



# 2026 REDCLIFFE AUSTRALIA DAY LIGHT TACKLE BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

Presented by CENTURY 21 MADDIES HERMANS

THURSDAY 22nd of January  
Registration 6pm  
Briefing 7.00pm

SATURDAY 24th of January  
Day 1 - Fishing 7am to 4 pm  
Evening Meal – 6:30pm for 7:00pm feed

SUNDAY 25th of January  
Day 2 - Fishing 7am to 3pm  
Dinner & Presentation 6pm

The Q.G.F.A. sanctioned Tournament aims to promote the sport of Gamefishing and encourage healthy competition between anglers, crews and clubs in a sportsman like manner while enjoying all the social aspects of this event.

This event will be hosted by the Redcliffe Peninsula Game & Sportfish Club Inc. Venue will be the Moreton Bay Boat Club – Bird O'Passage Parade, Scarborough, QLD.

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## **TOURNAMENT FEES**

Tournament entry fee includes Presentation Dinner, quality tournament shirt, Boat rafting\*, RED Levy and a chance at Last Man Standing

Senior Anglers - \$220 per person

Junior Anglers - \$50 per person

## **LAST MAN STANDING PRIZES**

Last Man Standing (reverse draw) prizes worth thousands of dollars to be won, must be present. Last man standing winners will be drawn on Sunday night and must be in attendance for your entry to count. For registered anglers only.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

All anglers must be current financial members of a club affiliated with G.F.A.A. or Q.G.F.A and proof of membership may be required. Membership can be organised prior to registration or on the night.

## **TOURNAMENT ENTRY / EARLY ENTRY**

Entry forms are to be completed fully with clear details. Entry forms received by the tournament committee by midnight on Friday the 17th of January will entitle that boat to be presented with an early entry prize of a carton of beer at the Tournament Briefing.

## **BRIEFING**

It is compulsory for at least one member of each team to attend the briefing and Calcutta on briefing night.

## **HOME PORTS**

Boats may depart and return to / from any port on each day of the tournament. However, see **Weigh-in section** for important information

## **WEATHER AND BREAKDOWNS**

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost during bad weather or breakdown. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone fishing due to bad weather at any time. There will be no refunds, meals and Last man standing will still take place

## **FISHING GROUNDS**

Fishing grounds will be between lines directly East of Noosa Heads to a line directly East of Point Lookout and all oceanic waters in between.

## **NOMINATED TEAMS EVENT – CASH PRIZE**

(\$250 per team)

Tournament organisers will randomly draw teams of 2 boats for the Teams Event on Briefing Night. In the case of an odd number of boats, the last boat drawn will be teamed up with another randomly drawn boat.

The team with the highest combined score will be awarded the Champion Two - boat Team.

## **PRESENTATION AND LAST MAN STANDING**

Each angler must be present at the Presentation and the Last Man Standing draws, if he or she is to receive a prize or trophy. The Last Man Standing is a reverse lucky prize draw give away for the competing anglers randomly chosen. The order and number of prizes will be determined by the tournament committee and the tournament committee's decision is final.

## **RADIO SKEDS**

Competing boats must have VHF radio. All skippers must keep radio sked sheets. Skeds will be on VHF21 at 10.03am, 1.03pm and 3.03pm for Day 1, and at 10.03am 12.03pm and 2.03pm for Day 2. Boats are to report name, grid position, strikes, hook-ups, tags or captures, anglers name and species to the Game Fish Base. A penalty may apply for failure to respond to skeds. 1<sup>st</sup> Billfish tagged MUST be called in immediately.

## **BOAT LENGTH**

For the purpose of the tournament, boat length overall to be determined from the measurement taken from the bow (excluding bowsprit) to the stern (excluding outboard pods). This measurement will be used to determine 7.5 metres and under, or over 7.5 metres. Anyone can request clarification of their boat length from the Tournament director.

## **TROPHY CATEGORIES**

Quality prizes and trophies for category winners.  
CHAMPION BOAT OVERALL – Perpetual Trophy  
CHAMPION ANGLER OVERALL– Perpetual Trophy  
CHAMPION ANGLER DAY 1, DAY 2  
CHAMPION ANGLER MALE, FEMALE AND JUNIOR  
CHAMPION ANGLER OTHER SPECIES  
CHAMPION BOAT OVER 7.5M  
CHAMPION BOAT 7.5M AND UNDER  
FIRST BILLFISH TAGGED  
LAST BILLFISH TAGGED

## **BOAT INSURANCE**

All boats nominating to fish the Redcliffe Australia Day Billfish Tournament are required to have current boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on the entry form. Should a boat not have insurance or not be able to provide evidence of insurance 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. Minimum of \$10 million public liability for overnight boats.

