



MARLIN EXTRAVAGANZA

BRIEFING 6TH MARCH - FISHING 8th & 9th MARCH 2025

WELCOME

The NGFC is pleased to present and invites you to join us for the TRASKLAND MARLIN EXTRAVAGANZA.

This competition is designed to test skippers, crews and anglers' skills in the light and heavy tackle arena. We wish our competing anglers and boats every success, and hope that you enjoy our camaraderie and fun atmosphere.

Welcome and good luck.



ENQUIRIES

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ENTRY FEES

Registration Type	Price	Includes
Senior Angler	\$250.00	- Competing angler fees - RED levy - Tournament shirt - Tournament pack - Briefing party Thursday night - Presentation Sunday night
Junior Angler* (1 Junior free per Adult registration)	\$165.00	
Juniors under 5	Free	
Captured Marlin prize, boat entry fee (Add on to main tournament entry fee only)	\$100.00	-Entry into captured billfish prize

Non-Competing Crew Package	\$165.00
Presentation Tickets / Person	\$40.00

*Junior 5 to 15 years

*2.2% transaction fee payable when paying online

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 6.00PM THURSDAY 06th MARCH 2025.

Please complete the online entry form & pay online at www.newportgamefishclub.com.au Click the register to the Trask land Marlin Extravaganza button and follow the prompts.

Please ensure you email your up to date boat insurance certificate before 6:00pm 06/03/2025
Newportgamefish@gmail.com

A manual form can be completed & entry fees can be direct deposited to the below account:

BANK NAME: Westpac Bank - Newport

BSB: 034 - 059

ACCOUNT #: 473908

ACCOUNT NAME: Newport Game Fish Club

DESCRIPTION: Boat Name and Surname

Cheques/money orders should be made payable to Newport Game Fish Club. Alternatively, Nominations can be emailed and payments can be made via the bank details above. Nomination form and proof of payment should accompany Nomination form by email.

Entry to the tournament is at the discretion of the NGFC Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee reserve the right to refuse any team or individual angler's entry, and shall not be required to give any reason for doing so.

Entries received after early entry date cannot be assured of tournament pack on the night of the briefing. NGFC will endeavour to provide tournament packs to late entries at a later date, subject to availability.

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.

MISCONDUCT

The NGFC Tournament Committee reserve the right - at any stage of the tournament - to disqualify any individuals or teams who are deemed to have brought disrespect to the sport of game fishing, the NGFC or its sponsors, or who have been observed to have made a public nuisance through their behaviour or actions. Such disqualification will immediately null and void any pending prize allocations.

BRIEFING NIGHT & CALCUTTA

A compulsory briefing night will be held at:

MORGANS SEAFOOD - 21 Bird O'Passage Parade, Scarborough Boat Harbour, Scarborough QLD at 6:30pm, Thursday 06th March 2025.

At least one member from each competing team is to be in attendance, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Tournament Director. The Calcutta (auction of competing boats) will be held immediately following the skippers briefing.

Payment by EFTPOS (credit card or debit card) must be made on or before briefing night. Eftpos and credit card facilities are also available at the briefing.

TOURNAMENT RULES

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament, with the following amendments and additions:

Minimum of 2 anglers and a maximum of 6 anglers per boat. All anglers & crew including skippers, must be current financial members of a club affiliated with GFAA or QGFA, and may be required to provide proof of current club membership. Each angler is to receive equal fishing time.

Video evidence shall be required at the weigh station upon presentation of tag cards. Video shall consist of a time and date stamped video that includes the angler, the tag shot and the release of the fish. Video that is of an unacceptable standard will deem no tag points awarded for the fish.

LINE CLASS AND ANGLING

Light Tackle: 8kg in any depth

Heavy Tackle: 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg in greater than 150 metres water depth Dead Bait / Lure: A maximum of 2 rods per angler may be in use at any one time. Live Baiting: One (1) rod only per angler may be in use at any one time.

- Non offset circle hooks must be used for live bait.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND POINT SCORING

Bill fish only Light Tackle: 8kg 2000 points in any water depth

Bill fish only Heavy Tackle: 15kg 6000 points, 24kg 5000 points, 37kg 4000 points and 60kg 3000 points in greater than 150 metres water depth

- Irrespective of line class used Tag points will apply to all billfish captures.
- Only NSW DPI billfish tags to be used.
- Failure to use correct tags will result in no points being awarded.
- Game Base must be notified immediately a billfish is tagged or boated for weighing, you must radio in short length of fish prior to capturing fish for capture category.
- Video evidence as outlined in tournament rules above.

