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**FISHING  
COMPETITION  
RULES**



**OCTOBER 2009**

## **SCHEDULE OF AMMENDMENTS**

### **1. Amendments October 2008**

- 1.1 Rule 1.2 (d) 'adult' deleted from first sentence
- 1.2 Rule 3.2 a) Amended to BOM 4.30am coastal waters forecast
- 1.3 Rule 3.2 b) 'competitors who intend to fish from a' deleted
- 1.4 Rule 3.2 – **Start and Finish Times**  
Winter start time changed to '7.00am'
- 1.5 Rule 4.10 'Rule 1.4' changed to 'Rule 1.3'
- 1.6 Rule 7.4 e) highlighted
- 1.7 Rule 9.1 Added clause 'c'
- 1.8 Rule 9.4b) Added 'or a trophy at discretion of the A& S Committee'
- 1.9 Rule 9.10 New rule

### **2. Amendments October 2009**

- 2.1 Rule 3.2 Summer start time amended (adjustment for daylight saving no longer applicable)
- 2.2 Rule 5.2 scoring system amended (paragraph 4)
- 2.3 Rule 9.1 added deduction for disqualifications in count of best 10 scores

**Note : This version of the rules shall supersede all previous versions issued.**

## **FOREWORD**

The MAAC runs an annual season of monthly fishing competitions. The season is from October through to September of the following year and is open to all members of the MAAC.

The MAAC also runs or participates in a number of 'special' fishing events throughout the year. Special events include:

- **Wally Lothian Day**  
Inshore family orientated competition to honour ANZAC Day and club members who have served in the armed forces. The event is held on ANZAC Day.
- **Patrons Cup**  
Interclub Club competition between MAAC & Ocean Reef Fishing Club
- **State Boat Championships**  
Angling Association of Australia (AAA) team based competition between affiliated WA fishing clubs held in February or March.
- **MAAC/Lancelin Challenge**  
Interclub Club competition between MAAC & Lancelin Fishing Club in January.
- **Blue Water Classic**  
Annual competition that is open to all members and the public. The event is held in February.
- **Jack Clugstan Games Fishing Competition**  
Annual game fishing competition run in association with WA Game Fishing open in accordance with Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) rules.

Fishing events organised or sanctioned by the MAAC fall under the responsibility of the Angling and Sports Sub-Committee (A&S). All enquiries in relation to fishing activities and events should be referred to the Club Captain or a member of the A&S Committee. A list of current A&S members and contact details can be obtained from the Club's front office or website ([www.MAAC.org.au](http://www.MAAC.org.au)) or A&S notice board in the Southern Bar.

The competition rules in this booklet primarily apply to monthly competitions. Rules for special events are generally similar and are confirmed in event specific rule booklets that will be made available in advance of the competition. In the case of special events, it is the responsibility of anglers to obtain a copy of the competition rules and familiarise themselves with any variations.

Common variations may include:

- Different start and finish times
- Different sign-on and sign-off procedures
- Changes to eligible species and quantities of each species that you can weighed-in
- Increases in minimum sizes for eligible species
- Limitations on where you can launch and fish
- Limitations on who can participate

Participants generally compete for a range of competition specific and annual prizes and awards.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Members are expected to comply with the following Code of Conduct at all times, whether participating in a Club fishing competition, representing the Club in an external event or fishing generally.

### Our Fishery

- Treat all fish humanely.
- Quickly and correctly return unwanted or not legal catch into the water to maximize the chance of survival.
- Take no more than your immediate needs.
- Value your catch and keep it in good condition for eating.
- Understand and observe all fishing regulations.
- Use only legal fishing tackle and attend your gear.
- Support and encourage activities which maintain, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats.
- The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be considered.

## FORM CS1 – Marine Call Sign/Boat Registration Details



### MARINE RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION & BOAT DETAILS REGISTRATION FORM (CS1)

#### MEMBER DETAILS

FULL NAME:		Membership No:	
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:	HM:	WK:	

#### RADIO DETAILS

TYPE	MAKE/MODEL	SERIAL No.	EXISTING CALL SIGN
27 MHz			
VHF			

#### VESSEL DETAILS

VESSEL NAME		D.O.T. REG NO:	
LENGTH	(metres)	COLOUR:	

#### TICK AS APPROPRIATE

Cabin cruiser		Runabout		Dinghy	
Centre console		Yacht		Other	
Fibreglass		Aluminium		Timber	

#### VEHICLE / TRAILER DETAILS

VEHICLE REG. NUMBER	MAKE & MODEL	COLOUR
TRAILER REGISTRATION NUMBER		

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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**A MARMION CALL SIGN WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU.**

