



# Tollgate Islands Classic



**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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★ **Most Marlin T&R - \$9000 Cash**

★ **2<sup>nd</sup> Most Marlin T&R - \$5000 cash & \$1500  
GARMIN Voucher**

★ **3<sup>rd</sup> Most Marlin T&R - \$2000 Cash & \$2500  
GARMIN Voucher**

★ **4<sup>th</sup> Most Marlin T&R – \$3000 Fish Batemans Bay  
Voucher**

★ **5<sup>th</sup> Most Marlin T&R - \$1000 Undertow Shirt  
Package & \$500 Garmin Voucher**

★ **Heaviest Marlin over 140 KG  
– \$9000 Cash**



**Tournament Director**  
**Andrew Turner 0415 652 345**

**Tournament Base**  
**Gordon Patterson 0459 020 344**





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## TOURNAMENT ENTERTAINMENT & PRIZES

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Registration for competing boats & anglers from **5:00pm** at **Batemans Bay Marina Resort 49 Beach Road Batemans Bay**. Briefing will commence at **7:00 pm sharp**. Food and drinks supplied.  
Raffle of Shimano Beast Master 9000 + rod will be drawn at the conclusion of the briefing.

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Fishing commences at **7:00am** and ceases at **4:30pm**. Weigh station opens at **4:00pm**.

Tournament Chinese buffet dinner commencing at **7:30pm** at **Bateman's Bay Soldiers Club, Beach Rd Batemans Bay**. Raffle ticket sales with raffle prizes to be drawn during the evening.

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Start with sail past, vessels will be issued numbers of place at Tournament Dinner. Meet at **6.30 am sharp** from Marina entrance and motor to snapper island for **7am** shot gun start. Fishing commences at **8:00am** and ceases at **5:30pm**. Weigh station opens at **4:00pm**.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Fishing commences **7:00am** and ceases at **3:00pm**. Weigh station opens at **3:00pm** and closes at **4:30pm**.

**All fish, tackle etc. to be in confines of weigh station by 4:00pm.**

Tournament presentation of trophies and prizes will be held on the grounds of the **Batemans Bay Marina Resort Beach Road** from **5:00pm**.

## CAPTURE PRIZE LIST

### **Aspec Masonry Heaviest Marlin Capture**

\$9000 Cash marlin over 140 kg

### **Shimano Heaviest Gamefish Senior Male**

Shimano Tiagra 50wlrса + Rod

### **Power & Sail Heaviest Gamefish Senior Female**

Shimano Tiagra 50wlrса + Rod

### **Carpet Court Batemans Bay Heaviest Gamefish by a Junior**

Shimano Saragosa 14000 + Rod

### **Smart Windows Heaviest Gamefish by a Small fry**

Shimano Saragosa 10000 + Rod

### **Batemans Bay Marina Resort Heaviest Other Gamefish**

Shimano Saragosa 14000 + Rod

### Other Prizes

- Voucher from **Bec's Beauty Bliss** for first female angler to tag a Marlin each day of fishing (Can only win once)
- **First Marlin T&R** each day. \$200 Batemans Bay Power and Sail Voucher. (Can only win once)
- **Lucky Boat Draw** each day. Garmin In Reach. (Can only win once)
- **Early Boat entry draw** of up to 4 anglers' free entry into 2027 Garmin Tollgate Island Classic
- **Unlucky boat draw**. \$500 Club Marine Voucher (Boat that has accumulated zero points for tournament)
- **Unlucky angler draw**. \$500 Club Marine Voucher (Angler who has accumulated zero points for tournament)

