



67th YAZBECK AUSTRALIAN SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 February – 03 March 2019

Port Fairy, Victoria Rev 1

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 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 is provided below 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 |
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| 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. |