

NOVEMBER 20-22

BRIEFING - FRIDAY 20
FISHING - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 21-22
PRESENTATION - SUNDAY 22

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES BY NOV 6

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LIGHT & HEAVY TACKLE
GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT

MOOLOOLABA - SUNSHINE COAST

JOIN NOW

- ☑ Lucky Angler Prizes
- ☑ Junior Fisherman's Draw
- ☑ Senior/Junior/Female Trophies
- ☑ Tournament Shirt
- ☑ Tournament Bag packed with goodies!

GENERAL INFORMATION
Billfish Bonanza 2026, hosted by Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club, is a light & heavy tackle, tag & release event with a focus on sportsmanship and good spirit.

SCHEDULE
20 November
5:30pm – Skippers Briefing
21 November
7:00am – 4:00pm – Day 1 Fishing
4:30pm – 6:00pm – Weigh In
22 November
7:00am – 3:00pm – Day 2 Fishing
4:00pm – 5:00pm – Weigh In
6:30pm – Awards Presentation

ENQUIRIES
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Join our Facebook Group for regular updates.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY
- $220 for each senior angler registered up to Nov 6
- $240 for each senior angler registered after Nov 6
- $120 for each junior angler
- $120 for each non-fishing crew
- $85 for extra dinner tickets

Included in your entry is: tournament apparel, boat bag, R.E.D. levy, presentation dinner, nibbles at skipper's briefing. All juniors are in a Lucky Angler Draw to win a boat and motor courtesy of Brisbane Marine. All Anglers are in the draw to win a lure at each SKED.

Early entries will be given preference on tournament apparel sizes – late entries may not have correct sizes available.

REGISTRATION
Get your registration in before November 6 to take advantage of the early bird price! Registration MUST be submitted via email to secretary@mgfc.com.au before 5pm on Monday, November 16.

PAYMENT
Cash and EFT Payments available till Friday November 20. Bank Transfers must be paid by Wednesday, November 18.
BSB: 124 001
Account Number: 1056 0883

QUALIFICATIONS
The tournament will be fished to GFAA rules. All anglers, skippers and crew entered in the tournament MUST be a financial member of a GFAA or QGFA affiliated club. All persons may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

VENUE
Skipper's Briefing: Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club House. Next to open boat parking, 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba.
Presentation Dinner: 'Marina' (formerly Pier 33) 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba.

MARINA BERTHS
Marina berths are available from Mooloolaba Marina. Email info@mooloolabamarina.com.au or phone 5444 5653. Please observe marina rules at all times. Boat details and insurance will need to be provided.

BRIEFING
Skippers or a nominated representative from each boat must be in attendance at the skippers briefing at The Club House at 5:30pm on Friday, November 20, 2026 to be eligible to fish the tournament. Tournament Bags will be handed out at this time.

CALCUTTA
The Calcutta Auction will take place after the skippers briefing.

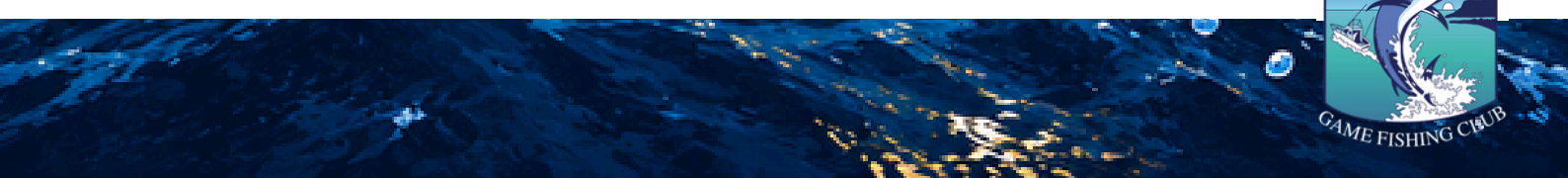
PRESENTATION
The Presentation of Awards will commence at 6:30pm at 'Marina' 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba. (The venue formerly known as Pier 33)

FISHING DAYS & TIMES
Saturday, November 21
Start fishing 7:00am. Cease fishing 4:00pm.
(Overtime permitted).

Sunday, November 22
Start fishing 7:00am. Cease fishing 3:00pm.
(Overtime NOT permitted).

HEAVY & LIGHT TACKLE
Teams must nominate to fish either the heavy or light tackle category before the start of fishing each day. Teams must radio game base should they elect to change category of tackle during the days' fishing.

FISHING GROUNDS
Fishing Grounds are between a line running due East from Double Island Point and a line running due East from Point Lookout.



BOAT LENGTH
Boat length overall is to be determined from the measurement taken from the bow, (excluding bowsprit) to stern (including outboard pods). This measurement will be used to determine under 7 metres or 7 metres and over.

RADIO SKEDS
VHF 21 only. Competing boats must have VHF. All skippers must keep radio sked sheets. Skeds will be called on VHF 21 only.

