

BERMAGUI 20TH - 22ND MAY 2023

CANBERRA TUNA TOURNAMENT

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HEAVIEST TUNA OVER 40KG

\$10,000 *cash*



TROPHY CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

CAPTURE

PRIZE

HEAVIEST TUNA	\$10,000 <u>cash over 40kg</u> - \$3000 <u>under 40kg</u>
NEXT HEAVIEST TUNA BY SENIOR MALE	Tiagra 50W with matching T-curve full roller rod
NEXT HEAVIEST TUNA BY SENIOR FEMALE	Tiagra 50W with matching T-curve full roller rod
NEXT HEAVIEST TUNA BY A JUNIOR	Tiagra 30W with matching T-curve full roller rod + Halco pack
NEXT HEAVIEST BY A SMALL FRY	TLD 25 with matching rod + Halco pack
HEAVIEST TUNA ON BOAT 7.1M (23') & UNDER	Tiagra 50W with matching T-curve full roller rod + more
MOST MERITORIOUS TUNA	Tuna tubes
HEAVIEST OTHER GAME FISH (excl. sharks and marlin)	Tiagra 30W with matching T-curve roller rod + more
HEAVIEST MARLIN	Tiagra 30W with matching T-curve roller rod + more

TAG & RELEASE

PRIZE

HIGHEST POINT SCORING MALE (tuna only)	Tiagra 50W with matching T-curve full roller rod
HIGHEST POINT SCORING FEMALE (tuna only)	Tiagra 50W with matching T-curve full roller rod
HIGHEST POINT SCORING JUNIOR (tuna only excl. striped tuna)	Tiagra 30W with matching T-curve full roller rod
HIGHEST POINT SCORING SM/FRY (tuna only excl. striped tuna)	TLD 25 with matching rod
HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT (tuna only excl. striped tuna)	Chiller fishing bag and 4 tournament shirts
2 ND HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT (tuna only excl. striped tuna)	Assorted goods
MOST STRIPED TUNA BY SM/FRY	TLD 25 with matching rod
MOST MARLIN BY BOAT	\$2000 cash
MOST SHARKS BY BOAT	Hook'em T&R Pole + Hook'em pack
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER EACH DAY	Assorted goods

Sched prizes courtesy of JB Lures

Thanks to our generous sponsors there may be some additions to these prizes and as always see the next page for our range of prizes that will be at the monster raffle on Sunday night.

CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB INC.

2023 Canberra Tuna Tournament

20th - 22nd May 2023

An invitation is extended to anglers who are financial members of a club that is affiliated with the NSWGFA or other State Association which is affiliated with the GFAA or ANSA or a bona fide International member of the IGFA.

VENUE

The 2023 Canberra Tuna Tournament will be held out of the beautiful port of Bermagui in NSW.

The **Bermagui Country Club**, on Tuross Street, Bermagui, is where the tournament registration, barbeque, dinner and raffles will be held.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Executive of the Canberra Game Fishing Club Inc. (CGFC)

The Tournament Coordinator is Matt Crampton 0438 260 812

2. ENTRIES

Boat Skippers must read all tournament rules and forward completed entry forms and fees to The Secretary, CGFC, PO Box 94 Woden ACT 2606. The cost of entry is \$100 per Senior Angler and \$50 per Junior and Small Fry Angler. Entry fee includes Tournament BBQ on Saturday night. A reduction of \$15 per senior angler applies to those entries received with full payment by 15th May 2023. Entries Received by the 15th May 2023 will be entered into a draw on the Friday night briefing. If won entry to the 2024 tournament will be awarded to the max value of \$500.00 draw.

The CGFC reserves the right to refuse entry to the Tournament. Any ANSA member wishing to fish in a NSWGFA Sanctioned Tournament, must fish on a NSWGFA registered boat.

3. TEAMS

All boats shall consist of a minimum of two (2) senior anglers (or at the discretion of the committee) and a maximum limited to the number of anglers as per NSW Roads and Maritime Services Vessel Capacity. No non-paying participant may go to sea, except at the discretion of the committee.

4. REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS

No replacement of boats and competitors will be allowed after the commencement of the tournament. Anglers may not affect a capture or tag & release on any vessel other than the vessel on which he/she is registered. Captured fish, tag & release cards, the angler and all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture or tag & release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel. However, in the case of an emergency situation the Tournament Committee may, at their discretion, allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to effect capture or tag (but only following successful capture or tag).

5. SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS

All boats MUST comply with NSW Roads and Maritime Service regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home Club. A "Boat Safety Rescue form" is included as part of the entry form and MUST be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats MUST carry a **406Mhz EPIRB** and preferably have two working marine radios fitted, one of which should be **VHF** frequency.

