



## Ashburton Anglers Inc. Annual Club Competition

- I. The Club will run a year-long competition open to Ashburton Anglers Inc. financial Club Members beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July and ending 30<sup>th</sup> June each year. This Annual Club Competition is to acknowledge each years Club Members achievements.
- II. All Club Members must abide by the Ashburton Anglers Inc. Club Rules and the selected fish species to be eligible in the Annual Club Competition.
- III. A Club Member can accumulate points for the Annual Club Competition by fishing in any of all 3 divisions within their age group/or category.

- a) The Annual Club Competition 3 divisions are.
  - Anglers capture
  - Spearfishing capture (excluding smallfry)
  - Anglers measure and release
- b) The Annual Club Competition 5 different categories or age groups are;
  - Open - (All financial members)
  - Adult Male - (15yrs and over)
  - Adult Female - (15yrs and over)
  - Junior - (11 to 15yrs)
  - Smallfry - (up to 11yrs)

Points accrued as a Smallfry or Junior will remain as points in those categories up until the age of 10 or 14 individually, after such date points will accrue in the corresponding Junior or Adult category.

- c) Club Members may fish throughout the year and have their fish weighed by the elected Ashburton Anglers committee member or delegate for that month (each month a committee member will be elected, and their contact details will be emailed to inform all club members).
- d) The elected weighmaster's address must be the only place for the annual club weigh-ins unless during a competition or if the committee elects a different venue/location. This is to ensure equal advantage to all members.
- e) Captured fish must be weighed in as soon as practical ensuring the fish is edible condition (refer to the Ashburton Angler Inc Annual Competition Rules).
- f) Captured fish Club records will be awarded with a Club certificate annually.
- g) Fish Capture, Measure & Release forms will be provided by the club, or they can be emailed to Club Members to print their own.
- h) All eligible fish are listed in the Ashburton Anglers Inc. eligible fish species list. If there is more than one species to a fish category (*e.g., **Mackerel** Including Grey, School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted*) they are considered the same species within the club classification.



IV. The Annual Competition trophies/awards will be awarded for the following.

**Angler's categories**

1. Champion Angler - Capture - Male
2. Champion Angler - Capture - Female
3. Champion Angler - Capture - Junior
4. Champion Angler - Capture - Smallfry
  
1. Heaviest Mackerel - Adult
2. Heaviest Mackerel - Junior
3. Heaviest Mackerel - Smallfry
  
4. Heaviest Red Emperor - Adult
5. Heaviest Red Emperor - Junior
6. Heaviest Red Emperor - Smallfry
  
7. Heaviest Bream - Adult
8. Heaviest Bream - Junior
9. Heaviest Bream - Smallfry
  
10. Heaviest Pelagic fish other than Mackerel - Adult
11. Heaviest Pelagic fish other than Mackerel - Junior
12. Heaviest Pelagic fish other than Mackerel - Smallfry
  
13. Heaviest Demersal fish other than Red Emperor - Adult
14. Heaviest Demersal fish other than Red Emperor - Junior
15. Heaviest Demersal fish other than Red Emperor - Smallfry
  
16. Heaviest Nearshore/Estuarine/Other fish/Crustacean other than Bream - Adult
17. Heaviest Nearshore/Estuarine/Other fish/ Crustacean other than Bream - Junior
18. Heaviest Nearshore/Estuarine/Other fish/ Crustacean other than Bream - Smallfry

**Spearfishing categories**

1. Champion Spearfishing person – Capture - Male
2. Champion Spearfishing person – Capture - Female
3. Champion Spearfishing person – Capture - Junior
  
4. Heaviest Mackerel - Adult
5. Heaviest Mackerel - Junior
  
6. Heaviest Tuna - Adult
7. Heaviest Tuna - Junior
  
8. Heaviest Red Emperor - Adult
9. Heaviest Red Emperor - Junior



10. Heaviest Coral Trout - Adult
11. Heaviest Coral Trout - Junior
  
12. Heaviest Pelagic fish other than Mackerel / Tuna - Adult
13. Heaviest Pelagic fish other than Mackerel / Tuna - Junior
  
