

2nd Annual Tasmanian Broadbill Championship



March 28, 29 & 30 2019

Pirates Bay, Eaglehawk Neck

Conducted by the Sports Fishing Club of Tasmania Inc.



Briefing

Briefing will be held on the evenings of 27, 28 & 29 March @ 7.30 pm

Tuna club of Tasmania club rooms, Pirates Bay Eaglehawk Neck

At least 1 member of each team must be present

Fishing times 7am – 3pm

- No lines or burley to be in the water before 7am

Weigh-in 4pm-5pm daily

- If you are in the weigh line before 5pm you are in

Presentation 6pm Saturday 30th March 2019

- Tuna Club of Tasmania Rooms Pirates Bay , Eaglehawk Neck

Weather & Contest Committee:

- Cam Leamey - President
- Dave Oldham – Vice President
- Steve Soul - Secretary
- Adrian Morrisby
- Peter Bailey

Entries, on the official form must be in the hands of the secretary by 6pm Friday 22nd March 2019

- Entries are online at www.sportsfishtasmania.com.au
- Angler details
- Vessel detail form
- All vessel must comply with the MAST offshore safety requirements
- Current photo of vessel
- Copy of current insurance policy

Entry cost

- \$150 per team, per day
- Discount of \$100 for teams fishing all 3 days

Entry requirements

- All team members must be current members of a club associated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia
- All contest fees must be paid, in full prior to Wednesday nights briefing
- One team per boat
- A team must consist of at least 2, but no more than 6 anglers

Contest rules

- 2nd Tasmania Broadbill Championship is a TGFA sanctioned contest, fished under GFAA & TGFA rules
- Target species:
 - Broadbill Swordfish
 - Other Bill fish
 - Southern Bluefin, Yellowfin & Albacore tuna
 - Shark – tag only, no sharks will be weighed in this contest
- Broadbill Swordfish, will beat other billfish in this contest
- Tasmanian recreational fishing rules apply
- All fish to be weighed must equal or exceed the line class used to capture them.
 - To be eligible, Bill fish must be a min. weight of 60kg

Daily capture limits

- **To comply with fisheries & TGFA requirements are:**
 - Each angler can weigh a combined max. of 2 fish

- Each team can weigh a combined max. of 4 fish
 - Exceptions to this:
 - Each team can weigh a max. of 1 x billfish
 - Each team can weigh a max. of 2 x SBT over 1.5m

As this is a multi-day contest, please be aware of overall possession limits

- **Point scoring system for captures, is as per the TGFA regulations**
 - Fish weight x 100 x fighting factor divided by line class
 - Fighting factors for capture calculations
 - All tuna – 1.5
 - All Marlin – 1.2
 - Broadbill Swordfish – 2.2
- **Tag and Release**
 - As per attached TGFA Guidelines
 - Tags will be available at the briefings & weigh ins
 - Only contest issued tags will count
 - Tags must be returned immediately after the contest
 - All tags require a \$50 deposit - refundable upon return of tags or completed tag cards
- **Rods & Line class**
 - Any number of rods may be fished, but only 5 fish may be played at a time
 - Only rods picked up immediately after strike are eligible
 - Min. line class 2kg
 - Max. line class 60kg
- **Fishing Boundaries**
 - Contest boundaries are the perimeter of the grip map supplied
 - THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS
 - If you hook up inside the map, but move outside the map fighting a fish you will be disqualified from the contest
- **Special Permissions – Fishing Times**
 - Any angler fighting a fish at the 3pm end of fishing time, may request permission to continue to fight the fish from the contest committee
- **Bait Collection**
 - Live bait may be collected before fishing start, provided it is within eyesight of the Tuna Club of Tasmania club rooms

