

COCK'O THE WALK COMPETITION RULES

Amended June 2007

The competition shall be conducted within Southern Zone Waters for financial NSWGFA affiliated members of Southern Zone Clubs commencing 1st June and concluding 31 May of each year as follows:

To be eligible fish must be captured, weighed or tagged and released within Southern Zone Waters between 6:00pm Friday and 12 midnight Sunday of the second and fourth full weekends of each month, excluding February, where the first and third full weekends shall apply. Fish that have been Captured or tagged and released can only be registered at one (1) club. Southern Zone Waters extend from due east of Stanwell Park to due east of the Victorian boarder.

Gazetted NSW long weekends shall be considered zone weekends. Fishing commences at 6:00 pm on the day prior to the commencement of the long weekend and concludes 12 midnight on the last day of the long weekend, i.e. Friday and or Monday.

Each Club may nominate a tournament consisting of a maximum the first of three consecutive days in addition to the above weekends to the Southern Zone Chairman, at the time of nominating tournament dates. Nominated tournaments shall be zone weekends .

The Cock'O the Walk is decided by allotting Five, four, three, two and one points for the best captures in the Zone each month for the heaviest and most meritorious, marlin, shark, tuna and other game fish. The Club with the highest number of points scored at the end of the year is the Cock'O the Walk.

A Tag and Release competition is conducted concurrently with Cock'O the Walk. The Tom Roche Trophy is awarded to the Club with the highest point score which is decided by allotting Five, four, three, two and one points for the five highest tag and release point scoring boats in the Zone each month.

Southern Zone Clubs are to submit to the Secretary, Southern Zone, No later than the 14th day of each month, their monthly Cock'O the walk return for captured or tagged and released fish that occurred on zone weekends. Nil returns for nil results are required. The format to be used for Cock'O the Walk returns is attached as Annex A:

Eligible Line class that may be fished are, 4 kg 6 kg 8 kg 10 kg 15 kg 24 kg 37 kg and 60 kg.

Captures on line classes up to and including 10 kg shall score a maximum of 15000 points plus 1 point per kilo of the weight of the fish. Captures on line classes 15 kg and over shall score a maximum of 20000 points plus one point per kilo of the weight of the fish.

Fish are to be Captured or Tagged and Released in accordance with GFAA Rules and Tackle Regulations, additionally those Rules laid down by NSWGFA for Capture or Tag And Release that are in effect including line class minimum weights as follows:

Marlin: 4 - 10 kg line class, 60 kg. 15 kg upwards, 80 kg.

Sharks: 6 - 10 kg line class, 60 kg. 15 kg upwards, 80 kg. Sharks on 60 KG double the line class.

Yellowfin: Senior anglers 15 kg or equal to line class. Junior anglers, equal to line class.

Other Game Fish: Equal to line class.

Anglers may tag and release a maximum of five (5) Yellowtail Kingfish and Five (5) Mahi Mahi each day with a boat limit of ten (10) each day for each Species.

Any Charter boat, whilst under charter, is NOT eligible for boat capture or tag and release points in Southern Zone.

Note Anglers still score for their club.

Perpetual trophies and certificates will be presented annually to successful anglers and clubs. Clubs are wholly responsible for the safe return of perpetual trophies at the following presentation.

Southern Trophy list:

CAPTURE:

1. Cock'O the Walk - Peter Goadby & John O'Brien Challenge Trophy
2. Heaviest Marlin - Narooma S&GFC Trophy
3. Heaviest Shark - Shoalhaven GFC Trophy
4. Heaviest Tuna - Ulladulla S&GFC Trophy
5. Heaviest Other Game Fish - Southern Zone Trophy
6. Heaviest Broadbill - Eden S&GFC Trophy
7. Most Meritorious Marlin - Batemans Bay GFC Trophy
8. Most Meritorious Shark - Canberra GFC Trophy
9. Most Meritorious Tuna Merimbula BG&LAC Trophy
10. Most Meritorious Other Game Fish - Bermagui BGAC
11. Most Meritorious Broadbill - Merimbula BG&LAC
12. Highest Point Scoring Angler Cock'O the Walk - Canberra GFC Trophy
13. Highest Point Scoring Boat Cock'O the Walk - The Marlin Trophy
14. Most Meritorious Capture by a Lady Angler - The Virginia Way Trophy, Kiama GFC. (Introduced 2003)
15. Most Meritorious Capture by a Junior Angler - Paul Anderson Trophy
16. Heaviest Capture by a Junior Angler - "WYN-MAREE" Trophy
17. Heaviest Marlin Capture by a Junior Angler - Tom Roche Trophy
18. Heaviest Shark by a Junior Angler - Tom Roche Trophy
19. Heaviest Tuna by a Junior Angler.

TAG & RELEASE:

1. Champion Club Tag & Release - The Tom Roche Trophy
2. Highest Point Scoring Angler Tag & Release - Bermagui BGAC Trophy
3. Highest Point Scoring Boat Tag & Release - Batemans Bay GFC Trophy
4. Highest Point Scoring Lady Angler Tag & Release - Kiama GFC (Introduced 2003)
5. Highest Point Scoring Junior Angler Tag & Release - The Tom Roche Trophy

OTHER TROPHIES:

1. Columbus Trophy - Stan Delle Vergin Trophy
2. George Bass Trophy - Huskisson GSFC Trophy

Rules for the conduct of the competition for the Columbus and George Bass Trophies are attached as Annex B and C.

SOUTHERN ZONE CLUB MONTHLY COCK'O THE WALK RETURN

CAPTURE: (five heaviest of each species)

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LINE	M/L/JNR	ANGLER	BOAT	DATE
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Marlin:

Shark:

Tuna:

Other Game Fish:

MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURES: (five most meritorious of each species)

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LINE	M/L/JNR	ANGLER	BOAT	DATE
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Marlin:

Shark:

Tuna:

Other Game Fish:

TAG & RELEASE: (5 highest Tag & Release point scoring boats)

1	2	3	4	5
(Boat Name)	(Boat Name)	(Boat Name)	(Boat Name)	(Boat Name)
(Points Score)	(Points Score)	(Points Score)	(Points Score)	(Points Score)

Note: For the purpose of awarding Southern Zone Junior Trophies, all captures by juniors anglers must be advised whether they be eligible or not for inclusion into the five heaviest or meritorious of species.(Must be on a Zone Day)

COLUMBUS TROPHY COMPETITION RULES

The aim of the Columbus Trophy Competition is to encourage boat owners to attend and participate in competitions outside their own waters.

To be eligible, Boats must participate in at least Three (3) of the nominated open tournaments as listed by Southern Zone.

The Columbus Trophy is awarded to the Boat that accumulates the greatest number of capture points at nominated open tournaments within the Southern Zone as follows:

- 1 Points will be awarded for fish captured in accordance NSWGFA point scoring system and rules that are in effect plus an additional 3000 points for attendance and participation at each of the nominated open tournaments as listed by Southern Zone.

Clubs are to submit a return to the Southern Zone Recorder on completion of their nominated open tournament using the format as illustrated on page 6.

Note: add the 3000 additional points to the boat Capture point score.

