



2013 CLUB MARINE

8th Tom Jenkins Memorial Bluefin Tuna Championships



**Eaglehawk Neck, Tasmania,
Thursday 25th, Friday 26th & Saturday 27th April 2013
CONDUCTED BY THE TUNA CLUB OF TASMANIA INC.**



BRIEFING NOTES TGFA Sanctioned Contest



BRIEFING: Wednesday 24th April 2013

Contest briefing at the Clubrooms (Pirates Bay Jetty) commencing at 7.30pm.
A representative from each team "must" attend the briefing, at which time the
Championship Entry Pack will be provided.

DAY 1: Thursday 25th April 2013

Sail Past in Pirates Bay from 7-30am (No Boat to leave Pirates Bay until Official Start)
Fishing Commences from 8.00am until 3.30pm.
Weigh-in from 4.00pm until 4:45pm.
Club BBQ at the Club rooms from approx 5.00pm
Food & refreshments will be available from the Clubrooms.
6.00pm Second Contest Briefing for Anglers wishing only to fish for Next 2 Days.

DAY 2: Friday 26th April 2013

Fishing Commences from 7.00am until 3.30pm.
Weigh-in from 4.00pm until 4.45pm.
Food & Refreshments – Club BBQ available at the Clubrooms
Contest Dinner "LUFRA Hotel" – "AUCTION & Raffle" from approx 6.30pm. (Note*)

DAY 3: Saturday 27th April 2013

Fishing Commences from 7.00am until 2.00 pm. Weigh-in from 2-15pm until 3-00pm.
Food & Refreshments Club BBQ available at the Clubrooms
Prize Presentations at 4.00pm Tuna Club Rooms

Note* The Contest Dinner – Auction & Raffle will be held at the Lufra Hotel and will be professionally catered meal from approximately 6.30pm onwards at a cost of \$25.00 per head. Those wishing to attend the Dinner MUST indicate numbers attending on the Entry Form and include payment with Contest Entry Fee. (Subject to change)

CONTEST PRIZES & CATEGORIES:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH FISH:

- CATEGORIES -

- Major Prize – Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna of the Contest**
- Highest Tag and Release Point Score Team on a Boat over 6.01 mtrs length
- Highest Tag and Release Point Score Team on a Boat under 6.00 mtrs length
- Highest Point Score Fish caught by an Angler
- Highest Point Score Fish by a Male Angler
- Highest Point Score Fish by a Female Angler
- Highest Point Score Fish by a Junior Angler*
- Overall Runners Up Tag & Release Point Score Team
- Highest Individual Tag & Release individual Junior*
- Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna caught by an Adult Male Angler
- Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna caught by an Adult Female Angler
- Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna caught by a Junior Angler*
- Heaviest Billfish of the Contest*
- Heaviest Shark of the Contest
- Skippers Award
- Tag & Release “Random Angler Award”
- Unlucky Angler Award

- PRIZES -

- **60 inch HD 3D Television**
- **Tiagra 50W Rod & Reel**
- **Tiagra 50W Rod & Reel**
- **Clennett’s Mitre 10 - \$1,000 Voucher Prize**
- **Tiagra 50W Rod & Reel**
- **Tiagra 30W Rod & Reel**
- **Shimano Game Rod & Reel**
- **Force 10 Charter Prize**
- **Shimano Game Rod & Reel**
- **Tiagra 30W Rod & Reel**
- **Toshiba “Windows 8” Laptop**
- **Shimano Game Rod & Reel**
- **\$500 Tackle Voucher**
- **Doongara Charter Prize**
- **Good Thing Charter Prize**
- **Personalised Sea Charters Prize**
- **Kings Trailers \$250 Voucher Prize**

**The Prize for the Heaviest Tuna of the Contest will be awarded to the Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna Captured. If No Southern Bluefin Tuna are captured, then the trophy will go to the Heaviest Marlin, then Yellowfin Tuna, If No Yellowfin Tuna are captured, the trophy will then go to the Heaviest Albacore Tuna. Fish must meet line class.

*The Billfish \$500 Voucher Prize will not transfer to another category if unclaimed.

Prizes:

Prizes will be allocated in their listed order as Printed on this Contest Schedule, any Category Prizes that remain “unclaimed” will then be offered to the first **2nd place getter** commencing from the top of the list of Prize Categories to the bottom of the list of Prize Categories as printed on this Contest Schedule until exhausted. If Prizes still remain unclaimed, they will then be offered to the **3rd place getter** commencing from the top of the list of Prize Categories to the bottom of the list of Prize Categories as printed on this Contest Schedule until exhausted. If Any Prizes still remain unclaimed after the above process, Unclaimed Prizes will be used as Sponsored Prizes in the Clubs next Contest or Rally. The Prizes remain the Property of the Sponsors and/or the Prize Owners until Awarded or Won. **There will be no disputes in relation to this process.**

*Junior & Small Fry Categories will exhaust each other’s categories first before they are allocated as above.