## TAG & RELEASE PRIZE LIST

### **Garmin Most Marlin T&R by Boat**

\$9000 Cash

### **4Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Marlin T&R by Boat**

\$5000 Cash & \$ 1500.00 **Garmin** Voucher

### **Coastal Concrete 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Marlin T&R by Boat**

\$2000 Cash & \$ 2500 **Garmin** Voucher

### **Fish Batemans Bay 4<sup>th</sup> Most Marlin T&R by Boat**

\$3000 Fish Batemans Bay Voucher

### **Undertow 5<sup>th</sup> Most Marlin T&R by Boat**

\$1000 Undertow Shirt Package & \$500.00 **Garmin** Voucher

### **Eurobodalla Coast Pump Outs Most Sharks T&R by Boat**

Shimano Saragosa 14000 + Rod

### **DPO Most Other Game Fish T&R by Boat**

Shimano Saragosa 14000 + Rod

### **D'Albora Champion Male T&R Marlin**

Shimano Tiagra 50wlrса + Rod

### **JB Lures Champion Female T&R Marlin**

Shimano Tiagra 50wlrса + Rod

### **Batemans Bay Fish Moulds Champion Junior T&R Marlin**

Shimano Talica 16 + Rod + Rod Strap

### **Armpell Champion Small Fry T&R Marlin**

Shimano Saragosa 10000 + Rod + Rod Strap

**\*A MAXIMUM OF ONE (1) PRIZE ONLY WILL BE AWARDED FOR ANY ONE FISH CAPTURED.**

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### TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The President invites anglers who are financial members of a Club affiliated with a State Association, which is affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) or the Australian National Sport Fishing Association (ANSA) to participate in this tournament. Proof of membership must be produced on request. If no proof is available anglers must pay the \$100.00 BATEMANS BAY GAME FISHING CLUB membership fee. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry received.
2. All teams must consist of at least two registered anglers. The Boat Captain and any persons involved in effecting a capture or tag and release must be registered anglers. Observers **are not permitted**, penalty disqualification. ANSA members must fish on a NSWGFA registered vessel.
3. Boats must be seaworthy and comply with NSW RMS regulations and have the required safety equipment on board. To comply is the responsibility of boat owners and crew.
4. All teams must advise details of their comprehensive insurance covering public liability and property damage to a minimum value of \$5m.
5. By entering this tournament boat captains and crew agree that they participate in the tournament at their own risk. The Batemans Bay Game Fishing Club Inc. will not be responsible for any accident and/or injury that occurs travelling to the tournament, during the tournament or travelling home from the tournament.
6. On their first day of fishing all boats must return to Batemans Bay by water. On subsequent days boats must fish from Batemans Bay.
7. Once the tournament commences, no vessel may be substituted for another vessel and no angler is permitted to fish upon another vessel other than the vessel on which he or she entered the tournament.
8. Junior & Small Fry anglers wishing to compete for prizes other than those dedicated for Junior & Small fry categories are required to pay the full entry fee of a senior competitor. A Junior or Small Fry paying the full entry fee is still eligible for prizes in the Junior & Small Fry categories but cannot win both.
9. Anglers who wish to participate but who are not members of an affiliated club may join Batemans Bay Game Fishing Club at a cost of \$100.00 membership valid till 31/05/26.
10. To qualify for an NSW Coastal Waters Trophy or NSW record the angler must be a financial member of a NSWGFA affiliated club prior to the capture of the fish.
11. In the event of the tournament being cancelled in part or whole there will be no refunds after Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Fish caught and reported up to the time of cancellation will be eligible for weighing. A full refund will be given if a team withdraws, or the event is cancelled before 7:00pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Refunds will be issued within 7 days of cancellation or withdrawing.
12. In the event of the tournament being cancelled after commencement of the tournament any fish caught and reported up to the time of cancellation will be eligible for weighing and point score.
13. In the event of a gale warning on the first day of fishing, boats travelling by sea can fish from their own ports on the second day if no gale warning is issued. All boats must fish from Batemans Bay on all other days after the first possible day of fishing for the tournament.
14. In the event of a GALE warning being issued by the appropriate government weather authority ALL FISHING MUST CEASE. Cancellation will only apply until the Gale Warning is lifted. Fish captured or tagged prior to the official time of warning by tournament base count in the tournament. Once notified by tournament base ALL BOATS MUST RETURN TO PORT. Fish being fought/played or hooked up after the cancellation is issued will be ineligible for this tournament.
15. All boats, including those travelling by sea must sign on with Tournament Base prior to commencing to fish. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for that day.
16. All boats must be equipped with a serviceable VHF marine radio with a minimum of Channels 16 and 80 frequencies.
  - a. Tournament Base will continue to operate until every boat is accounted for each day.
  - b. Signing on and off should be done when leaving or entering the marina or Hanging Rock launching ramp.
  - c. Radio base direct contact will be.

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  - d. All boats must sign on and off each day. Boats failing to do so, without good reason, will be penalised 1 marlin tag and release.
  - e. Anglers must, when a capture is reported, give anglers name, fish species and an accurate estimated weight of the fish, line class and time of Capture.
  - f. T&R time is to be provided by the team and verified by Sked Master (Tournament Base)
17. In the event of a boat suffering radio failure, they must contact another boat or telephone and advise Tournament Base of the problem and immediately RETURN TO PORT.
18. Radio Skeds will be conducted under the NSWGFA "Guidelines for Radio Skeds for Tournaments" as are in effect at the time.
  - a. If a Vessel misses two (2) skeds Tournament Base will commence emergency procedures.
  - b. Radio skeds will be conducted at 2 hourly intervals on VHF Channel 80.
  - c. Three minutes silence must be observed on the hour for communication from any vessels encountering difficulties, and for ten minutes prior to the end of fishing on each day to allow registration of hook-ups and those fish still being fought.
  - d. When responding to calls from tournament base, teams must give their team number, boat name and position from the Sked Map provided.
  - e. Reporting is by Zero, Zero, Zero system (Strikes, Hookups, T&R/Captures)

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### TOURNAMENT RULES (continued)

19. The fishing area for the tournament is defined as any area between a line 36 15 or 2Z (North of Montague) in the south on the sked map and 35 24 or 2J (South of Ulladulla) in the north. This is to isolate the fishing area in line with the B.O.M forecast area for the Batemans Coast.

20. NO FISHING other than bait fishing is permitted west of a line drawn from Yellow Rock to Burrewarra Point. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of all captures and T&R made by the offenders on the day.

