

R Marine Mandurah Fishing Classic 2018

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Competition Rules & Procedures

Summary of key points

Competitors:	This competition is open to all MOFSC members, their guests and visitors
Entry fees:	\$50.00 Adults, \$20.00 Juniors. All late registrations pay additional \$10.00
Registration:	To MOFSC (PH. 9535 6251) up to 1500 hrs Friday 2nd February.
Late registrations:	From 0600 to 0800 hrs on competition day—bring correct amount of cash
Breakfast:	From 0500 hrs in the Hook Café (\$5.00 includes tea/coffee)
Sign on:	Sth end of verandah 0600 to 0800 hrs Sat 3rd - Competitor Safety Disc issued
Competition briefing:	0630 hrs
Competition start:	0700 hrs on Sounding of horn
Bags handed in:	no bags accepted at cooler room trailer after 1630 hrs on Sat 3rd.
Sign off:	Competitor Safety Disc must be returned by 1630 hrs.
Weigh-in:	commences 1645 hrs
Presentations:	on completion of weigh-in approx. 1800 hrs.

Field Day Officer

The Field Day Officer (FDO), will control the competition and head up the Control and Disputes Committee. A Weigh Master (and assistants), will conduct the Weigh-In. The Disputes Committee will decide on any disputes and their decision is final.

Venue

- Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club (MOFSC) Inc, 115 Breakwater Parade, Ocean Marina, Mandurah WA. Phone (08) 9535 6251, Web www.mofsc.com.au
- Sign-on, Late registrations, Briefing and Weigh-In will be at the South end of the verandah and the adjacent lawn area of MOFSC, (near the children's playground).
- Breakfast will be available at the Hook Café from 0500 hrs (Egg and Bacon in a roll plus tea and coffee urn style \$5.00)

Competitors

.Adults, juniors -14 years of age or younger on the day of event and must be accompanied by a competing parent or guardian. No professional fishermen are eligible. Members of the MOFSC Fishing Committee are entitled to enter the competition. Entry application numbers may be limited at the sole discretion of the Control Committee. The Control Committee reserves the right to decline any entry application.

Registration & Fees

Entry Fees: Adults - \$50.00 Juniors \$20. contact MOFSC Office during business hours until 1500 hrs Friday Feb 2. Registration forms must be completed when payment is made.

Late registrations from 0600 hrs on Feb 3rd. can be made at the Sign-on desk. A late fee of \$10.00 is required for all registrations on the day of competition.

Starting Procedure

- Competitors must sign-on at MOFSC between 0600 and 0800 hrs.
- The competition will start at 0700 hrs Saturday 3rd February 2018 by the sounding of a horn.
- No competitor will fish in the competition before receiving their Competitor Safety Disc or before 0700 hrs Saturday 3rd February 2018.

Finishing Procedure

- The competition will finish at 1630 hrs Saturday 3rd February 2018 and competitors **MUST** Sign-off by returning their Competitor Safety Disc, and receive their Catch Bag Tag.
- All bags with fish must be tagged/sealed with the supplied Catch Bag Tags and will be locked in the cool trailer by 1630 hrs. Late bags are automatically disqualified, unless extenuating circumstances are allowed. All competitors aboard a vessel towing a boat in distress will be exempt from this rule, provided they have made radio or mobile phone contact for confirmation.
- Only one (1) fish of each species is to be placed in the bag any more than one (1) fish of any species or any unlisted species in the bag will disqualify the entire bag.
- The Weigh-In bags must be natural fibre bags such as cotton (calico), or hessian. Absolutely no plastic bags.
- Disqualification from the competition includes disqualification from door prizes.
- Any competitors retiring early from the competition must return their Competitor Safety Disc, as not returning the disc at the Weigh-In may initiate a full scale emergency search.

Postponement/Cancellation of the event

- The competition may be temporarily postponed due to unforeseen circumstances on the day and if feasible be run later that day.
- Alternatively the competition may be postponed to the following day.
- Should the ocean weather be considered unsatisfactory by the Control Committee, the competition may revert to the estuary and river system, weather conditions being deemed suitable in those areas.
- In the unlikely event the competition is cancelled and there is no chance of holding the event at the above mentioned alternative times there will be a 75% refund of the competition entry fee for each competitor. The remaining 25% held to defray costs incurred and Door Prizes will be drawn at 1300 hours.

Prize Winners (Fishing Competition Awards)

- The competition is based on the heaviest of the Nominated Fish Species list with the winning competitor producing the heaviest fish in a category, (except for sharks—see later sharks section). In the event of a tie then the first competitor entered at the Weigh-In of each fish species, shall be the winner.
- The Control Committee reserves the right to hold any winning fish for examination until after the Weigh-In and presentation.
- No awards or prizes should be taken as final until announced at the presentation and the decision of appointed judges shall be final.

Champion Fishers Point System - Rules for Calculation of Trophy Winners

- Categories - Men's Champion, Ladies Champion, Junior Champion.
- 10 points to be allocated for each eligible fish/shark a competitor presents to the Weigh-In.
- 10 additional points for the heaviest of each nominated fish species, or in the case of sharks, 10 points for the longest shark.
- In the event of a tie, the competitor with the most number of eligible fish (includes shark) shall win.
- The last test if all other criteria still results in a tie, then the first logged off competitor of those tied, shall win.

Door Prizes

- Competitors must have Signed-off to be eligible for Fishing Awards and Door Prizes. They must be present at the time of the Competition Presentation and Prize Draw to be eligible to win the prizes unless there are unforeseen circumstances in which case the situation will be reviewed and the judge's decision is final.

