



# *Lady Fishers Game Fishing Classic*

## *8<sup>th</sup> March 2013*

*Hosted by The Surfers Paradise Game and Sport Fishing Club Inc.*

*Southport Yacht Club, Macarthur Parade, Main Beach*

*For Further Information Contact: Beverley Cheffins 0418 865 046*

The Surfers Paradise Game and Sport Fishing Club Inc invite you to participate in The Lady Fishers Game Fishing Classic 8<sup>th</sup> March and the ATAS Tournament 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The format opens up the weekend for both small and large boats to compete for prizes on an even level, with two Tag and Release divisions and other species division.

The entry fees include meals as per the entry form, Tournament T-shirt and team bags. All competitors will be eligible for the trophies on offer and be in the draw for the many prizes this Tournament offers.

The Tournament is based at Southport Yacht Club, Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, only 5km south of the Gold Coast Seaway. The Southport Yacht Club will provide secure berths on a raft-up basis right in front of the clubhouse, as well as a secure hardstand for trailer boat vessels for those who wish to remove their boats. SYC will also provide discounted fuel for vessels wishing to refuel. Southport Yacht Club staff and the Committee will be there to assist with berthing.

Anglers and crew may stay on their vessels at no cost or may independently book accommodation within a wide range of establishments within walking distance of the Club. As this is a licensed Club, no swimwear, thongs, singlets or stubbies are to be worn within the licensed areas.

The compulsory briefing for skippers or team captains will be held at the Southport Yacht Club

Lady Fishers Tournament Briefing Thursday 7th March and the ATAS Briefing Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I encourage you to read through the Tournament information carefully. Please forward any questions regarding the Tournament to **Beverley Cheffins 0418 865 046**.

As an added incentive there will be an early bird prize draw for those entries received before **1st February 2013**. All entries received by this date will receive guaranteed shirt sizing.

## ***Fishing Program and Information***

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

- 2.00 pm – Lady Fishers Berthing available, earlier arrivals by arrangement
- 4.30pm - Registration
- 6.00pm – Champagne and finger food in the Compass Room
- 6.30pm - Compulsory Skippers/Team Captain's Tournament Briefing
- 7.00pm - Calcutta

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Lady Fishers Game Fishing Classic**

- 6.00am – Boat decoration at SYC
- 7.00am – Sailpast at SYC
- 7.30am - Commence Fishing
- Radio Skeds will be on VHF82 at 9.10am, 11.10am, 1.10pm, 3.10pm
- 4.00pm - Cease Fishing maximum overtime 2 hrs
- 6.00pm – All tag cards capture certificates to be returned
- 7.00pm – Lady Fishers Tournament Presentation and Gala Dinner in the Compass Room

## ***Prize Categories***

Light Tackle (8, 10 & 15kg): Tag and Release: Trophies for the most points

- Champion Senior Female Angler
- Champion Junior Female Angler

Points Applicable: Billfish: 8kg = 20,000; 10kg = 18,000; 15kg = 16,000.

This Division has no depth restrictions

Heavy Tackle (24, 37 & 60kg): Tag and Release: Trophies for the most points

- Champion Senior Female Angler
- Champion Junior Female Angler

Points Applicable: Billfish: 24kg = 20,000; 37kg = 18,000; 60kg = 16,000.

Heavy Tackle may only be used at depths of 100 metres or more.

Other Species: **Tag and Release.** Trophies for the most points

- Champion Senior Female Angler
- Champion Junior Female Angler

Other Species: **Capture.** Trophies for the most points

- Champion Senior Female Angler
- Champion Junior Angler

Other Trophies

- Champion Angler Overall
- Champion Boat Overall
- Champion Boat Other Species
- Best Decorated Boat
- Best Dressed Team
- Other Novelty Prizes

Junior anglers are not eligible to win senior prizes



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Entries received and paid prior to February 1st 2013 will be entitled to the early bird prize draw.  
*Please note that berthing numbers are limited; please get your entries in so that you don't miss out!*

Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Wet Berth Required: Yes / No Dry Berth Required: Yes / No

Indemnity: I/We who have signed the entry form agree to the rules of the competition as published. In consideration of your accepting me/us as a competitor or guest we absolve the SPG&SFC Inc, its Tournament Committee and/or its nominees from any liability whatsoever and however arising and occurring during or arising from the Tournament and we indemnify you and agree to keep you indemnified against all claims, damages, costs and losses that may be claimed or awarded against you or that you may suffer resulting from injury or loss to me/us or any of my/our invitees or licensees or guests or to my/our property or to any property of your invitees, licensees or guests.

<b>TEAM CAPTAIN / ANGLER 1:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____	<b>ANGLER 4:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____
<b>ANGLER 2:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____	<b>ANGLER 5:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____
<b>ANGLER 3:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____	<b>ANGLER 6:</b> <b>Lady Fishers GFC</b> Name: _____ S/J Address: _____ _____ Phone No: _____ Club: _____ Shirt: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Signature: _____

TEAM ENTRY FEES: LADY FISHERS GAME FISHING CLASSIC 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	Number:	\$ Amount
Total Senior Lady Fishers	\$100.00	
Total Junior Lady Fishers	\$50.00	
<b>ADDITIONAL GUESTS:</b>		
Lady Fishers Presentation Dinner	\$50.00	
Crew Packs (Meal & Shirt)	\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		

**Surfers Paradise Game & Sport Fishing Club Inc. Bank: NAB BSB#: 084-913 ACCOUNT #: 490138175**

Please post entry to the address below, or email your entry form (together with Direct Debit [details above] confirmation) to:

Email: [beverley@ladyfishers.com.au](mailto:beverley@ladyfishers.com.au)  
 Lady Fishers, PO Box 412, North Tamborine QLD 4272

## **Tournament Rules**

The Tournament will be fished under GFAA rules. All Anglers **MUST** be current financial fishing members of a club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA.

