



Australian Anglers Association
35th National Angling Championships and Convention
Thursday 21st June to Thursday 5th July 2018
HARRINGTON NSW



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The 35th National Convention and Championship is now only 21 days out and is fast approaching.

The weather is still mild although cooling early mornings and into the evenings but the good news is there is fish aplenty. Tailor, Mulloway, Whiting, Garfish, Luderick, Snapper, Pearl Perch, Flathead are on the bite and if the weather holds some magnificent catches will be prominent.

Wall maps will be on display at Headquarters with all the boundaries marked as well as smaller map inserts will be in your Convention Book.

We have secured plenty of AAA Harrington Hoodies in different sizes for purchase (just to take the chill off) and they will be available at Registration for a cost of \$40.00

This newsletter will be mainly a general information summary of what you can expect at Harrington

GENERAL INFORMATION

Carnival Registration: The Australian Anglers Association National Angling Championship and Convention is open to anyone who is a financial member of any Angling Club affiliated through its State Association/Division with the Australian Anglers Association.

Participating anglers may register in one of the six categories:

Men (under 60)	\$65
Lady (under 60)	\$65
Veteran Men (60 and over)	\$65
Veteran Lady (60 and over)	\$65
Junior (under 17)	\$35
Social	\$35

Juniors must be under 17 years of age on the day of scheduled competition commencement which in this case is the Estuary competition Saturday 23rd June 2018 while Veteran Men and Veteran Ladies

must be the age of 60 years and over on that day.

Carnival Headquarters: The Carnival Headquarters is the Club Harrington situated in Beach Street Harrington (main st opposite service station and adjacent to the park). Club Harrington is a fully licensed premise with gaming and dining facilities. It also caters for a lot of community activities which our fishing visitors are able to participate.

Club Harrington will remain open in the evenings while ever AAA requires access. It is advised that AAA participants join the club on arrival in Harrington so as to have easier entry and to take advantage of the membership discounts. (see ad) President General/Carnival Coordinator can be contacted on 0413327057 & Field Officer 049911859

Club Harrington: Control Centre in Auditorium Will be centre of functions activity for the following:

Registration Days - Thursday 21st June and Friday morning 22nd June
Opening Ceremony followed by Old Friends - starting at 4pm Friday 22nd June
Social night Monday 25th June -aid Westpac)
AGM- Tuesday 26th June 10am
Excursion pick up and drop off Thursday 28th 8-00am and 4.30pm
Qld night - Thursday 28th -time TBA
Convention Meeting Wednesday 4th July 10am
Presentation Dinner Wednesday evening 6.00pm
States in/out mail & YTT box inside near Control Centre.

“Yesterday Today and Tomorrow”: A daily newsletter (YTT) will be produced and distributed from Headquarters. It will contain the program for the following day and a summary of the previous days competition and other relevant information relating to the convention. To keep informed participating members should read the publication.

Souvenirs: Convention merchandise will consist of cloth and metal badges, convention hoodie and the usual convention 750ml port wine

Civic Reception: The visiting state dignitaries will be invited to attend the Civic Reception at 11.30am on Friday 22nd June. Officiated by The Hon Dr David Gillespie Federal Member for Lyne. This will be held in the Multi Purpose centre in the Harrington Waters Shopping Centre complex next to the library.

Opening Ceremony: At 4.00pm Friday 22nd June 2018 members of the Australian Anglers Association will be on display to the general public at an Opening Ceremony at Headquarters. State teams are requested to wear their state team attire and flat shoes (no high heels) and assemble in the park (for 4.00pm march) just opposite the south entrance to Headquarters. A short march is planned in state order (NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, WA and NZ) to assemble on the No1 artificial green. The official dignitaries comprising - Member State Parliament, AAA Executive Generals/ State Presidents/partners and important guests will be assembled in front of the green. Opening ceremony will include Flag raising of the Australian, International and State flags and some official speech's and introductions.

Welcome Night (Old Friends): Will follow the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony and be held in Headquarters Auditorium where old times and AA/

history will be reminisced in preparation for the ensuing competitions.

Daily Prizes: Where daily prizes are awarded in Men, Lady, Veteran Men, Veteran Lady and Junior sections from each State, at least three competitors from a State must compete in those sections before any such prize is awarded.

If there are not three competitors competing from a State in each section then the prize will be awarded to the male with the best performance (men, veteran men or junior male) and female (lady, veteran lady or junior female).

Presentation of Daily Prizes: Presentation of Daily Prizes will follow each completed event but may be performed at a more convenient time. Notifications of prize presentation will be published in the YTT Newsletter.

Daily Competition Registration

Before fishing commences in any round, every competitor who intends to fish in that round must personally register at the starting point. Check the program for registration times. A “Rules of the Day” sheet will be issued prior to registration.

Rules of the Day: Each day that competitors register to fish they will receive a “Rules of the Day” sheet which will detail the venue, times and other particulars of the event. It will be the competitors responsibility to collect a “Rules of the Day” sheet at registration time.

