

## **HOW THE SOUTHERN ZONE COCK O'THE WALK OPERATES**

As Members of NSWGFA all affiliated Clubs are split into three zones and we in the Southern Zone conduct and participate in the Southern Zone Cock O'the Walk.

This competition is held in Southern Zone waters for all financial members of Southern Zone Clubs. To be eligible, fish must be captured and weighed or tag and released on designated zone weekends or nominated tournaments. The dates for these are listed as per your fishing calendar with special mention that the zone weekends are the second and fourth weekend of each month.

Southern Zone waters extend from due east of Stanwell Point to due east of the Victorian border.

Fishing times are from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday for normal zone weekends and times applicable for nominated tournaments.

Cock O'the Walk is decided by allocating 5,4,3,2,1 points for the best captures in the Zone each month. A tag and release competition is run in conjunction with this. Your monthly returns will show the five heaviest captures in the different categories listed, plus the same for the five most meritorious captures in these categories. Also listed are the five top boats for tag and release. The club with the highest number of points scored at the end of the season is the Cock O'the Walk. Please send your monthly returns in by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the following month to be eligible.

Fish captured or tagged and release at the NSWGFA Interclub State Championships at Port Stephens will be counted in the Southern Zone monthly Cock O'the Walk competition.

Fishing rules shall be GFAA rules and tackle regulations, with the point scoring being as per NSWGFA formula. Fish captured from boat or and are eligible.

**The Columbus Trophy** is awarded to the boat that accumulates the greatest number of points for capture at nominated open tournaments within the Southern Zone.

**The George Bass Trophy** is awarded for the greatest number of points for tag and release.

Points are allocated as per NSWGFA point scoring formula plus 3000 points for attendance and participation at each of the nominated open tournaments as listed by the Zone. Boats must attend and participate in at least three nominated tournaments to be eligible for these trophies.

The aim of the Columbus and George Bass competition is to encourage boat owners to attend and participate in tournaments outside their own waters.

There are a number of other trophies that are awarded within the Zone each season. The three Zones also compete for the NSWGFA Cock O'the Walk each season which is hotly contested. These trophies are calculated on the NSWGFA Coastal Waters returns that are sent in each season by eave Club in NSW.