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WARRNAMBOOL Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club Inc.	
DATE	20/4/24
ANGLER	ARCHER MILLS
SPECIES	S.B. TUNA
WEIGHT	17.94 kg
LINE CLASS	6 kg
BAIT	BARZERK

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2023-2024 YEARBOOK



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COVER PHOTO:

Archer Mills, Junior State Record SBT taken during the 2024 South West Victorian Game Fishing Classic.



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# Committee

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PRESIDENT	Jan Oosthuizen
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SECRETARY	Luke Griffiths
TREASURER	Kerrie Griffiths
SAFETY OFFICER	Peter Kavanagh
FISH RECORDER	Neil Woolstencroft
GFAV DELEGATE	Ashley Dance
TAGGING CO-ORDINATOR	Ashley Dance
MEMBERSHIPS & PUBLICITY	Andrew Smith
FLOOR MEMBER	Mick Rantall
FLOOR MEMBER	Zac Amer

**CLUB ETHOS:** To promote the sport of angling and game fishing both as a recreation and as a potential source of scientific data. Promote the exchange of knowledge relating to angling and boating.

- Take no more than our immediate needs.
- Return undersize and unwanted fish carefully to the water.
- Take your rubbish home and dispose of it correctly.
- To promote Tag & Release.
- To participate and organise fishing competitions and tournaments for all anglers to enjoy.
- Protect the marine environment.
- Observe and practice boating safety regulations.
- Operate in accordance with the rules and ethics of G.F.A.A.
- Encourage junior involvement in fishing activities of the club.
- Show courtesy toward other anglers and boat users.
- Provide facilities and equipment that enable club members to enjoy their membership of the club.

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N Clarke	A Mattner	P Warner	B Ludeman
B Chamberlain	M Mattner	B Sharp	P Goode
R Banner	M Orchard	N Woolstencroft	P Kavanagh
N Dance	T Uebergang	A Dance	B Everard
L Wilson (new)	S Watts (new)	A Smith (new)	

# Club Sponsors

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# Presidents Report

**Fishing has been exceptional this season, anything from bottom fishing to chasing big Tuna! Members can almost go and catch them all year round.**

Thanks for the opportunity to have led the club over the past 12 months. I feel the injection of new people onto the committee has generated much needed ideas and enthusiasm.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the executive. For the best part, we have worked extremely well as a group. We have debated and discussed ideas and respected the input of every member of the executive. As stated earlier in the year we are volunteers and as volunteers, we operate doing the best we can with the resources we have available to us.

I do wish to acknowledge the contributions of Andy Smith for the truckloads of work he has put in this year from updating the website, promoting and organizing club nights. You're a massive value to the club. Also, Secretary Luke Griffiths and Treasurer Kerrie Griffiths who undertook their roles with dedication and professionalism.

On a local front, there are things in planning that may impact local fishing waters. Please familiarise yourselves with these issues and get involved if you can help prevent these issues.



In closing, we as a club are very fortunate to run on a volunteer basis. Many clubs these days pay members/administrators to remain viable. The strength of the club is the quality of the members and the commitment of those on the executive. I would like to wish the incoming President all the best and hope he or she receives the support required. I would state that those who come on to the executive to not just be a voice at the table but to be proactive and get involved in projects. Don't be afraid to say what can I do to help!

*Jan Oosthuizen*

Outgoing WOLGFC President

# Club Information

As a member of the Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club you will find the following information useful and assist you in visits to the club, weighing fish and taking part in club competitions and functions.

Please also look over our website [www.wolgfc.com](http://www.wolgfc.com)

## THE CLUB

We are a family orientated club with an emphasis on game fishing, whilst at the same time encouraging responsible angling ethics and environmental awareness.

We cater for all skill levels of anglers, from the big game offshore angler to the novice and everything in between.

The club has regular fishing trips, outings and events (weather permitting). Our trips and outings are mainly offshore, but also estuary and fishing around the local area, in places such as the Hopkins, Merri, Curdies and Fitzroy rivers, Surf fishing and freshwater trips.

## FACILITIES

The Club has a club room facility at the Warrnambool Foreshore, directly behind the Harbour Pavilion and alongside the local Coast Guard premises. The clubrooms are open plan, with a bar, big screen TV, heating/cooling and BBQ facilities for club functions.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

As a club with a strong family membership, partners and children of members are welcome and encouraged to take part in regular club activities.

Some examples of past events and activities are;

- Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic (a community-based fishing competition with a fantastic atmosphere and amazing prizes).
- South West Game Fishing Classic (GFAV sanctioned Game fishing Tournament).
- Tuna tasting night (with a master class from a top local head chef).
- Annual Narrawong Family camping weekend
- Club Christmas Party
- Annual Trophy Presentation Function
- Regular guest speakers at Club Nights

## MEMBER BOATS

Members with a boat are often looking for a 'Deckie' (deckhand) or fishing buddy to share a fishing trip or two.



### **GAME FISHING AFFILIATION**

The Club is affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Victoria (GFAV) and The Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA)

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

All anglers must be current financial members of the WOLGFC, with the option of becoming a member of GFAV, which includes membership to the GFAA. We encourage members to join GFAV for a small additional fee to receive the following benefits.

- You NEED to be a financial member of a club affiliated with GFAA to be eligible to claim any state or national game fishing records.
- Eligibility to enter Sanctioned game fishing tournaments nationwide.
- Ability to participate in the WOLGFC Tag & Release Program.
- Qualification to claim any game fishing trophies on our club trophy list.
- To add weight to the growing umbrella of the governing body that is fighting to keep our fishing rights intact against threats of any misinformed legislative sanctions.

### **LOCAL GAME FISHING**

The highlight of the local area is the exceptional offshore Southern Bluefin Tuna and game fishing during the summer and autumn months, when schools of tuna, game fish and sharks visit our nearby shores. Members regularly travel to the Port MacDonnell Annual Tuna Fishing Competition in early May based just over the border in South Australia, also fish offshore from Warrnambool, Portland, Port Fairy & Peterborough targeting Southern Bluefin Tuna, Yellow tail kingfish, Albacore, shark species and other trophy sized game fish.

### **FISHING VARIETY**

Game fishing is not that is on offer offshore. We provide an opportunity to pursue various types of light tackle sport fishing, including:

- Offshore game fishing
- Deep water bottom bouncing
- Inshore reef fishing
- Surf fishing
- Estuary - bait and lure fishing
- Freshwater fishing (lakes and rivers)

## **Club Meetings**

### **CLUB COMPETITIONS & OUTINGS**

Keep an eye on the club website and Facebook page for the full calendar of General meetings and outings, along with up-to-date information.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**

An executive committee meeting in our club rooms of elected office bearers and committee

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: July**

A new committee & Office Bearers voted in. All members welcome to attend and vote.

**Reminder**

**Member Fees**

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# Club History

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*Letter below as written by the inaugural president Bruce Everard:*

The Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club was formed 15 months after the Late Viv Balmer suggested that I try and form a boating or an Offshore Fishing Club.

Viv was an ex-World War 2 Navy Officer and had a great love of the sea. But he had a heart condition and was unable to launch and retrieve his boat himself. Viv thought that there would be other people in a similar situation and by forming a Club it would allow these people to continue to enjoy further days at sea and while fostering friendships amongst boat owners and fisherpersons, a Club would be able to increase safety at sea.

In December of 1976, a number of boat owners were contacted and told of the idea, a few were interested, but the majority had the attitude that (I only go cray fishing and sweep fishing, so I don't need to be in a Club and how could this help me). Of the people who were a little interested, not one got back in contact with me, so I took no further action.

In December 1977, I was once again at Balmers for a Staff Christmas BBQ and Viv again raised the question of a Boating Club and so once again a number of Boat Owners were contacted and were told that a Meeting would be held at 54 Younger Street, on a particular night in February 1978. Seven or Eight people turned up on the night for the Meeting and so the Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Fishing Club came into existence, but unfortunately a week before the meeting Viv Balmer suddenly passed away.

*B G Everard*

*(Inaugural President)*



# La Bella Reef Raffle

Richardson Marine, our major sponsor once again provided huge support of our major fundraiser! Thank you to our great members and the public for jumping in and grabbing a ticket!



## LA BELLA REEF RAFFLE



### PRIZE LIST

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Tackle Shack Shopping Spree valued at \$2500.00, Richardson Marine
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Full Day Private Boat Fishing Charter, valued at \$2100.00 Salty Dog Charters
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Weber 'Family Q 3200' BBQ, valued at \$949.00 Crichton Fireside Shop
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Custom 10kg IGFA Sabre Game Rod, valued at \$850.00 Rantall Custom Rods
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: 18 Hole Golf Day, 4 people, including Carts, valued at \$336.00 Port Fairy Golf
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Boaties Bundle, First Aid Kit Package, valued at \$275.00 Survival First Aid
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Hot Springs & Hotel Voucher, valued at \$250.00 Deep Blue Hot Springs
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Fuel Voucher \$250.00, BP One Stop
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Meat Voucher \$200.00 Voucher, Norfolk Butchers

Drawn 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at Clubrooms. Winners Notified if not present.

### 2023 Winners

**1st Prize: Tackle Shack Shopping Spree valued at \$2500.00, Richardson Marine: Martin Kavanagh**

**2nd Prize: Full Day Private Boat Fishing Charter, valued at \$2100.00 Salty Dog Charters: Martin Kavanagh**

**3rd Prize: Weber 'Family Q 3200' BBQ, valued at \$949.00 Crichton Fireside Shop: Janco Oosthuizen**

**4th Prize: Custom 10kg IGFA Sabre Game Rod, valued at \$850.00 Rantall Custom Rods: Glenn Crittenden**

**5th Prize: 18 Hole Golf Day, 4 people, including Carts, valued at \$336.00 Port Fairy Golf: Scott Finlay**

**6th Prize: Boaties Bundle, First Aid Kit Package, valued at \$275.00 Survival First Aid: Chris Searle**

**7th Prize: Hot Springs & Hotel Voucher, valued at \$250.00 Deep Blue Hot Springs: James McNamara**

**8th Prize: Fuel Voucher \$250.00, BP One Stop: Ben Small**

**9th Prize: Meat Voucher \$200.00 Voucher, Norfolk Butchers: Ashley Dance**

## 2024 South West Game Fishing Classic

The 2024 South West Victorian Game Fishing Classic, proudly presented by Ebb Tide Tackle saw glorious autumn weather treat the field of anglers to some great conditions Sunday after settling out nicely on Saturday. With over \$10,000 in prizes up for grabs, the excitement level was high.

Comp results saw some great line class captures, with a Pending State Record Junior capture to Archer Mills of a Southern Bluefin Tuna of 17.94kg on 6kg line! Well done Archer along with crew aboard 'Barzerk', skippered by Peter Goode and crewman Kevin Mills.



# 2024 South West Gamefishing Classic

## CATEGORY AWARDS

EARLY ENTRY Howk Game Rod Prize Draw: Codi Symons

### Senior Category Trophies

MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 4KG LINE CLASS

Peter Goode 12.56kg

MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 8KG LINE CLASS

Peter Goode 12.78kg

MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH 10KG LINE CLASS

David Meredith 14.84kg

MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH CAPTURE

471 points: Peter Goode 12.56kg on 4kg line

CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Senior:

Ian Holland 6000 points (on countback from Kevin Mills)



# 2024 South West Game Fishing Classic



# 2024 South West Gamefishing Classic

## Junior Category Trophies

**MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH CAPTURE**

Archer Mills 17.94kg on 6kg (Victorian Junior Record)

**RUNNER UP MOST MERITORIOUS GAMEFISH CAPTURE**

Jacob Dance 14.36kg

**CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Junior:**

Archer Mills 2000 points

## Small Fry Category Trophies

**CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE- Small Fry:**

Codi Symons 4000 points

## Boat Trophies

**CHAMPION BOAT TAG & RELEASE:**

Anne-Belle 12000 points



*Many thanks to Coast Guard Warrnambool and our volunteer team for radio operation all weekend and also the Victorian Water Police for their attendance joining us at the event briefing.*

# Ben Cunnington – Special Guest Evening

A great crowd packed the La Bella Room of the Pavilion for a fantastic night listening to North Melbourne AFL Footballer and gun fisho, Ben Cunnington entertain. It was a night for the ages, with Ben taking us through his career, from childhood at Princetown through his football journey and his hard fought cancer battle. The constant thing he falls back to is fishing. Ben has a huge passion for our local area and it was a great night!

We also had a huge raffle, well done to Jacob Taylor taking out the major prize of a Shimano Speedmaster 25 reel! Other winners shared the spoils of a great range of prizes including Outboard Service voucher from Stu's Outboards, a marine Survival First Aid Kit, Predator Tackle traces, GME VHF Radio & boat torch.



