



Hawkesbury Afloat @ Brooklyn Marina

WELL KNOWN FISHING HOT SPOTS
DO NOT FISH WHILST MOTOR IS ON OR WHILST TRAVELLING

1. **CROPPY POINT:** A very good bream spot – use chicken gut.
2. **GUNYAH:** Very deep water to the shore and provides everything from blackfish to jewfish. Good fish taken by sitting out a bit from shore and fishing the runout.
3. **GREEN POINT:** Good bream spot after a heavy rain.
4. **DEADHORSE BAY:** Mostly fished for blackfish.
5. **FLAT ROCK POINT:** (Fisherman's Point) Occasional good jewfish but very strong tidal flow and very shallow. Only try an hour into high tide.
6. **DANGAR SHOALS:** Sadly, too shallow!!
7. **TUMBLEDOWN:** One of the best bream spots on the River. The top spot is just where the houses end. Berley is a must and it is a daytime as well as a night spot.
8. **THE ICYCLES:** Good night breaming on the drift along the shore.
9. **PETTICOAT:** Blackfish hot spot on the small tide.
10. **SLIPPERY:** Same as 'Petticoat'.
11. **RAILWAY BRIDGE:** We recommend you do NOT anchor here, as you'll either lose the anchor or catch catfish all day.

Was once a good jewfish spot but not any more. But best results at top and bottom of the tide on LIVE bait, mullet, mackerel and squid. The tide races through here so a heavy sinker is needed. Fish with the tide towards the bridge. If the tide is running out, fish the western side and when running in the eastern side.

12. **MULLET CREEK:** Very likely you will get stuck in the mud here and it's a very tricky navigational area. Deep water at entrance and worth a try for jewfish. This creek is very shallow and suitable only for tinnies but not BBQ boats.
13. **MOONEY ENTRANCE:** Top blue swimmer crabs and flathead spots. Fish about 2 boat lengths from the shore inside the point near the Rail Bridge. Run-out tide spot.
14. **SANITORIUM ROCK:** A spot where anchors are usually lost – very rocky. Good drifting ground at night for bream. Distinctive white rock right at the water level. Drift with bow pointing to shore.

Have one person on the paddle all the time to keep it straight. When drift fishing along Long Island throw line in front of the boat and let the boat catch up with your line.

15. **LONG ISLAND POINT:** The point itself is a good blackfish ground in Winter on the small tides. To fish it properly you must be really close to shore – so a tinny only. BEWARE don't be in the channel as this should be left clear for navigational purposes.
16. **KANGAROO POINT:** Blackfish & bream off the shore on the small tides just below the old café. No good from a boat.
17. **ROAD BRIDGES:** We recommend you do NOT anchor here, as you'll either lose the anchor or catch catfish all day. Was once a good jewfish spot but not any more. But best results at top and bottom of the tide on LIVE bait, mullet, mackerel and squid. The tide races through here so a heavy sinker is needed. Fish the second and third Spans from the northern end.
18. **CROW ROCK:** First big rock, 50 meters up from the bridges on the southern side. Day and night spot on the small tides for bream. Berley is a must for good results.
19. **THE VINES SHORE:** Famous bream grounds. A deep channel runs right along this shore. Day or night, but some of the best catches are made by day on mullet.
20. **THE WRECK:** Marked by the wreck of the old Parramatta. Good general ground, but best known for bream catches. Towards the middle of the channel out from the Wreck is a general ground for jewfish, bream, flounder and flathead.
21. **MILSON ISLAND STEPS:** Good day bream area. On the run-in-tide, a good flathead drift is from this area down to Bar Island. When fishing Milson Island area allow 2 hours off the run-off to fish for flathead. Also, in this area you will get the occasional big mudcrab.
22. **OLGA BAY:** A great bream spot. Best, however, at a high tide. It is a former oyster lease, so be careful you may get some serious snags.
23. **GRACES SHORE:** Good general grounds, but especially for bream at night. Good in a southerly.

CRABS:

The Hawkesbury River is a great waterway for crabs. However, you are not permitted to use crab nets/pots in the National Park. Mullet bait is best used. Make sure you have the float well labelled and it is a bright colour. Best locations are at Alison Point, near the green markers South of Spectacle Island and South of the first 2 green markers past Croppy Point. BUT please, don't take too many – don't rape our River.

Hawkesbury Afloat - MAP

Engine Lifting – Instructions
REFER TO THE SIGN ADJACENT TO DRIVER (top left side)

STARTING ENGINE - INSTRUCTIONS:
REFER TO THE SIGN ADJACENT TO DRIVER (top left side)

Legend:
● Toilets
● Cardinal Marker
● Starboard Marker
● Port Marker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. You are NOT permitted to travel beyond the imaginary lines shown on the map
2. Adhere to the List of what you MAY DO & MUST NOT DO
3. All Emergencies call '000'. Inform them that you have hired from Brooklyn Marina
4. You may need to seek assistance from a nearby or passing boat or a house
5. Place your oars upright in a cross-like position if you are unable to motor, row or call out to others

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:
 * Carry out First Aid
 * Call '000' OR '112' for bad service areas
 * Notify Brooklyn Marina (0408102614)
 * Complete 'Incident Report' on your return

IN CASE OF CAPSIZE:
 * Put life jackets on (kids should wear them)
 * Stay with boat (it will stay afloat)
 * Call out or signal for help
 * Notify Brooklyn Marina (0408102614)
 * Complete 'Incident Report' on your return

HIREES MUST:

- * Be responsible
- * Stay between GREEN & RED channel markers
- * Leave & return to Marina At a SLOW speed
- * Avoid shallow/rocky waters
- * Avoid oyster leases
- * Know the rules
- * Watch weather
- * Guard against fire
- * Keep boat clean. Take refuse to our bin at top of drive
- * Do not anchor under bridges
- * Toss back all undersize fish
- * Have a valid fishing licence
- * Return to the marina on time
- * Kill and throw back catfish
- * Be quiet, particularly at night

HIREES MUST NOT:

- * Drive whilst intoxicated
- * Beach the vessel
- * Stand in or overload the boat
- * Travel through moored boats
- * Travel over shallow areas
- * Travel over oyster's leases
- * Tamper with outboard
- * Crash into other vessels
- * Climb onto the roof of a boat
- * Gut &/or scale fish in boat
- * Anchor under the bridges or near Underwater powercables
- * Have more than the agreed number of people on board
- * Pass imaginary lines shown on map as thick lines

SEA GRASS BEDS
REFER TO THE SMALL MAP / SIGN ADJACENT TO DRIVER

Fishing Licences:
1300369365

NO ACCESS to hire vessels

Entry / Exit into 'Gut'

Stay between Green & Red markers
Stay away from the shallows – mud
Avoid purple areas (too shallow)