



2017 SKIPPER'S INFORMATION AND CODE OF CONDUCT

This booklet has been put together so you have information on:

- Ribbons Rules
- Safety Contacts
- Information on claiming a record
- Sailpast Information

The radio boat for the 2017 tournament is New Moon by calling "Ribbons Base". Schedules will take place at 1105, 1405 and 1630 on VHF 81.

All boats must have a working VHF Radio.

RULES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY:

As this is a Ladies only tournament, all competitors must be female. All competitors must be a current financial fishing member of a QGFA member club or a current financial fishing member of another GFAA member states' club. Foreign anglers/residents not wishing to join a QGFA member club to fish a tournament must provide proof of being an individual member of the IGFA (e-membership does not suffice) to be eligible to fish. All QGFA events must be fished under GFAA rules and fishing regulations.

LINE CLASS:

10 kg, 15kg or 24kg - If line class is not recorded on score sheet, points will be allocated according to 24kg line class

TAG & RELEASE:

All billfish to be tagged and released for points. Tags are available at the briefing.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

All species except sharks that are listed in GFAA Record charts. Edible fish as defined by the committee are: Cobia, Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo. Edible fish **MUST** be gilled and gutted on capture and must be kept on ice and presented in edible condition. Failure to gill AND gut edible species will result in the fish being allocated the minimal point allocation applicable.

An additional 10% is to be added to the weight of the gilled AND gutted fish before calculation of points. Edible fish need not be line class to be weighed.

Other Game Fish (i.e. those not considered edible by the committee) must be line class to be weighed except for junior anglers. Juniors will be allowed to weigh any gamefish under line class to a max of three fish per species.

POINTS SCORE:

All fish weighed must be legal fish in size and bag limits. In the event of a tie, the first team or angler reaching the winning total will be declared the winner.

Billfish: Nominal weight is 60kg - i.e.

- 10kg line = 600+50% Bonus = 900 Points
- 15kg line = 500+50% Bonus = 750 Points
- 24kg line = 400+50% Bonus = 600 Points

Gamefish: Weight of fish x 100 divided by line class

FISHING GROUNDS:

Opal Reef to Raaf Shoals. Be aware of Green Zone Rules and Regulations.

SAILPAST:

0700 HOURS All vessels must participate in the sail past, commencing from the Marlin Wharf at 0700 hours. Vessels must pass the Marlin Jetty in single file, and numerical order, as directed at the briefing for the judging of best decorated boat. The committee will individually consider exceptions to this rule. Departure before 0700 hrs will not be permitted under any circumstance.

FISHING HOURS:

Fishing will commence at 0830 hours and cease at 1700 hours. Any fish hooked before cease fishing may be played out and eligible for points, provided the hook up is notified at cease of fishing and the team meets the weigh in cut off time of 2000 hours.

WEIGH IN:

All captured fish must be weighed at the Marlin Marina between 1800 hours and 2000 hours. All teams must present completed score sheets and tag cards to the Weigh master, even if no fish were caught. Potential records must be announced at time of capture and must not be mutilated.

TEAMS:

Teams must be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers.

JUDGES:

Judges will be appointed by the committee, their decision being final and binding.

PROTESTS:

All protests must be submitted in writing by the team captain to the executive committee no later than 0900 hours Sunday 3rd December 2017

RADIO SCHEDS:

Frequency: VHF 81 Times: 1105 , 1405, 1630

BRIEFING INFORMATION

RULE CLARIFICATION:

It is the responsibility of all anglers and skippers to ensure that you are all fishing according to our tournament rules. You can find our basic tournament rules in the brochure. You must also be aware of the QGFA/GFAA rules which we fish under. You can find these rules in your annual GFAA fishing journals or at www.gfaa.asn.au

Please note, failure to fish within the Ribbons and GFAA rules may lead to fish being disqualified from being eligible to score points for Anglers and Teams.

