	12-DEC-15	Ryan Meads
JM15	36.2	Southport	02-JUL-95	S Needham
JF6	19	Western Rocks	15-DEC-96	Z Balfour
SFM8	23.9	Mackay	12-DEC-15	Ryan Meads
Saltwater fly				
M8	11.4	Fitzroy Island	29-NOV-83	B Cross

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Mackerel – broad barred (<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>)				
M2	2.25	Mackay	09-OCT-93	D Conroy
M6	9	Whitsundays	20-JUL-08	B Atfield

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Mackerel – narrow barred (<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>)				
M1	8.84	Hayman Island	15-JUN-82	P Bruce
M2	5.5	Innisfail	27-AUG-82	G Bevan
M3	17.82	Cairns	24-AUG-72	R Dyer
M4	18.6	Cones Island	29-MAY-72	S McBride
M6	35.2	Whitsundays	05-JUN-03	A Moore
M8	32.5	Whitsundays	19-JUL-08	C Demarchi
M10	35.58	Moreton Bay	16-MAY-70	J French
M15	37.5	Cairns	16-SEP-83	D Fleetwood
M24	35.58	Moreton Island	08-APR-67	R Jenyns



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M37	32.69	Hayman Island	24-MAY-62	N Sutton
M60	34.05	Point Lookout	10-JUN-61	P Bristow
W3	7	Cairns	22-NOV-03	B Leptig
W4	24.3	Whitsundays	25-NOV-82	K Dalling
W6	30.84	Cairns	25-AUG-76	W Childs
W8	28.3	Cairns	06-DEC-03	S Neville
W10	33.8	Cairns	03-DEC-05	C Albert
W15	30.84	Hayman Island	25-MAY-79	J Ansett
W24	34	Hayman Island	26-MAY-79	J Ansett
JM3	6.3	Mission Beach	18-JAN-04	A Boyd
JM6	31	Cape Moreton	31-MAY-87	W Trass
JM8	18	Hook Island	30-JUL-83	K Hallam
JM10	21.5	Dunk Island	13-OCT-01	D Pretto
JF4	24.3	Whitsundays	25-NOV-82	K Dalling
Saltwater fly				
M10	18.5	Innisfail	16-SEP-96	G Campbell

Mackerel – shark (*Grammatorcynus bicarinatus*)

M1	8.7	Whitsundays	12-JUN-83	T Draper
M2	9	Whitsundays	03-JAN-84	C Jansen
M3	8.4	Cairns	19-MAY-72	R Oliver
M6	9.9	Cairns	13-FEB-76	D Quinn
M8	8.7	Whitsundays	07-NOV-09	W Kirby
M10	10.7	Flinders Reef	21-JUL-88	A Carpenter
M24	11.12	Cairns	08-OCT-69	D Bridges
M37	6.13	Cairns	08-OCT-69	J Raven
W2	7	Hinchinbrook Island	10-OCT-85	J Blaxland
W3	5	Lizard Island	12-SEP-81	L Kelly
W4	6.5	Hinchinbrook Island	12-APR-85	J Blaxland
W6	12.3	Hutchinson Shoal	24-MAR-89	K Maguire
JM6	11.5	Caley Reef, Innisfail	11-SEP-99	C Kassiotis

Mackerel – spotted (*Scomberomorus spp.*)

M1	2.1	Wathumba Creek	20-DEC-96	S Bain
M2	5.5	Eshelby Island	02-SEP-84	A Moore
M3	6.7	Currumbin	29-APR-71	L Cadell
M6	6.7	Gold Coast	03-JUN-73	B Cockerell
M10	7.04	Palm Beach	27-JAN-73	D White
M15	6.36	Gold Coast	01-JAN-72	G Walsh
W1	1.6	Wathumba Creek	20-DEC-96	K Bain
W2	2	Moreton Bay	04-APR-97	K Bain
JM2	3.85	Surfers Paradise	30-MAR-97	S Needham
JM4	4.9	Dunk Island	16-JUL-95	J Shepherd
JM6	6	Innisfail	07-SEP-96	C Kassiotis

Mahi mahi (dolphinfish) (*Corypheana spp.*)

M3	9.97	Cairns	25-NOV-72	R Oliver
M4	11.75	Linden Bank	18-JAN-16	Paul Poulter
M6	20	Cape Moreton	10-APR-81	D Curnock
M8	27.9	Shallow Tempest	24-JAN-14	Kiel Pozzey
M10	14.75	Lizard Island	23-SEP-75	D Ardilley
W2	4	Gold Coast	11-FEB-06	S Ripper



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W3	10.43	Cairns	13-OCT-72	W Childs
W4	10.7	Onyx Reef	02-JAN-16	Sharon Poulter
W6	8.9	Jenny Louise	16-JAN-16	Sharon Poulter
W8	19.55	Mooloolaba	26-DEC-15	Lauren Douglass
W10	24	Cape Moreton	22-JAN-92	O Mack
JM3	7.39	Cape Moreton	13-DEC-98	I Brookes
JM4	7.41	Cape Moreton	13-DEC-98	I Brookes
JM6	9	Jumpinpin Bar	09-DEC-95	S Needham
JM8	24.49	Cairns	01-OCT-68	B Murphy
JM10	17.03	Cairns	05-APR-70	D White
JM15	21.9	Cairns	22-NOV-68	K Waterman
JM24	13.39	Cairns	20-JAN-67	F Turner
JM37	19.98	Cairns	12-NOV-71	G Turner
JF10	13.3	Linden Bank	21-DEC-14	S Woolcott
SFM6	9.05	Mooloolaba	11-OCT-14	Ethan Wrack

Marlin – black (*Makaira indica*)

