



Fitzroy island



# LIGHT-TACKLE BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

**CAIRNS:** 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August



Catch the prolific run of baby black marlin and sizeable sailfish on 1. Come join the party at the Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club's annual Light Tackle Billfish Tournament. **OVER \$10,000 IN CASH & PRIZES TO BE**



For assistance, contact: [secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)  
**Download your entry form at:** [www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)





# Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club

Invite you to join us 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August,

## 2018 Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament

The tournament is a Billfish tag & release team/individual event.

**Enquires:** Club Captain - Terry Morgan, 0413 076 020  
President - Paul Poulter, 0411 728 043  
Treasurer - Sharon Poulter, 0439 794 672  
Secretary - Kerrie Pickering, 0459 027 485

Copies of tournament brochure, nomination form available at  
[www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

### **Tournament Entry:**

**Entry Fee \$435.00 per angler if paid by 1st July 2018**

Includes all meals, presentation dinner, tournament shirt and REDS levy.

**Non competing crew pack \$310.00 per person** Includes all meals and presentation dinner

**NOTE:** Nominations are limited to the first 50 boats.

**Entries must be finalized & payment made in full, by mid-night on 10th August, 2018.**

**No tournament entry payments can be accepted on Fitzroy Island.**

**Please include extra guests for presentation night on the nomination form to avoid disappointment.**

### **Tournament Calcuttas** -

#### **Classes are:**

Under 7.5m & Over 7.5m

Pre-Purchase your boat

Small Boat - Under 7.5m

Large Boats - 7.5m & Over.

\$150 / Boat

\$300 / Boat.

Immediately following the briefing, (approx 2000hrs.) an auction for non pre purchased tournament boats, will be held for each class of vessel competing in the tournament.

Please complete the nomination form at  
[www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

Email: [secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

Entry fee direct deposited to CBGFC, details which are on the tournament nomination form.

### **Early Entry Draw:**

All angler entries received and **paid in full by 1st July 2018** will be eligible for the early entry draw to be conducted at the Presentation Dinner.

### **Briefing Night:**

A compulsory Skippers / team captain briefing, will be held at 1830 hrs on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Foxy's Bar, on Fitzroy Island.

### **Boat Insurance:**

All boats nominating to fish the Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of insurance including the certificate must be emailed to [secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/skipper.

Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evidence of insurance and certificate prior to the commencement of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the tournament.

### **Tournament Rules:**

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament.

### **Teams:**

Minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 4 anglers. Each angler is to receive equal fishing time.

**All anglers must be a current financial fishing member of a QGFA Member Club, or a current financial fishing member of another GFAA State Member Club.**

**Non-members are encouraged to join Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club prior to the registration/briefing night.**

### **Line Class:**

10kg Line class only

**NOTE: This is a BILLFISH ONLY TOURNAMENT**

Tag & Release.

Major prizes decided by point score, in case of a tie, the first Boat Team/Individual to total points score wins.

Edible only Game Fish caught will have separate prizes, and will not count towards point score.

**Dead Bait/Lure:** A maximum of 2 rods per angler may be used at any one time. (ie: 2x anglers = Maximum 4x rods in use.)

**Live Baiting:** One (1) rod only per angler may be used at any one time.

### **Tag & Release:**

**Each tagged billfish will result in 1 point being allocated**

To be eligible for tag points, all billfish must be tagged with NSW fisheries "billfish only" tags.

Tagging with any other tag will result in disqualification of the fish.

Any Billfish brought to the weigh station will result in disqualification of the team.

### **Heaviest Other Game Fish daily**

**GFAA eligible species on a capture basis only listed below.**

**Edible other Game fish caught will have separate prizes and will not count towards points score.**

Yellow fin

Wahoo

Spanish Mackerel

Cobia

Mahi Mahi

An allowance of 10% will be made for gilled and gutted. All fish are to be kept on ice.

Record claim fish must be intact. No mutilated fish will be accepted.

**A limit of one fish per angler per day legal size.**

**All boats & anglers should have rods, reels & tackle available for inspection. Random checks will be carried out on request by the committee.**

## Functions

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Briefing held at Foxy's -Fitzroy Island from 1830 hrs (BBQ provided)  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner provided Fitzroy Island.  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner provided Fitzroy Island.  
**Theme night- "Margarita-ville"**  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast/Lunch provided Fitzroy Island.  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Presentation Dinner – Fitzroy Island

Note: Lunch is packaged and picked up at breakfast (daily), lunch bags are to be dropped to reception after fishing ends each day.

