

2016 Club Marine trailer Boat Fishing Tournament

If ever a sporting event was to encapsulate the ideal of “family fishing fun”, the Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament is it. This tournament is easy to enter, easy to compete, and easy to enjoy for anglers of all ages & skill levels. It is specifically engineered to be attractive to people who have never been in a fishing tournament before so many friends and family teams enter as part of a longer stay while enjoying the pristine waterways of Port Stephens.

The ingredients behind its success are many, and include very simple rules, a good selection of species balanced to attract both inshore and offshore anglers, being held outside of peak holiday season, and of course the superb location. Tournament Base has a number of interactive displays and has a carnival atmosphere over the weekend that encourages socialising.

As usual, the Juniors provided hot action over the weekend with the lead changing many times. This year, Harrison Bailey won the highly sought after Champion Junior Angler mantle with a total of 23 points from Eliza Falko close behind on 22 points. Eliza had to fight off sister Amy & brother William to get to the rod which increased her degree of difficulty. Young Cooper Ambrose finally caught his first Mulloway, a cracking 15.736 Kg fish while on “Bugaboo” with his father John and friend John Harrison.

To see the proud smiles on the face of a Junior Angler having their photo taken with their catch and as their name is put up on the score board being matched by the similarly proud smile of his or her parent or grandparent makes one feel that all is well in the world. Many of these young people put in huge efforts over the weekend and it’s not unusual to see adults begging for a break while the children want to get out and amongst it again. It’s a good healthy lifestyle with virtually no TV’s or computers to be seen.

The 2016 Senior Champion is Lukas McGrath on “Gamekeeper”, who won on count-back (tied scores) from Nathan Smith on “Alaula”. These 2 anglers were amongst a group of 7 or 8 who swapped in and out of the lead all weekend. A fish well worthy of mention is the 6.274 Kg Flathead caught by Paul Lennon on “Tackleworld Port Stephens”. Like many of the fish caught in the tournament, this magnificent fish was released back into the water to continue breeding.

For the first time in many a year, the Champion Junior (Bailey Harrison) helped his elder brother Mitchell & friend Brandon Johnstone on board “Elegant” win the 2016 Champion Boat Award with 12 points from “Gamekeeper” with Champion Angler Lukas McGrath and Darren Cagney onboard.

For those not lucky (or perhaps skilled) enough to win one of the 96 species prizes, there was a plethora of lucky prizes from the likes of Simrad and new sponsor Mako sunglasses. The major lucky draw prize package this year was a beautiful Evinrude E-Tec Savage Big Boy which included 12 months Club Marine Insurance that was put together by local Evinrude dealer Wayne Palise from Bay Boat Sales. This years winner was Anthony O’Neill from Ropes Crossing. Anthony could not fish on his own boat so was kindly invited (along with brother in-law Hayden) to fish with friends James & Lee onboard “DJAY”. It turned out a very good weekend indeed for Anthony.

The 2017 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament will be held at Port Stephens on 7, 8, 9 April (the weekend before Easter). For further details and on-line entries visit www.tbft.com.au.

2016 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - Senior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	215	Peter	Kyriakides	62	Dreamcatcher	1.256	5
BREAM	2	594	Craig	Astley	293	RU WET 2	1.109	3
BREAM	3	393	Jamie	Herdon	178	Herdo	1.022	1
COBIA	1							5
COBIA	2							3
COBIA	3							1
DRUMMER	1	591	Heath	Mayne	291	Sinkin Fast	2.704	5
DRUMMER	2	473	Mitchell	Bailey	230	Elegant	2.621	3
DRUMMER	3	436	Joel	Cruickshank	199	Mowie	2.381	1
FLATHEAD	1	484	Paul	Lennon	237	Tackleworld PS	6.274	5
FLATHEAD	2	578	Nathan	Smith	284	Alaula	4.954	3
FLATHEAD	3	484	Paul	Lennon	237	Tackleworld PS	4.658	1
FLOUNDER	1	578	Nathan	Smith	284	Alaula	0.489	5
FLOUNDER	2	598	Scott	Bunker	295	Exculibur1	0.416	3
FLOUNDER	3	155	Steve	Slender	331	Me-N-Dad	0.412	1
KINGFISH	1							5
KINGFISH	2							3
KINGFISH	3							1
LUDERICK	1	374	Rowan	Thursby	168	Tangles	1.329	5
LUDERICK	2	289	Lukas	McGrath	114	Game Keeper	1.294	3
LUDERICK	3	473	Mitchell	Bailey	230	Elegant	1.179	1
MARLIN	1							5
MARLIN	2							3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1	240	Ray	Smith	71	Disco	1.230	5
MORWONG	2	578	Nathan	Smith	284	Alaula	1.044	3
MORWONG	3	339	Michael	Duncan	150	Reelaction	1.011	1
MULLOWAY	1	456	Grant	Bolewski	220	Mutt-let	16.282	5
MULLOWAY	2	388	Robert	Holstein	175	Koben	13.671	3
MULLOWAY	3	456	Grant	Bolewski	220	Mutt-let	12.237	1
SNAPPER	1	505	Brett	Maxwell	255	To The Max	6.424	5
SNAPPER	2	502	Denis	Mrcela	252	Deno	5.594	3
SNAPPER	3	563	Shane	Scott	280	Overjew	5.176	1
TAILOR	1	160	Michael	Wilson	36	On Strike	1.210	5
TAILOR	2	299	Tony	Dawson	127	Hooka	1.184	3
TAILOR	3	563	Shane	Scott	280	Overjew	1.153	1
TERAGLIN	1	289	Lukas	McGrath	114	Game Keeper	2.929	5
TERAGLIN	2	289	Lukas	McGrath	114	Game Keeper The Green	2.839	3
TERAGLIN	3	477	Jason	Dearing	232	Jeanie	2.659	1
TUNA	1	454	Peter	Sanderson	210	Terrace Boating Tabs Jimbo	7.717	5
TUNA	2	551	Kurtis	Herman	274	Jumbo	6.737	3
TUNA	3	625	Ben	Doolan	310	Dools	6.617	1

