



67th YAZBECK AUSTRALIAN SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 February – 03 March 2019

Port Fairy, Victoria

The Australian Underwater Federation and Yazbeck Australia would like to invite all interested divers to compete in the 67th Australian Spearfishing Championships to be held in Victoria from 24th Feb to 03 March 2019. The competition will be in the South-Western District with a base location of Port Fairy. The competition will begin with Registration afternoon on the 24th February and conclude with a Presentation afternoon on the 3rd of March 2019.

Port Fairy is a charming fishing village at the end of the Great Ocean Road. It is home to vast marine life, ship wrecks and offshore reefs. The warmer months bring with it extensive fish life such as King George Whiting, Snapper, Kingfish and large numbers of Southern Bluefin Tuna reaching in excess of 100Kg's. The highly prized Southern Rock Lobster and Abalone are also plentiful and can be caught daily under heavy regulation by the Fisheries. Port Fairy is a very popular tourist destination as it boasts beautiful scenery, white sandy beaches, sidewalk cafes and boutiques and many galleries. All of which make it an ideal place to bring the family. The competition dates have been carefully selected to get the very best of the Dive season in Victoria. The Xmas crowds will be gone, and Port Fairy will be left with pristine uncrowded beaches and lots of accommodation to access.



The type of diving that is on offer is quite diverse with shallow lagoons and bays through to more rugged and open dive sites along with open offshore waters chasing the Southern Bluefin Tuna. Average depths that can be expected to be dived are from the shallows through to 10-15 meters of water. Average visibility is 7-8 meters and can be as good as 20 meters. There is a great range of fish species here and the top scores in good conditions can be as high as 14-15 species. Species include King George whiting, salmon, snapper, snook, trevally, sweep, along with wrasse, leather jackets, morwong and even the occasional yellowtail kingfish. This region is famous for its great crayfish and abalone stocks and good catches of both species are on offer daily during your visit to this region.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The ocean conditions in Pt. Fairy will “dictate the terms” as far as where and when we dive. The above preliminary agenda of events is a guideline only and there will need to be some flexibility. Priority will be given to the open spearfishing events, followed by film fishing/swim race, True pairs (one up one down) and the sub junior event (pending numbers)

The Yazbeck Australian Spearfishing Championships will be swum off the shore over 3 days (Heats 1 - 3). State Traditional Pairs will be competed on day 1 of the open heats, the 4-man Traditional State Teams event will be held on heat two of the open event. The True pairs open event will be held later in the week. All competitors must be financial members of the Australian Underwater Federation. Overseas CMAS recognised countries competitors are also welcome.

All Competitors must hold a current Victoria Amateur Fishing license, available at most major Fishing Tackle Stores and online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au **NOTE: Fisheries Officers are red hot over this time around this region. Make sure you are aware of the strict rules relating to all aspects of fishing especially the abalone and cray fishing harvesting rules.**

CONTACT PEOPLE:

The **Convenor** for this year’s event is David Torelli and he can be contacted on ph.: 0418 360 009. Alternatively you can email him at david@yazbeck.com.au and updates will be posted on www.yazbeck.com.au.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Competitors will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation and it is highly recommended to book accommodation ASAP to secure a booking. There is a reasonable array of accommodation available such as caravan parks, motels, holiday house rentals and B and B’s. Airbnb has several holiday house rentals in the area also.

For further information on accommodation and other Tourist info call 1300 656 564 or visit www.portfairyaustralia.com.au and email vic@moyne.vic.gov.au.

POSSIBLE DIVE SITES:

1. Levy’s Point area at Warrnambool
2. Armstrong Bay
3. Killarney
4. Pt. Fairy
5. The Craggs
6. Murrells Beach

(A map with these areas will be provided in due course with approximate starting points and boundaries).

SCORE SHEET AND SYSTEM:

The standard Australian Underwater Federation scoring system will be used at the 67th Yazbeck National Spearfishing Championships. I.e. 100 points per species and 10 points per kilogram. No unlisted species will be eligible, only those on the score sheet eligible. Penalties will apply for fish presented for weighing that are more than 30% underweight. Score sheet attached.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF EVENTS

Please note that events or locations may change due to weather and/or other unforeseen events. The location of each day's event will be advised by 1800 hours the day prior.

