

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB INCORPORATED**

**effective 1 July 2008**

# **PART A - OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEES**

## **1. COMPOSITION**

### **A. Executive**

The Executive shall consist of elected members appointed to one of the following positions:

- (i) President;
- (ii) Vice-President;
- (iii) Secretary;
- (iv) Assistant Secretary; and
- (v) Treasurer.

### **B. Other Committee members**

To make a total of ten.

### **C. Sub-Committees**

- (i) Outings Committee;
- (ii) Burrinjuck Committee; and
- (iii) Others as required.

### **D. Officers appointed by the Committee from Committee members**

- (i) Safety Officer;
- (ii) Tagging Officer;
- (iii) Insurance Officer;
- (iv) Recorder;
- (v) Editor;
- (vi) Trustee (property officer);
- (vii) Activities Officer; and
- (viii) Outings Liaison Officer.

## **2. DUTIES**

### **A. Executive**

The duties of the President, Vice-President and the Treasurer are defined in the Club Constitution.

- (a) *Secretary* - The Secretary shall act as public officer and:
  - (i) Preserve and produce, as necessary, all correspondence or copies thereof;
  - (ii) Keep correct records of the proceedings of all Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings;
  - (iii) Bring all correspondence and other business before the Committee for consideration and discussion;

- (iv) Arrange for a register of names of Club members and addresses to be kept up to date;
  - (v) Arrange for a register of member's boats to be kept up to date; and
  - (vi) Do all such other things deemed necessary by the Club or Committee to carry out the wishes of the Club.
- (b) *Assistant Secretary* - The Assistant Secretary shall act as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary and shall perform other duties as required.

## **B. Committee**

The duties of the Committee are defined in the Club Constitution.

## **C. Sub-Committees**

The Sub-Committees are appointed by the Committee as defined in the Club Constitution.

- (a) *Outings Committee* - The Outings Committee shall:
- (i) Decide on the dates, venues and boundaries of all Club Outings, ensuring that a few ANSA NSW Conventions are deemed Club Outings where possible. Once dates and venues of outings have been published they may be altered by the Committee allowing 28 days before the outing, which may put the matter to a vote at a Club meeting, any changes will then have to be published;
  - (ii) Ensure that the appropriate sections of these By-laws relating to safety at outings are organised and enforced. This shall be done in co-operation with the Club Safety Officer;
  - (iii) Ensure that all equipment necessary for the running of an outing (eg. scales, tape measure, capture record sheets, attendance book and blackboards) are present, and that BBQ facilities are available at outings;
  - (iv) Ensure that, where accommodation etc, is booked by the Club on behalf of members or visitors, all payments by members or visitors have been made at the time and to the person specified by the Outings Committee. Where payment is not made, accommodation etc., is not to be booked by the Outings Committee for the members or visitors concerned;
  - (v) Ensure that all payments by members or visitors for accommodation etc, are conveyed to the appropriate person or authority; and
  - (vi) Where the Club Recorder is not present supervise the recording of captures and ensure that the appropriate documents relating to captures, competitions and attendance are presented to the Club Recorder as soon as possible after the outing.

*NOTE: Any or all of the above duties may be delegated to any willing members of the Club.*

- (b) *Burrinjuck Committee* - Duties of the Burrinjuck Committee are set out in the booklet entitled "Guidelines to the Burrinjuck Convention".
- (c) *Other Committees* - Other sub-committees may be appointed by the Committee from time to time where deemed appropriate.

