

## 2017 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament

If resilience is the current buzz word, the over 500 anglers of all ages who endured the conditions to enjoy the 2017 [Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament](#) fit the definition perfectly. In the 24 year history of the event, there has never been such bad wind & rain over the three days. Many people could not make it purely because they were in flood conditions and unable to reach Port Stephens. Cyclone Debbie certainly shared her love down the coast.

The gun anglers were out in force however and put long hours on the water hunting for the elusive trophy fish to earn them the 2017 Champion Angler Award. This year, Mathew Godfrey convincingly won the prestigious Senior crown on 23 points from 2x past winner Paul Lennon on 14 points. Displaying skill across a variety of species, Mathew won points for Cobia, Mulloway, Snapper, Teraglin, and Tuna.

Amongst the Seniors some standouts include Mathew Godfrey's 17.723 Kg Cobia & 8.288 Kg Snapper, Rowan Thursby's 2.275 Kg drummer, Garrie Harris' 4.148Kg flathead, Ben Doolan's 11.302 Kg kingfish, James McKinnon's 0.692 Kg luderick, Paul Lennon's 30.778 Kg Mulloway (also a Shoal Bay Fishing Club record), and Shane Scott's 22.603 Kg tuna. Senior species prizes included [3M Marine](#) boat care packs, [Mako sunglasses](#), [Shimano tackle](#), [Club Marine Insurance](#) vouchers, and [Rock Oil](#).

Displaying obvious exhaustion from long hours on the water, the Junior Champion Anglers exuded obvious pride and joy at getting some top fish over the weekend. The 2017 Champion Junior Angler award went to Amy Falko with 38 points from Luke Arthur who amassed 12 points. Amy's family support group helped her win points for Kingfish, Mulloway, Snapper, Tailor, Teraglin, and Tuna.

Some meritorious Junior catches include Amy Falko's 1.019 Kg bream & 13.404 Kg Mulloway, Cohen Brakell's 2.628 Kg flathead, Luke Arthur's 0.641 Kg flounder, Xavier Smith's 8.019 Kg snapper, and Dustin Mrcela's 6.63 Kg Tuna. There are plenty of adult anglers who'd like to be catching fish like this. Junior species prizes included [3M Marine](#) boat care packs, [Alvey Tackle](#), [Shimano tackle](#), [Rock Oil](#), & [Club Marine Insurance](#) vouchers.

With very little offshore fishing this year, the inshore or near inshore species dominated the results. The point system is such that very few fish are weighed in over the course of the Tournament, with bream a live only species and also many other fish released back into the water alive. For example, the 3x heaviest Flathead weighed were all released. Only the top 3 fish in each species count for points and regular broadcasts on [Bay FM 88](#) mean that unless a fish has a good chance of getting on the board it is not bought in.

Safety is a TBFT priority and entrusting the competitors with responsibility for deciding whether to fish or not, it is heartening to report that the dedicated team at [Marine Rescue](#) had a very quiet weekend. At Port Stephens, anglers can fish inshore in most conditions for some top species so there is no excuse to risk venturing offshore in poor weather. The Good Samaritan award this year went to father & son team Darren & Tyson Yule, who interrupted their fishing to tow in a boat experiencing engine troubles. On the topic of safety, we welcome [Life Cell Marine](#) onboard. This Australian designed product is now being sold around the world and is an ideal way to keep your onboard safety and emergency gear together. A number of lucky anglers won the Trailer Boat model in the many lucky draws over the weekend.

[Hope Estate](#) helped make Saturdays "[Hope Brewhouse](#)" BBQ a great success. Because of the poor weather conditions this was held at the local [PCYC](#). As Murphy dictates, the best weather of the weekend coincided with the BBQ. Many anglers chose to forgo the BBQ and lucky draws to stay out fishing. This meant that those who attended had greatly increased chances of winning some

wonderful prizes from the likes of [3M Marine](#), [Alistain](#) quality s/s gaffs, [Bay Boat Sales](#), [Black Pete Marine](#), [Blue Bottle Fishing](#) (with the ever popular Chiller Bags), [BOAB Boat Hire](#), [Frogley's Offshore](#), [Hope Estate](#) concert tickets, [Mako sunglasses](#), and including accommodation packages from [Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks](#), [Thou Walla Sunset Resort](#), and [Winning Holidays](#).

Major lucky draw prizes this year included many \$500 gift vouchers from [Frogley's Offshore](#) and many quality [Simrad](#) sounder/plotter units including a huge 16" screen S2106 from long time Tournament supporter [Navico](#). Any species prizes not won are lucky drawn so the many not-so lucky anglers had increased chances of winning some top product from our sponsors. A bonus reward for braving the atrocious conditions.

Most winning anglers also won bottles of [Rock Oil](#) from new sponsor [C4 Industries](#). The many Speedway tragics at the Tournament all perked up when it was mentioned that multiple times World Champion Jason Crump was the man responsible for bringing Rock Oil to Australia. Those of a certain age also recognised the Crump name from Jason's father Phil, another extremely successful speedway rider internationally.

Heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers from Shoal Bay Fishing Club, local businesses and organisations (including the PCYC, Marine Rescue & [Tackle World Port Stephens](#)) for helping make the best of a bad lot over the week. Most thanks must go to the competitors though. Showing a high degree of stoicism, there was barely a complaint about the poor conditions over the weekend. They certainly didn't let a wee bit of rain & wind get in the way of enjoying themselves.

For full results, details and entries for upcoming tournaments please visit [www.tbft.net.au](http://www.tbft.net.au) .