M2	33	Cape Moreton	16-JAN-85	J Erskine
M3	51.5	Innisfail	08-AUG-81	B McLeod
M4	44	Gold Coast	4-JAN-15	J Holt
M6	167	Lizard Island	26-SEP-75	T Russell
M10	476.73	Cairns	07-OCT-76	P Nahood
M15	489.5	Cairns	28-NOV-80	R Oliver
M24	509.84	Cairns	31-OCT-69	E Seay
M37	611	Lizard Island	01-NOV-79	M May
M60	654.05	Cairns	01-NOV-73	M Magrath
W1	11	Cape Bowling Green	05-JUL-86	A Dalling
W2	29.5	Cape Bowling Green	18-SEP-97	A Dalling



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W3	29.55	Oyster Reef	13-AUG-13	N Andersen
W4	42.5	Cape Bowling Green	22-SEP-85	A Dalling
W6	176.9	Cairns	26-SEP-76	H Going
W8	21.6	Cape Moreton	30-DEC-90	V Harvey
W10	452.69	Lizard Island	25-SEP-75	K Mulholland
W15	369.22	Lizard Island	04-NOV-83	J Hooper
W24	396.44	Cairns	16-OCT-76	K Mulholland
W37	600.1	Cairns	08-NOV-77	G Douwma
W60	599	Lizard Island	01-NOV-81	N Denholm
JM2	14	Townsville	13-AUG-89	D Savis
JM4	29.5	Cape Moreton	14-FEB-87	D Toms
JM6	53	Moreton Bay	02-JAN-90	G Caporn
JM8	37.2	Gold Coast	07-APR-16	Jayden Holmes
JM37	83.5	Cape Moreton	23-JAN-88	M Wood
SFM8	37.2	Gold Coast	07-APR-16	Jayden Holmes

Saltwater fly

M4	27.5	Mooloolaba	09-JAN-96	M Carnegie
M8	16.8	Cairns	08-SEP-84	B Cross
M10	18.6	Cairns	31-JUL-93	J Caughlan
W10	24.5	Gold Coast	26-DEC-08	Carmen J McCloy

Marlin – Pacific blue (*Makaira mazara*)

M6	157.8	Gold Coast	15-FEB-15	J Holt
M8	170.5	Gold Coast	08-MAY-15	J Holt
M10	29.51	Cape Moreton	21-FEB-70	C Seawright
M15	153.5	Wide Cape Moreton	23-FEB-94	L Wregg
M24	189.5	Mooloolaba	04-JUN-89	B Denham
M37	370	Wide Cape Moreton	22-FEB-89	G Deanshaw
M60	220	Gold Coast	22-APR-12	P McCloy
W15	72	Gold Coast	27-MAR-16	Natalie Dufaux
W24	260	Mooloolaba	08-JUL-89	M McCormick
W37	175	Wide Cape Moreton	18-JUL-87	M Tsuji
W60	148	Gold Coast	18-APR-10	V James
JM24	200	Wide Cape Moreton	02-MAY-94	G Caporn
JM37	120	Wide Cape Moreton	01-MAY-88	B Alty
JM60	126.6	Gold Coast	12-APR-14	Jai Tooley

Marlin – striped (*Tetrapturus audax*)

M6	38.93	Cairns	08-JAN-73	C Caughlan
M8	170.5	Gold Coast	08-MAY-15	James Holt
M15	97.16	Gold Coast	21-JAN-79	P Bielz
M24	84	Wide Point Lookout	21-DEC-89	B Job
M37	93	Wide Cape Moreton	04-JUN-89	B Harris
M60	140.5	Wide Cape Moreton	05-JUL-87	B Siganto
W24	72.5	Wide Cape Moreton	04-JUN-89	G Denham
W37	91	Wide Cape Moreton	07-JUN-89	P Pedemont
JM24	98	Wide Cape Moreton	02-MAR-89	D Toms

Mulloway (jewfish) (*Argyrosomus hololepidotus*)

M4	15	Cape Moreton	05-APR-96	I Brookes
M6	16.05	Cape Moreton	30-DEC-98	B Brookes
M8	21.9	Jumpinpin Bar	06-DEC-98	J Hautala

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W6	16.4	Cape Moreton	05-APR-96	J Brookes
JM4	15	Cape Moreton	05-APR-96	I Brookes
JM6	11.8	Cape Moreton	05-APR-96	I Brookes

Queenfish (*Scomberoides spp.*)

M1	8.5	Whitsundays	10-FEB-85	T Draper
M2	9.8	Whitsundays	23-JUN-86	M Draper
M3	7.38	Innisfail	14-MAY-72	B Pedley
M4	14	Townsville	10-JUL-83	A Mead
M6	9.41	Cairns	28-NOV-70	J Nielson
M8	9.5	Freshwater Point	18-FEB-85	B Baldock
M10	9.5	Whitsundays	01-JAN-80	K Bottomly
M15	9.15	Cone Island	09-JUN-80	P Krane
M24 (Tie)	7.49	Townsville	19-JUL-50	P Goadby
M24 (Tie)	7.49		19-JUL-59	G Wilson
W1	4.3	Whitsundays	14-APR-85	T Draper
W3	7.3	Whitsundays	16-MAY-98	E Howson
W4	10.5	Whitsundays	07-JUN-87	C Draper
W6	8.2	Whitsundays	01-JUL-87	T Costello
JM2	8.5	Whitsundays	01-MAY-88	R Draper
JM4	9.45	Whitsundays	26-JUN-86	R Draper

Land-based saltwater

M6	13.6	Townsville	12-DEC-96	D Millgate
JM6	13.6	Townsville	12-DEC-96	D Millgate

Sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*)

