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88th Annual Jess Sams Game Fishing Tournament

TOURNAMENT PRIZE POOL OVER

\$60,000

IN CASH & PRIZES TO BE WON

Early Entry Draw

Closing Date SUNDAY

25th January 2026

Shimano Stella 10000 & Trophy
Hunter Jig Rod

Valued @ \$2,450

FRIDAY 30th SATURDAY 31st of JANUARY & 1st of FEBRUARY

\$20,000

CASH TO BE WON



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MERCURY

SHIMANO

\$5,000 Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R

\$3,000 2nd Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R

\$2,000 3rd Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R

\$3,000 Heaviest Marlin Over 150kg

\$1,000 Heaviest Marlin Over 120kg

\$4,000 Cash Shoot Out



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Ulladulla Game Fishing Club Incorporated
The Hisway 88th Annual Jess Sams Game Fishing Tournament

An application is extended to anglers who are financial members/life members of a club affiliated with NSWGFA or with state association, which is affiliated with the GFAA or a bona-fide member of IGFA.

The Hisway 88th Annual Jess Sams Game Fishing Tournament – Tournament Rules – 30th, 31st January and 1st of February 2026

The Tournament Committee: is The Ulladulla Game Fishing Club Committee

President: George Lirantzis – 0419 300 400

Email – ulladullagamefishingclub@gmail.com

Vice President – Mark Brayne – 0488 638 361

Secretary – Lisa Lirantzis – 0407 877 786

Radios – Grahame Williams – 0412 302 450

ENTRIES: Boat skippers must read all tournament rules and forward completed application forms and pay fees to the Secretary of the Ulladulla Game Fishing Club Inc. **all applications must be submitted by close of business Thursday the 29th of January and must be paid in full to UGFC.** **Note:** All anglers are to be financial members of a club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA, ANSA or IGFA. ANSA Members wishing to fish the tournament must fish on an NSWGFA Club Registered Boat

The tournament committee reserves the right (at its absolute discretion) to refuse to accept an application to the tournament from any boat and/or angler. The tournament committee is not required to provide a reason for its decision.

BOAT TEAM ENTRIES: All Vessels must consist of a minimum of **TWO (2)** registered anglers with a maximum limit to the number of anglers as per NSW Maritime Vessel Capacity. **However, all crew members of vessels competing in this tournament must be registered anglers in the tournament. Failure to comply with this rule will result in loss of points scored.**

REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS: No replacement of boats and competitors will be allowed after the commencement of the tournament. Anglers may not affect a capture or tag & release on any other vessel than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag & release card, the angler, all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture or tag & release was effected and may not be transferred to another vessel however in the case of an emergency situation the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to effect capture or tag.

SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS: All boats must comply with Roads & Maritime Services regulations for the safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home club. A "Boat Safety Rescue" form is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a **406Mhz EPIRB** and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be **VHF** frequency.

INSURANCE: It is mandatory for all boats to carry Third Party Property Damage and Third Party Personal Injury Insurance to be a minimum of (\$5,000,000) and a copy of policy details **MUST** be supplied with boat entry form before entry can be accepted.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS: All anglers must carry Saltwater Fishing Licenses (if applicable). Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie any vessel to objects such as wave riders, FADs or fish trap buoys.

FISHING DAYS & TIMES: Friday January 30th – 7:00am to 4:00pm Saturday January 31st – 7:00am to 4:00pm. Sunday February 1st – 7:00am to 2:00pm. Fishing and burleying cannot commence prior to 7:00am and must cease at close of fishing

Note on Friday and Saturday any fish hooked and reported to Marlin base prior to the finish of fishing may be played out and will be eligible for the tournament. Sunday, any fish hooked and reported to Marlin base prior to the finish of fishing may be played out and will be eligible for the tournament provided the angler, fish and/or tag (and full equipment) is presented to the Weigh station by (3:30pm). **Presentation of trophies will commence at 4:00pm Sunday 1st February at Ulladulla Harbour**

FISHING AREA: The fishing area for the tournament is as outlined on the Tournament Sked Map

Northern boundary 34 degrees and 51 minutes, (Crookhaven River)

Southern boundary 35 degrees and 51 minutes (South of Batemans Bay)

Eastern boundary 151 degrees and 30 minutes

CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT: To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather, the Tournament Committee will decide on whether the day will be a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact with members of the Tournament Committee at the Weigh Station. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing then the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether the tournament will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to this time will be eligible for the competition.

