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- ~I enforce safety first.
- ~I offer my experience to educate.
- ~I only use legal tackle.
- ~I respect my fellow angler.
- ~I respect the ocean and its inhabitants.
- ~I support catch and release.
- ~I limit my catch, not catch my limit.
- ~I am a protector of the environment.
- ~I support pro-active resource research.
- ~I am proud to be a sea-angler.

SAFETY

- Never risk a life when trying to catch a fish.
- Observe and understand all boating regulations.
- Keep a safe distance from shore based anglers.
- Gain knowledge of common beach dangers including ocean currents, waves, rocks and offshore reefs.
- Report dangerous drivers and skippers to the necessary authorities and associations.

EDUCATION

- Knowledge is an invaluable asset and can only be used to its full extent if it can be shared amongst all anglers.
- The more Development courses conducted will not only attract competitive anglers but it will also ensure an awareness of the Environment and Conservation.

LEGAL TACKLE

- Use only tackle that is appropriate for the size and the type of the fish to be caught.
- Use tackle as laid down by the various Associations.
- Dispatch fish immediately with a firm tap on top of the head with a blunt instrument.

RESPECT FOR ALL ANGLERS AND OTHERS

- Prepare your boat and trailer before launching at boat ramps to avoid delays.
- Friendly rivalry does exist between anglers without the need for anyone to dominate.
- Be courteous to those who communities we enter when fishing i.e. locals other club waters.

PROTECT THE OCEANS

- Keep up to date with regulations and observe them.
- Help and explain fishing regulations and the reasons for them to others especially illiterate people.
- Acquaint yourself with state bag size or possession limits.
- Keep the oceanic waters clean.

SUPPORT CATCH AND RELEASE

- Retrieve the fish as quickly as possible.
- Ensure that the fish are not left to flop or flail around.
- Revive a tired or semi-conscious fish.
- A minimum of handling will ensure that released fish have a good chance of survival.

LIMIT MY CATCH, NOT CATCH MY LIMIT

- A vital way in conserving fish stocks, is to limit our catch by taking only our immediate needs.
- Use common sense and restraint when fishing, return endangered or threatened species back to the waters.
- Return unwanted live bait to the waters that they were taken from.

THE ENVIRONMENT AND HABITAT

- We will only use recognised beach launches and entrances to avoid erosion of dunes and destruction of the vegetation.
- We will become familiar with life cycles and breeding seasons of aquatic species and other Fauna.
- We will take all nylon line, bottles, six pack holders, bait bags etc.... away from all fishing sites.
- The only part we as anglers will leave behind are good memories and our footsteps.

SUPPORT RESEARCH

- Keep a safe distance from aquatic wildlife and avoid undue noise.
- Become involved in programs that restore coastal vegetation.
- Participate in research, rehabilitation and monitoring programs such as SAMLMA and all ORI tagging programs.

PRIDE IN BEING A SEA ANGLER

- be proud of your sport, remember at all times that it is not a right but a privilege to fish in the sea, lakes, estuaries and rivers.