

## “Back 2 Tanga 2023 Rules”



### **WEDNESDAY 01<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

7.00 pm: Briefing starts in the Palms Auditorium at the Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road, Wellington Point. Tournament Kits will be available for collection. **At least one representative from each competing team must be present at the briefing.** All entries must be finalised and paid in full before the start of briefing.

A Calcutta Draw will commence at end of the briefing. **Calcutta payments are to be paid in full on the evening – no exceptions.**

### **FRIDAY 03<sup>rd</sup> March and SATURDAY 04<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Start Fishing: Friday & Saturday 7.00 am

Cease Fishing: 4.00 pm

Fish hooked up prior to cease fishing may be played out (overtime) providing Game Fish Base (GFB) is notified at time of hook up and vessel reports to GFB regularly until fish is either tagged, captured or lost.

Dinner: 6.00 pm: Friday and Saturday at club property on Moreton Island (Just south of the wrecks). Live entertainment on the Friday and Saturday nights.

Other: A raffle and auction of suitable fishing/boating memorabilia will be held over the weekend.

### **SUNDAY 05<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

BBQ Breakfast: From 7:30am

Presentation: After breakfast (about 9:00am)

**ENTRY FEES:** Senior - \$ 230 Junior - \$ 50 Crew - \$ 140

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** 5.00 pm Wednesday March 01<sup>st</sup> 2023

**EARLY BIRD ENTRY:** 5:00 pm Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 (Eligible for an early Entry Prize)

Entry fees include dinner on Friday and Saturday nights and BBQ breakfast on Sunday morning. RED Fund Levy, Tournament shirt and Team kit and a full weekend of entertainment. Additional meal tickets may be purchased at \$75.00 for the three meals.

POST ENTRIES TO: Moreton Bay Game Fish Club Ltd  
P. O. Box 371  
Capalaba Qld 4157

EMAIL ENTRIES TO: admin@mbgfc.com.au

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: Moreton Bay Game Fish Club Ltd

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Moreton Bay Game Fish Club Ltd  
Bank of Queensland Ltd  
BSB 124001. A/C No. 10409767  
(Put team name or boat name in comment box please)

## **BOAT INSURANCE**

All boats fishing in the tournament must have a current insurance certificate. All on board safety remains the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper. Each participant must sign a release and waiver form which will be supplied by MBGFC.

## **FISHING RULES**

GFAA rules apply for the duration of the tournament. All anglers, crew and skippers must be current financial members of a club affiliated with QGFA and GFAA and may be required to provide proof of current club membership.

A minimum of 2 anglers and maximum of 6 anglers allowed per boat.

- A maximum of two rods per angler only, except when live baiting.
- Live baiting, one rod per angler only to be used, and cannot be handled by others (including pitch baiting) angler only to cast bait. Only non-offset circle hooks may be used.
- Live bait gathering, and / or towing of teaser before start fishing is allowed.

Each angler is to receive equal fishing opportunity.

## **FUN FISH RALLY**

Anglers who do not belong to a game fish club and do not wish to join MBGFC may fish in the 'Fun Fish Rally'. No line class is applicable for Fun Fish.

Anglers may fish for any or all of the following species - Snapper, Sweetlip, Pearl Perch, Mackerel (excluding Spanish Mackerel due to fishery closure), King (yellow tail or black) and Whiting. Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish of each species over the two days. There will also be a 'Cook's Choice' award. Anglers fishing in Gamefish section are also eligible to claim Fun Fish prizes.

## **FISHING AREA**

Northern boundary on the line of **S 26°30.000'** and Southern boundary on the line of **S 27 °50.000'**.

A MBGFC Sponsored grid chart will be provided in Tournament Kits for reference.

Boats are encouraged to return to Tangas on the Friday and Saturday nights.

## **RADIO SCHEDS**

All boats must have a VHF radio. The Scheds will be on channel VHF 81. In a situation where a boat is unable to contact Game Fish Base (GFB), they must relay through another vessel or mobile phone. GFB will also try at end of Sched to raise vessels on VHF 21. Failure to contact GFB on two successive Scheds may result in disqualification of that day's points.

Boats must keep the airways clear for 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing so late hook ups may be reported to Game Fish Base.

## **SCHED TIMES AND REPORTS**

Schedule times: Friday and Saturday - 10.05 am, 12.05 pm, 3.05 pm and advise following information:

1. Boat Name.
2. Fishing report (Using "0,0,0" system. i.e. Strikes, Hook-ups, Captures/Tags). For all captures/ tags, report: Species, Angler's name and time of capture.
3. Position – using MBGFC Sponsored grid chart, using grid referencing shown on the chart when referencing your location. Accurate location is important in the event of an incident occurring at sea.

All boats are required to report tagged Billfish immediately the fish is tagged to GFB advising the time fish was tagged together with anglers name, line class and Tag number. If unable to contact GFB, relay through another vessel.

If any vessel is unable to fish on any day, it is a requirement the GFB is notified by radio or by phone to Barry Parker on 0413 740 344, or Warren Meads on 0438 698 170

Captures and tags not reported on radio Scheds or at the time of capture/tag for those captured or tagged after the 3.05pm sked each day may not be counted in the point scores and may not be eligible for trophies.

## **LOGGING ON/OFF**

For safety reasons it is required that you log on and log off daily with GFB and that you get acknowledgement from GFB. When logging on details should include: boat name, number of people on board and notify GFB if fishing Light or Heavy tackle.

Boats can leave from their home ports on Friday and Saturday mornings but all tag cards, activity sheets and Sched sheets must be handed in to the Recorder at the MBGFC Clubhouse (on Moreton Island) no later than 7.00 pm on Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> March (regardless if overtime applied). All fish to be weighed must be presented to weigh master with complete paperwork.