M2	20	Cairns	27-SEP-82	J Erskine
M3	45.58	Hayman Island	03-JAN-75	T Russell
M6	67	Hutchinson Shoal	19-DEC-81	L McLean
M8	62.5	Whitsundays	17-NOV-90	J Hughes
M10	60	Cape Moreton	10-APR-85	C Vietheer
M15	83	Mooloolaba	11-OCT-92	J Ryan
M37	54	Cairns	06-DEC-75	D Schumann
M60	61.88	Lady Musgrave Island	29-DEC-38	N Beaver
W4	28	Whitsundays	12-OCT-85	C Draper
W6	50	Cape Moreton	26-APR-76	C Edwards
W8	59	Cape Moreton	22-MAR-84	L Fay
W10	57.5	Hook Island	04-DEC-81	B McLean
W15	58	Double Cones	12-AUG-85	C Draper
W24	78	Cairns	04-DEC-83	B Dowson
JM4	31.5	Lizard Island	04-JAN-87	J Caughlan
JM6	45	Lizard Island	09-JAN-87	J Caughlan
JM8	46.5	Mooloolaba	08-OCT-06	R Hall
JM10	36.5	Cape Moreton	24-APR-83	W Trass
JM15	29.75	Cairns	01-AUG-90	D Jorgenson

Saltwater fly

M6	15.6	Weipa	15-AUG-13	B Bright
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Salmon – threadfin (*Polynemus spp./Eleutheronema*)

M2	4.25	Mooloolah River	21-DEC-97	S Dingle
JM2	4.3	Whitsundays	01-DEC-96	L Howson



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Samson fish (<i>Seriola hippos</i>)				
M3	2.57	Mooloolaba	28-JAN-78	P Bielz
M6	13.15	Southport	04-SEP-77	N Howard
M10	25.88	Gold Coast	07-MAY-73	A Stone
M15	19.52	Cape Moreton	14-JUN-64	J Reid
M24	17.25	Bray Rock	20-JUL-51	C Hopgood
W8	12.7	Southport	15-OCT-77	J Howard

Shark – bull (*Carcharhinus leucas*)

Land-based saltwater

W37	42.5	Bribie Island	21-MAR-04	S Ruis
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Shark – grey reef (*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*)

Saltwater fly

W2	13.5	Townsville	25-OCT-89	J Blaxland
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Shark – hammerhead (*Sphyrna spp.*)

M1	8	Whitsundays	04-JAN-85	P Oates
M2	13.5	Pioneer Bay	21-FEB-83	M Draper
M3	11.75	Whitsundays	19-APR-09	Richard Draper
M6	70	Surfers Paradise	11-JAN-91	B Hoy
M8	34	Moreton Bay	29-DEC-91	M Reid
M15	129.73	Shark Spit	07-OCT-76	A McPherson
M24	178	Peel Island	02-MAR-86	G Smith
M37	144.05	Cairns	24-OCT-74	H Nordass
M60	165.71	Caloundra	14-APR-70	F Eager
W1	7.25	Whitsundays	04-DEC-81	T Draper
W2	17	Whitsundays	16-FEB-86	T Draper
W3	16.2	Whitsundays	19-APR-09	Abigail Worby
W6	26	Moreton Bay	10-MAR-91	O Fitzgibbon
W10	35	Hook Island	26-SEP-81	B McLean
JM1	8	Whitsundays	04-JAN-85	P Oates

Shark – mako (*Isurus spp.*)

M6	138.7	Jibbon Reef	15-OCT-78	P Caughlan
M10	26.33	Gold Coast	01-OCT-71	D White
M15	28.83	Gold Coast	18-SEP-71	J McCarthy
M37	66.74	Rous Channel	18-NOV-39	D Brennan

Shark – tiger (*Galeocerdo cuvier*)

M8	281	Gold Coast	18-FEB-90	R Thornton
M10	380	Gold Coast	05-MAR-90	B Jones
M15	400	Gold Coast	04-DEC-88	G Fiechtner
M24	461.76	Cape Moreton	12-JUN-57	B Dyer
M37	510.75	Cape Moreton	01-AUG-53	B Dyer
M60	645.01	Cape Moreton	20-JUL-58	J Robinson
W2	7.7	Whitsundays	11-APR-87	T Hallam
W15	225	Gold Coast	06-MAY-90	J Keeling
W24	385	Jumpinpin	14-OCT-95	J Cooper
W60	596.02	Cape Moreton	27-JUL-53	D Dyer
JM15	260	Cape Moreton	26-JAN-91	J Keeling
JM24	221	Cape Moreton	09-JUN-85	T Stoddart

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Shark – whaler (<i>Carcharhinus spp.</i>)				

M1	5.8	Whitsundays	25-FEB-90	R Draper
M2	14.65	Townsville	06-FEB-83	G Pope
M3	45.5	Moreton Bay	29-MAR-03	G MacDonald
M6	23	Moreton Bay	24-MAR-85	C Johnson
M8	50.95	Flinders Reef	16-MAR-83	G Lax
M10	71.73	Peel Island	07-JAN-61	B Murphy
M15	217	Tweed Heads	12-APR-89	R Thornton
M24	334.3	Cape Moreton	17-JUL-54	J Wallis Jnr
M37	292.38	Yellow Patch	22-JUL-55	H Fulham
M60	255.08	Yellow Patch	28-JUN-58	G Roddy
W2	8.9	Whitsundays	25-FEB-90	P Hallam
W6	10.5	Moreton Bay	17-JUN-89	J Gay
W8	21.5	Moreton Bay	17-JUN-89	P Blake
W10	24.4	Cairns	04-DEC-04	B Leptig
W15	126.21	Boat Rock	26-DEC-60	D Dyer
JM1	5.8	Whitsundays	25-FEB-90	R Draper
JM2	5.35	Whitsundays	10-JUN-91	G Draper
JM4	5.5	Moreton Bay	17-JUN-89	C Kirkby
JM6	23	Moreton Bay	24-MAR-85	C Johnson
JM8	11	Moreton Bay	17-JUN-89	K Johnson
JM10	14.4	Moreton Bay	17-JUN-89	C Kirkby