For species other than billfish, please take them home and eat them - this is a billfish-only tournament.

- The NGFC promotes billfish conservation and encourages all species of billfish to be tagged and released.

In the event of a weighed billfish tag points only will be allocated. It is preferred that Marlin are not bought in for weighing, for it to be captured, short length must be radioed through to reduce fish kills.

FISHING TIMES AND OVERTIME

(Day 1) 08 March 2025 7:00 am to 4:00pm - Overtime permitted

(Day 2) 09 March 2025 6:00 am to 3:00pm - No Overtime permitted

Weigh in on Sunday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

- Live bait may be collected prior to start fishing on both days
- Fishing for target species may not commence until start fishing is called on VHF21

RADIOS

All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio, by either Game Base or another vessel. Failure to maintain radio contact may 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. (This does in no way mean a boat may not log on with Marine Rescue Services for safety purposes).

SCHED TIMES

(Day 1) 10.03am, 1.03pm and 3:03pm.

- All hook-ups after the 3:03pm sched must be called in to Game Base.

(Day 2) 9.03am, 12.03pm and 2.03pm. All hook-ups and tags after 2.03pm to be called into Game Base.

- Sched's Channel: Primary VHF Ch 21 in the advent of boats fishing north of Mooloolaba a secondary sched will be called on Ch 22 for boats missed on the Ch 21 sched.
- Details required: # Strikes - # Hookups - # tags or captures.

TAG & CAPTURE TIMES

All tagged fish and fish to be weighed MUST be called in to Game Base for a verified time to be allocated. This can only be done once the tag is inserted into the fish, or the fish is boated. On contact, Game Base will confirm the details of the tag/capture, and will allocate your time for tag/capture.

Only verified times will be accepted on daily activity sheets.

Times will be allocated when we hear from you. Therefore, if you cannot contact Game Base, you must relay through another boat or via mobile phone. Failure to provide skeds may result in nil points being awarded for the day. Tag and capture times must be accurately recorded on the daily activity sheets. Tag and capture time is the time provided by Game Base.

Please do not repeat tag and capture time information during skeds. Only hookup / strike / tag or captures. For example "1 – 1 – 1 as previously recorded". Radio silence is to be maintained five minutes prior to and during scheds. Game Base must be kept informed of the progress of all hook-ups that go into overtime, and must be immediately informed when the fish is tagged, boated or lost.

Each team must present their signed and completed activity sheets, tag cards and video evidence, in person to the weigh station before 6pm on day 2. Failure to do so may result in nil points being awarded for the day.

Tackle used in the capture or tagging of fish must also be presented to the Weigh Master for inspection at the NGFC's discretion. Failure to adhere to GFAA specifications will result in fish being disqualified and nil points will be awarded.

There is no mandatory requirement to return to port after cease fishing on Day 1. All tag cards must be handed to the Weigh Master by no later than 5pm on day 2. The committee reserves the right to only scrutinise winners and place getters' fishing equipment (due to time constraints).

In the event of a vessel assisting or aiding another vessel in distress, you may request an allowance to return to port after 6pm to present signed and completed activity sheets, tag cards and captured fish, in person to the weigh station.



SCHEDULE

Briefing & Presentation will be held at Morgans Seafood. Food will be provided for all entrants at the Thursday night briefing, refreshments will be available for purchase

Thursday 06th March - Briefing Night & Calcutta, Morgans Seafood 21 Bird O'passage parade Scarborough boar harbour)

6:00pm Dinner catered by Morgans Seafood

6:30pm President's Address

6:45pm Skippers' Briefing (Compulsory for Tournament)

Raffle and random boat draw

Calcutta (Overall & Fixed Daily)

Saturday 08th March

7:00am - 4:00pm Tournament (Overtime Permitted)

Sunday 09th March

6:00am - 3:00pm Tournament (No Overtime Permitted)

4:00pm - 6:00pm Weigh In

6:30pm sharp, till 9pm Presentation, Dinner catered by Morgans Seafood will be provided for all entrants at the Presentation.