A boat logging off with GFB before cease fishing will be deemed as no longer fishing from logoff time. A boat is permitted to log off for any reason (for example: if the boat has to return to port for repairs) and then log back on when ready to recommence fishing. Any fish caught during the time that the boat is logged off will not be eligible to score points.

## **WEIGH-IN**

Weigh-in will be conducted at the MBGFC Clubhouse on Moreton Island between 4.00 and 7.00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Record claim fish must be intact.

No fish to be left at the weigh station and all carcasses must be gutted and disposed of away from the MBGFC camping area, the nearby beach and anchorage area (otherwise the fish will be disqualified from points score and/ or trophy eligibility).

No points will be recorded unless each boat presents their angler's tag cards, activity sheets and Sched sheets filled in correctly for both tagged and captured fish – a boat's representative must be

one of the registered skipper, crew or angler for that boat. These must be presented to the Recorder at the MBGFC Clubhouse no later than 7.00 pm on Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> March.

All tied point scores are decided by count back i.e. the winner will be the angler/team who scored their total points first.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect and test any or all the tackle used in the capture or tag and release to conform with GFAA rules. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final.

### **LINE CLASS**

Light tackle: 8kg - any depth. Heavy tackle: 24kg - 37kg - 60kg over 150m depth line.

### **ELIGIBLE SPECIES**

Eligible species are as per GFAA recognised gamefish excluding Spanish Mackerel (due to fishery closure [01-21 March 2023]) – Spanish Mackerel should not be targeted – no points (for capture or tagging) will be awarded for Spanish Mackerel.

### **“Captured Species”**

Excluding billfish, a maximum of **3 fish** of the same species will be allowed per angler per day. Skippers, anglers and crew are responsible to ensure they remain within Queensland Fisheries bag limits and boat limits for any fish in their possession – no points for fish that would result in these limits being exceeded.

Billfish that may be eligible for QGFA, GFAA and/or IGFA records, may be weighed. Weighed billfish that **are NOT** heavier than the current record will be awarded **zero** points. Weighed billfish that **are** heavier than the current record will be awarded **tag** points based on line class used.

**Other Species Captured:** Other Species weighed must be equal to or greater than line class to be awarded points.

Points will be awarded as follows:  $\text{Weight} \times 100 \div \text{Line Class}$ .

10% allowance will be given to gilled and gutted fish.

### **“Tagged Species”**

Excluding billfish, a maximum of 3 other fish per species per angler per day can be tagged. All Billfish are to be tagged and released and scores allocated as below:

8kg	1500 points
24kg	3000 points
37kg	2500 points
60kg	1500 points

**Other Species Tagged:** 50 points awarded for all other GFAA recognised species (non-billfish) tagged regardless of line class. All sharks **must** be tagged as no capture points apply.

## **TAGS**

To be eligible for tag points, all Billfish must be tagged with NSW Fisheries "Billfish Only" tags. Tagging with any other type of tag will result in disqualification of the fish. All tag cards must be fully completed to be accepted for points. Other species of fish must be tagged using the correct tag for that species and cards must be fully completed. Teams to supply their own tags. Tag cards will be returned to Anglers after event.

## **WEATHER**

In the event of a strong wind warning being issued by 6.00 am on either day of the tournament, that day's fishing may be cancelled. Notification will be broadcast at 6.30 am on VHF Radio. If a strong wind warning is issued during the course of a fishing day the Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel/amend that day's fishing programme. Alternative fishing will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

Tournament results will be awarded if a minimum of 4 hours of fishing is achieved. If due to bad weather the tournament is cancelled on both days it will be rescheduled. If you are unsure if a fishing day has been cancelled, contact Game Fish Base on CH 81 or Barry Parker – 0413 740 344

## **PENALTIES**

The tournament committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where a breach of the rules is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the tournament committee will be final.

## **PROTESTS**

Protests must be in writing and presented to the tournament committee on the day of the protest no later than 7.00 pm on the Friday and Saturday of the tournament weekend. The committee's decision is final.

## **MOORINGS**

Moreton Bay Game Fish Club has three permanent moorings out from the club land. Boats can use these moorings on a first come basis. Rafting up is okay if agreed to by boat skippers/owners. Otherwise boats can anchor nearby or behind the wrecks.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

MBGFC has a number of waterfront camp sites available on the club land. The club land is located about mid-way between the Wrecks anchorage and the Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort. Our camping area has a large kitchen area with several fridges and freezers, BBQs, covered eating area, men's and ladies facilities with hot showers and a fish cleaning station (N.B. fish carcasses and scraps to be removed by those using the facility).

For further information contact Sharyn or John Moore on mobile 0417 631 759, email: [sjcsms@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sjcsms@optusnet.com.au) (or see booking form in tournament entry package)

## **TROPHIES**

Champion Boat 8 metres and over  
Runner up Boat 8 metres and over  
Champion Boat under 8 metres  
Runner up Boat under 8 metres  
Champion Angler Senior Male  
Runner up Senior Male  
Champion Angler Senior Female  
Runner up Senior Female  
Champion Angler Junior  
Runner-up Junior Angler  
Champion Angler Other Species (excluding tuna)  
Champion Angler Tuna  
First Billfish Tagged - each day  
Last Billfish Tagged - each day  
Champion MBGFC Angler  
Fun Fish Trophies

Other Prize categories may be added upon tournament committee discretion.

## **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CONTACT NUMBERS**

Barry Parker	0413 740 344
Carol Hutton	0433 412 149
Warren Meads	0438 698 170