

Lake Pedder Tasmania

Back to Pedder Fishing Competition

23 - 26 January 2026



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

Closing date for entries: 19 January 2026

Entry forms and Competition Rules



www.lakepedderanglersclub.com





Our committee welcome all attending the club's 50th Back to Pedder competition held over the Australia Day long weekend. We look forward to a relaxing weekend fishing with new and old friends on one of the most scenic lakes in the country. We advise all competitors to read through this book outlining the competition rules and competition awards. As always, we are trying to improve what we do and in the past few years there have been safety and competition rule changes that everyone must follow. **One change implemented in recent years is that all boats must carry a VHF radio. Registration is online and eftpos only payments are taken for merchandise at Strathgordon.**

We are a family orientated club with multiple generations in our membership originating from the Hydro and Caravan Park fisherman who stayed in the village over 50 years ago. We plan to host children's activities during the competition and there is a family friendly focus during our competitions. Colouring in competitions, quizzes and prizes for children will help to keep them occupied. Mostly though we find all children love fishing and what better way to spend quality family time together.

Please obey signage around the car park, boat ramp and competition weigh station.

LPAC would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support to our club. Without your generosity over so many years, we would not have successful club events. Your sponsorship also supports our fundraising for families in need in our community

If you're new to trout fishing, come along and join us at the daily weigh in. Our members are very supportive and will be only too happy to share some tips on where to safely fish and the finer art of trout fishing in our favourite spot of Tassie.

Competitors are encouraged to keep all trout caught above the minimum size of 22 cm for weigh in. Lake Pedder has an overabundance of trout and there is a daily bag limit of 20 fish per angler. All anglers over 14 years must hold a valid trout fishing license from Inland Fisheries Tasmania www.ifs.tas.gov.au. Fishing methods of trolling, spinning, soft plastics and fly fishing all are very successful on the lake. Bait fishing is not allowed.

The safety brief is detailed on page 5. The club operates a VHF radio base for the duration of the competition and the first aid station is at the Pedder Wilderness Lodge.

We look forward to fishing with you in January 2026.

Last minute updates will be placed on the club Facebook site

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 on LPAC website.
www.lakepedderanglersclub.com

Back to Pedder Competition Entry Fees

Adult (15 years and over)	\$25 each
Junior (14 – 17 years and under)	free (paid by Aaron Oates Concreting)
Small Fry (under 14 years)	free (paid by Aaron Oates Concreting)
Life member	\$10 each

Membership is due annually on 30th June.

Membership details and forms can be found on the LPAC website.

STLAA/NTLAA affiliated club members Competition Entry Fee

Adult (18 years and over)	\$25 each
Junior (14-17 years)	\$15 each
Small Fry (under 14 years)	\$15 each
Family	\$70

Proof of your STLAA/NTLAA club membership will need to be provided with entry form submission.

Competition entries with payment must be received:

Online: prior to 19th January 2026

Weigh-in as below.

Competition Weigh in times

Friday 23 th	1.00 pm	Strathgordon Boat Ramp
Saturday 24 th	1.00 pm	Strathgordon Boat Ramp
Sunday 25 th	1.00 pm	Strathgordon Boat Ramp
Monday 26 th	10.30 am	Strathgordon Boat Ramp

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

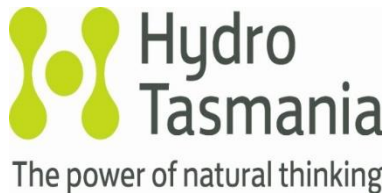


Pedder Wilderness Lodge

Accommodation

Phone 03 6280 1166

www.pedderwildernesslodge.com



Competition Prizes

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

- Heaviest fish Competition
- 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
- Best Bag of 6 fish for an individual (based on weight)
- Most Fish caught by Team
- 5 Mystery fish Awards

Club Memorial Awards

Members are only eligible for the club memorial awards

- Bill Groves Memorial Mystery Weight
- Peter Chew Memorial Mystery Weight



Members often catch up with old friends over lunch in the Pedder Wilderness Lodge dining room before our 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

During Competition VHF Radio must be carried

VHF radios must be carried in all boats. Spot checks will be completed by committee during weigh in times. At all times competitors are required to adhere to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) boating regulations and Tas Maritime Radio VHF Radio operating procedures.

