



# Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

## **BIGFISH BONANZA**

## **TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
2026**



31ST JAN TO 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

# Hosted by: Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

1. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Lake Macquarie GFC Incorporated Committee. Michael Walker (President) 0435 535 503. Joanne Ham (Secretary/Treasurer) 0421 660 299
2. **ENTRIES:** Boat Skippers will forward fully completed application form and fees to the Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club; addresses provided on the application forms. **The cost of entry is \$150 per adult angler and \$70 per Junior / Small Fry angler. If a boat is fishing with only two anglers, see rule 3, the cost will be \$450.** Entries are to be emailed to [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au), no later than 6.00pm Thursday 29th of January 2026, with proof of electronic payment. Any questions please contact the Tournament Committee.
3. **TEAMS:** **All Boat Teams shall consist of a minimum of Two (2) anglers per boat (see rule 2A for minimum entry fee), with a maximum limit to the number of anglers as per Waterway's Vessel Capacity.** The tournament is open to teams comprised of anglers who are financial members of any Club affiliated with New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWSGFA) and Clubs affiliated with other state associations that are affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA).  
**LATE ENTRIES:** Late Entries will be accepted however, entries received after 6pm on Thursday 29th of January 2026 will incur a \$160.00 late application fee per boat.
4. **REPLACEMENT OF BOATS AND COMPETITORS:** No replacement of boats and competitors will be allowed after the commencement of the tournament. Anglers may not affect a capture or tag & release on any other vessel than the vessel he/she is registered on. Captured fish, tag & release card, the angler, all equipment used in the capture or tag must be presented to the weigh station on the vessel on which the capture or tag & release was affected and may not be transferred to another vessel; however, in the case of an emergency situation the Tournament Committee may at their discretion allow the transfer of an angler/fish and equipment used to affect the capture or tag.
5. **SEAWORTHINESS OF BOATS:** All boats must comply with NSW Maritime waterways regulations for safety equipment and the safety standards of the vessel's home Club. A "Boat Safety Rescue form" is included as part of the application form and must be completed and signed by the Boat Skipper. All boats must carry a 406 MHz EPIRB and have two working marine radios fitted one of which must be VHF frequency.
6. **FISHING DAYS & TIMES:** Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February 2026.  
Fishing will commence on both fishing days at 7.00am and conclude at 5.10pm.  
**On Sunday any boat wishing to weigh fish must be inside the heads by 9:10pm (4 hours after fishing has stopped). Any boat not back inside the heads by 9:10pm on Sunday will not be able to weigh fish on that day. On Sunday all tag cards and Capture certificates MUST BE LODGED BY 9:10 PM FOR THE DAY'S FISHING either in person or electronically to the secretary ([secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au), 0421 660 299)**
7. **FISHING AREA:** The fishing area for the tournament is **South to latitude 33 degrees 35 minutes and North to latitude 32 degrees 45 minutes.**
8. **LEAVING PORT:** **On Saturday 31 January 2026** boats can leave from their home port or from Port Stephens, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Broken Bay ports (includes Central Coast) to begin fishing, **but CANNOT commence** burleying, trolling or fishing before the Radio Operator announces the official start of fishing at 7.00am, if a boat is not at that time within the prescribed fishing area, it cannot commence fishing until such time that it is within the tournament fishing boundary. **Any boat that does not abide by this rule will be ineligible to fish on Saturday 31 January 2026.**
9. **RETURN TO PORT:** **On Saturday 31 January 2026** Vessels can return to Lake Macquarie (LMGFC home port), Newcastle (NGFC home port), Port Stephens (NPSGFC home port) or Broken Bay (this includes BBGFC home port and CCGFC home port).
10. **9a LEAVING PORT:** **On Sunday 1 February 2026** boats can depart from Lake Macquarie (LMGFC home port), Newcastle (NGFC home port), Port Stephens (NPSGFC home port) or Broken Bay (this includes BBGFC home port and CCGFC home port). **Boats who are returning to LMGFC port to weigh fish may choose to leave from Lake Macquarie (LMGFC home port), Newcastle (NGFC**

home port), Port Stephens (NPSGFC home port) or Broken Bay (this includes BBGFC home port and CCGFC home port) to start fishing on Sunday. Any boat that does not abide by this rule will be ineligible to fish on Sunday 1 February 2026. On Sunday 1 February 2026 boats may elect to return directly to their home port after fishing but must still affect a sign-off with Game Fish Base. Failure to report on your return will invoke a penalty (a deduction of 10,000 Capture & 10,000 T&R points). Boats which elect to continue fishing after-hours are to report that decision to Game Fish Base, which will be accepted as a sign-off. LMGFC will arrange radio coverage for these boats that extend fishing after sign-off with the local Volunteer Marine Rescue Organization.