SKED TIMES
Saturday: 10.03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm (Overtime permitted).
Sunday: 10:03am, 1:03pm, 2:30pm (Overtime not permitted)

Skeds will be conducted as follows: When Game Base calls your boat, respond by: Confirm Boat Name, then call number of Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures/Tags (eg: 2.1.1) All tag/captures are to be reported immediately to Game Base. Game Base will issue the tag/capture time which is to be recorded in the sked sheet. All boats must answer the sked or relay via another vessel. A penalty may be applied for failure to do so. If relaying for another vessel, confirm your boat name, then the name of the vessel you are relaying sked details for.

NOTE: All vessels must log on with Game Base before start fishing and log off when back in the harbor or have ceased fishing for that day. Once a vessel has logged off with Game Base it is understood that they will take no further part in fishing for that day.

FISHING TACKLE
The Weighmaster will perform mandatory tackle inspections. Any team found to be using non-conforming equipment will be disqualified of any points.

SPEED LIMITS
Whilst steaming within the confines of the Mooloolaba Harbour, the speed limit of 6 knots must be observed.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE
A disputes committee comprising of members of a minimum of two competing clubs will hear protests, provided they are submitted in writing no later than 2 hours after cease fishing on the day of the alleged infringement. The committee's decision is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

FUEL
Diesel is available at Chippo's Fuel Supplies. Tournament Boats are eligible for a 10% discount. Chippos Fuel Supplies, phone: 0427 002 908.

BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS
Boats may leave from their home port on Saturday and Sunday provided their entry fees have been paid prior. Boats departing other ports still must have representation at the skippers briefing.

All boats competing must return to the weigh station at Mooloolaba Marina on at least Sunday to submit tag cards, activity sheets and have their tackle checked for qualifying fish (deadline 5:00pm). In the event of incorrect checked tackle on day 1 all points up to that point will be disqualified and the team will be allowed to accrue points on day 2. If a boat has fished from their home port and missed day 1 weigh in and is found to be outside of GFAA regulations on day 2 all points will be disqualified for day 1 and day 2. Boats can stay out overnight during the tournament, just radio into Game Base and provide location of where they are staying.

WEATHER AND BREAKDOWN
No allowance will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns. The tournament committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone any day due to bad weather. If due to bad weather both fishing days are cancelled, the tournament will be re-scheduled for the approved back up dates of 5-7 December, 2025. In the event of a gale or strong wind warning issued by the BOM of 25 knots or over the club holds the right to cancel or postpone the tournament.

WEIGH-INS
Weigh-ins will be conducted on Saturday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm and Sunday from 4.00pm - 5.00pm. The weighstation location will be announced at the skippers briefing.

If another boat is already with the weighmaster, please remain in your boat until the weighmaster is free. All anglers must remain with the weighmaster during weighing and recording. All edible fish may be gilled and gutted. A 10% allowance will be made for any fish gilled and gutted. No fish are to be left at the weigh station. Points will be deducted for infringements.(Record claim fish must be intact) Daily activity sheets, tag cards and capture forms are to be delivered to the weighmaster.

TROPHIES

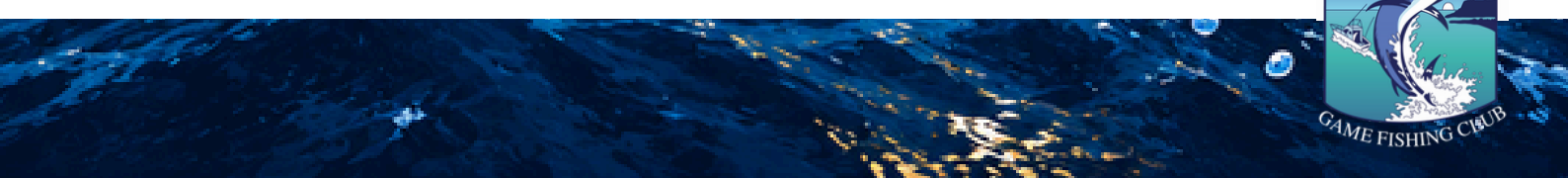
Senior Angler Awards
Champion Light Tackle
Champion Heavy Tackle
Champion Other Species
Champion Male
Champion Female

Junior Angler Awards
Champion Junior Angler
Runner up Junior Angler

Boat Awards
Champion Boat Over 7m
Champion Boat Under 7m

Junior or Senior Awards
First Billfish Day 1
Last Billfish Day 1
First Billfish Day 2
Last Billfish Day 2

Lucky Angler drawn at each Sked.

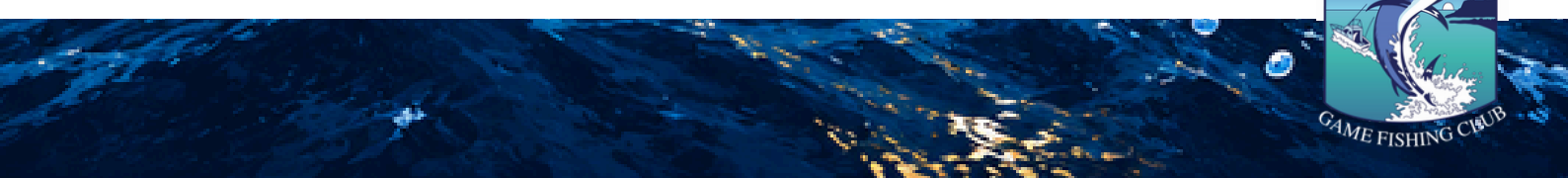


2026 BILLFISH BONANZA TOURNAMENT RULES:
GFAA EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING REGULATIONS APPLY.

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
2. There will be two line categories fished.
   - 8kg only for light tackle (light tackle points 7,500) noting light tackle zone is only in waters less than 150m deep.
   - 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg for heavy tackle (heavy tackle points 15,000) noting heavy tackle zone is only in waters greater than 150m deep.
3. Game base must be notified when changing line classes.
4. It is acknowledged that some skippers may also be anglers in which case they will have equal fishing time and opportunity as the other anglers.
5. A maximum of 2 predetermined rods set with either lures or natural dead bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 2 predetermined rods at any stage while trolling lures or natural dead bait).
6. A maximum of 1 predetermined rod set with live bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 1 predetermined rod at any stage while live baiting). The rod must not be handled by others including pitch baiting or setting.
7. In regard to rules 5 and 6. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
8. Skippers may manoeuvre the boat to assist anglers.
9. Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per GFAA rules.
10. Hook-ups that go into overtime are permitted on Saturday only but must be radioed into game base prior to cease fishing. Overtime is not permitted on Sunday, with weigh-in cutoff at 5:00pm. No tag cards accepted after this time either.
11. Only NSW DPI Billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated for that fish. It is the responsibility of each competing team to provide their own tags. No points will be allocated for weighed billfish.
12. Capture points are as follows: fish weight x 100 divided by line class. Fish may be gilled and gutted and a 10% allowance will be made for this. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
13. Other species: a limit of 2 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible species are: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo. QLD Bag /Possession limits apply.
14. Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or team recording their points total first.
15. The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners, that decision will be final. The club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent.
16. No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed prior to start fishing on day 1 only. Live bait collected during the tournament may be kept over for day 2. Collecting live bait before start fishing on day 2 is allowed. Teasers are considered fishing gear and may not be deployed before start fishing on either day.
17. Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident. In the event of a protest a group will be formed from visiting clubs representatives and they will determine the merit of any such protest based on majority vote.
18. All anglers, skippers and crew participating in the tournament MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA. All participants will be asked to provide proof of current membership.
19. Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.
20. No transfer of anglers or fishing gear at sea is to occur in the event of boat breakdown. Teams may be disqualified for breaching this rule.
21. Teams are to clearly identify rod and reel combinations at the time of the hook-up, and these rod and reel combinations are to be presented for inspection. (Identification is up to the team but should be simple and easy to identify – eg, different coloured band or tape on each outfit.)

DISCLAIMER:

By entering the Tournament, all Competitors, Crew and Spectators agree to indemnify and hold MGFC harmless from and against any costs, damages, expenses, legal fees and disbursements, claims, liabilities, actions, and causes of action thereon arising from or related to any claim or threatened claim by any person or entity arising from or related to the performance of the Tournament. All Competitors, Crew and Spectators agree that all limitations or exclusions of MGFC's liability, shall extend to and be for the benefit of those individuals and entities MGFC retains for performance of the Tournament, including but not limited to MGFC's officers, committee, directors and volunteers. Competitors, Crew and Spectators further agree they shall make no claims or take any proceedings whatsoever directly against MGFC's officers, committee, directors and volunteers, whether the claims arise in contract, tort or otherwise, and whether covered by insurance.



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ENTRY FORM

Vessel Name			
Boat Make		**Radio VHF**	
Length*			

*Please ensure you have read the brochure rules regarding boat length.

Skipper's Name			
Address			
Email			
Insurance Company			
Insurance Policy Number		**Expiry Date**	

Angler	Name	Club	Snr/Jnr	Shirt Size
Angler 1				
Angler 2				
Angler 3				
Angler 4				
Angler 5				
Angler 6				
Crew				
Crew				

*All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/skipper. By Signing this entry form you authorise Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club to take photos and videos of you during the tournament which can be used by the club for ongoing promotional purposes. All anglers, captin and crew must be a financial member of a Club affiliated with the QGFA or GFAA to allow entry to the Game Fishing Tournament.

Senior Anglers	_____ x $220 each (before Nov 6) _____ x $240 each (after Nov 6)	**Signed (Team Captain)**	
Junior Anglers	_____ x $100 each	**Date**	
Crew	_____ x $100 each	**Phone Number**	
Presentation Tickets	_____ x $85 each	Cash & Credit Card Payments Accepted at Registration. Bank Transfers must be received by Wednesday, November 18. Account Name: Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club BSB: 124 001 | Account Number: 1056 0883	
TOTAL PAYABLE TO MGFC	$		

TEAMS (& FUNCTION GUESTS) MUST BE ENTERED AND PAID BEFORE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2026

Email entry forms to: secretary@mgfc.com.au - **Jasmine Wegert – 0411 016 728**
For further information: president@mgfc.com.au - **Brigitte Cox – 0401 549 559**