



NGFC 2019 EAST COAST CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Registration Form

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March 2019



Boat Name:		Club:	
Boat Mobile Ph:		Boat Make/Size:	

Please tick if berth required + contact NCYC Marina to secure / arrange berth ASAP 0408 299512

Captain:

Name:		Club:	
Address:			
Mobile Ph:		Email:	

Anglers: Minimum 3 anglers including Captain for vessels under 8 metres; Minimum 4 anglers including Captain for vessels 8 metres and over. All persons involved in effecting either the capture or tag and release of a fish must be a registered/paid angler. Please indicate whether angler is Adult Male (M), Adult Lady (L), Junior Male (JM) or Junior Lady (JL). Junior anglers include both junior and small fry anglers. Please also list date of birth in the case of junior anglers.

Name:		Club:		M/L/J:		DOB:	
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Entry Fees:

Captain + Adult Male and Female Anglers (includes presentation ticket & breakfast vouchers)	\$170.00 pp	Qty:
Junior Male and Female Anglers (includes presentation ticket & breakfast vouchers)	\$50.00 pp	Qty:
Additional presentation dinner tickets (Non-Anglers)	\$40.00 pp	Qty:
TOTAL: \$ _____		

Entry forms can be submitted by post, fax or email by completing the details below.

Bank Deposit – Bank Details: **Greater Building Society A/c Name - NGFC BSB 637 000 A/c No - 721827852**

Reference: Your Last Name & Boat name. Send this form & receipt of payment to accounts@ngfc.com.au or post to PO Box 150, WICKHAM NSW 2293.

Paying by Cheque / Cash – Please make all cheques payable to Newcastle Game Fishing Club Inc. & post both application form & cheque to PO Box 150, WICKHAM NSW 2293 or visit the NCYC Office at the marina.

FAX: (02) 4940 8138

PHONE: 0412 127400

EMAIL: accounts@ngfc.com.au

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Boat Safety Rescue Form

Description of Vessel:

Name: Make: Reg. No:
Length: Colour - Hull: Deck:
Colour – Flybridge: Distinctive Features or Markings:
Superstructure: Hull Material:
Engine Type: Number: Horsepower: Fuel Type:.....
Capacity:Range:..... Cruising Speed: Max Speed:

Contact Details:

Captain Name: Mobile:
Owner Name (if not captain): Mobile:
Address: Postcode:
Home Ph: Business Ph: Email:
Emergency Contact Name (not on-board vessel): Tel:

Vessel Insurance:

Insurance Company: Policy Number:
Expiry Date: Public Liability: \$.....

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF INSURANCE POLICY'S CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY (P/L Minimum \$10 million)

Safety and Emergency Equipment:

Please tick the applicable boxes and provide relevant details.

Flares: Yes [] No [] Details - Parachute [] Smoke [] Colour:

Life Raft: Yes [] No [] Type: Capacity: Colour:

Life Buoy: Yes [] No [] Number: Make: Colour:

Life Jackets: Yes [] No [] Number: Type: Colour:

Radios: 27 MHz: Yes [] No [] VHF: Yes [] No [] SSB HF: Yes [] No [] Frequencies:

EPIRB: Yes [] No [] Number: Type:

Radar: Yes [] No [] Type: Range:

GPS: Yes [] No [] Type:

Depth Sounder: Yes [] No [] Type: Depth:

Compass: Yes [] No [] Type:

Food on Board: Yes [] No [] Number of Days: Water on Board: Litres

My crew and I agree to abide by the Rules of the Tournament and understand that any clarification required will be provided by the Tournament Committee. On behalf of me and my crew, we agree that participation is at our own risk and that the holding of the Tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea, or stay at sea, in conditions beyond the capability of the vessel or its crew.

NGFC reserves the right to refuse entry to the tournament.

