



# Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Handbook

2020

## 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.

Membership is due at the start of each financial year (1<sup>st</sup> July)

Juniors will become senior members on their 16th birthday. If a junior membership has already been paid prior, they may continue to fish the current season as a senior without paying the full senior fee.

## 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.

## Calculating Capture Scoring Points

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

$$\text{Points} = \text{weight of fish} \times 100, \text{ divided by line class in kg.}$$

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.*

## Sharks and Eagle Rays

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

$$50\text{kg Mako} \times 100 = 5000, \text{ divided by } 10\text{kg line class} = 500, \text{ divided by } 2 = 250 \text{ points}$$

*Note: Blue sharks are tag and release only.*

### **MAKO SHARKS**

***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.***

## Braid

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

## 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.

## Club Champion Highest Point Scoring Angler

Points from the highest point scoring fish of each species captured each month.  
100 points for each different species each month regardless whether it goes line class.  
Line class captures from the annual Tuna & Sportsfish Tournament are included.  
Each month is totaled at the end of the year to achieve the winner.

$$\text{Points} = \text{weight of fish} \times 100, \text{ divided by line class in kg.}$$

## Club Champion Boat

Points from the highest point scoring fish of each species per angler on board captured each month.

100 points for each different species each month regardless whether it goes line class.

Line class captures from the annual Tuna & Sportsfish Tournament are included.

Each month is totaled at the end of the year to achieve the winner.

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

## Tag and Release Champion & Boat

Tag and release have its own trophy:

Southern Bluefin Tuna:

L/C -	1Kg	2Kg	3Kg	4Kg	6Kg	8Kg	10Kg	15Kg	24Kg	37Kg	Barrel	
	2000	1000	500	400	300	200	200	200	200	200	1000	points

(if the fish is not line class it will receive 50 points only)

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.

## 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.

## **RULES FOR COMPETITIONS.**

Financial members may take guests on board their boat to fish competitions and be eligible for prizes at a cost of \$10 each guest prior to fishing. Limited to 2 trips per season.

Juniors are eligible for prizes in the junior category only. Full membership payment will allow them to contest major prizes.

### **Club Competitions**

***Must be a financial club member.***

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.

One prize per angler.

*The weigh master can change or award extra prizes or alter prize allocation at his discretion and common sense for outstanding or exceptional captures. Points = weight of fish x 100, divided by line class in kg.*

### **Fishing on non-competition days.**

Weigh your fish on the club scales which are located at the cleaning tables. If you don't have a key, ask a committee person to supply you one. Fill out all your capture details in the supplied book.

### **MONTHLY COMPETITIONS:**

\***JANUARY** – FLATHEAD & KNIFEJAW – Heaviest of each species & Mystery weight.

\***FEBRUARY** –GUMMY & RED SNAPPER – Heaviest of each species & Mystery weight.

\***MARCH** – TOPE & TERAHIHI – Heaviest of each species & Mystery weight.

\***APRIL** – SB TUNA TIAGRA COMP – 6 KG LINE CLASS ONLY.

HEAVIEST SBT - TIAGRA REEL.

HEAVIEST SBT ON 6kg LINE - 6kg GRAILMASTER GAME ROD.

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### **NORMAL COMPETITIONS:**

**JANUARY** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Australia Day Weekend

All SPECIES Competition – BBQ – 4pm weigh in.

**FEBRUARY** (date to be announced) – GOOGLY DAY - 4 pm weigh in

**SHELF SPECIES**, electric reels are ok to use (captures do not attract club points).

**MARCH** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Presentation night at the Links Golf course. 6.30

MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

All species competition 4 pm weigh in.

**APRIL EASTER 4 DAY** 10<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup>

All Species competition weigh in 4 pm each day.

**MAY - 39<sup>TH</sup> TUNA & SPORTSFIH TOURNAMENT – 16<sup>TH</sup>.... 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

### **THE SHIMANO SARAGOSA 8000 REEL COMPETITION.**

*This is run over the first 4 months of 2020.*

Rules are simple.

Just weigh a different species of fish from the club list each month and register it in the club weigh scales book.

The scales are located at the cleaning tables and everyone should have a key. If not ask a committee member to get you one. This is a competition that all club members can enjoy. Prizes will be presented at the end of each month. Watch the club Facebook page for the draw.

Once you have won a prize you are not eligible to receive another.

Monthly competition presentations at the end of each month.  
One angler one prize.

ALL RESULTS – posted on Facebook and club web page.

The committee have the right to alter or change competitions.

