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**FISHING
COMPETITION
RULES**



DECEMBER 2023

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS (DECEMBER 2023)

Section 3 Commencement, Postponement and Cancellation of Competitions

Section 3.2

1. Amendment to remove the clause relating to deferment of the competition when less than the specified number of boats have signed-on by the nominated start time.
2. Amendment to include a clause relating to automatic cancellation of the monthly competition if there is no strong wind warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology for Perth Local Waters at 4.30am on the nominated Saturday of the competition, and less than the specified number of boats have signed-on by the nominated start time.
3. Amendment to change the specified number of boats required to be signed-on by the nominated start time from ten to eight.

Note : **This version of the rules shall supersede all previous versions issued.**

FOREWORD

The purpose of these rules is to support the objects of the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club Inc (MAAC) Constitution which states:

3 (1) The principal objects of the Club are to establish, maintain and conduct a club: (b) for the promotion and encouragement of the sports of Angling and Diving generally;.....

The rules do this by providing guidance on the requirements for competing in fishing competitions conducted by the Club.

The MAAC conducts annual season monthly fishing competitions. The season is from January through to December and is open to all members of the MAAC.

The MAAC also coordinates and/or is involved in a number of fishing events throughout the year, including:

MAAC Blue Water Classic

Annual competition that is open to all members and the public.

MAAC Wally Lothian Day

Inshore family orientated competition to honour ANZAC Day and Club members who have served in the armed forces. The event is held on ANZAC Day each year.

Western Australian Interclub Boat Angling Championship

Interclub competition between MAAC and other fishing clubs in Western Australia.

MAAC Patron's Cup

Interclub Club competition between MAAC & Ocean Reef Fishing Club.

MAAC / Lancelin Event

Interclub Club event between MAAC & Lancelin Fishing Club.

Jack Clugston Game Fishing Competition

Annual Game Fishing competition run in association with WA Game Fishing in accordance with Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) rules.

Fishing events organised or sanctioned by the MAAC fall under the responsibility of the Angling and Sports Sub-Committee (A&S). All enquiries in relation to fishing activities and events should be referred to the Club Captain, or a member of the A&S Committee. A list of current A&S members and contact details can be obtained from the Club's front office or website (www.maac.com.au) or A&S notice board in the Southern Bar.

The competition rules herein apply to monthly competitions. Rules for special events are generally similar and are confirmed in event specific rule booklets that are made available in advance of the competition. It is the responsibility of anglers to obtain a copy of the special event competition rules and familiarise themselves with any variations.

Common variations may include:

- Different start and finish times;
- Different sign-on and sign-off procedures;
- Changes to eligible species and quantities of each species that can be weighed in;
- Changes to minimum sizes for eligible species;
- Limitations on launching and fishing areas; and
- Limitations on who can participate.

Participants generally compete for a range of competition specific prizes and awards.

DISCLAIMER

All competitors taking part in a Club fishing competition or other competition sanctioned by the Club do so entirely at their own risk. The MAAC will not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained by any competitor to their person, property or effects.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members are expected to comply with the following Code of Conduct at all times, whether participating in a Club fishing competition, representing the Club in an external event or fishing generally.

Our Fishery

- Treat all fish humanely.
- Quickly and correctly return unwanted or illegal catch to the water to maximise the chance of survival.
- Take no more than your immediate needs.
- Value your catch and keep it in good condition for eating.
- Understand and observe all fishing regulations.
- Use only legal fishing tackle and attend your gear.
- Support and encourage activities which maintain, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitats.
- The philosophy of "Catch and Release" should be considered.

Our Environment

- Do not litter.
- Use rubbish bins when available, or take rubbish away with you to prevent pollution and to protect wildlife.
- Wherever you go, leave the place clean and tidy, and take away other people's rubbish if that is possible.
- Do not do anything which will or may damage the marine, coastal or land environment.

Our Community

- Respect local, state and national rules and laws, the rights of property owners, and the rights of others.
- Observe the rules of common courtesy whenever fishing or travelling.
- Offer aid and assistance wherever it is needed, or it would be helpful.
- Inform and encourage other people to adopt the principles of the code of conduct.

DEFINITIONS

A&S Committee

Sub Committee of the MAAC comprised of elected members charged with responsibility and authority to organise, manage and control the angling and sports activities of the Club.

Boat Shed

The informal social area located on the lower ground floor of the Club premises used for the staging of fishing competitions. Access is from the ocean side.

Club Captain

Elected member of the MAAC charged with the responsibility and authority to manage the affairs and activities of the A&S Committee.

Competition Year (or Season)

The MAAC competition year will run from January to December each year. Annual awards shall be determined on the results of an angler for a Competition Year in accordance with Section 9.

