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# your feedback

Please let us know if there is something we could have done to make your tournament more enjoyable.

Think you have some great fresh ideas which could help make our next tournament even better? Email us : [info@ribbons.org.au](mailto:info@ribbons.org.au)

# RIBBONS

Ladies Game Fishing Tournament

Ribbons... Ribbon Reefs...  
Fishing for Game Fish...  
Women only fishing gamely...  
Ribbons flying from Game Boats...  
Ribbons on Tagged Game fish...

It can only happen in the sparkling tropical waters of Cairns and it's for women only.

The Ribbons is Australia's first and only Women's Game Fishing Tournament. As a tribute to the famous Ribbon Reefs and the women anglers competing, the tournament has simply been called

# "Ribbons"

**VENUE :** Cairns, Queensland Australia  
[CAIRNS YACHT CLUB PRECINCT MARLIN MARINA]  
**DATE :** 4, 5 & 6 December 2009  
**ENTRY FEE :** See Entry Form

**Friday 4th December ~ Registration & Briefing**  
Venue : Salthouse ~ Cairns Yacht Club Precinct Marlin Marina  
Time : From 6pm • Briefing & Calcutta: From 8.00pm  
All Anglers & Skippers to attend.

**Saturday 5th December ~ Ribbons Tournament**  
Sailpast & Judging of Best Decorated Boat  
Time : 7.00am ~ Northern Finger of Marlin Marina  
Weigh In : 6.00pm to 8.00pm ~ Marlin Marina

**Sunday 6th December ~ Presentation Dinner**  
Venue : Hilton Hotel Cairns ~ Ballroom  
Time : From 6.00pm for Pre-Dinner Drinks  
Followed by Smorgasboard Dinner & Presentation.

**Nominations:**  
Must be received by the Committee by Monday 30th November 2009 by post to PO Box 5251 Cairns Qld 4870 or fax (07) 4035 6890. Please bring late nominations to the attention of the Committee, as placement at Presentation Dinner cannot be guaranteed.

**Entry fee provides:**  
**Teams of 3 - 4 Anglers :**  
• 1 T-shirt & Dinner Ticket per Angler  
• 1 T-shirt & Dinner Ticket for Skipper & 1 Crew  
**Teams of 2 Anglers :**  
• 1 T-shirt & Dinner Ticket per Angler  
• 1 T-shirt & Dinner Ticket for Skipper

**Junior Anglers:**  
Must be over the age of 8 years, and under 16 years on the date of the tournament.

**Game Fishing Vessels:**  
Teams must arrange their own boats and negotiate fees. Private boats are most welcome. All boats must be seaworthy and have public liability insurance. In case of bad weather, participation is the ultimate responsibility of the Skipper.



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## Enquiries...

# winners

## Champion Team 08 : OVER 7m



**Little Tubs** Kym Langley, Sheena Langley, Haley Hober

## Champion Team 08 : UNDER 7m



**The Edge** Barbara Leptig, Kate Pelling  
SKIPPER : Steven Leptig

## Champion Angler 08 : Browyn Mayo "On Strike"



## Champion Junior Angler 08 :



## Haley Hober - "Little Tubs"

Haley needed assistance with all of her trophies & prizes from fellow Ribbons Members Elise & Claudia Georgouras

## Best Decorated Boat : Murchison II



Priscilla Queen of the Sea

## Qld Record!!!!



**Sherie King with her Qld Record  
27.8kg Wahoo!**

# rules

- Qualifications for Entry :** As this is a Ladies only tournament all competitors must be female. All competitors must be financial members of a Club affiliated with QGFA or GFAA. All competitors will be eligible to claim QGFA or GFAA records in any category. All QGFA events must be fished under GFAA Rules and Fishing Regulation.
- Line Class :** 10kg, 15kg or 24kg  
If line class is not recorded on score sheet points will be allocated according to 24kg line class.
- Tag and Release :** All Billfish to be tagged and released for points. Tags available at briefing.
- Eligible Species :** All species except sharks that are listed in GFAA Record Charts.  
**Edible Fish :** As defined by the committee, are Cobia, Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo. Edible fish may be gilled and gutted on capture, but must be kept on ice. An additional 10% is to be added to the weight of the cleaned fish before calculation of points. Edible fish need not be line class to be weighed.  
**Other Game Fish :** (i.e. those not considered edible by the committee) must be line class to be weighed except for junior anglers. **Juniors** will be allowed to weigh any gamefish under line class to a max of three fish per species.
- Points Score is as follows :**  
All fish weighed must be legal fish in size and bag limits. In the event of a tie, the first team or angler reaching the winning total will be declared the winner.  
**Billfish :** Nominal weight is 60kg i.e.  
10kg line = 600 + 50% Bonus = 900 points  
15kg line = 400 + 50% Bonus = 600 points  
24kg line = 250 + 50% Bonus = 375 points  
**Gamefish :**  
Weight of Fish x 100 Divided by Line Class
- Fishing Grounds :** Opal Reef to Raaf Shoals. Be aware of Green Zone Rules and Regulations.
- Sailpast :** All vessels must participate in the sailpast commencing from the Marlin Wharf at **0700hrs**. Vessels must past the Marlin Jetty in single file as per instructions given at the briefing for the judging of the Best Decorated Boat. The committee will individually consider exceptions to this rule. Departure before 0700 hrs will not be permitted in any circumstance.
- Fishing Hours :**  
Fishing will commence at 0830hrs and cease at 1700hrs. Any fish hooked before cease fishing time may be played out and is eligible for points, provided the hook up is notified at cease of fishing and the team meets the weigh-in cut off time ~ 2000hrs.
- Weigh In :** All captured fish must be weighed at the Marlin Marina between 1800hrs and 2000hrs. All teams must present completed Score Sheets and Tag Cards to the Weightmaster even if no fish were caught. Potential Records must be announced at time of capture and must not be mutilated.
- Teams :** Teams must be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers.
- Judges:** Judges will be appointed by the Committee, with the judges' decision being final and binding
- Protests :** All protests must be submitted in writing by the Team Captain to the Executive Committee no later than 0900hrs Sunday 6th December 2009.
- Radio Schedules:**  
Frequency: VHF 81  
Times: 1105, 1405, 1645hrs.

## prize categories...

- Champion Senior Angler
- Champion Team over 7m Boat
- Champion Team 7m & Under Boat
- Runner up Team (Overall)
- Runner up Senior Angler
- Champion Junior Angler
- Runner up Junior Angler
- First Fish Caught
- Last Fish Caught
- Each Billfish Tagged
- Champion Crew
- Encouragement Award
- Mystery Weight Fish
- Champion Out of Town Angler
- Best Decorated Boat
- Best Happy Snap Photograph
- Greenie Award
- Highest **Individual** Point Scoring Gamefish Weighed
- Highest **Total** Point Scoring Gamefish Weighed

## Calcutta

**We will be having a fixed Calcutta again this year!** All teams have first choice of buying their own boat for \$100. If a boat is not bought by team, then an auction of those boats left will be performed at Briefing.

Please remember that the Ribbons Tournament promotes Tag & Release of Billfish.

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