## The pain for a record claim! – Grub Cole

Well after finding out my first record claim wasn't going to go through due to my leader length being too long, was a hard pill to swallow! We set out again chasing this record of Southern bluefin Tuna on 15kg lines class!

We managed to hook one up the very next trip fishing 15kg only to have a crack in the tip of the rod, which ended in us breaking it off. We then were able to roll a donut on the next day with people hooking up around us everywhere! Phil was pulling his hair out this day, but we didn't manage to get a bite. Upon return to harbour, we realised that the boat had a loose duck board that was creating a noise, could that possibly scare the fish off?

The next trip, Laura and I (The A Team) only being able to fish half a day as we had commitments to fulfill later in the day, managed to mark a lot of fish but again, no bites! Hearing from Phil he had hooked a double on the Tuesday, the next day in the weather pattern was Friday the 12th of July, my late father's birthday.

I was straight on the phone to my brother to convince him he needed to come out for a crack. We set out early Friday morning, we made our way down to where we had heard from Phil that he had the bites. The area was looking quiet, so we put a spread out and within minutes were able to see a large patch of birds in the distance. We started to get closer and just on cue, like all good fishing stories, the birds dispersed and once again nothing was going on. We had a small patch of dolphins and a whale working some bait in closer. So, we headed over for a look and suddenly bang, we were on! I jumped onto the rod with Jarron clearing the gear, 5 minutes in and pop! Broke it off and losing my favourite lure in the process too.

Quick double tied up and a new wind on leader, cats pawed on and we were back fishing 5 rods, Next work up, bang! ON AGAIN! This was all happy high fives we got settled in for the fight.

1 hour in - Still a happy team on board, very positive.

2 hours in - We had some time now to think about how we we're going to handle the fish next to the boat and get some gaffs onto it. All sorted with a plan.

3 hours in - Come on fish. Just give us a shot. Not too many high fives at this stage.

4 hours in - We had the fish close, another 10 minutes this fish is ours, getting a good look at it, we knew it could be the record fish. And SNAP! That was defeat. The feeling you can't explain, the fish had won, back to the drawing board!

## The pain for a record claim!

By this time, it was 4 o'clock, I said to Jarron, "Let's go, put them out for 30 minutes", (secretly hoping that we don't get a bite due to dark coming in an hour).

4:27pm saw us working back to where we got a bite that day and we had a few dolphins around the area. BANG! Off screamed the short corner. My first thought was, "How stupid we are for hooking up now!"

I jumped back on for number 3 for the day! This fish was doing blistering runs and staying up high in the water! Managing to sneak up close to this fish, it came up to shake its head and then we were able to seal the deal in 30 minutes. The high fives were back on the boat!

After we dragged it over the side and were heading home, we were not confident it was our record size. The measure tape came out quickly and an average short length measure it was 190cm which puts it in with a chance!

Arriving at the weigh station at 10:30pm at the Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Fishing Club we were able to haul it onto the scales!

**121.0kg on 15kg**

**With some yahooing and some congratulations, we had an official pending world record claim!!**

A measure of the leader to discover I was around 2 meters under allowable length was a very joyful moment! A huge shout out to my partner Laura, brother Jarron (who said he will never come with a 15kg Rod on the boat again), Mum, Jim Doolan, Steve Craddock and the whole team at Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Club! You made this dream come true!



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## Dogtooth Dreams – Matthew Dennett

The trip began in Bundaberg, after two flights from Melbourne, where we were greeted by Todd and his beautiful 68 foot Buddy Davis which we called home for the following two weeks. The following morning after arriving we departed from the Bundaberg Marina and began the 200nm steam to Wreck Reef.

The following evening saw our arrival to the West Islet of Wreck Reef, where we were greeted with turquoise blue water surrounding the breaking reefs of the sand cays. The fishing began by trolling the sharp reef edge with diving lures and stick baits, which led to instant action with a 10kg dogtooth tuna tagged and released followed by an 8kg coral trout. These fish were soon undermined by the chaos that occurred later this afternoon when we hooked large dogtooth tuna which we were unable to stop from making their way over the reef edge and breaking us off. Over the following days we experienced world class fishing, tagging and releasing countless wahoo and yellowfin tuna up to 35kg on topwater as well as XL coral trout on the reef edges.

However, the prize of the trip was the dogtooth tuna, with their dirty fighting capabilities causing frustration by preventing us from landing many of the bigger specimens. Fortunately, after much heartbreak and lost gear we were able to tag and release a larger dogtooth of around 50 kg after a short fight on 80lb line. Overall, the trip was action packed, tagging 7 dogtooth tuna, 10 giant trevally, 13 wahoo and multiple yellowfin with countless fish released by other anglers. As luck has it, one of the smaller dogtooth tuna that was tagged was recaptured by a spear fisherman a short time later in a location near the fish's initial release.



## Kerrie & the Mako – Team Griffio

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The sea was calm enough to take the new (3rd hand) Stacer 469 Sun Master for a bit of a trip further out this day. The usual lumpy seas that turned Kezz into a seasick, unhappy passenger on the boat, had flattened out enough to give us a chance to make it out to the fabled Snapper marks other club members had suggested. These locations were only close in, when compared to these seasoned fishermen, but small steps are needed here!

After a bit of bottom bouncing with no real luck, we headed back in closer towards the dreaded Blue Throat Reefs out the front of the Hopkins River Mouth, but still about 30 meters deep.

There were a few bigger boats trolling lures for school tuna between us and the land, so Luke gave casting off the bow a shot (not too sure how that would have gone if he'd caught one). While he was up there stuffing around, one of the big rods still bottom bouncing off the stern started to come to life. "Big Bertha" was always dropped down just in case a Gummy was around. After a few small pulls, the rod started to buckle over. Kezz jumped onto it and started her usual skull drag technique, this time actually helping to set the hook!

After a few yells towards Luke on the bow, who was still attempting to keep his balance and untangle the small metal lure from the VHF aerial, she settled into a decent rhythm of the tried and trusted "lift and wind". The reel's drag, set to Kezz's usual "tight-as-it'll-go", kept giving line back to whatever this fish was. She only started to really panic when she saw a big grey thing jump from the water a few times.

On the third time this happened, her yells back to Luke, now attempting to take the hook out of his thumb, made him realise that we might be onto something good here. Maybe it was one of those tuna the bigger boats were trolling for with their outriggers and expensive overhead reels. He'd managed to miss the aerial activities of the leviathan of the deep, with all his incompetence up on the bow.

Now able to get to the back of the boat, he was able to try to take a bit of control of the situation (just like a good skipper should do).

## Kerrie & the Mako – Team Griffio

When the beast finally showed a bit of colour at the end of the fight, Luke stupidly called out what it was. Yep, a real live Mako! Not huge, but definitely a keeper, just over a meter long and with a mouth like a broken mattress.

It hadn't done the usual stuff you see on the tv shows or hear about from those with a lot more experience. There was no amazing jumping out of the water, meters in the air, breaking the surface here, then next minute a long way away. There was no crazed thrashing at the side of the boat, biting everything it can to get away.....but it was a Mako shark and it was now at the side of the boat.

Kezz now started to shrink back into the glove box of the boat, not wanting anything to do with the shark, it was all she could do to keep a hold on the bloody fishing rod. Luke gave her his mobile phone to keep the filming going, so he could at least try to land this thing. After confirming she was filming, out came the gaff, no tail rope at this stage, that stuff comes with the wisdom of experience! Also, with a properly prepared boat set for shark fishing.

In with the gaff, now with the spinning, but somehow Luke still had hold of it. He dragged it up the side of the boat to come to a rest on the top of the gunnel. Thank God it was tired out and not jumping around here. With a word of warning over the shoulder to Kezz, who was now trying to climb back through the windscreen and onto the bow of the boat, the sentence "They're famous for going ape shit" only helped to scare her even more!

With a final drag onto the floor of the boat and with the shark's last attempt at freedom, there now a bit more of that famous thrashing around. Wisely, stepping away from the chaos, Luke could only nervously laugh at the fact that this shark might very well destroy the new boat.

Finally it settled down enough for Luke to jump on the shark and pin its head to the floor with the gaff. Looking around anxiously for the "priest" to help dispatch the beast, he realised that the bloody thing was still at home in the shed. With nothing else to use, he whacked it a few times on the head with the gaff handle. This did not obtain the desired effect. It may as well been a piece of wet pasta.

## Kerrie & the mako – Team Griffio

The only thing close enough to help was an old rag, which was quickly put over the eyes of the shark and helped calm it down, (thanks shark week documentaries).

After a phone call to Andy Smith, who A) couldn't believe that we hadn't tail wrapped the Mako and B) couldn't believe we had brought it aboard while it was still alive, quickly advised Kezz to tell Luke to cut it's gills. Soon thereafter and with a lot of blood to clean out of the deck carpet over the next few weeks, the Mako was finally at rest.

This is a good example of biting off a bit more than you could chew (pardon the pun) but also a ripper example of how the fishing club members are able to help each other with basic advice. The Griffos would probably still be floating around out there with a snapping Mako onboard otherwise!

There are a few videos of the incident to look back on.

PS. The Mako was very nice, with lots of happy family members and mates scoffing it down.



## Bemm River – Ian Holland

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For the past 2 years Neil Woolstencroft and myself have ventured down to Bemm River for what can only be described as a week of fishing hard. If you like flicking soft plastics and hard body lures using light gear this is a destination that is worth exploring. The area offers an array of species from Bream, Estuary Perch, Salmon, Tailor, Flathead, Trevally, Mullet and some other estuary species from time to time.

The river also comes to life at certain times of the year with prawns, a truly amazing spectacle if you get a chance to see. Both times there were there an abundance of bait sized prawns would appear from what seems to be nowhere after dark, predominately down near the mouth of the river on the sand flats. Using waders, a head lamp and fine dip net, it was relatively easy to scoop some up to use if bait is your go.

Bemm River is predominantly a fishing destination, the town consists of a small bait and tackle store that had a couple of shelves of basic staples with the rest of the store stocked with a large array of fishing tackle and lures. The town also has a laid-back country pub, the town has no other shops. The nearest fuel is around 45 minutes from town so if you are fishing for a few days, you may need to take a jerry can, to avoid having to do the run too often.

The town has ample accommodation depending on your needs. We roughed it in tents in the caravan park, it was fairly spacious, relatively sheltered and the facilities were clean. The camp kitchen was basic with only 2 electric bbqs and no other appliances (fridge, freezer, kettle, toaster etc) so you will need to take your own if camping.

The fishing on the first trip varied from day to day and was more of a learning experience to try to explore and work out the lay of the land. We caught good numbers of Bream, the odd trevally, tailor but the flathead were elusive with only 5 caught for the week.

## Bemm River – Ian Holland

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The 2nd trip was a lot more productive with good numbers of Bream and flathead. The large bream were elusive however what we caught were around 35cm and very fat and healthy and fought well on light gear, both black and yellowfin bream. But it was the flathead that were the highlight, good numbers were caught, largest 75cm most between 45-60 cm models.

Various techniques were tried and worked, soft plastics, grubs and shads, hard body crank baits and minnows, prawn style soft plastic lures. Most productive method was casting at the bank and working the drop offs at the edge, sometimes in as little as a few inches of water.

For the Flathead dragging the lures across bottom of the flats seem to entice any in the area.

Definitely the highlight of the trip was fishing bent minnows on first light, the flats seemed to be alive with bream feeding on any prawns that remained. We both even to manage to land a flathead each on bent minnows in as little as a few inches of water.

If you get a chance definitely worth an explore, happy to share any knowledge if your heading that way.

Cheers!

# Tagged SB Tuna Recapture!

**3076 days and 1792 nautical miles travelled!**

That's how long a tagged Southern Bluefin Tuna tagged by club member Peter Goode was at liberty for!

Tagged off Port Fairy on 27th April 2015, estimated 12kg weight

Caught in the Southern Indian Ocean on 23rd September 2023 and weighed 73kg!

Huge news, with some exciting distance travelled and serious growth. Pictured is a similar size Tuna that Goody tagged only a couple of days prior. Congratulations!!

Some context.... This tuna grew 61kg, and swum 3318km over 8.4 years! That's mind blowing!!



