2019
Light Tackle Masters
11th – 13th January 2019
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Hosted by Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.
Venue: Southport Yacht Club.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

ENTRY FEES (Inc GST)

Senior $250 Crew $150 Junior FOC with paying senior
Minimum entry fee per boat $500

All above fees include (Marina Berthing, Team Kits – includes Tournament Apparel, Sponsored Grid Chart, Dinner Saturday, 12th & Presentation Dinner Sunday, 13th January 2019)

ENTRIES POSTED/EMAILED TO

Light Tackle Masters 2018
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Paradise Point QLD 4216

shari.newton@hotmail.com

ENTRIES CLOSE

Entry in to the tournament will close at 6pm Friday, 11th January 2019

PAYMENT

CHEQUES: Made payable to: Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:	A/C Name:	Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.
	BSB:	084-917
	A/C No:	577-478-308

FRIDAY 11th January 2019 – Registration Day

12pm+	Southport Yacht Club opens for berthing. Please call Game Base VHF 77 when entering the Harbour
2.00pm – 6.00pm	Registration
7.00pm	Tournament briefing, Calcutta & Sweepstakes

SATURDAY 12th January 2019 – FISHING DAY 1

6.30am	Start fishing
9.05am	Sked 1
12.05pm	Sked 2
3.05pm	Sked 3
4.00pm	Cease fishing
6.00pm	Daily sked sheet/tag cards/activity sheet must be in.
7.00pm	Dinner

ALL BOATS MUST RETURN TO Southport Yacht Club

BRIEFING & CALCUTTA

Briefing commences at 7pm sharp Friday, 11th January 2019 at the Southport Yacht Club. All entries must be finalised and paid before 6pm on Friday, 11th January 2019.

In conjunction with a Caluctta, we will be running a sweepstakes. This will make for an interesting outcome come the presentation.

All participants are encouraged to attend. At least one person from each team must be present unless otherwise arranged. When the Calcutta commences there will be a time cap of 90 seconds per boat for bidding.

BOAT INSURANCE

All boats fishing the Light Tackle Masters Tournament 2019 must provide an insurance certificate. All on board safety remains the responsibility of the Skipper/Owner. The Skipper/Owner must sign the Indemnity form.

FISHING RULES & METHODS Light Tackle - 8 kg ONLY

The Light Tackle Tournament 2019 is a two (2) day fishing tournament. GFAA Rules & Equipment must apply. Live bait may be collected prior to start fishing. Circle hooks must be used for live baiting and dead baits.

Anglers and Skippers must be current financial members of a QGFA Member Club or a current financial member of a Club affiliated with GFAA. There is to be a minimum of two (2) anglers and maximum of six (6) anglers per boat.

ALL boats are required to provide photographic/video evidence of ALL Tagged & Released Billfish to Game Base. The photograph/video must clearly show the Billfish, Date & Time and the Coloured Ribbon (ribbons will be provided on 11.01.19 Friday & 12.01.19 Saturday). Photograph/video evidence must clearly constitute the tag & release of a Billfish. Blurred photos and ambiguous shots will not be counted and may result in the disqualification of the Billfish. ALL hook-ups for Billfish must be reported to Game Base.

ALL rods/tackle gear used for the tag/release or capture of fish must be presented to Game Base for measurement checks at the time sked sheets are presented. Any fish tagged/released or captured with non-regulation GFAA requirements will be disqualified from the Tournament. Please note: Gear presented as that used per fish is deemed the correct one and cannot be changed/substituted.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse any team or individual angler's team entry. The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to place an observer on any boat throughout the tournament at random.

FISHING AREA

27-20' to the north, 28-22' to the south and all oceanic waters in between.

SUNDAY 13th January 2019 – FISHING DAY 2

6.00am	Start Fishing
8.05am	Sked 1
11.05am	Sked 2
2.05pm	Sked 3
3.00pm	Cease fishing
5.00pm	Daily sked sheet/tag cards/activity sheet must be handed in.
6.00pm	Presentation dinner and Award Ceremony

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Shari Newton
EMAIL - shari.newton@hotmail.com

RADIO SKEDS

All boats must have a VHF radio. The skeds will be on channel 82 and then continue on 77.

In a situation that a boat is unable to contact base via VHF they must relay through another vessel or try via mobile phone on 0415 910 060. Failure to contact base on two successive skeds will result in disqualification of the day's results. It is compulsory to log on and log off with Game Base and get acknowledgement from Game Base. For safety reasons we strongly advise all vessels log on/off with the Seaway Tower on VHF 73.