Land-based saltwater

M15	49.2	Bundaberg	13-AUG-97	S Goleby
W1	3.95	Brisbane River	01-JAN-97	K Bain
W2	4.61	Brisbane River	05-JAN-97	K Bain

Shark – white (*Carcharodon carcharias*)

Records closed

M3	11.58	Cape Moreton	29-APR-73	G Gertenbach
M10	484.44	Moreton Bay	18-JUN-57	B Dyer
M15	477.63	Cape Moreton	15-JUN-57	B Dyer
M24	850.94	Cape Moreton	06-AUG-55	B Dyer
M37	815	Moreton Bay	06-SEP-81	A Prince
M60	1063.5	Cape Moreton	18-JUN-58	B Dyer
W10	167.37	Moreton Bay	06-JUL-57	D Dyer
W15	364.23	Cape Moreton	05-JUL-57	D Dyer
W24	363.33	Cape Moreton	11-JUN-57	D Dyer
W37	413.68	Cape Moreton	29-AUG-54	D Dyer
W60	477.18	Cape Moreton	27-JUN-54	D Dyer

Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*)

M2	4.1	Gold Coast	14-SEP-95	T Needham
M3	5.36	Cape Moreton	15-SEP-96	I Brookes
M6	8.6	Cape Moreton	06-JUN-96	B Brookes
W4	4	Hutchinson Shoal	29-JUL-89	O Mack
W6	7.4	Cape Moreton	16-MAR-96	J Brookes
JM3	5.36	Cape Moreton	15-SEP-96	I Brookes
JM4	6.8	Cape Moreton	15-APR-96	I Brookes

Spangled emperor (*Lethrinus nebulosus*)

M6	6.25	Mooloolaba	27-FEB-97	AP Bain
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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Trevally – giant (<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>)				
M1	1.15	Whitsundays	11-JUL-08	B Spees
M2	2.6	Cape Moreton	04-DEC-80	G Edwards
M4	13.8	Russell Heads	11-JUL-86	E Fisher
M6	27.85	Trunk Reef - Lucinda	06-SEP-11	W Medill
M8	23.25	Hutchinson Shoal	12-APR-84	M Duff
M10	24.72	Cape Moreton	20-SEP-75	L Munro
M15	29	Mission Beach	13-AUG-90	G Davey
M24	31.75	Point Lookout	20-JUL-63	D Shepherdson
M37	51.6	Hutchinson Shoal	20-NOV-09	N Russell
M60	22.7	Flinders Reef	12-MAY-57	J Bergin
W6	14.5	Lizard Island	13-DEC-76	P Hallam
W8	16	Townsville	27-OCT-89	J Blaxland
W10	13.2	Cairns	02-DEC-06	K Pelling
W15	19.5	Kepple Bay	26-NOV-55	S Nathan
JM2	2.15	Whitsundays	17-AUG-08	O Jensen
JM4	13.8	Russell Heads	11-JUL-86	E Fisher
JM6	23	Whitsundays	29-SEP-86	W Nagan
JM8	13.8	Mackay	07-JAN-16	Ryan Meads
JM10	16.1	Eddy Reef	01-OCT-00	D Sabadina
JM15	18.35	Whitsundays	01-OCT-86	W Nagan
SFM8	13.8	Mackay	07-JAN-16	Ryan Meads
SFM10	29.55	Cairns	13-AUG-13	J Edwards

Trevally – gold spot (<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>)				
M3	8.17	Cairns	24-APR-72	R Oliver
W2	7	Dunk Island	28-OCT-89	J Blaxland
W4	10.1	Cape Moreton	15-JUN-89	S Piva

Trevally – golden (<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>)				
W2	6.39	Cape Bowling Green	06-JUN-99	K O'Brien
Saltwater fly				
M1	6.3	Whitsundays	12-JUL-08	A O'Dea

Tuna – bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)				
M6	6.7	Cairns	20-APR-85	D Fisher
W6	16.25	Cape Moreton	29-DEC-89	M Webb
JM6	6.7	Cairns	20-APR-85	D Fisher

Tuna – dogtooth (<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>)				
M3	3.18	Bougainville	23-DEC-73	L Sarchet
M4	17.5	Townsville	30-NOV-86	P O'Brien
M6	36.5	Myrmidon Reef	05-NOV-83	P O'Brien
M10	36	Myrmidon Reef	19-OCT-76	R Kent
M15	64.49	Lizard Island	29-AUG-75	J Johnston
M24	81	Flinders Reef	25-NOV-98	D Stanbury
M37	55.45	Cairns	10-OCT-74	B Hinchin
M60	69.62	Cooktown	25-SEP-75	W Chapman
W2	5.9	Cairns	30-JAN-82	J Hooper
W8	8.1	Cairns	28-JAN-82	J Hooper
W10	22	Townsville	30-NOV-86	V O'Brien
W15	40	Myrmidon Reef	16-OCT-83	A Dalling

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W24	43.2	Cairns	05-OCT-74	E Inscho
W37	47.4	Cairns	11-SEP-74	G Applegate
JM6	18.5	Townsville	30-NOV-86	L O'Brien

