



# 2026 Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic Rules

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

ENTRY & REGISTRATION: Entries open on www.wolgfc.com website or at Richardson Marine.

Entry Prices: (per person) Senior \$40 (WOLGFC Members \$20), All Junior (Under 16 years) \$15

### **FISHING TIMES**

Fishing starts 12.01am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, through until 1.00pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **BOUNDARIES**

- Fresh water: Yambuk to Peterborough: Including the Curdies, Hopkins, Merri, Moyne Rivers & tributaries. Lake Pertobe, Lake Gillear, Lake Cartcarrong, Aringa Basin, Lake Elingamite, Lake Bullen Merri, Lake Purrumbete.
- Salt Water: Ocean fishing from shore or boats launched and retrieved from Port Fairy to Port Campbell & all ramps/areas in-between.



#### **SPECIES LIST**

- Trout (Brown, Rainbow or Tiger), Chinook Salmon, Australian Salmon, Flathead, King George Whiting, Snapper, Shark (Gummy or School), Southern Bluefin Tuna, Yellowtail Kingfish, Game Shark (no Blue Shark), Bream (Measure), Estuary Perch (Measure).
- Only one of each species can be weighed each day per entrant to count towards the results.

# **PRIZES**

**Lucky Entry/Grand Prize:** All entrants eligible for the grand prize of a full day midweek boat charter on Salty Dog Fishing Charters (5 people). <u>The winner must be in attendance at the Final Presentation to claim the prize.</u>

Heaviest of each Species: A prize for heaviest of each species on the species list for Seniors and for Juniors respectively (excluding Bream and Estuary Perch).

Longest Bream, Estuary Perch: A prize for longest of each species (bream and estuary perch) for Seniors and for Juniors respectively. Must be measured fork length & entered through club website (if released) or at weigh in.

### DAILY WEIGH-IN AND CAPTURE RECORDING

- A daily weigh in will be held at the Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Clubrooms (behind Pavilion Café, Breakwater precinct) from 7.00pm to 7.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.
- The final weigh in will take place at 1.00pm on Sunday 4th January 2026. All fish must be presented at the weigh-in area prior to the weigh in time to be eligible.
- Please present all fish to be weighed in a drip proof plastic bag so as not to drip water etc on the floor.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. The close of fishing is on 1.00pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, (no exceptions). All fish to be at the weigh-in area by this time.
- 2. Fish will only be eligible for prizes if they are from the nominated species list.
- 3. Weighing and recording of fish will only be carried out during stated Weigh-in times.
- 4. Fish must be presented whole.
- 5. All fish/sharks must be dispatched humanely before presentation for weighing.
- 6. The minimum size requirement on all species for weighing is to WOLGFC Club size limits as follows, total length or as per state regulations, whichever is the greater (except Trout). Sizes for the event are as shown

below. (Note: Measure section is fork length measurement)

Trout (All Species): No min. size

Estuary Perch: 32cm fork length

Snapper: 35cm Southern Bluefin Tuna: No min size.

Chinook Salmon: 35cm King George Whiting: 32cm Flathead: 35cm

Australian Salmon: 35cm

Yellowtail Kingfish: 60cm

Bream: 30cm fork length

Shark (Gummy or School): 100cm

# Game Shark (no blue sharks): 120cm

- 7. Only one fish per species per angler per day will be recorded towards the competition. A maximum of 2 fish of the same species per day will be weighed, to determine the heaviest of those fish (within legal bag limits).
- 8. For species entered in measure and release, they must be measured on a brag mat/measure mat with a unique item shown in the image. This will be advised close to the event start and can be collected from the club or Richardson Marine. Fish entered in Measure & Release cannot be entered into weigh in section.
- 9. It is expected that every entrant will catch any fish unassisted, without assistance from a parent, guardian or another person. Under no circumstance is an entrant to present another person's fish for weighing.
- 10. Junior entrants must be under 16 years of age as of the starting date of the competition.
- 11. Any breaches of the competition rules will result in disqualification of the entrant.
- 12. The decision of the Competition Committee will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 13. If entrants for heaviest species prizes are not present at Final Weigh In & Prize Presentation to claim prizes, they must make arrangement with the Club to collect their prize/s.
- 14. All entrants take responsibility for themselves, their vessel and crew/s. Juniors must be supervised by their parent, guardian or responsible adult at all times of the event, and the club is not responsible for them or any action arising from participation.
- **15**. Fish will only be eligible if rules 1 to 14 are satisfied.

#### **PRIZE PRESENTATION**

The prize presentation will take place at approximately 2pm, following the final weigh-in at the Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Clubrooms on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, unless otherwise advised.

#### **COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

All Committee Members are easily recognisable by their Official WOLGFC tops. Any concerns or questions regarding any aspects of the fishing competition must be directed to a Competition Committee Member. Peter Goode 0437008380 Andy Smith 0402275271 Andrew Duncan 0407721290