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# The booming swordfish era

What a wonderful time to be involved in Australian gamefishing! Catches of swordfish have rocketed from an obscure dream to a regular occurrence over the past few years. This has come about due to the pioneering efforts of anglers in Tasmania and Victoria, coupled with the recent development of a staggeringly successful technique known as daytime deep-dropping.

The use of gel-spun braid 'superline' has been integral to the success of this technique due to its ability to cut through deep water and current to maintain a direct connection with the angler even though the bait is set around 500m down.

The GFAA's integration of the International Game Fish Association's 2017 rule update regarding the use of backing has now made the use of braid mainlines with a mono topshot easier than ever. This is a major win for the proliferation of Australia's booming swordfish fishery in all States except NSW, which has not yet adjusted its backing rules to match your national Association.

At *BlueWater* magazine we have taken great pride in the development of the daytime deep-dropping technique, giving it extensive coverage and running numerous how-to articles



throughout the year. And there will be many more in the year ahead. If you would like to learn the secrets of this technique, please see the list of *BlueWater* back-issues available on pages 36-37.

The phenomenal success of the deep-dropping swordfish technique has seen new hotspots discovered and national records escalating on a regular basis. However, perhaps surprisingly for a sport with such an ingrained tag-and-release ethic, many swordfish were taken home for food, raising concern that this might deplete local hotspots and remove the large breeders from the

system. So to encourage more tag and release of swords, *BlueWater* magazine will award a magnificent Bodo Muche bronze swordfish sculpture for the boat tagging the most swordfish this season. You'll find the details in the *BlueWater* issues ahead.



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The past year has seen Australian gamefishing take significant steps forward, and there is more to come in the year ahead.

It has been an historical year for your Association, with 2017 marking the 80th anniversary of the GFAA's formation on 23 October 1937.

The GFAA's 2018 Australian International Billfish Tournament is again being hosted by the Exmouth Game Fishing Club, which is situated in one of the best gamefishing locations in Australia. The event will be held 12 to 16 March, so please try to attend as this is your tournament.

Last year's Annual General Meeting was held on the Queensland Gold Coast at the Ramada Resort at Hope Island. It was a wonderful celebration of the year's gamefishing, with four GFAA Past Presidents in attendance: Patrick Gay AM (1976-77), Bob Lowe (1994-95), Grahame A Williams OAM (1997-2012) and Brett Cleary (2013-15) who is also a current IGFA Trustee. It is great to have the ongoing support of these highly respected past executive members. Thank you for your input, gentlemen. The presentation night was strongly supported by our juniors and their families, with many flying in from all over Australia. All the juniors participating in our annual Junior Tournament, trophy winners or not, are to be congratulated as they are all a credit to the GFAA, their clubs and their families.

Your Association spends much of its members' affiliation fees on valuable scientific studies. This year we provided funding for a number of projects, including Sam Williams' ongoing black marlin study, Dr Sean Tracey's continuing study of broadbill swordfish, and Danielle Ghosn's three-year commitment to the NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring Program. This program supports sustainability and quality recreational fishing opportunities for gamefish species. We also have Dr Julian Pepperell undertaking several projects as our scientific advisor.

The GFAA also funded a study undertaken by the GFAA Research and Development Foundation reviewing an economical electronic tag to be used for marlin research in the future. As a GFAA member you should feel proud and be congratulated for your contribution to these very significant scientific gamefish research projects being conducted all over Australia.

Unfortunately, we are still in limbo with the Commonwealth Marine Reserves draft plan, put forward by the Coalition Government. Although we are not in favour of being locked out of any of our Australian fishing grounds, the proposal appears to be the most accepted plan for those who actually use the Coral Sea, and has been widely accepted as the best zone plan to date.

In late 2017 it was very disappointing to see the negative comments and press releases from the Labor Party and the Greens even before it was put before Parliament, which was postponed until 2018. Please contact your local State and Federal members to voice concern that this plan could be rejected despite there being no scientific evidence against recreational use of the Coral Sea.

Thank you to my Executive team for their service over the past year. We are achieving great milestones for our anglers throughout Australia.

Please visit the GFAA webpage [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) for up to date news, and 'Like' us on Facebook as well.

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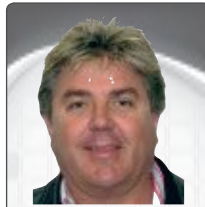
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As such, the GFAA is affiliated with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and plays an active part in the leadership of the sport of gamefishing on a world level.

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.

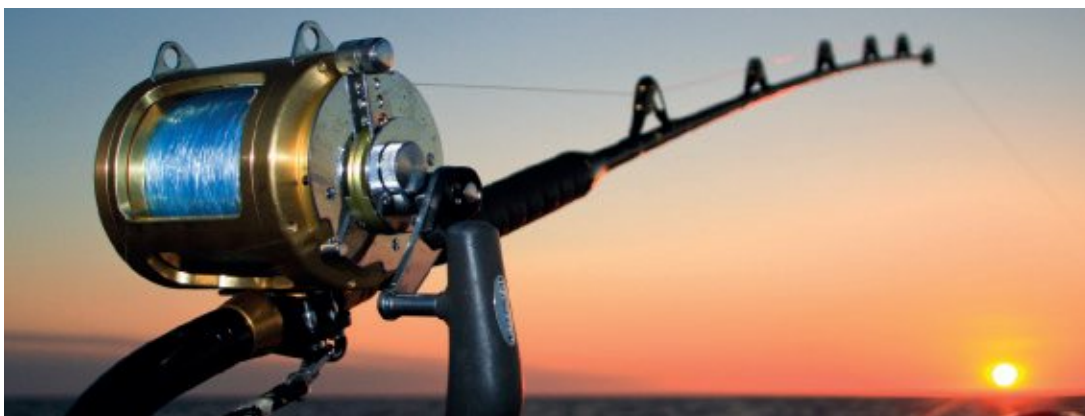
The association's interests in science and conservation are clearcut and the association is regarded, rightly, as a world leader. The gamefish tag & release programs and tournament minimum weights are just two examples of leadership in ethical fishing and conservation.

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.

For the location of your nearest GFAA-affiliated club, consult the full GFAA club listing in this annual or visit [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) or email [secretary@gfaa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@gfaa.asn.au)





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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.
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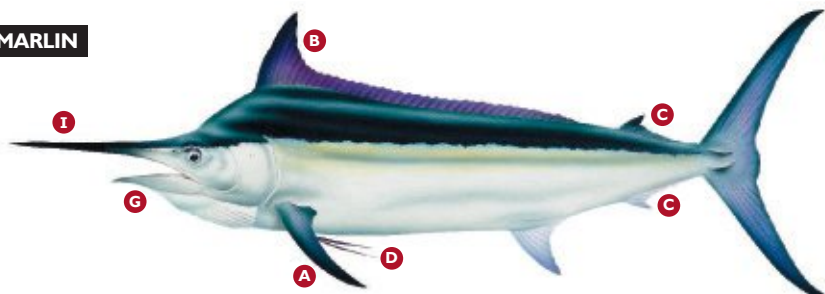
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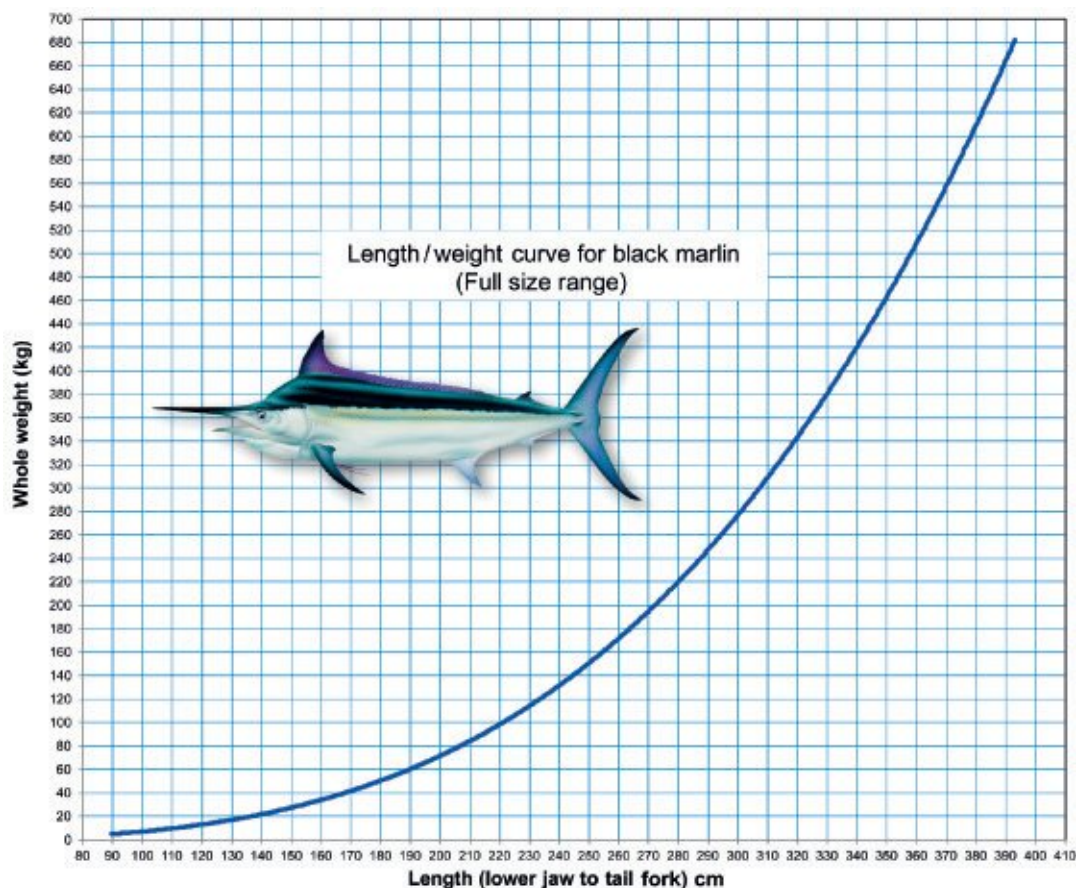
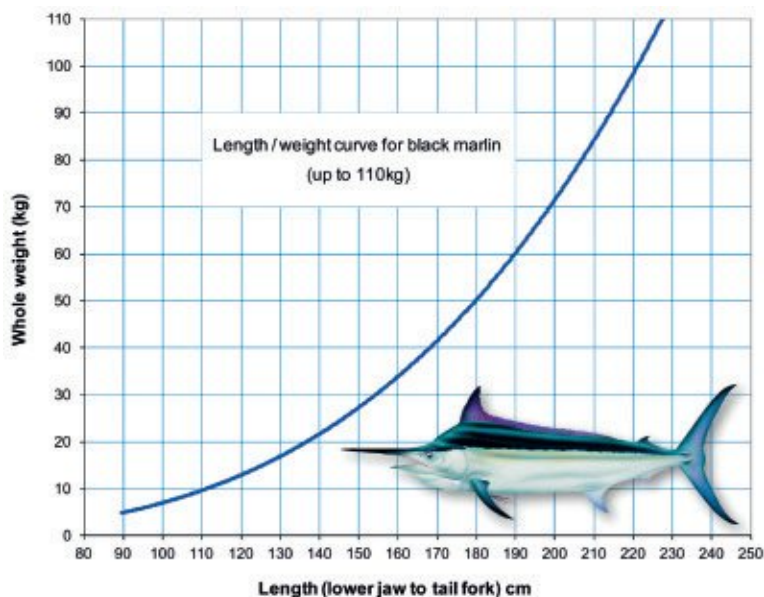
FEATURE	BLACK MARLIN	BLUE MARLIN	STRIPED MARLIN
<b>A Pectoral fins</b>	Rigid. Cannot be folded along body (for fish over about 20kg). Curved like half sickle, aerofoil cross-section.	Can be folded along body. Strap-like, flat cross-section.	Can be folded along body. Strap-like, often 'leaf' shaped. Flat cross-section.
<b>B First dorsal fin (when fully erect)</b>	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
<b>C Second dorsal &amp; second anal fins</b>	Second dorsal fin <b>anterior</b> to (in front of) second anal fin (measure as shown in accompanying figure).	Second dorsal fin <b>posterior</b> to (behind) second anal fin.	Second dorsal fin <b>posterior</b> to (behind) second anal fin.
<b>D Pelvic, or ventral fins</b>	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.
<b>E Lateral line</b>	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.
<b>F Scales</b>	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.
<b>G Lower jaw</b>	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.
<b>H Length ratios</b>	% 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.
<b>I Bill</b>	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.
<b>J Body shape</b>	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).
<b>K Maximum size</b>	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.
<b>L Flesh colour</b>	Pinkish white/grey.	Pinkish white/grey.	Mostly a distinct orange colour (resembling smoked salmon).
<b>M Colour/vertical bars</b>	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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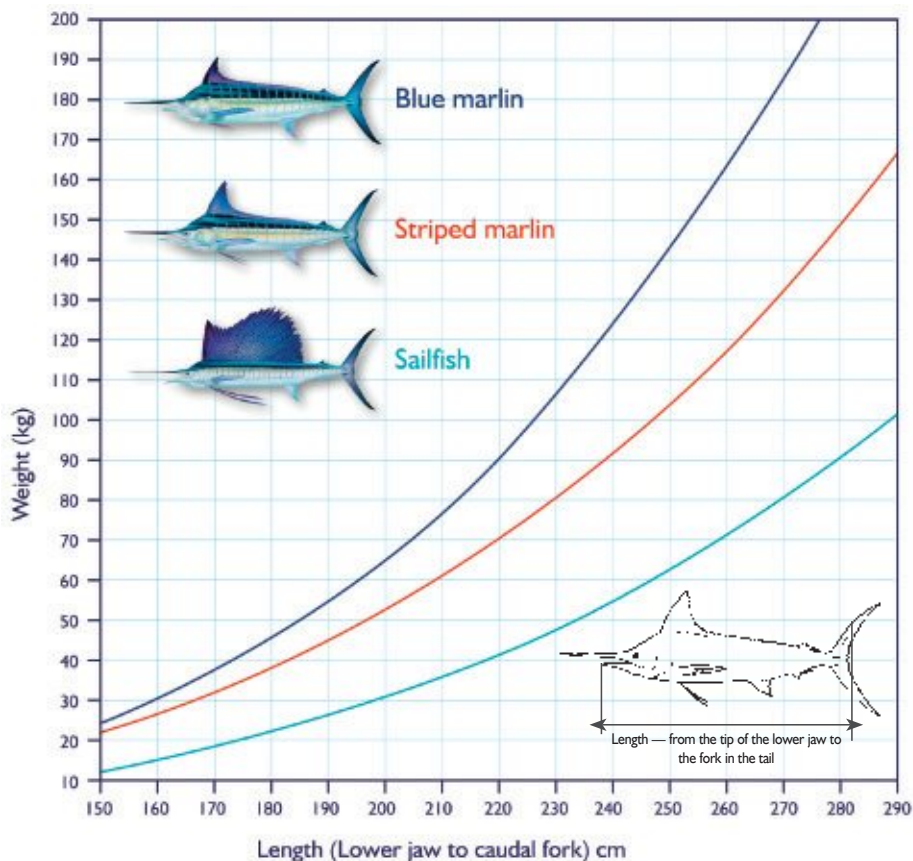
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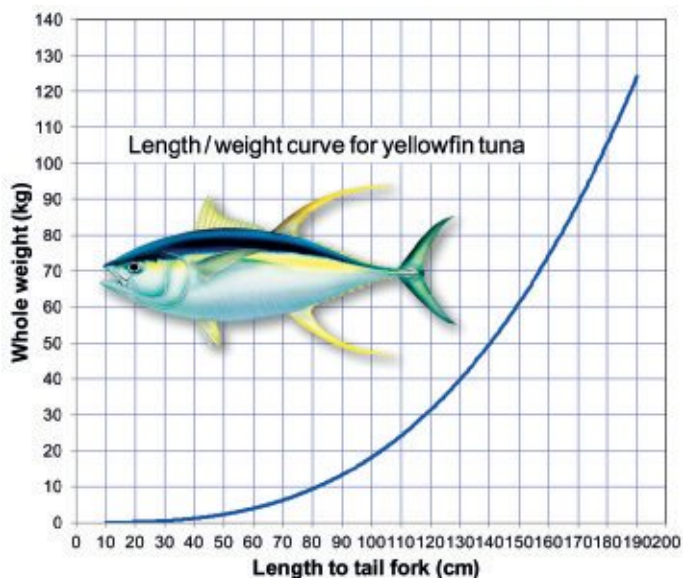
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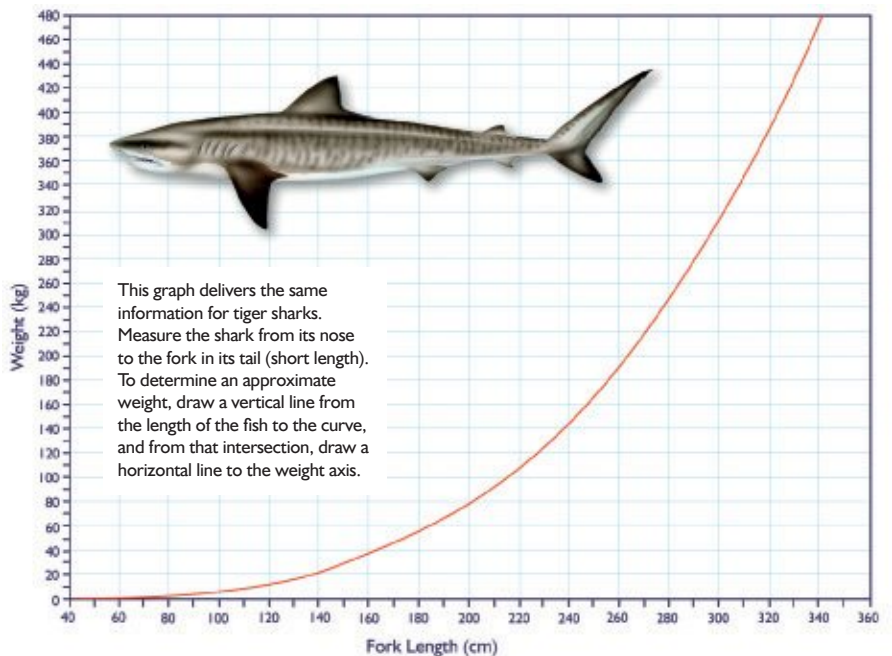
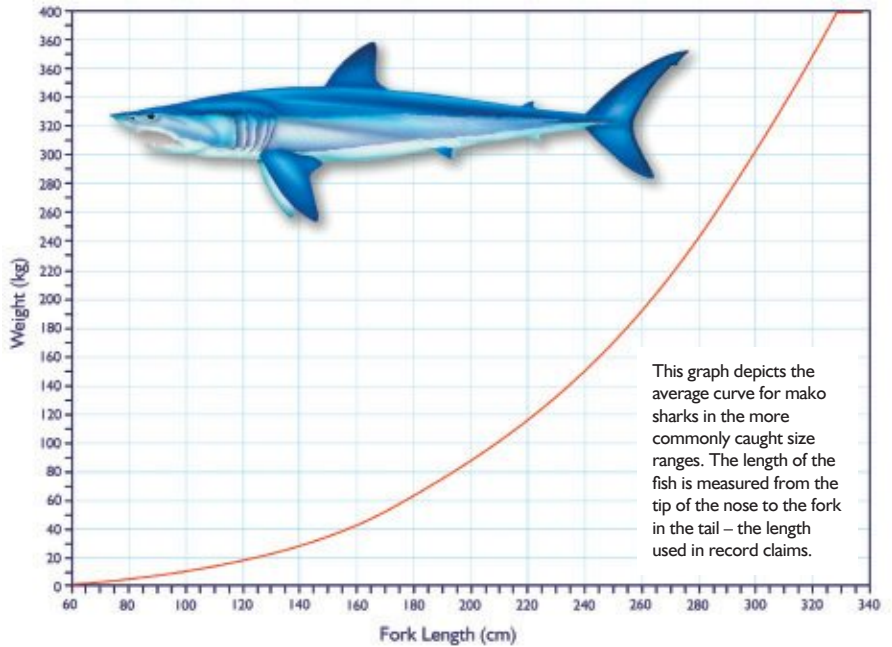
The above graph depicts average curves for blue marlin, striped marlin and sailfish in the more commonly caught size ranges. The length of the fish is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork in the tail – the 'short length' used in record claims. In order to read these curves, draw a vertical 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.