Disputes Committee

Sub-committee consisting of three (3) members of the Angling and Sports Committee for the purposes of adjudicating on disputes and claims for disqualification. Any party involved in or having a vested interest in the outcome or ruling will be excluded from involvement in the Disputes Committee.

Field Day Officer (FDO)

MAAC member charged with the responsibility and authority to manage and control all aspects of a Club fishing competition.

Fish Record Form

Form to be completed by an angler submitting a claim for a new Club record.

Eligible Species List

A list of fish species that may be weighed-in in a competition issued by the A&S Committee or applicable competition organising committee.

Paddle Craft

Paddle craft are recreational canoes, kayaks, surf skis, inflatables or similar paddle craft that are propelled by a person using a paddle who is on the craft. Paddle craft do not include surfboards or stand-up paddle boards.

Member(s)

Financial member of the MAAC.

Nomination Form/Envelope

Form to be completed by an angler to register their intention to participate in a fishing competition and to confirm which category they will fish under.

Refer to Rule 2.2 for information on where nomination envelopes can be obtained and how they shall be lodged for monthly competitions.

For other fishing competitions, nomination form requirements and availability will be notified by the A&S Committee.

Personal Water Craft

A personal water craft is a small craft propelled by an inboard motor powering a water jet pump. This includes jet skis.

Visitor

A person invited to participate in a competition by a Member. All access rights of a member shall be extended to the visitor for period of the competition day. Junior visitors must remain under the supervision of the member whilst within the Club's premises and in accordance with the Club constitution.

Weigh-In Area

The designated area located within the Boat Shed or other special competition location including associated 'line-up' areas for the purposes of weighing in the catch of competitors and recording the results.

Weigh-In Officers

MAAC Members charged with the responsibility and authority to manage and complete the weigh-in procedures associated with a Club, other sanctioned or special fishing competition.

1.0 ELIGIBILITY AND CATEGORIES

1.1 To Participate In Competitions

Entry to MAAC monthly competitions, Wally Lothian Day and Blue Water Classic is open to all Members of the MAAC and visitors. Limitations apply to visitors who enter monthly competitions – refer Rule 1.2 h.

Eligibility for Monthly Fishing Competitions and associated annual awards is automatic with submission of nomination Form N1 with the exception of Double Teams which also requires completion and submission of Form D1 – see Rule 1.2 e and 10.2.

Entry to Patrons Cup, Western Australian Interclub Boat Angling Championship and MAAC / Lancelin Challenge is limited to financial members. Refer to competition specific rules for eligibility requirements for other ‘special’ events.

1.2 A member may enter competitions under one or more of the eligibility categories listed below. These categories relate to the competition and annual awards and prizes. Refer Sections 8 & 9.

a. **Mini Juniors:** Open to Member’s relatives under the age of 10. Mini Juniors can only compete with a nominated relative and remain their responsibility at all times for safety reasons. As an encouragement award the winning mini junior will be awarded a tackle voucher. The heaviest of species can be won on the day, for which a tackle voucher awarded.
Write “MIN JNR’ on nomination form N1 adjacent name.

b. **Juniors:** open to members between the age of 10 and 17 years, prior to the commencement of the competition year. In the event a junior turns 18 within a competition year, they shall be entitled to complete the competition year as a ‘Junior’.
Write “JNR’ on nomination form N1 adjacent name.

c. **Ladies:** open to all female members over the age of 17 years.
Write ‘L’ on nomination form N1 adjacent name.

- d. **Men:** open to all male members over the age of 17 years.
- e. **Singles:** open to all members who fish in the competition. Note that Overall Champion and Runner Up for Singles at the Annual Awards are the only awards for this category.
- f. **Doubles:** open to all members who nominate to fish as a doubles team. This category is only applicable to monthly competitions.
To nominate as a Doubles Team write names of members forming the team in 'Doubles Nomination' section on nomination form N1. This requirement is additional to requirement to submit a Form D1 for annual awards.

Members who wish to be eligible for the annual champion Doubles Team award must submit a Form D1 by the March monthly competition in a competition year.

In the event one member of the team is unavailable to fish in a monthly competition, the other member shall still be eligible to compete under the 'Singles' category and with another member as a 'Doubles Team' and be eligible for the associated awards on the day (only). Under either option, the member's score for the day shall be counted towards their annual doubles aggregate points score for a maximum of the first (3) competitions fished without their nominated doubles partner. A member fishing in more than three (3) competitions without their nominated doubles partner shall not limit the ability of that team to win the annual award.

Anglers may only change doubles teams during the year at the discretion of the A&S Committee and only if application is received in writing.

- f. **Veteran:** Open to members who are over the age of sixty (60) years prior to the commencement of the competition year.
Write 'VET' on nomination form/envelope adjacent name.