14. Heaviest Demersal fish other than Red Emperor / Coral Trout - Adult
15. Heaviest Demersal fish other than Red Emperor / Coral Trout - Junior

#### **Anglers measure and release categories**

1. Highest point scoring - Adult Male
2. Highest point scoring - Adult Female
3. Highest point scoring - Junior
4. Highest point scoring - Smallfry

#### **Open Section category**

1. Heaviest capture overall - Open
2. Heaviest Mud Crab - Open
3. Heaviest Blue Swimmer Crab - Open
4. Longest Measure & Release Barramundi - Open

**Runners- up of all categories will receive a certificate of recognition for all categories**

## Ashburton Anglers Inc. Club Rules

- V. The Ashburton Anglers Inc. rules are in place to align with our club objectives and are to be followed by all Anglers with full integrity in representation to our club.

#### **Club Rules.**

- The Ashburton Anglers fishing area is a 50 nautical miles radius from the Onslow boat ramp. (50 nautical miles radius is firm, not an estimate). Reference map attached.
- Adult classification is any male or female aged 15years and over
- Junior classification is any male or female aged from 11years to 15years
- Smallfry classification is any male or female aged up to 11years
- Adults and Juniors must capture their own fish without assistance from others prior to leading, netting, or gaffing the fish
- Smallfry participation must be substantial prior to leading, netting, or gaffing the fish.
- All Club Members are eligible to fish their age group or categories only
- Fishing is prohibited in all non-fish zones, sanctuaries, prohibited areas, Salt ponds etc
- Fishing can be from a vessel or land based
- When fishing from a vessel the safety of the vessel and its occupants is the sole responsibility of the vessel's skipper/owner
- It is the skipper/owner responsibility to provide a vessel that complies with the DPI safety requirements and is a safe environment for the crew to fish and to ensure that the vessel is not operating in conditions or in a manner that exceeds the vessels capabilities or puts the vessel and/or its crew in danger



- Commercial fishing vessels are not eligible vessels for Club Members to fish out of except for charter boats (*Please contact Ashburton Anglers if any queries*)
- All anglers must comply with Fisheries WA rules and Recfishwest including state bag and size limits (sizes indicated on the eligible species chart. We also recommend downloading the Recfishwest App).
- Even If you are legally exempt from the Fisheries WA rules, state bag and size limits these rules still apply for your fish to be club eligible
- **All captures including releases must be witnessed.** The witness must be present with the fisherperson during the catch (not just within the vicinity), your captures will not be eligible if you fish or spearfish on your own.
- When presenting a species to the weigh-in a witness to capture and weight **must** be present
- If the current Weigh Master presents a species for weigh-in a 3<sup>rd</sup> person must be present to witness and sign as the Weigh Master (preferably a club member)
- It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that the fish are kept in an edible condition prior to weigh in
- You may weigh gilled and gutted fish, but no allowance will be made for the internals removed from the fish
- Mutilated, frozen or non-edible fish will not be accepted. This is at the discretion of the elected committee member or delegate for that month (*each month a committee member will be elected, and their contact/location details will be emailed to inform all club members*).
- Fish cannot be frozen and then defrosted for weigh in
- Weighing of fish will be at the elected weighmaster's address unless during a competition
- Each fish is valid for one prize category only (*one fish one prize*) other than Heaviest capture overall
- All eligible fish are listed in the Ashburton Anglers Inc. eligible fish species list. If there is more than one species to a fish category (*e.g., **Mackerel** Including Grey, School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted*) they are considered the same species within the club classification
- Any Club Member wanting to put in a protest regarding other anglers/spearfishing persons or current rules must present their protest in writing with a \$50 .00 cash deposit for the committee to assess and decide
- In the event of a protest the committee must meet, and the outcome will be from a majority rule. If a committee member has put in the protest or has any part in this protest they cannot sit with the committee and/or have any impute with the committee's decision.
- With any protest submission the committee's decision will be final
- If your protest decision falls in your favor your \$50.00 deposit will be returned
- Club rules must be followed in conjunction with the Angler rules, Spearfishing rules and Measure & Release rules