## Fishing Days & Times

### Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> August

Start fishing 0800hrs Cease fishing 1700hrs

Overtime permitted

### Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August

Start fishing 0800hrs Cease fishing 1700hrs

Overtime permitted

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August

Start fishing 0730hrs Cease fishing 1600hrs

Game base is to be notified immediately when the first Billfish of the day is tagged. Hook-ups after the last Sked must be reported to Game Base prior to cease fishing.

One (1) hour restricted overtime, but teams must meet weigh in cut off time.

## Weigh-in

To be conducted on Fitzroy Island Jetty from 1730-1900 hrs.

Thursday & Friday

Saturday 1630-1730hrs.

Overtime is permitted hook-ups must be called in prior to cease fishing and teams must meet weigh-in cut off time for the days fishing.

Each angler must present their fish to be weighed, tag cards and the boat activity sheet to the weigh master in person and remain during the weighing.

No fish are to be left at the weigh station.

Fish not tagged and released will not be eligible for tag points. Junior Anglers are only eligible for junior prizes and trophies.

## Tag Cards

All tag cards and boat activity sheets must be handed in **daily to the Club Captain / Weigh Master.**

Tag Cards will not be accepted at the weigh station unless they are completed with lats/longs and capture times.

Incomplete tag cards will result in no points being allocated.

Failure to hand in all tag cards and activity sheets by the allotted time will result in no points allocated to the angler / boat.

## Fishing Grounds

Opal Reef in the North to Raaf Shoals in the South GBRMPA Zones and regulations apply.

## Radio Skeds—Tournament

VHF Channel 81

Boat to Boat communication, VHF Channel 10 - unless advised otherwise.

Thurs and Fri: **10.05 am, 1.05pm, 4.15pm**

Saturday: **10.05 am, 1.05pm, 3.15pm**

## Weather /Breakdowns:

No allowances will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns.

In the event of a breakdown, **teams** may apply to the tournament committee to fish a substitute vessel with the same team members.

The tournament committee reserves the right to alter fishing times, postpone, or cancel the tournament or any tournament day, in the event of bad weather.

## Moorings:

There are **public moorings** in Welcome Bay and the jetty has ample disembarkation space. Welcome Bay is sheltered, with a sandy bottom for anchoring. A tender is organized to ferry anglers from boats to land.

## Fuel:

Unleaded petrol is sold in jerry cans, (vessel owner supplied) as there are no lines outlet at jetty.

Boat fuel "Tags" are available at briefing night.

NOTE-Fuel must be pre-ordered, as a finite amount of fuel is allowed to be stored on the Island, as per GBRMPA and DERM license requirements.

## Accommodation:

Special rates are available if you mention Cairns Bluewater Fishing Tournament, please contact; Kim Paterson, Events Manager to make your booking: 07 4044-6700.

## Protests:

To be submitted in writing by the team Captain to the club committee no later than 1800hrs on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

## Offshore World Championship-Invitation

The Champion Team Overall will receive an invitation to fish the 2019 Offshore World Championship in Costa Rica. This award is the invitation only; all costs associated with travel to and from Costa Rica, airfares, accommodation and tournament entry will be borne by the individuals/team should they choose to accept the invitation.

## Prize Categories:

Early Bird Angler Draw

Best Fancy Dress for Margaritaville

Best Billfish Photo Competition

Daily Prizes

First & Last Billfish tagged

Heaviest other Game Fish

Champion

Junior Angler

Champion

Senior Male and Senior Female angler

Runner Up

Senior Male and Senior Female angler

Champion Boat

Under 7.5 meters

Champion Boat

Over 7.5 meters (Professional boat)

Champion Boat

Over 7.5 meters (Non Professional)

Champion Team

Overall (OWC Invitation)

Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler/team recording their points total first (count back)

Junior Anglers are not eligible to win Champion Senior prize categories.

A professional boat is a boat that is in survey.

To be eligible to win Best Photo prize the billfish must be in the water, photos of billfish out of the water will not be accepted.

CBGFC promotes good handling of billfish.

## Presentation

**"Our Club Promotes the Tag & Release of Billfish"**

Presentation of trophies & awards will be held on Saturday on

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Fitzroy Island**

**6:00pm** Pre dinner drinks

**6:45pm** Presentation Dinner

**7:30pm** Awards Presentation

**Note:** Dress standards apply

Each angler must be present if he/she is to receive Early Bird Angler prize.

The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the trophy/prize list without notification. All prize categories and prizes are subject to sponsorship commitments being honored.