*For Office Use Only:*

Date Processed:	Call Sign Issued:- MAAC
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# FORM FR1 – MAAC Fish Record Claim

OFFICE USE ONLY	
ID Source	
Current Record	
State Record	
Aust. Record	
Card Entry	
Certificate	
Committee	



## FORM FR1

**CLAIM FOR:**  
Club Fish Capture Record & Annual Heaviest of Species Awards  
(Rule 9.7) for Fish Caught outside of a Club Competition

## CLAIM RULES

1. THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RECORDER WITHIN **30 DAYS** OF CAPTURE.

2. All Applications must be supported by a **CLEAR SIDE VIEW PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FISH** on contrasting background, beside an object of known size (e.g. rule, drink can, match box etc.)

3. Address Applications if mailed to Fish Recorder, c/o M.A.A.C., PO Box 42, North Beach, W.A. 6920

4. The Applicant must have hooked, boated or beached their own fish, but they may receive assistance in gaffing or gilling the fish.

5. The fish must be weighed on land on scales bearing the **CURRENT** stamp of the Ministry of Fair Trading.

6. The decision of the M.A.A.C. Angling & Sports Committee is final regarding Fish Records.

7. For positive identification, the fish shall be retained and forwarded to, The Department of Ichthyology, W.A. Museum, Francis Street, Perth, by the applicant.

### DETAILS OF FISH (Block Letters)

Common Name .....  
 Scientific Name (if known) .....  
 Dimensions:  
 Weight ..... Kilo .....grams  
 Overall length .....centimetres  
 Maximum girth .....centimetres  
 (Fins Flat)  
 Place of Capture ..... Date of Capture .....

### TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

Name (Block Letters) .....  
 Address (Block Letters) .....  
 Telephone Number: ..... Post Code .....  
 Division (Boat, Beach) .....  
 Signature ..... Date .....  
 Name of Witness to Capture ..... Signature .....  
 Name of Witness to Weighing In ..... Signature .....  
 Place of Weigh In .....  
 Type of Scales .....

### Our Environment

- Do not leave litter anywhere.
- Use rubbish bins when available, or take rubbish away with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.
- Wherever you go, leave the place clean and tidy, and take away other people's rubbish if that is possible.
- Do not do anything which will or may damage the marine, coastal or land environment.

### Our Community

- Respect local, state and national rules and laws, the rights of property owners, and the rights of others.
- Observe the rules of common courtesy whenever fishing or travelling.
- Try not to overcrowd and do leave room for fellow anglers.
- Offer aid and assistance wherever it is needed or it would be helpful.
- Inform and encourage other people to adopt a similar code of conduct.

### DISCLAIMER

All competitors taking part in a Club fishing competition or other competition sanctioned by the Club do so entirely at their own risk. The MAAC will not be held responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever sustained by any competitor to their person, property or effects.

### DEFINITIONS

#### A&S Committee

Sub Committee of the MAAC comprised of elected members charged with responsibility and authority to organise, manage and control the angling and sports activities of the club.

#### Boat Shed

The informal social area located on the lower ground floor of the Club premises used for the staging of fishing competitions. Access is from the ocean side.

#### Club Captain

Elected member of the MAAC charged with the responsibility and authority to manage the affairs and activities of the A&S Committee.

### Competition Year (or Season)

Shall commence on the first day in October of a calendar year and finish on the last day in September of the following calendar year. Annual awards shall be determined on the results of an angler for a Competition Year in accordance with Rule 9.1.

### Disputes Committee

Sub committee consisting of three (3) members of the Angling and Sports Committee and the FDO convened for the purposes of adjudicating on disputes and claims for disqualification. Any party involved in or having a vested interest in the outcome or ruling shall be excluded from involvement in the Disputes Committee.

### Field Day Officer (FDO)

MAAC member charged with the responsibility and authority to manage and control all aspects of a Club fishing competition.

### Fish Record Form

Form to be completed by an angler submitting a claim for a new Club record. Form can be obtained from the A&S Committee.

### Eligible Species List

A list of fish species that may be weighed-in in a competition issued by the A&S Committee or applicable competition organising committee.

### Member(s)

Financial member of the MAAC

### Nomination Form/Envelope

Form to be completed by an angler to register their intention to participate in a fishing competition and to confirm which category they will fish under.

Refer to Rule 2.2 for information on where nomination envelopes can be obtained and how they shall be lodged for monthly competitions.

For other fishing competitions, nomination form requirements and availability will be notified by the A&S Committee.

### Safety Officer

MAAC Member charged with the responsibility and authority to assess and rule upon the safety of conditions and participation of competitors in a fishing competition event.

