



Briefing night – Wednesday September 11th 2024

Briefing night is compulsory for all teams and will commence at 1600 hrs at the Broome Fishing Club. An evening meal will be provided for the anglers (extra meals for family and friends must be purchased with your entry form).

Teams will receive a Marlin Cup Pack with a Shirt and meals for the Briefing and Presentation night. New teams will receive a Marlin Ruler.

Broome Marlin Cup Rules

Fishing Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September

September 13th - Lines in at 5:30am Lines out at 6:00pm

September 14th – Lines in at 5:30am Lines out at 6:00pm

September 15th – Lines in at 5:30am Lines out at 3:00pm

The Broome Marlin Cup will be fished within the current angling rules and equipment regulations of the Game Fishing Association of Australia. A full set of the rules and equipment regulations will be included in your Pack.

Fishing tackle and equipment must be made available for inspection if requested at the discretion of the Broome Marlin Cup Committee.

In addition to GFAA rules the following will also apply:

Only monofilament nylon is to be used for leader and trace, no wire can be used in or be part of your leader

Use of wire is only acceptable within rigged baits and for rigging skirted lures

Dacron wind on leaders will be acceptable

For Line classes 10 to 15kg there is no minimum size estimation for fish to qualify for points

If using 24kg - 37kg Line Class the fish must be photographed on the marlin ruler and weight of the fish must be estimated to be over line class to qualify for points.

Lures may only contain up to 2 hooks and can be either circle or J

Only ONE in line circle hook can be used for any bait

No live bait allowed

Dead bait and skirted lures only are allowed

Bait collection during fishing time will be allowed but any bait used must not be used live

A team may run a maximum of 5 hooked lines at any time.

As per GFAA rules, In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought by the angler will be considered for points, hence you cannot leave 1 rod in the rod holder, land the first fish then reel the other one in too. Eg. A team of 2 anglers running 4 lines has a triple hook up, only 2 of the fish hooked can be fought, the 3rd fish cannot be counted for points even if one of the first two hook ups are dropped.

Throughout the Broome Marlin Cup Event

Broome Marlin Cup Base will be open from 0500 to 1930 each day of fishing and will monitor VHF Ch22 & Ch16.

Camping out is permitted however Broome Marlin Cup Base must be notified on the day. This can be done directly to Base or via Simon Tacka Heard or relayed through another boat on your behalf. Boats wanting to log on prior to 0500 can text details through to Steve Healy on 0419 382 136. **ALL BOATS MUST LOG ON AND OFF EACH DAY, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF POINTS FOR THAT DAY.**

If a billfish is hooked prior to lines out and tagging time may extend past 6pm (or 3pm on the Sunday) base must be notified prior to lines out for the points to be awarded.

There will be a 10-minute radio silence period each day prior to lines out specifically for boats to call up if they have a late hook-up. Please hold off reporting tags during this time and regardless of how excited or bored you are respect other boats during this radio silence.

Tagging

For research purposes we would like for all Marlin to be tagged, Marlin 5 kg and under should be hand tagged only. If the Marlin is deemed too small by the Skippers' discretion, it is preferable for the fish to be leadered and the hook removed. **Please avoid lifting any fish out of the water unless being kept for a record or to be weighed.**

To be eligible to win any of the biggest Marlin prizes, the fish must be tagged and photographed with the Marlin Ruler to get an approximate length or weighed.

Points will be awarded for both tagged and touch leadered Marlin as per the scoring section.

All fully completed tag cards must be handed in or a photo of the tag card sent to Steve at the Broome Fishing Club as soon as possible and no later than 5:30pm on the 15th September 2024 for points to be awarded. Please return all completed and unused tag cards to the radio room.

GFAA Tags and Tag Poles

Tag cards will be provided in your Pack on the Briefing night. Only NSW Billfish Tags may be used.

Tag poles must conform to GFAA regulations. All tag poles must have TBF applicators. Please refer to GFAA guidelines for tag needle specifications.

Tag poles must not exceed 10ft overall length.

The tag pole or holding device must be in the hand when the fish is tagged. One or more persons, in addition to the person holding the leader, may tag or assist in tagging the fish.

A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish.

