

DARWIN TRAILER BOAT CLUB *Presents* **Coopers**
BLUEWATER
CLASSIC
2021

TOTAL PRIZE POOL \$40,000

15-17 OCTOBER

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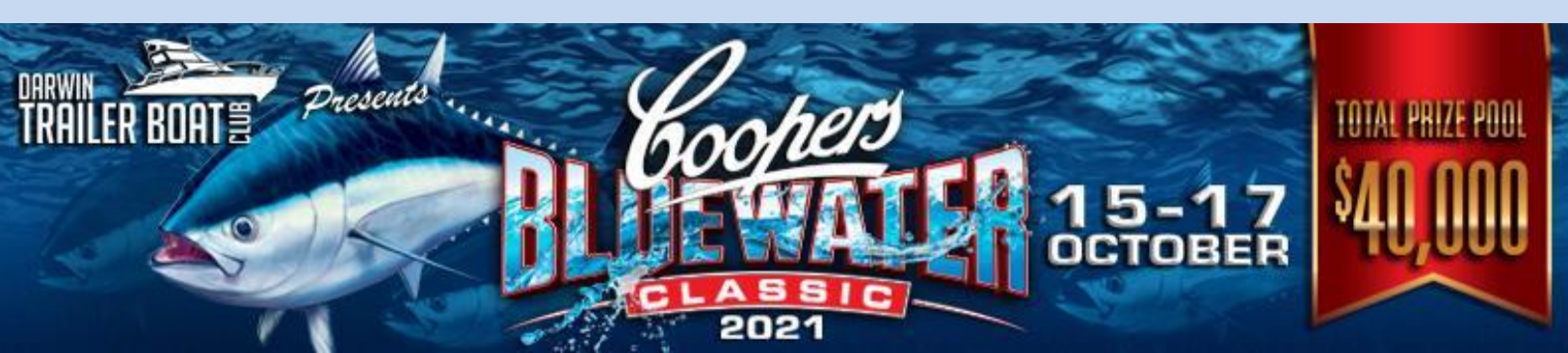
Coopers Blue Water Classic Competition 2021

Rule Book

Thank you to our generous sponsors of this year's competition who make the event possible.

Any fish caught can be donated to Food Bank NT and will be greatly appreciated.





How the competition works:

Anglers from across the Northern Territory come together to compete in the biggest Blue Water competition in the NT. All competitors will meet for a briefing night on Wednesday 13th October and receive their competitor number. Fishing will commence bright and early on Friday 15th October and anglers will be on the look out for 15 species of fish plus the Sailfish and Marlin. Points are given out by the kilo of each species caught and there is a special Grand Slam jackpot for competitors or teams who catch one of each 15 species.

Competitors must return for the weigh in on Sunday 17th October, the last weigh in will be at 6pm sharp. Throughout the day on Sunday as the competitors return, there will be fun competitions for everyone to enjoy and lots of prizes to win. Make sure to bring the kids and have some fun.

On Saturday 23rd October from 6pm there will be a presentation night where the prizes will be announced. Each competitor receives 2 buffet tickets with their competition entry so please bring a plus 1. Fishing shirts are encouraged to be worn; we do ask that these are washed in advance!

Key Dates:

