

UHIRS SPORTFISH

BILLFISH Shootout 2012

Port Stephens Game Fish

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th
February 2012



Entry Form & Tournament Rules





2012 LUHRS BILLFISH SHOOTOUT

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February 2012
PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Hosted by: Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. THE TOURNAMENT

The competition will be held over two days Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2012.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

President	NPSGFC	Peter Simpson	0413 754 903
Director	NPSGFC	David Litchfield	0412 423 641
Director	NPSGFC	Gary Reed	0412 569 975
Director	NPSGFC	Donn Gowlland	0428 126 926
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2. THE COMPETITION

The competition will be for both Tag & Release and Capture and will be fished as per the GFAA & NSWGFA rules – Point scores – Tackle regulations. Line classes to be fished are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

Species eligible for Capture in the tournament are Marlin Only. Note: Marlin - a minimum of 150kg on any line class. Species eligible for Tag and Release are Marlin, Sailfish, Broadbill Swordfish & Short Bill Spearfish

CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits (whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected) NB: No points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks. (Rule comes into effect on 27th July 2011)



CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION

A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.

3. FISHING DAYS & TIMES

7.00am to 5.00pm Saturday 18th, 7.00am to 4.00pm Sunday 19th February 2010. Any reported hook ups prior to end of fishing on Saturday may be fought out, fish hooked prior to end of fishing on Sunday 19th and reported to radio base can be fought out as long as they are at the weigh station by 6pm. Note: weigh station is deemed fly point.

4. FISHING AREA

The Fishing area for the tournament is South to latitude 33 degrees 15 minutes (Bird Island) and North to latitude 32 degrees and 13 minutes (Latitude Rock)

5. LEAVING PORT

Boats may fish from their home port on Saturday 18th February but CANNOT commence burleying, trolling or fishing before the Radio Operator announces the official start of fishing at 7:00am, if a boat is not at that time within the prescribed fishing area, it cannot commence fishing until such time that is within the tournament boundary. (This also applies to Sunday 19th February)

6. RETURN TO PORT

On Saturday 18th February, ALL boats must return to the Club's port at Port Stephens and leave the Club's port at Port Stephens on Sunday 19th February 2011. Failure to report on your return will invoke a penalty. Penalty: 10,000 T&R points or capture 80kg weight reduction.

7. SALE OF FISH

Any fish weighed shall not be sold or bartered. Such fish shall be ineligible for any trophies or awards. Anyone found to have sold or bartered their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.

8. FISH HANDLING

All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing. Competitor and boat crews must not, without a tournament's official permission, clean or fillet fish, in the vicinity of the weigh station, not at any time near any beach or harbour fore shore area. Unwanted fish must be taken at least 3nm outside the port and disposed of in an appropriate manner. NOTE: FISH MUST NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN A MARINE PARK.

9. WEIGH STATION PROCEDURES

Once boats enter the vicinity of the weigh station, they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the weigh Station and MUST obey all instructions issued by the Official. Before coming alongside the weigh station, boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all equipment used to effect the Capture or tag & release and applicable paperwork. - NOTE Clubs cannot do random tackle inspections, either all tackle is inspected or none at all

10. SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS

All boats must comply with NSW Waterways regulations, for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessels home club. A Boat Safety Form is included as part of the entry form and must be completed and signed by the boat skipper. All boats must carry a 406 MHz EPIRB and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be VHF frequency.

11. CONDUCT

It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to Tournament Officials and other Competitors at all times throughout the tournament. Penalties for misconduct may include disqualification from the tournament.

12. MISCONDUCT

The Tournament Committee may on its own initiate investigation and act upon any incident of misconduct by an angler on a boat, be he/she registered for the tournament or not occurring during the tournament. The committee may impose penalties of loss of points, disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team and refusal of entry to any future club tournaments. All competitors are reminded that as members of a club they are regarded as representatives of that club, as such any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on the club and indeed on all Game Fishers, hence, the tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.

13. INSURANCE

Each vessel is to have their own Third Party Liability insurance and Boat Owner must provide details of insurance covering third party property liability and third party personal liability insurance (minimum \$5 million) on the 'Boat Safety Rescue Form'.

14. ENTRIES

Entry fees are \$200.00 (inc. GST) for each competing adult angler and \$50.00(inc.GST) for each junior angler (under 16 years of age at the start of the Tournament)Note: Each junior will receive Fishing Pack & entry to presentation dinner. There must be a minimum of three (3) registered anglers on board each boat under 8 meters and four (4) registered persons on board each boat 8 metres and over the maximum limit to the number of anglers on each boat shall be as per the limit imposed by vessel capacity plate. (Maximum of 100 boat entries will be accepted)

NOTE: The Team Captain, skipper & any person involved in effecting a capture or tag & release must be a paid angler. Any vessel found to be using a person not entered in the tournament assisting in a capture or tag and release will be disqualified from the tournament.

The entry fee includes tournament clothing, briefing, lucky draw entry, boat team kit, Saturday night refreshments and angler draw, trophy presentation function and presentation dinner.

