



Venus Bay Angling Club Inc.

Local Fishing Rules

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1. **Fishing area : Tarwin River (No other tributaries), Venus Bay surf beaches** (from the red & green marker buoys at the channel entrance at Inverloch) to the pipeline & **inside Anderson Inlet**. **Fish taken at Walkerville or boats going past the marker buoys at Inverloch are not eligible.**
2. **Warning. The area beyond Point Smythe up to the marker buoys can be dangerous in certain tide & wind conditions.**
3. **All fish weighed in are to be gutted.**
4. Senior Members fish must be at least 2cm above the Victorian fishing regulations size (current recreational fishing guide) and Junior Members (15 Years old and under) must be at or above the Victorian fishing regulations. Also, check the VR Fish website for any alterations during the year at www.vrfish.com.au or phone (03) 9686 7077.
5. Fish with no minimum regulation size must be at least 22cm (seniors) and 20cm (juniors).
6. Anderson Inlet is classed as **marine waters** and members must comply with these regulations. However, **Club Rules are: Members can fish with only two rods in the water at any time during Club competitions.**
7. Members can win only **one** trophy in competitions. Competition winners are ineligible for **“Species” award & “Secret” weight** on specified species.
8. Secret weight applies to all species and is decided on weight, not points. Fish closest to the weight wins. If more than one fish is close to the weight, the heaviest fish wins. If more than one fish is the same heaviest weight, the winner will be declared by the toss of a coin.
9. In the event of a tie for a trophy prize, the member with the highest points on their next fish will be declared the winner.
10. All member will have their **2 heaviest fish** caught in each competition recorded and the member who has the highest points total for the year, will win the Annual Aggregate trophy”.
11. Heaviest fish for the year, (Gummy Shark & Elephant Fish included) do not have to be caught in competitions and can be caught at any time of the year but they must be caught in our fishing area. Any member wanting to weigh fish for the “heaviest fish” award can do so by contacting the Weigh Master or a Committee member **at a reasonable time.**
12. Members must weigh their catch in on or before the advertised closing time on the final day of the competition. Fish will not be eligible if members arrive **after** the advertised closing time on the final day. Weigh in will start 15 minutes before the deadline on that final day.
13. Fishing competitions will be held regardless of the weather but boat owners are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of their passengers. **Do not take your boat out if it is unsafe to do so.**
14. Members who intend to enter the competition must be a fully paid member before the start of the competition. Members who bring a visitor and wish to enter the competition must inform a committee member and pay their entry fee before the start of the competition.
15. Non members who are unaccompanied by a member and wish to enter the competition must pay their entry fee before the start of the competition.
16. Fish that are not accepted are : toads, eels, rays, skates & shark (other than gummy shark).
17. Any fished weighed in that is not on our points table will be allocated 5 points per 10 grams and this value will remain in place for that season and will be revised if necessary for the next season.
18. Juniors will move into the Senior section in competition on their 16th birthday.
19. Children over 16 years can be registered as a family member if they are living at home and are still students. Once they commence full time employment, or leave home, they are expected to become a single member at the next membership renewal date. All students included in a family membership must fish in the Senior category after their 16th birthday.