## South Australia's remarkable white pointer man

# Jim Cowell

South Australian angler and GFAA past President, Jim Cowell helped pioneer new techniques and tactics in shark fishing, as well as designing and refining the equipment and tackle used.

Gamefishing historian John McIntyre takes a look at what was a remarkable career of a true angling pioneer and statesman of our sport.

**G**eoffrey Reginald Cowell, known as Jim, was born in Adelaide, South Australia on 6 June 1901, the youngest son of James and Ada Cowell, of 'The Briars', an imposing property at Medindie. His father was a well-known and successful local timber merchant. Educated at Adelaide's Prince Alfred College, Jim was an excellent student and was awarded academic prizes throughout his school years, both preparatory and senior.

He graduated from The University of Adelaide in 1922 with a Bachelor of Science, a creditable achievement and an indication of his meticulous attention to detail. His engineering skills would later become notable during his business career and sporting endeavours. In 1924, Jim married Mary Carr, of American River, Kangaroo Island.

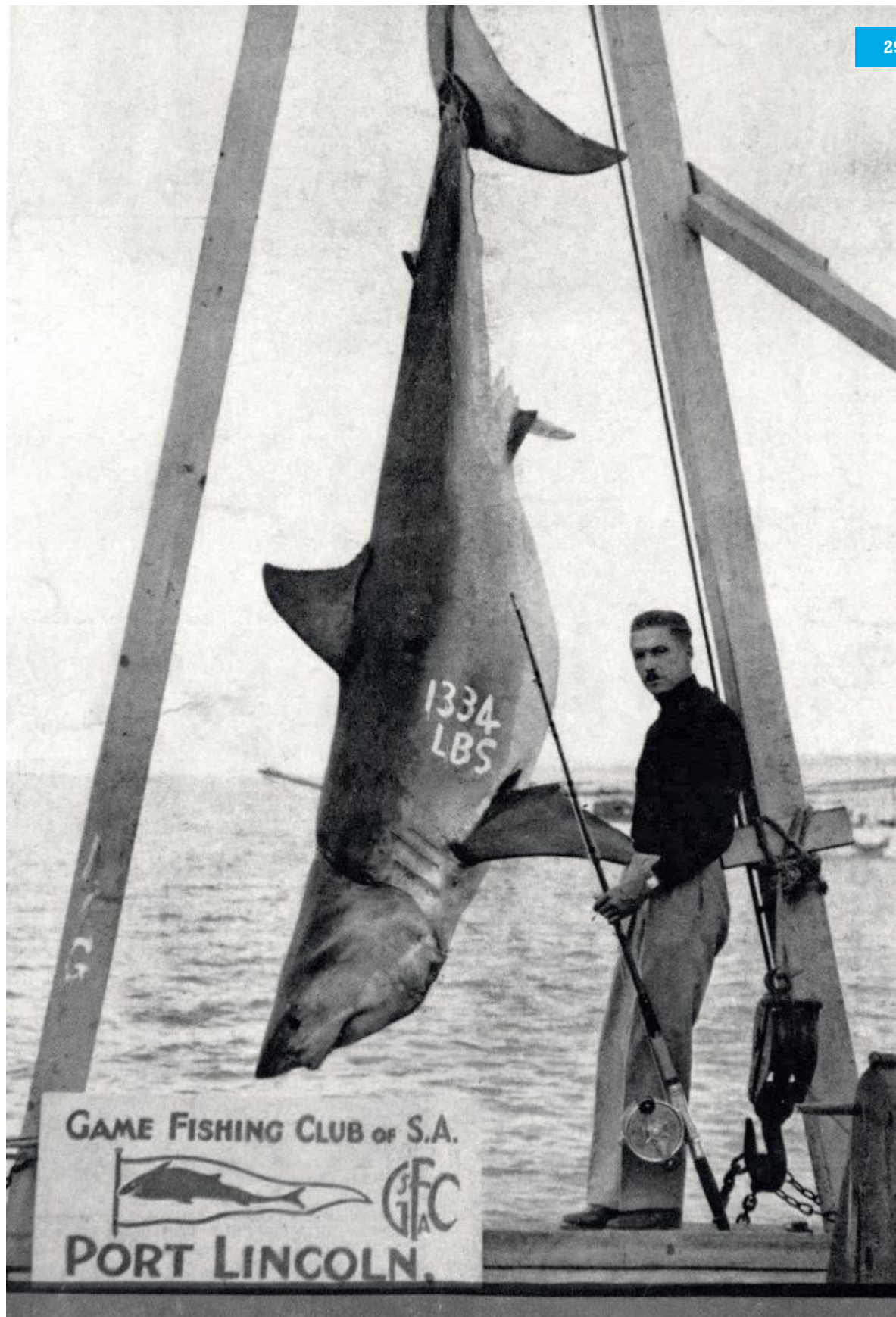
Following their marriage, Jim and Mary Cowell purchased acreage in the Adelaide Hills at Balhannah and progressively developed a number of mixed farming enterprises at their show-place property 'Kapara', including poultry and egg production, pine tree plantations and sheep breeding and raising. Relying heavily on modern practises, the Cowells built the venture into an extremely successful business. They went on to become one of the State's largest egg producers and were a major supplier of mining timber, especially pit props, to Broken Hill Pty Ltd. Jim always described himself as a pastoralist, a title that clearly belied his extensive interests.

In addition to his primary production interests, Jim also had a strong community spirit. He took on volunteer roles at various organisations and was active in fire prevention efforts,

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**Above:** Jim designed and often built his own gamefishing rods, testing their deflection and loading capacities as shown here in the 1950s.



as well as being a hands-on participant in such bodies as fire brigades and local and State poultry management and bush propagation societies. The Cowells also opened Kapara's award-winning garden for use by local charities.

### TESTED BY WHITE SHARKS

The family's long connection with Kangaroo Island included much time spent fishing, principally for table fish, but which led to an interest in offshore fishing in the company of like-minded friends. In time, Jim met up with a number of Adelaide anglers who fished for white sharks, and in 1937 had formed the Game Fishing Club of South Australia Inc. (GFC of SA).

To quote the eminent marine biologist and author, Dr Julian Pepperell, the white shark or white pointer is the largest predatory fish on the planet, primarily feeding on marine mammals once they reach adulthood. It is known to have been responsible for a number of attacks on humans, a relatively high proportion of which have been fatal. The white shark is a true cosmopolitan species, with a geographic distribution covering an enormous area worldwide. It is particularly at home in the temperate waters that encompass South Australia and the Southern Ocean.

White sharks in the South Australian waters are very well fed and often reach a considerable size, sometimes weighing as much as modern motor vehicles! While the waters fished

in Jim's day were generally shallow, particularly in the Gulfs, the quarry sharks simply swam off when hooked at great speed almost on top of the water, not in the least bit deterred by the lack of depth. White sharks have a reputation for being very robust and dangerous at the boat, frequently rolling in the line and trace, and up the gaff rope.

Jim had experienced several encounters with sizeable white pointer sharks without notable success, mainly due to inadequate tackle and accessories, a common problem

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during that era. Exemplifying his analytical approach to most matters, Jim examined the equipment used to fish for these giant sharks, particularly the rods and reels then available, most of which were sourced from British and American makers. Fishing rods in those

days were constructed of timber or split bamboo cane, and many were of questionable quality. Jim subsequently experimented with a variety of materials and constructed several with hickory timber and cane laminations, and others of segmented split cane.

Jim also experimented with tip and butt lengths and devised test curves for various line classes to optimise guide spacing, with the aim to reduce friction between the somewhat fragile cord line and the fixed line guides. Several of his designs were incorporated into custom rods made for him by leading Sydney rod-maker William 'Bill' Southam, which were considered very successful.

### COWELL BIG-GAME REELS

Likewise, Jim commissioned the manufacture of the Cowell big-game reels to his design from the Reliance Engineering Works of Hahndorf, South Australia. Two models were produced, albeit in small quantities, both 23.85cm in diameter. These reels were constructed either with all Monel metal or a combination of anodised alloy and Monel metal, and were both designed for use on the top of the rod.

Cowell reels could accommodate up to 900 yards (metres) of 39 thread linen line (approximate breaking strength 60kg) and were marketed by Elder, Smith and Company Ltd. of Adelaide.

These reels were deemed to be almost indestructible and accounted for numerous white sharks. Today they are prized by vintage reel collectors, often commanding premium prices due to their scarcity.

Some gamefishing accessories available on the market came from Britain, although most proved to be inadequate for the fishing in Australian waters, particularly when it came to battles with giant white pointer sharks. Unhappy with this state of affairs, Jim made or commissioned the manufacture of a range of items in an effort to try and improve the odds in the



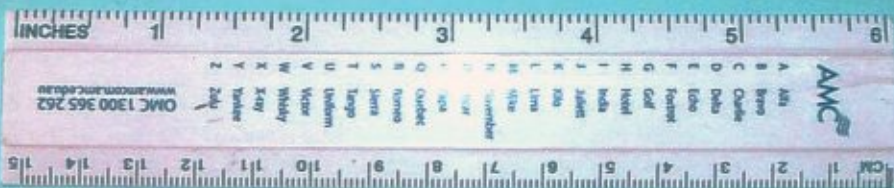
Jim designed two models of Cowell big-game reels, which were manufactured in Monel metal by the Reliance Engineering Works of Hahndorf, South Australia.



Above: Jim fighting yet another large white shark off Dangerous Reef near Port Lincoln, SA. The fighting chair, its innovative footrest and the reel were all designed by Jim.

Below: This forged shark hook was hand-made by Jim Cowell around 1948. It was presented to gamefishing historian John McIntyre by the later famed shark angler Alf Dean in 1960.