- g. Visitor:** Open to non-members who are invited to participate in a monthly competition by a member. A visitor is only permitted to fish a maximum of 3 monthly competitions per competition year, unless they have lodged an application to join the MAAC in which case they fish in all monthly competitions. A visitor may fish from their own boat/PWC or paddle craft. A visitor is eligible to win any of the monthly prizes but is not eligible for the annual awards listed under Section 9 (including quarterly shields).

For the purpose of being eligible to fish as a 'Junior Visitor' the minimum age limit shall be 10 years. Juniors must be related to the member who invited them or have written guardian consent to participate with an un-related member. There is no restriction on the number of monthly competitions per year in which a Junior visitor may participate. If a junior visitor then becomes a financial member of the MAAC and therefore eligible for the annual champion 'Juniors' award, a maximum of the score from the first three monthly competitions they fished as a visitor within the competition year, can go to their end of year score.

Adult visitors shall write 'VIS' on the nomination form N1 adjacent name.

Junior visitors shall write 'J-VIS' on the nomination form N1 adjacent name.

- h. Small Boats:** Open to members who fish in a boat that is 5.0 metres or less in length. This measurement is taken from the outside of the bow and measured in a straight line to the outside of transom of the vessel. It does not include additions such as bowsprits or engine pods. This excludes PWCs.

Tick 'Small Boats' on nomination form N1.

- i. First Year Angler:** Open to members who have not fished in a monthly MAAC fishing competition in a previous year.

Tick "FYA" on nomination form N1 adjacent name.

1.3 Boats/Personal Water Craft (PWC)

Any seaworthy boat/PWC with current Department of Transport registration is eligible to be used in a fishing competition. **It is the**

competitor's responsibility to ensure the vessel is adequate for the forecast conditions on the competition day.

Competitors may fish from a charter boat in Club events with the prior approval of the A&S Committee. Applications shall be submitted to a committee member for presentation at the Committee's monthly meeting at least one week prior to the competition

Note: A number of the special fishing events have different minimum boat length restrictions and do not permit fishing from charter boats. Members need to verify the competition rules variations before entering.

1.4 Paddle Craft

A competitor may fish from a paddle craft. **It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the craft is adequate for the forecast conditions on the competition day.**

1.5 Land Based Fishing

Competitors may fish from the land in monthly competitions. All applicable rules shall apply equally. Land based anglers shall be eligible for awards outlined in Sections 8 & 9 as applicable. There will be no special award or concessions made for competitor's fishing from the land.

2.0 NOMINATION & SIGN ON PROCEDURES

2.1 General

Competitors must nominate their intention to participate in a competition and then confirm their participation by 'signing-on' prior to the 'sign-on' time of the event.

To nominate all competitors must complete a nomination form and pay any applicable fees. Normally only one form is required per boat or team.

2.2 Monthly Competitions

Competitors must nominate their intention to participate in a monthly competition by completing the Nomination Form N1 – the form is normally printed on a small envelope and the nomination fee is to be enclosed prior to submission.

Only one envelope is required per boat or team and may be completed by the Skipper or Crew Member or other Club member on behalf of the competitors.

Nomination forms must be lodged before 9.00am on the day of the event by either:

- a) Placing the envelope in the A&S competition box at any time prior to the competition. The box will be in the Club's front office reception during office hours and in the Southern Bar on the Friday evening until 7.00 pm. An After Hours Locked Box for nominations is also available inside the Club adjacent to the radio room in the Boat Shed;

OR

- b) Lodging the envelope with the Field Day Officer in the Boat Shed on the morning of the competition from one (1) hour prior to the competition start time.

To confirm entry into the competition, a competitor or member of a group of competitors' **must sign-on** with the FDO or other nominated co-ordinating officials **on the morning** of the event. Competitors may start to sign on from 1 hour prior to the start time for the competition.

Competitors must sign-on by 9.00am on the day of the event.

Sign-on can be done in person to the FDO at the Boat Shed, by phone to the radio room Mobile **0434 811 733** or via marine radio - 27 MHZ (Channel 91) or VHF (Channel 73). The Club Call Sign is **V.H.6.F.C. Marmion Base**

Failure to sign-on or off will result in both skipper and crew being excluded from the competition.

2.3 Special Events/Competitions

Competition specific nominations forms will be made available by the A&S Committee prior to the competition. Nomination and sign-on procedures vary and it is the competitor's responsibility to confirm the specific requirements for the special events and competitions.

3.0 COMMENCEMENT, POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION OF COMPETITIONS

3.1 General

The date for monthly and special events shall be as shown on the annual Club calendar or as may be otherwise advertised by the Club.

The competition organising committee may, at any time prior to the advertised start time of the competition cancel, postpone or alter the date of a competition for safety reasons or if the event, in the opinion of the A&S Committee, would be significantly compromised because of a clash with another event outside of its control.

