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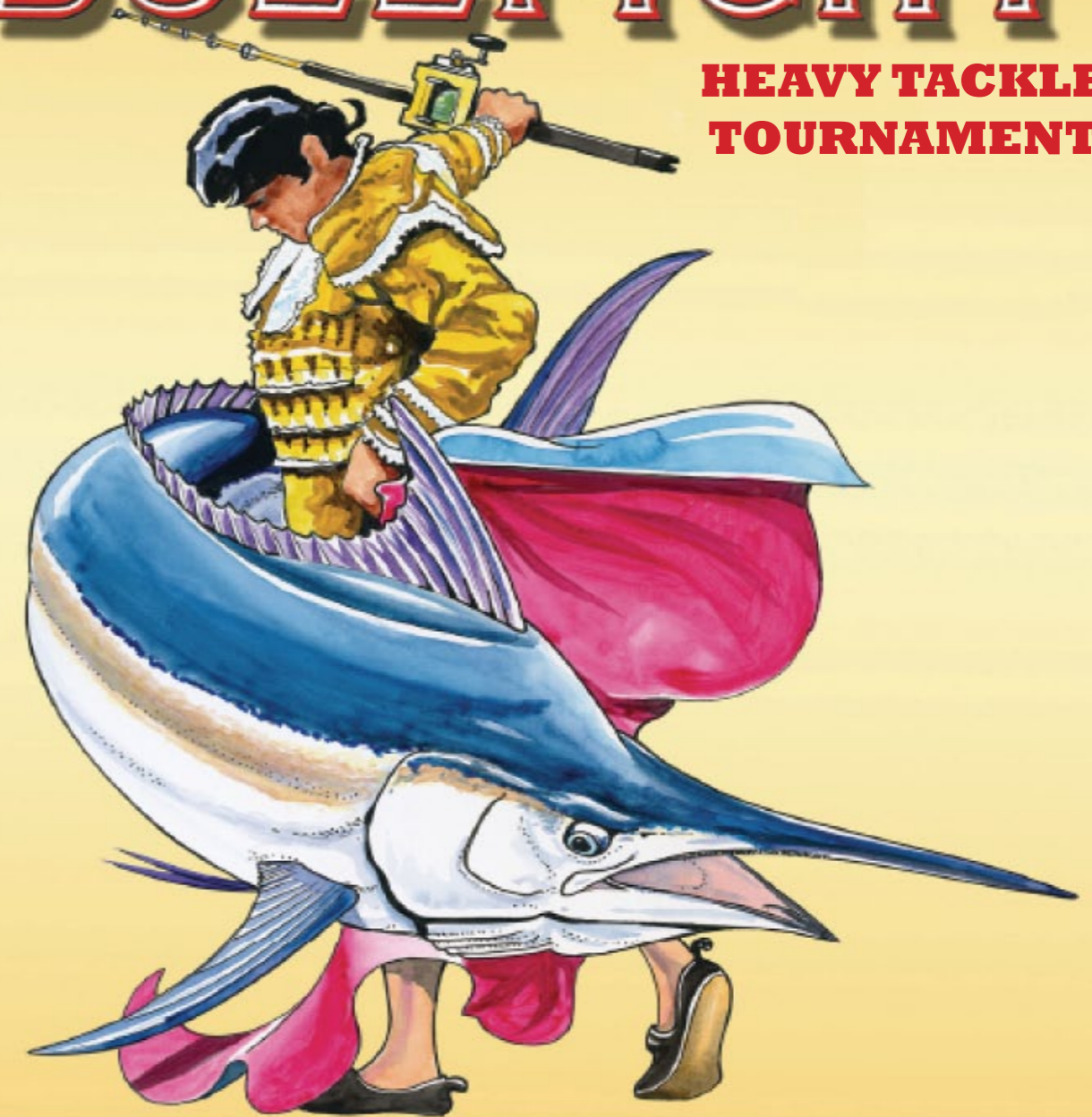
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YORKEYS KNOB SPORTFISHING CLUB

MAKAIRA BULLFIGHT

HEAVY TACKLE TOURNAMENT



6th - 8th October, 2017

YORKEYS KNOB BOATING CLUB

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

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BIG BOAT SHED MAKAIRA BULLFIGHT

Heavy Tackle Marlin Tournament

	Friday 6th
6.30pm	Briefing & Calcutta
	Saturday 7th
5.00am	Breakfast & Lunch Packs (for both days)
7.00am	Start Fishing
5.00pm	Stop Fishing
5.00pm	Weigh In Station Opens
6.30pm	Weigh In Station Closes
	Sunday 8th
7.00am	Start Fishing
4.00pm	Stop Fishing
4.00pm	Weigh In Station Opens & Photos
6.30pm	Weigh In Station Closes / Tag Cards must be in.
7.00pm	BBQ Buffet Presentation Dinner in Tenderhooks

