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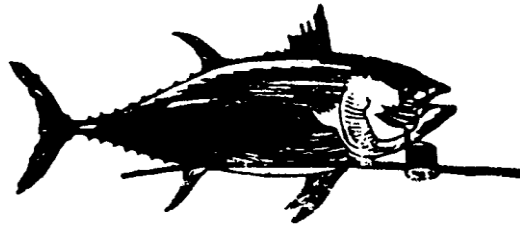
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## From the Presidents Wheelhouse November 2025



Welcome everyone, and thank you for joining us as we begin another exciting year. It's great to see so many familiar faces returning, as well as new members joining our community.

Welcome back to you all.

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to our sponsors both our long-standing supporters and the new sponsors who have decided to jump on board for this season. Your ongoing commitment plays a vital role in helping us grow and improve, and we truly appreciate everything you contribute.

A warm thank you also goes to our new committee members. We appreciate you stepping forward to volunteer your time, skills, and energy. Your willingness to get involved strengthens our club, and I'm really looking forward to working with you all. I'd also like to sincerely thank the committee members that have stepped down we really appreciate the effort you all put in.

With the winds being relentless and the past few months fishing slow I'd like to take this opportunity to recap on our AGM and trophy night held in August. It was a fantastic night and celebration of the season. It was great to acknowledge the achievements of our anglers and take the time to thank our sponsors and volunteers. The food was delicious, banter plentiful, and it highlighted to me the positive direction the club is heading.

As most of you would be aware we have been busily selling tickets for our Christmas raffle which is shaping up to be one of our best yet. We've had some fantastic prizes kindly donated by some of our generous sponsors and we encourage everyone to get involved, get some tickets, support the club, and hopefully win yourselves some early Christmas presents.

Before I finish, I'm excited to share that we have some big news to unveil in the coming months. We can't say too much just yet, but we're looking forward to sharing as soon as we are able to do so.

What I can say is WATCH THIS SPACE all will be unveiled soon.

Take care all,

I hope to see you all soon.

Jez

## **TCT Rally Dates 2025 / 2026 Season**

Family Fun Fish : Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 .

Family Fun Fish : Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025 .

Family Fun Fish & Xmas BBQ : Sat 06<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 .

Combination Rally No 1 : Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 .

The 12<sup>th</sup> Australia Day Shark & Game Fish Challenge : Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 \*

Combination Rally No 2 : Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 1 : Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 \*

Tuna Rally No 2 : Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 3 : Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 4 : Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 .

31<sup>st</sup> Australian Bluefin Tuna Contest : Fri 24<sup>th</sup> & Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 \*

Tuna Rally No 5 : Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 6 : Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 7 : Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> June 2026 .

Tuna Rally No 8 : Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 .

\*TGFA Sanctioned events

## **Rally Dates 2026 / 2027 Season**

The Lichtendonk , Tuna Rally No 1 : Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 .

## Committee News –

We are pleased to announce that the Club has embarked on a fundraising drive through the recycle rewards cash for cans scheme , we are hoping to raise funds for the up keep and ongoing costs of running the Club room's . If you wish to help out , either look for us in the charities available to donate toward , or scan the Tuna Club barcode when using the reverse vending machine , all recycling at that time will go into the Club account . We thank you for any support , it all goes toward our Club .

The Tuna Club of Tasmania Inc



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Committee meetings are held at the MYCT Lindisfarne the first Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 pm, and occasionally meetings are held on a Saturday at the Club Rooms down in Pirates Bay. These meetings are well publicised when they do happen, so visitors could still attend if they wish.

Visitors are always welcome and are highly encouraged to come along and sit in on Committee meetings, the President is keen to hear what members think about the state of affairs within our Club. you can Contact the Club Secretary, Robin Banks 0419 871195 for info about the meetings.

The new Committee has set the Rally and Contest dates for the 2025/2026 Season and are printed in this edition of "*Southern Blues*" .

or details can be found on the Club website , [www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au](http://www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au)

## Web page news :-

Contest and Rally results along with Member news , plus pictures and a list of all Club Sponsor's can be found by visiting our web site , [www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au](http://www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au)

With many thanks going to Mark Watson from Tas Maritime Radio for all his hard work running the web site ,

**Top Job Mark ...**

## Membership Subs :-

The Committee would like to remind all Members that subs for the 2025 / 2026 Season are now due, Membership for the 2024 / 2025 Season expired on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Any Member wishing to take part in Rallies & Comps for the upcoming Season should make sure they have paid their Membership fees.

