



**GARMIN®**  
**Blue Marlin Classic**  
**17<sup>th</sup> - 19th April 2020**

**Hosted by Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.**  
**Venue: Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach**

**TOURNAMENT PROGRAM**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 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 with Calcutta & Sweepstakes to follow

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April – 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

*ALL BOATS MUST RETURN TO SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB*

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 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

**Note: Minimum entry fee per boat \$500**

All above fees include (Marina Berthing, Team Kits – includes Tournament Apparel, Sponsored Grid Chart, Dinner Saturday 18th & Presentation Dinner Sunday 19th April 2020)

**Early Entry Draw:** \$1000 cash prize, closes - 5pm 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.  
Boat entries paid after this date will incur a \$100 entry surcharge.

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

### **Entries:**

Must be emailed to [gcgfc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gcgfc@yahoo.com.au) or mailed to **GCGFC Tournaments, PO Box 972, Paradise Point, QLD, 4216.**

All entries must include:

- Completed Entry Form
- Boat Insurance Details
- Signed Indemnity form
- Full payment - by close of registration

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

### **Marina Berths:**

Berths are available from Friday 12pm till Monday at Southport Yacht Club to all boats entered in the Tournament. Fuel at Southport Yacht Club will be discounted for tournament boats only. To be eligible for discounted 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 boats entered in the tournament must have a working VHF radio in order to compete in the tournament. The skeds will be on channel 82.

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 a tagged or captured 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: Heavy Tackle - 24kg, 37kg, 60kg**

#### **GFAA Rules will apply.**

Anglers and Skippers must be current financial fishing members of a Club affiliated with QGFA, GFAA or IGFA. 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.

### **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*

\* *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**

- All tagged Billfish (10,000) points
- Other species tagged (10) points
- 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.

## **Penalties**

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

## **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. The Tournament Committee's decision shall be final.

## **Trophies**

Champion Boat Overall (tag and release)

Champion Boat Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> (tag and release)

Champion Boat 8m and over (tag and release)

Champion Boat under 8m (tag and release)

Champion Angler Male (tag and release)

Champion Angler Female (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 *Cash Prize \$10,000*

Early Entry Draw *cash prize \$1000*