The Honour Start System

The Honour start system is an integral part of our angling Championships and it is most important that all competitors clearly understand fully how the system works.

After registration at the commencement of each fishing round all competitors are allowed to proceed to their selected fishing spot. However, you are not permitted to start fishing in any way until “Lines Down” time. Similarly you must stop fishing at “Lines Up” time.

Your ‘Rules of the Day’ sheet gives you the “Lines Down” (start time) and “Lines Up” (stop fishing) times. You are not permitted to fish before or after these times, and competitors found fishing outside these set hours will be disqualified.

At all times in all Association events your honour and trust are a stake in adhering to the Association Code of Conduct.

Use of 4WD Vehicles: 4wd vehicles are allowed to access beaches that are designated for beach driving under a beach driving permit system obtained through Ritchies Bait & Tackle at a special price or as normal from the MidCoast Council and for Dunbogan beach through the Hastings Council. MidCoast have offered a special 30 day beach driving permit only purchased through Ritchies Bait and Tackle Harrington for a fee of \$5.00. To commence 7 days prior to first round of fishing commencement (from 16th June ending 16 July) Heavy penalties apply to non conforming beach driving and rule violations.

Fish species identification: EM Grant's "Guide to Fishes" and "Sea Fishes of Southern Australia" will be the Carnivals identification books. A copy will be available at all weigh-ins

Fishing Licenses - see handbook in bag
Fishing licenses are required in NSW. There are exemptions:

- under the age of 18
- an adult assisting a person under the age of 18 to take a fish using a single rod or to take prawns using a single dip or scoop net
- a person fishing in a private dam with a surface area of two hectares or less
- an Aboriginal person
- the holder of a:current Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink,
- current Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Treatment Card endorsed "Totally and Permanently Incapacitated"(TPI)
- Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Treatment Card endorsed "Extreme Disablement Adjustment" (EDA)
- letter from the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs stating that the person receive a disability pension of 70 per cent or higher, or an intermediate pension.

Please note that Senior's Cards, Health Care Cards and Repatriation Health Cards will not exempt you from paying the fishing fee.

Boat Licence - see handbook in bag

Anyone who is the operator of a power-driven vessel operating recreationally on NSW waters, at a speed of 10 knots (approximately 18.5km/h) or more must have a general boat driving licence. Anyone who drives a personal watercraft (PWC) at any speed must have a PWC driving licence.

Offshore Boat Inspections: Will be carried out by RMS NSW Boating Officers at the car park near the Harrington fish cleaning tables adjacent to Volunteer Coastal Patrol Complex.- Skippers of boats:- There will be a land based vessel check station at the Harrington break wall car park operating on Thursday 21 (9am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 4pm) and Friday 22 (9am-12pm). Please ensure visits to the station are staggered over the registration period as to prevent congestion. Please ensure that safety equipment is ready to be seen.

Vessels that pass check will be provided with a safety check sticker. Note that this sticker will not be an exemption for future on water checks. Safety equipment requirements can be found on pages 23 and 24 of the RMS Boating Handbook (provided in registration packs) or alternatively can be found online here

For interstate vessels, REG 119 of the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 specifies that (expect requirements relating to life jackets) carriage of safety equipment on interstate vessels can comply with the vessel's place of registration or home port. Further information on REG 119 can be found here Information on requirements relating to life jackets can also be found in the RMS Boating Handbook or online here

Safety Disc A safety disc system will operate upon registration for the Offshore section

No Fishing areas and Restricted areas

PLEASE NOTE A commonwealth no fishing Marine area exists at the Cod Ground east of Laurieton and a restricted fishing zone exists at the Mermaid reef North East of Crowdy Head. Maps and co-ordinates are displayed at the Crowdy ramp area.

Heavy penalties apply.

Fish Truck: A fish truck will operate from the Forster Charter Boat departures ONLY -time and place TBA.

Weigh-in Procedure: All the Estuary and Beach & Rock weigh-ins will be conducted at Headquarters. The Offshore sign-on and weigh-ins are at Crowdy Head adjacent in park at boat ramp. Hot BBQ food and drinks will be available at each weigh-in and the casting will have catering available - (morning tea/lunch/drinks)

No weigh-in bags

Competition rule 16.(a) - All fish to be weighed shall be presented in an esky or similar rigid container with ice.

Travelling Times

Estuary 1 1/2 hrs
Beach & Rock 1 1/2 hrs
Offshore 1 1/2 hrs

Heaviest of Species: Trophies will be awarded for the following heaviest fish weighed during the carnival:- Bream/Tarwhine, Flathead, Luderick, Tailor, Mulloway, Mullet Senior Mullet Junior, Garfish Senior, Garfish Junior, Whiting, Snapper, Teraglin, Morwong, Groper, Leatherjacket, Pearl Perch, Rock Blackfish, Tuna, Kingfish, Heaviest Deepsea Fish (as grouped), Heaviest other Specie. These trophies will apply to fish caught between lines down 7am Saturday 23rd June and last day of fishing at lines up Saturday 30th June 8pm. For this trophy "Out of competition" caught fish must also be time recorded, tail chopped and weighed at a scheduled competition weigh-in.