DAY	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Day 1 Sunday 24 th February	Registration and Briefing Sausage sizzle 3.00 – 6.00 pm 6 pm Team managers meeting	Location: The Port Fairy Angling Club 5 Gibbs street Port Fairy 3284
Day 2 Monday 25 th February	Individual Spearfishing Event Heat 1 And Traditional State pairs. 7 am meet for a 8am –2pm competition.	Weigh-in will take place at The Port Fairy Angling Club. Starting time will be determined depending on where comp is held. Location TBA.
Day 3 Tuesday 26 th February	Individual Spearfishing Event Heat 2 And Traditional State Teams.(4Person) 7 am meet for a 8am –2pm competition	Weigh-in as above. Progressive scores will be posted for heat 1 and 2 once they have been calculated
Day 4 Wednesday 27 th February	Film fishing & swim race. Times to be notified.	This day may be changed if the weather has been unfavourable or the forecast isn't suitable.
Day 5 Thursday 28 th February	Individual Spearfishing Event Heat 3. 7am meet for an 8am-2pm competition.	Weigh-in at the same location as heats 1 & 2.
Day 6 Friday 1 st March	True Pairs Open Spearfishing Event.	Weigh-in the same as the first three heats. Location PFAC Results Posted later in the afternoon.
Day 7 Saturday 2 nd March	Sub Junior competition. (must be accompanied by adult) 8 am meet for a 9am –1pm competition.	Only held if 5 or more entrants. Weigh-in on location. Location TBA.
Day 8 Sunday 3 rd March	1pm Presentation Family BBQ Spare day to be used in inclement weather only, Presentation will change to 6pm	If there are any specific dietary requirements, then you will be required to cater for your own food. BYO alcohol required, soft drinks etc will be supplied FOC.

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COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

AUF or CMAS Membership Number: Date of Birth:/...../.....

Phone: Fax: Email:

Please tick a category & events below as applicable: Fees: -

<input type="radio"/> Sub Junior under 15 years (one day only) \$50.00 (this event will only be held if 5 or more sub juniors register)	<input type="radio"/> Junior 15 years to under 18 years of age \$220
<input type="radio"/> Intermediate 18 years to under 25 years \$440	<input type="radio"/> Seniors 25 years to under 45 years \$440
<input type="radio"/> Veterans 45 years to under 55 years \$440	<input type="radio"/> Masters 55 years to under 64 years \$440
<input type="radio"/> Grand Masters 64 years plus \$440	<input type="radio"/> Ladies Open \$440
<input type="radio"/> Compete in true pairs event only \$100. (otherwise included in above full event fees)	<input type="radio"/> Compete Only in Film Fishing \$50. (otherwise included in above full event fees)
<input type="radio"/> Compete Only in Fin Swimming \$50. (otherwise included in above full event fees)	<input type="radio"/> Presentation Dinner If Extra Person/s No of extras.....@ \$15.00 = \$.....

10% EARLYBIRD SAVING WHEN PAYMENT/REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30th, 2018.

***Your tee shirt size & quantity.**

4XL..... 3XL..... 2XL..... XL..... L..... M..... S..... XS.....

***Your Yazbeck wetsuit size.(see Yazbeck Website) Size.....**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$.....(less EARLYBIRD discount10%.) Amount Paid.\$.....

Please total above costs including extras. **NB.** Places for competitors are limited. Please make **cheques payable** to **AQUATIC ADVENTURES Pty Ltd** and post to 7h/354 Reserve Rd Cheltenham 3192. Or **Bank Deposit: BSB: 013 352 Acc No: 307223313** and include your first and last name as a reference

Registration Fees include: entry to all competition heats as shown, film fishing and fin swimming events, lunches on competition days, competition shirt, entry to presentation afternoon with meal and prizes.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I The under signed, assume entry to the 67th Yazbeck Australian Spearfishing Championships at my own risk. In consideration of my participation I intend to be legally bound. I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims of damage I may have or hereafter accrue to me against the organising committee and Aquatic Adventures Pty Ltd, Australian Underwater Federation Inc, and executive, sponsors or any other individuals or groups involved in co-ordinating and organising this event, for defamation and any and all damages / injuries which may be sustained by me in connection with participation in the 67th Yazbeck Australian Spearfishing Championships. I further attest and verify that I am physically fit, in good health, and have sufficient expertise for participation in the 67th Yazbeck Australian Spearfishing Championships. I acknowledge that the sport of Spearfishing and Free Diving has inherent dangers such as shallow water black out, marine creature bites and stings, the danger of boat collision and the risk of injury to me whilst diving.

Signed.....Date.....

If the applicant is under the age of 18 years, a parent/guardian is to co-sign the application form. Parent/Guardian to indemnify and hold harmless the persons and groups/organisations as noted above from all damages received in the event if the entrant is a minor.

Parent/Guardian- Name.....Signed.....Date.....4.....