Postponement can be a delay to the start time of the competition by up to 1 hour. Thereafter, the competition shall be either postponed to another day or deemed abandoned.

It is the competitor's responsibility to confirm that a competition is proceeding on the day.

3.2 Monthly Competitions

Monthly competitions shall generally be held on the Saturday following the first Sunday of each month. If a competition is not held on the original designated day (for either of the reasons outlined under "Automatic Deferment" below) it shall be held on the following day/Sunday.

Automatic Deferment

The competition shall be automatically deferred for the day if: a **strong wind warning** is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in the Saturday 4.30am update to the Perth local waters forecast.

Automatic Cancellation

The competition will be automatically cancelled if **less than eight boats** have signed-on prior to the scheduled start time on the Saturday. Persons who intend to fish from the land shall be excluded from the count (this excludes PWCs and paddle craft).

In the event the competition is cancelled on the Sunday due to a strong wind warning or less than eight boats, signed-on prior to the scheduled start time, the competition shall be abandoned for the month, unless otherwise advised by the A&S Committee.

The raising of the Club Flag on the yardarm shall indicate that the Competition is on.

Start & Finish Times

The start and finish times shall vary between summer and winter as follows:

January – April	Start: 6.00am Finish: 4.00pm
May – August	Start 7.00am Finish: 4.00pm
September - December	Start 6,00am Finish 4.00pm

Definitions:

Start Time: Commencement of competition whereby the angler may start to fish and, if fishing from a boat, PWC or paddle craft, may depart the harbour waters or ramp area.

Finish Time: Time at which the competitor must have finished fishing and returned with their catch to the Club Weigh-In Area. Finish time shall be confirmed by the FDO with the sounding of an air horn at the front of the Boat Shed.

Postponement of Start and Finish Times

The FDO has the authority and sole discretion to defer the start and finish times by up to 1 hour for safety or other extraordinary reasons before the competition shall be deemed cancelled. A deferment of the start time shall not automatically require a deferment of the normal finish time.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to confirm whether any change has been made to the start and finish times when signing on.

3.3 Special Events

Refer to specific competition rules.

4.0 LIMITATIONS

4.1 Fishing Area Limits

Monthly Competitions: There is no restriction on where an angler may fish, or ramp/launch facilities they may launch their boat, PWC or paddle craft from, providing they comply with the applicable competition start and finish times.

Specials Events/Competitions: Fishing area and or launch ramp restrictions generally apply. Refer to specific competition rules.

- 4.2** There is no limit to the distance that competitors may travel from permitted departure points.
- 4.3** A Competitor must not use more than a combination of 2, rods, handlines or manual winches at one time. Each rod, handline or winch must not have more than 2 hooks, or 1 hook if fishing for demersal scalefish (a flight of hooks to a maximum of 2 snooded hooks or a gang of 3 hooks shall be considered as 1 hook). Competitors can only use electric powered reels with the prior approval of the A&S Committee.
- 4.4** No drones, power assisted winches, power assisted fishing reels, set lines, drop lines, nets, traps or hooks on marker floats shall be used by a Competitor in any MAAC Competition.
- 4.5** All Competitors must hook and land their own fish, but may receive assistance in gaffing or landing which does not involve the assistant handling the rod, reel or line.
- 4.6** A competitor's catch shall only contain fish caught by the competitor.
- 4.7** A competitor's catch submitted for weigh-in in a monthly competition may contain any legal size species in accordance with the MAAC Eligible Fish Species List and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development regulations current at the time of the competition.

Notes:

- a) The MAAC Eligible Species List shall take precedence over Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development regulations for species that can be weighed-in.
- b) The quantity of each species that can be weighed in shall comply with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development regulations as applicable.

Specific exemption: Only 1 Shark, & only 1 Samson fish or, Amberjack or Yellow Tail Kingfish per competitor may be weighed in. (with the exception of a separate game fish).

- 4.8** Eligible species for other fishing competitions shall be in accordance the competition specific rules.
- 4.9** All fish other than those which have a minimum legal limit as per the current Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development minimum legal size, shall be **200 mm** or greater in length.
- 4.10** No professional Boats are permitted to fish in competitions (except as outlined in Rule 1.3).

5.0 SIGN-OFF & WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES

5.1 General

Failure to sign-off will result in both skipper and crew being excluded from the competition.

Competitor's catches can only be weighed-in at sanctioned weigh-in facilities using equipment operated by authorised officers during specified weigh-in times. All fish presented to the weigh in must be in an edible condition. Any fish deemed to be in an inedible condition will be excluded from the weigh in.

All fish to be weighed-in shall only be submitted in labelled (with anglers name) natural fibre bags, eskies or plastic tubs. NO PLASTIC OR WOVEN PLASTIC FIBRE BAGS shall be accepted.

