

2025 Derwent Flathead Classic - Rules and Regulations

Saturday 1st February 2025

1. Fishing times are 7:00am - 2:30pm. Weigh in is to be at Geilston Bay Boat Club from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. Score cards included in briefing packs are to be handed to the committee delegates with clear photos of whole fish on a brag mat to be presented upon request. Presentation and BBQ to be held from 4:00pm - 4:30pm.
2. Fishing boundaries are to be Cadbury Point to the north, and a line between Tinderbox Point and Cape Direction (inside the Iron Pot Light) to the south.
3. Entries are open to any registered and insured boat. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure the boat is seaworthy and carrying the required safety equipment for the designated fishing area.
4. A team must consist of a minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 5.
5. Each team must have 1 full affiliated club member.
6. Team entry fee is \$150 per boat/team.
7. From 7am you are allowed to use bait, lures or soft plastics with fish based berley allowed. No berley is to be in the water prior to 7am.
8. Strictly no nets or equipment other than rods or handlines other than for the purpose of landing fish.
9. Longest 10 Flathead will count as your final score. Overall winner is "Total added length of the boats 10 longest recorded fish". The length will be recorded to the nearest whole millimetre rounded down (ie. if a fish is 334.5mm it will be recorded as 334mm).
10. Each team will need a time/date stamped camera (or phone) for proof of capture to present to the official scorer at the weigh in.
11. Mystery length prize will be "drawn from a hat" closest to the length winning the prize.
12. Each vessel will be required to log on at the start of fishing with the radio vessel Horizon. Channel 72 will be used for competition radio communications. Alternatively text 0498 272 730, Corey James. Logging on will commence from 6:45. Each vessel must report persons on board, and

port of departure upon logging on.

13. Following initial vessel log on, skeds will be conducted every 2 hours on the hour with first sked to be 9am. When reporting your position, please use the sponsors name and location.
14. At 2:30pm each vessel will be required to log off. Each vessel will be required to report their ramp position or distance to home port.
15. Anyone caught fishing outside the boundaries, fishing or using berley outside of fishing times or using prohibited equipment will be expelled from the competition.
16. Rogue fish will be Squid with the longest overall hood length to be awarded the "Rogue Fish" prize.
17. Female, Small Fry and Junior will have separate prizes however if they are on the winning overall team, the prize will be forfeited to the next finishing participant.
18. Small Fry age is 0-12yo and Junior age is 12-16yo as at the 1st Feb 2025.
19. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event, post pone the start or finish fishing early due to weather.

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