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## Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament

23rd - 27th August, 2017.

The tournament is a Billfish tag & release team/individual event.  
Emphasis is on good sportsmanship and good spirit.

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# Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club

Invite you to join us 23rd -27th August,

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**Enquires:** President: Steve Leptig: 0419 099 722  
Secretary: Malcolm Henderson: 0408 732 724  
Copies of tournament brochure, nomination form available at  
[www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

### **Tournament Entry:**

**Entry Fee \$395.00 per angler paid by 1st July 2017**

Includes R.E.D levy, Tournament shirt

Wednesday briefing night, **Finger food included.**  
Thursday / Friday **Breakfast/Lunch Pack/Dinner.**  
Saturday **Breakfast/Lunch Pack.**  
Sunday Evening **Presentation Dinner, in Cairns.**  
Lucky angler draw.

**Late fee of \$50 per angler entry applies from,  
2nd July– 16th August 2017**

**Non competing crew pack \$295.00 per person**

Includes: Briefing night finger food  
Breakfast/Lunch Pack/Dinner (Thurs/Fri/Sat)

**NOTE: Nominations are limited to the first 50 boats.**

**Entries must be finalized & payment made in full, by mid-  
night on 16th August, 2017.**

**No tournament entry payments can be accepted on  
Fitzroy Island.**

**Please include extra guests for presentation night on the  
nomination form to avoid disappointment.**

Boats under 7.5m who withdraw due to bad weather (strong  
wind warning) **prior** to the tournament briefing will receive a  
full refund.

### **Tournament Calcuttas - Under 7.5m & Over 7.5m Class**

Pre-Purchase, of your competing boat.

Small Boat - Under 7.5m \$150 / Boat  
Large Boats - 7.5m & Over. \$300 / Boat.

Immediately following the briefing, (approx 2000hrs.) an  
auction for non pre purchased tournament boats, will be held  
for each class of vessel competing in the tournament.

Please complete the included nomination form and post with  
payment of entry fees to CBGFC P.O. Box 4741, Cairns 4870.

Email: [secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

0408 732 724 and Entry fee Direct deposited to CBGFC de-  
tails which are on the Tournament nomination form.

### **Early Entry Draw:**

All angler entries received and **paid in full by 1st July 2017**  
will be eligible for the early entry draw to be conducted  
at the Presentation at 6:00pm, Sunday 27th August 2017, at  
the;

**Shangri-La Hotel** function room at the Marina, Cairns.

Prize is refund of Angler entry fee.

### **Briefing Night:**

A compulsory Skippers / team captain briefing, will be held at ;  
**1830 hrs** on Wednesday 23rd August 2017,  
Foxy's Bar, on Fitzroy Island.

### **Boat Insurance:**

All boats nominating to fish the Cairns Bluewater Billfish  
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.**

**All** onboard safety remains the responsibility of the owner/  
skipper.

Should a boat not have insurance, nor be able to supply evi-  
dence of insurance and certificate prior to the commencement  
of the tournament, that boat shall be excluded from participat-  
ing in the tournament.

### **Tournament Rules:**

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament.

### **Teams:**

Minimum of **2** anglers and maximum of **4** anglers.  
Each angler is to receive equal fishing time.

**All anglers must be a current financial fishing member of  
a QGFA Member Club, or a current financial fishing mem-  
ber of another GFAA State Member Club.**

**Non-members are encouraged to join Cairns Bluewater  
Game Fishing Club prior to the registration/briefing night.**

### **Line Class:**

**10kg** Line class only

**NOTE: This is a BILLFISH ONLY TOURNAMENT.**

Tag & Release.

Major prizes decided by point score, in case of a tie, the first  
Boat Team/Individual to total points score wins.

Edible only Game Fish caught will have separate prizes, and  
will not count towards point score.

**Dead Bait/Lure:** A maximum of 2 rods per angler may be  
used at any one time. (ie: 2x anglers = Maximum 4x rods in  
use.)

**Live Baiting:** One (1) rod only per angler may be used at any  
one time.

### **Tag & Release:**

**Billfish only Points 1500 All Billfish**

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.

Game Base must be notified immediately a billfish is boated  
for weighing and tag points will apply.

Any billfish captures **MUST** be a potential Qld, Aust. or World  
record to be eligible for weighing.

### **Heaviest Other Game Fish daily**

**GFAA eligible species on a capture basis only listed be-  
low:- Edible other Game fish caught will have separate  
prizes, and will not count towards points score.**

Yellow fin

Wahoo

Spanish Mackerel

Cobia

Mahi Mahi

An allowance of 10% will be made for gilled and gutted.

All fish are to be kept on ice.

Record claim fish must be intact.

No mutilated fish will be accepted.

