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BILLFISH BONANZA 2011

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APRIL 23RD-24TH

SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

**ON APRIL 22ND
FRIDAY 6.30PM**

CALCUTTA 7.30PM

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MOOLOOLABA MARINA**

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BILLFISH BONANZA 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Billfish Bonanza 2011 hosted by the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club is a Light & Heavy tackle, tag & release Team / Individual event. We hope that a healthy competition will result with the emphasis on sportsmanship and good spirit.

ENQUIRIES

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

\$180.00 for each senior angler
\$80.00 for each junior angler
\$120.00 for each non fishing crew (not compulsory)

Included in your entry is:

- Friday evening meet and greet (bar available, finger foods)
- Saturday BBQ
- Sunday, sit down presentation dinner
- Tournament Apparel
- Lucky angler prizes
- R.E.D. levy
- Marina berth for duration of competition

Early Entry:

Entries received prior to 6.00pm Friday 15th April 2011 will go into the draw for early entry draw.

Online registration and payment (EFT) available at www.mgfc.com.au On line entry forms, registration & payment (EFT) will only be available up to the 20th April 2011 via our website. Make cheques payable to MGFC & post to PO Box 298 Moffat Beach 4551.

QUALIFICATIONS

The tournament will be fished to G.F.A.A. rules. Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either G.F.A.A. or Q.G.F.A. All anglers may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

MARINA BERTHS

The Mooloolaba Marina berths will be available to competitors upon request (Early bookings essential due to limited numbers). Please observe Marina rules at all times, be respectful to other residents at the marina. Under no circumstances is the marina security gates to be left open at any time.

VENUE

Mooloolaba Marina, Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba.

REGISTRATION, BRIEFING & CALCUTTA

Registration will take place on Friday 22nd April 2011 at the Mooloolaba Marina between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. This will be followed by a compulsory skippers only briefing at 6.30pm. From 6.30pm a large variety of finger foods will be provided. The Calcutta will be held at 7.30pm.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of trophies and dinner will be held on Sunday 24th April 2011 at the Mooloolaba Marina. Each angler must be present at the presentation dinner if he or she is to be eligible for the lucky angler draw or early entry prizes.

BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS

Boats from other ports may proceed to the fishing grounds to commence fishing at 7:00am on Saturday. All competing boats must return to the Mooloolaba Marina after cease fishing Saturday, and depart Sunday morning from there.

FISHING DAYS

Fishing Days are Saturday the 23rd of April and Sunday the 24th of April, 2011.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday:	Start fishing	7:00am
	Cease fishing	4:00pm
Sunday:	Start fishing	7:00am
	Cease fishing	3:30pm

RADIO SKEDS VHF 21 only

Competing boats must have VHF. All skippers must keep radio sked sheets. Skeds will be called on VHF 21 only.

SKED TIMES

10:03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm Saturday (Overtime permitted)

10:03am, 1:03pm, 3:03pm Sunday (Overtime not permitted)

Skeds will be conducted as follows:

When Game Base calls your boat, respond by: Confirm Boat Name, then call number of Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures/Tags (eg: 2.1.1) All tags/captures are to be reported immediately to Game Base. Game Base will issue the tag/capture time which is to be recorded in the sked sheet. All boats must answer the sked or relay via another vessel. A penalty may be applied for failure to do so. If relaying for another vessel, confirm your boat name, then the name of the vessel you are relaying sked details for.

NOTE: All vessels must log on before start fishing and log off when back in the harbour, or have ceased fishing for that day. Once a vessel has logged off with Game Base it is understood that they will take no further part in fishing for that day.

HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE

Teams must nominate to fish either the heavy or light tackle category before the start of fishing each day. Teams must radio game base should they elect to change category of tackle during the days' fishing.

FISHING GROUNDS

Between a line running due East from Double Island Point and a line running due East from Point Lookout.

