

PORT HEDLAND GAME FISHING CLUB

2020 BLUEWATER CLASSIC

Angling Rules and Regulations.

Teams

Boats competing in the Blue Water section shall consist of a minimum of 2 anglers for safety reasons. Juniors may join a team only as part of an adult team. JUNIOR "TEAMS" ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 1, 2 & 3 unless accompanied by adults. All members from the same team must fish from the nominated boat (in the event of a breakdown or bad weather no craft swapping will be accepted unless verified by the competition committee). All members from the same team can only nominate to be in one of the three divisions, i.e. - Bluewater Open, Dingy Open or Land based Open. **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ANY TEAM IN ANY SECTION, SHALL BE LIMITED TO 4 EXCEPT WHERE THE 5TH MEMBER IS A JUNIOR AND THAT JUNIOR'S POINTS WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE POINTS TOTAL FOR CHAMPION BOAT IN ANY SECTION.**

Nominations:

All nominations must be made on an official entry form dated 2020. The nomination fee must be paid to a committee member prior to lines in on the first day of competition. (Members receive a \$10 Discount) Briefing Held At Walkabout Hotel, Friday 6:30pm 28th August 2020

Section 1- Bluewater Open Class

Seniors \$110.00

Juniors \$60.00

Section 2- Dingy Open Class

Seniors \$80.00

Juniors \$50.00

Section 3 - Land Based Open Class

Seniors \$70.00

Juniors \$40.00

All nomination fees include entry to the presentation dinner to be held at the Walkabout Hotel on Friday night 6:30pm 5th Sept 2020. A junior must be under the age of 16 prior to the start of the first day of fishing.

Tournament shirts are available to all competitors at an additional cost.

ANGLING RULES.

“CURRENT WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES DEPARTMENT DAILY BAG LIMITS SHALL APPLY

SECTION 1- Bluewater Open Class 2 Day Tournament

Each angler competing is only allowed to present one fish of each species per day (For example - 2 Spanish Mackerel is UNACCEPTABLE; one Spanish Mackerel and one Broad Bar Mackerel is OK. Champion angler is determined by an accumulation of weight of fish presented for the duration of the tournament.

Champion Angler Catch and Release will be determined by the total length in “CM” presented on capture cards to the weigh master on the day of capture. Each angler will be restricted to 3 of a species per angler per day. Photos must be taken of every fish recorded on submitted sheets, every photo must have a time and date stamp and be emailed to the weigh master by 4pm on Tuesday 1st September 2020 weighmaster@phgfc.com.au

Champion Boat will be determined by the total weight of fish presented for the duration of the tournament divided by the number of anglers on board. Anglers are not required to comply with line class rules, i.e. – any type of line can be used (For example an 8kg mackerel can be caught on 30kg braid). All species will be eligible except for Sharks, Trevally’s, Barracuda and Cods with the exception of Rankin Cod (note these species are eligible in the Catch & Release Section).

Champion Boat Catch and Release will be determined by the total length in “CM” presented on capture cards to the weigh master divided by the number of anglers on board. All Catch and Release sheets must be presented to the Weigh Master on the day of Capture. Photos must be taken of every fish recorded on submitted sheets, every photo must have a time and date stamp and be emailed to the weigh master by 4pm on Tuesday Tuesday 1st September 2020

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SECTION 2 - Dingy Open Class 2 Day Tournament

Same rules as Section 1 with 3 exceptions: 1. all craft must not exceed 4.35 m in length. 2. Has a limit of 5 nautical miles off shore (approx. 24 pin). 3. All Species will be eligible except sharks.

SECTION 3 - Land Based Open 2 Day Tournament

Same rules as Section 2 only, all fish must be hook played and landed whilst the angler is on dry land. Only one species of fish can be weighed per person per day. This is an open line class section. The champion angler will be determined from the total weight of fish weighed during the tournament. All species will be eligible except for sharks.

WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in shall be conducted each day at the Club rooms McKay St Port Hedland between 4pm and 7pm. All fish must be presented for weighing on the day of capture. No frozen fish will be accepted for weigh-in. Anglers are responsible for the disposal of their own fish after weigh-in.