Captain's signature accepting above: **Date:**

Contacts | accounts@ngfc.com.au | president@ngfc.com.au | secretary@ngfc.com.au



Proudly invites you to attend the

2019 EAST COAST CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

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BRIEFING

Briefing is to be held at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), Wickham at **7:00pm on Friday 8th March 2019**. Those unable to attend the briefing will have to pick up their bags at the weigh station or make arrangements with tournament officials to pick up their tournament bags on Saturday 9th March. **Note:** Boats will need to download a sched map from the NGFC website until their bag is collected to be aware of the Tournament waters.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday 9th March 2019 – 8.00am until 5.00pm.

Sunday 10th March 2019 – 8.00am until 5.00pm.

***NOTE 1:** ALL TAG AND RELEASE CARDS + CAPTURE CERTIFICATES MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE **NGFC** WEIGH STATION OR THE GAMEFISH MARQUEE AT THE COMPLETION OF EACH DAY'S FISHING OTHERWISE DISQUALIFICATION WILL OCCUR (see below for *exception).

***On Sunday we will allow boats to return to an alternate port if desired.**

Boats fishing to an alternate port on Sunday 10th March 2019 are able to submit tag cards via email or SMS to the point scorer David Stringer (support@itsfishing.com.au or 0402953738) by 8.00pm Sunday 10th March 2019 . To be eligible for any capture trophies, the weighing of a fish **MUST** be presented at the NGFC weighbridge before 8.00pm on Sunday 10th March 2019. When submitting tag cards from an alternate port, all documents must also include pictures of the paperwork, angler and all tackle used. Tag & release or capture points **WILL NOT** be awarded for tag cards or capture certificates presented that are incomplete, not readable or have incorrect information listed.

NOTE 1: Submissions from an alternate port **MUST** include evidence that they are back in Port and have not submitted the paperwork whilst still at sea. **NO EXCEPTIONS !!!**

***ALL HARD COPIES** of tag cards & capture certificates **MUST** be delivered to NGFC by 6.00pm Monday 11th March 2019 (There will be a collection box set up in the Gamefish Marquee at the Newcastle Yacht Club) or **disqualification of fish will occur.**

NOTE 2: ***Any fish hooked and still being fought before the end of fishing on both days may be played out providing that tag or capture are completed & submitted as per above rules.



FISHING BOUNDARIES

Tournament boundaries are as follows -

Northern – 32' 24"S – 153' 0"E

Southern – 33' 30"S – 153' 0"E

As per NGFC Sched Map (in Tournament bag or see NGFC website)

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Contact details:	Tournament Director	David Teasel	0418 425515
	Vice President	Dave Keast	0405 318762
	Secretary	Scott Morris	0412 127400
	Treasurer	Rob Hyland	0418 498598
	Committee	Luke Henkel	0423 230208
		Jason Hewitt	0431 182782
		Carl Twaddle	0401 243011

TEAMS / ANGLERS

The competition is open to all anglers who are financial members of any club affiliated with the NSWGFA, GFAA or ANSA. Proof of financial membership must be produced if requested. There must be a minimum of three (3) registered anglers on board each boat under 8 meters and four (4) registered anglers on board each boat 8 metres and over. The maximum limit to the number of anglers on each boat shall be as per the limit imposed by vessel capacity plate. ***NOTE: The Team Captain, skipper & any person involved in effecting a capture or tag & release must be a paid angler. Any vessel found to be using a person not entered in the tournament assisting in a capture or tag and release will be disqualified from the tournament.**

REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS

No replacement of boats or competitors for whatever reason will be allowed after fishing has started. Anglers may not affect a capture or tag & release on any other vessel than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag & release card, angler all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture, tag & release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel, however in the case of an emergency situation the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to effect the capture or tag.

BERTHING & FUEL

Berthing will be made available free of charge for 2 days to boats that have entered the tournament (limited berths available). Days can be nominated – **Friday 8th, Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th March 2019**. Please call NCYC Marina 0408 299512 to arrange your berth.

NOTE: This will be a first in first served basis, lots of available berths but not endless !

Extra days are available at own cost. *Discounted fuel will be available at the marina.

