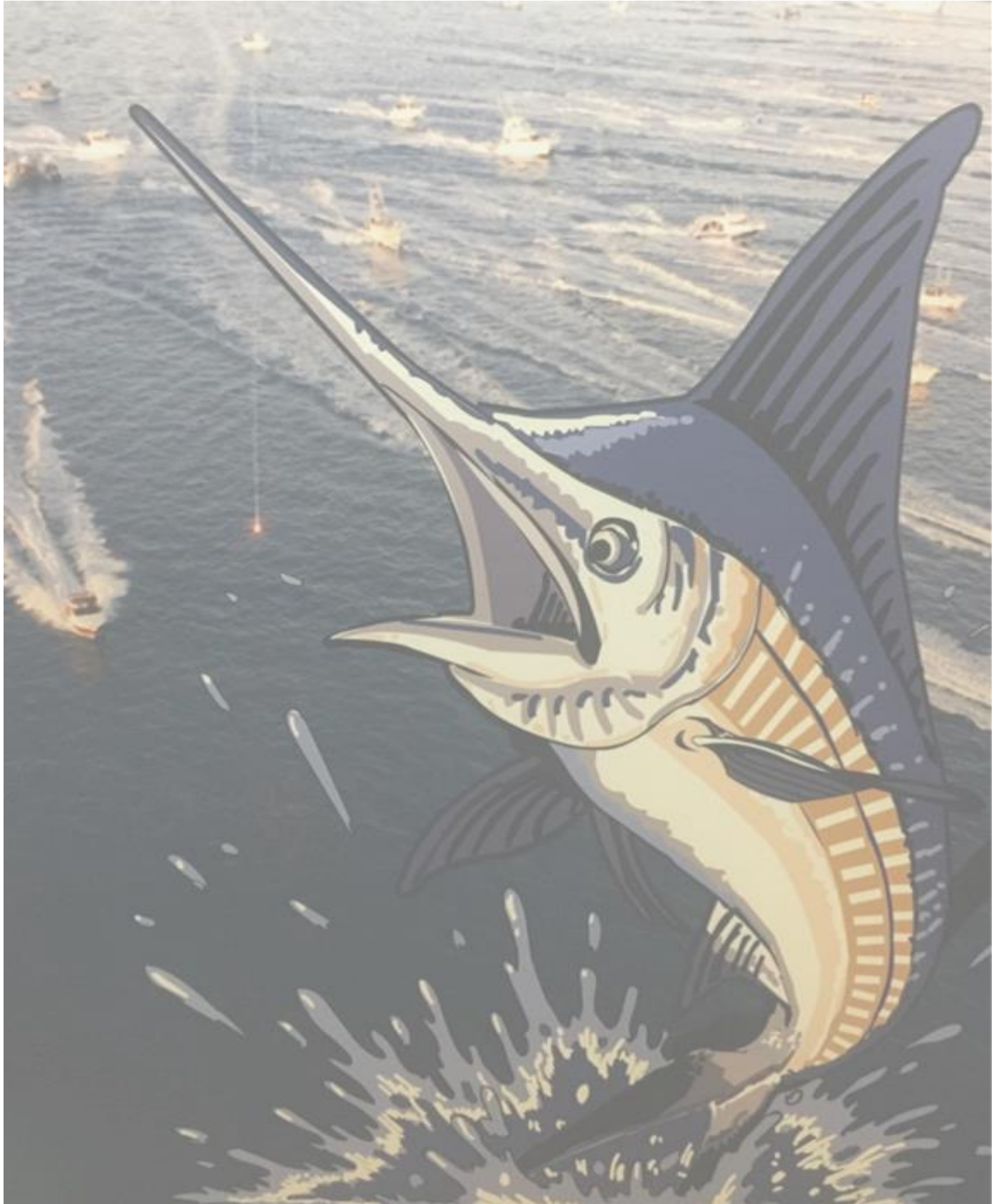




BROOME FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL BILLFISH CLASSIC 2020



Welcome to the 2020 Broome Fishing Club's Annual Billfish Classic

This is the 32nd time we have held this event, we hope you have a great week and look forward to your company.

Briefing night - Friday 31st July

The Broome Billfish Classic Briefing night is compulsory for all anglers and will commence at 1600 hrs at the Broome Fishing Club. An evening meal will be provided for the anglers (extra tickets must be purchased for partners/family/friends).

