CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Fishing Permitted within the boundaries of Westernport and Port Phillip Bay.

MAJOR PRIZE : DRAWN FROM ALL COMPETITORS

STACER 3.99m Seasprite Aluminium Boat, an Aluminium Trailer plus a
25 HP MERCURY Electric Start Tilt & Trim Outboard Motor
Valued at over **$16,000** - (Supplied by **MELBOURNE MARINE CENTRE**).

CASH PRIZE

The first King George Whiting weighing 1kg or more will win **$1000** from **Fishing Online** Hastings.

OTHER PRIZES

Over 30 other prizes will be will be awarded to winners in Senior Male & Senior Female Categories and 2 Junior Categories.
PLUS 5 Early Entry Random Draw Prizes.
PLUS 10 Random Prizes Drawn from ALL Competitors.
Competitors will only be eligible to win one random draw prize.
After being drawn for a prize, the Competitor number will not be returned to the prize draw.

CATEGORIES

Only one category may be entered. Age for Junior categories are as at February 27th 2026.
If no birth date is supplied, the junior will be placed in the TN (Juniors 10 to 15) category.

SM - Senior Male - 16 years or older
SF - Senior Female - 16 years or older
TN - Junior Girl or Boy - 10 to 15 years
JR - Junior Girl or Boy - under 10 years

PLEASE NOTE FISHING RULES

• **HEAVIEST FISH ONLY** to be weighed each day.

TEEN AND JUNIOR (TN, JR)
• Heaviest Fish over both days, per Junior category from Heaviest to 5th Heaviest Fish.
• Meritorious Capture by a Junior (VRFish).

SENIOR MALE (SM)
• Heaviest Fish over both days, from Heaviest to 10th Heaviest Fish.

SENIOR FEMALE (SF)
• Heaviest Fish over both days, from Heaviest to 5th Heaviest Fish.

COMBINED:
• Boat, Motor & Trailer to be drawn from ALL Registered Competitors.
• Heaviest Whiting for Challenge - (will be excluded from Category Heaviest Fish Prize) wins an Original painting of a Whiting by Bridgit Thomas.
• First 1.0 kg or greater Whiting Weighed in. - Prize $1000 from **Fishing Online** Hastings.

DATES AND TIMES

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Breakfast 5:00 - 7:30 am
Start Fishing 6:00 am
Registration Closes 10:00 am
Weigh-in Opens 10:30 am
Weigh-in Closes 6:00 pm

SUNDAY 1st MARCH
Breakfast 5:00 - 7:30 am
Start Fishing 6:00 am
Weigh-in Opens 10:30 am
Weigh-in Closes 3:30 pm
Presentation & BBQ 4:00 pm

FISHING RULES - JUNIORS

• Any fish weighed in by a Junior Competitor is eligible for a prize in the Junior Categories and Combined Categories.
• Any fish weighed in by a Junior is INELIGIBLE for the Senior Categories.
• Junior Competitors may present their heaviest King George Whiting, which must be 27cm or greater in length.

FISHING RULES - SENIORS

• Senior Competitors may present their heaviest King George Whiting, which must be 30cm or greater in length.
• Any fish weighed in by a Senior Competitor is INELIGIBLE for the Junior Categories of the Competition.

GENERAL RULES AND WEIGH-IN

• Fishing Guides or Charter Operators & immediate family members are NOT eligible to enter this Amateur Event. This does not preclude competitors fishing on a Charter or with a Guide.
• Each Competitor must hook, fight & land their own fish.
• All Fisheries regulations must be adhered to.
• Competitors must fish within the boundaries of Westernport and Port Phillip Bays.
• The Weigh Station will be at the Westernport Angling Club building adjacent to the Hastings Boat Ramp.
• Competitors must be at the Weigh Station by the deadline designated in this entry form.
• Fish presented after the deadline time will not be weighed.
• The weight of the anglers selected heaviest fish ONLY will be weighed EACH DAY.
• Fish are to be weighed whole. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. The Challenge Committee reserves the right to open any fish for inspection.
• The Challenge Committee reserves the right to inspect any equipment / boats used by competitors.
• Any boats found to contain illegal equipment will cause all competitors who used the boat to be disqualified.
• Any Angler found to be in breach of the Competition rules will be disqualified.
• Any protest must be in writing and lodged with the Weigh Station no later than 3 minutes after the deadline for the weigh-in close on the day of the fish being caught.
• All Challenge Committee decisions are final.
• In the case of a tied weight, the first fish weighed will be determined the winner.
• The Boat, Outboard Motor & Trailer shall be drawn from all competitors.
To claim the prize, the valid Competitors Card matching the drawn competitor number must be presented within 5 minutes of the draw to claim the prize; otherwise a redraw will occur every 5 minutes until the prize is claimed.
• The Boat, Motor and Trailer will become the property of the Competitor registered against the Competitor number, not the presenter of the valid Competitor Card.

ACCOMMODATION

• Our valued sponsor, Sanctuary Inn on Westernport (126 Marine Parade, Hastings) offers a range of four star units and ample boat trailer parking. For details please contact: (03) 5979 3333
Email: info@sanctuaryinnonwesternport.com.au Web: www.sanctuaryinnonwesternport.com.au

LIABILITY

• Westernport Angling Club (Inc.), It's Officers and Officials hold no responsibility for the behaviour, actions or decisions of the entrants and will not be held liable for any damage, injury or loss occasioned during the Challenge.
• All Competitors participate in the Competition knowing they accept all risk and liability for their actions and decisions.
• By entering this Competition, you agree to ALL Competition Rules.

WEATHER

• Competitors are encouraged to regularly check the local weather conditions and only participate if the conditions are suitable. No refunds will be given if a competitor decides not to fish due to inclement weather.