

2019 CLUB MARINE TRAILER BOAT FISHING TOURNAMENT

[Port Stephens](#) turned on almost picture postcard perfect conditions for the 2019 [Club Marine](#) Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament. Around 550 anglers & 220 trailer boats of all shapes & sizes made the trek to The Bay and enjoyed some top fishing and socialising over the weekend.

This year the tournament leapt into the 21st century and posted live reports with photos as fish were being weighed (with many released) and regular scoreboard updates onto the Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament site on [Facebook](#). This worked out exceptionally well as people were able to see what was on the board to help them decide whether to weigh a fish or release it straight away. The pointscore system means that only the top three fish in each category count for points so once a 0.395Kg Flounder or a 15.447Kg Cobia is in 3rd place there is no point bringing your fish in if it is lighter than this. This system means we weigh in very few fish during the tournament given the high number of anglers competing.

As always, we welcomed many family groups, and in quite a few instances, we hosted 3 generations of a family. That's not to say there wasn't plenty of teams of "mates" who use the tournament as a way of spending a weekend with friends or competing against their friends.

Whilst many of the species didn't turn up in numbers or sizes until the last day, the Mulloways were plentiful and very competitive this year. Tony White on Pelican won this species with a beautiful 23.591Kg fish. Whilst in the Juniors Amy Falko on Big Daddy scored with a 12.266Kg fish.

First run in 1994, the Rules have been deliberately kept very simple for all to understand. And while it is a very simple tournament to compete in and enjoy, it is extremely hard to win. Therefore, the species and overall winners are amongst the best of the best in any company. The effort that the winners put in over the tournament should not be underestimated. For them, it is the prestigious title, not the prizes.

For many however, the many lucky draws offer a chance to share in the sponsors largesse. This year, [Lowrance](#) randomly awarded a number of their new models including a 12" HDS-12 with Active Imaging valued at \$4,799 plus other models totalling around \$15,000 in value. All lucky draws. Other lucky draws included [Life-Cell](#) safety boxes, [BOAB Boat Hire](#) certificates, [Samurai](#) rods, [Capture Imaging Photography](#) sessions, & [Alistain](#) s/s gaffs. Local tackle outlets [Duffs @ Salamander Bay](#) & [Tackleworld Port Stephens](#) provided gift certificates and our accommodation partners [Winning Holidays](#) / [Allogio](#), [Cote D Azur Apartments](#), and [Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks](#) provided accommodation package prizes. Local Formosa/Suzuki dealers, Wayne & Kim Palise at [Bay Boat Sales](#) provided service discount certificates for lucky draws. In all, we awarded 90 species & Champion prizes, and probably as many lucky draws.

In her last year as a Junior, Amy Falko leapt in at the last minute to place in several species prizes to win the 2019 Junior Champion Angler prize with a commanding 36 points ahead of tournament newcomer Lilly Hancock fishing on "Tackleworld Port Stephens" with 19 Points. Junior species winners won prizes from [Shimano](#), [Club Marine](#), [Atomic](#) & [Gamakatsu](#). There were a lot of new Juniors this year so next year looks like being very competitive.

In the Seniors, past Champion Angler Paul Lennon won the flathead species with a huge 6.056kg fish as well as 3rd with 4.183Kg. It was nice to see all the large flathead being weighed and then released in a healthy state. The ever-popular Chiller Bags from [BlueBottle Marine](#) helped with this over many species. However, 2019 was not to be Pauls year.

At final count, the 2019 Champion Angler is Phillip Millauro fishing on Sammi-Jay whose catch included a 21.783Kg Cobia, Morwong with a 1.569Kg fish, and Teraglin with a huge 3.982kg fish for 17 points. Runner-up (and past winner) Ben Doolan scored with a 1st in Kingfish (14.498Kg) and 1, 2,3 in Snapper for 14 points. Senior prize winners shared prizes from [Shimano](#), [Mako Eyewear](#), [Alistain](#), [Club Marine](#), and [BlueBottle Marine](#).

Accolades to [Marine Rescue](#) and to all the volunteers from [Shoal Bay Fishing Club](#) for their assistance over the weekend. Without the assistance of these 2 groups, whose members selflessly give up their time, the tournament could not be run.

We look forward to welcoming old and new friends alike bay to Port Stephens in 2020 - April 3, 4, 5.

Please visit www.tbft.net.au for entry details and photos of the 2019 event.

Cheers,

Tony Poole.

