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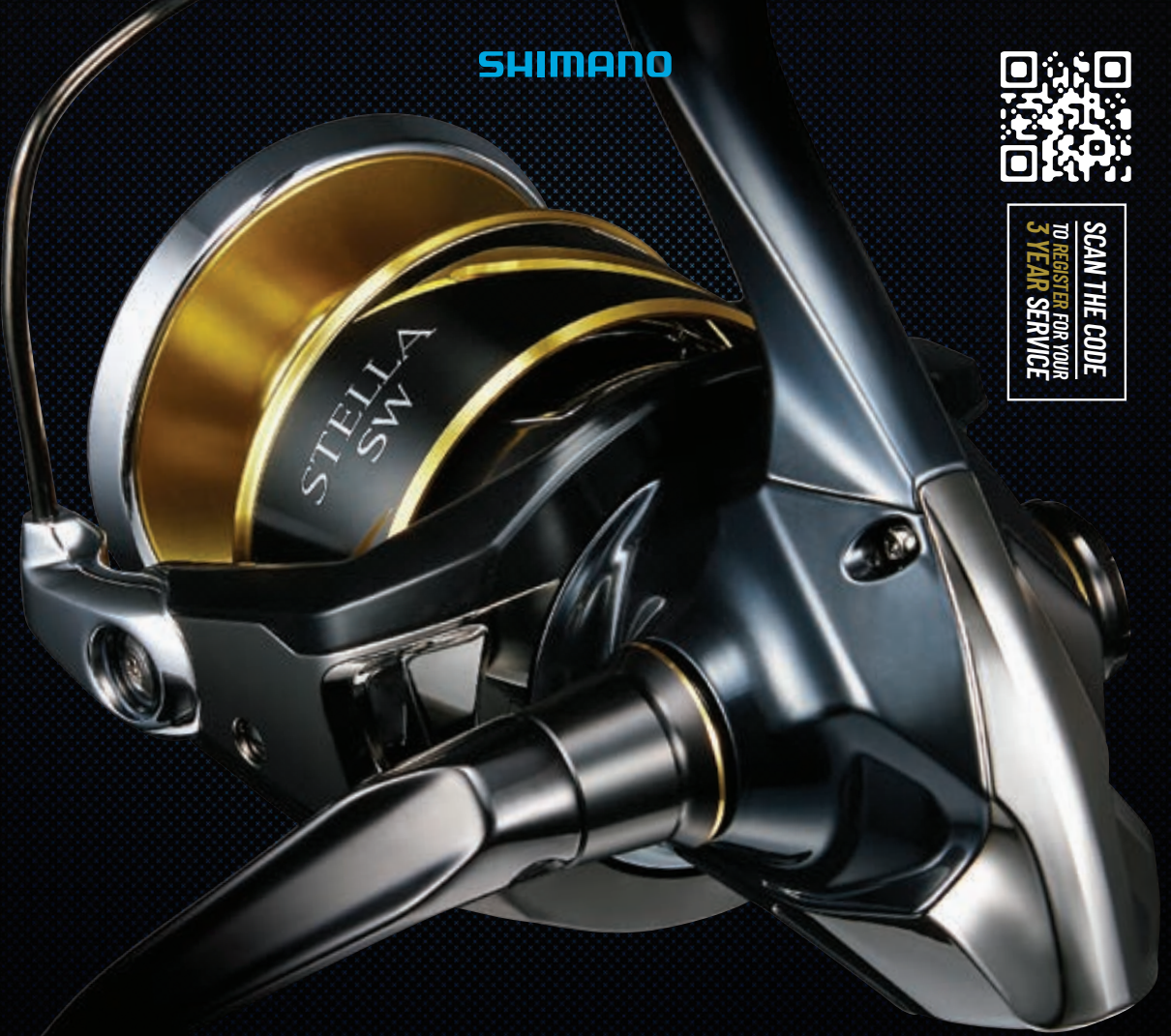
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# Message from the President

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 2026 edition of the GFAA Journal. I hope each member finds time to enjoy the marine environment with friends and family, whether by relaxing on the shore or pursuing a significant catch, and I wish everyone success in these endeavours.

Our sport continues to attract scrutiny in various forms, and I am confident that each of us is representing it at its best.

At our recent AGM, I was honoured to confer Life Membership of the GFAA upon our long-serving Secretary, Peter Coote. Peter has been a vital contributor to our Association, consistently delivering excellence across numerous projects and initiatives. His dedication has greatly enriched our organisation.

A recent key development was the launch of the GFAA App. Feedback from users has been overwhelmingly positive, and I encourage all members to explore its features, including current records, access to both past and present journals, and more. The app has enabled us to reduce the journal print run, yielding significant savings in production costs. For those who prefer a hard copy, printed journals will continue to be available for as long as the demand exists.

Our sport faces several established and emerging challenges. Offshore windfarm proposals present complex issues; fortunately, many projects are encountering obstacles prior to the construction phase. As companies reconsider their financial commitments and remaining supporters receive substantial incentives which will ultimately be passed on to consumers, we remain vigilant and proactive in monitoring developments and advocating for our interests in the decision-making processes.

Growing shark predation presents another concern and appears to be an international trend. This rise is likely attributable to policy decisions made without sufficient consideration of alternative approaches by the various governing bodies, especially regarding bans imposed by authorities. GFAA has been represented in numerous workshops regarding this problem however, the problem is continuing. The obvious solution would appear to be some type of population control however the powers that be seem to be focused on other types of mitigation.

I have made advancing our Junior program a priority for the coming year. My thoughts are that an increased membership is underpinned by a strong Junior program. Although we have been doing very well with our current programs, we can always do better. Significant investment supports both KidsFish2 and the National Junior Tournament, and it is essential to ensure prudent allocation of resources. Karen Wright, our National Junior Coordinator, has demonstrated outstanding leadership, and to further support these programs, Jennifer Cleary has been appointed as KidsFish2 Assistant. Jennifer is a member from the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club and she will assist in the distribution of materials to clubs, coordinate reports

and photographs, and monitor membership outcomes resulting from KF2 events to help justify the continued funding.

This year, we were informed that Tackle World would not renew their sponsorship and instead will be focusing on other areas of their business. We appreciate their support and extend our best wishes for the future. I am pleased to announce that, alongside Shimano, Colorado Lures, Garmin, Australian Solid Fuel Testing, and Mount Sheridan Plaza, Anaconda has now joined our sponsors. With a strong presence in the fishing community, we anticipate a productive partnership.

The FRDC's recently published National Survey yielded remarkable results, indicating that 4.2 million people participate in fishing annually in Australia, contributing \$11 billion to the economy and supporting 100,000 full-time jobs.

Additionally, our Conservation Officer, Leyland Campbell, presented findings from our Member Research Survey. Despite limited participation, it was clear across all States that members are highly engaged, value species sustainability, and seek greater involvement in shaping the science behind management of the sport. Both this survey and the FRDC report notably highlight the important mental health benefits associated with fishing. Participants value both fishing and spending time with friends and family and this is enhanced by the provision of adequate boat ramps and associated facilities.

The past year has seen a number of accidents at sea which in some cases resulted in the loss of life and my condolences go out to the family and friends of those involved. My hope is that we all take care on the water, take all of the recommended safety precautions and ensure that all of our equipment is in good working order. None of us want to see a repeat of those tragic events.

This publication could not be created without the valuable input from our Club, State and national representatives. By far the greatest input has been from our Secretary Peter Coote who has almost single handedly put this publication together. Thank you Peter.

My hope for 2026 is that all of us have the opportunity to enjoy our great sport and that we all contribute in a positive way towards making it even better.

*Tight lines,  
Glen Sparks, President*



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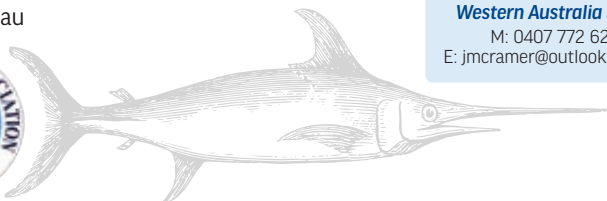


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The constitutional membership of the GFAA is the Australian States and the Northern Territory (the Canberra Game Fishing Club is affiliated with the New South Wales Game Fishing Association). Game fishermen, wherever their place of residence, have a voice and representation – just as was planned by those who founded the national body in 1938.

Each of the State and Northern Territory branch memberships is made up of affiliated clubs. The club members – the fishers – in turn, receive the benefit of membership.

There are many reasons for the success and longevity of the GFAA, all of which are directly related to benefits for the members.

These include:

- The administration of club, State and Australian records for male, female and junior anglers – not only traditional offshore game fishing records, but also fly and land-based game.
- Organised club structures that help give knowledge on technique and where to find fish, club-organised tackle and 'how-to' instructional events and the like.
- Fellowship and social functions within the clubs.
- Competition, both intra- and inter-club. That is, competition with other clubs, competition within the State and national competition.
- Representation for club, state or country in international competition. The GFAA and members of its state associations and member clubs are welcome and recognised at international tournaments. Teams have competed successfully in international tournaments in New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, Tahiti and Nova Scotia.
- The dissemination and application of knowledge, which is important over a lifetime of fishing with a GFAA club.
- Receipt of member club and State associations' newsletters and the GFAA's *Official Game Fishing journal*.

One of the most important benefits of membership of clubs affiliated with the GFAA is to give input to club, State and national executives with governments and related organisations and departments. This involvement ideally leads to representation on government committees and advisory councils – a very necessary function. GFAA clubs and association members are more often becoming the contact point for government seeking advice and information, as well as contact points for lobbying on behalf of members.

Along the same lines, the GFAA offers game fishers:

- Representation at national and international seminars on billfish and other pelagic species by all game fishing sectors.
- An active voice and contribution to ensure that recreational offshore fishermen have access to and an equitable share in fish and bait resources.
- The opportunity to take active executive positions in clubs, State associations and the national body, the GFAA.
- Advocacy to governments on issues affecting game fishers interests.
- The GFAA Executive strives to maintain affiliation fees at the minimum level necessary to give service and efficient operation.

The association's interests in science and conservation are clear cut and the association is regarded, rightly, as a world leader.

The game fish tag and release programs and tournament minimum weights are just two examples of leadership in ethical fishing and conservation.

In addition, the GFAA has a research foundation. The wisely allocated grants that have been made so far are already providing benefits to fish and fishermen.

The GFAA is your organisation. The support and membership you give will result in multiplying benefits for you, the angler.

Put simply ... **IF YOU GAME FISH, IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO BELONG TO A GFAA AFFILIATED CLUB.**

For the location of your nearest GFAA-affiliated club, consult the full GFAA club listing in this journal or visit [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) or email [secretary@gfaa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@gfaa.asn.au)



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# Code of Practice for a Responsible Gamefish Fishery

Codes of Practice are important to set standards for organisations and have been developed for a wide range of activities and industries, including the seafood industry. Many of the principles incorporated into Codes of Practice might seem obvious or general, but they clearly demonstrate to those inside and outside the organisation that high standards do exist and are strongly encouraged.

It is important that a Code of Practice for gamefishing in Australia be promoted, especially since some sectors of the public and the media are not well informed about this form of angling.

## THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GFAA

To a large extent, the GFAA has operated under a form of 'Code of Practice' for many years. The constitution of the GFAA contains a set of objects (or aims) that are a very useful starting point in this regard. Taking the relevant points from the Objects of GFAA (the ones that relate to fishing ethics, conservation and so on), it is clear that the Association has set itself high standards. That is:

- To formulate and support fair, uniform and ethical angling rules.
- To conserve gamefish and food fish resources for the recreational and economic use of present and future generations.
- To affiliate with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and work closely with that Association as well as scientific institutions and government bodies interested in fisheries conservation and management.
- To encourage and further the study of recreational angling, the related fish species and the habitat requirements of such species.
- To develop and support fish tagging programs and other scientific data collection.
- To act as a data accumulation centre for fishing results and to make such information available to governments and others for furthering education in the wise use and conservation of the species.
- To analyse the pressure of recreational and commercial fishing upon the respective gamefish species.
- To disseminate information and knowledge of scientific studies of commercial fishing and gamefishing to GFAA member clubs and to the general public.
- To assist and participate in domestic and international gamefish seminars and symposiums where the expertise, data and purposes of the Association may be helpful in assisting other organisations with similar objectives.
- To make grants to gamefish-oriented organisations or institutions for the support of research and education in the sciences related to gamefish and the sport of angling.

These objects are largely pursued through the rules and regulations of the Association. The GFAA Research & Development Foundation has also been formed to assist in funding the pursuit of many of these specific goals.

## THE CODE

Principles of a Code of Practice for gamefishing in Australia (not only for members of clubs, it should be noted) include the following. Gamefish anglers will strive to:

- Fish to the ethical standards espoused by the GFAA. Follow the rules and regulations set by the GFAA. Always conduct gamefishing activities in an ethical manner.
- Show due care and responsibility for the habitat of gamefish and other marine life. Don't discard anything overboard, including plastic, metal and fishing line. Report pollution. Pick up floating rubbish. Take care in anchoring over sensitive reef areas. Only use biodegradable chemicals onboard.
- Minimise direct effects on wildlife, including seabirds, marine mammals and reptiles.

- Minimise taking onboard material that will produce pollution or rubbish. Observe proper provisioning processes. Minimise packaging.
- Follow all relevant regulations by governing institutions. Adhere to bag and size limits. Respect and adhere to protected species legislation. Be aware of zoning within marine parks and marine protected areas.
- Be informed about the biology of gamefish. For example, be aware of how to identify various gamefish species for more accurate recording of tagging and capture data.
- Tag and release fish with care. Learn the correct procedures for tag and release and catch and release to ensure maximum likelihood of survival of tagged and released fish. Record and forward accurate post-release information in a timely manner.
- Take only what is needed. Exercise restraint when taking any species of fish even if no bag limits exist. Be realistic about the amount of baitfish taken for fishing. Try to return unused live baitfish to the area in which they were caught.
- Dispatch fish quickly and humanely. All fish that are taken should be killed as quickly and humanely as possible.
- Convey the benefits of gamefishing to the public. Take opportunities to educate the non-fishing public about the benefits of gamefishing, of tag and release and support of research. Encourage others to join affiliated gamefishing clubs.
- Cooperate and participate in research and development activities that will enhance the sustainability of the resource. Offer free access to fish for recognised research programs. Participate in biological sampling programs.
- Participate and assist in the collection of catch and effort statistics.
- Consider and respect the rights of others when engaged in any aspect of gamefishing. This includes other anglers, and commercial fishers' rights to harvest common property resources.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FADs)

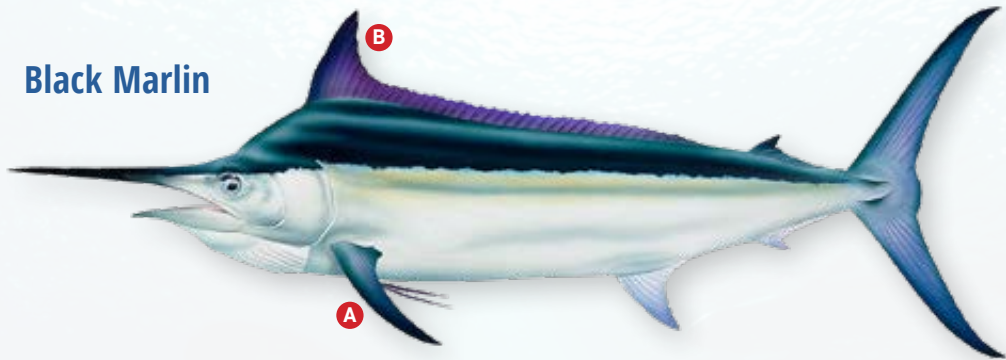
- Respect other FAD users at all times.
- FADs are for the benefit and enjoyment of all recreational sectors.
- Courtesy should be given to fishers who are already using the FAD.
- FAD users should take turns in fishing the FAD and accommodate new arrivals.
- All fishers should keep boats, lines and lures a safe distance from the FAD.
- Do not use braid (Spiderwire) near the FADs. This line type causes cutting damage to the mooring line of the device. This will result in the FAD breaking free and the ground tackle being lost.
- Do not tie your boat up to the FAD.
- Report any damage to the FAD to the appropriate owner.
- Comply with bag limits and only take what you need.






# What Marlin is that?



## Black Marlin



Features distinguishing the three marlin species. Note that no single feature should be used in isolation, but rather, as many features as possible should be checked to confirm an identification (Table prepared by Dr Julian Pepperell; Illustrations courtesy Craig Smith Marine Art).

	Feature	Black Marlin	Blue Marlin	Striped Marlin
A	<b>Pectoral Fins</b>	Rigid. Cannot be folded along body (for fish over about 20kg). Curved like half sickle, aerofoil cross section. 	Can be folded along body. Straplike, flat cross section. 	Can be folded along body. Strap-like, often 'leaf' shaped. Flat cross section. 
B	<b>First (Main) Dorsal Fin (when fully erect)</b>	Lowest of all marlin; usually rounded tip. Height about half body depth. Rarely has spots. Stout (fin rays are relatively thick). In fish less than 50 kg, dorsal relatively high for much of its length.	Intermediate (but obviously high). Height about two thirds body depth (about to level of origin of pectoral fin). Pointed tip. Sometimes has numerous small spots. Stout (fin rays are relatively thick).	Highest of the marlins. Height equal to, or just less than, body depth. Trailing edge more gradual than other two marlin, often resulting in rounded tip and 'ragged' trailing edge. Relatively floppy (fin rays not stout).

## Black Marlin



	Feature	Black Marlin	Blue Marlin	Striped Marlin
C	Second Dorsal & Second Anal Fins	Second dorsal fin anterior to (in front of) second anal fin (measure as shown in accompanying figure).	Second dorsal fin posterior to (behind) second anal fin.	Second dorsal fin posterior to (behind) second anal fin.
D	Pelvic , or Ventral Fins	Very short. Less than 15% of lower jaw-fork length.	Moderately long; 16 to 23% of lower jaw-fork length.	Long. 15 to 27% lower of jaw-fork length.
E	Lateral Line	Single. Obvious only in small (less than about 25kg) specimens.	Complex, but not visible. (If skin is cleaned and dried, lateral line shows as 'chicken-wire' shapes on back of skin).	Often visible as single line, especially in fish under about 80kg. Present in larger fish, but not always obvious.
F	Scales	Scales relatively deep, but can be clearly discerned.	Very obvious just under skin. Scales are nearly always exposed by skin breaking when handling.	Scales not obvious (deep in skin). Not easily exposed by superficial abrasion of skin.
G	Lower Jaw	Short & 'stocky' (Like chicken's beak). Often turned down at tip.	Short & 'stocky'.(Like chicken's beak). Sometimes with downward turn at tip.	Long and slender. Acutely pointed.
H	Length Ratios	Ratio of eye-fork:lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 0.85 and 0.88. Similar to blue marlin.	Ratio of eye-fork:lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 0.87 and 0.89. Does not overlap with striped marlin.	Ratio of eye-fork:lower jaw-fork lengths ranges between 0.82 and 0.86. Does not overlap with blue marlin.
I	Bill	Stoutest of three marlins. Large sharp denticles over surface - can cause abrasive injuries when handling.	More slender than black, stouter than striped. Large sharp denticles over surface - can cause abrasive injuries when handling.	Slenderest of the three marlins. Very small denticles over surface - unlikely to abrade skin when handling.

## Blue Marlin

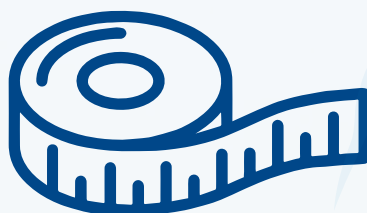


## Striped Marlin



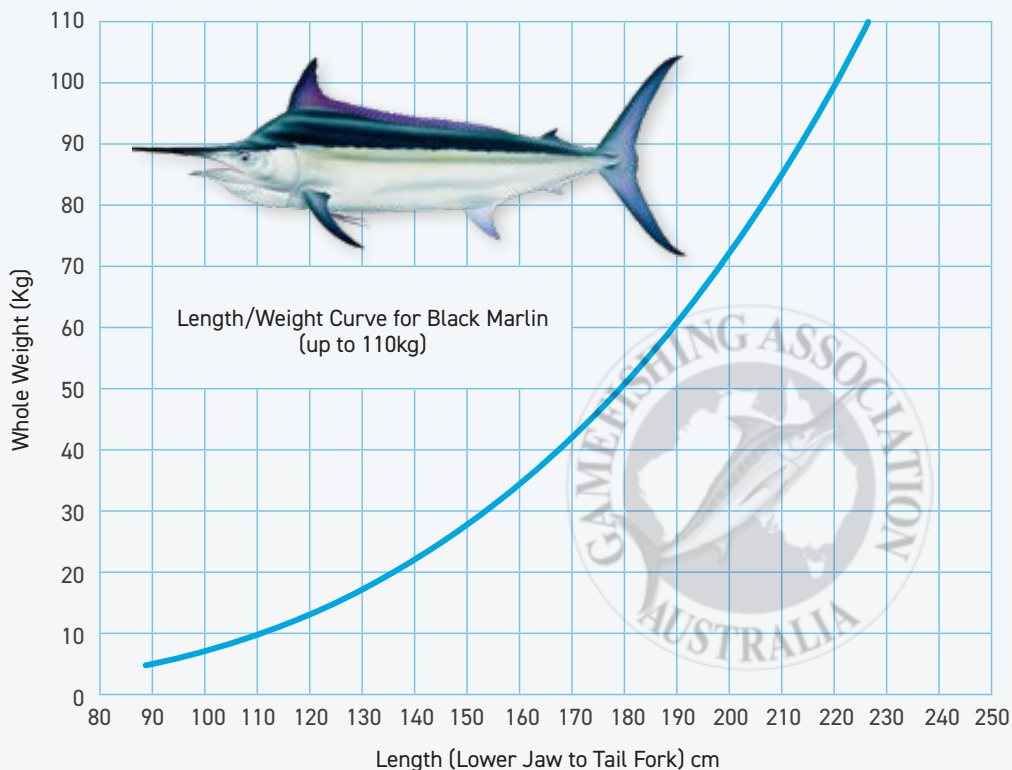
	Feature	Black Marlin	Blue Marlin	Striped Marlin
<b>J</b>	<b>Body shape</b>	Oval in cross section. Robust at level of pectoral fin, tapering gradually towards tail.	Oval in cross section. Heavier than striped marlin for any given body length (see graph).	Slab sided. Elliptical in cross section. Weight per body length least of the three marlins (see graph).
<b>K</b>	<b>Maximum Size</b>	Northern Qld: 650 kg; NSW: 350kg. Usual 'run' off southern Qld/NSW is 30 kg to 120kg. Specimens less than 20 kg not uncommon.	Eastern Australia: 370kg. Usual 'run' is 100 kg to 200kg. Specimens under 50kg very rare off east coast.	Eastern Australia: 190kg. Rare at this size. Usual 'run' off eastern Australia is 60 kg to 120kg. Uncommon under 40kg.
<b>L</b>	<b>Flesh colour</b>	Pinkish white/grey.	Pinkish white/grey.	Mostly a distinct orange colour (resembling smoked salmon).
<b>M</b>	<b>Colour/ Vertical bars</b>	May show bars when alive (esp. juveniles), but disappear after death. Dorsal fin usually a distinctive mauve/pink in life. Body colour tends to a dull grey after death.	Show vertical bars in life and after death. Body colour becomes steely grey to very dark blue after death. Dark colour over whole body, including head. Light blue eye colour stands out.	Vertical bars in life, and always visible after death. Whole body does not become dark after death. Belly usually retains creamy-white colour.

# And how big is it?



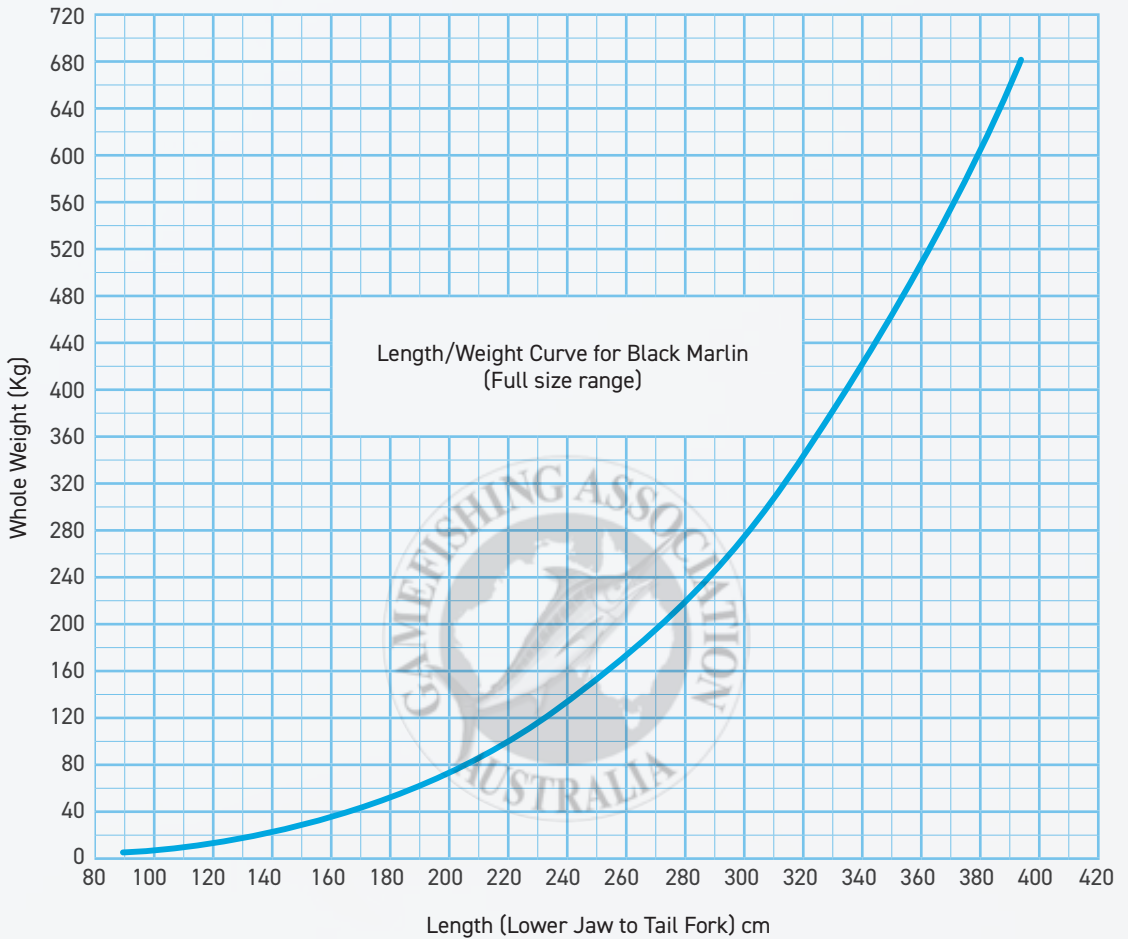
Estimating the size and weight of your catch is one of the more refined skills of a gamefish angler. It's especially important when practising tag-and-release as many of the important statistics flowing from tagging programs are influenced by your size and weight estimates.

Graphs to help you more accurately determine weights of black, blue and striped marlin, sailfish, yellowfin and southern bluefin tuna and mako and tiger sharks. All graphs prepared by Dr Julian Pepperell derived from his own data collected over many years from inspection and measurements of large numbers of individuals of each species. Illustrations Craig Smith Marine Art.

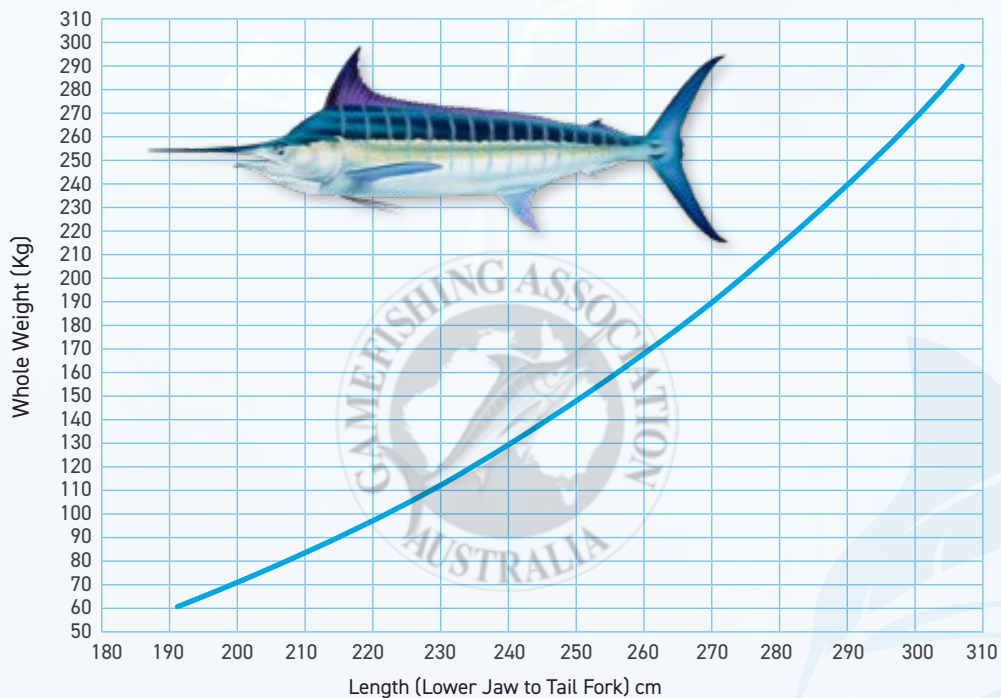




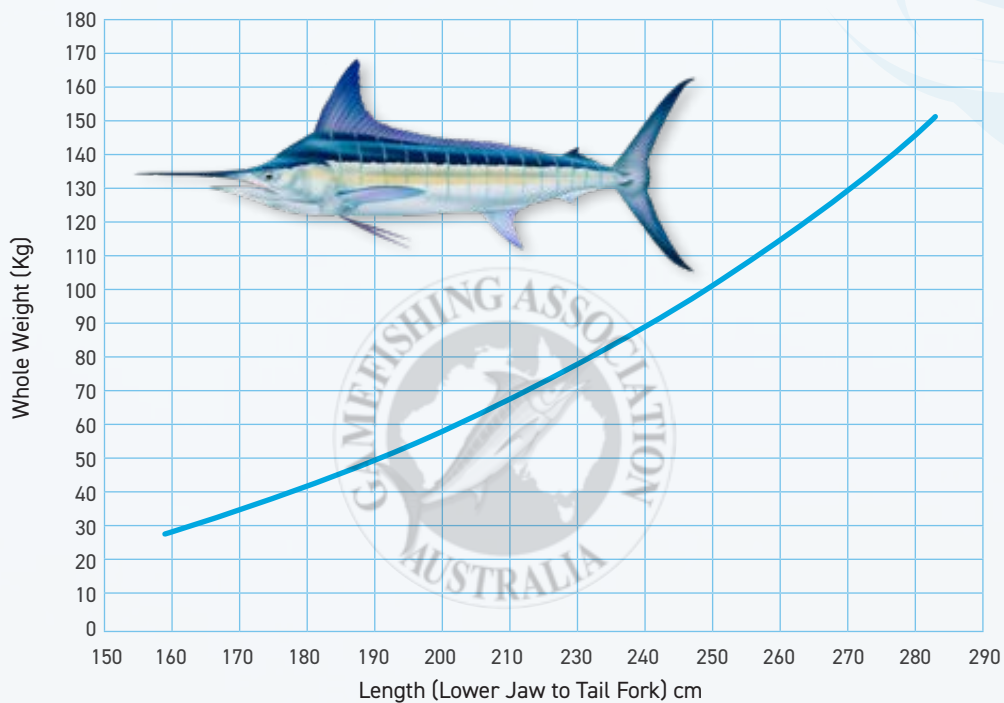
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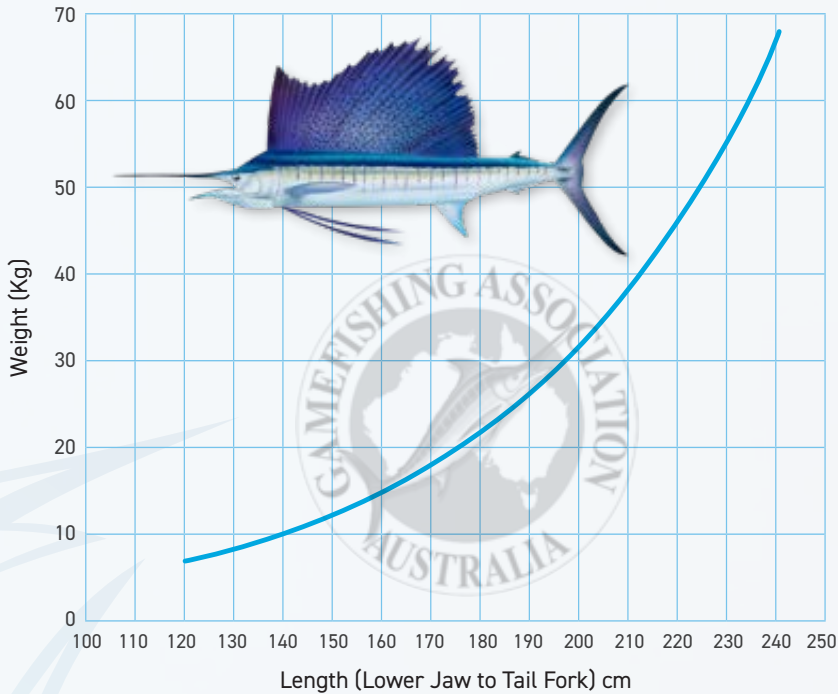
## Blue Marlin Length/Weight Curve



## Striped Marlin Length/Weight Curve

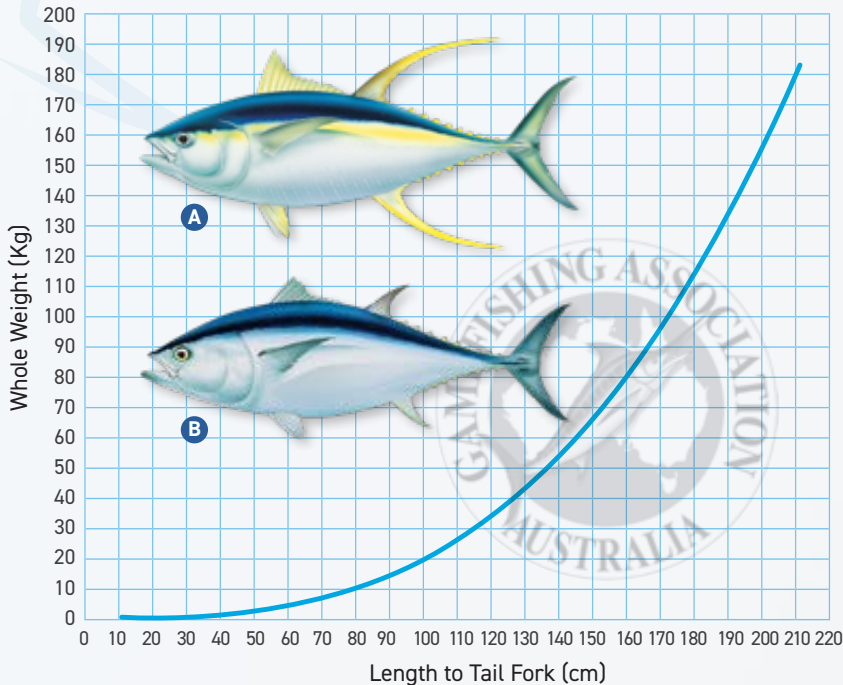


## Sailfish Length/Weight Curve



All graphs depict average length-weight curves. It should be noted that there is considerable spread of weights for a given length around these average lines. The length of all billfish is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork in the tail – the 'short length' used in record claims. In order to read these curves, draw a vertical line from the length of the fish to the curve, and from the intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis.

## Yellowfin (A) and Southern Bluefin (B) Tuna Length/Weight Curve



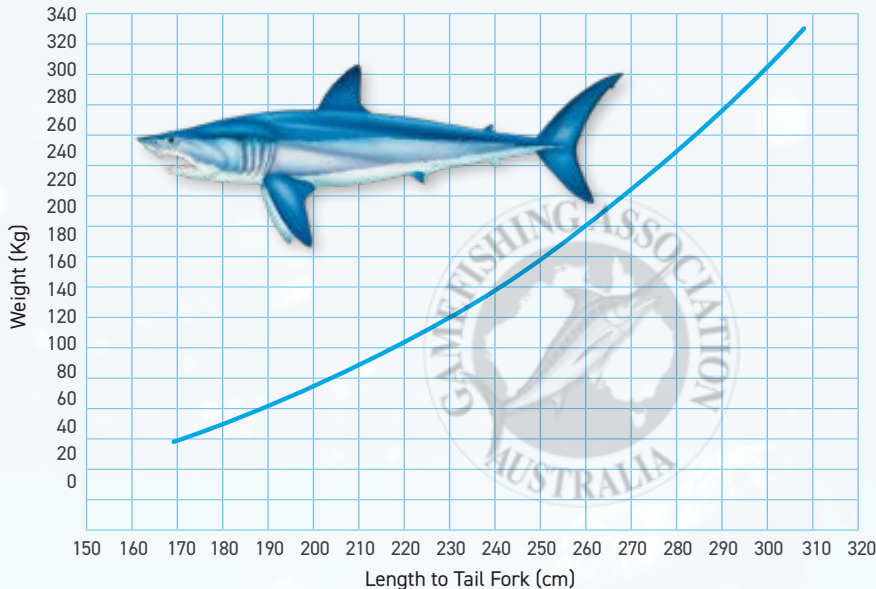
The graph on the left shows the length/weight curve for both yellowfin tuna and southern bluefin tuna since the curves are virtually identical for these species. To determine the approximate weight of tuna, measure from the tip of lower jaw to the fork in the tail, then draw a vertical line on the graph from the length of the fish to the curve, and from that intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis.



# How big is that mako or tiger shark?

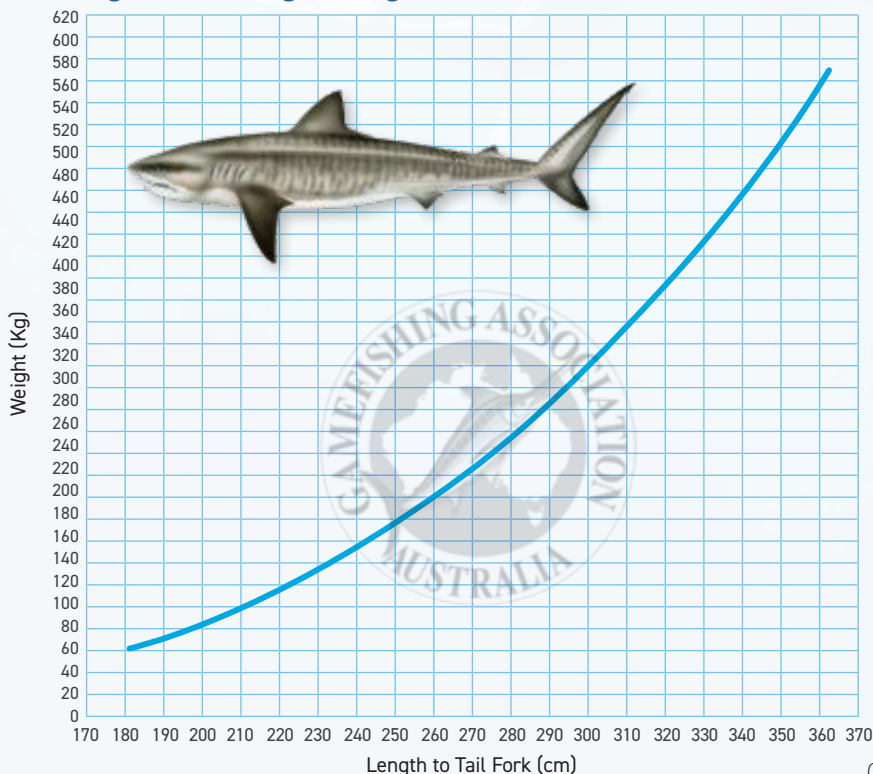
Just as accurately estimating the size and weight of a billfish is important, so, too, is estimation of sharks' weights. To this end, Dr Julian Pepperell has compiled length-versus-weight graphs for the two most popularly targeted 'game' sharks, the mako and tiger.

### Mako Shark Length/Weight Curve



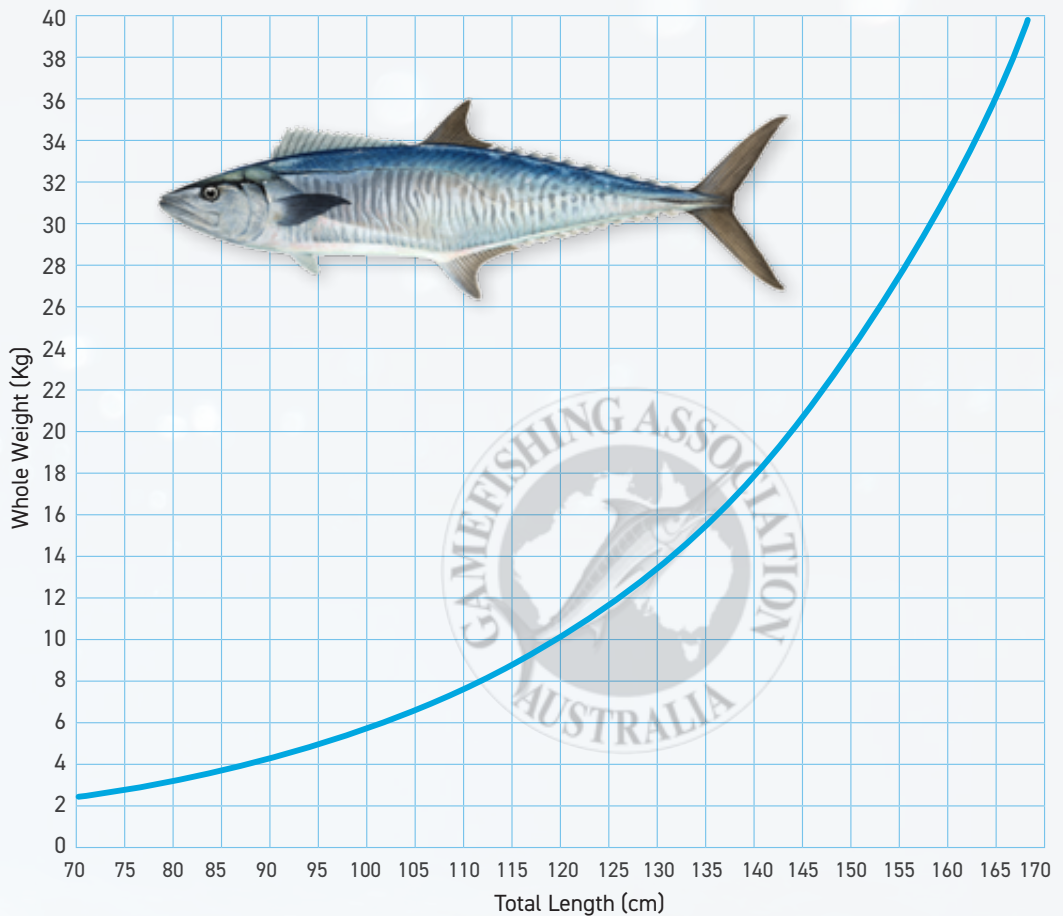
This graph depicts the average curve for mako sharks in the more commonly caught size ranges. The length of the fish is measured from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail - the length used in record claims.