Radio skeds

- **Competition control will be on VHF Channel 73**
- **All vessels must carry a working VHF Marine radio**
 - It is recommended that along with the your vessels VHF radio, all teams also carry a hand held VHF radio
 - If your VHF fails, you must return to Pirates Bay immediately
- **Each skipper is responsible for making sure their team checks in on radio skeds**
 - All vessels must report on every sked
 - If contact is not made during the sked, please wait until the end of the sked & comp control will attempt to contact you again via Tas maritime radio
 - Failure to report on 2 consecutive skeds will result in the TGFA emergency procedure been instigated - Attached
 - All vessels are required to log on prior to leaving Pirates Bay, with the following details:
 - Boat/team number
 - Number of Persons On Board - Adults, juniors/small fry
- **Radio skeds will be conducted at ten past the hour, every hour from 7.10am – 3.10pm**
 - Each sked you will be required to provide the following:
 - Boat/team number
 - Grid map position using the phonetic alphabet, as printed on the grid map
 - “same position” will not be tolerated, & may result in disqualification
 - Number & type fish captured
 - Number & type fish tagged & released
- **On the 3.10pm final sked, you will be required to provide the following**
 - ETA at Pirates Bay
 - Fish to be weighed
 - Tags to be counted
 - Once you return to Pirates Bay, you must log off for the day, please ensure you receive confirmation
 - Failure to log off will result in disqualification

Weighing of Fish

- **The contest committee will appoint the weigh master(s)**
- **All fish will be weighed at the weigh station, at Pirates Bay Eaglehawk Neck**
 - All fish to be presented gill & gutted/sashimi style
 - All fish must be cleaned at sea
 - Any team cleaning fish on the jetty or around the tuna clubrooms will be disqualified.
 - Fish being weighed for record purposes will be weighed whole, but will need to be represented gill & gutted for the contest.
 - Tackle used must be presented & checked prior to weighing

- If the tackle fails, the fish will not be weighed
- Score cards must be filled out completely prior to weighing
 - And be signed by the weigh master after weighing
- Tag cards must be filled out in full & time/date video footage or still photos of the tags with correct placement may be requested
 - Note: Min. size for tagging tuna is 60cm
 - Yellow tail kingfish is 70cm
- The weigh master(s) reserve the right to:
 - Check rods, reels & tackle, including gaffs, flying gaffs, tail ropes etc.
 - Test line class
- The committee reserves the right to:
 - Refuse weighing fish for an individual angler or team
 - Settle any disputes
 - Make decision or variations relating to the conduct of the contest
 - Place observers on any boat
- Protests must be lodged, in writing within 30 minutes of the close of fishing

Car parking, ramp etiquette, safety & use of public facilities

- **Please remember we are all the public face of our sport in Tasmania**
- **The SFCT will have traffic controllers in place of to direct the flow of traffic**
 - Their directions must be followed at all times
 - Be ready when you hit the ramp for a quick turn around
 - Head lights off
 - Bungs in
 - Straps off
 - Batteries charged etc.
- **Parking**
 - Be courteous to the locals when parking
 - Don't park over driveways, hanging half on the road or in no standing areas
- **Safety**
 - Follow all directions given
 - Drink driving, remember 0.05 on the water as well as the road
 - Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated
 - Offending persons or teams may be disqualified
- **Facilities**
 - The ramp, jetty, carpark & surrounding areas are public facilities, used by many other people, not just fisherman
 - Follow all signage and rules around
 - Camping
 - Fires
 - Rubbish & fish waste
 - Directions if given by any other official person must be followed

Contest Categories

Daily Categories

- Heaviest Broadbill swordfish – Adult angler
- Heaviest Broadbill swordfish – Under 16 angler
- Highest tag & release point score – team

Championship Categories

- Heaviest Broadbill of the contest - male
 - Heaviest broadbill of the contest – female
 - Heaviest broadbill of the contest - junior
 - Heaviest broadbill of the contest – small fry
 - Highest tag & release point score – team
 - Highest point score, other gamefish – Adult
 - Highest point score, other gamefish – under 16
 - Heaviest broadbill of the contest - overall
 - Leo Miller, Tasmanian Broadbill Championship Trophy
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