NO MUTILATED FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE WEIGH MASTER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL UNDER SIZED FISH BE ACCEPTED FOR WEIGH-IN, IF ANY ANGLER PRESENTS UNDER SIZED FISH TO THE WEIGH MASTER THEY WILL LOSE

THEIR TOTAL DAY'S POINTS. IF THE ANGLER IS PART OF A TEAM IT WILL INCLUDE TEAM POINTS FOR THAT DAY.

For All Sections

In the event of an angler hooking a fish prior to lines out and the fight takes the angler past the lines out time, and it would appear that they would be unable to arrive at the weigh station in the designated time, then every effort must be made to contact a committee member to arrange for the provision of a weigh master. The angler must be present at the weigh-in of their fish. Weigh sheets must be signed by the angler who made the capture and a witness to the capture at the weigh station in the presence of the nominated weigh master or their deputy. In the event of an angler in Section 3 - Dingy Open Class or Land based Open Class, making an unwitnessed capture then the word of the angler will be accepted.

FISHING AREA

The fishing for all sections shall be limited to a distance of 55 Nautical Miles from the weigh gantry at the club rooms, McKay St Port Hedland.

FISHING TIMES

DAY 1 - Saturday 29th August 2020 Lines in at 6:00am

Lines out at 4.00pm

DAY 2 - Sunday 30th August 2020 Lines in at 6.00am

Lines out at 4.00pm

SAFETY / RADIO'S

All Boats competing in the tournament must meet all safety requirements of the Western Australian Department of Transport. It is compulsory for boats competing in this tournament to have an operational Marine Radio and all appropriate safety equipment for vessels travelling beyond 5 nautical miles.

PROTESTS AND ADJUDICATIONS

Any protest relating to any aspect of the tournament must be submitted in writing to the tournament committee by 7.00pm on the day the alleged incident took place accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$100.00. The Tournament committee's decision in relation to all disputes, protests and claims will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The tournament committee reserves the right to alter, amend, delete and add any rule it believes will improve the tournament.

TIE

In the event of a tie between two anglers or teams the angler or team that present's their fish to the weigh master first will be deemed the winner and awarded the prizes or trophies.

INDEMNITY

Every entrant taking part in this tournament shall indemnify the said organizers and / or other sponsors and official servants and other person's aforesaid, against any claims by any other entrant or other person whomsoever, for injuries, damage loss or other claim whatsoever or however arising.

WEATHER AND BREAKDOWNS

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost as a result of bad weather or breakdowns. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel any day due to bad weather.

BREIFING & PRESENTATION

A pre-tournament briefing night will be held at the Walkabout Hotel, Gt Northern Hwy, Port Hedland on Friday 28th August 2020 at 6:30pm. This meeting is to inform all entrants of the local water conditions and to answer any questions competitors may have regarding the rules of the tournament. It is in the best interest of anglers participating to attend, as some rule changes may require explanation. Food and refreshments will be available on the night.

A trophy presentation dinner will be held at the Walkabout Hotel on Friday 4th Sept 6:30pm 2020. If additional tickets are required they can be purchased at \$45.00 per adult and \$25.00 per junior at the pre-briefing night.

PRIZE DIVISIONS

Section 1 - Blue Water Open class (scores based on highest aggregate of weight)

Champion Angler (Male)

Champion Angler (Female)

Champion Angler Catch and Release (scores based on total CM released)

Champion Angler (Junior) / Champion Runner up (Junior)

Champion Boat

Champion Boat Catch and Release

Section 2- Dingy Open Class (scores based on highest aggregate of weight)

Champion Angler (Male)

Champion Angler (Female)

Champion Angler Catch & Release

Champion Angler (Junior) / Champion Runner Up (Junior)

Champion Boat

Champion Boat Catch & Release

Section 3 - Land Based Open class (scores based on highest aggregate of weight)

Champion Angler (Male)

Champion Angler (Female)

Champion Angler catch & Release

Champion Angler (Junior) / Champion Runner up (Junior)

THE FOLLOWING PRIZE CATEGORIES ARE ELIGIBLE WITHIN ALL DIVISIONS:

Heaviest Tuna

Heaviest Cobia

Heaviest Mackerel (All species)

Heaviest Red Emperor

Heaviest Coral Trout

Heaviest Whiting

Heaviest Salmon (Threadfin or Blue Nose)

Heaviest Mangrove Jack

Heaviest Bream

Largest Mud Crab (size determined from measuring width of crab body)

Most Species Captured and Released

The Weigh Masters Prize - Roy Fenton Most Tagged Sharks

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