### Tiger Shark Length/Weight Curve



This graph delivers the same information for tiger sharks. Measure the shark from its nose to the fork in its tail (short length). To determine an approximate weight, draw a vertical line from the length of the fish to the curve, and from that intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis.

## Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel Length/Weight Curve



Members of Mackay GFC have been collecting Spanish Mackerel samples (flesh & liver) over the past 2 years for a study being conducted by UTS into Ciguatera in Spanish Mackerel. As part of the sample collection process they have also been taking total length and weight measurements of all the fish .

This closely correlates to measurements of the species in WA over the past 20 years sampled.

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# GFAA APP

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# THE ISLAND... THE FISH... THE CLUB.

BY JOHN MCINTYRE



Mark Haley with  
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(314.59lbs). SBT caught on  
24kg tackle on "Watermark"  
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The Island is Montague, known as BARUNGUBA to First Nation people, is located 9 kilometres offshore from the coastal town of Narooma, on the New South Wales South Coast.

The fish are legendary: striped, black and blue marlin plus other pelagic wanderers such as tuna, broadbill swordfish, short-billed spearfish and remarkably- sailfish!

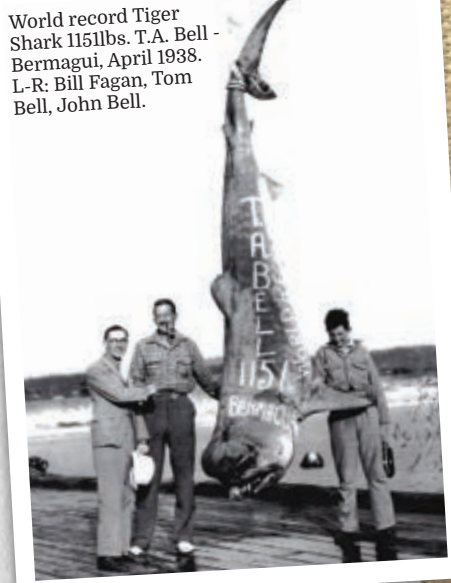
The club is the venerable Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia (STC), founded on the Island on February 13, 1934, by a group of Melbourne based anglers who hoped to prove that marlin existed in the region.



Montague Island is classified by the National Trust as a Landscape Conservation Area for its scenic, scientific and historical values. It is the second largest island off the coast of New South Wales, second only to Lord Howe Island. It has a fascinating history prior to and after European settlement.

There is no better detailed history than Laurelle Pacey's wonderful 2001 book "The Lure of Montague", which is recommended as required reading for anyone interested in the area's rich past. The conception, construction and running of the lighthouse atop the Island is a saga of its own, as recounted.

The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia is possibly the first Australian club dedicated exclusively to game-fishing. It was Melbourne based but it had wide horizons and over many years members have fished around the country, and around the world. Since its foundation, the STC has adopted the New South Wales ports of Bermagui, Narooma and Eden as its alternate homes.



World record Tiger Shark 115lbs. T.A. Bell - Bermagui, April 1938. L-R: Bill Fagan, Tom Bell, John Bell.



"Merlin" (Bill Warn at Montague Island. Circa 1935.

The STC was formed on a wild and windy night in a tent, under the flickering light of a hurricane lamp, on Montague Island on February 13, 1934. A group of Melbourne anglers had established camp on the island to test the fishing, after the February 1933 capture of a 262 lb (119kg) black marlin by Mr Roy Smith, a farmer from Yass, NSW, Mr Smith was accompanied by Dr Norman Little for the capture. This marlin was hailed as the first marlin to be caught in the country with a rod and reel. Later historical research revealed that several marlin had been boated in the early years of the 20th century, but Mr Smith's black was the fish that ignited the interest in game fishing into the 1930's and later.

The preserved head of Mr Smith's 262 lb black marlin has been recently re-discovered by Mrs Judy Sillis, historian of the Canberra Game Fishing Club, confirming that it is presently without a plaque, but displayed in the bar of the Club House Hotel, 190 Comur Street, Yass, NSW. A "must" visit for anglers' resident in the area or passing through this rural town.

The level of interest to discover if marlin were prevalent in the southern NSW waters had been stoked by the Melbourne tackle store manager and expert sportsman, Charles Reginald Lyne (1904-1961), always known as Reg. Keen sportsmen frequented



Hartley's Sports Store and Lyne saw an opportunity to mount an expedition to the waters off Montague Island.

After many adventures and skilful boat handling by Bill Warn, the professional fisherman and skipper of the chartered launch "Merlin", the eight-man party landed on the island to set up camp in atrocious weather. The boat was a 40 ft. flush decked vessel, powered by a 25-hp. marine engine. At the conclusion of the two weeks stay, it was revealed that Reg Lyne had landed the Club's first marlin, a 320 lb(145kg) black and a subsequent 240 lb (109kg) black marlin, the only bill fish taken by the pioneering party. However, the landings,

and the loss of four striped marlin- plus the sighting of 50 other billfish- convinced the Melbourne party that this was indeed a place for great game-fishing.

March 5th - 6th 1935 Bermagui NSW. 14 Marlin & 1 Mako Shark captured by Roy Michaelis and Bill Wallis, members of Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia.



STC Committee member Tim Simpson with 300kg Swordfish tagged with satellite tag. Worked with Dr Sean Tracey of University of Tasmania - May 2017.

Mr Roy Smith with 262lbs. Black Marlin at Bermagui - February 1933. The fish that started it all at Bermagui.



The pioneering group that founded the STC that stormy night consisted of Dr John C.R., Lewis, Messrs Roy Michaelis, J.R. Porter, John Bowen, Roy Symmons, I.D. Sargood, John. V. Rittenhouse and Reg Lyne. Dr Lewis was elected first president. An absent Mr H.W. Joseph was appointed first secretary- an honour that we hope he subsequently appreciated after being shanghaied by his friends!

The ensuing several years were busy times for the members of this new club, canvassing for new recruits from families, business colleagues and social acquaintances. It was away and running by late 1935. On 5th of March of the year STC members Roy Michaelis and Bill Wallis had captured the imagination of anglers at home and overseas with the captures of 14 marlin and a mako shark in just two consecutive days! Reg Lyne ensured that the news was passed to the famous author and angler Zane Grey of the USA. Lyne had been in contact with Grey for some time, suggesting that Australia was a new and almost untouched place for big game fish, especially marlin. The duo's feat later led to Grey mounting an expedition to Australia in 1936,

The Tom Bell Trophy



Mr Jim Porter's 672lbs Black Marlin - Jan 1937 Bermagui



after several hesitant plans going awry, due the financial pressures of the Great Depression.

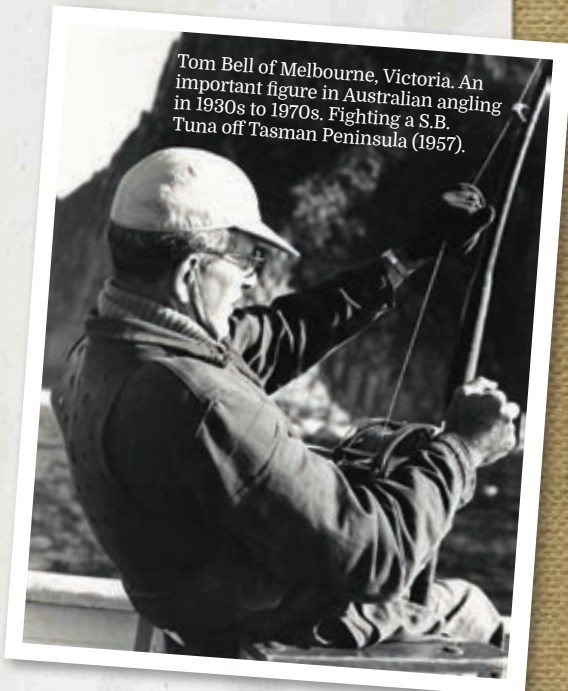


Swordfish and Tunny Club members enjoyed great success fishing off Montague Island and Bermagui in 1935. During February and March, Mr P.R. Rogers and Mr Bill Wallis landed 7 and 12

marlin, respectively. The membership now stood at a tiny 34 ordinary members and three honorary life members- Zane Grey of Altadena, USA; John V. Rittenhouse, an American who had been in the original party to Montague, and who resided in what was then the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia); and the pioneer Australian angler and fishing reel inventor, Mr E.P. (Harry) Andreas of Sydney.

Amongst the earliest recruits was a man who has become a legend in the Australian sport, a true gentleman and sportsman, Thomas. A. Bell (1891-1978) always known as Tom. He went on to have a remarkable career as an angler, administrator and mentor to several generations of anglers. Tom was a pre- World War 1 British immigrant and WW1 veteran, successful wool broker and promoter who, despite a severe war wound, became an expert angler who established several landmark catches.

On the last day of the 1938 sesquicentenary competition to mark Australia's 150th Anniversary, Tom Bell recorded the STC's first World and Australian record, a 1151 pounds (522kg) tiger shark on 39 thread (130lb - 60kg) line. Tom later in the year set the Australian record of a 238 pounds (107.94kg) southern bluefin tuna, also a 60 kg line mark that still stands today, among the oldest on the Australian record chart. The trophy awarded to Tom Bell for his winning tiger shark at the sesquicentenary event was later donated to GFAA by him. It became available for annual



Tom Bell of Melbourne, Victoria. An important figure in Australian angling in 1930s to 1970s. Fighting a S.B. Tuna off Tasman Peninsula (1957).

competition for the heaviest fish, excluding sharks, captured in Australia. The much sought after silver cup is now known as the GFAA Tom Bell Trophy.

Assisted by vigorous committees, Mr Bell worked on game fishing matters for STC and for the new Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA), eventually serving as GFAA president for two terms-following on from founding president Clive Firth for 1948-49, and later 1954-59. His influence on activities in the sport extended across states, assisting in the formation of game fishing clubs in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. Tom Bell mentored anglers such as Ian Cutler, then of Tasmania, later STC president 1974-75, and life member. Ian later also served as president of GFAA over the period 1982-83, elected to life membership in 1985 for his services to the sport for many years. He was also leader in the Cairns fishery landing several "granders" and releasing others from the earliest days of

Reg Lyne with his first Marlin and the first for the Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia. 320lbs Black. Montague Island - 7th Feb 1934.



north Queensland marlin fishing.

During his 1936 expedition, Zane Grey, a life member, boated a 91 pounds (41.3kg) yellowfin tuna, an unexpected catch and the first large tuna caught on regulation tackle in the country. Subsequent events proved that it was not a fluke capture, yellowfin tuna fishing being one of the highlights of the ensuing decades. In the same year, member Keith Tolhurst raised the national bar for the heaviest marlin with his 481 lb (218kg) black marlin.

Famous US anglers Mike and Helen Lerner visited Bermagui in 1939 to test the local fishing. It was the highlight of the year and STC members were impressed by the popular couple's generous assistance and tuition. As a result of this visit, and discussions with STC life member Clive Firth, it was agreed that a "World Council" should be formed to regulate the sport world-wide. Mr Lerner picked up the project with gusto and in 1939 the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) was born. Mr Lerner financed the entire operation until his retirement as president in 1960.

The declaration of World War 2 in September 1939 led to the closure of the sport for nearly eight years. The club, along with others went into recess until the lifting of stringent rationing in early 1948. At that time Mr Bill Wallis, who had served as president from 1936, resigned and passed the mantle to Mr John B. Wallace. After his tenure, Mr Jim Porter was installed in 1949. Mr Porter was from January 1937, the holder of the Australian and STC record for heaviest marlin - a black weighing 672 pounds (305kg). The fight had extended to three hours off Montague Island on 24 thread line, nominally 78 pounds (35.38kg) breaking strain.

Recovery from the wartime hiatus was only slow and regrettably several prominent STC anglers had paid the supreme sacrifice in WW2, including John Bell, Tom's only son, killed in action as a member of the Second AIF on Ambon Island, adjacent to the now Indonesian island of Seram. This was a devastating blow to Tom and Mrs Bell.

Into the 1950's, several poor seasons were experienced, floods and inclement spells of weather saw minimal catches, with marlin noticeable for their absence. Later in the period, very small marlin, mainly blacks, were quite prolific. Fortunately, sizeable tuna

appeared on the scene - both southern blue-fin and yellowfin. They became the backbone of future activities, as evidenced by wonderful landings over the many



Swordfish & Tunny Club of Australia Annual Dinner. Menzies Hotel, Melbourne - 25th July 1937.



Zane Grey with 480lb Black Marlin caught at Bermagui 1936.

Pioneer Bermagui vessel, the "Merlin" - Bill Warn. Used by many early anglers - circa 1935.





seasons since. Montague Island, and the immediate area, continues to lure the big fish.

STC members participated in some of the most interesting tuna fishing seen in the country- members such as Jack Taylor, Bill Stewart, Tom Mitchell and Ron Carlson of the earlier generations made remarkable catches. Later anglers such as past president Sir Robert (Bob) Southey, his daughter Jane Southey, Geoff Hammond, Jim Allen, Ian Cutler, Peter Goadby, Alan Gowland, Ross Oehms and so many others continued the quest for big fish wherever they ventured. Obviously, major emphasis was on, and continues, on the remarkable Cairns giant black marlin fishery, the longest recorded and still the most consistent big fish region in the world, after nearly sixty years since the

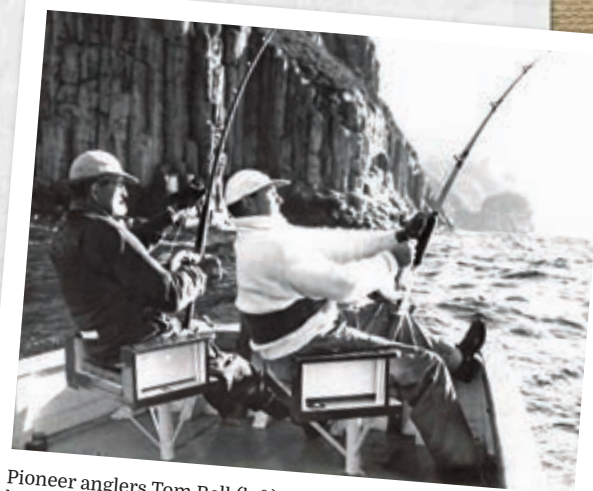
first giant black capture at 1064 pounds (482.6kg) by US angler Richard Obach, on Captain George Bransford's pioneering vessel "Sea Baby".

In the recent past, the southern bluefin tuna (SBT) renaissance in southeast regions of Australia has enlivened the fisheries in South Australia and Victoria. Legions of trailer borne vessels working well offshore, searching for jumbo size tuna during the annual tuna migrations, have experienced exciting and challenging times for the STC members and their friends. A recent example is the capture in August 2024 by STC member Mark Haley of his 142.7 kg (314.59 lbs) SBT on 24 kg tackle in Bass Strait, off Port Phillip Bay. The fish took 1 hr 45 minutes to boat from his vessel "Watermark". Returning after dark through the infamous "Rip" was an additional challenge successfully overcome. This SBT landing won the aforementioned GFAA Tom Bell Trophy for 2024-5 for Mark, along with the rarely awarded STC President's Trophy, which has a history going back to its crafting by Hardy Brothers of England in 1934.

Mark boated a 79.55 kg (175.37 lbs) SBT in the same area off Port Phillip Heads on August 14, this year, well and truly initiated into the tuna fold, now serving as a STC committee member.

There is so much history and so many personalities involved at STC since its 1934 birth and we apologise to many people not mentioned in this short article, but as always, space limitations weigh on publications such as this.

To finish off, we must mention another renaissance, the search and joys of fishing for the broadbill warrior, known as the "king"- swordfish, *Xiphias gladius*. Whilst the pursuit of the peak game fish commenced upon the inception of the sport in Australia, success was slow coming. The first recorded capture was by STC member and benefactor, the late John O'Brien MBE who boated a



Pioneer anglers Tom Bell (left) and Ian Cutler (right) fighting big S.B. Tuna off Tasman Peninsula, Southern Tasmania, 1957. Tom Bell pioneered SBT fishing in Tasmania in Garey 1950s and was instrumental in the formation of the Tuna Club of Tasmania in 1960. Victorian resident (1891 - 1978). Ian Cutler, also a Victorian, was the manager of the Lufra Hotel, Eaglehawk Neck, Tasmania in 1950s and holder of several world and Australian records for S.B. Tuna.

small fish off Jervis Bay NSW, in the early 1980's which was not recorded in detail due its size. John caught the broadbill at night in the middle of winter, drifting wide offshore, then considered to be the only method to probably succeed, based on overseas practises. Results were disappointing with only a handful recorded but great captures, nevertheless.

Moving right along, a famous US family the Stanczyks, operated charter boats off Florida and successfully developed the art of daylight broadbill deep water drifting in the early 2000's. STC committee member Tim Simpson, then editor of the much-lamented premier magazine "Blue Water", fished with Stanczyks and boated a swordfish by this technique, which the family shared widely. Tim disclosed the details of the technique in July 2010 via "Blue Water". Our NZ cousins immediately adopted the method with sensational results. Australian anglers were a little slower but roughly two years after Tim's article we really entered the swordfish era. Hereabouts is a photo of a remarkably nice broadbill, estimated at 300 kg, captured by STC's Tim whilst research fishing off eastern Victoria with Dr Sean Tracey of the University of Tasmania in May 2017. The fish was satellite tagged and quickly released. So, from here to where?

The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia has never had large a membership list, averaging 55 members, with the peak around the high 80's, in the 1980's. But in most opinions, they have punched well above their weight and history records their vital role in our great sport. They value tradition, sportsmanship and friendships- many extending across generations- old fashioned values perhaps but as we say, long may they reign.

John McIntyre.

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Mark Haley with SBJ 79.55kg (175.37lbs) - caught August 2025 off Port Phillip Bay.



Mr Roy Smith's Black Marlin 262lbs preserved head in bar of the Club House Hotel - NSW



# CONSERVATION OFFICER REPORT 2025

GFAA's ongoing commitment to conserve fish for great game fishing experiences by present and future generations remained strong throughout 2025. This year has been one of the busiest on record for conservation issues, with offshore wind development, marine park reviews, climate variability, shark depredation, fish welfare reforms, and emerging commercial fisheries all demanding attention.

As always, GFAA has worked to ensure that the voices of game fishers are heard where decisions impacting fish stocks, habitats and fishing experiences are being made. We have represented members in federal and state processes, contributed to research and policy development, and continued to promote responsible fishing practices.

## Australia's climate - Another year of extremes

Australia's 2025 weather was largely shaped by a weakening El Niño system and a negative Indian Ocean dipole, these climatic patterns resulted in record-breaking water temperatures and above-average rainfall in the north and east, a delayed the start of the marlin season in southern Queensland and a boost in mahi-mahi and small tuna activity off New South Wales and Western Australia.

Shifts in ocean currents and eddy systems were particularly pronounced off the east coast, influencing marlin availability and pushing warm water tongues unusually far south. Increased rainfall and cyclonic activity in northern regions limited offshore effort but led to strong nutrient flows likely to benefit bait aggregations. At times, cyclonic activity disrupted offshore effort with Cyclone Alfred impacting South-east Queensland and Cyclone Zelia disrupting the formation of a marine heatwave off the Western Australian coast.

Current forecasts point to warmer than average water temperatures persisting into spring and summer, which will shape fishing patterns into 2026.



## South Australian Algal Bloom

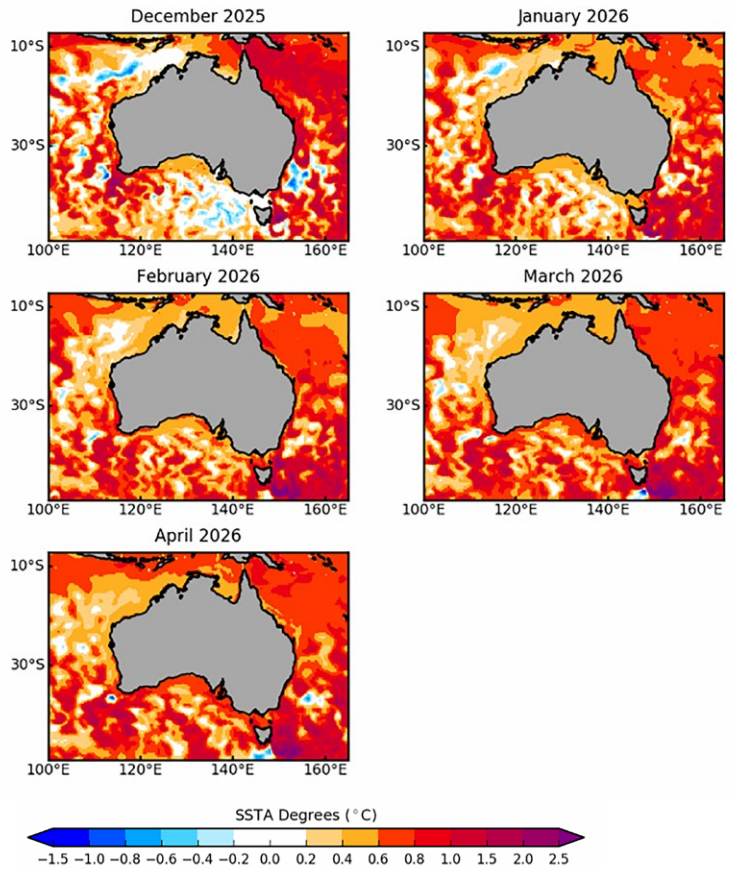
One of Australia's biggest marine environmental issues in 2025 was the South Australian algal bloom. In mid-March 2025, authorities detected a substantial harmful algal bloom (HAB) off the waters near the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia. Over subsequent weeks and months, the bloom expanded its footprint along the southeastern coastline, spreading toward Kangaroo Island, southern Yorke Peninsula, parts of Gulf St Vincent, Spencer Gulf, the Coorong, and adjacent coastal zones. As of October 2025, the bloom is currently persisting in multiple coastal and gulf zones of South Australia.

This algal bloom has caused significant deaths of reef fish, invertebrates, and other marine species and resulted in widespread foam along the coast. This algal bloom has significantly impacted on fishing and tourism with the South Australian and Commonwealth governments establishing a \$28 million support package to assist with industry support, research, community assistance, and clean-up efforts.

The algal bloom has been attributed to a combination of:

- Floodwaters from the River Murray in 2022-23 brought extra nutrients into the sea.
- A cold-water upwelling in summer 2023-24 lifted more nutrients to the surface.
- A marine heatwave since September 2024 has lifted water about 2.5 °C warmer than normal.

The long-term impacts of this algal bloom on popular game fishing experience are unknown; however, there are several critical management lessons that can be learnt from this bloom, including the need for early warning systems, ecosystem resilience investments, improved communication strategies, and investments in climate adaptation.



Australia - Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly Outlook

Source - Bureau of Meteorology

## Offshore wind – A fast moving and unsettled policy landscape

Offshore wind continues to dominate the conservation agenda. Following the Federal Court's decision to overturn the Minister's refusal of a feasibility licence for Seadragon, the government amended regulations under the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act to address the court's findings.

Feasibility licences (seven-year terms) are being rapidly offered across multiple declared zones. Notably, Gippsland now has 11 feasibility licences and the first management plan for a feasibility licence has been approved, allowing activities like metocean and geotechnical investigations to begin. This approval signals that assessments are being fast-tracked, yet key questions about how offshore wind developments will affect fish, habitats, migration routes, and fishing access remain unanswered.

There are growing signs of weakening confidence in Australia's offshore wind energy industry with :

- BlueFloat Energy abandoning its Gippsland Dawn project
- Equinor declining to accept a feasibility licence for the Hunter zone and exiting from planned projects in the Illawarra and Bass Strait zones.
- Ocean EX, Skyborne Renewables and Alinta Energy withdrawing from planned projects in Western Australia, and
- Delays to the planned auction for the Gippsland zone due to concerns about weak market participation and uncompetitive conditions.

The projects being abandoned are not fringe ideas but relatively mature proposals with significant financial backing. Their failure suggests deeper structural issues with Australia's developing offshore wind industry. In response, the Australian Government has reduced application fees for feasibility and research licences by more than 90% and halved application fees for transmission and infrastructure licences.

GFAA will continue to maintain pressure on the Commonwealth to provide clarity and is calling for proper integration of game fishing values into planning, environmental assessment, and operational regulation.

## **Commonwealth Marine Parks – Reviews Continue**

Once again marine parks continue to be an issue for game fishers. The Australian government has established a multitude of Marine Parks in Commonwealth waters around the country covering 3.8 million square kilometres. In worrying news in June 2025 at the United Nations Ocean Conference, Australia's Environment Minister announced a commitment to have 30% of Australian waters highly protected by 2030, which is likely to further restrict game fishing in Commonwealth Marine parks.

Prior to this announcement, the South-east Commonwealth marine park management plan was updated. GFAA made a strong submission to the draft management plan, focusing on preserving access to key offshore game fishing grounds and highlighting the low ecological risk of tag-and-release game fishing. As a result, several proposed closures were adjusted to maintain fishing access and the final plan explicitly recognised game fishing as a low-impact activity.

The remaining Commonwealth marine park management plans for the Coral Sea, North-west,

South-west, Temperate East and North networks are all due to expire in 2028 and are also planned for review with the Minister, 30% of no fishing areas likely to be a key focus of the reviews. GFAA will remain closely engaged in this review process to ensure game fishing values are properly considered from the outset.

## **Tasmanian sardine fishery**

The Tasmanian Government's proposal to develop a new sardine fishery in Bass Strait has been an emerging issue in 2025. Scientific assessments suggest substantial sardine biomass exists in the region, and the Government has initiated a development process with guidelines and public consultation. GFAA has secured representation on TArFish's first-ever Reference Group, established to examine this proposal and ensure implications for pelagic game species ecosystem dynamics and fishing experiences are fully considered.

## **+Shark bite off**

Shark depredation continues to significantly affect game fishing experiences, particularly in northern waters. GFAA has participated in national workshops convened by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and led by Queensland's Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to explore mitigation strategies. A national survey of fishers' experiences was also undertaken as part of this project. While the workshops and survey represent progress, meaningful outcomes will require greater investment in research, technology, management innovation and an appetite from state governments to act in a meaningful way to the increasing occurrence of bite-offs and the seemingly abundant populations of some shark species.

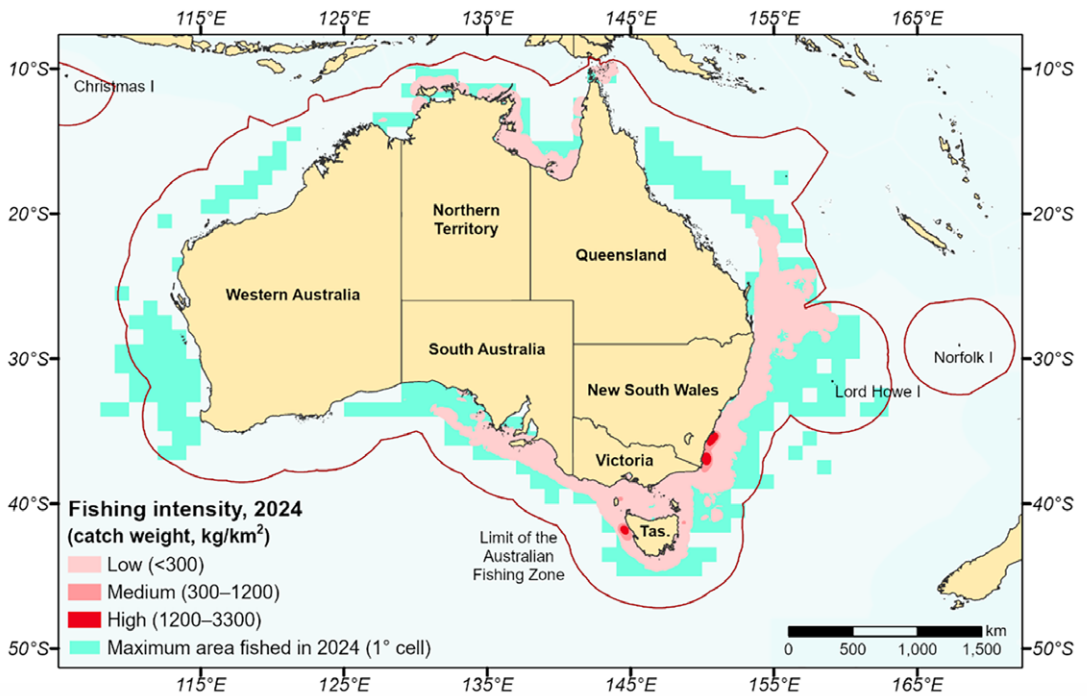
## **Animal welfare**

The Australian Government review of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy has continued in 2025, with aquatic animals identified as one of six priority areas. GFAA has engaged constructively with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to ensure that established and ethical game fishing practices such as tag and release, are protected from unnecessary regulatory overreach. We have emphasised that no one cares more about the welfare of game fish than our members and that our strong stewardship record should inform any new national animal welfare strategy.

## **Fish stocks**

The latest Australian Bureau of Agricultural and





Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) stock status report assessed 56 fish stocks across 20 fisheries in 2024. Consistent with previous years the greatest fishing pressure from Commonwealth fisheries which account for a quarter of commercial fishing in Australia continues to occur in Southeastern waters off Victoria, New South Wales and Victoria.

Marlin stocks remain a concern, especially striped marlin in both the Indian and Pacific Oceans, with continuing overfished classifications. Yellowfin and swordfish stocks show stability or recovery, which is positive for GFAA members. Bigeye tuna continues to face pressure from international fishing activities. Overall, Australia's domestically managed pelagic game species are in reasonable shape, but several internationally shared stocks (particularly marlin) remain under pressure.

In 2025 GFAA met with DAFF to discuss the latest assessments the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. Swordfish remains in good shape, while bigeye tuna, black and striped marlin continuing to be overfished.

Closer to home, new stock assessments for Queensland Spanish mackerel indicate biomass has recovered to 34% of unfished levels, up from

historically low levels. While not yet at the harvest strategy target of B40, this is encouraging news and suggests easing of current restrictions should be on the cards soon.

## Conclusion

The breadth and complexity of conservation issues facing game fishing in 2025 has been unprecedented. From climate extremes to large-scale industrial developments and evolving policy frameworks, GFAA has remained steadfast in its commitment to advocate for healthy fish stocks, thriving ecosystems, and fair access for game fishers.

As we look toward 2026, offshore wind policy, marine park reviews, shark depredation research, and the national animal welfare strategy will continue to dominate the agenda. GFAA's role as the peak national body representing game fishers has never been more critical, and we will continue to champion science, stewardship, and sensible policy to protect the future of our sport and the species we value so highly.

Leyland Campbell  
*Honorary Conservation Officer*  
Game Fishing Association of Australia



# Marlin dietary differences and how it impacts our recreational fisheries



Tristan Guillemain

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As any fisher will tell you, *“Find the bait, you’ll find the fish”*. But is all bait equal?

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Pelagic predators, such as marlin, are voracious feeders needing a lot of prey to sustain them. Prey therefore determines where marlin go and how abundant they can be. If areas hold high amounts of prey, it's likely marlin will move to and stay in the area. Conversely, declines in prey abundance, sometimes driven by factors such as overfishing or changes to currents and water temperatures, can reduce the availability of marlin or move them to new areas.

To account for the influence of prey and environment on fish stocks, fisheries management is shifting away from single species management towards ecosystem-based management. However, ecosystem-based management only works if you know which predator species eat which prey species.

As part of my PhD, I opened over 100 marlin stomachs to study whether there were any differences in diet between marlin species. All prey were identified visually, but also, with a technique called DNA metabarcoding – which can detect even traces of digested prey from the little bits of DNA they leave behind in the “soup” at the bottom of the stomach.

## We found some key differences between the species:

**Black marlin** were coastal generalists, with a diet made up of a range of coastal fish including scad (yakkas), silver trevally, tailor, frigate tuna and skipjack tuna (though we only opened 7 black marlin stomachs so our sample size was limited).

**Striped marlin** had a great diversity of schooling species in their diet (sample size 22). The most abundant were toadfish/pufferfish and bigeyes, though slimy mackerel, argonauts (paper nautilus), scad and a range of other schooling fish and squid were found. While large schools can be overwhelming for predators, striped marlin have evolved to hunt in packs, a behaviour which allows them to specialise on these schooling prey.



**Blue marlin** were tuna specialists (sample size 59). Over 70% of their diet was made up of just two species, skipjack (striped) tuna and frigate tuna. The rest of the diet was made up of a mix of species including other tuna, deepwater species, mahi mahi and flying squid. This is consistent with other studies around the world which consistently show these large solitary oceanic fish predominantly eat different types of tuna.

Interestingly, both striped and blue marlin had tiny (less than 1cm wide) crustaceans in them. With no gill rakers to filter feed, how could these be ending up in the marlin? We thought that maybe the tuna and other small fish were eating these crabs, and once the tuna had dissolved in the stomach, these little crustaceans were left over (this is called secondary predation). No other billfish study had ever tested this, so we tested the hypothesis that if they were indeed coming from the tuna, we'd find more crabs in stomachs with dissolved tuna. Sure enough, we found significantly more crabs in stomachs with dissolved tuna suggesting they were secondarily preyed.

## But what does all this mean for marlin recreational fisheries?

As each marlin species has a unique diet, prey shifts will impact them differently. Being generalists, black marlin are likely adaptable to the food available. Striped marlin depend on large schools of prey, though show great versatility in the type of schooling prey. As currents change, it may influence where this prey holds up and therefore, where our striped marlin hold up. Blue marlin require small tuna, and will likely go where the small tuna are. Overfishing or other declines in these tuna could influence the availability of blue marlin.

Overall, understanding the unique feeding behaviours of these marlin is key to not only managing them and predicting their availability, but also, to finding and catching these incredible sport fish.



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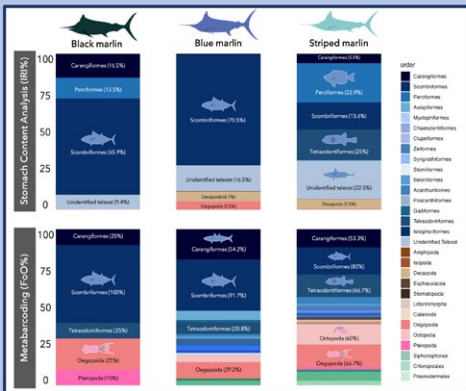
A 60cm silver trevally found in a black marlin stomach / Two large skipjack tuna (3kg each) found in blue marlin stomachs / Striped marlin stomach full of oceanic pufferfish / A proflidgie eaten by a striped marlin alongside a mackerel tuna and some other fish.

### Diets of black, blue and striped marlin off Eastern Australia revealed through stomach content and metabarcoding analysis

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We assessed the **diet of three marlin species** using two methods.



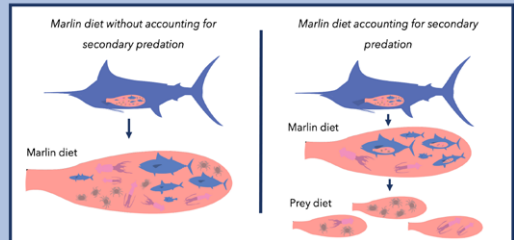
We found key differences between each species, black marlin preferred coastal prey, blue marlin predominantly ate scombrids and striped marlin ate a range of schooling prey.

### Identifying secondary predation in stomach content and metabarcoding analysis of marine predatory game fishes

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Secondary predation occurs as the mesopredators prey remains in the large predators stomach after the mesopredators has been digested.



We successfully identified secondarily preyed taxa in blue marlin using a two-step approach:

- (1) Identify taxa overlapping between the stomachs of marlin and the stomachs of their prey
- (2) Identify whether these overlapping taxa occur at higher rates alongside digested prey

Our results showed that **small crustaceans** and **flying squid** were found to be over-represented in marlin diet.

# Tuna Handling and Preparation

Jonah Yick, Tuna Champions Scientific Ambassador



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Bluefin forever

Tuna of all species are great sports fish with explosive takes, screaming runs, and impressive fighting stamina. The other bonus is the majority of tuna species are also amazing to eat, however they do require careful treatment once caught, as they are prone to spoiling easily due to being warm bodied (endothermic). This article will walk you through the things to consider when targeting tuna for a feed, and also the steps to look after the meat in both the short and long term. Although this was written in the context of southern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*), it can be applied to most other tuna species as well.

## Responsible tuna fishing practises

From the moment a tuna hits the deck, the clock starts ticking on the shelf life of the meat, and how you treat it in the next 24 hours will define how it tastes, as well as how long it lasts. Be aware that you can harvest a lot of meat from a single 20kg bluefin tuna, so if you aren't keen on eating consecutive meals of tuna, you don't know many people who like eating fish, have limited freezer space, or don't own a vacuum sealer, consider taking just one fish. It is easy to get carried away if you come across a school of bluefin, especially with multiple hook ups. It can be hard to consider in the moment, but before you start sinking gaffs left right and centre, think about how much fish you want to take for yourself, friends, or family, and the time required to clean each fish carefully, as well as storing them in the fridge and freezer. Don't wait until you have a pile of tuna flapping about and bleeding on the deck. Have the conversation with your crew beforehand, or while you are fighting the fish. If you do decide to take a tuna (or multiple), make sure you quickly dispatch, bleed, gut, and chill the fish to preserve its meat quality. As tuna are endothermic, they can maintain an internal body temperature much higher than the outside temperature, almost up to 30°C in



Dry aging bluefin tuna whole gilled and gutted in a cool room for a few days improves the quality and shelf life of the meat.

water temperature which could be half of that! Therefore being able to remove the guts and ice them down quickly in either an esky or fish bag is imperative.

Once ashore, you can either process the whole (gutted and gilled) fish straight away into meal sized portions, or if you want to improve the quality and shelf life of the fish, I would recommend dry aging. I will go into more detail on this process further down. If you decide to release fish which are excess to your needs, know that tuna release very well if handled correctly, and if you want to contribute towards tuna research, consider getting involved in tagging.

It can be even more overwhelming if you end up being lucky enough to land a big barrel sized tuna, because suddenly you have to work out how to deal with carving up a fish which could weigh upwards of 70 to 150kg! Follow the same processing procedures as you would with a school tuna. Don't continue to fish if you haven't got the fish properly iced down or it will begin to deteriorate. You also need to ask yourself if you did happen to hook another big tuna and it dies incidentally on the line, are you prepared and able to deal with all the additional meat without it going to waste? Ensure you have adequately large and sharp knives to process the fish, as the skin of barrel bluefin are notoriously thick and tough.

## Dispatching and Bleeding

Immediately after landing the tuna, dispatch it humanely. This can either be done by means of blunt force trauma with a sharp blow on top of the head with a bat (the area between the eyes), or by spiking the brain with either a knife or a purpose built spike similar to a sharpened screwdriver (this technique is known as iki jime, a method of spiking the brain to prevent muscle movement). The fish can now be bled by making a shallow incision in a position behind the pectoral fins, on either side of the fish. You can cut the gills as well, but as a rule of thumb, tuna are best bled from the pectoral fin area, as the main artery runs along this area just under the skin. This bleeding process will reduce the unpleasant fishy flavour that tuna can be prone to developing, and also helps to get the internal temperature down.

If you want to go to the next level, you can try a technique used by commercial tuna fishers to further improve the quality of the meat. Use a coring tool to remove a section of the top of the head, then insert a piece of wire or thick monofilament line down the spine to destroy the spinal cord (this technique is known as Shinkei-jime, a method to prevent the fish from getting rigor mortis). This process assists with maintaining overall freshness, texture, and flavour for a longer period. It is also the first step towards getting the internal temperature of the fish down, as it stops the nerve connections that can keep the muscle firing after the fish is dead, which is associated with generating heat.

## Chilling

The next step now is to remove the warm guts as soon as practicable so you can work on dropping the internal temperature of the tuna down. Ideally this is best done soon after capture, not at the end of the day when you are back home. Gutting and gilling can either be done the conventional way by making an incision down the belly from the anus up to the gills, then proceed to remove the entrails. Or you can



Jonah Yick and Belinda Goddard from Project Kingfish with a beautiful southern bluefin tuna caught last season.



An iki jime spike is a fast and humane way to dispatch tuna .

do the commercial technique which involves releasing the gastrointestinal track at the anus by making a small cut, then removing the gills and guts in one piece out through the gill cavity. Either way is fine, but the commercial technique is a slight advantage in that keeping the gut cavity intact allows you to pack the belly with ice more effectively, and also keeps the high quality belly meat (toro) in better condition as there is less exposed flesh. The minute you make a cut in a tuna, this exposes the meat to air which increases the rate of breakdown or oxidization, so the less cuts the better, until you are ready to process it properly.

Depending on the size of the tuna, it can now either be put into an appropriate sized esky or cool bag and either packed with ice, frozen bottles, or a salt water ice slurry. The esky should be large enough to contain either the whole fish or the trunk of the fish. If there is a chance of catching a big barrel sized tuna then ensure you have a large cool bag onboard which can fit a fish of this size. The aim here is to get the internal temperature of the fish as low and as quick as possible.

## Filleting, portioning, and storage

Once back on land you have a number of options of how to handle tuna. As mentioned earlier, tuna meat will always keep better as a whole trunk rather than as exposed chunks, so if you don't think you are ready to process the fish when you get home (i.e. Fillet and cut the meat up into chunks, then vacuum seal), keep it whole and in the esky/cool bag until you are ready to do so. Ideally if you have a fridge or access to a walk in cool room, dry aging or hanging a whole tuna for a few days makes a huge difference to the quality of meat. All the excess blood and moisture drains out, and you are left with firmer and beautifully textured meat which will last longer and taste better. I dry age tuna whole for approximately 3 to 5 days, then after it is processed into chunks I can start to eat it over a period of an additional five days. For more information on the dry aging process I would recommend reading "The Whole Fish Cook Book" By Josh Niland, to ensure you are doing this process properly.

Tuna can have an immense amount of meat on a single fish, and almost every part of the body is edible. The various cuts of meat around the body will also yield a variety of different textures and flavours. The best way to fillet a tuna is separate each side of the fish into two halves, therefore you essentially end up with four quarters for the whole fish. Cut around the gill cover first so an incision is made from the top of the head to the bottom. Then run your knife along the centre of the flank (approximately the middle of the fishes body), all the way down to the tail. You can then start to remove and slice the sections away from the backbone. You will end up with a top shoulder loin and a lower belly loin. For further cuts you can harvest, see the associated photos of the completely broken-down tuna which includes the cheeks, collars, and scraping further meat from the frame using a spoon. The frame itself can also be used for stock.