No mutilated fish shall be weighed in. However gilled, gutted or bled fish are acceptable. Fish that have their necks broken are to be 1 cm longer than the minimum regulation length when the head of the fish is held in its normal position.

5.2 Monthly Competitions

Competitors must sign-off with the nominated officer within **30 minutes** after the competition finish time on the day of the competition.

Sign-off can be done in person to the nominated officer at the Boat Shed, by phone to the radio room (**0434 811 733**) or via marine radio - 27 MHZ (channel 91) or VHF (73). The Club Call Sign is **V.H.6.F.C Marmion Base.**

Competitors shall be able to weigh in their catch from 12.00pm on the day of the competition.

Individual catches must be separated before they are presented at Weigh-in.

All Bags (Labelled with Anglers Name) must be submitted to the weigh-in area by 4.00pm – bags submitted after this time will be

excluded from the competition. Weigh-in period will finish when all eligible catches have been weighed and recorded.

A competitor's bag shall not be accepted and weighed-in if it does not comply with the rules of the competition and shall be referred to the FDO by the weigh-in officials for adjudication and possible disqualification.

Only 1 individual fish of each nominated species may be weighed-in. Competition points are awarded on the basis of 5 points per species and 1 point per kilogram of total bag weight. The score will be rounded to 2 decimal places.

Species Specific Weight Limits:

For the purpose of monthly/annual individual scoring:

- a) Samson fish, Amberjack, Yellow Tail Kingfish and Sharks will be awarded a maximum of 5 kilograms (eg: 4kg Shark = 4 kgs, 15kg Shark = 5 kgs); and
- b) Any single fish of a species other than a type specified in a) above weighing over 50kg will be awarded a maximum of 50 kgs.

For the purposes of monthly and annual heaviest of species awards the total weight / points for fish that fall under items a) and b) above will apply.

A competitor may submit at weigh-in an individual fish or a date stamped photograph of a Samson fish, Amberjack or Yellow Tail Kingfish against a A&S Committee approved measurement scale clearly indicating the fish meets the minimum size requirement and showing the full length of the fish to be awarded 5 points for the species and 5 points for the nominal weight. To be eligible for a Heaviest of Species monthly or annual award the fish must be presented at weigh in.

- 5.3** Competitors shall be responsible for checking their weight receipts at the weigh-in before leaving the scales area. Any discrepancies will be referred to a weigh-in officer or FDO within 10 minutes after the completion of the weigh-in.

- 5.4** To assist weigh-in officers complete an efficient and safe weigh-in process, competitors shall:
- a) Not place more than approximately 30kg of fish in any one bag or approved container;
 - b) Assist officers lift and empty heavy bags;
 - c) Place fish tail first in bags to avoid fin spines catching in the side of bags;
 - d) Weigh in squid in a separate bag.
 - e) Advise the Weigh-in Officer of any species in their catch with potentially harmful spines, sharp gills and teeth eg. flathead, cobbler, red snapper, sharks etc; and
 - f) When applicable, affix name tags in a separate location to bag ties.

6.0 COMPETITION CONTROL, DISQUALIFICATION & DISPUTES

6.1 The Captain shall nominate a FDO for all competitions. The Captain can be the FDO.

6.2 The FDO shall have the right to vary the competition at their discretion to contribute to the smooth running of the event (refer Rule 3.1 and 3.2).

6.3 Grounds for Disqualification – Club Competitions

The Captain or FDO has the sole authority and discretion to disqualify a competitor or team of competitors from a monthly competition. A competitor may be disqualified at any time within a maximum period of 30 calendar days from the date of the competition.

A competitor may be disqualified from a monthly competition if they:

- a) Do not comply with applicable competition start and finish times;
Exemption: Any Competitor who genuinely stays with a boat, PWC or paddle craft in trouble to render aid, or for the sake of safety, may have their catch weighed in.
- b) Found using or in possession of any fishing equipment outside of limits contained in Rules 4.3 and 4.4;
- c) Weigh-in or are found in possession of fish in excess of Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and Club specific limits;
- d) Submits fish to the weigh-in in a mutilated or inedible condition or in a container that does not comply with Rule 5.1;
- e) Found to have weighed in fish that they did not catch;
Exclusion: Any competitor within a team of competitors may weigh in a bag of fish on behalf of another team member.
- f) Found in possession of or depositing undersized or protected fish or disposing of whole fish; and / or
- g) Contravened the Club's Code of Conduct

In the event a competitor is disqualified and has fished with other competitors on the same boat, PWC or paddle craft, the disqualification will be extended to include all competitors on that boat, PWC or paddle craft.

6.4 Any claims for disqualification of a competitor shall be reported to the FDO or Captain. A claim must be reported within 10 minutes after the completion of the weigh in period.

6.5 **Appealing a Disqualification**

A competitor may appeal a disqualification at any time within 30 minutes after the completion of the weigh in period.

