

Nautical Marine Sorrento Inaugural Fishing Competition Rules

Promoter: Portsea Boats Pty Ltd (The Nautical Marine Trust)

1. The eligible fish species are Snapper and Squid. Capture is limited to Port Philip Bay and Westernport.
2. Age categories will be Senior – 16 years and over; Junior – Under 16 years at 25th November 2011.
3. Fishing begins Friday 25th November 2011 at 1.00 pm and concludes Saturday 26th Nov. at 1.00pm.
4. All fish taken to the weigh station must comply with the amateur fishing Regulations of the State of Victoria.
5. All fish are to be weighed on land on Southern Peninsular Angling Club certified scales at weigh stations manned by SPAC.
6. Frozen or previously frozen fish or mutilated fish will not be eligible for weigh in.
7. Gilled, gutted or whole fish will be accepted at weigh in.
8. Weigh-in will take place at Portsea/Sorrento RSL (Hurley Street, Sorrento – adjacent to the Sorrento Community Centre) commencing at 12 noon, concluding at 2pm and followed by the prize presentation ceremony.
9. The weigh-in closes at 2pm Saturday 26th November. Those in the weigh-in queue at closing time will have their fish accepted. Entry to the queue will be shut off at 2pm sharp.
10. Each Competitor must hook and land their own fish but may have assistance with gaffing or the use of a landing net
11. Junior competitors can enter the senior competition by paying the senior fee but can only enter in one section – Junior or Senior.
12. No fish will be weighed except during the specified times and at the advertised location.
13. All prizes must be claimed at the presentation ceremony. Winners must present their official competitor identification to claim the prize.
14. Mystery Weight prizes will be awarded to those competitors whose weighed in fish are closest to the mystery weights that will be drawn from the Open and Junior barrels in each category (snapper or squid) containing 20 tickets each with different weights in the range expected. Each fish weighed will be eligible. A competitor is eligible to win only one prize. In the event of two or more fish being equal closest the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin immediately after the weights are announced at the presentation ceremony.
15. Each competitor will be eligible for one Lucky Draw ticket for each fish weighed in. Lucky Draw prizes will be drawn during the presentation ceremony and awarded to those competitors whose Lucky Draw tickets are drawn from those tickets that have been placed in the Lucky Draw boxes by weigh-in closing time on the day of presentation. Each entrant will be eligible for only one prize. Unclaimed prizes will be redrawn immediately.

16. Open section competitors under 16 years of age are not eligible for any prizes in any junior section competition.
17. Junior section competitors who have entered for the junior section and paid the Junior entry fee are not eligible for any prizes in the Senior section.
18. Heaviest fish prizes will be awarded to the competitors who have not breached any of these rules and who are determined at the close of weigh-in by the Weighmaster or his Deputy to have presented the heaviest fish weighed in each category.
19. Staff of Nautical Marine and members of the Southern Peninsula Angling Club are eligible for prizes if their fish are presented for weigh in by no later than 1.30pm on Saturday 26th November.
20. The decision of the Weighmaster or his Deputy in all matters to do with weighing of fish will be final. The sole adjudicator on all matters shall be the Competition Co-ordinator. All decisions of the Competition Co-ordinator will be final and no further discussions or correspondence will be entered into.
21. In the event two or more fish are recorded equal heaviest in any division by the Weighmaster the prize for heaviest fish will be decided by the toss of a coin. The Weighmaster will be responsible for tossing the coin in the presence of those competitors who are eligible by virtue of their equal fish weights. The coin toss will take place immediately after the weights are announced during the presentation ceremony.
22. Any person found to be in breach of the Rules or Conditions of Entry of this competition shall be subject to disqualification from the competition and any prizes involved shall be included in the Lucky Draw.
23. Nautical Marine reserves the right, without giving a reason, to refuse application for an entry. A refund shall be made for any refused entry.
24. The competition will not be cancelled or deferred on account of weather.
25. If the Presentation Ceremony cannot be conducted at the specified time or at the specified location for any reason beyond the control of Nautical Marine then all prizes except those for the Heaviest Fish in each section will be awarded by drawing numbers from a barrel containing the numbers of all entrants. Winner's numbers will be published in the Herald Sun Public Notices on the Saturday of the following week. Prizes will then be available for collection from Nautical Marine at 139-141 Hotham Road Sorrento 3943 at an appointed time. All winners will be required to show their official competitor identification to collect prizes.

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