REPORT ON EACH SKED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Boat Name
2. Fishing report (using "000" system i.e. Strikes, hook-ups, captures/tags and specify species, angler)

3. Position – using GCGFC Inc. SPONSORED grid chart reference SPONSORS name must be referred to in giving your location.

Boats must keep the airway clear from 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing so late hook ups may be recorded by Game Base.

All boats must report tagged billfish immediately with game base via channel 82, relay via another vessel or by mobile phone call or text message. Game Base will only allocate a tag time when positive confirmation of a tagged fish has been achieved. All tagged fish reported via phone or text will be broadcast on channel 82 on receipt of the report.

ALL FISH hooked up in the last ½ hour on each day must be called in to Game Base.

Please note:

- If any vessel is unable to fish on any day, it is a requirement that Game Base is notified by radio on VHF 82 or 77 or via Mobile on 0415 910 060.

- Captures and tags not successfully reported to Game Base may not be counted in the point score and may not be eligible for trophies.

- All boats are to report on EVERY sked.

OVERTIME

Saturday - Unlimited overtime will be granted for all fish hooked up after the last sked and reported to Game Base prior to cease fishing.

Sunday - Restricted overtime will be available for all fish hooked up after the last sked and reported to Game Base prior to cease fishing. On all days all tag cards/sked sheets/gear presented must be to the recorder ASAP on return to Southport Yacht Club.

DAILY RESULTS

To be accepted for point scoring:
- All tag cards, activity sheets, sked sheets and photographic/video evidence (date& time stamped) must be presented to the recorder at Southport Yacht Club.

- All tackle associated with tagged/weighed fish must be presented for inspection/measurement.

- Fish to be weighed must be presented to the weigh master.

Failure to do ALL of the above by the time allotted may result in NIL allocation of points.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES

All Billfish species (Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish) to be tagged unless a State, Australian or World Record is to be claimed. Other eligible species include:

- Mahi Mahi
- Wahoo
- Spanish Mackerel
- Yellow Fin Tuna
- Mac Tuna
- Striped Tuna
- Long Tail Tuna
- Spotty Mackerel

POINT SCORES

- All tagged Billfish (10,000) points
- Other species tagged (10) points
- No points for weighed fish

For species other than billfish a maximum of five (5) fish of the same species will be allowed per angler per day. All tied point scores are decided by count back i.e. the winner will be the angler/team who scored their total points first.

For heaviest other species a 10% allowance will be given for gilled and gutted fish.
(To be eligible for Heaviest Other Species fish must exceed line class)

NSW DPI "Billfish only" tags are to be used for Billfish no points will be awarded where wrong tags are used.

WEATHER

In the event of a strong wind warning being issued by 6.10am on either day of the tournament, that day's fishing will be cancelled. If a strong wind warning is issued during the course of a fishing day the tournament committee reserve the right to cancel/amend that days fishing program. Notification will be broadcasted at 6.15am on VHF 82. Tournament results will be awarded if, at a minimum, 6 hours of fishing is achieved. If due to bad weather the tournament is cancelled on all day's, it will be re-scheduled. If you are unsure if a days fishing has been cancelled please call: Shari 0415 910 060.

PENALTIES

The Committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where a breach of the rules is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

PROTESTS

Must be submitted in writing and presented to the Tournament Committee on the day in question, no later than 6pm on Saturday and 4pm Sunday. The Tournament Committee's decision is final.

TROPHIES

Champion Boat Over 8m – 1st (tag and release)
Champion Boat Under 8m – 1st (tag and release)
Champion Boat Overall – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th (tag and release) either over or under 8m
Champion Angler Male (tag and release)
Champion Angler Male Runner up (tag and release)
Champion Angler Female (tag and release)
Champion Angler Female Runner up (tag and release)
Champion Angler Junior Male – 1st (tag and release)
Champion Angler Junior Female – 1st (tag and release)
Champion Angler Other Species Heaviest Fish
Champion Angler Other Species Tagged (tag and release)
First Billfish Day One
Last Billfish Day Three

MARINA BERTHS

Free berths for the duration of the tournament are available from Friday 12pm until Monday morning at the Southport Yacht Club to all boats entered in the Tournament. Extended berthing is to be arranged direct with the Marina Office. discounted fuel you must book after the last sked of each day.

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