



2026 Snapper Classic

30th – 31st May

The MBGLAC welcomes all members and visitors to participate in our 2026 Snapper Classic. With sponsorship from Eden Outboards Mobile Servicing and South Coast Hire.



Event Rules

Fishing Times

Fishing may commence at 5.30am on Saturday 30th of May and must cease by 2.00pm Sunday 31st of May. Fish caught outside this time will **NOT** be eligible for prizes.

Fishing Waters

East of Goalen Head to East of Green Cape Light House

Weather

In the event of a **Gale warning** from the BOM, **fishing ceases** from the time issued and fishing will **recommence when the Gale warning is cancelled**.

The Tournament Committee may cancel or postpone the tournament in severe weather conditions.

Fish Measurement

Prizes are based on the length of the fish measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. All fish must be measured and photographed **on a DPI brag** mat.

All photographs must contain your Snapper Classic Token.

In the event of a tie, the earliest capture time and date prevails.

All fish must comply with NSW DPI Regulations. Minimum legal length 30cm.

The Club encourages the measure and release of fish entered.

DPI Brag Mats are available for sale from the clubrooms for \$10.00.

Official Measuring Station

To be eligible for tournament prizes, fish lengths and photographs, clearly containing the token in the image, **must** be available no later than **3.00pm** at the Clubhouse on Sunday 31st of May 2026

Please hand in a copy of your fish record sheet for DPI data records. All fish catch times and dates must be entered.

*****All capture record sheets must be at the clubhouse, *fully completed*, no later than 3.00pm on Sunday 31st of May 2026. This means the Record Sheets must be filled in and completed and handed to the weighmaster with pictures available by 3pm. If Record Sheets are not completed by 3pm, fish will be ineligible for prizes.**

Eligibility

This fishing competition is open to all anglers holding a current NSW Fishing License or are exempt from holding a License. The sale of fish is prohibited by NSW law, and anglers are encouraged to take only the fish they need. Unwanted fish should be released alive.

Registration

Registrations are available at the Tournament Briefing on Friday, 29th May 2026, commencing 5.30 pm at the MBGLAC Clubrooms.

Entry fee is \$40.00 per adult non-member and \$35 per adult member and \$10.00 for all Children under 16.

Attendance at the Tournament Briefing

All registered anglers will be required to obtain a token for inclusion in all fish photos submitted in this tournament.

Tokens will be available from the Clubrooms commencing 5.30pm 29th May 2026.

At least one member of the team/family must attend the briefing. It is the responsibility of this team member to ensure that the other team members are aware of the tournament rules.

Adjustments to Length Via Digital Photos

The acceptance of a digital photo for prizes will be at the discretion of the competition committee. Changes to the apparent length will be made in circumstances where the photo does not appear to represent the true length of the fish. The decision of the committee is final.

Fishing Etiquette

All teams must fish from the same vessel and respect the space of other boats, and not come within 30 meters of each other whilst fishing. Boats in disregard of this requirement may face disqualification from the event.

Marine Rescue

We recommend all boat operators log in with NSW Marine Rescue when venturing offshore. This can be done via the Marine Rescue App or via your marine radio VHF channel 16 or 73. Further, ***all boaters are reminded it is compulsory to wear life jackets when crossing a bar, when fishing alone AND when fishing at night.***

Presentation

The presentation will be held at the MBGLAC clubrooms at Spencer Park at **4.00pm** on Sunday 31st May, 2026.

If bad weather or otherwise restricts fishing times, an earlier presentation may be held.

Free Sausage Sizzle at Presentation.

All or any additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the tournament committee.

DPI want your snapper frames.

DPI are looking for snapper frames for the purposes of researching anomalies from fish in our local area. Contact Shane Mayberry on 0428 424 496 if you have frames to donate.

2026 Snapper Classic Tournament Prizes

Adult

Longest Snapper	Bait	\$400.00
Longest Snapper	Lure	\$400.00
2 nd	either bait or lure	\$200.00

Only one individual prize to be awarded to an angler.

Junior

Longest Snapper	\$100.00 plus trophy
2 nd	\$ 50.00 plus trophy
3 rd	All other Junior entrants who catch a legal length snapper will receive a \$10.00 voucher.

Only one individual prize to be awarded to an angler.

Individual Angler - Longest Bag of 5 (excludes fish which is an individual winner)

Adult	\$200.00
Junior	\$ 50.00

Boat – Longest bag of 5 (excludes any fish which is an individual winner)

1 st	\$200.00
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All or any fish that win an individual length prize are ineligible to be included in any Longest 5 category prize.

Only one prize per boat

Mystery Lengths X 2

1 st	\$50.00
2 nd	\$50.00

*****All anglers are requested to nominate one (1) fish for inclusion in the Mystery Length draws. Circle or asterisk the nominated fish and its length.*****

Lucky Angler Prize x 1

1st	\$100.00
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Prizes only awarded to registered entrants.

2026 Snapper Classic Entry Form

Angler's Name	Mobile	Email	Entry Fee	Token Nos

Adult Entry Fee \$35 members and \$40 guests

All Juniors are eligible for junior prizes **only OR** can pay adult entry fee to participate in senior categories **only**.

Juniors under 16 years as at 30th May 2026

Junior's Name	Date of Birth	Entry fee	Token Nos

Junior Entry \$10

****Juniors must be supervised by an adult at all times during the competition.****

Declaration

As an entrant, I will ensure that all fishing practices are in accordance with the current NSW Fisheries regulations. I understand that the decisions of the Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc tournament committee are final in any disputes.

I will indemnify MBGLAC and all of its members and sponsors in the event of any loss or injury suffered in conjunction with this event. I further understand that all insurance is my own responsibility. By signing on behalf of a junior entering the Snapper Classic 2026, I take full responsibility for the junior's participation and their adherence to NSW Fisheries regulations. For juniors aged 5 to 13, I acknowledge that it is my duty to supervise and ensure the wellbeing of the child throughout the event. For juniors aged 13 to 16, my signature provides consent for their independent participation in the Snapper Classic 2026.

Signature of each Adult entered.

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Note: Tokens will be provided at time of registration

