



GOLD COAST GAME FISH CLUB

PRESENTS



2025 Australian International Billfish Tournament



TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Thursday 9 January 2025 - Sunday 12 January 2025

HOSTED BY: Gold Coast Game Fish Club Inc.
VENUE: 2 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216

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THURSDAY 09 January 2025 - Registration Day

02:00pm Registration Opens
06:00pm Registration Closes
07:00pm Skippers Briefing with Calcutta & Sweepstakes following

FRIDAY 10 January 2025 – FISHING DAY 1

07:30am Start fishing
09:05am Sched 1
12:05pm Sched 2
03:00pm Cease Fishing
06.00pm Game Base Closed- All daily Sched Sheets/Activity Sheets/Tag Cards in
07:00pm Dinner

SATURDAY 11 January 2025 – FISHING DAY 2

07:30am Start fishing
09.05am Sched 1
12.05pm Sched 2
03.00pm Cease Fishing
06.00pm Game Base Closed - All daily Sched Sheets/Activity Sheets/Tag Cards in
07:00pm Dinner

SUNDAY 12 January 2025 – FISHING DAY 3

08.00am Start Fishing
10.05am Sched 1
01.05pm Sched 2
03.00pm Cease Fishing
05.00pm Game Base Closed - All daily Sched Sheets/Activity Sheets/Tag Cards in
06.30pm Presentation Dinner and Award Ceremony

BOAT ENTRY FEES

\$500	Minimum Two (2) Senior Anglers
Includes	Entry, RED Levy, Sponsored Grid Chart, Meals & Entry into lucky boat draws & random giveaways (Entry Fee Covers for Two (2) Senior Anglers)

\$200	Per additional Angler or Crew Member
FOC	Junior Anglers free with each paying Senior Angler

Entry Fees Include - Meals Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Presentation

Team Kits Include - Tournament Apparel, Sponsors Give Aways, Sponsored Grid Charts & Wristbands

PAYMENTS can be made in CASH OR DIRECT DEBIT

Account Name	Gold Coast Game Fish Club
BSB	084 - 917
Account Number	577- 478 - 308

Email **ENTRIES** to gcgfc@yahoo.com.au
Entries must include:

1. Completed Entry Form
2. FULL Payment
3. Boat Insurance details with copy provided
4. Completed Indemnity Form signed by all crew members**

**** All competitors must sign the indemnity before the registration closes at 6.00pm.**

Azcon Concrete Early Entry Draw: \$500 CASH closes Friday 3 Jan 2025

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.

SKIPPERS BRIEFING

The briefing commences at 7.30pm sharp. All Skippers or a delegate from each competing boat must be in attendance. Skippers must make themselves aware of the rules prior to attendance at the briefing.

WEATHER

During the tournament, in the event of a strong wind warning being issued by 6.10am on **any** day of the Tournament, that day's fishing will be cancelled. If a strong wind warning is issued during a fishing day the Tournament Committee reserve the right to cancel/amend that day's fishing program. Notification will be broadcasted at 6.15am on **VHF Ch 82**. Tournament results will be awarded if, at a minimum, 6 hours of fishing is achieved. If you are unsure if a day's fishing has been cancelled, please contact Game Base on **VHF Ch 82** or call **0421 394 208**. In the week preceding the tournament dates the committee will monitor the forecast and will utilise the GCGFC's Tournament Weather Assessment Guidelines to finalise the tournaments progression and determining each day's fishing. There are no back dates for the AIBT format.

FISHING RULES - LINE CLASS 8kg ONLY

GFAA Rules will apply. Anglers, Skippers and Crew (any person involved in effecting a Tag & Release or capture) must be current financial fishing member of a Club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA.

Live bait must not be collected or teasers towed prior to start fishing. Non off set Circle hooks must be used for live baiting and dead baits. Any bait dead or alive will be classified for the bait only Trophy.