Note: A declaration of a Gale warning by the appropriate government weather authority requires the cancellation of the tournament whilst ever the warning is in place. Cancellation will only apply until the gale warning has been lifted. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to the closest or safest port. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or

not, having regard to the Committee's decision on the Tournament for the day. The ultimate decision on return to harbour remains with the competitors.

In case of bad weather, the tournament committee reserves the right to change dates of tournament (refunds are at the discretion of tournament committee)

LEAVING & RETURNING PORT:

LEAVING PORT: The tournament will be conducted from Ulladulla Harbour. Participating vessels travelling to the tournament by sea may depart from their home ports. All other vessels **MUST** depart from Ulladulla Harbour on each day of the tournament. Boats not arriving in Ulladulla Harbour on Friday January 30th may travel out of their home port on Saturday January 31st, but will relinquish all points accrued on Friday. **All other boats must leave from Ulladulla Harbour on Saturday and Sunday.**

RETURNING TO PORT: All vessels must return to Ulladulla Harbour at the completion of fishing, however Vessels travelling home by sea on Sunday must still affect a sign-off with Marlin Base, failure to LOG OFF will invoke a penalty of disqualification of points. Note **Sunday** all captures, tag cards & fishing equipment must be lodged with the weigh master by 3:30pm to be eligible for the competition.

Tag and Release cards and all captured fish must be brought into Ulladulla Harbour via sea at the end of each fishing day, failure to do so will result in disqualification, with the exception of below.

Moored boats (that can not be transported by trailer) may return to their home port on Sunday after stop fishing, they must still affect a sign off with Marlin Base as per the rules above and must be in their home port by 3:30pm, with date and time stamped photo showing they are back in port, video or photo evidence must be sent electronically to the weigh master of Ulladulla Game Fishing Club, and gear must be checked off by their club's weigh master, all captures, tag cards & fishing equipment must be lodged electronically with the weigh master of Ulladulla Game Fishing Club by 3:30pm to be eligible for the competition. Captain of the vessel must send an email to ulladullagamefishingclub@gmail.com and an approval will be sent back to you, with instructions for submitting the above items.

WEIGH STATION: Once boats enter the vicinity of the weigh station, they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the weigh station and must obey all instructions issued by the Official. Before coming alongside the weigh station, boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all (equipment used to affect the capture/tag and release and) applicable paperwork.

Weigh Station times are: Day 1 and 2 - 4pm to midnight. On days 1 and 2 fish landed or tag and released after midnight will be weighed at 5:00am the following day or at the committee's discretion. Day 3 – 2:00pm -3:30pm. Note: All fish must be weighed at the weigh station in Ulladulla Harbour on the day of capture, and all tag cards presented on the day of tagging.

When returning from fishing at the end of the day, please make your way over to the weigh station in a timely manner.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Marlin Base can be contacted during fishing times on 0412 302 450 Grahame Williams

All competing vessels are to log on daily with tournament base prior to the commencement of fishing, Failure to comply will result in no points been awarded for fish caught prior to logging on.

Radio Skeds will be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Schedules for Tournaments" as are in effect at the time of the tournament. Marlin base will call each boat in numerical order on radio frequencies **27.940MHZ or VHF81**. The radio schedule times will be at two hour intervals and commence at 0810. Boats must keep the air way clear (10 minutes) prior to the end of fishing so late hook-ups may be recorded by the base on each fishing day. The number on board is to be advised during the first sched for the day. Boats are to report on each sched as follows:

1. Boat Number
2. Boat Name
3. Accurate Fishing Report – using the "000" system, i.e. Strikes – Hook-Ups – Captures/T&R & specify Species, Line Class, Angler and **ACCURATE length measurements of MARLIN & SHARKS** using the weight/curve graph which will be in your boat sked bag. (note any fish captured which is found to be more than 10% different from the **length** measurement provided when the fish was reported will be disqualified.)
4. Position – using the Grid Chart supplied for this tournament, grid position and whether the boat is currently drifting, trolling or anchored.
5. Please Note: If any vessel is unable to fish on a competition day, it is required that Marlin Base be notified either by radio or telephone before the 2nd sked starts as a priority

IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT TOURNAMENT BASE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST VESSEL

Should any vessel suffer total radio failure, the boat skipper must attempt to notify another vessel of the problem and have them notify Marlin Base, they must then immediately return to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with a tournament official as listed in Tournament Rule 1.

If a vessel misses two (2) radio scheds Marlin Base will commence the emergency procedures.

Captures and Tagged fish not reported on the correct radio Sched will not be eligible in the tournament point score or trophies.

All boats are to report on **EVERY** sched. All boats must report to Marlin Base on returning to port.

At the final sched for each day each boat is required to confirm their ETA back in Port and their current grid position.

FISH HANDLING: All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing. Competitors and crew must not, without a tournament official's permission, clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws in the vicinity of the weigh station, not at any time near any beach or harbour foreshore area. In the event of any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew. Unwanted fish and carcasses must be taken at least 2nm outside the port and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Note: fish MUST NOT be disposed of in a Marine Park. Failure to comply with this rule will invoke a penalty against the offending boat.

FISHING RULES: The tournament will be fished under the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of NSWGFA as are in effect at the time. The NSWGFA Tag & Release & Measure & Release rules will apply.

LINE AND BACKING: The use of backing is permissible. (note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is monofilament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.)

The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook.

1. **Line Classes** which will be recognised 4kg,(no Sharks) 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.
2. **Eligible Species:** as per NSWGFA eligible species
3. **Circle Hooks:** are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected). Except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*). NB: No points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and or trolling baits with "J" hooks



CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION
A hook with it's point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

4. **The use of identifiable Marlin** carcasses are prohibited for use as tethered burley. Burley secured under floats is prohibited
5. **Multiple Strikes** in the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the fish first fought will be eligible for point score.

CAPTURE - Minimum Weight to Qualify

MARLIN must weigh at least **120.00kg** on any line class

Yellow fin Tuna & Southern Bluefin Tuna must weigh 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg, and for Junior Anglers equal to line class in all classes.

Tiger Sharks. New Min. Weights - Effective 1st September 2022

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 120kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 200kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 250kg

Blue Sharks. New Min. Weights - Effective 1st September 2022

Line Classes 6 – 10kg min. 100kg

Line Classes 15 – 24kg min. 125kg

Line Classes 37 – 60kg min. 150kg

Other game fish must weigh at least equal to the line class used.

Note - Only one cash prize will be awarded per captured fish.

Tag & Release – NSWGFA recommended method of releasing tagged fish- The hook is to be removed, or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish.

Bill Fish Tag – all billfish must be tagged with the Billfish only tag, this is the only tag that will be recognised for billfish in this tournament.

The billfish tag is for billfish only point score. i.e. no other species.

NSWDPI Tags – only NSWDPI tags can be used, no other type of tag will be awarded points or trophies.

Line Class – must be provided on T&R cards. If no line class is provided it will be deemed to have been caught on 60kg tackle.

Time – Failure to record time of release on the tag card will result in the time being recorded as at the end of the days fishing or after the last fish for the day has been tagged, whichever is the latest.

Points – will be calculated as per the NSWGFA point score tag & release line class point score. In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner, i.e. the angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

PROTESTS: Any protests must be submitted in writing by the boat skipper to the tournament committee by midnight on that particular day, except on the final day they must be handed in by 4:00pm on Sunday, February 1st, 2026. The decision of the tournament committee will be final.