## **D. Duties of Appointed Officers**

- (a) *Safety Officer* - is to:
  - (i) promote safety consciousness of members;
  - (ii) promote awareness of Club Safety regulations; and
  - (iii) conduct “spot checks” of members boats to ensure they comply to the necessary club and statutory regulations; and
  - (iv) notify the Committee of failure of any member to comply with these regulations.
- (b) *Tagging Officer* - is to:
  - (i) encourage participation in the tagging program;
  - (ii) liaise with the NSW State Fisheries to obtain continuing supplies of tagging equipment and to return completed tag cards;
  - (iii) maintain a record of each members progress towards the obtaining of a Tagging Masters Award;
  - (iv) maintain as current as possible a running tally of the progress of each members effort; and
  - (v) ensure that this tally is published from time to time in the Club's newsletter.
- (c) *Insurance Officer* - is to:
  - (i) ensure the renewal of Club insurance policies.
- (d) *Club Recorder* - is to:
  - (i) enlighten members about Club and inter-club competitions and the rules relating to these;
  - (ii) keep and maintain Club Records in all divisions and line classes in which ANSA records are kept. But, in addition, keep and maintain Ladies and Junior records in all divisions. The same rules apply to Club records as to ANSA records except that the weight of the fish is the only measurement required, photographs are not required and line tests are not required. Measurements of length and girth are not required but are encouraged. Instead, the angler will be required to indicate the line class in which he/she was fishing and any disputes regarding the correct identification shall be decided by the Recorder on the evidence available. If the Recorder is not completely satisfied as to the species, line class or the compliance with ANSA fishing rules, a record shall not be granted;
  - (iii) maintain, a current running tally of progress in year-long Club competitions and the appropriate trophy categories;
  - (iv) ensure that up-to-date information on the state of Club Records and Club competitions is freely available to the Committee and published at least quarterly in the Club's newsletter;
  - (v) arrange for Australian record claims and ANSA (NSW) competition entries by Club members to be sent to the appropriate authorities as soon as possible after receipt of the same from Club members.
  - (vi) arrange for the presentation of Club Record certificates and Australian Record certificates to members;

- (vii) maintain a record of each members progress towards the various masters awards presented by ANSA and to publish these records from time to time in the Club newsletter;
  - (viii) investigate any disputes relating to correctness or otherwise of any capture and to arbitrate on same;
  - (ix) ensure that all weighing devices owned by the Club are properly maintained and checked for accuracy as required for record purposes by ANSA and IGFA; and  
*NOTE: IGFA and GFAA must be on trade certified scales*
  - (x) maintain a list of club members personal scales certifications.
- (e) *Editor* - is required to:
- (i) produce a monthly Club newsletter;
  - (ii) produce an Annual Report; and
  - (iii) arrange for distribution of uncollected items.
- (f) *Trustee (property officer)* - is required to:
- (i) store selected Club equipment;
  - (ii) keep record of all Club equipment;
  - (iii) arrange for maintenance of all Club equipment;
  - (iv) monitor Club members use of all equipment;
  - (v) report to the Committee any abuse of all Club equipment; and
  - (vi) collect monies (and forward to Club) for use of Club equipment.
- (g) *Activities Officer* - is to arrange:
- (i) talks by Club members and guest speakers; and
  - (ii) films and any other activity for the entertainment and/or enlightenment of Club members at Club meetings.
- (h) *Outings Liaison Officer* - is to:
- (i) assist members with outing information eg venue, BBQ time, etc; and
  - (ii) appoint an Outing Officer prior to each outing, whose role is to ensure the attendance book and scales are available at the outing and to promptly return attendance and capture records to the Recorder after the outing.

## **PART B - CLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **1. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

- (a) *Club Year* - the Club year is from 1 July to 30 June.
- (b) *Rule changes* - where changes in fishing rules, line classes, eligible species, etc., are made (either by the Club or ANSA) during the Club year, for Club purposes the rules in force at the beginning of the Club year shall remain in force for the duration of that Club year. Similarly, all trophies available for accomplishments during any Club year shall be decided upon before the commencement of that Club year.

The exception to this is changes in fisheries lists for target species for the tagging program and where species become either protected by law from capture or excluded by committee decision. Such changes come into force as soon as members are notified in the Club newsletter

- (c) *Outing attendance* - A member shall be deemed to have attended a Club outing when he/she has signed the attendance book available at that outing. Members must sign the attendance book personally to be eligible for points for the outing. Members attending the outing who have not signed the attendance book by 9am on the final day of the outing have no right of recourse in any matter relating to their attendance or captures. An outing may be closed early, but not before 9am on the final day of the outing, by a unanimous decision of all members who have signed the attendance book.
- (d) *Outing times* - The starting time of Club outings shall be twelve midnight on the Friday night and the final weigh-in time shall be midday on the Sunday of the outing (this may vary to take account of public holidays). These times may be varied by the Committee provided that twenty-eight (28) days notice of the changes is given to members in the Club newsletter.

Where a Club outing is conducted at an ANSA NSW Club Convention, or similar event, the rules relating to the commencement of the competition and the final weigh-in of the Convention shall over-ride the above stated start and finish requirements.

*NOTE : No fish will be accepted for weigh-in after the final weigh-in time for outing-based competitions regardless of circumstances.*

- (e) *Visitors* - Visitors are welcome to attend Club outings but are not eligible for any awards.

