



# Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## 2022 Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament

This tournament is a Billfish tag & release team/individual event



### Enquiries

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Copies of tournament brochure and information are available at [www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

### Tournament Registration

Registration will occur only via:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZHYM>

Entry fee of \$445.00 per angler.

If Entry fee is paid by 1 July 2022, this will place anglers into the Early Bird competition draw. No late fees apply for this tournament.

Entry Fee includes all meals, presentation dinner, tournament shirt and QGFA RED levy payment.

Non-competing crew pack fee of \$385.00 per crew member. This includes all meals and presentation dinner. Crew member is not included in the Early Bird competition draw.

Nominations are limited to the first 35 boats. Entries must be finalised with payment made in full by midnight on 31 July 2022. **Strictly no payments can be accepted on Fitzroy Island.**

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

### Tournament Calcutta

**Classes are:**

Under 7.5m

Over 7.5m (Non-Professional boat)

Over 7.5m (Professional boat).

There will be no pre-purchase of boats.

Immediately following the briefing, (approx. 2000hrs.) an auction for all tournament boats, will be held for each class of vessel competing in the tournament. Cash will be accepted on the evening for the auction.

### Early Bird/Entry Draw

All angler entries received and **paid in full by 1 July 2022** will be eligible for the Early Entry Draw which will be drawn at the Presentation Dinner.

### Briefing Night

A **compulsory** Skippers/Team Captain briefing will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 24 August 2022 on Fitzroy Island.

### Boat Insurance

All forms of insurance are not the responsibility of Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club.

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 or 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 will 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 permitted per vessel. Each angler is to receive equal fishing time. Subject to the complete discretion and prior approval of the committee, additional anglers may be allowed. Should this occur, the affected team acknowledges that prizes allocated to the winning team will be for no more than 4 anglers.

All Captains, Crew and Anglers must be current financial members of a club affiliated with GFAA or QGFA and will be required to provide proof of current membership. No exceptions.

Non-members are encouraged to join Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club prior to the registration / briefing night which is also available

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWFTM>

### Line Class

**10kg** Line class only (GFAA requirements apply)

NOTE: This is a **BILLFISH ONLY TOURNAMENT Tag & Release.**

Major prizes decided by billfish 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 but will not count towards point score.

**Dead Bait/Lure:** A maximum of two (2) rods per angler may be used at any one time (e.g. 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 bought to the weigh station will result in disqualification of the entire team for the entire tournament.

### Heaviest Other Game Fish daily

GFAA eligible species on a capture basis only are 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 of legal size.

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



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### Functions

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

- Briefing held by the Pool at Fitzroy Island from 6:30pm with a BBQ provided

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

- Buffet Breakfast at Zephyrs, Fitzroy Island.
- Packed Lunch (collect from Fitzroy Island at Breakfast).
- Dinner at Foxy's, Fitzroy Island.

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

- Buffet Breakfast at Zephyrs, Fitzroy Island.
- Packed Lunch (collect from Fitzroy Island at Breakfast).
- Theme night "Mexican" Dinner at Foxy's, Fitzroy Island. **Dress to impress!**

#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

- Buffet Breakfast at Zephyrs, Fitzroy Island.
- Packed Lunch (collect from Fitzroy Island at Breakfast).
- Presentation Dinner provided by Fitzroy Island. **Smart Casual Dress!**

Note: Lunch is packaged and picked up at Breakfast daily. Lunch bags are to be returned to Fitzroy Island reception after fishing ends each day!

### Fishing Days & Times

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

Start fishing 0800hrs      Cease fishing 1700hrs  
Overtime permitted

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Start fishing 0800hrs      Cease fishing 1700hrs  
Overtime permitted

#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Start fishing 07300hrs      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 of the day 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.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August: 1730-1900 hrs

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August: 1630-1730hrs.

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

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. If no fish are to be weighed, tag cards and boat activity sheet is still to be handed to weigh master in person.

No fish are to be left at the weigh station.

Fish not tagged and released will not be eligible for tag points.

Junior Anglers 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.

### Skeds to be held at:

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. In order to receive a booking, please use the Reservation Form and forward it to Fitzroy Island.

### Protests

To be submitted in writing by the Team Captain to the Club Committee by no later than 1800hrs on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The Committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will take place.

### Disqualification

The Committee reserves the right to eject any team member from an event/site for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior. The Committee reserves the right to also disqualify any team member from the Tournament for breaching the rules.



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### Prize Categories:

Early Bird Angler Draw

Best Fancy Dress for Black and White theme Best Billfish Photo

Competition

Daily Prizes First & Last Billfish tagged  
Heaviest other Game Fish

Champion Junior Angler

Runner Up Junior Angler

Champion Senior Male and Senior

Female angler Runner Up Senior Male and Senior

Female angler Champion Boat Under 7.5 meters

Runner Up Under 7.5 meters

Champion Boat Over 7.5 meters

(Professional boat) Runner Up Over 7.5

meters (Professional boat Champion Boat

Over 7.5 meters (Non

Professional) Runner Up Over 7.5 meters

(Non Professional) Champion Team Overall

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 Evening

**“Our Club Promotes the Tag & Release of Billfish”**

Presentation of trophies and awards will be held on Saturday on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Welcome Bay Room (upstairs from Reception), Fitzroy Island as follows:

**6:00pm** Pre dinner drinks

**6:45pm** Presentation Dinner

**7:30pm** Awards Presentation

**Note:** Smart Casual 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.**