

ENQUIRIES

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Copies of tournament brochure, entry form, and sched sheets are available on our website

www.scgfc.com.au

WELCOME

The SCGFC is pleased to present and invites you to join us for the Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Club Fresh Equities/Garmin Classic, hosted from 8th February to 11th February, 2024.

The SCGFC Classic is designed to test skippers, crews and anglers' skills in the light and heavy tackle arena. We wish our competing anglers and boats every success, and hope that you enjoy our famous venue, camaraderie and fun atmosphere. Welcome and good luck.

ENTRY FEES AND PACKAGES

\$220.00 per Senior Angler

Junior Anglers Fish Free

(1 Junior per adult registration).

\$170.00 Non-competing Crew Package

Angler fees include:

Competing angler fees, RED levy, tournament shirt, tournament pack, briefing party Thursday evening, Drinks & Nibbles Friday & Saturday evening and Presentation Breakfast Sunday morning.

Non-competing crew package includes: Tournament shirt, briefing party Thursday evening, Drinks and nibbles Friday & Saturday evening and Presentation Sunday morning. Entry to Mystery Angler Draws not included.

Additional Purchases and Function Tickets: Tournament Shirt \$40.00 (XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Extra Presentation Breakfast \$25.00 per person

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries cannot be guaranteed a shirt, bag etc. Entries are accepted on briefing night until 7.00pm.

EARLY ENTRY PRIZE

All entries received and paid for by 6.00pm Wednesday 28th January 2024 will be eligible

for an early entry draw. Early entry draw prize is a refund of an angler's entry fee (\$220).

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Nominations Close 7.00pm Thursday 8th February, 2024.

Please complete the included entry form, and post with payment of entry fees to:

SCGFC Classic 2024

PO Box 998 Buddina Qld 4575.

Cheques should be made payable to Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Club. Alternatively, nominations and payments can be made online and via credit card or EFT.

Go to scgfc.com.au / tournaments page for more details.

Entry to the tournament is at the discretion of the SCGFC Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee reserve the right to refuse any team or individual anglers entry, and shall not be required to give any reason for doing so.

Entries received after early entry date cannot be assured of tournament pack on the night of the briefing. SCGFC will endeavor to provide tournament packs to late entries at a later date, subject to availability.

BOAT INSURANCE

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 / skipper.

MISCONDUCT

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 Gamefishing 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.

BRIEFING NIGHT & CALCUTTA

A compulsory briefing night will be held in the "Marina Bar" at the Kawana Waters Hotel at 7pm. At least one member from each competing team is to be in attendance, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Committee. The Calcutta (auction of competing boats) will be held immediately following the skippers briefing. Phone bidders must be vetted, registered and directly involved in the tournament, prior to the commencement of the calcutta.

Payment by cash or card must be made on briefing night.

FUNCTIONS

All functions will be held in the Marina Bar at the Kawana Waters Hotel – Nicklin Way, Kawana. There is no official function on the Friday and Saturday night. Some refreshments and nibbles will be provided at the raft up.

Thursday 8th February 2024

Presidents Address & CC – 7pm

Skippers' Briefing – 7:15pm

Raffle and random boat draw.

Calcutta to follow.

Friday 9th February 2024

Raft up & Refreshments from 5pm.

Saturday 10th of February, 2024

Raft up & Refreshments from 5pm

Sunday 11th February, 2024

Presentation Breakfast from 9am

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms are available at the Kawana Waters Hotel for competitors. To book, please contact the hotel directly (07) 5444 6699 and advise you are booking for the tournament.

Alternatively, accommodation is available at Bluewater Point Apartments adjacent to the hotel. Bookings can be made on 07 5477 9900 or www.bluewaterpointresort.com.au

BREAKFASTS & LUNCHES

The Kawana Waters Hotel does not supply breakfast or lunch for anglers as a part of the competition package.

SHOWER FACILITIES

For the convenience of our competing anglers, the SCGFC have secured a room at the hotel to provide shower facilities. Please supply your own towel and toiletries.

