



7HOFM - Derwent Flathead Classic

Rules & Regulations: Catch and Release Flathead Fishing Competition

1. The Event; Saturday 12TH January 2019
 2. Fishing times 7am -2-30pm - Official Weigh - In from: 3.00 - 4.30,
Presentation approx. 4.30 and free BBQ from 3pm- Geilston Bay Boat Club
48 Debomfords Ln, Geilston Bay TAS 7015
 3. Fishing Boundaries - Cadburys Point in the North and line between Iron Pot light and
Tinderbox point in the South (see map).
 4. Open to any insured & registered boat. Minimum 2, Maximum 5
4a. Kayak (Kayak minimum 2, maximum 5 per team)
4b. Land based angler.
 5. A team will consist of at least 2 members of "SPORTS FISHING CLUB OF TASMANIA"
(One member must be an Adult)
Maximum 5 persons per team.
 6. Entry must include **2x Full affiliated memberships** to SFCT at \$70ea or 1 Adult and one
Junior at \$70 and \$30 respectively.
- Guests of SFCT are \$20 EACH GUEST**
- Children under 16 fish free if accompanied by a member of SFCT**
- 6a. All teams are required to fill out an 1xENTRY FORM, 2x MEMBERSHIP FORM and 1x
VESSEL DETAIL FORM. (all available online at www.sportfishtas.org.au)
 7. Open to any line class or tackle (Rod and reel or handline) No Set lines allowed
 8. No set nets. (Landing nets may be used)

9. Can use bait, lures or soft plastics.

- 10. Longest 10 x flathead count to the final score; winner will be the “longest 10 fish added together for a total length” (i.e.; if you catch 50 fish then the 10 longest count to your overall total)

11. Each team will need a time/date stamped camera (or phone) for proof of capture to present to the weigh man/scorers at the weigh in (BYC car park).

- An individual team number will be allocated to each team at the commencement of fishing. This must be displayed in presented photographs with the fish and ruler/brag mat.
- Only fish eligible for a prize, need to have photographic evidence presented to the committee(Please be sure that only photos of the fish in question are ready for inspection by the weighmaster)

12. Mystery length prize will be “drawn from a hat” closest to the length wins the prize.

13. Each team will need a working **VHF Marine Radio (Channel VHF 73)** to report their location to the organisers using Sponsored zones on the provided grid map.

Position reports times will be;

- ➔ Log on when you LAUNCH (radio or text) include number of people aboard, then **10:10am, 12:10 pm and 2:10 pm**, please have your radio on channel VHF 73 and be ready to be called up (we will call you).

14. In the case of no VHF on your boat we will accept mobile phone calls/texts. You will need to nominate your preferred option on the entry form. (TEXT - Mozza 0419743291)

Text nominated competitors will be messaged after the conclusion of the radio skeds.

15. All Vessels & Craft must meet MAST Inshore Waters Safety Requirements, and skippers must be licensed. All Anglers on the water must have the correct PFD's

16. Each team must present their fishing “brag mat” or fish measuring device for inspection at weigh in station.

17. STRICTLY No lines OR Burley in the water before **7am or after 2.30pm**.

18. Anyone caught fishing outside the boundaries (time and distance) will be expelled from competition, we will have a team on the water doing regular checks of team's locations and catches.

19. Rogue fish will be Aussie Salmon (*Arripis trutta*) and will go on FORK length and time/date stamped photo presented to organisers at the weigh in at the BYC.

20. Female and Junior and will have a separate category BUT if they are on the winning team (boat) their award will be forfeited to the next finishing Female or junior.

21. Boats may launch from any port but MUST radio/text the organisers of departure location and number of people aboard but are encouraged to launch at Lindisfarne Yacht Club.

22. The organisers reserve the right to cancel or post pone the start time or finish time of competition due to weather.

23. This is a “catch and Release” competition if you choose to keep your catch please abide by laws of MAST and Sea Fisheries Tas/DPIPWE in particular their catch limits (20 per person) and length (32cm for Flathead)

24. Junior male and female age cut-off is 16 y/o as at Midnight on the 12th of January 2018.

24a. Small fry male and female age cut off is 12 years as at midnight on the 12th of January 2018

25. Entrants must radio/text in their teams total measured length of their 10 longest Flathead caught to the organisers before leaving the water and heading to the weigh in/bbq/presentation. (0419743291 – MOZZA)

26. Briefing packs (maps, score cards etc) will be available the week prior to event from Moonah Auto Parts – Hopkins st Moonah AND from Cam Leamey, morning of the comp at the Lindisfarne Yacht Club launching ramp ONLY with prior organisation with **Mozza 0419 743 291.**