***NOTE: Newcastle Harbour Warnings** - There is a no wash zone past the Honeysuckle wharf and a 4 knot zone entering the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Marina, a loss of 2000 Tag & Release or Capture points will be imposed for each breach.



CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT

The declaration of a Gale Warning by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) will automatically require the cancellation of any tournament or event conducted under the rules of the New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA) and its member clubs. Cancellation only applies until Gale Warning is lifted. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port. If sea conditions are unsafe and/or a gale force warning is issued fishing will be cancelled.

The decision to cancel will only be announced after the 5.30am forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology on the day of fishing. The tournament committee will use discretion on making this decision, which will be strongly supported by Coast Guard and Government weather watch authorities. In the event of the Tournament being cancelled in part or whole, fish caught and reported prior to the cancellation will be eligible.

SAFETY

All vessels fishing the tournament must be equipped with safety gear complying with the NSW RMS regulations in force at the time. It is also advisable that an adequate (2 days) supply of food and water be carried on board. All boats must comply with NSW Waterways regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home Club. A "Boat Safety Rescue form" is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a **406Mhz EPIRB** and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be **VHF** frequency.

INSURANCE

Details of the insurance cover must be included on the boat safety section of the entry form. No vessel will be accepted without this information being completed.

THE NEWCASTLE GAME FISHING CLUB INC. SHALL ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ACCIDENT OR INJURY OCCASIONED DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

The Tournament Committee or NGFC or any sponsor will not be liable for any loss or damage to any person, property, personal injury or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the 2019 East Coast Classic Tournament. All anglers participate entirely at their own risk.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio schedules (scheds) will be conducted as per NSWGFA Guidelines for Radio Schedules for Tournaments. Inappropriate language will incur a loss of 2,000 capture and tag & release points for each breach or disqualification from the tournament. All boats must log on with Tournament Base to be eligible for any points and trophies. Radio schedules shall be held on Ch80 (VHF) (this may change pending on conditions and circumstances) at **8.10am, 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 5.10pm on both days.**

Boats shall be called in numerical order and it is requested that each skipper answer promptly with their Location & fishing report. Please call in as Captured/Tagged & use the schedules to call in your overall Captures/Tags for the Sched period using the "000" system, i.e. Strike, Hook ups, Captures/Tags. If possible boats are to give species for strikes and hook ups as well as for captures and tag and release.

Short length, girth measurement and estimated weight of any fish captured must also be supplied. Please note that all fish to be weighed must be measured for the short length at time of capture. Billfish are to be measured from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail (short measurement). Sharks and other game fish to be measured from the nose to the fork in the tail (short measurement). The length in cm must be reported at the time of capture along with

estimated weight to game fish base using the weight to length curve graph (located in tournament bag). Any fish found to be more than 10% different from the measurement reported may be disqualified at the committee's discretion.

Any fish hooked in the final sched period **MUST** be reported immediately. A 10 minute period of radio silence is requested prior to "Stop Fishing" on each day to allow the report of late hook-ups. Tournament Base shall be on stand-by until all vessels have signed off. If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it must return to port and notify Tournament Base of their actions by other means (e.g. phone). Any boat missing 2 consecutive scheds will be deemed a missing vessel. If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it must return to port and notify Tournament Base of their actions by other means (e.g. phone). Failure to log off at end of each day will encounter disqualification of all points for that day or minimum 10,000 tag and release as well as 10,000 capture points.

Tournament Base Contact: TBA ☹

***NOTE:** Only Tournament Sponsors will be recognised during the Tournament
Breach of Media Rule: Penalties will be at the discretion of the tournament committee.

LEAVING PORT

****ALL BOATS MUST RETURN TO NEWCASTLE HARBOUR ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT OF THE TOURNAMENT AND MUST LEAVE FROM NEWCASTLE ON THE SUNDAY MORNING.**

Boats may fish from their home port on **Saturday 9th March** but CANNOT commence burleying, trolling or fishing before the Tournament Base announces the official start of fishing at **8.00am**. If a boat is not at that time within the prescribed fishing area on all fishing days, it cannot commence fishing until such time that it is within the tournament fishing boundary.

