



**2024 BOB LOWE MEMORIAL LIZARD ISLAND BLACK MARLIN CLASSIC**  
**LIZARD ISLAND RESORT**  
**OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.**

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## FEES & RULES

“Early Bird” Entry Fee of \$825 per Angler if entry completed by 1<sup>st</sup> August, includes Briefing Night BBQ Calcutta Dinner, Tournament Shirt and Presentation Dinner. Entries completed after 1<sup>st</sup> August, fees \$875 per Angler.

**Membership fees** (Renewals or new Member) \$200.00 each incl GST. Extra shirts \$100.00. If only one Angler minimum entry fee is \$1,750. Drinks not included, all fees in Aus\$ and include GST.

**Note:** All Anglers, Skippers and Crew must be financial members of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) or the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA).

Membership of Lizard Island Game Fishing Club Qld Inc is available to non members with entry. IGFA Members can only use that membership if they are an overseas resident.

**Extra Dinners:** A Hospitality Fee of \$550 per Crew Member or Guest, Briefing Dinner and Presentation Dinner and Crew or Guest pack included.

- 1. Tournament Fishing Dates:** 5 Days Fishing Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October Briefing, Tournament fishing from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October through to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 1100hrs to 1730hrs each day. All tag cards must be returned to a Tournament official by 2000hrs on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.
- 2. Registration & Briefing:** It is mandatory for at least one Team Angler and the Captain of the boat to attend the Briefing Dinner of the entered boats to be held in the Marlin Centre on Lizard Island, commencing at 1930hours for 2000hrs on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

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Marlin Barn Sunday Briefing BBQ, Wednesday Tacos and social get together, Friday sit down Presentation dinner.

**3. OPT IN AT BRIEFING TO ENTER POOL @\$2,000 PER BOAT WITH THE WINNERS SPLIT BELOW.**

This will be split 65% Winning boat, 25% Second place and 10% to the Club.

- 4. Presentation Dinner:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the Marlin Centre “Barn” at 1900 for 2000hrs. To be eligible to receive trophies attendance is compulsory.
- 5. Late Team Changes:** Tournament Officials will be in attendance at the Marlin Centre from 1600hrs on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for final Team’s Registration and any late changes to Anglers. No changes to anglers may be made after 1930hrs that day.
- 6. Sailpast:** The Official Tournament opening and compulsory sailpast of entered vessels will commence at 0915hrs on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 followed by start fishing at 1100hrs.
- 7. Tournament Fishing Zone:** The northern most point of Jewell Reef to the southern most point of Jenny Louise Shoal. On Day 1, Teams must start from Lizard Island and may elect to stay out on the Reef after “Stop Fishing” on days 1 to 3 return for mid week get together at Marlin Centre and return day 5 but MUST return to Lizard Island on Day 5 for presentation dinner. All boats fishing must be outside reef.
- 8. Eligibility:** Open to all Members of Clubs affiliated with GFAA and or IGFA, only foreign residents to use IGFA membership. Club membership details must be provided on the entry form. If not already a financial member of a qualifying Club, Anglers must join Lizard Island Game Fishing Club Qld Inc.
- 9. Eligible Species:** Black Marlin (*Makaira Indica*) Blue Marlin (*Makaira nigricans*) Striped Marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*). Black Marlin is the species that abound in the waters of The Coral Sea of Lizard Island where they aggregate each year to breed resulting in “granders” being tagged every year.
- 10. Eligible Tackle:** As published in the GFAA Angling and Equipment Rules. Non offset circle hooks must be used for live and dead bait fishing.
- 11. Eligible Line Class:** This is a heavy tackle Tournament and only 37kg and 60kg line may be used.



- 12. TAG & RELEASE ONLY EVENT:** No fish will be weighed in the Tournament and Fishing and Tag & Release Rules are as published in the GFAA Angling Rule and Equipment Regulations.
- 13. Point Score:** One Thousand (1000) points per live Marlin tagged and released in accordance with the Rules, irrespective of whether 37Kg or 60Kg line was used. All tag fish must be filmed with the ribbon colour in the pic and on the tag pole when being tagged.
- 14. Number of Days Fished:** Competitors may elect to fish all or any number of competition days within the Tournament dates. There is no reduction in fees for fishing less than 5 days.
- 15. Judges:** LIGFC Qld Inc shall appoint Tournament Judges whose decisions shall be final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into relating to the Judges decisions. 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 and received no later than (2) hours after cease fishing on each day. The committee's decision will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.
- 16. Late hook ups & tags:** Any fish hooked after the final Radio Sched, but before Stop Fishing, MUST be reported to the Radio Base and acknowledged to be eligible. The fish may then be played out but subject to the conditions of Rule 1.
- 17. Radio Scheds:** All hook ups, fish lost, tags and releases must be immediately reported to radio base. The time of the Tag & Release is deemed to be the time at which the Tag & Release is reported to the Radio Base. Details of the Radio Scheds will be given at the Briefing Dinner. 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). All Radio sheds to be on Channel 82. Sched 1 at 1.15pm, Sched 2 at 3.15pm and Sched 3 at 5pm.





- 18. Tags:** GFAA only recognises NSW Fisheries Billfish Tags in Australian waters. ONLY these Tags will be eligible in this Tournament. Tags are available from you local GFAA or QGFA Clubs or contact Mick Meiers. Some Tags will be available at the Briefing. Accoustic tags will receive 50 points extra to be issued at briefing.
- 19. Protests:** A protest must be submitted in writing to the Judges by 1900hrs Day 5.
- 20. Tackle Inspection:** Equipment and tackle used may be inspected at random by Judges.
- 21. Misconduct:** The Tournament Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident occurring on Lizard Island during the Tournament. The Committee may invoke penalties of loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team, when misconduct is deemed to have taken place likely to bring the Club or our Sport into disrepute. Competitors must on all occasions whilst on Lizard Island respect the Staff and Guests of Lizard Island Resort and not interfere with their enjoyment of the Resort.
- 22. Liability:** Lizard Island Game Fish Club Qld Inc will not accept liability for any claims for damages or injury by or to any person or persons in regard to this Tournament. 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.

#### **MEDIA CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 1.** Lizard Island Game Fish Club Qld Inc (hereinafter called The Club) may enter into an agreement with an entity to have electronic media and production rights, which includes the right to commercial production of electronic media for use filming television and distribution.
- 2.** It is a condition of entry into the Tournament that a competitor may not conduct or permit to be conducted any activity during the Tournament including filming, videoing, photography or interviewing of the activities of the competitor's boat, crew or visitors during the Tournament or to the activities which is used for or may be used for the





production of any commercial electronic media release, whether before, during or after the Tournament, without the written permission of the Club. Conduct or permit any activities to be conducted either during, before or after the Tournament which uses or refers to The Club, its logo, the Tournament name or relating to the participation in the Tournament which is used for or may be used for the production of any commercial electronic media release without written permission of The Club.

