

**THE
SURFERS PARADISE GAME
AND SPORT FISHING CLUB**



**GAME FISHING
MEMBERS' HANDBOOK**

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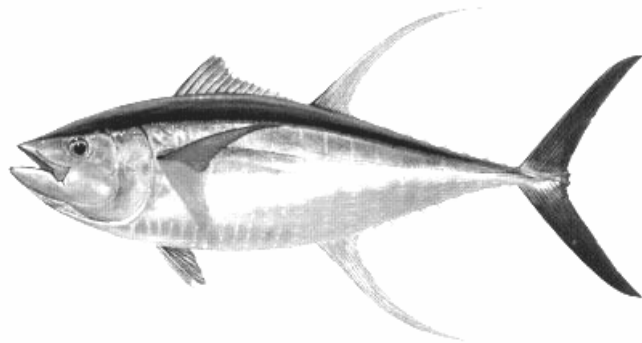
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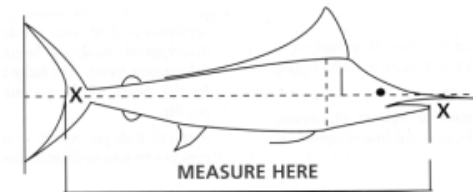


The underlying spirit of angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct and strength of the fish and that the latter is entitled to an even chance for its life.

The Tuna Club, Avalon,



BILLFISH FORMULA - LENGTH - WEIGHT FREQUENCIES							
BLACK MARLIN				SAILFISH			
cm	kg		cm	kg		cm	kg
90	10		250	150		110	5
120	15		255	160		145	10
135	20		260	170		160	15
140	25		265	180		180	20
145	30		270	200		190	25
150	35		275	212		200	30
155	40		280	225		210	35
160	45		285	237		215	40
165	50		290	250		222	50
170	53		295	262		225	55
175	57		300	275			
180	60		305	287			
185	64		310	300			
190	67		315	316			
195	71		320	322			
200	75		325	350			
205	80		330	375			
210	85		335	400			
215	90		340	416			
220	95		345	432			
225	100		350	450			
230	110		355	466			
235	120		360	482			
240	130		365	500			
245	140						



1. Measure girth at thickest section and convert to inches
2. Measure length from lower jaw to middle of tail fork and convert to inches.
3. Square girth and multiply by length - Divide by 800

Example: Girth = 40" - squared = 1600
Length = 100"
Multiply girth squared x length (1600 x 100 = 16000) divide by 800
for a weight of 200lbs

**GFAA ELIGIBLE GAME SPECIES LIST FOR USE WITH
NSW FISHERIES GAMEFISH TAGS**

BILLFISH

Black Marlin
Blue Marlin
Broadbill Swordfish
Sailfish
Shortbill Spearfish
Striped Marlin

SHARKS (min: 100cm)

Blue
Gummy
Hammerhead
Mako
Porbeagle
School (Tope)
Thresher
Tiger
Whalers (all)

TUNAS

Albacore
Bigeye
Bluefin
Bonito (all)
Dogtooth
Kawa Kawa (Mackerel Tuna)
Large Scale
Longtail (Northern Bluefin)
Skipjack (Striped Tuna)
Southern Bluefin
Yellowfin

KINGFISH

Amberjack
Cobia
Samson Fish
Rainbow Runner
Yellowtail Kingfish (min: 70cm)

MACKERELS

Broad Barred (Grey)
Spotted (all)
Narrow Barred (Tanquigue)
Wahoo

TREVALLY (min: 60cm)

Big Eye
Giant
Gold Spot
Golden

MISCELLANEOUS

Barracuda
Eagle Ray
Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)
Queenfish (min: 60cm)

SPECIES NOT TO BE TAGGED

Atlantic Salmon
Australian Bass
Australian Salmon
Barramundi
Black Jewfish
Bonefish
Brook Trout
Brown Trout
Carp
Chinaman Fish
Chinook Salmon
English Perch (Redfin)
Estuary Perch
Freshwater Catfish
Golden Perch