SHARK HOOK MADE BY G.R. (JIM) COWELL.  
CIRCA 1948. GIFT OF ALF DEAN 1960.



white shark quest. These included all manner of equipment from rod buckets, harnesses, traces and hand forged hooks, to fishing chairs and foot rests, gaffs and tail chains.

### OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Jim Cowell's remarkable shark fishing career dates from 1938 up to the start of World War II in 1939, with a long break until well after the return to peace. The aftermath of the war led to acute shortages and the continuation of strict rationing, particularly fuel and leisure goods. Fishing really did not get going again until between 1948 and 1949.

Shark fishing was generally conducted from what were referred to as cutters – usually smaller coastal trading vessels or commercial fishing boats – rigged up with fishing chairs of various types, all home-made and often of little help to the angler. These vessels were anchored up at favoured spots, with the sharks attracted by long periods of berleying. Overnight vigils were not unusual, producing many spooky stories of giant whites biting and shaking anchor chains and rudders in the middle of the night.

Jim's fishing chairs were semi-portable and could be fitted to a vessel reasonably quickly, together with their circular foot

rests. He also had his self-designed rod buckets and harnesses to enable him to clamber around the anchored boat if the fish circled, as they invariably did. Adding to this challenge, the fishing boats had auxiliary sails and so their masts and rigging required the rod and reel to be passed around these obstacles during a fight. Of course, assistance is not permitted, and Jim was known to be a stickler for the rules of angling.

### FIRST GRANDER WHITE SHARK

After losing a number of battles, Jim opened his score in March 1938 with a 197kg (435lb) white pointer at the Southern Pages Reef. In April he weighed a 374kg (823lb) shark and shortly afterwards, during the 1938 Australian Sesqui Centenary Game Fishing Tournament, he boated the first white pointer shark over 1000 pounds (454kg) ever taken. The shark was caught at what was soon to be his favourite hunting ground, Dangerous Reef off Port Lincoln, weighing in at 465kg (1023lb).

As this capture was made just under two years prior to the formation of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), it was submitted for a world record under the then informal recording conducted by the US magazine *Field and Stream*. However, due to a perceived infringement of the then rules, the application was rejected.

### THE WORLD RECORD

A Christmas trip in December 1938 saw Jim land two sharks of 587kg (1291lb) and 516kg (1136lb), both at Dangerous Reef. The former fish was submitted and subsequently approved for a world record – at that time the heaviest shark ever recognised. In an interesting 1938 interview published in the Australian magazine *Angling and Gun Sport*, Jim related that the one-hour fight had been very much in his favour as the shark spent most of the battle racing around at high speed around 500m from the boat. At one stage, towards the end, it came to the surface and made a great sight thrashing the water. At no time did it come within 200 metres of the boat until it was pumped in dead at the end. As Jim recounted, the final stages were a trial of strength, especially lifting the creature from the bottom to get the trace in hand.

In May 1939, Jim returned to Dangerous Reef, again in Jack Green's cutter *Jennifer*, boating three whites weighing 606kg (1334lb), 543kg (1195lb) and 414kg (912lb). He returned again later in the year to catch a 593kg (1304lb) white, also assisting his wife, Mary, to record a 279kg (613lb) shark.

### WORLD WAR II

The declaration of World War II in September 1939 and the subsequent strict controls on travel and use of resources almost totally precluded fishing. However, in May 1941 Jim weighed another record white pointer of 872kg (1919lb), caught at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island. As it transpired, this was to be Jim's heaviest ever shark and was a remarkable feat for the times.

As noted above, Jim and his colleagues were unable to return to big shark fishing until March 1948, at which time he caught two sharks weighing 537kg (1152lb) and 472kg (1038lb), both taken at his old patch, Dangerous Reef. Late summer 1949 saw the fishing really fire up, with Jim travelling



Above: One of many large white sharks that Jim brought to gaff off Dangerous Reef in South Australia.

Right: Jim caught this world record 587kg (1291lb) white shark at Dangerous Reef during a Christmas trip in December 1938.







Jim Cowell with his heaviest catch, a white pointer of 872kg (1919lb) caught in Antechamber Bay on South Australia's Kangaroo Island, setting another record in 1941.

further west than his usual grounds to Ceduna in the Great Australian Bight. There he weighed a white of 306kg (674lb) before heading back to Dangerous Reef where he rounded out his tally for the year with five big fish. These weighed in at 361kg (794lb), 432kg (948lb), 408kg (898lb), 478kg (1052lb) and 715kg (1572lb), all of which are recorded in the GFC of SA lists. Mrs Cowell also boated a 431kg (948lb) shark, also from Dangerous Reef.

### PIONEER OF THE SPORT

Jim Cowell had been involved in the administration of Australian gamefishing ever since becoming a member of the GFC of SA, serving as president from 1939 to 1942, at which time the Club's activities were suspended due to the war. He later returned to office between 1946 and 1948 during the rebuilding of the sport nationally.

Jim's close friend, Tom Bell, of Melbourne, assumed the presidency of the Game Fishing Association of Australia upon the retirement of founding president Clive Firth in 1947, serving from 1948 to 1949. Mr Bell then persuaded Jim to undertake the third GFAA presidency from 1950 to 1951, an office that he served with distinction during a particularly difficult time for many activities, including gamefishing. In late 1951, Jim was honoured with Life Membership of the GFAA in recognition of his leadership and pioneering of the sport, particularly in South Australia.

### MORE HUGE WHITES

Leading the way with his angling, Jim started the 1950 New Year with a bang! Over nine weeks from early January until mid-March, he recorded white sharks at Dangerous Reef weighing in at 577kg (1270lb), 420kg (924lb), 520kg (1144lb), 596kg (1311lb), 482kg (1060lb), 380kg (836lb) and 704kg (1549lb). In April, he returned to weigh a 513kg (1129lb) and a 460kg (1013lb) fish, while his wife Mary recorded a 185kg (408lb) white. Their son, James, also took to shark fishing, weighing a 263kg (578lb) specimen – all caught at Dangerous Reef.

The records show that Jim did not weigh any further white sharks until March 1951, when trips to Dangerous Reef again produced fish weighing 470kg (1035lb), 421kg (927lb), 624kg (1374lb) and 724kg (1592lb). Mary Cowell was also successful, boating a 369kg (811lb) shark.

### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

In 1951, the Australian Game Fishing Contest was held as part of the Commonwealth Jubilee celebrations. Jim took out the Champion of Champions Trophy, which is now named in his honour. It was later presented to the GFC of South Australia by Mary Cowell in 1961 for annual competition among members for the best all-round performance, a tangible link to a great angler from the golden days of exciting shark fishing. There was now a hiatus in Jim's fishing until December 1952 when he recorded a 694kg (1526lb) white pointer closer to home at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island.

In November 1954, James recorded two sharks weighing 627kg (1380lb) and 277kg (609lb), while his father, Jim, caught a 279kg (614lb) white and his last recorded big shark of 719kg (1583lb) in December 1954, all at Dangerous Reef. At the annual meeting of the GFC of SA in September 1956,

Jim was elected to Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his huge contribution to the Club and to the sport.

### FINAL LEGACY

The final tally of Jim Cowell's white pointer shark captures is recorded in the GFC of SA statistics as 22 over 'the ton' (weighing more than 1000 pounds or 454kg), with another 11 weighing up to the 'ton' – a remarkable angling achievement by any measure.

We now know that Jim was in poor health from about 1951 onwards and regrettably he progressively deteriorated, passing away in Adelaide on 18 August 1958. This marked the end of what was a remarkable career. Not only did Jim lead the way with the luring and capture of giant sharks, he also helped refine the tactics and tackle used in the sport. These techniques were subsequently adopted by many renowned big white shark anglers and his GFC of SA colleagues, including Jim Veitch, Eldred H V Riggs and later Alf Dean, holder of the now historical IGFA All-Tackle world record white shark of 1210kg (2664lb), caught in April 1959 at Ceduna, South Australia. ♦

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# Recreational fishing for **Swordfish** **in Australia**

– *opportunities and knowledge gaps*

The recent development of gamefishing for swordfish off the east coast of Tasmania and Victoria has raised questions about how best to manage swordfish populations in the area. Dr Sean Tracey outlines the satellite-tagging program that is helping to provide insights into post-release survival rates and sustainable management strategies.



Dr Sean Tracey attaches a satellite tag to an 80kg swordfish caught from Australian swordfishing pioneer Leo Miller's boat off Eaglehawk Neck in south-eastern Tasmania. Photo: IMAS

These days it's a rare occurrence that a new fishery develops, but this was recently the case in the cool temperate waters off the east coast of Tasmania. Local recreational angler Leo Miller was determined to catch a swordfish in his home state.

Swordfish spend the night in shallower depths, which is where they are most commonly targeted by the commercial fishery using longlines, but at dawn they migrate to depths commonly between 400 to 800m. If they happen to be in the vicinity of the continental shelf, they may aggregate around bathymetric features like seamounts or canyon edges, which is where recreational anglers now target them with the daytime deep-dropping technique perfected off Florida, USA.

### PIONEERING EFFORTS

Targeting fish at this depth presents many challenges. Although the continental shelf edge along the east coast of Tasmania is closer than many other areas in Australia, it still involves at least a 15-nautical-mile run out to sea. Often there is bad weather and strong currents to contend with while plummeting a large bait of either fish or squid down to the seafloor roughly 500m below. Bobbing around in a lumpy sea while keeping an eye on the rod to identify a subtle swordfish bite when there is over 500 metres of line in the water can test the mettle of even the most dedicated angler.

Despite these challenges, Leo persisted and after several unsuccessful trips he finally hit pay dirt, landing a large swordfish.

Leo continued to push on and over the next three trips he repeated his accomplishment, generating a flood of interest from the recreational fishing community. This led to several other Tasmanian anglers gearing up with braid line and trying their luck, but only a few boats achieved success during 2014.

By the following year, however, a number of keen game anglers were catching swordfish off Tasmania. This drew the attention of anglers on the mainland and several Victorians began travelling to Tasmania to try their luck. Once armed with knowledge of this revolutionary technique, swordfish catches on the south-east coast of Victoria and the south coast of New South Wales started rolling in throughout 2016.

### NEW FISHERY EMERGES

Interestingly, this new recreational fishery developed in the cool temperate waters of Tasmania – and later off the south-east mainland coast – albeit in the summer and autumn months when the water temperatures are at their warmest. In contrast, Australia's commercial longlining for swordfish typically occurs in the warmer waters adjacent to the central Queensland coast and down the NSW coast where swordfish are likely to be more abundant. However, swordfish are considered a highly migratory species and the big females – which grow considerably larger than males – are known to venture much further poleward into cooler waters.

While it is not unexpected to find swordfish in the cooler southern waters, fisheries managers are keen to learn how



Rigging swordfish baits on a bridle attached to a circle hook proved very successful and improved the survival chances of released swordfish by ensuring most were hooked in the jaw instead of deep-hooked. Photo: Dr Sean Tracey

**“In most cases, deep-hooking led to a rapid deterioration in the condition of the fish.”**

many of these fish are in southern waters, whether they are resident or migratory populations, whether they are primarily large trophy fish, and whether this is a fishery that can be further developed.

#### VITAL INFORMATION

These questions are important from a fisheries science and management perspective, so research was initiated to gain a better understanding about swordfish in an area not previously studied.

A satellite-tagging study conducted by CSIRO in conjunction with the commercial fishery from 2004 to 2008 released 29 swordfish adjacent to south-east Queensland. Of these, only two moved south of Sydney, with none travelling as far south as Tasmania.

For the new recreational swordfish fishery off Tasmania, two fundamental questions arose that were of particular relevance to responsible fishing practices and resource management. One concerned the survival rates of swordfish released by recreational anglers, the other whether these fish are residents and potentially susceptible to localised depletion. In 2014, I received funding for a pilot study to determine whether satellite tags would be an effective method to assess these questions.

#### WORKING TOGETHER

During Tasmania’s 2015 swordfish season – which ran from February to July – my research team and I worked closely with the recreational sector. As this was a new fishery we were all learning from each other and tweaking our fishing techniques. Close engagement was integral in achieving the outcomes of this project. We often set out to the shelf edge together with a small flotilla of boats, and if one of the other boats hooked up I would transfer across to satellite-tag their fish. Working together in this way definitely helped us to get all the tags out.

For each fish caught we recorded the time from hook-up to tagging, and once the sword was brought alongside we noted its estimated weight before attaching a Wildlife Computers MiniPAT tag, followed by a rapid physiological assessment.

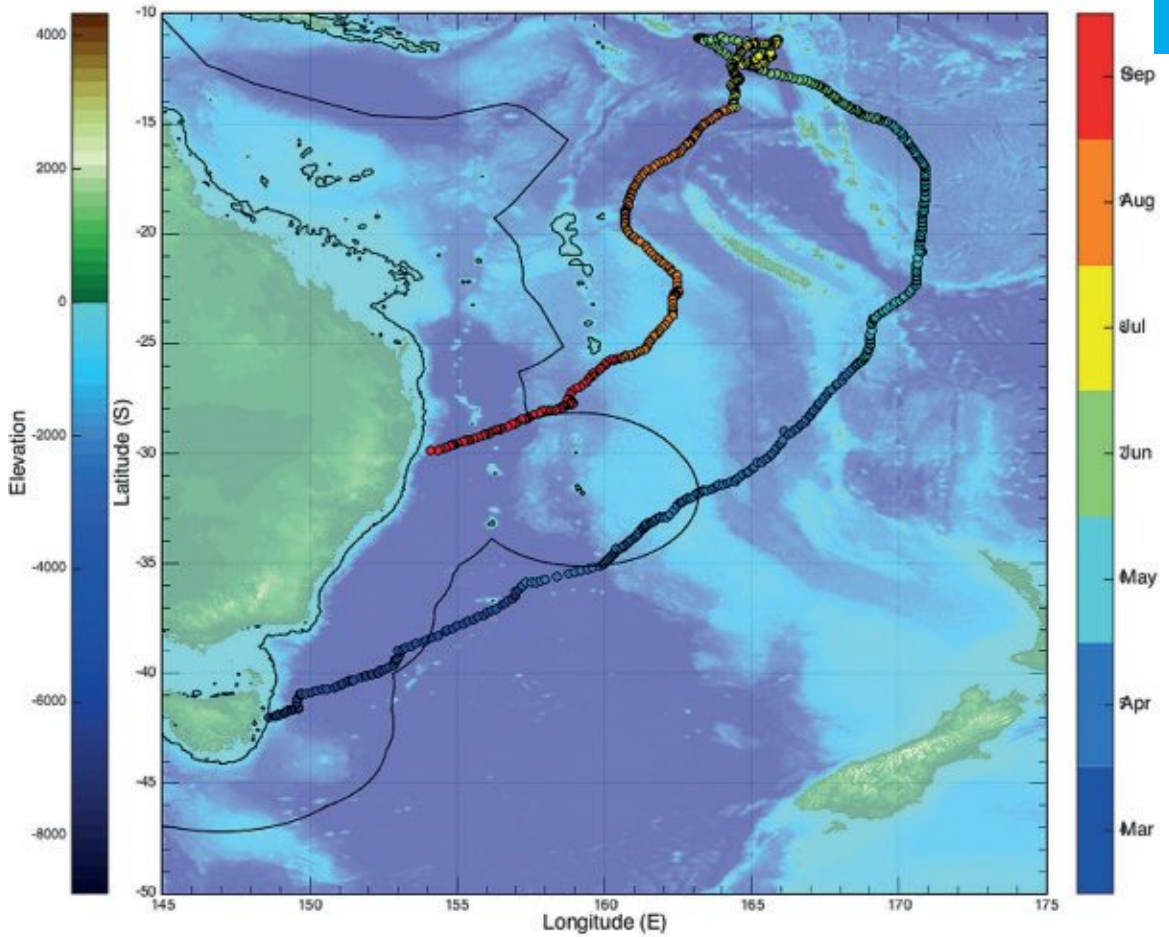
The method used for the assessment was modified from the work of Dr David Kerstetter, who has applied this technique to a range of billfish studies in the United States. It is based on the same philosophies as an APGAR test, used to provide a rapid assessment of babies after birth. It uses a three-point score for a range of criteria that include an assessment of physical damage (i.e. hook damage and barotrauma), as well as an assessment of physiological conditions to determine the fish’s state of health, including body colour, eye response and general physical activity.