10. **CAPTURES/TAG & RELEASE:** All captures on Saturday and Sunday must be weighed by LMGFC Weigh Master at LMGFC weigh station, Swansea. T&R cards and capture certificates for Saturday **MUST** be received on Saturday night at the weigh station or electronically to [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au), 0421 660 299 (Saturday paperwork will not be accepted on Sunday). On Sunday the 1 February 2026, all T&R cards and capture certificates, for that day, **MUST** be received by LMGFC by NO LATER THAN 9:10pm. on Sunday night at the weigh station or electronically to [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au), 0421 660 299. To be eligible for scoring in this Tournament completed capture certificates/tag cards must be lodged. Note: All tag & release cards must show the time the fish was tagged and line class. If no time or line class is included the time will be recorded as 5.10pm and the line class as 60kg.
11. **BAD WEATHER:** To avoid taking unnecessary risks in the event of bad weather the Tournament Committee will decide whether the day will be a competition day or not. Boats should establish early morning contact with Game Fish Base or members of the Tournament Committee at the weigh station. In the event of bad weather developing after the start of fishing, the Tournament Committee will confer and decide whether or not the competition will be called off for the remainder of the day. All fish caught prior to the cancellation will be eligible for the competition. The ultimate decision on returning to port remains with the competitors. The Committee accepts no responsibility for decisions made by individuals whether to put to sea or not, having regard to the Committee's decision on the day of the Tournament.
12. **GALE WARNINGS:** The declaration of a Gale Warning by the appropriate government weather authority will automatically require cancellation of any tournament or event conducted under the auspices of the New South Wales Game Fishing Association and its member clubs. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning has been lifted. In the event of a declaration whilst vessels are at sea, such vessels are required to cease fishing immediately and return to port.
13. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** Radio skeds will be conducted in accordance with the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments" effective as at the time of the Tournament. Game Fish Base will call each boat in number order on VHF radio channel 80. The radio schedule times will be 7.10 am, 9.10 am, 11.10am, 1.10pm, 3.10pm & 5.10pm. Boats must keep the airway clear 10 minutes prior to the end of fishing so late hook-ups may be recorded by the base. The number of people onboard should be advised during the first sked for the day. Boats are to report on each sked as follows:
  - a) Boat Number
  - b) Boat Name
  - c) Accurate fishing report using the "000" system, i.e. strikes hook ups, Captures/Tags and specify species, a line class, angler number.
  - d) Short length of captured fish
  - e) Position, using LMGFC grid chart reference, and whether boat is currently trolling, Drifting etc.
  - f) All boats must sign off with Game Fish Base on returning to port

**Please Note:** If any vessel is unable to fish on either competition day, it is a requirement that Game Fish Base be notified, either by radio or by telephone before the 2nd sked starts as a priority. Should any vessel suffer total radio failure, the skipper must attempt to notify another vessel of the problem, and then **MUST** return immediately to port. Once in port it is the responsibility of the skipper to sign off with Tournament Official at LMGFC weigh station. If a vessel misses two (2) radio skeds, Game Fish Base will commence the emergency procedures. **Captures and tags not reported on the radio sked will not be counted in the point score and will not be eligible for trophies. All boats are to report on EVERY sked.** All boats must report to Game Fish Base on returning to port. Radio silence must be observed for at least 10 minutes prior to the conclusion of fishing to allow for report of late hook-ups. During the 5.10pm sked each boat is required to confirm their ETA back in Port and current grid position.

