

Lake Pedder Tasmania

Back to Pedder Fishing Competition

23 - 26 January 2027



Prizes awarded

Heaviest fish for competition

Heaviest fish Small Fry (under 14 years)

Heaviest fish junior (14-17 years)

Heaviest fish Adult

Heaviest fish veteran (over 60 years)

Heaviest fish land based

Best bag of 6 fish for an individual based on weight

Most Fish caught by team

Mystery fish Awards

Memorial Awards for LPAC members

Bill Groves Memorial

Peter Chew Memorial

Trevor Dingle Memorial



Closing date for entries: 21 January 2027

Entry forms and Competition Rules

www.lakepedderanglersclub.com





Welcome to the club's 51st Back to Pedder Competition — the biggest weekend of the year on one of Australia's most breathtaking lakes. We're thrilled to have you join us for three days of fishing, fun, and friendship over the Australia Day long weekend. This book has everything you need to know: rules, awards, and the latest safety updates, so give it a quick read before you hit the water.

Registration and payment are now available online, so make sure you're signed up before the competition begins.

This year is extra special — it's our 50th Birthday celebration. Our club has deep roots, built by generations of Hydro and Caravan Park anglers who first cast a line here more than half a century ago. To honour that legacy, we're turning up the family fun with kids' activities, colouring competitions, quizzes, prizes, and plenty of ways to keep young anglers smiling. And of course, nothing beats teaching kids the joy of fishing on Lake Pedder.

Please follow all signage around the car park, boat ramp, and weigh station. If you're new to trout fishing, swing by the daily weigh-in - our members love sharing tips, safe spots, and local know-how about catching Pedder trout.

All trout over 22 cm can be weighed in, and with Pedder's huge trout population, anglers can keep up to 20 fish per day. Anyone over 14 must hold a valid Inland Fisheries Tasmania licence. Trolling, spinning, soft plastics, and fly fishing all perform brilliantly here. Bait fishing is not permitted.

The safety brief is on page 7. A VHF radio base will operate throughout the event, and first aid is available at Pedder Wilderness Lodge.

A massive thank-you to our incredible sponsors - some supporting us for over 30 years. Their generosity has helped LPAC grow, thrive, and give back to Tasmanian families in need.

We can't wait to fish with you in January 2027. For last-minute updates, check the club Facebook page

If you have any questions please email us lakepedderanglersclub@gmail.com

Further information about the club can be found on our website www.lakepedderanglersclub.com



To enter download the competition entry form www.lakepedderanglersclub.com

Back to Pedder Competitor Entry Fees

Adult	\$30 each
Junior (14 – 17 years)	\$15 each
Small Fry (under 14 years)	\$15 each
LPAC Life members	\$15 each

Entries must be received and paid by 21st January 2027

**STLAA affiliated club members are invited to fish this competition.
Proof of your STLAA club membership must be provided with entry
form submission**

LPAC membership is due annually on 30th June
Membership details and forms can be found on the LPAC website
<https://www.lakepedderanglersclub.com/membership>

Competition Weigh-in

Weigh in is held at club shed near Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Saturday 23 rd	1.00 – 2.00 pm
Sunday 24 th	1.00 – 2.00 pm
Monday 25 th	1.00 – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 26 th	10.30 – 11.00 am

You must be in line when the weigh- in opens

Please read the competition rules and abide by the weigh master directions.

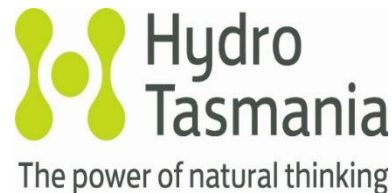


Pedder Wilderness Lodge

Accommodation

Phone 03 6280 1166

www.pedderwildernesslodge.com



Competition Prizes

Competition prize presentation will be in Pedder Wilderness Lodge, Dining Room. Commencing Tuesday at 12.00, the following prizes will be presented

- Best Bag of 6 fish for an individual (based on weight)
- Heaviest fish Small Fry (under 14 years)
- Heaviest fish Junior (14-17 years)
- Heaviest fish Adult (18 years and over)
- Heaviest fish Veteran (over 60 years)
- Heaviest fish Land Based
- Most Fish caught by Team
- Presidents Award for LPAC member
- 5 Mystery fish Awards – LPAC members only

Club Memorial Awards

LPAC Members only eligible for the club memorial awards

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| ▪ Bill Groves Memorial | Mystery Weight |
| ▪ Peter Chew Memorial | Mystery Weight |
| ▪ Trevor Dingle Memorial | Mystery Weight |



Members often catch up with old friends over lunch in the Pedder Wilderness Lodge dining room before our end of competition prize presentation

Boat Ramp, Jetty and Car Park Rules for Competition Days

1. Boats must not be tied up to Jetties during competition days.
2. Do not tie boats to jetty and go to lodge for lunch. Place your boat on its trailer.
3. The clear way to back larger boats down ramp has been sign posted. Keep this free and do not park over this place.
4. Prepare your boat for launching prior to driving down into ramp area

Competition Safety Brief

All participating boats are required to carry a fully operational **VHF marine radio**.