**Please note the option of paying for 3 years at a slightly reduced rate ! Juniors and Social fees remain the same.**

There is a Membership form included in this edition of "*Southern Blues*"

or a Membership form can be obtained from the Club website, [www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au](http://www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au)

**"Please take note that the banking details have changed from Commonwealth Bank to Bendigo Bank"**

### **Record Claims :-**

Just a reminder that all Record claims must be completed by the Angler and lodged with GFAA via the Club Secretary within 2 months from the date of capture , late lodgements will still be eligible for Record claims but a late fee of \$110.00 payable to the GFAA , must accompany the claim.

### **Radio Skeds :-**

Just a reminder to all Members fishing Rallies & Contest's, they can log on with Tuna Base or a nominated Committee vessel via Chn 73 VHF at 7:00 am and give the name of their vessel and number of People.On.Board, ( i.e. Tuna Base this is "Centaur 1" we are fishing today with four P.O.B made up of 2 adults and 2 juniors ). Then at 10 past the hour, every hour until the end of fishing at 4:00pm Summer Rallies ( November to March ) 3:00pm Winter Rallies ( April to July ), Tuna Base or Tas Maritime Radio will call you up for a position from the Club grid map ( i.e. Tuna Base this is "Centaur 1" I am at Golf – one three with 1 Southern Bluefin Tuna captured & 3 Southern Bluefin Tuna tagged and released ) Then when you have finished fishing for the day please remember to log off with Tuna Base as a lot of time and effort could be wasted looking for a vessel that is already sitting on its trailer in the car park and has forgot to log off.

### **Vessel Detail Forms :-**

All new Members and any existing Members who have changed or upgraded their Vessels, Trailers or even Tow Vehicles are asked to fill out a Vessel detail form and lodge it with the Club. Details of Members Vessels are kept on file in the Radio Room so that if an emergency arises Tuna Base can supply full details of any missing Vessel to the Rescue parties.

A Vessel detail form is enclosed in this edition of  
*"Southern Blues"*

or a Vessel detail form can be obtained from the Club website, [www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au](http://www.tunacluboftasmania.asn.au)

Vessel detail forms are also available in the Clubrooms or Weigh Station / Radio Room

## **Weighing of Fish :-**

The Committee will take on the task of Weighmaster for the 2025 / 2026 game fishing season, and will appoint Weighmasters during all Sanctioned Tournaments etc.

Please note the following changes to Club fishing rule number 2 , gill and gutting of fish for rallies as well as Sanctioned comps and rule number 10 , which makes it more clearer about the weighing of fish for Club awards , and also highlights the definition of a Weighmaster .

A copy of the Club fishing rules is listed below , and can also be found on our Club website .

2. All tuna and sharks must be weighed in gilled and gutted for point score , any fish which may qualify for a record should be weighed whole where possible , after weighing all fish are to be cleaned at sea , under no circumstances should fish be cleaned , or frames and offal be left lying around the Club complex , jetty or foreshore areas as we are located in a major tourist area and within a national park .

10. Fishes captured throughout the season **must** be weighed by an appointed weighmaster\* using current certified scales and a weigh docket completed to make the capture eligible for all Club awards .

\*weighmaster, is a person appointed by a GFAA affiliated Club to act as a weighmaster , alternatively a current GFAA affiliated Club or State recorder, or a current GFAA affiliated Committee Member can weigh fish , and only fish weighed under this ruling will be eligible for all Club awards and trophies presented annually .  
**No disputes will be entered into .**

Please note that during weigh in, the Weighmaster will ask Anglers to produce the tackle used in the capture or tag and releasing of the fish to ensure they comply with regulations stipulated by G.F.A.A  
All fish are to be Weighed in within 1 ½ hours after the close of fishing, boats unable to meet this deadline should inform Tuna Base at the final Radio sked.

## Club Fishing Rules

The Tuna Club of Tasmania fishes under rules laid down by the I.G.F.A. , G.F.A.A. and the T.G.F.A. and anglers should make themselves aware of these rules by any means available .  
Only fish captured under these rules shall be eligible for prizes .