Skippers please note that you may be asked to provide a sample of line over the course of the tournament.

NEVER THROW DEAD FISH INTO THE MARINA OR TRINITY INLET

SCORESHEETS:

Scoresheets have been colour coded with your Ribbons and are included in the middle of this booklet and are perforated for easy removal. Please fill out completely and correctly. Please submit to the weigh master and scorer on Saturday afternoon, even if you didn't catch any fish. Submit any Greenie and Encouragements Award nominations with your scoresheets – please don't forget to write your boat name and the angler name and circle junior or senior angler!

PHOTOS AND VIDEO:

Please hand in your SD Card with your scoresheet and they will be returned at the Presentation Dinner. If you are unable to use SD cards you can upload your photos to instagram **#ribbons2017**. Photos must be uploaded before 11pm Saturday 2nd of December.

PRESENTATION NIGHT:

Our presentation dinner will be held this year at the Cairns Convention Centre. We will be kicking off pre-dinner drinks at 5.30 pm and we will be looking to power through the evening's proceedings so that we can all kick back and enjoy the live band we have arranged for entertainment at the end of the evening.

SAFETY CONTACTS

In the event of an emergency please contact the Cairns Coast Guard
on Ch 16 or 81, or by phone 4051 2192

Cairns VTS Ch 12

Ribbons Base

Other contacts

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Cairns Police 40307000

Marlin Marina 4052 3866

Ribbons contact who will be on shore and may be able to assist with
any unexpected occurrences is

Lacey Remedio 0404641030

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CLAIMING A RECORD

If you think you have caught a record and want to
submit a record, please notify Ribbons base.

The responsibility for lodging records falls to the angler. Ribbons will
assist any record application by having the weighmaster complete any
required paperwork and submit a copy of the certification of calibration
for the scales. We can also assist with liaising with QGFA and GFAA.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.gfaa.asn.au>

SAILPAST INFORMATION

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Sunrise: 5.34am

Sunset 6.38pm

Tides: High 8.10am 2.95m, Low 2.05pm 0.85m, High 7.56pm 2.65m

The following risks have been identified with regards to this tournament and the sailpast in particular.

- A. Increased risk of collision due to number of vessels in close proximity.
- B. Increased risk of collision of a vessel with wharf and navigation pylons during the sailpast.
- C. Increased radio VHF use due to number of vessels leading to suppression of emergency calls from other vessels.

The following procedures are to be followed to reduce these risks to acceptable levels.

Please leave the Marlin Marina by 6.45am. A radio call will be made to begin departing the marina. Please be aware of other traffic entering and exiting the marina as well as general inlet traffic throughout the sailpast. Ensure that it is safe to power up down the leads and take care overtaking other boats.

When you leave the Marlin Marina proceed south in the inlet and assemble in front of the Hilton hotel.

In your tournament bag you will have a list of boats, please read this sheet and identify the boat you will be following.

Please locate the boats that you are to follow in the sailpast and be aware some boats may be absent as they are leaving from Yorkeys Knob. These boats will be indicated on Briefing night.

Radio boat, **NEW MOON**, will alert all boats when the sailpast commences on Frequency VH81, **so make sure your radios are on and you are listening!!**. Please avoid excessive or inappropriate use of the radio on VH 81 and 16 as these frequencies can be used for safety communication by vessels unrelated to the event.

2016 winner, Four Reel, will be leading the sailpast, followed by boats in numerical order as indicated on the sheet, in **single file slowly!!!**

Boat Numbers are to be displayed on both sides of your boat and be visible to the judges on the Northern End of the Marlin Marina.

Please come as close as safety permits.

Once clear of the northern point of the Marlin Marina the sailpast requirements are no longer necessary and you may proceed to your desired fishing locations as per the fishing grounds.

New Moon can be contacted as "Ribbons Base" and will conduct the scheds.

Have an enjoyable and safe tournament

Good Luck