Appeals against a disqualification shall be referred to a Disputes Committee for the purposes of adjudication. Any party involved in or having a vested interest in the outcome or ruling will be excluded from involvement in the Disputes Committee.

In the event an appeal is upheld, the competitor shall be awarded all applicable prizes and points towards annual awards that they would have been entitled to had they not been disqualified.

7.0 SAFETY

- 7.1 All boats, PWCs or paddle craft must comply with the Department of Transport Boat Safety Regulations as applicable and current at the time of a competition.
- 7.2 It is recommended that all boat and PWC trailers have the owner's boat or PWC number clearly marked on the framework to assist with identification in the event of an emergency.
- 7.3 The A&S Committee reserves the right to check a Competitor's boat, PWC or paddle craft prior to use in a Competition and recommend that it is not used and set to sea before any non-compliances with the regulations are rectified.
Refer 'Disclaimer' – Foreword section.
- 7.4 It is strongly recommended that all boats, PWCs or paddle craft that are required by Department of Transport regulations to carry marine radios log on with the closest Sea Rescue Group. Competitors may also log with MAAC on mobile 0434 811 733, 27 MHZ (channel 91) or VHF (channel 73). The Club Call Sign is **V.H.6.F.C. Marmion Base.**

NOTE:

The MAAC radio service is only available for a period commencing 1 hour before the start time until 1 hour after the finish time of a competition. **It is only a monitoring service and is not a sea rescue service.** In the event of an emergency or breakdown or failure to return by the end of the monitoring period, the MAAC radio service will take all reasonable steps to relay notification to the closest available sea rescue group.

- 7.5 Further to complying with applicable boating regulations and recommendations of the Department of Transport the MAAC recommends the following when fishing from a boat or PWC:
- a) That boats, PWCs or paddle craft pair up;
 - b) Skippers monitor closest sea rescue radio service at all times while at sea;
 - c) Skippers confirm any variation to intended plan with chosen monitoring service;

- d) Boat and PWC owners advise the club of any changes to boat, PWC and trailer details (so the club can maintain up-to-date records); and
- e) **Skippers confirm the weather conditions will be within the safe capabilities of the boat/PWC/paddle craft prior to putting to sea and continue to monitor reports throughout the trip (by radio, telephone, etc). In all cases, do not proceed or promptly return if the conditions present a risk to the safety of any persons.**

8.0 MONTHLY COMPETITION AWARDS

- 8.1 An award shall be presented for each of the categories listed below to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the highest point score in accordance with Rule 5.2 and comply with eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1.

Doubles
Men's
Ladies
Veterans
Juniors
Mini Juniors
Visitors
First Year Anglers

A 'Runners Up' award shall be presented to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the second highest points score in the following categories:

Doubles
Men's
Ladies
Veterans
Juniors
Mini Juniors
Visitors
First Year Anglers

- 8.2 A '**Heaviest of Species**' award shall be presented to the competitor who weighed in the heaviest/highest point scoring species for the following:

Baldchin Groper	Southern School (Sand) Whiting
Breaksea Cod	Samson Fish
Dhufish	Shark
Flathead	Skippy
Herring	Squid
King George Whiting	Tailor
Pink Snapper	

At its discretion, the Angling & Sports Committee reserves the right to vary the list of nominated species before the commencement of the competition year.

At its discretion, the Angling & Sports Committee, via the Captain and Field Day Officer, may award a monthly competition prize for any fish presented at weigh in.

- 8.3** A **'Fish of the Day'** award will be presented for one of the nominated species listed under Rule 8.2. A list of the "fish of the day" for each month will be determined by the A&S Committee at the commencement of the competition year and advertised accordingly.
- 8.4** A **'Most Species'** award will be presented to the angler who has weighed-in the highest number of different eligible species. In the event of a tie, the award shall go to the angler who recorded the highest points.
- 8.5** A **'Game Fish Award'** will be presented for the highest point scoring game fish capture. Calculation of points in this category will be determined by weight multiplied by 100 divided by line class.

Eligibility criterion:

- a) Capture must be completed in accordance with GFAA rules current at time of the competition.
- b) The angler is affiliated with the GFAA

- 8.6** A **Participation** award will be presented to a competitor who has not received any other award for participating in the monthly competition. The recipient will be determined from a draw of the nomination forms at the awards presentation.

Eligibility criterion:

Recipient must be present at the awards presentation. A redraw will occur in the event the drawn recipient is not present.

Note: The A & S Committee reserves the right to award more than one Participation Award at its discretion.

- 8.7** The awards will comprise a gift voucher or prize as determined by the A & S Committee at its discretion. In the event of a draw, the award shall be shared equally between the recipients.

