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# WEIPA BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

29th Sept - 3rd Oct

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The Weipa Billfish Club Inc welcomes all participating members and guests to the 2017 Weipa Billfish Club's annual tournament. This is the sixth year this event is being run and will again highlight the world-class billfishery Weipa has on its doorstep. This year the Weipa Bowls Club, Sea Swift, Shimano, Tackle world Weipa, Aggreko and Goodline have come on board as major sponsors along with many other companies and businesses and the Weipa Billfish Club gives its thanks for their support (check out the last page).

## ITINERARY & FISHING TIMES

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 – Briefing / pizza @ Weipa Bowls Club**

Late entries and registration from **5:00pm**. Registrations close **6:30pm** sharp.

Briefing **7:00pm** - All nominated teams to have at least one member present to collect nomination pack.

**Calcutta** - A cash only Calcutta will follow the briefing where all teams will be auctioned off in random order. The prize pool will be divided as follows: 50% winning bid; 30% second place; 10% third place and 10% to the club

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

Shot gun start on the downstream side of Evan's Landing boat ramp **7:00am**

Commence Fishing **8:00am**

Cease Fishing **4:00pm**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017**

Commence Fishing **8:00am**

Cease Fishing **4:00pm**

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017**

Commence fishing **8:00am**

Cease Fishing **4:00pm**

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017**

Presentation night – **5:30pm** pre dinner drinks

**6:30pm** dinner followed by presentation – Weipa Bowls Club

The sched boat will call start fishing and cease fishing each day. Any fish hooked before cease fishing, of which the sched boat has been notified, may be played out and will be eligible for points. The only exception is on the last day where all score sheets must be in the hands of the weigh master at the boat ramp by **6:30pm**. **A secondary drop off will be at 7 Merluna Place by 8:00pm**. All team paperwork must be filled out in full and tag cards filled out correctly and submitted with QGFA activity sheets for each day of fishing. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

# FISHING RULES

- GFAA rules apply. Anglers must be members of the Weipa Billfish Club Inc. or a member of a club affiliated with GFAA. Anglers can join WBFC at registration.
- NEW GFAA RULE – The last 5 metres of main line constitutes line class
- Teams should be familiar with GFAA rules regarding leader length and angling rules – tournament judges will be checking tackle throughout the tournament.
- Team sizes are to be a minimum of 2, with a maximum of 4 anglers on any given day, and each team is restricted to one boat. Prizes are only allocated for teams up to 4 anglers.
- The tournament is a billfish only (Marlin and Sailfish) tag and release tournament.
- Each billfish tagged will be awarded with the following points:

<b><u>Line Class:</u></b>	<b><u>10kg &amp; under</u></b>	<b><u>15kg &amp; 24kg</u></b>
<b><u>Sailfish:</u></b>	<b><u>1000pts</u></b>	<b><u>900pts</u></b>
<b><u>Marlin:</u></b>	<b><u>1300pts</u></b>	<b><u>1170pts</u></b>

- In the event of a tie, the angler/team to reach the score first will be awarded the winner.
- Line Classes –6,8,10,15 & 24kg. Note: there are no bonus points for fishing lighter than 10kg and 24kg is max line class permitted
- Fishing grounds – as per tournament map.
- Point will be awarded when the following conditions are met:

***The fish is tagged and released with NSW fisheries “Billfish Only” tags. Tagging with any other tag will result in disqualification of the fish. Tag poles are restricted to a maximum length of 15 feet.***

## RADIO SCHEDS

In the interest of safety and event success, accurate radio scheds are compulsory for all teams and will be conducted on VHF channel 77. If the sched boat cannot be heard or reached, every effort must be made to relay a message via another boat. Inaccurate or missed scheds will incur a penalty of loss of all points for the day. Any vessel not reporting two consecutive scheds will invoke search and rescue efforts at their own expense.

Radio scheds are to be reported with the team’s name, followed by location as per the supplied fishing map, followed by the activity score for billfish only. For example:

***Last Cast, Foxtrot 6, with a 3, 3, 2*** (first digit refers to the strikes, the second to hook ups and the third to tagged billfish)

A radio silence period shall be observed from the end of the last sched each day until the call of cease fishing at 4.00pm to allow for late hook-up calls. All hook ups during this period must be called immediately to qualify for playing out after cease fishing. Any team not observing sched rules will be deducted their full days points.

## SCHED TIMES

<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>09:30am</i></b>	<b><i>12:30pm</i></b>	<b><i>3:30pm</i></b>
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# FIRST MARLIN & SAILFISH TAGGED DAILY

The first marlin and sailfish tagged for each day of the tournament is eligible for a prize and **must** be immediately called in to the sched boat. Once this has occurred, no other reporting is required until the official radio scheds.

# HEAVIEST OTHER GAME FISH & RUNNER UP

Anglers can weigh a maximum of one (1) other game fish per day to be eligible for this award. Other game fish **WILL NOT** score points towards an angler's overall score.

Eligible species are: Longtail tuna, Spanish mackerel, Cobia, Dolphin fish and must be presented to the weigh in in a gilled and gutted, fresh edible condition.

Weighing facilities will be available at Boyd Bay / Pera (to be decided daily) 5:30pm – 6:00pm Saturday and Sunday and back in Weipa 5:30pm – 6:00pm daily.

# TOURNAMENT JUDGES / PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing and handed to a tournament judge (to be announced on the night) by close of weigh in on the Monday at 8:00pm. No other form of protest will be accepted. Judges decision will be final.

# LOCATION & FACILITES

The nomination evening and presentation will be held at the Weipa Bowls Club. The Club provides licensed bar facilities. Your nomination fee will include pizza at the briefing and one meal per angler at the presentation night. Extra meals and drinks are available for purchase. Anglers are responsible for the provisioning of all food and beverages for their boats.

# WEATHER

Bad weather – the decision to put to sea is entirely the responsibility of the skipper of the boat. The Weipa Billfish Club Inc. committee takes no responsibility for decisions made by individual boat crews who decide whether to put to sea or not. No allowance will be made for fishing time lost as a result of bad weather. The committee reserves the right to cancel any day/s due to bad weather.

# PRIZE CATERORIES

- Champion Team
- Champion Junior
- Runner Up Team
- Third Place Team
- First Marlin Tagged Daily
- Last billfish Tagged Daily
- 9 x Lucky Angler Sched draws
- Champion Male Angler
- Runner Up Male Angler
- Runner Up Junior Angler
- Third Place Male Angler
- Champion Visiting Angler
- First Sailfish Tagged Daily
- Heaviest Other Gamefish
- Champion Female Angler
- Runner Up Female Angler
- Third Place Female Angler
- Third Place Junior Angler
- Runner Up Other Gamefish
- Most Meritorious Effort
- Hard Luck Award



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