WEATHER AND BREAKDOWN

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone any day due to bad weather. If due to bad weather both fishing days are cancelled, the tournament will be re-scheduled for another weekend. (TBA)

BOAT LENGTH

For the purpose of this tournament, boat length overall is to be determined from the measurement taken from the bow, (excluding bowsprit) to stern (excluding outboard pods). This measurement will be used to determine under 7 metres or 7 metres and over.

WEIGH-INS

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the Mooloolaba Marina on Saturday 23rd from 4.30pm - 6.00pm and Sunday 24th from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. All anglers must remain with the weigh master during weighing and recording. Fish may be weighed outside these hours by arrangement only. All edible fish may be gilled and gutted. A 10% allowance will be made for any fish gilled and gutted. No fish are to be left at the weigh station. Points will be deducted for infringements. (Record claim fish must be intact) Daily activity sheets, tag cards and capture forms are to be delivered to the weigh master each day.

Deadline for capture forms/daily activity sheets: 6.00pm Saturday & 5.30pm Sunday. No points will be recorded unless capture forms and activity sheets are filled in correctly and delivered to the weighmaster by that days deadline.



TOURNAMENT FISHING RULES



G.F.A.A. EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING REGULATIONS APPLY.

- Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
- There will be 2 line categories. 8kg only for Light Tackle, 15kg and over for Heavy Tackle. The Heavy Tackle zone is in waters with a depth greater than 150 meters. Game base must be notified when changing line categories.
- A maximum of two rods per angler only, except when live baiting.
- Live baiting, one rod per angler only to be used, and cannot be handled by others (including pitch baiting) angler only to cast bait. Only non-offset circle hooks may be used.
- Each angler to receive equal fishing opportunity.
- Skippers may manoeuvre boat to assist anglers.
- Boat Crews are not permitted to assist in any other way than to tag and release / capture fish as per GFAA rules. Points are awarded when the tag is inserted or fish are weighed on MGFC certified scales.
- Hookups that go into overtime are permitted on Saturday only but must be radioed into game base prior to cease fishing. Game base must be kept informed of the progress after cease fishing.
- Tag points will be allocated to billfish only. Light tackle 750 and Heavy tackle 1500. Only NSW DPI and GFAA approved billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated. It is the responsibility of each competing boat to provide their own tags. No points will be allocated for weighed billfish.
- Capture points are as follows: fish weight x 100 divided by line class. Fish may be dressed and a 10% allowance will be made. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
- Other species: a limit of 3 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible Species include, Yellow fin Tuna, Long tail Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Dolphin Fish, Barracuda, Cobia & Wahoo.
- Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler/team recording their points total first.
- The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners, that decision will be final. The club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent at a later date.
- No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed (no live bait onboard) prior to start fishing on day 1 only. Bait collected during the tournament may be kept over for day 2.
- Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident.
- No points will be awarded for sharks or rays.
- GFAA equipment and rules apply.
- Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with GFAA or QGFA. All trophy winners may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. Reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.

FISHING TACKLE

The tournament committee will perform random tackle inspections. Any team found to be using non-conforming equipment will be disqualified of any points accrued on that tackle on that day.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE

A disputes committee comprising of members of a minimum of two competing clubs will hear protests, provided they are submitted in writing no later than 2 hours after cease fishing on the day of alleged infringement. The committee's decision is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

FACILITIES

Keys are required to gain access to the facilities and the Marina. Keys will be available as you arrive & on briefing night. A fee of \$50 will be charged if keys are not returned upon departure. Please see a committee member to collect your key.

SPEED LIMITS

Whilst steaming within the confines of the Mooloolaba Harbour, the speed limit of 6 knots must be observed.

FUEL AND ICE

Diesel and ice are available at Chippo's Fuel Supplies.

Chippo's Fuel Supplies (Diesel)
Phone: 5444 4587

TROPHIES

Champion Boat/Team	over 7 meters
Champion Boat/Team	under 7 meters
Champion Male Angler	Overall
Champion Female Angler	Overall
Champion Junior Angler	Overall
Champion Angler Other Species	Overall
First Billfish Tagged	
Last Billfish Tagged	
Most Meritorious Fishing Effort Award	

