

## **AIBT GFAA Light Tackle Slam**

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Wednesday	11th, Sept	6.30pm	Skippers Briefing & Calcutta		
Thursday	12th, Sept	8am	Start Fishing /	5.00pm	Stop Fishing
Friday	13, Sept	8am	Start Fishing /	5.00pm	Stop Fishing
Saturday	14, Sept	8am	Start Fishing /	5.00pm	Stop Fishing
Sunday	15th, Sept	12pm	Presentation lunch		

### **Prize Categories**

**E.W. Palmer Trophy  
Champion Team Overall  
Invitation to Hawaii International Billfish Tournament**

**Mal Ramsay  
Champion Angler Overall (Male / Female or Master)**

**Moreton Bay GFC  
Runner Up Champion Team**

**Champion Male Angler**

**Champion Female Angler**

**Champion Junior Angler**

**John (Johnno) Johnston  
Champion International Angler**

**Champion Boat Over 7.5mtr**

**Champion Boat Under 7.5mtr**

**First Billfish Tag Daily**

**Last Billfish Tag Daily**

**Weigh Station Open 5pm - 7pm Daily**

**Registration & Fees:** Each vessel must have a minimum of 2 anglers. All registration fees must be paid in full no later than the 31st July 2019. All anglers must be financial members of a Game Fishing Club affiliated with the QGFA, Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) or the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) . Junior must be under the age of 17 as of the 11th of September 2019.

**Insurance:** A valid certificate of currency for each vessel must be presented with the registration form, minimum public liability of \$10,000,000.

**Type of Tournament:** This is a Team Tournament with separate individual classes. No changes are permitted in registered anglers after the conclusion of the Rear Commodore's Briefing. Tag and release for all billfish.

**Rules:** GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations apply throughout. Line class available for the tournament is 10kg monofilament or dacron pretest IGFA Certified.

**Rear Commodore's Briefing:** There will be a briefing on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 6.30 p.m. at YKBC. At least one representative from each boat/team must be present. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting. Anglers are responsible for being well informed of all rules. This will be followed immediately by the Calcutta.

**Calcutta:** Calcutta is for "Champion Team/ Boat" and runner up "Champion Team/Boat"

**Eligible Fish:** This is a points based tournament. Points will be awarded for Tagged Billfish only. Billfish must be tagged and released.

**Billfish:** Any angler bringing a billfish into the weigh station shall forfeit any claim he/she may have to tournament prizes, unless the fish is a potential record. If the fish does not exceed the record at the time of weighing, it will be disqualified and no points will be awarded.

**Tags:** All tag cards must be submitted to tournament committee by 7pm on the day of tag.

**Proof of Capture:** There must be evidence of proof of capture / tag for each and every billfish tagged. Unless this is provided with the tag card, the tag will be disallowed. Time / Date stamped digital photograph or video is acceptable.

If only one billfish is caught for the tournament then only the "first" billfish prize will be given.

**Prizes:** Any prizes not claimed (won) will be used as door prizes at the committee's discretion. Champion Team categories are based on total points per boat, not individual angler. Champion Angler prizes are based on total points per angler not per boat. Proof of permanent international residence must be provided for eligibility for International Champion Angler Prize, approval at Tournament Committee's discretion.

**Scoring Overall Tournament:** Billfish points 1500pts per tag, if there is a tie in points it will be awarded to the first billfish tagged / time. Juniors can not win senior prizes, however tags / points will contribute to overall boat score.

**Communications:** All participating boats must be equipped with a working VHF marine radio. The tournament committee will monitor VHF channel 81. Official times or special notifications will be announced during the tournament on this channel. All hook ups & tags must be reported immediately to the observer boat, including the location square. All boats must participate in the scheds, failure to do so may result in disqualification.

**Tournament Hours:** Official times for start and stop fishing will be announced over VHF Channel 81. Fish being fought at "stop fishing" time must be announced over Channel 81, with permission to continue fighting the current fish.

**Shot Gun Start:** All boats must remain in the area of the outer leads marker at YKBC prior to official start. The official start will be on or about 6.45 a.m. on the 12th September 2019. Boats must not leave the area until the official horn marks the start of the tournament. The official time will be kept with the tournament committee. It is urged that captains and anglers synchronize their watches with the committee to avoid time issues.

**Weather Conditions:** In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the tournament committee may choose to postpone the tournament until a later date. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions. The 1st fall back dates will be advised if the tournament is postponed. Official BOM weather will be followed and wind forecast of 25knts or greater will result in the tournament being postponed.

**Boundaries:** 60nm radius from YKBC Club House / Half Moon Bay Marina.

**Protests:** Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rule violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than 7.00 p.m. on the day of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100 fee which will be refunded if the dispute / protest is successful.

**Awards:** Tournament winners will receive all prizes and be paid by cheque, which will be presented at the awards ceremony to be held on Sunday the 15th September 2019. Perpetual trophies to remain at YKBC, no communication or correspondence of any sort will be entered into regarding prize distribution, and results etc. HIBT have issued an invitation to GFAA for the winner of the 2019 AIBT to fish the 2020 HIBT.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie in weight, the winner will be determined by the earliest tag.

**Refunds:** No refunds will be given, unless the tournament is cancelled due to bad weather.

**Release of Liability:** It is expressly understood that all participants in the Light Tackle Slam enter at their own risk and that the YKBC or their officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament, or any sponsor of the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sport-fisherman or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament. Tournament Committee decision is final on all matters, and no further discussion will be entered into under any circumstances.