### **2. AWARDS RELATING TO CLUB OUTINGS ONLY**

#### **A. Monthly Awards**

##### Highest Aggregate Point Score at Club Outing

For Club outings one prize will be awarded except in the event of ties, two or more prizes will be awarded. For the purposes of these competitions, the highest ANSA point-scoring fish of each ANSA eligible species in each eligible ANSA division and each eligible section will be included. Juniors and Sub-juniors shall have their aggregate point-score multiplied by a factor of 1.5 for the purposes of this competition only. The highest aggregate point-scorer across the divisions and sections shall be deemed the winner.

Fish that are tagged are also eligible for accruing points at Club outings. Tag points as specified by ANSA are multiplied by a factor of ten to a maximum of 120 points per species regardless of section.

The winner(s), where possible, will be announced at the next Club meeting. The prize(s) will be presented at the meeting of the Club immediately following the outing. The nature of the prizes will be decided by the Committee from time to time. Should a Junior or Sub-junior win the outing they will receive a \$10.00 gift voucher.

## **B. Annual Awards**

### All Tackle Club Champion

This trophy is decided by the highest aggregate point-score for the year. Points may be gained only at Club outings and are allocated as follows. One point per fish with a maximum of 2 captures per species (as per the ANSA eligible species list) per Club outing regardless of ANSA divisions and sections. All captures must comply with legal size limits, bag limits and relevant closed seasons. There are no line class restrictions, however fish must be caught in compliance with the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made. One bonus point will be awarded per outing to those anglers attending that outing once they have signed the outings book. These points are all recorded by the recorder and the highest point-scorer at the end of the Club year is deemed to be All Tackle Club Champion. All captures must be witnessed. At ANSA Conventions, when an outing book is not maintained, the angler must submit all captures in writing to the Recorder or another committee member by the conclusion of the next club meeting in order for these to be eligible.

In the event of ties, the angler who is involved in the tie and who captured the greater number of species at Club outings is deemed to be the All Tackle Club Champion. Progress scores will be published in the Club newsletter from time to time. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming All Tackle Club Champion will receive the perpetual Trophy and the retiring All Tackle Club Champion will receive a trophy to retain.

### All Tackle Sub-Junior Club Champion

Will be determined in the same manner as the All Tackle Club Champion except only Sub-junior members are eligible. The presentation of trophies will be the same. For the purposes of the Sub-Junior All Tackle Club Champion trophy, any sub-junior who attains the age of thirteen (13) years during the Club year will be deemed a sub-junior member of the Club for the entire Club year.

### Junior Achievement Certificate

For the purposes of the Junior Achievement Certificates, any junior who attains the age of sixteen (16) years during the Club year will be deemed a junior member of the Club for the entire Club year. A certificate acknowledging achievement in sportfishing will be presented to any junior who weighs a fish in at any Club outing. These will be presented at the Annual Presentation night.

### 3. AWARDS NOT RESTRICTED TO CLUB OUTINGS ONLY

#### C. Club Champions

##### Overall Club Champion

This trophy is decided by the highest aggregate point-score for the year. Points may be gained throughout the club year and are allocated as follows. The ANSA point-score will apply for the highest point-scoring fish of each ANSA eligible species. Captures must be a minimum of 25 ANSA points to be eligible (for open and ladies only), and anglers must have attended 2 Club outings throughout the Club year to validate their pointscore. These points are all recorded by the recorder and the highest point-scorer at the end of the Club year is deemed to be Club Champion. In the event of ties, the angler who is involved in the tie and who captured the highest point-scoring fish is deemed to be the Club Champion. Progress scores will be published in the Club newsletter from time to time. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming Club Champion will receive the ACT Angler Perpetual Trophy and will receive a trophy to retain.

##### Freshwater Club Champion

This will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made in freshwater will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.

##### Saltwater Club Champion

This will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made in saltwater will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.

*NOTE: The boundary between saltwater and freshwater is generally recognised by a physical thing (eg. town or bridge) and determinations of which section a fish is to be weighed in should be sought from the Club Recorder.*

##### Land-based Club Champion

Will be decided in the same manner as Club Champion except that only captures which are made without the assistance of any water-borne vehicle will be eligible and the presentation of trophies will be the same.