14. **FISHING RULES:** The tournament will be fished in accordance with the “Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations” of GFAA & NSWGFA for both capture and tag & release as are in effect at the time of the tournament.
- **LINE CLASS** – 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg. Note: No points/trophies shall be awarded for sharks captured on 4kg.
  - **ELIGIBLE SPECIES** - As per NSWGFA Eligible Species List.
  - **MINIMUM WEIGHT OF SHARKS (except for Junior/Small Fry)** – Must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg to 37kg and a minimum of 130kg on 60kg line.
- Junior/Small Fry:** a minimum of 60kg on line classes 6kg to 10kg, a minimum of 80kg on line classes 15kg to 37kg, and 120kg on 60kg line class.

<b>Shark – Tiger NEW Minimum Weights</b>	120kg on line classes to 6-10kg, 200kg on line classes 15-24kg, 250kg on line classes 37-60kg line classes
<b>Shark – Blue NEW Minimum Weights</b>	100kg on line classes to 6-10kg, 125kg on line classes 15-24kg, 150kg on line classes 37-60kg line classes

- **MINIMUM WEIGHT OF MARLIN (except for Junior/Small Fry)** – Must weigh a minimum of 70kg on line classes to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over. **Small Fry/Junior:** a minimum of 60kg on line classes to 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
- **MINIMUM WEIGHT YELLOWFIN/SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA (except for Junior/Small Fry)** – 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for junior anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
- **Junior/Small Fry:** Yellowfin Tuna/ Southern Bluefin tuna: 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for junior anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
- **MINIMUM WEIGHT OTHER GAME FISH AND BROADBILL** – Minimum weight to be equal to the line class used.
- **MINIMUM LENGTHS** - For T&R of Yellowtail Kingfish is 70cm; the minimum length for T&R of Sharks is 100cm.
- **POINTSCORE CAPTURE** – as per NSWGFA point score system.
- **POINTSCORE TAG & RELEASE** – as per NSWGFA point score system. Note: All anglers may tag a maximum of five (5) Yellowtail Kingfish and five (5) Mahi Mahi per day with a boat limit of ten (10) per day for each species.
- **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for live-baiting and trolling natural baits. NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live-baits and/or trolling natural baits with “J” hooks. **CIRCLE HOOK DEFINITION** - A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.



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- **BURLEY:** The following rules apply to the use of burley
  - o Chumming with flesh, blood, skin or any part of mammals is not permitted.
  - o the use of identifiable marlin carcasses is prohibited for use as tethered burley.
  - o Burley secured under floats is prohibited.
- **RULES FOR TAG & RELEASE**
  - o No tournament shall be approved by a State Association that awards points for free release for NSWGFA (GFAA) tag species.
  - o No tag & release points shall be awarded in State Association approved tournaments unless GFAA approved tags are used.
  - o The multiple tagging of the same fish from the same vessel on the same day is banned.
  - o All angling rules and equipment regulations apply until the fish is tagged and released.
  - o Tag poles must not exceed 4.47m (15ft) overall length.
  - o The tag pole or holding device must be in hand when the fish is tagged.
  - o One or more person, in addition to the person holding the leader, may assist in tagging and releasing the fish.
  - o A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish and the fish is released back into the water alive.
  - o All billfish must be tagged with the 'Billfish Tag'. This is the only tag that will be recognized for billfish in any tournament, competition, point score or trophy. The 'Billfish Tag' is for billfish only point score (i.e. no other species).

