



## **PORT HEDLAND GAME FISHING CLUB – EVERYTHING EARTH 2025 BLUE WATER CLASSIC**

### **Angling Rules and Regulations**

*“Fish for the future”*

*....protecting the marine ecosystems and ensuring the long term viability of the fishing for our community into the future.*

#### **Teams**

Boats competing in the Blue Water, Inshore & Dinghy sections shall consist of a minimum of 2 anglers for safety reasons. Juniors may join a team only as part of an adult team. JUNIOR “TEAMS” ARE NOT PERMITTED IN ANY SECTION unless accompanied by a registered adult. All members from the same team must fish from the nominated boat (in the event of a breakdown or bad weather no craft swapping will be accepted unless verified by the competition committee). All members from the same team can only nominate to be in one of the 4 divisions, i.e. – Blue Water, Inshore, Dinghy or Land Based. **JUNIOR’S POINTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE POINTS TOTAL FOR CHAMPION BOAT IN ANY SECTION.**

#### **Nominations:**

All nominations must be made on an official entry form dated 2025. The nomination fee must be paid to a committee member at the briefing night prior to lines in on the first day of competition. (Members receive a \$10 Discount)

#### **Section 1– Blue Water Open Class (5.9m and over in length)**

Seniors	\$130.00
Juniors	\$70.00

#### **Section 2 – Inshore Open Class (vessel over 4.2m and up to 5.8m)**

Seniors	\$100.00
Juniors	\$60.00

#### **Section 3- Dinghy Open Class (vessel not exceeding 4.2m in length)**

Seniors	\$80.00
Juniors	\$50.00

#### **Section 4– Land Based Open Class (angling from dry land only)**

Seniors	\$70.00
Juniors	\$40.00

All nomination fees include entry to the presentation dinner which will be held on 14 June 2025 at the Walkabout Hotel from 7.00pm. A junior must be under the age of 16 prior to the start of the first day of fishing. Tournament shirts are available to all competitors at an additional cost. *Note: No limit on number of anglers per team, prizes and trophies will be capped at 4 anglers per team.*





## ANGLING RULES

“CURRENT WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES DEPARTMENT DAILY BAG LIMITS SHALL APPLY”

### SECTION 1 – Blue Water Class 2 Day Tournament Catch and Release.

For vessels over 5.8m in length. **Limited to a distance of 55 nautical miles** from the weigh gantry at the club rooms, Sutherland Street, Port Hedland. A minimum of 2 anglers, one of whom must be an adult. Champion Angler Catch and Release will be determined by the total length in “CM” presented on catch and release sheets to the weighmaster on the day of capture. *Each angler will be restricted to 3 of each catch & release category per angler per day (as per list below).* Photos must be taken of every fish recorded on submitted catch and release sheets, every photo must have a time and date stamp and include the angler tag or number, and the fish must be on a brag mat or similar measuring device showing the length (in increments of a minimum of 1cm) of the fish clearly. Each angler’s photographs and catch and release sheets must be submitted to the Weighmaster or Committee between 3pm and 6pm on the day of capture (Saturday 7 June 2025 or Sunday 8 June 2025). If not Submitted to Weighmaster or Committee on each day by 6pm the captures will not be eligible. **Note: Species submitted on catch and release sheets cannot also be weighed in.**

Champion Boat Catch and Release – same rules as Champion Angler Catch & Release with the exception of: the winning boat will be determined by the total length in “CM” presented on catch and release sheets to the weighmaster, divided by the number of anglers on board. (For example, an 107.5cm mackerel will be 107cm and will be 107 points).

Champion Angler Bill Fish will be determined by a point score system, 500 points for each Sailfish and 1000 points for each Marlin. If there is a draw (tie) it will be determined on time of capture (first fish caught). All catch and release sheets together with photo/video evidence is to be presented to the weighmaster on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 between 3pm and 6pm (no exceptions).

#### **Catch & Release categories:**

Tuna (all species)  
Cobia  
Mackerel (all species)  
Emperor (Red Emperor, Long Nose Emperor, Blue Lined Emperor, Spangled Emperor)  
Coral Trout  
Blue Bone  
Nannygai  
Whiting  
Salmon (Threadfin or Blue Nose)  
Cod (all species – excluding Chinaman)  
Mangrove Jack  
Bream (all species)  
Trevally (all species)  
Queenfish  
Flathead  
Snapper (Goldband, Finger mark, Spanish Flag)





## **SECTION 2 – Inshore Open Class 2 Day Tournament Catch & Release**

Same rules as Section 1 with 2 exceptions: 1. all vessels must be over 4.2m and no longer than 5.8m in length. 2. **Limited to a distance of 30 nautical miles** from the boat ramp.

## **SECTION 3 – Dinghy Open Class 2 Day Tournament Catch & Release**

Same rules as Section 1 with 3 exceptions: 1. all vessels must not exceed 4.2m in length. 2. **Limited to a distance of 8 nautical miles** out to sea between the Yule river and Ridleys. 3. Minimum anglers per team can be 1 adult.

## **SECTION 4 – Land Based Open 2 Day Tournament Catch & Release**

Same rules as Section 1 with 2 exceptions: 1. all fish must be hooked, played and landed whilst the angler is on dry land (no use of any watercraft). 2. Limited to the area between Yule river and Ridleys. The champion angler will be determined by total length (in CM) of fish recorded on submitted sheets during the tournament.