## FORM N1 – Monthly Competition Nomination Form

### MAAC MONTHLY COMPETITION ENTRY NOMINATION FORM (N1)

CATEGORIES LEGEND		
Ladies	Ladies Junior	JUN Veteran VET Visitor VIS Junior Visitor JUN-VIS
NAME	MEMBERSHIP NO.*	CATEGORY
DOUBLES MEMBER 1		
DOUBLES MEMBER 2		
SINGLES		
OTHER CREW (BOAT ANGLERS ONLY)		
<b>BOAT ANGLERS ONLY</b>		
BOAT REGISTRATION		RADIO CALL SIGN
SMALL BOAT (Tick)		LAUNCH RAMP

\* ONLY REQUIRED FOR FIRST NOMINATION IN A COMPETITION YEAR

Note: Form normally printed on a small envelope for nomination fee to be enclosed.

## FORM D1 – Doubles Team Nomination Form

### Marrion Angling & Aquatic Club

P. O. BOX 42, NORTH BEACH W.A. 6920  
Phone: (08)9447 1733 Fax: (08)9447 1277 Email: [maac@inet.net.au](mailto:maac@inet.net.au)

FORM D1	MONTHLY ANGLING COMPETITIONS
	DOUBLES TEAMS NOMINATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE MAAC WHO WISH TO BE ELEGIBLE FOR ANNUAL 'DOUBLES TEAM' AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MONTHLY FISHING COMPETITIONS AS REQUIRED BY RULE 1.2 d)

FORM TO SUBMITTED BY THE NORMAL CALENDER DATE FOR THE DECEMBER MONTHLY COMPETITION FOR A COMPETITION YEAR

DOUBLES TEAMS	
<b>ANGLER 1.</b>	
NAME: .....	MEMBERSHIP NO: .....
PHONE NO: .....	
<b>ANGLER 2.</b>	
NAME: .....	MEMBERSHIP NO: .....
PHONE NO: .....	

ANY CHANGE TO THE TEAM MUST BE APPROVED BY ANGLING & SPORTS COMMITTEE

There are no limits on where or when the fish capture occurs for club fish records. The capture must be in accordance with the applicable Rules contained within this booklet. This shall include but be not necessarily limited to:

- Permitted fishing equipment
- Care of the catch
- Compliance with Code of Conduct

The MAAC list of eligible species for fishing competitions does not apply to fish records. The list of species that a record can be held for has no restrictions except as may apply under applicable statutory regulations or rules of governing bodies eg. Department of Fisheries, Game Fishing Association of Australia, etc.

Note:

It is the responsibility of a member to submit a claim for a state, national or internal record to the relevant governing body. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the A&S Committee should you have any queries or require assistance with making submitting claim.

## **10.2 Forms**

A copy of the forms associated with monthly fishing competitions, claims for fish records, registration of boat details with the club and the application for a MAAC marine radio call sign is appended to this booklet for the information of members. All forms can be obtained from the Club's front office or from a member of the A&S Committee.

Note:

It is the responsibility of members to inform the club of any changes to the boat details registered with the club. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the A&S Committee should you have any queries or require assistance with obtaining, completing and lodging forms.

## **10.3 MAAC Eligible Species List**

The list of eligible species that can be weighed-in at a monthly competition is issued by the A& S Committee at the start of the competition year. A copy of the list can be obtained from the front office or a member of the A&S Committee.

The A&S Committee reserves the right to amend the list of eligible species at any time within the competition year. All amendments shall be advertised through the Club Newsletter and website at least one (1) month prior to implementation/date that changes are to take effect.

## **Visitor**

A relative or friend of a Member invited to participate in a competition. All access rights of a member shall be extended to the visitor for period of the competition day. Junior visitors must remain under the supervision of the member whilst within the Club's premises and in accordance with the constitution.

## **Weigh-In Area**

The designated area located within the Boat Shed or other special competition location including associated 'line-up' areas for the purposes of weighing in the catch of competitors and recording the results.

## **Weigh-In Officers**

MAAC Members charged with the responsibility and authority to manage and complete the weigh-in procedures associated with a Club or other sanctioned special fishing competition.

## 1.0 ELIGIBILITY

### 1.1 To Participate In Competitions

Entry to MAAC monthly competitions, Wally Lothian Day and Blue Water Classic is open to all Members of the MAAC and visitors. Limitations apply to visitors who enter monthly competitions – refer Rule 1.1 f).