#### **RULES FOR MEASURE & RELEASE**

**Striped Tuna is for Junior Measure and Release Only - same points apply as per NSWGFA Point Score.**

- **THE METHOD OF RELEASING TAGGED FISH** - The hook is to be removed or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish
  - **GUIDELINES FOR TAG AND RELEASE** - The tag needle must not protrude more than 50mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 5mm in external diameter; except for the NSW Fisheries 'Billfish Only' tag, this needle must not protrude more than 76mm from the end of the tag pole or tag holding device, nor shall it exceed 8mm in diameter
  - **WEIGHING OF GILLED AND GUTTED FISH** - NSWGFA affiliated clubs' weigh stations accept gilled and gutted fish for trophy record and point score purposes.
  - Any Game Fish species being weighed for trophies, points, prize money or records are to be weighed in one piece with head & tail attached.
  - **NON-CAPTURE SPECIES** - White Sharks are regarded as endangered species; Accordingly, The INCIDENTAL hooking, fighting and finally tagging & releasing of a White Shark in Commonwealth Waters (outside 3NM/5.556Km) is permitted for scientific purposes and T & R line class points will apply in all Tournaments including club point-scores.
  - The tag & release will also be recognized for all NSWGFA Zonal Trophies Plus Annual Trophies in waters off the NSW coast (commonly known and listed as NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophies).
  - **WEIGHING OF SHARKS** - No sharks may be weighed with restrictive device on jaws. Sewing up of shark jaws will automatically disqualify capture. No shark will be weighed with a choker in place.
  - **SALE OF FISH** - Any capture or part thereof **SHALL NOT BE SOLD**. Anyone found to have sold their catch will be disqualified from the tournament.
15. **GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:** Competitors are reminded that in addition, rules established legally by relevant Government bodies must be complied with. All anglers must carry Saltwater Fishing Licenses if applicable. Bag limit and size restrictions must also be adhered to. All competitors are reminded that it is an offence to tie up any vessel to objects such as FAD or fish trap buoys.
16. **INSURANCE:** It is mandatory for all boats to carry Third Party Property Damage and Third-Party Personal Injury Insurance to a minimum of \$5,000,000 and a copy of policy details **MUST** be supplied with application forms before they can be accepted. The organizers reserve the right to sight full Insurance Policies at any time during the course of the Tournament.
17. **WEIGHSTATION PROCEDURE:** \*\*\* NO WASH ZONE \*\*\* once boats enter the vicinity of the weigh station; they are under the control of the Tournament Official at the weigh station and **MUST** obey all instructions issued by the official. Before coming alongside the weigh station, boats must have completed and have ready for presentation all Capture forms and Tag & Release cards. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final. Weigh station will open at 4.00 pm on each fishing day.

18. **FISH HANDLING:** All fish should be removed from the weigh station after weighing. Competitors (and boat crew) must not, without a tournament official's permission, clean or fillet fish or remove shark jaws in the vicinity of the weigh station, not at any time near any beach or harbor foreshore area. In the event of a shark or marlin are given away for eating, ONLY the fillets may be given and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the SKIPPER & CREW. Unwanted fish must be taken at least 1nm east of the bar and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Note. Failure to comply with this rule will invoke a penalty against the offending boat.
19. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be submitted in writing by the Boat Skipper to the Tournament Secretary. Protests should be handed in no later than 9.00 pm on the fishing day concerned. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.
20. **PENALTIES:** The Committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where a breach of the tournament rules is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.
21. **CONDUCT:** It is an expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in a responsible and courteous manner to tournament officials and other competitors at all times throughout the tournament. The Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. The Committee may invoke penalties or loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler or boat where misconduct is deemed to have taken place. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.
22. **MEDIA POLICY:** In accordance with NSWGFA Media Policy:
- Any **MEDIA RELEASE, POLICY** or any **MAJOR ISSUE MUST** go through the NSWGFA President
  - CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS – ONLY** a Club President can make comment to the Media however these comments are to be of a general reporting nature i.e. not giving every single weight etc.
  - NO INDIVIDUAL ANGLER/MEMBER** should approach the media or answer any queries  
From the media, if approached that person should contact their Club President with the details who will then carry out the requirements of the NSWGFA Media Policy.
23. **INDEMNITY:** Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club accepts no responsibility for actions by entrants in this tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to any property or person during the tournament in that regard all competitors indemnify the Tournament Committee, Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club and all voluntary workers against any claim for loss or damage to property or person. Neither the Tournament Committee nor Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club, nor any Sponsor will be responsible or liable for any loss or damage to any person, property, personal injury or death howsoever occasioned at any time during the Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club's Big Fish Bonanza Tournament. All Anglers participate entirely at their own risk.
24. **TOURNAMENT BRIEFING:** There will be a non-compulsory briefing at Swansea RSL club on Friday 30 January commencing at 7pm. The signed entry form will acknowledge that you have read and understood and will abide by the rules of The Big Fish Tournament and will be notified of any changes. Meals and drinks can be purchased at the RSL at attendees' own expense.
25. **PRESENTATION:** The "Big Fish Bonanza" Presentation will be held on Wednesday 4 February 2026 at Swansea RSL Function Room commencing at 7.00 pm. This will be an informal presentation of prizes, with meals to be purchased directly from the bistro at your own expense however we still require an RSVP to [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au) by Monday 2 February 2026.
26. **ENQUIRIES:** Please email [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au), telephone secretary, Joanne Ham 0421 660 299 or President Michael Walker 0435 535 503