The most important part to remember when processing a tuna is to keep everything dry. Do not wash any part of the exposed meat in water, either fresh or SALT! Adding additional water or moisture to your meat will result in an increased rate of breakdown, bacteria growth, and oxidization, resulting in a fishy flavour and an unappealing brown colour. If there is excess blood or a bit of gut which has smeared on your fillet, either wipe it away with paper towel, or scrape it off with a knife. If you plan to eat the fish fresh, keep the chunks of tuna uncovered and in the fridge. Pat away any excess blood or moisture using paper towel. Tuna can last multiple days in the fridge when handled like this. If you are planning to freeze some tuna to eat over the next few months, cut the meat up into meal sized portions then vacuum seal. A vacuum sealer is a must if you are planning to freeze tuna. Ideally aim to consume tuna within 2-3 months for optimal quality. The last thing you want is having a huge amount of tuna frozen which has been sitting in the freezer for a long time, and is no longer appealing to eat.

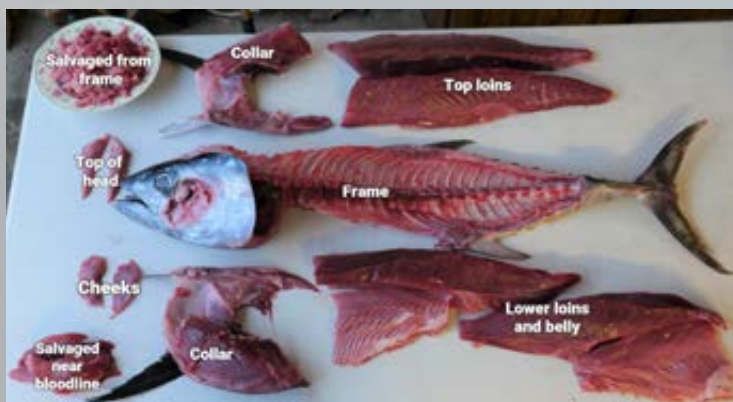


Image: The whole range of meat cuts which can be harvested from a single southern bluefin tuna.  
Photo: Dave Mossop- Tuna Champions.

## Preparation Methods

**Sashimi:** This is by far the most popular and arguably the best way to eat tuna! Both the fatty and lean cuts are perfect for sashimi, served with wasabi, soy sauce, and pickled ginger.

**Seared Steaks:** Season the tuna with sesame seeds and sear in a hot pan to medium-rare for a delicious steak. You can also add a preferred marinade such as soy, ginger, garlic, teriyaki sauce etc then repeat the searing process.

**Poke:** Dice the tuna and combine with your favorite poke ingredients like avocado, cucumber, and soy sauce.

**Jarred/preserved tuna:** This recipe is probably one of my favourites for making the most out of large amounts of tuna meat which you are not going to eat straight away, or you physically can't eat in a short period. Bluefin tuna is one of those fish species that does not freeze and keep as well as white flesh fish. Therefore jarring or preserving tuna is a way to keep the meat for over a year or more, and the flavour and quality will continue to improve with time! Picture eating tinned tuna but with 10 times the flavour, texture, and knowing exactly where it came from. The preparation and recipe for preserved tuna can vary, so it is worth having a look online for one which you like. It can take a few hours to do this one so wait until you have a weekend free. The best thing with this recipe is you can do this with fresh tuna as well as old frozen tuna which you may feel is no longer suitable for conventional cooking. Therefore it is a great way to make use of tuna which would otherwise be wasted.

*For further detailed information on all the various aspects of dispatching, processing, and handling tuna, as well as more recipes and cooking ideas, check out the Tuna Champions website at: [www.tunachampions.com.au](http://www.tunachampions.com.au)*



Photo: Juliet Reid

Even the head of a tuna holds plenty of meat if you know where to look.





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# ANNUAL GFAA AWARDS & TROPHIES



Each year GFAA-administered trophies for Capture and Tag & Release are awarded to anglers fishing in Australian waters. The Capture trophies are the Tom Bell Trophy and the Peter Goadby Trophy. The Tag & Release trophies are the John O'Brien Trophy, the Sir Garrick Agnew Trophy, the Bob Lowe Trophy, the Peter Bennett Trophy, and the trophy for the Highest Point-scoring Boat, which was donated by Tailored Marine Accessories.

In 2003 anglers had three new trophies to fish for: the Geoffrey Woolley Trophy for the most meritorious tag & release achievement by an adult angler, the Grahame Williams trophy for the most sharks tagged by an angler, and the John and Anne Brooker Trophy for the most southern bluefin tuna tagged by an angler.

In 2004 another trophy was added: the Neil Patrick Trophy for the most other gamefish tagged by an angler.

In 2012 the David Litchfield Trophy was added for the highest point scoring boat tag & release marlin in Australian waters.

In 2015, the John Dunphy Young Achievers Award was included to recognise the huge support that the late John Dunphy gave to junior game fishing and GFAA.

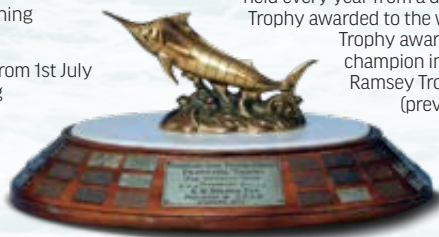
The operative year for all trophies is from 1st July in one year to 30th June the following year. Entries for the Tom Bell Trophy, Peter Goadby Trophy, Bob Lowe Trophy, Peter Bennett Trophy and Geoffrey Woolley Trophy must

be submitted to GFAA by clubs through their State Association, and will be judged by the GFAA Executive. All other trophies are based on tag cards received by NSW Fisheries. To be eligible for the Peter Bennett Trophy the angler must be under 16 years of age at the time of the event.

It should be recognised that a claim need not be an Australian record to win the trophy. However, sufficient data must accompany the application to satisfy the Executive of its validity. The decision to award a trophy, or otherwise, rests totally with GFAA and no correspondence will be entered into.

There are also three trophies available at the Australian International Billfish Tournament, a prestigious tournament held every year from a different location: the Ern Palmer Trophy awarded to the winning team, the Moreton Bay Trophy awarded to the runner-up team (previously champion international team), and the Mal Ramsey Trophy awarded to the champion angler (previously champion Australian team).

*Note: The use of the 'billfish only' tag is mandatory to be eligible to win any GFAA billfish trophies and awards.*



## ERNEST PALMER TROPHY

From 1963-1975 awarded to the winning team at any All-Australian contest under the auspices of GFAA All-Australian competition. From 1981 awarded to the winning team(s) at the Australian International Billfish Tournament (AIBT).

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| <p><b>1963</b> Tennessee II, Sydney GFC - Bob Dyer, Dolly Dyer, Basil Davidson (Sydney)</p> <p><b>1965</b> JAC III, Sydney GFC - John Kellion, Peter Goadby, John McIntyre, Kevin Brennan (Sydney)</p> <p><b>1967</b> Adriatic III, Port Hacking GFC - Frank Lipanovich, Fred Leate, John Davidson, Terry Healy (Sydney)</p> <p><b>1969</b> Kestelle, Broken Bay GFC - Bob Oliver, Frank Pfeiffer, Ern Leslie, Eric Howarth (Port Hacking)</p> | <p><b>1971</b> Kakana, Sydney GFC - Neil Sutton, Bob Barstow, David Steele, C Barstow (Port Hacking)</p> <p><b>1973</b> Georgina, Broken Bay GFC - Don Swavley, Jens Christensen, Phillip Swavley, Peter Swavley (Broken Bay)</p> <p><b>1975</b> Kakana, Sydney GFC - Neil Sutton, David Steele, Bob Barstow (Broken Bay)</p> <p><b>1981</b> Victoria 2 - Len Rowler, Joy Rowler, Bob Denham (Moreton Bay)</p> <p><b>1982</b> South Queensland - Laurie Munroe, Pat Gay, Mal Ramsay (Moreton Bay)</p> <p><b>1983</b> North Queensland - Jack Erskine, Tom Roche, Jim Dalling (Moreton Bay)</p> <p><b>1984</b> South Australia - Ern Palmer, Bill Coombs, John Johnston (Moreton Bay)</p> | <p><b>1985</b> South Queensland - Bill Siganto, Arthur Trass, David Farley, John McPherson (Moreton Bay)</p> <p><b>1987</b> North Queensland - Eddie Wong, Leigh O'Brien (Jnr), Damien Savis (Jnr), Tina McMillan (Jnr), (Townsville)</p> <p><b>1988</b> Hong Kong - Bob McKernan, Alan Curtis, John Ridley (Townsville)</p> <p><b>1989</b> St George Sportfishing Club - Al Hooper, Barry Yates, Roy Allen, Neil Sutton (Townsville)</p> <p><b>1990</b> St George Sportfishing Club - Al Hooper, David Yiend, Roy Allen, Neil Sutton (Townsville)</p> <p><b>1992</b> GFC of South Australia - Bob Forbes, Lance Vater (Townsville)</p> |
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**1993** Gold Coast GFC – Ian Bladin, David Bladin (RQYS)

**1994** GFC of South Australia – John Johnston, Allen Turnbull, Rolf Czabayski (Gold Coast)

**1995** Tag & Release: Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC – Steven Corder, Clifton Corder, Kevin Corder, John Ambrose, Benny Hancock; Capture: Botany Bay GFC – Michael Bednaic, Les Vella, Ron Van Ham, Mark Gunning (Botany Bay)

**1996** Tag & Release: Ulladulla Sport & Game Fishing Club – Chris Brack, Gary Foster, Shaun Malone, Mike Trevaskis, Steve Pisani, Ed Kennett; Capture: Botany Bay GFC – John Siphthorp, Anthony Smith, David Stephens, Glen Crawford, Grant Cammack (Botany Bay)

**1997** Tag & Release: Port Macquarie GFC – David Wilson, David Sinclair, Tony Graham, Jeff Wilson, Bob Ronfa; Capture: Broken Bay GFC – Graham Bland, John Franklin, Bert Lloyd, Arthur Foy (Port Stephens)

**1998** Lake Macquarie GFC – Geoff Wyett, Jason Nunn, Peter Sanderson, Allan McCafferty (Port Stephens)

**1999** Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC – Chris Russell, David Russell, Richard Robinson (Port Stephens)

**2000** Canberra GFC – Gary Cairns, Ron Smith, Darren Sterzenbach, Steve Bawden (Batemans Bay)

**2001** Sydney GFC – Vern Padagas, Jeff Wood (Port Hacking)

**2002** Wollongong GFC – Peter Brown, Bob Pearson, John Pearson (Port Hacking)

**2003** Bermagui BGAC – Steve Pearce, Lucas Nunn

**2004** Batemans Bay GFC – Karen Mitchell, Jane Cutler

**2005** Great Lakes GFC (NSW) – Robert Fitzalan, Brock Bunderus, Richard Baker, Paul Meredith, Lynne Meredith

**2006** Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) – Michael Blanche, Daniel Johnston

**2007** Sunshine Coast GFC (QLD) – Robert Smith, Mark Bird, Conor Lynch

**2008** Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) – Garry Holt, Alan Ward, James Holt, Marc Storr

**2009** Botany Bay GFC (NSW) – Keith Johnson, Fred Johnson, Geoff Brooks

**2010** Sydney GFC (NSW) – Phillip Webster, Daniel Carlson, Jeff Hudson, Andrew Davis

**2011** Exmouth GFC (WA) – Neil Silver (c), Seth Nafte, Chris Pol

**2012** Exmouth GFC (WA) – James Roscic (c), Matt Nikkula, Steve Moore, Rowan Smith, Andrew Griffiths, Jeremy Klar

**2013** Broome FC (WA) – Chris Nisbet, Jason Bull, Richard Black, Al Sartori, Steve Ring

**2014** Our Time: Capt Matt Gates, Jim Ireland, Richard Black, Colin Dawe

**2015** Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld) – Sue Crocker, Townsville GFC – Mick Meiers, Hervey Bay GFC – Doug Sanderson

**2016** Askari – Corey Hard, Shane Siphthorp, Mitch Liddell, Rhys Younan-Wise, Jay Housman

**2017** Bravo – Jon Jarvis (Perth), Peter Falkner (Darwin), Gavin Jones (Darwin)

**2018** Haulin: Graeme Heal, Gabriel Gomez, Jason Edwards, Tom Miller, Mick Campbell

**2019** Hervey Bay GFC: Doug Sanderson, Mick Meiers, Sue Crocker

**2020** Hervey Bay GFC Rammage: Doug Sanderson, Mick Meiers, Sue Crocker

**2021** Wild Thing Chris Russell, Steve Wilkinson, Steve Woods, Josh Carney

**2022** Lucky Strike Newcastle GFC – James Norris, Steve Norris, Nathan Debono

**2023** Anyfin – Broken Bay GFC – Gerard Hrynink, James Darmody, Phill Swayverly, Wade Matthews, Gary Ryan, Ron Jacobs

**2024** Wizz'n'Ropund, Tuna Club of Tasmania. Brody Corbett, Naomi Wisby

**2025** Mojo Gold Coast GFC Adam Argus, Shaun Whale, Nick Binstead, Mark Lilley

### MORETON BAY TROPHY

Awarded to the runner-up team at the AIBT.

**2003** Ulladulla S & GFC – Don Goswell, Troy Dowling

**2004** Tathra AFC – GFS – David Fitzpatrick, Jacinta Riseley, Paul Broderick

**2005** Port Hacking GFC (NSW) – John Dunphy, Mark Mikkelsen, Daniel Mikkelsen, Steve Tucker, Grant Grounds

**2006** Great Lakes GFC (NSW) – Ozzie Collins, David Ross, Bill Walker, Craig Walker

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**2008** Gold Coast GFC – Simon Christidis, Peter Hargraves, Peter Purcell, Ross Talbot

**2009** Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW) – Scott Lee, Jason Lee, Katie Lee, Phillipa Seldon

**2010** Lake Macquarie GFC (NSW) – Simon Carosi, Jacinta Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Dean Wood

**2011** Exmouth GFC (WA) – Bernie Vale (c), Darren Garraway, Shaun Lennon, Kim Renner, Paul Rowe, Matt Lupton

**2012** Perth GFC (WA) – Josh Bruynzeel (c), Chris Fonti, Chris Pol, Nathan Sibley

**2013** Broome FC (WA) – Geoff Ellens, Emile Ellens, Steve Parlumbo, Joe Sutherland

**2014** On Strike: Capt Josh Bruynzeel, Chris Fonti, Chris Wylde, Megan Schukowsky

**2015** Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld) – Dan Bergamo, Matthew Bergamo, Anthony Bergamo, Benjamin Bergamo and Ben Hardy

**2016** Athahldo – Josh Eggins, Paul Axisa, Lachie Eggins, Alan Geale, James Kinniburgh

**2017** Gold Strike II – John Fraurud, Brian Arnett (Exmouth GFC)

**2018** Azura: Dave Thomson, Eddy Lawler, Doug Sanderson, Riley Smith, Bob Witcombe

**2019** Dun Deal: Anthony Dunlea, Kevin Foster, Hannah Dunlea

**2021** Seeka: Jeff Thompson, Jayedon Thompson, Christian Thompson, Warrick Lambert (NPSGFC)

**2022** Iona 11 – Newcastle GFC.– Adam Jordan, Rob Hyland, Michelle Evans, Luke Henkel, Matt Holliday, Todd Fisher, Dave Sharp, Darren Lewis, Brad Fancett,

**2023** Tantrum – NSWGFA Junior Team – Glenn Wright, Mason McDonough, Jonathan Yates, Logan Banek, Kynan Clark, Karen Wright, Giles Cox

**2024** Offshore Gambler – SFC of Tasmania Andrew Aiden, Damian Howard

**2025** Bad Bill – Gold Coast GFC Mark Matthews, Jayden Matthews, Michael Bishop



### MAL RAMSAY TROPHY MORETON BAY TROPHY

Awarded to the champion angler at the AIBT.

**2003** Lucas Nunn – Bermagui BGAC

**2004** Paul Broderick – Tathra AFC – GFS

**2005** Steven Gardener – Bermagui BGAC (NSW)

**2006** Daniel Johnston – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW)

**2007** Conor Lynch – Sunshine Coast GFC (QLD)

**2008** James Holt – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (NSW)

**2009** Fred Johnson – Botany Bay GFC (NSW)

**2010** Aris Keramidias – Sydney GFC (NSW)

**2011** Kurt Williamson – Exmouth GFC (WA)

**2012** Sahra Pittman – Exmouth GFC

**2013** Troy Dahlstrom – Broome FC

**2014** Murray Teasdale – Exmouth GFC (WA)

**2015** Sue Crocker – Cairns Bluewater GFC (Qld)

**2016** Mitch Liddell – Boat: Askari

**2017** James Dedman – King Bay GFC

**2018** Janelle Hodgson – Exmouth GFC

**2019** Rolf Czabayski – GFC of SA

**2021** Steve Wilkinson – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC

**2022** Michelle Evans Iona 11 – Newcastle GFC

**2023** Nicco Marsh – FV2 – Sydney GFC

**2024** Naomi Wisbey Tuna Club of Tasmania

**2025** Shaun Whale Mojo Gold Coast GFC



### JOHN O'BRIEN TROPHY

Awarded to the highest tag & release point-scoring GFAA club.

- 1983-84 Cairns GFC
- 1984-85 Townsville GFC
- 1985-86 Townsville GFC
- 1986-87 Cairns GFC
- 1987-88 Moreton Bay GFC
- 1988-89 Townsville GFC
- 1989-90 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 1990-91 Gold Coast GFC
- 1991-92 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 1992-93 Townsville GFC
- 1993-94 Townsville GFC
- 1994-95 Roebuck Bay Game & Sportfishing Club
- 1995-96 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 1996-97 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 1997-98 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 1998-99 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 1999-00 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 2000-01 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 2001-02 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 2002-03 Broome GFC
- 2003-04 Sunshine Coast GFC (186,492 pts)
- 2004-05 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (224,310 pts)
- 2005-06 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (132,032 pts)
- 2006-07 Sunshine Coast GFC (175,506 pts)
- 2007-08 Sydney GFC (108,256 pts)
- 2008-09 Sunshine Coast GFC (132,579 pts)
- 2009-10 Exmouth GFC (240,977 pts)
- 2010-11 Exmouth GFC (144,073 pts)
- 2011-12 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC (191,414 pts)
- 2012-13 Sunshine Coast GFC (211,428 pts)
- 2013-14 Exmouth Game Fishing Club
- 2014-15 Gold Coast GFC (163,130 pts)
- 2015-16 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 2016-17 Sunshine Coast GFC (197,134 pts)
- 2017-18 Sunshine Coast GFC (289,122 pts)
- 2018-19 Sunshine Coast GFC (172,040 pts)
- 2019-20 Weipa Billfish Club (181,255 pts)

- 2020-21 Gold Coast GFC (211,072 pts)
- 2021-22 Exmouth GFC (127,860 Pts)
- 2022-23 Gold Coast GFC (193,838 Pts)
- 2023-24 Exmouth GFC (186,165 Pts)
- 2024-25 Exmouth GFC (167,312 Points)

### SIR GARRICK AGNEW TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most billfish in Australian waters.

- 1987-88 Michael Delaunay (16)
- 1988-89 Graham Deanshaw (27)
- 1989-90 Lance Vater (14)
- 1990-91 Len Brooks (31)
- 1991-92 Len Brooks (54)
- 1992-93 Leon Wregg (44)
- 1993-94 Bryan Frost (29)
- 1994-95 Steve Chambers (17)
- 1995-96 Stephen Williams (26)
- 1996-97 Tony Graham (35)
- 1997-98 Michelle Jansz (88)
- 1998-99 Peter Pescell (98)
- 1999-00 Tony Pink (31)
- 2000-01 Fred Temminck (24)
- 2001-02 Tie: Andrew Yeh and Vic Levett (28)
- 2002-03 Marc Storr (20)
- 2003-04 Bart Portelli (43)
- 2004-05 Bart Portelli - Sydney GFC (43)
- 2005-06 Bart Portelli - Sydney GFC (41)
- 2006-07 Jeff Oates - Sunshine Coast GFC (47)
- 2007-08 Bart Portelli - Sydney GFC (40)
- 2008-09 Jay Graham - Sunshine Coast GFC (38)
- 2008-09 Jeff Oates - Sunshine Coast GFC (56)
- 2010-11 Scott MacGowan - King Bay GFC (51)
- 2011-12 Gavin Goodwin - Groote Eylandt G&SFC (39)
- 2012-13 Jeff Oates - Sunshine Coast GFC (82)
- 2013-14 Channon Arbuthnot (55)
- 2014-15 John Stehmann - Gold Coast GFC (43)
- 2015-16 Chloe Laurence - Botany Bay GFC (41)
- 2016-17 Tyrone O'Connor - Bermagui BGAC (41)
- 2017-18 Darryl French - Weipa Billfish Club (71)
- 2018-19 Dale Penhall (72)
- 2019-20 Darryl French (80)
- 2020-21 Sandy Gorecki - Jervis Bay GFC (56)
- 2021-22 Darryl French - Weipa BFC (31)
- 2022-23 Tyrone O'Connor - Merimbula BG & LAC (123)
- 2023-24 Tyrone O'Connor - Merimbula BG&LAC (112)
- 2024-25 Tyrone O'Connor - Merimbula BG&LAC (145)

### BOB LOWE TAG & RELEASE TROPHY MORETON BAY TROPHY

The most meritorious tag & release achievement by a GFAA-affiliated club in Australian waters.

- 1993-94 Roebuck Game & Sportfishing Club
- 1994-95 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 1995-96 Kimberley Fly Rodders Club
- 1996-97 Darwin GFC
- 1997-98 Sunshine Coast GFC
- 1998-99 Perth Game Fishing Club

- 1999-00 Latrobe Valley GFC
- 2000-01 Sydney Game Fishing Club
- 2001-02 Lake Macquarie GFC
- 2002-03 Game Fishing Club of South Australia
- 2003-04 Sydney Game Fishing Club
- 2004-05 Broken Bay GFC
- 2005-06 The Southern Game Fish Club, Tasmania
- 2006-07 St Helens Game Fishing Club
- 2007-08 St Helens Game Fishing Club
- 2008-09 Southern Gamefish Club
- 2009-10 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 2010-11 South Gippsland GFC
- 2011-12 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 2012-13 The Hervey Bay GFC
- 2013-14 Warrnambool Offshore & Light GFC
- 2014-15 Canberra Game Fishing Club
- 2015-16 Tuna Club of Tasmania
- 2016-17 Game Fishing Club of SA
- 2017-18 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 2018-19 Canberra GFC
- 2019-20 GFC of SA
- 2020-21 Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- 2021-22 Mackay GFC
- 2022-23 Merimbula BG&LAC
- 2023-24 Merimbula BG&LAC
- 2024-25 Merimbula BG&LAC



### PETER BENNETT TROPHY

Most meritorious tag & release achievement by a GFAA junior in Australian waters.

- 1997 Lindsay Dorney (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
- 1998 Lindsay Dorney (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)
- 1999 Ryan Bettison (Lake Macquarie GFC)
- 2000 Andrew Blyth (Broken Bay GFC)
- 2001 Jim Rocchi (Lake Macquarie GFC)
- 2001-02 Pascale Paton (Broken Bay GFC)
- 2002-03 James Holt (Broken Bay GFC)
- 2003-04 Jordan Atkin (Lake Macquarie GFC)
- 2004-05 Fletcher Scott (Huskisson G&SFC)
- 2005-06 Sophie Stewart (Ribbons Ladies GFC)
- 2006-07 Amy McAndrew (Broken Bay GFC)
- 2007-08 Jacinta Thomas (Lake Macquarie GFC)
- 2008-09 Kiara McMahon (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)

- 2009-10** Kiara McMahon (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)  
**2010-11** Connor Craven (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)  
**2011-12** Braden McDonald (Groote Eylandt G&SFC)  
**2012-13** Mathew Sandy - (Victoria GFC)  
**2013-14** Locki Nichols (Tuna Club of Tasmania)  
**2014-15** Riley Smith (Exmouth GFC)  
**2015-16** Toby Mason (King Bay GFC)  
**2016-17** Mikayla Jongejan (Mooloolaba GFC)  
**2017-18** Ethan Wrack (Mooloolaba GFC)  
**2018-19** Max Grasso (King Bay GFC)  
**2019-20** Max Grasso (King Bay GFC)  
**2020-21** Lily Sims (Cairns Bluewater GFC)  
**2021-22** Max Grasso (King Bay GFC)  
**2022-23** Logan Walker (Merimbula BG & LAC)  
**2023-24** Nicolas Gilham (Latrobe Valley GFC)  
**2024-25** Shanae Dance Tuna Club of Tasmania

### TOM BELL TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest gamefish (excluding sharks) in Australian waters.

- 1965-66** George Park 626lb bluefin tuna  
**1966-67** Richard Obach 1064lb black marlin  
**1967-68** Basil Mitchell 1208lb black marlin  
**1968-69** Bill Dickens 1157lb black marlin  
**1969-70** Ed Seay 1124lb black marlin  
**1970-71** Sir William (Alf) Stevenson 1231.5lb black marlin  
**1971-72** George McKendrick 1133lb black marlin  
**1972-73** Jo Jo Delguercio 1271lb black marlin  
**1973-74** Michael Magrath 1442lb black marlin  
**1974-75** Basil Mitchell 1257lb black marlin  
**1975-76** Neville Green 1367lb black marlin  
**1976-77** Peter Storrer 1286lb black marlin  
**1977-78** Tie: Garrick Agnew and Georgette Douwma 1323lb black marlin  
**1978-79** Jack Nicklaus 1358lb black marlin  
**1979-80** Morton D May 1347lb black marlin  
**1980-81** Ray Reeds 1313lb black marlin  
**1981-82** Gus Schram 1392lb black marlin  
**1982-83** Rick Jones 1236lb black marlin  
**1983-84** Jack Anderson 1307lb black marlin  
**1984-85** M Benmergui 1227lb black marlin  
**1985-86** Alan Turnbull 1271lb black marlin  
**1986-87** Bob Connellan 1291lb black marlin  
**1987-88** Jeffrey McCloy 1067lb black marlin  
**1988-89** H Priddle 1199lb black marlin  
**1989-90** David Cadman 933lb black marlin  
**1990-91** Janet Forster 1052lb black marlin  
**1991-92** Phil Pratt 1267lb black marlin  
**1992-93** Tim Holmes 589kg black marlin  
**1993-94** Leon Hall 496.4kg black marlin  
**1994-95** Howard Spence 254kg blue marlin  
**1995-96** Takaaki Ushimura 408kg black marlin  
**1996-97** Sandra (Honey) Pflieger 484kg black marlin  
**1997-98** Nawaji Shinagawa 477kg black marlin  
**1998-99** Melanie Kisbee 452.2kg blue marlin  
**1990-00** John Kilgour 463.1kg black marlin  
**2000-01** Robert Manwarring 252kg blue marlin  
**2001-02** Jason Caughlan 631kg black marlin



- 2002-03** Robert Henderson 284kg blue marlin  
**2003-04** Darren Peak 201kg blue marlin  
**2004-05** Wal Aulsebrook 258kg blue marlin  
**2005-06** Graham Powe 258kg blue marlin  
**2006-07** Jason Simpson 254.2kg blue marlin  
**2007-08** Mark Hislop 504.5kg black marlin  
**2008-09** Ross Smith 362.5kg blue marlin  
**2009-10** Wade Harper 288.7kg blue marlin  
**2010-11** Len Vollebregt 283.88kg blue marlin  
**2011-12** Philip Lamond 246.7kg blue marlin  
**2012-13** Jason Scholes 219kg blue marlin  
**2013-14** Rowan Smith 368.2kg blue marlin  
**2014-15** Michael Kirby 265.5kg blue marlin  
**2015-16** Daniel Cock 273.6kg blue marlin  
**2016-17** Justin Keith 348.5kg blue marlin  
**2017-18** Ralph Czabayski 506kg black marlin  
**2018-19** Marc Lagerewskij 319.7kg broadbill swordfish  
**2019-20** Tara Rowe 267.5kg blue marlin  
**2020-21** Riagan Dowling 225.5kg blue marlin  
**2021-22** Graham McCloy 336.4kg blue marlin  
**2022-23** Andrew McLennan 171.1kg blue marlin  
**2023-24** Daniel Odessa Hayley Bonnici Dead heat 194kg blue marlin  
**2024-25** Dion Sinclair 429kg blue marlin

### PETER GOADBY TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest shark in Australian waters.

- 1983-84** John Johnston 626kg tiger shark  
**1984-85** Rolf Czabayski 552.5kg white shark  
**1985-86** Robert Donehue 531kg tiger shark  
**1986-87** George Trinkler 535kg tiger shark  
**1987-88** Paul Besoff 503kg tiger shark  
**1988-89** Vic Sampson 620kg white shark  
**1989-90** Neville Gray 477kg tiger shark  
**1990-91** Glen Kirkwood 619kg tiger shark  
**1991-92** Glen Booth 590kg tiger shark  
**1992-93** Trent Visscher 472kg tiger shark  
**1993-94** David Rix 840kg white shark  
**1994-95** Jason Caughlan 919kg white shark  
**1995-96** Ralph Czabayski (Jnr) 542.5kg white shark  
**1996-97** Steve Morris 764kg white shark  
**1997-98** Rolf Czabayski 699.5kg white shark  
**1998-99** Craig Walkom 553.5kg tiger shark  
**1999-00** Chris O'Toole 568kg tiger shark  
**2000-01** Stephen Millgate 480kg tiger shark  
**2001-02** Robert Baker 593kg tiger shark  
**2002-03** Ryan Jones 498kg tiger shark  
**2003-04** Jason Hewitt 506kg tiger shark  
**2004-05** Graham French 515.5kg tiger shark  
**2005-06** Simon Pender 458kg tiger shark  
**2006-07** Daniel Johnston 529kg tiger shark

- 2007-08** Jason Hewitt 694.5kg tiger shark  
**2008-09** Richard Bull 512kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2009-10** Tony Pink (Lake Macquarie GFC) 575.8kg tiger shark  
**2010-11** Iain Houlford 489kg tiger shark (Jervis Bay GFC)  
**2011-12** Tristan Davis 587.5kg tiger shark (Central Coast GFC)  
**2012-13** Clint Starkey 341.5kg mako shark (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)  
**2013-14** Shaun Thornton 511.5kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2014-15** Phil Kean 614kg tiger shark (Broken Bay GFC)  
**2015-16** Joel Nancarrow 625.5kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2016-17** Todd Pike 583.2kg tiger shark (Shoalhaven GFC)  
**2017-18** Elliot Gylter (Lake Macquarie GFC) 543.5kg tiger shark  
**2018-19** Janet West 470.5kg tiger shark (Broken Bay GFC)  
**2019-20** Jason Hewitt 515.2kg tiger shark (Newcastle GFC)  
**2020-21** James Devereux 626kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2021-22** Matthew Smith 540.5 tger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2022-23** Aaron Marc 409kg tiger shark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2023-24** Jamie O'Lynn 559.5kg tigershark (Lake Macquarie GFC)  
**2024-25** Braith Finney 481kg tiger shark (Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC)



### TAILORED MARINE TROPHY

Awarded to the highest point-scoring boat for Tag & Release in Australian waters.

- 1999-00** Bill Collector - Canberra GFC  
**2000-01** Reel Capture - Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2001-02** Reel Capture - Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2002-03** Reel Chase - Townsville GFC  
**2003-04** Keneka - (26,200 pts) Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2004-05** Palagero - (28,782 pts) Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2005-06** Reel Chase - (31,200 pts) Townsville GFC  
**2006-07** Watch Ya Problem (28,490 pts) - Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2007-08** Reel Smoka (20,860 pts) - Sydney GFC  
**2008-09** In Deep (18,000pts) - Exmouth GFC  
**2009-10** Reel Capture (29,602 pts) - Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2010-11** The Wench (33,200 pts) - King Bay GFC  
**2011-12** No More Favours (36,605 pts) - Groote Eylandt G&SFC  
**2012-13** Kamikaze (42,200 pts) - Sunshine Coast GFC

- 2013-14** The Wench (48,802 pts) – King Bay GFC  
**2014-15** Chaos (40,000 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2015-16** Polaris (38,850 pts) – Eden Sports & GFC  
**2016-17** Chaos (38,416 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2017-18** Pole Dancer (60,800 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2018-19** The Wench (49,246 pts) – King Bay GFC  
**2019-20** Get N Any (44,000pts) – Weipa Billfish Club  
**2020-21** Chaos (43,200 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2021-22** Chaos (18,400 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2022-23** Redonkulous (49,782 Pts) – Gold Coast GFC  
**2023-24** She Left (47,600 pts) Merimbula BG&LAC  
**2024-25** She Left (56,800 pts) Merimbula BG&LAC

### GEOFFREY WOOLLEY TROPHY

Awarded for the most meritorious tag & release achievement by an adult angler in Australian waters.

- 2002-03** Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC  
**2003-04** Damian Elmer – St Helens GFC  
**2004-05** Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC  
**2005-06** Sam Taranto – Bass Strait GFC  
**2006-07** Glenn Nutter – Townsville GFC  
**2007-08** Bart Portelli – Sydney GFC  
**2008-09** Dennis Minuti – Jervis Bay GFC  
**2009-10** John Rankin – Eden S & GFC  
**2010-11** Mitchell Hogg – Lake Macquarie GFC  
**2011-12** Anton Vogiatzis – Victorian GFC  
**2012-13** Colin Ward – Hervey Bay GFC  
**2013-14** Paul Rebbeschi – Eden Sports & GFC  
**2014-15** Shane Evans – Adelaide Game Fishing Club  
**2015-16** Gerard Billing – Coffs Harbour GFC  
**2016-17** Cassie Herbert – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC  
**2017-18** Sharon Poulter – Cairns Bluewater GFC  
**2018-19** Daniel Paull – GFC of Northern Tasmania  
**2019-20** Sandy Gorecki – Jervis Bay GFC  
**2020-21** Sandy Gorecki – Jervis Bay GFC  
**2021-22** Billy Bain – Gold Coast GFC  
**2022-23** Tyrone O'Connor – Merimbula BG & LAC  
**2023-24** Ryan Meads – Mackay GFC  
**2024-25** Ryan Meads – Mackay GFC

### GRAHAME A WILLIAMS TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most sharks in Australian waters.

- 2002-03** Neil Schulz (30) – SEQTAR Club  
**2003-04** Neil Schulz (102) – SEQTAR Club  
**2004-05** Stephen Parker (58) – Canberra GFC  
**2005-06** Stephen Parker (63) – Canberra GFC  
**2006-07** Gordon MacDonald (25) – Moreton Bay Boat Club G&SFC  
**2007-08** Shane Ashton (14) – Shellharbour GFC  
**2008-09** Danny Standing (13) – Bass Strait GFC  
**2009-10** Adam Todd (21) – Adelaide GFC  
**2010-11** Jono Livingstone (21) – Lake Macquarie GFC  
**2011-12** Cody Wright (14) – Exmouth GFC  
**2012-13** Dennis Heinicke (13) – Adelaide GFC  
**2013-14** Krystal Wietecki (14) – Shoalhaven GFC  
**2014-15** Mitchell Liddall (17) – Sydney GFC  
**2015-16** Toby Mason (34) – King Bay GFC  
**2016-17** Patrick Shaw (44) – Sydney GFC  
**2017-18** Chloe Hornhardt (33) – King Bay GFC  
**2018-19** Mia Wright (51) – Sydney GFC  
**2019-20** Peter Mc Mahon (33) – Eden S&GFC  
**2020-21** Mia Wright (100) – Sydney GFC

- 2021-22** Joshua Newstead (49) – Orbost S&GFC  
**2022-23** John Holmes (18) – Perth GFC  
**2023-24** Peter McMahon (29) – GFC of SA  
**2024-25** Peter Smith (23) – Sydney GFC

### JOHN AND ANNE BROOKER TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most southern bluefin tuna in Australian waters.

- 2002-03** Tie: Scott Sinclair & Bradley Smith (2) – GFCSA  
**2003-04** Tie: Ryan Baillie & Ben Oakley (2) – Tuna Club of Tasmania  
**2004-05** Stephen Morris (17) – GFC of SA  
**2005-06** Janet Forster (26) – GFC of SA  
**2006-07** Dennis Heinicke (90) – Adelaide GFC  
**2007-08** Dennis Heinicke (111) – Adelaide GFC  
**2008-09** Damon Lovell (89) – GFC of South Australia  
**2009-10** Ian Carrison (230) – Adelaide GFC  
**2010-11** Max Barrett (153) – Port MacDonnell OAC  
**2011-12** Leo Miller (30) – Tuna Club of Tasmania  
**2012-13** Ian Tarbottom (43) – GFC of SA  
**2013-14** Tony Bell (66) – Port MacDonnell OAC  
**2014-15** Rolf Czabayski (126) – GFC of South Australia  
**2015-16** Russel Bianco (303) – GFC of South Australia  
**2016-17** Ashley North (39) – GFC of SA  
**2017-18** Rolf Czabayski (146) – GFC of South Australia  
**2018-19** Jan Oosthuizen (62) – Warrambool O&LGFC  
**2019-20** Ralph Czabayski (46) – GFC of South Australia  
**2020-21** Jessica de Cani (30) – Tuna Club of Tasmania  
**2021-22** Buddy Cock (63) – Port MacDonnell OAC  
**2022-23** Shane Hodgens (65) – GFC of South Australia  
**2023-24** Shane Hodgens (52) GFC of South Australia  
**2024-25** Shanae Dance (54) Tuna Club of Tasmania

- 2007-08** Dennis Heinicke (116) – Adelaide GFC  
**2008-09** Stephen Morris (97) – GFC of South Australia  
**2009-10** Ian Carrison (234) – Adelaide GFC  
**2010-11** Max Barrett (154) – Port MacDonnell OAC  
**2011-12** Braden McDonald (113) – Groote Eylandt G&SFC  
**2012-13** Aaron Komaromi (84) – Adelaide GFC  
**2013-14** Lewyn McDonald (115) – Groote Eylandt S & GFC  
**2014-15** Rolf Czabayski (127) – GFC of South Australia  
**2015-16** Russel Bianco (306) – GFC of South Australia  
**2016-17** Ashley North (55) – GFC of SA  
**2017-18** Rolf Czabayski (147) – GFC of South Australia  
**2018-19** Max Grasso (98) – King Bay GFC  
**2019-20** Hayden Steinemann (90) – GFC South Australia  
**2020-21** Max Grasso (72) King Bay GFC  
**2021-22** Max Grasso (114) King Bay GFC  
**2022-23** Max Grasso (121) King Bay GFC  
**2023-24** Ryan Meads (116) Mackay GFC  
**2024-25** Shanae Dance (54) Tuna Club of Tasmania

### DAVID LITCHFIELD TROPHY

Awarded to the highest point scoring boat for tag & release marlin in Australian waters.

- 2011-12** Gunrunner (61) – Ncle & PSGFC  
**2012-13** Kamikaze (101) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2013-14** The Wench (25,600 pts) King Bay GFC  
**2014-15** Chaos (39,600 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2015-16** Polaris (35,600 pts) – Eden Sports & GFC  
**2016-17** Chaos (38,400 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2017-18** Pole Dancer (60,800 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2018-19** Pole Dancer (46,800 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2019-20** Reel Crazy (28,400 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2020-21** Chaos (42,800 pts) – Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2021-22** Chaos (16,800 pts) Sunshine Coast GFC  
**2022-23** Redonkulous (49,600 Pts) – Gold Coast GFC  
**2023-24** She Left (47,600 pts) Merimbula BG&LAC  
**2024-25** She Left (56,800pts) Merimbula BG&LAC

### JOHN DUNPHY YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

Awarded to juniors who have achieved a notable fishing capture or T&R accomplishment, or who have made an exceptional contribution to the sport of game fishing and/or been an outstanding role model for other juniors.

- 2015-16** Chloe Hammersley – GFC of Northern Tasmania  
**2016-17** Chloe Hornhardt – King Bay GFC  
**2017-18** Michael Behrens, Ethan Wrack, Mitchell Behrens – all Mooloolaba GFC  
**2018-19** James Dunn – Lake Macquarie GFC  
**2019-20** Mia Wright – Sydney GFC  
**2020-21** Townsville Sharkies – Townsville GFC  
**2021-22** Kaitlyn Schofield – Bermagui BGAC  
**2022-23** Audrina White – Mackay GFC  
**2023-24** Hunter Davies Shellharbour GFC  
**2024-25** Shanae Dance Tuna Club of Tasmania



### NEIL PATRICK TROPHY

Awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most other gamefish in Australian waters.

- 2003-04** John Rankin (214) – Eden S&GFC  
**2004-05** Brian Schofield (374) – Eden S&GFC  
**2005-06** John Rankin (404) – Eden S&GFC  
**2006-07** John Rankin (170) – Eden S&GFC

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# 2024-25 NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REPORT

**This season has been action-packed, with some exceptional fishing achievements from juniors right across the nation.**

**A total of 266 juniors entered the tournament, resulting in an incredible year of competition.**

This year's recent release of the GFAA App proved to be a very helpful and successful addition to the tournament, helping juniors access rules, and record catches simply and efficiently.

A special thank you must go to our Junior State Coordinators for their dedication behind the scenes in managing reports and results. Their efforts are vital to the continued success of this program.

We also sincerely thank our valued sponsors—Shimano Australia, Tackle World, Halco, Australian Sold Fuel Testing, and Colorato Lures. Without their ongoing support, this tournament would not be possible.



Chayce Gray

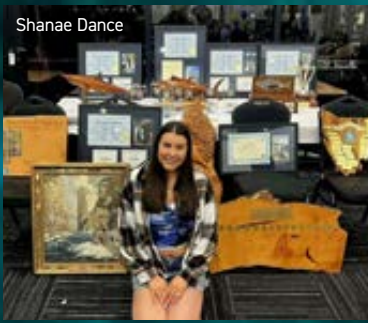


Hunter Davies

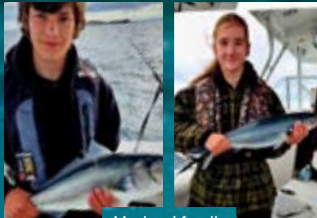




Shanae Dance



Nolan Reindt



Marland family



Ari Jameson



Luka and Charlotte Maclean



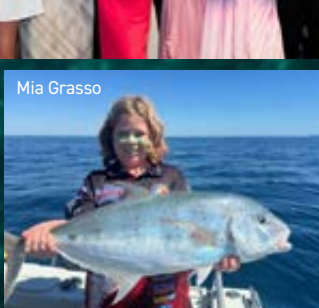
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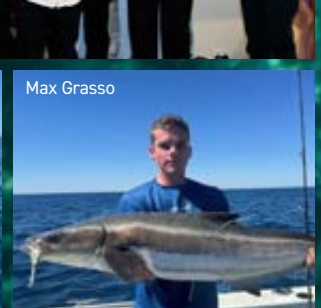
Lochlan Collins



Kaitlyn Collins



Mia Grasso



Max Grasso

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### • Junior Male

**Logan Walker** had a remarkable debut season as a junior angler, winning both capture and release with a mix of salmon, kingfish, bonito, kawa kawa, flathead, whaler sharks, tailor, and mahi mahi.

