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GENERAL INFORMATION

Billfish Bonanza 2020 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

Steve Turner Mobile: 0412 679 488
Jamie Behrens Mobile: 0417 511 152
Website: www.mgfc.com.au

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

- \$150 for each senior angler
- \$20 for each junior angler
- \$50 for each non-fishing crew

Included in your entry is: tournament apparel, boat goody bag, lucky angler prizes, R.E.D. levy, marina berth for duration of competition, fisherman's senior draw and fisherman's junior draw. Only anglers are eligible for the fisherman's prize draws. Early Entry: Entries received prior to 12:00am Friday 23rd October will go into early entry draw. Tournament Brochure and entry form available at mgfc.com.au. EFT Payments available till the Friday 23rd October 2020, only cash payments accepted after this date. Make 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. 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.

COVID-19

The MGFC has arranged and modified this event to permit it to proceed in an environment of social distancing and constraints. We however have no control over the conduct of competitors or spectators in their vessels during the event, during overnight anchorage, or during travel to and from the event whether by water or by vehicle. It is the skippers responsibility to ensure that any and all constraints on social interactions are met. In agreeing to this, you agree that the MGFC cannot be held liable in any way in the event such rules are broken. This event is compliant with the appropriate COVID Safe Industry Plan.

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 are the marina security gates to be left open at any time. Call Steve Turner on 0412 679 488 for berth allocation as you arrive in the marina.

REGISTRATION

Registration must be submitted via email to secretary@mgfc.com.au before 5pm on Thursday, October 29.

VENUE

Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club House 'Define Marlin Bar'. Next to Pier 33, 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba QLD 4557.

BRIEFING

Skippers or a nominated representative from each boat must be able to attend the skippers briefing at the Define Marlin Bar at 7pm on Friday, October 30, 2020 to be eligible to fish the tournament. Tournament Bags will be handed out at this time.

CALCUTTA

The Calcutta will be set at a fixed price. \$50 for boats under 7m. \$100 for boats over 7m.

PRESENTATION

The Presentation of the Awards will be Live Streamed to the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Facebook Group. Please make sure you have requested to join our page before the tournament begins to access tournament information, updates and announcements. Search for Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club and answer the 3 qualifying questions.

BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS

Boats may leave from their home port on Saturday and Sunday provided their entry fees have been paid prior. 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 5:30pm). 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 in to Game Base and provide location of where they are staying.

FISHING DAYS

Fishing Days are Saturday the 31st of October and Sunday the 1st of November 2020.

FISHING TIMES

Saturday: Start fishing at 7:00am. Cease fishing at 4:00pm. Sunday: Start fishing at 7:00am. Cease fishing at 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.

FACILITIES

Tags are required to gain access to the facilities and the Marina. Tags will be available as you arrive & on briefing night. A fee of \$50 will be charged which will be refunded upon departure. Please see a committee member to collect your tag.

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.

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

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.

SKED TIMES

Saturday: 10.03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm (Overtime permitted). Sunday: 10:03am, 1:03pm, 3:03pm (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.

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) 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.

FISHING TACKLE

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

SPEED LIMITS

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



TOURNAMENT FISHING RULES



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

WEIGH-INS

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the Mooloolaba Marina under Pier 33 on Saturday 31st from 4.30pm - 6.00pm and Sunday 1st from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Due to COVID19 Social distancing requirements, only one boat may approach the weigh master at any time. 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, but please maintain a distance of 1.5m. 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 AND ICE

Diesel and ice are available at Chippo's Fuel Supplies. Chippos Fuel Supplies (Diesel) Phone: 0427 002 908 Browns (Unleaded) Phone Steve Turner on 0412 679 488 for fuel bookings

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
Champion MGFC Boat
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)
Donuts Award

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
2. There will be 2 line categories fished. 8kg only for light tackle and 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg for heavy tackle (heavy tackle points 15000 & light tackle points 7500). The heavy tackle zone is restricted to waters with a depth greater than 150m. Game base must be notified when changing line classes. Light tackle zone is in less than 150m of water.
3. It is acknowledged that some skippers may also be anglers in which case will have equal fishing time and opportunity as the other anglers.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. In regards to rules 3 and 4. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
7. Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist anglers.
8. Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per G.F.A.A rules.
9. Hook-up's that go into overtime are permitted on Saturday only but must be radioed into game base prior to cease fishing.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 limited to: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Spanish Mackerel, Wahoo. Queensland Bag / Possession limits apply. (A maximum total of 6 combined other species allowed per angler per day).
13. Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or team recording their points total first.
14. 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.
15. 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. It is presumed that teasers are also fishing gear and may not be deployed before start fishing on either day.
16. 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.
17. Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either G.F.A.A or Q.G.F.A. 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.
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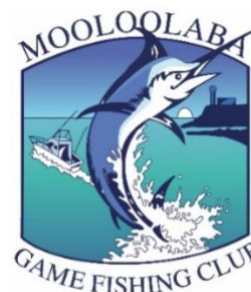
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Entry Form



