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Blue Marlin Classic

May 3 – 5 2024

Back Up Dates 5-7 May 2024
Hosted by Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.
Venue: Game Base 2 Marina Crescent, Hollywell

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Friday 3rd May – Welcome night

2.00pm – 6.00pm Registration & Check In – all boats must attend to be marked off
6.30pm Dinner
7.00pm Tournament briefing with Calcutta & Sweepstakes to follow

SATURDAY 4th May – FISHING DAY 1

7.00am Start fishing
8.05am Sked 1
11.05pm Sked 2
2.05pm Sked 3
3.30pm Cease fishing
5.30pm Game Base Closed - tag cards & activity sheet must be in.
6.30pm Dinner

SUNDAY 5th May – FISHING DAY 2

7.00am Start Fishing
8.05 Sked 1
11.05 Sked 2
2.05 Sked 3
3.00pm Cease fishing
5.00pm Game Base Closed - tag cards & activity sheet must be in.
6.00pm Presentation dinner and Award Ceremony

ENTRY FEES (Inc. GST) –

- Senior Angler \$250
- Crew \$150
- Junior Angler FOC with paying senior

Entry fees include:

Meals for Friday, Saturday & Presentation Dinner Sunday. Team Kits – including Tournament Apparel, Sponsor give away & Sponsored Grid Chart and red levy fees.

Note: Minimum entry fee per boat \$500

Extra Meals for friends / family / guests: Friday \$20, Saturday \$20, Sunday \$25

Entry Payment: Direct Deposit / EFTPOS/Cash:
Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.
BSB: 084-917
A/C No: 577-478-308

Early Entry Draw: \$1000 cash prize closes 23rd April 2024 must include:

- Completed Entry Form
- Indemnity form
- Boat Insurance Details & copy
- Full payment
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All boats nominating to fish the tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on the entry form supplied along with a photocopy of your insurance certificate. 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. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner / s

Entries:

Must be emailed to gcgfc@yahoo.com or mailed to **GCGFC Tournaments, PO Box 972, Paradise Point, QLD, 4216.**

All on board safety remains the responsibility of the Skipper/Owner. Payment for entry into the tournament deems acceptance of all rules by skipper of the related entry.

Marina Berths:

Please contact Runaway Bay Marina directly for a marina berth. Fuel at Runaway Bay Marina will be available for tournament boats only. To be eligible for fuel you must book after the last sked of each day.

Skippers Briefing

The briefing commences at 7pm sharp.

All skippers or a delegate from each competing boat **must** be in attendance. Skippers must make themselves aware of the rules prior to attendance at the briefing.

Radio Skeds

All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. Skeds will be on Channel 82.

All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio or agreed alternative communication, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain contact may result in team disqualification. A boat logging off from Game Base for the day (even before cease fishing) will be deemed as no longer fishing within the tournament for that day and thereby no longer be eligible to score points for fish caught after doing so.

In a situation that a boat is unable to contact game base via VHF they must make a confirmed relay through another vessel or make confirmed contact via mobile phone on 0415 910 060.

Failure to contact base on two successive skeds shall result in disqualification of the day's results. Furthermore, Game Base will advise relevant authorities of the failure to make scheduled contact on multiple occasions.

It is **compulsory** to log on and log off with Game Base and confirm acknowledgement from Game Base. For safety reasons we strongly advise all vessels log on/off with the Seaway Tower on VHF 73. It is recommended that all competing vessels have checked the functionality of VHF radios in order to ensure continuous contact with the fleet and Game Base.

All boats must report at each radio sked as follows:

1. Boat Name
2. Fishing report (using "000" system i.e. Strikes, hook-ups, captures/tags and specify species and angler)
3. Position - using GCGFC Inc. SPONSORED grid chart, using SPONSORS name when referencing your location. Accurate location is important in the event of an incident occurring at sea.

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 HOOK UPS MUST BE REPORTED TO GAME BASE ****

All boats are to report tagged fish immediately with game base to be allocated the time of tagging, or relay with another vessel. The tag time for the fish will be the time Game Base confirms that the information was received.