**Chayce Gray** – 88.9kg southern bluefin tuna on 24kg

**Hunter Davies** – 118kg black marlin on 24kg

### • Junior Female

**Capture** – **Cooper Burley** with a standout 94kg black marlin on 24kg

**Release** - **Indi Garvey** tagged six marlin including five striped and a blue marlin, plus multiple mahi mahi on 10kg

### • Small Fry Male

**Maree Walker** dominated both capture and release. Maree's catches included salmon, kingfish, tailor and flathead.

Noah Walker completed the Walker dominance, also securing the capture section with a 6.1kg mahi mahi on 6kg and in the release section, with multiple catches of kingfish, salmon and bonito.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

### • Juniors

**Kaitlyn** and **Lochlan Collins** both won junior measure and release, releasing 28 barramundi between them.

### • Small Fry

**Charlotte** and **Luka Maclean** also featured strongly in the Small Fry category, with all juniors recording great barramundi catches.

# STATE RESULTS

## QUEENSLAND

### • Juniors

**Release** - **Riley McLeod** topped the release section with mix of black and blue marlin, kawa kawa, barramundi and bream.

**Capture** - **Tyler Barnes** recorded a nice wahoo.

### • Small Fry

**Nolan Reindl** excelled in both capture and release with standout catches, including an 18kg wahoo on 4kg line in the release section, he dominated tagging black marlin, mackerel, sailfish and kawa kawa.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Small Fry anglers led the way:

- **Charlie Hodgens** won both capture and release sections tagging multiple southern bluefin tuna on 10kg and capturing a 10kg kingfish on 8kg line.
- **Lottie McLeay** secured the Small Fry release section tagging and releasing mulloway and kingfish.

## TASMANIA

### • Junior Male

**Shanae Dance** delivered one of the most impressive junior seasons, winning both capture and release. Shanae's highlights included:

140kg southern bluefin tuna on 24kg line – an All Tackle World record.

31kg SBT on 8kg, 31kg SBT on 10kg, 42kg SBT on 37kg – all Australian and Tasmanian records.

92.6kg mako shark on 8kg line (10:1 catch).

Shanae also released 41 southern bluefin tuna.

To cap off the year, Shanae was awarded the prestigious John Dunphy Award at the annual GFAA Awards Dinner.

### • Small Fry Female

**Grace Robertson** measured and released some nice flathead

## VICTORIA

### • Juniors

A family clean sweep:

**Troy Marland** dominated junior male Capture & Release, with a notable catch of a 16.5kg southern bluefin tuna on 6kg.

**Ruby Marland** secured the Junior female release award.

**Ivy Marland** completed the trifecta with Small Fry release.

### • Small Fry Male

**Zane Coyle** landed a 119kg porbeagle shark on 37kg line.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### • Junior Male

A close contest between **Max Grasso** and **Lochlan Turrell**. Max secured his total with golden trevally, spotted mackerel, narrow-barred mackerel, queenfish and cobia. Lochlan recorded a State Record 84kg black marlin on 8kg line and tagged 12 marlin (nine black, three blue), along with whaler sharks and sailfish.

### • Female Junior

**Juliette Hawthorn** tagged three blue marlin.

### • Small Fry Female:

**Mia Grasso** dominated, winning both capture and release. Mia's notable sailfish catch was 2kg off the current Australian record 15kg on 6kg line. Additionally, her release bag consisted of queenfish, spotted mackerel, narrow-barred mackerel golden trevally and whaler sharks.

The 2024/2025 National Junior Tournament was a season to remember, showcasing not only exceptional fishing talent but also the bright future of our sport across Australia. Congratulations to all participants, and thank you once again to our sponsors, coordinators, and families who made this season possible.

We look forward to an even bigger and better season ahead!

Tightlines

Karen Wright

GFAA National Junior Tournament Coordinator



Lochlan Turrell



# ANNUAL AWARDS & TROPHIES

Each year, the eight winners (Male and female categories - for Small Fry Release, Small Fry Capture, Junior Release and Junior Capture) from each State are awarded a State Champion award. The two Small Fry and two Junior overall National Champions will receive an Australian Champion trophy. All perpetual trophies for the Junior National Tournament were donated by the late Mr Tom Roche, who was the tournament patron, and these trophies and awards are presented at the annual GFAA awards dinner.

## GFAA NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT - 2025

### NATIONAL SMALL FRY WINNERS



**TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY CAPTURE TROPHY**

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters

Mia Grasso - 1279 points - King Bay GFC



**TOM ROCHE SMALL FRY RELEASE TROPHY**

Highest Point Scoring Small Fry Angler in Australian Waters

Nolan Reindl - 1279 points - Sunshine Coast GFC

### NATIONAL JUNIOR WINNERS



**TOM ROCHE JUNIOR CAPTURE TROPHY**

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters

Max Grasso - 5233 points - King Bay GFC



**TOM ROCHE JUNIOR RELEASE TROPHY**

Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler in Australian Waters

Logan Walker - 4880 points - Canberra GFC

### STATE SMALL FRY WINNERS

MALE			FEMALE		
State	Name & Club	Points	Name & Club	Points	
<b>CAPTURE</b>					
NSW	Noah Walker - Canberra GFC	844	Maree Walker - Canberra GFC	378	
NT	Not won		Not won		
QLD	Not won		Not won		
SA	Charlie Hodgen - GFC of South Australia	125	Not won		
TAS	Bryce Kube - Tuna Club of Tasmania	643	Not won		
VIC	Zayne Coyle - Latrobe Valley GFC	161	Not won		
WA	Caleb Owens - King Bay GFC	607	Mia Grasso - King Bay GFC	1279	

### RELEASE

NSW	Noah Walker - Canberra GFC	435	Maree Walker - Canberra GFC	1623	
NT	Luka Maclean - Darwin GFC	440	Charlotte Maclean - Darwin GFC	280	
QLD	Nolan Reindl - Sunshine Coast GFC	1900	Matilda Beetham / Maci Beetham - Tie - Townsville GFC	Tie	
SA	Charlie Hodgins - GFC of South Australia	880	Lottie Mcleay - Adelaide GFC	80	
TAS	Ollie Campbell - GFC of Northern Tasmania	200	Grace Robertson - Tuna Club of Tasmania	25	
VIC	Not won		Ivy Marland - Latrobe Valley GFC	40	
WA	Caleb Owens - King Bay GFC	1440	Mia Grasso - King Bay GFC	940	

### STATE JUNIOR WINNERS

MALE			FEMALE		
State	Name & Club	Points	Name & Club	Points	
<b>CAPTURE</b>					
NSW	Logan Walker - Canberra GFC	4241	Cooper Burley - Shellharbour GFC	392	
NT	Not won		Not won		
QLD	Tyler Barnes - Newport GFC	114	Not won		
SA	Not won		Not won		
TAS	Not won		Shanae Dance - Tuna Club of Tasmania	2345	
VIC	Troy Marland - Latrobe Valley GFC	275	Not won		
WA	Max Grasso - King Bay GFC	5233	Not won		

### RELEASE

NSW	Logan Walker - Merimbula BG&LAC	4880	Indi Garvey - Port Macquarie GFC	1220	
NT	Lochlan Collins - Darwin GFC	406	Kailyn Collins - Darwin GFC	780	
QLD	Riley McLeod - Newport GFC	2372	Jordyn Beetham - Townsville GFC	630	
SA	Not won		Not won		
TAS	Max Lovell - Tuna Club of Tasmania	1500	Shanae Dance - Tuna Club of Tasmania	1005	
VIC	Troy Marland - Latrobe Valley GFC	160	Ruby Marland - Latrobe Valley GFC	75	
WA	Lochlon Turrell - Perth GFC / Max Grasso - King Bay GFC	Tie	Juliette Hawthorne - King Bay GFC	50	

# Kids Fish 2

In 2025 the Kids Fish 2 program further progressed with the responsibility of education shifting to the clubs who sought to design events around their specific interests and needs with an emphasis on sustainability. The style of these activities was broad from gala community events to tagging experience days and always lots of fun. Unfortunately many 2025 club events were cancelled or postponed due to weather conditions.



Kids Fish 2 is designed to get kids who have limited or no exposure to catching fish to experience the joy of fishing. Following events, they are encouraged to join the free GFAA Junior Tournament where their interest and skills can be further developed.

A highlight of the Annual Presentation Dinner in October was a video produced by the Townsville GFA "Sharkies" group that has successfully put in a huge effort to recruit and develop youngsters into a responsible, active and fun group.



Support of Kids Fish 2 has been from the many clubs that have availed themselves of the program, parents and from the resources of GFAA and the generous Junior Tournament sponsors. Clubs interested in working with the Kids Fish 2 group are invited to contact us at [info@kidsfish2.com.au](mailto:info@kidsfish2.com.au).

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### PATCHES FOR TAG & RELEASE

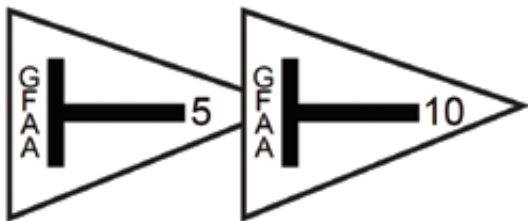
GFM Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- Tag & release of five fish of three separate species, including sharks.
- Tag & release of 10 fish of five separate species, including sharks.
- Tag & release of 15 fish of five separate species, including sharks.

To qualify for the awards, the angler must submit the following:

1. species of fish;
2. dates of tag & release;
3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
4. cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch.

Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.



### PATCHES FOR BILLFISH TAG & RELEASE

GFAA Billfish Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- Tag & release of five billfish.
- Tag & release of 10 billfish.

To qualify for the awards, the angler must submit the following:

1. Species of fish;
2. dates of tag & release;
3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
4. A cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch.

Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.

### MERIT PINS FOR CAPTURE

Merit pins may be awarded to anglers for captures made in Australian waters and recorded in each of the various line classes according to the tables below.

GFAA shall design and control the issue of such Capture merit pins, which shall be engraved with the initials GFAA and be symbolic of the fish for which the award is made.

Club secretaries shall, by the authority of GFAA, order and distribute Capture merit pins to club members who have submitted to them a written application supported by relevant Capture and Weight Recording Certificates. State branches shall advise GFAA by 15th July each year of the number of each type of Capture merit pin so distributed.

### GAMEFISH MERIT PINS

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	2	3	4	8
2	4	6	8	16
3	6	9	12	24
4	8	12	16	32
6	12	18	24	48
8	16	23	32	64
10	20	30	40	80
15	30	45	60	120
24	48	72	96	192
37	90	135	250	500
60	ISO	210	325	650

### SHARK MERIT PINS

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	4	6	8	16
2	8	12	16	32
3	12	18	24	48
4	16	24	32	64
6	24	36	48	96
8	32	48	64	128
10	40	60	80	160
15	60	90	120	240
24	96	144	192	384
37	180	270	500	1000
60	30	420	650	1300

Only one Capture merit pin for each species and for each line class may be issued to any one angler during any single year ending 30th June.

It is recommended that Capture merit pins be presented at club annual general meetings, trophy presentation evenings or similar occasions.

*The cost of the Capture merit pins shall be borne by the angler.*

**Note to club secretaries:** to order Capture merit pins, contact Peter Papamanolis; M: 0423 517 785; E: highgatejewellery@gmail.com

### CAPTURE MERIT AWARD 10 TO 1, 15 TO 1, 20 TO 1

A GFAA certificate is available for any recognised gamefish species. To qualify for the certificate the angler must submit the following:

1. An Australian Record Claim Form stating the club the claim is submitted for (eg 20 to 1); and
2. A cheque for \$27.50 (incl. GST) for the issue of the certificate

### 1000LB (454.4KG) CLUB

A GFM award is available for any recognised gamefish species. To qualify for the certificate the angler must submit the following:

1. An Australian Record Claim Form stating the claim is submitted for the 1000lb club
2. A cheque for \$ 110.00 (incl. GST) for the issue of the cap and certificate
3. Assistance Certificate(s) - awarded to boat crew members for assistance. A cheque for \$27.50 (incl. GST) per certificate -
4. Complete application form on page 45.
5. Boat Plaque will be engraved with the name of the boat, the skipper and fish details as given in the application. A cheque for \$50.00 (incl. GST) for the issue of the boat plaque - complete application form on page 45.





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# SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT CLUBS

## 10 to 1 Club

Angler	Species	Weight
Andrew Brook	Eagle ray	32kg
Sarah Giantar	Whaler shark	115.6kg
Paul Hicks	Mako shark	285.2kg
Brian Besoff	Striped marlin	81.9kg
Scott McWhirr	Black marlin	85.5kg
Paul Aulsebrook	Black marlin	108.5kg
Steve Morris	Mako shark	114kg
James Goodluck	Mako shark	245kg
Matthew Sharpe	Blue marlin	242.5kg
James Holt	Black marlin	87.5kg
Paul Bacon	Mako shark	190.8kg
Bradley Smith	Eagle ray	41kg
Ossie de Bonis	Striped marlin	108kg
Steven Evangelou	Eagle ray	66kg
Pascale Paton	Blue marlin	202kg
Kale Watts	Black marlin	129.6kg
Gary Clarke	Mako	40.04kg
Adam Todd	Gummy shark	11kg
Katie Lee	Striped marlin	86.8kg
Len Vollebregt	Blue marlin	283.88kg
Mitchell Hill	Mako	106kg
Spencer Hoye	Mako	105.6kg
Reece Cokun	Thresher shark	151.4kg
James Holt	Black marlin	44kg
Kyle Longmore	Broad bill	263.5kg
Chloe Hornhardt	Tiger shark	75.1kg
George Vekiarellis	Thresher shark	186kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Striped marlin	102kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Broadbill swordfish	172kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Striped marlin	174.8kg
Chloe Laurence	Striped marlin	125kg
Ron Kovacs	Blue marlin	337.5kg
Justin Rigby	Mako shark	104.6kg
Kaitlyn Schofield	Striped marlin	105kg
Darren Buttigieg	Southern bluefin tuna	103kg
Tara Rowe	Tiger Shark	272.0kg
Dillon Paul	Mako	376.0kg
Ron Kemna	Mako	300.0kg
Mathew Sandy	Striped Marlin	95.7kg
Max Baillie	Mako	155.7kg
Tara Rowe	Blue Marlin	267.0kg
Tara Rowe	Mako	327.2kg
Oska Davis	Mako	55.0kg
Tameeka Dodd	Cobia	20.07kg
Kevin McLoughlin	Tope	28.12kg
Emma Spiteri	Striped Marlin	111.50kg
Asher Atkin	Blue Shark	119.8kg
Mark Snadden	Eagle Ray	76.2kg
Tahlie Carr	Tiger Shark	221.5kg
Mia Grasso	Hammerhead Shark	72.35kg
Gina Cleaver	Black Marlin	90.3kg
Shanae Dance	Mako	92.6kg
Locklan Turrell	Black Marlin	84.64kg
Lindsay Cruise	Tiger Shark	530kg

## 15 to 1 Club

For historical purposes, GFAA wishes to recognise those anglers whose achievements have previously been recognised by Sydney Game Fishing Club. As of 1st January, 2001, this is now the Australian 15 to 1 club.

Angler	Species	Weight
Frank L Ritchie	Grey nurse shark	287lb
John R Farrell	Grey nurse shark	311.5lb
Philip W Bensted	Grey nurse shark	353.5lb
Keith A Charman	Grey nurse shark	280lb
H John McIntyre	Striped marlin	338lb
William T Green	Hammerhead shark	308lb
Gregory Howarth	Hammerhead shark	191lb
Roy E Allen	Tiger shark	782lb
Edward Seay	Black marlin	1124lb
James D McElwaine	Yellowfin tuna	145lb
Thomas Waddell	Tiger shark	83lb
Ross Kimble	Grey nurse shark	292lb
John H Barclay	Mako shark	854lb
Pamela Hudspeth (L)	Mako shark	183lb
Robert Oliver	Black marlin	343lb
Patrick Gay	Black marlin	816lb
Charles E White	Blue shark	150lb
Perry James (J)	White shark	350lb
Cecil C Hinch	Hammerhead shark	333lb
Graham A Donaldson	Mako shark	66lb
Edward R McGovern	Grey nurse shark	387lb
Bob Dyer	Black marlin	1098lb
Paul E Caughlan	Mako shark	91.5lb
Vincent HP Young	Grey nurse shark	385lb
Norman Hall	Mako shark	74lb
John V Toohey	Whaler shark	279lb
John V Dulhunty	Hammerhead shark	309lb
Philip Birdsell	Black marlin	148lb
Bruce Downie	Blue shark	113kg
Leslie Bann	Black marlin	1116lb
Olwen G Lamberton (L)	Black marlin	988lb
Robert W Green	Whaler shark	272lb
Antoon G Boomgaard	Grey nurse shark	365lb
Dulcie j Chee (L)	Mako shark	115lb
Vincent J Chee	Blue shark	119.5lb
Brian Stinson	Blue shark	205lb
Wilma Childs (L)	Black marlin	733lb
Peter Moody	Whaler shark	135lb
Charles T Russell	Pacific sailfish	100.5lb
Gordon Guidoux	Blue shark	138lb
David M Vader	Blue shark	120lb
Terry Atkinson	Grey nurse shark	357lb
Maxwell L Mitchell	Whaler shark	376lb
Geoff A Robinson	Mako shark	358lb
James C Longson	Grey nurse shark	315lb

Angler	Species	Weight
Peter S Simpson	Grey nurse shark	311lb
Frank Spruce	Tiger shark	377lb
George N Besoff	Grey nurse shark	333lb
Ronald B Green	Blue shark	190lb
Garry Spruce	Tiger shark	910lb
Robyn A Spruce (L)	Mako shark	253.5kg
Brett R Remington	Mako shark	349kg
Leslie Dee	Blue shark	112.5kg
Tim Simpson	Tiger shark	346kg
Brian H Bohm	Tiger shark	395kg
Andrew F Hurst	Mako shark	312kg
Gordon C Slack	Tiger shark	324kg
John C Chandler	Tiger shark	248kg
Charles Pullicin	Tiger shark	282kg
Bob Hart	White shark	639kg
Mark J Cosgrove	Black marlin	153kg
Katherine P James (L)	Mako shark	285kg
Louis J Ardilley	Blue shark	82kg
Peter J McKinnon	Blue shark	129kg
Michael J McGraw	Blue shark	148kg
Arthur S Prince	White shark	815kg
Phillip R Bailey	Tiger shark	264kg
Peter F Holyfield	Tiger shark	256kg
Warren S Weldon	Tiger shark	273kg
Jack G Heathfield	Tiger shark	326kg
Joseph F Taylor	Blue shark	102kg
Brian V Fisher	Tiger shark	270kg
Louise Hill (L)	Tiger shark	442kg
Ivan Vale	Tiger shark	290kg
Daniel J Ardilley	Mako shark	249.5kg
Timothy J Hudson	Tiger shark	202.5kg
Craig P Caughlan	Blue shark	64kg
Barry P Hudson	Tiger shark	408.5kg
Troy D Grieves	Whaler shark	319kg
Jan Wiggins	Mako shark	168kg
Rowan E Waddy	Blue shark	100.5kg
Geoff Winnin	Blue shark	135.5kg
Jonathan F Fox	Tiger shark	195kg
David H Edwards	Black marlin	347lb
Peter W Mahood	Black marlin	1051lb
Francis R Going	Black marlin	390lb
Katherine Mulholland (L)	Black marlin	874lb
Wynne E Going	Black marlin	357lb
Gordon J Peterson	Tiger shark	283lb
Peter Burnham	Blue shark	96lb
Greg Platt	Mako shark	289.5lb
Joseph Remeteau	Mako shark	77.5lb
Ronald J Ford	Hammerhead shark	406lb
John Bennetts	Tiger shark	516lb
Michael Baker	Tiger shark	440lb
Dick Mulholland	Striped marlin	191lb

Angler	Species	Weight
Paul J Besoff	Tiger shark	988lb
Ian S Doust	Blue shark	117lb
Dennis Ivory	Tiger shark	474.5kg
Michael Ivory	Mako shark	287.5kg
Connie Rolley (L)	Mako shark	150.5kg
Neil Glohe	Tiger shark	231.5kg
William Dixon	Blue shark	147.5kg
Robbie Mayer	Mako shark	135kg
Miran Canov	Blue shark	118.8kg
Jason J Simpson	Blue marlin	245.5kg
Ivan M Bennett	Tiger shark	286.5kg
Anthony J Dunford	Tiger shark	424kg
Peter N Pakula	Mako shark	126.5kg
Michael Tess	Mako shark	268kg
R Van Beek	White shark	230kg
Brad Crompton	Mako shark	242kg
Chriss Tess	Mako shark	242kg
John Banks	Tiger shark	138.5kg
Jason lane	Mako shark	259kg
Jason Caughlan	Blue shark	110kg
Tony Furkham	Whaler shark	172kg
Sidney C Payne	Blue shark	65kg
Stephen T Tucker	Blue shark	88kg
Stuart C Wright	Mako shark	253kg
David J Packman	Black marlin	1244.5lb
Georgette Douwa (L)	Black marlin	1323lb
Ronald A Scott	Blue shark	134kg
Peter W Thompson	Mako shark	266kg
Larry E Dyer	Black marlin	493lb
Peter J McNamara	Black marlin	1193lb
Alan A Dent	Hammerhead shark	166kg
James Moore	Whaler shark	152kg
Brett Williams	Blue shark	99.5kg
Stephen Sloan	Black marlin	8621b
John L Heathfield	Whaler shark	163kg
Wayne R Elliott	Blue shark	102kg
David L Curnock	Black marlin	513kg
Morton D May	Black marlin	611kg
Donald S Patterson	Blue shark	140kg
Wayne N McCool	Mako shark	153kg
Graham E Artley	Mako shark	77.5kg
B Robert Henderson	Whaler shark	346kg
Annette Reitano (L)	Blue shark	131.5kg
Evan Reitano	Whaler shark	268.6kg
Peter Toohey	Tiger shark	182.8kg
Craig Frost	Tiger shark	178kg
David V Toohey	Mako shark	165kg
Mark Byrne	Tiger shark	302kg
Steven Viney	Tiger shark	362kg
David Hilton	Tiger shark	336.5kg
Ray Camilleri	Whaler shark	289kg

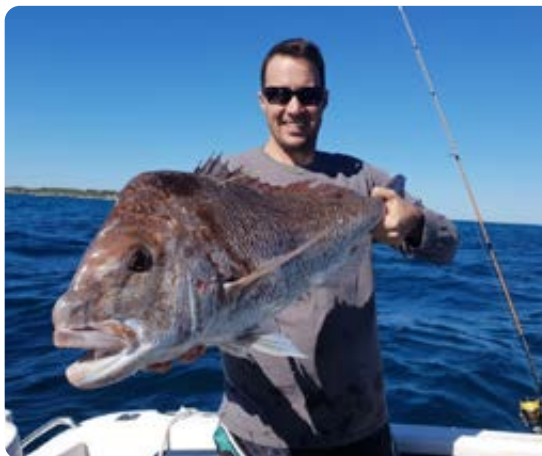


Angler	Species	Weight
Katie Lee	Striped marlin	64.1kg
Rhiannon Halling	Mako	118.1kg
Tim Morgan	Blue shark	188.4kg
Claire Jones	Mako shark	261.5kg
Alexandra Nuttall	Blue marlin	236.3kg
Daniel O'Neill	Blue shark	129.5kg
Belinda Rayment	Tiger shark	292.5kg
Richard Greven	Broadbill swordfish	238.2kg
Will Tomlinson	Black marlin	73.4kg
Lincoln Philpott	Mako shark	231.8kg
Amanda Lamond	Blue shark	127.5kg
Sean Beardsworth	Mako shark	287.2kg
Lily Sims	Black Marlin	15.1 kg
Brian Rainbird	Mako Shark	133.3 kg
James Devereux	Tiger Shark	626 kg
Sam Wilkins	Tiger Shark	569 kg
Lewis Ireland	Mako Shark	448.5kg
Marcus Pearson	Tope	18.28kg

Angler	Species	Weight
John Paton	Mako shark	324.8kg
Karen Wright	Mako	144kg
Karen Wright	Blue shark	161.6kg
Samuel Barning	Tiger shark	282kg
Max Cullen	Blue shark	124.5kg
Kade Ross	Hammerhead shark	154.8kg
Travis Brinkhuis	Tiger shark	111.6kg
Richard Kidd	Blue shark	147kg
Mathew Hudson	Blue shark	178.5kg
Phil Kean	Blue shark	197.6
Pascale Paton	Mako shark	147.8
Riley Page	Blue shark	141.2
James Holt	Blue marlin	157.8
James Holt	Blue marlin	93.5kg
Luke Leech	Tiger shark	74.1kg
Rebecca Dean	Blue marlin	78.5kg
Shane Sanders	Mako shark	195.7kg
Jason Hornhardt	Tiger shark	416.1kg
Ryan Turner	Tiger shark	238.4kg
Brenton Cartledge	Tiger shark	85.05kg
Justin Leech	Tiger shark	106.3kg
Toby Mason	Tiger shark	192.05kg
Chloe Hornhardt	Tiger shark	110.2kg
Chloe Hornhardt	Tiger shark	114.8kg
Tameeka Dodd	Tiger shark	57.05kg
Klynton Krause	Striped marlin	82.7kg
Amanda Lamond	Mako shark	300.0kg
Jayden Millauro	Tiger shark	314.0kg
Briana Bollard	Tiger shark	73.6kg
Briana Bollard	Tiger Shark	129.7kg
Jayden Hudson	Tiger Shark	578.5kg
Chloe Hornhardt	Tiger Shark	162.5kg
Billy-Jai Lawrence	Tiger Shark	456.5kg
Matthew Smith	Tiger Shark	540.50kg
Dean Pannowitz	Tiger Shark	500kg
Klynton Krause	Striped Marlin	74.7kg
Lauren Smith	Tiger Shark	400kg
Braith Finney	Tiger Shark	481kg
Amanda Lamond	Mako	321kg

## 20 to 1 Club

Angler	Species	Weight
Danielle Williams	Tiger shark	458kg
Gareth Williams	Tiger shark	572kg
Andrew Brookes	Whaler shark	121.6kg
Jason Mullins	Tiger shark	498.5kg
Darren Ikin	Mako shark	218kg
Mitchell Hogg	Tiger shark	383kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	521.5kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	529kg
Shane Sanders	Mako shark	88kg
Sean Beardsworth	Mako shark	86.74kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	82.3kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	60.9kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	62kg
James Holt	Striped marlin	63.5kg
Richard Horlock	Tiger shark	284.6kg
Bradley Smith	Whaler shark	185kg
Claire Jones	Tiger shark	418kg



# 1000lb Club

As of 1st January, 2001, the 1000lb Club is open to overseas anglers at the cost of \$US100. Applications should be made in the same manner as Australian applicants. Also available are boat plaques and certificates for crew members who assist in the capture of a 1000lb Club fish. The certificates cost \$27.50 (incl. GST) each and the boat plaques are \$50 (incl. GST) each.

Note: For the 1000lb Club ONLY, fish may be weighed at sea. Of course, if the fish is a record claim, this does not apply.

Angler	Species	Weight
Danielle Williams	Tiger shark	458kg
Gareth Williams	Tiger shark	572kg
Andrew Pattie	Tiger shark	571kg
Philip Hoawerth	Tiger shark	476.5kg
Jason Mullins	Tiger shark	498.5kg
Graham French	Tiger shark	515.5kg
Graham French	Tiger shark	455kg
Barry Beach	Tiger shark	509kg
Chad Kavanagh	Tiger shark	464kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	521.5kg
Daniel Johnston	Tiger shark	529kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger shark	490kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger shark	694.5kg
Tristan Davis	Tiger shark	587.5kg
Brian Forbes	Tiger shark	531.6kg
Bernie Sharpe	Tiger shark	462.7kg
Richard Bull	Tiger shark	512kg
Robert N Curry	Black marlin	502kg
Billy Gray	Tiger shark	503.5kg
Tony Pink	Tiger shark	575.8kg
Shaun Thornton	Tiger shark	533.5kg
Shane Martin	Tiger shark	499.5kg
Kelly Sweetman	Tiger shark	463.5kg
Jayden Bruce	Tiger shark	502.5kg

Angler	Species	Weight
Chris Weeks	Tiger shark	518.5kg
Nathan Bright	Tiger shark	472.7kg
Shane Martin Jr	Tiger shark	467.5kg
Joel Nancarrow	Tiger shark	625.5kg
Matthew Johnson	Tiger shark	569kg
Clay Hilbert	Blue marlin	494.3kg
Reece Woodforth	Tiger shark	460.5kg
Elliott Gylar	Tiger shark	543.5kg
Clint Pavlidis	Tiger shark	461.6kg
Chad Owen	Tiger shark	465.5kg
Michael Taylor	Tiger shark	460.5kg
Andrew Pattie	Tiger shark	464.5kg
James Dunn	Tiger shark	469kg
Andrew Pattie	Tiger shark	455.5kg
James Devereux	Tiger shark	483.4kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger shark	515.2kg
Kate Gundry	Tiger shark	478.2kg
Luke Ellis	Tiger shark	494.2kg
James Devereux	Tiger Shark	626 kg
Sam Wilkins	Tiger Shark	569 kg
Andrew Pattie	Tiger Shark	469 kg
Grant Hallett	Tiger Shark	457.4kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger Shark	506kg
Jayden Hudson	Tiger Shark	578.5kg
Chad Kavanagh	Tiger Shark	494.5kg
Jason Hewitt	Tiger Shark	520 kg
Billy-Jay Lawrence	Tiger Shark	456.5kg
Matthew Smith	Tiger Shark	540.5kg
Joshua Walkom	Tiger Shark	464.5 kg
Dean Pannowitz	Tiger Shark	500 kg
Jamie O'Flynn	Tiger Shark	559.5kg
Billy-Jai Lawrence	Tiger Shark	479kg
Josh Steel	Tiger Shark	489.5kg
Braith Finney	Tiger Shark	481kg
Lindsay Cruise	Tiger Shark	530kg



## 1000lb Club boat plaque application and assistance certificate

I am submitting this application for: (tick those that apply)

**Assistance certificate(s)**  
\$27.50 (incl. GST) per certificate

**Boat plaque**  
\$50.00 (incl. GST)

The plaque will be engraved with the name of the boat, the skipper and the fish details as given in this application.

*Note: Angler must complete a GFAA record application form to join 1000lb Club. This form should accompany the record application form.*

**Please print all names as they are to appear on the certificate.**  
Attach completed form to record application form and return it to the club secretary, who will forward it to the State Recorder.

Application for a certificate to be awarded to boat crew members for assistance

In the capture of a ..... kg ..... (species)

on ..... kg line, captured ..... / ..... / ..... (date)

by ..... (angler)

Name of boat: .....

Name of boat captain: .....

Name(s) of boat crew: .....

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# Rules and Equipment Regulations

The following Angling Rules and Regulations have been formulated to promote ethical and sportsmanlike angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of Australian Gamefish Records and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activity.

The word 'angling' is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line and hook as outlined in the GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations. However, there are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule-making. Angling rules cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and Australian records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish.

Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the angler, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record.

Only fish caught in accordance with GFAA Australian Angling Rules and within the intent of these rules will be considered for Australian records.

## EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

### (a) Line

1. Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see Australian Record Requirements.

2. Wire lines are prohibited.

### (b) Line and backing

1. The use of backing is permissible.

2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the line directly preceding the double, leader, and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line. (For record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied).

### (c) Double line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.

2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

**Saltwater species:** In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the double line shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The double line on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19m (40ft).

**Freshwater species:** The double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82m (6ft). The combined length of the double line and the leader shall not exceed 3.04m (10ft).

### (d) Leader

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, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. 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.

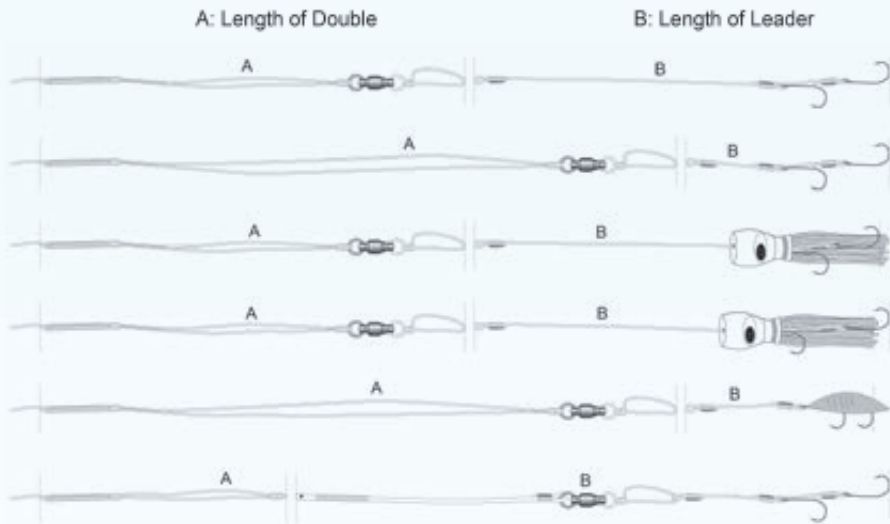
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### (e) Rod

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of rod, but rods giving the angler an unfair advantage will be disqualified. This rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.





- The rod tip must be a minimum of 101.6cm (40in) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 68.58cm (27in) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the centre of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. (Above measurements do not apply to surf-casting rods.)

**(f) Reel**

Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Power-driven reels are acceptable under the following situation and configuration:

- Reels that have power accessories (e.g., electric drill attachments, motors or other power accessories specifically designed for a reel) that can be physically removed from the reel may be used strictly for the purpose of retrieving a deployed bait or lure at depth all the way to the boat.
- Power accessories may only be used to retrieve a bait or lure completely to the boat and are not permitted for adjusting the position of a bait or lure in the water column. Once a power accessory is attached to the reel, the bait or lure may no longer be legally used to catch a fish and the bait or lure must be retrieved all the way to the boat for manual redeployment before it may be legally used to hook or catch a fish. Power accessories may not be attached to the reel during the deployment of a bait or lure.
- Power accessories must be physically removed from the reel before the act of or hooking or fighting a fish. Any fish that strikes a bait or lure being fished with a reel with power accessories still attached- whether or not under electric operation- will not be eligible for record or capture consideration.
- Electric reels that do not have removable electronic components that allow them to be completely manually driven are prohibited.

Ratchet handle reels are prohibited. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

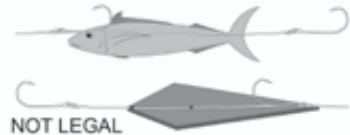
**(g) Hooks for fishing with natural bait**

- For live or deadbait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 45.72cm (18in) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.
- The use of a dangling or swing hook is prohibited. Double and treble hooks are prohibited.
- A two-hook rig for bottom fishing is acceptable if it consists of two single hooks on separate leaders or drops. Both hooks must be imbedded in the respective baits and separated sufficiently so that a fish caught on one hook cannot be foul-hooked by the other.
- All record applications made for two-hook tackle must be accompanied by a photograph or sketch of the hook arrangement.
- A lure may be used in conjunction with a natural bait, provided the

**Hooks for fishing with natural bait**



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**LEGAL:** point of one hook may be passed through eye of other hook.



Note: hooks connected in this way are ganged hooks and not to be confused with gang hooks in Rule H2.

hook satisfies the requirements of hooks for fishing with natural baits (g) & the lure touches the bait during normal fishing/trolling practices. The hook must NOT precede the bait or bait/lure combo by more than the length of the hook.

**(h) Hooks and lures**

When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material,:

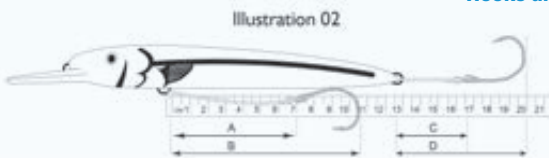
1. No more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hook must be no less than an overall hook's length (overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 30.48cm (12in) apart. The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany the record application. **Clarification: If a hook is cut, then the length of the hook will be deemed to be to the cut – anything beyond the cut will be deemed as leader.** See Illustration 01.

2. Gang (double or treble) hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free-swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double or treble, or a combination of any three). Bait may not be used with gang hooks.
3. Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, **other than a skirted lure**, the lead cannot be more than 1 1/2 hook's length and the bend of the hook must not be more than 4 inches (101mm), whichever is less from the closest point of attachment on the lure. **Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks.** See Illustration 02.

A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications.

A gang hook in the intent of this rule is a hook with two or more prongs (ie: multi-pointed hook, not to be confused with ganged hooks as per diagram in Rule G1).

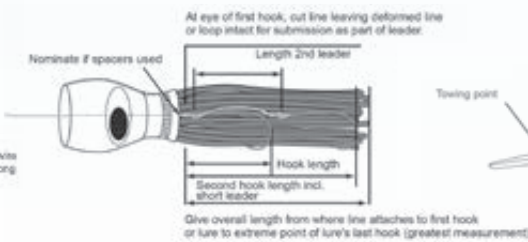
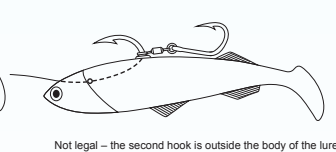
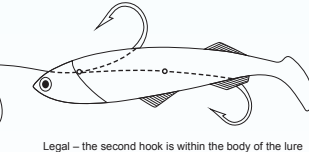
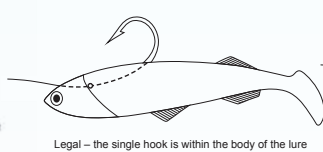
**Hooks and lures**



- A. Not legal: the connection length is longer than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- B. Not legal: the overall length exceeds 101mm.
- C. Legal: the connection is less than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- D. Legal: the overall length is less than 101mm from the lure.

**Hard head soft body lures**

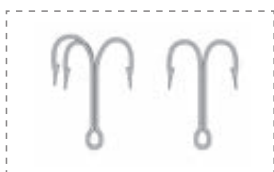
Illustration 01



When submitting a drawing or photograph of a lure, the above information is required.



**Gang hooks**



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## Gaffs and tail ropes



### (i) Other equipment

1. Fighting chairs may not have any mechanical propelled devices that aid the angler in fighting a fish.
2. Gimbals must be free-swinging, which includes gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.
3. Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44m (8ft) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform or structure, this length limitation does not apply.) In using a flying or detachable gaff, the rope may not exceed 9.14m (30ft). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where the rope is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitation shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 9.14m (30ft).
4. Floats are prohibited with the exception of any small flotation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth of the bait. The flotation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.
5. Entangling devices (either with or without a hook) are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose, including baiting, hooking, fighting, or landing the fish.
6. Outriggers, downriggers and kites are permitted provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism, either directly or with the use of connecting device.
7. Any devices used in conjunction with a lure that could impede the fighting ability of the fish MUST be on a breakaway system.
8. A safety line may be attached to the rod, reel or harness provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.
9. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought will be considered for an Australian record
10. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish is to be fought on the single line for most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
11. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
12. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.
13. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
14. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.
15. The Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations shall apply until a fish is weighed.

### THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

### ANGLING RULES

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
  2. The act of a person other than the angler intentionally touching any part of the rod, reel or line (including the double line), either bodily or with any device during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether berley, floatline, rubber band or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
  3. Resting the rod in a rodholder, on the gunwale of the boat or any other object while playing the fish.
  4. Handlining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
  5. Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
  6. Berleying with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any other part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
  7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
  8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
  9. Splicing, removing or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
  10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
  11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
  12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
  13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of the boat or other
1. From the time a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided for in these regulations. (CLARIFICATION to ANGLING RULE 1: *If the mate is letting out a bait or lure and the reel is in free-spool, the rod can be put back in the covering board. This situation is legal. Under NO circumstances can any drag be put on the reel or the rod handed to another person. The rationale is that the hook has not been set with the reel out of gear. However, when retrieving a bait or lure, the fish would be disqualified immediately if the rod is put back into the covering board or transferred to another person as the reel is in gear and the hook has been set.*)
  2. If a rodholder is used and a fish takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible.



- object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
  15. The act of any person touching any part of the leader when striking or hooking a fish.
  16. Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification.

#### THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. Mutilation to the fish that affects the fighting ability of the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish or mammals that remove or penetrate the flesh. Propeller cuts or damage that penetrate the flesh will automatically disqualify the catch. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old, healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation of the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying a record application.
3. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line

#### GUIDELINES FOR TAG & RELEASE

1. All GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations apply until the fish is tagged.
2. Tagpoles must not exceed 4.57m (15ft) overall length.
3. The tagpole or holding device must be in the hand when the fish is tagged.
4. One or more persons, in addition to the person holding the leader, may tag or assist in tagging the fish.
5. The tag needle must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tagpole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in diameter.
6. Billfish only tag: The tag needle must protrude a min of 45mm and no more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or holding device, nor shall it exceed 6mm in diameter.
7. A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and released alive.

#### RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE AND MEASURE & RELEASE

1. (a) No tournament shall be approved by a State Association that awards points for free release for GFAA tag species. No Tag & Release points shall be awarded in State Association-approved tournaments unless GFAA-approved tags are used  
(b) Measure & Release is allowed for species that have been determined by the GFAA from time to time – see section titled GFAA eligible gamefish for Measure & Release and section Guidelines for Measure & Release.

Note: (i) All GFAA Angling & Equipment regulations shall apply.  
(ii) All applicable Tag & Release rules shall apply – ie items 1, 2 & 3 of the acts that disqualify a Tag & Release.

- (iii) No fish can be released after measurement unless it is in a healthy and vigorous state.
- (iv) The GFAA Measure & Release card is to be used to record species release information.

2. All billfish MUST be tagged with the NSW DPI “Billfish only tag”. This is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in any tournament, competition, point scoring or trophies. Plastic tags are to be only used for pelagic and other species as listed. Steel tags are to be only used for sharks and rays.

#### THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A TAG & RELEASE:

1. Failure to comply with GFAA angling rules and equipment regulations or tournament tag and release rules.
2. Failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture.
3. Use of a gaff (other than a jaw release device for the purpose of tagging, e.g. Boga-grips).

#### GFAA ELIGIBLE GAMEFISH FOR MEASURE & RELEASE

Albacore; Amberjack; Barramundi; Bass – Australian; Black jewfish; Bonefish; Bonito; Catfish – freshwater; Chinaman; Cobia; Kingfish – yellowtail (under 70cm); Mackerel – broad barred, narrow barred, shark and spotted; Mahi mahi; Mangrove jack; Mulloway (under 60cm); Perch – English, estuary, golden and silver; Queenfish (under 60cm); Rainbow runner; Salmon – Australian (under 40cm), Atlantic; threadfin; Samson fish; Saratoga; Snapper (under 40cm); Spangled emperor; Tailor; Tench; Trevally – big eye, giant, gold spot, golden and silver (under 60cm); Trout – rainbow, brook and brown; Tuna – bigeye, bluefin, kawa kawa, longtail, skipjack, southern bluefin and yellowfin (all under 60cm).