**Eligibility for Monthly Fishing Competitions and associated annual awards is automatic with submission of nomination Form N1 with the exception of ‘Double Teams’ which also requires completion and submission of Form D1 – see Rule 1.2 d) and 10.2.**

Entry to Patrons Cup, State Boat Championships and MAAC / Lancelin Challenge is limited to financial members only. Refer to competition specific rules for eligibility requirements for other ‘special’ events.

1.2 A member may enter competitions under one or more of the eligibility categories listed below. These categories relate to the competition and annual awards and prizes. Refer Sections 8 & 9.

a. **Juniors:** open to members between the age of ten (10) and seventeen (17) years. In the event a Junior turns 18 within a competition year, they shall be entitled to complete the competition year as a ‘Junior’.

**Write “JUN’ on nomination form N1 adjacent name.**

b. **Ladies:** open to all adult female members over the age of eighteen (18) years.

**Write ‘Ladies’ on nomination form N1 adjacent name.**

c. **Singles:** open to all adult members who fish in the competition.

d. **Doubles:** open to all members who nominated to fish as a doubles team and to eligible for associated awards. This category is only applicable to monthly competitions.

Members who wish to be eligible for the annual champion ‘Doubles Team’ award must submit a Form D1 by the normal date (ie. excludes cancellations) of the December monthly competition in a competition year.

In the event one member of the team is unavailable to fish in a monthly competition, the other member shall still be eligible to compete under the ‘Singles’ category and with another member as a ‘Doubles Team’ and be

### Eligibility:

A fish caught and weighed-in at a monthly competition shall be automatically eligible for the applicable award. For a fish caught outside of a monthly competition, the angler must submit a MAAC Fish Record Form FR1 with appropriate supporting documentation to be eligible.

All Fish Record Forms must be received by the A&S Committee no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in a competition year. Fish caught after this date shall be eligible for the following year awards.

The awards shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy or shield as applicable
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipient receiving the award

9.8 The **‘Wally Lothian Shield’** shall be presented to the doubles team who recorded the highest point score at the annual Wally Lothian fishing competition. Only financial members shall be eligible to receive this award.

The award shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipient receiving the award

### 9.09 State, National or International Fish Record

An angler that has acquired a State, National or International Fish Record shall be presented with a certificate of recognition from the applicable governing body at the annual awards presentation (if it is available).

9.10 The A&S Committee reserves the right to vary what ‘The award shall comprise’ for each award at their discretion without notice. Any variation shall not equate to less than that stated in the aforementioned rules to this section.

## 10.0 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

### 10.1 Club Fish Records

The Club maintains a board of record fish / heaviest of species captured by members. The board is located in the Southern Bar (on wall opposite the bar). To be eligible for a fish record, members must submit a claim on a MAAC Fish Record Form FR1 with the required supporting information and evidence (outlined on the form) to the A&S Committee.

competition year shall receive the award. If a draw still remains, the award shall be presented to each angler.

The award shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy or shield for the category
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipient(s) receiving the award or a trophy at discretion of the A& S Committee

**9.5** A **'Presidents Trophy'** shall be awarded to the angler who weighed in the heaviest fish / shark caught in a monthly competition over the competition year.

The award shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy or shield for the category.
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipient receiving the award

**9.6** A **'Heaviest of Species'** award shall be presented to the angler who weighed-in the heaviest of the species listed under Rule 8.2 within a competition year in any monthly competition.

The award shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy or shield for the species – where applicable.
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipient receiving the award

**9.7 Other Species & Game Fishing Awards**

- a) A **'Heaviest Mackerel'** award shall be presented to the angler who has recorded the heaviest mackerel caught within the competition year.
- b) The **'Kobe Trophy'** shall be presented to the angler who has recorded the heaviest King George whiting caught within the competition year.
- c) An **'Annual Game Fishing'** award shall be presented to the angler who has recorded the highest points scoring fish caught within the competition year in accordance with eligibility criterion specified under Rule 8.5.

There shall be no limitations on where or when the fish for these awards are caught.

eligible for the associated awards on the day (only). Under either option, the member's score for the day shall be counted towards their annual doubles aggregate points score for a maximum of the first (3) competitions fished without their nominated doubles partner. A member fishing in more than three (3) competitions without their nominated doubles partner shall not limit the ability of that team to win the annual award.

***To nominate as a 'Doubles Team' write names of members forming the team in 'Doubles Nomination' section on nomination form N1. This requirement is additional to requirement to submit a Form D1 for annual awards.***

Anglers may only change doubles teams during the year at the discretion of the Angling & Sports Committee and only if application is received in writing.

**e. Veteran:** Open to members who are over the age of fifty five (55) years prior to the commencement of the competition year.  
***Write 'VET' on nomination form/envelope adjacent name.***

**f. Visitor:** Open to non-members who are invited to participate in a monthly competition by a member. An adult visitor is only permitted to fish a maximum of 3 monthly competitions per competition year. A visitor may fish from their own boat.