9.0 ANNUAL AWARDS

- 9.1 An overall '**Champion**' award shall be presented for each of the categories listed below to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the highest aggregate points. This score will be based on their best or up to a maximum of 10 monthly competition scores for the competition year less any disqualifications (ie 10 best scores less number of disqualifications). Point scores shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 5.2 and recipients must have complied with eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1.

Note:

Calculating awards based on best 10 monthly competition results is to acknowledge that most competitors are often unable to compete in all competitions in a year and therefore establish an equitable opportunity for all competitors to be competitive for the awards.

Singles (Competitors in all categories eligible)

Doubles Team

Men's

Ladies

Veterans

Juniors

Small Boats

A 'Runners Up' award shall be presented to the competitor or team of competitors that acquired the second highest points score in the following categories:

Singles (Competitors in all categories eligible)

Doubles

Men's

Ladies

Veterans

Juniors

Small Boats

- 9.2 A '**Quarterly Shield**' award will be presented to the registered doubles team that acquired the highest aggregate points for the quarterly/three consecutive monthly competition periods within a competition year as listed below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Shield</u>
1. January, February & March	The Phil Richard's Memorial
2. April, May & June	The Leo Ross Memorial
3. July, August and September	The Life Members
4. October, November & December	The Frank Shaw Memorial

9.3 A '**Patrons Trophy**' will be awarded to the most consistent registered doubles team that acquires the highest score without winning a monthly competition.

9.4 A '**Species Award**' will be presented to the angler who has caught the highest aggregate number of species in monthly competitions over the competition year as determined by adding the number of species captured each competition. In the event there is a draw, the angler that received the greatest number of monthly 'Most Species' awards over the competition year shall receive the award. If a draw still remains, the award will be presented to each angler.

9.5 A '**Presidents Trophy**' will be awarded to the angler who weighed in the heaviest fish caught in a monthly competition over the competition year.

9.6 A '**Heaviest of Species**' award will be presented to the angler who weighed-in the heaviest of the species listed under Rule 8.2, within a competition year in any monthly competition (with exception of King George Whiting).

9.7 Other Species & Game Fishing Awards

- a) A '**Heaviest Mackerel**' award will be presented to the angler who has recorded the heaviest mackerel caught within the competition year.
- b) The '**Kobe Trophy**' will be presented to the angler who has recorded the heaviest King George whiting caught within the competition year.
- c) An '**Annual Game Fishing**' award will be presented to the angler who has recorded the highest points scoring fish caught within the competition year in accordance with eligibility criterion specified under Rule 8.5.

There will be no limitations on where or when the fish for these awards are caught.

Eligibility:

A fish caught and weighed-in at a monthly competition will be automatically eligible for the applicable award. For a fish caught outside of a monthly competition, the angler must submit a MAAC Fish Record Form FR1 with appropriate supporting documentation to be eligible.

All Fish Record Forms must be received by the A&S Committee no later than the 20th day of December in a competition year. Fish caught after this date shall be eligible for the following year awards.

- 9.8** The **‘Wally Lothian Shield’** will be presented to the doubles team who recorded the highest point score at the annual Wally Lothian fishing competition. Only financial members shall be eligible to receive this award.
- 9.9** **State, National or International Fish Record**
An angler that has acquired a State, National or International Fish Record will be presented with a certificate of recognition from the applicable governing body at the annual awards presentation (if it is available).
- 9.10** The A&S Committee reserves the right to determine and vary the award prizes at its discretion without notice.

10.0 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

10.1 Club Fish Records

The Club maintains a board of record fish / heaviest of species captured by members. The board is located in the Southern Bar (on wall opposite the bar). To be eligible for a fish record, members must submit a claim on a MAAC Fish Record Form FR1.1 with the required supporting information and evidence (outlined on the form) to the A&S Committee.

There are no limits within Australian Waters where or when the fish capture occurs for club fish records. The capture must be in accordance with the applicable Rules contained herein. This includes but is not necessarily limited to:

- Permitted fishing equipment
- Care of the catch
- Compliance with Code of Conduct

The MAAC list of eligible species for fishing competitions does not apply to fish records. The list of species that a record can be held for has no restrictions except as may apply under applicable statutory regulations or rules of governing bodies (eg. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Game Fishing Association of Australia, etc).

10.2 Forms

A copy of the forms associated with monthly fishing competitions, claims for fish records, registration of boat/PWC details with the club and the application for a MAAC marine radio call sign is appended to this document for the information of members. All forms can be obtained from the Club's front office or from a member of the A&S Committee.

Note:

It is the responsibility of members to inform the club of any changes to their boat or PWC details registered with the club. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the A&S Committee should you have any queries or require assistance with obtaining, completing and lodging forms.

10.3 MAAC Eligible Species List

The list of eligible species that can be weighed-in at a monthly competition is issued by the A& S Committee at the start of the competition year. A copy of the list can be obtained from the A&S Notice Board.