**Note: Any species that is larger than the sizes noted above will not count in any Measure & Release competition as they are eligible to be tagged or captured.**

#### GUIDELINES FOR MEASURE & RELEASE

1. Only gamefish species as listed for Measure & Release are to be considered by this guideline.
2. All GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulation & Codes of Practice to apply until fish is caught, measured and released in a healthy and vigorous state.
3. The use of knotless, rubber-coated nets or similarly designed nets that minimise slime and scale removal are to be used – the use of gaffs (other than release/jaw gaff) is prohibited.
4. The fish is to be measured using an approved or recognised measuring mat. Measurements between centimetre increments shall be measured at the lower of the two increments; ie 46cm will be recorded as 45cm.
5. Once measured, the fish is to be returned to the water as quickly as possible, and supported until it is able to swim away in a healthy and vigorous state. If the fish dies during this process, it is the skipper and angler’s responsibility to disqualify the catch.
6. All measurements and data must be recorded on an approved GFAA Measure & Release card that is to be returned to the angler’s club for processing.
7. Fish caught and released under these guidelines may be eligible for club or state points. (Check with your club or state for this.)



# Rules for all tackle length records

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All fish entered for length records must be measured by anglers at the site of the capture and released so that it swims away on their own and in good condition. Fish should be revived by moving it forward in the water to ensure a healthy release.

Fish caught and entered for length records are NOT eligible for weighing and submission for other record categories.

## RULES AND EQUIPMENT REGULATION

All GFAA rules and equipment regulations stipulated for fishing with conventional and fly tackle in fresh and saltwater shall apply with the exceptions below. All angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is measured and released alive in a healthy and vigorous state.

### (a) Gaffs and nets

1. The use of gaffs to land fish is prohibited.
2. Nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44 metres (8 feet) in overall length (when fishing from a bridge, pier or other high, stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply).
3. The use of knotless, rubber-coated nets or other similarly-designed nets that minimise slime and scale removal is strongly recommended.

### (b) Measuring device

1. All fish must be measured using an official GFAA/IGFA measuring device. (IGFA, NSW DPI or Shimano mats).
2. The measuring device mat may be shortened by cutting it, but it may not be rejoined after it has been shortened

## ANGLING REGULATIONS

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with GFAA equipment or angling rules.
2. If the fish dies during the documentation process or does not swim away on its own accord after release.

## LENGTH RECORD REQUIREMENTS

All fish entered for length records are subject to the same requirements stipulated for other record categories with the following additions and exceptions.

### (a) Measuring requirements

1. Fish must be measured using an official GFAA/IGFA measuring device on a flat surface.
2. The fish's snout must be touching the nose-stop and be free of lures or lifting devices.
3. With the fish lying on top of the measuring device, measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish's snout to the rear centre edge of the tail.
4. All measurements will be made in centimetres.
5. Fish that measure between centimetre increments shall be recorded at the lower of the two increments. For example, a fish that measures between 45 and 46 centimetres will have a recorded length of 45 centimetres.

### (b) Minimum length requirements for vacant records

Fish entered for vacant record categories must measure within the top-half of that species' maximum recorded length, as shown in the eligible species list.

### (c) Minimum length requirements needed to defeat or tie existing records

1. To defeat an existing record, the fish must measure at least two (2) centimetres longer than the existing record.
2. A catch that matches the length of an existing record or exceeds the length by less than two (2) centimetres will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, length must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing measuring less than the original record (first fish to be caught) will be considered.

### (d) Photographic requirements

Photographs included with applications must contain the following information:

1. The full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but this must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the device.
2. A close-up showing the position of the fish's nose and tail on the measuring device.
3. The angler with the fish.
4. The rod and reel used to make the catch.

## GENERAL BEST-HANDLING PRACTICES

To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberised landing net to minimise slime and scale loss. Lip-gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish; however, fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water as this can cause damage to the jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to support the fish's underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically. Ensure that the measuring device and surface the fish is placed on is kept wet.

GFAA records require pictures and measurements of the catch. All of this takes time, so you should have the necessary equipment ready before landing the fish.

If the documentation process takes longer than several minutes, periodically place the fish back in the water or place in a livewell to allow it to breathe.

## RELEASING

Considerable time and care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back and forth. A fish's gills somewhat resemble the pages of a book and are designed for water flow in only one direction. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will accomplish this. Demersal species caught in waters deeper than 10 metres must be released by the use of a release weight.



# Rules for flyfishing

## EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

### (a) Line

Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The breaking strength of the fly line and backing are not restricted.

### (b) Leader

Leaders must conform to generally accepted fishing customs.

The leader includes a class tippet and, optionally, a shock tippet. A butt or taper section between the fly line and the class tippet shall also be considered part of the leader, and there are no limits on its length, material, or strength.

The class tippet must be made of non-metallic material and either attached directly to the fly or to the shock tippet, if one is used. The class tippet must be at least 38.10cm (15in) long (measured inside connecting knots). With respect to knotless, tapered leaders, the terminal 38.10cm (15in) will also determine tippet class. There are no maximum length limitations. The breaking strength determines the class of the tippet.

A shock tippet, not to exceed 30.48cm (12in) in length, may be added to the class tippet and tied to the lure. It can be made of any type of material, and there is no limit on its breaking strength. The shock tippet is measured from the eye of the hook to the single strand of class tippet and includes any knots used to connect the shock tippet to the class tippet.

In the case of the tandem hook fly, the shock tippet shall be measured from the eye of the leading hook.

### (c) Rod

Regardless of material or number of sections, rods must conform to generally accepted flyfishing customs and practices.

A rod shall not measure less than 1.82m (6ft) in overall length. Any rod that gives the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified. Extension butts are limited to 15.24cm (6in).

### (d) Reel

The reel must be designed expressly for flyfishing. There are no restrictions on gear ratio or type of drag employed, except where the angler would gain an unfair advantage. Electric or electronically operated reels are prohibited.

### (e) Hooks

A conventional fly may be dressed on a single hook or double hook or two single hooks in tandem. The second hook in any tandem fly must not exceed beyond the wing material. The eyes of the hooks shall be no farther than 15.24cm (6in) apart. Treble hooks are prohibited.

### (f) Lures

The lure must be a recognised type of artificial fly, which includes streamer, bucktail, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, nymph, popper and bug. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited.

The fact that a lure can be cast with a fly rod is not evidence in itself that it fits the definition of a fly. The use of any lure designed to entangle or foul-hook a fish is prohibited.

No scent, either natural or artificial, is allowed on flies. The use of scented material in a fly is prohibited.

### (g) Gaffs and nets

Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44m (8ft) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.)

The use of a flying gaff is not permitted. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited.

A rope or any extension cannot be attached to the gaff.

### (h) 15kg category rules

1. 15kg tippet is for billfish and sharks only.
2. Shock tippet length is not to exceed 100cm (1m).
3. A minimum 500cm (5m) of fly line must be used.

4. Flying gaffs are permitted for this line class only.
5. All other GFAA rules and regulations for flyfishing apply.

## ANGLING RULES

1. The angler must cast, hook, fight and bring the fish to gaff or net unaided by any other person. No other person may touch any part of the tackle during the playing of the fish or give aid other than taking the leader for gaffing or netting purposes.
2. Casting and retrieving must be carried out in accordance with normal customs and generally accepted practices. The major criterion in casting is that the weight of the line must carry the lure, rather than the weight of the lure carrying the line. Trolling a lure behind a moving watercraft is not permitted. The craft must be completely out of gear both at the time the fly is presented to the fish and during the retrieve. The maximum amount of line that can be stripped off the reel is 36.57m (120ft) from the lure.
3. Once a fish is hooked, the tackle may not be altered in any way, with the exception of adding an extension butt.
4. Fish must be hooked on the lure in use. If a small fish takes the lure and a larger fish swallows the smaller fish, the catch will be disallowed.
5. One or more people may assist in gaffing or netting the fish.
6. The Angling and Equipment Regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

## THE FOLLOWING ACTS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. Failure to comply with Equipment or Angling Regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line, either bodily or with any device, during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod on any part of the boat, or on any other object, while playing the fish.
4. Handlining or using handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purposes of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Intentionally foul-hooking or snagging a fish.
6. Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
7. Berleying with flesh, blood, skin or any part of mammals.
8. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
9. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
10. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.

## THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces its length below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.
3. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation of the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.

# Australian record requirements

Gamefish captures can only be considered for Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) record status if they are caught according to GFAA Rules. Following is the information and procedures for filing claims. A fee of \$20.00 (incl. GST) is required for filing an Australian record application. **All materials submitted become the property of GFAA.**

## Australian record categories

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GFAA maintains Australian records for both freshwater and saltwater gamefishes in Line Class, Tippet Class and All Tackle categories.
2. To qualify for official recording and granting of GFAA records, gamefish, rays and sharks must be caught by a financial or life member of a club affiliated with a state branch of GFAA. In order to qualify for a vacant GFAA record a fish must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed. For a fish to replace an existing record it must outweigh the current record by an amount as shown in the section 'Weight Required to Defeat or Tie an Existing Record' under Regulations Governing Record Catches.
3. No application will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or banned fishing areas in national parks. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.
4. GFAA will not accept any record application generated from within a non-sanctioned tournament other than an internal club competition.
5. When an additional species of gamefish is made eligible for GFAA records, the effective date will be announced. Fishes caught on or after this date will be eligible for records. An announcement of additional species will be made in the Australian Game Fishing Records and Rules or by notification to State Association Secretaries.
6. **Men:** male persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Women:** female persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Juniors:** male and female persons who have attained the age of 11 years but not yet attained the age of 16 years.  
**Small Fry:** male and female persons who have not yet attained the age of 11 years.

### CATEGORIES

Records may be claimed in the following categories and subcategories.

1. All records in Saltwater, Freshwater, Saltwater Fly and Land-based Saltwater may only be claimed within their age and gender categories – with the exception of All-Tackle records.
2. For each species and line class, a new category for Overall record will be created effective 7 October 2017. The Overall record must exceed all existing records for that species and line class to be eligible.

### LINE CLASS CATEGORIES

Line Class records are maintained according to wet testing strength of line used by the angler. (See 'Appendix A' for testing standards.) Records are kept in the following line class categories: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

### ALL TACKLE RECORDS

All Tackle records are for the heaviest capture of each GFAA-recognised gamefish species caught under GFAA Record Requirements, Rules and Regulations and Line Categories.

### FLY ROD CATEGORIES

Australian fly rod records are maintained according to tippet strength of line used by the angler. The tippet is wet tested using the same procedure as for other lines.

Records are kept for the same recognised saltwater and freshwater species in the following tippet classes: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg and 15kg.

*Note: For 15kg tippet please refer to Rules for Flyfishing – Equipment Regulations – subsection H for Tackle Regulations.*



# Regulations governing record catches

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Protest applications on disputed existing records will be referred to the GFAA Executive for review. Its decision will be final. All GFAA decisions will be based upon the intent of the regulations.
2. In some instances an official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish' – see overleaf) or a member of the GFAA Executive may request that the information supplied on a claim be rechecked. Such action is not to be regarded as doubt of the formal application, but rather as evidence of the extreme care with which GFAA investigates and maintains records.
3. GFAA reserves the right to reject an application for either a record or award and its decision shall be final.
4. Rejected applicants in relation to subsections 1 and 4 above will not be informed by the GFAA executive of the reason(s) for the rejection of their application.
5. The GFAA executive reserves the right to alter the regulations governing record catch and/or award applications as is required from time to time and in accordance with the requirements of the GFAA constitution.

## SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

1. If there is the slightest doubt that the fish cannot be properly identified from the photographs and other data submitted, the fish should be examined by a qualified scientist or retained in a preserved or frozen condition until a qualified authority can verify the species, or until notified by GFAA that the fish need no longer be retained.
2. In the case of a disputed identification, photographs of the catch will be submitted to two qualified authorities for their decision. When a question of identification arises, the angler will be notified and given ample opportunity to submit further evidence of identification.

## WITNESS TO CATCH

1. On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable, if at all possible. Unwitnessed catches may be disallowed if questions arise regarding their authenticity.
2. It is important that the witnesses can attest to the angler's compliance with the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.

## WEIGHT REQUIRED TO DEFEAT OR TIE AN EXISTING RECORD

1. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 11kg, the replacement must weigh at least 50g more than the existing record.
2. To replace a record for a fish weighing 11kg or more, the replacement must weigh at least one half of one per cent more than the existing record. Examples: At 10kg the additional weight required would be 50g. At 50kg the additional weight required would be 250g.
3. Any catch that matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, weight must be compared with the original record (first fish to be caught). Nothing weighing less than the original record will be considered.
4. Estimated weights will not be accepted (refer to 'Weighing of Fish' – see below). Fractions of grams will not be considered.

## MINIMUM WEIGHTS

For gamefish to be eligible for a vacant GFAA record they must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed. For sharks or rays to be eligible for a vacant GFAA record they must be at least twice the weight of the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed.

## SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

Recognition of the capture of an Australian record may not be granted by GFAA until after two months from the date of the capture of the fish. Any claim received by GFAA more than two months after the date of the capture will be considered only if the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances. If an incomplete record claim is submitted, it must be accompanied by an explanation of why certain portions are incomplete.

An incomplete claim will be considered for a record if the following conditions are met:

1. The incomplete claim with explanations of why portions are incomplete must be received by GFAA within the time limits specified above.
2. Missing data must be due to circumstances beyond the control of the angler making the record claim.
3. All missing data must be supplied within a period of time considered to be reasonable in view of the particular circumstances. Final decisions on incomplete claims will be made by the Executive of GFAA.
4. A late payment fee of \$110.00, where applicable, will be charged to whoever has caused the delay: Angler, Club or State.

## WEIGHING OF FISH

1. All captures shall be weighed by either a Club Weighmaster, a Club Recorder, a Club Committee Member in the location at which the fish was caught or by a GFAA or IGFA Official, or by a recognised local person familiar with the scale.
2. Disinterested witnesses to the weight should be used whenever possible. The weight of the sling, platform or rope (if one is used to secure the fish to the scales) must be determined and deducted from the total weight.
3. No estimated weights will be accepted. Fish weighed at sea or on other bodies of water will not be accepted.
4. All fish that are subject to record applications should be weighed on a scale that has been checked and certified for accuracy by a government department or other qualified organisation. All scales must be regularly checked for accuracy and certified. *Note: the certification of the scale should not be more than one year old. However, if at the time of weighing the fish, the scale has not been properly certified within one year, it should be checked for accuracy as quickly as possible. A report stating the findings of the inspector prior to any adjustments of the scale must be included with the record application.*
5. GFAA reserves the right to have any scale recertified for accuracy if there are any indications that the scale might not have weighed correctly.
6. If there is no official government inspector or accredited commercial representative available in the area where the fish is weighed, the scale must be checked by weighing objects of recognised and proven weights. Objects weighed must be at least equal to the weight of the fish. Substantiation of the correct



weight of these objects must be provided to GFAA along with the names and complete addresses of accredited witnesses to this entire procedure.

- Only weights indicated by the graduations of the scale will be accepted. Visual fractionalising of these graduations will not be allowed. Any weights that fall between two graduations on the scale must be recorded as the lower of the two.
- In remote areas where no weighing scales are available, an angler is permitted to use his own scale provided that it is of acceptable quality and has been properly certified. Note: State branches may prescribe minimum weights for the recording of fish within a state.
- Scales used to weigh fish must be attached to an object or weigh station that is fixed or mounted on a solid base attached or connected to the ground. In the case of a mobile crane or similar apparatus the displayed weight must remain stable for a minimum of 5 seconds.

## PREPARATION OF RECORD CLAIM

At the time of weighing a fish, all tackle and equipment used in the capture, including gaffs, leader/trace, lure and a sample of line, shall be submitted to an official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish') for examination, measuring, photographing or tracing of hook and lure.

An application for an Australian record must be made on the prescribed form.

The form must be completed in full and include the following:

- The name, address and signature of the angler.
- The date and approximate location of capture.
- The gross weight of the fish and sling, platform or rope; the separate weight of the sling, platform or rope; and the net weight of the fish.
- The overall length of the fish, the short length of the fish (measured from the point of the lower jaw to the crotch of the tail) and the maximum girth measurement (at the thickest part of the body, usually behind the pectoral fin). Extreme care should be exercised in measuring the fish as the measurements are often important for other scientific studies. (A measurement diagram is shown on the application form.)
- The length of double line, length of trace, type of lure, number of hooks used and the type of hook used in the capture.
- The specified strength of the line used to catch the fish. This will place the claim in a GFAA line class category. The line must test in this category or the application will be disallowed. The heaviest line strength permissible is 60kg.
- The signature of the boatman or fishing companion as witness that the fish was caught by the angler on the tackle described in the application, strictly in accordance with the GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations.
- The signature of the official (as defined in 'Weighing of Fish') attesting to the correctness of all the information contained in the application form.
- The application must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the state branch in whose waters the capture was made, and must be accompanied by:
  - A Statutory Declaration stating that the rules and regulations of GFAA were strictly observed in the capture.
  - The entire leader, the double line, and at least 16m of the single line closest to the double line, leader or hook. All line samples and the leader (if one is used) must be submitted in

one piece. If a lure is used with the leader, the leader should be cut at the eye attachment to the lure. (Refer to rule H1 in the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.)

**Clarification: The leader must be submitted in one piece with the hook attached, if a lure is to be removed then the leader should be cut on an angle at least 25mm above the eye of the hook so that both pieces of the leader can be re-joined to check the length.**

*Note: each line sample must be in one piece. It must be submitted in a manner that can be easily unwound without damage to the line. A recommended method is to submit the line on a piece of stiff cardboard. Write the angler's name and specified strength of the line used on the cardboard. Do not submit the line in a hank. Any sample submitted that can't be unwound will not be accepted (see diagram).*



- All applications for flyfishing records must be accompanied by the lure, the entire tippet and the entire leader, along with 25mm of the fly line beyond the attachment to the leader. These components must be intact and connected. **GFAA no longer requires that 25mm of fly line be attached to the leader.** If a loop to loop connection is used, the angler need only unloop the leader from the fly line and submit it with the record application. The entire leader, however must still be intact with the fly attached.
- Photographs showing the full length of the fish, the rod and reel used to make the catch, and the scale used to weigh the fish. A photograph of the angler with the fish is also required.

So that there can be no doubt about species identification, the clearest possible photos should be submitted. This is especially important in the cases of marlin, trevally, shark, tuna and other fishes that may be confused with similar species. Shark applications should also include a photograph of the shark's head and the front teeth.

Photographs should be taken of the fish in a hanging position and also lying on a flat surface on its side. In both types of photos no part of the fish should be obscured.

When hanging, the fish should be broadside to the camera with the fins fully extended and with the tip of the jaw and sword or spear clearly shown. Do not hold the tip of the fin. Do not stand in front of the fish. Do not hold the fish in your hands. A sky background for the fish is most desirable. Backgrounds cluttered with objects and people may complicate identification and detract from the photograph.

When photographing a fish lying on its side, the surface beneath the fish should be smooth, with a ruler or marked tape placed beside the fish if possible. Photographs from various angles are most helpful.

An additional photograph of the fish on the scale with actual weight visible helps to expedite the application. Photos taken during daylight are highly recommended.

- (e) Where a two-hook rig was used, a photo or tracing of the actual hook arrangement indicating the measurements.
- (f) Where a plug or artificial lure was used, a photograph of the plug or lure, indicating the measurement. If this is not completely satisfactory, the plug itself may be requested. (Refer to rule H1 in the GFAA Angling Rules and Regulations.)
- (g) Applications for Australian Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Rod records shall be on the same basis as applications for other GFAA records.
- (h) Where a capture is the subject of a claim for both a World and an Australian record both appropriate filing fees are payable.  
GFAA shall issue a certificate for each capture that is approved as an Australian record, or a tie for an Australian record.

## WORLD RECORDS

A claim for both an Australian and World Record must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the state branch in whose waters the capture was made. The claim must be made on both the GFAA prescribed form and on the IGFA 'Form for Recording Record Game Fish Catches', which may be obtained from the Secretary of a state branch or affiliated clubs, or from GFAA.



Application forms must be completed in every detail personally by the angler, and must be accompanied by:

- (a) an affidavit attested by a notary public or justice of the peace;
  - (b) line samples as for a GFAA record;
  - (c) photographs as for a GFAA record; and
  - (d) a filing fee as specified on the IGFA application form.
- NOTE: It is required that the filing fee be paid by credit card by filling in the details on the IGFA World Record Claim Form. Claims will not be accepted by IGFA if the date of the catch is more than three months before the date of receipt of the claim by IGFA.

IGFA requires that the claim be witnessed by a representative of IGFA, or a club official, if available.

IGFA Rules and Regulations change from time to time, and anglers are advised to check these before submitting a claim.

Any deliberate falsification of an application will disqualify the applicant from any future IGFA World Records.

On acceptance of a World Record, an Australian record will be granted, provided that it meets the GFAA requirements and was applied for on the prescribed form.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS

All clubs affiliated with the state branches must adopt GFAA rules as part of their constitution.

Where a non-member angler captures a fish that obviously approaches a World Record, affiliated clubs are asked to cooperate to see that the fish is properly weighed, measured, witnessed, photographed and registered according to the requirements of IGFA.

## Appendix A

### TESTING OF LINES FOR AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

1. The line testing will be conducted on a GFAA-approved machine or by an approved testing laboratory in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2001-2.7 Determination of Breaking force and extension of yarns.
2. The Standard AS2001-2.7 will be varied to reduce the number of tests on each sample to not less than three (3) and not more than five (5).
3. The line will be conditioned prior to testing by soaking for two hours in distilled water complying with British Standard BS 3978 (1966).
4. The mean of the tests will be calculated and this figure will be the accepted test figure for the determination of the claim.

### PRECIS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD AS2001-2.7

1. The machine on which testing will be conducted will be constantly rate-of-extension type, complying with the requirements of Grade B machines specified in Australian Standard 2193.
2. The test specimen will be extended at a constant rate of 20cm (+/- 2cm) per minute.
3. Specimens will be tested using a gauge length of 500mm (+/- 1mm).
4. The fixed and moving jaws will be in the same plane and at right angles to the direction of traverse. Bollard jaws will be used, so constructed that they do not damage the test specimen.



## GFAA eligible gamefish species – Tag & Release

### BY SPECIES

#### Albacore

*Thunnus alalunga*

#### Amberjack

*Seriola dumerilii*

#### Barracuda

*Sphyraena* spp.

#### Bonito

*Sarda* spp.

#### Broadbill swordfish

*Xiphias gladius*

#### Cobia

*Rachycentron canadum*

#### Eagle ray

*Myliobatis australis*

#### Mackerel, broad barred

*Scomberomorus semifasciatus*

#### Mackerel, narrow barred

*Scomberomorus commerson*

#### Mackerel, shark

*Grammatorcynus bicarinatus*

#### Mackerel, spotted

*Scomberomorus* spp.

#### Mahi mahi (dolphinfish)

*Coryphaena* spp.

#### Marlin, black

*Istiompax indica*

#### Marlin, Pacific blue

*Makaria nigricans*

#### Marlin, striped

*Kajikia audax*

#### Rainbow runner

*Elagtis bipinnulatus*

#### Sailfish

*Istiophorus platypterus*

#### Samson fish

*Seriola hippos*

#### Shark, blue

*Prionace glauca*

#### Shark, gummy

*Mustelus antarcticus*

#### Shark, hammerhead

*Sphyrna* spp.

#### Shark, mako

*Isurus* spp.

#### Shark, porbeagle

*Lamna nasus*

#### Shark, school (tope)

*Galeorhinus galeus*

#### Shark, thresher

*Alopias* spp.

#### Shark, tiger

*Galeocerdo cuvier*

#### Shark, whaler

*Carcharinus* spp.

#### Spearfish

*Tetrapturus angustirostris*

#### Tuna, bigeye

*Thunnus obesus*

#### Tuna, dogtooth

*Gymnosarda unicolor*

#### Tuna, longtail

*Thunnus tonggol*

#### Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa)

*Euthynnus affinis*

#### Tuna, Pacific bluefin

*Thunnus orientalis*

#### Tuna, skipjack

*Katsuwonus pelamis*

#### Tuna, southern bluefin

*Thunnus maccoyii*

#### Tuna, yellowfin

*Thunnus albacares*

#### Wahoo

*Acanthocybium solandri*

### BY LENGTH

#### Kingfish (yellowtail)

*Seriola lalandi*  
(Min. size: 70cm)

#### Mulloway (jewfish)

*Argyrosomus japonicus*  
(Min. size: 70cm)

#### Queenfish

*Scomberoides* spp.  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Salmon, Australian

*Aripis* spp.  
(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Snapper

*Chryphrys auratus*  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Trevally, big eye

*Caranx sexfasciatus*  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Trevally, giant

*Caranx ignobilis*  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Trevally, gold spot

*Carangoides fulvoguttatus*  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Trevally, golden

*Gnathanodon speciosus*  
(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Trevally, silver

*Pseudocaranx dentex*  
(Min. size: 50cm)

## Eligible species and minimum lengths for All-Tackle Length records

### SALTWATER

#### Albacore

(Min. size: 61cm)

#### Amberjack

(Min. size: 90cm)

#### Bonefish

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Chinaman#

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Cobia

(Min. size: 85cm)

#### Kingfish (yellowtail)

(Min. size: 80cm)

#### Mackerel, narrow barred

(Min. size: 100cm)

#### Mulloway (jewfish)#

(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Queenfish

(Min. size: 60cm)

#### Salmon, Australian

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Salmon, threadfin

(Min. size: 70cm)

#### Samson fish

(Min. size: 90cm)

#### Snapper#

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Spangled Emperor#

(Min. size: 45cm)

#### Tailor

(Min. size: 45cm)

#### Trevally, bigeye

(Min. size: 45cm)

#### Trevally, giant

(Min. size: 76cm)

#### Trevally, golden

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Tuna, longtail

(Min. size: 75cm)

#### Tuna, yellowfin

(Min. size: 90cm)

### FRESHWATER

#### Barramundi

(Min. size: 62cm)

#### Bass, Australian

(Min. size: 30cm)

#### Mangrove jack

(Min. size: 35cm)

#### Trout, brown

(Min. size: 50cm)

#### Trout, rainbow

(Min. size: 50cm)

### Notes:

- All demersal species – indicated with a hash (#) – that have been brought up from waters deeper than 10m must be released with the use of a release weight to minimise barotrauma.





## GFAA recognised gamefish species – Capture

### SALTWATER SPECIES

#### Albacore

*Thunnus alalunga*

#### Amberjack

*Seriola dumerilii*

#### Barracuda

*Sphyraena* spp.

#### Black jewfish

*Protonibea diacanthus*

#### Bonefish

*Albula vulpes*

#### Bonito

*Sarda* spp.

#### Broadbill swordfish

*Xiphias gladius*

#### Butterfly mackerel

*Gasterochisma melampus*

#### Chinaman

*Symphorus nematophorus*

#### Cobia

*Rachycentron canadum*

#### Eagle ray

*Myliobatis australis*

#### Kingfish (yellowtail)

*Seriola lalandi*

#### Mackerel, broad barred

*Scomberomorus semifasciatus*

#### Mackerel, narrow barred

*Scomberomorus commerson*

#### Mackerel, shark

*Grammatocygnus bicarinatus*

#### Mackerel, spotted

*Scomberomorus* spp.

#### Mahi mahi (dolphinfish)

*Coryphaena* spp.

#### Marlin, black

*Istiompax indica*

#### Marlin, Pacific blue

*Makaira nigricans*

#### Marlin, striped

*Kajikia audax*

#### Mulloway (jewfish)

*Argyrosomus japonicus*

#### Queenfish

*Scomberoides* spp.

#### Rainbow runner

*Elagatis bipinnulatus*

#### Sailfish

*Istiophorus platypterus*

#### Salmon, Australian

*Arripis* spp.

#### Salmon, threadfin

*Polynemus* spp. and

*Eleutheronema*

#### Samson fish

*Seriola hippos*

#### Shark, blue

*Prionace glauca*

#### Shark, grey nurse

*Carcharias arenarius*

(Note: records closed since 1977)

#### Shark, gummy

*Mustelus antarcticus*

#### Shark, hammerhead

*Sphyrna* spp.

#### Shark, mako

*Isurus* spp.

#### Shark, porbeagle

*Lamna nasus*

#### Shark, thresher

*Alopias* spp.

#### Shark, tiger

*Galeocerdo cuvier*

#### Shark, whaler

*Carcharhinus* spp.

#### Shark, white

*Carcharodon carcharias*

(Note: records closed)

#### Snapper

*Chrysophrys auratus*

#### Spangled Emperor

*Lethrinus nebulosus*

#### Spearfish Shortbill

*Tetrapturus angustirostris*

#### Tailor

*Pomatomus saltatrix*

#### Tope

*Galeorhinus galeus*

#### Trevally, big eye

*Caranx sexfasciatus*

#### Trevally, brassy

*Caranx papuensis*

#### Trevally, giant

*Caranx ignobilis*

#### Trevally, gold spot

*Carangoides fulvoguttatus*

#### Trevally, golden

*Gnathanodon speciosus*

#### Trevally, silver

*Pseudocaranx dentex*

#### Tuna, bigeye

*Thunnus obesus*

#### Tuna, dogtooth

*Gymnosardo unicolor*

#### Tuna, kawa kawa

*Euthynnus affinis*

#### Tuna, longtail

*Thunnus tonggol*

#### Tuna, Pacific bluefin

*Thunnus orientalis*

#### Tuna, skipjack

*Katsuwonus pelamis*

#### Tuna, southern bluefin

*Thunnus maccoyii*

#### Tuna, yellowfin

*Thunnus albacares*

#### Wahoo

*Acanthocybium solandri*

### FRESHWATER SPECIES

#### Barramundi

*Lates calcarifer*

#### Bass, Australian

*Macquaria novemaculeata*

#### Carp

*Cyprinus carpio*

#### Catfish, freshwater

*Tandanus tandanus*

#### Mangrove jack

*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*

#### Murray cod

*Maccullochella peelii*

#### Perch, English (redfin)

*Perca flavescens*

#### Perch, estuary

*Macquaria colonorum*

#### Perch, golden

*Plectroplites ambiguus*

#### Perch, silver

*Bidyanus bidyanus*

#### Salmon, Atlantic

*Salmo salar*

#### Salmon, chinook

*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*

#### Saratoga

*Scleropages*

#### Tench

*Tinca tinca*

#### Trout, brook

*Salvelinus fontinalis*

#### Trout, brown

*Salmo trutta*

#### Trout, rainbow

*Oncorhynchus mykiss*



# GFAA Australian record application

## Form for recording freshwater and saltwater gamefish catches

Read all GFAA Angling Rules and Requirements before completing and signing this application. The angler's signature on the completed form must be witnessed by a notary. This application must be accompanied by line or tippet samples complete with double, leader and hooks; clear photographs as specified in the GFAA Record Requirements; current certification of the scale on which the fish was weighed; and the filing fee. If the lure does not accompany the claim, then a photograph of the rig and a sized drawing of the lure must be included. Hybrids and other species that may pose a problem of identity should be examined by an ichthyologist or qualified fishery biologist.

### I am submitting this application for: (tick those that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltwater            | <input type="checkbox"/> State only     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltwater land-based | <input type="checkbox"/> State & Aust.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltwater fly        | <input type="checkbox"/> Australia only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater fly       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All tackle length    |   |

### In the category: (tick those that apply)

- Men
- Women
- Juniors (under 16) M  F
- Small Fry (under 11) M  F
- Heaviest in line class (Aust. only)

### Capture Clubs: (tick those that apply)

- 20 to 1 Club \_\_\_\_\_  1000lb Club
- 15 to 1 Club \_\_\_\_\_  \* Assistance certificate
- 10 to 1 Club \_\_\_\_\_  \* Boat plaque

(\*see separate application form)

Line or tippet class: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

### SPECIES

Common name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific name: \_\_\_\_\_

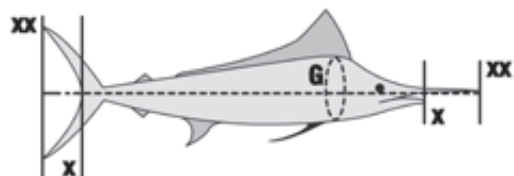
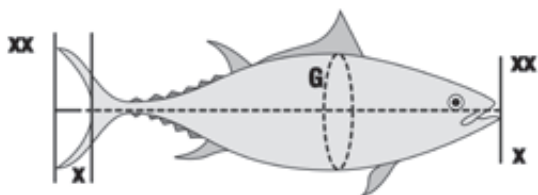
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

Length (see measurement diagrams):

X to X \_\_\_\_\_ mm XX to XX \_\_\_\_\_ mm

### Species Measurements

Measure as indicated below, take lengths from X to X and XX to XX. Take girth around the fish on the line marked G or at largest dimension location.



Girth (see measurement diagrams): \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Date of Capture: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Capture: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this fish captured during a tournament?  YES  NO

Name of tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this tournament sanctioned?  YES  NO

### METHOD OF CATCH (trotting, casting, flyfishing, etc)

FIGHTING TIME \_\_\_\_\_

### ANGLER

(please print as you wish it to appear on your record certificate)

Permanent address (include state and postcode):

Angler's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler's fishing club: \_\_\_\_\_

### EQUIPMENT

#### Rod

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Tip length (centre reel to end of tip): \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Butt length (centre reel to lower end of butt): \_\_\_\_\_ mm

#### Reel

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Line or tippet

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of double line: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of backing: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OTHER EQUIPMENT

Type of Gaf Net: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Length of trace or leader: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Number of hooks: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lure, fly or bait: \_\_\_\_\_



**BOAT** (if used)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ m

I/we certify that this capture was made in accordance with GFAA rules.

Captain's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCALES**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date last certified: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person and/or agency that certified scales**

*Scales must have been certified within 12 months prior to the date of capture.*

**WEIGHMASTER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**(see checklist)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS TO THE WEIGHT**

Witnesses to the weight (other than angler, captain or weighmaster)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSES TO CATCH**

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible.

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons witnessing catch: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY**

**(see GFAA record requirements)**

**Signature of examining ichthyologist:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Statutory Declaration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the fish described in this application for an Australian record was hooked, fought and brought to gaff by me without assistance, that it was caught strictly in accordance with the rules of the Game Fishing Association of Australia, and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that I am a financial member of a gamefishing club or a gamefishing division within a club affiliated with GFAA.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared at: \_\_\_\_\_ the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Small Fry/Junior record application, give the applicant's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

The following items must accompany this claim:

1. The first 16m of the actual line used in the capture, including the entire double line and the leader.
2. A full-length photograph of the fish showing dorsal and pectoral fins, angler and tackle used and scales.
3. Photograph showing the teeth of shark.
4. Photograph/tracing of any two-hook arrangement used and lure showing the necessary arrangements and measurements.
5. Certificate of scales.
6. Filing fee of \$20 (incl. GST) payable to GFAA for each record claim. Heaviest in line class category also requires an additional \$20 fee above the record claim fee.
7. Additional filing fee of \$27.50 (incl. GST) for 10 to 1, 15 to 1 and 20 to 1 claims.
8. Additional filing fee of \$110.00 (incl. GST) for 1000lb claim.
9. A late fee of \$110 will apply for record claims received after 60 days from capture date and will only be accepted up to 30 days after the deadline if extenuating circumstances can be shown. Payable to GFAA by whoever caused the delay.
10. Additional filing fee of \$10 payable to GFAA for each IGFA world record claim submitted through GFAA.

The application must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the State branch in whose waters the capture was made.

*Note: This Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a JP or an authorised Notary.*



Checklist	Angler	Weigh master	Club Sec.	State Assoc.	GFAA Remarks
<b>Check GFAA rules</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Check species</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Check for mutilations</b> If any, give full explanations; mutilation that could affect fighting capabilities will disqualify capture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Line: one piece 16m</b> Including double.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Double length OK</b> Including knots, swivels, clips, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Leader length OK</b> Including hook, lure, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Hook arrangement OK</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Rod and Reel OK and measured</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Gaffs checked and measured</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Weighing</b> To nearest LOWER graduation NET weight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Scale test certificate OK and enclosed with claim</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Capture certificate OK and enclosed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>PHOTOS</b>					
1. Show full length of fish, dorsal fin, pectoral fins, tackle used and scales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Shark's teeth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Any unusual scars, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Lure, if not included with claim. Mark length on back of photo.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Fish identification positive</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Fee enclosed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">           Fees must be paid by EFT to:            GFAA BSB 035304 Acct 294263         </div>					

Date received by Club: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date received by State Association: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date received by GFAA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Late fee will apply unless claim reaches GFAA within two (2) month of capture except in extenuating circumstances.*



# Records Officer's Report CURRENT AS AT 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

Season 2024/2025 has seen 63 claims submitted which included 8 World claims & unfortunately 10 claims rejected.

Records are being updated as they are approved on the GFAA site ([www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au)) anglers can check the web for the most current list.

GFAA claims featured 13 male, 4 female, 15 junior male, 8 junior female, 12 small fry male & 5 small fry female records along with 4 -10/1, 1 -15/1, 1 -20/1, 2 - ATL, 1- HLC, ATL -3 & 10 Fly claims.

Claims submitted by states as follows: 29 West Australia, 8 New South Wales, 6 Queensland, 13 Tasmanian, 3 South Australian, 3 Victorian & 1 Northern Territory.

Some of the outstanding captures & achievements for the year included:

- Braith Finney JM15, 20/1 & 1000lb – 481kg Tiger Shark (Aust)
- Amanda Lamond F15 & 20/1 – 321kg Mako Shark (World & Aust)
- Jazz Miller F37 – 146.85kg S.B.T. (World & Aust)
- Ari Jamieson SFM24 – 121.90kg Black Martin (Aust)
- Mia Grasso SFF6 – 15.88kg Sailfish (Aust)

The GFAA President & Executive congratulates all successful record anglers & look forward to more claims from affiliated anglers in the following years.