Tournament Line Classes Heavy Tackle 24, 37 or 60kg Only

Prize Categories

Boats over 7.5m

Champion boat
Runner up champion boat

Boats under 7.5m (including pod extension)

Champion boat
Runner up champion boat

Individual Categories

Champion Angler Male
Champion Angler Female
Champion Junior Angler*

First Marlin tagged (Saturday & Sunday)
Last Marlin tagged (Saturday & Sunday)
Heaviest Other Game Fish (Saturday & Sunday)

Heaps of Door Prizes throughout the Tournament

*Junior open (excludes 60kg line class / Excludes Senior Categories)

BIG BOAT SHED MAKAIRA BULLFIGHT

Heavy Tackle Marlin Tournament

Registration & Fees: Each boat is allowed a maximum of 4 anglers and a minimum of 2. All registration fees must be paid in full no later than 5pm, Friday 6th October 2017. All anglers must be a current financial fishing member of a QGFA Member Club, or a current financial fishing member of a Club affiliated with the GFAA. Early Bird Tournament Entry fees must be paid by 5pm, Friday 22nd September 2017.

Type of Tournament: This is a Team Boat/Individual Tournament. No changes are permitted in registered anglers after the conclusion of the Rear Commodore's Briefing. All other game fish that are to be entered for official weigh-in must be done so in the presence of a boat/individual representative. Tag and release for all Marlin / Killing a Marlin will result in disqualification.

Rules: GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations apply throughout. Unless otherwise stated, Club point score rules will apply throughout this tournament. Line classes available for the tournament are 24kg, 37kg and 60kg. All line must be IGFA rated and must be nominated on entry form.

Rear Commodore's Briefing: There will be a briefing at 6.30pm, Friday 6th October 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. Any vessel that does not have a representative present at the briefing may be disqualified.

Eligible Fish: Billfish must be tagged and released. All fish recognised by QGFA will be accepted for tag and release points. Other game fish points will be determined in line with QGFA/ GFAA point score method. No allowance will be given for gilled or gutted fish. No sailfish, trevally, sharks, rays, barracuda will be accepted at weigh station. Accepted fish are Mackerel, Yellow fin Tuna, Long Tail Tuna, Dolphin Fish, Cobia, and Wahoo.

Bill Fish: Any angler bringing a billfish into the weigh station shall forfeit any claim he/she may have to tournament prizes. If only one Marlin is caught for the tournament then only the "first" Marlin prize will be given.

Prizes: Any prizes not claimed (won) may be used as door prizes at committee discretion. Only 1 major prize can be won per person/ boat. Champion Boat categories are based on total points per boat, not individual angler. Juniors cannot win any senior prize, with the exception of first and last tagged. Junior age is under 16 years old as at 6th October 2017.

Calcutta: There is one pool in the Calcutta, minimum bid \$50, with the Calcutta awarded to "Overall Champion Boat" and "Runner Up Champion Boat", based on total points, no vessel size categories.

Scoring Overall Tournament: This is a points base competition with points being awarded for tagged Billfish and game fish and for the abovementioned weighed game fish. Only 1 other game fish per angler per day can be weighed, ie a total of 2 other game fish per angler. All fish presented for weigh-in must be a minimum of 10KG and be in fresh, edible condition. No allowance will be provided for gilled and gutted. GFAA Tag & Release rule will apply. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life. A maximum of three tagged game fish per species per angler per day will be allowed. Billfish caught with the aid of a game chair will carry a deduction of 100Pts. All entries must be weighed on the certified scale at the official weigh-in location in the presence of the boat/team entering them. Tournament winners may be subject to equipment inspection tests. Any fish may be examined by any means necessary. All tag cards must be submitted no later than 6.30pm on Sunday. **Billfish Points : 24kg Line Marlin = 1300 : 37kg Line Marlin = 1000 : 60kg Line Marlin = 800. Tagged Game Fish = 100pts. Weighed Game Fish = Fish Weight / Line Class X 100**

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. No weigh-in statistics will be given over the radio. 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. Scheduled times 10.05/ 13.05/15.05 radio channel to be advised.

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. The weigh station will close at 6.30pm on Saturday & Sunday unless special permission has been given by tournament organisers.

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 the 13th - 15th October, unless otherwise advised.

Boundaries: As per the tournament map.

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.

Awards: Tournament winners will receive all prizes and be paid by cheque, which will be presented at the awards ceremony to be held approximately 1/2 hour after final weigh-in. perpetual trophies to remain at YKBC, no communication or correspondence of any sort will be entered into regarding prize distribution, and results etc.

Ties: In the event of a tie in weight or number of tags, the winner will be determined by the earliest tag / weigh-in time.

Refunds: No refunds will be given, unless the tournament is cancelled due to bad weather after the fall back dates.

Release of Liability: It is expressly understood that all participants in the Makaira Bullfight enter at their own risk and that Big Boat Shed, 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.