MISCONDUCT: The tournament committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident of misconduct by an angler on a boat, be he/or she registered for the tournament or not occurring during the tournament. The committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any further (Club) Tournament. All competitors are reminded that as members of a Club they are regarded as representatives of that Club, as

such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on the Club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

MEDIA POLICY: Only the Club President can make a comment to the media. Competitors are NOT to post any inaccurate or inappropriate information/photographs on forum sites. Competitors must NOT approach the media, or answer any queries from the media. If a competitor is approached by the media they are to contact Club President with the details who will carry out the requirements of NSWGFA Media Policy. The Club Logo, Ulladulla Game Fishing Club Name or The Jess Sams Game Fishing Tournament cannot be used in any media publication (Including websites) without the express permission of the Club and then it must be within the guidelines of the NSWGFA Media Policy. No competitor can publish a photograph(s) of any captured fish in any Newspaper publication.

SALE OF FISH: any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.

TOURNAMENT BRIEFING: A Tournament briefing will be held at Ulladulla Civic Centre, **Thursday 29th of January, commencing at 6:30pm. A minimum of one person per team must attend the briefing.** If for some reason this cannot be done, please contact the Ulladulla Game Fishing Club to make alternative arrangements. **We ask that entry forms are to be sent in, in a timely manner and before the briefing commencement time at 6:30.**

CONDUCT: It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to Tournament Officials and other Competitors at all times throughout the Tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament. **Note: Tournament rules are binding on all competitors & officials.**

ULLADULLA GAME FISHING CLUB: accepts no responsibility for the actions by entrants in this tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to property or persons during the tournament. In consideration of accepting this application to participate in the event, all Competitors agree to release or indemnify Ulladulla GFC, the Tournament Committee and any or all of their employees, servants and voluntary workers against all claims proceedings or actions for loss or damage to property or person.

MEASURE & RELEASE: for juniors and small fry for Yellow tail Kingfish under 70cm for personal point score only as per NSWGFA guide lines.

STRIPED TUNA: is for junior capture and release only – same points apply as per NSWGFA Point Score. Use measure and release cards. **NON AFFILIATED** anglers who wish to compete may join the Ulladulla Game Fishing Club as temporary members at an additional cost of \$45 for the duration of the tournament. Full club membership is also available.

PRESENTATION: Tournament presentation will commence at 4:00pm on Sunday the 1st of February 2026, at Ulladulla Harbour

VIDEO / GO PRO TAG AND RELEASE RULES: All boats participating in the Jess Sams Game fishing tournament are required to have a date stamped video camera / go pro / still camera to verify Tag & release of all fish. The tournament committee may arbitrarily review all or any video / photo evidence substantiating a tag and release.

Each boat is responsible for their personal video / camera equipment.

Video / still footage must show the following:

Angler fighting the fish, object of the day, video showing time and date, species, tagging and release of fish (entire fight is not necessary)

Object of the Day: items will be provided to all participants to demonstrate the angler and team involvement in all Tag and Release events. The object of the day will be declared and announced each morning via radio base. It's a good idea to film with more than one camera in case of video failure.

CATERING:

Saturday Night Tournament Dinner will be held at Ulladulla Civic Centre From 6:30pm (Directly across from Ulladulla Harbour)

Early entry, Lucky Anger and Lucky Boat winners must be present at the dinner to claim prizes.

Optional Cash Shoot Out Conditions

To be fished in accordance with tournament fishing rules

- A) Champion boat Tag and release will be awarded to the boat who accumulates the most tag points on the Saturday only
- B) Champion boat capture will be awarded to the boat who weighs the heaviest game fish on Saturday only
- C) A minimum of 20 boats entered are required for the shoot out to proceed, if 20 is not reached, refunds will be issued to all entrants
- D) All boats participating in Saturday cash shoot out must depart from Ulladulla Harbour



Prize Categories

A=ANGLER & B=BOAT PRIZE

Capture

1B. Don Goswell Heaviest Marlin Over 150kg	\$3000.00 Cash
2B. Heaviest Marlin Over 120kg	\$1000.00 Cash
3B. Heaviest Shark over 150kg	\$1000.00 Cash
4B. 2 nd Heaviest Shark over 150kg	\$250.00 Cash
5B. Heaviest Yellow Fin Tuna over 15kg (equal or over line class)	\$250.00 Compleat Angler Voucher
6B. Heaviest other Game Fish (equal or over line class)	\$250.00 Compleat Angler Voucher
7A. Heaviest Game Fish Junior	Shimano Tiagra 30W + Shimano Ultra 10-15kg
8A. Heaviest Game Fish Small Fry	Shimano Tiagra 30W + Shimano Ultra 10-15kg