Vessel Name:			
Boat Make:			
Length:		Radio VHF	

Boat Contact Details

Skippers Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Insurance Company:			
Insurance Policy Number:		Expiry Date	



Team Details

	Name	Club	M,F,J	Shirt Size	1 Raffle Ticket (\$20 each)	3 Ticket Book (\$50 each)	7 Ticket Book (\$100 each)
Angler 1							
Angler 2							
Angler 3							
Angler 4							
Angler 5							
Angler 6							
Crew							
Crew							

(entry for competing anglers & crew only)

\$5,000 GARMIN Major Raffle Prize

All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner / skipper. By Signing this entry form you authorise Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club to take photos and videos of you during the tournament which can be used by the club for ongoing promotional purposes. Please observe Marina, Event, Function and Covid19 rules at all times and be respectful to other residents of the Marina. Under no circumstances is the marine security gate to be left open at any time. A \$50 refundable fee is required for electronic gate tags which must be returned to a committee member. All competitors must be a financial member of a Club affiliated with the QGFA or GFAA to allow entry to the Game Fishing Tournament.

Entry Fee Details (GST inc.)

Adults:	_____ x \$150 each	Signed: (Team Captain)	
Juniors:	_____ x \$20 each		
Crew:	_____ x \$50 each		Date:
Raffle Tickets Total:	\$	Phone Number:	
Calcutta (circle):	\$50 <7m \$100 >7m	Online & Cheque Payments only (no Credit Card facilities). Please use boat name in electronic payment	
TOTAL PAYABLE to MGFC:	\$		
Please make cheques payable to Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club and post to PO Box 1115, Mooloolaba, 4557		Account Name:	Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club
		Account Number:	BSB 124 001 A/C 1056 0883

Email entry forms: to secretary@mgfc.com.au - Chris Dickinson - 0437 337 996

For further information: please contact MGFC President - Steve Turner - 0412 679 488

Covid Safe Plan Summary

This tournament is being run under the Stage 3 - Qld Health approved Covid Safe Plan for Outdoor Recreation Activity Provides (the plan).

Summary Key focus of the plan are:

- Limit co-mingling of groups
- Implement hygiene measures
- Contact to be minimized and reduced

For this reason, there will be no formal awards dinner. The awards, Garmin raffle draw, and the last angle standing prizes will be published live on Facebook live via the MGFC Facebook group. Prizes can be collected at a scheduled time to be agreed or sent by post.

Key Rules:

1. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms – do not attend or participate in the tournament. We will refund you if you have already paid. Get tested and play it safe.
2. Minimize physical contact and maintain social distancing.
3. Practice good hygiene. Particularly hand and respiratory hygiene.
4. Cleaning and sanitization of shared equipment

Summary of Principles of the plan for stage 3:

- Contact – as stated in section 3 of the approved plan: ‘full contact is permitted on the ‘field of play’ in line with pre-COVID contact activities. At all other times, participants..., and officials are to observe physical distancing requirements and undertake sound hygiene practices...’
- Facility capacities – indoor venues up to 200m² – two square meter rule. Venues and spaces over 200m² – four square meter rule.

Responsibilities:

- Skippers are responsible for their crew. We all have a responsibility to each other.
- All participants and attendees to comply with the plan and Queensland Health requirements
- Comply with health directions of government and public health authorities as issued from time to time.
- Understand the plan
- Comply with any testing requirements
- Act honestly and with integrity in regard to the state of your personal health and any potential symptoms.
- Monitor your health and take cautious approach to self-isolate and report any potential symptoms.

Contact tracing:

- All skippers/attendees (limit 1 attendee per vessel) to the briefing must have completed the sign in register for contact tracing requirements.

Weigh in :

- The weigh in will be conducted at the Mooloolaba Marina in front of pier 33.
- Only one boat may approach the weighmaster at a time
- Please maintain social distance of 1.5m
- Practice good hand and face hygiene.
 - Stay safe,
 - Be respectful
 - Tight lines