*NOTE: All species which are recognised by ANSA as gamefish, captured from the land without the assistance of a water-borne vessel are eligible for entry in the Land-based Game Fishing category.*

##### Ladies Club Champion

Will be determined in the same manner as the Club Champion except only female members of the Club are eligible. The presentation of trophies will be the same.

##### Junior Club Champion

For the purposes of the Junior Club Champion trophy, any junior who attains the age of sixteen (16) years during the Club year will be deemed a junior member of the Club for the entire Club year. The Junior Club Champion will be decided in the same manner as the Club Champion and the presentation of trophies will be the same. No minimum pointscore per fish is to apply.

## **D. Highest Pointscoring Fish**

### Best Fish Blue Water

This trophy will be awarded to the angler who captures the highest point-scoring fish in the blue water section during the Club year. The fish may be captured in any ANSA division at any time or place within Australian Territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made and is within the ANSA fishing rules.

### Best Fish from the Rocks

The winner of this trophy will be decided in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except that the capture must be made from ocean rocks or ocean jetties.

### Best Fish from the Beach

The winner of this trophy will be decided in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except that the capture must be made from an ocean beach.

### Best Fish Estuary

The winner of this trophy will be determined in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except captures must be made in an estuary.

### Best Fish Freshwater

The winner of this trophy will be determined in the same manner as Best Fish blue water except captures must be made in freshwater.

### Best Shark or Ray

This trophy will be awarded to the angler who captures the highest point-scoring shark or ray during the Club year. The shark or ray may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made and is within the ANSA fishing rules.

*NOTE: Sharks and rays are not eligible for other "best fish" trophies.*

## **E. Most versatile angler**

(a) *Eligibility* - To become eligible for this trophy a member must have entered fish in at least three of the following sections :-

- (i) Best Fish Blue Water;
- (ii) Best Fish Rocks;
- (iii) Best Fish Beach;
- (iv) Best Fish Estuary;
- (v) Best Fish Freshwater.

The winners of any of the above trophies and/or any of the four Club Champion categories are eligible for the Most Versatile Angler Trophy.

(b) *Points* - The members best fish of each ANSA eligible species across all the divisions in each of the above sections all amass points. Points are allocated as follows:

- (i) Fish scoring 50.00 - 99.99 ANSA points score 1 M.V.A. points
- (ii) Fish scoring 100.00 or more ANSA points score 2 M.V.A. points

Fish that are tagged and released will also accrue points toward the MVA Championship. Each tagged and released fish will earn the angler 2 MVA points, with a maximum of 2 points per species accruing toward this Award.

The highest aggregate point-scorer for the Club year is deemed the winner of the Most Versatile Angler Trophy provided that the above requirements have been met. In the event of ties, the angler who has entered fish in the most sections is the winner. If a tie still exists, the angler who has entered the most species is the winner.

## **F. Other Awards**

### Total Length Awards

A "Total Length Trophy", per species, will be awarded to the angler who records the highest cumulative length for each of the eligible species during the club year (see: Part B.1.a). Eligible species in freshwater are Golden Perch and in saltwater all ANSA recognised Flathead species. Individual fish must be of a legal length and recorded on "Notification of Capture" forms in millimetres.

### Saltwater Flyfishing Trophy

This Trophy will be presented to the person who captures the highest point-scoring fish flyfishing in saltwater during the Club year. The fish must be caught in saltwater by fly-fishing method in compliance with ANSA saltwater fly-fishing tackle rules and regulations. Only those fish indicated by ANSA are eligible for consideration. Fish can be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters. The ANSA point-score will apply for all captures. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming winner will receive the perpetual Trophy. There will be no retained trophy.

### Tagging Trophy

This Trophy will be presented to the person who has accrued the most tagging points in the tag and release of fish during the Club year. Only those fish indicated by ANSA are eligible for consideration. The angler claiming the tag points must have caught the fish.

### Tagging Ton

This Trophy will be presented to any person who tags one hundred (100) fish in the course of the Club year. The standard tagging rules apply.

### Board Fish

At the Annual Presentation Night trophies will be presented to all members who have captured a Board fish. A Board fish is the heaviest fish (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species (as amended) published in the handbook of ANSA. A Board fish may be captured at any time or place or by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules.

An up to date listing of Board Fish will be published in the Club newsletter from time to time. Any properly recorded capture which is heavier than the currently published Board Fish in any species should be brought to the attention of the Recorder who shall investigate such claims and arbitrate on same.