## **FUEL AND RAFTING**

Fuel and ice will be available (details on Briefing Night). Raft up will be available for Saturday and Sunday night presentation.

If a powered berth is required, limited berths are available but must be organised with MBBC reception prior to the event (charges will apply ph. 3203 5855). Please note MBBC Marina rules apply, noise must be kept to a minimum particularly after 9.00pm.

## **WEIGH-IN**

The weigh-in will be available at Moreton Bay Boat Club, Scarborough each day. For Day 1 weigh-in will be between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. For Day 2 the weigh-in will be between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Weigh-in outside these hours by arrangement only (only Day 1 for boats having fished overtime).

All eligible fish may be gilled and gutted and will attract 10% weight allowance. All record claims must be presented whole.

Boats staying out on Saturday night must SMS a photo of your tag card and capture sheet to a number advised at the briefing night, and confirmed by radio, before 5.30pm on Saturday.

No points will be recorded unless capture forms are filled in correctly for both tagged and captured fish. To receive points, each angler must present their capture forms, tag cards and captures to the weighmaster in person on the day of capture and must remain with the weighmaster during weighing and recording. There will be a limit of three fish of any one species per angler per day that may be weighed. No fish are to be left at the weigh station. All unwanted fish must be disposed of in the correct manner. Points will be deducted for any infringements.

## **ENTRY IN TO THE MBBC FACILITIES**

Thongs in the club at any time of day or night are now allowed. Full entry requirement can be found at <https://mbbc.org.au/our-club/>

No alcoholic beverages are to be removed from the MBBC facility and taken to boats, unless bought as a takeaway from the club bottle shop. No alcoholic beverages are to be taken from boats and consumed on MBBC grounds.

## **AMENITIES**

There are amenities available at the club including showers. Ice is available from the club bar

## **MISCONDUCT**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right at any stage of the tournament to 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 RPG&SC Inc. or the Moreton Bay Boat Club (MBBC) into disrepute. MBBC licensing regulations must be observed including appropriate dress codes and alcohol restrictions and noise limits. MBBC staff must be respected and their directions followed.

## **FISHING RULES**

1. Each team will consist of no more than six (6) and no less than two (2) anglers.
2. Line classes of either 8KG or 10KG only to be fished, and points will be scored accordingly.
3. A maximum of two rods per angler only at any one time, except when live baiting.

4. Live baiting - one rod per angler to be used and cannot be handled by others. Hooks are to be non-offset circle hooks.
5. Live bait capture is permitted prior to commencement of fishing on day one.
6. Each angler to receive equal fishing opportunity.
7. Boat crew is not permitted to assist in any way other than to tag and release or capture the fish as per G.F.A.A rules. Points apply when tag is inserted. Crew must be current members of QGFA.
8. Hook ups that go into overtime are permitted on day 1 and must be reported to game base prior to cease fishing. No overtime on day 2.
9. Tag points will apply to Billfish only. To be eligible for tag points, all Billfish must be tagged with NSW fisheries "Billfish only" tags. Tagging with any other tag will result in disqualification of the fish. Each Billfish tagged will score 1500 points irrespective of 8kg or 10kg line class.
10. The only "other species" eligible for weighing are Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Spanish Mackerel and Cobia and the capture must be equal to or greater than line class. A weigh limit of 3 of any one species per angler per day will apply. Note: QLD Fisheries restrictions may apply
11. Capture points are calculated as fish weight x 100 divided by line class (8 kg, or 10 kg).
12. In the event of a tie, the first to attain the total score will be deemed as the winner.
13. The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners. The Club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy.
14. An angler must submit any protests relating to the tournament in writing no later than one hour after the close of the weigh-in on the day of the alleged infringement. Decision of the tournament committee is final.
15. Fishing area limits will be as per the grid sheet supplied at the briefing. All vessels must log on and off with game fish base each day. In the event of a vessel returning early, they must notify game fish base.
16. Boat skipper or team captain must sign registration form and waiver form as part of their entry to the tournament. All boat owners/skippers MUST have their anglers and crew sign the waiver form attached.
17. Boats logging off for the day are deemed to have ceased fishing for that day.
18. G.F.A.A Rules and Regulations and Queensland Fisheries restrictions apply.
19. Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist the angler.

## **KEY CONTACT**

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