



COMPETITION INFORMATION

East Coast Classic 2020



TGFA Sanctioned Competition

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2020

COMPETITION TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 20th March 2020

Briefing at 8:30pm – Beachfront Bicheno Hotel, 232 Tasman Hwy, Bicheno

**** One member of each team must attend the briefing ****

Calcutta at 9:00pm

SATURDAY 21st March 2020

Sail Past at 7:30 am

Fishing 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Weigh Station Opens 4:30 pm & Closes at 5:30 pm

BBQ Dinner at Beachfront Bicheno Hotel Function Room 7:00 pm

SUNDAY 22nd March 2020

Fishing starts 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Weigh Station Opens 1:30 pm & Closes at 2:30 pm

Prize Giving at Beachfront Bicheno Hotel Function Room 3:30 pm

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Highest Point Score Team Captured Tuna – Wins Calcutta

Highest Point Score Team Tag & Release Tuna

Heaviest Tuna Captured Overall – Can be won by a Junior/Small Fry

Heaviest Shark Captured Overall

Heaviest Broadbill Captured Overall

Heaviest Marlin Captured Overall

Highest Point Score Tuna Captured – Male

Highest Point Score Tuna Captured – Female

Highest Point Score Tuna Captured – Junior

Highest Point Score Tuna Captured – Small Fry

Heaviest Tuna Captured Saturday – Male

Heaviest Tuna Captured Saturday – Female

Heaviest Tuna Captured Sunday – Male

Heaviest Tuna Captured Sunday – Female

**** Please note, 1 fish can win 1 prize only ****

RULES OF CONTEST

All fishing is to be conducted within the rules of the Game Fishing Association of Australia and the International Game Fishing Association - www.gfaa.asn.au

Anglers must be current Members of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA).

Entries will be on a team per boat basis - Teams may consist of up to 6 anglers - minimum of 2 anglers. All vessels must leave and return from the Gulch boat ramp whilst participating in the contest.

Weighing of Fish

All fish will be weighed in at the Weigh Station located on the grassed area at the front Beachfront Bicheno Hotel, by the weighmaster appointed by the contest committee.

Fish will be weighed in until 6:00pm sharp on Saturday, and 2:30pm sharp on Sunday. **Late fish will NOT be weighed.** Weights will be rounded down to the nearest increments on the scales. The weighmaster's decision is final, and no disputes will be entered into. Score Books must be signed by both a team member and the weighmaster.

All fish must be gilled and gutted at sea except where the angler requires the fish to be weighed for record purposes. In that case the fish will be weighed for record weight, gutted and gilled at sea and weighed again for contest points. Under no circumstances is any fish offal to enter the Bicheno area! Sharks are to be gutted. Fish must be presented in a suitable unbloodied and unmutilated state so a positive image is portrayed, this must also be the same for photos.

All Anglers should expect their fishing equipment to be inspected for GFAA rule compliance and present these on request. All leaders will be measured. Leader info will be included in briefing packs.

Scoring of fish:

$$\frac{\text{Weight of fish} \times 100}{\text{Line Class}} \times \text{Fighting Factor}$$

Shark will NOT attract points in the capture section.

Tag & Release

Points are allocated as follows;

Billfish	20,000 points	
Southern Bluefin Tuna	10,000 points	Must be a min 150cm in length
Southern Bluefin Tuna	5,000 points	Must be a min 60cm in length
Yellowfin Tuna	5,000 Points	Must be a min 60cm in length
Mako Shark	1,000 Points	Must be a min 100cm in length
Blue Shark	500 points	Must be a min 100cm in length
Albacore Tuna	100 points	Must be a min 60cm in length

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

Tags will be available at briefing. A deposit of \$50 will be required and refunded once all tags are completed, or not completed, have been returned. No tags returned, no prizes given, and deposit will be forfeited. **All fish tagged must be photographed with a date/time camera and show correct tag placement or points will not be awarded.** Photos will be checked by the Tag Master at the weigh station. Tag & Release Info will be included in briefing packs.

Number of Rods and Minimum Line Class

The minimum line class will be 2kg.

Fighting factor will be as indicated above.

All fish weights must be equal to or greater than line class.

Any number of rods can be used, but in the case of multiple strikes only four fish may be played at any one time. Anglers are reminded that only fish hooked up on rods, which are picked up immediately after the strike are eligible for record claims.

Under new TGFA sanctioning guidelines multifilament lines (braid) may only be used in sanctioned contests with a minimum of sixteen (16) meters of homogenous line (monofilament) directly preceding the double, leader and hook.

Fishing Boundaries

The contest fishing boundaries are the perimeter of the Grid Map.

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.

Bag Limit

For conservation purposes each angler can weigh a maximum number of two (2) fish including the below capture limits;

Each team can weigh a maximum of 1 Billfish

Each team can weigh a maximum of 1 Shark

Each team can weigh a combined maximum of 4 Southern Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna & Bigeye Tuna.

Or only 2 Southern Bluefin Tuna over 1.5 meters, as per State possession, bag and boat limits.

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

All Sharks have a minimum weight of requirement of 60kgs.

All Marlin have a minimum weight of requirement of 60kgs.

Safety and Radio Control

All vessels are required to comply with safety regulations and equipment as prescribed by MAST.

It is mandatory for all competing boats to submit a **Vessel Detail Form** with the Entry Form and the **safety check list**. All vessels must be equipped with marine radios using VHF frequencies.

Details of radio schedules and channels will be included in enhanced briefing notes which will be distributed at the briefing.

Weather

Participation in this event is at own risk. The holding of this tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea in conditions beyond the capability of craft and crew. These rules are to be read in conjunction with further notes that will be circulated on briefing night.

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