### **Briefing:**

Compulsory briefing for Skippers/Team Captains at the Southport Yacht Club at 6.30pm on Thursday evening for the Lady Fishers Tournament and 7:30pm on Friday evening for the ATAS tournament.

### **Teams:**

A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 anglers per team. All anglers to receive equal opportunity to catch fish.

### **Replacement:**

Replacement of boat or crew members is at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

### **Compliance:**

All fish must be captured/tagged in accordance with GFAA rules. All fish that are tagged must be released and every effort made to ensure the fish's chances of survival. Only NSW Fisheries "billfish only" tags are to be used for billfish in order to be eligible for tag points.

**Tie** - In the event of a tie, the first to attain the total score will be deemed the winner.

### **Radio Scheds:**

Scheds will be on VHF 82 at the following times:

Lady Fishers Friday: 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.00pm

ATAS Saturday: 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.00pm

ATAS Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm

**Billfish Hook-ups** - All billfish hook-ups are to be called in at time of hook-up. All tags and captures are to be notified to Game Fish Base, which will advise the 'tag or capture time'. This is the time by which places will be allocated.

**Radio Scheds** - All boats competing must reply during each sched – if out of radio range, relay via another vessel. Boats that do not make contact with Game Fish Base for **two** consecutive scheds will be disqualified from the days point score. All skippers must ensure they have adequate functioning radios from prior to putting to sea.

Boats are to report name, strikes, hook-ups, captures/tags, anglers name and species of capture/tagging to Game Fish Base. - **Failure to follow these requirements may result in nil points being awarded for that day.**

**Live Bait** - Live bait may be used as per QGFA rules.

### **Tag Cards:**

To achieve Tournament points, each Team must present their signed and legibly completed Score Sheet and Tag Cards to the Tournament Committee by 6.00pm on Friday, 7.30pm on Saturday & 5.00pm on Sunday. Failure to do so on either day will result in nil points being awarded for that day, whilst the Tournament Committee may excuse lateness if exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated for the Saturday only.

### **Late Hook-ups:**

Game Base must be kept informed of the progress of all hook-ups that go into overtime, and must be immediately notified when the fish is either tagged or lost.

**Late Hook-ups on Saturday** may be played out on the Saturday providing Game Fish Base has been notified and has acknowledged hook-up prior to cease fishing. To achieve tag points, the Team must make every effort to ensure that completed Score Sheets and Tag Cards are handed to the Tournament Committee by 7:30 or within two hours of the fish being tagged, whichever is the later time. Failure to do so may result in nil points being awarded for the day, at the Tournament Committee's discretion.

**Late Hook-ups on Friday and Sunday.** Any fish hooked prior to cease fishing, providing Game Fish Base has been notified and has acknowledged hook-up, may be played out providing all Score Sheets and Tag Cards relating to that day are submitted to the Tournament Committee by no later than 6.00pm on Friday and 5:00pm on Sunday. Failure to do so will result in nil points being awarded for that day.

### **Protests:**

Team Captains must submit any protests relating to the Tournament in writing to the Tournament Committee no later than 6.00pm on Friday, 7.30pm on Saturday and 5.00pm on Sunday. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final.

### **Boat Speeds:**

Within the confines of the Broadwater and the Southport Yacht Club, boat speed limits must be observed.

**Safety:**

A lookout is to be kept for surfboard riders paddling across the Seaway. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure boats are completely seaworthy, meeting legislated State safety standards and have a VHF radio in good working order.

**Boats Departing From Other Ports:**

Boats competing in the Friday Lady Fishers Tournament need to leave and return to the Southport Yacht Club. ATAS Tournament Boats may depart from other ports to the fishing grounds on Saturday. All competing boats **must** return on Saturday to the Southport Yacht Club Marina or the Southport Yacht Club's secure storage on Saturday night and leave through the Southport Seaway on Sunday morning. Boats need not return to Southport Yacht Club after fishing on Sunday.

**Fishing Areas** - Between latitudes 27.20.000 and 28.20.000.

**Logging On and Off:**

Vessels **must** log on and off with Game Fish Base (VHF82). Points will only be awarded to boats whilst logged on with Game Fish Base. In the event of a vessel returning relatively early they must notify Game Fish Base.

**Bad Weather:**

In the event of bad weather and to avoid taking unnecessary risks, the Tournament Committee may postpone the Tournament during the week prior to the scheduled event. **In such a case the next weekend has been set aside as alternative dates.** Should it be necessary to cancel a day's fishing due to a strong wind warning, an announcement will be made as early as possible on VHF82 or competitors may contact Andrew Dunbar on 0428 460 113. In the event of a strong wind warning being called during a day's fishing, cease fishing will be called and all boats must return to port of convenience.

**Tackle:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to check that tackle conforms to GFAA rules.

**Vessel length** will be determined by the length shown on the manufacturers compliance plate.