



**Eaglehawk Neck, Tasmania, 26th February 2011
CONDUCTED BY THE TUNA CLUB OF TASMANIA INC.**

SCHEDULE

BRIEFING: Friday 25th February 2011

Contest briefing at the Clubrooms (Pirates Bay Jetty) commencing 7.00pm.

A representative from each team must attend the briefing, at which time the Entry Pack will be provided.

DAY 1: Saturday 26th February 2011

Fishing from 7.00am until 3.30pm.

Weigh-in from 4.15pm until 5.00pm.

Presentation from approximately 6.00pm.

Food and refreshments available for purchase from the Clubrooms.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH FISH

Heaviest Gamefish other than a Shark by an Adult Angler
Highest Point Score Gamefish other than a shark by an Adult Angler
Highest Individual Tag and Release Point Score Angler
Heaviest Gamefish other than a Shark by a Junior Angler
Highest Point Score Gamefish other than a shark by a Junior Angler
Heaviest Shark of the Contest

CONTEST RULES

Authority

The Contest is conducted by the Tuna Club of Tasmania Incorporated.

Contest/Weather Committee

The Contest/Weather Committee consists of Justin Drysdale, Shane Banks, Mark Watson, Neil Clark and Darren Bennett (subject to change).

Entries

One official Entry Form per Team must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Tuna Club of Tasmania Incorporated by no later than 18th February 2011.

Entry cost is \$110.00 per boat.

Late entries **may** be considered, and if accepted **will attract a late penalty of \$100** per boat.

Official Entry Form may be reproduced.

The Secretary
Tuna Club of Tasmania Inc
PO BOX 507
Sandy Bay TAS 7006

If the entire event is cancelled due to bad weather no refunds will be given (due to expenditure already incurred by the club), however a random draw of prizes may occur.

Team and Angler Qualifications

Anglers must be current Members of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA). Presentation of current Membership cards may be requested.

The Contest is open to one Team per boat. Teams must consist of a minimum of two Anglers, but not more than six Anglers.

Fishing Rules

The Contest shall use the current Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) rules, read in conjunction with Tasmanian Game Fishing Association (TGFA) rules and these Contest rules.

All vessels must leave from Pirates Bay only.

Any vessels that do not comply with this rule WILL be disqualified.

Number of Rods and Minimum/Maximum Line Class

Any number of rods may be fished, but in the case of multiple strikes only four fish may be played at any one time.

Anglers are reminded that only fish hooked on rods, which are picked up immediately after the strike are eligible for Record Claims.

Minimum line class is 2kg; Maximum line class is 10kg for all sections of the contest.

Fishing Boundaries

The Contest fishing boundaries are the perimeter of the Grid Map, with **no exceptions**.

The Grid Map is supplied in the Entry Pack, which is distributed at the Briefing session.

Use this Grid Map in place of any previous Grid Maps issued.

Fishing outside of the Fishing Boundary will not be tolerated.

Fishing Times

7.00am until 3.30pm

No lines are to be put in the water before the official start time of 7.00am.

All lines are to be wound in at the finish of fishing at 3.30pm.

Berleying for Sharks shall not commence before the start of fishing.

The President shall announce that fishing can begin.

Tuna Base will advise the conclusion of fishing

Any angler playing a fish at the designated finishing time may, with the permission of Tuna Base continue fighting that fish.

Safety Regulations

All vessels are required to comply with safety and equipment regulations as prescribed by Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

It is mandatory for all competing boats to submit a Vessel Detail Form with the Entry Form. Tasmania Police may be in attendance checking safety equipment and adherence to regulations.

The safety check list on the entry form must be filled out and signed by the skipper or team captain for the team to be entered into the contest.

Radio Control and Skeds

All vessels are to be equipped with radios capable of contacting Tuna Base at Pirates Bay, or relay via another vessel.

Frequencies used will be VHF Channel 73 and 27 MHz Channel 27.94.

Frequency 27.94 will be the only 27 MHz frequency used.

Tuna Base will contact all vessels at ten minutes past each hour of the day, please have your information ready.

If Tuna Base does not make contact, **it is the onus of the Skipper to contact Tuna Base direct, or by relay at the end of each sked.**

Only fish logged at each Sked will be eligible for scoring purposes.

Any angler fighting a fish at the designated finishing time may, with the permission of Tuna Base continue fighting that fish.

