37TH TUNA & SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT

Port MacDonnell, South Australia
Saturday 5th May to Saturday 12th May, 2018

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Welcome to the 37th Annual Tuna & Sportfish Tournament for the year 2018.
The fishing has been on the improve each day leading up to the event so all is looking good. Tuna of varying sizes have been landed so knowing what tackle to use will be a tricky decision. Once again one lucky angler will win a boat, motor and trailer package and we will have daily prize draws at the weigh in also. I would like to wish anglers the best of luck and stay safe on the water. See you out there.

Andrew Hood

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FACILITIES AT PORT MACDONNELL
The tournament attracts many return competitors every year who have become very familiar with the area and general services and facilities available at Port MacDonnell. But for those likely to visit for the first time, you can expect:
● A well supervised four lane boat ramp
● Floating service jetties
● Wash down area and fish cleaning facility
● Extensive parking areas for both cars and trailers

BRIEFING SESSIONS
All competitors, Boat Skippers or a representative must attend the briefing session at the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Rooms at 7pm on Friday 4th May 2018, as it will provide some very useful additional information.
Aspects to be covered will include: A resume of rules and conditions - particularly those that have changed, details of marine radio monitoring services and rescue facilities, information concerning ramp procedures, while offering competitors the opportunity to ask any questions concerning the tournament. Grid maps are also distributed on the night to all skippers.

FISHING, BOATING, ROAD & SAFETY RULES
Recreational boat safety in South Australia is controlled and managed by the Marine Safety Section of Transport SA. In SA a licence is required to operate a motor boat.

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1) **INDEMNITY CLAUSE:** I agree that if this nomination for the tournament is accepted, I shall not claim against the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club or their sponsors for any injury to myself or my guests, for any loss or damage to property and possessions during the time of the tournament.

2) **FISHING RULES:** G.F.A.A. Game Fish rules apply to all captures and equipment.

3) **LINE CLASSES:** Line classes to be fished are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 24 & 37 kg, the committee reserves the right to call for any line test.

3a) **BRAID LINE CAPTURES ARE ACCEPTED FOR HEAVIEST OF SPECIES ONLY.**

3b) **MAJOR LINE CLASS AWARDS FOR SBT CAPTURES ON 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10KG LINE CLASS.**

4) **QUALIFICATIONS:** The tournament is open to all anglers who are financial members of the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club or any other club which is affiliated with the South Australian Game Fishing Association or the Game Fishing Association of Australia or I.G.F.A.

5) **ADJUDICATION:** The Committee of the P.M.O.A.C. shall be the sole adjudicator of all rules and conditions of the Tournament. Their rulings shall be final and binding on all competitors. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any boat and or competitor who does not comply with these strict boundaries and rules. In the event of a record claim being made the committee reserves the right to withhold prizes until the record claim is ratified.

6) **BURLEYING:** NO BURLEYING for sharks within 4 kilometres of any of the Port MacDonnell swimming/surfing beaches.

7) **FISHING TIMES:** Commence after shotgun start Saturday 5th May 2018 at 8.00am, and will conclude at 1300 hours on Saturday 12th May 2018.

8) **WATERS:** Competitors may fish at any time between the hours stated above, in the waters off Port MacDonnell Bay. All boats must return to Port MacDonnell each day by sea.

9) **WEIGH-INS:** No late weigh-ins accepted - (refer rule 5). Saturday 5th May to Friday 11th May 2018, at 1600 hours at the clubrooms. On Saturday 12th May 2018, at 1300 hours, also at the clubrooms.

10) **ONE FISH: ONE TROPHY.**

11) **ALL SPECIES:** Only two fish to be weighed in per day, per species, per angler.

12) **SHARKS:** Attract half points, must go 2x1 line class. (Blue Whaler Shark refer rule 13).

13) **BLUE WHALER SHARKS:** 10 points for tag and release only & must go 4x1 line class.

14) **POINTS SCORING FORMULA:** Weight of fish x 100 divided by line class, will equal points. Sharks half points.

15) **POINTS:** 100 points will be awarded for each different listed species weighed or tagged by an angler, except Blue Whaler Shark.

16) **GAME FISH:** The Tuna Competition is primarily a game fishing Tournament conducted under G.F.A.A. rules. To be eligible for major tournament trophies, game fish are to be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class used for the capture. Sharks and rays must be at least twice the weight of the line or tippet.

Tournament rules limit the weighing of Southern Bluefin Tuna and Albacore to 2 fish per angler per day (boat limits also apply, refer S.A. fishing regulations).

17) **FISH OF EVEN WEIGHT:** The 1st fish to be caught of the even weight will be deemed the winner of the first prize.

18) **TAG CARDS:** Tags are available from the weigh master. You can use tags already in your possession but only original cards to be presented. All issued tag cards are to be returned at the end of the competition.

19) **TAG & RELEASE:** Southern Bluefin Tuna & Albacore Tuna - 200 points each fish.

Skipjack (Striped) Tuna – 50 points each fish.

Sharks - Mako & Thresher Sharks 500 points, Gummy shark & Tope 100 points, Blue Whaler Sharks 10 points, provided weight at least double line class.

This section is not in highest point scoring angler or boat class awards. Tag cards are to be handed to the weigh master on same date tagging occurred.

20) **BOAT CLASS POINTS:** 100 Points for 1 of per listed species per boat, highest line class points for G.F.A.A. species only (must go line class).

