

Hervey Bay Game Fishing Club Classic

Hervey Bay, Queensland.

November 10th – 13th 2011

Tournament Rules

1. G.F.A.A. angling rules apply.
2. Teams: Minimum 2, Maximum 5 Anglers.
3. Anglers must be a financial member of a club affiliated with Q.G.F.A. or G.F.A.A.:
4. Fishing times are as per program and will be signaled by game fish base.
5. Line classes and points as per score table for 8, 15, 24, 37 and 60kg.
6. Record fish which are eligible for tag points may be weighed and tag points will be given. Fish which do not come within 10% of the record will receive half points.
7. The first billfish caught each day must be called in after tagging.
8. A maximum of three fish per angler or six fish per team per day other than billfish are to be recorded. No points will be awarded for dead fish unless weighed as per 6 above.
9. Tied scores: if two or more teams or anglers finish with equal points the angler or team reaching the score first will be deemed winner.
10. Fish are considered captured/tagged at the times called in and recorded.
11. Late hook-ups may be played out providing that game fish base is notified prior to stop fishing (see note re Sunday).
12. Protests must be made in writing to the committee before 5.00 pm Sunday. The judge's decision is final.
13. Boat length is determined by a measurement from the bow to the transom (excluding bow sprits and pods). This measurement will be used to determine under 7.5 metres and 7.5 metres and over.
14. Other fish species may be added to the points list if bad weather occurs.
15. Anglers must supply their own tags.
16. Only NSW Fisheries "billfish only" tags are to be used on billfish. Use of any other tag will disqualify the catch.
17. Weather: Any decision to cancel the tournament will be made by the committee.
A strong wind warning will not necessarily stop the tournament. IN ALL CASES SKIPPERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR VESSELS AND CREWS.
18. All vessels must log on and off with Game Fish Base daily. This must include notification of intent to fish heavy or light tackle. Changes from heavy to light or vice-versa must be notified to Game Fish base.
19. Radio scheds are 1015hrs, 1315hrs, and 1615hrs daily (No 1615 sched. Sunday). All captures must be reported to game fish base at the next sched. or no points will be awarded for said captures. If out of range scheds must be relayed through another vessel.
20. Bar crossings. Please log on with VMR466 (VHF 22) to report bar crossings and overnight stays.
21. No lines are to be in the water prior to start fishing. This includes the catching of bait. Bait may be retained from the previous day.
20. The committee will run random checks to ensure tackle meets GFAA rules.
23. All vessels must have a representative attend the briefing or the entry will not be accepted.
24. All anglers are to receive equal opportunity to fish.
25. Crew changes during the tournament can only be made with the express approval of the committee.

Program

Thursday 10th Nov: 1100 Hrs. Briefing and Calcutta.

Friday 11th Nov: 0800 Commence fishing
1600 Stop fishing

Saturday 12th Nov: 0700 Commence fishing
1600 Stop Fishing

Sunday 13th Nov: 0700 Commence fishing
1200 Stop Fishing.

1800 Presentation Dinner

Game Fish base to be notified if still fighting a fish after 1300Hrs on Sunday. Must attend weigh in and hand in score sheets by 1700hrs.

Potential record fish may be weighed on Friday or Saturday by arrangement with game fish base.

Tag Cards and Score Sheets

Tag cards and score sheets for each day must be placed in the appropriate collection box on the mother-ship by 8.00pm both Friday and Saturday, and handed to a club officer on the pontoon in front of the Boat Club by 5.00pm Sunday. Failure to do so may result in the missing cards being excluded from scoring.

Prize categories

Champion Team 7.5m & over
Champion Team Under 7.5m
Champion Angler Heavy Tackle
Champion Angler Light Tackle
Champion Female Angler
Champion Junior Angler
First Bill Fish Tagged/Captured
Last Billfish Tagged/Captured
Champion Billfish team Tag & Release
Champion Hervey Bay Club Angler
Top Scoring Boat on each day.

Points

Light Tackle 8kg only. Heavy Tackle 15,24,37,60 kg to be fished in **over 100m depth only.**

Line Class-kg	8	15	24	37	60
Billfish	2000	6000	5000	4000	3000
Y/F Tuna	500	500	500	500	500
Long Tail Tuna	500	250	250	250	250
Other Tuna	150	100	100	100	100
Wahoo	500	250	250	250	250
Cobia	500	250	250	250	250
Dolphin Fish	500	250	250	250	250
Spanish Mack.	500	250	250	250	250

Mothership

The mothership will anchor in the Rooney's Point – Sandy Cape area. The exact location will depend on weather conditions.

Mother-shiping must be paid by 5.00 pm on Friday 4th November or availability is not guaranteed.

Late Entries

Entries not received and paid for by 5.00pm on 4th November will attract a late fee of \$100.00 per angler.

Note: THERE IS NO FUEL BARGE THIS YEAR. ALL ENTRANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN FUEL

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Download entry forms from our website

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