

Coffs Harbour Deep Sea Fishing Club
Deep Sea Section
Monthly Competition Rules
July 2008

1. Competitions are to be held on the third Sunday of the month
2. There are ten scheduled monthly competitions to be held each year (December and June are to be used as catch up months in case one or more competitions are cancelled).
3. Competition time will be – Start time approximately one hour before daylight (to be determined by Deep Sea Committee) Finish time 12:30pm
4. Competing boats must sign on with Coffs Coastal Patrol (VMR) on leaving the harbour and before 8:00am (on Channel 94). Give details, boat name, number of persons on board and how many are fishing in the Deep Sea Competition.
5. Competing boats must be back inside the harbour and signed off with VMR (Channel 94) by 12:30pm
6. All fish must be inside the weigh in area by 1:00pm
7. Only one fish per species per angler may be weighed in
8. Only one Billfish per angler per year to be weighed in and a maximum of 50 points to be awarded
9. Competitions will be called off if a strong wind warning is current. In the case of bad sea conditions, three Committee people will inform VMR if a competition is called off. Members will be informed accordingly by contacting VMR (Channel 94) before launching their boat
10. The decision to go to sea will be the responsibility of the individual boat crew and do so at their own risk
11. In the event of the weather being deemed unsuitable the competition will be postponed to the next available Sunday. If the weather is again not suitable the competition is cancelled
12. Monthly competitions will not be conducted on long weekends or when they clash with Club Limited events. Dates may be changed by Deep Sea Committee due to a special event and due notice will be given
13. The competition year will commence with the scheduled July competition
14. Visitors can fish ONLY one monthly competition per year and receive monthly prizes but will not be eligible for end of year points or prizes
15. A minimum of five boats must be signed on with VMR or Sked boat by 8:00am to constitute a competition otherwise the competition will be either postponed or cancelled
16. Junior anglers must be under 18 years of age at the scheduled start of the year
17. Professional fishermen may enter monthly competitions, however professional fishermen may only fish from amateur or recreational vessels and charter boats (excluding Licensed Fishing boats, providing only amateur fishing gear is used)
18. All boats entering monthly competitions must depart from and return to the Port of Coffs Harbour
19. Any member caught, convicted or proven to have sold fish, or is convicted of any other Fisheries or Marine Park offence will be disqualified from that years competition
20. Competing boats must be crewed by at least two people. At least two anglers on board must be in the competition. Competing anglers may only weigh fish caught by them. Licensed charter boats may carry competing anglers
21. In the event of a boat returning late or not signing off on time the boat and crew will be disqualified. Only sign on points will be awarded.
22. In the event of a bread-down and the boat rendering assistance has a possibility of returning late that the boat must radio VMR (Channel 94) and advise of the situation and no penalty will apply. All points will be awarded

23. All fish must comply with NSW Fisheries minimum lengths
24. Species without NSW Fisheries minimum length must be either 30cm long or 500gm in weight
25. The following species are ineligible – shark, ray, eel, catfish, parrot fish, kelpfish, fang fish, toads, sunfish, black trevally, red rockfish, wirra, mado, sergeant baker, pike, yellowtail, long tom, slimy mackerel, and Maori wrasse
26. Anglers may fish a maximum of two lines in the water at any one time
27. No more than two hooks or one gang of hooks per line
28. Gaffing, gilling or netting is the ONLY ASSISTANCE permissible to a competitor (junior or senior) in the capture of a fish
29. Boats must comply with Waterways safety requirements
30. All competitors must comply with Club insurance requirements - \$20.00 per year or \$5.00 monthly competition
31. Nomination fees will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per junior
32. Competition points will be awarded as follows – sign on five points, sign off five points. Listed fish ten points for capture and one point per 200gms. Other species excluding vermin one point for capture and one point per 200gms
33. Listed fish are Snapper, Sampson, Teraglin, Morwong, Spotted Mackerel, Barred Mackerel, Flathead, Venus-tuskfish, Tailor, Spangled Emperor, Maori Cod, Amberjack, Kingfish, Mulloway, Cobia and Pearl Perch
34. To be eligible for all trophies including perpetual trophies, entrants must fish three competitions per relevant competition year.
35. To be eligible to claim a Deep Sea Section record, Members must be insurance compliant and have fished at least Deep Sea Section

Out of Hours Competition and How to Enter

- (a) All fish must be weighed in at the Deep Sea Fishing Club within 24 hours of capture
- (b) A completed entry form (available behind the bar) along with a \$2.00 coin for each entry, per species, must be placed in the Out of Hours box in the Club foyer within 24 hours
- (c) Each fish must be weighed in, in the presence of two other club members or a club staff member

How Out of Hours Competition is Conducted

1. Out of Hours Competition runs every day, except during monthly competition hours
2. Out of Hours Competition runs from 31st May to 1st June
3. Competitors must be financial members of the Deep Sea Fishing Club
4. Competitors must leave from and return to Coffs Harbour boat ramp
5. To be eligible for trophies entrants must fish three monthly competitions per relevant competition year
6. Fisheries and Marine Park rules apply ie minimum lengths etc.
7. The same 16 listed species (Snapper, Sampson, Teraglin, Morwong, Spotted Mackerel, Barred Mackerel, Flathead, Venus-tuskfish, Tailor, Spangled Emperor, Maori Cod, Amberjack, Kingfish, Mulloway, Cobia and Pearl Perch) as the monthly competitions are eligible

Any issues overlooked in these Rules will be dealt with by the Deep Sea Committee and their decision will be final.