

Harrington Festival Fishing Competition 2024: Conditions

The Fishing Competition runs from midnight on Sunday, December 31, to 12 midday on Sunday, January 7, 2024. There are 6 species categories, 10 cash prizes of \$100 each (donated by LJ Hooker Harrington) and 7 prizes of fishing goods, each to the value of \$100 (donated by Harrington Bait & Tackle).

Five fish categories include one "Random" prize – open to both Senior (16 and over) and Junior (under 16) anglers – drawn from all entries in the category. In the "Gamefish" category there are two "Random" prizes, one for Seniors and one for Juniors (but no longest-fish prizes).

So, in all six categories any fish of legal size, regardless of length, could be a winner! All competition categories and prizes are outlined below*

All fish must be caught in the Manning River or its tributaries or, in the Gamefish category, from boats operating out of Crowdy Harbour.

The event is free and there is no need to register. Here's how to take part.

Get the Codeword: From the event's Facebook page **Harrington Fishing Competition 2024**, obtain the unique competition Codeword, available from 6pm on December 31.

Measure the fish (identify the angler, take a photo, and upload to Facebook:

1. For every legal-sized fish (**Except Gamefish**), place it on a fish measure mat (or against some other clearly-readable metric measure). **No Measure mat?** *Every day there will be one in front of Harrington Bait & Tackle in Beach Street during business hours. The shop also sells them.*
2. Place a cardboard or paper sign beside the fish that clearly shows the angler's name, age, and the Codeword (you could prepare these before fishing). Edited photos, names photoshopped or added etc., will not be accepted.
3. Take a photo of 1 and 2, making sure both are in focus.
4. Upload each of your entry photos to the event's Facebook page **Harrington Fishing Competition** by 12.00pm (midday) on Sunday, January 7. A running leader board for the **longest fish** in five categories will be updated nightly.

Whether you choose to keep or release your legal-sized fish is up to you.

***Target species categories:**

Bream: Longest Senior's fish; longest Junior's fish; and a "Random" fish drawn from all others.

Whiting: Longest Senior's fish; longest Junior's fish; and a "Random" fish drawn from all others.

Flathead: Longest Senior's fish; longest Junior's fish; and a "Random" fish drawn from all others.

Tailor: Longest Senior's fish; longest Junior's fish; and a "Random" fish drawn from all others.

Snapper: Longest Senior's fish; longest Junior's fish; and a "Random" fish drawn from all others.

Gamefish: "Gamefish" will not be measured or weighed. Eligible species are Kingfish, Cobia, Tuna, Billfish, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi and Mackerel (NO SHARKS). Simply take a photo of your fish (landed or boatside), ensuring your codeword/name/age card is in the photo. There are 2 "Random" Prizes: for a Senior and a Junior angler, drawn from the photos of eligible species.

***Prizes:** \$100 to every longest Senior and longest Junior fish; and fishing goods to the value of \$100 to every "Random" fish.

Results and prize winners: Random prizes will be drawn after 12 midday, Sunday, January 7, and all category winners will be announced on the Facebook page later that afternoon. Prizes can be collected during business hours from Monday the 8th: Random prizes from Harrington Bait & Tackle; and Cash prizes from the LJ Hooker office next door (both are in Beach Street). If winners can't be present, suitable arrangements will be made to provide them. **The decisions of the judges will be final.**

Further information: Please ring Craig McCartney on 6556 1573.

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