### Anglers Rules.

- Rod/reel, hand lines, and deck winch are the only acceptable method of capture
- Deck winches must be standard manual manufacturers built only. eg "Alvey deck winch". Modified or electric are not allowed
- Landing nets or a gaff may be used to land your fish
- Electric reels, electric deck winches, nets, long lines, set lines, spears or traps are not to be use for fish capture
- Supplied capture forms are to be completed in full, with an accurate time of capture
- Anglers Capture scoring is the  $\text{fish weight} \times 100 = \text{points}$
- Anglers Champion categories are the angler's total points for the year with their heaviest fish of each species added to a total
- In the event of any tie the winner will be determined by the countback system i.e., the first angler to reach the points

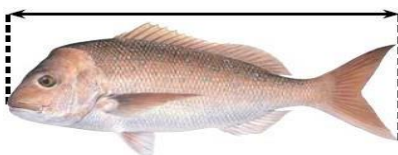
### Spearfishing Rules: Free diving to capture fish with a speargun

- Nearshore/Estuarine/Other fish/ Crustaceans are non-eligible species for spearfishing in the club (refer to the club spearfishing eligible species list)
- Landing nets or a gaff may be used to land your fish
- All fish must be captured by the competitor using a rubber-powered speargun
- Fish speared whilst in traps, nets or on lines are ineligible for the weigh-in
- No breathing aid other than a snorkel will be permitted
- Freediving only with a constant weight, no mechanical propulsion, or any other assists aloud
- Competitors must be immersed in the water at the time of spearing of any fish
- Junior participation must be substantial to claim the capture of the fish
- Adults -Other than loading of the speargun. Assisted catches are ineligible for any score. An assisted catch is one where another person contributed muscular power or equipment towards the catch. Obviously in an emergency these rules would not apply for giving assistance
- A second shot may be taken to gain control of the fish by the same person that made the first shot only
- It is preferred that competitors are to swim with a buddy ie. 2 persons in the water, keeping in mind that when spearfishing from a vessel the safety of the vessel and its occupants is the sole responsibility of the vessel's skipper/owner
- It is preferred that competitors have a standby person on the vessel while others are in the water, keeping in mind that when spearfishing from a vessel the safety of the vessel and its occupants is the sole responsibility of the vessel's skipper/owner
- Individuals and skippers must use discretion assuring they are spearfishing to conditions and abilities
- Spearfishing Capture scoring is the  $\text{fish weight} \times \text{allocated number} = \text{points}$
- Allocated number for each species is provided on the eligible species Spearfishing capture division list
- Spearfishing Champion categories are the angler's total points for the year with their heaviest fish of each species added to a total
- In the event of any tie the winner will be determined by the count back system i.e. the first angler to reach the points

### Anglers measure and release rules.

- All anglers must comply with the Ashburton Anglers Inc. eligible species minimum measurement list
- Rod/reel, hand lines, and deck winch are the only acceptable method of capture
- Deck winches must be standard manual manufacturers built only. e.g. "Alvey deck winch". Modified or electric are not allowed
- Landing nets may be used to land your fish
- Electric reels, electric deck winches, nets, long lines, set lines, spears or traps are not to be use for fish capture
- Supplied measure and release forms are to be completed in full, with an accurate time of capture
- All fish must be captured and measured accurately from nose to tail as picture below with the tail in its natural position. Estimating the fish length is not acceptable
- Once measured the fish must be released as soon as posable
- If a fish is unable to be released or is released in poor condition this fish is not eligible
- A maximum of 3 measured fish of each species per day applies for the annual club competition. Forms are to be retained by the angler for their reference
- Measure forms must be emailed to the Ashburton Anglers Inc. email address [admin@ashburtonanglers.com](mailto:admin@ashburtonanglers.com) with the form filled in full and a clear photo of the fish being measured showing the fish length. This must be sent no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month of capture
- Measure and Release point scoring is indicated on the eligible species chart
- Measure and Release Champion categories are the angler's total points for year
- In the event of any tie the winner will be determined by the count back system i.e. the first angler to reach the points