Tag and Release

9B. Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R (billfish only)	\$5000.00 Cash
	\$550.00 Undertow Custom Apparel Pack
10B. 2 nd Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R (billfish only)	\$3000.00 Cash
11B. 3 rd Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R (billfish only)	\$2000.00 Cash
12B. 4 th Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R (billfish only)	\$1000.00 Cash
13B. 5 th Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R (billfish only)	\$500.00 Cash
14B. Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R Sharks	\$250.00 Compleat Angler Voucher
15B. Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R Y/F Tuna	\$150.00 Compleat Angler Voucher
16B. 1 st Marlin Tagged and Released	TBA
17B. Last Marlin Tagged and Released	TBA
18A. Highest Point Scoring SNR Male	Ian Miller Shortstroker SwordFight Rod
19A. Highest Point Scoring SNR Female	Ian Miller Shortstorker SwordFight Rod
20A. Highest Point Scoring Junior	Shimano Tiagra 30W + Shimano Ultra 10-15kg
21A. Highest Point Scoring Small Fry	Shimano Tiagra 30W + Shimano Ultra 10-15kg
22B. Best photo from tournament including object of the day	\$300.00 Cash
23B. 2 nd Best photo from tournament including object of the day	\$200.00 Cash

Tournament Prize Pool valued at over **\$27,000**

Lucky Angler Draw – 2 prizes valued over **\$2,500**

Lucky Boat Draw – 2 prizes valued over **\$4,500**

Tournament Raffle – Valued over **\$20,000**

Early Entry Draw – Shimano Stella 10000 + Trophy Hunter Jig Rod Valued at \$2,450

\$4000 Cash Shoot Out

TOTAL PRIZE POOL OVER \$60,000



YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

EARLY ENTRY – DRAWN @ TOURNAMENT DINNER

Enter on or before Thursday 25th January and one lucky boat will win a

Shimano Stella 10000 + Trophy Hunter Jig Rod @ \$2,450

LUCKY ANGLER – 2 DRAWS, DRAWN AT TOURNAMENT DINNER

1 x 24kg Shimano Tiagra 50w + Momoi Line + Shimano Ultra 15-24kg @ \$2,200

Al McGlashan Photo Print @ \$600

LUCKY BOAT – 2 DRAWS, DRAWN AT TOURNAMENT DINNER

Furuno Fish Finder FCV800 + P66 Transducer @ \$3,600

Shimano 24 Plays 3000A Electric Reel @ \$950

RAFFLE – DRAWN @ TOURNAMENT DINNER

Shimano Talica 50II @ \$1,790

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Shimano 24 Plays 3000A Electric Reel @ \$950

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Shimano Stella 14000 @ \$1,850

Shimano Twin Power 4000 + Ian Miller Beast Buster LM @ \$1,300

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Shimano Tiagra 50w @ \$1,190

Shimano Tiagra 30w @ \$950

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Ian Miller Shortstroker SwordFight @ \$900

Shimano Ultra 15-24kg @ \$900

Shimano Ultra 15-24kg @ \$900

Shimano Ultra 15-24kg @ \$900

Trophy Hunter Profidgie Dredge Teaser

Trophy Hunter Jig Rods

Compleat Angler Vouchers

5 x Shimano Tackle Bag Large @ \$175 each

5 x Shimano Banar Bag Medium @ \$110 each

1 x Momoi 24kg Line

2 x Momoi Line 15kg Line

Al McGlashan Photo Print @ \$600

2 x Black Pete Complete Tournament Rigging Kit @ \$700

1 x Black Pete Flying Gaff @ \$250

1 x Black Pete Tag Pole @ \$175

Loads of other quality prizes

NOTE: To be eligible for these prizes, you must have a dinner ticket & be at the tournament dinner.



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