TOURNAMENT RULES

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament, with the following amendments and additions:

TEAMS

Minimum of 2 anglers and a maximum of 6 anglers per boat.

In accordance with QGFA requirements, all competitors, skipper and assisting crew who are aiding in the event of catching a fish are required to be financial members of a QGFA or GFAA affiliated club and will be required to provide proof of current club membership via the Gamebase Affiliation check system or recent proof of payment to an affiliated club if not in GameBase.. Each angler is to receive equal fishing opportunity.

LINE CLASS AND ANGLING

Light Tackle: 8kg up to a depth of 150m.

Heavy Tackle: 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg in greater than 150m water depth

DeadBait/Lure: A maximum of two (2) rods per angler may be in use at any one time.

LiveBaiting: One (1) rod only per angler may be in use at any one time.

- Non offset circle hooks must be used for live bait.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND POINT SCORING

Light tackle billfish: 5,000 points

Heavy tackle billfish: 12,500 points

Irrespective of line class used, Tag points will apply to all billfish captures.

Only GFAA Billfish tags are to be used.

Failure to use correct tags will result in no points being awarded.

Boats are **NOT** required to call in hook ups unless hook up is during or after the 3:03pm sked each day until cease fishing is called.

Game Base must be notified immediately a billfish is tagged or boated for weighing. Angler, species and line class **ONLY** is required over the radio.

All other GFAA game fish species are eligible in this tournament on a capture basis only and must equal or exceed line class, but will only count towards the Minor Trophy List Categories. Other Species points **will not** count towards the Major Trophy Prize List.

For species other than billfish: A limit of three (3) captures of any one species, per angler, per day applies. One (1) billfish per day per angler is allowed to be weighed, game base must be notified of any fish to be weighed.

The SCGFC promotes billfish conservation and encourages all species of billfish to be tagged and released. In the advent of a weighed billfish, tag points will be allocated.

Capture points for other species:

Fish weight x 100, divided by line class. An allowance of 10% will be made for gilled and gutted fish. Record claim fish must be intact.

FISHING TIMES AND OVERTIME

Friday 9th February, 2024 (Day 1)

7:30am – 4:30pm. Overtime permitted

Saturday 10th February, 2024 (Day 2)

7:30am – 4:30pm. Overtime permitted

Weigh In from 5pm each day. Weigh in closes each day at 7:30pm.

(drinks & nibbles will be provided on pontoon)

Live bait may be collected prior to start fishing on both days, however fishing for target species may not commence until start fishing is called on VHF 21 and VHF 22.

RADIOS

All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain radio 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.

SCHED TIMES

Friday (Day 1)

10.03am, 1.03pm and 3:03pm.

All hook ups **after 3:03pm** sched must be called in to Game Base.

Saturday (Day 2)

10.03am, 1.03pm and 3.03pm.

All hook ups **after 3.03pm** sched to be called into Game Base.

Sched Channel: Primary VHF Ch 21 in the advent of boats fishing north of Mooloolaba a secondary sched will be called on Ch 22 for boats missed on the Ch 21 sched.

Details required: # Strikes - # Hookups

- # tags or captures.

TAG & CAPTURE TIMES

All tagged fish and fish to be weighed **MUST** be called in to Game Base for a verified time to be allocated. This can only be done once the tag is inserted into the fish, or the fish is boated. On contact, Game Base will confirm the species and angler details and whether it is a tag or capture, and will allocate your time for the tag or capture.

Only verified times will be accepted on daily activity sheets. Times will be allocated when we hear from you. Therefore, if you cannot contact game base, you must relay through another boat or via mobile phone. Failure to provide scheds may result in nil points being awarded for the day. Tag and capture times must be accurately recorded on the daily activity sheets.

Do not repeat tag and capture time information during scheds. Only hookup / strike / tag or captures. For example "1 – 1 – 1 as previously recorded". Radio silence is to be maintained five minutes prior to and during scheds except in the instance of tag or capture being reported.

Game Base must be kept informed of the

progress of all hook-ups that go into overtime, and must be immediately informed when the fish is tagged, boated or lost.