The A&S Committee reserves the right to amend the list of eligible species at any time within the competition year. All amendments shall be advertised through the Club Newsletter and website at least 1 month prior to implementation/date that changes are to take effect.

FORM FR1.1 – MAAC Fish Record Claim



OFFICE USE ONLY	
ID Source	
Current Record	
State Record	
Aust. Record	
Card Entry	
Certificate	
Committee	

FORM FR1

CLAIM FOR:

Club Fish Capture Record & Annual Heaviest of Species Awards
(Bate 9.7) for Fish Caught outside of a Club Competition



CLAIM RULES

1. THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RECORDER WITHIN **30 DAYS** OF CAPTURE.
2. All Applications must be supported by at least one **CLEAR SIDE VIEW PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FISH** on contrasting background, beside an object of known size (e.g. rule, drink can, match box etc.)
3. Address Applications if mailed to Fish Recorder, c/o M.A.A.C., PO Box 42, North Beach, W.A. 6920
4. The Applicant must have hooked, boated or beached their own fish, but they may receive assistance in gaffing or gilling the fish.
5. The fish must be weighed on land on scales which have a **CURRENT** certificate of calibration. (Current shall be no more than 12 months prior to date of capture.)
6. The decision of the M.A.A.C. Angling & Sports Committee is final regarding Fish Records.
7. For positive identification, the fish shall be retained and forwarded to The Department of Ichthyology, W.A. Museum, Francis Street, Perth, by the applicant.

DETAILS OF FISH (Block Letters)

Common Name
 Scientific Name (if known)
 Dimensions:
 Weight Kilograms
 Overall lengthcentimetres
 Maximum girthcentimetres
 (Fins Flat)
 Place of Capture Date of Capture

TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

Name (Block Letters)
 Address (Block Letters)
 Telephone Number: Post Code
 Division (Boat, Beach)
 Signature Date
 Name of Witness to Capture Signature
 Name of Witness to Weighing In Signature
 Place of Weigh In
 Type of Scales.....

21 Nov. 13 Form FR1.1- Fish Records.Doc

FORM N1 – Monthly Competition Nomination Form

LOG ON/OFF

Radio Room Mobile:
0434 811 733
VHF: CH 73
27MHZ: CH 91



**MAAC COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM (N1)**

CATEGORIES

LADY (L) VETERAN (VET) FIRST YEAR ANGLER (FYA)
VISITOR (VIS) JUNIOR (JNR) JUNIOR VISITOR (JVIS)
MINI JUNIOR (MJNR) DIVE (D) SPEAR (S)

SKIPPER	
DOUBLES MEMBER 1	
DOUBLES MEMBER 2	
OTHER CREW	
MOBILE NO:	

BOAT REGN	RADIO CALL SIGN
SMALL BOAT (Tick)	LAUNCH RAMP

Note: Form normally printed on a small envelope for nomination fee to be enclosed.

FORM D1 – Doubles Team Nomination Form

Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club

P.O. BOX 42, NORTH BEACH W.A. 6920
Phone: (08)9447 1733 Fax: (08)9447 1277 Email: maac@inet.net.au

FORM D1	MONTHLY ANGLING COMPETITIONS
	DOUBLES TEAMS NOMINATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF THE MAAC WHO WISH TO BE ELEGIBLE FOR ANNUAL 'DOUBLES TEAM' AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MONTHLY FISHING COMPETITIONS AS REQUIRED BY RULE 1.2 d)

FORM TO SUBMITTED BY THE NORMAL CALENDER DATE FOR THE DECEMBER MONTHLY COMPETITION FOR A COMPETION YEAR

DOUBLES TEAMS	
ANGLER 1	
NAME:	MEMBERSHIP NO:
PHONE NO:	
ANGLER 2	
NAME:	MEMBERSHIP NO:
PHONE NO:	

FORM CS1 – Marine Call Sign/Boat/PWC Registration Details



MARINE RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION & BOAT DETAILS REGISTRATION FORM (CS1)

MEMBER DETAILS

FULL NAME:		Membership No:	
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:	HM:	WK:	

RADIO DETAILS

TYPE	MAKE/MODEL	SERIAL No.	EXISTING CALL SIGN
27 MHz			
VHF			

VESSEL DETAILS

VESSEL NAME		D.O.T. REG NO:	
LENGTH	(metres)	COLOUR:	

TICK AS APPROPRIATE

Cabin cruiser		Runabout		Dinghy	
Centre console		Yacht		Other	
Fibreglass		Aluminium		Timber	

VEHICLE / TRAILER DETAILS

VEHICLE REG. NUMBER	MAKE & MODEL	COLOUR
TRAILER REGISTRATION NUMBER		

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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A MARMION CALL SIGN WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU.

For Office Use Only:

Date Processed:	Call Sign Issued:- MAAC
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