



MOOLOOLABA GAME FISHING CLUB

# BILLFISH

# Babes

**LADIES ONLY**

LIGHT TACKLE GAME  
FISHING TOURNAMENT

14-16 Feb 2025

- Meet & Greet Nibbles
- Fancy Dress Boat Parade
- Shotgun Start
- Exciting One-Day Shootout
- Amazing Prizes
- Champagne Breakfast



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Billfish Babes Game Fishing Shootout is hosted by the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc (MGFC). It is a light tackle, tag and release tournament open to female anglers (Babes) who are current financial members of Queensland Game Fishing Association (QGFA) or Game Fishing Association Australia (GFAA).

## MEMBERSHIP

The Billfish Babes has been sanctioned by QGFA and in accordance with QGFA requirements, all competitors, boat skippers 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.

Participants are able to join Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club as part of their entry to the tournament. Membership must be paid and approved before February 14, 2025.

## ENQUIRIES

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## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

\$80 per Senior Babe  
FREE per Junior Babe  
\$100 per boat for a fixed Calcutta  
\$40 per non-fishing crew  
\$30 per additional breakfast ticket  
\$50 MGFC membership fee

Included in your entry is:

- Friday evening Meet & Greet (finger food included. Cash bar)
- Saturday evening Sundowners at the Dock (Cash bar)
- Sunday morning Champagne Breakfast & Presentation
- Tournament Shirt
- Tournament Bags (one per boat)
- R.E.D Levy

## LUCKY ANGLER / ENTRY PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

- must be a financial member of QGFA or GFAA
- must be registered as a competing angler
- must be in attendance at the presentation

\* Crew are not eligible for the lucky angler prize draw.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The tournament will be fished to GFAA rules (outlined on pg 4). All Anglers, Skippers, Crew and anyone assisting the angler MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA. All anglers may be asked to provide proof of current membership.

## TOURNAMENT CONDUCT

The tournament committee 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.

## MARINA BERTHS

Marina berths are available from Mooloolaba Marina. Mooloolaba Marina is offering 1 night free for competing boats. Phone 5444 5653 or email [info@mooloolabamarina.com.au](mailto:info@mooloolabamarina.com.au). Please observe marina rules at all times. Boat details and insurance will need to be provided.

## REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered by Wednesday February 12. Payment by bank transfer must be made by Feb 12.

- Name: Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club
- BSB: 124 001.
- Account Number: 10560883.

Please use boat name as description in your payment.

Payment by credit card can be made on Friday, February 14. Credit card facilities are available at the Meet & Greet.

Tournament brochure and entry form are available on [www.mgfc.com.au](http://www.mgfc.com.au) and our club Facebook Group.

## CALCUTTA

There will be a \$100 fixed Calcutta for boats entering the tournament. The Calcutta will be split between the 3 highest point-scoring boats and Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club.

## FISHING GROUNDS

Competition fishing grounds are between a line running due East from Double Island Point and a line running due East from Point Lookout.

## **BOAT PARADE**

Babes are encouraged to decorate their boats and dress in fancy dress for a colourful Boat Parade through the Channel and into Mooloolaba Bay. Prizes are awarded for the best dressed boat. Boats are to meet outside the Coast Guard building by 6am for the Boat Parade to begin at 6:15am. Each Boat will be given a number in order for the judges to identify each boat. Boats will leave the harbour in numerical order.

## **SHOTGUN START**

The Billfish Babes Game Fishing Tournament features an exhilarating shotgun start at 7am from Mooloolaba Bay. Boats are not permitted to leave the harbour before 6:15am.

## **BOATS DEPARTING OTHER PORTS**

In the interest of creating atmosphere for the event, we request all boats participate in the parade and shotgun start and depart from Mooloolaba Port.

## **FISHING DAY & TIMES**

Saturday:

Meet outside Coast Guard	6:15am
Boat Parade - Between	6:15 - 6:45am
Shotgun Start	7:00am
Start Fishing	8:00am
Cease fishing	4:00pm
Weigh-In	4:30 - 6:00pm
Sundowners	from 7:00pm

## **SKED TIMES**

10.03am, 1:03pm, 3:33pm. (Overtime is permitted). Skeds will be called on VHF 21 only.

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 by stating your boat name and then saying "hooked up". You also need to report whether the fish is dropped or tagged as it happens. 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.

## **WEIGH-INS**

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the weighstation on Saturday February 15 from 4.30pm - 6:00pm. All anglers must remain with the weighmaster during weighing and recording. Fish may not be weighed outside of these hours.

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).

## **ACTIVITY SHEETS, TAG CARDS AND CAPTURE FORMS**

Daily activity sheets, tag cards and capture forms are to be delivered to the weighmaster's hands before 6:00pm Saturday, February 15 or points will not be awarded. No points will be awarded unless tag cards and activity sheets are filled out correctly and the tackle has been delivered and checked by the weighmaster.

## **FISHING TACKLE**

The tournament Weighmaster will perform tackle inspections of all equipment used to tag or capture eligible fish. Any team found to be using non-conforming equipment will be disqualified for any points attributed to the non-conforming gear.

## **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.

Specified length to be determined by the Club Tournament committee and will be deemed to have been calculated in accordance with QGFA Guidelines.

## **PRESENTATION**

Presentation of trophies will be at a champagne breakfast at The Wharf Events, upstairs at The Wharf, Parkyn Parade commencing at 10am on Sunday morning.

Extra tickets must be recorded on your Tournament Entry and paid for on briefing night.



## **DISPUTES COMMITTEE**

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.

## **SPEED LIMITS**

Whilst steaming within the confines of the Mooloolaba Harbour, the speed limit of 6 knots must be observed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

## **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 the tournament due to bad weather. If due to bad weather fishing is cancelled the tournament may be postponed or cancelled, depending on alternate date availability.

## **VENUES & EVENTS**

Friday Evening Meet & Greet & Registration  
5:30pm-8pm  
MGFC Club House  
33/45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba

Saturday Evening Drinks  
6pm-8pm.  
The Dock, Mooloolaba  
123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba

Sunday Morning Champagne Breakfast  
9am-11am.  
The Wharf Events. Upstairs at The Wharf  
123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba

## **TROPHIES & AWARDS**

Champion Senior Babe  
Champion Junior Babe  
Champion Other Species Babe  
Champion Boat 7m and Over  
Champion Boat Under 7m  
Best Dressed Boat  
First Billfish Tagged  
Last Billfish Tagged (only awarded if more than one billfish has been tagged)  
Encouragement Award  
Greenie Award

*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, volunteers, partners and employees. Competitors, Crew and Spectators further agree they shall make no claims or take any proceedings whatsoever directly against MGFC's officers, committee, directors, volunteers, partners and employees, whether the claims arise in contract, tort or otherwise, and whether covered by insurance*