If the fish was assessed to be in good condition, it was released. If it was not quite ready to swim, the boat was driven slowly forward with the fish held boatside to allow water to flow over its gills to facilitate resuscitation. After a period of time the fish was re-assessed and either released or humanely dispatched if its condition had deteriorated further.

#### SIGNS OF TRAUMA

The most common physical impairment identified through the assessment was barotrauma, evident by a swelling of the





belly. In some cases, the barotrauma hindered the fish's ability to dive even after resuscitation.

In these cases, the fish were dispatched. In other cases, the barotrauma was not as severe and the fish was able to descend where the gases could be recompressed. The satellite tags indicated that in all these cases the fish went on to survive post-release.

The second most common physical problem was hooking damage, specifically hooks set deep in the gills, throat or stomach. This was far more common when J-hooks were used rather than a circle hook. In most cases, deep-hooking led to a rapid deterioration in the condition of the fish.

One of the first fish we released was deeply hooked, but appeared to be ready for release, holding a good deep purple colour and tailing as it was held boatside for resuscitation. After cutting the line as close to the hook as possible, we observed the fish apparently swimming off, but the tag later indicated that the fish had died soon after release.

In hindsight, we learnt that headshakes rather than tailing were a better sign of readiness for release. This is because the tailing observed during resuscitation is often caused purely by the flow of water across the body of the fish.

For fish that had barotrauma or deep-hooking damage, the signs of deterioration were distinctive. This is a useful finding that allows anglers to make an informed decision on whether or not a fish is likely to survive release, helping refine responsible fishing practices and improve animal welfare.

Fig 1: The satellite track of the swordfish released off Tasmania in March that then headed east and up to tropical waters before returning to the Australian coast after travelling 7568km over 196 days.

In each case so far, the fish either recovered or deteriorated within a few minutes of resuscitation, with headshakes and good colouration generally reliable signs of recovery. On the other end of the spectrum, a lack of movement, loss of colour (often changing to silver), an unresponsive eye and an inability to descend due to barotrauma are all signs that the fish's condition has deteriorated significantly. In these cases, it is more humane to dispatch the fish.

#### POST-RELEASE SURVIVAL

One of the great things about satellite-tagging fish is the wealth of information obtained from each tag. Not only are we revealing findings relating to post-release survival, but we are also gaining important insights into the fascinating migrations these large pelagics undertake.

Seven of the satellite-tagged fish survived post-release and went on to provide intriguing information on the movement and migration of swordfish tagged well south of where previous tagging studies had been conducted. For three of the fish the tags stayed on for the entire programmed duration of 250 days, while the other four shed their tags early – not uncommon when using satellite tags. However, all stayed on for at least 127 days, more than enough time to

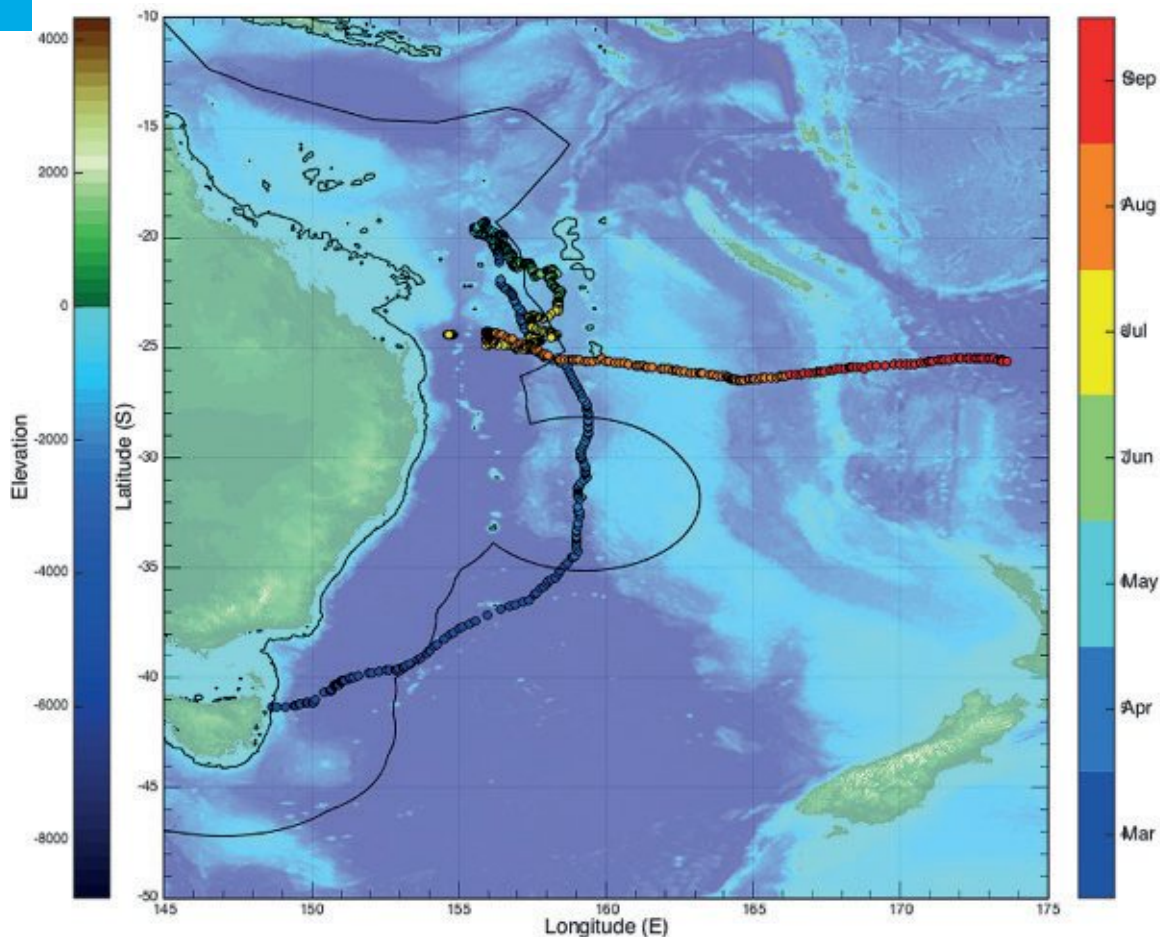


Fig 2: The satellite track of the swordfish released off Tasmania in March that headed up to tropical waters and then east, travelling 5817km before the tag detached after 186 days.

determine whether the fish were staying resident in south-east Australia or migrating north to the Coral Sea where they are known to spawn.

Two of the fish left the temperate waters of Tasmania soon after being tagged and moved in a direct fashion up into tropical waters over the period of about two months. They then both changed their behaviour to meander for a period of time before again resuming directed behaviour. One fish then moved south back towards the east coast of Australia, covering a total distance of 7568km over 196 days (Fig. 1), while the other made a very different move, heading due east before the tag detached after 186 days, a journey of 5817km (Fig. 2).

### BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS


There was also evidence of residency in south-east Australia, with five fish remaining in the area for at least several months. Two fish remained in the area until their tags detached, spending at least 127 and 164 days in the region respectively. While it's possible they may have left the area after the tags detached, the latter fish stayed in cool, temperate waters for almost six months.

The remaining three fish migrated north after a period of time, although not as far north as the fish described previously. Again, they changed their behaviour from direct travel to a period of meandering before continuing directed movement. It is possible that this change in behaviour is related to spawning as all fish began their meandering behaviour in temperatures above 24°C, where swordfish are thought to spawn. The timing was also consistent with the known spawning season for the species.

### LOCALISED DEPLETION

One particularly interesting migration occurred for a fish that remained resident adjacent to Tasmania for four months prior to directed movement. It continued north until it was roughly adjacent to Brisbane, but outside the Australia EEZ. Here it displayed the meandering behaviour for almost a month, before a directed migration back to the east coast from where it travelled south along the coast until it returned to Tasmanian waters (Fig. 3). This was considered strong evidence of philopatry (homing) and raises consideration about the potential for localised depletion.

Evidence from the commercial fishery strongly suggests that swordfish are susceptible to localised depletion. As this fishery developed in the 1990s, decreasing catch rates over a two-year period on productive grounds closer to the shelf break forced the fleet to fish further out to sea to maintain catches.



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TV fishing show personality Paul Worsteling releasing an estimated 140kg swordfish with a satellite tag off St Helens in north-east Tasmania in April 2016. *Photo: Dr Sean Tracey*

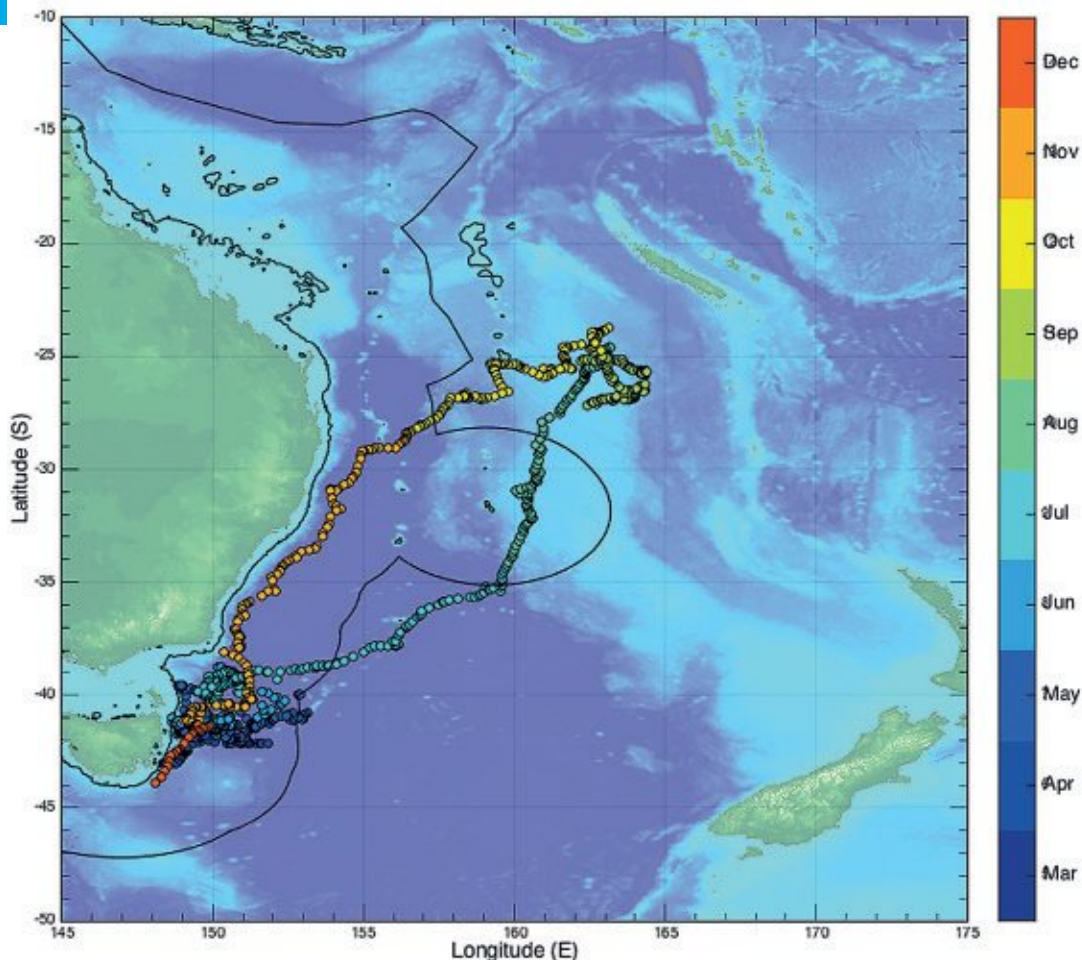


Fig. 3: This swordfish stayed close to Tasmania for several months after release, but then headed north to tropical waters from July to October, before arriving back off Tasmania in November after travelling down Australia's southeast coast.

While the recreational take is only a small fraction of the commercial harvest, we need to consider that the recreational fishery is occurring at what would be considered the range edge of the species. And while the recreational catch is only small in terms of numbers, the species is likely to be far less prolific at the extremity of its range. If so, the swordfish in the far south are potentially susceptible to localised depletion, particularly around the bathymetric features where recreational anglers focus their efforts.

Given that the recreational fishery is only in its infancy, we can only speculate to the degree of this effect. That said, the potential for localised depletion, combined with evidence that the post-release survival rate of these gladiators is likely much lower than for other billfish species, certainly raises a need for caution as the fishery develops.

Exacerbating the complexities of this new fishery is an indication that the survival rate is likely to be lower for the larger fish that tend to have longer fight times. The fishery has also developed in a region where large trophy fish are quite common. For example, the average weight of Tasmanian swordfish caught to date is about 165kg – compared to the average size of commercially caught swordfish which is about 70kg.

### FILLING IN THE GAPS

Working with the recreational fishery in south-east Australia has led to a greater understanding of the behaviour of swordfish in the Tasman and Coral seas. The opportunity to begin research on a species at the inception of a new fishery has also helped to fill in some of the knowledge gaps around post-release survival so fisheries managers can make informed decisions on whether catch limits are an effective management strategy. In addition, it has provided insight into signs of trauma that recreational anglers should consider when making decisions on whether to retain or release a swordfish after capture, improving responsible fishing practices.