Tuna – kawa kawa (<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>)				
M1	1	Hutchinson Shoal	01-MAY-82	W Osborne
M2	7.5	Townsville	09-MAY-98	S Owens
M3	8.17	Gold Coast	16-JUN-74	B Ryan
M4	8.82	Bribie Island	25-NOV-90	M Ripper
M6	9.6	Point Lookout	02-DEC-78	G Edwards
M10 (Tie)	9.54	Western Reef	05-MAY-69	D MacLurkin
M10 (Tie)	9.54	Flinders Reef	23-MAR-75	J Reid
M15	8.63	Cape Moreton	12-JUL-57	J French
M24	11.35	Flinders Reef	12-JUL-57	J Bergin
M37	11.8	Point Lookout	01-JAN-37	L Lawler
W1	4.28	Fraser Island	16-DEC-97	K Bain
W2	5.8	Lindman Island	26-SEP-80	P Hallam
W3	7.71	Cairns	31-OCT-77	J Hooper
W4	9.3	Bribie Island	04-MAY-87	K Maguire
W6	7	Beaver Cay	26-AUG-82	J Gay
W8	8.5	Hutchinson Shoal	21-JUN-03	M Haylock
JM2	3.4	Townsville	19-SEP-89	D Savis
JM4	6.43	Pioneer Rocks	18-JAN-83	P Gates
JM6	7.7	Gold Coast	03-MAY-92	S Thornton
JF8	8.5	Hutchinson Shoal	23-SEP-05	A Mack

Tuna – longtail (<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>)				
M2	6.15	Mooloolaba	08-APR-83	G Edwards
M3	16.8	Tangalooma	30-MAR-74	C Russell
M4	23.5	Western Rocks	26-JUL-87	J Maguire
M6	22.25	Tangalooma	01-JAN-74	J Johnston
M8	26	Moreton Bay	23-JUL-01	G MacDonald
M10	23.5	Tangalooma	20-MAR-76	P Bielz
M15	21.34	Moreton Island	20-MAY-70	T Russell
M24	19.52	Western Rocks	22-JUN-68	K McKenzie
M37	14.51	Moreton Bay	04-FEB-76	M Hobler
W2	4.5	Hayman Island	16-NOV-83	J Dalling
W4	21.25	Western Rocks	27-JUL-88	K Maguire
W6	19.4	Western Rocks	03-JUN-89	K Maguire
W8	25.6	Cape Moreton	03-MAY-92	O Mack
W10	22	Moreton Bay	15-MAY-92	K Maguire
JM2	7	Hayman Island	15-NOV-97	L Howson
JM4	10	Whitsundays	28-SEP-86	K Hallam
JM6	22.5	Moreton Bay	10-MAR-91	L Wregg
JM8	22.55	Bribie Island	17-MAY-03	C Haylock
JM10	20	Moreton Bay	21-JUN-88	P Lumsden

Saltwater fly				
M4	9.5	Mooloolaba	28-MAY-97	G Platz

Tuna – skipjack (<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)				
M2	3.8	Cape Moreton	20-APR-81	G Edwards
M3	5	Cape Moreton	23-FEB-80	P Hodges



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M6	6.4	Cape Moreton	31-MAY-87	W Trass
M8	11.5	Cape Moreton	14-JUL-85	W Schwantes
W4	4	Cape Moreton	04-APR-97	K Bain
JM6	6.4	Cape Moreton	31-MAY-87	W Trass

Tuna – yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*)

M3	4.54	Bougainville	26-AUG-73	D Woodford
M4	25	Mooloolaba	22-JAN-97	R Whiteside
M6	30.87	Southport	12-SEP-71	P Bensted
M8	69	Mooloolaba	13-MAY-99	D Olsen
M10	33.7	Wide Cape Moreton	19-SEP-14	J McKinnon
M15	32.4	Wide Cape Moreton	19-SEP-14	D Rosa
M24	66.5	Wide Cape Moreton	30-JUL-89	B Neilsen
M37	85	Gold Coast	14-SEP-14	J Ebbett
M60	60.4	Wide Gold Coast	20-SEP-14	G McCloy
W2	2.8	Townsville	05-OCT-88	J Blaxland
W3	11.8	Cape Moreton	28-MAR-81	J Gay
W4	11.8	Cape Moreton	28-MAR-81	J Gay
W6	12.95	Cape Moreton	19-JAN-96	T Brookes
W10	16.9	Oyster Reef, Cairns	28-SEP-14	S Poulter
W15	26.5	Wide Cape Moreton	11-SEP-88	D Earle
W24	63	Cape Moreton	28-JUN-86	M Tsuji
JM6	17	Cape Moreton	22-SEP-88	M Bourke
JM8	17	Cape Moreton	07-JAN-97	S Coulter
JM15	27	Wide Cape Moreton	13-OCT-90	C Black
JF10	15.6	Fitzroy Island	22-AUG-14	Z Reinhardt

Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*)

M3	16.1	Cairns	18-SEP-76	B Oliver
M4	11.5	Point Lookout	28-FEB-88	C Kirkby
M6	24	Cairns	24-JAN-81	R Wood
M8	28.2	Cape Moreton	04-OCT-14	B Skinner
M10	25.88	Gold Coast	22-JUN-74	A Cockerell
M15	35.71	Cape Moreton	15-JAN-74	G Edwards
M24	39	Cairns	11-AUG-79	J Dowson
W4	4.95	Jenny Louise	16-JAN-16	Sharon Poulter
W6	34.5	Mission Beach	14-OCT-90	H Andrews
W8	28.5	Hutchinson Shoal	12-AUG-01	R Walker
W10	27.8	Cairns	06-DEC-08	Sherie King
JM4	11.5	Point Lookout	28-FEB-88	C Kirkby
JM6	16	Cape Moreton	01-APR-89	D Toms
JM24	40.15	Townsville	30-NOV-08	Zac Ryan
JF8	24	Hutchinson Shoal	27-JAN-07	H Longhurst
SFM8	20.2	Mooloolaba	26-APR-14	M Proctor