On **Saturday 9th March 2019**, ALL boats **MUST** return to Newcastle. On **Sunday 10th March 2019**, boats may elect to return directly to their home port after fishing, but **must** still effect a sign-off with Tournament Base. Failure to report on your return will invoke a penalty of 10,000 tag and release or capture points. ***NOTE:** All capture and Tag & Release Cards & Capture Certificates must be logged at the tournament weigh station / marquee as per tournament rules.

FISHING RULES

The Tournament will be fished under the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of the NSWGFA & GFAA as are in effect at the time. In addition, the NSWGFA Point Score Fishing Rules and Minimum weights shall apply. The Competition is open to anglers who are bona fide members of any club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, IGFA or ANSA. Any ANSA member must fish on a NSWGFA Registered boat. In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner. If no time is recorded it will be deemed to be caught at 5:00pm on Saturday 9th March 2019 and 5:00pm on Sunday 10th March 2019. If tag and release is the preferred option, all tag and release cards must be submitted with the time recorded to count for points. If no line class is listed on tag card it will be deemed to be 60kg.

1. **LINE CLASSES** which will be recognised are 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg

2. **LINE & BACKING**

- a) The use of backing is permissible. (**NOTE:** There is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, Multifilament, Lead Core Multifilament but not wire).
- b) The catch shall be classified under the breaking strain of the first 5 metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line (for record claims, 16 metres of the single line must be supplied).
- c) **NOTE: MULTIFILAMENT LINES ONLY ALLOWED WHEN USED AS BACKING**

3. **MINIMUM WEIGHTS TO QUALIFY**

Marlin – Only the Largest Marlin over 150kg is eligible for tournament trophy. **NOTE:** If a Marlin exceeds 220kg, this one fish takes out both categories including bonus category.

Yellowfin Tuna must weigh 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg, equal to line class for over 15kg line and for Junior Anglers equal to line class in all cases.

Other Game Fish must weigh at least equal to the line class used.

Sharks – Only Largest Shark over 350kg is eligible for tournament trophy.

Junior/Small Fry – As per NSWGFA Rules - **NOTE:** Junior Anglers must be 11 years & under 16 years at commencement of briefing & Small Fry must be under 11 years at the commencement of briefing.

RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE

All billfish must be tagged with the Billfish Tag. This is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in any tournament, competition, point score or trophy. The Billfish Tag is for billfish only point score (i.e. no other species). The tagging of other fish/sharks with billfish tags will render your points and or fish/shark ineligible and disqualified. In releasing a tagged fish, the hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish. A fish is considered tagged & released when the tag is secured to the fish & the fish is released back into the water alive !

***Mahi Mahi & Yellowtail Kingfish** are to be maximum of 5 fish per person per day with a maximum of 10 per boat per day, each species. Striped Tuna, Mack Tuna (Kawa Kawa) are eligible for junior, small fry personal pointscore and applicable trophies only.

For Juniors - Striped Tuna are for Measure & Release only, points as per NSWGFA rules.

Minimum length for tagging

Kingfish - 70cm

Mahi Mahi - 60cm.

Sharks - must be a minimum of 100 cm to be eligible for tag & release points.

CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY are permitted for live baiting and trolling natural baits. No points to be scored for any other species caught using live baits with j-hooks. except narrow bared mackerel. CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION: A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.



MISCONDUCT

The Tournament Committee may on its own initiative, investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the Tournament. **NOTE:** If any unruly behaviour the night of the tournament presentation may face exclusion from the following tournament. The Fishing / Adjudication Committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where misconduct is deemed to have taken place.

All anglers, particularly boat captains, are asked to display a degree of courtesy regarding burley trails and troll patterns behind boats. All anglers are reminded that as members of a Club, they are regarded as representatives of their Clubs. As such any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on the Club. Hence the Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

MEDIA POLICY/SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

1. Any MEDIA RELEASE, POLICY or any MAJOR ISSUE MUST go through the NGFC Tournament Committee
2. FORUMS – Clubs and/or affiliated anglers are NOT to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on forum sites.
3. NO INDIVIDUAL ANGLER/MEMBER should approach the media or answer any queries from the media, if approached that person should contact the Tournament Director with the details, who will then carry out the requirements of the Tournament Media Policy.

