



BLUE MARLIN CLASSIC

2023 - 44TH TOURNAMENT

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2023



MARCH 3-6

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WELCOME ALL ANGLERS

The committee has worked extremely hard to deliver an event that offers great value for money (even without fishing) and caters for vessels of all sizes. This has only been made possible through the generosity of our sponsors. We encourage all participants to familiarise themselves with our sponsors and support their respective businesses.

Andrew Robinson

FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB GAME FISHING SECTION

Principle Tournament contacts:

Brian Arnett – Tournament Director
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Treasurer
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Angling Rules

ANGLING RULES

The Tournament is a sanctioned West Australian Game Fishing Association (WAGFA) event, fished under the rules governed by the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA). All Billfish tagged should be verified with a photo of the tag being placed in the shoulder of the fish. All tagged fish must be revived and then released and avoid bringing any Marlin onboard; The retrieval of hooks and lures must be attempted. In the case of loss, this must be conveyed to the weighmaster at the time of submitting any tags and photo(s). Loss of terminal tackle will not necessarily disqualify the fish. Once the fish is released, unless the terminal tackle is lost, all terminal tackle from one meter of line above the double must be kept and handed in in one piece with the tag. If the lure is used again and lost, any previous tags will be regarded as ineligible.

All tag cards must be submitted to the Weigh Master no later than 1830 hours each day. A Tag and Capture card incorrectly filled out or submitted on the incorrect card will result in a capture being disqualified. The weighing of fish and the presenting of tag cards will take place at the end of the fuel jetty from 1730 - 1830 on Saturday and Sunday and FSC on the Monday between 1700 hours and 1800 hours (to be confirmed at briefing).

Tackle may be requested by the Weight Master when submitting tags and or captures in order to confirm compliance with the fishing regulations.

BILLFISH AND SHARKS ARE TAG & RELEASE ONLY

N.B. Sharks, if tagged, must be minimum of twice the line class to be eligible.

ALL MARLIN (BLUE, BLACK, STRIPED)

60kg line 2000 points

37kg line 3000 points

24kg line 4000 points.

All other (Swordfish, Sailfish, Spearfish etc) 60kg line 1000 points 37kg line 2000 points 24kg line 3000 points.

Allocated weight x 100 divided by the line class. For all species other than Billfish, the minimum line class is 2kgs. Any Billfish caught on a Line Class less than 24kg will be allocated points as if caught on 24kg Line Class.

ALLOCATED WEIGHTS TAG AND RELEASE

No fish under 60cm are to be tagged with the exception of Yellowtail Kingfish which has a minimum of 70cm.

All fish will be allocated weights according to measured length with weights calculated on GFAA measure x release charts (a chart will be provided). Fish under 60cm must be photographed on a brag mat and points will be awarded according to the weight chart. (the fish must go line class or better and a measure and release card handed in).

Fish (excluding sharks) captured and weighed will be scored by replacing allocated weight with actual. The official Weigh Master for the tournament is Phil Volich who can be contacted on 0423 281 484 or Channel 81 VHF.

PROTESTS

All Protests must be made to the Tournament Director or the Weigh Master as soon as practical, but no later than 2000 hours on either event day. All Protests will be decided jointly by the Tournament Director, Weigh Master and Committee. No Protest will be accepted after 1850 hours on either days of the tournament.

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER POINTS

The best two point scoring fish of each species per angler per day.

CHAMPION BOAT POINTS

The best three point scoring fish of each species per boat per day. Eagle Rays are excluded from this Tournament.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The BMC Committee reserves the right to cancel or alter the official fishing times in the event of inclement weather i.e. strong wind warning. Participants will be advised via channel 81 as soon as practicable.

Event Programme

SKIPPER AND CREW BRIEFING

A complete briefing for skippers and crew will be held at the Fremantle Sailing Club on **Friday 3 March commencing at 1900hrs sharp. Representation is compulsory from all vessels participating in this tournament.**

SAIL PAST / SHOT GUN START

An official Sail Past to commence the Tournament will be held at 0730hrs on Saturday 4 March at a position just north of the North Mole for an 0800 start. The Tournament will commence with a shot gun start. In respect to Sponsors, all boats are expected to attend the start unless the Tournament Organisers are notified otherwise. **1000 points will be awarded to the boats participating**

FISHING TIMES

Sat 4 March: 0830—1700 hrs

Sun 5 March: 0600—1500 hrs

Mon 6 March: 0600—1500 hrs

- Lines cannot be deployed until after starting time. Any fish hooked up prior to 'lines out' time will be eligible for points, provided that the vessel has notified radio base before 'lines out' time is called.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The Tournament Presentation dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 11 March 2023, commencing at 1830 followed by announcement of results.