**Peter Babarskas**  
GFAA Recorder & Rules Committee Chair

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Albacore (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	30.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAR-07	Darren Kolpin
M1	5.5	Eagle Hawk, TAS	10-FEB-01	Mark Schuettpeiz
M2	10.15	Narooma, NSW	31-OCT-81	John Wright
M3	15.75	Broken Bay, NSW	21-SEP-80	Tim Simpson
M4	23.32	Port MacDonnell, SA	12-MAY-07	Peter Harris
M6	24.4	St Helens, TAS	08-MAR-08	Mark Perkins
M8	25.95	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-01	Mark Irvine
M10	28.85	Port MacDonnell, SA	12-MAY-01	Anthony McDonnell
M15	29.6	Port MacDonnell, SA	16-APR-06	Paul Carrison
M24	30.42	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAR-07	Darren Kolpin
F2	5.2	Bunga Canyon, NSW	04-JUN-97	Jan Florentine
F3	12.5	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-14	Bernadette Pedlar
F4	11	Bermagui, NSW	03-NOV-90	Ronda Jenkins
F6	15	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	17-NOV-95	Judy Mitchell
F8	20.1	Port MacDonnell, SA	24-APR-00	Kerry Heinicke
F10	21.7	Tasman Peninsula, TAS	21-FEB-21	Lhya Carr
F15	20.1	Port MacDonnell, SA	24-APR-00	Kerry Heinicke
JF3	4.64	St Helens, TAS	20-APR-08	Erin Cook
JF6	13.29	Port MacDonnell, SA	4-APR-15	Sharna McKinnon
JF8	11.58	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-14	Sharna McKinnon
JM2	3.8	Bermagui, NSW	27-SEP-87	Robert Breden
JM4	14.6	St Helens, TAS	12-MAR-16	Mitchell Hill
JM6	16.4	Bermagui, NSW	08-MAY-85	Paul Hogg
JM8	19	Bermagui, NSW	12-MAY-84	Ashley Hall
JM10	17.8	St Helens, TAS	11-JAN-03	Jak Wyatt Elmer
JM15	21.9	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	14-MAR-15	Sam Nichols
SFM4	11.68	St Helens, TAS	11-MAR-17	William Snare
SFM6	13.8	St Helens, TAS	25-MAR-06	Jak Wyatt Elmer
SFM8	10.7	St Helens, TAS	11-MAR-06	Jak Wyatt Elmer
SFM10	17.7	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	23-MAR-13	Lachlin Hicks
SFM15	20.25	Merimbula, NSW	12-OCT-25	Riley Holley
SFF4	5.2	St Helens, TAS	09-MAR-13	Zara Nelson
SFF6	9.6	Triabunna, TAS	05-APR-14	Amber Clarke
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M6	11.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	23-MAY-98	Martin Montebello

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Amberjack (<i>Seriola dumerilii</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	36.74	Flinders Reef, QLD	01-AUG-70	Ron Jenyns
M2	3.32	Jurien Bay, WA	06-APR-24	Dylan Picken
M3	6.82	Rowley Shoals, WA	26-SEP-80	J Nelson
M6	20.8	Caloundra, QLD	07-FEB-88	Evan Russell
M8	15.25	Bunbury, WA	25-AUG-16	Tom Miller
M10	36.74	Flinders Reef, QLD	01-AUG-70	Ron Jenyns
M15	18.8	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
F6	6	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	12-AUG-90	Olga Mack
F10	12.7	Point lookout, QLD	12-JUL-70	Rosemary Russell
JM6	18	Cape Moreton, QLD	28-JAN-96	Ian Brookes
SFM4	14.66	Jurien Bay, WA	16-APR-23	Rhys Martin
<b>Barracuda (<i>Sphyræna spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	32	Yammacutta Reef, QLD	03-AUG-79	Anne See Poy
M1	6.62	Dampier, WA	30-JUL-16	Ryan Turner
M2	11.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	08-NOV-92	Mark Voyzey
M3	22.42	Cairns, QLD	25-SEP-74	Robert Oliver
M4	26.5	Mission Beach, QLD	07-NOV-93	Bruce Shepherd
M6	26.6	Mossman, QLD	01-MAR-82	Greg Harrold
M8	27.1	Exmouth, WA	31-OCT-92	Phil Tickle
M10	30.84	Cairns, QLD	04-OCT-73	Peter Owen
M15	27.21	Cairns, QLD	05-NOV-67	Eric Hebron
M24	25.85	Moreton Bay, QLD	31-OCT-69	E French
F1	2.58	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-16	Chloe Hornhardt
F2	20	Groote Eylandt, NT	30-NOV-86	Jeananne Woods
F3	15.6	North East Island, NT	01-JUL-01	Tanya Collins
F4	21.3	Groote Eylandt, NT	16-OCT-93	Jane Manton
F6	22.6	Cardwell, QLD	10-SEP-05	Alison Savis
F8	25.2	Coral Bay, WA	02-JUL-84	Kay Webber
F10	32	Yammacutta Reef, QLD	03-AUG-79	Anne See Poy
F15	31.6	Coral Bay, WA	04-SEP-84	Katherine Webber
F24	24.04	Osprey Reef, QLD	09-FEB-79	Jill Hooper
JF1	4.2	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-19	Jesse Sutton
JF2	8.66	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	15.9	Groote Eylandt, NT	27-SEP-00	Jessica Dowling
JF8	10.36	Dampier, WA	24-JAN-19	Chloe Hornhardt



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM1	2.9	Exmouth, WA	20-MAR-17	Trent Gregory
JM2	12.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	25-FEB-96	Justin Micola
JM4	15.95	Groote Eylandt, NT	29-MAR-97	Justin Micola
JM6	21	Townsville, QLD	23-OCT-82	Leigh O'Brien
JM8	16.2	Exmouth, WA	16-JUN-02	Brendon Hourm
JM10	14.1	North East Island, NT	20-MAR-99	Benjamin Sands
JM15	28.7	Arlington Reef, QLD	19-NOV-22	James Threadingham
SFM2	2.48	Dampier, WA	5-AUG-18	Max Grasso
SFM3	7.4	Port Hedland, WA	14-APR-06	Dale Spera
SFM4	6.4	Port Hedland, WA	17-APR-07	Joshua Spera
SFM6	6.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	04-MAR-12	Riley McConachy
SFM8	8.4	Groote Eylandt, NT	04-MAR-12	Riley McConachy
SFM10	11.4	Cairns, QLD	11-SEPT-25	Benson Smith
SFF1	2.9	Dampier, WA	3-JUN-18	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF2	4.54	Dampier, WA	21-MAY-17	Jessica Hornhardt

#### Saltwater fly

M4	7.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	18-DEC-88	Alan Philliskirk
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#### Land-based saltwater

M10	10.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	24-JAN-88	Heinz Zimmer
JM3	9.5	Port Hedland, WA	08-NOV-98	Nelson Jeffs

#### Black jewfish (*Protanibea diacanthus*)

All-tackle	18.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Justin Leech
M3	8.2	Broome, WA	11-MAR-09	Justin Trigwell
M4	18.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Justin Leech
M6	13.6	Broome, WA	18-NOV-07	Jake O'Brien
M8	11	Broome, WA	03-MAY-08	Jeffrey Cooper
M10	17	Broome, WA	12-MAY-07	Andrew Crosby
F10	15.2	Broome, WA	23-MAR-08	Karen Crosby
JM6	9.8	Broome, WA	24-APR-10	Eric Locke
JM8	11	Broome, WA	15-MAR-09	Eric Locke
JM10	14.4	Broome, WA	08-AUG-07	Tristan L Francks

#### Bonito (*Sarda spp.*)

All-tackle	8	Sydney, NSW	01-AUG-93	Michael T Doyle
M1	2.83	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAY-00	Ken Irvine
M2	4.71	Augusta, WA	27-MAR-89	John Williams
M3	5.1	Montague Island, NSW	27-MAR-78	Bill Jenkins
M4	6	Montague Island, NSW	11-JUL-87	Darren Redman
M8	8	Sydney, NSW	01-AUG-93	Michael T Doyle
F2	3	Greenwell Point, NSW	24-APR-82	Julie McEnally
F4	5.4	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-87	Roslyn Uttleymore
F6	7.5	The Banks, NSW	24-APR-79	Aileen Malone
SFM1	1.05	Eden, NSW	4-JUN-22	Logan Walker
SFM2	2.55	Montague Is, NSW	7-MAY-23	Logan Walker

#### Land-based saltwater

M2	2.3	Hamelin Bay, WA	11-APR-99	Andres Paz
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#### Butterfly mackerel (*Gasterochisma melampus*)

At present there are no records claimed for this species

#### Broadbill swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)

All-tackle	319.7	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	17-FEB-19	Marc Lagerewskij
M15	238.2	Lakes Entrance, VIC	23-APR-17	Richard Greven
M24	263.5	Coles Bay, TAS	21-MAR-15	Kyle Langmore
M37	319.7	Eaglehawk Neck, TAS	17-FEB-19	Marc Lagerewskij
M60	297.8	St Helens, TAS	12-FEB-23	Antony Suttill
F15	172	Lakes Entrance, VIC	14-MAY-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
F24	194	Lakes Entrance, VIC	8-JUN-19	Hayley Murphy

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F37	282.4	St Helens, TAS	30-APR-18	Eboney Westwood
F60	112.3	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	2-APR-23	Alison Wright
JM37	118.85	Lakes Entrance, VIC	17-JUN-17	Tait Missen
JM60	128.7	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	2-APR-23	Jarvis Hill
SFF15	172	Lakes Entrance, VIC	14-MAY-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	152	Lakes Entrance, VIC	23-APR-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFM37	48.1	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	13-APR-25	Ollie Campbell
SFM60	91.1	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	2-MAY-25	Ryder Waterworth

#### Chinaman (*Symphorus nematophorus*)

All-tackle	13.2	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell
M1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham
M2	9.75	Dampier, WA	12-AUG-07	Tim Perry
M3	11.06	Dampier, WA	19-AUG-17	Warren Tucker
M4	13.2	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell
M6	10	Port Hedland, WA	14-JUL-96	Anthony Giles
F3	9.6	Port Hedland, WA	10-APR-98	Rachael Green
F4	5.4	Port Hedland, WA	07-JUN-98	Rachael Green
JF3	3.28	Dampier, WA	25-MAY-19	Chloe Hornhardt
JM1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham
JM2	2.4	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-07	Rhys Clatworthy
JM3	5.07	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Toby Mason
SFM1	3.9	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-13	Jackson Tatham

#### Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*)

All-tackle	49.66	Southport, QLD	22-NOV-71	George Walsh
M2	13	Dampier, WA	29-MAY-16	Scott Sharpe
M3	17.1	Dampier, WA	6-OCT-16	Toby Mason
M4	23.8	Cape Moreton, QLD	19-JUN-99	Robert Brookes
M6	30.39	Port Stephens, NSW	28-MAR-70	Eric Mcelwaine
M8	41.5	Bribie Island	09-DEC-00	Claude Puggioni
M10	36.4	Rosemary Island, WA	13-OCT-76	Mathew Rack
M15	45.35	Point Lookout, QLD	04-OCT-62	Peter Bristow
M24	49.66	Southport, QLD	22-NOV-71	George Walsh
M37	49.44	Flat Rock, QLD	15-OCT-38	G Lambert
F2	20.07	Dampier, WA	24-AUG-20	Tameeka Dodd
F3	14.66	Dampier, WA	23-OCT-16	Chloe Hornhardt
F4	19.6	Moreton Bay, QLD	27-OCT-88	Olga Mack
F6	32	Moreton Island, QLD	30-AUG-90	Olga Mack
F8	36.2	Western Rocks, QLD	18-JUN-89	Olga Mack
F10	30.6	Bribie Island, QLD	23-OCT-89	Kathy Maguire
F15	18.82	Point Lookout, QLD	30-APR-67	Margaret Keid
F24	38.55	Point Lookout, QLD	15-AUG-64	Margaret Keid
JF1	6.20	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-20	Jesse Sutton
JF3	14.66	Dampier, WA	23-OCT-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF4	10.62	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-20	Jessica Hornhardt
JF6	19	Western Rock, QLD	15-DEC-96	Zoey Balfour
JM3	17.1	Dampier, WA	6-OCT-16	Toby Mason
JM4	16.96	Cape Moreton, QLD	11-JUL-98	Ian Brookes
JM6	15.15	Dampier, WA	16-SEP-17	Ethan Moyle
JM8	28	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
JM10	16	Port Stephens, NSW	04-MAY-86	Jason Toll
JM15	36.2	Southport, QLD	02-JUL-95	Stone Needham
SFF2	2.54	Dampier, WA	25-FEB-18	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	5.3	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-14	Jesse Sutton
SFF4	7.5	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Shanae Cook
SFF6	6.44	Dampier, WA	15-OCT-22	Luna Minogue
SFM3	8.36	Dampier, WA	28-Aug-20	Max Grasso

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFM4	10.68	Dampier, WA	28-APR-19	Max Grasso
SFM6	11.56	Dampier, WA	2-OCT-17	Max Grasso
SFM8	28	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M2	5.6	Darwin, NT	15-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin
M3	3.4	Roche Reef, NT	02-JUL-01	Wayne Baldwin
M4	8.3	Darwin, NT	15-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin
M8	11.4	Fitzroy Island, QLD	29-NOV-83	Barry Cross
M10	20.85	Dampier, WA	05-OCT-11	Ryan Turner
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	1.44	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-93	Mark J Lazzaro
M4	10	Exmouth, WA	03-OCT-00	Mark Houn
M8	18.6	Shark Bay, WA	15-JAN-94	Timothy Wedding
<b>Eagle ray (<i>Myliobatis australis</i>)</b>				
All Tackle	76.2	Kangaroo Is, SA	5-AUG-23	Mark Snadden
M1	13.65	Streaky Bay, SA	08-MAR-98	George Florentzou
M2	21	American River, SA	20-MAR-95	Paul Williams
M3	41	Port River, SA	11-NOV-06	Bradley Smith
M4	56.5	Neptune Island, SA	13-APR-91	Ralf Czobayski
M6	76.2	Kangaroo Is, SA	5-AUG-23	Mark Snadden
M8	55.8	Port River, SA	21-FEB-09	John Marsh
M10	56.5	Langton Island, SA	27-JUL-90	Jeff Earle
M15	55	Kangaroo Island, SA	14-MAR-00	Michael Kemp
M24	72.5	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-95	Ron Vanderdrift
F2	10	Port Lincoln, SA	20-MAR-91	Christine Stone
F3	18.96	Pt MacDonnell SA	08-OCT-17	Tracey Tito
F4	31.5	Neptune Island, SA	09-FEB-87	Janet Forster
F6	35	Port River, SA	01-DEC-02	Diane Breed
F8	41.5	Kangaroo Island, SA	16-MAR-99	Xenia Dodt
F10	68.5	Thisle Island, SA	21-NOV-87	Emma Forster
F15	35.5	Streaky Bay, SA	16-FEB-86	Sonja Coombe
JM2	9.4	Louth Bay, SA	15-FEB-92	Darrin C Stone
JM3	18.5	Mandurah, WA	18-MAY-24	Lochlan Turrell
JM4	13	Port Lincoln, SA	21-JAN-05	L Williams
JM6	30	American River, SA	26-APR-95	John Marsh
JM8	43	Kangaroo Island, SA	15-JAN-04	Ashley Williams
JM15	37	Spilsby Island, SA	23-FEB-89	Jake Edwards
JF10	68.5	Thisle Island, SA	21-NOV-87	Emma Forster
SFM4	10.97	Mandurah, WA	18-AUG-18	lochlan Turrell
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M2	8.6	Port River, SA	02-NOV-13	Bradley Smith
M3	12	Kangaroo Is, SA	27-MAR-20	Alan Foreman
M4	35	Ardrrossan Jetty, SA	20-OCT-01	Wayne Greenshields
M6	32	Arno Bay, SA	15-OCT-94	Norm Fiegert
M10	43	Towradgi Beach, NSW	18-JUN-99	Vince Murphy
M15	61.1	Daily Heads, SA	08-JUL-01	Craig Williams
F3	10.4	Kangaroo Is, SA	27-MAR-20	Elizabeth Cantos
F4	24	Peak Bay, SA	16-MAR-96	Gloria Fiegert
F6	39	Carcasse Rocks, SA	10-APR-99	Debra Hoey
F8	40	Tulka, SA	09-MAR-97	Gloria Fiegert
F10	42.1	Port Lincoln, SA	26-MAY-93	Gloria Fiegert
JF4	11	Taylor's landing, SA	01-JAN-94	Nicole Atkinson
JM8	22	Goolwa Beach, SA	20-APR-02	Chris Earle
JM10	29	Port Lincoln, SA	16-APR-98	Jason Stockham
<b>Kingfish – yellowtail (<i>Seriola lalandi</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	42	Port Augusta, SA	17-SEP-06	Bradley Smith

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M1	3.98	Yallingup, WA	15-JUL-01	Dean Eggleston
M2	5.15	Yallingup, WA	19-AUG-01	Dean Eggleston
M3	11.1	The Banks, NSW	18-FEB-79	Grant Cammack
M4	21.8	Ulladulla, NSW	31-JUL-88	Bruce Vaiden
M6	20.86	Sydney, NSW	02-FEB-69	Gregory Howarth
M8	22	The Banks, NSW	30-AUG-85	Raymond Carrall
M10	37	The Peak, NSW	07-SEP-84	Phillip Zaccagnini
M15	35	Coffin Bay, SA	04-NOV-02	Jason Aldridge
M24	42	Port Augusta, SA	17-SEP-06	Bradley Smith
F2	2.8	lord Howe Island	21-MAY-14	Vivienne Crombie
F3	7.25	Sydney, NSW	24-SEP-72	Pam Hudspeth
F4	7.43	Eden, NSW	14-JAN-06	Alissa Heise
F6	16.78	Sydney, NSW	17-JUL-71	Pam Hudspeth
F8	20.2	Bermagui, NSW	08-JUN-87	Janet Wainright
F10	21.31	Sydney, NSW	29-APR-72	Pam Hudspeth
F15	34.2	The Banks, NSW	18-SEP-77	Betty Solomon
F24	30.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Roslyn Uttley
JM2	2.99	lanceland, WA	03-MAR-01	Carl Babarskas
JM3	3.15	lanceland, WA	27-JAN-01	Carl Babarskas
JM4	7.5	Montague Island, NSW	09-NOV-85	Marcus Stepenek
JM6	9.5	Bermagui, NSW	16-MAY-83	Tyson Brent
JM8	15.4	Montague Island, NSW	08-JUN-87	Terry Brown
JF10	13.3	Lord Howe Is, NSW	27-FEB-21	Mia Wright
SFF4	7.43	Eden, NSW	14-JAN-06	Alissa Heise
SFM6	9.8	Rocky Is, SA	20-JAN-24	Charlie Hodgens
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M15	30	Curarong, NSW	30-OCT-10	Peter Oberg
<b>Mackerel – broad barred (<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	9	Whitsundays, QLD	20-JUL-08	Brett J Atfield
M1	6.98	Dampier, WA	20-JUL-19	Ryley Hinchcliffe
M2	7.4	Dampier, WA	08-JUN-97	Russell Ieaver
M3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
M4	8.76	Dampier, WA	23-AUG-25	Darryn Dhu
M6	9	Whitsundays, QLD	20-JUL-08	Brett J Atfield
F1	3.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	14-NOV-99	Tracy Sands
F2	7.36	Dampier, WA	18-AUG-19	Joanne Tatham
F3	8.14	Dampier, WA	13-SEP-19	Vicki Searle
F4	7.4	Exmouth, WA	21-AUG-10	Jo Decker
F6	6.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	02-NOV-9	Maryanne Thumwood
JM1	6.16	Dampier, WA	29-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM2	7.2	Dampier, WA	21-AUG-16	Ryley Hinchcliffe
JM3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
JM4	6.2	East Woody, NT	28-JUN-04	Kelly Pellenat
JM6	6.56	Pt Samson, WA	09-OCT-21	Max Grasso
JF2	7.36	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-20	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	6.85	Dampier, WA	28-AUG-22	Jessica Hornhardt
JF4	6.97	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-21	Jessica Hornhardt
JF6	6.32	Pt Samson, WA	9-NOV-20	Chloe Hornhardt
SFM2	6.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	7.9	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	7.84	Dampier, WA	1-SEP-19	Max Grasso
SFM6	7.46	Dampier, WA	10-JUN-18	Max Grasso
SFF2	4.88	Pt Samson, WA	18-NOV-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	6.1	Vernon Island, NT	11-DEC-06	Montana Baldwin
SFF4	5.5	Dampier, WA	26-AUG-22	Mia Grasso



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<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M2	4	Roche Reef, NT	11-JUL-02	Wayne Baldwin
M3	3.4	Roche Reef, NT	02-JUL-01	Wayne Baldwin
<b>Mackerel – narrow barred (<i>Scomberomus commerson</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	38.75	Rottnest Island, WA	05-MAY-78	Barry Wrightson
M1	13.9	Exmouth, WA	20-OCT-00	Troy Wright
M2	17.3	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-01	Mike Smith
M3	36.4	Dampier Archipelago, WA	06-AUG-00	Wayne Brown
M4	33	Lee Point, NT	24-AUG-85	Henry Fehres
M6	35.2	Long Island, QLD	06-MAY-03	Ashley Moore
M8	36.4	Coral Bay, WA	01-JUN-87	Bob Burdinet
M10	35.38	Moreton Bay, QLD	16-MAY-70	John French
M15	34.47	Innisfail, QLD	28-MAR-75	Alan Fitzmaurice
M24	38.75	Rottnest Island, WA	05-MAY-78	Barry Wrightson
F1	2	Exmouth Gulf, WA	04-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	18.3	Dampier, WA	21-JUN-17	Vickie Searle
F3	22.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	10-FEB-97	Clare Pries
F4	24.3	Whitsundays, QLD	25-NOV-82	Kelly Dailing
F6	31.7	Exmouth, WA	29-OCT-03	Shelley O'Brien
F8	30.2	Port Hedland, WA	16-AUG-98	Joy Burrage
F10	33.8	Cairns, QLD	01-DEC-05	Cloe Albert
F15	30.84	Hayman Island, QLD	14-MAY-69	lady Joan Ansett
F24	34	Hayman Island, QLD	26-MAY-79	lady Joan Ansett
JM2	10.2	Roche Reef, NT	21-MAY-94	Karl Bochow
JM3	18.9	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-16	Callum Horlock
JM4	11.3	Dampier, WA	18-AUG-17	Ethan Moyle
JM6	31	Cape Moreton, QLD	31-MAY-87	Wade Trass
JM8	20.64	Hayman Is, QLD	14-OCT-18	Ryan Meads
JM10	27.4	Whitsundays, QLD	2-OCT-21	Reece Matthews
JM15	19.3	Mackay, QLD	27-JUL-24	Harley Sheppard
JF2	5.42	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-20	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	13.98	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF4	24.1	Whitsundays, QLD	25-NOV-82	Kelly Dailing
JF6	17.35	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	23.25	Exmouth, WA	15-APR-96	Mesha Prince
JF10	33.1	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-MAR-08	Emily Lockwood
JF15	19.39	Mackerel Island, WA	07-OCT-87	Patti Horwood
SFM2	5.62	Exmouth, WA	11-MAR-24	Dean Gates
SFM3	7	Exmouth, WA	23-DEC-20	Max Grasso
SFM4	17.8	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-11	Cody Wright
SFM6	21.04	Mackay, QLD	14-JUN-23	Harley Sheppard
SFM8	19.68	Reid Is, QLD	13-JUN-23	Harley Sheppard
SFM10	19.66	Mackay, QLD	16-JUL-24	Rocco Sheppard
SFM15	18.38	Mackay, QLD	6-AUG-25	Rocco Sheppard
SFF3	12.5	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-10	Amber Cloughessy
SFF4	11.48	Dampier, WA	21-OCT-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF6	19.4	Pt Samson, WA	21-OCT-23	Mia Grasso
SFF8	20.68	Mackay, QLD	14-JUN-23	Savannah Sheppard
SFF10	33.1	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-MAR-08	Emily Lockwood
SFF15	27.5	Mackay, QLD	10-JUL-25	Savannah Sheppard
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M3	7.6	Darwin, NT	01-OCT-05	Wayne Baldwin
M8	12.4	Broome, NT	25-JUL-98	Col Roberts
M10	18.5	Innisfail, QLD	16-SEP-96	George Campbell
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M4	19.2	Sawtell Headland, NSW	10-MAR-94	Shane Third

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M6	17.4	Sawtell Headland, NSW	08-MAR-94	Shane Third
M8	19.4	Port Hedland, WA	26-APR-02	Dave Tobin
<b>Mackerel – shark (<i>Grammatocyus bicarinatus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	12.3	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	24-MAR-89	Kathy Maguire
M1	8.7	Whitsunday Islands, QLD	12-JUN-83	Trevor Draper
M2	9	Whitsunday Islands, QLD	03-JAN-84	Col Jansen
M3	10.89	Exmouth, WA	14-OCT-76	MG Paterson
M4	11	Abrolos islands, WA	22-APR-24	Curtis Waterman
M6	10	Cook Island, NSW	09-JUL-78	David Wheatman
M8	12.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	Murray Lewin
M10	10.7	St Crispins Reef, QLD	21-JUL-88	Alan Carpenter
F1	3.3	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-97	Jan Prince
F2	8.2	Exmouth, WA	25-OCT-97	Carol Bickford
F3	9.6	Exmouth, WA	29-OCT-03	Robyn French
F4	10.17	Abrholos Island, WA	14-MAY-06	Sandra Steel
F6	12.3	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	24-MAR-89	Kathy Maguire
JM1	4.22	Dampier, WA	29-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM2	8.73	Mackerel Island, WA	07-OCT-87	Ben Crisp
JM4	8.96	Mackerel Island, WA	01-OCT-87	Ben Crisp
JM6	11.5	Innisfail, QLD	11-SEP-99	Christopher Kassiotis
JM8	10.3	Exmouth, WA	21-OCT-00	Beau Britton
JF2	6.62	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-20	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	5.42	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF6	6.85	Whitsundays, QLD	11-OCT-25	Jazmin Smith
SFM1	2	Exmouth, WA	28-MAR-21	Dean Gates
SFM2	5.5	Exmouth, WA	20-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	3.95	Exmouth, WA	28-JUN-20	Dean Gates
SFM4	5.50	Exmouth, WA	6-SEPT-20	Kalvin Gates
SFM6	7.02	Exmouth, WA	24-NOV-20	Max Grasso
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M3	5.6	Exmouth, WA	27-DEC-04	Timothy Fuller
JM3	5	Exmouth, WA	27-APR-03	Brendon Houn
<b>Mackerel – spotted (<i>Scomberomus spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	8	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-APR-06	Karen Goodwin
M1	3.04	Dampier, WA	19-AUG-17	Ryan Turner
M2	3.85	Mermaid Reef, WA	30-MAR-97	Stone Needham
M3	4.8	Exmouth, WA	26-SEP-98	Chris Bechard
M4	5.35	Abrholos Is, WA	22-APR-15	Paul George- Kennedy
M6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
F1	2.48	Dampier, WA	12-JUL-17	Tameeka Dadd
F2	2.08	Dampier, WA	11-JUL-17	Tameeka Dadd
F4	8	Coffs Harbour, NSW	30-APR-06	Karen Goodwin
JF1	1.52	Dampier, WA	19-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	3.67	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-21	Jessica Hornhardt
JM1	2.1	Dampier, WA	16-APR-22	Max Grasso
JM2	3.85	Mermaid Reef, WA	30-MAR-97	Stone Needham
JM4	6.445	South West Rocks, NSW	09-APR-14	James Rayment
JM6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
SFM1	2.30	Dampier, WA	28-AUG-20	Max Grasso
SFM2	2.46	Pt Samson, WA	13-NOV-16	Max Grasso
SFM3	3.5	Pt Samson, WA	9-NOV-19	Max Grasso
SFM6	6.78	Coffs Harbour, NSW	14-MAY-13	Sam Beckett
SFF1	1.84	Dampier, WA	12-AUG-24	Mia Grasso
SFF2	2.66	Dampier, WA	29-JUN-18	Jessica Hornhardt
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	1.7	Exmouth Gulf, WA	17-FEB-01	Mark Houn



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<b>Mahi mahi (dolphinfish) (<i>Coryphaena spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	31	Port Stephens, NSW	16-FEB-81	Ray Bourke
M1	7.4	Point Lookout, QLD	7-DEC-24	Jonathan Booyesen
M2	9.4	Exmouth, WA	23-OCT-97	Ray Gansberg
M3	10.4	Rottnest Island, WA	17-FEB-96	David Andrew Wood
M4	13.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Steven Viney
M6	20	Cape Moreton, QLD	10-APR-81	Dave Curnock
M8	27.9	Shallow Tempest, QLD	24-JAN-14	Kiel Pomy
M10	26.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Peter Toohey
M15	30.5	Montague Island, NSW	01-FEB-78	Bob Jackson
M24	31	Port Stephens, NSW	16-FEB-81	Ray Bourke
F1	3.2	Rottnest Island, WA	14-MAR-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	7	Exmouth, WA	19-AUG-96	Kathy Ryan
F3	10.43	Cairns, QLD	13-OCT-72	Wilma Childs
F4	10.7	Cairns, QLD	2-JAN-16	Sharon Poulter
F6	21	Broken Bay, NSW	29-JAN-84	Frances Bell
F8	21.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	30-DEC-14	Karen Fancett
F10	24	Hutchinson Shoals, QLD	22-JAN-92	Olga Mack
F15	25.9	(offs Harbour, NSW)	19-SEP-04	Kylie Hare
JF1	4.7	Exmouth, WA	25-MAR-19	Jesse Sutton
JF3	6.05	Cairns, QLD	08-DEC-20	Lily Sims
JF10	15.4	Port Stephens, NSW	22-JAN-20	Clare Harding
JF15	19	Bermagui, NSW	27-JAN-17	Makayla Buttigieg
JM1	6.2	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-16	Callum Horlock
JM2	7.9	Exmouth, WA	10-MAR-24	Kalvin Gates
JM3	3.2	Naturaliste, WA	16-APR-23	Tom Irvine
JM4	9.25	Rottnest Island, WA	25-APR-98	Marcus Maher
JM6	14.5	Norah Head, NSW	14-OCT-06	Jordan Atkin
JM8	19.3	Caloundra, QLD	27-JAN-19	Ethan Kroll
JM10 (Tie)	21	Port Stephens, NSW	02-MAR-02	Mitchell Hogg
JM10 (Tie)	21	Norah Head, NSW	31-JAN-15	Bailey Blanche
JM15	22	Sydney, NSW	22-NOV-15	Jerome Ayad
JM24	25	Coffs Harbour, NSW	02-JAN-10	Nicholas Edwards
SFM1	6.48	Exmouth, WA	10-MAR-24	Dean Gates
SFM2	2.42	Rottnest Is, WA	13-FEB-21	Lochlan Turrell
SFM3	4.13	Rottnest Is, WA	05-MAY-18	Lochlan Turrell
SFM4	9.3	Exmouth, WA	24-APR-21	Kalvin Gates
SFM6	14.5	Norah Head, NSW	14-OCT-06	Jordan Atkin
SFM8	18	Shellharbour, NSW	10-JAN-04	Jarrod P Clarkson
SFM10	10.5	Botany Bay, NSW	1-FEB-25	Phoenix Vekiarellis
SFM15	20.1	Shellharbour, NSW	25-MAY-19	Hunter Davies
SFF10	16.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	09-JAN-10	Kaysie Fancett
SFF15	24.6	Noosa Canyons, QLD	04-OCT-19	Elise Flynn
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M4	5	Rottnest Island	26-MAR-83	Graham Whitehouse
M8	9.7	Exmouth, WA	8-OCT-14	Ben Knight

<b>Marlin – black (<i>Istiompax indica</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	654.08	Cairns, QLD	01-NOV-73	Michael Magrath
M1	14.5	Fraser Is, QLD	13-NOV-17	Gary A Carter
M2	33	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-JAN-85	Jack Erskine
M3	51.5	Innisfail, QLD	08-AUG-81	Bill Mcleod
M4	73.4	Lizard Island, QLD	22-OCT-18	Will Tomlinson
M6	167	Lizard Island, QLD	26-SEP-75	Terry Russell
M8	108.5	Drum Canyon, NSW	12-MAR-05	Paul Aulsebrook
M10	476.73	Cairns, QLD	07-OCT-76	PW Mahood
M15	489.5	Cairns, QLD	28-NOV-80	Robert O'iver

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M24	509.84	Cairns, QLD	31-OCT-69	Ed Seay
M37	611	Lizard Island, QLD	01-NOV-79	Morton May
M60	654.08	Cairns, QLD	01-NOV-73	Michael Magrath
F1	11	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	05-JUL-86	Anne Dalling
F2	29.5	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	18-SEP-97	Anne Dalling
F3	29.55	Oyster Reef, QLD	13-AUG-13	Natalie Andersen
F4	42.5	Cape Bowling Green, QLD	22-SEP-85	Anne Dalling
F6	176.9	Cairns, QLD	28-SEP-76	H Going
F8	90.3	Cairns, QLD	21-OCT-24	Gina Cleaver
F10	452.69	Lizard Island, QLD	23-OCT-82	Kay Mulholland
F15	369.22	Lizard Island, QLD	04-NOV-83	Jill Hooper
F24	396.44	Opal Reef, QLD	16-OCT-76	Kay Mulholland
F37	600.1	Agincourt Reef, QLD	08-NOV-77	Georgette Douwma
F60	599	Lizard Island, QLD	01-NOV-81	Nicole Denholm
JM2	14	Townsville, QLD	13-AUG-89	Damien Savis
JM4	29.5	Cape Moreton, QLD	14-FEB-87	Daniel Toms
JM6	53	Cape Moreton, QLD	02-JAN-90	Gregory Caporn
JM8	129.6	Shoalhaven Heads, NSW	01-FEB-09	Kale Watts
JM10	98.5	Greenwell Point, NSW	31-JAN-04	Nathan Pascall
JM15	128	Bermagui, NSW	21-JAN-87	Terry Brown
JM24	163.5	Merimbula, NSW	03-FEB-08	Daniel Bridle
JM37	120	Bermagui, NSW	19-JAN-98	Marcus Malouf
JM60	392	No.10 Ribbon Reef, QLD	11-OCT-98	Marcus Malouf
JF1	15.1	Cairns, QLD	20-SEP-20	Lily Sims
JF2	18.5	Cairns, QLD	11-SEPT-20	Lily Sims
JF3	12	Cairns, QLD	11-SEPT-20	Lily Sims
JF4	15.5	Cairns, QLD	20-JUL-20	Lily Sims
JF6	55.5	Dampier, WA	6-FEB-22	Jessica Hornhardt
JF10	84	Port Stephens, NSW	23-FEB-24	Madison Fairlie
JF15	52.2	Gold Coast, QLD	10-DEC-19	Makayla Buttigieg
JF24	94	Kiama, NSW	15-MAR-25	Cooper Burley
SFM4	19.1	Barwon Banks, QLD	2-MAR-18	Ben Massurit
SFM6	32.7	Mooloolaba, QLD	11-JAN-17	Ben Massurit
SFM8	62.9	Mooloolaba, QLD	17-FEB-17	Ben Massurit
SFM10	67.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-15	Corey Radford
SFM15	107	Jervis Bay, NSW	4-FEB-23	Franco Raco
SFM24	121.9	Mission Ground, NSW	8-MAR-25	Ari Jamieson
SFM37	84.4	Fraser Island, QLD	3-JUL-17	Rhys Jolly
SFF10	62.30	Port Stephens, NSW	20-FEB-20	Madison Fairlie
SFF15	28.5	Fingal Bay, NSW	5-FEB-23	Sadie Sweetman

<b>Saltwater Fly</b>				
M4	27.5	Mooloolaba, QLD	09-JAN-96	Mark H Carnegie
M8	24.4	Exmouth, WA	4-MAR-19	Jake Fitzgerald
M6	25.3	Exmouth, WA	16-JUL-17	Aaron Rampling
M10	39.4	Exmouth, WA	09-AUG-21	Jake Fitzgerald
M15	54.1	Exmouth, WA	05-JAN-14	Ryan Mumford
F10	24.5	Gold Coast, QLD	26-DEC-08	Carmen J McIloy

<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M15	56	Green Cape, Eden, NSW	19-FEB-89	M Moolenaar
M24	86	Kiama Blowhole, NSW	25-FEB-00	Rixon Knight

<b>Marlin – Pacific blue (<i>Makaira nigricans</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	494.3	Exmouth, WA	1-JAN-18	Clay Hilbert
M4	93.5	Tweed Canyons, NSW	14-JAN-16	James Holt
M6	157.8	Gold Coast, QLD	15-FEB-15	James Holt
M8	170.5	Gold Coast, QLD	8-MAY-15	James Holt
M10	176	Port Stephens, NSW	12-MAR-80	Perry James

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M15	245.5	Sydney, NSW	05-APR-88	Jason Simpson
M24	283.88	Eden, NSW	08-APR-11	Len Vollebregt
M37	417.6	Batemans Bay, NSW	16-JAN-98	David Leighton
M60	494.3	Exmouth, WA	1-JAN-18	Clay Hilbert
F3	78.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	5-APR-16	Rebecca Dean
F10	72.5	Sydney, NSW	12-FEB-89	Jenny Lovett
F15	236.3	Sydney, NSW	18-APR-15	Alexandra Nuttall
F24	267.50	Port Macquarie, NSW	18-MAR-20	Tara Rowe
F37	452.2	Batemans Bay, NSW	14-MAR-99	Melanie Kisbee
F60	291.4	Exmouth, WA	30-SEP-19	Hayley Dellar
JM10	106.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	07-JAN-89	Trent Visscher
JM15	204.9	Port Stephens, NSW	28-DEC-06	Elliot Gylar
JM24	242.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-05	Matthew Sharpe
JM37	263.4	Exmouth, WA	24-NOV-17	Riley Smith
JM60	186.4	Gold Coast, QLD	15-MAY-21	Lochlan Kendall
JF10	81.8	Bermagui, NSW	27-FEB-21	Kaitlyn Schofield
JF15	99.80	Port Stephens, NSW	22-FEB-20	Mia Wright
JF24	174.4	Shell Harbour, NSW	19-MAR-23	Cooper Burley
JF37	174.4	Port Macquarie, NSW	18-MAY-19	Tara Rowe
JF60	169.5	Sydney, NSW	29-APR-18	Elly Offord
SFM15	90.7	Port Macquarie, NSW	5-MAR-23	Jack Cunneen
SFM24	242.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-05	Matthew Sharp
SFM37	115.52	Exmouth, WA	18-JAN-22	Jake Owens
SFM60	141.3	Exmouth, WA	07-JAN-21	Cruz McEwan
<b>Saltwater Fly</b>				
M15	123.8	Exmouth, WA	02-SEPT-14	Ben Knight

<b>Marlin – striped (<i>Kajikia audax</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	191.5	Merimbula, NSW	28-MAR-92	Bill Schroder
M2	62	Port Stephens, NSW	15-JAN-12	James Holt
M3	74.7	Gold Coast, QLD	31-MAY-23	Klynton Krause
M4 (tie)	82.7	Bermagui, NSW	24-JAN-19	Klynton Krause
M4	82.3	Port Stephens, NSW	24-JAN-08	James Holt
M6	97	Broken Bay, NSW	17-MAR-84	Owen Richardson
M8	106	Bermagui, NSW	21-MAR-94	Glen Booth
M10	153.31	Sydney, NSW	20-OCT-68	John McIntyre
M15	172	Bermagui, NSW	14-MAY-88	Bruce Everard
M24	169.5	Bondi, NSW	12-SEP-85	Bill Wotton
M37	191.5	Merimbula, NSW	28-MAR-92	Bill Schroder
M60	159	Bermagui, NSW	22-JAN-00	David Inglis
F4	64.1	Port Stephens, NSW	11-JAN-07	Katie lee
F6	86.8	Port Stephens, NSW	30-DEC-11	Katie Lee
F8	106.5	Port Stephens, NSW	07-MAR-04	Karen Thomson
F10	125	Eden, NSW	7-APR-18	Chloe Laurence
F15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
F24	152	Ulladulla, NSW	04-MAR-83	Fay Dunkley
F37	143.8	Batemans Bay, NSW	29-MAY-05	Pirkko Miirin
F60	149.68	Ulladulla, NSW	27-FEB-38	Jessica Sams
JM8	95.7	Bermagui, NSW	27-JAN-20	Mathew Sandy
JM10	102	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-00	Robert Besoff
JM15	124	Broken Bay, NSW	30-SEP-01	Shane Dwyer
JM24	134	Tathra, NSW	15-APR-22	Ben Pearce
JM37	117.8	Solitary Island, NSW	02-APR-95	Glen Williams
JM60	107	Port Stephens, NSW	31-DEC-04	James Holt
JF8	105	Tathra, NSW	28-APR-19	Kaitlyn Schofield
JF10	111.5	Bermagui, NSW	11-MAR-22	Emma Spiteri
JF15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
JF24	128.4	Merimbula, NSW	19-FEB-22	Kaitlyn Schofield

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF37	136.5	Tathra, NSW	18-APR-22	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFM8	79	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-05	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	83.6	Shoalhaven, NSW	6-APR-15	Tyler Whitaker
SFM15	95.0	Eden, NSW	5-MAR-14	Patrick Dwyer
SFM24	108.7	Bateman's Bay, NSW	6-MAR-11	Torren Mann
SFM37	101	Banks Wide, NSW	5-MAR-25	Ari Jamieson
SFF10	102	Bermagui, NSW	21-FEB-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF15	174.8	Bermagui, NSW	5-JUN-17	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	147	Merimbula, NSW	13-MAR-16	Makayla Buttigieg
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M10	90.5	Newcastle, NSW	20-APR-96	Dean Butler
<b>Mulloway (jewfish) (<i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>)</b>				
All tackle	33.8	Sawtell Headland, NSW	18-MAY-96	Tony Bourne
M1	4.4	Adelaide, SA	31-JAN-83	Dean Buttenworth
M2	15.2	Bathurst Island, NT	06-NOV-89	Mitchell Margaretich
M3	20.2	Geographe Bay, WA	16-SEP-01	Aaron Bussell
M4	19.1	Port River, SA	8-MAR-19	Billy Popageorgiou
M6	31.2	Ceduna, SA	19-AUG-86	Allan Suter
M8	28	Ceduna, SA	20-MAY-91	Allan Suter
M10	28	West Coast, SA	23-OCT-87	Arthur Lear
M15	26.75	Claire Bay, SA	09-NOV-84	Tom Tierney
M24	28	Port River, SA	20-MAY-18	Billy Popageorgiou
F2	2.06	Northhaven, SA	26-JAN-89	Joanna Marsh
F3	12.1	Port Hedland, WA	18-APR-01	Karen Jeffs
F4	14.4	Bathurst Island, NT	08-NOV-89	Margot Patricks
F6	16.4	Cape Moreton, QLD	05-APR-96	Junee Brookes
F8	11.05	Maroochy River, QLD	15-JUL-21	Jennifer Behrens
F10	27.8	Nullarbor, SA	13-DEC-86	Deborah Richter
JF2	2.06	Northhaven, SA	26-JAN-89	Joanna Marsh
JF6	6.36	Jurien Bay, WA	2-MAY-15	Jessica Jarrett
JM4	15	Cape Moreton, QLD	05-APR-96	Ian Brookes
JM6	16	Bathurst Island, NT	16-OCT-90	Rick Jones
JM8	12.8	Peron Island, NT	22-JUN-03	Adam Dowling
JM10	14.88	Cockburn Sound, WA	25-APR-25	Lochlan Turrell
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M2	6.2	Ceduna, SA	06-MAY-88	Allan Suter
M4	21	Ceduna, SA	25-FEB-88	Allan Suter
M6	24	Ballina, NSW	28-SEP-90	Paul Gray
M8	31.2	eduna, SA	02-NOV-92	Allan Suter
M10	34	West Coast, SA	09-DEC-96	Tom Tierney
M24	33.8	Sawtell Headland, NSW	18-MAY-96	Tony Bourne
F4	6	Shark Bay, WA	31-DEC-94	Jayne Taylor
JM8	16	Yalata Beach, SA	05-JAN-03	Beau Williams
<b>All Tackle Length</b>				
All tackle length 117cm		Cockburn Sound, WA	25-APR-25	Lochlan Turrell
<b>Queenfish (<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>)</b>				
All tackle	14	Townsville, QLD	10-JUL-83	Andrew Mead
M1	8.5	Whitsundays, QLD	10-FEB-85	Trevor Draper
M2	9.8	Whitsundays, QLD	23-JUN-86	Malcolm Draper
M3	8.05	Dampier, WA	27-MAY-16	Toby Mason
M4	14	Townsville, QLD	10-JUL-83	Andrew Mead
M6	9.6	Bathurst Island, NT	13-JUL-88	Mark Tesseymann
M8	9.5	Freshwater Point, QLD	18-FEB-85	Brian Baldock
M10	10.4	Exmouth, WA	28-MAY-91	Wayne Barber
F1	7.4	Exmouth, WA	5-NOV-17	Nikki Sutton
F2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
F3	8.1	Groote Eylandt, NT	14-APR-01	Alexandra Sands
F4 (Tie)	10.5	Dampier, WA	14-APR-91	Bronwyn Rack

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F4 (Tie)	10.5	Whitsunday, QLD	07-JUN-87	Carol Draper
F6	9.29	Point Essington, NSW	31-AUG-72	CE Selvey
JM1	7.3	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-16	Ryley Hinchcliffe
JM2	8.5	Whitsundays, QLD	01-MAY-88	Richard Draper
JM3	9.9	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-11	Callum Horlock
JM4	9.45	Whitsundays, QLD	26-JUN-86	Richard Draper
JM6	9.6	Bathurst Island	13-JUL-88	Mark Tesseyman
JM8	9.3	Groote Eylandt, NT	12-APR-13	Lewyn McDonald
JF1	6.28	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	10.18	Weipa, QLD	17-FEB-18	Emmi Roberts
JF8	8.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	13-JUN-98	Cheree Collins
SFF1	4.58	Pt Samson, WA	26-APR-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF2	7.1	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	5.72	Pt Samson, WA	09-OCT-21	Mia Grasso
SFF4	5.2	Albatross Bay, QLD	29-OCT-16	Emmi Roberts
SFM1	4.76	Exmouth, WA	20-MAR-22	Kalvin Gates
SFM2	5.4	Dampier, WA	14-FEB-21	Max Grasso
SFM3	9.9	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-11	Callum Horlock
SFM4	7.04	Exmouth, WA	11-MAR-24	Dean Gates

#### Saltwater Fly

M2	5.6	Bare Sand Island, NT	22-MAY-02	Wayne Baldwin
M3	5.4	Quail Island, NT	07-APR-02	Wayne Baldwin
M4	5.8	Quail Island, NT	08-APR-02	Wayne Baldwin
F2	3.1	Pt Samson, WA	25-MAR-23	Chantelle Grasso
F3	3.4	Pt Samson, WA	12-APR-22	Chantelle Grasso
JM3	3.32	Pt Samson, WA	19-DEC-21	Max Grasso
JM6	6.5	Platypus Bay, QLD	21-FEB-98	Jorad Boshammer

#### All Tackle Length

All tackle length 102cm		Exmouth, WA	12-JUL-25	Ben Knaggs
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#### Land-based saltwater

M1	3.6	Exmouth Gulf, WA	17-FEB-01	Mark Hourn
M2	6.5	Exmouth, WA	26-FEB-00	Mark Hourn
M3	9	Groote Eylandt, NT	26-MAY-98	Michael Ward- Grodd
M4	11.8	Exmouth, WA	12-NOV-91	Mark Renwick
M6	13.6	Bushland Beach, QLD	12-DEC-96	Daniel R Millgate
M8	10	Willie Creek, WA	08-JUL-96	Laurie R Chadder
JF4	10	Gove Harbour, NT	13-JAN-02	Karlee Jensen
JM3	6.9	First Beach, NT	24-JAN-10	Jacob Enever
JM6	13.6	Bushland Beach, QLD	12-DEC-96	Daniel R Millgate
JM8	8.6	Gove Harbour, NT	02-FEB-03	Jordan Boyd

