



**SEA SEA MARINE
SYDNEY SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT
2010**

Once again, welcome

On behalf of all St George SFC and South Sydney AFA members, we trust your weekend with us will be one of enjoyment and great fishing.

Our tournament continues to grow with our loyal sponsors providing great support with their goods and services. Please take time to meet our sponsors and visit/purchase their goods at every opportunity.

Please enjoy our hospitality, make yourself at home, catch some great fish and thank you for coming.

St George Sportfishing Club

South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association

HOSTS:

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB

SOUTH SYDNEY AMATEUR FISHING ASSOCIATION

VENUE:

South Sydney AFA premises,
Corner Hastings Avenue and Macquarie Street, Chifley

DATE:

5 am Friday, 26th March 2010 - 1 pm Sunday, 28th March 2010

ENTRY FEES:

\$40 -Catered Senior	\$25 - Uncatered Senior
\$15 -Catered Junior	\$ 5 - Uncatered Junior
\$75 -Catered Family	2 Adults and 2 Juniors

(Closing date for catered entries Sunday 14 March 2010)

This tournament is open to all financial members of ANSA (Australian National Sportfishing Association) and counts towards point score for the ACC (ANSA Convention Competition)



TOURNAMENT RULES



As per ANSA rule book. **PLEASE NOTE:** 1kg line class will not be eligible from a vessel in Bluewater in this tournament. 1 kg line will be accepted in all other divisions. All lines, doubles, traces or leaders may be subject to measurement as weigh-masters and recorders see fit. All fish must be weighed at Tournament Base unless directed otherwise by the Committee. **NOTE:** There are no Freshwater, Shark or Ray Categories.

SHARKS/RAYS: ARE NOT eligible for this competition.

CARP: ARE NOT an eligible species

TAG AND RELEASE: Maximum of 200 points per species as per ANSA NSW Tagging List. (See page 4)

CAPTURES: Must score a minimum of 50 ANSA points and be of legal length to be eligible for weigh-in, otherwise capture will not be recorded.

KINGFISH: Minimum tagging size to 800mm.

BRAID/GELSPUN FISHING LINES: - Can be used as per ANSA NSW rules.

DEFINITELY NO EXCEPTIONS

ALL fish must be in the weigh-in area by 1pm Sunday, 28th March 2010.

ALL George Pratt and species awards are length only, with optional catch and release.

REGISTRATION: Competitors are required to register on arrival at the Tournament registration centre and advise details of boats and crews on the forms provided. Registration will open at 5 pm Thursday, 25th March 2010. A 'Free' BBQ will be available on Thursday night.

BRIEFING: A briefing for competitors regarding rules, weather conditions and any restrictions on events due to inclement weather will be held on the opening evening of the convention or as needed.

BOUNDARIES: Lion Island in the North to Stanwell Tops in the South.

CONDUCT: Competitors are required to observe courtesy and etiquette at all times to fellow competitors and to the general public.

COMPLIANCE: All competitors must comply with rules and regulations laid down or in force during the Tournament by the host clubs or by any Government body or authority. Any fish captured during the Tournament cannot be sold and must comply with all recreational size and bag limits.

DISPUTES/SAFETY C'TEE: The committee will adjudicate on any dispute or breach of rules by a competitor or participating club and also exercise discretion to suspend or cancel any section of the tournament in the interest of competitor safety due to inclement weather. The decision of the Committee will be final.

LIABILITY: St George SFC, Sth Sydney AFA and the NSW Branch of ANSA will not be responsible for any accidents or injuries during the entire Tournament and competitors enter entirely at their own risk.

PROTESTS: Any protest must be in writing and handed to a member of the disputes committee by midnight of that particular day, except on the final day when they must be handed in by 1 pm.

FISH CLEANING: Cleaning of fish is allowed in the compound **BUT OFFAL MUST BE** bagged and placed in the dumpster provided.

ETIQUETTE: Competitors are requested to observe etiquette on the water and comply with any rule laid down by any Statutory Authority.

MEAL TICKETS: These must be shown on request. **NO TICKET - NO MEAL.** Competitors must provide their own eating utensils.

DUMPING OF FISH: The dumping of fish after weighing will not be accepted as a sustainable practice encouraged by the Tournament Committee. Ensure fish that are to be weighed are presented in a "fit for consumption" manner and are utilised as a human food source after weighing. On-site freezing facilities are available to competitors.



BOATING SAFETY



All boats must comply with safety requirements as laid down by NSW Waterways. Any boat not complying with these regulations will risk disqualification. The Safety Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance.

Alcohol and boating don't mix. The blood alcohol limit on the water is the same as on the roads 0.05% - be mindful the combined impact of wind, sun and wave action multiply the effect of alcohol. Your chances of disorientation and drowning are increased - this applies to everyone, the skipper, crew and passengers.

Ensure you have sufficient approved lifejackets for all aboard the boat and everyone on board knows where they are located and how and when to use them. A lifejacket can be the difference between survival and disaster in a boating accident especially when crossing bars when the wearing of a lifejacket is compulsory by law.