Grey Nurse Shark
Mangrove Jack
Mulloway
Murray Cod
Rainbow Trout
Saratoga
Silver Perch
Silver Trevally
Snapper
Spangled Emperor
Tailor
Tench
Threadfin Salmon
White Shark

**SURFERS PARADISE GAME AND SPORT FISHING
CLUB RULES**

The following Game Fishing Rules and By-Laws are in addition to those of QGFA (Queensland Game Fishing Association) and GFAA (Game Fishing Association of Australia), which you should read and get to know. The Rules and By-Laws have been formulated to offer a level playing field for all club members. They also take the continued well-being of our local fishing grounds into consideration in a proactive manner. The following Rules, By-Laws and point scoring system are the result of many years of experience and evolution. However, it is within the club's ethics that the club will have its strength including the following:

- The manner in which anglers co-operate with each other in enjoying the sport we are all so passionate about;
- The manner in which fish and their environment are respected and maintained;
- Though there are weigh points available for species such as marlin, we would hope that none are specifically taken for these trophies.

1. FISHING YEAR

The fishing year for the club shall commence July 1 to June 30 each year.

2. FISHING RULES & EQUIPMENT

In accordance with GFAA record book.

3. CLUB RULES / BY-LAWS

(a) All members are to abide by the rules and By-Laws of the Surfers Paradise Game & Sport Fishing Club Inc (SPGSFC), as set down from time to time, without exception;

(b) IT IS THE DUTY of all members to see that members and visitors conduct themselves in accordance with the Constitution and these Rules and By-Laws.

4. PROTEST

Must be in writing and handed to Club Captain/Fishing Committee on the day of occurrence and the Committee decision is final.

5. MEMBERSHIP

(a) All prospective applicants for new Ordinary membership will come before the Committee prior to membership being accepted;

(b) Membership of any kind will not be formalised until the Committee has voted.

6. ANGLER POINTS

(a) Only those members of SPGSFC who, prior to the capture/events, are financial, Honorary or Life Members are eligible for angler points or trophies;

(b) Any fish captured or tagged in a tournament not sanctioned by QGFA or GFAA will not be eligible for club points.

7. BOAT POINTS

(a) To be eligible for boat points and trophies, vessels must be registered with SPGSFC and carry in good order and condition all safety equipment specified by Qld Transport regulations;

(b) At anytime, any two Committee members may request an inspection of a vessel to ensure all safety equipment carried is in good order and condition;

(c) Visiting IGFA, GFAA, QGFA affiliated members or ANSA members may contribute to boat points, other guests may contribute to boat points on their first day of capture/tag only.

8. BONUS POINTS

(a) Tournaments/rallies organised by SPGSFC will attract double points for participating club members and boats;

(b) Double points will also be awarded on all weekends.

9. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES

(a) All capture certificates and QGFA Boat Activity Sheets MUST be correctly filled out and handed to Club Captain within 30 days of capture/tag accompanied by tag cards. Special extenuating circumstances will be at the discretion of the Committee;

(b) Only original tag cards will be accepted for Club points from 1st July 2004;

(c) During tournaments/rallies, capture certificates and tag cards must be handed to Club Captain on day of capture/tag;

(d) All June certificates and tag cards must be in by July General Meeting;

(e) In the event of the official weigh master being unavailable a committee person may act in his stead.

10. WEIGHING

(a) All fish MUST at least equal line class and should be weighed on day of capture where possible;

(b) Certified scales are not required for the weighing of fish for club point scores, although members are encouraged to calibrate their own scales to the club's scales at club meetings;

(c) In accordance with GFAA rules all fish MUST be weighed on land;

(d) Weigh points are calculated by weight of fish, divided by line class and multiplied by a factor. The factor for sharks is 20, whereas the factor for all other species is 100.

