



in conjunction with



Present

THE 8th VICTORIAN KINGFISH CUP

VICTORIAN KINGFISH CUP, HOSTED BY SOUTHERN FREEDIVERS:

1. Victorian Kingfish Cup will be open to ALL Victorian Marine waters where spearfishing is permitted.
(Please refer to the "Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide" for information regarding prohibited areas <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/restricted-fishing-locations>);
2. The competition committee reserves the right to cancel the competition if severe weather is forecast;
3. With the competition being open to ALL Victorian Marine waters, competitors' will be responsible for reading the weather forecast and determining if the area and conditions in which they intend to dive will be safe;
4. Only species eligible for the Kingfish Cup is the Yellowtail Kingfish. **All fish to be a minimum of 65 cm in length.**
5. Points will be allocated as; 100 points per fish and 10 points per kilogram. No maximum weight/points. Only 2 Kingfish per pair are eligible for scoring *(no restrictions on who in the pair shoots the fish)*. Only 2 fish per pair may be presented to the weigh in on the Sunday. The pair with the highest points for the two fish taken during the competition will be the Victorian Kingfish Cup champions.
6. The competition sign-on closes on Thursday 8th February at 8pm; any sign-on forms received later than this time will not be accepted. Sign-on forms will be accepted via email with sign on fee to be paid in cash or direct deposited to the Southern Freedivers.
7. Competition roll call will take place via phone call to central phone person (Peter Thompson 0417 979169) between 5pm and 8pm on Friday 9th February, where all sign on details will be confirmed. I.e. Dive location, return contact details, etc. *(This means divers can drive to their desired dive location on the Friday night and are NOT required to start from a central location permitting there is phone reception to sign on to roll call.)* Competitors **MUST** call in for roll call, no exceptions. If competitors do not get through straight away they must keep trying until they get through. If you are not registered on the roll call you will not be entered in the competition.
8. First day of competition, Saturday 10th February;
 - Fishing may begin any time after dawn on Saturday 10th February;
 - **VERY IMPORTANT** - Competitors must conclude fishing and call (or SMS text) the central phone person (Peter Thompson 0417 979169) via phone to sign off for the days diving between 4pm - 6pm on Saturday 10th. Any diver not signed off by 6pm will be disqualified and phoned to ensure they have finished their diving safely. 3 attempts will be made to contact the diver before their emergency contact is called and an emergency response will ensue. *(If divers intend to dive a location that has no phone reception it is imperative that they return to an area with reception in time to make the phone call to ensure an emergency response is not initiated un-necessarily);*
9. Second day of competition, Sunday 11th February;
 - Fishing may begin any time after dawn on Sunday, 11th February;

- Sign off and weigh in will take place two locations. Geelong for competitors in the Central Western region and Tooradin for competitors in the Central and Eastern Region (see map at the end of this document). Weigh-in ring will open at 2pm. Fish and the competitors must both be in the weigh-in ring **before 3pm** at which time the weigh-in ring will close;
- **VERY IMPORTANT** - If someone does not attend the final weigh in, they will be recorded as “did not weigh” (DNW). In this instance the competitor must phone (or SMS text) the central phone person (Peter Thompson 0417 979169) between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday 11th to sign off that they have finished their diving safely. If a diver is not present and has not called in to sign off; 3 attempts will be made to contact the diver via phone, if these are unsuccessful then their emergency contact will be called and an emergency response will ensue;
- A BBQ and presentation will follow the weigh in at the Tooradin location.

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES:

