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

Only take fish you intend to eat.

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 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.