#### Rainbow runner (*Elagatis bipinnulatus*)

All-tackle	6.2	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-18	Jason Hornhardt
M3	6.2	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-18	Jason Hornhardt
M4	5.8	Exmouth, WA	16-AUG-91	Ken Keiley
F1	1	Lord Howe Island, NSW	12-DEC-16	Vivienne Crombie
SFM3	3.46	Dampier, WA	17-APR-18	Max Grasso

#### Sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*)

All-tackle	88.75	Lord Howe Island, NSW	11-FEB-87	Ian Bailey
M2	25.4	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-98	Phil Perry
M3	45.58	Hayman Island, QLD	03-JAN-75	Terry Russell
M4	46	Mooloolaba, QLD	25-OCT-99	Aaron Concord
M6	77.95	Exmouth, WA	11-JAN-83	Vic Rayner
M8	62.5	Hayman Island, QLD	17-NOV-90	John Hughes
M10	60	Cape Moreton, QLD	10-APR-85	Colin Vietheer
M15	83	Mooloolaba, QLD	11-OCT-92	Jefferey Ryan

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M24	88.75	Lord Howe Island, NSW	11-FEB-87	Ian Bailey
M37	54	Cairns, QLD	06-DEC-75	Des Schumann
M60	61.68	Lady Musgrave Is., QLD	29-DEC-88	N Beaver
F2	29	Dampier, WA	31-MAY-92	Bron Rack
F3	27.22	Dampier, WA	12-JUN-77	Melva Rack
F4	28	Whitsundays, QLD	12-OCT-85	Carol Draper
F6	50	Tangalooma, QLD	26-APR-76	Cynthia Edwards
F8	59	Cape Moreton, QLD	22-MAR-84	Lorrie Fay
F10	57.5	Whitsundays, QLD	04-DEC-81	Bonnie Mclean
F15	58	Whitsundays, QLD	12-AUG-85	Carol Draper
F24	78	Cairns, QLD	04-DEC-83	Bronwyn Dowson
F37	40.37	Port Moresby, PNG	21-MAR-71	R Milligan
JM3	13.4	Broome, WA	15-JUN-25	Cruz McEwan
JM4	31.5	Carter Reef, QLD	09-JAN-87	Jason Caughlan
JM6	45	Lizard Island, QLD	04-JAN-87	Jason Caughlan
JM8	49.6	Mooloolaba, QLD	8-JUL-19	Ben Massurit
JM10	36.5	Cape Moreton, QLD	24-APR-83	Wade Trass
JM15	39.2	Port Macquarie, NSW	09-JAN-94	Leon Clogg
JM24	26.5	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-04	Michael Harrington
JF3	17.66	Dampier, WA	17-JUL-20	Chloe Hornhardt
JF6	22.54	Dampier, WA	6-OCT-18	Jessica Hornhardt
JF10	29.65	Whitsundays, QLD	11-OCT-25	Jazmin Smith
SFF4	12.04	Dampier, WA	22-OCT-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF6	15.88	Dampier, WA	21-SEP-24	Mia Grasso
SFF8	15.6	Dampier, WA	26-SEP-10	Amber Cloughessy
SFF15	33.4	Exmouth, WA	25-APR-25	Neve Hallett
SFM3	15.5	Dampier, WA	25-SEP-21	Lochlan Turrell
SFM4	16	Dampier, WA	24-SEP-21	Lochlan Turrell
SFM6	17.4	Exmouth, WA	21-NOV-21	Oliver Anderson
SFM8	18.28	Exmouth, WA	20-NOV-21	Oliver Anderson
SFM10	35.4	Exmouth, WA	20-SEP-18	Lochlan Turrell
SFM15	27.95	Whitsundays, QLD	7-OCT-25	Benson Smith

#### Saltwater fly

M6	23.6	Exmouth, WA	15-OCT-13	Ben Knight
M8	30	Cairns, QLD	26-DEC-97	Alby Ziebell
M10	36.4	Exmouth, WA	08-AUG-12	Ben Knight
M15	33.3	Exmouth, WA	17-SEP-11	Aaron Rampling
JM15	18.3	Exmouth, WA	25-AUG-18	Jake Fitzgerald

#### Salmon – Australian (*kahawai*) (*Arripis spp.*)

All-tackle	6.9	Streaky Bay, SA	20-FEB-86	Sonja Coombs
M1	5.8	Fremantle, WA	7-NOV-14	Rhys Whitted
M2	5.79	Rattnest Island	26-APR-14	Brian Arnett
M3	6.8	Yallingup, WA	12-MAR-04	Mark Brown
M4	6.25	Bunker Bay, WA	14-APR-15	Tom Miller
M6	6.2	Yallingup, WA	15-MAR-98	Dean Eggleston
F1	4.87	Rattnest Island, WA	17-APR-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	4.65	Bunker Bay, WA	12-APR-15	Sahra Pitman
F3	5.45	Bunker Bay, WA	12-APR-15	Sahra Pitman
F4	5.45	Fremantle, WA	15-NOV-14	Sarah Coleman
F6	6.9	Streaky Bay, SA	20-FEB-86	Sonja Coombs
JF1	2.6	Almonta Beach, SA	21-APR-85	Deanne Potter
JF2	4.23	Bunker Bay, WA	24-APR-22	Pippa Lucas
JM2	5.62	Geographe Bay, WA	16-APR-23	Taj Richardson
JM3	5.2	Yallingup, WA	14-MAR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM4	6.11	Geographe Bay, WA	07-APR-24	Hunter Jensz
SFM1	1.79	Pambula River, NSW	24-SEP-21	Logan Walker
SFM2	2.5	Merimbula, NSW	4-FEB-23	Logan Walker
SFM3	4.3	Fremantle, WA	23-APR-17	Joyden Whom
SFF1	1.49	Merimbula, NSW	29-JAN-23	Maree Walker

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFF2	4.08	Busselton, WA	16-APR-23	Brooklyn Fee
SFF3	3.42	Geographe Bay, WA	23-APR-17	Ember Jensz
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M2	4	Port Stephens, NSW	25-OCT-97	David Stone
M3	4.31	Fremantle, WA	2-APR-16	Jonathon Weston
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	3.28	Hamelin Bay, WA	11-APR-99	Andres Paz
M2	4.54	Denmark, WA	31-MAY-03	Tom Dickerson
M3	5.4	Cape Naturaliste	31-MAR-97	Andres Paz
M4	5.8	Yeagarup Beach, WA	02-MAY-99	Darcy Walker
M4	5.8	Yeagarup Beach, WA	02-MAY-99	Steven Busby
M6	6.35	Myalup Beach, WA	15-APR-15	Tom Miller
F3	5	Yallingup, WA	14-MAR-98	Kerrie Fairbairn
JM2	3.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	13-APR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM3	5.2	Cape Naturaliste, WA	30-MAR-97	Steven Busby
JM4	5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	17-APR-98	Steven Busby
<b>Length</b>				
All-tackle	76cm	Fremantle, WA	11-JUN-17	Dylan Picken
<b>Salmon – threadfin (<i>Polyneemus spp./Eleutheronema</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	14.6	Roebuck Bay, WA	14-APR-95	Graham McPherson
M1	6.3	Port Hedland, WA	13-MAY-01	Anthony Boekhorst
M2	6.6	Bathurst Island, NT	11-JAN-88	Wayne Ross
M3	7.8	Port Hedland, WA	11-NOV-01	Brett Thompson
M4	9.6	Bathurst Island, NT	17-MAY-86	LG Brown
M6	14.6	Roebuck Bay, WA	14-APR-95	Graham McPherson
M8	10	Bathurst Island, NT	24-NOV-90	Wayne A Ross
M10	10.6	Bathurst Island, NT	04-MAY-91	Peter Taylor
F1	3.15	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Vicki Searle
F2	5.24	Karratha, WA	8-JAN-16	Vicki Searle
F3	4.8	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Talisha Cook
F4	5.4	Bathurst Island, NT	01-DEC-87	Mary-Ann Gemmell
F6	9.6	Port Hurd, NT	04-AUG-91	Dottie Wing
F8	8.8	Bathurst Island, NT	16-JUN-86	Lorrie Fay
JM2	4.3	Proserpine River, QLD	01-FEB-96	Leonard Howson
JM6	9.4	Bathurst Island, NT	26-APR-88	Christian Thiele
JF1	1.4	De Grey River, WA	29-NOV-98	Justine Boekhorst
JF3	4.8	George River, WA	07-OCT-07	Talisha Cook
JF4	10.5	Pt Hedland, WA	16-FEB-00	Justine Boekhorst
SFF3	4.08	Sampan Creek, NT	25-FEB-24	Kaitlyn Collins
SFF4	4.56	Sampan Creek, NT	12-FEB-22	Kaitlyn Collins
SFM4	4.6	Sampan Creek, NT	12-FEB-22	Lochlan Collins
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	2.8	Bathurst Island, NT	23-MAR-88	Wayne Baldwin
F3	3.4	Port Hedland, WA	08-NOV-97	Rachel Green
<b>Samsonfish (<i>Seriola hippos</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	36.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	31-JAN-93	Terry Coote
M1	7.9	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAR-10	Mathew Bell
M2	11.8	Geographe Bay, WA	21-MAR-10	Trevor Bell
M3	26.6	Geographe Bay, WA	03-SEP-05	Mathew Bell
M4	28.6	Cape Naturaliste, WA	15-OCT-00	Rusty Ellis
M6	31.5	Busselton, WA	20-MAR-86	Terry Coote
M8	29.75	Rottnest Island, WA	28-DEC-09	Rhys Whitted
M10	32.3	William Island, SA	20-SEP-13	Mathew Forrest
M15	33.9	Williams Is, SA	25-JUL-14	Mathew Forrest
M24	36.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	31-JAN-93	Terry Coote
F1	3.8	Geographe Bay, WA	17-JUN-07	Caroline Davies

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F2	6.8	Geographe Bay, WA	15-JUL-07	Caroline Davies
F3	8	Eagle Bay, WA	17-FEB-08	Caroline Davies
F4	18.4	Eagle Bay, WA	14-MAR-09	Caroline Davies
F6	19.2	Geographe Bay, WA	11-MAR-00	Robyn Fenech
F8	29.4	Geographe Bay, WA	08-JUN-02	Katarina Mikic
F10	22.8	Jurien Bay, WA	18-MAR-90	Christine Ezekiel
F15	29.9	Geographe Bay, WA	12-MAR-00	Robyn Fenech
F24	24	Rottnest Island, WA	07-DEC-00	Mia Cramer
JM4	10.12	Mandurah, WA	22-JUL-23	Lochlan Turrell
JM6	18.5	Rottnest Island, WA	07-FEB-88	Myles Blond
JM8	24.63	Rottnest Island, WA	02-MAR-03	Cody Rummer
JM10	27	Geographe Bay, WA	30-JAN-99	Stephen Pittard
JM15	16.72	Jurien Bay, WA	7-APR-24	Lochlan Turrell
JF3	4.32	Two Rocks, WA	13-AUG-21	Ellouise Pugh
JF15	27.04	Rottnest Island, WA	30-DEC-00	Maddison Cramer
JF24	24	Rottnest Island, WA	07-DEC-00	Mia Cramer
SFF2	2.4	Geographe Bay, WA	29-APR-18	Tessa Lucas
SFF4	4.4	Sugar Loaf, WA	13-APR-19	Michala Gibsone
SFM3	4.18	Mandurah, WA	27-NOV-21	Lochlan Turrell
SFM4	8.54	Mandurah, WA	27-NOV-21	Lochlan Turrell
SFM6	15	Mandurah, WA	03-JAN-17	Lochlan Turrell
SFM 8	9.65	Jurien Bay, WA	06-APR-24	Rhys Martin
SFM 10	10.73	Jurien Bay, WA	06-APR-24	Rhys Martin
<b>Length</b>				
All Tackle	120cm	Rottnest Is, WA	5-JAN-20	Damien Wham
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M6	12.07	Cape Naturaliste, WA	08-MAY-93	Norm Bedford
M10	14.5	Cape Naturaliste, WA	26-APR-96	Norm Bedford
JM8	18.1	Kalbarri, WA	19-MAY-03	Tom Miller
<b>Shark – blue (<i>Prionace glauca</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	198.2	Catherine Bay, NSW	02-OCT-76	Peter Hyde
M1	23	Munro Bight, TAS	05-MAY-85	Ashley Hallam
M2	178.5	Browns Mountain, NSW	06-SEP-13	Mathew Hudson
M3	110	Jibbon Point, NSW	02-OCT-77	Paul Caughlan
M4	115.5	Port Hacking, NSW	20-NOV-83	Denis Pearce
M6	197.6	Sydney, NSW	4-OCT-14	Phil Kean
M8	189	Botany Bay, NSW	03-NOV-85	Jayson Heyward
M10	188.4	Jervis Bay, NSW	28-NOV-11	Tim Morgan
M15	198.2	Catherine Bay, NSW	02-OCT-76	Peter Hyde
M24	188	East Newcastle, NSW	30-SEP-95	Ross Ireland
M37	189	Coles Bay, TAS	23-MAR-14	Ryan Ivory
M60	138	Hastings, VIC	04-MAR-90	Grant Dalziel
F1	32	Port MacDonnell, SA	20-APR-97	Kerry Heinicke
F2	39.4	Port MacDonnell, SA	19-JAN-97	Kerry Heinicke
F3	95	Port MacDonnell, SA	17-APR-99	Kerry Heinicke
F4	161.6	Browns Mountain, NSW	01-OCT-12	Karen Wright
F6	184.4	Sydney, NSW	11-APR-04	Karen Thomson
F8	149	Kiama, NSW	20-NOV-99	Virginia Way
F10	142	Swansea, NSW	08-SEP-84	Leanne Gieves
F15	186.4	Wollongong, NSW	15-SEP-07	Nicole Salmon-Seivers
F24	118	Port Hacking, NSW	03-NOV-85	Agnes Ledingham
JM3	15.2	Ohara Bluff, TAS	11-JAN-97	Justin Myers
JM4	64	Marley, NSW	18-DEC-83	Craig Caughlan
JM6	141.2	Sydney, NSW	5-OCT-14	Riley Page
JM8	189	Botany Bay, NSW	03-NOV-85	Jayson Heyward



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM10	144	Swansea, NSW	03-OCT-87	Michael Jones
JM15	172	Swansea, NSW	30-SEP-90	Simon Reynolds
JM24	122	Batemans Bay East, NSW	21-APR-96	Ashley Wallis
JM37	98.8	Batemans Bay, NSW	16-JUL-11	Joshua Hay
JF8	127.5	Kiama, NSW	22-SEPT-19	Amanda Lamond
JF15	168.5	Sydney, NSW	1-OCT-18	Makaira Wright
SFM6	124.5	Browns Mountain, NSW	11-AUG-13	Max Cullen
SFM8	129.5	Sydney, NSW	17-JUL-16	Daniel O'Neill
SFM10	156.5	Kiama, NSW	20-OCT-19	Jye McDonough
SFM15	135.5	Kiama, NSW	31-JUL-16	Jackson Smith
SFF8	38.2	Portland, VIC	29-APR-11	Zarli Sanders
SFF10	172.3	Kiama Canyons, NSW	15-SEP-12	Tayla Killmore

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M6	50	Port Hacking, NSW	20-SEP-92	Jason Caughlan
M8	27.45	Middle Ground, TAS	17-MAR-97	Scott Minehan

#### Shark – gummy (*Mustelus antarcticus*)

All-tackle	33	Black Point, SA	05-OCT-02	Tim Marsh
M1	11	Port Augusta, SA	18-OCT-09	Adam Todd
M2	10.5	Manns Beach, VIC	14-FEB-23	Steve Marland
M3	22.2	Marion Bay, SA	2-OCT-21	Cody Snadden
M4	32.2	Woodside, VIC	11-NOV-23	Steve Marland
M6	33	Black Point, SA	05-OCT-02	Tim Marsh
M8	23	Wilson's Prom, VIC	28-NOV-87	William Stroker
M10	28.5	McLaughlins Beach, VIC	24-MAR-91	Jeff Trembath
M15	30.8	McLaughlins Beach, VIC	15-NOV-92	Neale Blunden
F4	30.28	Pt MacDonnell, SA	7-OCT-17	Tracey Tito
F6	21.4	Marion Bay, SA	9-APR-23	Jenny Snadden
F10	25	Port Welshpool, VIC	27-NOV-00	Alicia Hermens
JM2	10.4	Mandurah, WA	16-JUN-25	Lochlan Turrell
JM4	8.7	Woodside Beach, VIC	5-JAN-25	Troy Marland
JM6	12.08	Port MacDonnell, SA	07-MAY-12	Mark Tiller
JM8	18.6	Wilson's Prom, VIC	9-JAN-23	Josh Newstead
JM10	29.5	Wilson's Prom, VIC	4-NOV-22	Josh Newstead
JF10	25	Port Welshpool, VIC	27-NOV-00	Alicia Hermens

#### Shark – hammerhead (*Sphyrna spp.*)

All-tackle	358	Port Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-99	Tony Eastwood
M1	8	Whitsundays, QLD	04-JAN-85	Paul Oates
M2	19	Curragong, NSW	04-JAN-92	Ted Dixon
M3	23	Victor Harbour, SA	03-JAN-13	John Marsh
M4	154.8	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-13	Kade Ross
M6	134.5	Redhead, NSW	28-JAN-80	Neil Williamson
M8	153.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-13	Ryan Turner
M10	184	Botany Bay, NSW	29-JAN-84	Barry Yates
M15	358	Port Stephens, NSW	28-FEB-99	Tony Eastwood
M24	236	Port Stephens, NSW	26-JUL-85	Kevin Burbridge
M37	239.49	Cronulla, NSW	26-MAR-61	G Barter
M60	256.28	Bermagui, NSW	26-JAN-36	JE Moorardt
F2	17	Whitsundays, QLD	16-FEB-86	Teena Draper
F3	28.8	Cape Bailey, NSW	21-FEB-71	Suzi Lipanovich
F4	12.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	04-JAN-04	Bree Irlam
F6	69	Port Stephens, NSW	08-MAR-79	Aileen Malone
F8	83	Bermagui, NSW	10-FEB-01	Sharon Male
F10	189	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-84	Monique Eady
F15	185	Bermagui, NSW	21-JAN-84	Stephenie Newman
F24	224.53	Long Reef, NSW	30-JAN-71	Helen Gillis
F37	169.19	The Peak, NSW	30-DEC-71	M Reid
F60	170.09	Sydney, NSW	01-DEC-54	G Forrester

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JM1	8	Whitsundays, QLD	04-JAN-85	Paul Oates
JM6	97	Catherine Hill Bay, NSW	18-DEC-84	Paul Hogg
JM8	90	Port Hacking, NSW	22-DEC-85	Peter Childs
JM10	27.2	Ulladulla, NSW	26-MAY-90	Dalanda Proudfoot
JM15	220	Bermagui, NSW	09-MAR-85	Ashley Hall
JM24	160	Bermagui, NSW	03-JAN-89	Aaron Back
JF4	12.6	Jervis Bay, NSW	04-JAN-04	Bree Irlam
JF8	44.48	Dampier, WA	10-MAR-18	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF6	72.35	Pt Samson, WA	9-MAR-24	Mia Grasso
SFM37	91.9	Rockingham, WA	3-JAN-22	Lochlan Turrell

#### Shark – mako (*Isurus spp.*)

All-tackle	467	Port Stephens, NSW	23-FEB-91	Richard Rasmussen
M1	5.6	Cape Naturaliste, WA	02-MAR-84	Adrian Pike
M2	27.48	Pt MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-24	Kevin McLoughlin
M3	155.13	Port Hacking, NSW	22-SEP-74	Norman R Smith
M4	195.7	Portland, VIC	5-FEB-17	Shane Sanders
M6	296	Port Hacking, NSW	07-OCT-96	Jason Caughlan
M8	317.5	East Botany Bay, NSW	31-OCT-93	Mark Johnston
M10	329	Wybung Head, NSW	25-NOV-79	Neil Williamson
M15	443.5	Botany Bay, NSW	04-NOV-95	Andrew Nasr
M24	467	Port Stephens, NSW	23-FEB-91	Richard Rasmussen
M37	428.1	Sydney, NSW	28-NOV-76	Joe Remeteau
M60	388.2	Newcastle, NSW	12-MAY-21	Mitchell Hyde
F3	52.16	Botany Bay, NSW	27-OCT-74	Dulcie Chee
F6	147.8	Sydney, NSW	20-SEP-14	Pascale Paton
F8	185.8	Ulladulla Canyons, NSW	29-NOV-09	Krystal Wietecki
F10	181	Port Stephens, NSW	03-MAR-90	Cheryl Adams
F15	321	Port Hacking, NSW	3-May-25	Amanda Lamond
F24	327.2	Port Macquarie, NSW	6-JUN-20	Tara Rowe
F37	366	Bermagui, NSW	01-FEB-85	Odile Gall
F60	194.3	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	29-JAN-22	Molly Curtain
JM4	55	Central Coast, NSW	24-JUL-20	Oska Davis
JM6	97	Sydney, NSW	14-MAY-16	Oska Davis
JM10	214	Port Stephens, NSW	28-MAR-93	Chad Nelson
JM15	324.8	Broken Bay, NSW	23-JAN-11	John Paton
JM24	285.5	Barren joey Head, NSW	17-MAR-01	Evan Dunn
JM37	212	Jervis Bay, NSW	29-AUG-07	Beau Taylor
JM60	214	Port Hacking, NSW	04-MAY-86	Peter Childs
JF6	118.1	Kiama Canyons, NSW	07-NOV-09	Rhiannon Halling
JF8	185.8	Ulladulla Canyons, NSW	29-NOV-09	Krystal Wieteck
JF10	81.9	Portland, VIC	11-DEC-16	Zarli Sanders
JF15	300	Shell Harbour, NSW	7-OCT-19	Amanda Lamond
JF24	139	St Helens, TAS	16-JAN-16	Chloe Hammersley
JF37	163	St. Helens, TAS	14-FEB-21	Sarah Donovan
JF60	253.5	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	8-FEB-25	Shanae Dance
SFF6	118.1	Kiama Canyons, NSW	07-NOV-09	Rhiannon Halling
SFF8	58.5	Warrnambool, VIC	20-APR-19	Chloe Dance
SFF10	45	St Helens, TAS	15-APR-17	Sarah Donovan
SFF15	97	St. Helens, TAS	28-DEC-13	Zara Nelson
SFM8	112.4	Browns Mountain, NSW	27-JUN-04	Adam Danekert
SFM10	105.6	Sydney, NSW	14-JUL-13	Spencer Hoye
SFM15	231.8	St Helens, TAS	5-JAN-19	Lincoln Philpott
SFM24	162.6	St Helens, TAS	4-JAN-25	Spencer Cashion
SFM37	127.4	St Helens, TAS	07-MAR-21	Noah Martin
M10	27.1	Devonport, TAS	22-MAR-09	Craig Rist

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M15	51.7	Devonport, TAS	10-JAN-09	Craig Rist
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<b>Shark – porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	93.2	Pirates Bay, TAS	6-JUN-15	Leo E Miller
M24	64.5	Merimbula, NSW	16-JUL-92	Bruce Ibbis
M37	93.2	Pirates Bay, TAS	6-JUN-15	Leo E Miller
<b>Shark – thresher (<i>Alopius spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	248.2	Bermagui, NSW	26-MAY-24	Judy Sillis
M4	72	Dutton Bay, King Is., SA	17-MAR-99	George Florentzou
M6	89.4	Kilcunda, VIC	04-DEC-97	Russell Taylor
M8	84	Boat Harbour, NSW	09-JUL-94	Robert Gleghorn
M10	88.5	Kilcunda, VIC	04-JAN-97	Peter Svilar
M15	186	Pt Hacking, NSW	18-SEP-16	George Vekiarellis
M24	182	Port Hacking, NSW	01-OCT-94	Michael Durkin
M37	227.25	Port Stephens, NSW	27-MAR-67	Barry Caldwell
M60	195	St Helens, TAS	17-APR-25	Darron Bakes
F8	47	Cape Woolamai, VIC	26-FEB-95	Christine Grech
F10	93.4	Coffs Harbour, NSW	03-AUG-13	Julie Elvery
F15	56.6	Seal Rocks, VIC	15-APR-17	Rebecca Robertson
F24	144	Bermagui, NSW	25-APR-96	Pamela Willmott
F37	91.5	St. Helens, TAS	14-MAR-14	Melissa Nelson
F60	248.2	Bermagui, NSW	26-MAY-24	Judy Sillis
JM8	64	San Remo, VIC	17-FEB-96	Dane Newman
JM10	55	Western Port, VIC	11-MAR-95	Dane Newman
JM15	151.4	Sydney, NSW	9-AUG-14	Reece Cokun
JM24	60.3	Rowley Shoals, WA	30-SEPT-21	Keagan Horak
SFM15	151.4	Sydney, NSW	9-AUG-14	Reece Cokun
<b>Shark – tiger (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	694.5	Swansea, NSW	24-MAY-08	Jason Hewitt
M1	84.05	Dampier, WA	22-MAY-17	Brenton Cartledge
M2	106.3	Dampier, WA	22-MAY-17	Justin leech
M3	238.4	Exmouth, WA	23-MAR-17	Ryan Turner
M4	192.05	Dampier, WA	29-JUN-17	Toby Mason
M6	168.5	Swansea, NSW	03-JAN-99	Chris Vegh
M8	416.1	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-17	Jason Hornhardt
M10 (Tie)	411.5	Swansea, NSW	22-NOV-81	Gary Hoff
M10 (Tie)	412	Broughton Island, NSW	07-JUN-86	Mike Volkens
M15	625.5	Swansea, NSW	26-JAN-16	Joel Nancarrow
M24	579.5	Swansea, N SW	01-JUN-96	Trent Visscher
M37	626	Swansea, NSW	12-DEC-20	James Devereaux
M60	694.5	Swansea, NSW	24-MAY-08	Jason Hewitt
F1	57.05	Dampier, WA	28-JUL-18	Tameeka Dodd
F2	7.7	Shute Harbour, QLD	11-MAY-87	Tracy Hallan
F4	129.7	Exmouth, WA	20-FEB-21	Briana Ballard
F6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt
F10	194	Broken Bay, NSW	15-MAR-97	Sharon Hegner
F15	548	lake Macquarie, NSW	16-APR-89	Leanne Griesves
F24	476	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-86	Robyn Spruce
F37	532.06	Cronulla, NSW	24-MAR-63	June Turnbull
F60	596.02	Cape Moreton, QLD	27-JUL-53	Dolly Dyer
JM8	102	Swansea, NSW	10-SEP-88	Trent Visscher
JM10	282	Stanwell Canyons, NSW	27-APR-13	Samuel Barning
JM15	481	Drum Canyons, NSW	23-MAR-25	Braith Finney
JM24	439.8	Port Macquarie, NSW	13-JAN-95	William Pritchard
JM37	469	Lake Macquarie, NSW	1-OCT-18	James Dunn
JM60	403.5	Nottle Canyon, NSW	8-OCT-25	Braith Finney
JF3	110.2	Karratha, WA	24-APR-18	Chloe Hornhardt
JF4	114.8	Karratha, WA	24-APR-18	Chloe Hornhardt

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JF6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	162.5	Dampier, WA	05-JUL-21	Chloe Hornhardt
JF15	221.5	Swansea, NSW	16-SEPT-23	Tahlie Carr
JF24	359.75	Dampier, WA	25-OCT-15	Mikayla Iannary
JF60	403.4	Newcastle, NSW	24-APR-21	Aliyana Pratt
SFF6	75.1	Karratha, WA	8-MAY-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF15	74.2	Karratha, WA	24-APR-18	Jessica Hornhardt
SFM3	17.06	Mandurah, WA	28-APR-19	lochlan Turrell
SFM15	314	Sydney, NSW	5-OCT-19	Jayden Millaro
SFM24	142.4	Exmouth, WA	13-APR-21	Kalvin Gates
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M6	19.4	Exmouth, WA	16-OCT-05	Mark Hourn
M60	156.2	Woodgate, QLD	27-NOV-05	James Harmon
<b>Shark – whaler (<i>Carcharinus spp.</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	378	Port Stephens, NSW	29-MAR-86	Peter Bergsma
M1	7.7	Port Lincoln, SA	18-FEB-86	Desmond Woolford
M2	28.15	Groote Eylandt, NT	12-MAY-01	David Rossl
M3	45.5	Moreton Bay, QLD	29-MAR-03	Gordon MacDonald
M4	65	Port Hacking, NSW	07-DEC-85	Geoff Childs
M6	126.55	Seal Rocks, NSW	04-MAR-73	John Toohey
M8	185	St Kilda, SA	07-NOV-09	Bradley Smith
M10	199	Port Stephens, NSW	12-JUN-88	Peter Noakes
M15	346	Port Stephens, NSW	26-FEB-94	Bryce Henderson
M24	334.3	Cape Moreton, QLD	17-JUL-54	JB Wallace jnr
M37	324	Swansea, NSW	4-FEB-23	Billy-Jai Lawrence
M60	378	Port Stephens, NSW	29-MAR-86	Peter Bergsma
F1	5.2	Lord Howe Island, NSW	23-APR-17	Vivienne Crombie
F2	13.5	Dunk Island, QLD	25-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F3	30.16	Grose Island, NT	30-JAN-77	Judy Jenkins
F4	22	Bromby Inlet, NT	03-NOV-03	Debbie Gregory
F6	71.6	Broken Bay, NSW	4-FEB-18	Janet West
F8	71.5	Port Stephens, NSW	04-MAR-90	Louise Munce
F10	156	Greenwell Point, NSW	31-MAY-86	Robyn Sharland
F15	250	Port Stephens, NSW	31-MAR-91	Leanne Miles
F24	334	Port Stephens, NSW	27-FEB-85	Tracy Chapman
F37	268.98	Port Stephens, NSW	09-MAR-60	Mrs lender
F60	242.67	Sydney, NSW	09-FEB-53	Dolly Dyer
JM1	6.76	Dampier, WA	26-APR-24	Max Grasso
JM2	10.6	Darwin Harbour, NT	07-DEC-98	Craig John ston
JM3	17.1	Dampier, WA	29-DEC-22	Max Grasso
JM6	78	Port Hacking, NSW	07-DEC-85	Peter Childs
JM8	107	Swansea, NSW	14-OCT-84	Mitchel Spruce
JM10	83.5	Port Macquarie, NSW	29-JAN-94	William Pritchard
JM15	268.6	long Reef, NSW	12-FEB-95	Evan Reitano
JM24	323.6	Port Macquarie, NSW	17-JAN-87	Robert Mackay
JM37	197.6	Nottle Canyon, NSW	4-OCT-25	Braith Finney
JF1	3.9	Dampier, WA	24-APR-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF2	6.66	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt
JF3	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	23-SEP-01	Cheree Collins
JF4	13.65	Dampier, WA	08-JAN-06	Talisha Cook
JF6	34.96	Dampier, WA	14-JUL-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	18	Lord Howe Island, NSW	13-JAN-17	Makira Wright
JF10	23	Elizabeth Reef, NSW	11-JAN-17	Makira Wright
JF15	88.5	Botany Bay East, NSW	20-JUL-13	Shantelle Ayad
SFM2	5.86	Dampier, WA	4-FEB-18	Max Grasso
SFM3	17.1	Exmouth, WA	07-JAN-21	Max Grasso



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SFM4	21.04	Dampier, WA	28-OCT-17	Max Grasso
SFM6	18.64	Pt Samson, WA	26-DEC-19	Max Grasso
SFF1	6.68	Dampier, WA	31-MAR-24	Mia Grasso
SFF2	9.06	Dampier, WA	5-NOV-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	8.84	Dampier, WA	20-FEB-22	Mia Grasso
SFF6	19.6	Groote Eylandt, NT	3-OCT-10	Hannah McConachy
Saltwater fly				
M6	14	Lord Howe Island, NSW	13-JAN-17	Miran Lindtner
Land-based saltwater				
M1	4.5	Belmore River, NSW	26-JAN-01	Wayne Colling
M2	4.3	Belmore River, NSW	15-JAN-01	Wayne Colling
M4	24.5	Exmouth, WA	28-NOV-03	Timothy Fuller
M6	33.1	Exmouth, WA	15-JUN-03	Brendan Hourn
M10	50.8	Woodgate Beach, QLD	13-AUG-97	Douglas Mizzi
M15	62.3	Aylangula Wharf, NT	29-MAY-01	David Rossi
M24	195	Elizabeth Beach, NSW	05-APR-14	Geoffrey McEwan
M37	248	Tathra, NSW	10-JAN-97	Douglas Mizzi
M60	160	Blacksmith Beach, NSW	15-DEC-18	Geoffrey McEwan
F1	3.91	Brisbane River, QLD	01-JAN-97	Kim Bain
F2	4.62	Brisbane River, QLD	05-JAN-97	Kim Bain
F6	25.4	Exmouth, WA	15-NOV-04	Bretteny R Fuller
F10	29.8	Exmouth, WA	21-MAY-04	Tina Fuller
JM6	33.1	Exmouth, WA	15-JUN-03	Brendan Hourn
JM8	31.1	Exmouth, WA	22-NOV-03	Brendan Hourn
JM10	38.3	Exmouth, WA	12-JAN-02	Brendan Hourn
JF37	93	Seal Rocks, NSW	16-Apr-22	Chloe McEwan
Snapper ( <i>Chrysophrys auratus</i> )				
All-tackle	16.2	Cockburn Sound, WA	27-OCT-00	Louis Rummer
M1	8.3	Port Lincoln, SA	09-MAY-87	Des Woolford
M2	11.6	Port Lincoln, SA	26-MAY-88	Des Woolford
M3	13.6	Geographe Bay, WA	13-APR-03	Trevor Bell
M4	14.2	Cape Naturaliste, WA	20-SEP-98	Mark Brown
M6	16.2	Cockburn Sound, WA	27-OCT-00	Louis Rummer
M8	12.88	Mindarie Keys, WA	17-AUG-96	Graham D Nottle
M10	13.5	Port Lincoln, SA	23-AUG-89	lee Piekarsk
F1	5	Kangaroo Island, SA	08-MAR-88	Anne Whillas
F2	5	St Kilda, SA	29-MAR-15	lee Van Soest
F3	8.76	Two Rocks, WA	19-SEP-21	Andea Pugh
F4	8.5	Port Neil, SA	24-MAR-91	Margaret Coad
F6 (Tie)	7.4	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-MAR-96	Junee Brookes
F6 (Tie)	7.4	Black Point, SA	08-DEC-06	Kate Hutson
F8	9.2	Ceduna, SA	08-FEB-87	Deborah Richter
JM1	8.2	Port Lincoln, SA	24-MAY-88	Damian Woolford
JM2	6.8	Cape Jervis, SA	22-MAY-85	Tim Forster
JM3	5.36	Cape Moreton, QLD	15-SEP-96	Ian Brookes
JM4	9.2	Port Lincoln, SA	24-SEP-88	Gary Blayney
JM6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks
JF3	5.47	Two Rocks, WA	22-JAN-22	Ellouise Pugh
SFM2	4.84	Mandurah, WA	8-SEP-19	lochlan Turrell
SFM3	8.22	Mandurah, WA	25-APR-18	Lochlan Turrell
SFM4	7.46	Mandurah, WA	8-OCT-20	Lochlan Turrell
SFM6	11.12	Bunbury, WA	24-APR-18	Max Grasso
SFM8	9.44	Bunbury, WA	24-APR-18	Max Grasso
SFF3	7.88	Mandurah, WA	22-APR-23	Jasmin Turrell
SFF4	5.8	Port Welshpool, VIC	9-DEC-22	Ruby Marland

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFF6	9.9	Sugar loaf, WA	13-APR-19	Michala Gibsone
Length				
All-tackle	87cm	Jurien Bay, WA	16-APR-23	Joshua Went
Land-based saltwater				
M1	6.15	Shark Bay, WA	6-MAR-18	Tom Miller
M3	7.4	Shark Bay, WA	20-AUG-19	Tom Miller
M4	5.7	Shark Bay, WA	8-FEB-18	Tom Miller
M6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks
JM6	9.5	Port Lincoln, SA	26-AUG-89	Darren Franks
F1	5.15	Shark Bay, WA	14-NOV-19	Sahra Miller
F2	4.95	Shark Bay, WA	14-NOV-19	Sahra Miller
F3	4.65	Shark Bay, WA	13-NOV-19	Sahra Miller
Saltwater fly				
M2	2.69	Geographe Bay, WA	18-JUN-23	Matthys Solomon
Spangled emperor ( <i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i> )				
All-tackle	6.25	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
M1	3.3	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Clinton Damians
M2	4.4	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Travis Brinkhuis
M3	3.8	Exmouth, WA	14-MAR-04	Clinton John Damian
M6	6.25	Mooloolaba, QLD	27-FEB-97	Peter Bain
F1	2.73	Exmouth, WA	27-DEC-19	Anna Passmore
F2 (Tie)	3.2	Exmouth, WA	09-MAR-08	Jan Prince
F2 (Tie)	3.2	Lord Howe Island	22-DEC-13	Vivienne Crombie
F3	4.44	Exmouth, WA	21-MAR-25	Lorena Hrbut
F4	4.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Shanae Cook
JM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	14-AUG-11	Jackson Tatham
JM2	4	Exmouth, WA	10-JUL-96	Clinton John Damian
JM3	3.3	Murion Islands, WA	11-MAR-03	Brendan Hourn
JF1	3.50	Exmouth, WA	17-MAR-20	Jesse Sutton
JF2	3.9	Exmouth, WA	18-OCT-25	Neve Hallatt
JF4	4.2	Exmouth, WA	12-MAR-12	Shanae Cook
SFF1	1.1	Exmouth, WA	6-APR-14	Jesse Sutton
SFF2	2.16	Dampier, WA	13-NOV-16	Jessica Hornhardt
SFM1	2.24	Exmouth, WA	21-MAR-23	Luke Mounsey
SFM2	2.66	Exmouth, WA	5-SEP-21	Kalvin Gates
Spearfish - Shortbill ( <i>Tetrapturus angustirostris</i> )				
All-tackle	33.5	Sydney, NSW	17-MAY-97	Frank Farrugia
M10	27	Sydney, NSW	04-JUL-02	Bob Jones
M15	33.4	Bermagui, NSW	15-MAY-11	Josh Smith
M24	33.5	Sydney, NSW	17-MAY-97	Frank Farrugia
F8	15	Tweed Canyons, NSW	15-JAN-11	Alisa Schofield
F10	29	Port Stephens, NSW	01-MAR-84	Sharon Parkins
F15	21.5	Norah Head Canyons, NSW	02-FEB-08	Brianna Fish
F24	32.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	13-MAR-16	Emma Turner
JM10	26.5	Port Stephens, NSW	24-FEB-02	Fabio Farallo Jnr
JM15	19.3	Batemans Bay, NSW	17-JAN-15	Jakob Murphy
JM24	30.5	Pt Stephens, NSW	15-FEB-15	Luke Ashman
JF15	25.9	Port Stephens, NSW	22-FEB-20	Mia Wright
Tailor ( <i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i> )				
All-tackle	6.5	Kalbarri, WA	19-OCT-97	Greg McDougal
M1	2	Kalbarri, WA	13-OCT-00	Laurie Malton
M2	4.3	Kalbarri, WA	27-DEC-00	Laurie Malton
M3	4.5	Kalbarri, WA	06-NOV-01	Laurie Malton
M4	6.5	Kalbarri, WA	19-OCT-97	Greg McDougal



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F2	2.9	Kalbarri, WA	13-OCT-00	Suzanne Malton
JM1	2.4	Kalbarri, WA	12-NOV-00	Ben Malton
JM3	3.4	Kalbarri, WA	14-OCT-01	Ben Malton
JF2	4.1	Kalbarri, WA	12-OCT-00	Rebecca Malton

#### Land-based saltwater

M1	4.25	Shark Bay, WA	30-MAR-20	Tom Miller
M2	4.88	Shark Bay, WA	31-MAR-20	Tom Miller
F3	4.05	Shark Bay, WA	3-DEC-17	Sahra Pitman

#### Tope (*Galeorhinus galeus*)

All-tackle	30.56	Port MacDonnell, SA	28-AUG-17	Bernadette Pedlar
M1	18.28	Pt MacDonnell, SA	3-MAY-25	Marcus Pearson
M2	28.12	Port MacDonnell, SA	2-MAY-21	Kevin McDoughlin
M3	26.58	Port MacDonnell, SA	21-MAY-16	Marcus Pearson
M4	29.34	Port MacDonnell, SA	8-JUL-24	Linton Badman
M6	28.02	Port MacDonnell, SA	7-AUG-22	Linton Badman
M8	30.415	Port MacDonnell, SA	16-SEP-15	Roger Munn
M10	22.4	Cape Schank, VIC	9-JAN-16	Richard Greven
M15	30	Port Welshpool, VIC	19-NOV-89	Trevor Porter
F3	14.3	Kangaroo Island, SA	10-JUN-17	Lee Van Soest
F4	11.3	Kangaroo Island, SA	10-JUN-17	Lee Van Soest
F6	20	Cabbage Patch, SA	30-MAR-24	Jenny Snadden
F8	16.4	Nullarbor, SA	22-JUN-86	Deborah Richter
F15	30.56	Port MacDonnell, SA	28-AUG-17	Bernadette Pedlar
JM6	13.8	Coles Point, SA	28-JUN-25	Charlie Hodgens
JM8	22.25	New Haven, VIC	11-JUN-12	Brayden Richardson

#### Land-based saltwater

M3	25.5	Kangaroo Island, SA	6-AUG-21	Paul Williams
M4	19.6	Kangaroo Island, SA	01-MAR-04	Adam Todd
M6	21.5	Kangaroo Island, SA	6-AUG-23	Paul Williams
M8	23	Kangaroo Island, SA	8-AUG-23	Paul Williams

#### Trevally – bigeye (*Caranx sexfasciatus*)

All-tackle	8.5	Darwin, NT	29-SEP-71	Brian Cuttler
M1	2.54	Dampier, WA	21-AUG-17	Ryan Turner
M2	2.7	Exmouth, WA	13-AUG-93	Steven Pitman
M3(Tie)	8.5	Darwin, NT	29-SEP-71	Brian Cuttler
M3 (Tie)	8.5	Port Essington, NT	31-AUG-72	CH Selvey
F1	2.2	Exmouth, WA	03-NOV-96	Jan Prince
F2	4.3	Exmouth, WA	18-MAR-04	Jan Prince
F3	7.93	Darwin, NT	13-APR-74	Enid Selvey
JM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	28-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM1	1.1	Dampier, WA	28-MAY-11	Jackson Tatham
SFF2	2.58	Dampier, WA	5-NOV-17	Jessica Hornhardt

#### Land-based saltwater

M1	1.2	Shark Bay, WA	22-AUG-19	Tom Miller
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#### Trevally – brassy (*Caranx papuensis*)