While the satellite tags provide a wealth of information, the results also raise many questions. We will continue to deploy satellite tags on swordfish in 2018, this time in the waters off south-eastern Victoria. It's hoped these tags will provide new insights into best fishing practices, as well as the behaviour of these enigmatic fish. ♦

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# 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 *Tennessee II*, Sydney GFC – Bob Dyer, Dolly Dyer, Basil Davidson (Sydney)
- 1965 *JAC III*, Sydney GFC – John Kellion, Peter Goadby, John McIntyre, Kevin Brennan (Sydney)
- 1967 *Adriatic III*, Port Hacking GFC – Frank Lipanovich, Fred Leate, John Davidson, Terry Healy (Sydney)
- 1969 *Kestelle*, Broken Bay GFC – Bob Oliver, Frank Pfeiffer, Ern Leslie, Eric Howarth (Port Hacking)
- 1971 *Kakana*, Sydney GFC – Neil Sutton, Bob Barstow, David Steele, C Barstow (Port Hacking)
- 1973 *Georgina*, Broken Bay GFC – Don Swawley, Jens Christensen, Phillip Swawley, Peter Swawley (Broken Bay)
- 1975 *Kakana*, Sydney GFC – Neil Sutton, David Steele, Bob Barstow (Broken Bay)
- 1981 *Victoria 2* – 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)
- 1990 *St George Sportfishing Club* – Al Hooper, David Yiend, Roy Allen, Neil Sutton (Townsville)
- 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 Corder, 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 Trevasiki, 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 *Ekmouth GFC (WA)* – Neil Silver (c), Seth Nafte, Chris Pol
- 2012 *Ekmouth GFC (WA)* – James Roscic (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 *Our Time: Capt Matt Gates, Jim Ireland, Richard Black, Colin Dawe*
- 2015 *Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld)* – Sue Crocker, Townsville GFC – Mick Meiers, Hervey Bay GFC – Doug Sanderson
- 2016 *Askari* – Corey Hard, Shane Siphthorp, Mitch Liddell, Rhys Younan-Wise, Jay Housman
- 2017 *Bravo* – Jon Jarvis (Perth), Peter Falkner (Darwin), Gavin Jones (Darwin)

## 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 On Strike: Capt Josh Bruynzeel, Chris Fonti, Chris Wyld, Megan Schukowsky
- 2015 Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld) — Dan Bergamo, Matthew Bergamo, Anthony Bergamo, Benjamin Bergamo and Ben Hardy
- 2016 *Athahldo* — Josh Eggins, Paul Axisa, Lachie Eggins, Alan Geale, James Kinniburgh
- 2017 *Gold Strike II* — John Fraurd, Brian Arnett (Exmouth GFC)

#### 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 Keramidis — Sydney GFC (NSW)
- 2011 Kurt Williamson — Exmouth GFC (WA)
- 2012 Sahra Pittman — Exmouth GFC
- 2013 Troy Dahlstrom — Broome FC
- 2014 Murray Teasdale — Exmouth GFC (WA)
- 2015 Sue Crocker — Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld)
- 2016 Mitch Liddell — Boat: *Askari*
- 2017 James Dedman — King Bay GFC

#### 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
- 2016-17 Sunshine Coast GFC (197,134 pts)

#### 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)
- 2016-17 Tyrone O'Connor — Bermagui BGAC (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 Warrnambool Offshore & Light GFC
- 2014-15 Canberra Game Fishing Club
- 2015-16 Tuna Club of Tasmania
- 2016-17 Game Fishing Club of SA

#### 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)
- 2015-16 Toby Mason (King Bay GFC)
- 2016-17 Mikayla Jongejan (Mooloolaba GFC)

#### TOM BELL TROPHY

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

- 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 1323lb black marlin and Georgette Douwma
- 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	1199lb black marlin
1989-90	David Cadman	933lb black marlin
1990-91	Janet Forster	1052lb black marlin
1991-92	Phil Pratt	1267lb 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	362.5kg blue marlin
2009-10	Wade Harper	288.7kg blue marlin
2010-11	Len Vollebregt	283.88kg blue marlin
2011-12	Philipp Lamond	246.7kg blue marlin
2012-13	Jason Scholes	219kg blue marlin
2013-14	Rowan Smith	368.2kg blue marlin
2014-15	Michael Kirby	265.5kg blue marlin
2015-16	Daniel Cock	273.6kg blue marlin
2016-17	Justin Keith	348.5kg 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	Glen 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	512kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)
2009-10	Tony Pink	575.8kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)
2010-11	Iain Houlford	489kg tiger shark (Jervis Bay GFC)
2011-12	Tristan Davis	587.5kg tiger shark (Central Coast GFC)
2012-13	Clint Starkey	341.5kg mako shark (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
2013-14	Shaun Thornton	511.5kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)
2014-15	Phil Kean	614kg tiger shark (Broken Bay GFC)
2015-16	Joel Nancarrow	625.5kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)
2016-17	Todd Pike	583.2kg tiger shark (Shoalhaven GFC)

### TAILORED MARINE TROPHY

Awarded to the highest point-scoring boat for Tag & Release in Australian waters.

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
2016-17	<i>Chaos</i> (38,416 pts) – Sunshine Coast 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 Minutti – Jervis Bay GFC
2009-10	John Rankin – Eden S & GFC
2010-11	Mitchell Hogg – Lake Macquarie GFC
2011-12	Anton Vogiatzis – 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 – Coff's Harbour GFC
2016-17	Cassie Herbert – Newcastle & Port Stephens 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
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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) – Bass Strait GFC
2013-14	Krystal Wieteki (14) – Shoalhaven GFC
2014-15	Mitchell Liddall (17) – Sydney GFC
2015-16	Toby Mason (34) – King Bay GFC
2016-17	Patrick Shaw (44) – Sydney 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
2016-17	Ashley North (39) – GFC of SA

### 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
2016-17	Ashley North (55) – GFC of SA

### 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
2016-17	<i>Chaos</i> (38,400 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC

### JOHN DUNPHY YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

2015-16	Chloe Hammersley – GFC of Northern Tasmania
2016-17	Chloe Hornhardt – King Bay GFC





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# GFAA NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Proudly sponsored by Shimano, Tackle World, Halco Tackle, Aust. Solid Fuel Testing, and BlueWater Boats & Sportsfishing. Tournament is open to Small Fry anglers up to 11 years of age, and Junior anglers from 11 to 16 years of age.

## 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](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) – then click on 'Junior Happenings and Tournaments'.

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## Coordinator's Report

A total of 240 anglers were entered in the competition over the 2016-17 tournament year, which included 44 new anglers who registered throughout this year. We saw 22 of our junior anglers leave the tournament as they reached senior angler age.

This year an outstanding 353 fish were tagged, 134 captured and 91 measured-and-released. The awards presentation saw 36 State awards handed out, which is more than in any other year. This reflects the success of the competition and the activity and participation of our junior anglers. Congratulations to all our State winners and our four National winners.

Some of the many outstanding achievements last year included:

- In Western Australia, sisters Chloe and Jessica Hornhardt captured, tagged or measured-and-released 108 fish. Chloe recorded 22 captures, including IGFA world records for a cobia of 14.66kg on 3kg and a queenfish of 6.28 kg on 1kg tackle. She also measured 19 fish and tagged 9 for release. In total, Chloe was awarded 5 world records and has another pending. Chloe's younger sister Jessica also captured 21 fish, was awarded one world record and has another pending. She measured 17 fish and tagged a further 20 for release.
- Ben Massurit from the Sunshine Coast tagged 41 fish for the year, including 33 black marlin. His club mate Bryce Bartleson tagged an outstanding 42 fish, which included 28 black marlin and 3 sailfish.
- In Tasmania, Oscar Kessler landing the first recorded broadbill swordfish in the National Junior Tournament, weighing 112.8kg on 37kg tackle.
- Smallfry angler, Tait Missen from Victorian also achieved the

ultimate capturing a broadbill in the far-east of Victoria. It weighed in at 118.85kg on 37kg tackle.

- Zachary Danby from Port Macquarie in NSW landed a blue marlin weighing 135.8kg on 24kg line.
  - Reece Cokun from the Port Hacking GFC in NSW landed a tiger shark weighing 152.8kg on 15kg line.
- It has been intriguing to see the difference in the number of some of the species tagged over the past few years. The run of smaller black marlin along the WA, QLD and central NSW coastlines saw their numbers gradually increase over the past four years, culminating in 115 black marlin tagged by juniors over the past 12 months alone. Striped marlin have also been prolific along the central and southern NSW coastline at times, although our junior anglers managed to tag only 16 last year.

The success of the tournament comes as a result of a great amount of help and assistance from certain individuals. Peter Cox (GFAA National Junior Tournament Sponsorship Coordinator) deserves special thanks for his continued support of the Junior Tournament and his ongoing successful sponsorship discussions and agreements with Shimano, Tackle World and Halco, which are secured until 2019. We also secured a three-year sponsorship from the Victorian company, Australian Solid Fuel Testing Pty Ltd.

Our monthly award winners in each category have received gift vouchers, a wide variety of stickers, lures, key rings, magazines



## Coordinator's Report (continued)

and catalogues. The highest point-scoring winners also received a fishing reel. Feedback from the winning anglers has been very rewarding. You can see photos of them and their awards on the GFAA Facebook page.

More Junior Tournament news and photos showing the success of our anglers can be seen in the bimonthly issues of *BlueWater Boats & Sportsfishing* magazine, which welcomes stories and photos from our excited young anglers in every issue.

Our Junior Tournament Auction raised more than \$4000 for the competition this year, which assists greatly in sponsorship

commitments and ongoing administrative expenses. Special thanks to all those who donated items for the Junior Tournament auction. We will continue to pursue this event in order to maintain free entry for the anglers in this competition.

The tournament continues to be very successful, with some great results achieved by our junior anglers. I am very proud and grateful to be part of such a great competition.

**Kevin Oates**  
GFAA National Junior Tournament Coordinator



# 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 – 2016/17

### NATIONAL SMALL FRY WINNERS

#### TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY CAPTURE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters  
 Chloe Hornhardt 5018.20 points King Bay GFC

#### TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY TAG & RELEASE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters  
 Ben Massurit 10060 points Sunshine Coast GFC

### STATE SMALL FRY WINNERS

State	Male	Points	Female	Points
<b>Capture (Small Fry)</b>				
QLD	Ryan Meads	1721.60	Emmi Roberts	405
NSW	not won		Keira Tubman	215
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Max Grasso	2408.50	Chloe Hornhardt	5018.20
VIC	Tait Missen	321.22	Chloe Dance	236.25
SA	Ben Rippen	690.00	not won	
TAS	Lucas Ivory	1268.80	Amber Hartland	281.58
<b>Tag &amp; Release (Small Fry)</b>				
QLD	Ben Massurit	10060	Emmi Roberts	1170
NSW	Rhys Jolly	1790	Keira Tubman	190
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Max Grasso	1730	Jessica Hornhardt	1330
VIC	Martin Oosthuizen	60	not won	
SA	Ben Rippen	550	not won	
TAS	Lucas Ivory	470	Mollie Hammersley	40

### NATIONAL JUNIOR WINNERS

#### TOM ROCHE JUNIOR CAPTURE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters  
 Toby Mason 4601.20 points King Bay GFC

#### TOM ROCHE JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE TROPHY

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters  
 Riley Smith 3350 points Exmouth GFC

### STATE JUNIOR WINNERS

State	Male	Points	Female	Points
<b>Capture (Junior)</b>				
QLD	Dylan Roberts	125	not won	
NSW	Oska Davis	668.33	not won	
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Toby Mason	4601.20	not won	
VIC	not won		not won	
SA	not won		Zarli Sanders	409.50
TAS	Oscar Kessler	304.86	Zara Nelson	585.83
<b>Tag &amp; Release (Junior)</b>				
QLD	Ben Wratten	2100	Savannah Woolcot	680
NSW	Reece Cokun	1060	not won	
NT	not won		not won	
WA	Riley Smith	3350	Jesse Sutton	200
VIC	Mark Spiteri	320	Sophie Woolstencroft	10
SA	not won		Zarli Sanders	40
TAS	Scott Drysdale	760	Zara Nelson	170





### PATCHES FOR TAG & RELEASE

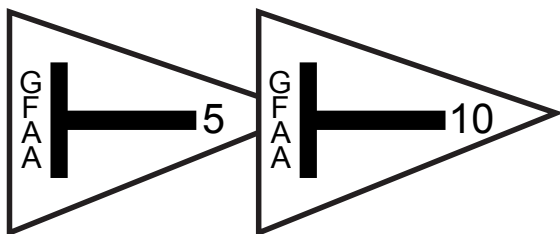
GFAA Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- 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 59.
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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
Kaitlyn Schofield	Striped marlin	102kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Broadbill swordfish	172kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Striped marlin	174.8kg

## 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

Angler	Species	Weight
Ross Kimble	Grey nurse shark	292lb
John H Barclay	Mako shark	854lb
Pamela Hudspeth (L)	Mako shark	183lb
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





Angler	Species	Weight
Louis J Ardilly	Blue shark	82kg
Peter J McKinnon	Blue shark	129kg
Michael J McGraw	Blue shark	148kg
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

Angler	Species	Weight
Peter Burnham	Blue shark	96lb
Greg Platt	Mako shark	289.5lb
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



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Angler	Species	Weight
Tony Furkham	Whaler shark	172kg
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



Angler	Species	Weight
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
Richard Greven	Broadbill swordfish	238.2kg

## 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
Shane Sanders	Mako shark	195.7kg
Jason Hornhardt	Tiger shark	416.1kg
Ryan Turner	Tiger shark	238.4kg
Brenton Cartledge	Tiger shark	85.05kg
Justin Leech	Tiger shark	106.3kg
Toby Mason	Tiger shark	192.05kg



# 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
Brian Forbes	Tiger shark	531.6kg

Angler	Species	Weight
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
Matthew Johnson	Tiger shark	569kg

## 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.*

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

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 and backing

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

### (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:

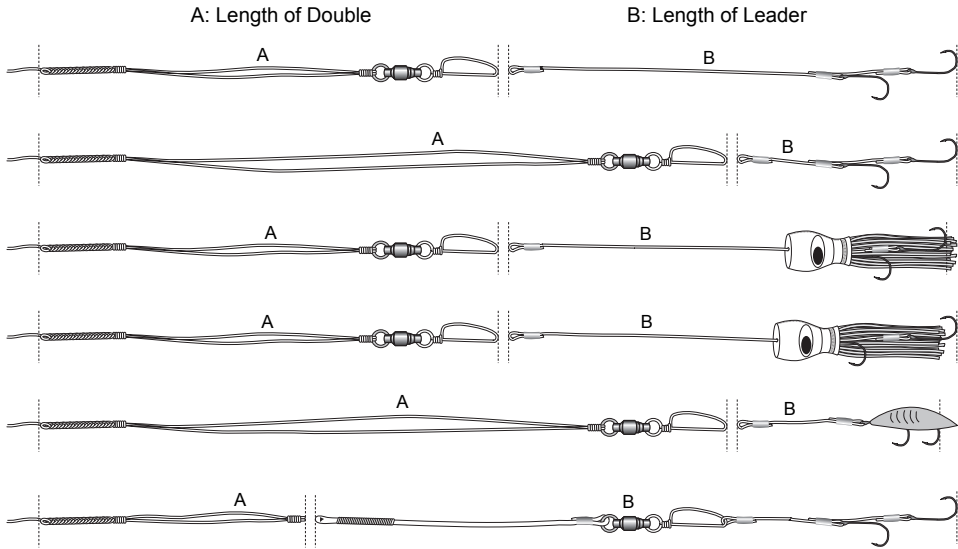
1. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding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

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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.