Yellowtail kingfish (*Seriola lalandi*)

M1	2.3	Hutchinson Shoal	28-NOV-81	W Osborne
M2	7.5	Noosa	02-JUL-82	K Simmons
M3	9.08	Mooloolaba	24-AUG-72	R Dyer
M4	15.4	Cape Moreton	26-JAN-78	M Ramsay
M8	8.47	Cape Moreton	31-JAN-04	M Mack
M10	15.9	Noosa	02-JUL-82	K Simmons



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M15	15.89	Coolangatta	22-AUG-70	D Shepherdson
M24	17.25	Flat Rock	19-SEP-58	J Bergin
M37	15.44	Flinders Reef	14-MAR-54	R Goss
W4	8.2	Bribie Island	29-SEP-90	K Maguire
W8	11	Cape Moreton	23-JAN-05	K Williams

Freshwater Records

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
Australian bass (<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>)				
M1	2	Somerset Dam	24-JAN-98	G MacDonald

Barramundi (*Lates calcarifer*)

M1	8.85	Townsville	02-JUN-82	B Glandville
W6	13.6	Innisfail	30-APR-92	J Mondora

Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)

W1	3.49	Albert River	03-OCT-93	L Bain
JF1	2.05	Albert River	03-OCT-93	K Bain
JF2	2.05	Albert River	06-NOV-93	K Bain

Golden perch (*Plectroplites ambiguus*)

M1	2.3	North Pine River	19-SEP-99	K Hughes
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JAN 6-8

Tournament of Champions

Location: Bribie Island, QLD
Host: Bribie Island GFC
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JAN 6-14

33rd Golden Lure

Location: Port Macquarie, NSW
Host: Port Macquarie GFC
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JAN 7

Shark Competition

Location: St Helens, TAS
Host: St Helens Game Fishing Club
Contact: Angela Matthews
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JAN 7, 8

Bluwater Classic

Location: Central Coast, NSW
Host: Central Coast GFC
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Email: president@ccgfc.com.au

JAN 8

Shimano Children's Charity Fishing Comp

Location: Kiama, NSW
Host: Kiama GFC
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JAN 19-22

Gold Coast Light Tackle Masters

Location: Gold Coast, QLD
Host: Gold Coast GFC
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Web: www.gcgfc.com.au

JAN 20-22

Tollgate Island Classic Tournament

Location: Batemans Bay, NSW
Host: Batemans Bay GFC
Contact: Adam Meyn
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JAN 21

Australia Day Shark & Gamefish Challenge

Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS
Host: Tuna Club of Tasmania
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Web: www.tunacluboftasmania.org.au

JAN 21-22

Botany Bay Bill Heyward Tournament

Location: Botany Bay, NSW
Host: Botany Bay GFC
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JAN 27-29

Bermagui Bluewater Classic

Location: Bermagui, NSW
Host: Bermagui BGAC
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JAN 27-29

Australia Day Billfish Challenge

Location: Moreton Bay, QLD
Host: Redcliffe Peninsula G&SC
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JAN 28-29

Bigfish Bonanza

Location: Lake Macquarie, NSW
Host: Lake Macquarie GFC
Contact: Toni Russell
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FEB 10-11

35th All Victorian Game Fishing Tournament

Location: Port Welshpool, VIC
Host: South Gippsland Game Fishing Club
Contact: Craig Edmonds
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Web: www.sgfgc.com.au

FEB 11

Mooloolaba Billfish Babes – One Day Tournament

Location: Mooloolaba, QLD
Host: Mooloolaba GFC
Contact: Josh Cox
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Web: www.mgfc.com.au

FEB 11-12

Shellharbour Game Fishing Tournament

Location: Shellharbour, NSW
Host: Shellharbour GFC
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FEB 17-19

Garmin Shootout Tournament

Location: Nelson Bay, NSW
Host: Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
Contact: Peter Simpson
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FEB 17-19

Little Ship Game Fish Classic & Interclub Shield

Location: Amity Point, QLD
Host: Little Ship GFC
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FEB 18

Tasmanian Light Line Shoot Out

Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS
Host: Tuna Club of Tasmania
Contact: Robin Banks
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Web: www.tunacluboftasmania.org.au

FEB 19-20

BlueWater Tackle Marlin Cup

Location: Rottneest Island, WA
Host: Perth Game Fishing Club
Contact: Shane Anderson
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Web: www.pgfc.com.au

FEB 23-27

NSWGA Interclub Tournament

Location: Nelson Bay, NSW
Host: NSWGA
Contact: Nigel Rushworth
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Web: secretary@nswgfa.com.au

FEB 25-26

Airmoth Ladies Classic

Location: Nhulunby, NT
Host: Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club
Email: fishingclubgove@gmail.com

FEB 25-26

Victorian Gamefish Classic

Location: Hastings, VIC
Host: Victorian GFC
Contact: Rod Johnston
Tel: 0409 561 530
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Web: www.vgfc.com.au

MAR 3-5

Back 2 Tanga 9

Location: Tangalooma, QLD
Host: Moreton Bay GFC
Contact: Noel Webb
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Web: www.mbgfc.com.au

MAR 4-6

Bailey's Marine Fuels Blue Marlin Classic

Location: Fremantle, WA
Host: Fremantle Sailing Club
Contact: Graeme Allen
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Email: graeme@billabongpools.com
Web: www.fsc.com.au

MAR 11-12

East Coast Classic

Location: Newcastle, NSW
Host: Newcastle Game Fishing Club
Contact: Scott Morris
Tel: 0412 127 400
Email: secretary@ngfc.com.au

MAR 11-12

St Helens Game Fishing Classic

Location: St Helens, TAS
Host: St Helens Game Fishing Club
Contact: Angela Matthews
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MAR 12-15

Australian International Billfish Tournament (A.I.B.T.)

