

# Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated

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### VISION

The Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated caters to those who enjoy fishing, but may have other interests as well. Accordingly, the club is intentionally simple in structure and undemanding of one's time, comprised of a social network of people who fish together monthly on a predetermined schedule.

### 1. CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 The Cherry St Fishing Club Incorporated is governed by the Model Constitution as set out under the Associations of Incorporation Act 2009

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Each application for membership shall be considered on its merits and reviewed by the Committee. Upon acceptance each member agrees to fish as an amateur during competitions and as such comply with recreational fishing regulations.
- 2.2 All membership fees are due by the 1st July of each year. Any member who has Not paid their membership fees by the 31<sup>st</sup> July of that given year must complete a membership form to re-join. Members must be financial to be eligible for any competition prizes in any given year.
- 2.3 Adult membership fee is \$15.00 per year.
- 2.4 Family membership is \$30.00 per year
- 2.5 Family membership is defined for the purpose of these rules as member and partner plus immediate family (children under the age of 18 years at the time of the A.G.M. also grand children under the age of 18 years at the time of the AGM)  
Junior family members shall be listed on membership nomination forms and be accompanied by a responsible adult at all meetings, competitions and functions and have no voting rights.

### 3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 General meetings and AGM are determined by the committee
- 3.2 The committee shall act upon all issues in support of the Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated as per the Vision Statement.

### 4. COMPETITIONS

- 4.1 Two types of competitions run simultaneously throughout the year – “In Competition” and “Out of Competition”.
- 4.2 “In Competitions” are held monthly and begins at first light (approx. 25 minutes before sunrise and published in newspapers or online) on the first Saturday of each month and finishes at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Weigh in area to be nominated by the committee.
- 4.3 “Out of Competition” occurs anytime throughout the scheduled year or as determined by the committee.
- 4.4 A member may choose any style of fishing including deep sea, game fishing, estuary, beach or rock fishing.
- 4.5 It the responsibility of the individual to have any relevant insurance policy. It is the not the responsibility of the Cherry St Fishing Club Incorporated to offer insurance coverage to its members. Participation in these competitions is at your own risk. No responsibility or liability lies with the Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated or its officers and / or members.
- 4.6 Fish caught from commercial fishing vessels are excluded.

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- 4.7 When targeting ocean species a skipper may choose to launch and retrieve their vessel from Brunswick Heads, Ballina and Evans Head Bars.
- 4.8 Eligible ocean species must be caught at sea from a vessel between Brunswick Heads and Evans Head.
- 4.9 Eligible estuary species must be caught within the Ballina Shire or up stream of Ballina within the tidal influence of the Richmond/Wilson Rivers and their tributaries.  
(Note: Tidal influence for the Richmond taken as Grays Falls east of Casino and the Wilson taken as Boat harbour north of Lismore).
- 4:10 Weigh-ins:
- 4.10.1 Members wishing to weigh eligible fish “In Competition” prior to the official weigh in time may do so under the supervision of the Weighmaster or at any Ballina Bait and Tackle shop, provided they obtain written evidence of weight, date and species (weigh slip) and this must be presented to the Weighmaster by the official weigh in time by either the member or their representative (who must also be a financial member of the Cherry Street Fishing Club) in order to qualify for the Annual “In Competition” prizes.  
To qualify for the Monthly Dinner prize the member who caught the eligible fish must be in attendance at the Monthly Luncheon Outing.
- 4.10.2 Members wishing to weigh eligible fish “Out of Competition” may do so under the supervision of the Weighmaster or at any Ballina Bait and Tackle shop, provided they obtain written evidence of weight, date and species (weigh slip), this must be presented to the Weighmaster by the member or their representative (who must be a financial member of the Cherry St. Fishing Club) within two weeks of the capture and prior to the end of the competition year in order to qualify for “Out of Competition” prizes.
- 4.11 The N.S.W Primary Industries (e.g. Fisheries) and NSW Maritime regulations shall be abided by.
- 4.12 Eligible species for In and Out of Competitions are:
- 4.12.1. Offshore Species
- a Heaviest Cobia & Seriola (Kingfish, Amberjack, Samson)
  - b Heaviest Pelagic Fish (excluding Billfish)
  - c Heaviest Snapper
  - d Heaviest Pearl Perch
  - e Heaviest Flathead
  - f Heaviest Deep Sea (Bar Cod, Bass Groper, Blue Eye Trevalla, Hapuka, Gemfish)
  - g Heaviest Miscellaneous (excludes: Sharks, Rays, Vermin & Billfish)
- 4.12.2. Estuary Species
- a Heaviest Jewfish
  - b Heaviest Flathead
  - c Heaviest Bream /Tarwhine
  - d Heaviest Whiting
  - e Heaviest Luderick
  - f Heaviest Tailor
  - g Heaviest Bass/Perch
  - h Heaviest Miscellaneous (excludes: Sharks, Rays, Catfish, Dogfish, Vermin)

## **5. PRIZES**

- 5.1 Monthly “In Competition” prizes are determined by a separate lucky draw for Ocean and Estuary Species. To be eligible for the draw the person who weighs in the heaviest fish of each species will be entitled to enter.
- 5.2 Annual prizes are awarded for the heaviest species caught In and Out of competition.
- 5.3 “Out of Competition” prizes are 50% the value of “In Competition” prizes. Being \$40 and \$80 respectively.
- 5.4 Fish may be cleaned but no allowance for the decreased weight will be made at the time of weigh in.

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- 5.5 Each fish is eligible to win one annual prize only.
- 5.6 In the event of two members having equal weight for eligible fish, the winner will be decided on a count back, i.e. the next heaviest fish weighed of the same species.
- 5.7 Any fish caught and recorded is not eligible to be weighed in at any other fishing club.

### **6. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 6.1 It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure that their vessel is in suitable condition to operate, that they operate the vessel safely, and only proceed in appropriate conditions for their craft and ability.
- 6.2 When fishing from a boat responsibility lies solely with the skipper. The skipper will remain responsible for the safety of all persons on the boat. It is imperative that members never exceed the limitations of their vessels or personal capabilities and that they understand that participation is at their own risk. No responsibility or liability lies with the Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated, its officers or members.
- 6.3 Crossing any bar or river entrance is at your own risk. No responsibility or liability lies with the Cherry Street Fishing Club Incorporated or its officers and / or members
- 6.4 Safety equipment as per NSW Maritime regulations are required
- 6.5 If proceeding to sea, contact the applicable Marine Rescue organisation on channel 88 (27mhz radio) or channel 16 (VHF radio) and advise them of the relevant information prior to and returning from sea.
- 6.6 Monitor safety channels 88 (27mhz radio) and/or channel 16 (VHF radio). Use working channels for further conversation. This clause only applies to vessels operating on the ocean. .

### **7. DISQUALIFICATION**

- 7.1 Fishing prior to the nominated starting time or arriving back into the nominated finishing area after the finishing time.
- 7.2 Contravening the N.S.W. Primary Industries (eg Fisheries) or NSW Maritime Regulations.
- 7.3 Safety Regulations are not abided by, as per Clauses 6
- 7.4 In the event that a club member believes a by law has been breached by a fellow member, he or she must notify at least one member of the Executive Committee present at the outing and identify the breach. The Committee member(s) present will then determine if disqualification is warranted.
- 7.5 Any protest regarding the above clauses must be addressed in writing to the Fishing Club Committee and delivered to the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the scheduled weigh in time.

Up-Dated at Annual General Meeting on the 19 August, 2018