



WARRINGAH ANGLERS CLUB INC

SIMRAD RED OCTOBER 2023

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. The points are based on the length of each snapper.
- Snapper must be 40cm+ to be scored
- 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 2 lines 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 16 years or under 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 / Auctioned off.
- Entry forms are available from the following local tackle stores as well as Online at
 - www.warringahanglers.com.au
 - Fishing Station, Mona Vale www.fishingstation.com.au
 - Narrabeen Bait & Tackle, Narrabeen.
- Entry forms lodged at the tackle shops must be completed by close of business Wednesday 18th of October 2023. Others can be lodged at the Briefing Night on the 19th.
- 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 Card 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 photographic 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 briefing for all boat skippers will be held on Thursday evening 19th October at 6:00pm. 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, as well as angler ID Cards and other sponsor's merchandise. It is encouraged that ALL anglers attend the briefing as there will be some fantastic lucky door prizes and giveaways.

Start Fishing: Fishing begins Friday the 20th of October 2023 at **3:00pm**, anglers must not commence fishing or berleying before the designated start time.

Stop Fishing: Fishing will conclude on Sunday the 22nd of October 2023 at **12:30pm**, any fish caught after the stop fishing deadline will not be counted.

Weigh in: Weigh-in closes at **2:00pm** sharp Sunday 22nd of October 2023 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 once the results have been finalized.

Boundaries: *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.

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 3

Largest Snapper (based on measurement) x TOP 10

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

Female Champion (based on points from competitors best fish)

Ugliest Snapper Champion (biggest bump on head)

Lucky 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. Organisers 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 organisers 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 organisers. Disputes shall be resolved prior to the beginning of the presentation/distribution of prizes and the person or persons lodging the dispute advised of the finding. Disputes and challenges will not be accepted once the presentation of prizes commences.

SAFETY

It is the skipper's 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 THE BRIEFING ON, THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2023.**

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

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