

# Harrington Festival Fishing Competition 2026 – Conditions

Competition dates: From midnight December 26th 2025 to 12 midday January 7th 2026.

## Categories and Prizes:

- There are 6 categories: Bream; Whiting; Flathead; Tailor; Snapper; and Gamefish (Eligible gamefish species are Kingfish, Cobia, Tuna, Billfish, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi and Mackerel (NO SHARKS)).
- Up to 12 cash prizes of \$100 each, in a Longest Fish category (donated by LJ Hooker Harrington).
- Up to 6 prizes of Fishing Goods, each valued at \$150, in a Random Draw category (donated by Harrington Bait & Tackle).
- For each of the 6 named species, \$100 can be won for: the Longest Fish caught by a Junior (under 16) and by a Senior; and one Random Draw Fishing Goods prize (available to either a Junior or a Senior)
- Winners of a Longest Fish prize are ineligible for a Random Draw prize.

Eligibility: All fish entered must be of legal size, and caught only from the Manning River, its tributaries, the Manning coastline, or from boats operating out of Crowdy Harbour.

The event is FREE and there is NO NEED TO REGISTER. HERE IS HOW IT RUNS

1. **Codeword:** Get the unique Codeword (available from 6pm on December 26th) from the Harrington Festival Fishing Competition Facebook page and start fishing any time after midnight!
2. **Named Species:** Place the fish on a Measure Mat or against a clearly-readable metric measure, together with the Codeword and Name and Age of the angler written clearly on a piece of cardboard, plastic, wood etc. (Ideally have this prepared before you start). 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.
3. **Take a photo:** Clearly show the length of the fish and angler details. (Check the photo – if not clear take another one that is clearly readable. Photos that are unclear, or appear to be photoshopped, cannot be judged).
4. **Gamefish:** Take a photo of your fish (landed or boatside) with the Codeword/Name/Age card in the photo.
5. **Upload photos to Facebook:** Upload photos to the Harrington Festival Fishing Competition Facebook page by 12pm (midday) on January 7th. A running leader board for the longest fish in the 6 target species will be updated nightly.

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

NOTE: To ensure every angler has the same, fair chance to win a Random Draw prize, the number of entries in each age and target species category will be limited to 2 fish per angler. You may upload more entries during the competition, but the judges will randomly remove any that exceed the 2-fish limit before the draw takes place.

Results and prize winners: Random Draw prizes will be drawn after 12 midday, Wednesday, January 7th. All category winners will be announced on the Facebook page later that day, and sent a private message on Facebook. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Prizes will be presented during business hours from Thursday, January 8th: Random Draw prizes from Harrington Bait & Tackle; Cash prizes from LJ Hooker Harrington next door (both are in Beach Street). If winners can't be present, arrangements will be made to get them to the winners.

For further information contact Craig McCartney at Harrington Bait and Tackle, or on 6556 1573.

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