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Barra Classic sets a classic benchmark

“With the recently completed 25th Barra Classic many people would not be aware that the organisers have established a unique benchmark that is going to be really difficult to beat” John Harrison, CEO of Recfish Australia said today.

As the peak national body for recreational and sport fishing Recfish Australia has been developing the tournament accreditation concept for the past two years. The Barra Classic has, to date, scored the highest points of any event to be put through process. And whilst not being the first to score the maximum 5 star rating the Classic has certainly outscored any other tournament.

“With bonus points available for innovative ideas and management arrangements the organisers, Darwin Game Fishing Club, can be extremely proud of the fact that they have provided a unique event that is environmentally sustainable, provides for women and children participation, contributes to research, requires the mandatory use of knotless nets and barbless hooks, involves the local community and a range of other benefits and great ideas” Mr Harrison said.

“With the scoring system for accreditation designed to encourage sustainable fishing the Barra Classic is the first event to not only get maximum points but in fact because of their innovative approach actually scored 25% above this mark.”

“With new ideas like the junior Classic this year it is testament that the event is looking to the future and to ensure that the next generation of tournament fishers will understand the need to look after our fisheries.”

“It is also encouraging to see the number of women fishing the event on the rise with participation of a number of all women teams this year and mixed teams as well.”

“We offer our heartiest congratulations to the event and the organisers” Mr Harrison concluded,

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