

Hervey Bay Game Fishing Classic 2012

The Hervey Bay Game Fishing Classic was held from 9th-11th November. At this time of the year Fraser Island and Hervey Bay are sometimes blessed with a good run of juvenile black marlin. While this occurs primarily along the outside of the Breaksea Spit in a good year fish can be caught well into Hervey Bay.

In this area distance is a problem with competitors frequently travelling sixty nautical miles before putting a line in the water. Hervey Bay GFC provides both a mother-ship and fuel barge allowing even small vessels to stay out for three days.

This year the weather was ordinary with twenty knot Northerlies followed early on Sunday by a thirty five knot South-Easterly change which caused cancellation of fishing before ten AM.

What the weather lacked was more than compensated for by the best run of fish in memory!

Despite only thirteen boats and forty two anglers entering 163 fish were tagged in the first two days and a further four before fishing was cancelled early Sunday. All fish were taken on 8kg. tackle.

Of these fish 158 were billfish (1 sailfish and 157 black marlin) only eight other species were caught.

The small blacks (averaging 20 kg with a few fish both smaller and larger) were feisty and the completion rate was well under fifty percent.

Even within the Bay fishing was sensational with "Release" tagging nine from nineteen inside Rooney's Point.

Overall winner were "Black and Blue" with "Bulldog" runner up followed by "Midnight Blue". Champion angler was Dave Reynolds with Sarah Postan champion female and Tom woods champion junior.

With such great fishing why not join us next year?

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