6. INSURANCE

All competing vessels MUST be comprehensively insured and carry Public Liability insurance. Details of your insurance policy MUST be included on the entry form.

7. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

All anglers MUST carry a NSW Fishing Licence. Bag limit and size restrictions MUST also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie any vessel to objects such as waveriders, FADs or fish trap buoys.

8. FISHING DAYS & TIMES

Saturday 20th May 2023	7.00am to 4.00pm
Sunday 21st May 2023	7.00am to 4.00pm
Monday 22nd May 2023	7.00am to 3.00pm

Note: any fish hooked and reported to Tournament Base prior to finish of fishing each day may be played out and if caught will be eligible for the tournament provided the angler, fish and/or tag and full equipment is presented to the weigh station on the day of capture or tag and release and by 4 00pm Monday 22nd May 23 for fish captured or tagged on that day.

9. FISHING AREA

The fishing area for the tournament has a northern boundary of 36°0', a southern boundary 36°48" and an eastern boundary of 150°42" according to your sched maps in the tournament bags.a

10. BAD WEATHER

To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the tournament committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact with Tournament Base or members of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing then the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether or not the tournament will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Committee's decision on the Tournament for the day. The ultimate decision on return to harbour remains with the competitors.

Note: Declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority requires the cancellation of the tournament. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. Cancellation will only apply until Gale Warning lifted.

11. LEAVING AND RETURN TO PORT

All boats, except those travelling to and from the tournament by sea, must leave from and return to Bermagui Harbour each day of the tournament. Boats travelling to and from the tournament by sea CANNOT commence burleying, trolling or fishing before Tournament Base announces the official start of fishing at 7.00am. If a boat is not at that time within the prescribed fishing area it cannot commence fishing until such time that it is within the tournament fishing boundary. Boats travelling to and from the Tournament by sea must spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Bermagui Harbour, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Tournament Committee.

On Monday 22nd May 2023 boats may elect to return directly to their home port after fishing, but must still affect a sign-off with Tournament Base. Boats returning to their home port on the final day of the tournament may convey their capture/tag cards to Tournament Base by road, provided that the angler, fish and/or tag and full equipment is presented to the weigh station by 4.00pm on Monday.

12. WEIGHSTATION PROCEDURE

Once boats enter the vicinity of the weigh station, they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the weigh station and MUST obey all instructions issued by the Official. Before coming alongside the weigh station, boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all equipment used to effect the capture and/or tag and release and applicable paperwork. All forms must be lodged on the day of the capture or tag and release and on Monday boats must be in the inner harbour no later than 4pm.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Schedules will be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Schedules for Tournaments" as are in effect at the time of the tournament.

- The radio schedule times will be at two hourly intervals commencing at 8.10am each day.
- Tournament Base will call each boat in numerical order on 27.94Mhz and VHF 22.
- Boats are to report on each sched as follows:
 - (1) Boat Number
 - (2) Boat Name
 - (3) ACCURATE Fishing Report – using the "000" system, i.e. Strikes – Hook-ups – Captures/Tags and specify Species – Line Class – Angler and in the case of captures the short length of captured fish and short length measurement must be within 10% of actual length, or fish will be disqualified
 - (4) Position – using CGFC grid chart reference and whether boat is currently trolling, drifting etc.

Please Note:

- If any vessel is unable to fish on any competition day, it is a requirement that Tournament Base be notified, either by radio or by telephone before the 2nd sched starts as a priority.
- Should any vessel suffer total radio failure, the Boat Skipper MUST attempt to notify another vessel of the problem and have them notify Tournament Base and MUST then immediately return to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with a Tournament Official.
- If a vessel misses two (2) radio scheds, Tournament Base will commence the emergency procedures.
- All boats fishing are to report on EVERY sched.
- All boats MUST sign off with Tournament Base on returning to Port.
- Radio silence MUST be observed for 10 mins prior to the conclusion of fishing to allow for the report of late hook-ups.
- At the final sched for the day each boat is required to confirm their estimated time back in Port and current grid position.
- Radio Operator – (Sanchia Glaskin - 0409 923 585)

14. FISH HANDLING

All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing. Competitors and boat crew MUST NOT clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws in the vicinity of the weigh station, nor at any time near any beach or harbour foreshore area. In the event that Shark or Marlin is given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the correct disposal of any remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew. Unwanted fish MUST be taken at least 2nm outside the Port and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Note: Fish MUST NOT be disposed of in a Marine Park. Failure to comply with this rule will invoke a penalty against the offending boat..