For the purpose of being eligible to fish as a 'Junior Visitor' the minimum age limit shall be eight (8) years. Juniors must be related to the member who invited them or have written guardian consent to participate with an unrelated member. There is no restriction on the number of monthly competitions per year in which a Junior visitor may participate. If a junior visitor then becomes a financial member of the MAAC and therefore eligible for the annual champion 'Juniors' award, a maximum of the score from the first three monthly competitions they fished as a visitor within the competition year, can go to their end of year score.

***Adult visitors shall write 'VIS' on the nomination form N1 adjacent name.***

***Junior visitors shall write 'JUN-VIS' on the nomination form N1 adjacent name.***

**g. Small Boats:** Open to members who fish in a boat that is 5.0 metres or less in length. This measurement is taken from the outside of the bow and measured in a straight line to the outside of transom of the vessel. It does not include additions such as bowsprits or engine pods.

**Tick 'Small Boats' on nomination form N1.**

**1.3 Boats**

Any sea worthy boat with current Department of Planning and Infrastructure registration is eligible to be used in a fishing competition. **It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the vessel is adequate for the forecast conditions on the competition day.**

Competitors may fish from a charter boat in Club events with the prior approval of the A&S Committee. Applications shall be submitted to a committee member for presentation at the Committee's monthly meeting prior to the competition. Meetings are on the Monday evening prior to the competition day.

Note: A number of the special fishing events have different minimum boat length restrictions and do not permit fishing from charter boats. Members need to verify the competition rules variations before entering.

**1.4 Land Base Fishing**

Competitors may fish from the land in monthly competitions. All applicable rules apply shall apply equally. Land based anglers shall be eligible for awards outlined in Sections 8 & 9, as applicable eg. Excludes Small Boats award. There shall be no special award or concessions made for competitor's fishing from the land.

Note Rule 3.2 b).

**2.0 NOMINATION & SIGN ON PROCEDURES**

**2.1 General**

Competitors must nominate their intention to participate in a competition and then confirm their participation by 'signing-on' prior to the 'sign-on' time of the event.

To nominate all competitors must complete a nomination form and pay any applicable fees. Normally only one form is required per boat or team.

- b) A voucher or gift as determined by the A&S Committee at their discretion. In the event of a draw, the award shall be shared equally between the recipients.
- c) A trophy for the recipient(s)

**9.2 A 'Quarterly Shield'** award shall be presented to the registered doubles team that acquired the highest aggregate points for the quarterly/three consecutive monthly competition periods within a competition year as listed below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Shield</u>
1. October, November & December	The Frank Shaw Memorial
2. January, February & March	The Phil Richard's Memorial
3. April, May & June	The Leo Ross Memorial
4. July, August and September	The Life Members

The award shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgement on the perpetual shield
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipients receiving the award

**9.3 A 'Patrons Trophy'** shall be awarded to the most consistent registered doubles team that acquires the highest average score without winning a monthly competition throughout the competition year based on best 10 monthly competition results as for Rule 9.1. In the event there is a draw the team with the highest aggregate points score for the competition year shall receive the award.

The award shall comprise:

- a) A voucher or gift as determined by the A&S Committee at their discretion.
- b) A certified framed photograph of recipients receiving the award

**9.4 A 'Species Award'** shall be presented to the angler who has caught the highest aggregate number of species in monthly competitions over the competition year as determined by adding the number of species captured each competition. In the event there is a draw, the angler that received the greatest number of monthly 'Most Species' awards over the

Note:

Vouchers will generally have an expiry date. It is the responsibility of the recipient to redeem the voucher prior to the expiry date.

## 9.0 ANNUAL AWARDS

9.1 An overall '**Champion**' award shall be presented for each of the categories listed below to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the highest aggregate points score based on their best or up to a maximum of 10 monthly competition scores for the competition year less any disqualifications (ie 10 best scores less number of disqualifications). Point scores shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 5.2 and recipients shall have complied with eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1.

Note:

*Calculating awards based on best 10 monthly competition results is to acknowledge that most competitors are often unable to compete in all competitions in a year and therefore establish an equitable opportunity for all competitors to be competitive for the awards.*

**Club** (Overall best singles competitor)

**Doubles Team**

**Ladies**

**Veterans**

**Juniors**

**Small Boats**

A 'Runners Up' award shall be presented to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the second highest points score in the following categories:

**Singles**

**Doubles**

**Ladies**

**Veterans**

**Juniors**

The award for the above categories shall comprise:

- a) Acknowledgment on the perpetual trophy or shield for the category

The fees shall be as determined by the applicable organising committee.