All-tackle	13.76	Pt Samson, WA	24-OCT-21	Max Grasso
M3	6.85	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-21	Nick Horlock
M4	9.1	Shark Bay, WA	6-MAR-19	Tom Miller
M6	9.56	Dampier, WA	25-MAY-19	Michael Grasso
M8	9.25	Pt Samson, WA	30-JAN-23	Mick Grasso
F3	7.04	Nickol Bay, WA	16-JUN-22	Tameeka Dodd
JM3	4.36	Exmouth, WA	17-MAR-25	Kalvin Gates
JM6	8.8	Pt Samson, WA	12-AUG-24	Max Grasso
JM8	13.76	Pt Samson, WA	24-OCT-21	Max Grasso
SFM3	3.84	Pt Samson, WA	14-DEC-19	Max Grasso

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
SFM4	6.08	Dampier, WA	29-MAR-20	Max Grasso
SFM6	8.1	Dampier, WA	13-MAR-21	Max Grasso
SFMB	10.36	Pt Samson, WA	15-AUG-20	Max Grasso
SFF6	9.98	Pt Samson, WA	12-AUG-24	Mia Grasso
SFF8	8.3	Pt Samson, WA	12-AUG-24	Mia Grasso

#### Trevally – giant (*Caranx ignobilis*)

All-tackle	39.5	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-89	Colin Barron
M1	4	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Rowan Smith
M2	8	Exmouth, WA	01-NOV-96	Ross Gardam
M3	16	Dampier, WA	25-MAR-16	Scott Sharpe
M4	13.8	Russell Heads, QLD	11-JUL-86	Eric Fisher
M6	30.2	Montebello Islands, WA	04-JUL-81	Warren Cornelius
M8	39.5	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-89	Colin Barron
M10	34.6	Exmouth, WA	15-NOV-80	Don Clemkey
M15	36.3	Wreck Reefs, QLD	17-OCT-89	Kim Anderson
M24	37.6	Exmouth, WA	06-AUG-81	Ray Neville
F1	2.2	Port Hedland, QA	14-APR-01	Rachael Green
F2 (Tie)	2.8	Quail Island, NT	04-NOV-90	Margot Patricks
F2 (Tie)	2.8	Dampier, WA	01-NOV-08	Vicki Searle
F3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-03	Bridgette Wright
F4	14.5	Exmouth, WA	05-MAR-94	Belinda Barrow
F6	21.8	Port Hedland, WA	07-NOV-93	Wendy Brown
F8	16	Dunk Island, QLD	27-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F10	27	Dampier, WA	12-NOV-78	Melva Rack
F15	22.4	Whitsundays, QLD	03-OCT-00	Elva Patterson
JF1	1.98	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-03	Bridgette Wright
JM1	1.4	Exmouth, WA	22-MAR-11	Wade Clark
JM2	6	Dampier, WA	30-JUL-16	Toby Mason
JM4	13.8	Russell Heads, QLD	11-JUL-86	Eric Fisher
JM6	23	Whitsundays, QLD	29-JUN-86	Warren Nagan
JM8	30.64	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
JM10	26	Dampier, WA	22-FEB-88	Joshua Gushart
JM15	18.35	Whitsundays, QLD	01-OCT-86	Warren Nagan
SFM2	2.15	Whitsundays, QLD	17-AUG-08	Oscar Jensen
SFMB	30.64	Mackay, QLD	9-DEC-16	Ryan Meads
SFM10	14.8	Cairns, QLD	26-SEP-13	Jet Edwards
SFF3	14.1	South Murion Island, WA	20-SEP-02	Bridgette Wright

#### Saltwater fly

M1	1.26	Dampier, WA	16-AUG-24	Craig Williams
M2	2.92	Dampier, WA	25-OCT-24	Craig Williams
M4	4.4	Groote Eylandt, NT	03-JAN-89	Alan Philliskirk
M6	7.5	Grose Island, NT	12-NOV-83	Col Roberts
M8	9.16	Pt Samson, WA	04-MAY-24	Craig Williams
M10	23.25	Montebello Islands, WA	26-OCT-95	Rick Huckstepp

#### Land-based saltwater

M1	1.7	Groote Eylandt, NT	22-JUL-98	Michael Waiard-Grodd
M2	2.9	Exmouth, WA	25-JUN-03	Daniel Hudson
M3	3.2	Exmouth, WA	02-DEC-95	John Clark
M6	7.8	Groote Eylandt, NT	07-MAY-99	David Rossi
M8	18.1	Exmouth, WA	09-JUN-03	Daniel Hudson
M10	13.1	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-13	Mark Hourm

#### Trevally – golden (*Gnathanodon speciosus*)

All-tackle	14.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	John Constantine
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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M1	10.6	Exmouth, WA	05-NOV-01	Ray Gansberg
M2	10.2	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-20	Matt Gates
M3	9.8	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-14	Jack Clarke
M4	12.6	Exmouth, WA	23-JAN-92	Steve Pitman
M6	12.25	Port Hedland, WA	07-AUG-96	Graeme Morris
M8	14.1	Exmouth, WA	04-NOV-94	John Constantine
M10	11.3	Exmouth, WA	08-NOV-95	Des Ryan
F1	9.6	Exmouth Gulf, WA	05-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F2	9	Exmouth, WA	5-NOV-17	Nikki Sutton
F3	9.7	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	TaylaAnne Clatworthy
F4	10.3	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-11	Nikki Murray
F6	12.25	Shark Bay, WA	21-JUL-19	Sahra Pitman
F8	13.1	Exmouth Gulf, WA	02-NOV-99	Carol Anne Bickford
F10	10.4	Exmouth, WA	22-OCT-97	Marie Pittock
JM1	6.8	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-14	Jackson Tatham
JM2	6.8	Exmouth, WA	27-JUL-98	Clinton Damien
JM3	9.8	Dampier, WA	1-AUG-14	Jack Clarke
JM4	10.4	Exmouth, WA	09-NOV-91	Grant Gregory
JM6	9	Dampier, WA	16-SEP-17	Ethan Moyle
JM8	11.5	Dampier, WA	07-AUG-89	Brendon Billett
JF1	7.8	Exmouth, WA	9-MAY-15	Jesse Sutton
JF2	8.25	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-21	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	9.7	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-09	Tayla-Anne Clatworthy
JF4	7.86	Dampier, WA	5-AUG-18	Chloe Hornhardt
JF6	9.7	Exmouth, WA	19-JAN-10	Tayla-Anne Clatworthy
SFM1	6.8	Dampier, WA	07-JUL-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM2	8.56	Exmouth, WA	13-MAR-22	Kalvin Gates
SFM3	8.32	Dampier, WA	28-AUG-20	Max Grasso
SFM4	8.30	Dampier, WA	13-AUG-20	Max Grasso
SFM6	9.04	Dampier, WA	25-MAY-19	Max Grasso
SFF1	7.8	Exmouth, WA	9-MAY-15	Jesse Sutton
SFF2	6.34	Exmouth, WA	19-MAR-25	Neve Hallatt
SFF3	7.52	Dampier, WA	24-JAN-18	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF4	7.2	Exmouth, WA	11-APR-15	Jesse Sutton
SFF6	6.5	Pt Samson, WA	29-JAN-23	Mia Grasso
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M1	6.3	Whitsundays, QLD	12-JUL-08	Adrian O'Dea
M2	2.28	Dampier, WA	24-OCT-24	Craig William
M4	7.3	Arnhem Land, NT	23-OCT-97	Raffi Manjikian
M6	7.4	Pt Samson, WA	20-DEC-22	Mick Grasso
M8	10	Broome, WA	18-JUL-98	Col Roberts
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	3.8	Groote Eylandt, Nt	22-JUL-98	Michael Ward-Grodd
M2	3.45	Shark Bay, WA	22-AUG-19	Tom Miller
M3	4.3	Exmouth, WA	30-APR-06	Mark Hourm
M4	6.9	Alyangula Wharf, NT	01-AUG-99	Dale Ballantine
M6	10	Burrup Peninsula, WA	26-JUN-95	Alan Patzak
F4	4.1	Shark Bay, WA	20-JUL-19	Sahra Pitman
<b>Trevally – gold spot (<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	12.6	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-88	Michael Wunhym
M1	6.8	Dampier, WA	31-JUL-15	Justin Leech
M2	7.5	Groote Eylandt, NT	27-JUL-86	Brenton Woods
M3	9.8	Mackerel Islands, WA	06-SEP-02	Peter Babarskas
M4	11.2	Dampier, WA	02-AUG-96	Mark Cottrell

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M6	12	Port Hedland, WA	06-JUL-97	Mick Glen Burrage
M8	9.9	Dampier, WA	13-OCT-18	James Gorham
M10	12.6	Exmouth, WA	07-AUG-88	Michael Wunhym
F1	3.09	Dampier, WA	28-SEPT-22	Tameeka Dodd
F2	7	Dunk Island, QLD	28-OCT-89	Jane Blaxland
F3	6.4	Dampier, WA	08-OCT-00	Vicki Searle
F4	10.1	Cape Moreton, QLD	16-MAR-89	Sharon Piva
JM1	5.34	Pt Samson, WA	30-MAR-25	Max Grasso
JM2	4.04	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-25	Kalvin Gates
JM3	7.75	Dampier, WA	07-DEC-31	Jack Clarke
JM4	8	Dampier, WA	03-AUG-91	Mathew Pike
JM6	9.5	Dampier, WA	09-MAY-92	Clayton Prescott
JF1	5.18	Pt Samson, WA	16-AUG-25	Mia Grasso
JF2	5.3	Exmouth, WA	29-MAR-03	Bridgette Wright
SFM1	2.1	Exmouth, WA	21-DEC-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM2	3.8	Exmouth, WA	24-APR-21	Dean Gates
SFM3	6.2	Dampier, WA	26-APR-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	5.04	Pt Samson, WA	23-NOV-19	Max Grasso
SFM6	7.14	Dampier, WA	22-DEC-19	Max Grasso
SFM8	10.08	Dampier, WA	27-JUN-20	Max Grasso
SFF1	2.44	Dampier, WA	25-FEB-18	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF2	2.65	Dampier, WA	16-APR-22	Mia Grasso
SFF4	5.54	Dampier, WA	20-SEPT-23	Mia Grasso
SFF6	6.38	Pt Samson, WA	10-MAR-24	Mia Grasso
<b>Saltwater fly</b>				
M6	6.5	Barrow Island, WA	07-MAY-88	Dean Gardner
<b>Trevally – silver (<i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	21-DEC-11	Zachias Crombie
M1	3.5	Streaky Bay, SA	18-FEB-98	George Flourentzou
M2	4	Streaky Bay, SA	24-JAN-94	George Flourentzou
M3	6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	21-DEC-11	Zachias Crombie
M4	4.6	Streaky Bay, SA	18-FEB-98	George Flourentzou
F2	2.6	Lord Howe Island, NSW	03-OCT-12	Vivienne Crombie
F3	3.4	Lord Howe Island, NSW	01-JAN-13	Vivienne Crombie
JM1	1.39	Geographe Bay, WA	31-MAR-98	Jason Burgoyne
JM2	2.2	Geographe Bay, WA	21-DEC-97	Jason Burgoyne
SFM1	1.01	Pambula River, NSW	6-JUL-22	Logan Walker
<b>Land-based saltwater</b>				
M1	1.6	Port Lincoln, SA	06-SEP-88	Roger Sinclair
<b>Tuna – bigeye (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	120	Bermagui, NSW	27-APR-86	Neville Ivill
M6	12.2	Exmouth, WA	26-OCT-00	Terry Coote
M8	22	Rottfest Trench, WA	12-JAN-02	John Cramer
M24	97.2	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	25-NOV-11	Dominic Cimilio
M37	120	Bermagui, NSW	27-APR-86	Neville Ivill
F6	16.25	Cape Moreton, QLD	29-DEC-89	Myra Webb
JM6	6.7	High Island, QLD	20-APR-85	Des Fisher
JM37	78.4	Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW	27-NOV-10	Joshua Hay
<b>Tuna – dogtooth (<i>Gymnosardo unicolor</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	81	Flinders Reef, QLD	25-NOV-98	Dale Stanbury
M4	17.5	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Peter O'Brien
M6	36.5	Myrmidon Reef f, QLD	05-NOV-83	Peter O'Brien
M8	46	Rowley Shoals, WA	11-OCT-86	Mike Roennfeldt
M10	36	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	19-OCT-76	Ray Kent
M15	64.49	Lizard Island, QLD	29-AUG-75	John C Johnston



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M24	81	Flinders Reef, QLD	25-NOV-98	Dale Stanbury
M37	55.45	Cairns, QLD	10-OCT-74	Bill Hinchin
M60	69.62	Lizard Island, QLD	25-SEP-75	Bill Chapman
F2	5.9	Cairns, QLD	28-JAN-82	Jill Hooper
F8	8.1	Cairns, QLD	28-JAN-82	Jill Hooper
F10	22	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Val O'Brien
F15	40	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	16-OCT-83	Anne Dailing
F37	47.4	Cairns, QLD	11-SEP-74	Gloria Applegate
JM6	18.5	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	30-NOV-86	Leigh O'Brien
JM10	16.75	Ribbon Reef, QLD	21-OCT-92	Patrick Halferty

#### Tuna – kawa kawa (*Euthynnus affinis*)

All-tackle	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
M1	3.48	Scarborough Blinker, QLD	28-MAY-00	Kevin J Hughes
M2	7.5	Townsville, QLD	9-MAY-98	Scott Owens
M3	8.84	Port Stephens, NSW	03-AUG-75	Johnathan Rowley
M4	8.8	Abrholhos Islands, WA	05-APR-01	Anthony Rogers
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Coogee, NSW	03-SEP-61	Peter Wiseman
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Broken Bay, NSW	01-OCT-61	Richard Rowe
M6 (Tie)	9.07	Marley, NSW	20-OCT-63	Geoffrey Thompson
M8	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
M10	9.07	Swansea, NSW	31-AUG-69	Thomas Henderson
F1	4.28	Fraser Island, QLD	06-DEC-97	Kim Bain
F2	5.8	Lindeman Island, QLD	26-SEP-86	Patricia Hallam
F3	7.71	Cairns, QLD	31-OCT-77	Jill Hooper
F4	9.3	Bribie Island, QLD	04-MAY-87	Kathy Maguire
F6	8.61	The Peak Sydney, NSW	23-JUN-74	Pamela Hudspeth
F8	8.5	Hutchison Shoal, QLD	21-JUN-03	Maureen Haylock
JM2	5.9	Dampier, WA	3-JUL-11	Jackson Tatham
JM3	5.36	Dampier, WA	28-JUN-16	Toby Mason
JM4	8.2	The Banks, NSW	10-SEP-88	Iee Fitzgibbon
JM8	11	Port Stephens, NSW	04-OCT-87	Andrew Fuller
JF2	4.86	Dampier, WA	26-FEB-17	Chloe Hornhardt
JF3	6.8	Mooloolaba, QLD	13-JUN-99	Zoey Balfour
JF4	4.4	Port Stephens, NSW	25-MAY-19	Clare Harding
JF6	7.7	Tweed Heads, NSW	03-MAY-92	Stacy Thornton
SFM2	6.24	Dampier, WA	7-DEC-18	Max Grasso
SFM3	6.6	Dampier, WA	12-DEC-10	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	7	Dampier, WA	26-DEC-10	Jackson Tatham
SFF2	5.08	Pt Samson, WA	18-NOV-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	6.52	Dampier, WA	26-FEB-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF4	5.36	Pt Samson, WA	27-MAR-21	Mia Grasso

#### Saltwater fly

M3	4	Port Hedland, WA	26-AUG-07	Leith Iarham
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#### Land-based saltwater

M3	6.08	Port Stephens	09-APR-99	Brent Hancock
M4	6.5	Port Stephens, NSW	6-MAY-16	Matt Elvins
F6	7	Exmouth	16-DEC-98	Debbie Snook

#### Tuna – longtail (*Thunnus tonggol*)

All-tackle	35.9	Bermagui, NSW	16-APR-82	Tim Simpson
M1	2.77	Dampier, WA	19-APR-16	Luke Ieoch
M2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
M3	13.8	Dampier, WA	2-AUG-14	Travis Brinkhuis
M4	15.96	Dampier, WA	18-AUG-17	Tom Radley
M6	23.75	Port Stephens, NSW	27-MAY-84	Chris Harding

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M8	27.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Jim Uttleymore
M10	28	Montague Island, NSW	22-APR-82	Kevin Capron
M15	35.9	Bermagui, NSW	16-APR-82	Tim Simpson
M24	27.21	Bermagui, NSW	17-MAR-75	Noel Webster
F2	15	Dampier, WA	15-AUG-11	Joanne Tatham
F3	14.66	Dampier, WA	17-AUG-19	Joanne Tatham
F4	21.25	Bribie Island, QLD	17-JUL-88	Kathy Maguire
F6	23.5	Bribie Island, QLD	30-JUN-90	Kathy Maguire
F8	25.6	Moreton Island, QLD	03-MAY-92	Olga Mack
F10	22	Moreton Island, QLD	15-MAY-92	Kathy Maguire
F15	26.5	Bermagui, NSW	05-MAY-85	Roslyn Uttleymore
JF2	8.22	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Jessica Hornhardt
JF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
JF8	17.2	Port Stephens, NSW	15-APR-17	Keira Tubman
JM2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
JM3	12.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
JM4	18.5	Tommaree Head, NSW	06-APR-85	Chris Harding
JM6	22.5	Moreton Bay, QLD	10-MAR-91	Leon Wregg
JM8	22.5	Bribie Island, QLD	17-MAY-03	Christopher Haylock
JM10	20	Moreton Bay, QLD	21-JUN-88	Peter Lumdsen
JM15	15.5	Port Stephens, NSW	22-APR-19	Corey Radford
SFF2	8.22	Dampier, WA	8-APR-17	Jessica Hornhardt
SFF3	3.15	Dampier, WA	16-APR-22	Mia Grasso
SFF4	9.88	Dampier, WA	26-JUN-16	Chloe Hornhardt
SFF6	6.15	Pt Samson	24-MAR-23	Mia Grasso
SFF8	17.2	Port Stephens, NSW	15-APR-17	Keira Tubman
SFF10	11.22	Mackay, QLD	9-OCT-22	Audrina White
SFM2	13.6	Dampier, WA	14-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM3	12.9	Dampier, WA	25-JUN-11	Jackson Tatham
SFM4	12.6	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM6	13	Dampier, WA	29-APR-12	Jackson Tatham
SFM8	12.2	Dampier, WA	27-JUL-19	Max Grasso
SFM10	16	Exmouth, WA	26-OCT-19	Zeppelin Farnlonga

#### Saltwater fly

M4	9.5	Mooloolaba, QLD	28-MAY-97	Gavin Platz
M8	10	Bribie Island, QLD	22-MAR-97	Steve Morgan

#### Land-based saltwater

M3	7	Gove Harbour, NT	11-JUL-08	Craig I Jensen
M8	12.6	Yamba, NSW	27-MAR-19	Damion Cliffe

#### Tuna – Pacific bluefin (*Thunnus orientalis*)

All-tackle	282.59	The Peak, NSW	28-NOV-65	George WE Park
M24	197.5	Norah Head, NSW	19-MAR-22	Rick Goulding
M60	282.59	The Peak, NSW	28-NOV-65	George WE Park

#### Tuna – skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)

All-tackle	14.15	Moreton Canyons, QLD	4-AUG-22	Warren Meads
M1	3.8	Exmouth, WA	25-JUL-82	Ian Cornelius
M2	7.5	Swansea, NSW	12-SEP-86	Brendon Rolt
M3	7.4	Rottneest Trench, WA	09-FEB-02	Trevor Scott
M4	7.8	Perth, WA	20-FEB-83	Steve Webb
M6	10.5	Wollongong, NSW	25-SEP-93	Terry Tatton
M8	14.15	Moreton Canyons, QLD	4-AUG-22	Warren Meads
M10	12.5	Port Hacking, NSW	29-SEP-01	David Stokes
F1	2.41	The Sisters, TAS	02-APR-84	Ann Self
F2	4.1	St Helens, TAS	16-FEB-08	Clare McKimmie



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
F3	5.68	Cape Solander, NSW	01-FEB-81	Marie Gosby
F4	6.93	Fremantle, WA	6-MAY-17	Rikki Kohn
F6	8.5	Cape Banks, NSW	02-OCT-06	Julia Duncan
JF1	1.67	Exmouth, WA	20-MAR-18	Jesse Sutton
JF2	4.1	St Helens, TAS	16-FEB-08	Clare McKimmie
JF3	4.64	Rottnest Island, WA	02-MAR-03	Mia Cramer
JF6	8.5	Cape Banks, NSW	02-OCT-06	Julia Duncan
JM1	2.25	Maria Island, TAS	11-MAR-84	Ashley Hallam
JM2	2.79	Rottnest Is, WA	28-MAY-23	Bodie Blackwell
JM3	5.05	Rottnest Is, WA	18-MAY-25	Bodie Blackwell
JM4	6.93	Rottnest Is, WA	16-MAR-25	Bodie Blackwell
JM10	10	Port Macquarie, NSW	02-SEP-06	Kurt Nocelli
SFF3	3.8	Rottnest Island, WA	29-NOV-11	Desert Gray
SFM2	3.14	Jurien Bay, WA	14-APR-25	Joshua Reker
SFM4	5.58	Rottnest Is, WA	28-MAY-22	Bodie Blackwell
SFM8	8.59	Jurien Bay, WA	05-APR-24	Rhys Martin
SFM10	10	Port Macquarie, NSW	02-SEP-06	Kurt Nocelli

#### Tuna – southern bluefin (*Thunnus maccoyii*)

All-tackle	167.5	Tathra, NSW	09-JUL-09	Phil Body
M1	8	Port Lincoln, SA	24-JUN-92	George Florentzou
M2	12.88	Liguanea Island, SA	12-MAY-07	Gary A Carter
M3	20.5	Ward Island, SA	19-FEB-97	George Florentzou
M4	24.1	Streaky Bay, SA	21-FEB-96	George Florentzou
M6	36.5	Streaky Bay, SA	05-FEB-97	David Young
M8	34	Port MacDonnell, SA	01-APR-07	Dane Newman
M10	121.98	Portland, VIC	28-SEP-20	Darren Buttigieg
M15	121	Apollo Bay, VIC	12-JUL-24	Brandon Cole
M24	153	St Helens, TAS	11-MAY-07	Robert VC Arnold
M37	167.5	Tathra, NSW	09-JUL-09	Phil Body
M60	116	St Helens, TAS	26-MAY-22	Bradley Lewis
F1	4.2	Rottnest Island, WA	04-JUL-10	Sangeeta Menon
F2	6.6	Pt MacDonnell, SA	8-AUG-15	Bernadette Pedlar
F3	16.89	Pt MacDonnell, SA	28-MAR-15	Bernadette Pedlar
F4	23	Port Fairy, VIC	4-FEB-20	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen
F6	31.34	Port MacDonnell, SA	01-FEB-14	Bernadette Pedlar
F8	35.8	Whale Head, TAS	23-MAR-25	Lucy Russell
F10	59.5	Sydney, NSW	12-JUL-24	Chloe Laurence
F15	143.7	Sydney, NSW	23-JUL-14	Karen Wright
F24	124.8	Pt MacDonnell, SA	17-APR-15	Amy Jobson
F37	146.85	Pt MacDonnell, SA	27-MAR-24	Jazz Miller
F60	112	Fortescue Bay, TAS	10-SEP-17	Chloe Hammersley
JM2	5.2	Mandurah, WA	25-APR-17	Beau Rollings
JM3	11.8	Port MacDonnell, SA	10-MAY-14	Brodie Williams
JM4	14.64	Port MacDonnell, SA	06-MAY-09	Mathew Stark
JM6	20.38	Port MacDonnell, SA	08-MAY-08	Josh Wright
JM6 (Tie)	20.4	Tasman Island, TAS	08-MAR-09	Keiran Gilbert
JM8	30.1	Montague East, NSW	02-JUL-11	Joshua Hay
JM10	38	Bermagui, NSW	02-JUN-12	Daniel Arapakis
JM15	114	Hippolite Rock, TAS	24-APR-19	Lachlin Hicks
JM24	152.8	Cody Banks, VIC	18-OCT-23	Levi Dowell
JM37	143.4	Port Fairy, VIC	29-APR-18	Tait Missen
JM60	127.8	The Lanterns, TAS	16-JUN-18	Maximus Baillie
JF3	10.74	Pt Mac Donnell, SA	19-MAY-22	Georgia Barrett
JF4	11.2	South Bruny, TAS	25-MAR-23	Shanae Dance
JF6	20.5	Eagle Hawk Neck, TAS	13-MAY-23	Shanae Dance

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JF8	31.1	Whale Head, TAS	22-MAR-25	Shanae Dance
JF10	31.4	Tasman Is, TAS	28-MAR-25	Shanae Dance
JF15	72	Eden, NSW	13-JUN-18	Kaitlyn Schofield
JF24	80.7	Pedra Branca, TAS	13-JUN-15	Chloe Hammersley
JF37	42.1	Pedra Branca, TAS	12-NOV-24	Shanae Dance
JF60	125.4	Pt MacDonnell, SA	26-APR-24	Emma Spiteri
SFM2	3.42	Rottnest Island, WA	16-SEP-17	Jayden Wham
SFM3	5.79	Rottnest Is, WA	04-AUG-24	Oliver Anderson
SFM4	12.4	Roaring Beach, TAS	18-FEB-24	Darcy Robertson
SFM6	19.9	Boomer Bay, TAS	31-DEC-16	Lochie Miller
SFM8	27.76	Port MacDonnell, SA	28-JAN-18	Sam Whan
SFM10	40.4	Pedra Branca, TAS	23-MAR-25	Bryce Kube
SFM15	27.8	Tathra Canyons, NSW	25-JUN-11	Jake Smith
SFM24	87.9	Mewstone Rock, TAS	22-NOV-20	Lochie Miller
SFM37	116.4	Portland, VIC	1-SEP-16	Daniel Lazarevski
SFF2	2.87	Garden Is, WA	05-NOV-23	Payton Rattigan
SFF3	3.93	Garden Is, WA	07-SEP-24	Payton Rattigan
SFF6	17.1	Pt MacDonnell, SA	19-JUN-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF8	18.9	Port Fairy, VIC	19-MAR-17	Chloe Dance
SFF10	17.8	Apollo Bay, VIC	21-MAY-16	Makayla Buttigieg
SFF15	45	Eden, NSW	4-JUL-15	Kaitlyn Schofield
SFF24	37.5	Turass Seamount, NSW	21-JUN-23	Evelyn Johnston
SFF37	78.5	Tasman Is, TAS	25-APR-25	Ava Ruth Bryant

#### Saltwater fly

M4	5	Bunbury, WA	01-SEP-87	Adrian Pike
M6	8.48	Port MacDonnell, SA	20-MAY-11	David Fent
M10	14.2	Cape Borda, SA	21-APR-09	Barry D Elsdon

#### Land-based saltwater

M4	19	Port Lincoln, SA	16-SEP-91	Tom Tierney
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#### Tuna – yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*)

All-tackle	124	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-93	Bruce Farmer
M2	9	Exmouth, WA	26-JUL-82	Ian Cornelius
M3	19.38	Noosa Canyons, QLD	26-APR-07	Gary A Carter
M4	39.5	Bermagui, NSW	17-JUN-92	Ken Stockton
M6	74	Bermagui, NSW	15-MAY-83	Phillip Volkens
M8	86.5	Bermagui, NSW	13-APR-87	Jim Morris
M10	84	Stockton Bight, NSW	18-MAY-86	Alan Buck
M15	99	Bermagui, NSW	13-APR-80	Geoff Bennett
M24	124	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-93	Bruce Farmer
M37	99.5	Bermagui, NSW	30-MAY-92	Ron Taylor
M60	84.85	Exmouth, WA	3-FEB-20	Matt Gates
F2	2.8	Myrmidon Reef, QLD	05-OCT-88	Jane Blaxland
F3	11.8	Cape Moreton, QLD	28-MAR-81	Judy Gay
F4	24.6	Newcastle, NSW	10-JUN-90	Michelle Jones
F6	53	Cronulla, NSW	08-OCT-78	Dulcie Chee
F8	41	Bermagui, NSW	06-JUN-92	Pam Willmott
F10	67.5	Port Stephens, NSW	30-MAY-81	Clarice Besoff
F15	89.5	Bermagui, NSW	17-APR-90	Sharon Male
F24	97	Bermagui, NSW	20-APR-82	Jane Southey
F37	92.6	Exmouth, WA	17-JAN-10	Jacquie Rushford
JM4	20.6	Ulladulla, NSW	26-MAY-90	Daland Proudfoot
JM6	43.4	Tasman Island, TAS	16-FEB-08	Luke Gilbert
JM8	44	Port Hacking, NSW	17-SEP-88	David Grainger
JM10	59.4	Bermagui, NSW	08-APR-85	Richard Torossi
JM15	94.5	Newcastle, NSW	27-MAY-90	David Smith
JM24	90	Port Stephens, NSW	17-JUN-90	David Tubman

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM37	79.2	Exmouth, WA	16-JAN-10	Chris Rushford
JM60	82	Hat Head Canyons, NSW	27-OCT-18	Max Hardy
JF4	10.25	Geraldton, WA	31-MAY-15	Casey Jane Clark
JF6	7.7	Geraldton, WA	31-MAY-15	Casey Jane Clark
JF8	12	Linden Bank, QLD	15-FEB-14	Savannah Woolcott
JF10	15.6	Fitzroy Island, QLD	22-AUG-14	Zoe Reinhardt
JF15	61	Stanwell Park Canyons, NSW	31-APR-19	Amanda Lamond
JF24	59.4	Swansea, NSW	11-OCT-14	Caitlin Hoff
JF37	71.6	Port Macquarie, NSW	9-JAN-20	Makira Wright
SFM6	23.5	Swansea, NSW	17-SEP-06	Jordan Atkin
SFM10	29.4	Bermagui, NSW	24-JUN-09	Mehmet Huseyin
SFM15	35.2	Maruya, NSW	19-MAY-12	Jayden Mann
SFM24	48.1	Newcastle, NSW	25-OCT-15	Max Hardy
SFF8	14	Linden Bank, QLD	15-FEB-14	Ella Woolcott
SFF15	27.2	Bateman's Bay, NSW	14-JUN-09	Zoe O'Connor

Saltwater fly				
M4	8.4	Jervis Bay, NSW	29-SEP-01	Martin Montebello
M8	8.4	The Banks, NSW	14-OCT-01	Mitchell Ryan
M10	30.6	Carnarvon, WA	31-MAY-97	Graig Radford

Land-based saltwater				
M6	24	Greencape Eden, NSW	15-FEB-89	Lewis Wallace
M24	26.7	Tuna Oil Rig, VIC	20-DEC-88	Mal Reid

Wahoo ( <i>Acanthocybium solandri</i> )				
All-tackle	47	Sydney, NSW	12-APR-87	Bernard Mulloy
M2	12.4	Mackerel Islands, WA	03-SEP-07	Chris Wilkes

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M3	16.1	Cairns, QLD	18-SEP-76	Robert Oliver
M4	20	Exmouth Gulf, WA	10-NOV-89	Michael Thomas
M6	35	Broken Bay, NSW	27-JAN-80	Tim Simpson
M8	30.6	Mackerel Island, WA	07-AUG-86	John Edwards
M10	44	East Botany Bay, NSW	20-APR-85	Hans Vaneck
M15	43.6	Merimbula, NSW	13-APR-86	David R Williams
M24	47	Sydney, NSW	12-APR-87	Bernard Mulloy
M37	38	Botany Bay, NSW	07-MAY-89	Jim Luxford
F4	16	Lord Howe Island, NSW	05-JAN-12	Vivienne Crombie
F6	34.5	Mission Beach, QLD	14-OCT-90	Helen Andrews
F8	28.5	Hutchinson Shoal, QLD	12-AUG-01	Rene Walker
F10	27.8	Nth Euston Reef, QLD	06-DEC-08	Sherie King
F15	36.5	Port Stephens, NSW	10-MAR-81	Aileen Malone
F24	45	Elizabeth Reef, NSW	31-DEC-18	Elena Smart
JM4	14.12	Exmouth, WA	16-MAR-25	Lochlan Turrell
JM6	16.8	Ulladulla, NSW	04-FEB-89	Andrew O'Brien
JM8	35.4	The Hards, QLD	8-DEC-21	Ben Massurit
JM10	25	Sydney, NSW	19-MAY-83	Samuel Meyer
JM15	31	Elizabeth Reef, NSW	9-JAN-18	Toby Rabinowitz
JM24	40.15	Backnumbers Reef, QLD	30-NOV-08	Zac Ryan
JF6	6.9	Exmouth, WA	21-MAR-18	Jesse Sutton
JF8	24	Hutchinson Shoal, QLD	27-JAN-07	Hayley Longhurst
JF15	17.2	Cairns, QLD	6-FEB-21	Lily Sims
JF24	25.5	Cairns, QLD	21-OCT-20	Lily Sims
SFM8	20.2	Mooloolaba, QLD	26-APR-14	Max Proctor
SFM10	36.3	Euston Reef, QLD	2-SEPT-23	Kai Ziebell



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Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Barramundi (giant perch) (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)</b>				
All-tackle Length	108cm	Dundee Beach, NT	05-OCT-24	Melita McKinnon
All-tackle	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
M1	11.6	Port Hedland, WA	30-OCT-02	A Boekhorst
M2	15.3	Port Hedland, WA	29-NOV-94	A Boekhorst
M3	22.1	Port Hedland, WA	08-DEC-97	G Maher
M4	22.2	Sth. Alligator River, NT	16-MAR-90	R de Groot
M6	23.4	Margaret Billabong, NT	28-SEP-02	S Blair
M8	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
M10	19.6	Arnhem Land, NT	15-APR-92	J Coughlan
M15	15.1	Arnhem Land, NT	08-APR-93	C Coughlan
F1	3.9	Karratha, WA	09-NOV-08	V Searle
F2	7.8	Arnhem Land, NT	20-APR-94	C Coughlan
F3	11	Port Hedland, WA	27-APR-03	N Hicking
F4	18.8	Port Hedland, WA	16-DEC-02	J Boekhorst
F6	20.7	Arnhem Land, NT	12-APR-94	C Coughlan
F8	18.7	Arnhem Land, NT	18-APR-93	C Coughlan
F10	10.5	Arnhem Land, NT	14-APR-92	C Coughlan
JM1	3	Groote Eylandt, NT	15-MAY-99	B Sands
JM2	8.4	Fannie Bay, NT	07-AUG-88	S Marin
JM4	15.2	Angalari River, NT	05-APR-89	C Considine
JM6	17.8	Wearyan River, NT	17-APR-88	C Travia
JM8	27.1	Point Stuart, NT	07-APR-83	A Davern
JF3	9.4	George River, WA	31-DEC-06	S Cook
SFF2	2.195	Hazelwood Pondage, VIC	19-MAR-17	Rudy Marland
SFF3	9.4	George River, WA	31-DEC-06	S Cook
SFF4	7.0	Leaders Creek, NT	7-OCT-23	Kaitlyn Collins
SFM3	4.84	Gulf of Carpentaria, QLD	8-APR-18	Marlin Tompkins
SFM4	6	Karratha, WA	18-DEC-03	M Owens
SFM8	12.2	Fortescue River, WA	05-DEC-04	T Cook
<b>Freshwater fly</b>				
M1	1.8	Arnhem Land, NT	10-APR-92	JA Coughlan
M2	8.1	Shady Camp, NT	31-MAY-92	M Domaille
M4	12	Darwin, NT	12-DEC-82	P Crase
M6	18.8	Margaret Billabong, NT	28-SEP-02	S Blair
<b>Bass – Australian (<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	2.42	Wivenhoe Dam, QLD	19-MAR-00	JK Richards
All-tackle length	34cm	Blue Rock Dam, VIC	7-FEB-23	Steve Marland
M1	2.42	Wivenhoe Dam, QLD	19-MAR-00	JK Richards
M2	2.045	Hazelwood Pondage, VIC	18-APR-17	Steve Marland
<b>Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	12.8	Mawson Lakes, SA	17-DEC-20	Ashley Brandom
M1	9.7	Mason Lakes, SA	11-MAR-22	Ashley Brandom
M2	12.8	Mawson Lakes, SA	17-DEC-20	Ashley Brandom
M3	10.34	Lake Liddell, NSW	09-OCT-96	PB Hawkins



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
M4	6.95	Loxford, NSW	27-JUN-92	RA Mychas
F1	6.05	Mawson Lakes, SA	16-SEP-12	S Durnell
F2	7.38	Lake Liddell, NSW	22-NOV-97	K New
F3	4.3	Branston	05-OCT-97	L Hawkins
F4	4	Cadell, SA	11-APR-15	Lee Van Soest
JM1	4.07	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JM2	3.9	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JM3	3.53	Tamworth, NSW	03-JAN-95	K Bain
JF1	6.05	Mawson Lakes, SA	16-SEP-12	S Durnell
<b>Freshwater fly</b>				
M1	2.79	Cairn Curran Res, Vic	28-MAY-24	Chris Baty
M2	4.07	Cairn Curran Res, Vic	17-JUN-24	Chris Baty
M3 FLY	3.2	Cairn Curran Res, VIC	28-OCT-24	Andrew Pennisi
M4 FLY	4.64	Cairn Curran Res, VIC	1-DEC-24	Chris Baty
<b>Catfish – freshwater (<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	1.29	Lake Sampsonvale, QLD	16-NOV-91	K Bain
M2	1.28	Brisbane River, QLD	07-FEB-90	S Bain
F1	1.25	Cobble Creek, QLD	08-FEB-90	L Rogers
JM1	1.29	Lake Sampsonvale, QLD	16-NOV-91	K Bain
<b>Mangrove jack (<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>)</b>				
M3	3.2	Groote Eylandt, NT	02-SEP-01	P Collins
F1	1.06	Jones River, WA	28-MAR-18	Vicki Searle
<b>Murray cod (<i>Maccullochella peelii</i>)</b>				
New eligible species all line class and fly records currently vacant.				
<b>Perch English - Redfin (<i>Persa flavescens</i>)</b>				
All Tackle	1.1	Greenbushes, WA	5-MAY-23	Matthys Solomon
M1	1.1	Greenbushes, WA	5-MAY-23	Matthys Solomon
<b>Perch – golden (<i>Plectroplites ambiguus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	5.6	Windermere, VIC	03-NOV-97	J Florentine
M1	3.6	Lake Windamere, NSW	22-NOV-94	M Lazzaro
M2	2.22	Pindarie Dam, NSW	04-OCT-91	TG Earley
F1	5.6	Windermere, VIC	03-NOV-97	J Florentine
JM1	1.84	Wentworth, NSW	26-SEP-95	D Newman
<b>Perch – silver (<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	2.2	Lake Windamere, NSW	25-NOV-94	J Carnegie
F1	2.2	Lake Windamere, NSW	25-NOV-94	J Carnegie

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Saratoga (<i>Scleropages</i>)</b>				
New eligible species all line class and fly records currently vacant.				
<b>Trout – brook (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)</b>				
New eligible species all line class and fly records currently vacant.				
<b>Trout – brown (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	4.6	Lake Purrumbete, VIC	2-JUN-17	Chris Farrugia
M1	3.7	Talbingo Dam, NSW	16-MAR-85	E Newman
M2	4.6	Lake Purrumbete, VIC	2-JUN-17	Chris Farrugia
F1	1.3	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	15-OCT-93	J Carnegie
JM1	2	Lake Jindabyne, NSW	30-JUL-95	D Ware

<b>Trout – rainbow (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)</b>				
All-tackle	3	Ben Lomond, NSW	27-JAN-97	S Bain
M1	1.92	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	S Bain
M2	3	Ben Lomond, NSW	27-JAN-97	S Bain
F1	1.73	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-APR-96	K Bain
F2	2.28	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	K Bain



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
JM1	1.73	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-APR-96	K Bain
JM2	2.28	Ben Lomond, NSW	08-JUN-96	K Bain
<b>Freshwater fly</b>				
M1	1.76	Pemberton, WA	11-NOV-23	Matthys Solomon
F1	1.5	Ben Lomond, NSW	25-JAN-97	K Bain



## AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS

# Historical Records

In 1977 the GFAA executive of the day recognised that stocks of grey nurse sharks were in trouble, and from then on the species would no longer be recognised as a capture species for record claim purposes. From the commencement of the NSW Fisheries tag & release program the grey nurse was determined by the GFAA as a tag & release species only. However, in November 2002, with advice from the GFAA, the NSWGFA deleted grey nurse sharks from tag & release also.

Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – white (<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>) – records closed</b>				
All-tackle	1208.38	Ceduna	21-APR-59	A Dean
M6	81	Dudley	05-MAY-91	D Ashman
M8	95.5	Lake Macquarie	29-OCT-83	G Hoff
M10	484.44	Moreton Bay	18-JUN-57	R Dyer
M15	699.5	Port Lincoln	05-JUL-97	R Czabayski
M24	850.94	Moreton Island	06-AUG-55	R Dyer
M37	1063.23	Streaky Bay	06-NOV-60	A Dean
M60	1208.38	Ceduna	21-APR-59	A Dean
F6	35.38	Lake Macquarie	14-MAR-71	P Poole
F10	167.37	Moreton Bay	06-JUL-57	D Dyer
F15	364.23	Cape Moreton	05-JUL-57	D Dyer
F24	85.72	Botany Bay	24-OCT-65	LM Potts
F37	413.68	Cape Moreton	29-AUG-54	D Dyer
F60	528	The Pages	11-MAR-94	J Forster
JM8	95.5	Lake Macquarie	29-OCT-83	G Hoff
JM15	472	Port Stephens	31-JAN-88	S Colreavy



Line	Wt	Location	Date	Angler
<b>Shark – grey nurse (<i>Carcharias arenarius</i>) – records closed</b>				
M6	109.77	Sydney	23-SEP-67	J Farrell
M10	175.54	Sydney	24-SEP-72	E McGavern
M15	165.56	Avoca	21-OCT-73	A Boomgaard
M24	186.88	Sydney	07-MAY-67	H Hollingdale
M37	204.11	Sydney	30-MAY-71	E Howarth
M60	172.36	Sydney	25-JUN-67	K Lewis
F6	80.74	Port Stephens	30-MAY-52	R Duncan
F10	167.37	Sydney	26-AUG-72	P Hudspeth
F15	173.27	Port Stephens	12-SEP-65	P McKay
F24	200.26	Sydney	19-SEP-72	P Hudspeth
F37	106.14	Sydney	02-SEP-72	P Hudspeth
F60	180.3	Sydney	09-SEP-72	P Hudspeth





# GFAA COMMUNICATIONS

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GFAA uses several communications channels to keep in touch with affiliated anglers, their clubs and State Associations.

*These communications paths are:*

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#### For all GFAA Affiliated anglers

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Up-to-date records, rules and fish identification, offshore and immediately.



### THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE



[www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) has all the GFAA data, rules, Juniors links, GFAA, state and club contacts, the latest news and updated records.

### THE ANNUAL GFAA JOURNAL



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### KIDS FISH 2



Kids Fish 2, an initiative of GFAA launched in 2022 supports and encourages kids to get out and catch fish - any fish.

More:  
[kidsfish2.com.au](http://kidsfish2.com.au)

### FACEBOOK



#### What is happening now.

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### JUNIORS



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