Always check the weather (Weather Info' line 1900 937107) and log your boat on and off with the local Coast Guard or Coastal Patrol base. Keep your radio alert for weather changes or warnings. Do not hesitate to seek assistance if you need it. Do not rely solely on a mobile phone for help as the range of most mobile phones is limited at sea.

Most boating accidents involve recreational craft of less than 6 metres. It is important you know the wind and wave limits of your boat and don't take chances in conditions you might not be able to handle. If you do capsize, stay with the boat and your chances of rescue are improved.



ROCK FISHING SAFETY



Rock Fishing can be dangerous. Never fish by yourself. Fish in a group of at least 3 people and within sight of each other. Inform others of your plans – always let family or friends know where you are going and when you will be back. If some one is washed in, one person should ideally stay and help while the other alerts emergency services. Dial 000 or 112 on mobile to access emergency services.

Wear the right gear. Light clothing such as shorts and a spray jacket or a wet suit will let you swim more easily if you are washed in. Jumpers can be heavy and difficult to take off in the water. Wear sandals and sandshoes with non slip soles or with cleats to suit the rock surface. Wear a lifejacket or buoyancy vest and bring something buoyant that can be easily thrown and held onto to help stay afloat. Carry ropes and torches.

Observe first- fish later. Spend some time watching your intended spot to get an idea of the conditions over a full swell/wave cycle. Know the tides as wave conditions can worsen with a rising tide. Plan an escape route in case you are washed in. Stay calm if you are washed in – swim away from the rocks and look for a safe place to come ashore or stay afloat until help comes. Stay alert – never turn your back on the sea. If waves, weather or swell threaten your fishing spot then leave immediately.

Avoid fishing in exposed locations during rough or rising seas. Make sure you are aware of local weather, swell and tidal conditions before going fishing. Call the Weather Info' line on 1900 937107. Be aware that conditions can and do change dramatically and quickly.



TAGGING SPECIES AS PER ANSA NSW



Note: Maximum of 200 points per species as per ANSA NSW Tagging List per angler to encourage versatility.

e.g. 20 Bonito = 200 points

2 Marlin = 200 points

Eligible species tagging list—July 1, 2008

Tagging Masters are available for each individual species at 200 points

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Albacore	10
Amberjack	20
Barracouta	10
Barracuda	10
Broadbill	200
Bonito	10
Cobia	40
Mahi Mahi	10
Marlin (Black, Blue and Striped)	100
Mackerel (All except slimey and frigate)	40
Rainbow Runner	20
Sailfish	100
Salmon	10
Sampson Fish	20
Shark (Blue)	40
Shark (Hammerhead)	40
Shark (Thresher)	40
Shark (Mako)	40
Shark (Tiger)	40
Shark (Whaler)	40
Spearfish	200
Tuna (Yellowfin)	20
Tuna (Big Eye)	20
Tuna (Longtail)	20
Tuna (Sthn Blue)	20
Tuna (Striped)	10
Tuna (Mackerel)	10
Wahoo	66.6
Kingfish	10
Minimum 800mm	

NOTE: All species have a 500mm min size limit unless otherwise stated.



NOTES TO REMEMBER

1. Marine Rescue Solander and Marine Rescue Sydney monitor 27.880 for emergency calls. All competitors are encouraged and expected to log on and off with Coastguard
2. Minimum of 50 ANSA points per species to be eligible for weighing except for the George Pratt longest Snapper, Flathead, Bream and the length only species Kingfish, Morwong, Trevally, Bonito, Mulloway and Salmon awards which are length only awards and judged by **LENGTH** only, with the **OPTION** of catch and release.
3. All fish for the George Pratt and length only species awards must be measured on a recognised measuring device such as the ANSA Brag Mat or a Fisheries Brag Mat or a reputable measuring device with increments no less than 5mm.
4. All fish to be measured length overall i.e. from the end of the tail to the leading edge of the jaw.
5. The measuring of fish must be witnessed by an independent person over the age of fourteen (14) years.
6. A fish will be determined "longer than the previous fish" if the measured fish is equal to or greater than 5mm in length of the previous fish. Where identical measurements are received for any one eligible species, a count back shall be employed and the fish measured earlier shall be taken as the winner.
7. Maximum of 200 points per species for Tagging.
8. The tails of fish will be nipped at weigh-in so please identify your fish in some other manner.
9. All fish weighed or tagged must be of legal length and/or eligible Tournament length (see eligible Tournament lengths listed on page 7).
10. Any fish not in the weigh-in area by 1 pm Sunday, 28th March 2010, will not be eligible.
11. Dispose of your rubbish in containers provided.
12. We are in a built up area so please be considerate of local residents and keep noise to a minimum.
13. Bring your own eating utensils.
14. Non-powered camp-sites are free to entrants. **NO** powered sites are available.
15. Boat Wash Down facility is **NOT AVAILABLE** at the Campsite. Please wash down at the ramps before returning to the campsite.
16. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the Tournament.
17. Due to the increasing usage of Braid/Gelspun lines, fish can be caught and weighed or released on Braid/Gelspun in the George Pratt longest species section, the Length Only Species section and Tagging section.
18. Lady and Junior competitors should nominate the section they wish to enter their fish at weigh-in to the weigh-master.

Please Note:

Captures in the following sections **ARE NOT** eligible for points towards the Champion Club award:

George Pratt length only species awards (Snapper, Flathead and Bream).

Length only species awards (Kingfish, Morwong, Trevally, Bonito, Mulloway and Salmon)

Most Meritorious award



AWARDS



BLUEWATER GAME: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters.

Division Sponsored by: **Sea Sea Marine**

ROCKS: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a rocky outcrop, ledge or headland on the ocean front.

Division Sponsored by: **Botany Cranes and Forklifts**

ESTUARY: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from the shore or vessel in enclosed waters, estuarine waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and saltwater marshes.

Division Sponsored by: **Fish Finder Bait & Tackle**

LADIES: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a lady angler fishing from the shore or a vessel. Should a lady win any of the open sections, she shall not be eligible for this trophy with the same fish.

Division Sponsored by: **Rapala Freetime Australia**

JUNIOR: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by any angler less than 16 years of age. The same conditions apply as with the ladies' captures.

Division Sponsored by: **Blue Marlin Rubbish Removals**

FLYFISHING: Trophy will be presented to highest point scoring capture by an angler. All tippet line classes to 15 kg eligible.

Division Sponsored by: **Columbia Sportswear**

TAGGING: Trophy will be awarded as per the ANSA system. Again we ask a maximum of 100 points per species be adhered to from the new eligible ANSA NSW Tagging List.

Division Sponsored by: **Your Local Electrical Services**

BEACH: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from sand or gravel beaches, coves and baths anywhere on the ocean front.

Division Sponsored by: **Fish Therapy**

LENGTH ONLY SPECIES SECTION:

Sponsored by: **Yamaha Australia**

Prizes will be presented to the longest of the following species

Kingfish:	Prize donated by: Kingsway Night & Day Pharmacy
Morwong:	Prize donated by: Max's Village Tattoo Studio
Salmon:	Prize donated by: All Plumbing and Bathroom Services
Mulloway:	Prize donated by: Nova Refrigeration
Bonito:	Prize donated by: Ben Plumbers
Trevally:	Prize donated by: All About Rubbish Removals

GEORGE PRATT LENGTH ONLY SPECIES AWARDS:

LONGEST SNAPPER AWARD: Trophy will be awarded to the longest Snapper caught regardless of line class or method of capture.

Division Sponsored by: **Botany Gardens Nursing Home**

LONGEST FLATHEAD AWARD: Trophy will be awarded to the longest Flathead caught regardless of line class or method of capture

Division Sponsored by: **N G Farah Property Managers**



AWARDS CONTINUED



LONGEST BREAM AWARD: Trophy will be awarded to the longest Bream caught regardless of line class or method of capture

Division Sponsored by: **Tackle Craft**

MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE: This capture will be decided upon by the Tournament Committee. It need not be a winner of any section. The tackle, conditions and any extenuating circumstances will be considered in the decision, so please give the recorder all the details of capture.

Division Sponsored by: **D & D Auto Refinishers**

CHAMPION CLUB: Trophy will be presented to the club with the highest aggregate point score. Aggregate point scores will be evaluated as follows; the 5 highest point scoring fish of each section shall be awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. The points so awarded in each section shall be totalled and the club having the highest aggregate shall win. Most Meritorious Award, The George Pratt Heaviest Species Awards and the All Tackle Awards are not included in the above evaluation.

Division Sponsored by: **Furuno Australia**

FOOTNOTE:

Captures in the following sections **ARE NOT** eligible for points towards the Champion Club award:

George Pratt Length Only species awards (Snapper, Flathead and Bream).

Length Only Species awards (Kingfish, Morwong, Trevally, Bonito, Mulloway and Salmon)

Most Meritorious award

Minimum Sydney Sportfishing Tournament Lengths.

In 2010 the Sydney Sportfishing Committee has decided to raise some minimum size limits for some popular fish species to limit the amount of smaller fish weighed in during the competition. Whilst all fish must be of legal size, the Committee has selected a few key species to impose a **Sydney Tournament Minimum Size limit**. Fish just over legal size historically have not figured in the point scores of anglers or clubs and it is hoped that this will limit the numbers of smaller fish weighed in during the convention.

Bream 30cm
Mulloway 60cm
Flathead 50cm
Snapper 45cm
Tailor 40cm
Trevally 35cm

Entry of Captures.

A capture can only be entered into one of the particular divisions with the exception of the George Pratt and Length Only Species sections. (Eg: A fish may be weighed into Estuary division and the length only species section.

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