



## Malua Bay Fishing Club Handicap Points System

The club introduced a handicap points system to ensure an even distribution of prizes for the monthly and yearly comps. For those that have just joined or are not familiar with the points system please read on.

The system was introduced some years ago when the club had the prizes going for the heaviest fish every month. While this was good for those that fished for larger species like Snapper and Kingfish those that went for the other fish such as Flathead and Bream or Flounder would miss out. To overcome this club came up with a handicap system.

Basically all the fish weighed in over the last 9 years have been tallied up and an average weight for each species has been arrived at. This average weight for each species is in our fishing zones so should mimic what is caught in the area.

The result is that an average weight fish of any species is all equal in points. If you catch a better than average fish of any species then the more points for that fish and better the chance of winning a prize.

There are also three different categories of fish to further break up the distribution of prizes. Cat A was devised as the best eating fish. Cat B as the next best eating fish. Cat C was for fish that are rarely caught or could reach big sizes, this is why they do not attract points.

And as the club only allows the heaviest of each species to be weighed in on each day of the monthly fishing competition this makes things fairer to all.

Remember though that a fish can be weighed at any time throughout the year for the board. These fish win a prize at the end of the year and is solely based on the heaviest weight of that species.

Points for the fisherman of the year prizes are only attainable on the monthly competition weekends.

If anyone has any queries about any of this please see one of the friendly and helpful committee members for an answer.

### Point below as at August 2015

| Fish           | Points | Category | Fish      | Points | Category | Fish      | Points | Category |
|----------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Bream          | 6.800  | A        | Blackfish | 5.477  | B        | Bonito    | 0      | C        |
| Flathead       | 8.000  | A        | Drummer   | 4.543  | B        | Gurnard   | 0      | C        |
| Dusky Flathead | 3.018  | A        | Groper    | 0.979  | B        | Jewfish   | 0      | C        |
| Flounder       | 10.462 | A        | Morwong   | 3.607  | B        | John Dory | 0      | C        |
| Kingfish       | 1.000  | A        | Nannygai  | 10.737 | B        | Marlin    | 0      | C        |
| Leatherjacket  | 6.800  | A        | Salmon    | 3.129  | B        | Other     | 0      | C        |
| Pigfish        | 8.327  | A        | Tailor    | 6.811  | B        | Shark     | 0      | C        |
| Snapper        | 3.686  | A        | Trevally  | 6.277  | B        | Tuna      | 0      | C        |
| Whiting        | 10.462 | A        |           |        |          |           |        |          |