

## Interested in fishing Ribbons??



*Here's how you do it.....*

### *1. Start organising your team and your boat*

Teams have a minimum of 2 anglers and a maximum of 4. We recommend asking your friends to join you on a great day fishing! You can even get your male friends to be deckhands for you!

Unfortunately, the Ribbons committee is not able to organise boats for you, but we recommend that you start organising a boat as soon as possible, particularly if you are after a charter vessel. We recommend that you check out the Cairns Professional Game Fishing Association website [www.cpgfa.org.au](http://www.cpgfa.org.au) or the Black Marlin Blog on <http://www.blackmarlinblog.com/> to contact boats that may be available. Another option if you are a local in Cairns is to walk around the marina and ask people.

Remember, even small family boats can participate and have their own category for champion team under 8m. So why not invite your friends with a boat out for a day fishing!

### *2. Make sure you're a member of an affiliated GFAA or QGFA club.*

You can join any club in Australia so long as it is affiliated with QGFA or GFAA. You are more than welcome to join the Ribbons club. We have membership forms on our website.

If you join another club, please make sure you bring details of your membership with you to the tournament weekend and record the details on the nomination form in the "Affiliated Club" field.

### *3. Start thinking of your theme and how you'll decorate your boat*

It's a special tradition of Ribbons to dress your boat up for the sail past ... many teams keep their theme for the whole weekend! If you're chartering a boat, make sure you talk to the skipper about the decorations as they will know how things can work on the boat. Remember we have prizes for the best decorated boats!

### *4. Submit your nomination form and payment*

Nomination forms will be on the website in early September. We will notify our members via email as well as on our Facebook group that nominations are open. Once you've filled in the form email it back to [info@ribbons.org.au](mailto:info@ribbons.org.au). The sooner you get your application in, the more chance you have of getting an earlier sailpast number and securing the shirt size of your choice!!

This also really helps the Ribbons committee prepare for the weekend. We have a lot of bag packing and dinner table allocations to do and it gives us plenty of time when we have the nominations in advanced.

If you are in a small boat and worried about the weather, please still get a nomination form to us and contact a committee member (details on the nomination forms) and let them know that your nomination is dependent on the weather. We understand that smaller boats can be uncomfortable when the weather is close to 20knots and sometimes pull out due to the weather...

### *5. Get ready for a great weekend!*

In the lead up to the tournament keep an eye on our website and the Ribbons Facebook page to keep up to date with any new tournament issue. Remember, even though it's a one day fishing tournament, we have events all weekend with the Briefing on Friday night, your friends and family can come down to the and watch the sailpast and/or weigh in and we have our gala presentation dinner on Sunday.