#### NSWGFA TAG & RELEASE POINTS

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
MARLIN					
Marlin - Black	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500

Marlin - Blue	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Marlin - Striped	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
OTHER BILLFISH					
Broadbill Swordfish	12,500	11,500	10,000	8,500	7,500
Sailfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
Short bill Spearfish	6,250	5,750	5,000	4,250	3,750
SHARKS - minimum 100cm					
*Shark - Blue	3,125	2,875	2,500	2,125	1,875
*Shark - Hammerhead (Smooth Only)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Mako (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Porbeagle	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Thresher (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Tiger	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark - Whaler (all)	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
*Shark – Great White	3,750	3,450	3,000	2,550	2,250
TUNAS					
Tuna - Albacore	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna - Longtail	625	575	500	425	375
Tuna - Bigeye	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna - Dogtooth	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna - Bluefin & Southern Bluefin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
Tuna - Yellowfin	1,250	1,150	1,000	850	750
MISCELLANEOUS					
Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel	625	575	500	425	375
Wahoo	625	575	500	425	375
*Yellowtail Kingfish - minimum 70cm	310	290	250	210	190
Barracuda	31	29	25	21	19
Cobia	31	29	25	21	19
*Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish)	31	29	25	21	19
JUNIOR POINTS ONLY					
Tuna - Kawa Kawa	13	12	10	9	8
Tuna - Striped - Catch & Release Only	13	12	10	9	8

- *Tagging of White Sharks – The incidental hooking, fighting and tagging and releasing of a White Shark in Commonwealth Waters (outside 3NM) is permitted for scientific purposes and T&R points will be awarded in all tournaments including club point-scores. This species cannot be targeted. For clarity, the NSW GFA President advised that a dispensation has been granted by the Federal Government.*
- The maximum number of \*Yellowtail Kingfish and \*Mahi Mahi tagged and released by one angler be limited to five (5) of each species per day, with a maximum of ten (10) of each species per boat per day shall also apply.
- All sharks tagged & released must measure a minimum of 100cm in length.
- Yellowtail Kingfish tagged & released must measure a minimum of 70cm in length.
- \*Striped Tuna and \*Kawa Kawa are eligible species for JUNIOR/SMALL FRY PERSONAL POINT SCORE ONLY

Measure & Release is allowed Yellowtail Kingfish\* under 70cm ONLY

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Following are the only Measure & Release points that may be used by NSWGFA – affiliated member Clubs

	4-10kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
KINGFISH - Yellowtail - under 70cm	13	12	10	9	8
STRIPED TUNA	13	12	10	9	8

Note: (i) All GFAA Angling & Equipment regulations shall apply.

(ii) All applicable tag & release rules shall apply i.e., Items 1, 2 & 3 of the acts that disqualify a tag & release.

(iii) No fish can be released after measurement unless it is in a healthy and vigorous state.

(iv) A GFAA designed "Measure & Release" card is to be used to record species release information.

### **Guidelines for Measure & Release**

1. Only gamefish species as listed for measure & release are to be considered by this guideline.
2. All GFAA Angling Rules & Equipment Regulation & Codes of Practice to apply until fish is landed and returned to the water in a healthy and vigorous state.

3. The use of knotless, rubber coated nets or similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal are to be used, the use of gaffs (other than release/jaw gaff) is prohibited.
4. The fish is to be measured using an approved or recognized measuring mat & or graduated tape measure, measurements between centimetre increments shall be measured at the lower of the two increments i.e. 45 – 46 cm will be recorded as 45 cm.
5. Once measured the fish is to be returned to the water as quickly as possible & supported until it is able to swim away in a healthy & vigorous state. If the fish dies during this process it is the skipper & angler's responsibility to disqualify the catch.
6. All measurements & data must be recorded on an approved GFAA Measure & Release card that is to be returned to the angler's club for processing.

