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5TH DECEMBER 2026 - CAIRNS

REGISTRATION & BRIEFING

Friday 4th December

Pullman Cairns International. 17 Abbott St Cairns.
Check in... From 5:30pm
Briefing... Starts at 6:00pm (All Anglers & Skippers to Attend)

TOURNAMENT

Saturday 5th December

Sailpast: 7am Northern Finger - Marlin Marina
(Sailpast & Judging of Best Decorated Boat)
Weigh-In: 6pm-8pm Viewing Platform Opposite Salthouse
Catch up with other teams and watch the weigh in.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Sunday 6th December

From 5:30pm, Pullman Cairns International. 17 Abbott St Cairns.

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PRIZE CATEGORIES

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- Champion Senior Angler
- Champion Team over 8m Boat
- Champion Team 8m and Under
- Runner Up Team overall
- Runner Up Senior Angler
- Champion Junior Angler
- Runner Up Junior Angler
- First Fish Caught
- Last Fish Caught
- Each Billfish Tagged
- Champion Crews
- Senior Encouragement Award
- Junior Encouragement Award
- Ribbons Ripper Catch
- Champion Out of Town Angler
- Best Decorated Boat
- Happy Snap Award
- Greenie Award
- Highest Individual Point Scoring Game Fish Weighed [Senior and Junior]
- Runner Up Highest Individual Point Scoring Game Fish Weighed
- Highest Total point scoring Gamefish Weighed
- Junior Angler Recognition
- Hard luck Story
- Boat Owners Draw
- Unlucky Angler Draw
- Spirit of ribbons award

ALL PRIZE CATEGORIES AND PRIZES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

TOURNAMENT INFO

NOMINATIONS

Must be received by the committee by
Sunday 30th November 2025
Register on the website – www.ribbons.org.au
LATE NOMINATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE, AS PLACEMENT AT PRESENTATION DINNER CANNOT BE GUARANTEED

ENTRY FEES – ONE PAYMENT PER TEAM

Senior Angler : $299
Junior Angler : Thanks to the generosity of Cairns Sim Trans, every junior angler can enter our tournament for FREE!
All anglers must be female. All anglers, plus the skipper and deckhand must be a current member of a game fishing club.
Junior anglers must be over the age of 8 years, and under the age of 16 years on the date of the tournament.
Entry fees provide...
Teams of 2 - 4 Anglers:
1 x T-shirt & Dinner Ticket per Angler
1 x Dinner Ticket for Skipper ONLY
All teams will receive a tournament bag with rules and goodies from our sponsors.

CANCELLATION

The tournament will be cancelled if on the morning of competition the forecast is over 25 knots, or a strong wind warning is issued by the bureau of meteorology. The briefing and gala dinner will go ahead regardless of whether the tournament is cancelled or not. There is no alternate date for the tournament.

VESSELS

Teams arrange their own boat and any associated charter fees. Boats must be seaworthy and have public liability insurance. Details of this insurance will be needed for entry. In case of bad weather, participation is the reponsibility of the skipper.

CALCUTTA

We will be having a fixed calcutta again this year. All teams have first choice of buying their own boat for $100. If a boat is not purchased by a team, then an auction of those boats left will be performed at briefing.

CHAMPION ANGLERS 2025

Senior Champion
Jayne Hinrichs
from "Rum Chaser"





Junior Champion
Stella Bartlett
from "Weapon"

CHAMPION TEAMS 2025

Champion Team
Bianca Stasinowsky, Zara Stasinowsky, and Amanda Pullin
from "Moana"

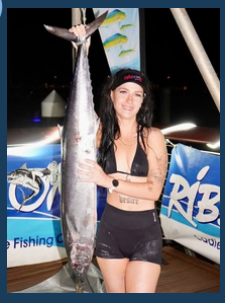




Champion Team
Under 8m
Mackinley Walker, Leanne Dunlea and Carolyn Walker.
from
"Liquid Gold"

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL GAMEFISH WEIGHED

Morgan Brown
from "Bounty Hunter"
9.7 kg
Wahoo





BILLFISH TAGGED

Jayne Hinrichs, Zara Stazinkowsky, Amanda Pullin

BEST DECORATED BOAT

Candice Higgins, Heather Nicholson & Erin Howell on "Hellraiser"



TOURNAMENT RULES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANGLER ENTRY:

As this is a Ladies ONLY tournament, all competitors must be female. All competitors including foreign anglers/residents MUST be a current financial member of the QGFA or GFAA affiliate club. Anglers may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Ribbons reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler.
Angler's fees provide entry to the tournament and include the RED levy which the club pays to the QGFA. Teams must be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers.

BOAT SKIPPERS AND DECKIES REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with QGFA requirements all Boat 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. Skipper and Deckie may be asked to provide proof of current membership. The Ribbons reserves the right to refuse Skipper or Deckie entry into the tournament.

TOURNAMENT CONDUCT:

Ribbons 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 Game fishing 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.

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.

BOAT LENGTH:

For clarification "Boat Length" will be considered as the measured length of the boat in accordance with these QGFA guides and NOT the manufacturers 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.

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION:

Changes to team registration i.e. team name, etc. will NOT be accepted within 72 hours of the briefing.

LINE CLASS: 10 KG, 15KG OR 24KG:

If line class is not recorded on score sheet, points will be allocated according to 24kg line class.

TAG & RELEASE:

All billfish to be tagged and released for points, using GFAA approved billfish tag (NSW Department of Primary Industries). Tags are available at the briefing.

ELIGIBLE GAMEFISH SPECIES FOR WEIGHING:

Edible gamefish defined by the committee are: Cobia, Mackerel , Mahi Mahi, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo. Except for record claims, edible fish MUST be gilled and gutted on capture, kept on ice and presented in edible condition. Failure to gill AND gut edible species will result in the fish being allocated the minimal point allocation applicable.
An additional 10% is to be added to the weight of the gilled AND gutted fish before calculation of points. Edible fish under line class can be weighed.
OTHER GAME FISH (i.e. those not considered edible by the committee) must be line class to be weighed and receive points.
Note: Juniors may catch legal sized Rainbow runner & all Tuna species. Points will be allocated to junior angler categories only, not to champion boat or other categories.

POINTS SCORE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Billfish must be tagged and released. All fish weighed must be legal fish in size and bag limits. In the event of a tie, the first team or angler reaching the winning total will be declared the winner.
Billfish:
10kg line = 600+50% Bonus = 900 Points
15kg line = 500+50% Bonus = 750 Points
24kg line = 400+50% Bonus = 600 Points
Gamefish: Weight of fish x 100 divided by line class -

FISHING GROUNDS & SAILPAST:

Opal Reef to Raaf Shoals. Be aware of Green Zone Rules and Regulations.
All vessels must participate in the sail past, commencing from the Marlin Wharf at 0700 hours. Vessels must pass the Marlin Jetty in single file, as per instructions given at the briefing for the judging of Best Decorated Boat. The committee will individually consider exceptions to this rule. Departure before 0700 hrs will not be permitted under any circumstance.

FISHING HOURS:

Fishing will commence at 0830 hours and cease at 1700 hours. Any fish hooked before cease fishing may be played out and is eligible for points, provided the hook up is notified at cease of fishing and the team meets the weigh in cut off time of 2000 hours.

WEIGH IN:

All captured fish must be weighed at the Marlin Marina between 1800 hours and 2000 hours. All teams must present completed Score Sheets and Tag Cards to the Weighmaster, even if no fish were caught. Potential records must be announced at time of capture and must not be mutilated.

PROTESTS AND 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. All protests must be submitted in writing by the team captain to the executive committee no later than 0900 hours Sunday.

RADIOS:

All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio or agreed alternative communication, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain contact may result in team disqualification. A boat logging off from Ribbons 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. (This does in no way mean a boat may not log on with Marine Rescue Services for safety purposes).
Frequency: VHF 81 Times: 1105, 1405, 1630 HRS

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