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/VHF-Brochure-2025.pdf>

During the competition LPAC members and Tas Maritime Radio Hobart monitor the marine VHF radio frequency for all on water communications.

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. Lake Pedder is very mountainous; it restricts radio frequency to line of sight so remember to move to another location until you are heard.

If you hear someone calling for help, you must answer them using your boat radio as they may not be reaching Tas Maritime Radio Hobart or another fisherman on the lake. It is important to relay the details of the assistance required to coast radio who will control the emergency or assistance required.

All distress, urgency and safety calls must be acknowledged and relayed if required on channel VHF CH 16

See link below for further information from MAST re Marine Radio Communications.

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

Beware of Hazards on Lake

Known hazards are marked with a buoy around the lake, be sure to give these locations a wide berth. The lake has many hidden obstacles submerged under water and **if you are unfamiliar with this lake, please use extreme caution when using high speed.** Members have hit quartz rock in the middle of large bays causing damage to outboards and boats, it is strongly advised until you know the lake well to travel slowly.

Give a wide berth when travelling past boats that are fishing and with lines well out behind.

Jetty Hazards

For competitor safety no boats will be allowed 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 for older fisherman and people with disabilities when getting in and out of boats from the jetty. During club events no boat is to be tied up to the public jetty in Strathgordon Bay. The committee and members will instruct owners to remove boats that have been tied up and left at the public jetty.

Boat Preparation

Ensure you have prepared your boat and checked that it is safe before heading out on the lake. Obey MAST rules at all times when on the lake.

You can refresh your trip preparation and safety checklists on the Mast website:

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/trip-preparation/>

<https://mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Boat-and-Gear-Check-List-01.pdf>

Competition

Daily Events Schedule

Friday 23rd January

Competition commences midnight Thursday and is held on Lake Pedder only

1.00 pm Competition weigh in

 Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Children Colouring in Competition forms can be collected from registration desk

Saturday 24th January

1.00pm Competition weigh in

 Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Sunday 25th January

1.00pm Competition weigh in
 Strathgordon Boat Ramp

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

Monday 26th January

10.30am Final weigh in
 Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Note: the queue will be closed at 1pm and 10.30 am sharp for weigh-in daily.
The competition also closes at this time on Monday 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 if you are staying 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.



LPAC would like to thank Aaron for sponsoring the payment of all Small Fry and Junior membership and competition fees



Competition Rules

1. Competition commences 12.01am Friday 23rd January and concludes Monday 26th January at 10.30am. People wishing to register their fish must be in line before 10.30am on Monday 26th January. Late arrivals will be refused.
2. **Competition entries must be paid online prior to 19th January. Entry forms can be emailed to the club or handed in prior to the first weigh in commencing at 1pm on Friday 23th January 2026.**
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 17 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 times

Day 1 1.00pm Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Day 2 1.00pm Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Day 3 1.00pm Strathgordon Boat Ramp

Last day 10.30am Strathgordon Boat Ramp

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. It is not a good practice at any time to leave a boat tied to a small busy public jetty. Boats tied to the jetty result in congestion at the boat ramp and great difficulty for older fisherman and people with disabilities when getting in and out of boats from the jetty. During club events no boat is to be tied up to the public jetty in Strathgordon Bay. 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 Friday 30th January on clubs Facebook page and the LPAC website.
www.lakepedderanglersclub@bigpond.com
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.

Thank you to our Sponsors for 2026

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LAKE PEDDER

Fly Fishing, Artificial Lures, 20 fish per day, Open all year



Mt ROBERT

Gordon Dam

Strathgordon

Sprent Basin

White Spur Inlet

Bell Basin

Starfish Inlet

Starfish Hill

Wilmot Bay

Wilmot Island

Serpentine

Coronation Bay

Coronation Pk

DOUBLE PEAK

The Cupola

The Lion

The Citadel

Cleft Pk

Greycap

Cripps Pt

Frankland Pk

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Giblin Bay

Edgar Bay

Camping

Edgar Pond

Camping Toilets (Wheel-chair access)

C607

Good fishing April/May

Harlequin Hill

Huan Inlet

Marsden Pt

Please DO NOT LITTER OUR LAKES

Marla Bay

THE CORONETS

MT SOLITARY

Barrier Island

Scotts Peak

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