The certificate features the NSW Government logo at the top left. The title "Recapture Certificate" is prominently displayed in white text against a dark blue background. Below this, the species "SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA" is centered. The certificate is divided into two columns: "Release" and "Recapture". The release information includes the name Peter Goode (BARDUP), the date (27 April 2015), location (Port Fairy VIC), latitude (38.255), longitude (142.12E), weight (12 kg), and length (95 cm). The recapture information includes a commercial fisher, the date (28 September 2023), location (South Indian Ocean), latitude (37.375), longitude (103.56E), weight (73 kg), and length (157 cm). Additional details include a tag number (A567055), 3076 days at liberty, and a distance of 1792 NM. The bottom of the certificate contains logos for the NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program, New South Wales Recreational Fishing Trusts, Fish for Life NSW, and the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

Release		Recapture	
PETER GOODE BARDUP		COMMERCIAL FISHER	
Date	: 27 April 2015	Date	: 28 September 2023
Location	: PORT FAIRY (VIC)	Location	: SOUTH INDIAN OCEAN
Latitude	: 38.255	Latitude	: 37.375
Longitude	: 142.12E	Longitude	: 103.56E
Weight (kg)	: 12	Weight (kg)	: 73
Length (cm)	: 95	Length (cm)	: 157
Tag Number	: A567055		
Days at Liberty	: 3076		
Distance (NM)	: 1792		

# Dogtooth Tuna Recapture!

## TAG AND RELEASE RECAPTURE!

Congratulations Matthew Dennett, while up north fishing at Wreck Reef, Matthew tagged a Dogtooth Tuna which was recaptured by an angler a month after!

28 days at liberty and caught on the same reef!



The certificate features a dark blue header with the NSW Government logo and the title 'Recapture Certificate'. Below this, the species 'DOGTOOTH TUNA' is centered. The release and recapture details are presented in two columns. The release information for Matthew Dennett includes the date (05 October 2023), location (Wreck Reefs QLD), latitude (22.08S), longitude (155.19E), weight (15 kg), and length (80 cm). The recapture information for Michael Hopkins includes the date (02 November 2023), location (Wreck Reefs QLD), latitude (22.08S), longitude (155.19E), weight (15 kg), and length (100 cm). The tag number is A670862 and the fish was at liberty for 28 days. The bottom of the certificate contains logos for the NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program, New South Wales Recreational Fishing Tackle, Fish for Life NSW, and the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

**NSW GOVERNMENT**

## Recapture Certificate

### DOGTOOTH TUNA

Release		Recapture	
<b>MATTHEW DENNETT</b>		<b>MICHAEL HOPKINS</b>	
<b>LONG TIME DEAD</b>		<b>EASTERN VOYAGER</b>	
Date	: 05 October 2023	Date	: 02 November 2023
Location	: WRECK REEFS (QLD)	Location	: WRECK REEFS (QLD)
Latitude	: 22.08S	Latitude	: 22.08S
Longitude	: 155.19E	Longitude	: 155.19E
Weight (kg)	: 15	Weight (kg)	: 15
Length (cm)	: 80	Length (cm)	: 100
Tag Number	: A670862		
Days at Liberty	: 28		

**NSW DPI**  
GAME FISH  
TAGGING  
PROGRAM

**New South Wales**  
Recreational  
Fishing Tackle

**FISH FOR LIFE NSW**

**GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA**

# Club Comp Results

During the year, the club held regular fishing events in our local waters and luckily, the weather co-operated for most of them! Check out the results summary below of each event.

**September 2023: Southern Bluefin Tuna - Senior Capture:** Glenn Crittenden 93.0kg (cleaned). **Senior Tag and Release:** Phillip Pirotta 10,000 points

**October 2023: Snapper & Shark - Cancelled due to weather**

**November 2023: Snapper & Morwong - Snapper:** Peter Goode

**December 2023: Southern Bluefin Tuna & Kingfish - Kingfish Senior,** Phillip Pirotta. **Tag & Release Points -tie-** Jacob Taylor & Amanda Pirotta

**January 2024: Southern Bluefin Tuna & Kingfish - Cancelled due to weather**

**February 2024: Kingfish & Game Shark - Heaviest Mako** Amanda Pirotta 84.2kg on 37kg, **Tag & Release Points** Brian Nolan 26,500 points



# Club Comp Results

**March 2024: All Club Species - Random Draw winners:** Senior #1: Janaka Kandage, Senior #2: Max Fahey, Senior #3: John Fahey, Junior #1: Max Fry, Junior #2: Martin Oosthuizen, Junior #3: Max Fry

**April 2024: 2024 South West Victorian Game Fishing Classic, presented by Ebb Tide Tackle**

**May 2024: All Club Species - Random Draw winners:** Senior #1: Mick Rantall, Senior #2: Mick Rantall, Senior #3: Peter Goode

**June 2024: Deepwater & Striped Trumpeter - Heaviest Shark:** Ashley Dance 21.98kg School Shark, Heaviest Striped Trumpeter: Peter Sedgley 5.9kg, Heaviest Blue Eye: Peter Goode 2.64kg, Heaviest Pink Ling: Peter Goode 9.08kg, Heaviest Snapper: Ashley Dance 3.24kg

**Junior: Heaviest Gummy/School Shark:** Max Kandage 14.24kg

**June 2024: Glenelg River Trip - Senior: Longest Bream:** Harrison Rantall 35cm FL. Longest Estuary Perch: Max Fahey 37cm FL. Heaviest Bream: Andy Smith 0.70kg, Heaviest Estuary Perch: Andy Smith 0.88kg,

**Heaviest Bream Junior:** Finn Smith 0.57kg

**WOLGFC 2024 Snapper Challenge:** Peter Goode 1.20kg



# Measure & Release

## Measure & Release Club Category

Introduced in Season 2023-24 was the ability to measure, record & release your fish for club recognition and awards at the end of season presentation!

Grab yourself one of the club's new fantastic Measure Mats from the online store and submit your Measure & Release Entry directly online through the Club Website

[BUY MEASURE MAT HERE](#)

**Measure & Release Categories Species:  
Yellowtail Kingfish, Mulloway, Estuary Perch & Bream  
Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Australian Bass**

### Instructions.

\*Fish entry only accepted with one of the following; WOLGFC Mat, IGFA, NSW DPI or Shimano measure mat.

\*Photograph must be taken directly above the fish, laying flat on the mat with the nose of the fish at the start of the bump board.

\*An additional photo of the angler holding the fish is preferred for club publication.

\* Submit catch directly on the website at the 'Enter Measure & Release' button and complete form, including upload of images.



# Fishing Season, Weighing Fish & Rules

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## FISHING SEASON

The WOLGFC & GFAV fishing season opens at 12.00am 1<sup>st</sup> July and ends at midnight 30<sup>th</sup> June the following year.

## RULES & LIMITS

All State bag and size limits will apply for all species not on the club trophy list. The eligible species for the WOLGFC trophy list are listed within this guide, including the club enforced minimum weights or size.

## FISHING BOUNDARIES

**Local Waters:** Defined as boats launched from the Port MacDonnell boat ramp (South Australia) to boats launched from the Apollo Bay (Victoria) Boat ramp inclusive or any other waters if a club sanctioned event or competition.

**Any Waters:** Defined as all waters not covered under Local Waters and including Local Waters.

## WEIGHING OF FISH

The Club owns three sets of scales that are calibrated each and every season for the weighing of club member's fish. At each weigh station there is a plastic container with a weigh in book. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure all sections of the weigh slip are filled in accurately and correctly to ensure that the Fish Recorder/Weigh Master can process all the data required at the end of each fishing season.

**#1 SCALES - WARRNAMBOOL CLUBROOMS OR GANTRY AREA:** Digital scales that weigh from 0-50 kg in 20gram increments, the scales are in a Stainless-steel box with a coded padlock that members have access to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The code will be issued to new members once they have joined the WOLGFC

**#2 SCALES - PORT FAIRY SEA SCOUT BUILDING, SOUTH SIDE OF BOAT RAMP AREA:** Digital scales that weigh from 0-50 kg in 20gram increments, the scales are in a Stainless-steel box with a coded padlock that members have access to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The code will be issued to new members once they have joined the WOLGFC

**#3 SCALES - LARGE GAMEFISH SCALES:** Digital scale that weighs from 0-400 kg in 100gram increments. These scales are a precision piece of equipment and are to only be handled by the Club Fish Recorder, Assistant Fish Recorder and other select members of the Executive. Contact Weigh Master or Fish Recorder to get access to these. If the Fish recorder is not contactable, please contact the Assistant Fish Recorder and then the President, Vice President etc.

# Gantry & Tagging Fish

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## **CLUB GANTRY (currently in a replacement phase)**

Please do not winch fish out of boats with the scales attached to the winch. Fish must be winched out of the boat and be placed on the ground, attach the lanyard rope to the scales, 'ZERO out' the scales and then winch fish up off the ground. Repeat the process in reverse to return fish to the boat. Please wash down concrete once finished.

## **CHARTER BOAT CAPTURES**

The Capture, tag & release of fish and gamefish is allowable from charter boats for all individual awards and trophies, providing they are weighed on club scales, or a certified calibration report of the scales used, and weigh docket can be provided to the Weigh master before the end of the fishing season.

## **TAGGING FISH**

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

- **Tagging is available strictly to GFAV Members only**
- Tag your gamefish, fill out the card correctly and return to the Club Tagging Co-Ordinator ASAP.
- Tag your shark with a purpose made shark tag and the appropriate applicator, fill the card out completely and return to the Club Tagging Co-Ordinator ASAP.
- All used tag cards submitted to the Club Tagging Co-Ordinator will be recorded then forwarded to NSW Fisheries Gamefish Tagging Program for replacement.
- Any broken tags must be handed to the Club Tagging Co-Ordinator so we can get a replacement tag.
- Lost tags need to be reported to the club; also cards that may be wet, soggy messes need to be returned so we can get replacements.
- You will receive replacement tags for each tag you hand in.
- **DO NOT** send the tag card back directly to NSW Fisheries Gamefish Tagging Program.

*Could all members please ensure that all tag and release cards are filled out correctly, as this has been a historical problem. Simply fill all the information on the tag card or you may not receive another allocation or risk a small club-imposed loss of points.*

# Tagging Fish

## ELIGIBLE SPECIES FOR CAPTURE AND TAG & RELEASE

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

Members are asked to exercise the proper procedures for tagging fish and sharks, Especially when tagging smaller fish. This will hopefully ensure a higher survival rate after tagging. All game fish and sharks as listed by GFAA, IGFA or nominated by the WOLGFC are eligible.

**NOTE:** Sharks must be over 1.2 meters in length before being tagged (measured from point of nose to tail fork).

## GAMEFISH TAGGING PROGRAM

The Gamefish Tagging Program (GTP) was established in the 1970's primarily to give recreational fishers, and in particular gamefishers, the opportunity to assist in gathering research data. NSW Fisheries supplies fish tags to members of registered fishing clubs affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA).

These members undertake the tagging of gamefish since the growing tendency for game and sportfishers to only weigh potentially record or tournament winning fish provides an excellent opportunity for tagging of large numbers of otherwise discarded gamefish on an economically viable basis.


Three types of tag are currently in use:

- Medium size nylon-headed single barbed (Pelagic tag)
- Stainless steel-headed tag with a plastic streamer (Shark Tag)
- Special nylon head Billfish multi-barbed. (Billfish tag)



# Tuna Tagging

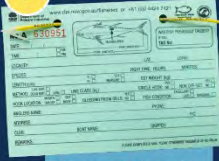
Correct tagging of gamefish is critical to adding to research, maintain fish welfare and benefit of the fishery. Here are some pointers to ensure Tuna tags go in and stay in correctly. Check out Tuna Champions for more detailed information! [www.tunachampions.com](http://www.tunachampions.com)



## TAGGING A SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA

Small moves make a difference

**1**




*Be aware of the tagging regulations in your state.*

**BE TAGGING-READY**

You'll need everything ready to go:

- Tag cards, plastic-tipped dart tags for tuna and tagging poles
- Padded landing mat
- Clean cloth, wet with saltwater, to cover the fish's eye
- Two people for fast, accurate tagging.


**3**



**APPLY TAG CORRECTLY**

- Avoid tagging too low on fish's shoulder as the muscle will grow over the tag.
- Position tag high up under second dorsal fin at 45° angle towards tail (as shown).
- Lock dart anchor in behind basal rays, not in muscle tissue.

**2**




*Inaccurate tagging could injure the fish. If the fish is very active boatside, don't attempt to tag it.*

**4**

**MEASURE YOUR SBT**

Boatside or onboard, measure your SBT from its nose-tip to the fork in its tail, in the straightest line possible. Whether you're using a tape or a brag mat, your measurement won't be as accurate if you include the extra length over the curve of the SBT's body.