2. 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**

1. Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.
2. 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.
3. Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
4. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

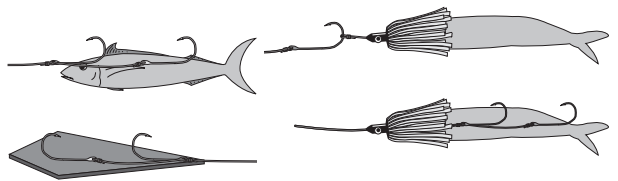
**(g) Hooks for fishing with natural bait**

1. 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.
2. The use of a dangling or swing hook is prohibited. Double and treble hooks are prohibited.
3. 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.
4. All record applications made for two-hook tackle must be accompanied by a photograph or sketch of the hook arrangement.
5. 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.

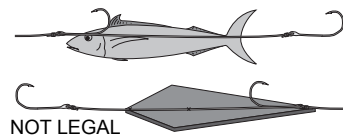
**(h) Hooks and lures**

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 the hook must be no less than an overall hook's length (overall

**Hooks for fishing with natural bait**

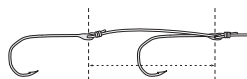


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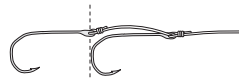
NOT LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are more than 45.72cm (18 inches) apart.  
LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are less than 45.72cm (18 inches) apart.



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.



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.

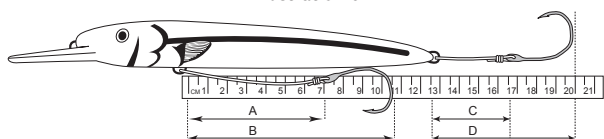
- Gang (double or treble) hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free-swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double or treble, or a combination of any three). Bait may not 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 prongs (ie: multi-pointed hook, not to be confused with ganged hooks as per diagram in Rule G1).

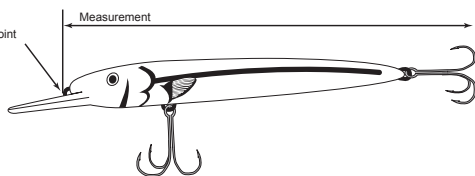
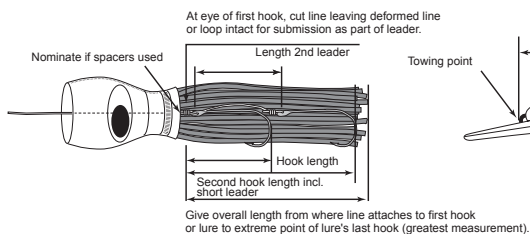
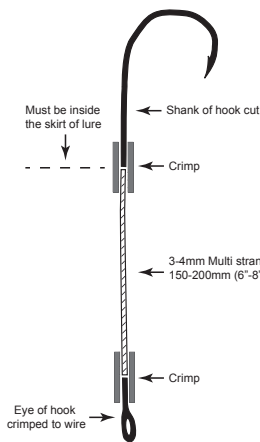
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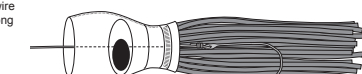


- A. Not legal, the connection length is longer than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- B. Not legal, the overall length exceeds 101mm.
- C. Legal, the connection is less than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- D. Legal, the overall length is less than 101mm from the lure.

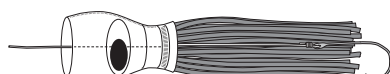
Illustration 01



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.



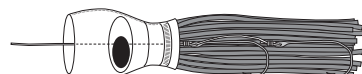
LEGAL: if the hook is partially contained within the skirt of the lure.



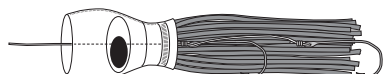
NOT LEGAL: if the hook is not partially or wholly contained within the skirt of the lure.



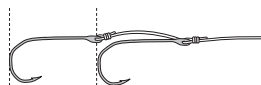
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LEGAL: if the leading hook and the trailing hook are entirely within the skirt of the lure.



LEGAL: if all of the leading hook and some of the trailing hook is 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.

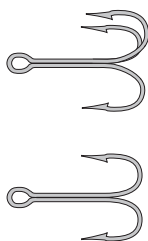


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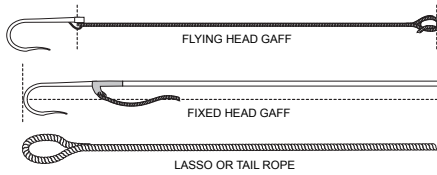


NOT LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are more than 30.48cm (12 inches) apart. LEGAL: if eyes of hooks are less than 30.48cm (12 inches) apart.

### Gang hooks



## Gaffs and tail ropes



### (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.
16. Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification.

### 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 a jaw release device for the purpose of tagging, e.g. Boga-grips).

### 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.
6. **Men:** male persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Women:** female persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Juniors:** male and female persons who have attained the age of 11 years but not yet attained the age of 16 years.  
**Small Fry:** male and female persons who have not yet attained the age of 11 years.

### CATEGORIES

Records may be claimed in the following categories and subcategories.

1. All records in Saltwater, Freshwater, Saltwater Fly and Land-based Saltwater may only be claimed within their age and gender categories – with the exception of All-Tackle records.
2. For each species and line class, a new category for Overall record will be created effective 7 October 2017. The Overall record must exceed all existing records for that species and line class to be eligible.

### 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.

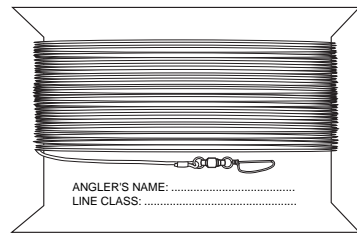
The form must be completed in full and include the following:

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

*Sphyraena* spp.

#### Bonito

*Sarda* spp.

#### Broadbill swordfish

*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* spp.

(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)

#### Bonefish

(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 swordfish

*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

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#### 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   
 Heaviest in line class (Aust. only)

**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**

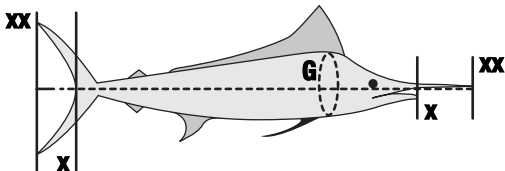
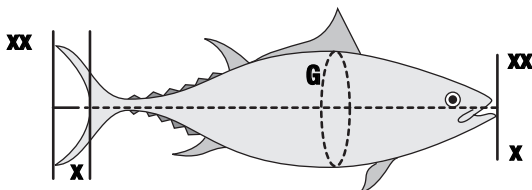
(see GFAA record requirements)

Signature of examining ichthyologist:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Species Measurements**

Measure 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: \_\_\_\_\_

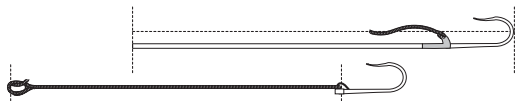
If a Small Fry/Junior record application, give the applicant's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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
<b>Check GFAA rules</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Check species</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Check for mutilations</b> 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"/>	_____
<b>Line: one piece 16m</b> Including double.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Double length OK</b> Including knots, swivels, clips, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Leader length OK</b> Including hook, lure, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Hook arrangement OK</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Rod and Reel OK and measured</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Gaffs checked and measured</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Weighing</b> To nearest LOWER graduation NET weight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Scale test certificate OK and enclosed with claim</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Capture certificate OK and enclosed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>PHOTOS</b>					
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"/>	_____
<b>Fish identification positive</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Fee enclosed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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**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 7 November 2017)

With 115 claims submitted, the 2016/2017 season saw the largest number of claims in over 25 years, and included 28 IGFA world record claims.

Records are being updated on the GFAA website ([www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au)) as they are approved, so please check the website for the most current list.

The latest record application form can be downloaded from the GFAA website instead of using old forms or cutting up your Journals.

This year's GFAA record claims featured 26 Male, 23 Female, 17 Junior Male, 30 Junior Female, 16 Small Fry Male and 20 Small Fry Female records. Of these, there were 62 from Western Australia, 16 from New South Wales, 15 from Victoria, 8 from South Australia, 7 from Queensland and 7 from Tasmania.

Some of the most outstanding captures and achievements for the year included:

- Billy Rebbichi's 276kg broadbill swordfish for the All-Tackle and Men's 37kg Australian records.

- Kaitlyn Schofield's 174.8kg striped marlin for the Female, Junior Female and Small Fry Female world and Australian records on 15kg tackle.
- Toby Nichols' 141.05kg southern bluefin tuna for the Junior Male world and Australian records on 37kg tackle.
- Toby Mason's 192.05kg tiger shark for the World and Australian Men's records on 4kg tackle.
- Vicki Searle's 18.3kg narrow-barred mackerel for the World and Australian Female records on 2kg tackle.
- Bernadette Pedlar's 30.56kg Tope for the All-Tackle and Female World and Australian records on 15kg tackle.

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

**Peter Babarskas**  
GFAA Recorder

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Albacore (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	30.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAR-07	Darren Kolpin
M1	5.5	Eagle Hawk, TAS	10-FEB-01	Mark Schuettpeitz
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	11.68	St Helens, TAS	11-MAR-17	William Snare
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
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M6	11.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	23-MAY-98	Martin Montebello

<b>Amberjack (<i>Seriola dumerili</i>)</b>				
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
M8	15.25	Bunbury, WA	25-AUG-16	Tom Miller
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

<b>Barracuda (<i>Sphyraena spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	32	Yamacutta 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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F6	22.6	Cardwell, QLD	10-SEP-05	Alison Savis
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
JF2	8.66	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	15.9	Groote Eylandt, NT	27-SEP-00	Jessica Dowling
JM1	2.9	Exmouth, WA	20-MAR-17	Trent Gregory
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
SFF2	4.54	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-17	Jessica Hornhardt

**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 Francks

**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	276	Lakes Entrance, VIC	21-MAY-17	Billy Rebbechi
M15	238.2	Lakes Entrance, VIC	23-APR-17	Richard Greven

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M24	263.5	Coles Bay, TAS	21-MAR-15	Kyle Longmore
M37	276	Lakes Entrance, VIC	21-MAY-17	Billy Rebbechi
M60	208.7	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	24-APR-17	John Willis
F15	172	Lakes Entrance, VIC	14-MAY-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
F24	152	Lakes Entrance, VIC	23-APR-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
F37	156	St Helens, TAS	28-MAR-16	Melissa McGiveron
F60	87	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-07	Tracey Rushford
JM37	118.85	Lakes Entrance, VIC	17-JUN-17	Tait Missen
SFF15	172	Lakes Entrance, VIC	14-MAY-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	152	Lakes Entrance, VIC	23-APR-17	Kaitlyn Schofield

**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	11.06	Dampier, WA	19-AUG-17	Warren Tucker
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
SFMI	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	17.1	Dampier, WA	6-OCT-16	Toby Mason
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	14.66	Dampier, WA	23-OCT-16	Chloe Hornhardt
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	17.1	Dampier, WA	6-OCT-16	Toby Mason
JM4	16.96	Cape Moreton, QLD	11-JUL-98	Ian Brookes
JM6	15.15	Dampier, WA	16-SEP-17	Ethan Moyle
JM8	28	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
JM10	16	Port Stephens, NSW	04-MAY-86	Jason Toll
JM15	36.2	Southport, QLD	02-JUL-95	Stone Needham
JF3	14.66	Dampier, WA	23-OCT-16	Chloe Hornhardt



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFF3	5.3	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-14	Jesse Sutton
SFF4	7.5	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Shanae Cook
SFM6	11.56	Dampier, WA	2-OCT-17	Max Grasso
SFM8	28	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	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
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 Greenshields
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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 Uttlemore
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	Curragong, 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	6.66	Dampier, WA	12-JUL-17	Luke Leech
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
JM4	6.2	East Woody, NT	28-JUN-04	Kelly Pellenat
JF2	5.88	Dampier, WA	6-AUG-16	Tasmin Kyle



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF3	5.72	Dampier, WA	28-FEB-16	Chloe Hornhardt
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
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M2	4	Roche Reef, NT	11-JUL-02	Wayne Baldwin
M3	3.4	Roche Reef, NT	02-JUL-01	Wayne Baldwin

<b>Mackerel – narrow barred (<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	38.75	Rottneet 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	Rottneet Island, WA	05-MAY-78	Barry Wrightson
F1	2	Exmouth Gulf, WA	04-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	18.3	Dampier, WA	21-JUN-17	Vickie Searle
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
JM4	11.3	Dampier, WA	18-AUG-17	Ethan Moyle
JM6	31	Cape Moreton, QLD	31-MAY-87	Wade Trass
JM8	16.55	Mackay, QLD	23-JUL-16	Ryan Meads
JM10	11.55	Dampier, WA	18-AUG-17	Ethan Moyle
JF2	5.22	Dampier, WA	17-JUL-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	13.98	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF4	24.3	Whitsundays, QLD	25-NOV-82	Kelly Dalling
JF6	17.35	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	23.25	Exmouth, WA	15-APR-96	Mesha Prince
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
SFM8	16.55	Mackay, QLD	23-JUL-16	Ryan Meads
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
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
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
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

<b>Mackerel – shark (<i>Grammatocynus bicarinatus</i>)</b>				
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	Abrolhos 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	Abrolhos 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
JF3	5.42	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
SFM2	5.5	Exmouth, WA	20-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M3	5.6	Exmouth, WA	27-DEC-04	Timothy Fuller
JM3	5	Exmouth, WA	27-APR-03	Brendon Hourn

<b>Mackerel – spotted (<i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	8	Coffs Harbour	30-APR-06	Karen Goodwin
M1	3.04	Dampier, WA	19-AUG-17	Ryan Turner
M2	3.85	Mermaid Reef	30-MAR-97	Stone Needham
M3	4.8	Exmouth	26-SEP-98	Chris Bechard
M4	5.35	Abrolhos Is, WA	22-APR-15	Paul George-Kennedy
M6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
F1	2.48	Dampier, WA	12-JUL-17	Tameeka Dodd
F2	2.08	Dampier, WA	11-JUL-17	Tameeka Dodd
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
SFM2	2.46	Pt Samson, WA	13-NOV-16	Max Grasso
SFM6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFF1	1.52	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt

**Land-based saltwater**

M1	1.7	Exmouth Gulf, WA	17-FEB-01	Mark Hourn
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**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	Rottneest 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	Rottneest 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	Rottneest Island, WA	29-FEB-04	Mia Cramer
JF3	4.5	Rottneest Island, WA	20-APR-02	Mia Cramer
JF10	13.3	Linden Bank, QLD	21-DEC-14	Savannah Woolcott
JF15	19	Bermagui, NSW	27-JAN-17	Makayla Buttigieg
JM1	6.2	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-16	Callum Horlock
JM2	3.5	Rottneest Island, WA	28-APR-01	Carl Babarskas
JM4	9.25	Rottneest 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	Jarrold 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	Rottneest 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	Jarrold P Clarkson
SFF10	16.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	09-JAN-10	Kaysie Fancett