Where ties exist, two or more trophies will be presented. A fish may not be classified as a Board Fish unless it is at least 0.5 kg in weight.

### All Time Board Fish

At the Annual Presentation Night a certificate will be presented to any member who has captured an All Time Board Fish. An All Time Board Fish is the heaviest fish (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species (as amended) published in the handbook of ANSA in the recorded history of the Club. An All Time Board fish may be captured at any time or place or by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules.

An up to date listing of All Time Board Fish will be published in the Club newsletter from time to time. Any properly recorded capture which is heavier than the currently published All Time Board Fish in any species should be brought to the attention of the Recorder who shall investigate such claims and arbitrate on same.

Where ties exist, two or more certificates will be presented. A fish may not be classified as an All Time Board Fish unless it is at least 0.5 kg in weight.

### Bottle Fish

At the Annual Presentation Night a Bottle will be presented to members who have captured a Bottle fish. A Bottle fish is a fish weighing over 50kg (regardless of the breaking strain of the line used) of any species from the list of eligible species (as amended) published in the handbook of ANSA. A Bottle fish may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such capture was made within the ANSA fishing rules.

### Masters Trophy

This Trophy is presented to members upon the receipt of an ANSA Masters Angling Award in any of the recognised ANSA divisions. Each recipient will hold the trophy until a subsequent member receives an ANSA Masters Angling Award. This Trophy is a perpetual trophy and can be awarded at any time during the Club year. A momento trophy will not be awarded to recipients of this trophy.

## **4. AWARDS DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE**

### Club Member of the Year

This award is for exemplary service to the Club throughout the Club year above and beyond the requirements of any position that the member may hold. Nominations for this trophy will be accepted from members towards the end of the Club year. The nominations should include a short account of the service given to the Club by the nominee or any other reason(s) for the nomination. The winner will be decided by secret ballot of Committee members present at the final Committee meeting of the Club year.

### Most Improved Angler

Nominations for this trophy will be accepted from members towards the end of the Club year. The nomination should include a short account of the manner in which the angler has improved. The winner will be decided by secret ballot of Committee members present at the final Committee meeting of the Club year.

### Most Improved Junior Angler

Nominations for this trophy will be accepted from members towards the end of the Club year. The nomination should include a short account of the manner in which the junior has improved. The winner will be decided by secret ballot of Committee members present at the

final Committee meeting of the Club year. At each Annual Presentation Night the incoming will receive the Perpetual Trophy and the retiring will receive a trophy to retain.

#### Most Meritorious Capture

Nominations for this trophy will be accepted from members throughout the Club year. The nomination should include a short description of the capture, mentioning the factors that made the capture meritorious (e.g. difficulties overcome by the angler, gear used, age of angler, etc). The winner will be decided by secret ballot of Committee members present at the last Committee meeting of the Club year.

The fish may be captured at any time or place within Australian territorial waters by any means by any member provided that such captures comply with the fishing laws of the State or Territory in which the capture is made and is within the ANSA fishing rules. Fish which are tagged and released are also eligible for this trophy.

#### Gold Badge

The Committee may, from time to time, present to any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered continued outstanding service to the Club a special Gold Badge. No more than two (2) such presentations may be made in any Club year. This badge is also presented to Life Members of the Club.

*NOTE : The committee will hear any dispute relating to the awarding of the above trophies and its decision is final*

## **5. NOTIFICATION OF CAPTURE**

- (a) *Minimum Points* - Captures must be a minimum of 25 ANSA points to be eligible (for open and ladies only);
- (b) *Capture Forms* - Capture Forms - "Notification of Capture" forms for all captures which are to be considered for Club records, competitions, trophies or awards should be lodged with the Recorder no later than thirty (30) days from the date of capture. However, claims lodged later than fourteen (14) days after the closure of the Club year will not be accepted. (This may be waived at the discretion of the Recorder where he/she feels that circumstances existed which did not allow a capture form to be lodged in time). On capture forms, all fish weights should be in kilograms and all line classes should be recorded as appropriate current ANSA line class in kilograms. Measurements of the length and girth of the fish are strongly recommended. For eligibility of the "Total Length Awards" (Golden Perch and Flathead - all), "Notification of Capture" forms must have the length of each individual fish recorded in millimetres.
- (c) *Eligible Scales* - Members personal scales are to be checked annually by the appointed Committee member for accuracy by using the accredited weights that the club owns prior to being used by members to weigh captures. Personal scales may be used to accrue points at Club outings if use of the club scales at the outing is not practical. The Club recorder is to hold a complete list of checked scales, and any relevant certificates and/or certified copies of those certificates. Once scales have passed their testing renewal date no captures weighed on them will be eligible, regardless of whether the scales re-test accurately or not.
- (d) *Witness to Weighing* - All captures must be weighed in accordance with ANSA rules by an independent witness over the age of sixteen. They do not however have to be a member of the Fishing Club. Any captures made prior to membership renewal will not be eligible unless the membership is renewed within 31 days of the end of the Club year i.e 31 July.