2016 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - Junior Winners

SPECIES	PLACE	ANGLER NO.	ANGLER 1ST NAME	ANGLER SURNAME	BOAT NO.	BOAT	WEIGHT	PTS
BREAM	1	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	1.132	5
BREAM	2	596	Regan	Astley	293	RU WET 2	0.852	3
BREAM	3	596	Regan	Astley	293	RU WET 2	0.851	1
COBIA	1							5
COBIA	2							3
COBIA	3							1
DRUMMER	1	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	2.675	5
DRUMMER	2	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	2.578	3
DRUMMER	3	375	Sebastion	Thursby	168	Tangles	2.264	1
FLATHEAD	1	631	Matilda	Thomas	313	Curly3	2.149	5
FLATHEAD	2	631	Matilda	Thomas	313	Curly3	1.942	3
FLATHEAD	3	631	Matilda	Thomas	313	Curly3	0.939	1
FLOUNDER	1	631	Matilda	Thomas	313	Curly3	0.430	5
FLOUNDER	2	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	0.296	3
FLOUNDER	3	275	Luke	Donovan	105	Jadamilu	0.252	1
KINGFISH	1							5
KINGFISH	2							3
KINGFISH	3							1
LUDERICK	1	639	Terry	Berg	316	Lethal Threat	1.209	5
LUDERICK	2	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	0.668	3
LUDERICK	3	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	0.657	1
MARLIN	1							5
MARLIN	2							3
MARLIN	3							1
MORWONG	1	297	Sam	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	1.018	5
MORWONG	2	297	Sam	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	0.855	3
MORWONG	3	298	Jayden	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	0.591	1
MULLOWAY	1	654	Cooper	Ambrose	320	Bogaboo	15.736	5
MULLOWAY	2							3
MULLOWAY	3							1
SNAPPER	1	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	7.241	5
SNAPPER	2	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	6.014	3
SNAPPER	3	592	Hamish	Mayne	291	Sinkin Fast	2.432	1
TAILOR	1	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	1.485	5
TAILOR	2	474	Harrison	Bailey	230	Elegant	1.248	3
TAILOR	3	297	Sam	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	1.090	1
TERAGLIN	1	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	2.423	5
TERAGLIN	2	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	2.178	3
TERAGLIN	3	305	Eliza	Falko	132	Big Daddy	1.975	1
TUNA	1	297	Sam	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	2.491	5
TUNA	2	272	Cohen	Brakell	99	Matt & Co	2.400	3
TUNA	3	298	Jayden	Millauro	119	Sammi-Jay	2.384	1

2016 Club Marine Trailer Boat Fishing Tournament - Champions Hall of Fame

		POINTS
CHAMPION ANGLER - SENIOR	Lukas McGrath - Game Keeper	11
RUNNER UP - SENIOR	Nathan Smith - Alaula	11
CHAMPION ANGLER - JUNIOR	Harrison Bailey - Elegant	23
RUNNER UP - JUNIOR	Eliza Falko - Big Daddy	22
CHAMPION BOAT	230 Elegant	12
RUNNER UP	114 Game Keeper	11

Photo Captions:

- 529 - Champion Junior Angler - Harrison Bailey
- 556 - Runner-up Junior Eliza Falko
- 564 - The "Stop Look'n" Team - anything but chilled out.
- 570 - Looking cool in my new Makos .
- 624 - Runner-up Senior - Nathan Smith
- 648 - Champion Senior Angler - Lukas McGrath
- 229 - Early morning at the Heads.
- 235 - Father and Daughter team - Brett & Tylah Maxwell
- 255 - Jason Dearing with a good sized Teraglin
- 359 - Runner-up Senior Nathan Smith with his son who is going to fish next year.
- 377 - Some Juniors even had their own slaves.
- 425 - Fishing is a very serious business.
- 457 - 3 generations of Thomas's
- 518 - A very happy Matilda Thomas
- 494 - All good.
- 817 - Cooper Ambrose with Father John and his first ever Mulloway.
- 722 - A very happy Anthony O'Neill being given the keys to his new boat by local Evinrude dealer Wayne Palise.
- 743 - The "Elegant" crew - 2016 Champion Boat winners
- 811 - Happy Juniors with their flounders.