TAGGING POINTS										
SPECIES A: Anglers may capture and tag up to 3 of each species in any one day										
Narrow-Barred Mackerel, Spotted Mackerel, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, Samson Fish, Amberjack, Yellowtail Kingfish, Barracuda, Cobia.										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
500	475	450	425	375	325	275	200	100	75	50
SPECIES B: Anglers may capture and tag up to 3 of each species in any one day										
Any game fish species, not listed elsewhere on this page										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
50	50	50	50	25	25	25	10	10	10	10
TUNA: Anglers may capture and tag 3 of each Tuna species below in one day										
Kawa Kawa										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
500	475	450	425	350	300	250	125	50	25	10
Yellowfin, Longtail, Dogtooth										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
600	575	550	525	475	450	400	350	275	225	150
BILLFISH: Anglers may tag unlimited numbers of Billfish per day.										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
			1,750	1,500	1,250	1,100	1,000	750		
Outside 100M (50ftm)						1,750	1,500	1,250	1,100	1,000
Non-offset circle hooks must be used, vessels must be in forward gear and vessels must be covering ground (trolling) when live-baiting for Billfish to score points										
BROADBILL: Anglers may tag unlimited numbers of Broadbill per day.										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
						3,000	2,500	2,250	2,000	1,750
SHARKS: Anglers may tag unlimited numbers of Sharks per day.										
1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250

ANNUAL TROPHY LIST

First Billfish Of The Season
Last Billfish Of the Season
Champion Angler Billfish
Champion Angler Sharks
Champion Angler Other Species
Champion of Champions (Most Species)
First Mackerel Of The Season
Skippers Trophy
Presidents Trophy
Most Billfish On Lures

CHAMPION MALE ANGLER

Local Waters
Coastal Waters

CHAMPION FEMALE ANGLER

Local Waters
Coastal Waters

CHAMPION JUNIOR ANGLER

Local Waters
Coastal Waters

CHAMPION ANGLER

Ultra Light Tackle
Light Tackle
Medium Tackle
Heavy Tackle

CHAMPION BOAT OVER 7M

Local Waters
Coastal Waters

CHAMPION BOAT 7M & UNDER

Local Waters
Coastal Waters

11. RECORD CLAIMS

Queensland and Australian record claims shall be endorsed by the SPGSFC in the event of such capture being made.

12. CARCASSES

(a) All unwanted fish carcasses MUST be disposed of at least 1 km outside Seaway and not in the Broadwater or Canals;

(b) It is the crew's responsibility to dispose of all carcasses and to ensure they are kept out of sight.

(c) Points will be forfeited if these rules are broken.

13. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Every angler on a vessel should be given an equal opportunity to catch a fish.

14. BILLFISH

(a) Live Baiting for Billfish is allowable provided that non-offset circle hooks are used, all vessels MUST be in forward gear and all vessels MUST be covering ground (trolling);

(b) Billfish caught using LIVE BAIT and not satisfying all three of the requirements set out in (a) will attract zero tag points;

(c) Billfish should be tagged and revived regardless of condition as many apparent dead fish do resuscitate given the chance;

(d) No points will be awarded for Billfish tagged using 1 kg, 2kg or 3kg tackle.

(e) No points will be awarded for Billfish tagged inside 100m (50ftm) using 37kg and 60kg tackle.

15. SHARKS

(a) The minimum weight for a shark to qualify for weigh points **will be on a ratio of 10 to 1 of line class, with the exception of a record claim,**

(b) No chokers are to be used on sharks when weighing.

16. TACKLE

(a) At anytime, any two committee members may request an inspection of fishing tackle and equipment;

(b) Points will only be awarded for fish caught using pre-test lines;

(c) Tackle categories are:

(i) Ultra Light 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg;

(ii) Light 6kg, 8kg, 10kg;

(iii) Medium 15kg, 24kg;

(iv) Heavy 37kg, 60kg.