## **PART C - SAFETY**

### **1. CLUB SAFETY**

#### **G. Equipment**

- (a) *Mandatory Equipment* - Club boats shall carry as a minimum requirement all of the safety equipment required by the Maritime Services Board (MSB) regulations. Members not complying with these regulations will be brought to the attention of the Committee for disciplinary action which may result in expulsion from the Club or loss of outing points;
- (b) *Club Recommendations* - In addition to the above, the Club recommends the following equipment. Food, sea anchor, first aid kit, mirror and a tool kit which should include spare spark plugs and fuses, a spark plug spanner, insulating tape and a can of water repellent spray (e.g. CRC or WD 40);
- (c) *Radios* - Radios are strongly recommended. The following frequencies have been allocated by Telstra:
  - (i) 27.860 Mhz - Rescue and Weather Information;
  - (ii) 27.880 Mhz - Distress and calling (Maritime Safety Channel);
  - (iii) 27.900 Mhz - Volunteer Coastguard;
  - (iv) 27.910 Mhz - Boat to Base Stations;
  - (v) 27.940 Mhz - Fishing and Yachting competitions; and
  - (vi) 27.960 Mhz - Boat to Boat traffic

#### **H. Club outing regulations**

- (a) *Attendance book* - At all Club outings (excluding ANSA Conventions and similar events) all members must personally record their attendance in the attendance book in order to be eligible for points at that outing. . Members attending an outing but who are unable to attend the final weigh-in should, as a courtesy, notify the Outing Officer of this prior to the final weigh-in; and
- (b) *Regulations relating to boat safety* - All boats must sign on and off and report major position changes to a designated duty boat. Where coverage is provided by the host club or where other base stations are available and willing to co-operate (e.g. Greenwell Point or Mossy Point) their services should be used instead of a duty boat. Boats without a radio must comply with this rule through another Club boat fitted with a radio. Failure to comply with the boat safety regulations will lead to disciplinary action by the Committee and may lead to expulsion from the Club.

#### **I. Duties of the Duty Boat**

The duties of the duty boat are to:

- (i) monitor appropriate marine radio frequencies;
- (ii) register the signing in and off of Club boats;
- (iii) record major position changes of Club boats;
- (iv) in the event of an emergency at sea the Duty Boat is to initiate a rescue and call the authorities;
- (v) notify a second boat of the Duty Boat's position; and

(vi) hand over the various duties to a second boat in the event of an early return.

**J. Life Jackets**

Members must wear life jackets whenever crossing any river bar as required by NSW Waterways or in any dangerous situation or conditions.

**K. Trailer Boat Numbers**

All boat owners should ensure that their Club boat (CF) number is placed on a non-removable portion of the trailer, on the right hand side when viewed from the rear.

**PART D - MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) *Club equipment* - may be available to members giving the Club Trustee two (2) weeks notice, any damages or repairs are to be paid for by the borrowing member.
- (b) *Narooma and Batemans Bay Radio Base and Sea Rescue* - Contributions for these Radio Base and Sea Rescue Organisations are to be discussed annually at the January meeting of the Committee.
- (c) *Insurance of ANSA Members Lives* - As part of our annual ANSA affiliation fees, all ANSA members receive cover under the NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme. This scheme covers ANSA members 365 days of the year for all competitions conducted by ANSA and affiliated member clubs (including the yearly competition). However it is essential that members fish in groups of two or more to ensure any claim arising from these activities can be satisfactorily processed under the scheme. It is a strict rule of the scheme that any claim for benefit must be accompanied by a statement from at least one witness as to the circumstances surrounding the injury or death. It is preferable, but not essential, that the witness be a member of ANSA also.
- (d) *Life Member's ANSA fees* - The Club is to pay ANSA fees for Club life members should that life member want ANSA affiliation. All life members need to be asked each Club year.