



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. 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 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

TOURNAMENT

Rules

GFAA EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING
REGULATIONS APPLY

1. Each team will consist of no more than 6 anglers and no less than 2.
2. There will be 1 line category fished, 8kg only for light tackle Billfish, noting that light tackle zone is less than 150m deep.
3. Tag points will be awarded as follows: Light Tackle Billfish (7500), all other QGFA Species (50).
4. A maximum of 2 predetermined rods set with either lures or natural dead bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 2 predetermined rods at any stage while trolling lures or natural dead bait).
5. A maximum of 1 predetermined rod set with live bait may be in use at any one time by a single angler. (Clarification: 1 angler may not be on strike with more than 1 predetermined rod at any stage while live baiting). The rod must not be handled by others including pitch baiting or setting.
6. In regard to rules 4 and 5. There must also be equal fishing "time" and "opportunity" for each angler. (Clarification: no one angler can maintain strike more than another).
7. Skippers may maneuver the boat to assist anglers.
8. Boat crews are not permitted to assist anglers in any other way than to tag and release or capture fish as per GFAA rules.
9. Hookups that go into overtime are permitted but must be radioed into Game Base prior to cease fishing.
10. Only NSW DPI Billfish tags are to be used, failure to use the correct tags will result in zero points being allocated for that fish. It is the responsibility of each competing team to provide their own tags. No points will be allocated for weighed billfish.
11. Capture points are as follows: fish weight x 100 divided by line class. Fish may be gilled and gutted and a 10% allowance will be made for this. However potential record claims must be presented intact.
12. Other species: a limit of 2 fish of any one species per angler per day. Any fish to weigh must be equal to or greater than line class. Eligible species are limited to: Yellowfin Tuna, Longtail Tuna, Cobia, Mahi Mahi and Wahoo. Queensland Bag / Possession limits apply.
13. Any tied trophy will be awarded to the angler or team recording their points total first.
14. The tournament committee will decide all trophy winners, that decision will be final. The club reserves the right to review the awarding of any trophy if a contravention of the fishing rules becomes apparent.
15. No fishing including bait fishing will be allowed prior to start fishing (no live bait on board). Teasers are fishing gear and may not be deployed before the start of fishing.
16. Any protests are to be lodged on the day of the alleged incident. In the event of a protest, a group will be formed to determine the merit of any such protest based on a majority vote.
17. No points are awarded for sharks or rays.
18. Anglers, skippers and crew MUST be a current financial member of a club affiliated with either GFAA or QGFA. All trophy winners may be asked to provide proof of current membership.
19. Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application to participate in this tournament.
20. No transfer of anglers or fishing gear at sea is to occur in the event of boat breakdown. Teams may be disqualified for breaching this rule.
21. Teams are to clearly identify rod and reel combinations at the time of the hook-up, and these rod and reel combinations are to be presented for inspection. (Identification is up to the team but should be simple and easy to identify – eg, different coloured band or tape on each outfit.)

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ENTRY FORM

Babes

Vessel Name			
Boat Make			
Length*		Radio VHF	
Boat Entry/Theme			

*Please ensure you have read the brochure rules regarding boat length.

Skipper's Name			
Address			
Email			
Insurance Company			
Insurance Policy Number		Expiry Date	

Angler	Name	Club	Snr/Jnr	Shirt Size
Babe 1				
Babe 2				
Babe 3				
Babe 4				
Babe 5				
Babe 6				
Crew				
Crew				

*All competing anglers and crew who are aiding in the event of catching a fish must be a financial member of a club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA.

Senior Babes	_____ x \$80 each	Signed (Team Captain)	
Junior Babes	FREE		
Crew	_____ x \$40 each	Date	
Breakfast Tickets	_____ x \$40 each	Phone Number	
MGFC Membership	_____ x \$50 each	Cash & Credit Card Payments Accepted at Registration. Bank Transfers must be made by Wednesday, February 12. Account Name: Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club BSB: 124 001 Account Number: 1056 0883	
Calcutta	\$100 per boat		
TOTAL PAYABLE TO MGFC	\$ _____		

TEAMS (& FUNCTION GUESTS) MUST BE ENTERED BY FEB 12 AND PAID BY FEB 14, 2025

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