Angling Limits

- A competitor must not use more than two (2) rods or handlines at any one time and each rod or handline must not have more than two (2) hooks (A gang of hooks is considered to be one (1) hook).
- A competitor must hook their own fish with no assistance with rods and reels although assistance with gaffing, gilling and the use of landing nets is permitted.
- No baited marker buoys or droplines are allowed.
- No other fishing devices for catching fish can be used except as below.

- No power winches or power reels are permitted, except for a disabled person requiring that assistance to enable them to compete. In this case the competitor is required to provide evidence satisfying the Control Committee of their requirement along with their application form.
- Fisheries WA rules apply and where there is no fish species minimum length shown a minimum length of 200mm will apply.

Fishing Areas

- The area allowed for fishing is bounded by the latitudes 32deg 02min south and 33deg 05min south and all waters inland of the coast between those latitudes. The western extent of permitted fishing is unrestricted. Competitors are however reminded of possible weather changes impeding their return to the Weigh-in on time.

Weigh In

- Weigh-in will commence at 1645 hrs at the MOFSC.
- Any fish presented in a rotten, frozen, poor or deteriorated state or unsuitable for consumption shall be in-eligible for Weigh-in.
- Fish must be whole.

Fishing

- Competitors may fish from their own vessel or on another vessel or from the beach, shore, jetties, rocks, river banks, estuary or other waterways. Please remember to stay safe. The key is to ensure prize eligibility and return bags by 1630 hrs for the Weigh-In at 1645 hrs.
- Hint: Keep your fish bag in a Cooler (Esky) in a slurry 50/50 ice and salt water. This should keep your fish fresh until weigh-in.
- Bring your family and or friends. The event is about having fun.
- The competition may be checked by Fisheries WA & Water Police at random. These authorities have been made aware of this event.

Boating

- Remember it is the skipper's responsibility for the safety of the crew on their vessel.
- All boats are to conform to the Department of Transport regulations and may be checked by the department. If not conforming a boat may be disqualified.
- All boats should log-on & log-off with Mandurah Water Rescue VMR 611 - VHF Channel 77 and 82 (relay);, 27MHz Ch 88 or the nearest Marine Rescue Group when in the competition.

- Please be mindful of your vessel's size and choose carefully where you fish. Generally the smaller the boat the closer the shore. Use common sense when assessing weather conditions and if in doubt don't venture out. Safety should always be your first priority and please fish responsibly. Remember: Life jackets only save you if they're being worn.

Disputes

- Any dispute must be presented to the Field Day Officer in writing no later than 10 minutes after the completion of the Weigh-In. The Disputes Committee shall adjudicate on all disputes within these rules and its decision will be final. Any competitor found to have breached the rules may be liable to disqualification.

Liabilities

- All competitors and persons taking part in the competition shall do so at their own risk and the MOFSC will not be responsible to any person or effects - personal or real.
- All competitors must complete the registration form as part of the nomination process.
- All boat owners to have boat insurance including third party liability to \$10,000,000. This is the responsibility of the boat owner and skipper to ensure this is the case. Your entry into this event acknowledges that you comply with this requirement.
- All Skippers are responsible for their crew and their actions and to ensure they have a Recreational Skippers Ticket or higher qualifications. Safety is paramount.
- It is the responsibility of boat owners and skippers to ensure they have a current Department of Transport boat registration sticker on their vessel.
- All competitors to have a fishing licence if required in accordance with the WA Department of Fisheries rules.

Nominated Fish Species List

1. Baldchin Groper
2. Breaksea Cod
3. Bream
4. Dhufish
5. Flathead
6. Flounder
7. Game Fish The heaviest of the following species (only one of the species can win)
 - Bonito
 - Mackerel Grey, School, Shark, Spanish, Spotted
 - Marlin Blue, Black
 - Sailfish
 - Swordfish
 - Tuna - Bigeye, Dogtooth, Longtail, Mackerel, Skipjack, Southern-Bluefin, Yellowfin
 - Yellow Tail Kingfish
 - Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)
8. Herring
9. King George Whiting
10. Mulloway
11. Pink Snapper
12. Sharks - WA Fisheries rules apply. Also for the event all eligible sharks will be measured over their entire length (nose to tail) using the rules for catch, and photograph, and release if preferred (see additional clause below).

NOTE: Sharks not eligible for the competition are Wobbeong Shark, Port Jackson Shark, Shovel Nose Shark
13. Skipjack
14. Tailor
15. Whiting

Sharks : Guidelines / Rules for Catch and photograph of sharks.

- In this event sharks are the only species to be measured by length, except in the case of the 200mm minimum size general rule requirement on other fish measured by weight.
- The capture is by camera, electronic device, i.e iPhone, android or similar device.
- Are to be measured (nose to tail), not weight and the procedure will utilise the current WA Fisheries rules.
- A printed picture of the shark may be used at the Weigh-In. If so it must clearly show the species, length against the ruler and your unique identification (ID safety) disc must be included.
- The Weigh Master will control the photos and if the picture is unclear in any way, does not clearly identify the species, length or safety disc number, the photo / fish shall not be eligible for the competition.
- All disputes will go via the Field Day Officer to the Disputes Committee and their decision will be final.
- The safety disc that is issued and linked to each fisher MUST be used in the photo, with the shark on a brag mat, Fisheries WA ruler or similar accurate length measuring tool. In the case of a boat catch, the shark is to be photographed on board the vessel.