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GENERAL INFORMATION

Billfish Bonanza 2023 hosted by the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club is a light & heavy tackle, tag & release Team/Individual event with a focus on sportsmanship and good spirit.

SCHEDULE

24 Nov - Skippers Briefing 5:30pm
 25 Nov - Day 1 Fishing 7:00am – 4:00pm
 - Weigh In 4:30pm – 6:00pm
 26 Nov - Day 2 Fishing 7:00am -3:00pm
 - Weigh In 4:00pm – 5:00pm
 - Awards Presentation 6:30pm

ENQUIRIES

Mick Wrack Mob: 0424 655 062
 Jamie Behrens Mob: 0417 511 152
 Website: www.mgfc.com.au
 Join our Facebook page for regular updates.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

- \$220 for each senior angler registered before Nov 17
- \$240 for each senior angler registered after Nov 17
- Free for each junior angler
- \$70 for each non-fishing crew and any additional meals required

Included in your entry is: tournament apparel, boat goody bag, lucky angler prizes, R.E.D. levy, fisherman's senior draw and fisherman's junior draw. Only anglers are eligible for the lucky angler prize draws.

Entries received prior to 5:00pm Friday, November 17 will go into the Early Entry draw. Early entries will be given preference on tournament apparel sizes – late entries may not have correct sizes available.

REGISTRATION

Get your registration in before November 17th to take advantage of the early bird price! Registration MUST be submitted via email to secretary@mgfc.com.au before 5pm on Wednesday November 23.

PAYMENT

- Cheques and EFT Payments available till Friday 24th November.
 (EFT banking details on entry form)
 Cheques payable to Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. and post to PO Box 1115 Mooloolaba 4557, QLD

QUALIFICATIONS

The tournament will be fished to G.F.A.A. rules. All anglers, skippers and crew entered to compete in the tournament MUST be a financial member of a GFAA or QGFA affiliated club. All persons may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

VENUE

Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club House. Next to open boat parking, 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba QLD 4557.

MARINA BERTHS

The Mooloolaba Marina berths will be available. Skippers to arrange berths through the Mooloolaba Marina(5444 5653). Please observe marina rules at all times. Boat details and insurance will need to be

provided. Tags to be arranged with the Marina and are required for access to marina and facilities.

BRIEFING

Skippers or a nominated representative from each boat must be able to attend the skippers briefing at the club house at 5:30pm on Friday, November 24, 2023 to be eligible to fish the tournament. Tournament Bags will be handed out at this time.

CALCUTTA

The Calcutta will take place after the skippers briefing.

PRESENTATION

The Presentation of the Awards will commence at 6:30pm at the Savvy Squire, 123 Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba 4557 QLD in the twilight room upstairs.

FISHING DAYS

Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26st November 2023.

FISHING TIMES

Sat: Start fishing 7:00am. Cease fishing 4:00pm.
 Sun: Start fishing 7:00am. Cease fishing 3:00pm.

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.

BOAT LENGTH

Boat length overall is to be determined from the measurement taken from the bow, (excluding bowsprit) to stern (including outboard pods). This measurement will be used to determine under 7 metres or 7 metres and over.

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

Saturday: 10:03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm
 (Overtime permitted).
 Sunday: 10:03am, 1:03pm, 2:30pm
 (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 harbor 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.

FISHING TACKLE

The Weigh-master will perform mandatory tackle inspections. Any team found to be using non-conforming equipment will be disqualified of any points.

BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS

Boats may leave from their home port on Saturday and Sunday provided their entry fees have been paid prior. Boats departing other ports still must have representation at the skippers briefing.

All boats competing must return to the weigh station at Mooloolaba Marina on at least Sunday to submit tag cards, activity sheets and have their tackle checked for qualifying fish (deadline 5:00pm). In the event of incorrect checked tackle on day 1 all points up to that point will be disqualified and the team will be allowed to accrue points on day 2. If a boat has fished from their home port and missed day 1 weigh in and is found to be outside of G.F.A.A regulations on day 2 all points will be disqualified for day 1 and day 2.

Boats can stay out overnight during the tournament, just radio into Game Base and provide location of where they are staying.

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 the approved back up dates of 1-3rd December, 2023. In the event of a gale or strong wind warning issued by the BOM of 25 knots or over the club holds the right to cancel or postpone the tournament.

SPEED LIMITS

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

WEIGH-INS

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the right hand side of the eastern slipway at the Coast Guard slipways(in front of the outrigger outdoor area):

Saturday 25th from 4:30pm - 6.00pm and
 Sunday 26th from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

If another boat is already with the weighmaster, please remain in your boat until the weigh master is free. All anglers must remain with the weighmaster 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 weighmaster.