This year's event will be held at Fremantle Sailing Club. Meals are included in the entry fee and drinks can be purchased through the club.

Tournament Information

ENTRY FEE

The early bird entry fee (prior to the 31 January 2023) is \$100 + GST per participant.

Late entry fee (after the 31 January 2023) is \$150 + GST per participant.

Junior participants (16 & under) competing in the tournament will receive free entry.

Entry includes a tournament shirt and presentation dinner.

BOAT SPONSORSHIP

\$1000+ GST Includes entry for up to 6 participants.

HONORARY GUEST

All non-members of the Fremantle Sailing Club will be issued with Honorary Membership for the duration of the Tournament.

BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES

The Fremantle Sailing Club boat ramp will be available to all trailer boats competing in the event at no cost. For more information contact the Harbour Master and advise if access keys are needed. Note: a deposit for access keys will be required.

FISHING AREA

All fishing to take place within a maximum 75 nautical miles of Success Harbour or within your vessel's maximum radio range on VHF channel 73/81.

Teams - There must be a minimum of TWO and a maximum of SIX anglers per boat.

COMMUNICATIONS

Two-way radios capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF or HF frequencies must be fitted to all competing vessels. In addition, all vessels must carry safety equipment as specified by the Department of Transport.

On each day, all Boat Captains must "sign on and sign off" to VN6DI via VHF radio on channel 73. All subsequent "sign ons" and "sign offs" will be through Channel 81 ONLY. Any Changes to this will be notified at the briefing.

There will be one round up per day at 1215hrs. All hookups and tagged Marlin to be radioed in to "Blue Marlin Control" immediately, including boat's tournament grid reference location on CHANNEL 81 VHF.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND COMPLIANCE

All Boats need to carry all necessary safety equipment and must be fully compliant including DOT requirements.

FISHING LICENCE

Anglers are responsible for attaining the correct Boat Fishing Licence. Contact Fisheries on 9432 8000 (Fremantle) 9482 7333 (Perth).



3 - 6 March

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Trophy List

An exceptional **prize pool** is on offer for the classic's 2023 event that includes:

Section 1 (FSC member only)

SPONSOR Mark and Debbie Maher
Marcus Maher Memorial Trophy
1st marlin caught of the season 22/23
Prize: Perpetual Trophy

Section 2

SPONSORS Shimano
Boat: HP scoring T & R BLUE marlin only
Prize: Banovich Perpetual Trophy and Shimano Stella SWC 6000XG

Section 3

SPONSORS Fremantle Shipwrights & Shimano
Second HP scoring T & R BLUE marlin only
Prize: Shimano Tyrnos 2 speed 50LRS reel

Section 4 (FSC member only)

SPONSORS Marine outdoors
HP scoring T & R Blue marlin
Prize: Ed Fox Trophy Perpetual and a 40LT portable Fridge Freezer

Section 5

SPONSORS Shimano & Richter Lures
HP scoring T & R individual Black marlin
Prize: Tiagra 50WA Reel

Section 6

SPONSORS Shimano & Boat Services Australia
Second HP scoring T & R individual Black marlin
Prize: Shimano T-Curve 8'0 12 – 20kg Heavy swim bait rod.

Section 7

SPONSORS EXE Dredges
HP scoring T/R Stripe marlin
Prize: EXE dredge [Large]

Section 8

SPONSOR EXE Dredges
Second HP scoring T/R Stripe marlin
Prize ; EXE Dredge [Small]

Section 9

SPONSOR On Strike Charters
H P Scoring Angler Marlin only
Prize: Jeff Kazim Perpetual Trophy & 1 Days On Strike Charter Exmouth Conditions apply

Section 10

SPONSOR Wildtrak Second H P Scoring Angler Marlin only
Gerry O'Loughlin Perpetual Trophy & Prize; Coolite 40lt Portable Fridge Freezer

Section 11

SPONSOR Wildtrak and Marine & Outdoors
3rd HP Scoring Marlin only
Prize: Delux Portable 20lt Toilet & Camp 120 Bi Fold table.