Fork Length

When tagging with the pelagic tag, the majority of fish should be removed from the water before tagging. This enables improved accuracy of tagging, may simplify hook removal and allow more accurate recording of the length and weight. For larger fish a short hand tagger can be used for tagging boat side. Try to prevent the fish damaging itself on hard, hot, or dry surfaces. A wet foam mat or similar is ideal (a wet towel will suffice) for on-boat tagging.

Pelagic tags should be inserted by hand tagger or short pole, as they are designed to lock behind the bony structures of the dorsal fin or second dorsal fin in order to stay in position. Carefully insert the tag into the fish's back, close to the base of the fin and angled in so that it passes through the bony structures that radiate off the fin. Try to insert the tag at an angle of at least 45° to reduce water friction and then twist the tag pole before removing it. In effect, you should be trying to hook the barb of the tag around one of these spines, which then locks the tag in place.

# Tuna Tagging



## TAG PLACEMENT IS CRITICAL

With all tagging, fill out the tag card immediately and return to Club Recorder ASAP, otherwise tagging is of no value. Remember - successful tagging is a team effort.

## RECORD, REVIVE & RELEASE



### RECORD LENGTH & CAPTURE DETAILS

Record exact length and capture information, so researchers can gather accurate data to learn more about SBT.



### REVIVE & RELEASE THE FISH

For big fish boatside, keep boat moving forward slowly so water flows through the gills, until your fish is ready to swim away.

For smaller fish, release gently with a little push forward so water flows through gills.



Tip: take a photo of the old tag in case you lose it.



**SUCCESS!** *Your correct tagging efforts will help us all understand more about this amazing fish.*



### IF THE SBT ALREADY HAS A TAG...

SBT tag and recapture information is extremely valuable for researchers, especially if an old tag has been in the fish for a while.

Releasing the fish? Carefully cut off old tag and re-tag fish. Fill in tag card, recording old and new tag numbers.

Keeping the fish? Cut off tag, complete tag card using old tag number, and submit.

You can report your recaptures to DPI (details below) or online at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

**Don't forget to return your tag cards asap!**

Photo: Dennis Heinicke

# GFAA Eligible Tag & Release Species

## 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

*Grammatocybus 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

*Carcharhinus* 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

*Arripis* 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: 45cm)

Source: GFAA Gamefishing Journal 2023



# Tag & Release Points

The Club adheres to the points scoring system as published by GFAV. Please see below for a summary of species that may be encountered for point scoring, including minimum size for tagging.

SPECIES										
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	
<b>Albacore</b> <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	60	3	LP	2000	<b>Mulloway (Jewfish) ^</b> <i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>	60	3	LP	1000	
<b>Amberjack</b> <i>Seriola dumerilii</i>	60	3	LP	2000	<b>Queenfish</b> <i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	60	3	LP	1000	
<b>Barracuda</b> <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	<b>Rainbow Runner</b> <i>Elagtis bipinnulatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	
<b>Bonito</b> <i>Sarda spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	<b>Sailfish</b> <i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>			B	10000	
<b>Broadbill</b> <i>Xiphias gladius</i>				B	10000	<b>Salmon, Australian ^</b> <i>Arripis trutta</i>	40	3	SP	100
<b>Cobia</b> <i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	60	3	LP	2000	<b>Samson fish</b> <i>Seriola hippos</i>	60	3	LP	2000	
<b>Eagle Ray</b> <i>Myliobatis australis</i>		3	LP	25	<b>Shark, blue</b> <i>Prionace glauca</i>	100	5	M	2000	
<b>Kingfish (yellowtail)</b> <i>Seriola lalandi</i>	70	3	LP	2000	<b>Shark, gummy</b> <i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	100	5	M	500	
<b>Mackerel, broad barred</b> <i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	<b>Shark, hammerhead</b> <i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	100	5	M	3000	
<b>Mackerel, narrow barred</b> <i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	60	3	LP	1000	<b>Shark, mako</b> <i>Isurus spp.</i>	100	5	M	4000	
<b>Mackerel, shark</b> <i>Grammatorcynus bicarinatus</i>	60	3	LP	25	<b>Shark, porbeagle</b> <i>Lamna nasus</i>	100	5	M	4000	
<b>Mackerel, spotted</b> <i>Scomberomorus spp.</i>	60	3	LP	25	<b>Shark, school (tope)</b> <i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	100	5	M	1500	
<b>Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish)</b> <i>Coryphaena spp.</i>	60	3	LP	1000	<b>Shark, thresher</b> <i>Alopias spp.</i>	100	5	M	5000	
<b>Marlin, black</b> <i>Makaira indica</i>				B	10000	<b>Shark, tiger</b> <i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	100	5	M	3000
<b>Marlin, Pacific blue</b> <i>Makaira nigricans</i>				B	10000	<b>Shark, whaler</b> <i>Carcharinus spp.</i>	100	5	M	3000
<b>Marlin, Striped</b> <i>Tetrapturus audax</i>				B	10000	<b>Spearfish</b> <i>Tetrapturus spp.</i>			B	10000

# Tag & Release Points

SPECIES									
Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points	Minimum length & weight >	cm	kg	Tag	Points
Snapper ^ <i>Pagrus auratus</i>	40	3	SP	25	Tuna, dogtooth <i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	60	3	LP	2000
Trevally, big eye <i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, longtail <i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	60	3	LP	1000
Trevally, giant <i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	60	3	LP	2000	Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa) <i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	60	3	LP	25
Trevally, gold spot <i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, skipjack <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	60	3	LP	25
Trevally, golden <i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	60	3	LP	100	Tuna, southern bluefin <i>Thunnus maccoyii</i> - Fork Length < 1500mm	60	3	LP	2000
Trevally, silver ^ <i>Pseudocaranx dentex</i>	35	3	SP	100	- Fork Length 1500mm & greater				10000
Tuna, bigeye <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	60	3	LP	2000	Tuna, yellowfin <i>Thunnus albacares</i> - Fork Length < 1500mm	60	3	LP	2000
Tuna, bluefin <i>Thunnus thynnus orientalis</i>	60	3	LP	2000	- Fork Length 1500mm & greater				10000
					Wahoo <i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	60	3	LP	1000

## Notes:

1. ^ Species marked with a caret (^) are only eligible to be Tagged in Victoria, South Australia and south of the Tropic of Capricorn in Western Australia.
2. Minimum length AND weight must BOTH be met or exceeded.
3. For Tag Types refer below.

## TYPES of TAGS

Tag & Release points will not be awarded unless the correct Tag is used and the documentation completed fully and correctly

SP - Small Pelagic Tag

LP - Large Pelagic Tag

M - Metal Shark Tag

B - Billfish Tag



# GFAA Eligible Length Species

GFAA also keeps records for All Tackle Length Rules. These can be seen at <https://gfaa.asn.au/>

## 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:

1. 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.

Source: GFAA Gamefishing Journal 2023



# GFAA Eligible Capture Species

The Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) is the longest established national fishing association in the world. It has been, and remains, a model and example for gamefishing associations around the world. As such, the GFAA is affiliated with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and plays an active part in the leadership of the sport of game fishing on a world level.

<https://gfaa.asn.au/>

## 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

*Grammatocyclus 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

*Carharodon 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

*Bidyarus bidyanus*

### Salmon, Atlantic

*Salmo salar*

### Salmon, chinook

*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*

### Saratoga

*Scleropages*

### Tench

*Tinca tinca*

### Trout, brook

*Salvelinus fontinalis*

### Trout, brown

*Salmo trutta*

### Trout, rainbow

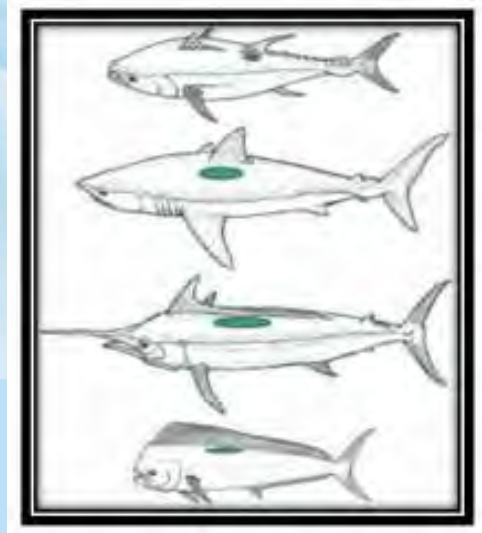
*Oncorhynchus mykiss*

# Tuna Weight Estimates

## TUNA WEIGHT ESTIMATES

The following table is to estimate the weight of capture by reference to length for Albacore and Southern Bluefin Tuna respectively

LENGTH (cm)	ALBACORE WEIGHT (kg)	SBT WEIGHT (kg)
35	0.9	1
40	1.4	1.4
45	2	2
50	2.7	2.7
55	3.5	3.6
60	4.6	4.6
65	5.8	5.8
70	7.2	7.2
75	8.8	8.8
80	10.7	10.6
85	12.7	12.7
90	15.1	14.9
95	17.7	17.5
100	20.6	20.3
105	23.8	23.4
110	27.2	26.8
115	31.1	30.5
120	35.2	34.5
125	39.7	38.8
130	44.6	43.5



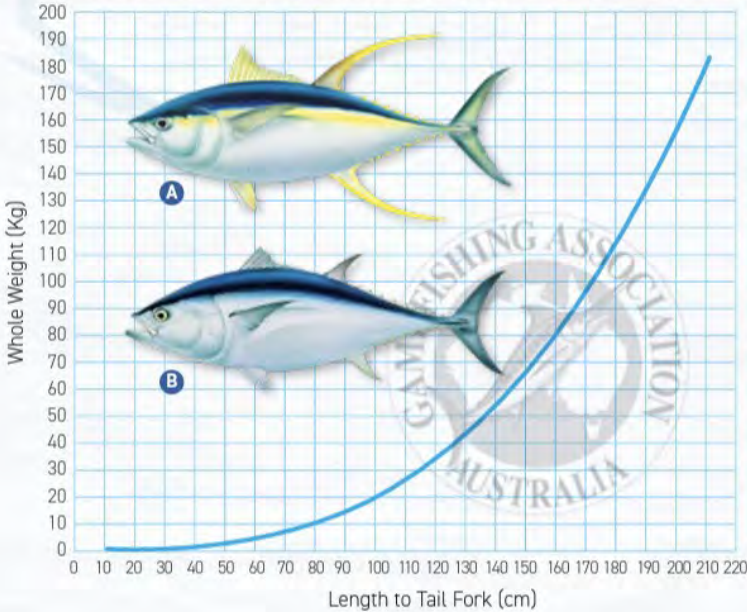
## TAG PLACEMENT AREAS

Above: Image shows the preferred and ideal tag placement areas for commonly tagged fish species in Australia.



# Tuna Weight Estimates

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



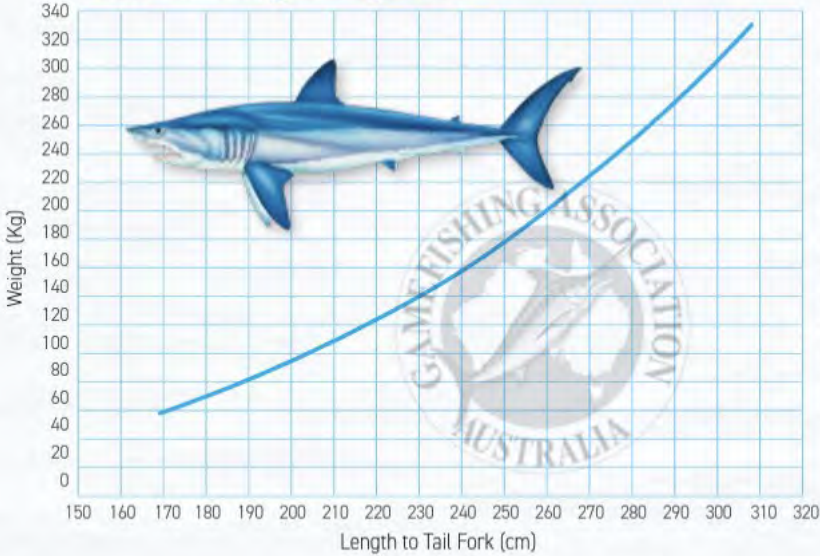
The graph on the left shows the length/weight curve for both yellowfin tuna and southern bluefin tuna since the curves are virtually identical for these species. To determine the approximate weight of tuna, measure from the tip of lower jaw to the fork in the tail, then draw a vertical line on the graph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

Source: GFAA Gamefishing Journal 2023. *Copyright Dr Julian Pepperell*



# Mako Shark Weight Estimates

## 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.



# Capture Rules

**Specific Rules are set out for species listed below that must be adhered to.  
Gamefish, Tuna & Albacore:**

The weight of any gamefish must be equal to the line class captured on.

