



Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club

Invite you to join us 21st – 23rd August 2020

Telstra Business Centre Cairns Bluewater Billfish COVID Crisis Tournament

**We will be practising Social Distancing in
accordance with the state regulations.**

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

Enquires Club Captain – Steve Leptig, 0413 076 020

President – Terri Morgan, 0413 076 020

Treasurer – Kerrie Pickering, 0459 027 485

Copies of tournament brochure, nomination form available at
www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au

Tournament Entry

Entry Fee \$100 per senior angler, \$50 per junior angler – Includes briefing night sausage sizzle, presentation BBQ and QGFA RED levy payment.

Briefing Night

A compulsory Skippers / Team Captain briefing, will be held at 1830 hrs. on Friday 21st August 2020, Sister Cities BBQ area located opposite Pier Tavern and Helipad.

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

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 shall be excluded from participating in the tournament.

Line Class

10kg Line class only (GFAA requirements apply)

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. (Yellow)

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 team.

Tournament Rules

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament.

Fishing Grounds

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

Fishing Equipment

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

Protests

To be submitted in writing by the team Captain to the club committee no later than 1800hrs on Sunday 23rd August 2020. The committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

Teams

Minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 4 anglers. Each angler is to receive equal fishing time. Subject to the prior approval of the committee additional anglers may be allowed, should this be approved the team acknowledges that prizes allocated to the winning team will be for no more than 4 anglers.

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.

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 of legal size.**

Fishing Days and Times

Saturday, 22nd August

Start fishing 0800 hrs Cease fishing 1700hrs, overtime permitted

Sunday, 23rd August

Start fishing 0730 hrs - Cease fishing 1500 hrs

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.



Radio Skeds—Tournament

VHF Channel **81**

VHF Channel **10** - unless advised otherwise.

Saturday - 10:05 am, 1:05pm, 3:15pm

Sunday – 10:05am, 2:05pm

Prize Categories:

Daily Prizes	Heaviest other Game Fish per day.
Champion	Junior Angler
Champion	Senior Male
Champion	Senior Female angler
Champion Boat	Under 7.5 meters
Champion Boat	Over 7.5 meters

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.

Presentation

“Our Club Promotes the Tag & Release of Billfish”

Presentation of trophies & awards will be held on Sunday

23rd August 2020 - Sister Cities BBQ Area

6:30pm Presentation Dinner, 2 free drinks on arrival (Beer & Wine).

7:30pm Awards Presentation (BYO Alcohol allowed)

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 honoured.

Social Distancing – We will be practising Social Distancing in Accordance with the state regulations.

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.

Tag Cards

All tag cards and boat activity sheets can be handed in at Fitzroy Island on Saturday between 6.00pm and 7.00pm if staying at Fitzroy Island. Weigh in and tag cards can be handed in Sunday between 4:00pm and 5:00pm at Sister Cities BBQ area. (fish must be kept iced and in good condition).

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.

Itinerary of Tournament Events:

Friday 21st August 2020 – Briefing 6:30pm at Sister Cities BBQ area located opposite Pier Tavern, Cairns.

Saturday 22nd August 2020 – Start fishing at 8:00am, cease fishing 5:00pm

Saturday Night – Optional overnight stay at Fitzroy Island. Accommodation available for a reduced rate, mention Cairns Bluewater Tournament, call Fitzroy Island on 07 40 44 6744. Tag cards can be handed into committee member on the Island. Weigh-in station available on the island between 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Sunday 23rd August 2020 – Start fishing 7:30am, cease fishing 3:00pm. Tag cards must be handed to committee member at weigh in between 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Sunday night –Presentation BBQ 6:30pm, 2 free drinks on arrival (beer & wine). Awards presentation 7:30pm (BYO alcohol)