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M4	5	Rottneest 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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
JM37	120	Bermagui, NSW	19-JAN-98	Marcus Malouf
JM60	392	No. 10 Ribbon Reef, QLD	11-OCT-98	Marcus Malouf
JF10	29.84	Dampier, WA	2-JUL-17	Chloe Hornhardt
SFM6	32.7	Mooloolaba, QLD	11-JAN-17	Ben Massurit
SFM8	62.9	Mooloolaba, QLD	17-FEB-17	Ben Massurit
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
SFM37	84.4	Fraser Island, QLD	3-JUL-17	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
M6	25.3	Exmouth, WA	16-JUL-17	Aaron Rampling
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





Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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 Gylar
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

Marlin – striped ( <i>Tetrapturus audax</i> )				
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
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	102	Bermagui, NSW	21-FEB-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
F15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
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
JF15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFM8	79	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-05	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	83.6	Shoalhaven, NSW	6-APR-15	Tyler Whitaker
SFF10	102	Bermagui, NSW	21-FEB-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	147	Merimbula, NSW	13-MAR-16	Makayla Buttigieg

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Saltwater fly				
M10	90.5	Newcastle, NSW	20-APR-96	Dean Butler
Mulloway (jewfish) ( <i>Argyrosomus holepidotus</i> )				
All-tackle	33.8	Sawtell Headland, NSW	18-MAY-96	Tony Bourne Dean
M1	4.4	Adelaide, SA	31-JAN-83	Butterworth Mitchell
M2	15.2	Bathurst Island, NT	06-NOV-89	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	Junee 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
JM6	16	Bathurst Island, NT	16-OCT-90	Rick Jones
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
F4	6	Shark Bay, WA	31-DEC-94	Jayne Taylor
JM8	16	Yalata Beach, SA	05-JAN-03	Beau Williams
Queenfish ( <i>Scomberoides spp.</i> )				
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 Tesseyman
M8	9.5	Freshwater Point, QLD	18-FEB-85	Brian Baldock
M10	10.4	Exmouth, WA	28-MAY-91	Wayne Barber
F1	6.28	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Chloe Hornhardt
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



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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	6.28	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	4.64	Exmouth, WA	22-JAN-17	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
SFF3	4.64	Exmouth, WA	22-JAN-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF4	5.2	Albatross Bay, QLD	29-OCT-16	Emmi Roberts
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
M4	5.8	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-91	Ken Keiley
F1	1	Lord Howe Island, NSW	12-DEC-16	Vivienne Crombie

**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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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	Rottneet 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	Rottneet 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
JM3	5.2	Yallingup, WA	14-MAR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM4	5.66	Yallingup, WA	13-APR-03	Ashley Cootie
SFM2	2.4	Cape Jervis, SA	22-NOV-15	Oscar Dade
SFM3	4.3	Fremantle, WA	23-APR-17	Jayden Wham
SFF3	3.42	Geographe Bay, WA	23-APR-17	Ember Jensz

**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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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	76cm	Fremantle, WA	11-JUN-17	Dylan Picken

Salmon – threadfin ( <i>Polynemus spp./Eleutheronema</i> )				
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 Gemmell
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 ( <i>Seriola hippos</i> )				
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	Rhyss Whittred
M10	32.3	William Island, SA	20-SEP-13	Mathew Forrest
M15	33.9	Williams Is, SA	25-JUL-14	Mathew 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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
SFM6	15	Mandurah, WA	3-JAN-17	Lochlan Turrell
Length				
All-tackle	100cm	Dawesville, WA	6-AUG-15	Dylan Picken
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 ( <i>Prionace glauca</i> )				
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
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – gummy (<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>)</b>				
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – hammerhead (<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>)</b>				
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
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – mako (<i>Isurus spp.</i>)</b>				
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M4	195.7	Portland, VIC	5-FEB-17	Shane Sanders
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 Wieteki
F10	181	Port Stephens, NSW	03-MAR-01	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 Wieteki
JF10	81.9	Portland, VIC	11-DEC-16	Zarli Sanders
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
SFF10	45	St Helens, TAS	15-APR-17	Sarah Donovan
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
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
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
<b>Shark – porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)</b>				
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – thresher (<i>Alopias spp.</i>)</b>				
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M15	186	Pt Hacking, NSW	18-SEP-16	George Vekiarellis
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	56.6	Seal Rocks, VIC	15-APR-17	Rebecca Robertson
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 (*Galeocerdo cuvier*)**

All-tackle	694.5	Swansea, NSW	24-MAY-08	Jason Hewitt
M1	84.05	Dampier, WA	22-MAY-17	Brenton Cartledge
M2	106.3	Dampier, WA	22-MAY-17	Justin Leech
M3	238.4	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-17	Ryan Turner
M4	192.05	Dampier, WA	29-JUN-17	Toby Mason
M6	168.5	Swansea, NSW	03-JAN-99	Chris Vegh
M8	416.1	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-17	Jason Hornhardt
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

**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 (*Carcharinus spp.*)**

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 Ross

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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	5.2	Lord Howe Island, NSW	23-APR-17	Vivienne Crombie
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 Munce
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	Mitchel 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	6.66	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	23-SEP-01	Cheree Collins
JF4	13.65	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Talisha Cook
JF6	34.96	Dampier, WA	14-JUL-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	18	Lord Howe Island, NSW	13-JAN-17	Makira Wright
JF10	23	Elizabeth Reef, NSW	11-JAN-17	Makira Wright
JF15	88.5	Botany Bay East, NSW	20-JUL-13	Shantelle Ayad
SFM2	4.5	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	13.12	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-17	Max Grasso
SFF1	3.9	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF2	6.66	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF6	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	3-OCT-10	Hannah McConachy

**Saltwater fly**

M6	14	Lord Howe Island, NSW	13-JAN-17	Miran Lindtner
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**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 Ross
M24	195	Elizabeth Beach, NSW	05-APR-14	Geoffrey McEwan
M37	248	Tathra, NSW	10-JAN-97	Douglas Mizzi



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
JF2	2.16	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt

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
SFF2	2.16	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt
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	30.56	Port MacDonnell, SA	28-AUG-17	Bernadette Pedlar
M3	26.58	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAY-16	Marcus Pearson
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
F3	14.3	Kangaroo Island, SA	10-JUN-17	Lee Van Soest
F4	11.3	Kangaroo Island, SA	10-JUN-17	Lee Van Soest
F8	16.4	Nullarbor, SA	22-JUN-86	Deborah Richter
F15	30.56	Port MacDonnell, SA	28-AUG-17	Bernadette Pedlar
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	2.54	Dampier, WA	21-AUG-17	Ryan Turner
M2	2.7	Exmouth, WA	13-AUG-93	Steven Pitman
M3 (Tie)	8.5	Darwin, WA	29-SEP-71	Brian Cuttler



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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
JF1	1.98	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
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	30.64	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
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	30.64	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-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
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
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
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M6	7.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	07-MAY-99	David Rossi
M8	18.1	Exmouth, WA	09-JUN-03	Daniel Hudson
M10	13.1	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-13	Mark Hourn

**Trevally – gold spot (*Carangoides fulvoguttatus*)**

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
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M6	6.5	Barrow Island, WA	07-MAY-88	Dean Gardner

**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
JM6	9	Dampier, WA	16-SEP-17	Ethan Moyle
JM8	9.7	Dampier, WA	07-AUG-89	Brendon Billett



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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 Florentzou
M2	4	Streaky Bay, SA	24-JAN-94	George Florentzou
M3	6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	21-DEC-11	Zachias Crombie
M4	4.6	Streaky Bay, SA	18-FEB-98	George Florentzou
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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#### 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
M8	46	Rowley Shoals, WA	11-OCT-86	Mike Roennfeldt
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 Hinchin
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	Abrholos 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
JF2	4.86	Dampier, WA	26-FEB-17	Chloe Hornhardt
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
SFF3	6.52	Dampier, WA	26-FEB-17	Jessica Hornhardt

#### 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
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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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 Uttlemore
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 Uttlemore
JF2	8.22	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Jessica Hornhardt
JF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	17.2	Port Stephens, NSW	15-APR-17	Keira Tubman
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
SFF2	8.22	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF8	17.2	Port Stephens, NSW	15-APR-17	Keira Tubman
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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	6.93	Fremantle, WA	6-MAY-17	Rikki Kohn
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	17.1	Port Lincoln, SA	31-JAN-17	Gabriella Gabbana
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
JM2	5.2	Mandurah, WA	25-APR-17	Beau Rollings
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM24	126.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	4-APR-16	Antony Suttill
JM37	141.05	Fortescue Bay, TAS	18-OCT-16	Toby Nichols
JM60	63	Kiama, NSW	08-JUL-12	Lachlan Rogers
JF6	13.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	17-APR-17	Zarli Sanders
JF8	17.135	Pt MacDonnell, SA	28-MAR-15	Sharna McKinnon
JF10	24.5	Hippolyte Rock, TAS	22-APR-88	Rebecca Hallam
JF15	24	St Helens, TAS	15-APR-17	Hayley Day
JF24	80.7	Pedra Branca, TAS	13-JUN-15	Chloe Hammersley
JF60	104.2	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	15-APR-16	Chloe Hammersley
SFM2	3.42	Rottneest Island, WA	16-SEP-17	Jayden Wham
SFM4	11	Port Lincoln, SA	16-MAR-16	Oscar Dade
SFM6	19.9	Boomer Bay, TAS	31-DEC-16	Lochie Miller
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
SFM37	116.4	Portland, VIC	1-SEP-16	Daniel Lazarevski
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	18.9	Port Fairy, VIC	19-MAR-17	Chloe Dance
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
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**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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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 Yaneck
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
<b>Barramundi (giant perch) (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)</b>				
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 Groot
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
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
JF3	9.4	George River, WA	31-DEC-06	S Cook
SFF2	2.195	Hazelwood Pondage, VIC	19-MAR-17	Rudy Marland
SFF3	9.4	George River, WA	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
M2	2.045	Hazelwood Pondage, VIC	18-APR-17	Steve Marland

## 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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F3	4.3	Branston	05-OCT-97	L Hawkins
F4	4	Cadell, SA	11-APR-15	Lee Van Soest
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 Easley
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
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**Trout – brook (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)**

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

**Trout – brown (*Salmo trutta*)**

All-tackle	4.6	Lake Purrumbete, VIC	2-JUN-17	Chris Farrugia
M1	3.7	Talbingo Dam, TAS	16-MAR-85	E Newman
M2	4.6	Lake Purrumbete, VIC	2-JUN-17	Chris Farrugia
F1	1.3	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	15-OCT-93	J Carnegie
JM1	2	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	30-JUL-95	D Ware

**Trout – rainbow (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**

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
F1	1.73	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-APR-96	K Bain



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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
F1	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.

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**Shark – white (*Carcharodon carcharias*) – 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
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**Shark – grey nurse (*Carcharias arenarius*) – 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
<b>Amberjack (<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>)</b>				
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
<b>Barracuda (<i>Sphyræna spp.</i>)</b>				
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
<b>Cobia (<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>)</b>				
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	28	Mackay	09-DEC-16	R Meads
JM15	36.2	Southport	02-JUL-95	S Needham
JF6	19	Western Rocks	15-DEC-96	Z Balfour
SFM8	28	Mackay	09-DEC-16	R Meads
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M8	11.4	Fitzroy Island	29-NOV-83	B Cross

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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Mackerel – narrow barred (<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>)</b>				
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	16.55	Mackay	23-JUL-16	R Meads
JM10	21.5	Dunk Island	13-OCT-01	D Pretto
JF4	24.3	Whitsundays	25-NOV-82	K Dalling
SFM8	16.55	Mackay	23-JUL-16	R Meads
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W2	4	Gold Coast	11-FEB-06	S Ripper
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
W2	29.5	Cape Bowling Green	18-SEP-97	A Dalling
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	62.9	Mooloolaba	17-FEB-17	B Massurit
JM37	83.5	Cape Moreton	23-JAN-88	M Wood
SFM6	32.7	Mooloolaba	11-JAN-17	B Massurit
SFM8	62.9	Mooloolaba	17-FEB-17	B Massurit
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
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	88	The Trench	05-FEB-94	D Bray
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
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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M6	16.05	Cape Moreton	30-DEC-98	B Brookes
M8	21.9	Jumpinpin Bar	06-DEC-98	J Hautala
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
SFF4	5.2	Weipa	29-OCT-16	E Roberts

#### 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
M4	48	Mooloolaba	27-APR-98	R Whiteside
M6	67	Hutchinson Shoal	17-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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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Salmon – threadfin (<i>Polynemus spp./Eleutheronema</i>)</b>				
M2	4.25	Mooloolah River	21-DEC-97	S Dingle
JM2	4.3	Whitsundays	01-DEC-96	L Howson

<b>Samson fish (<i>Seriola hippos</i>)</b>				
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

<b>Shark – bull (<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>)</b>				
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
W37	42.5	Bribie Island	21-MAR-04	S Ruis

<b>Shark – grey reef (<i>Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos</i>)</b>				
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
W2	13.5	Townsville	25-OCT-89	J Blaxland

<b>Shark – hammerhead (<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>)</b>				
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

<b>Shark – mako (<i>Isurus spp.</i>)</b>				
M6	138.7	Gibbon 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

<b>Shark – tiger (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>)</b>				
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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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

<b>Shark – whaler (<i>Carcharhinus spp.</i>)</b>				
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

<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
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

<b>Shark – white (<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>)</b>				
<b>Records closed</b>				
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

<b>Snapper (<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>)</b>				
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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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#### Trevally – giant (*Caranx ignobilis*)

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	30.64	Mackay	09-DEC-16	R Meads
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	30.64	Mackay	09-DEC-16	R Meads
JM10	16.1	Eddy Reef	01-OCT-00	D Sabadina
JM15	18.35	Whitsundays	01-OCT-86	W Nagan
SFM8	30.64	Mackay	09-DEC-16	R Meads
SFM10	29.55	Cairns	13-AUG-13	J Edwards

#### Trevally – gold spot (*Carangoides fulvoguttatus*)

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 (*Gnathanodon speciosus*)

W2	6.39	Cape Bowling Green	06-JUN-99	K O'Brien
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#### Saltwater fly

M1	6.3	Whitsundays	12-JUL-08	A O'Dea
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#### Tuna – bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*)

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 (*Gymnosarda unicolor*)

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

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
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
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 (*Euthynnus affinis*)

M1	3.48	Hutchinson Shoal	28-MAY-00	K Hughes
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 (*Thunnus tonggol*)

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

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<b>Tuna – longtail (<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>)</b>				
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M4	9.5	Mooloolaba	28-MAY-97	G Platz

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

<b>Tuna – yellowfin (<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)</b>				
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

<b>Wahoo (<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>)</b>				
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



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Yellowtail kingfish (<i>Seriola lalandi</i>)</b>				
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

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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M10	15.9	Noosa	02-JUL-82	K Simmons
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

<b>Australian bass (<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>)</b>				
M1	2	Somerset Dam	24-JAN-98	G MacDonald