ALL boats are required to provide photographic/video evidence of ALL Tagged & Released fish to Game Base. The photograph/video must clearly show **the fish, date & time and the coloured wristband**. Coloured wristbands will be provided at check in. Photograph/video evidence must clearly constitute the tag & release of a billfish. Blurred photos and ambiguous shots will not be counted and may result in the disqualification of the billfish. All hookups must be reported to Game Base. ALL tackle used in capture or tag & release must be ready for presentation to weigh station officials together with the Angler i.e. the rod & reel, line, hook(s), terminal tackle, gaff(s), tail rope(s) etc. at the time sched sheets are presented. Any fish tagged/released or captured with nonregulation GFAA requirements will be disqualified from the Tournament. **Please note:** Gear presented as that used per fish is deemed the correct one and cannot be changed/substituted.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse any team or individual Angler's team entry. The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to place an observer on any Boat throughout the Tournament at random.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES

BILLFISH SPECIES					
Blue Marlin	Black Marlin	Striped Marlin	Swordfish	Sailfish	Spearfish

To be tagged unless a State, Australian or World Record is to be claimed. (Must go line class for records)

ELIGIBLE SPECIES FOR HEAVIEST FISH WEIGHED			
Mahi Mahi	Yellow Fin Tuna	Long Tail Tuna	Wahoo
Cobia	Spotty Mackerel		Spanish Mackerel

Teams are encouraged to bring their fish into weigh on a daily basis and offer to be cooked at the club on the evening.

POINT SCORES

Tagged Billfish on 8kg (1,000) points each. No points to be awarded for weighed fish. All tied point scores are decided by count back i.e. the winner will be the angler/team who scored their total points first. For Heaviest Other Species a 10% allowance will be given for gilled and gutted fish. NSW DPI "Billfish Only" tags are to be used for Billfish no points will be awarded where wrong tags are used.

Only tagged billfish count towards the overall point score.

FISHING AREA

All fishing for the Australian International Billfish Tournament must be conducted within the area between; 27-20" to the north, and 28-22' to the south, and all oceanic waters in between.

RADIO SCHEDS

Scheduled radio call ins (Scheds) are a mandatory safety requirement. All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. Scheds will be on Channel 82. All competing boats must always remain contactable via radio or agreed alternative communication, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain contact will result in team disqualification. A boat logging off from Game 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. In a situation that a boat is unable to contact game base via VHF they must make a confirmed relay through another vessel or make confirmed contact via mobile phone.

Failure to contact Game Base on two successive scheds will result in disqualification of the day's results. Furthermore, Game Base will advise relevant authorities of the failure to make scheduled contact on multiple occasions. It is **compulsory** to log on and log off with Game Base and confirm acknowledgement from Game Base. For safety reasons we strongly advise all vessels log on/off with the Seaway Tower on VHF 73. It is recommended that all competing boats have checked the functionality of VHF radios to ensure continuous contact with the Fleet and Game Base.

SCHED REPORTING

1.	Boat's Name
2.	Fishing report using "000" system i.e. Strikes, Hook-Ups, Captures/Tags and relaying the " Fish Species " and the " Angler's Name " and the " Line Class "
3.	Boat's Location using the " Sponsor Name " on the GCGFC Grid Chart provided

ALL HOOK UPS MUST BE REPORTED TO GAME BASE

All Boats are to report tagged Billfish immediately with Game Base to be allocated the time of Tagging, or relay with another Boat. The tag time for the fish will be the time provided by Game Base after the information was received. If any Boat is unable to fish, it is a requirement that Game Base is notified by radio on VHF Channel 82 or via Mobile on **0421 394 208**. **ALL** Boats are to report on **EVERY** sched.

DAILY RESULTS: To be accepted for Point Score

ALL Tag Cards, Activity Sheets, Photo/Video Evidence must be presented to Game Base

Rods/Tackle must be presented to the Recorder at the Weigh Station

Fish to be Weighed must be presented to the Weigh Master at Game Base

Failure to do ANY or ALL the above, before Game Base is closed, will result in NIL allocation of points.

TROPHIES

EW Palmer Trophy - Champion Team AIBT

Moreton Bay Trophy – Runner Up Team AIBT

Champion Boat Overall BAIT (Tag & Release) Cash \$5000

Champion Boat Overall LURES (Tag & Release) Cash \$5000

Champion Boat 2nd Overall (Tag & Release) Cash \$2000

Champion Boat 3rd Overall (Tag & Release) Cash \$1000

Malcom Ramsay Trophy - Champion Angler AIBT (Tag & Release) Trophy and \$1000

Champion Angler 2nd (Tag & Release) \$500

Champion Female Angler (Tag & Release) \$1000

Champion Angler Junior (Tag & Release) \$500

Champion Angler Junior Heaviest Other Species (Weighed) Prize

Champion Angler Heaviest Other Species (Weighed) Prize

First Billfish (Tag & Release) Prize

Last Billfish (Tag & Release) Prize

AzCon Concrete Services Early Entry Draw - **\$500 CASH**