Briefing Night – Wednesday 13th October from 6pm

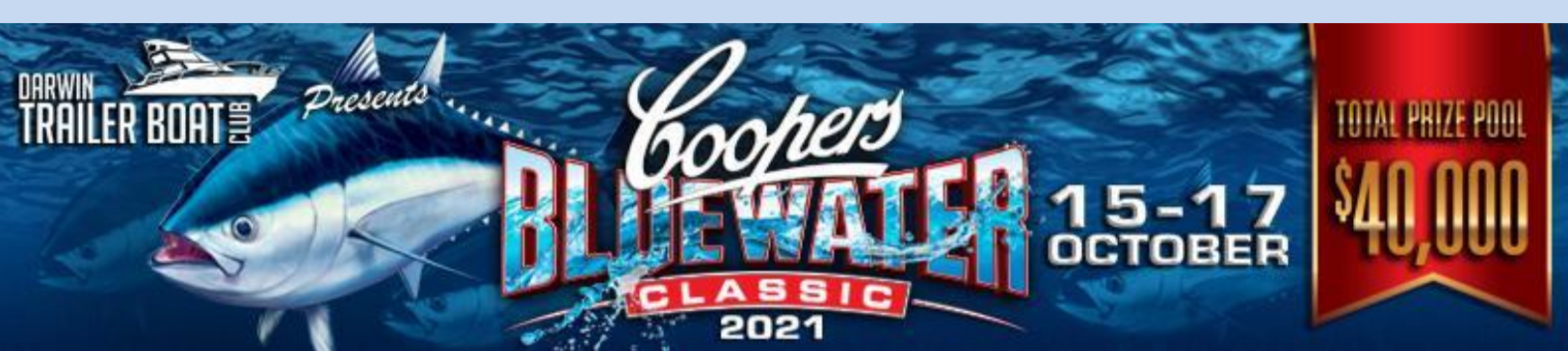
Competition Days - Friday 15th October to Sunday 17th October

Weigh-in – Sunday 17th October from 2pm to 6pm

Presentation Night – Saturday 23rd October from 6pm

Competition Rules

- This competition is open to the General Public
- The tournament is both a release and weigh in event.
- Live, dead bait or lures can be used (no nets).
- Only One (1) fish of each species will be eligible to be weighed in.



Regulations

- All fisheries regulations as to minimum size and bag limits shall be strictly adhered to. Anglers breaching Fisheries regulations shall have total boat points and individual points for the days fishing disqualified.
- Competition Coordinators may conduct random checks of bag limits.
- The Official Judge's decision is final, and no further correspondence will be entered.
- The Official Judge reserves the right to cancel or postpone the fishing time prior to or during the competition for any section of trophy category.
- Any action, incident, or situation not covered by the rules and conditions written in this brochure, shall be determined jointly by the Official Judge or Acting Official Judge of the competition and the Organisers if or when those conditions arise. Their decision is final.

Teams

- Each team can consist of 1, 2 or 3 competitors with at least one adult per team.
- No purely junior teams are permitted.
- A limit of two (2) teams per boat will be allowed.
- All occupants of any boat fishing in the competition must be registered entrants, excluding crew of licensed charter vessels.