21) **HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER:** 100 Points for 1 of per listed species per angler, highest line class points for G.F.A.A. species only (must go line class).
1) **ENTRY FEES - STANDARD:** Adults $100 if paid online before 12 midnight on April 28th otherwise $120. Children under 16 years of age $20. Note: Juniors must be a financial member of one of the affiliated game and fishing clubs as per section 4 in Tournament Rules to be able to claim record captures both State and Australian.

2) **CONDUCT:** It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to tournament officials and other competitors at all times throughout the tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament.

2 a) **PROTESTS:** Any protests, signed by the competitor, must be in writing and delivered to the secretary before the final weigh-in.

3) **FISHING DAYS & HOURS:** Please Note: No boats will be permitted to leave the Breakwater prior to shotgun start (8am), Saturday 5th May 2018.

4) **SPECIES:** The following fish form categories in the competition and attract points:

   1. Southern Bluefin Tuna
   2. Albacore
   3. Sharks (Refer 5)
   4. Snapper
   5. Mulloway
   6. Australian Salmon

   **CLUB SPECIES LIST**
   a. Terakihi
   b. Queen Snapper
   c. Sweep
   d. Hapuka / Sea Bass
   e. Flathead
   f. Red Snapper
   g. Knifejaw
   h. Blue Eye Trevalla
   i. Whiting (K.G.)

   Only fish caught by a registered competitor are eligible.

5) **SHARK: Order of Merit:**

   1. Mako
   2. Thresher
   3. Tope
   4. Gummy

   (Separate section for Blue Whaler Shark)

6) **RADIOS: ALL BOATS TO HAVE MARINE RADIO:** The club operates a base station on 27 Mhz and VHF. “Sked” calls will be made on 94 or 22 daily off grid maps supplied to skippers, at the times of 1100 hours and 1400 hours. All boats must sign off by 1600 hours. Penalties may apply for failure to respond.

7) **PRESENTATION OF PRIZES:** All prizes will be presented at the presentation dinner commencing 6.30pm on Saturday 12th May 2018, at the Port MacDonnell Football Club.

8) **CLAIMING OF PRIZES:** Prizes can only be claimed at the presentation ceremony by the named winner. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the prize. No responsibility is accepted for delivery of prizes.

9) **ALL BOATS EXCEEDING 3 NAUTICAL MILES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 PERSONS ON BOARD.**

10) **CATCHING A FISH:** Each competitor must hook and land their own fish, but may have assistance (eg. gaffing, gilling or the use of a landing net) providing that assistance does not entail any handling of their rod, reel or line at any time prior to the fish being landed. Any breech will render that fish ineligible (refer G.F.A.A. rules).

11) **PRESENTATION OF FISH - General Condition:** All fish must be presented to the Weigh Master in an undamaged condition. Fish must be in fish boxes or plastic or hessian bags. All visible or partially visible tackle, including hooks and bait must be removed before being weighed. No live fish will be weighed; each fish being weighed must be presented to the Weigh Master for recording details.

12) **COMPLIANCE WITH SA REGULATIONS:** All species caught must comply with Primary Industries and Resources SA regulations. Competitors must comply with Port Authority regulations and any other relevant legislation and regulations. It is the responsibility of entrants to be fully aware of regulations covering minimum size and bag limits of fish and the requirement of appropriate boat licences and safety equipment in South Australia.

13) **COMPETITION TIMES:** All competition times covering close of entries, fishing hours and weigh-in times will be strictly adhered to.

14) **DECISIONS ARE FINAL:** The decision of the Weigh Master and or committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

15) **BREACH OF RULES:** Any competitor found in breach of these Rules and Conditions will be disqualified from the competition.

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1) **MOST MERITORIOUS SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA**
   Heaviest fish on the lightest line.
   Point Scoring Formula - Weight of Fish x 100 divided by the line class.

2) **HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER (CHAMPION ANGLER)**
   100 Points for 1 of per listed species per angler, highest line class points for each G.F.A.A. species only (must go line class).

3) **HEAVIEST SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA**

4) **MOST MERITORIOUS SHARK**
   Heaviest shark on the lightest line.
   Point Scoring Formula - Weight of Shark x 100 divided by the line class. *Divided by 2 (half points to shark).

5) **PETER BLACKMORE MEMORIAL TAG & RELEASE**
   Most fish tagged. As per rule 19.

6) **MOST MERITORIOUS ALBACORE**
   Heaviest fish on the lightest line.
   Point Scoring Formula - Weight of Fish x 100 divided by the line class.

7) **HEAVIEST SHARK**

8) **HEAVIEST SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA**
   On 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10kg line.

9) **HEAVIEST ALBACORE**

10) **BOAT CLASS AWARDS**
    Class 1, Class 2, Class 3.
    100 points for 1 or per listed species per boat, highest line class points for each G.F.A.A. species only (must go line class).

11) **BOAT TAG & RELEASE**
    Class 1, Class 2, Class 3.
    As per rule 19.

12) **CLUB TROPHY**

13) **HIGHEST POINT SCORING LADY**
    100 points for 1 of per listed species per angler, highest line class points for each G.F.A.A. species only (must go line class).

**Junior and Small Fry Prizes are Awarded Similar to Above.**
HEAVIEST FISH LIST

14. Tope
15. Gummy Shark
16. Eagle Ray
17. Snapper
18. Queen Snapper
19. Hapuka/Sea Bass
20. Terakihi
21. Flathead
22. Sweep
23. King George Whiting
24. Red Snapper
25. Salmon
26. Knifejaw
27. Blue Eye Trevalla
28. Mulloway
29. Tasmanian Trumpeter
30. Dolphin Fish

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