CONTEST RULES

Authority

The Contest is conducted by the Tuna Club of Tasmania Incorporated.

Contest/Weather Committee

The Contest/Weather Committee consists of: Neil Clark, Martin Haley, Steve Soul, Adrian Morrisby, Leo Miller, John Edwards (subject to change).

Entries

One official Entry Form per Team must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Tuna Club of Tasmania Incorporated, Post Office Box 507 Sandy Bay 7006 by Last Mail **Friday 19th April 2013.**

Contest Entry is \$70 Per Adult & \$30-00 Per Child (Under 16 as at 25/04/2013)

Please make Cheques Payable to : Tuna Club of Tasmania Inc.

**EFT Payments - CBA Bank – BSB: 067-028 Account No: 10273656 A/c Name: Tuna Club
Please Make Reference to “Your Name” - Please use EFT Record as your official Receipt**

Late entries **may** be considered, and if accepted **will attract a late penalty of \$50 per boat.**

Official Entry Form may be reproduced.

If the entire event is cancelled due to bad weather no refunds will be given (due to expenditure already incurred by the club). Prizes remain the property of the Owners/Sponsors of the Contest. **There will be no disputes in relation to this process.**

Team and Angler Qualifications

Anglers must be "Current Members" of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA). Presentation of current Membership cards may be requested. The Contest is open to one Team per boat. Teams must consist of a minimum of two Anglers, but not more than six Anglers.

Fishing Rules

This Contest is a Sanctioned Contest and shall use the current Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) rules, read in conjunction with Tasmanian Game Fishing Association (TGFA) rules and these Contest rules.

All Vessels "must" leave from Pirates Bay and return to Pirates Bay (Weather permitting). Committee may allow Larger Vessels to leave from Fortescue Bay on the 2nd or 3rd Day if weather conditions restrict Mooring at Pirates Bay, (Weather Committee to Advise) Vessels must seek Approval. Any vessels that do not comply with this rule WILL be disqualified.

Number of Rods and Minimum/Maximum Line Class

Any number of rods may be fished, but in the case of multiple strikes only four fish may be played at any one time.

Anglers are reminded that only fish hooked on rods, which are picked up immediately after the strike are eligible for Record Claims.

Minimum line class is 2kg for this Championship.

Fishing Boundaries

The Contest fishing boundaries are the perimeter of the Grid Map, with **no exceptions**.

The Grid Map is supplied in the Entry Pack, which is distributed at the Briefing session.

Use this Grid Map in place of any previous Grid Maps issued.

Anglers fishing in the Outer squares of the Grid Map "Q", "1" & "19" may be asked their GPS position for safety reasons. (Grid Outer Boundary Limits) **North - 42' 37' / East - 148' 27' / South - 43' 23'** Fishing outside of the Fishing Boundary will not be tolerated.

Fishing Times

Thursday – Commencing at 8.00am until 3.30pm

Friday – Commencing at 7.00am until 3.30pm

Saturday - Commencing at 7.00am until 2.00pm

No lines are to be put in the water before the official start time.

All lines are to be wound in at the finishing time of each days fishing.

No Berleying for Sharks shall commence before the official starting time of fishing.

The President shall announce that fishing can begin.

Tuna Base will advise each day of the conclusion of the fishing

Any angler playing a fish at the designated finishing time may, with the permission of Tuna Base continue fighting that fish.

Safety Regulations

All vessels are required to comply with safety and equipment regulations as prescribed by Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

It is mandatory for all competing boats to submit a **Vessel Detail Form** with the Entry Form.

Tasmania Police may be in attendance checking safety equipment and adherence to regulations.

The safety check list on the entry form must be filled out and signed by the skipper or team captain for the team to be entered into the contest.

Insurance of Boats

The Tuna Club has a mandatory requirement that all Boats that fish Rallies and Competitions must hold comprehensive marine insurance. Your Insurance Company, Policy Number and the Expiry date details must be provided on the Entry form or a Copy of your Insurance Policy attached to the Entry form for your vessel to participate in the 2013 Club Marine 8th Tom Jenkins Memorial Bluefin Tuna Championships.

Marine Radio Control and Skeds

All vessels are to be equipped with working VHF Marine Radio capable of contacting Tuna Base at Pirates Bay, or be able to perform a relay via Coast Radio Hobart or Another Vessel. If your VHF Marine

Radio fails or you can not be heard by Tuna base, CRH or another Vessel, you must return to base. A limited number of Spare VHF Radios will be available for Vessels to then continue in the Competition. If Your VHF Radio Stops Working, **you must return to base**. Mobiles phones are for emergency only.

Tuna Base Marine Radio Frequencies used will be VHF Channel 73 .