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## Ashburton Anglers Inc. Eligible Fish Species

### Anglers capture / Anglers Measure & Release divisions

Pelagic Species	Minimum Measurement for Capture	Minimum Measurement for M&R Points	Measure and Release Points
<b>Tuna</b> including Big Eye, Dog Tooth, Longtail, Mackerel, Blue/Yellow Fin only	N/A	300mm	100
<b>Cobia</b>	750mm	750mm	100
<b>Mackerel</b> including School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted only	500mm/Spanish 900mm	All 500mm	100
<b>Mahi Mahi</b>	500mm	500mm	200
<b>Queenfish</b>	N/A	300mm	150
<b>Trevally</b> all species	N/A	300mm	50
<b>Wahoo</b>	900mm	900mm	200

Demersal Species	Minimum Measurement for Capture	Minimum Measurement for M&R Points	Measure and Release Points
<b>Blue Bone</b> (Black Spotted Tuskfish only)	400mm	400mm	200
<b>Rankin Cod</b>	N/A	300mm	50
<b>Coral Trout</b> all species	450mm	450mm	200
<b>Sea Perch</b> including Crimson Sea Perch, Saddletail Snapper only	N/A	N/A	200
<b>Goldband Snapper</b>	N/A	N/A	200
<b>Spangled Emperor</b>	410mm	410mm	100
<b>Emperor</b> other including Blue Line, Red Spot, Red Throat, Long Nose, Bluespotted only	280mm /Blue Lined 320mm	All 280mm	50
<b>Red Emperor</b>	410mm	410mm	200
<b>Chinaman Fish</b>	N/A	300mm	150

Nearshore/Estuarine/Other fish and Crustaceans Species	Minimum Measurement for Capture	Minimum Measurement for M&R Points	Measure and Release Points
<b>Bream</b> including Northwest Black, Pikey, Yellow fin only	250mm/Yellow fin 300mm	All 250mm	100
<b>Mangrove Jack</b>	300mm	300mm	150
<b>Whiting</b> all species	N/A	80mm	100
<b>Threadfin Salmon</b> including Bluenose only	N/A Bluenose 450mm	All 250mm	200
<b>Barramundi</b>	Release Only	250mm	250
Crustaceans	Minimum Measurement for Capture	Minimum Measurement for M&R Points	Measure and Release Points
<b>Mud Crab</b>	150mm	150mm	150
<b>Blue Swimmer</b>	127mm	127mm	50