Committee members will conduct compliance checks during scheduled weigh-in periods. Competitors must observe all **Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST)** boating regulations and **Tas Maritime Radio** operating procedures throughout the event.

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/VHF-Marine-Radio-Guide.pdf>

To ensure competitor safe and efficient access at the Strathgordon Bay boat ramp, boats must not be tied to the public jetty. Boats left moored at the jetty create congestion and significantly impede access for older participants and individuals with disabilities. Owners will be instructed to remove any vessels found tied to the jetty.

Lake Pedder contains numerous navigational hazards. Marked hazards are identified with buoys and must be given a wide berth. Competitors should be aware that additional submerged obstacles, including quartz rock formations in open bays, may not be visible. Those unfamiliar with the lake are strongly advised to avoid high-speed travel until confident in navigating local conditions.

All boats must undergo appropriate preparation and safety checks prior to launching. When passing boats engaged in fishing, competitors must maintain a wide and respectful distance to avoid interfering with trolling lines. Safety checklists and MAST regulations can be reviewed via the provided link.

[Trip checklists and tips - Marine and Safety Tasmania](#)

Marine Radio Protocols

LPAC members will monitor and use the marine **VHF Channel 77**, designated as the official competition working channel.

Any competitor hearing a call for assistance is required to respond immediately, as the caller may be unable to reach Tas Maritime Radio Hobart or other vessels. All relevant information must be relayed to coast radio, which will coordinate the emergency response.

Distress, urgency, and safety calls must be acknowledged and relayed on **VHF Channel 16**.

Competitors are encouraged to set their radios to scan both **Channel 16 and Channel 77**.

Due to the mountainous terrain surrounding Lake Pedder, radio communication may be restricted to line-of-sight; competitors should relocate as necessary to ensure their transmission is received.

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/vhf-radio-vhf-network/radio-operating-procedures/>

Competition

Daily Events Schedule

Saturday 23rd January

Competition commences midnight Friday and is held on Lake Pedder only

1.00 – 2.00 pm Competition weigh in

Club shed near Strathgordon boat ramp

Children Colouring in Competition forms can be collected from registration desk

Sunday 24th January

1.00 – 2.00 pm Competition weigh in

Club shed near Strathgordon boat ramp

Monday 25th January

1.00 – 2.00 pm Competition weigh in

Club shed near Strathgordon boat ramp

Colouring in Competition entries to be handed in today at registration desk

Tuesday 26th January

10.30 – 11.00 am Final weigh in

Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Note: the queue will be closed at 10.30 am sharp for final weigh-in.
The competition also closes at this time on Tuesday 26th January.

12.00 - 1.00 pm Competition prize presentation

Pedder Wilderness Lodge, Dining Room.

Boat Launching at Lake Pedder

Lake Pedder North: Strathgordon Bay. Has a sealed ramp and small jetty. Exposed to southerly weather



After launching your boat, please park your vehicle and trailer well away from the waters edge to enable easy access to the ramp for others. Due to limited space and large numbers of competitors using the Strathgordon boat ramp (pictured above), no boats will be allowed to tie up at either of the two jetties for purposes other than while launching or retrieving.

The club has a jetty below the chalet which is beside the main launching ramp jetty. Members are requested to use this jetty only for dropping off and pick-ups during the competition days.

Teds Beach. White quartz gravel base, deepest at northern end of beach and sheltered from most winds. Camping is allowed here – Parks and Wildlife charge camping fees.



Serpentine Dam. Sealed ramp, very deep no jetty exposed to southerly/south/westerly weather



Mc Partlan Canal. Sealed ramp, shallow no jetty exposed to westerly weather.



Lake Pedder South: Scott's Peak, sealed ramp exposed to northerly weather



Edgar Dam Boat ramp is currently closed.



Weather Conditions

All anglers please be aware that like all highland lakes, weather conditions on Lake Pedder can change dramatically in a very short time. It can be very dangerous if you are caught out in open water. Please observe all weather warnings and let someone know where you intend to fish and what time you are expected in.

Any extreme weather changes that the LPAC becomes aware of will be broadcast using the marine VHF radio frequency.

Note: Tas Coast Radio will broadcast any weather changes using channel 16-67 but be aware that you may not be able to hear them due to your location on the lake.

If you think that someone didn't hear a warning let them know before departing the area. If you get caught in a strong wind squall head for shelter and wait until it passes. It is normal weather for Lake Pedder to have four seasons in one day.



Your day can go from this above to the weather below in very short time



Parks and Wildlife National Park- Pass and Camping Fees

You must have a valid national park pass for your car and boat while you are within the Southwest National Park. Parks and Wildlife Services charge camping fees for use of their camping grounds located in the Southwest National Park – Teds Beach and Edgar Dam and Scott’s Peak sites are located in the National Park.

Parks and Wildlife Camping fees are not charged for camp sites located within the Strathgordon Hydro Village – to book these sites contact Lake Pedder Wilderness Lodge.

