



Merricks Yacht Club – Fishing Competition

The fishing competition is to be conducted annually and in accordance with the guidelines and conditions attached.

The competition will be conducted on the date noted on the annual Merricks Yacht Club Sailing and Social Program.

The competition will begin at 0600 and conclude at 1800 on the same day.

Weigh in will be conducted after midday and continue as needed during the course of the day until competition finishing time, as entrants present their fish for weigh in. A confidential record of all fish offered for weigh in for the competition will be kept by the judges.

All fish must be submitted to the judges for weigh in by 1800 hours on the day of the competition.

Happy hour, inclusive of light refreshments, will be held at approximately 1815 including presentation of results (in line with the confidential record), prizes and trophies. An entry fee may be charged to cover expenses to be decided by the organising committee as may be required.

Prizes will be awarded on the following basis:

Item	Awarded for	Trophy and/or Prize
1.	Biggest (heaviest) fish	The Big Mug
2.	Heaviest King George Whiting	Peter Crowe "Kidney Slapper"
3.	Best (most) boat catch	The Copper Fish trophy
4.	Best (most) individual catch	The Clancy Catch Trophy (Anchor)
5.	Heaviest snapper	The Peter Ridgeway Snapper Trophy
6.	Heaviest fish caught by an under 18 as on Jan1st	The Adrian Rutley Trophy
7.	Heaviest fish caught by an entrant under 13 years of age	At judges discretion
8.	Smallest (lightest) 'legal' edible fish	The Smallest Fish Trophy
9.	Junior entrant participation (13 years or younger) - all	At judges discretion
10.	Other prizes	At judges discretion

Note - All entrants must comply with the various by-laws associated with recreational fishing and be undertaken in accordance with bag limits explained in the latest Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide.

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Conditions and guidelines

1. All owners/operators of power boats must comply with the various rules, regulations and, laws associated with safe recreational boating.
2. All entrants must comply with the various by-laws associated with recreational fishing and be undertaken in accordance with bag limits explained in the latest Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide.
3. All boats must be launched and retrieved through Merricks Yacht Club and therefore owners must be financial members of Merricks Yacht Club.
4. Fishing zone is Westernport and in sight of MYC.
5. Temporary/Day Event Membership is available at the gazetted charge as in place at the time and is a requirement of the rules of this competition. Boat owners who are not members of MYC must be registered as a Temporary or Day/Event Member. This must be adhered to as part of the obligations under the terms of the lease for launching power boats through MYC yard.
6. It should be noted that perpetual trophies will only be awarded to entrants who are full financial members of the Merricks Yacht Club. Other prizes will be awarded to entrants in line with the 'Prize pool' noted above and as deemed appropriate by the organising committee as supported by the MYC General Committee.
7. Temporary or Day/Event members do not qualify for perpetual trophies.
8. Line fishing is the only method by which entrants are permitted to participate in the competition – Dynamite, hand grenades, poisoning, fireworks, petrol bombs and long line fishing are examples that are not considered as appropriate methods for attainment of fish for the competition.
9. Further, purchasing of fish from a local market/shop as a substitute for catching entries for the competition is also inappropriate and these submissions will not be accepted.
10. Stuffing fish with mercury, sinkers and/or pig iron to increase the gross weight of fish for submission to the judges is also not permitted.
11. Only edible fish are eligible for the competition measurement and weigh in.
12. A single fish is only eligible for one trophy/prize.
13. Prizes and trophies will be awarded by the judges. Judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into, nor will any bribes be returned.
14. All entrants enter this competition acknowledging and accepting that the competition is conducted in the spirit of being a social, amateur and fun event, held for members and their guests.