**Mako & Thresher Shark:**

Minimum size limit of 1.20m, measured from the fork of the tail to the point of the nose. Maximum possession limit of 2 per boat, per day.

## GFAA RULES & REGULATIONS

To get a full list of the GFAA rules and regulations please visit the GFAA webpage or refer to the annual GFAA booklet. <https://gfaa.asn.au/>

### SPECIFIC GFAA POINTS OF INTEREST

#### Leader Information:

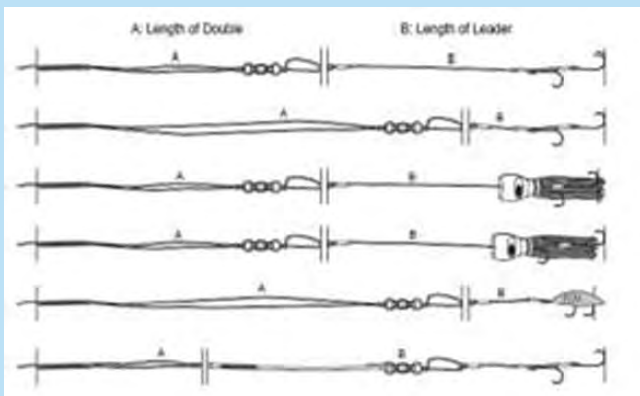
The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

- In all line classes up to and including 10kg, the leader shall be limited to 4.57metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1metres.
- The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14metres. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19metres

#### Wind on leader warning:

If you buy a wind-on leader, check the length. It may need to be trimmed to the correct length for your lure & line class.



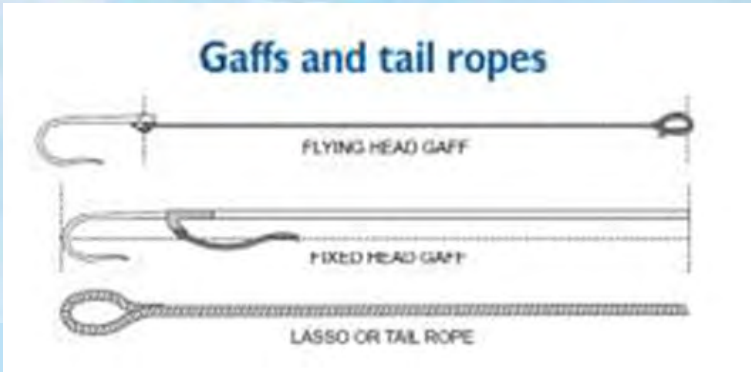
# Capture Rules & Club Points Scoring

## GAFFS & TAIL ROPES

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

Flying Gaff ropes must not exceed 9.14 meters (30 feet).

Tail ropes must not exceed 9.14 meters (30 feet).



## CLUB POINT SCORING SYSTEM

In order to calculate boat and gamefish capture point scoring, the WOLGFC and GFAV point scoring system, as shown below will apply:

$$\text{Points} = (\text{Weight of fish} \times 100) \text{ divided by Line Class} \times \text{Species Multiplier}$$

### Line Classes:

- All Species must equal line class.
- All Sharks must be double line class.

### Species Multiplier:

- Billfish 100%
- Game fish 150%
- Sharks & Eagle Rays 50%
- Blue Sharks 25%

### Example:

Points for a Game fish of 20kg Captured on 6kg Line is as detailed below:

$$((20\text{kg} \times 100)/6) \times 150\% = 499.99 \text{ points}$$

# Safety & Communication

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS IN VICTORIAN WATERS:

For all current safety gear requirements, please visit <https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety>

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WATERS:

For all current safety gear requirements, please visit <https://marinesafety.sa.gov.au/>

### IN A MARINE EMERGENCY:

**DIAL 000 IF YOU HAVE PHONE RECEPTION.  
OTHERWISE, VHF/HF RADIO IS PREFERRED**



In Victoria, VHF emergency radio traffic is monitored and recorded by Marine Radio Victoria (MRV) 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year, and HF by Charleville Radio.

MRV covers the Victorian coastline, up to 20 nautical miles from the coast on the VHF emergency channels and Charleville Radio out to 200 nautical miles for the HF emergency frequencies.

MRV also provides radio checks and broadcasts weather forecasts and warnings.

**ON WATER RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
**WOLGFC Club radio frequencies are as follows:**

VHF Club Channel: Channel 73

27mhz Club Channel: Channel 94

*(no longer recognised as safety equipment)*

# Safety & Communication

## WARRNAMBOOL COAST GUARD - Flotilla VF16 Warrnambool

Warrnambool Coast Guard 'man' their Base radio tower from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm on Weekends and Public Holidays. They scan most channels, but WOLGFC members and members of the public are encouraged to sign on and sign off on the following channels

VHF: Channel 73

HF: Channel 4125

27mhz: Channel 88 (being phased out)

Phone: (03) 5561 2625



Please remember that the Warrnambool Coast Guard VF16 are a local service and are run by Volunteers. Please ensure that you sign off at the end of the day to save their Volunteers a lot of unnecessary work.

### LOG ON & LOG OFF PROCEDURE:

To log on with a limited coast station / volunteer marine rescue organisation, state the following information:

1. Vessel name
2. Vessel registration number
3. Number of persons on board (POB)
4. Point of departure
5. Destination
6. Mobile telephone number on board
7. Estimated time of return (ETR)

Remember to log off upon your return, otherwise search and rescue proceedings will commence.

### MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

**The ultimate liability and/or decision to put to sea, return to harbor or continue fishing remains the individual's responsibility. In competitions, any member wishing to fish in unprotected waters (over 2 nautical miles offshore) must have at least 2 persons on board.**

# Annual Species Trophies

WOLGFC presents Annual Trophies and recognises angling awards on merit. The club has heaviest fish (& selected species on length) for the current year and club best all time captures of each species on a board in the clubrooms for all to compete for.

## • ANGLING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Each Angler (Senior & Junior) are entitled to weigh the below recognized club species (1-16) (minimum lengths still apply) and any species of Game fish - including Tagged and released species (Game fish do not need to be captured to G.F.A.A Rules for this award).

*For every species you will receive one (1) ticket into the draw to win a significant prize at the Annual Presentation Event. (Past examples, game fishing reel)*

All species must be captured in local waters. All Tag & Release species will be counted as an individual entry for each species. **Anglers must be present at the awards event to be eligible for this award and a current financial member.**

## HEAVIEST SPECIES TROPHIES (Senior & Junior)

Fish Species	Minimum length
1) Deep water species (see note)	40 cm
2) Flathead	35 cm
3) Morwong	35 cm
4) Nannygai	30 cm
5) Australian Salmon	35 cm
6) Gummy Shark (see note)	100 cm
7) School Shark (see note)	100 cm
8) Striped Trumpeter	45 cm
9) Snapper	35 cm
10) Sweep	30 cm
11) Trevally	30 cm
12) King George Whiting	32 cm
13) Yellow Tail King Fish *	60 cm
14) Mulloway *	60 cm
15) Bream *	30 cm
16) Trout (Rainbow & Brown)	35 cm
17) Estuary Perch *	32 cm

Notes:

**Item 1 ONLY:** Any scale fish that is not specified on the WOLGFC list above. Includes species such as Gemfish, Blue Eye, Hapuka, Knifefjaw, Pink Ling etc. (no species of shark is included) and CAN be captured on Electric or power assist reel.  
**6 & 7:** These species may be presented gutted. No allowance will be made for the Gut.

\* Measure & release species also

# Perpetual Trophies

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## SMALL FRY CATEGORY

- **HEAVIEST GAME FISH BY A SMALL FRY ANGLER:** Local Waters
- **HEAVIEST GAME SHARK BY A SMALL FRY ANGLER:** (Minimum Length 120cm) - Local Waters
- **PETER WARNER MEMORIAL HIGHEST POINT SCORING GAMEFISH BY A SMALL FRY -** Local Waters
- **SMALL FRY TAG & RELEASE CHAMPION -** Local waters

## JUNIOR CATEGORY

- **HEAVIEST GAME FISH BY A JUNIOR ANGLER:** Local Waters
- **HEAVIEST GAME SHARK BY A JUNIOR ANGLER:** (Minimum Length 120cm) - Local Waters
- **HIGHEST POINT SCORING GAMEFISH BY A JUNIOR -** Local Waters
- **JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE CHAMPION -** Local waters
- **HEAVIEST FISH BY A JUNIOR ANGLER (As per species 1-17)**
- **KATE & TERRY LOGAN - JUNIOR ANGLING ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHY**

Only those species above listed items # 1-17 inclusive are eligible for this trophy and the minimum weight/sizes listed will apply. Decided as follows;

*The greatest number of species captured - Items 1-17 inclusive.*

Species 1-17 may be captured in any waters. Most number of species caught from the above listed items #1-17. In case of a tie, decision is made on total weight of the heaviest of each species listed items #1 - 17.

## SENIOR SECTION

- **HEAVIEST FISH BY A LADY ANGLER (As per species 1-17)**
- **BRUCE EVERARD MEMORIAL HEAVIEST GAME FISH:** Local Waters  
(Line: Weight ratio, minimum weights and lengths as listed apply)
- **ALAN TOGNI MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Heaviest Game Fish, excluding sharks: (minimum weights as listed will apply, Other Waters)
- **NEVILLE & CHERYL DANCE TROPHY:** Most Meritorious Capture, Any Waters (minimum weights and lengths as listed will apply)
- **ANGUS MCSWEEN MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Tag & Release highest point score, Local Waters only
- **TAG & RELEASE CHAMPION ANGLER:** (All waters other than local)

# Perpetual Trophies

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## BOAT SECTION

- **REG & NOREEN BANNER CHAMPION BOAT TROPHY:** (any waters)
- **NEIL & DIANA CLARKE CHAMPION BOAT TAG & RELEASE TROPHY:** (any waters)
- **PAM & JOHN CONSIDINE ANGLING ENCOURAGEMENT CHAMPION BOAT TROPHY**

Only those species listed above in items 1-17 inclusive are eligible for this trophy and the minimum weights listed below will apply. Trophy is decided as follows;

*The greatest number of species captured - Items 1-17 inclusive.*

In case of a tie, decision to be made on total weight of heaviest of each species 1 - 17 inclusive. In case of further tie, the first boat to catch the winning number of species listed will be deemed the winner.

## • **BRUCE BLACK MEMORIAL**

Best club person trophy (Awarded by Committee Vote)

## • **CLUB CHAMPION**

\* Points are awarded for the highest point scoring fish, one of each species captured from item #1-14 only must be captured in local waters

\* Points are awarded for the highest point scoring game fish, one of each species captured from the G.F.A.A list (if they do not feature in item #1-14), Game fish can be caught in any waters and must go line class.

\* All Species of gamefish tagged will receive 150 bonus points per species tagged

*Points calculations are defined below.*

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

All species of game fish are as per GFAV point score.

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

*All Braided and Gel spun lines are classified as 15kg monofilament line. All Species of shark are classed as ½ points. (Blue Sharks are ineligible for points in this award).*

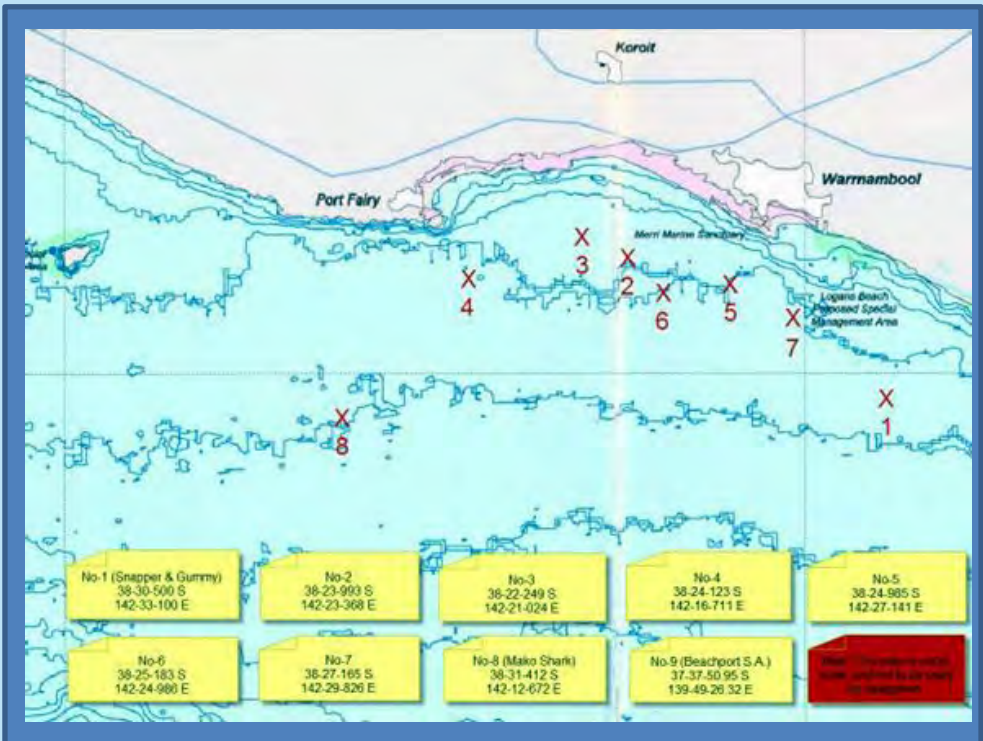
# Club Trophies

- **NASA AWARD**

The club presents the N.A.S.A (*Not a Skippers A@se*) Award at the end of the year. This award speaks for itself. All members are encouraged to 'spill the beans' on their mates regarding any mishaps to the fines master ASAP after the event. **Don't be shy, as this is usually a hotly contested trophy!**

- **NADA AWARD**

Along the same lines as the NASA but Skipper is substituted for Deckie. **Another hotly contested trophy.**



Above: Local productive fishing areas.

