



The 12th Annual Dave Irvine Memorial Snapper Classic

Friday the 10th to Sunday the 12th of August 2018

The Dave Irvine Memorial Snapper Classic (DIMSC) is a catch and release angling event that draws anglers from around Australia. The event was originally created by several of Dave Irvine's close friends, to pay tribute to his larger than life character and is in recognition of his life's passion of catch and release angling. The event has been held annually since Dave passed away suddenly in 2007.

Dave in his own right was a pioneer in the "Catch and Release" fishing movement. He was an advocate for catch and release angling and helped develop many of the current practices that are used today. His most prominent contribution to catch and release angling was the development of the Enviro-net, which is now a necessity for participants in many catch and release angling events around Australia and other parts of the world.

Following Dave's legacy and passion for developing catch and release angling methods, the DIMSC committee has been no different. Constantly pushing the boundaries in the catch-and-release angling events arena. With the DIMSC being established as one of the first offshore lure only catch-and-release angling events in Australia that targets snapper with a unique point scoring system. The competition requires the anglers to take a photograph of their catch on a brag mat, before safely releasing the fish into the water. More recently the DIMSC committee has developed the kayak catch-and-release angling section of the event, that involves teams fishing from kayak's.

Just like every other year the DIMSC is an event that is great to get involved with, and the committee encourages anyone to attend no matter the experience level. The committee intends to build on previous years and improve the event as it grows.

The event will be held on the Friday 10th until Sunday 12th of August 2018 at Coffs Harbour Yacht Club. For further information, please see the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SnapperClassic>. Or email dimsce@gmail.com

THE DAVE IRVINE MEMORIAL SNAPPER CLASSIC

Competition Rules

- The Dave Irvine Memorial Snapper Classic (DIMSC) is a lure only, cast and retrieve competition and the target species is snapper.
- The object of the competition is once anglers have captured a snapper, they are then to measure TL (nearest mm), take a photograph of the fish whilst being measured (On a Brag Mat) and then released immediately.
- All fish are to be handled with care and lifted from the water using knotless landing-nets (i.e. Environet style) where possible. In addition, knotless landing nets are to be used for landing of fish and is the **only assistance** permissible to a competitor (junior or senior) in the capture of a fish.
- Anglers may fish with a maximum of **only 1 line** in the water at any one time, with a lure only, **this rod must be in your hands**, there is no trolling of lure's.
- Competition points will be awarded as per score sheet and **points will only be awarded for snapper**.
- Junior anglers must be under 16 years of age on the 10th of August 2018.
- **Juniors are ineligible for the major prize's - boat, motor and trailer.**
- **Snapper must meet NSW fisheries legal size regulations (30 cm) to be eligible to receive points.**
- Please remember this is a **Catch and Release fishing event**, the DIMSC committee encourages participants to **release all fish in the memory of Dave Irvine** and in the spirit of catch and release angling.

Competition & Weigh-In Times:

Friday Evening: A **Compulsory** briefing for Skippers and team members will be held at 18:30 hrs at the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.

Saturday Morning: Fishing session will commence 05:30 hrs and all participants are to return to the Harbour and be logged off by 18:30 hrs. Score sheets and photographic records of captured fish are to be received by DIMSC committee at the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club before 19:00 hrs.

Sunday Morning: Fishing session will commence 05:30 hrs and all participants are to return to the Harbour and be logged off by 13:00 hrs. Score sheets and photographic records of captured fish are to be received by DIMSC committee at the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club by 14:00 hrs.

Weigh-In Times:

Saturday times:- Open from 18:00 hrs – Closes 19:00 hrs

Sunday times:- Open from 12:30 hrs – Close 14:00 hrs

- Score sheets will **ONLY** be permitted to be accepted by DIMSC committee members during the above times. In addition, the DIMSC committee will **ONLY** accept score sheets from a skipper or team member/s associated with the score sheet that are present at the weigh in station.
- The weigh-in station will be at Coffs Harbour Yacht Club.
- Score sheets will not be accepted by any other means, apart from in person at the weigh-in station (i.e. email, sms are not acceptable).
- Each day will be recorded separate –Saturday's scoring sheet will not be accepted by the DIMSC

committee on Sunday.

- The weigh-in times above are compulsory and anything outside the times and rules will not be accepted for scoring that day of fishing. Unless prior written confirmation has been received from a committee member, however, this decision will be solely at the discretion of the DIMSC committee.

