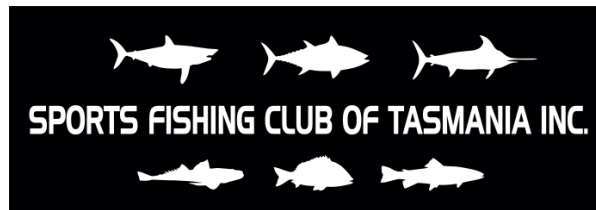


Tasmanian Broadbill Championship



April 6th - April 19th 2024

East Coast, Tasmania

Conducted by the Sports Fishing Club of Tasmania Inc.

Briefing

Briefing will be held on the evening of **April 5th @ 7.00 pm**

Briefing to be held online via Microsoft Teams

At least 1 member of each team must be present

Fishing times **7am - 4pm**

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

Weigh-in **5pm-6pm daily**

- If you are in the weigh line before 6pm you are in

Presentation **1pm for 1:30pm 20th April**

- Tandara Motor Inn, Triabunna

Weather & Contest Committee:

- Nick Parkinson (President) – 0406 254 859
- Corey James (Vice President) – 0498 272 730
- Cameron Leamey – 0408 116 156

Entries, on the official form must be in the hands of the secretary by 6pm Sunday 31st March

- Entries are available on club facebook page and website, or upon request
- 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

- \$100 per team, per day, minimum of 3 days
- \$500 per team for all 7 days fishing

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 Friday nights briefing. Failure to comply will result in team disqualification
- One team per boat
- A team must consist of at least 2, and no more than 6 anglers

Contest rules

Tasmania Broadbill Championship is a TGFA sanctioned contest, fished under GFAA & TGFA rules

- Power-driven reels of any kind are prohibited including for the retrieval of baits or tackle. This includes motor, hydraulic or electrically driven reels and any device that gives the angler an unfair advantage.
- Target species:
 - Broadbill Swordfish
 - Other Bill fish
 - Southern Bluefin, Yellowfin & Albacore tuna
- 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
- SFCT committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any team
- SFCT committee reserves the right to place an observer on any vessel at any time during the contest fishing period

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 from contest committee???**
 - 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 a member of the contest committee and this request must be acknowledged by the committee member
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Radio skeds

- **Competition control will be on VHF Channel 73**
- **All vessels are to log on prior to leaving your port of origin, competition control will operate from 6am daily**
- **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 your port of origin 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 being 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 – 4.10pm**
 - 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 4.10pm final sked, you will be required to provide the following**
 - ETA at port of origin
 - Fish to be weighed
 - Tags to be counted
 - Once you return to your port of origin, 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, Tandara Motor Inn Triabunna or St Helens Weigh Station to coincide with the respective days fishing grid map.**
 - All fish to be presented gilled & 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 gilled & 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**
 - 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

- **Daily Team Point Score – Combined Tag and Release and Capture**

Championship Categories

- **Heaviest Broadbill of the contest - Male**
- **Heaviest Broadbill of the contest – Female**
- **Heaviest Broadbill of the contest - Junior**
- **Heaviest gamefish of the contest – Small Fry**

- **Highest tag & release point score – Team**
 - **Highest point score, other gamefish – Adult**
 - **Highest point score, other gamefish – Under 16**
 - **Leo Miller, Tasmanian Broadbill Championship Trophy – Team Highest Combined Point Score, Tag and Release and Capture (Must include a Broadbill)**
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