Boat Categories

There are three (3) boating categories

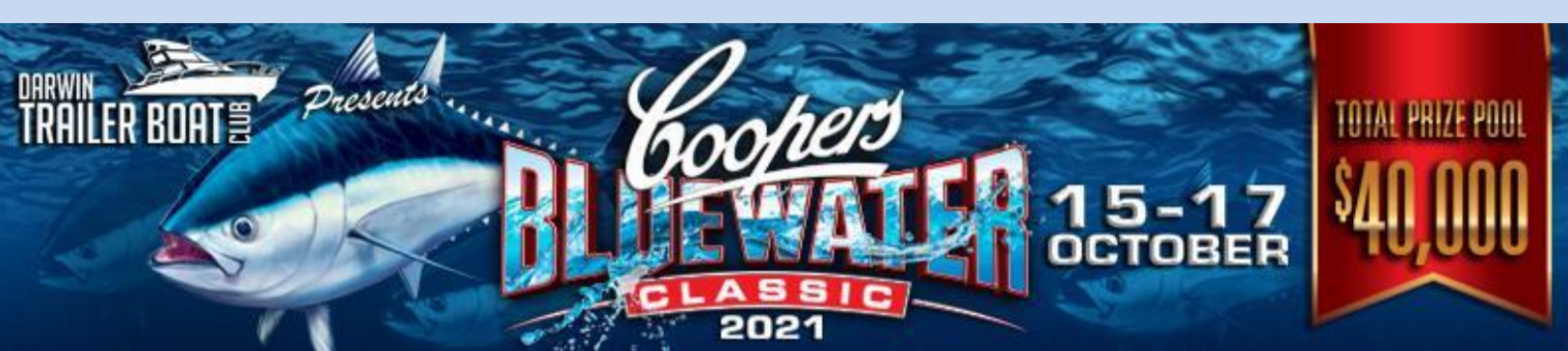
Category 1: Boats 6m and over

Category 2: Boats 5.5m to 5.99 m

Category 3: Boats <5.5 m

Photo Competition

- There are 2 categories: Still Photograph and Video.
- Photos and videos must include some 2021 Coopers Blue Water Classic merchandise.
- All submissions must be downloaded on a DTBC computer during the weigh in on Sunday 17th October 2021
- All photos will remain the property of DTBC and may be used in any future promotional material.



Briefing

A briefing will be held at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club on **Wednesday 13th October from 6pm** - ATTENDANCE AT BRIEFING IS COMPULSORY (failure to attend may result in disqualification)

The briefing will outline weather conditions, anticipated sea conditions, fishing sectors and known fishing grounds will be given for those unfamiliar to the area

Boating Rules

- Boats will be measured from Bow to Transom
- All boats may be inspected, and a compulsory declaration must be completed by each skipper prior to entry.
- Random inspections may be held at any time during the competition.
- Any boat not complying with all Northern Territory boating regulations shall not be permitted to take part in the competition.

Fishing Times

Lines In and Competition commences at 4am on Friday 15th October 2021

The last weigh in is at 6pm on Sunday 17th October 2021. *Any fish after this time will not be included in the competition.*

Weigh In

- Weigh in is between 2pm and 6pm at Darwin Trailer Boat Club on Sunday 17th October 2021.
- Anyone not in the queue at the Official 'Weigh-in Stage' with a fish to be weighed at 6 pm on Sunday 17th October will be deemed ineligible to be weighed-in and therefore outside the official finish time.
- Only one fish of each species will be eligible to be weighed in per entrant.
- Fished must be gilled and gutted and in fresh edible condition
- No FROZEN fish will be accepted. Between when fish is caught and when it is weighed, it may be iced down but not frozen



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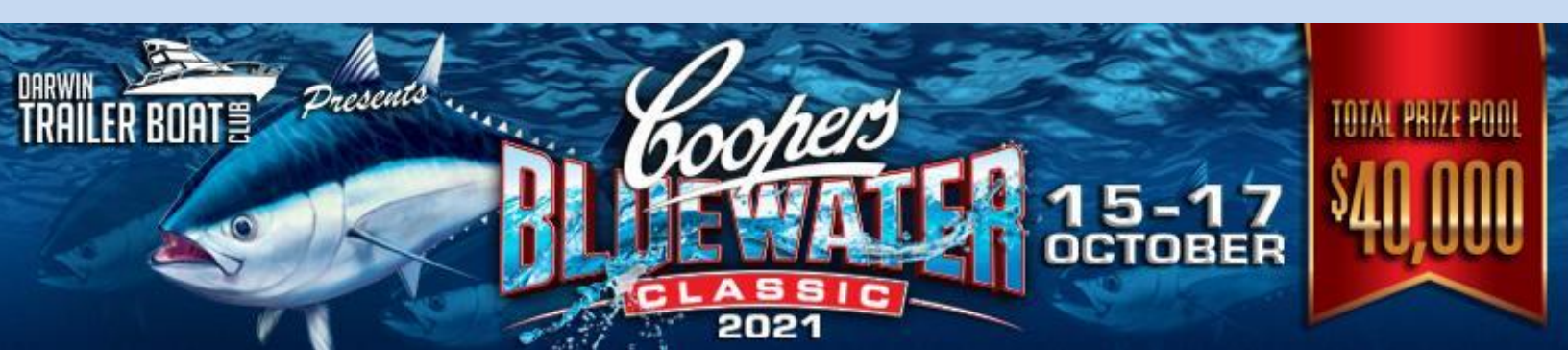
- Sailfish & Marlin must be photographed, measured, and then released. Competitors may be disqualified if these fish are kept.
- Photographs must include some 2021 Cooper's Blue Water Classic merchandise
- No entries will be accepted after 6pm on Sunday 17th October 2021