<b>Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)</b>				
M1	8.85	Townsville	02-JUN-82	B Glandville
W6	13.6	Innisfail	30-APR-92	J Mondora

<b>Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)</b>				
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

<b>Golden perch (<i>Plectroplites ambiguus</i>)</b>				
M1	2.3	North Pine River	19-SEP-99	K Hughes



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**34th Golden Lure**  
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 Host: Port Macquarie GFC  
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## MARCH 10-11

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## MARCH 11-12

**Alliance Tournament**  
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## MARCH 12-16

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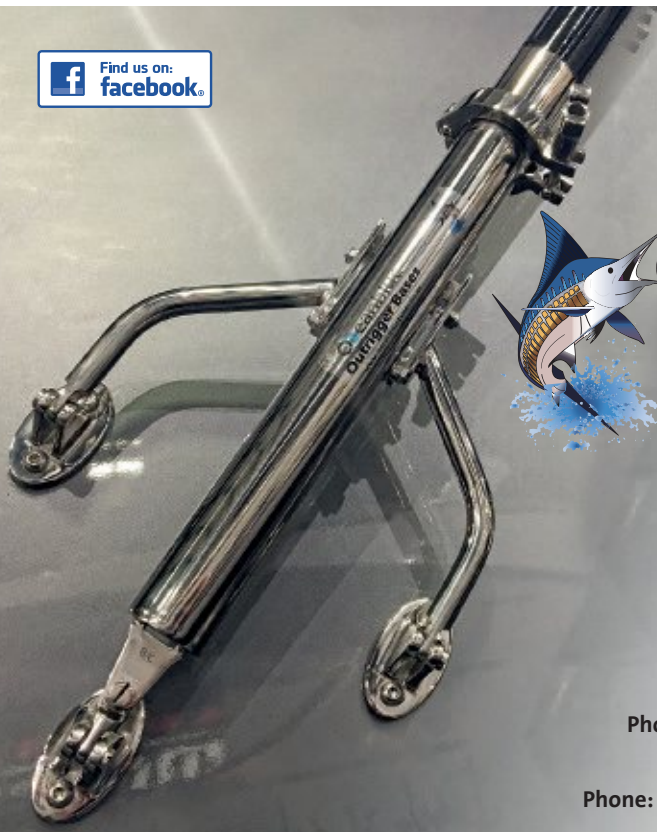


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## MARCH 31

### GFCNT Easter Competition

Location: St Helens, TAS  
Host: Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania  
Contact: Dwayne Evans  
Tel: 0418 780 033  
Email: gamefish.north@gmail.com

## APRIL 7-8

### Kiama Leagues Club Blowhole Bigfish Classic

Location: Kiama, NSW  
Host: Kiama GFC  
Contact: Mark Way  
Tel: 0427 377 865  
Email: myway@bigpond.net.au

## APRIL 14-15

### South West Victorian Game Fish Tournament

Location: Warrnambool, VIC  
Host: Warrnambool Offshore & LGFC  
Contact: Ashley Cox  
Tel: 0418 513 943  
Email: ashley@danceconstructions.com.au

## APRIL 14 – MAY 1

### Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Tournament

Location: Lord Howe Island, NSW  
Host: Lord Howe Island GFC  
Contact: Margaret Devine  
Email: finlordhoweisland@gmail.com

## APRIL 14-16

### Shimano WA Open

Location: Jurien Bay, WA  
Host: Perth Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Deon Van Der Westhuizen  
Tel: 0405 074 482  
Email: contact@pgfc.com.au  
Web: www.pgfc.com.au

## APRIL 21-22

### Naturaliste Light Tackle

Location: Busselton, WA  
Host: Naturaliste Game & Sports Fishing Club  
Contact: Dean Eggleston  
Tel: 0418 837 078  
Email: ngclub@outlook.com.au

## APRIL 21-23

### Mooloolaba Billfish Bonanza

Location: Mooloolaba, QLD  
Host: Mooloolaba GFC  
Contact: Josh Cox  
Tel: 0403 431 480  
Email: secretary@mgfc.com.au  
Web: www.mgfc.com.au

## APRIL 27-28

### 27th Australia Bluefin Tuna Contest

Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS  
Host: Tuna Club of Tasmania  
Contact: Robin Banks  
Tel: 0419 871 195  
Email: info@tunacluboftasmania.org.au

## APRIL 27-29

### Gold Coast Blue Marlin Classic

Location: Gold Coast, QLD  
Host: Gold Coast GFC  
Contact: Bev O'Sullivan  
Tel: 0438 307 556  
Email: gcgfc@yahoo.com  
Web: www.gcgfc.com.au

## APRIL 28-29

### Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament

Location: Watsons Bay, Sydney, NSW  
Host: Sydney GFC  
Contact: Karen Wright  
Tel: 0427 557 705  
Email: president@sgfc.com.au



## \*MAY

### XXXX Gold NT Barramundi Classic

Location: Daly River, NT  
Host: Darwin Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Steve Roberts  
Tel: 0408 762 544  
Email: president@ntgfa.com.au  
Web: www.darwingamefishingclub.com.au

## MAY 4-7

### 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 5-6

### Far South Competition

Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS  
Host: Southern Gamefish Club  
Contact: Katie Russell  
Tel: 0419 576 108  
Email: sgfcclub@outlook.com

## MAY 5-13

### 37th Tuna & Sportfish Tournament

Location: Pt MacDonnell, SA  
Host: Pt MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club  
Contact: Andrew Hood  
Tel: 0437 247 999  
Email: hoohok@bigpond.com  
Web: www.pmoac.com

## MAY 19

### Peninsula Challenge

Location: Eaglehawk Neck, TAS  
Host: Sports Fishing Club of Tasmania  
Contact: Steven Soul  
Tel: 0418 128 801  
Email: info@sportsfishtas.org.au

## MAY 25-26

### Hinchinbrook Catch and Release

Location: Lucinda, QLD  
Host: Ingham Rod & Reel Club  
Contact: Christine Bird  
Tel: 0457 502 938  
Email: irrc@outlook.com

## MAY 26-28

### Canberra Yellowfin Tuna Tournament

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

## JUNE 9

### Winter Windup

Location: St Helens, TAS  
Host: Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania  
Contact: Dwayne Evans  
Tel: 0418 780 033  
Email: gamefish.north@gmail.com

## JUNE 9-11

### Merimbula Open Yellowfin Tuna Tournament

Location: Merimbula, NSW  
Host: Merimbula BG&LAC  
Contact: Robert Wood  
Tel: 0413 333 598  
Email: snappytrumps@bigpond.com

## JULY 1 – AUG 31

### Tuna Slam

Location: Watsons Bay, Sydney, NSW  
Host: Sydney GFC  
Contact: Karen Wright  
Tel: 0427 557 705  
Email: president@sgfc.com.au

## JULY 6-9

### 26th Merimbula Broadbill Tournament & 6th Southern Bluefin Tuna Tournament – 1st Weekend

Location: Merimbula, NSW  
Host: Merimbula BG&LAC  
Contact: Robert Wood • Tel: 0413 333 598  
Email: snappytrumps@bigpond.com

## JULY 13-16

### 26th Merimbula Broadbill Tournament & 6th Southern Bluefin Tuna Tournament – 2nd Weekend

Location: Merimbula, NSW  
Host: Merimbula BG&LAC  
Contact: Robert Wood • Tel: 0413 333 598  
Email: snappytrumps@bigpond.com

## JULY 14

### Tuna Competition

Location: St Helens, TAS  
Host: St Helens Game Fishing Club & Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania  
Contact: Angela Matthews  
Tel: 0407 046 571  
Email: shgfc11@gmail.com

## JULY 14-15

### Victorian Tuna Classic

Location: Apollo Bay, VIC  
Host: Victorian GFC  
Contact: Mark Edwardson  
Tel: 0404 481 430  
Email: madwardson84@gmail.com

## JULY 21-22

### Lucinda Light Tackle Tournament

Location: Lucinda, QLD  
Host: Ingham Rod & Reel Club  
Contact: Paul Damento  
Tel: 0419 779 413  
Email: irrc@outlook.com

## AUG 1 – SEP 30

### Choona Challenge

Location: Central Coast, NSW  
Host: Central Coast GFC  
Contact: Michael Vincent  
Tel: 0419 626 002  
Email: president@ccgfc.com.au

## AUG 3-4

### Geoff Woolley Monster Mako Tournament

Location: Watsons Bay, NSW  
Host: Sydney GFC  
Contact: Karen Wright  
Tel: 0427 557 705  
Email: president@sgfc.com.au





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## AUG 4-6

**Dampier Classic**  
Location: Dampier, WA  
Host: King Bay Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Ian Lannary  
Tel: 0427 998 788  
Email: president@kgfc@gmail.com  
Web: www.kgfc.com

## \*MID-AUGUST

**Light Tackle Slam**  
Location: Yorkeys Knob, Cairns, QLD  
Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC  
Contact: Ian Copeland  
Tel: (07) 4055 7711  
Email: marina@ykbc.com.au  
Web: www.ykbc.com.au

## AUG 15-18

**Light Tackle Billfish Tournament**  
Location: Fitzroy Island, Cairns, QLD  
Host: Cairns Bluewater GFC  
Contact: Malcolm Henderson  
Tel: 0408 732 724  
Email: secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.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 30 - SEP 1

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



## SEP 6-8

**Innisfail Billfish Tournament**  
Location: Innisfail, QLD  
Host: Innisfail GFC  
Contact: Nicholas Pervan  
Tel: 0400 004 837  
Email: contact@igfc.com.au  
Web: www.igfc.com.au

## SEP 15-16

**27th Wollongong Open Tournament**  
Location: Wollongong, NSW  
Host: Wollongong GFC  
Contact: Tom Murphy  
Tel: 0427 645 768  
Email: secretary@wollongonggfc.com.au

## SEP 21-24

**Australian Junior Billfish Tournament**  
Location: Exmouth, WA  
Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Gary O'Brien  
Tel: 0408 751 468  
E-mail: weighmaster@egfc.com.au  
Web: www.egfc.com.au

## SEP 28 - OCT 1

**Sunny Coast Spring Shootout**  
Location: Kawana Tavern, QLD  
Host: Sunshine Coast GFC  
Contact: Brett Barton  
Tel: 0408 607 344  
Email: vicepresident@scgfc.com.au  
Web: www.scgfc.com.au

## SEPT 28 - OCT 2

**Weipa Billfish Tournament**  
Location: Weipa, QLD  
Host: Weipa Billfish Club  
Contact: Andrea Kennedy  
Tel: 0427 577 630  
Email: weipabillfishclub@gmail.com

## \*OCTOBER

**John Jones Memorial Billfishing Challenge**  
Location: Nhulunbuy, NT • Host: Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club  
Contact: Dale Piddick • Tel: 0448 127 638  
Email: dale.piddick@hotmail.com  
Web: www.govfishingclub.org.au

## \*OCTOBER

**NT Billfish Tournament**  
Location: Darwin, NT  
Host: Darwin Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Steve Roberts  
Tel: 0408 762 544  
Email: president@ntgfa.com.au  
Web: www.darwingamefishingclub.com.au

## OCT 12-14

**Gold Coast Shimano Shootout**  
Location: Gold Coast, QLD  
Host: Gold Coast GFC  
Contact: Bev O'Sullivan  
Tel: 0438 307 556  
Email: gcgfc@yahoo.com  
Web: www.gcgfc.com.au

## OCT 13-20

**Great Northern 32nd Black Marlin Classic**  
Location: Lizard Island, QLD  
Host: Lizard Island GFC  
Contact: Bob Lowe  
Tel: 0428 440 842 / (02) 9547 3374  
Email: boblowe@lizardislandgfc.asn.au  
Web: www.lizardislandgfc.asn.au

## \*MID-OCTOBER

**Makaira Bullfight**  
Location: Yorkeys Knob, Cairns, QLD  
Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC  
Contact: Ian Copeland  
Tel: (07) 4055 7711  
Email: marina@ykbc.com.au  
Web: www.ykbc.com.au

## OCT 18-21

**Light Tackle Game Fish Tournament**  
Location: Airlie Beach, QLD  
Host: Whitsunday GFC  
Contact: Luke Griffiths / Stacey Gerhart  
Tel: 0400 750 299 / 0427 467 377  
Email: whitsundaygamefishclub@gmail.com  
Web: www.whitsundaygamefishclub.com

## OCT 26-28

**Billfish Bonanza**  
Location: Exmouth, WA  
Host: Exmouth Game Fishing Club  
Contact: Gary O'Brien  
Tel: 0408 751 468  
Email: weighmaster@egfc.com.au  
Web: www.egfc.com.au

## OCT 27-28

**2nd Annual Mako Masters Tournament**  
Location: Shellharbour, NSW  
Host: Shellharbour SFC  
Contact: Carol Goodger  
Tel: 0423 252 279  
Email: secretary@shellharbourgamefishing.com.au

## \*NOVEMBER

**Gove Game Classic**  
Location: Nhulunbuy, NT  
Host: Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club  
Contact: Dale Piddick • Tel: 0448 127 638  
Email: dale.piddick@hotmail.com  
Web: www.govfishingclub.org.au

## NOV 8-11

**Port Douglas Marlin Challenge**  
Location: Port Douglas, QLD  
Host: Port Douglas Fishing Club  
Contact: Damon Gruzdev • Tel: 0408 400 090  
Email: damon.gruzdev@bigpond.com  
Web: www.portdouglasmarlinchallenge.com.au

## \*MID-NOV

**Hervey Bay Classic**  
Location: Hervey Bay, QLD  
Host: Hervey Bay BCGFC  
Contact: David Postan  
Tel: 0427 988 905  
Email: kilohana1@bigpond.net.au  
Web: www.hbgfc.org.au

## \*MID-NOV

**Wahi Wahi Tournament**  
Location: Yorkeys Knob, Cairns, QLD  
Host: Yorkeys Knob SFC  
Contact: Ian Copeland  
Tel: (07) 4055 7711  
Email: marina@ykbc.com.au  
Web: www.ykbc.com.au

## NOV 15-18

**Redcliffe Billfish Challenge**  
Location: Moreton Bay, QLD  
Host: Redcliffe Peninsula G & SC  
Contact: Greg Evans  
Tel: 0407 010 957  
Email: secretary@rpgsc.com.au  
Web: www.rpgsc.com.au

## NOV 23-25

**Whitesands Tournament**  
Location: Jervis Bay, NSW  
Host: Jervis Bay GFC  
Contact: Angela Bandulet  
Tel: 0405 008 868  
Email: angela.bandulet@gmail.com

## NOV 24-25

**Mooloolaba Billfish Bash**  
Location: Mooloolaba, QLD  
Host: Mooloolaba GFC  
Contact: Josh Cox  
Tel: 0403 431 480  
Email: secretary@mgfc.com.au  
Web: www.mgfc.com.au

## NOV 30 - DEC 2

**Triple Crown Tournament**  
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

## NOV 30 - DEC 2

**Ribbons Ladies Game Fishing**  
Location: Cairns, QLD  
Host: Ribbons Ladies GFC  
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