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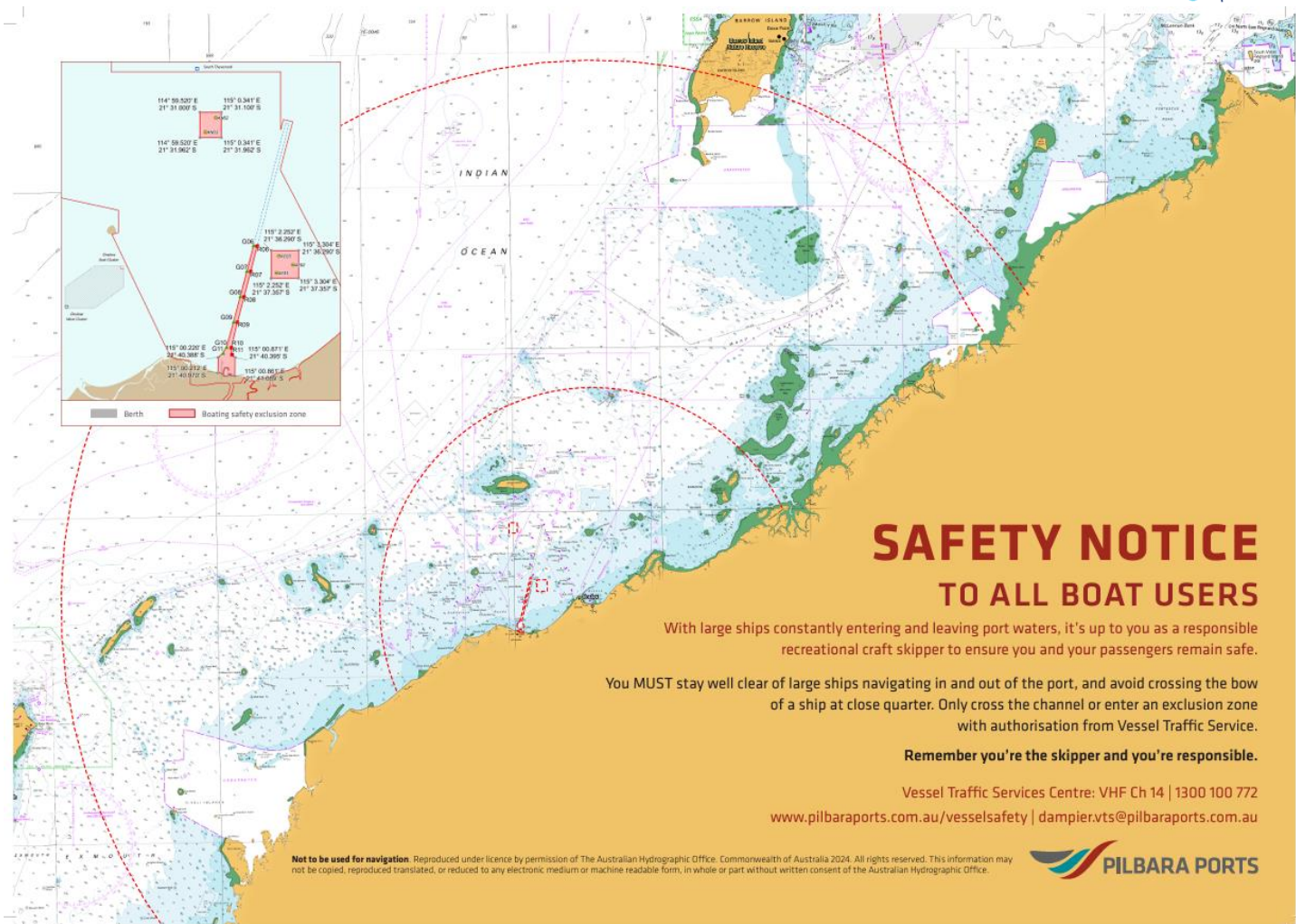
### Spearfishing capture division

Pelagic Species	Minimum Measurement for Capture	Allocated Number
<b>Tuna</b> including Big Eye, Dog Tooth, Longtail, Mackerel, Blue/Yellow Fin only	N/A	150
<b>Cobia</b>	750mm	100
<b>Mackerel</b> Including School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted only	500mm/Spanish 900mm	100
<b>Mahi Mahi</b>	500mm	150
<b>Queenfish</b>	N/A	50
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<b>Sea Perch</b> including Crimson Sea Perch, Saddletail Snapper only	N/A	100
<b>Jobfish</b> green only	N/A	150
<b>Red Emperor</b>	410mm	150
<b>Chinaman Fish</b>	N/A	50

- Spearfishing Capture scoring is the fish weight x allocated number = points
- e.g., Rankin Cod fish weight 10kg x 50 = 500 points






## SAFETY NOTICE TO ALL BOAT USERS

With large ships constantly entering and leaving port waters, it's up to you as a responsible recreational craft skipper to ensure you and your passengers remain safe.

You **MUST** stay well clear of large ships navigating in and out of the port, and avoid crossing the bow of a ship at close quarter. Only cross the channel or enter an exclusion zone with authorisation from Vessel Traffic Service.

**Remember you're the skipper and you're responsible.**

Vessel Traffic Services Centre: VHF Ch 14 | 1300 100 772  
[www.pilbaraports.com.au/vesselsafety](http://www.pilbaraports.com.au/vesselsafety) | [dampier.vts@pilbaraports.com.au](mailto:dampier.vts@pilbaraports.com.au)

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