# Gamefish Trophies

*All members must be a current financial GFAA financial member, and all game fish must be captured strictly to GFAA rules to be eligible for these awards.*

- **HEAVIEST SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA** - Local Waters (Minimum Weight equal to line class to qualify)

Line Classes: 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg, 60kg

- **HEAVIEST TUNA OTHER THAN SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA**
- **FIRST BLUEFIN TUNA IN EXCESS OF 150KG - LOCAL WATERS**
- **MOST MERITORIOUS BROADBILL SWORDFISH - ANY WATERS**
- **HEAVIEST GAME SHARK: (MINIMUM LENGTH 120CM) - LOCAL WATERS**
- **CLUB TAG & RELEASE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Every Game fish that each angler releases gives them an opportunity to win a significant award/prize.

For the first fish (as notified) to the WOLGFC that has been recaptured for the season there will be the above-mentioned prize up for grabs.

The Angler who originally released the fish will be eligible for the prize.

Eligible Species are all GFAA Tag & Release recognised species. The Released fish must have been at liberty for at least 20 days.

At the time of recapture, the angler must be a paid-up financial member of the club and GFAA.

- **TAG & RELEASE SLAMS**

The Grand Slam awards are designed to encourage all members to sustainably chase different species. There are several levels as listed below, starting with a Bronze and finishing with the highest level of Gold Grand Slam. Any angler who achieves the desired number of species in that level will be awarded that Slam. The recording is submitted with a Tag of that species. For 'Other' Game fish species please refer to the GFAA list of game fish species. If you're unsure about this, please consult the Tagging coordinator.

- **BRONZE SLAM** - 1 x species of Shark / 5 x SBT / 1 x Species of other game fish
- **SILVER SLAM** - 2 x species of Shark / 10 x SBT / 2 x Species of other game fish
- **GOLD SLAM** - 3 species of Shark / 20 x SBT / 3 x Species of other game fish / 1 x species of Billfish or 1 SBT >150cm (fork length).

# Season 2023-2024 Awards



# Fish Recorder Report Season 2023-24

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No report submitted.

Please see annual trophies for awards and updates of club records.

Neil Woolstencroft

# GFAV & Tagging Co-Ordinator Report

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The Tag and Release program that is ran by the New South Wales Fisheries is a great long running program that is supported by GFAA, GFAV and the Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Fishing Club. The club is very proud of its involvement and continues to promote this from year to year. No summary report from Ashley Dance this season.

Peter Goode with his tagged Southern Bluefin Tuna, recaptured many years later!

# 2023/2024 Heaviest Species

SPECIES	CLASS	ANGLER	WEIGHT
<b>Deepwater Species</b>	Senior	Peter Goode – Pink Ling	9.08kg
	Junior	Max Kandage – Blue Eye	9.20kg
<b>Flathead</b>	Senior	Janaka Kandage	1.81kg
	Junior	Archer Mills	0.28kg
<b>Morwong</b>	Senior	Neil Clarke	2.02kg
	Junior	Martin Oosthuizen	4.00kg
<b>Nannygai</b>	Senior	Shane Sanders	2.16kg
	Junior	Max Kandage & Codi Symons	0.62kg
<b>Australian Salmon</b>	Senior	Shane Sanders	1.02kg
	Junior	Martin Oosthuizen	0.70kg
<b>Gummy Shark</b>	Senior	Neil Clarke	28.80kg*
	Junior	-	-
<b>School Shark</b>	Senior	Stephen Rhook	28.60kg
	Junior	Max Kandage	14.24kg
<b>Striped Trumpeter</b>	Senior	Peter Sedgley	5.90kg
	Junior	-	-
<b>Snapper</b>	Senior	Ashley Dance	3.24kg
	Junior	Codi Symons	1.92kg

*\* Indicates a new Club Record*

## 2023/2024 Heaviest Species

SPECIES	CLASS	ANGLER	WEIGHT
<b>Sweep</b>	Senior	Oska Wilson	0.66kg
	Junior	-	-
<b>Trevally</b>	Senior	Nick Porter	0.98kg
	Junior	-	-
<b>King George Whiting</b>	Senior	Neil Woolstencroft	0.58kg
	Junior	Jacob Dance	0.48kg
<b>Yellow Tail Kingfish</b>	Senior	Jayden Cleaver	7.62kg
	Junior	-	-
<b>Mulloway</b>	Senior	-	-
	Junior	-	-
<b>Bream</b>	Senior	Andrew Smith	0.70kg
	Junior	Finn Smith	0.56kg
<b>Trout</b>	Senior	Andrew Smith - Brown Trout	2.38kg
	Junior	Finn Smith - Brown Trout	1.86kg
<b>Estuary Perch</b>	Senior	Andrew Smith	0.88kg
	Junior	-	-
<b>Southern Rock Lobster</b>	Senior	Lucas Wilson	3.70kg
	Junior	Jacob Dance	2.92kg*

*\* Indicates a new Club Record*

# 2023/2024 – Measure & Release Species

Following are winners for each species on the club measure and release list in freshwater and saltwater. Categories are open for each species.

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Bream</b>				
	Max Kandage	40.3cm	18/5/2024	Hopkins River
<b>Estuary Perch</b>				
	Janaka Kandage	44cm	17/12/2023	Hopkins River
	Peter Kavanagh	44cm	3/8/2023	Glenelg River
<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>				
	Phillip Pirotta	90cm	3/1/2024	Portland
<b>Mulloway</b>				
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**Additional species eligible in Season 2024/2025!**

*\* Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Australian Bass*

## 2023/2024 Award Winners

PERPETUAL TROPHY	ANGLER	SPECIES	WEIGHT
Heaviest Game Fish by a Small Fry Angler - Local Waters	Jacob Dance	Southern Bluefin Tuna	92.00kg*
Heaviest Game Shark by a Small Fry Angler - Local Waters	-	-	-
Peter Warner Memorial: Highest Point Scoring Gamefish by a Small Fry - Local Waters	Jacob Dance	Southern Bluefin Tuna 372.97 Points	92.00kg* 37kg line
Small Fry Tag & Release Champion - Local waters	Codi Symons	4000 points	
Heaviest Game fish by a Junior Angler - Local Waters	Archer Mills	Southern Bluefin Tuna	17.94kg
Heaviest Game Shark by a Junior Angler - Local Waters	-		
Highest Point Scoring Gamefish by a Junior - Local Waters	Archer Mills	Southern Bluefin Tuna 448.50 Points	17.94kg 6kg line*
Junior Tag & Release Champion - Local waters	Archer Mills	2000 points	
Heaviest Fish by a Junior Angler	Max Kandage	School Shark 14.24kg	
Kate & Terry Logan Junior Angling Encouragement Trophy	Max Kandage	5 species	26.84kg
Heaviest Fish by a Lady Angler	Amanda Pirotta	School Shark	15.46kg

\* Indicates a new Club Record

## 2023/2024 Award Winners

PERPETUAL TROPHY	ANGLER	SPECIES	WEIGHT
Bruce Everard Memorial - Heaviest Game Fish Local Waters	Bailey Petch	Southern Bluefin Tuna	159.65kg
Alan Togni Memorial Trophy - Heaviest Game Fish excluding sharks	-		
Neville & Cheryl Dance Trophy - Most Meritorious Capture Any Waters	Kevin McLoughlin	Mako Shark 686.50 points	27.46kg 2kg line*
Angus McSween Memorial Trophy - Tag & Release highest point score Local Waters	Anthony Conway	57500 points	
Tag & Release Champion Angler - Away waters	Matthew Dennett	85500 points	
Tag & Release Encouragement Award	-		
Reg & Noreen Banner Champion Boat Trophy - Any waters	Vengeance	2950.75 points	
Neil & Diana Clarke Champion Boat Tag & Release Trophy - Any waters	Awabi	133500 points	
Pam & John Considine Angling Encouragement Champion Boat Trophy	Barzerk	7 species	37.63kg
Tag & Release Slams	-		
Bruce Black Memorial - Best Club Person Trophy	Andrew Smith		
Club Champion	Kevin McLoughlin	2649.83 points	
NASA Award	Neil Clarke		
NADA Award	Kerry Griffiths		

\* Indicates a new Club Record

# 2023/2024 Gamefish Winners

TROPHY	ANGLER	WEIGHT
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 2kg line class - local waters	-	
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 3kg line class - local waters	Kevin McLoughlin	11.66kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 4kg line class - local waters	Kevin McLoughlin	12.56kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 6kg line class - local waters	Janaka Kandage	12.98kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 8kg line class - local waters	Peter Goode	12.78kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 10kg line class - local waters	David Meredith	14.84kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 15kg line class - local waters	-	
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 24kg line class - local waters	Phillip Pirotta	93.60kg
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 37kg line class - local waters	Bailey Petch	159.65kg*
Heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna 60kg line class - local waters	-	
Heaviest Tuna other than Southern Bluefin Tuna	-	
First Southern Bluefin Tuna over 150kg - local waters AWARD RETIRED in 2022/2023 season	Brodie Carter	160.50kg
Most Meritorious Broadbill Swordfish - Any Waters	-	
Heaviest Game Shark - Local Waters	Shane Sanders	119.75kg

\* Indicates a new Club Record

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# Club Records



# Club records – Measure & Release Species

Following are club records for each species on the club measure and release list in freshwater and saltwater. Categories are open for each species.

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Bream</b>				
	Max Kandage	40.3cm	18/5/2024	Hopkins River
<b>Estuary Perch</b>				
	Janaka Kandage	44cm	17/12/2023	Hopkins River
	Peter Kavanagh	44cm	3/8/2023	Glenelg River
<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>				
	Phillip Pirotta	90cm	3/1/2024	Portland
<b>Mulloway</b>				
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## Club records - Heaviest Freshwater Species

Following are club records for each species on the club list in freshwater and saltwater. Categories are recorded for Male, Female and Junior for each species. Vacancies in record fields are not shown, *ie. the category is vacant and currently open.*

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Bream</b>				
Male	Luke Smith	1.52kg		Hopkins River
Female	Shelley Smith	1.48kg	5/10/2019	Hopkins River
Junior	Paul McKenna	1.425kg	25/9/1995	
<b>Chinook Salmon</b>				
Male	Garry Warren	2.14kg	30/1/2005	
Junior	Xavier Ellul	0.88kg	20/1/2018	Lake Bullen Merri
<b>Mullet, Yellow Eye</b>				
Male	Jim Liddell	0.685kg	14/1/1999	
Junior	Paul McKenna	0.545kg	29/6/1995	
<b>Perch, Estuary</b>				
Male	Luke Smith	1.63kg	5/10/2019	Hopkins River
Female	Shelley Smith	1.22kg	5/10/2019	Hopkins River
Junior	Max Kandage	1.30kg	30/3/2022	Hopkins River
<b>Redfin</b>				
Male	Luke Smith	1.40kg		
Junior	Xavier Ellul	1.92kg	10/9/2018	Merri River
<b>Trout (Brown &amp; Rainbow)</b>				
Male	Stuart McKinnon	3.05kg		
Female	Shelley Smith	4.10kg		
Junior	Paul Logan	2.40kg	13/1/1995	