Other Rules:

- ❖ Competing boats must sign on with VMR Coffs Harbour on leaving the Harbour (on channel 94). Log on using Dave Irvine Classic Boat number, number of persons on board, area of operation and Estimated Time of Return to the Harbour.
- ❖ All photographs of fish must be on brag mats with angler card numbers evident in the photograph to be eligible for points.
- ❖ **All photographs must be recorded on a digital camera with a removable memory card.** Photographs taken on Iphones & Ipad etc will not be accepted by the DIMSC committee.
- ❖ In case of inclement weather, the safety committee will make a final decision at least 1 hour after scheduled start time and all boats will be notified on channel 94. The session will be cancelled if a strong wind warning is current.
- ❖ The decision to go to sea will be the responsibility of the individual boat crew and do so at their own risk.
- ❖ All boats entering event must depart and return from the port of Coffs Harbour.
- ❖ Boats competing in the fishing event must have at least 2 registered anglers on board, with a maximum of 3 anglers. Please note that fish captured by anglers not registered in the competition are ineligible to be submitted for points.
- ❖ In the event of a boat not sign on with VMR Coffs Harbour or returning later than the designated log off time above, the DIMSC committee has the right to disqualify the respective boat/s and crew from that session.
- ❖ In the event of a breakdown, and the boat rendering assistance has a possibility of returning late, the boat must radio VMR Coffs Harbour (channel 94) and advise of the situation and no penalty may apply (however, this is at the discretion of the DIMSC committee).
- ❖ All participants must have a current N.S.W. fishing license and must comply with N.S.W. Fisheries and Marine park rules and regulations. This includes rules associated with minimum legal lengths and marine park sanctuary and exclusion zones.
- ❖ Boats must also comply with N.S.W. waterways safety requirements.
- ❖ If participants are found to be in breach of any of the event rules set by the DIMSC committee, this may result in disqualification from the event.

KAYAK SECTION

In addition to the rules above kayak competitors must also comply with the following rules

- All Kayaks must log on and off with VMR Coffs Harbour (via phone or radio) within the same fishing session times listed above.
- All kayaks must fish in pairs or more to comply with safety requirements.
- All kayaks must launch between Moonee Headland (southern boundary of the marine park) and Bonville Creek at Sawtell Headland.
- All kayaks must comply with waterway safety requirements.

The DIMSC committee will deal with any issues overlooked in these rules and their decision will be final.

- ❖ **All** prizes (minor and major) drawn over the DIMSC weekend are via a lucky draw. All entries are placed into a barrel for the minor prize draws, once a name has been drawn for a minor prize, that entry is then placed into a box. All eligible entries will be returned to the barrel for the Major prizes.
- ❖ Winners must be present at the time of the prize draw to claim, this includes both minor and major prizes. In addition, winners must have their DIMSC identification card to receive prizes. Prizes cannot be collected on behalf of another participant.
- ❖ Early bird special for entry ends the 13th of July 2018. Entry forms after this date will be required to pay \$140 adults or \$85 juniors.
- ❖ **Any entry forms received AFTER the Friday 3rd August 2018** will incur a late registration administration fee of \$30 (\$170- adults and \$115- for juniors).

DIMSC Participants Entry Form

Participants Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ (to let you know about this event)

Registration forms must be received before the Friday 13th of July 2018 to be eligible for the Early Bird Special (Please circle registration type and shirt size below where relevant).

Early Bird Registration fee:	Male \$120	Female \$120	Junior (16 & under) \$65
Standard Registration fee after 13/07/18:	Male \$140	Female \$140	Junior (16 & under) \$85
Late Registration fee after the 03/08/18:	Male \$170	Female \$170	Junior (16 & under) \$115

Shirt Size: SM MED LGE XL XXL XXXL

Please note:- to qualify as junior, you must be under 16 years of age at the commencement of the competition

Guardian printed name: _____

Guardians signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note:- All Juniors under 16 years of age at the commencement of the competition must have guardian's signature to participate.

Team name: _____

Boat Details

(all below information/details must be filled in by all participants)

Boat name: _____ No. Of Anglers On Board: _____

Boat Rego: _____ Coffs Number: _____

Trailer Rego: _____ Car Rego: _____

Skippers name: _____ Mobile: _____

Kayak Team name: _____

Kayak Details

Colour of Kayak: _____ Size of Kayak: _____

Description of Kayak: _____

Have you arranged a team? YES ☐ NO ☐

Number of anglers in your team: _____

Each person fishing the Snapper Classic MUST fill in an entry form.

Payment Details

Please return all Entry Forms and Fees before 5pm Tuesday 7th August 2018

Add the following cost to your registration fee where relevant

If you wish for your partner, other family member(s) or friend(s) to attend the major prize and trophy dinner on Sunday night please add \$15 per/person for kids under 8 years and \$35 per/person adults and kids above 8 years (please note that dinner is included in your entry fee for participants).

Number of extra people: Adults_x Kids_x \$

Payment Type (please ☒):

☐ Cash

☐ Credit/Visa Debit Card

☐ Money Order

Name on Card:

Card Number: / / /

Expiry Date: / Signature of Card Holder:

Total Payment Amount: \$ Number of people paid for:

In signing this entry form, you have read and agree to adhere to all the DIMSC event rules set by the DIMSC committee members.

**Each person fishing the Snapper Classic
MUST fill in & sign an entry form each.**

Participants Signature:-

DATE:-

Make money order payable to:

Dave Irvine Memorial

Mail to:

Coffs Camera House
Attn:- Snapper Classic
228a Harbour Drive
Coffs Harbour. NSW. 2450.

Email Address:-

dimsce@gmail.com