BOUNDARIES & COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Point Lookout to Double Island, coordinates running due east of 27.26.000 to coordinates running due east of 25.56.000. Boats departing from other ports may proceed directly to the fishing grounds to commence fishing when called on Day 1.

All competitors must return to the Newport Marina after cease fishing is called on Day 2 of the tournament and present tag cards and sched sheets in person from the competing boat by 6:00pm.

BOAT LENGTH

Under 8.0 metre boats will be measured from the transom where the motor or outdrive of the boat is bolted to the boat, to the forward most point of the boat, but will exclude any bowsprit or forward projecting anchor location or as per the executive committee's decision.

DISPUTES

A Dispute Committee comprising members from a minimum of two clubs will hear any protests provided they are submitted in writing and received no later than 15 minutes after close of the Weigh Station. The committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

BAD WEATHER AND BREAKDOWNS

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

In the event of breakdown, teams may apply to the Tournament Committee to fish a substitute vessel, with the same team members. In this event, the decision of the Tournament Committee will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.

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.



PRIZES

In case of a tied score, the angler or team to reach the tied score first will be deemed the winner. Tag and capture times must be accurately recorded on the daily activity sheets, and must be the verified times supplied by Game Base.

The Tournament Committee will decide all trophy winners. Their decision is final. All eligible trophy winners must be present at the Presentation to receive their award. Failure to attend the awards presentation may result in the trophy being awarded to the next most eligible angler/team.

MAJOR TROPHY/PRIZE LIST - CASH

Champion Team Overall \$15,000.00 cash and presentation of the perpetual trophy

Light Tackle Champion Male Angler \$2,000.00 cash and trophy

Heavy Tackle Champion Male Angler \$2,000.00 cash and trophy

Light Tackle Champion Female Angler \$2,000.00 cash and trophy

Heavy Tackle Champion Female Angler \$2,000.00 cash and trophy

Champion Junior Angler \$1,000.00 and trophy

Runner up Champion Junior Angler \$500.00 cash and trophy

Champion Boat – 8 meters & under \$5,000.00 cash and trophy

2nd place \$2,000.00 cash

3rd place \$1,000 cash

Champion Boat – over 8 meters \$5,000.00 cash and trophy

2nd place \$2,000.00 cash

3rd place \$1,000.00 cash

Captured heaviest Marlin min 200 kg \$10,000.00 cash - must be pre-entered in to this prize category by briefing

- Last Man Standing entries to all participating anglers and entered crew OVER \$20,000.00 IN PRIZES.
- Juniors will not be eligible for the Last Man Standing Draw.
- Juniors will be eligible for the Junior Last Man Standing Draw to win the Brisbane Marine Major prize.
- Junior anglers are not eligible to win Champion Male and Champion Female prize categories.
- Other trophies as decided by the Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the prize list without notification.

Weighed Fish Prize.

- **The weighed fish prize is subject to the Committees decision at all times and is subject to satisfactory number of entries.**
 - **Weighed fish will need to attain the minimum length of: 2700 Blue Marlin minimum short length 2700 Black Marlin minimum short length**
 - **Immediately upon boating of a qualifying fish Game Base will be advised of a measured short length.**
 - **ADJUSTED MINIMUM SHORT LENGTH.** Upon notification of the measured short length the qualifying fish length as advised will then become the minimum required qualifying short length from that point onwards.
 - **Any fish that does not attain the minimum length/weight or THE ADJUSTED MINIMUM SHORT LENGTH (as advised in accordance with above) will be deemed disqualified and will not count towards a TEAM final point score. The Committee also reserves the right to apply a points penalty for any non qualifying fish.**
 - **Any fish weighed will be subject to a scientific examination including internal organ inspection so competitors are required to return to the club game base for weighing and inspection of the fish within the weigh station hours on the day that the fish is caught. Disposal of any weighed fish will be subject to the direction of the weigh master in consultation with the crew for the capture. (ie disposed at sea or distributed for food collection etc.)**
 - **No competitor is authorised to photograph or publicise the capture and weighing of any marlin for the duration of the tournament or thereafter without the prior authorisation or consent of Newport Game Fish Club.**
 - **Any weighed fish will be required to comply with the requirements of the fish being presented in accordance with the normal requirements of the GFAA for weighing of a record. (i.e damage or mutilation not directly related to boating the fish will be disqualified)**
 - **Strict compliance with these rules is required to ensure awarding and payment of any prize.**