## Club records - Heaviest Saltwater Species

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Australian Salmon</b>				
Male	John Considine	3.8kg	12/05/1993	Portland
Female	Rebecca Uebergang	2.45kg	14/1/2000	
Junior	Max Kandage	3.30kg	1/2/2021	Port Fairy
<b>Barracouta</b>				
Male	Doug Davis	4.81kg	24/3/1996	Warrnambool
Female	Sue Reilly	2.11kg	6/1/2022	
Junior	Ashley Dance	5.1kg	12/5/1987	
<b>Barramundi</b>				
Male	John Parkinson	15kg	26/3/1991	
Female	Noreen Banner	13.5kg	20/3/1993	
<b>Blue Eye</b>				
Male	Janaka Kandage	8.3kg	27/3/2022	Warrnambool
Junior	Xavier Ellul	12.4kg	12/9/2015	Port MacDonnell
<b>Blue Grenadier</b>				
Male	Lucas Wilson	4.30kg	20/9/2015	Warrnambool
<b>Flathead</b>				
Male	Neville Dance	2.46kg	11/2/2017	Warrnambool
Female	Helen Bartlett	2.05kg	2/10/2015	Warrnambool
Junior	Adam Leach	1.47kg	9/12/1978	Port Fairy
<b>Gemfish</b>				
Male	Sam Powell	4.08kg	16/1/2022	Port Fairy
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	3.2kg	16/1/2022	Port Fairy
Junior	Martin Oosthuizen	3.30kg		
<b>Haddock</b>				
Male	Terry Moene	1.73kg	27/08/1999	
<b>Hapuka</b>				
Male	Janaka Kandage	13.7kg	1/1/2023	Warrnambool
Junior	Max Kandage	16.6kg	1/1/2023	Warrnambool

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>King George Whiting</b>				
Male	Peter Earls	1.035kg	29/12/1988	
Female	Rebecca Uebergang	0.78kg	6/01/2002	
Junior	Paul Logan	0.975kg	7/01/1998	
<b>Knifejaw</b>				
Male	Peter Goode	4.46kg	7/1/2020	Port Fairy
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	2.94kg	2/11/2019	Port Fairy
Junior	Jacob Dance	1.18kg	13/6/2021	Warrnambool
<b>Morwong</b>				
Male	Gerard Delaney	5.80kg		
Female	Sue Reilly	2.665kg	17/09/1995	Warrnambool
Junior	Max Kandage	4.2kg	1/5/2021	Port Fairy
<b>Mulloway</b>				
Male	Luke Hoy	10.95kg	25/11/2012	Nelson
Female	Shelley Smith	5.46kg	28/10/2018	Warrnambool
Junior	Chloe Dance	3.84kg	3/6/2018	Nelson
<b>Nannygai</b>				
Male	Frank Dalton	2.20kg	6/02/1994	Warrnambool
Female	Sue Reilly	2.245kg	10/03/1996	Warrnambool
Junior	Ashley Dance	1.795kg	12/01/1992	Warrnambool
<b>Pike, Long Fin</b>				
Male	John Considine	3.20kg	12/05/1993	Warrnambool
Junior	Chris Considine	1.96kg	26/03/1988	Warrnambool
<b>Pike, Short Fin</b>				
Male	Peter Goode	1.68 kg		
Junior	Gavin Parkinson	0.85 kg	14/01/1996	Warrnambool
<b>Pink Ling</b>				
Male	Andrew Smith	11.99kg	24/4/2023	Port Fairy
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	6kg	3/12/2022	Port Fairy

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Samson Fish</b>				
Junior	J.P. Oosthuizen	19.8kg	21/6/2020	Warrnambool
<b>Shark, Gummy</b>				
Male	Neil Clarke	28.80kg	11/6/2023	Warrnambool
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	26.26kg	26/7/2020	Warrnambool
Junior	Tom Powell	23.74 kg		
<b>Shark, School</b>				
Male	Sam Powell	30.6kg	20/07/2016	Warrnambool
Female	Bernadette Pedlar	30.56kg	10/5/2017	Port MacDonnell
Junior	Max Kandage	24.6kg	16/9/2021	Port Fairy
<b>Silver Trevally</b>				
Male	Trevor Uebergang	3.26kg	26/02/1998	Warrnambool
Female	Cheryl Dance	2.23kg		
Junior	Barry Bermingham	1.025kg	28/11/1995	Killarney, VIC
<b>Snapper</b>				
Male	Neil Woolstencroft	8.25kg	24/6/2012	Whyalla, SA
Female	Helen Bartlett	6.05kg	31/5/2012	Warrnambool
Junior	David Hughson	7.3kg	7/2/1989	Warrnambool
<b>Southern Rock Lobster (Crayfish)</b>				
Male	Aub Mattner	4.78kg	6/3/1989	Warrnambool
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	2.9kg	13/2/2022	Port Fairy
Junior	Jacob Dance	2.92kg	5/5/2024	Warrnambool
<b>Striped Trumpeter</b>				
Male	Michael Pedlar	11.14 kg	2/2/2016	Port MacDonnell
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	12.54kg	2/4/2019	Port Fairy
Junior	Jacob Dance	5.14 kg	22/5/2022	Warrnambool

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Sweep</b>				
Male	Stephen Rhook	1.125 kg		
Female	Cheryl Dance	0.915 kg	15/01/1995	Port Fairy
Junior	Tim Malseed	1.14 kg	9/1/1988	
<b>Tuna, Slender</b>				
Female	Sophie Woolstencroft	5.74kg	24/4/2022	Warrnambool VIC



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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Albacore</b>				
Male	Paul Jones	21.64kg		
Female	Melissa Magilton	13.05kg		
<b>Cobia</b>				
Male	John Considine	20kg	8/10/1986	Tweed Heads QLD
Junior Male	Chris Considine	22.5kg	8/10/1986	Tweed Heads QLD
<b>Kingfish, Yellowtail</b>				
Male	James Taylor	14.3kg	3/1/2019	Port Fairy VIC
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	13.4kg	8/1/2023	Portland VIC
Junior Male	Martin Oosthuizen	6kg	30/1/2019	Port Fairy VIC
<b>Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)</b>				
Male	Shane Sanders	8.4kg	8/5/2023	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Marlin, Black</b>				
Male	Reg Packer	134kg	12/3/1985	Bermagui NSW
Junior Male	Xavier Ellul	72kg	17/2/2020	Jervis Bay NSW
<b>Marlin, Pacific Blue</b>				
Male	Peter Goode	175kg	23/3/2012	Bermagui NSW
<b>Marlin, Striped</b>				
Male	Bruce Everard	172kg		
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	93.6kg	12/2/2018	Bermagui NSW
Junior Male	Martin Oosthuizen			

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Shark, Blue</b>				
Male	Peter Woonton	71.09kg		
Female	Robyn Smith	96.6kg		
Junior Male	Troy Anderson	145.3kg	7/1/1989	Apollo Bay VIC
Small Fry Female	Zarli Sanders	38.2kg	29/4/2011	Portland VIC
<b>Shark, Bronze Whaler</b>				
Male	Grant Bellman	79.3kg	25/11/2017	Port Fairy VIC
<b>Shark, Gummy</b>				
Male	Kevin Mcloughlin	12.06kg	5/5/2018	Port Macdonnell SA
<b>Shark, Mako</b>				
Male	Ray Garrow	221.23kg	7/5/1978	Warrnambool VIC
Female	Robyn Smith	60.3kg		
Junior Male	Troy Anderson	49.2kg	26/3/1989	Warrnambool VIC
Junior Female	Zarli Sanders	81.9kg	11/12/2016	Portland VIC
Small Fry Male	Jacob Dance	50.2kg	2/4/2021	Warrnambool VIC
Small Fry Female	Chloe Dance	58.5kg	20/4/2019	Warrnambool VIC
<b>Shark, School (Tope)</b>				
Male	Kevin Mcloughlin	28.12 kg	2/5/2021	Port Macdonnell SA
<b>Shark, Thresher</b>				
Male	Chris Parkinson	52.5kg		
Female	Bernadette Pedlar	18.5kg	5/5/2018	Port Macdonnell SA
<b>Tuna, Southern Bluefin</b>				
Male	Brodie Carter	160.5kg	13/8/2022	Portland VIC
Female	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	141.6kg	2/4/2019	Portland VIC
Junior Male	Xavier Ellul	28.6kg	16/2/2019	Warrnambool VIC
Junior Female	Chloe Dance	24.52kg	15/4/2022	Warrnambool VIC
Small Fry Male	Jacob Dance	92.00kg	29/9/2023	Portland VIC
Small Fry Female	Chloe Dance	18.9kg	19/2/2017	Port Fairy VIC

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Tuna, Striped</b>				
Male	David Magilton	7.15kg	10/4/2013	Warrnambool VIC
<b>Tuna, Yellowfin</b>				
Male	Neil Clarke	70kg	1/3/1985	Bermagui NSW
Junior Male	Dean Parkinson	28.5kg		



## Club records – Line Class

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Albacore</b>					
Male	3kg	Shane Sanders	3.52kg	10/5/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
Female	3kg	Bernadette Pedlar	3.28kg	9/5/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Peter Goode	15.55kg	17/04/2011	Port Fairy
Male	10kg	Peter Kavanagh	18.3kg	15/4/2016	Port Fairy
Female	10kg	Melissa Magilton	13.05kg		
Male	15kg	Paul Jones	21.64kg	14/2/2009	
<b>Barramundi</b>					
Male	6kg	John Parkinson	15kg	26/3/1991	Victoria River NT
Male	8kg	Arthur Fary	13.25kg	23/4/1993	Victoria River NT
Female	8kg	Noreen Banner	13.5kg	20/3/1993	Victoria River NT
<b>Cobia</b>					
Male	8kg	John Considine	20.00		
Junior	8kg	Chris Considine	22.50		
<b>Marlin, Black</b>					
Male	6kg	Terry Logan	33.8kg	21/1/1987	
Male	15kg	Garry Kermond	58kg	11/3/2019	Bermagui NSW
Male	24kg	Xavier Ellul	72kg	17/2/2020	Jervis Bay NSW
Male	37kg	Reg Packer	134kg	12/3/1985	
<b>Marlin, Blue</b>					
Male	15kg	Chris Parkinson	74kg	30/3/1989	
Male	37kg	Peter Goode	175kg	23/3/2012	Merimbula NSW

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Marlin, Striped</b>					
Male	15kg	Bruce Everard	172kg		
Male	24kg	Ashley Pilkington	124kg		
Junior Male	24kg	Martin Oosthuizen	68.4kg	25/2/2020	Bermagui NSW
Male	37kg	Peter Kavanagh	112.9kg	22/2/2020	Bermagui NSW
Female	37kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	93.6kg	12/2/2018	Bermagui NSW
<b>Shark, Blue</b>					
Male	2kg	Graeme Johnstone	29kg	4/5/1985	Apollo Bay
Junior Male	2kg	Troy Anderson	17.66kg	1/6/1989	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Max Hall	62kg	11/1/1986	Warrnambool
Female	4kg	Donna Buck	9.5kg	3/5/1986	
Junior Male	4kg	Ashley Dance	59kg	29/6/1986	Warrnambool
Male	6kg	Peter Woonton	71.9kg	2/1/1988	Apollo Bay
Female	6kg	Robyn Smith	43.2kg	23/7/1988	Warrnambool
Junior Male	6kg	Troy Anderson	145.3kg	7/1/1989	Apollo Bay
Male	8kg	Gary Crimmin	56.5kg	2/5/1987	Warrnambool
Female	8kg	Robyn Smith	96.6kg	2/1/1989	
Junior Male	8kg	Troy Anderson	59.5kg	17/6/1987	
Small Fry Female	8kg	Zarli Sanders	38.2kg	29/4/2011	Portland
Male	10kg	Ron Gee	64.3kg	26/4/1987	Port MacDonnell SA
Female	10kg	Jennifer Wood	55.2kg	13/8/1988	Warrnambool
Junior Male	10kg	Nigel Everade	53.5kg	12/1/1985	Apollo Bay
Male	15kg	Gary Flemming	71.64kg	17/5/1986	Warrnambool
Female	15kg	Robyn Hughson	49.8kg	12/3/1989	
Junior Male	15kg	Troy Anderson	56kg	2/5/1987	
Male	24kg	Anthony Gee	50.5kg	24/3/1988	
<b>Shark, Gummy</b>					
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	12.06kg	5/5/2018	Port MacDonnell SA