To confirm entry into the competition, a competitor or member of a group of competitors' **must sign-on** with the FDO or other nominated co-ordinating officials **on the morning** of the event prior to completion of the sign-on time for the competition.

## 2.2 Monthly Competitions

Nomination form shall be the MAAC monthly nomination envelope. Only one envelope is required per boat or team and may be completed by the 'Skipper' or 'Crew Member' or other club member on behalf of the competitors.

Nomination fee is to be placed in the envelope before it is submitted.

Nomination forms must be lodged before 10.00am on the day of the event by either:

- a) By placing the envelope in the A&S competition box at any time on the Friday before the competition. The box will be in the Club's front office reception during office hours and in the Southern Bar on the Friday evening until 7.00 pm.

**OR**

10. By lodging the envelope with the Field Day Officer in the boat shed on the morning of the competition from one (1) hour prior to the competition start time.

**Competitors must sign-on by 10.00am on the day of the event.**

Sign-on can be done in person to the FDO at the Boat Shed, by phone to the radio room (Tel No. 9447 1733) or via marine radio (MAAC radio base 27.91 MHZ). Failure to sign-on will result in both skipper and crew being disqualified from the competition.

Competitors may start to sign on from 1 hour prior to the start time for the competition.

## 2.3 Special Events/Competitions

Competition specific nominations forms will be made available by the A&S Committee prior to the competition. Nomination and sign-on procedures vary. It is the competitor's responsibility to confirm the requirements.

### 3.0 COMMENCEMENT, POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION OF COMPETITIONS

#### 3.1 General

The date for monthly and special events shall be as shown on the annual club calendar or as may be otherwise advertised by the club.

The competition organising committee may at anytime prior to the advertised start time of the competition cancel, postpone or alter the date of a competition for safety reasons or if the event, in the opinion of the committee, would be significantly compromised because of a clash with another event outside of their control.

Postponement can be a delay to the start time of the competition start time by up to 1 hour. Thereafter, the competition shall be either postponed to another day or deemed abandoned.

**It is the competitor's responsibility to confirm that a competition is proceeding on the day.**

#### Notes:

- a) Acceptance of a competitor's sign-on does not automatically confirm that the competition will proceed. Refer Rule 3.2.
- b) Competitors can confirm status of competition by contacting the Field Day Officer in person at the Club Boatshed or by Club marine radio station (27 Meg Channel 91) or telephone (Tel No. 9447 1733).

#### 3.2 Monthly Competitions

Monthly competitions shall generally be held on the Saturday before the second Sunday of each month. If a competition is postponed due to inclement weather it shall be held on the following day/Sunday.

In the event the competition is also cancelled on the Sunday, the competition shall be abandoned for the month unless otherwise advised by the A&S Committee.

The raising of the Club Flag on the yardarm shall indicate that the Competition is on.

#### **Automatic Cancellation**

The competition shall be automatically cancelled for the day if:

8.3 A '**Fish of the Day**' award shall be presented for one of the nominated species listed under Rule 8.5 on each monthly competition excluding Samson Fish and Shark (to reduce list available to 12 species). The species that will be awarded the prize shall be determined by a draw completed at the commencement of the competition year and advertised by the A&S Committee prior to the competition. In the event a monthly competition is completely cancelled, the award shall be carried over to the next monthly competition.

8.4 A '**Most Species**' award shall be presented to the angler who has weighed-in the highest number of different eligible species.

8.5 A '**Game Fish Award**' shall be presented for the highest point scoring game fish capture.

#### Eligibility criterion:

- a) Capture completed in accordance with GFAA rules current at time of the competition.
- b) The angler is affiliated with the GFAA

#### Note:

Limitations specified under Rule 4.7 do not apply to fish submitted for this award.

8.6 All '**Junior Visitors**' shall receive an encouragement award for their participation in the competition.

8.7 A '**Participation**' award shall be presented to a competitor who has not received any other award for participating in the monthly competition. The recipient shall be determined from a draw of the nomination forms at the awards presentation.

#### Eligibility criterion:

Recipient must be present at the awards presentation. A redraw shall occur in the event the drawn recipient is not present.

Note: The A & S Committee reserves the right to award more than one Participation Award at their discretion.

8.8 The awards shall comprise a gift voucher or prize as determined by the A & S Committee at their discretion. In the event of a draw, the award shall be shared equally between the recipients.



## 4.0 LIMITATIONS

### 4.1 Fishing Area Limits

Monthly Competitions: There is no restriction on where an angler may fish or ramp/launch facility they may launch their boat from providing they comply with the applicable competition start and finish times.