10. Southern Freedivers Spearfishing Competition Rules, shall apply for this competition. Where there is a contradiction to this document, the rules in this document will stand.
11. Divers must dive in pairs. With one diver to remain on the surface at all times and within 30 meters of their float and flag. One float/flag minimum per pair but two flag/floats are ok.
12. Each dive float is to have an ‘alpha flag’ clearly displayed at all times, mirror (minimum 50mm x 50mm) and whistle.
13. Divers to remain within 30m of their partner at all times. Divers are to stay as a pair all day and no solo diving is allowed.
14. Assisted catches are allowed within the pair.
15. All competitors are to sign an indemnity form and be financial members of the Australian Underwater Federation. Juniors require parental consent and signature.
16. The dates for the 2018 Victorian Kingfish Cup are Saturday and Sunday the 10th and 11th February. If cancelled due to weather, the competition will be rescheduled for the following week end, Saturday and Sunday the 17th and 18th February.
17. A committee decision will be made as to whether the competition is to proceed on the Thursday prior to the competition by 5pm. It will be posted on the Southern Freedivers website + Geelong Freedivers Facebook page. Alternatively, a phone check can be done Stoj Pavlovski (SFD) on 0400 703 356 after 12 noon on Thursday.
18. The sign on fee for the 2017 Victorian Kingfish Cup is \$30 per diver and \$15 per Junior.
19. A Perpetual Cup and individual trophies will be awarded to the Highest Scoring Pair. There are no specific categories and all divers are competing in the Open division.
20. Flashers may be used;
21. Only berley caught on the day to be used. All berley must be on the normal Victorian competition score sheet.
22. Any protests must be lodged to the SFD committee within an hour of the sign off time. Any protests will be resolved by the Southern Freedivers committee.
23. All competitors to provide suitable containers to keep their catch fresh and presentable for weigh in. Convenor has right to reject old or poorly kept fish.
24. Tails of the Kingfish may be clipped at weigh in.

BOAT DIVING (These rules apply to any competitor diving from a boat or other vessel):

25. Each competitor that intends to dive from a boat or vessel must advise their boat rego and launching details.
26. All boats must display an alpha flag at all times when there are divers in the water. Boat flags must be 900mm above the gunwale and be a minimum of 750 x 600 mm in dimension
27. Every boat must have a marine radio and mobile phone on board.
28. Every boat must carry the minimum legal safety gear required to visit the area they plan to dive.
29. The skipper or boat owner is to sign a document verifying that his/her boat is seaworthy and meets all legal safety requirements.
30. It is recommended that life jackets are worn regardless of boat size during transit to dive locations, whether they are wearing wetsuits, etc.
31. Whilst boats may be anchored on the dive location a designated boat driver is highly recommended.



2 PRIZES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN OUT FOR BIGGEST
SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER AND MOST
MERITORIOUS FISH (OTHER THAN KINGFISH)
CAUGHT ON THE WEEKEND.



MOST MERITORIOUS FISH TO BE JUDGED BY THE SFD COMMITTEE

PLEASE BE PREPARED and VERY CAREFUL

CENTRAL/EASTERN REGION WEIGH-IN:

Tooradin Boat Ramp



CENTRAL/WESTERN REGION WEIGH-IN –

Call Russell O'Flynn on 0499 000 020 to organise the weigh point in the Geelong/Bellarine Peninsula region.

Competitors must sign off via phone to Peter Thompson 0417 979 169.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT TIMES/DATES

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 8PM – SIGN ON FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AND ENTRY FEE PAID;

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 5PM - 8PM – COMPETITORS MUST PHONE INTO ROLL CALL;

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY DAWN – 1ST DAY DIVING COMMENCES;

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 4PM - 6PM – 1ST DAY DIVING CONCLUDES MUST PHONE OR TEXT TO SIGN OFF;

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY DAWN – 2ND DAY DIVING COMMENCES;

**SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY – COMPETITORS AND FISH MUST BE IN SIGN OFF RING BEFORE 3PM WEIGH-IN LOCATIONS OR
PHONE CALL TO CENTRAL PHONE PERSON TO SIGN OFF 2PM – 3PM.**

COMPETITION PRIZES

(Donated by DivePro)

The Winning Pair will receive the following (float/poncho) prize pack

2 x DivePro Spearfishing Float/Dry bags (Valued at \$138 each)



Features:

- 30L Dual-chamber design
- Dry Bag Design
- Shoulder Strap
- 420D anti-abrasion high durable material
- Ruler to measure fish
- Weights Pockets with 2 lead plates included
- Reflective paint logo

2 x DivePro Towel Ponchos (Valued at \$45 each)



One size fits all and ideal for changing into and out of wetsuits and drying off

Prize for the Biggest Southern Rock Lobster

DivePro 1050 Lumen Dive Torch (Valued at \$128)



Features:

- 1050 lumen maximum brightness
- Waterproof to 200m
- Shock Resistance: 1.5M
- Aerospace Grade Aluminium with hard anodized finish
- 18650 Li-ion 3400 mAh rechargeable battery
- 18650 battery charger

**Prize for the Most Meritorious Fish
(Other than Kingfish)**

DivePro Abalone Tool (Valued at \$30)



Features:

- Orange Handle
- 420 Stainless Steel
- Overall Length is 33cm
- Blade Length is 20cm

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