15. FISHING RULES

The tournament will be fished under the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of the GFAA and NSWGFA as are in effect at the time. The NSWGFA Tag & Release and Measure & Release rules will apply.

- (1) **LINE CLASSES** – which will be recognised are 4kg (no sharks), 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.
- (2) **ELIGIBLE SPECIES** – as per NSWGFA eligible species list.
- (3) **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). Except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*)



CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION:

A hook with it's point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks.

- (4) **THE USE OF IDENTIFIABLE MARLIN** – carcasses as tethered burley is prohibited. Burley secured under floats is prohibited.
- (5) **MULTIPLE STRIKES** – in the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought will be eligible for point score.
- (6) **BRAID LINE** – use of braid line permissible as per motion passed though NSW.

(7) CAPTURE

Minimum Weight to Qualify

- (a) **MARLIN** – must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over.
- (b) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** – 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line.
- (c) **OTHER GAME FISH** – must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.
- (d) **MAXIMUM POINTS** – all captures on line classes up to and including 10kg shall be maximum of 15,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight. All captures on line classes 15kg and over shall be maximum 20,000 plus one point per kilo of fish weight. Note Blue Sharks will only receive ¼ points for capture.

Junior and Small Fry Minimum Weight to Qualify

- (a) **MARLIN** – must weigh a minimum of 60kg on line class to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
- (b) **YELLOWFIN TUNA & SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** – Equal to the line class in all cases.
- (c) **OTHER GAME FISH** – must weigh at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used.
- (d) ***STRIPED TUNA AND *KAWA KAWA** are eligible species for SMALL FRY PERSONAL POINT SCORE AND APPLICABLE TROPHIES ONLY. They are capture and release only, same points apply as per NSWGFA point score – Use Measure and Release Cards available.

***Junior Angler personal points only – Striped Tuna and Kawa Kawa Points** – will be calculated as per NSWGFA pointscore factor system.

In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

(8) TAG & RELEASE

- (a) **BILLFISH TAG** – all billfish must be tagged with the billfish tag, this is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in this tournament. The billfish tag is for billfish only point score i.e. no other species.
- (b) **SHARKS** – MUST be a minimum length of 1 metre. Note. Shark tag and release points have been amended and can be found at www.nswgfa.com.au.
- (c) **NSWDPI TAGS** – only NSWDPI tags can be used, no other type tag will be eligible for points or trophies.
- (d) **LINE CLASS** – must be provided on tag & release cards. If no line class is provided it will be deemed to have been caught on 60kg tackle.
- (e) **TIME** – Failure to record time of release on the tag card will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or after the last fish for the day has been tagged, whichever is the latter.
- (f) **POINTS** – will be calculated as per NSWGFA tag & release line class point score.

NOTE: In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

Note: A GFAA Measure & Release card is to be used to record Yellowtail Kingfish (under 70cm) release information. The time of release and line class used is to be recorded on the card. If no time is listed the fish will be deemed to be released at end of fishing and line class will be deemed to be 60kg.

16. PROTESTS

Any protest must be submitted in writing by the Boat Skipper to the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall consist of three Executive members of the Canberra Game Fishing Club. Protests must be submitted no later than two hours after the last recorded capture/tag on the fishing day concerned. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.

17. MISCONDUCT

The Tournament Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident of misconduct by an angler on a boat fishing the tournament, be he/she registered for the tournament or not, occurring during the tournament. The Committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any future CGFC Tournament. All competitors are reminded that as members of a Club they are regarded as representatives of that Club, as such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on the Club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

18. MEDIA POLICY

Only the Canberra GFC President can make comment to the media.

Competitors are **NOT** to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on social media.

Competitors **MUST NOT** approach the media or answer any queries from the media. If a Competitor is approached by the media they are to contact the Canberra GFC President with the details who then will follow the requirements of the NSWGFA Media Policy.

The Canberra Game Fishing Club logo, name or Canberra Tuna Tournament cannot be used in any media publication, including websites, without the express permission of the CGFC and then it must be within the guidelines of the NSWGFA Media Policy.

No Competitor can publish a photograph(s) of any captured fish in any Newspaper publication.

19. SALE OF FISH

Any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.

20. PENALTIES

Radio Communication – failure to sign off, inappropriate language, failure to answer two (2) consecutive radio scheds – penalties at the discretion of the Committee

Excessive boat wash – penalties at the discretion of the Committee

Misconduct – penalties at the discretion of the Committee – see rule (17)

Sale of Fish – disqualification from tournament – see rule (19)

Breach of Media Rule – Penalties at the discretion of the Committee.