Location: Exmouth, WA
Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club
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MAR 17-25

GameX

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MAR 18-24

Halco Abrolhos Islands Game Fishing Tournament
Location: Abrolhos Islands, WA
Host: Geraldton & Dist. Offshore Fishing Club
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MAR 18-19

Simrad Broken Bay Invitational Tournament
Location: Broken Bay, NSW
Host: Broken Bay GFC
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MAR 18-20

Eden S&GFC Open Tournament
Location: Eden, NSW
Host: Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club
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MAR 23-26

Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Classic
Location: Sunshine Coast, QLD
Host: Sunshine Coast GFC
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Web: www.scgfc.com.au

MAR 24-26

43rd Shoalhaven Open
Location: Shoalhaven, NSW
Host: Shoalhaven GFC
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MAR 25-26

Coles Bay Classic
Location: Coles Bay, TAS
Host: Southern Gamefish Club
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APRIL 1, 2

Kiama Leagues Club Blowhole Bigfish Classic 2017
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Host: Kiama GFC
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APRIL 1-16

Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Tournament
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Host: Lord Howe Island GFC
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APRIL 1-4

Shimano WA Open
Location: Jurien Bay, WA
Host: Perth Game Fishing Club
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APRIL 8, 9

Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament
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Host: Sydney GFC
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APRIL 15

Tamar Marine Easter Tournament
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MID-APRIL

Gold Coast Heavy Tackle Classic
Location: Gold Coast, QLD
Host: Gold Coast GFC
Contact: Alisa Schofield
Tel: 0402 848 562
Email: alisa.schofield@bigpond.com
Web: www.gcgfc.com.au

APRIL 22-23

Mooloolaba Billfish Bonanza
Location: Mooloolaba, QLD
Host: Mooloolaba GFC
Contact: Josh Cox
Tel: 0403 431 480
Email: joshua.cox000@bigpond.com
Web: www.mgfc.com.au

APRIL 23-24

10th Tom Jenkins Memorial Bluefin Tuna Contest
Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS
Host: Tuna Club of Tasmania
Contact: Robin Banks Tel: 0419 871 195
Email: info@tunacluboftasmania.org.au
Web: www.tunacluboftasmania.org.au

LATE APRIL

Blue Water Classic
Location: Bribie Island, QLD
Host: Bribie Island GFC
Contact: Barry Meredith
Tel: 0402 423 681
Email: bazz_meredith@yahoo.com
Web: www.bigfc.com.au

MAY 6, 7

Shimano Port Hacking 100
Location: Port Hacking, NSW
Host: Port Hacking GFC
Contact: Bruce Rayment
Tel: 0438 221 028
Email: brayment@hvg.net.au

MAY 6-12

Barra Classic
Location: Daly River, NT
Host: Darwin Game Fishing Club
Email: info@darwingamefishingclub.com.au

MAY 6-13

36th Annual Tuna & Sportfish Tournament
Location: Pt MacDonnell, SA
Host: Pt MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club
Contact: Glenn Sparks Tel: 0419 866 670
Email: gsparks@internode.on.net
Web: www.pmoac.com

MAY 12-14

Masters Tournament
Location: Exmouth, WA
Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club
Contact: Dennis Bryan-Smith
Tel: 0427 527 369
Email: dbryan-s@bigpond.net.au
Web: www.egfc.com.au

MID-MAY

Hinchinbrook Catch-and-Release
Location: Hinchinbrook, QLD
Host: Ingham Rod & Reel Club
Contact: Christine Bird
Tel: 0457 502 938
Email: christine.bird@jcu.edu.au

MAY 20-22

Canberra GFC Yellowfin Tuna Tournament
Location: Bermagui, NSW
Host: Canberra GFC
Contact: Mario Imbriano
Tel: 0421 049 191
Email: mimbriano@bigpond.com

JUNE 7-9

25th Merimbula Broadbill Tournament & 5th Southern Bluefin Tuna Tournament – 1st Weekend
Location: Merimbula, NSW
Host: Merimbula BG&LAC
Contact: Robert Wood Tel: 0413 333 598
Email: snappytrumps@bigpond.com

JUNE 10

Winter Wind-up
Location: St Helens, TAS
Host: Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania
Contact: Jason Ivory
Tel: 0409 262 406
Email: gamefish.north@gmail.com

JUNE 10-12

36th Merimbula Open Yellowfin Tuna Tournament
Location: Merimbula, NSW
Host: Merimbula BG&LAC
Contact: Robert Wood
Tel: 0413 333 598
Email: snappytrumps@bigpond.com

JUNE 11-13

South West Alliance Game Fishing Challenge
Location: Warrambool, VIC
Host: Warrambool Offshore & Light GFC
Contact: Ashley Dance Tel: 0418 513 943
Email: ashley@danceconstructions.com.au
www.facebook.com/SWAGC2014

JUNE 14-16

25th Merimbula Broadbill Tournament & 5th Southern Bluefin Tuna Tournament – 2nd Weekend
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Host: Merimbula BG&LAC
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 Host: St Helens Game Fishing Club
 Location: St Helens, TAS
 Contact: Angela Matthews
 Tel: 0407 046 571
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MID-AUGUST

Light Tackle Slam
 Location: Half Moon Bay, QLD
 Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC
 Contact: Stuart Vella
 Tel: (07) 4055 7711
 Email: stuart@ykbc.com.au
 Web: www.ykbc.com.au

AUG 15-19

Townsville Billfish Challenge
 Location: Townsville, QLD
 Host: Townsville GFC
 Contact: Renee McKenzie
 Tel: 0429 043 660
 Email: tgfcinfo@gmail.com
 Web: www.townsvillegamefishclub.com