The 2018 [Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament](#) will be held on 23, 24, 25 March.

Tony Poole.  
Tournament Director.

## 2017 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - Senior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	67	Jamie	Culver	27	Killin Time	1.063	5
BREAM	2	66	Daniel	Thrift	27	Killin Time	0.984	3
BREAM	3	442	Paul	Lennon	180	Tackleworld Port Stephens	0.973	1
COBIA	1	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	17.723	5
COBIA	2							3
COBIA	3							1
DRUMMER	1	209	Rowan	Thursby	81	Tangles	2.275	5
DRUMMER	2	400	Shane	Peters	155	Dogstyle	2.219	3
DRUMMER	3	212	Sebastian	Thursby	81	Tangles	1.942	1
FLATHEAD	1	187	Garrie	Harris	74	Gracie	4.148	5
FLATHEAD	2	442	Paul	Lennon	180	Tackleworld Port Stephens	3.626	3
FLATHEAD	3	66	Daniel	Thrift	27	Killin Time	3.113	1
FLOUNDER	1	116	Darren	Yule	50	Yuletides	0.443	5
FLOUNDER	2	455	Jack	Hammond	191	Team Terrace Boating	0.433	3
FLOUNDER	3	117	Tyson	Yule	50	Yuletides	0.336	1
KINGFISH	1	405	Ben	Doolan	156	Dools	11.302	5
KINGFISH	2	378	Tim	Godfrey	142	The Smurf	11.039	3
KINGFISH	3	292	Cory	Young	112	Mates Rates	7.900	1
LUDERICK	1	470	James	McKinnon	52	Keep It Salty	0.692	5
LUDERICK	2	470	James	McKinnon	52	Keep It Salty	0.684	3
LUDERICK	3	124	Callan	Alderson	52	Keep It Salty	0.627	1
MARLIN	1							5
MARLIN	2							3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1	166	Richard	Crane	65	Karen Ann	0.937	5
MORWONG	2	456	Chris	Formosa	192	Breeze	0.594	3
MORWONG	3							1
MULLOWAY	1	442	Paul	Lennon	180	Tackleworld Port Stephens	30.778	5
MULLOWAY	2	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	21.919	3
MULLOWAY	3	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	16.428	1
SNAPPER	1	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	8.288	5
SNAPPER	2	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	7.826	3
SNAPPER	3	405	Ben	Doolan	156	Dools	5.677	1
TAILOR	1	422	Paul	Lennon	180	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.396	5
TAILOR	2	453	Kurtis	Herman	189	XXXX	1.358	3
TAILOR	3	243	Sam	Bridge	92	Jenna	1.005	1
TERAGLIN	1	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	1.741	5
TERAGLIN	2	117	Tyson	Yule	50	Yuletides	1.656	3
TERAGLIN	3	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	1.501	1
TUNA	1	175	Shane	Scott	68	Black Out	22.603	5
TUNA	2	68	Matthew	Godfrey	28	2 Ezy	7.900	3
TUNA	3	279	Ryan	Turner	105	Deno	7.279	1

2017 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - Junior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	1.019	5
BREAM	2	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	0.873	3
BREAM	3	427	Cooper	Fagan	170	Admiralty	0.696	1
COBIA	1							5
COBIA	2							3
COBIA	3							1
DRUMMER	1							5
DRUMMER	2							3
DRUMMER	3							1
FLATHEAD	1	129	Cohen	Brakell	53	Matt & Co	2.628	5
FLATHEAD	2	427	Cooper	Fagan	170	Admiralty	1.299	3
FLATHEAD	3	285	Sam	Finn	106	Chasin Finn	1.171	1
FLOUNDER	1	218	Luke	Arthur	83	Alley Cat	0.641	5
FLOUNDER	2	218	Luke	Arthur	83	Alley Cat	0.436	3
FLOUNDER	3	218	Luke	Arthur	83	Alley Cat	0.282	1
KINGFISH	1	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	4.381	5
KINGFISH	2	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	2.624	3
KINGFISH	3							1
LUDERICK	1							5
LUDERICK	2							3
LUDERICK	3							1
MARLIN	1							5
MARLIN	2							3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1							5
MORWONG	2							3
MORWONG	3							1
MULLOWAY	1	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	13.404	5
MULLOWAY	2							3
MULLOWAY	3							1
SNAPPER	1	199	Xavier	Smith	79	Smithy	8.019	5
SNAPPER	2	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	4.793	3
SNAPPER	3	300	Truangi	Bishop	115	Teresa	1.954	1
TAILOR	1	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	0.996	5
TAILOR	2	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	0.858	3
TAILOR	3	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	0.801	1
TERAGLIN	1	399	Samantha	Falko	152	Hard Yakka	1.739	5
TERAGLIN	2	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	1.200	3
TERAGLIN	3	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	1.171	1
TUNA	1	289	Dustin	Mrcela	105	Deno	6.630	5
TUNA	2	218	Luke	Arthur	83	Alley Cat	6.547	3
TUNA	3	229	Amy	Falko	86	Big Daddy	5.841	1

2017 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - CHAMPION ANGLERS

		POINTS
CHAMPION ANGLER - SENIOR	Matthew Godfrey - 2 Ezy	23
RUNNER UP - SENIOR	Paul Lennon - Tackleworld Port Stephens	14
CHAMPION ANGLER - JUNIOR	Amy Falko - Big Daddy	38
RUNNER UP - JUNIOR	Luke Arthur - Alley Cat	12
CHAMPION BOAT	2 Ezy	23
RUNNER UP	Tackleworld Port Stephens	13