Tuna Base will contact all vessels at ten minutes past each hour of the day, please have your grid position information ready, it is the onus of each Skipper to contact Tuna Base direct. Any angler fighting a fish at the designated finishing time may, with the permission of Tuna Base continue fighting that fish.

Coast Radio Hobart Radio Relay Assistance

If Tuna Base does not make contact, it is the onus of the Skipper to then wait to the end of each Tuna Base Radio sked for Coast Radio Hobart's Call for Radio Relay Assistance back to Tuna base.

Reporting Procedure for Radio Skeds

All vessels will Log on prior to leaving Pirates Bay with the following details:

- **Boat Number** as stated on Competition Boat / Vessel must be used.
- Number of persons aboard

On the FIRST and each subsequent HOURLY sked vessels will report the following:

- **Boat Number** as stated on Competition Boat / Vessel List must be used.
- Position as a grid reference, using the "**phonetic alphabet**" as shown on Grid Map.
- **Number of fish captured and fish type (New Initiative)**
- **Number of fish tagged and fish type (New Initiative)**

On the FINAL sked vessels will report the following:

- **Boat Number**
- Position as a grid reference preferably using the phonetic alphabet
- Number of fish captured and fish type
- Number of fish tagged and fish type
- Estimated time of arrival at Port.
- Advise Tuna Base if you still have a fish in play and request permission to continue playing that fish

Upon Returning home to Pirates Bay vessels will report the following:

- Boat number
- Officially sign off with Tuna Base. The Skipper MUST receive acknowledgement that they have made contact with the Radio Operator. If radio contact is not made, the Skipper is to report in person to the Radio Room and sign off.

If a vessel fails to log off on return to Port, by Radio or in person, the vessel, its Skipper and Crew WILL be disqualified from the Tournament immediately.

Failure to Report on Skeds:

It is mandatory for ALL vessels to report on each sked. Failure to report on **two (2)** consecutive skeds WILL result in an Emergency Search Procedure being instigated.

If a vessel is found to not have a legitimate reason for not answering on two skeds, the vessel, its Skipper and Crew WILL be disqualified from the Tournament immediately.

Boats wishing to talk to each other are asked to use alternative channels and keep the designated VHF Channel 73 clear for skeds & base communication

Minimum Weight Requirements for Tasmanian Game Fishing Association (TGFA) Sanctioned Tournaments

All Tuna weighed must equal or exceed line class being used for the capture, however all fish must have a minimum weight of 4kg.

- **All Sharks have a minimum weight requirement of 60kgs.**
- **All Marlin have a minimum weight requirement of 60kgs.**

Capture Limits

For conservation purposes, each angler can weigh a combined maximum number of two(2) fish and each team can weigh a combined maximum number of four(4) fish from the below capture limits list. Example (One Shark & One Bluefin = Two(2) Fish - which is an Individuals maximum to be weighed)

Daily Limits:

- Each team can weigh a maximum number of 1 Billfish
- Each team can weigh a maximum number of 2 Sharks
- Each team can weigh a combined maximum of 4 Southern Bluefin, Yellowfin, Albacore, Bigeye Tuna, Dolphin Fish & King Fish.
- Individuals can weigh in 1 Shark or 1 Billfish
- Individuals can weigh in a combined maximum of 2 Southern Bluefin, Yellowfin, Albacore, Bigeye Tuna, Dolphin Fish & King Fish.

Contestants are responsible for the correct weighing and recording of the weight of their fish.

The Weigh Master and a member of each fishing team must sign the Ticket.

Incorrect Tickets will not be considered for scoring. All fish are to be weighed-in within 45 minutes of the commencement of weigh-in time, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Weigh Master(s).

Warning: Anglers are reminded that there are State Fisheries regulations pertaining to bag and possession limits which will apply across this three day tournament. Read up and know your limits!!

Weighing & Cleaning of Fish

The Contest Committee will appoint the Weigh Master(s).

All fish are to be weighed at the Weigh Station situated at Pirates Bay.

The net weight recorded shall be the weight used for scoring purposes.

All fish will be weighed on the Tuna Club's certified digital scales.

Fish will only be weighed-in gilled and gutted or sashimi style.

Sharks are to be gutted only.

No additional values will be added for cleaned fish.

After weighing it is the Angler's responsibility to remove fish from the Weigh Station area.

Fish are to be cleaned at sea only. No cleaning or filleting of fish shall take place in the vicinity of the Jetty or the Tuna Club Rooms or Car Park.

The **ONLY** time fish may be cleaned in the vicinity of the Club Rooms is when the Tuna Club Committee provides an approved fish cleaning station at a designated location for the contest.

If using the designated Cleaning Station, Each Angler is responsible for Cleaning after use.

No Cleaning Station, No Cleaning or filleting near our Club Rooms, Jetty or Car Park.