21. TOURNAMENT BRIEFING

The Tournament Briefing will be held in the Bermagui Country Club at 8.00pm on Friday 19th May 2023

22. TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS

REGISTRATION – Friday 19th May 2023 from 4.00pm onwards. Teams should register at the Bermagui Country Club. Teams may also register at Tournament Base after 7.00am on the following days and **MUST** be registered before leaving Bermagui Harbour.

TOURNAMENT BRIEFING – Friday 19th May 2023 at 8pm

TOURNAMENT BBQ – Saturday 20th May 2023 at 7.00pm – Free for competitors. Drinks will be available for purchase as will additional BBQ tickets.

TOURNAMENT DINNER – Sunday 21st May 2023 at 7.30pm. Note that the tournament entry fee does not cover the cost of the dinner. Numbers are strictly limited so please order your dinner tickets when making your entries. Dinner tickets must be produced for the meal.

TROPHY PRESENTATION – Monday 22nd May 2023 at 6.30pm.

23. INDEMNITY

The Canberra Game Fishing Club accepts no responsibility for the actions by entrants in this Tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to property or persons during the Tournament. In consideration of accepting this application to participate in the event, all Competitors agree to release or indemnify the Canberra Game Fishing Club, the Tournament Committee and any or all of their employees, servants, agents and voluntary workers against all claims proceedings or actions for loss or damage to property or person.

24. TROPHY LIST

CAPTURE CATEGORIES

- Heaviest Tuna - Over 40kgs
- Tuna under 40kgs if Tuna over 40kgs is not won.
- Next Heaviest Tuna by Senior male
- Next Heaviest Tuna by Senior female
- Next Heaviest Tuna by a Junior
- Next Heaviest Tuna by a Small fry
- Heaviest on a boat 7.1m- **Note:** If the heaviest Tuna is captured on a boat 7.1m and under, this trophy will be awarded to the next heaviest tuna captured on a boat 7.1m and under.
- Most Meritorious Tuna
- Heaviest Other Game Fish excluding Sharks and Marlin
- Heaviest Marlin

TAG AND RELEASE CATEGORIES

- Highest point scoring Senior male T&R - **Tuna only**
- Highest point scoring Senior female T&R - **Tuna Only**
- Highest point scoring Junior - **Tuna Only** (EXCL Striped Tuna)
- Highest point scoring small fry - **Tuna Only** (EXCL Striped Tuna)
- Most Striped Tuna tagged by a small fry angler
- Most Marlin by Boat
- Most Sharks by Boat
- Team Boat with Most Points - **Tuna Only** - (EXCL Striped Tuna)
- Team Boat with 2nd Most Points - **Tuna Only** - (EXCL Striped Tuna)
- Most Marlin tagged by Boat
- Most Sharks tagged by Boat
- Highest point score angler T&R – Day 1
- Highest point score angler T&R – Day 2
- Highest point score angler T&R – Day 3

CASH SHOOTOUT

Sunday 21st May 2023 (weather permitting)

- Entry Fee \$100 Per Boat

Categories

- **Boat with the heaviest capture of a tuna**
- Boat with the most meritorious capture of a tuna
- Highest point score tag and release boat – Tuna only (excludes striped tuna)

Shootout Rules

- **Boats must be entered in the 2023 Canberra Tuna Tournament.**
- Tournament fishing rules apply.
- Late entries will not be accepted after the start of fishing on day one of the tournament.
- Refunds will not be given after the start of fishing on day one of the tournament – at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- If fishing is cancelled due to bad weather - the winners will be drawn from a barrel.
- If no fish are captured or tagged in any category the winners will be drawn from a barrel.
- Any one fish can only win one of the cash shootout prizes.
- Prizes won in the shootout do not affect eligibility for other prizes in the 2023 Canberra Tuna Tournament.

Prize money

40% of the prize pool – Heaviest Tuna

40% of the prize pool – Highest point scoring boat tag

and release - tuna only excl. striped tuna

10% Most Meritorious Tuna Captured

10% of the prize pool – Contributed to the ongoing maintenance of the Channel 22 Repeater

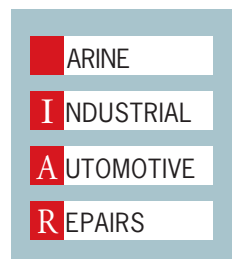
Lucky Angler Draw

- Each competitor is entered in the lucky angler draw.
- The winner will be drawn at the Saturday 20th May 2023 at the BBQ. **You must be present to win.**

SANCTIONING

This tournament is sanctioned by the New South Wales Game Fishing Association Fishing Association

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2023 Tournament Shirts



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