In conjunction with these rules, the following Club rules shall apply :

For the shark rallies and all other rallies :

1. The maximum number of southern bluefin tuna to be captured per day shall be four per boat .

2. All tuna and sharks must be weighed in gilled and gutted for point score , any fish which may qualify for a record should be weighed whole where possible , after weighing all fish are to be cleaned at sea , under no circumstances should fish be cleaned , or frames and offal be left lying around the Club complex , jetty or foreshore areas as we are located in a major tourist area and within a national park .

3. Fishing times for summer rallies ( November to March ) is between the hours of 7:00am to 4:00pm  
Fishing times for winter rallies ( April to June ) is between the hours of 7:00am to 3:00pm  
**No lines** are to be put in the water before the official start of fishing. All lines are to be wound in at the official end of fishing. No berleying for sharks to commence before the official start of fishing.

4. All boats are required to make radio contact with tuna base when they commence fishing , and then at each radio sked conducted at 10 minutes past the hour , giving their location as a grid map reference , number and type of fish aboard , and number of fish tagged and released. Boats should make every endeavour to contact tuna base each sked by relaying information through another boat. tuna base operates on VHF Chn 73 and is assisted by Tas Maritime Radio . Any boat hooked up to a fish at the end of fishing must advice base immediately .

5. The weight ticket shall be completed with all details and signed by a member of the fishing team and the weighmaster. The ticket should be then deposited in the box provided in the weigh station.  
Incomplete tickets may not be considered for scoring.

6. There will be awards for the following captures in the shark rallies :

- \* Heaviest shark by an adult male angler
- \* Heaviest shark by an adult female angler
- \* Heaviest shark by a junior angler
- \* Heaviest shark by a small fry angler
- \* Highest point score shark ( tuna will not accumulate points )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult male angler ( sharks only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult female angler ( sharks only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score junior angler ( sharks only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score small fry angler ( sharks only )
- \* Heaviest tuna
- \* *all awards are on the basis of one fish , one prize*



7. There will be awards for the following captures in all other rallies :

- \* Heaviest tuna by an adult male angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by an adult female angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by a junior angler
- \* Heaviest tuna by a small fry angler
- \* Highest point score tuna (sharks will not accumulate points)
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score angler ( tuna 1.5 metres or greater only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult male angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score adult female angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score junior angler ( tuna only )
- \* Highest individual tag and release point score small fry angler ( tuna only )
- \* Heaviest shark
- \* *all awards are on the basis of one fish , one prize*

8. The Club has imposed a minimum weight for shark captures for awards during all Club rallies and contests. For mako sharks, blue sharks and all other species the minimum weight shall be 60kg regardless of line class used for the capture. The club has also imposed a minimum weight for billfish captures for awards during all club rallies and contests. For marlin, swordfish and all other species the minimum weight shall be 60kg regardless of line class used for the capture.

The weighmaster will check and enforce these requirements.

Record claims are exempt of this ruling but will fall under G.F.A.A. requirements .

**No disputes will be entered into.**

9. The minimum line class allowable for prizes in rallies is 1kg. Any line class from the approved G.F.A.A line class categories from 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg are eligible for club, T.G.F.A and G.F.A.A records.

G.F.A.A approved tippet classes for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing are 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg. A tippet line class of 15kg may be used , but only for sharks and marlin.

10. Fishes captured throughout the season **must** be weighed by an appointed weighmaster\* using current certified scales and a weigh docket completed to make the capture eligible for all Club awards .

11. Only fish Tagged and Released during Club Rallies , Contests and Sanctioned Tournaments shall count toward the following Perpetual Trophies, Ross Heddle Trophy, Shane Banks Trophy, Robin Banks Trophy, Malcolm Fitzpatrick Trophy.

12. The following acts will disqualify a Tag and Release : Failure to comply with G.F.A.A angling rules and equipment regulations or tournament Tag and Release rules, failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture : Use of a gaff is not permitted.

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**No disputes will be entered into .**

# Tuna Club of Tasmania Sponsors

Club Sponsors that support us are listed below, please get around them with your support and let them know that you are a member of the TCT and they can see their sponsorship is appreciated.

Banjo's Bakery Glenorchy	
Bennett's Scales	Navico
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Edwards & Associates	Sea Master Fishing Supplies
JPN Builders	Shimano Australia
KEPT Agencies	Simrad Group
Kings Towbars & Trailers	Spot On Fishing Tackle
Kingston Town Locksmiths & Trophies	Steve's Liquor
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