*No fishing at the intakes, mining leases, restricted access locations or private land without authorisation or owner approval. Anyone caught will have all points deducted.*

### **WEIGH IN - TARGET SPECIES**

***Only the below fish are to be physically weighed in (Cannot be submitted on your catch and release submissions). 1 per species per person per day:***

Tuna  
Cobia  
Mackerel (Spanish)  
Red Emperor  
Coral Trout  
Blue Bone  
Nannygai  
Whiting  
Salmon (Threadfin or Blue Nose)  
Mangrove Jack  
Flathead  
Mulloway  
Mud Crab (size determined from measuring width of crab body)

The weigh-in will be conducted on both Saturday and Sunday at the Port Hedland Game Fishing Club (next to the Yacht Club) between 3pm and 6pm. All fish must be presented for weighing on the day of capture in tubs which will be supplied by the club on arrival. Fish will no longer be accepted by being handed directly from the boat. No frozen fish will be accepted for weigh-in. Anglers are to take all their catches with them following the weigh-in.

All Catch and Release sheets and photographs to be presented to the Weighmaster or Committee on the day of capture. If not presented on the day the points will not be recorded.





**NO MUTILATED FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE WEIGHMASTER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL UNDER SIZED FISH BE ACCEPTED FOR WEIGH-IN. IF ANY ANGLER PRESENTS AN UNDER SIZED FISH TO THE WEIGHMASTER, THEY WILL NOT BE RECORDED FOR THE HEAVIEST SPECIES.**

**FISHING AREAS**

Blue Water Class – limited to a distance of 55 nautical miles from the Port Hedland boat ramp.

Inshore Class - limited to a distance of 30 nautical miles from the Port Hedland boat ramp.

Dinghy Class - limited to a distance of 8 nautical miles out to sea between the Yule River and Ridley's.

Land Based Class – limited to land based areas between the Yule River and Ridley's (excluding restricted access area).

**FISHING TIMES**

DAY 1 – Saturday 7 June 2025

Lines in from 5:00am

Lines out by 4:00pm

DAY 2 – Sunday 8 June 2025

Lines in at 5:00am

Lines out by 4:00pm

**SAFETY / RADIOS**

All Boats competing in the tournament must meet all safety requirements of the Western Australian Department of Transport. It is compulsory for boats competing in this tournament to have an operational Marine Radio and all appropriate safety equipment for vessels travelling beyond 5 nautical miles.

**PROTESTS AND ADJUDICATIONS**

Any protest relating to any aspect of the tournament must be submitted in writing to the tournament committee by 7.00pm on the day the alleged incident took place accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$100.00. The tournament committee's decision in relation to all disputes, protests and claims will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The tournament committee reserves the right to alter, amend, delete and add any rule it believes will improve the tournament.

**TIE**

In the event of a tie between two anglers or teams, the angler or team that presents their Catch and Release Sheets to the weighmaster first will be deemed the winner.





## **INDEMNITY**

Every entrant taking part in this tournament shall indemnify the said organisers and / or other sponsors and official servants and other person's aforesaid, against any claims by any other entrant or other person whomsoever, for injuries, damage loss or other claim whatsoever or however arising.

## **WEATHER AND BREAKDOWNS**

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost as a result of bad weather or breakdowns. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel any day due to bad weather.

## **BRIEFING, REGISTRATIONS & PRESENTATION**

A pre-tournament briefing & registration night will be held at the Club Rooms, Sutherland Street, Port Hedland on Friday 6 June 2025. Registrations will commence at 5pm with the briefing to follow at 6pm. This meeting is to allow anglers to complete their nomination forms, pay fees and to inform all entrants of the rules, local water conditions and to answer any questions competitors may have regarding the rules of the tournament. It is mandatory for at least one angler from each team to attend, as the rules have changed and require explanation. Refreshments will be available on the night.

A trophy presentation evening will be held on Saturday 14 June 2025 at the Walkabout Hotel from 7.00pm for all entrants. If additional tickets are required, they can be purchased at \$10.00 per adult on the night.

## **PRIZE DIVISIONS**

### **Section 1 – Blue Water Catch and Release class (scores based on CM released)**

Champion Angler (Male)  
Champion Angler (Female)  
Champion Angler (Junior)  
Champion Angler Runner up (Junior)  
Champion Boat Catch and Release

### **Section 2 - Inshore Catch and Release Class (scores based on CM released)**

Champion Angler (Male)  
Champion Angler (Female)  
Champion Angler (Junior)  
Champion Angler Runner Up (Junior)  
Champion Boat Catch & Release

### **Section 3 - Dinghy Catch and release Class (scores based on CM released)**

Champion Angler (Male)  
Champion Angler (Female)  
Champion Angler (Junior)  
Champion Angler Runner Up (Junior)  
Champion Boat Catch & Release







**Section 4 – Land Based Catch and Release class (scores based on CM released)**

Champion Angler (Male)

Champion Angler (Female)

Champion Angler (Junior)

Champion Angler Runner up (Junior)

**THE FOLLOWING PRIZE CATEGORIES ARE ELIGIBLE WITHIN ALL DIVISIONS:**

Heaviest Tuna

Heaviest Cobia

Heaviest Mackerel (Spanish)

Heaviest Red Emperor

Heaviest Coral Trout

Heaviest Blue Bone

Heaviest Nannygai

Heaviest Whiting

Heaviest Salmon (Threadfin or Blue Nose)

Heaviest Mangrove Jack

Heaviest Flathead

Heaviest Mulloway

Largest Mud Crab (size determined from measuring width of crab body)

Most Species Captured and Released

The Weighmasters Prize for Most Meritorious Catch

Bill Fish Champion

Roy Fenton Prize - Most sharks Catch & Release

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