

# Rod & Range Sports Peninsula Challenge

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**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Pirates Bay, Eaglehawk Neck**

**Conducted by the Sports Fishing Club of Tasmania Inc.**



## **Briefing**

**Briefing will be held on the Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 pm @ Tuna Club of Tasmania rooms**

**At least 1 member of each team must be present at the briefing**

## **Fishing times                      7am - 3pm**

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

## **Weigh-in                                4pm-5pm**

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

## **Presentation                        5.30pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

- Tuna Club of Tasmania Rooms Pirates Bay , Eaglehawk Neck

## Weather & Contest Committee:

- Nick Parkinson
- Cam Leamey
- Peter Bailey
- Corey James
- David Oldham
- Jamie Herlihy

## Entries, on the official form must be in the hands of the secretary by 6pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

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

### *Entry cost*

- Adult Anglers \$50.00 each
- Junior & Small Fry Anglers \$20.00

### *Entry requirements*

- All team members must be current members of a club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia
- All contest fees must be paid, in full prior to Friday nights briefing
- One team per boat
- A team must consist of at least 2, and a maximum of 6 anglers, Inc. the skipper

## Contest rules

- Rod & Range Sports Peninsula Challenge 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
- 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
- **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 & species fish captured
    - Number & species of 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 or 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 may 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**

- **Heaviest Billfish of the contest**
  - **Heaviest Tuna of the contest**
  - **Highest points score adult male angler tuna**
  - **Highest points score adult female angler tuna**
  - **Highest points score by a junior angler tuna male**
  - **Highest points score by a junior angler tuna female**
  - **Heaviest game fish of the contest by a small fry male**
  - **Heaviest game fish of the contest by a small fry female**
  - **Tag and Release Highest Point Score Team**
  - **Tag & Release Highest Point Score Team Runner Up**
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