Shorter tag poles are recommended, as a shorter pole can achieve a more accurate tag shot.

Please take your time when tagging fish. Good tag placement will not hurt a fish, but a poor tag shot may.

Records and Weighing of Marlin

Any boat with a potential record or fish to be weighed needs to notify Base immediately with fish estimation so that arrangements can be made for weighing. Base will relay this information to all boats.

If weighing in a fish for a record, the angler must be certain the fish is over the WA state record for points to be awarded. If the fish is under state record no points will be awarded.

For anyone wishing to weigh in a large fish the Marlin must be over 200kg for points to be awarded.

Teams

Teams can nominate any number of anglers but must consist of no less than two, however no more than five anglers can be nominated to fish on any one day. This allows for members of a team to rotate and fish different days if required. This rule is in place to get more anglers involved and to fill any shortfalls teams may have during the Marlin Cup.

Only registered anglers and/or nominated skippers and deckhands may participate in any act which directly contributes to the tagging of a fish during the tournament. Acts include: driving the boat, bait preparation, tagging fish, running out lines, retrieving lines, clearing teasers or taking the leader.

Each team has the option to nominate one additional skipper and/or deckhand to assist the registered anglers. Skippers and deckhands will pay a nominal fee to cover costs of included meals and a Marlin Cup shirt.

Eligible Species	Points
Tagged Marlin	1000
Touch Leadered Marlin	500

In the case of a draw in points the countback system will be used and the Team who reached their points first by time of tag will be deemed the winner.

Photo Competition

Teams are encouraged to take photo's throughout the event. Entered photo's must be relevant to or depict, fishing for marlin, tagging a marlin, marlin themselves or any appropriate sponsor related photo's. Photo's need to be submitted to Steve electronically before 5pm on Sunday 15th September to be eligible for a prize.

Communication

All competing vessels must carry a VHF radio in good working order. Please consider carrying an additional handheld radio for line of site communication with other vessels in close proximity should there be difficulty with signal. Any vessel who cannot maintain radio contact with other vessels in sight must return to base until the issue is resolved.

All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times either, via radio, mobile phone or satellite phone. **Each day all boats must log in departure, number of people on board and area of fishing for the day.** At the end of each day all boats must log off with Broome Marlin Cup Base unless they have notified base of camping out for that night.

All boats must report via Radio to Base immediately upon Tagging a marlin with boat name and time of tag, even if you believe you are out of range. If no reply is heard from Base then you must notify Base via either text message or phone. Base will then relay this information via Radio Ch22 to all boats.

Broome Marlin Cup Base will monitor VHF Ch 22 & Ch 16 from 05:00am until 7:30pm or until all boats have signed off each day. **Base contact details Steve 0419 382 136**

Skeds

Radio skeds will be conducted each fishing day at 12:00 and 5:00pm except for Sunday 15th where they will be at 11:00 and 3:00pm. Base will contact each boat for the following information: Number of fish; Raised, Hooked Up and Tagged. Sked information is to be kept separate for each time period. When your boat is called please reply with your boat number first, then boat name and for eg. 3 2 1.

Presentation Night – Monday 16th September

An evening meal will be provided for the anglers (extra meals for family and friends must be purchased with your entry form).

Major Prizes

Champion Boat Overall – Perpetual Trophy
Champion Boat 7mt and over
R/Up Boat 7mt and over
Champion Boat under 7 mt
R/Up Boat under 7mt

Biggest Marlin
R/Up Biggest Marlin
Biggest Marlin for Junior Angler
1st Marlin tagged on a Catbo Lure
Biggest Marlin on a Catbo Lure

Judges

The Broome Marlin Cup Committee will appoint Judges. The judge's decision in relation to all disputes, protests and claims will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Protests should be lodged in writing before 8:00pm on the day of the alleged incident.

Safety & Regulations

All boats must carry all safety gear to the standard required by the Western Australian Department of Transport. www.transport.wa.gov.au. Furthermore, all boats must have at least one person with a Western Australian Department of Fisheries issued Recreational Fishing From Boat License.

Disclaimer: All competitors taking part in the Broome Marlin Cup do so entirely at their own risk as the Broome Fishing Club will not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained by any competitors or any other person to his or their own person and/or effects.

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