A limit of **one fish per angler per day legal size.**

**All boats & anglers should have rods, reels & tackle avail-  
able for inspection. Random checks will be carried out on  
request by the committee.**

## Functions

- Wed 23rd.** Briefing held at Foxy's -Fitzroy Island from 1830 hrs (Finger Food provided )
- Thurs 24th.** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner provided Fitzroy Island.
- Fri 25th** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner provided Fitzroy Island.
- Theme night– “Halloween” in August.**
- Sat 26** Breakfast/Lunch provided Fitzroy Island.
- Sun 27th** Presentation Dinner Shangri-La function room at Cairns Marina.

**Note:** Lunch is packaged and picked up at breakfast. (daily)

## Fishing Days & Times

### Thurs. 24th August

Start fishing 0800hrs Cease fishing 1700hrs  
Overtime permitted

### Friday, 25th August

Start fishing 0800hrs Cease fishing 1700hrs  
Overtime permitted

### Saturday, 26th August

Start fishing 0730hrs Cease fishing 1600hrs  
Hooked fish must be reported to Game Base.  
One (1) hour restricted overtime, but teams must meet weigh-in cut off time.

## Weigh-in

To be conducted at Fitzroy Island Jetty from 1730-1900 hrs. Thursday & Friday  
Saturday 1630-1730hrs.  
Overtime is permitted, but must be called in prior to cease fishing and teams must meet weigh-in cut off time for the days fishing.  
Each angler must present their capture form/tag cards to the weigh master in person, and remain during recording.  
No fish are to be left at the weigh station.  
Fish not tagged and released will not be eligible for tag points.  
Junior Anglers are only eligible for Junior prizes and trophies.  
Fish to be weighed, must be presented to the Weigh master in person.

All tag cards/sked sheets & boat activity sheet must **be handed in daily to the Club Captain/ Weighmaster.**

## Tag Cards

Will **not** be accepted at the weigh station unless they are **completed with lats/longs and times.**  
**Penalty - No points allocated.**

Failure to hand in all tag cards and activity sheets by the allotted time will result in no point's allocation.

## Fishing Grounds

Opal Reef in the North to Raaf Shoals in the South  
GBRMPA Zones and regulations apply.

## Radio Skeds—Tournament

VHF Channel **81** - unless advised otherwise.  
Boat to Boat communication, VHF Channel **10** - unless advised otherwise.  
Thurs and Fri: **10.05 am, 1.05pm, 4.15pm**  
Saturday: **10.05 am, 1.05pm, 3.15pm**

## Weather /Breakdowns:

No allowances will be made for fishing time lost due to bad weather or breakdowns.  
In the event of a breakdown, **teams** may apply to the tournament committee to fish a substitute vessel with the same team members.  
The tournament committee reserves the right to alter fishing times, postpone, or cancel the tournament or any tournament day, in the event of bad weather.

## Moorings:

There are **public moorings** in Welcome Bay, and the jetty has ample disembarkation space. Welcome Bay is sheltered, with a sandy bottom for anchoring. A tender is organized to ferry anglers from boats to land.

## Fuel:

Fuels, are sold in jerry cans, (vessel owner supplied) as there are no lines outlet at jetty.  
Boat fuel “Tags” are available at briefing night.  
NOTE-Fuel must be pre-ordered, as a finite amount of fuel is allowed to be stored on the Island, as per GBRMPA and DERM license requirements.

## Accommodation:

Special rates are available, please contact;  
Fitzroy Island Resort  
Direct: 07 4044-6700.  
(mention Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament)

## Protests:

To be submitted in writing by the team Captain to the club committee no later than 1800hrs on Saturday 27th August 2017.  
The committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

## Offshore World Championship-Invitation

The Champion Team Overall will receive an invitation to fish the 2017 Offshore World Championship in Costa Rica.  
This award is the invitation only; all costs associated with travel to and from Costa Rica, airfares, accommodation and tournament entry will be borne by the individuals/team should they choose to accept the invitation.

## Prize Categories:

Daily Prizes - First & Last Billfish tagged  
Heaviest other Game Fish  
Runner Up - Junior Angler  
Champion - Junior Angler  
Runner Up - Senior Male Angler  
Champion - Senior Male Angler  
Runner Up - Senior Female Angler  
Champion - Senior Female Angler  
Champion - Team under 7.5m  
Champion - Team 7.5m and over  
Champion - Team Overall (OWC Invitation )  
Champion - Boat 7.5m and over  
Champion - Boat under 7.5m

Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler/team recording their points total first. (count back)

Junior Anglers are not eligible to win Champion Senior prize categories.

## Presentation

### **“Our Club Promotes the Tag & Release of Billfish”**

Presentation of trophies & awards will be held on, Sunday the **27th August, 2017.**  
**Shangri-La function room, at Cairns Marina.**  
**6:00pm** Pre dinner drinks **6:45** Presentation Dinner  
**7:30** Awards Presentation - **Note:** Dress standards apply.

Each angler must be present if he/she is to receive a Lucky angler prize.

The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the trophy/prize list without notification. All prize categories and prizes are subject to sponsorship commitments being honored.