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 via Mobile on 0415 910 060.
- All boats must report on **EVERY** sked.

Weather

In the event of a strong wind warning being issued before the start of fishing for 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 on **VHF Ch 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 days, it will be re-scheduled.

If you are unsure if a day's fishing has been cancelled please contact Game Base on **VHF Ch 82** or call 0415 910 060.

Fishing Rules

Line Class Limits: 24kg, 37kg, 60kg

GFAA Rules will apply.

Anglers, Skippers and Crew (which includes any person involved in effecting a Tag & Release or capture) must be current financial fishing members of a Club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA. There is to be a minimum of two (2) senior anglers and maximum of six (6) anglers per boat.

Live bait may be collected prior to start fishing and use of teasers is allowed prior to start fishing. Non off set Circle hooks must be used for live baiting and dead baits.

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**. New ribbons will be provided for each day of the tournament. It is the **skipper's responsibility** to ensure the correct ribbons are used each day. Photographic/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 rods/tackle gear used for the tag/release or capture of all 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

All fishing for this tournament must be conducted within the area between;

- 27.20 to the north and
- 28.22 to the south, and
- all oceanic waters in between in depth of 150m and deeper

Eligible Species

All Billfish species - Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish. Other eligible species include:

* *Mahi Mahi*

* *Yellow Fin Tuna*

* *Wahoo*

Point Scoring:

Only Billfish count towards overall point score. For species other than Billfish a maximum of five (5) fish of the same species will be allowed per angler per day.

Point Scores

- Billfish Points -
24kg – 12,500
37kg – 12,000
60kg – 10,000
- Other species tagged (10) points all line classes.
- No points for weighed fish.
- 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. NSW DPI "Billfish only" tags are to be used for Billfish no points will be awarded where wrong tags are used.

Daily Results

To be accepted for point scoring:

- all tag cards, activity sheets and photographic/video evidence (date& time stamped) must be presented to the recorder, without delay.
- 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 **Game Base Closed Time** will result in NIL allocation of points.

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. However, all tags and equipment must be presented by the Game Base Closed time in order to be considered in the results of the tournament.

Tournament Conduct

The tournament committee reserves the right at any stage of the competition to eject, disqualify or deduct points from individuals or teams who are deemed to have conducted themselves in a disrespectful manner and are deemed to have brought the sport of Game fishing or the tournament into disrepute. In the event that an angler, or a team of anglers/crew/skipper are ejected no result or refund of fees will be entered into.

Protests

Any protest must be submitted in writing and presented to the Committee on the day in question, prior to the allotted game base close time on any day of competition.

A Dispute Committee comprising members from a minimum of three clubs (where possible the tournament club and two other clubs should form any protest committee and if possible, the clubs forming the protest committee should not include a club that the protested or protestor are members of) will hear any protests provided they are submitted in writing in accordance with tournament rules for disputes. The committee's decision will be final, and no further discussion will be entered in

Trophies

Champion Boat Overall (tag and release)
Champion Boat Overall – 2nd, 3rd (tag and release)
Champion Boat 24kg (tag and release)
Champion Boat 37kg (tag and release)
Champion Boat 60kg (tag and release)
Champion Angler Junior Male (tag and release)
Champion Angler Junior Female (tag and release)
Champion Angler Other Species Heaviest Fish
Champion Angler Other Species Tagged (tag and release)
First Billfish Tagged
Last Billfish Tagged
Heaviest Marlin Weighed over 150kg - \$5,000 cash
Early Entry Draw - \$1000 cash

Team Jackpots

Two (2) Team Jackpots will be run aside from the above Tournament prizes and trophies.

- Voluntary to enter
- Cost \$500 and \$1000
- You can enter none, one or both
- Entry and payment must be made by close of registration.
- All entry fees go to the prize pool
- Winners are deemed to be the Highest point scoring boats entered
- Points system as per the Tournament Rules
- Prize pool will be distributed as 1st -70%, 2nd – 20%, 3rd – 10%
- In the event that there is only 2 point scoring boats the pool will be distributed 1st – 75%, 2nd- 25%, if only 1 point scoring boat -100%. If no entries score points all entry fees will be refunded.