Eligible Species and points scoring

Species	Points Per Kilo
Black Jewfish	15
Dolphin Fish	25
Cod	20
Coral Trout	25
Cobia	25
Golden Snapper	10
Mangrove Jack	15
Parrot / Tusk Fish	15
Queen Fish	15
Red Emperor	15
Salmon	20
Mackerel	20
Trevally	15
Tricky Snapper	10
Tuna	20
Sailfish	15*
Marlin	15*

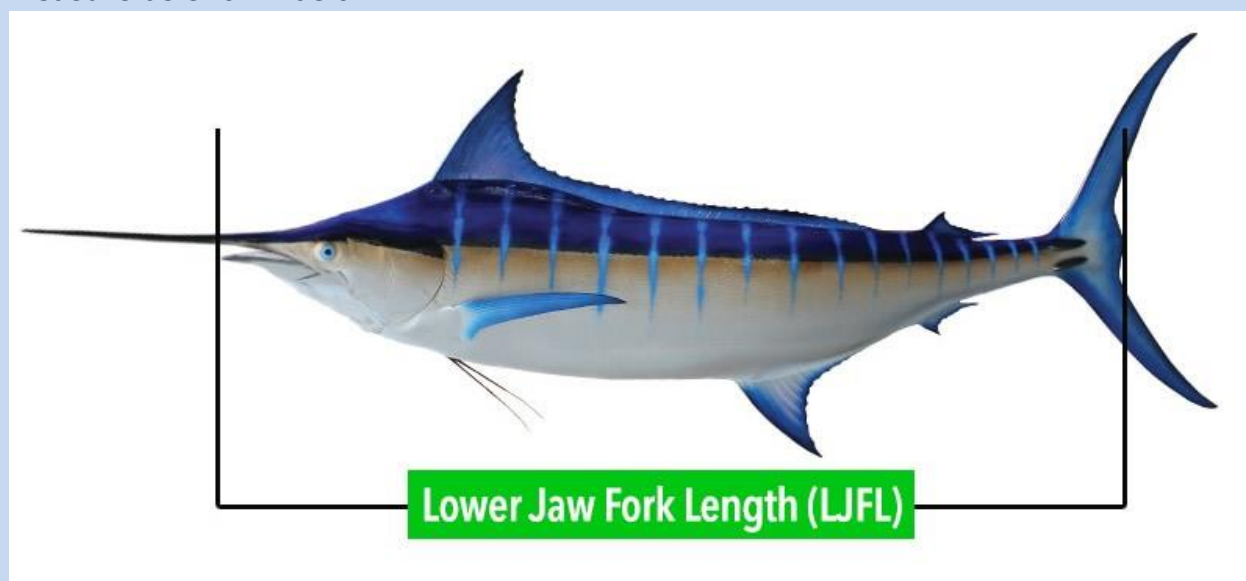
Not with standing any of the above, a competitor shall abide by all the rules and regulations otherwise set down under the Northern Territory Fisheries Legislation



***Measured Fish**

Points awarded for Sailfish & Marlin will be the length calculated to kilos and then scored at 15 points per kilo. Ensure you measure the Sailfish / Marlin and photograph this measurement. As there is a separate billfish section, points scored will not be included in the overall competition points.

Measure as shown below.



Disclaimer

Officials, organisers and sponsors accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage to any person or property in the course of the competition whether such injury, loss or damage is due to or alleged to be due to any act, neglect or default of any official or agent. All competitors fully understand that in participating they do so entirely at their own risk and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the competition and the Darwin Trailer Boat Club.

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Fishing Sectors

Notification of fishing sector/s on each day is mandatory. For safety reasons all boats MUST register their return to base before 6pm on Sunday 17th October. Phone DTBC on 8981 6749 to register your return.





2021 Catch Sheet

Team Name _____

Species	Team member 1	Team member 2	Team member 3
Black Jewfish			
Dolphin Fish			
Cod			
Coral Trout			
Cobia			
Golden Snapper			
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