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## SPECIES LIST

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. SOUTHERN BLUE FIN TUNA                           | 2. ALBACORE TUNA      |
| 3. ( <i>SNAPPER</i> ) delisted until further notice | 4. MULLOWAY           |
| 5. AUSTRALIAN SALMON                                | 6. EAGLE RAY          |
| 7. MAKO SHARK                                       | 8. THRESHER SHARK     |
| 9. TOPE (School) SHARK                              | 10. BLUE WHALER SHARK |
| 11. GUMMY SHARK                                     | 12. QUEEN SNAPPER     |
| 13. TERAHIHI (Jackass Morwong)                      | 14. BLUE MORWONG      |
| 15. FLATHEAD  | 16. RED SNAPPER       |
| 17. KNIFE JAW                                       | 18. BLUE EYE TREVALLA |
| 19. TASMANIAN TRUMPETER                             | 20. SWEEP             |
| 21. KING GEORGE WHITING                             | 22. HAPUKA (SEA BASS) |
| 23. SILVER TREVALLY                                 | 24. GARFISH           |

PLUS ALL G.F.A.A. SPECIES.

THERE ARE CLUB TROPHIES AWARDED AT THE END OF THE YEAR FOR THE HEAVIEST OF EACH SPECIES, TAG & RELEASE AND CHAMPION ANGLER.  
WEIGH AND RECORD YOUR FISH ON THE SCALES NEAR THE CLEANING TABLE.

### **Australian Salmon**

The committee have passed that there will be a club minimum size.  
Minimum size limit of 30cm

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Club Species	Size Limit	Bag Limit	Boat Limit
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*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	5	15
	Over 60cm	2	6
• Mulloway	75cm	2	6
• Australian Salmon	21cm	20	60
• 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	31cm	12	36
• Hapuka/ Sea bass	-	-	-
• Garfish	23cm	60	180
• Silver Trevally	24cm	20	60
• Yellowtail Kingfish	60cm	2	6

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

*\*Club imposed limits and sizes.*

*\*\*Closure times apply. Tag fish only.*

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### **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.

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### **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 boats must have a working VHF or 27 MHZ radio on board**

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

## 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.

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

## Members Responsibilities

The ultimate liability and/or decision to put to sea, return to harbor or continue fishing remains the individual's 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.

## 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!

## 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:***

- Monthly point scoring anglers
- Highest point scoring angler (Club Champion)
- Tag and Release
- Heaviest Fish Awards for
  - Mako
  - Tope
  - Gummy
  - Southern Blue Fin Tuna
  - Albacore
  - *(Snapper) delisted until further notice.*
  - 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

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# CLUB HEAVIEST FISH RECORDS

<i><b>SPECIES</b></i>	<i><b>SENIORS</b></i>	<i><b>weight</b></i>	<i><b>JUNIORS</b></i>	<i><b>weight</b></i>
Southern Bluefin Tuna	C Wilson	140	Z Currie	29.28
Albacore Tuna	D Kolpin	30.42	K Barrett	20.05
Skipjack Tuna	D Pratt	9.16	L McKinnon	5.68
Mako Shark	D Heinecke	317.48	S Whan	99.75
Thresher Shark	N Telford	65.5		
Tope shark	M Whan	30.1	S Johnson	33.14
Gummy Shark	T Tito	30.28	B Long	21.64
Bronzed Whaler	N Telford	13.15	Z Currie	3.75
Blue Shark	B Jacob	124.2	P Bell	56.84
Hammerhead Shark	N Doody	20.74		
Broadbill	C Taylor	134.8		
Flathead	F Hill	2.98	L Medhurst	2.21
Snapper	M Solly	8.28	T Lockwood	4.14
Red Snapper	G Clarke	2.2	J Kilsby	1.54
Queen Snapper	D Wright	7.4	S Whan	126.14
Trumpeter	D Heinecke	12.65		
Knife Jaw	B Lockwood	3.76	J Wright	2.31
Terakihi	G Clarke	1.96	B McKinnon	1.6
Aust Salmon	E M Gale	4.71	B Cawthorne	1.15
K.G. Whiting	B Sneath	1.42	R Morgan	0.7
Blue Eye	V Gabriel	19.8	L McKinnon	10.76
Mulloway	D Heinecke	24.75		
Silver Trevally	N Telford	1.9	A Walkom	0.48
Hapuka	G Sneath	24	L McKinnon	9.42
Samsonfish	B Neicho	26.85		
Garfish	L Walkom	0.36	M Stark	0.25
Sweep	P Cawthorne	1.85	T Murrell	1.2
Mahi Mahi	D Wright	9.56		
Kingfish	P Harris	3.1		
Eagle Ray	S Johnson	71.84	S Whan	20.3

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

Brian Abfolter (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