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Shark, Mako</b>					
Male	2kg	Kevin McLoughlin	27.46kg	8/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	3kg	Shane Sanders	32.76kg	9/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Shane Sanders	195.7kg	5/2/2017	Portland
Junior Male	4kg	Chris Considine	40kg	30/4/1988	
Male	6kg	Ian Warner	88.96kg	1/5/1987	Port MacDonnell SA
Junior Male	6kg	Troy Anderson	49.2kg	26/3/1989	Warrnambool
Junior Female	6kg	Joeline Dance	34.6kg	12/1/1991	Warrnambool
Male	8kg	Shane Sanders	146.6kg		Port MacDonnell SA
Female	8kg	Robyn Smith	60.3kg	3/1/1988	
Junior Male	8kg	Ashley Dance	38.50kg	10/1/1987	
Small Fry Male	8kg	Jacob Dance	50.2kg	2/4/2021	Warrnambool
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	58.5kg	20/4/2019	Warrnambool
Male	10kg	Terry Logan	56.92kg	1/5/1988	Warrnambool
Junior Female	10kg	Zarli Sanders	81.9kg	11/12/2016	Portland
Small Fry Male	10kg	Codi Symons	42.3kg	2/4/2023	Warrnambool
Male	15kg	Ray Garrow	221.23kg	7/5/1987	Port Fairy
Male	24kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	161.4kg	12/3/2016	Warrnambool
Female	24kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	71.8kg	16/1/2022	Port Fairy
Male	37kg	Peter Mahony	132.50kg	9/3/2014	
Female	37kg	Amanda Pirotta	84.20kg	18/2/2024	Warrnambool
<b>Shark, School (Tope)</b>					
Male	1kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	13.50kg	5/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	28.12kg	2/5/2021	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	3kg	Marcus Person	26.58kg	21/5/2016	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	20.12kg	5/5/2018	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	6kg	Shane Sanders	25.6kg	17/7/2009	Portland
Female	15kg	Bernadette Pedlar	30.56	10/5/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Shark, Thresher</b>					
Male	6kg	Chris Parkinson	52.5kg	14/3/1986	Warrnambool

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Tuna, Southern Bluefin</b>					
Male	2kg	Neville Dance	9.8kg	14/6/1982	Portland
Male	3kg	Derek Burn	15.8kg	1/4/2016	Warrnambool
Female	3kg	Bernadette Pedlar	10.66kg		Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Peter Goode	19.16kg	8/2/2018	Warrnambool
Female	4kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23kg	4/2/2020	Port Fairy
Male	6kg	Grant Bellman	35.36kg	3/5/2018	Port Fairy
Female	6kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	21.52kg	8/2/2017	Port Fairy
Junior Male	6kg	Archer Mills	17.94kg	20/4/2024	Portland
Junior Female	6kg	Zarli Sanders	13.42kg	17/4/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
Small Fry Male	6kg	Jacob Dance	11.56kg	24/4/2022	Port Fairy
Male	8kg	Dane Newman	34kg	1/4/2007	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	8kg	TJ Symons	29.8kg	21/1/2017	Port Fairy
Female	8kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	25.2kg	30/1/2020	Port Fairy
Junior	8kg	Martin Oosthuizen	22.04kg	16/04/2022	Port Fairy
Small Fry Male	8kg	Jacob Dance	12.64kg	18/5/2020	Port Fairy
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	19.80kg	19/2/2017	Port Fairy
Male	10kg	Peter Kavanagh	38.80kg	6/7/2012	Port MacDonnell SA
Female	10kg	Shelley Smith	24.67kg		
Female	10kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23.18kg	28/1/2017	Port Fairy
Junior Male	10kg	Martin Oosthuizen	31.28kg		Port Fairy
Junior Male	10kg	Judd Carter	21.7kg	3/3/2021	Portland
Junior Female	10kg	Chloe Dance	24.52kg	15/4/2022	Warrnambool
Small Fry Male	10kg	Jacob Dance	13.78kg	16/4/2022	Warrnambool
Small Fry Male	10kg	Martin Oosthuizen	31.28kg		Port Fairy
Male	15kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	114.55kg		
Female	15kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	24.2kg	16/3/2018	Port Fairy
Female	15kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	25.02kg	29/12/2017	Port Fairy
Junior	15kg	Jorden Sanders	22.05kg	22/5/1999	

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Tuna, Southern Bluefin</b>					
Small Fry Male	15kg	Martin Oosthuizen	19.15kg		Port Fairy
Small Fry Female	15kg	Chloe Dance	18.5kg	22/2/2019	Port Fairy
Male	24kg	Brodie Carter	160.5kg	13/8/2022	Portland
Female	24kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	93.2kg		
Small Fry Male	24kg	Martin Oosthuizen	27.66kg	13/4/2018	Port Fairy
Male	37kg	Bailey Petch	159.65kg	28/3/2024	Port MacDonnell
Female	37kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	141.6kg	2/4/2019	Portland
Small Fry Male	37kg	Jacob Dance	92.00kg	29/9/2023	Portland
<b>Tuna (Yellowfin)</b>					
Male	6kg	Paul Claven	6.5kg	25/2/1987	Bermagui NSW
Male	8kg	John Considine	14.06kg	7/4/1988	Merimbula NSW
Junior Male	8kg	Brett Uebergang	15.87kg	2/4/1988	Merimbula NSW
Male (tie)	10kg	John Parkinson	31.5kg	27/3/1989	Merimbula NSW
Male (tie)	10kg	Chris Parkinson	31.5kg	30/3/1989	Merimbula NSW
Junior Male	10kg	Dean Parkinson	28.5kg	5/3/1989	Merimbula NSW
Male	15kg	Chris Searle	64.5kg		Nowra NSW
Junior	15kg	Dean Parkinson	28.5kg	27/03/1989	Merimbula NSW
Male	24kg	Reg Banner	68.5kg	15/3/1984	Bermagui NSW
Male	37kg	Neil Clarke	70kg	1/3/1985	Bermagui NSW
<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>					
Male	6kg	John Considine	9.4kg	25/2/1987	Bermagui NSW
Female	6kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	9.24kg	7/2/2019	Port Fairy
Male	8kg	Jan Oosthuizen	12.06kg	2/2/2019	Port Fairy
Male	10kg	Trevor Uebergang	10kg	6/2/1994	Portland
Female	15kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	13.4kg	8/1/2023	Portland

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SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Tuna (Southern Bluefin)</b>					
Male	2kg	Neville Dance	9.8kg	14/6/1982	Portland
Male	4kg	Peter Goode	19.16kg	8/2/2018	Warrnambool
Female	4kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23kg	4/2/2020	Port Fairy
Male	6kg	Grant Bellman	35.36kg	3/5/2018	Port Fairy
Female	6kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	21.52kg	8/2/2017	Port Fairy
Small Fry Male	6kg	Jacob Dance	11.56kg	24/4/2022	Port Fairy
Male	8kg	TJ Symons	29.8kg	21/1/2017	Port Fairy
Female	8kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	25.2kg	30/1/2020	Port Fairy
Junior	8kg	Martin Oosthuizen	22.04kg	16/04/2022	Port Fairy
Small Fry Male	8kg	Jacob Dance	12.64kg	18/5/2020	Port Fairy
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	18.90kg	19/2/2017	Port Fairy
Female	10kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23.18kg	28/1/2017	Port Fairy
Junior Male	10kg	Judd Carter	21.7kg	3/3/2021	Portland
Junior Female	10kg	Chloe Dance	24.52kg	15/4/2022	Warrnambool
Small Fry Male	10kg	Jacob Dance	13.78kg	16/4/2022	Warrnambool
Female	15kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	24.2kg	16/3/2018	Port Fairy
Small Fry Female	15kg	Chloe Dance	18.5kg	22/2/2019	Port Fairy
Male	24kg	Brodie Carter	160.5kg	13/8/2022	Portland
Small Fry Male	24kg	Martin Oosthuizen	27.66kg	13/4/2018	Port Fairy
Female	37kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	141.6kg	2/4/2019	Portland

## GFAV Victorian State Records

SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Shark (Mako)</b>					
Male	4kg	Shane Sanders	195.7kg	5/2/2017	Portland
Junior Male	4kg	Chris Considine	40kg	30/4/1988	
Junior Female	6kg	Joeline Dance	34.6kg	12/1/1991	Warrnambool
Small Fry Male	8kg	Jacob Dance	50.2kg	2/4/2021	Warrnambool
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	58.5kg	20/4/2019	Warrnambool
Junior Female	10kg	Zarli Sanders	81.9kg	11/12/2016	Portland
Small Fry Male	10kg	Codi Symons	42.3kg	2/4/2023	Warrnambool
<b>Shark (Blue)</b>					
Male	4kg	Max Hall	62kg	11/1/1986	Warrnambool
Junior Male	4kg	Ashley Dance	59kg	29/6/1986	Warrnambool
Male	6kg	Peter Woonton	71.9kg	2/1/1988	Apollo Bay
Female	6kg	Robyn Smith	43.2kg	23/7/1988	Warrnambool
Junior Male	6kg	Troy Anderson	145.3kg	7/1/1989	Apollo Bay
Female	8kg	Robyn Smith	96.6kg	2/1/1989	
Junior Male	8kg	Troy Anderson	59.5kg	17/6/1987	
Small Fry Female	8kg	Zarli Sanders	38.2kg	29/4/2011	Portland
Female	10kg	Jennifer Wood	55.2kg	13/8/1988	Warrnambool
Junior Male	10kg	Nigel Everade	53.5kg	12/1/1985	Apollo Bay
Female	10kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23.18kg	28/1/2017	Port Fairy
<b>Shark (School) - Tope</b>					
Male	6kg	Shane Sanders	25.6kg	17/7/2009	Portland
<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>					
Female	6kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	9.24kg	7/2/2019	Port Fairy

# GFASA South Australian State Records

Following are current line class records held by WOLGFC members in the state of South Australia, recognised by GFASA for gamefish species. Qualification is open to any club member who is a member of an affiliated GFAA club and species are those recognised on the GFAA species list. Categories are recorded for Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry for each species.

SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Shark, Mako</b>					
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	27.46kg	8/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Shark (School) - Tope</b>					
Male	1kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	13.5kg	5/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	28.12kg	2/5/2021	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	3kg	Marcus Person	26.58kg	21/5/2016	Port MacDonnell SA
Female	15kg	Bernadette Pedlar	30.56kg	10/5/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Tuna (Southern Bluefin)</b>					
Junior Female	6kg	Zarli Sanders	13.42kg	17/4/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	8kg	Dane Newman	34kg	1/4/2007	Port MacDonnell SA



## GFAA Australian Records

Following are current GFAA Australian line class records held by WOLGFC members. Qualification is open to any club member who is also an affiliated GFAV member and species are those recognised on the GFAA species list. Categories are recorded for Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry for each species.

SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Shark (Mako)</b>					
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	27.46kg	8/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	4kg	Shane Sanders	195.7kg	5/2/2017	Portland
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	58.5kg	20/4/2019	Warrnambool
Junior Female	10kg	Zarli Sanders	81.9kg	11/12/2016	Portland
<b>Shark (Blue)</b>					
Small Fry Female	8kg	Zarli Sanders	38.2kg	29/4/2011	Portland
<b>Shark (School) - Tope</b>					
Male	1kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	13.5kg	5/5/2024	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	28.12kg	2/5/2021	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	3kg	Marcus Person	26.58kg	21/5/2016	Port MacDonnell SA
Female	15kg	Bernadette Pedlar	30.56kg	10/5/2017	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Tuna (Southern Bluefin)</b>					
Female	4kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23kg	4/2/2020	Port Fairy
Male	8kg	Dane Newman	34kg	1/4/2007	Port MacDonnell SA
Small Fry Female	8kg	Chloe Dance	18.90kg	19/2/2017	Port Fairy
Junior Female	10kg	Chloe Dance	24.52kg	15/4/2022	Warrnambool
Female	37kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	141.6kg	2/4/2019	Portland

# IGFA World Records

Following are past and current IGFA World line class records held by WOLGFC members. Qualification is open to any person who is an IGFA member and species are those recognised on the IGFA species list. Categories are recorded for Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry for each species.

SPECIES	LINE	ANGLER	WEIGHT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Current Records</b>					
<b>Shark (Mako)</b>					
Male	4kg	Shane Sanders	195.7kg	5/2/2017	Portland
<b>Shark (School) - Tope</b>					
Male	2kg	Kevin Mcloughlin	28.12kg	2/5/2021	Port MacDonnell SA
Male	3kg	Marcus Person	26.58kg	21/5/2016	Port MacDonnell SA
<b>Tuna (Southern Bluefin)</b>					
Female	4kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	23kg	4/2/2020	Port Fairy
Female	37kg	Anne-Marie Oosthuizen	141.6kg	2/4/2019	Portland
<b>Past Records</b>					
<b>Tuna (Southern Bluefin)</b>					
Male	2kg	Neville Dance	9.8kg	14/6/1982	Portland
Male	8kg	Dane Newman	34kg	1/4/2007	Port MacDonnell SA

