



WARRINGAH ANGLERS CLUB INC

SIMRAD RED OCTOBER 2018 SYDNEY SNAPPER CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL RULES & CONDITIONS

- The Red October Sydney Snapper Championship is a **Catch and Release Only** tournament. Both bait and lure fishing methods are accepted, and the target species is Snapper.
- Each competitor will be awarded points for their **best 3 snapper** caught over the duration of the tournament. Score cards will be provided during the briefing – the larger the snapper the more points it will accumulate per millimeter.
- Snapper must be of legal size to be scored (as per NSW regulations)
- All competitors must have a current NSW fishing license and comply with NSW Fisheries regulations.
- Each competitor must hook and land their own fish, however may have assistance with landing (netting).
- Competitors must fish with a maximum of only 1 line in the water at any one time.
- Please handle fish as best as you can for a safe release. Dead snapper will not be accepted as the tournament is exclusively catch and release.
- To classify as a Junior competitor, you must be under 16 years of age.
- All entrants (Open, Junior and Female) are eligible for the overall Sydney Snapper Champion. If a Junior or Female competitor win the overall trophy – the runner up for those divisions will be awarded as their category winners.
- If insufficient fish are recorded during the tournament for all or any of the catch & release divisions - all or any remaining prizes will be awarded by lucky draw.
- Entry forms must be completed by close of business Wednesday 17th of October.
- Entry forms are available from the following local tackles stores as well as online at www.warringahanglers.com.au
 - Fishing Station, Mona Vale.
 - Sneaky Fisho, Brookvale.
 - Narrabeen Bait & Tackle, Narrabeen.
- The organizers reserve the right, without giving a reason, to refuse the application for an entry. A refund shall be made for any refused entry.
- Any competitor found in breach of these rules and conditions shall be subject to disqualification from the competition. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any competitor who fails to act in the spirit of the competition; or acts in a manner that may bring the event into disrepute.
- The decision of the organizers is final and no further discussions or correspondence will be entered into.
- The organizers of the event, Warringah Anglers Club Inc. (WAC) reserve the right to cancel the event /competition, for any reason, without notice.

RECORDING YOUR CATCH

- All snapper being entered (competitors best 3) must be photographed using the brag mats provided, or on any other branded brag mat. The photo must be clear, include the anglers ID with the nose of the fish touching the stopping board and the end of the tail clearly visible. Tape measures or other measuring devices will not be accepted. Snapper will also not be accepted if the ID card is missing from the photograph.
- Please take additional photos of holding the fish so we can have them on display during the presentation.
- During the official weigh in you will be required to supply photograph evidence of your best 3 fish (based on measurement) as well as a completed score card which will be provided at the briefing.

COMPETITION TIMINGS & BOUNDRIES

Briefing: A **compulsory** briefing for all boat skippers will be held on Thursday evening 18th October at 7:00pm. The briefing will be held at the Time and Tide Hotel at Dee Why, and all boats will be given a boat bag including a complementary brag mat supplied by DPI, as well as angler ID cards and other sponsors merchandise. It is encouraged that ALL anglers attend the briefing as there will be some fantastic lucky door prizes and giveaway.

Start Fishing: Fishing begins Friday the 19th of October 2018 at **3:00pm**, anglers must not commence fishing or berleying before the designated start time.

Stop Fishing: Fish will conclude on Sunday the 21st of October 2018 at **12:30pm**, any fish caught after the stop fishing deadline will not be counted.

Weigh in: Weigh-in closes at **1:00pm** sharp Sunday 21st of October 2017 at Time & Tide Hotel, Dee Why. Those in the weigh-in queue by this time will have their fish accepted. The official presentation will commence at 2:00pm once the results have been finalised. Competitors **MUST** submit their own score card, you cannot give it to another team member to hand in.

Boundries: *North Boundary* = 33.30.000'S (Cape Three Points)
South Boundary = 34.05.000'S (Jibbon Bumbora)

Launching Ramps: Competitors must use boat ramps within Port Hacking, Botany Bay, Sydney Harbour, Broken Bay and Pittwater including Long Reef, to launch and retrieve vessels competing in the Snapper Championship. Vessels or competitors registered from outside these launching areas will be subject to scrutineering and possible disqualification, at the organizing committee's discretion. Competitors may be called to provide a statutory declaration, parking receipt or photographic evidence that the competing vessel was launched and retrieved from the above areas, whilst competing within the competition dates. Any decision made by the organizing committee is final.

All competition times covering close of entries, fishing hours and weigh-in will be strictly adhered to.



AWARDS CATAGORIES

Open Division (based on points scored from the competitors best 3 fish) x TOP 10

Largest Snapper (based on measurement) x TOP 3

Junior Champion (based on points from competitors best 3 fish)

Female Champion (based on point from competitors best 3 fish)

Luck Door Prizes: to be eligible for the lucky door prizes you must be present at the time of the prize draw (briefing or weigh in). If a competitor is not in attendance, the prize will be re-drawn until claimed.

Claiming of Prizes:

All Snapper prizes will be announced and presented straight after the weigh-in once the officials have completed all necessary calculations. Organizers reserve the right to: defer finalization of results or allocation of prizes subject to the satisfactory conclusion of any investigation that may be underway into any matter of rules contravention.

Disputes:

Disputes and challenges will only be considered by organizers if made in writing stating all relevant facts at the earliest opportunity, but in any respect no later than 15 minutes after the close of weigh in, to the organizers. Disputes shall be resolved prior to the beginning of the presentation/distribution of prizes and the person or persons lodging the dispute advised of finding. Disputes and challenges will not be accepted once the presentation of prizes commences.

SAFETY

It is the skippers responsibility to look after the safety of the crew onboard the vessel at all times. All skippers must ensure their vessel comply fully with the safety requirements outlined by NSW RMS for vessels. If in doubt please contact your local RMS office or check the RMS website for full details. The decision to go to sea will be the responsibility of the individual boat crew and do so at their own risk – **if in doubt, do not go out.**

By signing the Official Entry Form, you agree to the rules and conditions as stated above. The competitor also thereby agrees to abide by any disqualification decision or ruling that may be imposed.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR THE SYDNEY SNAPPER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ALL DIVISIONS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2018.

For more information, please go to the Warringah Anglers Club website.

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