Specials Events/Competitions: Fishing area and or launch ramp restrictions generally apply. Refer to competition specific rules.

4.2 There is no limit to the distance that competitors may travel from permitted departure points.

4.3 A Competitor must not use more than a combination of two (2), rods, handlines or manual winches at one time. Each rod, handline or winch must not have more than two (2) hooks. (A flight of hooks to a maximum of 2 snooded hooks or a gang of 3 hooks shall be considered as one (1) hook.)  
Competitors can only use electric powered reels with the prior approval of the A&S Committee.

4.4 No power assisted winches, set lines, drop lines, nets, traps or hooks on marker floats shall be used by Competitors.

4.5 All Competitors must hook and land their own fish, but may receive assistance in gaffing, gilling, or landing which does not involve the assistant handling the rod, reel or line.

4.6 A Competitor's catch shall only contain fish caught by the competitor. Refer Rule 6.3.

4.7 A competitor's catch submitted for weigh-in in a monthly competition may contain any legal size demersal fin fish or shark as per the MAAC Eligible Fish Species List and Department of Fisheries regulations current at the time of the competition.

#### Notes:

- a) MAAC Eligible Species List shall take precedence over Department of Fisheries regulations for species that can be weighed-in.
- b) The quantity of each species that can be weighed in shall comply with Department of Fisheries regulations as applicable.

## 7.0 SAFETY

7.1 All boats shall comply with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure Boat Safety Regulations as applicable and current at the time of a competition.

7.2 It is recommended that all boat trailers have the owner's boat number clearly marked on the framework to assist with identification in the event of an emergency.

7.3 The Safety Officer reserves the right to check a Competitors boat prior to use in a Competition and recommend that it is not used and set to sea before any non-compliances with the regulations are rectified.  
Refer 'Disclaimer' – Foreword section.

7.4 It is strongly recommended that all boats required by Department of Planning and Infrastructure regulations to carry marine radio(s) log on with the closest Sea Rescue Group. Competitors may also log with MAAC, 27 Meg Channel 91.

#### **NOTE:**

The MAAC radio service is only available for a period commencing 1 hour before the start time until 1 hour after the finish time of a competition. **It is only a monitoring service and is not a sea rescue service.** In the event of an emergency or breakdown or failure to return by the end of the monitoring period, the MAAC radio service will take all reasonable steps to relay notification to the closest available sea rescue group.

Further to complying with applicable boating regulations and recommendations of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the MAAC recommends the following when fishing from a boat:

- a) That boats pair up
- b) Skippers monitor closest sea rescue radio service at all times while at sea
- c) Skippers confirm any variation to intended plan with chosen monitoring service
- d) Boat owners advise the club of any changes to boat and trailer details (so the club can maintain up-to-date records)
- e) **Skippers confirm the weather conditions will be within the safe capabilities of the boat and persons in charge prior to**

- e) Submits fish to the weigh-in in a mutilated or inedible condition or in a container that does not comply with Rule 5.1
- f) Found to have weighed in fish that they did not catch  
Exclusion: Any competitor within a team of competitors may weigh in a bag of fish on behalf of another team member
- g) Found in possession of or depositing undersized or protected fish or disposing of whole fish
- h) Contravened the Club's Code of Conduct

In the event a member is disqualified and has fished within a team of competitors (eg Doubles Team, from the same boat, etc) the disqualification shall be extended to include all competitors within the team.

**6.5** Any claims for disqualification of a competitor shall be reported to the FDO or Captain. A claim must be reported to the Field Day Officer no later than ten (10) minutes after the completion of the weigh in period.

**6.6** The FDO shall refer claims made to a Disputes Committee for adjudication. The Dispute Committee shall provide a ruling prior to the presentation of awards.

**6.7** In the event a claim for disqualification if found or lodged after the competition day, all rulings shall be retrospective and awards reallocated as applicable.

#### **6.8 Appealing a Disqualification**

A competitor may appeal a disqualification at any time within 30 calendar days of the date of notification of the disqualification by submitting a written appeal to the A & S Committee.

The A&S Committee shall review and rule upon the appeal in accordance with rules of the Club Constitution.

In the event an appeal is upheld, the competitor shall be awarded all applicable prizes and points towards annual awards that they would have been entitled to had they not been disqualified.

Specific exemption: Only one (1) Samson fish or Amberjack or Yellow Tail Kingfish per competitor may be weighed in. (with the exception of a separate game fish).