Broome Billfish Classic Anglers will receive a Billfish Classic pack, Free Release cards, evening meals for the duration of the competition; including the Briefing Night and Presentation Night.

*Additional meal tickets must be purchased in advance for partners/family/friends who attend the Briefing Night, Presentation Night and evening meals at the Broome Fishing Club (cost \$25pp per night adult; \$10pp per night child)

Broome Billfish Classic Rules

Only 10kg tournament line class and 10kg tippet for fly is allowed.

The Broome Billfish Classic will be fished within the current angling rules and equipment regulations of the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

Fishing tackle and equipment must be made available for inspection at the request of the Broome Billfish Committee.

In addition to GFAA rules the following rules will apply:

Base must be notified immediately upon Free Releasing a billfish.

Only monofilament nylon is to be used for leader and trace. Dacron wind on leaders will be acceptable.

NO WIRE TO BE USED AT ALL.

Only ONE hook to be used in each bait or lure (circle hook only unless in a lure)

Only one rod per angler in operation at any given time.

No live baits allowed.

20M of 10kg Line class is allowed over the top of Braid.

All boats must report into base each day. Base must be notified of your departure and return for the day.

If a billfish is hooked prior to lines out (1600hrs) and Free Releasing time may extend past 1600hrs, base must be notified before 1600hrs for the points to be awarded.

All Free Release Cards must be presented by a team member before 1900hrs at the end of the day for points to be awarded. Should circumstances prevent this, base must be notified prior to 1900hrs.

Compulsory scrutineering of leaders will be conducted at the Briefing Night and will commence at 1600hrs. All teams must present one of their rods equipped with 10kg line, double, leader and hook rig.

Fatty Albert Memorial Day Sail Past

Sunday 2nd August, all boats must gather in front of Cable Beach for the start of the sail past by 0615hrs. The flare will be fired at 0630hrs. Fishing will commence at 0800hrs until 1600hrs. The sail past may be viewed live on www.broomecam.com.

Teams

Teams will consist of no less than two and no more than four anglers fishing at any one time as per GFAA rules. Only one nominated deckhand per boat and must be registered.

Free Release Cards

All Free Release cards must be filled out correctly, any card not filled out correctly will result in a forfeit of that score.

Eligible Species

Sailfish, Marlin and Spearfish, all size fish count

Points

Marlin - 1000 points. Sailfish - 500 points. Spearfish - 1000 points.

Free Release Cards must be filled out for each fish

Communication

All competing vessels must carry VHF radio in good working order. All competing vessels must remain contactable at all times via radio, by either Billfish Base or another vessel.

Failure to maintain radio contact may result in team disqualification.

Broome Billfish Base will monitor VHF Ch 22 from 0600hr until 1930hr or until all boats have signed off each day.

All boats must notify Broome Billfish Base of departure and return each day.

Billfish Base must be notified immediately upon Free Releasing a billfish with angler name and species.

Skeds

Radio skeds will be conducted each fishing day at 1000hr, 1300hr and 1600hr. Billfish Base will contact each boat for the following information: Number of fish; Raised, Hooked Up, and Free Released. Sked information is to be kept separate for each time period.

Presentation Night – Sunday 2nd August

An evening meal will be provided for the anglers (extra tickets must be purchased for partners/family/friends). Live entertainment will be provided.

Prizes

Champion Boat 7.5 mt & over

Champion Boat between 6-7.499 mt

Champion Boat under 6 mt

Champion Senior Angler

Champion Male Angler

Champion Female Angler

Champion Junior

1st Billfish Free Released

1st Billfish on Lure

Judges

The Broome Billfish Classic 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 1900hrs on the day of the alleged incident.

Officials will be present throughout the Broome Billfish Classic to scrutinise for breaches of rules.

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 Billfish Classic and Fatty's Day 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.

GFAA Tags and Tag Poles (for those teams who have their own tag cards and wish to tag fish)

All teams wishing to tag Sailfish and Spearfish must supply their own tags and tag poles. Tag poles must conform to GFAA regulations. All tag poles must have TBF applicators. Please refer to GFAA guidelines for tag needle specifications. Base must be notified immediately upon Tagging a billfish.

Tag poles must not exceed 8ft 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.

For further information please email secretary@broomefishingclub.com.au or visit the Broome Fishing Club website www.broomefishingclub.com.