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Anglers keep eye on future

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THERE are more than 100,000 recreational fishers in our state, and the Tasmanian Government is committed to ensuring a sustainable future for this popular activity.

Recreational fishing is a much-loved part of life for many Tasmanian families and a favourite summer holiday activity for many.

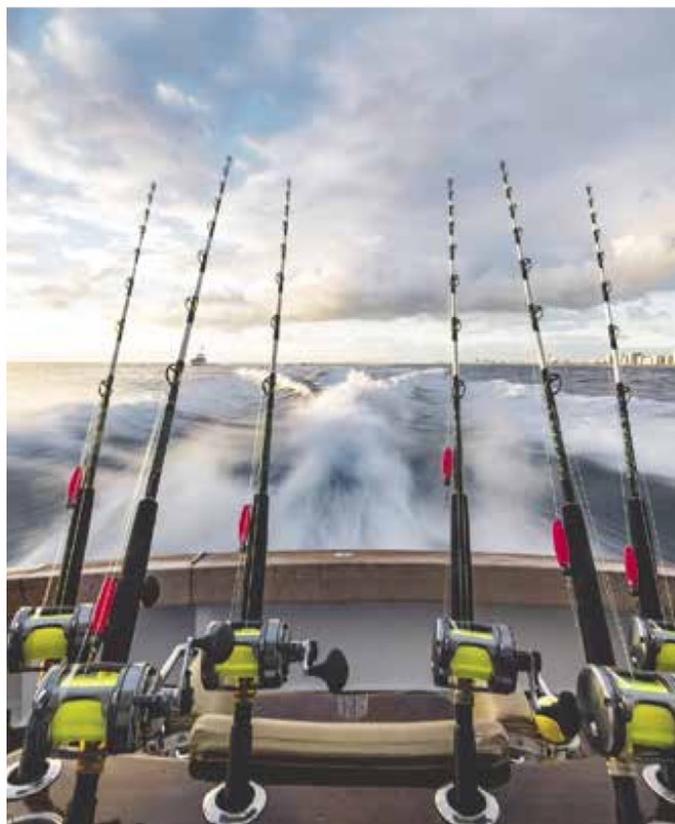
As with all pursuits, good advice to help you along the way is beneficial when you're starting out. This is also important to help you fish sustainably.

That's why we are so fortunate to have about 50 Fishcare volunteers across the state.

The Fishcare Tasmania program aims to educate the community about sustainable fishing practices.

These dedicated volunteers help maintain infrastructure, such as fishing information signs and fish measuring rulers and run activities, including exhibits and fishing clinics to promote responsible fishing practices.

For those who are keen to learn about fishing, Fishcare Tasmania volunteers, through the Summer Fishing Program, are running



free public fishing clinics throughout January at jetties across Tasmania.

All ages and abilities are welcome, with rods and gear provided, and new fishers can learn basic skills like casting, knot tying and rigging.

The clinics also teach responsible fishing practices, such as measuring, handling and releasing your catch.

All events are run in accor-

dance with COVID-19 safety guidelines. For more information, visit www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/sea-fishing-aquaculture/community-resources/fishcare-tasmania/summer-fishing-program

It is important for both new and experienced fishers to always obey fishing rules.

For more information, go to www.fishing.tas.gov.au or use the Tasmanian Sea fishing

Recreational fishing is a popular pastime on the East Coast.

Guide app and the Infish Mobile app for marine and inland fisheries.

It is also important to comply with Marine and Safety Tasmania requirements for safe boating.

Plan your trip before you leave, make sure your boat is not overloaded, and ensure you have the required safety equipment on board and that your boat has been well maintained.

All life jackets in use on Tasmanian boats will need to adhere to the new standard AS4758.1 as of January 1, 2021.

And don't forget, there are still four \$10,000 tagged trout in the Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion to be caught, one each in yingina/Great Lake, Arthurs Lake, Lake Burbury and Lake Pedder.

The promotion continues until May 2, so there is still plenty of time to buy a licence through your local tackle shop, Service Tasmania or online from the IFS.

For full terms and conditions and more information on the promotion, visit www.ifs.tas.gov.au

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