17. FLAGS

If flown:

(a) Club insignia flag is to be on starboard game pole if the boat is so equipped;

(b) All capture and tag flags are to be on port game pole if the boat is so equipped.

18. SAFETY

(a) All vessels fishing offshore waters must be equipped with a good working 27MHz, VHF or MF/HF radio;

(b) All vessels fishing offshore waters must log on and off with Seaway Tower VMR414 each fishing day

(c) During tournaments/rallies, all vessels fishing offshore waters must also log on and off with Game Fish Base each fishing day.

(d) During tournaments/rallies, all vessels fishing offshore waters must respond to each sked directly, by phone or by relay through another vessel. Failure to acknowledge two (2) consecutive skeds will result in Game Fish Base notifying Seaway Tower of vessel's failure to respond. This may result in Seaway Tower orchestrating search and rescue.

19. SOLO FISHING

Solo fishing is permitted, however, for safety reasons it is recommended that you have someone capable of using the radio and taking charge of the vessel in the event of an emergency.

20. FISHING AREAS

(a) Separate competitions will be run for areas known as LOCAL WATERS and COASTAL WATERS:

(i) LOCAL WATERS - Windarra Banks in the south to Flat Rock in the north inclusive, including all creeks and rivers;

(ii) COASTAL WATERS - All Australian waters outside LOCAL WATERS including all creeks and rivers.

21. CANCELLATION

(a) In the event of bad weather, club fishing days will not be cancelled. It will be the responsibility of every boat owner to be aware of the weather forecast for each day's fishing to decide if sea conditions are safe for their vessel to put to sea;

(b) In the event of a strong wind warning being issued, Club Fishing days are cancelled and no boat will put to sea. Neither the Club nor the Committee shall be in anyway responsible for any loss, damage or injury occasioned by a vessel putting to sea or remaining at sea in adverse weather conditions.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED BY REGULATIONS			
EQUIPMENT	SMOOTH WATER	PARTLY SMOOTH	OPEN WATER
EPIRB Check expiry date	N/A	N/A	ALL BOATS
SIGNALLING DEVICE Torch, Fluorescent Light or Lantern	All boats between sunset and sunrise	All boats between sunset and sunrise	All boats between sunset and sunrise
PFD's LIFEJACKETS One of the appropriate size to suit number of passengers onboard	PFD's type 1,2 or 3	PFD's type 1 or 3	PFD's type 1
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT Fire Extinguisher, capable of extinguishing a fire quickly	ALL BOATS over 5m	ALL BOATS over 5m	ALL BOATS over 5m
V'SHEET	N/A	ALL BOATS	ALL BOATS
FLARES Check expiry date	N/A	2 Red Hand Flares 2 Orang Smoke Flares	2 Red Hand Flares 2 Orang Smoke Flares
NAVIGATION Navigation Chart, Uquid Damped Compass	N/A	ALL BOATS	ALL BOATS
PUMPING AND BAILING Under 5m; suitable bailing equipment 5m to 8m; bilge pump 45L per min 8m or More; bilge pump	ALL BOATS	ALL BOATS	ALL BOATS
ANCHORING Under 5m: cable can be chain or rope Over 5m: cable can be chain of at least 2m attached to anchor and	Under 5m: 1 anchor with 18m of cable 5 to 8m: 1 anchor with 27m cable 8m or more: 2 anchors with 37m cable each	Under 5m: 1 anchor with 18m of cable 5 to 8m: 1 anchor with 27m cable 8m or more: 2 anchors with 37m cable each	Under 5m: 1 anchor with 18m of cable 5 to 8m: 1 anchor with 27m cable 8m or more: 2 anchors with 37m cable each
MANUAL PROPULSION Oars or Paddles	UNDER 6M	UNDER 6M	UNDER 6M
DRINKING WATER At least sufficient for everybody on board for duration of trip	ALL BOATS	ALL BOATS	ALL BOA