Competition Boundaries

Offshore: all waters seaward of Manning River estuary boundary accessible from the Crowdy Harbour launching facility and Forster Charters offshore water accessible to the north of Forster Bay entrance

Estuary: All water west of a line drawn between the post/flag on the Harrington Spit (North mark) and the rock-wall on Manning Point (Southern mark). West mark will be Cooperook Jetty (Lansdowne Tributary) and the Martin Bridge at Taree. -see map insert in Convention Book

Rock & Beach: North Boundary is the where the sand meets the seawall at Dunbogan. South Boundary is where the sand meets the rocks at southern end of Seven Mile Beach south of Forster. Estuary side of any Break-wall in between the North and South boundary are out of bounds. - see map insert

Casting: Tuffins Lane Sporting Fields at Port Macquarie -see map insert in Convention Book

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Champion State: City of Warrnambool Trophy

Beach & Est Champ Team: O.J. Collidge Memorial Trophy

Champion State Ladies Team All Sections: W. Wohling Trophy

Champion State Veteran Ladies Team All Sections:

Michael Franich - Auckland, New Zealand

Men's Teams:

Estuary: Modern Fishing Trophy
Offshore: Markwell Tweed Co. Trophy
Beach: Tristams Ltd. Trophy
Casting: NSW Div./Commonwealth Bank Trophy

Ladies Teams:

Estuary: Fisherman's Paradise Trophy
Offshore: A.A.A. (S.A. Div) Inc. Trophy
Beach: Freda Alvey Rosebowl Trophy
Casting: Taree Anglers Trophy

Junior Teams:

Estuary: D.M. Hirst Trophy
Beach: Central Districts A.C. Trophy
Casting: Lead Craft Sinkers Trophy

Veteran Men's Teams:

Estuary: Ku-Ring-Gai Homsby A.C. Trophy
Offshore: Tweed Wholesale Bait Supply Trophy
Beach: Clyde Beddoes Trophy
Casting: Sydney North Div. A.F.C.A. Trophy

Veteran Ladies Teams:

Estuary: A.A.A. Federal
Offshore: A.A.A. Federal
Beach: A.A.A. Federal
Casting: Jim & Esme Gilbee

Convention Champion of Champions:

Garven Family Trophy

Convention Champions:

Men: Bill Kerr B.E.M. Memorial Trophy
Lady: Phil Smith Memorial Trophy
Junior: Osborne Family Trophy
Veteran Male: Dick Cavill Memorial Trophy
Veteran Lady: Hon. Ken Smith M.P. Member for South Eastern Province Trophy

Angling Champions:

Men:

Estuary: Imperial Chemical Ind. Trophy
Offshore : Pitmans Marine Trophy
Beach: Shell Oil Co. of Australia Trophy

Ladies:

Estuary: Myers S.A. Stores Ltd Trophy
Offshore: Ampol Petroleum Ltd. Trophy
Beach: Television Broadcasters Ltd. Trophy

Juniors:

Estuary: D.B. & S. Learmonth Trophy
Beach: Action Trophy Wholesalers Trophy

Veteran Men:

Estuary: Far North Coast NSW Div. A.F.C.A Trophy
Offshore: Far North Coast NSW Div. A.F.C.A. Trophy
Beach: George Brown Trophy

Veteran Ladies:

Estuary: Wonthaggi A.C. Trophy

Offshore: A.A.A Federal Trophy
Beach: Vic & Shirley Walters Trophy

Casting Champions:

Male: Bankwest Perpetual Trophy
Lady: Yamba Fishing Club Trophy
Junior: Port Macquarie Anglers Trophy
Veteran Men: Alstonville Bowling Club Trophy
Veteran Lady: A.A.A. Federal

Longest Cast: Doug Pettie Memorial Trophy

Mutilated Fish

15. Physically mutilated fish must exceed the scheduled length by at least three (3) centimetres. "Physically Mutilated" is defined to divide, cut up, mangle or dismember the fish in any way, including clipping of the caudal fin and severing the isthmus. The Field Officer shall determine whether a fish is physically mutilated.

Don't forget the special Beach Driving permit for \$5 fee that was in Newsletter 6. Contact Craig on 0265561573 or Send completed form to Craig at Ritchies Bait and Tackle -Beach St Harrington or email harringtonfisho@gmail.com

NSW is providing ALL casting weights, tubing and pom poms which will be available to collect at the Registration (pom poms are dark orange, dark blue and dark red). You may be able to swap around among team members.

State Flag Marshalls don't forget to bring your FLAG.

The Hon Leslie Williams State Member for Port Macquarie will be in attendance at the Opening Ceremony to officially open the convention.

Hope to see you all here

Tight lines

Robert Smith BM

President General AAA