



# Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Inc.

**Handbook** Revision 1 2017

## Club Founding Members – 8<sup>th</sup> June 1977

Brian Abfalter (dec) Ken Gladman Kevin Osman John Osman Max Carrison  
Graham Milstead Ken Merrett Gary Nielson Robin Telford Ron Wood (dec)

## Life Members

1996 Max Stuchberry (dec)  
2005 Barry Praetz (dec)  
2006 Chris Ivanovic (dec)  
2009 Tony Bell  
2013 Jim Heffron

2005 Pat Barry (dec)  
2006 Peter Johnson  
2008 Darryl McIntyre  
2011 Gary Clarke

## Club Objectives

To promote the sport of angling and game fishing both as a recreation and as a potential source of scientific data.

Promote the exchange of knowledge relating to angling and boating.

Look after our fisheries by,

1. Take no more than our immediate needs.
2. Return undersize and unwanted fish carefully to the water.
3. Take your rubbish home and dispose of it correctly.
4. To promote Tag & Release.

To participate and organize fishing competitions and tournaments for all anglers to enjoy.

Protect the marine environment.

Observe and practice boating safety regulations.

Operate in accordance with the rules and ethics of G.F.A.A.

Encourage junior involvement in fishing activities of the club.

Show courtesy toward other anglers and boat users.

Provide facilities and equipment that enable club members to enjoy their membership of the club.

## Members Responsibilities

The ultimate liability and/or decision to put to sea, return to harbor or continue fishing remains the individuals responsibility.

In competitions, any member wishing to fish in unprotected waters (over 2 nautical miles offshore) must have at least 2 persons on board.

The club has heaviest fish for the current year and club best all time captures of each species on a board in the clubrooms for all to compete for.

Fish caught on Power Assisted reels are not eligible for trophies or prizes.

## Anglers

All anglers must be current financial members of the P.M.O.A.C. or a fishing club that is affiliated with or inclusive of S.A.G.F.A, G.F.A.A. or I.G.F.A.

Juniors will become senior members on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. If a junior membership has already been paid prior, they may continue to fish the current season as a senior with out paying the full senior fee.

## Communication

The P.M.O.A.C Primary radio frequency is the following:

|        |    |                |
|--------|----|----------------|
| 27 mhz | 94 | Coast Guard 88 |
| VHF    | 22 | Coast Guard 22 |

**All boat must have a working VHF or 27 MHZ radio on board**

## Calculating Capture Scoring Points

The P.M.O.A.C. point scoring system as shown will apply:

*Points = weight of fish x 100, divided by line class in kg.*

For example:

A fish weight of 5.7kg x 100 = 570, divided by 2kg line class = 285 total points scored

- *Fish are not required to go line class. ( \*except for during tuna comp )*

## Sharks and Eagle Rays

Sharks and Eagle rays are calculated at a 2:1 points scoring ratio, meaning half points:

*50kg Mako x 100 = 5000, divided by 10kg line class = 500, divided by 2 = 250 points*

*Note: Blue sharks are tag and release only*

## Braid

Braid is classified as minimum 24kg line class or more.

| Club Species | Size Limit | Bag Limit | Boat Limit |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|

### Sharks

|               |                    |   |            |
|---------------|--------------------|---|------------|
| • *Mako       | 120 cm             | 2 | 2          |
| • Thresher    | -                  | - | -          |
| • Tope        | 45cm               | 2 | 6 combined |
| • Gummy       | 45cm               | 2 | 6 combined |
| • Eagle Ray   | -                  | - | -          |
| • Blue Whaler | Tag & Release only |   |            |

All Shark and Rays must go at least double line class to receive points.

### Fish

|                         |           |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|----|----|
| • Southern Bluefin Tuna | -         | 2  | 6  |
| • Albacore Tuna         | -         | 2  | 6  |
| • Snapper               | 38cm-60cm | 5  | 15 |
|                         | Over 60cm | 2  | 6  |
| • Mulloway              | 82cm      | 2  | 6  |
| • *Australian Salmon    | 30cm-35cm | 20 | 60 |
|                         | Over 35cm | 10 | 30 |
| • Terakihi              | -         | -  | -  |
| • Queen Snapper         | 38cm      | 5  | 15 |
| • Sweep                 | 24cm      | 20 | 60 |
| • Flathead              | 30cm      | 10 | 30 |
| • Red Snapper           | 30cm      | 10 | 30 |
| • Knife Jaw             | -         | -  | -  |
| • Blue Eye Travalla     | -         | -  | -  |
| • Trumpeter             | -         | -  | -  |
| • Dolpin Fish           | -         | -  | -  |
| • King George Whiting   | 32cm      | 10 | 30 |
| • Hapuka/ Sea bass      | -         | -  | -  |
| • Garfish               | 23cm      | 30 | 90 |
| • Silver Trevally       | 24cm      | 20 | 60 |
| • Yellowtail Kingfish   | 60cm      | 1  | 3  |

### **PLUS ALL OTHER G.F.A.A. SPECIES**

*\*Club imposed limits and sizes.*

## Mako Shark:

The committee have passed that there will be a club minimum size and possession limited each day on Mako shark. This has come about by the recent Government laws on Commonwealth Migratory Species.

***Minimum size limit of 1.20m***

***Measured from the fork of the tail to the point of the nose***

***Maximum possession limit of 2 per boat, per day.***

## Australian Salmon:

The committee have passed that there will be a club minimum size.

***Minimum size limit of 30cm***

## Eligible species for Capture and Tag and Release

Only the current state legal size limit for an eligible species will be recognized as the minimum size for capture and tagging.

Members are asked to exercise the proper procedures for tagging fish and sharks, especially when tagging smaller fish. This will hopefully ensure a higher survival rate after tagging. All game fish and sharks as listed by G.F.A.A, I.G.F.A. or nominated by the P.M.O.A.C. are eligible.

## Tag Cards

The P.M.O.A.C. strongly encourages tag and release by members of our club. To enable us to obtain a steady supply of tags from N.S.W. Fisheries, we need to be seen as being responsible with these tags. By this, we mean that we look after them, treat them as gold if you like. Here are some do's and don'ts that affect us all:

- Tag your tuna, fill out the card correctly and return to the club tag master or committee person a.s.a.p.
- Tag your shark with a purpose made shark tag and the appropriate applicator, fill the card out completely and return to the club tag master or a committee person a.s.a.p.
- All used tag cards handed to secretary will be recorded then forwarded to N.S.W Fisheries for replacement.
- Any broken tags must be handed to the club secretary or tag master with their card so we can get a replacement tag.
- Lost tags need to be reported to the club, also cards that may be wet, soggy messes need to be returned so we can get replacements.
- You will receive replacement tags for each tag you hand in.

*Could all members please ensure that all tag and release cards are filled out correctly, as this continues to be a problem. Simply fill all the information on the tag card or you may not receive another allocation or risk a small club imposed fine.*

## Club Competitions

All fish presented to the weigh master are weighed and points are allocated regardless if they are caught on braid or mono. All braid captures are calculated as a minimum of 24kg line class. *Fish do not have to be line class.* The highest point scoring fish will win the event.

*The weigh master can award extra prizes or alter prize allocation at his discretion and common sense for outstanding or exceptional captures.*

1 one Fish 1 one Prize    one Angler one Prize applies to club comps

## **Border Shield – TBA**

Rules and species to be decided by the previous years winning club

## **NOTES**

**The committee may change details/species for competition as deemed necessary from time to time**

## **Family Day and Presentations**

Family Day and Presentations will be held during the month of February (date TBC annually)

This is a day for the whole family for Members, Spouses and Children with a Roast meal and drinks provided from 12pm

Club Presentations will follow in the afternoon

## **Rules and Limits**

### **Leader lengths:**

If has been brought to the attention of the committee that some members have been aware that there is a legal length for leaders. If you buy a wind-on leader it does need to be trimmed to the correct length for your lure.

From the G.F.A.A. rules webpage, also your annual G.F.A.A booklet.

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. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

### **Saltwater species:**

In all line classes up to and including 10kg, the leader shall be limited to 4.57 metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 metres.

The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14 metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19 metres.

### **Gaffs:**

Gaffs must not exceed 2.44 metres (8ft) in overall length

Flying or detachable gaff, the rope must not exceed 9.14m (30 feet)

## Safety Equipment for recreational vessels in SA

### Notes:

If carrying bilge pumps, no bailing bucket required

Fire bucket is now required in addition to fire extinguisher. (A stout bucket with a decent handle complies, does not have to be metal.)

Fire extinguisher sizes are now enforceable as follows, and refer to a single unit, not two smaller units combined.