Reporting Procedure for Radio Skeds

All vessels will Log on prior to leaving Pirates Bay with the following details:

- Vessel name
- Number of persons aboard

On the FIRST and each subsequent HOURLY sked vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name/ Boat Number
- Position as a grid reference, preferably using the phonetic alphabet
- Number of fish captured and type (optional)
- Number of fish tagged and type (optional)

On the FINAL sked vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name/ Boat Number
- Position as a grid reference preferably using the phonetic alphabet
- Number of fish captured and type (optional)
- Number of fish tagged and type (optional)
- Estimated time of arrival at Port.
- Advise Tuna Base if you still have a fish in play and request permission to continue playing that fish

Upon arrival at Pirates Bay vessels will report the following:

- Vessel name/ Boat number
- Officially sign off with Tuna Base. The Skipper MUST receive acknowledgement that they have made contact with the Radio Operator. If radio contact is not made, the Skipper is to report in person to the Radio Room and sign off.

If a vessel fails to log off on return to Port, by Radio or in person, the vessel, its Skipper and Crew WILL be disqualified from the Tournament immediately.

Failure to Report on Skeds:

It is mandatory for ALL vessels to report on each sked. Failure to report on two consecutive skeds WILL result in an Emergency Procedure being instigated.

If a vessel is found to not have a legitimate reason for not answering on two skeds, the vessel, its Skipper and Crew WILL be disqualified from the Tournament immediately.

Boats wishing to talk to one another are asked to use alternative channels to keep the designated Sked Channels (27.94 Mhz and VHF 73) clear for Contest traffic.

Minimum Weight Requirements for Tasmanian Game Fishing Association (TGFA) Sanctioned Tournaments

All Tuna weighed must equal or exceed line class being used for the capture, however all fish must have a minimum weight of 4kg.

All Sharks have a minimum weight requirement of 60kgs.

All Marlin have a minimum weight requirement of 60kgs.

Capture Limits

For conservation purposes each angler can weigh a maximum number of 2 fish including the below capture limits.

Each team can weigh a maximum of 1 Billfish.
Each team can weigh a maximum of 2 Sharks.
Each team can weigh a combined maximum of 4 Southern Bluefin, Yellowfin and Bigeye Tuna.

Contestants are responsible for the correct weighing and recording of the weight of their fish.
The Weigh Master and a member of each fishing team must sign the Ticket.
Incorrect Tickets will not be considered for scoring.

All fish are to be weighed-in within 45 minutes of the commencement of weigh-in time, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Weigh Master(s).

Weighing of Fish

The Contest Committee will appoint the Weigh Master(s).
All fish are to be weighed at the Weigh Station situated at Pirates Bay.
The net weight recorded shall be the weight used for scoring purposes.
All fish will be weighed on the certified TGFA owned 500kg digital crane scales.
Fish will only be weighed-in gilled and gutted or sashimi style.
Sharks are to be gutted only.

No additional values will be added for cleaned fish.
After weighing it is the Angler's responsibility to remove fish from the Weigh Station area.
Fish are to be cleaned at sea only. No cleaning shall take place in the vicinity of the Jetty or the Club Complex. **Teams not complying will be disqualified.**

If, in the opinion of the Angler, the fish is a potential Record, the fish may be weighed whole, then taken away for cleaning, and then re-weighed for the Contest.

Scoring

Scoring of fish for points shall be as follows:

CAPTURE:
$$\frac{\text{Weight of fish} \times 100 \times \text{Fighting Factor as per Scorebook List}}{\text{Divided by Line Class}}$$

Sharks will not attract points in the capture section.

TAG and RELEASE: Points are allocated as follows:

Billfish	20,000 points
Southern Bluefin Tuna	5,000 points
Yellowfin Tuna	5,000 points
Albacore Tuna	100 points
Mako Shark	1,000 points
Blue Shark	500 points

Striped Tuna are not to be tagged and points will not be awarded

Disputes

The Committee reserves the right to re-classify, refuse entry to any individual or team, settle any disputes and make decisions or variations relating to the conduct of the Contest.
In all cases any decision made will be binding and final.

The Committee reserves the right to test line classes, randomly check rods, reels and tackle and place observers on any boat.

Any protest must be lodged with the Contest Committee in writing within 45 minutes of the close of fishing.