2020 – Called off because of the Wuhan Flu

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Senior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	328	Jack	Brunt	136	Huge 1	1.400	5
BREAM	2	350	Sebastian	Thursby	150	Master Baiter	1.081	3
BREAM	3	924	Scott	Gresswell	212	Occy	1.032	1
COBIA	1	438	Phillip	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	21.783	5
COBIA	2	184	Paul	Harvey	63	Blue Balls	15.763	3
COBIA	3	438	Phillip	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	15.447	1
DRUMMER	1	459	Heath	Mayne	196	Sinkin Fast	2.679	5
DRUMMER	2	327	Craig	Astley	136	Huge 1	2.589	3
DRUMMER	3	471	Matthew	Jolliffe	203	Tangles	2.285	1
FLATHEAD	1	265	Paul	Lennon	112	Fish Port Stephens Estuary Charters	6.056	5
FLATHEAD	2	328	Jack	Brunt	136	Huge 1	4.752	3
FLATHEAD	3	265	Paul	Lennon	112	Fish Port Stephens Estuary Charters	4.183	1
FLOUNDER	1	269	Mark	Walmsley	118	Game On	0.479	5
FLOUNDER	2	147	Daryl	Creighton	50	Bar Dup	0.436	3
FLOUNDER	3	392	Francis	Watkins	161	Nautorious Jane	0.395	1
KINGFISH	1	251	Ben	Doolan	96	Dools	14.498	5
KINGFISH	2	116	Ben	Hayes	43	2 EZY	3.490	3
KINGFISH	3	16	Ben	Hayes	43	2 EZY	3.469	1
LUDERICK	1	151	Chris	Fowler	54	Barracuda	0.998	5
LUDERICK	2	401	Michael	Craig	167	Piss N Wind	0.957	3
LUDERICK	3	265	Paul	Lennon	112	Fish Port Stephens Estuary Charters	0.956	1
MARLIN	1	116	Ben	Hayes	43	2 EZY	2	5
MARLIN	2	263	Warren	Gray	110	FFM	1	3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1	438	Phillip	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	1.569	5
MORWONG	2	508	Matthew	Young	228	Y Knot	1.358	3
MORWONG	3	438	Phillip	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	1.278	1
MULLOWAY	1	394	Tony	White	162	Pelican	23.591	5
MULLOWAY	2	461	Jaie	Manns	197	Southern Comfort	13.763	3
MULLOWAY	3	540	Scott	Gresswell	212	Occy	13.426	1
SNAPPER	1	251	Ben	Doolan	96	Dools	5.666	5
SNAPPER	2	251	Ben	Doolan	96	Dools	5.179	3
SNAPPER	3	251	Ben	Doolan	96	Dools	5.117	1
TAILOR	1	498	Kurtis	Herman	224	Washed	1.542	5
TAILOR	2	434	Callan	Alderson	184	Salty	1.402	3
TAILOR	3	498	Kurtis	Herman	224	Washed	1.269	1

TERAGLIN	1	438	Phillip	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	3.982	5
TERAGLIN	2	440	Shane	Scott	187	Scott Em	3.336	3
TERAGLIN	3	440	Shane	Scott	187	Scott Em	3.265	1
TUNA	1	116	Ben	Hayes	43	2 EZY	12.472	5
TUNA	2	257	Riagan	Dowling	103	Esky Release	4.928	3
TUNA	3	282	Kylie	Stone	125	Gremlin	4.926	1

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Junior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	0.930	5
BREAM	2	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	0.892	3
BREAM	3	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	0.883	1
COBIA	1	436	Jayden	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	10.495	5
COBIA	2							3
COBIA	3							1
DRUMMER	1	469	Lilly	Hancock	201	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.967	5
DRUMMER	2	455	Ayva	Mayne	196	Sinkin Fast Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.946	3
DRUMMER	3	569	Lilly	Hancock	201	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.460	1
FLATHEAD	1	469	Lilly	Hancock	201	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.566	5
FLATHEAD	2	469	Lilly	Hancock	201	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.241	3
FLATHEAD	3	118	Luke	Arthur	44	Alley Cat	1.133	1
FLOUNDER	1	103	Cooper	Fagan	34	Chasing Bill	0.425	5
FLOUNDER	2	414	Juliette	Kostalova	175	RDO Reel Day Off	0.374	3
FLOUNDER	3	436	Jayden	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	0.242	1
KINGFISH	1	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	2.992	5
KINGFISH	2	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	2.972	3
KINGFISH	3	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	2.922	1
LUDERICK	1	243	Hayden	Krohn	91	Dingo Dinny	0.614	5
LUDERICK	2	243	Hayden	Krohn	91	Dingo Dinny	0.581	3
LUDERICK	3							1
MARLIN	1							5
MARLIN	2							3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1	469	Lilly	Hancock	201	Tackleworld Port Stephens	1.168	5
MORWONG	2	436	Jayden	Millauro	186	Sammi-Jay	0.666	3

MORWONG	3							1
MULLOWAY	1	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	12.266	5
MULLOWAY	2	548	William	Sheerin	215	Bite Me	3.908	3
MULLOWAY	3							1
SNAPPER	1	527	Dustin	Mrcela	206	Deno	4.821	5
SNAPPER	2	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	4.548	3
SNAPPER	3	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	2.507	1
TAILOR	1	464	Jack	Hodges	198	Stessl	0.983	5
TAILOR	2	455	Ayva	Mayne	196	Sinkin Fast	0.913	3
TAILOR	3	253	Xavier	Smith	97	Downstream	0.872	1
TERAGLIN	1	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	1.946	5
TERAGLIN	2	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	1.761	3
TERAGLIN	3	154	Amy	Falko	57	Big Daddy	1.631	1
TUNA	1	103	Cooper	Fagan	34	Chasing Bill	3.005	5
TUNA	2	527	Dustin	Mrcela	206	Deno	1.587	3
TUNA	3	103	Cooper	Fagan	34	Chasing Bill	1.182	1

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Champions

CHAMPION ANGLER - SENIOR	Phillip Millauro - Sammi-Jay	17
RUNNER UP - SENIOR	Ben Doolan - Dools	14

CHAMPION ANGLER - JUNIOR	Amy Falko - Big Daddy	36
RUNNER UP - JUNIOR	Lilly Hancock - Tackleworld Port Stephens	19

CHAMPION BOAT	Sami-Jay - Philip Millauro	17
RUNNER UP	Dools - Ben Doolan	14