**4.8** Eligible species for other fishing competitions shall be in accordance the competition specific rules.

**4.9** All fish other than those which have a minimum legal limit as per the current Fisheries Department of Fisheries minimum legal size, shall be **200 mm** or greater in length.

**4.10** No professional **Boats** are permitted to fish in competitions, except as outlined in Rule 1.4.

## **5.0 SIGN-OFF & WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 General**

Competitors must sign-off with the nominated officer within thirty (**30**) minutes after the competition finish time on the day of the competition. Competitor's catches shall only be weighed-in at / with sanctioned weigh-in facilities / equipment by authorised officers during specified weigh-in times. All fish presented to the weigh in shall be in an edible condition. Any fish deemed to be in an inedible condition will be excluded from the weigh in.

**All fish to be weighed-in shall only be submitted in Natural Fibre Bags, Eskies or Plastic tubs. NO PLASTIC OR WOVEN PLASTIC FIBRE BAGS shall be accepted.**

No mutilated fish shall be weighed in. However gilled, gutted or bled fish are acceptable. These fish are to be one (1) cm longer than the minimum regulation length when the head of the fish is held in its approximate normal position.

### **5.2 Monthly Competitions**

Competitors must sign-off with FDO. Sign-off can be done in person to the FDO at the Boat Shed, by phone to the radio room (Tel No. 9447 1733) or via marine radio (MAAC radio base 27.91 MHZ). Failure to sign-off will result in both skipper and crew being disqualified from the competition. Refer Rule 6.4.

Competitors shall be able to weigh in their catch from 12.00pm on the day of the competition. No bags shall be accepted and weighed-in after the finish time for the competition unless the competitor has returned to the designated weigh in area or lodged their bag at designated receivable points prior to the competition finish time.

Weigh-in period will finish when all eligible catches have been weighed and recorded.

A competitor's bag shall not be accepted and weighed-in if it does not comply with the rules of the competition and shall be referred to the FDO by the weigh-in officials for adjudication / disqualification. Refer Rule 6.3.

All weights shall be recorded on an official MAAC weigh-in form with points awarded on basis of 2 point per species and 0.5 points per kg eg. 3 species and 10kg shall equal 11 points. The score shall be rounded to two (2) decimal places.

#### **Species Specific Weight Limits:**

For the purpose of monthly/annual individual scores:

- a) Samson fish, Amberjack, Yellow Tail Kingfish and Sharks shall be awarded a maximum of 10 points. (eg: 6kg Samson fish = 6 points, 15kg Samson fish = 10 points)
- b) Any single fish of a species other than a type specified in a) above weighing over 50kg will be awarded a maximum of 50 points

For the purposes of monthly/annual heaviest of species awards the total weight / points for fish that fall under items a) and b) above will apply.

**5.3** Competitors shall be responsible for checking their weight receipts at the weigh-in before leaving the scales area. Any discrepancies shall be referred to a weigh-in officer or FDO no later than 10minutes after the completion of the weigh-in.

**5.4** To assist weigh-in officers complete an efficient and safe weigh-in process, competitors shall:

- a) Not place more than approximately 30kg of fish in any one bag or approved container
- b) Assist officers lift and empty heavy bags

- c) Place fish tail first in bags to avoid fin spines catching in the side of bags
- d) Advise the weigh-in Officer of any species in their catch with potentially harmful spines, sharp gills and teeth eg. Flathead, cobbler, red snapper, sharks and the like.
- e) When applicable, affix name tags in a separate location to bag ties.

## **6.0 COMPETITION CONTROL, DISPUTES & DISQUALIFICATION**

**6.1** The Captain shall nominate a FDO for all competitions. The Captain can be the FDO.

**6.2** The Field Day Officer shall have the right to vary the competition at their discretion to contribute to the smooth running of the event. Refer Rule 3.1 and 3.2.

**6.3** Only an authorised competition officers or A&S Committee members can lodge a claim for disqualification of a competitor. An eligible competitor may refer a claim to an authorised competition officer or A&S member.

### **6.4 Grounds for Disqualification – Club Competitions**

The Captain or FDO has the sole authority and discretion to disqualify a competitor or team of competitors from a monthly competition. A competitor may be disqualified at any time within a maximum period of 30 calendar days from the date of the competition.

A competitor may be disqualified from a monthly competition if they:

- a) Do not sign on in accordance with Rule 2.1
- b) Do not comply with applicable competition start and finish times  
Exemption: Any Competitor who genuinely stays with a boat in trouble to render aid, or for the sake of safety, may have their catch weighed in.
- c) Found using or in possession of any fishing equipment outside of limits contained in Rules 4.3 and 4.4
- d) Weigh-in or are found in possession of fish in excess of Department of Fisheries and Club specific limits