TEAM OBLIGATIONS RETURNING TO PORT

Each team must present their signed and completed activity sheets, tag cards and captured fish, in person to the weigh station before 7.30pm on both fishing days. Failure to do so **WILL** result in nil points being awarded for the day.

Due to the current price of fuel, an exemption may be sort from the committee to stay out at sea on the Friday night. This exemption must be sort prior to start fishing on Friday. If an exemption has been granted, all tag cards and activity sheets must be presented by 7:30pm on Saturday to Game Base.

Tackle used in the capture or tagging of fish must also be presented to the weigh master for inspection at the SCGFC's discretion.

For any boat electing to remain at sea on Friday, any GFAA tackle infringements will be deemed applicable to **ALL** fish for that boat and result in NIL points being awarded for the entire tournament. Failure to adhere to GFAA specifications and rules will result in fish being disqualified and nil points will be awarded.

Teams (except where a prior exemption has been granted to remain at sea on Friday night) forced to fish into overtime must present their signed and completed activity sheets, and any captured fish, in person immediately upon arrival at the weigh station. Failure to do so may result in nil points being awarded for the day.

In the advent of a vessel assisting or aiding another vessel in distress you may request an allowance to return to port after 7:30pm to present signed and completed activity sheets, tag cards and captured fish, in person to the weigh station.

FISHING GROUNDS

A line running due east of Point Lookout to a line running due east of Double Island Point. Boats departing from other ports may proceed directly to the fishing grounds to commence fishing when called on Day 1.

BOAT LENGTH

"Boat Length" will be considered as the measured length of the boat in accordance with these QGFA guides and NOT the manufactures advertised boat length. **Specified boat lengths will be measured from the transom where the motor or outdrive of the boat is bolted to the boat. Where the boat has a pod fitted, the transom of the pod where the motors are bolted will be counted in the boat length, to the forward most point of the boat,** but will exclude any bowsprit or forward projecting anchor location **as per the QGFA Guideline for determining boat length.**

Specified length to be determined by the Club Tournament committee and will be deemed to have been calculated in accordance with the QGFA Guidelines.

This measurement will be used to determine 7.5m and under or over 7.5m.

DISPUTES

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 into.

The committee also reserves the right to investigate any infractions and practices that are against the GFAA and Tournament rules up until the presentation breakfast on Sunday morning. If these investigations are upheld nil points will be awarded for the fish under review.

BAD WEATHER AND BREAKDOWNS

No allowances will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns.

In the event of breakdown, teams may apply to the Tournament Committee to fish a substitute vessel, with the same team members. In this event, the decision of the Tournament Committee will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

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.

PRIZES

In case of a tied score, the angler or team to reach the tied score first will be deemed the winner. Tag and capture times must be accurately recorded on the daily activity sheets, and must be the verified times supplied by Game Base.

The Committee will decide all trophy winners. Their decision is final. All eligible trophy winners must be present at the Presentation Breakfast to receive their award. Failure to attend the awards presentation may result in the trophy being awarded to the next most eligible angler / team. Junior anglers are not eligible to win Champion Male and Female prize categories.

MAJOR TROPHY/PRIZE LIST (BILLFISH ONLY)

Champion Team Overall	\$10,000 Cash
Champion Boat – 7.5m & under	\$5,000 Cash
Runner up Boat – 7.5m & under	\$2,000 Cash
Third Place Boat– 7.5ms & under	\$1,000 Cash
Champion Boat – over 7.5m	\$5,000 Cash
Runner up Boat – over 7.5m	\$2,000 Cash
Third Place – over 7.5m	\$1,000 Cash

Champion Angler Overall

Champion Angler – Runner up

Champion Male Angler – Light Tackle

Champion Male Angler – Heavy Tackle

Champion Female Angler – Light Tackle

Champion Female Angler – Heavy Tackle

Champion Junior Angler

Champion Junior Angler – Runner up

Meritorious Effort Award

First and Last Billfish Daily

Top 6 SCGFC Anglers

MINOR TROPHY LIST

Champion Adult Angler Other Species

Champion Junior Angler Other Species

Other trophies as decided by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the prize list without notification.