AUG 18-21

Dampier Classic
 Location: Dampier, WA
 Host: King Bay Game Fishing Club
 Contact: Kathy Wilkinson
 Tel: 0422 230 680
 Email: kingbgfc@gmail.com
 Web: www.kbgfc.com

AUG 19-21

Ultralight Tournament
 Location: Exmouth, WA
 Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club
 Contact: Dennis Bryan-Smith
 Tel: 0427 527 369
 Email: dbryan-s@bigpond.net.au
 Web: www.egfc.com.au

AUG 23-27

Light Tackle Billfish Tournament
 Location: Fitzroy Island, QLD
 Host: Cairns Bluewater GFC
 Contact:Carolynn Martin
 Tel: 0419 742 250
 Email: caz@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au
 Web: www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au

MID-SEP

Innisfail Billfish Tournament
 Location: Innisfail, QLD
 Host: Innisfail GFC
 Contact: Christine McBride
 Tel: 0439 717 424
 Email: contact@igfc.com.au
 Web: www.igfc.com.au

SEP 29 – OCT 1

Australian Junior Billfish Tournament
 Location: Exmouth, WA
 Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club
 Contact: Dennis Bryan-Smith
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 Email: dbryan-s@bigpond.net.au
 Web: www.egfc.com.au

OCT 1-3

Dunk Island Classic
 Location: Dunk Island, QLD
 Host: Mission Beach GFC
 Contact: Pam McLaughlin
 Tel: 0400 324 592
 Email: mbgfc@live.com.au

EARLY OCT

Sunny Coast Spring Shootout
 Location: Sunshine Coast, QLD
 Host: Sunshine Coast GFC
 Contact: Alanna Tuckwell
 Tel: 0455 559 997
 Email: secretary@scgfc.com.au
 Web: www.scgfc.com.au

EARLY OCT

Weipa Billfish Tournament
 Location: Weipa, QLD
 Host: Weipa Billfish Club
 Contact: Andrea Kennedy
 Tel: 0427 577 630
 Email: andrea.gavin@bigpond.com

OCTOBER

John Jones Memorial Billfish Challenge
 Location: Nhulunbuy, NT
 Host: Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club
 Email: fishingclubgove@gmail.com

OCTOBER

Billfish Classic
 Location: Darwin, NT
 Host: Darwin Game Fishing Club
 Email: info@darwingamefishingclub.com.au

MID-OCT

Gold Coast Spring Shootout
 Location: Gold Coast, QLD
 Host: Gold Coast GFC
 Contact: Alisa Schofield
 Tel: 0402 848 562
 Email: alisa.schofield@bigpond.com
 Web: www.gcgfc.com.au

MID-OCT

Makaira Bullfight Slam
 Location: Half Moon Bay, QLD
 Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC
 Contact: Stuart Vella
 Tel: (07) 4055 7711
 Email: stuart@ykbc.com.au
 Web: www.ykbc.com.au

OCT 19-22

Billfish Bonanza
 Location: Exmouth, WA
 Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club
 Contact: Dennis Bryan-Smith
 Tel: 0427 527 369
 Email: dbryan-s@bigpond.net.au
 Web: www.egfc.com.au

OCT 21-28

31st Black Marlin Classic
 Location: Lizard Island, QLD
 Host: Lizard Island GFC
 Contact: Bob Lowe
 Tel: 0428 440 842
 Email: boblowe@lizardislandgfc.asn.au
 Web: www.lizardislandgfc.asn.au

LATE OCT

8kg Game Fish Tournament
 Location: Airlie Beach, QLD
 Host: Whitsunday GFC
 Contact: Jamie Lovenbury
 Tel: 0428 834 872
 Email: whitsundaygamefishclub@gmail.com
 Web: www.wgfc.com.au

NOV 17

Gove Game Classic
 Location: Nhulunbuy, NT
 Host: Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club
 Email: fishingclubgove@gmail.com

MID-NOV

Hervey Bay Classic
 Location: Hervey Bay, QLD
 Host: Hervey Bay BCGFC
 Contact: David Postan
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 Email: kilohana1@bigpond.net.au
 Web: www.hbgfc.org.au

MID-NOV

Wahi Wahi Tournament
 Location: Half Moon Bay, QLD
 Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC
 Contact: Stuart Vella
 Tel: (07) 4055 7711
 Email: syuart@ykbc.com.au
 Web: www.ykbc.com.au

MID-NOV

Port Douglas Marlin Challenge
 Location: Port Douglas, QLD
 Host: Port Douglas Fishing Club
 Contact: Jennie Sorensen
 Tel: 0417 716 835
 Email: jjs@ozemail.com.au
www.portdouglasmarlinchallenge.com.au

MID-NOV

Redcliffe All Tackle Tournament
 Location: Moreton Bay, QLD
 Host: Redcliffe Peninsula G&SC
 Contact: Greg Evans
 Tel: 0407 010 957
 Email: gregevens1@bigpond.com
 Web: www.rpgsc.com.au

LATE NOV

Mooloolaba Billfish Bash
 Location: Mooloolaba, QLD
 Host: Mooloolaba GFC
 Contact: Nathan Douglass
 Tel: 0448 121 500
 Email: nathandouglass@hotmail.com
 Web: www.mfgc.com.au

24-26 NOV

Whitesands Tournament
 Location: Jervis Bay
 Host: Jervis Bay GFC
 Contact: Anthony Raco
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EARLY DEC

Junior Tournament
 Location: Bribie Island, QLD
 Host: Bribie Island GFC
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EARLY DEC

Ribbons Ladies Game Fishing
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 Host: Ribbons Ladies GFC
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Heavy Tackle Tournament
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