All anglers are to be financial members of a club affiliated with NSWGFA, GFAA or IGFA Note: IGFA members are to be bona-fide International anglers. Entries close on Saturday 31st December 2011 at 5pm. Entries submitted after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$30.00 per angler (The late fee will be strictly adhered to). Late entries will be accepted up until 17th February 2012 by 5pm. (Note: Tournament clothing may not be available for late entrants at the briefing)

15. BRIEFING

There will be a tournament Briefing on Friday 17th February 2012 at the N&PSGFC Clubhouse, 55A Shoal Bay Road, Shoal Bay at 7:00pm, in conjunction with the briefing a lucky sweepstakes will be held of boats entered in the tournament. Boats that plan to commence fishing from Port Stephens must have an entered angler from the boat attend the briefing. Tournament bags will be issued at the briefing. Only boats that nominate on the entry form that they will commence fishing on day 1 from another port are exempt from attending the briefing, (Boats who do not attend the briefing must download a sked map from the clubs website www.npsgfc.com). Tournament bags for these vessels will be available from the tag return and weigh station on day 1.

16. POINTSCORE

Pointscore will be as per the NSWGFA Pointscore System. In the case of a tie the angler or team to reach the tied score first will be deemed the winner.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Will be conducted in accordance with the adopted *NSWGFA Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments* as are in effect at the time. These shall be conducted by Tournament Base on 2284 SSB, 80 VHF and 27.940 MHz. The scheduled times will be Saturday at 8.10am, 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm, 5.10pm, Sunday 8.10am, 10.10am, 12.10pm, 2.10pm, 3.10pm, 4.10pm. All boats must answer each schedule, giving boat number, boat name, accurate fishing report using the 0:0:0 system and fishing position using the supplied grid chart (Note: Marlin captures must be radioed into tournament base with accurate measurements using the weight/curve graph which will be in boat satchel). If a vessel has radio failure and cannot contact radio base or relay through another vessel, it MUST RETURN TO PORT and notify Radio Base of their actions by other means (phone etc).

Boats MUST keep the air clear 10 minutes prior to end of fishing for late hook-ups to be recorded to tournament.

ALL VESSELS MUST SIGN OFF WITH TOURNAMENT BASE ON RETURN TO PORT – or penalties will apply.

If a vessel misses two (2) radio Schedules, Tournament base will commence emergency procedures.

18. CAPTURE CERTIFICATES AND TAG & RELEASE CARDS

All capture or tag & releases are to be reported accurately by radio to Tournament Base when effected and the time given by Tournament Base recorded on the tag & release card/capture certificates. If captured or tagged & released during sked, the skipper is entitled to record his/her time, please relay this time at the completion of the sked. IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT TOURNAMENT BASE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST VESSEL.

FAILURE TO RECORD THE TIME AND LINE CLASS OF AN EFFECTED CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE WILL RESULT IN A TIME RECORDED FOR THE CAPTURE OR TAG & RELEASE AS BEING THE END OF FISHING, SATURDAY – 5.00PM AND SUNDAY 4.00PM, LINE CLASS WILL BE 60KG. All captures or tag & release cards must be lodged at the Weigh Station on the day of

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ENTRY FORM



We will be representing:.....Club

Boat Name:..... Length:.....

Boat Location (Port Stephens):..... Boat Mobile Number:.....

Team Captain (1) (Surname):..... (Christian Name):.....

Address in Port Stephens:.....

Contact number in Port Stephens:.....

We will commence fishing from our own port (PLEASE TICK)

TEAM MEMBERS

2: _____ CLUB: _____ SENIOR _____ JUNIOR: _____

3: _____ CLUB: _____ SENIOR _____ JUNIOR: _____

4: _____ CLUB: _____ SENIOR _____ JUNIOR: _____

5: _____ CLUB: _____ SENIOR _____ JUNIOR: _____

6: _____ CLUB: _____ SENIOR _____ JUNIOR: _____

For additional anglers, please copy form

INSURANCE DETAILS

Name of Insurer: _____ Policy Number: _____ Renewal Date: _____

ALL BOATS MUST COMPLY WITH NSW WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OFFSHORE SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats must carry their own insurance covering third party liability and third party personal liability. The Tournament Committee takes no responsibility for damage or injury to boat, anglers or visitors under any circumstances. The rules of the sea apply. I have read and agree to abide with the Tag & Release and Capture Rules as published by G.F.A.A., NSWGFA and the Rules for these Tournaments, as issued, with the understanding that any classifications I desire will be furnished in writing by the Tournament Committee before the competition.

For the Team _____

<u>Shirt Sizes</u>	
Size	QTY
XS	<input type="text"/>
S:	<input type="text"/>
M:	<input type="text"/>
L:	<input type="text"/>
XL:	<input type="text"/>
2XL:	<input type="text"/>
3XL:	<input type="text"/>
Total	_____

_____ : Number of Adult Anglers @ \$200.00 each

_____ : Number of Junior Anglers @ \$50.00 each

Juniors: Note: \$50 entry includes fishing pack & entry to presentation

_____ : Additional Presentation Tickets @ \$50.00 each

_____ : Late Fee \$30.00 per Angler

Total \$ _____

Pre-purchase of additional tickets will ensure table allocation if seats are available. No guarantee can be given to bookings not made with Entry Form due to limited seating. Cheques are to be made payable to Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd.