Please send completed entry form back to david@yazbeck.com.au or post to 7h/354 Reserve Rd Cheltenham, 3192 Victoria.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

The rules of the 2019, 67th Yazbeck National Championships will be the new Australian Underwater Federation A section rules and B section rules. NOTE: B section rules are still being constructed.

ASect rules are available on AUF website, Spearfishing. <http://auf.com.au/?s=A+sect+Rules>

“BSect” Rules.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



SCORE SHEET

Legal size limits must apply to all fish

DATE		LOCATION	
NAME		TAG NO:	

A SCALE 340g	MINIMUM LENGTH MM	WEIGHT	POINTS
BARBER PERCH			
BEARDIE			
BUTTERFLY PERCH			
* FLOUNDER (ALL)			
KING GEORGE WHITING			
LONG-FINNED PIKE			
RED MULLET			
SAND MULLET			
SILVER SPOT COD			
SLIMEY MACKEREL			
TRUE SWEEP			
YELLOW-EYE MULLET			
YELLOWTAIL SCAD			
* BREAM (ALL)			
* GURNARD (ALL)			
JACKASS FISH			
NANNYGAI			
SILVER DORY			
SOLE			
TAILOR			

Scoring System

- 100 points per fish and 10 points per kilogram.
- Maximum weight scored 15 kg see A Section Rules.
- Penalties for more than 30% underweight.

* (ALL) means any but only one of that species.

B SCALE 400g	MINIMUM LENGTH MM	WEIGHT	POINTS
* ROCK COD (ALL)			
BLACK PARROTFISH			
DEEP BODIED LJ			
HORSEHOE LJ			
MAGPIE PERCH			
ROCK FLATHEAD			
SAND FLATHEAD			
SEA SWEEP			
SIX SPINED LJ			
SNOOK			
BARRACOUTA			
* BOARFISH (ALL)			
BLUE MORWONG			
ROCK LING			
QUEEN SNAPPER			
SALMON			
SERGEANT BAKER			
SNAPPER			
STRIPED TUNA			
TREVALLY			
WAREHOU			

C SCALE 500g	MINIMUM LENGTH MM	WEIGHT	POINTS
BANDED MORWONG			
BLACK DRUMMER			
BLUE THROAT			
TRUMPETER			
ZEBRA FISH			

D SCALE 1000 GRAMS	MINIMUM LENGTH MM	WEIGHT	POINTS
DUSKY MORWONG			
STARGAZER			

E SCALE BONUS 2500g	MINIMUM LENGTH MM	WEIGHT	POINTS
KINGFISH			
MULLOWAY			
TUNA (any, except striped)			

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIES		No of Species X 100 =	
TOTAL WEIGHT (Kg)		Total Weight (Kg) X 10 =	

SCORE:	
Checked By:	



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RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

In the interest of a safe and incident free competition we all need to take responsibility. The organisers have taken these reasonable measures to ensure this is possible. Please ensure you fulfill your responsibility to take care of your own & fellow competitors safety.

Here is relevant information on safety during the event and some tips to help each competitor remember his/her role in helping make this happen.

- First Aid is available at the main weigh in area. A first aid kit will be there.
- Each safety boat has a first aid kit with the operator on board.
- Each safety boat is equipped with communication to the other safety boat, as well as shore base, and emergency services.
- Each safety boat has emergency water on board, however this is only for emergency use. Competitors are strongly encouraged to carry sufficient water on their personal float for hydration.
- Divers are strongly encouraged to wait until they are out of the swell zone and well clear of other divers before loading their speargun.
- Ensure you have the safety equipment as set out in “A&BSect” rules as a minimum.
- Use a float capable of carrying your fish out of the water or enclosed.
- If a competitors flag is laying in the water during the competition the safety boat crews will ask the competitor to right it. The flag must be upright and visible as much as possible allowing for weather conditions. Floats and diver below flags must be clearly visible to boat traffic at all times, to ensure the safety of the diver.
- If the flag continues to lie down in the water and not remain upright, safety boat crew are permitted to examine the float setup to check for problems and record the diver number, it will then be reported to the safety officer. Divers must co-operate with safety boat instructions at all times.
- If you suffer a cut ensure you stop the bleeding & seek assistance if necessary.
- One of the biggest risks to a competitor in the water is collision with a craft/boat. The more visible you are the less likely this is to happen. Put your head up often & look about for boat traffic. If surfacing & hearing a boat raise your gun above your head as you ascend.
- The safety boats will aim to redirect/inform approaching water craft of the large amount of divers present whenever possible.
- Ocean currents in the areas of competition generally run along the coast so divers should not be at risk of being swept out to sea, however it can happen, and has happened in high level competition so please be vigilant. Stop, look, and see what the current is doing before attempting to enter the area.
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MAPS: