

Whitsunday Game Fish Club

2018 Light Tackle Game Fish Tournament



Hosted by Whitsunday Game Fish Club Inc.



Whitsunday Game Fish Club Inc (WGFC) invites you to join the Whitsunday Game Fish Club 2018 Light Tackle Game Fish Tournament which will be held from 18th to 21 October 2018. The Tournament is an individual & team event and total points scored by that team or individual will decide the champion team & individual. We hope that a healthy competition will result with the emphasis on sportsmanship and good spirit. There are many trophies, cash and prizes to be won. We wish every competitor good fishing over the 3 day event and the best of luck.

Tournament Entry

Senior \$150.00 per angler

Junior \$75.00 per angler

(under 16yrs at commencement of tournament)

Skipper and or Crew \$80.00 per person

Entry fees include: Competition fees, RED levy, briefing night nibbles, nibbles Friday & Saturday, Presentation & Dinner Sunday evening and Tournament shirt.

Entries Close: 6pm Thursday 18th Oct 2018

Line Class

10kg monofilament only.

Dead bait/lure: A maximum of 2 rods per angler may be in use at any one time.

Live baiting: One rod only per angler may be used at any one time.

Qualifications

The tournament will be fished to Game Fish Association of Australia (GFAA) rules. Anglers MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or Queensland Game Fish Association (QGFA).

Whitsunday G.F.C will consider a fish officially captured when one of the following actions is completed:

- The mate is able to grab the leader.
- The swivel hits the rod tip.
- The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/ double line passes through the rod tip.

Please note that you are required to have video or a photo, the photos must show the billfish next to the boat, and identify the species. If the species cannot be positively identified no points are awarded. Teams are expected to provide their own digital cameras and make sure the date and time on the camera is correct. Queenfish and Giant Trevally must be on a brag mat for the photo.

All trophy winners may be asked to provide proof of current membership.

The WGFC reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

Briefing & Calcutta Night

A compulsory briefing night will be held from 6.30pm Thursday 18th October 2018 at the WGFC, Altman Avenue Cannonvale. It is compulsory for the captain of each competing team to attend the briefing and sign off that they fully understand the rules.

The Calcutta (auction of competing boats) will be held the same night immediately following the briefing at approximately 8pm.

Payment by cash or cheque must be made on the briefing night.

Tournament Rules

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament.

Teams

Minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 5 anglers. All anglers must be current financial members of a club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA and are required to provide proof of current club membership.

Each angler is to receive equal fishing time.

Eligible Species

- Marlin
- Sailfish
- Mackerel
- Wahoo
- Dolphin Fish
- Cobia
- Queenfish
- Tuna
- Giant Trevally
- Barracuda

Point Scoring

Points scored are split into two categories:

Release Points

Marlin	1,000
Sailfish	1,000
Mackerel	100
Wahoo	100
Dolphin Fish	100
Cobia	100
Queenfish	50 [min 60cm]
Tuna	50
Giant Trevally	50[min 60cm]
Barracuda	50

Tagging of all species is optional.

A team can only capture and release a maximum of 5 of any one species per day, excluding Marlin and Sailfish. I.e. if your team has tagged 5 tuna in the first hour no further points will be awarded for tuna on that day.

Capture Points

All fish listed in the eligible species list (*excluding Marlin, Sailfish, Giant Trevally, Barracuda and Queen Fish) can be captured for point scoring. Capture points are calculated using the following formulas:

- All species, excluding Sharks: Fish weight x 100, divided by line class (10kg)

All captures (SEE APPENDIX A)

A team can only capture and weigh-in a maximum of 3 of any one species per day.

* Any Marlin or Sailfish captured must be a potential Queensland, Australian or World Record to be eligible for weighing. Game Base must be notified immediately if a Marlin or Sailfish is captured for weigh-in.

1000 points will be awarded. Record claim fish must be intact.

No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed before the start of fishing time on Day 1 (no live bait on board). Bait collected during the tournament may be kept over for the following day.

Bait fishing before the start of fishing time on Day 2 and 3 is permitted.

Fishing Days & Times

Friday 19 October: 7am Compulsory

Sail past from the front of the WGFC.

8am start fishing. Cease fishing 4pm.

*1 hour overtime permitted.

Saturday 20th October: 7am Start fishing. Cease fishing 4pm. *1 hour overtime permitted.

Sunday 30th October: 7am Start fishing. Cease fishing 2pm. No overtime permitted.

*Overtime is only permitted to hook-ups prior to cease fishing. Game Base must be informed of the progress of all hook-ups that go into overtime and be informed if the fish is boated or lost.

Radios & Skeds

Competing boats must have VHF radio facilities. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio, by either Game Base or another vessel.

Friday and Saturday Skeds are at 10.03am, 1.03pm, 3.03pm VHF Ch 82 and 81

Sunday Skeds are at 10.03am and 1.03pm

Radio silence is to be maintained five minutes prior to and during skeds.

Sked details: Angler name and species

All hook-ups after 3.30pm Friday and Saturday and 1.30pm Sunday must be called into Game Base of the progress of all hook-ups that go into overtime and be informed if a fish is boated or lost at the time it occurs.

Release/Capture times must be accurately recorded on the daily activity sheets provided.

Release/Capture time is deemed to be the time the leader has been touched or on the rod tip or when the fish is boated for capture.

Each team must present their signed and completed activity sheets and captured fish to the committee at the clubhouse before 7pm on Friday and Saturday (unless staying out) and 4pm Sunday to be awarded points. If a team is forced into overtime on Friday or Saturday this information must be presented to the committee at the clubhouse no later than 8 pm on the day.

Fishing Grounds

Lat: 21°00'000s -19°00'000s and

East of Long: 148°00'000e.

GBRMPA Zones and regulations apply.

Boat Insurance

All boats nominating to fish in the 'Whitsunday Game Fish Club - 2018 Light Tackle Game Fish Tournament' are required to have a current certificate of boat insurance. Details of such insurance must be completed on the entry form supplied. Should a boat be unable to provide details of insurance, that boat shall be excluded from participating in the Tournament due to safety reasons. All onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/skipper.

Bad Behaviour

The WGFC reserves the right to disqualify individuals/teams whom have brought disrespect to the sport of game fishing, WGFC or its sponsors, or made a public nuisance of themselves through their behaviour or actions. Such disqualification will immediately null and void any pending prize allocations.

Weather & Breakdowns

No allowance will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns.

The Tournament committee reserves the right to alter fishing times, cancel or postpone any day due to bad weather. (The above may be varied at the discretion of the committee.)

Weigh-Ins

Weigh-ins on Friday and Saturday will be between 5-7pm. Weigh-in on Sunday will be between 2-4pm. All weigh-in's to be conducted at the WGFC Clubhouse. Boats are permitted to stay out Friday & Saturday night.

If fish are to be weighed from either day you must present them on the day of capture to the WGFC Weigh Master.

No fish are to be left at the weigh stations, and points will be deducted for infringement. Record claim fish must be intact. No points will be recorded unless capture forms are filled in correctly for both released and captured fish.

Each angler must present their capture form to the weigh master in person and remain with the weigh master during weighing and recording.

Functions

Thursday 18th October:

Briefing/Calcutta from 6.30pm with a light dinner at the WGFC Clubhouse

Friday 19th October:

Night of leisure. Clubhouse open, drinks and nibbles available.

Saturday 20th October:

Night of leisure. Clubhouse open, drinks and nibbles available.

Sunday 21st October:

Dinner and Presentation from approximately 5pm at WGFC clubhouse.

Additional Purchases/Functions tickets:

Extra guest Sunday night \$30.00

Extra Tournament shirt \$50.00

Trophies & Prizes

- Champion Male Angler - \$300 cash
- Champion Female Angler - \$300 cash
- Champion Junior Male Angler - \$150 cash
- Champion Junior Female Angler - \$150 cash
- Runner Up Male Angler - \$150 cash
- Runner Up Female Angler - \$150 cash
- Runner Up Junior Male Angler - \$75 cash
- Runner Up Junior Female Angler - \$75 cash
- Champion Boat/Team 7 metres and over - \$1000
- Champion Boat/Team under 7 metres - \$1000
- Champion Team Overall - \$1000
- Runner Up Boat/Team 7 metres and over - \$500
- Runner Up Boat/Team under 7 metres - \$500
- Heaviest Other Species (if any) - \$100 each

• First Billfish and Last Billfish caught & released - \$250 for the first and the last billfish caught on each day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

- Encouragement Award

Junior Anglers are not eligible to win senior prize categories.

Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler/team who first recorded their total points first as recorded on the team sked sheet.

To be eligible for champion team overall, a Billfish must be caught. In the event of there being no Billfish caught, it will be awarded to the highest point scoring team.

The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners. That decision is final.

The WGFC reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent at a future date.

The tournament committee reserves the notification.

All prize categories and prizes are subject to sponsorship commitments being honoured.

Presentation

Presentation of trophies will be held on Sunday 21st October from 5pm.

Each angler must be present at the presentation if he/she is to receive a trophy.

Things To Remember

Marina berths may be made available from Thursday 18th October until early Monday 22 October at Abell Point Marina. These berths are free of charge on Thursday to Sunday only.

Discounts may be available for berths before and after the tournament. Please call the marina on 07 4946 2400 to secure a berth for the tournament or to arrange extended berthing and refuelling.

Boats that want to stay out overnight **MUST** confirm with Sked Master on the last sked on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

A tournament is not possible without our sponsors. We appreciate their support and ask all members to please support them.

Don't forget to take photos of your adventure. Prizes may be awarded for the funniest and most inspiring photos!!!

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