Camping

Northern end of lake: in Southwest National Park

Pedder Wilderness Lodge – contact the lodge directly to enquire about camping within the village grounds at Strathgordon. There is limited space so book early to secure a space.

Teds Beach Camping Area – Toilets, BBQ shelter with electric BBQ, and power for small appliances.

Note BBQ shelter is not available this year due to vandalism. Toilets are working.

There will be a lot of people at Ted’s beach during the competition – share the space fairly – please do not camp inside the shelter or use it as a storage area.

Note: Boat trailers during the competition days are to be parked on the beach to provide room for further camp sites



Mc Partlans Ramp Area – no facilities, boat ramp only

Serpentine Ramp Area - no facilities, boat ramp only, camping allowed.

Southern end of lake: In Southwest National Park

Edgar Dam camping area is currently closed

Scott's Peak camping area is open.

Please be aware that it is a good 1-hour drive from Scott's Peak to the Pedder Wilderness Lodge where the weigh in and competition closing event is held.



Competition Rules

1. Competition commences 12.01am Saturday 23rd January and concludes Tuesday 26th January at 10.30am. People wishing to register their fish must be in line before 10.30am on Tuesday 26th January. Late arrivals will be refused.
2. **Competition entries must be paid online prior to 21st January. Entry forms can be emailed to the club or handed in prior to the first weigh in commencing at 1pm on Saturday 23th January.**
3. A membership ID number or for other STLAA Club competitors a competitor ID number will be issued via email on registration. Fish are weighed in under your membership ID (for members) and Competitor ID (for non-members).
4. Entry fees are indicated on the competition entry form and in this book.
5. Competition team entries: A team maximum is up to four anglers in no more than 2 boats. Indicate your team's name on your individual entry forms at time of competition registration. (Note: only Team members living at the same address are to be placed on the one competitor entry form). Team members and team name may not be changed once the competition commences.
6. Competitor age categories.
 - Small Fry: under 14 years
 - Junior: 14 – 17 years.
 - Adult: 18 years and over.
 - Veteran: over 60 years
7. Until stocks run out, each junior entrant (aged 14 years) will receive a Tasmanian Devil lure so check in at the registration desk early and use your lure during the competition



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8. Competition Weigh-in location: club shed near Strathgordon boat ramp

Day 1 1.00 – 2.00pm

Day 2 1.00 – 2.00pm

Day 3 1.00 – 2.00pm

Last day 10.30am

Note: the queue will be closed at 1pm daily and at 10.30am sharp for final weigh-in on the last day of competition.

9. After calibration, scales used will be deemed to be accurate.

10. Only trout caught in Lake Pedder during the competition may be entered. Competitors discovered fishing during competition days at Lake Gordon will be disqualified.

11. Fish are to be presented in a reasonably dry condition, gilled and gutted. Frozen fish or fish with clipped tails will not be registered

If you need to identify your fish, do not do it by clipping the tail. Such fish will be considered to have been already registered. *Tails of fish weighed in will be clipped by the weigh master.*

12. The daily bag limit for Lake Pedder is 20 fish. The size limit is 220 mm. Competitors will be allowed to weigh in a total of 20 fish at each weigh in.

13. The committee reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any competitor's fish.

14. Competitors are asked to check their member or competitor ID number with the desk prior to presenting to the weigh in scales.

15. To help speed processing individuals in teams and groups, competitors are asked to present their fish separately. Those not doing so will be asked to leave the queue to permit others to be registered.

16. VHF Radios must be carried in all competitors' boats. Spot safety checks will be completed by committee during weigh in. VHF CH 77 will

be the club event channel during competitions at Lake Pedder. We recommend, setting your radio to scan both calling CH 16 and working CH 77 frequencies. All distress, urgency and safety calls must be acknowledged and relayed if required on channel VHF CH 16

17. During Competition days, **the club has marked an area in the Strathgordon boat ramp car park with no parking. This is to ensure there is a clear lane way for large boats to be reversed onto the ramp. Competitors are requested to abide by this sign posting.**
18. During club events no boat is to be tied up to the public jetty in Strathgordon Bay. Boats tied to the jetty result in congestion at the boat ramp and great difficulty and risk to older fisherman and people with disabilities when getting in and out of boats from the jetty. The committee and members will instruct owners to remove boats that have been tied up and left at the public jetty.
19. Prize values are estimates only and circumstances beyond the club's control may cause some advertised prizes to be changed or withdrawn.
- 20. The competition prize draw will commence at 12.00 pm Monday 26th January 2026 at Pedder Wilderness Lodge.**
21. Competition results will be reported by Sunday 31st January on clubs Facebook page and the LPAC website.
22. Competitors enter this competition at their own risk and must comply with competition rules, Marine and Safety Tasmania regulations, Inland Fisheries Services regulations and for LPAC Members the club's Constitution. Inland Fisheries Service and Police will be present during some competition days. Any breach of the above may lead to disqualification and other outcomes. You must have a current trout licence and STLAA or LPAC Membership to fish this competition.
23. All committee decisions will be final and disputes will not be entered into.

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