#### **Line and Backing**

1. The use of backing is permissible. (Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, Multifilament, Lead Core Multifilament but not wire.)
2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line (for record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied.)

Multi-filament lines only allowed when used as backing.



# Lake Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

## Big Fish Bonanza 2026



Champion Boat T&R: **\$5,000**

Champion Boat T&R: Runner Up: TBC

Champion Boat T&R: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: TBC

Capture Heaviest Shark: (over 300kg) **\$5,000**



Capture Heaviest Marlin: **\$5,000**

**(Jackpots to \$10,000 if the Marlin is 150 kg or more)**

Most Meritorious Capture Shark: **\$1000**

(Point score uncapped, Heaviest Shark over 300 kg will not be eligible for most meritorious prize.)

Capture Heaviest OGF: **TBC**

Most T&R Shark: **TBC**

Most T&R OGF: **TBC**

First & Last Marlin capture or T&R Sat & Sun: **TBC**

Champion Capture Junior: TBC

Champion T&R Junior: TBC

Champion Capture Small Fry: TBC

Champion T&R Small Fry: TBC

Sked draws



31ST JAN TO 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

# 2026 LMGFC BIGFISH BONANZA TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

NB: In the event of a tie on any prize category the count back system will be used to determine the winner Example: The angler or boat to reach the winning score first will be deemed to be the winner.

Boat Name..... Home GFC.....

Skipper Name..... Mobile No: .....

Address: .....

State: ..... Postcode: ..... Email: .....

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Name and Number: .....

**PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE NOTE: Each boat MUST enter a minimum of 3 anglers (including the skipper) HOWEVER ONLY 2 ANGLERS ARE REQUIRED ON BOARD AT ANY TIME.**  
Please print name in full & indicate Club & Angler Category here

1: Skipper:		GFC	M / L / J / SF
2: Angler:		GFC	
3: Angler:		GFC	
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## Application Fees

Adult Anglers		@ \$150.00 each	Total
Junior/Small Fry		@ \$70.00 each	
Late Application Fee per boat (Entries received after 6pm Thurs 29 Jan 2026)		@ \$160.00	
		Total	\$

Please email entries to: [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au)

## Payment by direct debit:

**LMGFC: BSB 650 000**

**Acc No: 543886506. (Please note this is our Big Fish account)**

Please ensure your boat name is included in the payment details and a copy of the receipt/transaction is included with your application form.



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# BOAT SAFETY RESCUE FORM

Please Email Entries to: [secretary@lmgfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lmgfc.com.au): Payment by direct debit to LMGFC BSB 650 000 Acc No:543886506, please ensure your boat name is included in the payment details and a copy of the receipt/transaction is included with your application form.

**To be completed and signed by Skippers and returned by Thursday the 29 January 2026**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Deck: \_\_\_\_\_ Superstructure: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive features / markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine(s) / Type(s): \_\_\_\_\_ HP: \_\_\_\_\_

Speed Cruising: \_\_\_\_\_ Max: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Type

SSB HF

27 Mhz

VHF

Mobiles on Board

Radar Reflector

Flares

Dinghy

Life Raft

Life Bouys

Life Jackets

E.P.I.R.B

Registration No

Depth Sounder

Compass

Sea Anchor

Food

GPS

Radar

Water

Note: All Boats must produce evidence of Insurance covering, Third Party Damage and Third-Party Personal Injury Insurance to the value of \$5 million minimum. Evidence shall consist of:

Insurance Details: Name of Insurer: .....

Insurance Policy Number: ..... Renewal Date: .....

I have read and understood and I agree to abide by every Tournament Rule, all Tournament Committee decisions and that all anglers listed are current members of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with NSWGFA or Club affiliated with another State Association that are affiliated with GFAA.

LMGFC reserves the right to refuse application to this Tournament.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Skipper

Date: \_\_\_\_\_