Teams not complying will be disqualified.

If, in the opinion of the Angler, the fish is a potential Record, the fish may be weighed whole, then taken away for cleaning, and then re-weighed for the Contest.

Scoring

Scoring of fish for points shall be as follows:

CAPTURE:
$$\frac{\text{Weight of fish} \times 100 \times \text{Fighting Factor as per Scorebook List}}{\text{Divided by Line Class}}$$

Sharks will not attract points in the capture section.

TAG and RELEASE RULES: All fish that are tagged require a digital photo with date showing the fish with tag and presented at the same time as the tags are handed in to the Club.

All tag cards need to be fully completed including longitude and latitude details etc, line class and the time the fish was tagged. This information must be provided in the case of a count back in a tie. If you do not provide these details, All Tuna's must be 600 Millimetres or Greater in length to be able to be tagged. Tuna's smaller than 600 millimetres will not be eligible for tags or accrue any tag points. No line class or time details, you will be judged as using the heaviest line class and the fish will be judged to be tagged at the latest time permitted for the Contest day. Junior Individual Tag & Release Points can be included with Team / Boat Tag & Release Points in both Categories.

NEW TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENT WHEN TAGGING A FISH. All Anglers that wish to Tag & Release must each day collect a special designated boat tag from a pre selected area nominated on the briefing night. The boat tag will be the property of your vessel for that days fishing. The Club will nominate a boat tag collection point and return point where tags "must" be logged and returned for Anglers and Teams to be eligible to fish and be awarded any points for the competition. The boat tag must be held and viewed in photograph of all tagged fish.

Boat Tags must be returned by no later than the close of weigh-in time for each contest day.

The boat tag must be clearly visible in the tagged fish photograph. No boat tag, no tag points.

Remember all tagged fish must be over 600 Millimetres in length and any fish under 700 millimetres must have club ruler included in photograph. (Club Ruler available at briefing night)

Photograph must clearly show the Tag in the Fish, boat tag and if fish under 700 millimetres in length include the new club ruler. The Tuna Club also recommends ALL Anglers use Camera's or Phones that provide day time and date details when photographing tagged fish.

The Tagging Official will have the final say. There will be no disputes to this process.

Tag & Release Point Score, Note Albacore Tuna and King Fish Size Restrictions for Tagging

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| • Billfish | 20,000 Points |
| • Southern Bluefin Tuna | 5,000 Points |
| • Yellowfin Tuna | 5,000 Points |
| • Albacore Tuna | 100 Points....Must be Over 60 cms in length to be tagged. |
| • Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi) | 500 Points |
| • King Fish | 50 Points.....Must be over 70 cms in length to be tagged. |
| • Mako Shark | 1,000 Points |
| • Blue Shark | 500 Points |

*Striped Tuna are not to be tagged and points will not be awarded**

Traffic Management & PWS Events Authority.

The Tuna Club has a Special Events Authority to help manage the parking and public access to the lower car parking area during the Tuna Club Championships. We wish everyone to have a great time, and be safe and for everyone to go home happy and fulfilled after the Championships.

Please be aware there are other users and allow an extra 10 or 15 minutes as there may be congestion due to high number of boat trailers using the ramps and parking facilities. Please be careful when backing your trailer, small children and at times tourists may walk in front or behind your vehicle and trailer as they are not use to what we do each time we are at the ramp. (Don't be scared to use the car horn)

Please take instructions from the Tuna Club Car Parking Attendants when entering the lower Car Park. They are there to help you get your boat into the water ASAP.

We are attempting to stop any congestion or car park bottle necks from taking place.

NO RAMP RAGE PLEASE!!

Good Luck every One.

Tuna Club Committee.

Club Marine – Special Skippers Offer (SAVE \$70-00)

All Boat Skippers that transfer their New or Existing Marine Insurance through the Tuna Clubs Agency with our Sponsors **Club Marine** Before the 20th April 2013 will receive **ONE FREE ENTRY** Into the 2013 8th Tom Jenkins Memorial Bluefin Championships. **(Please Support Our Major Sponsors)**

This represents a Massive Savings to Skippers that arrange this transfer of **\$70.00**.

(Policy Evidence must be provided to receive the special discount prior to 20/04/2013)

Please make sure you Thank Our Sponsors if you get an opportunity to meet them. No Sponsors, No Event.

Disputes

The Committee reserves the right to re-classify, refuse entry to any individual or team, settle any disputes and make decisions or variations relating to the conduct or the prizes of the Contest.

In all cases any decision made will be binding and final. Once a decision has been reached by the committee, that will be final.

The Committee reserves the right to test line classes, randomly check rods, reels and tackle and place observers on any boat. Any protest must be lodged with the Contest Committee in writing within 45 minutes of the close of fishing.