Section 12

SPONSOR Wildtrak
HP Scoring FSC Member
Prize: FSC Perpetual Trophy & Delux Portable Toilet and Bi Fold Table.

Section 13

SPONSOR Compleat Angler Nedlands
HP Scoring Angler DAY 1
Prize: \$200 voucher.

Section 14

SPONSOR Compleat Angler Nedlands
HP Scoring Angler DAY 2
Prize: \$200 voucher

Section 15

SPONSOR Compleat Angler Nedlands
HP Scoring Angler DAY 3
Prize:

Section 17

SPONSOR Wilson marine
Yellow Fin Tuna
Prize: \$250 Voucher

Section 18

SPONSOR Wilson Marine
HP Scoring Tuna other than Yellow Fin
Prize: \$250 Voucher

Section 19

SPONSOR Wilson Marine
HP Scoring Mahi Mahi
Prize: \$250 Voucher

Section 20

SPONSOR Wilson Marine
HP Scoring Samson Fish
Prize: \$250 Voucher

Section 21

SPONSOR Wilson Marine
HP Scoring Wahoo or Mackerel
Prize: \$250 Voucher

Section 22

SPONSOR Wilson Marine
HP Scoring Yellow Tail Kingfish or Pink Snapper
Prize: \$250.00 Voucher

Section 23

SPONSOR FSC & Richter Lures
Heaviest Gamefish other than Marlin
FSC Perpetual Trophy & Prize; Richter Lure Roll

Section 24

SPONSOR AFW
Most Meritorious Capture (Committee decision)
Prize: Doug Clegg Perpetual Trophy and Knife Set

Section 25

SPONSOR Vic Ryan and Matt Nichols and AFW
Incident Vic Ryan and Matt Nichols Perpetual Trophy (Committee Decision)
Prize: Trophy & Voucher

Section 26

SPONSOR Marine Outdoors
Weigh Masters Award
Prize: Delux Vacume Sealer.

Section 27

SPONSORS Halco Tackle & Shimano
HP Scoring Junior
Prize: FSC Perpetual HALCO prize pack and Shimano landing net. R/U: HALCO prize pack

Section 28

SPONSORS Ross Ezekiel, Martin box and Marine & Outdoors
Champion Female HP Scoring species overall
Prize: Gold marlin pendant and chain + \$300 Cash
R/U Prize: Delux vacume sealer and scales

Section 29

SPONSORS Martin Box Marine
Champion Male HP Scoring Species
Prize: \$1000 Cash
R/U Prize: \$500 Cash

Section 30 (FSC team only)

SPONSORS Wilson Marine
HP scoring FSC Team all species.
Prize: Jeff Kazim Perpetual Trophy Voucher

Section 31

SPONSOR FSC & Monument Champion Boat under 8.5 m
Prize; FSC Perpetual Trophy & \$1000 Cash R/U Champion Boat under 8.5m \$500 Cash

Section 32

SPONSOR Club Marine & Fremantle Shipwrights
Champion boat over 8.5m Prize: FSC Perpetual Trophy & \$2000 Cash R/U Champion boat over 8.5 \$500 Cash

Section 33

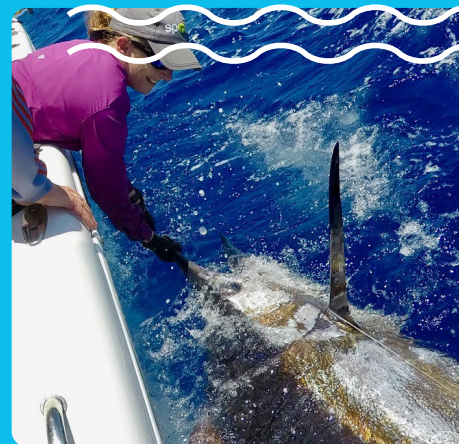
Champion Club. Awarded to the best two teams
Prize: Trophy

Section 34

SPONSORS BFC; EGFC and KBGFC
HP Scoring Team overall Prize: Trophy & The opportunity and entry to fish one of the following one of the following Club's tournaments (EGFC; BFC or KBGFC) during the next 12 months. N.B. Some conditions may apply.

Section 35

SPONSOR Tremco
Club Person of the year



WIN THIS BOAT!

Major door prize when entering BMC and attending the presentation dinner.

\$1,000 cash prize + a 1 in 50 chance of winning a brand new 2023 Stessco Albacore CC 560 runabout!



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