WEIGH STATION

The weigh station will be open on **Saturday 9th March 2019** and **Sunday 10th March 2019** from **3.00pm** onwards.

All rods, reels, gaffs, tag poles, tail ropes and traces must be produced for checking if directed. All Capture Certificates & Tag Cards **MUST** be prepared for presentation prior to approaching the weigh station. All Capture Certificates **MUST** be presented to the Weigh Master **PRIOR** to the weighing of ANY fish off the boat concerned. If line class has not been entered on certificates, it will be deemed to be 60kg line class. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification of captures.

***NOTE:** Disposal of Fish and Sharks – Skippers are responsible for the disposal of their captures. Fish not required for eating or burley should be taken **three (3) miles to sea** and disposed of in a manner appropriate. If these criteria are not met an immediate disqualification will be enforced. Leaving a Fish or Shark tied off to a boat in a harbour or mooring for a period of more than 24 hours since weighing is an offence. The President or member of the Executive Committee is to be notified of the situation, if immediate disposal is not possible.

The skipper must ensure that any blood, offal etc. is to be removed from the weigh station area and ensure the area is left in a clean a state as possible. Please note that there are heavy fines for disposing of fish in any harbour. In the event if any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew. **NOTE: All fish will be marked for identification purposes by NGFC at time of weighing.**

***NOTE:** All anglers must carry Saltwater Fishing Licences (if applicable). Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie any vessel to objects such as wave riders, FADs or fish trap buoys.

SALE OF FISH AND SHARKS

It is an offence for unlicensed fishermen to sell fish or to give fish to a licensed fisherman in NSW. Any Fish captured in this Tournament cannot be sold. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards of the Association.

THE PROCESS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

The Committee will meet to discuss the proposal of the disqualification of a capture and or tag & release. The skipper whose fish or shark is proposed to be disqualified will be advised one (1) hour prior to the meeting of the Committee and have the right to present his or her case at that meeting.

PROTESTS

Any protest must be made in writing and presented to a member of the Tournament Committee by 8:00pm on Sunday the 10th March 2019. The committee's decision will be final.

TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS

FRIDAY 8th March 2019: Briefing starts @ 7.00pm

SATURDAY 9th March 2019: Morning BBQ breakfast from 6.00am.

Lucky boat draws throughout the night in the Tournament Function Room. ***NOTE:** A paid angler representing the winning boat must be present at the time of draw to claim prize.

SUNDAY 10th March 2019: Morning BBQ breakfast from 6.00am.

Lucky boat draws throughout the night from 7.00pm & socialising ***NOTE:** A paid angler representing boat must be present at the time of draw to claim prize.

WEDNESDAY 13th March 2019: Presentation dinner starts at 6.45pm at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

TROPHY LIST FOR 2019 EAST COAST CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

TAG & RELEASE

Overall Champion Team - Tag and Release - \$5000 Cash

Runner up Champion Team - TBA

3rd Place Champion Team - TBA

4th Place Champion Team - TBA

5th Place Champion Team - TBA

6th Place Champion Team - TBA

7th Place Champion Team - TBA

8th Place Champion Team - TBA

Overall Champion Junior Angler - TBA

Overall Champion Small Fry Angler - TBA

Highest point score Team – Shark - \$2500

Highest point score Team – Other Game Fish - TBA

CAPTURE

Heaviest Marlin over 150kg - \$5000 Cash

*Bonus Heaviest Marlin over 220kg Terms & Conditions apply – Additional \$5000 Cash

Heaviest Shark over 350kg - \$5000 Cash

Heaviest Other Game Fish - TBA

Overall Champion Junior Angler (**OGF Only**) - TBA

Overall Champion Small Fry Angler (**OGF Only**) - TBA