

Responsible shark, skate and ray angling



When catch and release angling, getting sharks off the hook and back to the water as quickly and safely as possible is vital.



Release from the side of the boat.

Use barbless or circle hooks for easier release of unwanted fish.

Where possible, release sharks, skates and rays from the side of the boat.

NEVER

use a gaff! It is unnecessary and extremely damaging.

Only in-board a fish when absolutely necessary.

Never lift a shark, skate or ray only by its head or tail.

Take care not to contact the gills which are easily damaged.

If a fish is deep-hooked, cut the line as close as possible to the hook and release it immediately.

Release the fish quickly, with a minimum of handling. Use wet gloves or cloth.