



2015 REDCLIFFE AUSTRALIA DAY BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

This 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.*

TOURNAMENT DATES & TIMES

FRIDAY 23th January –Registration 6pm & Briefing 7.00pm

SATURDAY 24th January – Day 1 - Fishing 7am to 4 pm

SUNDAY 25th January – Day 2 - Fishing 7am to 4pm

MONDAY 26th January – Day 3 - Fishing 7am to 2pm .Dinner & Presentation 6pm

TOURNAMENT FEES

Tournament entry fee include 3 meals, quality polo shirt, boat berth, RED Levy and Last Man Standing

Senior Anglers - \$220 per person

Junior Anglers - \$160 per person

Late Fee \$50.00 per boat

LAST MAN STANDING PRIZES

Last Man Standing (reverse draw) prizes worth thousands of dollars to be won. Prizes will include a boat/motor/trailer package and many other wonderful prizes. Last man standing winners will be drawn each night. Quality prizes and trophies for category winners.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

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. Temporary membership will be organised prior to registration on the night.

Tournament Entry

Entry forms must be received by the tournament committee by 6pm Friday 16th January. A late fee of \$50 per boat will be incurred for entries after this date. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any person.

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 from any port to proceed to the fishing grounds to commence fishing at 7.00am on Day 1.

All competing boats must return to the MBBC after cease fishing day 1 and 2, and depart from MBBC or Newport on Day 2 and Day 3. Boats may return to home port after cease fishing on day 3.

Trailer boats may return to their home boat ramp after each day of fishing but be aware that fishing equipment may be required for inspection at the weigh station.

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.

Fishing Grounds

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

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 giveaway 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.



Trophy Categories

CHAMPION ANGLER OVERALL –Perpetual Trophy

CHAMPION ANGLER MALE/FEMALE/JUNIOR

CHAMPION BOAT AND TEAM – Perpetual Trophy

CHAMPION BOAT AND TEAM 7M AND UNDER

CHAMPION BOAT AND TEAM OVER 7M

CHAMPION ANGLER BILLFISH DAY 1 DAY 2 DAY 3

CHAMPION ANGLER OTHER SPECIES

FIRST BILLFISH TAGGED

LAST BILLFISH TAGGED

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 Day 2 and at 10.30am 12.03pm for Day 3. 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. 1st 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 metres and under, or over 7 metres.

Weigh-in

The weigh-in will be conducted at Moreton Bay Boat Club, Scarborough.

For Day 1 and Day 2 weigh-in will be between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. For Day 3 the weigh-in will be between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Weigh-in outside these hours by arrangement only (only boats having fished overtime). All edible fish may be gilled and gutted and will attract 10% weight allowance. All record claims must be presented whole.

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 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.

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.

FISHING RULES

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 and no less than two anglers.
2. One line class of 8 kg will 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.
5. No 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.

8. Hook ups that go into overtime are permitted on day 1 and day 2 and must be reported to game base prior to cease fishing. No overtime on day 3.
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 750 points.
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.
11. Capture points are calculated as fish weight x 100 divided by line class (8 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 grid sheet supplied at the briefing. All vessels must log on and off with game fish base. 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. Q.G.F.A Rules and Regulations and Queensland Fisheries restrictions apply.
19. Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist the angler.

Fuel and Berths

Fuel and ice will be available (details on briefing night). The MBBC Marina berths will be available to competitors on request.

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 Gamefishing 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 directions followed. **No thongs in the club after 7pm.**

CONTACTS

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Registration Form

Vessel name:	Vessel Make:	Length:
Skipper/Owner Name:	Postal address:	
Mobile:	Email:	Berth required: Yes / No
Boat insurance details (Mandatory) Company:		
Policy No:	Expiry date:	

Office use	Angler	Name	M/F/J	Club	Shirt size	Office use
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
	5					
	6					
	Extra Crew					

Total number of senior anglers:	x \$220.00 =
Total number of junior anglers:	x \$165.00 =
Non fishing skipper/crew:	x \$220.00 =
Additional meals:	x \$30.00 =
3 Meal package:	x \$80.00 =
Extra shirts:	x \$40.00 =
Late entry fee:	x \$50.00 =
Total cost payable =	

Cheques payable to: RPG&SC Inc. **Post to: John Schultze 393 Scarborough Rd, Scarborough, Qld 4020.**
Email registration forms to: jschultze393@gmail.com **Contact John for other arrangements on 0417 055 132**

I wish to pay my entry with the following credit card: MasterCard _____ Visa _____
 Card number: _____ Expiry date ____/____/_____
 Card holders name: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/_____

All on board safety remains the responsibility of the skipper/owner. Waiver – We agree to the rules as publish. In consideration of your accepting me/us as a competitor/guest (as the case maybe), I/we absolve the Redcliffe Game & Sportfish Club Inc., and it's committee, officers and members and sponsors as such from any liability whatsoever arising and occurring or resulting from the tournament, and I/we hereby indemnify you and agree to keep you indemnified against all claims, damages, costs and loss that be claimed or awarded against you, or that you may suffer resulting from injury or loss to me/us or any of my/our invited invitees or licenses or guests or to any property of my/our invitees, licensees or guests. I/we accept that the decision of the committee in awarding the Last Man Standing prizes and all other trophies and prizes is that the discretion of the tournament committee and their decision is final.

(Team Captain)Name: **Signature:** **Date:**