1 x 0.9kg dry powder for up to 115 litres fuel capacity

1 x 2.0kg dry powder for up to 350 litres fuel capacity

1 x 4.5kg dry powder for up to 695 litres fuel capacity



1 x 9.0kg dry powder for more than 695 litres fuel capacity

Hand held flares required for less than 2 miles from coast after 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

406 EPIRBs must have a registration sticker to show that they are registered. Registration is free, but expires every 2 years. Proof of registration must be carried on board. Hard copy or via digital format is acceptable.

### Fishing Boundaries

Only fish caught in the waters of the P.M.O.A.C area chart are eligible for club points. Charts are available from the committee

| Required safety equipment   | Protected Waters        | Semi-protected Waters | Unprotected Waters |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Vessels less than 8 metres long</b>  |                         |                       |                    |
|  Approved PFD per person   | ✓                       | ✓ Type 1              | ✓ Type 1           |
|  Bucket with line attached and bilge pump(s)   | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Fire bucket   | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  One approved fire extinguisher (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)  | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Anchor and cable  | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Waterproof and buoyant torch  | ✓ if operating at night | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Approved compass fitted to the vessel   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Four litres fresh water   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Two approved flares and smoke signals   |                         | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Marine radio  |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Paddles/oars (if your vessel is under six metres)   | ✓                       | ✓ *                   | ✓ *                |
| <b>Vessels 8 metres long and over</b>   |                         |                       |                    |
|  Approved PFD per person   | ✓                       | ✓ Type 1              | ✓ Type 1           |
|  Bucket with line attached and bilge pump(s)   | ✓                       | ✓ two bailers         | ✓ two bailers      |
|  Fire bucket  | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Two approved fire extinguishers (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)   | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Anchor and cable  | ✓                       | ✓ two #               | ✓ two              |
|  Waterproof and buoyant torch  | ✓ if operating at night | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Approved compass fitted to the vessel   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Four litres fresh water   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Two approved flares and smoke signals   |                         | ✓                     | ✓                  |
|  Marine radio  |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Lifebuoy with line  | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                  |
| <b>Additional equipment for all vessels regardless of length in prescribed unprotected waters i.e.:</b>   |                         |                       |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more than three nautical miles from shore, except in inland waters, in Lakes Alexandrina and Albert; or</li> <li>• more than five nautical miles from shore in Gulf of St Vincent or Spencer Gulf</li> </ul> |                         |                       |                    |
|  EPIRB (Radio Distress Beacon)   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  V sheet   |                         |                       | ✓                  |
| • more than ten nautical miles from shore.  |                         |                       |                    |
|  Two approved rocket parachute flares  |                         |                       | ✓                  |
|  Chart of the area of water  |                         |                       | ✓                  |
| <b>If your vessel is over 15 metres in length you are required to carry an extra lifebuoy with line and a life raft.</b>  |                         |                       |                    |

\* or another type of propulsion # If vessel is under 12 metres, second anchor can be carried as a spare

## End of Year Presentation of Trophies

The club will organize an event for the presentation of the yearly trophies for seniors and juniors.

### ***Trophies will be presented for:***

- Highest point scoring angler (Club Champion) and Runner up
- Tag and Release
- Monthly point scoring anglers
- Heaviest Fish Awards for
  - Mako
  - Tope
  - Gummy
  - Southern Blue Fin Tuna
  - Albacore
  - Snapper
  - Mulloway
  - Salmon
  - Terakhi
  - Queen Snapper
  - Sweep
  - Hapuka/Sea Bass
  - Flathead
  - Red Snapper
  - Knife Jaw
  - Blue Eye Trevalla
  - Tasmanian Trumpeter
  - Dolphin Fish
  - King George Whiting
- Highest point scoring boat
- Highest tag and release boat
- Best away capture (does not attract club points)

## Anal Fin Award

The club presents the Anal Fin Award at the end of the year. This award speaks for itself. All members are encouraged to dob in their mates regarding any mishaps to the committee a.s.a.p. after the event. Don't be shy, as this is usually a hotly contested trophy!

## Highest Point Scoring Angler (Club Champion)

100 points for each different species plus the best point scoring fish per species over the year regardless whether it goes line class.

*Note: 100 points for each different species is toward **highest point scoring angler** only.*



## **Tag and Release Champion**

Tag and release has its own trophy:

Southern Bluefin & Albacore Tuna = 200 points (if not line class will receive 50 points only)

Mako & Thresher = 500 points

Bronze Whaler, Gummy, Tope & Eagle Ray = 100 points

Blueshark = 10 points

Sharks must be over 1 meter in length before being tagged.

## **Monthly Angler**

Points from the highest point scoring fish of each species captured each month.

E.g. Weight of fish x 100 divided by line class