Please address all correspondence to:

The Tournament Secretary

55a Shoal Bay Rd

Shoal Bay NSW 2315

Phone: 02 4981 0021

Fax: 02 4981 0051

No refunds after 31st December. (Tournament Committee discretion)

ENTRIES CLOSE – SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2011 at 5pm

Late entries submitted after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$30.00 Per Angler

Late Entry Fee will be strictly adhered to

(MAXIMUM OF 100 BOATS)

SAFETY RESCUE INFORMATION FORM

Boat Name.....Registration Number.....

Boat on the Club Register of.....G.F.C. Length.....

Make.....Colour-Hull.....Deck.....

Colour – Flybridge.....Distinctive Features or Markings.....

Engine(s) Type.....Number.....H.P.....Fuel Type.....

Capacity.....Range.....Speed-Cruising.....Max. Speed.....

Name of Boat Insurer.....Policy No.....Renewal Date.....

Vessel moored/garaged during Tournament.....

In the case of Trailer Boats – Trailer Registration Number.....

Emergency Contact Name (not to be onboard vessel).....Tel.....

Boat Skippers Address during Tournament.....

Boat Skippers Mobile Number.....Email.....

Boat Skippers Home Address.....

Boat Skippers Name (if not the Boat Captain).....Tel.....

Boat Owners Home Address.....

RADIOS ON BOARD– please tick SSB HF 27 MHz VHF UHF

ALL MOBILE(S) ON BOARD – List
Number(s).....
.....

SATELLITE PHONE ON BOARD (if available) Number.....

E.P.I.R.B. Exp Date –.....

BOAT CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION

I agree to abide by EVERY Tournament Rule and all Tournament Committee decisions and have completed the Safety Rescue form including details of insurance covering third party property liability and third party personal liability insurance. I confirm that the vessel described thereon meets or exceeds all relevant NSW Maritime Authority Safety Regulations and requirements for a vessel of it's size.



Signed..... Date.....
Boat Captain

capture or tag & release and on Sunday 19th February no later than 6.00pm for fish reported as a hook up prior to the end of fishing. All hand deliveries of equipment and Tag Cards must be at the Weigh station facility by the 6.00pm deadline (Weigh station will be Fly Point)

Please note that NSW Fisheries tags only will be accepted. Billfish tags must be used to tag all billfish species. The appropriate flags are to be flown on return to the weigh station.

A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive.

METHOD OF RELEASING A TAGGED FISH

The hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish

19. BOAT / ANGLER REPLACEMENT

No replacement of boats or anglers for whatever reason will be allowed after the conclusion of entries on Friday 17th February 7.00 pm. Anglers may only effect a capture or tag & release on the vessel on which he or she is a registered angler.

20. PROTESTS

Must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee by 6.30pm on the day in question. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL. Whilst decisions of the tournament committee are final, if a skipper protests a decision made by a tournament committee on the tournament rules then it can come to NSWGFA.

21. BBQ & LUCKY ANGLER DRAWS/TROPHY PRESENTATION DINNER

Saturday 18th February there will be lucky angler draws and BBQ held at the club house of NPSGFC from 7.00pm anglers must be present to claim prize.

The Trophy Presentation Evening will be held at Wests Nelson Bay, Sunday 19th February 2012, commencing at 7:30pm. Additional Trophy Presentation tickets will be available only by prior arrangement with the Tournament Committee.

22. BAD WEATHER

To avoid taking unnecessary risk in the event of bad weather, the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing, the Tournament Committee will decide whether the competition day will be called off for the remainder of that day. All fish captured or tagged prior to this time will be eligible for the competition. The Tournament Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals as whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Tournament Committee's decision on fishing for the day. The declaration of a gale warning by the Bureau of Meteorology will cancel fishing for that day. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea fishing will cease immediately and vessels must return to port. In case of bad weather the tournament committee reserves the right to change dates of the tournament. (Refunds are at the desertion of the tournament committee)

23. INDEMNITY

THE N&PSGFC accepts no responsibility for actions by entrants in this tournament & shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to any property or person during this tournament. In that regard all entrants indemnify the tournament committee, N&PSGFC & all voluntary workers against any claim for loss or damage to property or person.

Trophy List – 2012 LUHRS BILLFISH SHOOT OUT

Major Prize - Heaviest Marlin \$10,000.00 – Minimum 150kg

Tag & Release Team Prizes

(Accumulative point score of marlin & other Billfish)

Champion Team 1	Champion Team 6
Champion Team 2	Champion Team 7
Champion Team 3	Champion Team 8
Champion Team 4	Champion Team 9
Champion Team 5	Champion Team 10

Champion junior angler Male & Female

Plenty of giveaways during the event



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