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.

FUEL

Diesel available at Chipppo's Fuel Supplies.
 Chippoo's Fuel Supplies (Diesel) Phone: 0427 002 908

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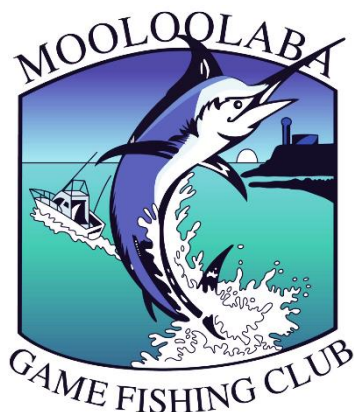


TROPHIES

Champion -	Light Tackle Senior Angler
Champion -	Heavy Tackle Senior Angler
Champion -	Other Species Senior Angler
Champion -	Male Senior Angler
Champion -	Female Senior Angler
Champion -	Junior Angler
Runner up -	Junior Angler
Champion Boat	Over 7m
Champion Boat	Under 7m
First Billfish	Day 1 (Junior or Senior)
Last Billfish	Day 1 (Junior or Senior)
First Billfish	Day 2 (Junior or Senior)
Last Billfish	Day 2 (Junior or Senior)

DISCLAIMER:

By entering the Tournament, all Competitors, Crew and Spectators agree to indemnify and hold MGFC harmless from and against any costs, damages, expenses, legal fees and disbursements, claims, liabilities, actions, and causes of action thereon arising from or related to any claim or threatened claim by any person or entity arising from or related to the performance of the Tournament. All Competitors, Crew and Spectators agree that all limitations or exclusions of MGFC's liability, shall extend to and be for the benefit of those individuals and entities MGFC retains for performance of the Tournament, including but not limited to MGFC's officers, committee, directors and volunteers. Competitors, Crew and Spectators further agree they shall make no claims or take any proceedings whatsoever directly against MGFC's officers, committee, directors and volunteers, whether the claims arise in contract, tort or otherwise, and whether covered by insurance.



2023 BILLFISH BONANZA TOURNAMENT 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 two line categories fished.
 - 8kg only for light tackle (light tackle points 7,500) noting light tackle zone is only in waters less than 150m deep.
 - 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg for heavy tackle (heavy tackle points 15,000) noting heavy tackle zone is only in waters greater than 150m deep.
- Game base must be notified when changing line classes.
- It is acknowledged that some skippers may also be anglers in which case they will have equal fishing time and opportunity as the other anglers.
- A maximum of 2 predetermined rods set with either lures or natural dead bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 2 predetermined rods at any stage while trolling lures or natural dead bait).
- A maximum of 1 predetermined rod set with live bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 1 predetermined rod at any stage while live baiting). The rod must not be handled by others including pitch baiting or setting.
- In regard to rules 5 and 6. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
- Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist anglers.
- Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per GFAA rules.
- Hook-ups that go into overtime are permitted on Saturday only but must be radioed into game base prior to cease fishing. Overtime is not permitted on Sunday, with weigh-in cutoff at 5:00pm. No tag cards accepted after this time either.
- Only NSW DPI Billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated for that fish. It is the responsibility of each competing team 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 gilled and gutted and a 10% allowance will be made for this. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
- Other species: a limit of 2 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible species are: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Spanish Mackerel, Wahoo. QLD Bag /Possession limits apply.
- Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or 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.
- No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed prior to start fishing on day 1 only. Live bait collected during the tournament may be kept over for day 2. Collecting live bait before start fishing on day 2 is allowed. Teasers are considered fishing gear and may not be deployed before start fishing on either day.
- Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident. In the event of a protest a group will be formed from visiting clubs representatives and they will determine the merit of any such protest based on majority vote.
- Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either G.F.A.A or Q.G.F.A. All anglers will be asked to provide proof of current membership.
- Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.
- No transfer of anglers or fishing gear at sea is to occur in the event of boat breakdown. Teams may be disqualified for breaching this rule.
- Teams are to clearly identify rod and reel combinations at the time of the hook-up, and these rod and reel combinations are to be presented for inspection. (Identification is up to the team but should be simple and easy to identify – eg, different coloured band or tape on each outfit.)

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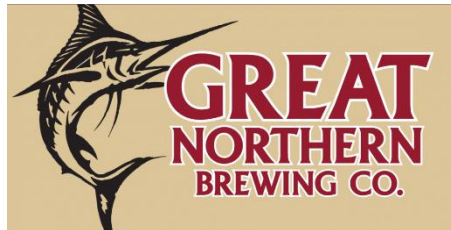
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