#### 21. Fishing times are

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am to 5.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00am to 3.00pm</b>

22. The tournament will be governed by the "Fishing Rules and Tackle Regulations" of the GFAA and NSWGFA that are in effect at the time.

- a. In addition, the NSWGFA point score system and minimum weights will apply.
- b. Striped Tuna are only eligible for Catch and Release for Junior and Small Fry Awards. Same NSWGFAA Points apply. Use Measure & Release cards.
- c. NSWGFA Tag and Release (T&R) rules apply as do any new rules in effect at the time of the tournament.
- d. CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits, whether live, dead, mutilated or dissected except in the case of targeting Narrow Barred Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Commerson*) NB: no points to be scored for any species caught while using live baits and/or trolling baits with "J" hooks.

#### Circle Hook Definition

A hook with its point turned 90 degrees or less back towards the shank of the hook.



- f. Releasing tagged fish: The hook is to be removed, or the leader cut as close as possible to the fish.
- g. LINE CLASSES which will be recognized are 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.
- h. SPECIES - eligible species will be those approved by NSWGFA.
- i. NOTE: Burleying must not commence before the start of fishing on each day of the tournament.

#### e. THE MINIMUM WEIGHTS OF THE GAME FISH SPECIES CAPTURED ARE:

- i. **Yellowfin Tuna:** 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for Junior/Small Fry anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
- ii. **Southern Bluefin tuna:** 15kg on line classes up to and including 15kg line, equal to line class for over 15kg line, and for Junior/Small Fry anglers equal to the line class in all cases.
- iii. **Marlin:** a minimum of 70kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 90kg on 15kg line class and over. For Junior/Small Fry Anglers a minimum of 60kg on line classes 4kg to 10kg and a minimum of 80kg on 15kg line class and over.
- iv. **Sharks: NO SHARKS TO BE WEIGHED**
- v. **Other game fish (OGF) and Broadbill:** minimum weight to be equal to line class.
- vi. Any Game Fish species being weighed for trophy, points, prize money or record is to be weighed in one piece with head & tail attached.

23. Time, Line Class & Approximate Weight must be given when reporting Capture and T&R. Failure to do so will result in your fish being recorded as after the last fish recorded and on 60kg line class.

24. **Any fish captured which is found to be more than 20% different from the measurement provided when the fish was reported will be disqualified.**

25. Any fish reported as hooked up prior to cease of fishing on Friday or Saturday may continue to be fought and will be eligible for Capture and T&R points in the tournament up until close of the gantry at **4.00pm** Sunday.

26. For all Captures and T&R to be eligible on Sunday, all fish, tag cards, paperwork and tackle required for checking must be within the confines of the gantry by **4.00pm** Sunday.

27. T&R prizes are calculated by number of fish T&R by angler on any line class

28. Shoot out prizes are based on number of Marlin for T&R and Heaviest by any line class for capture of Marlin.

29. In the event of a tie the prize/trophy involved will be awarded to the boat/angler who reaches the winning weight/winning number of fish first (countback system)

30. Prizes/Trophies: A maximum of one Prize/Trophy will be awarded to any one fish captured.

31. Anglers are responsible for the disposal of their captures. Fish not wanted should be taken at least five (5) km to sea (outside the marine park) and cut open before disposing thereof.

32. If any fish or fish carcass is cut up and disposed of in the confines of the weigh station or Batemans Bay marina, such fish having been caught in accordance with the rules of this tournament, that fish will be disqualified from the tournament. In the event of any shark or marlin given away for eating, only the fillets may be given, and the remaining carcass is the responsibility of the skipper and crew.



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## TOURNAMENT RULES (continued)

33. All paperwork for capture and tag and release must be completed before presenting fish or fishing tackle to the weigh master on each day of fishing. All Tag Cards and paperwork must be filled in completely including line class and time of capture/ T&R or they will not be accepted.
  34. Photo or Video Evidence of angler hooked up and tag applied to fish must be submitted to tag/weigh station with tag card at end of days fishing." Supply your own cord to download "
  35. Competitors are reminded that NSW Fisheries regulations prohibit the sale for cash or kind, of fish taken by an unlicensed fisherman and/or boat. Sale of fish will result in disqualification from the tournament.
  36. Misconduct. The Tournament Committee may, on its own initiative, investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in such circumstances. The Tournament Committee may invoke penalties of loss of points or disqualification of fish, angler, boat or team where misconduct is deemed to have taken place. All competitors are reminded that as members of a club they are regarded as representatives of their club. As such, any unbecoming behavior reflects adversely on the club and, indeed, on all game fishers.
  37. NSWGFA Anglers must use the Billfish Tag to tag ALL Billfish. This is the only TAG that will be recognized for Billfish in any tournament, competition, and point score trophy. The Billfish tag is for billfish only (no other species).
  38. The Adjudication Committee is **Andrew Turner -0415652345- Jack Johnston – 0415136627 -David Britton -0409398648-**
- Adjudication Committee's determination of any protest or rule interpretation will be final. Protests, if any, must be submitted to a member of the Tournament Committee in writing, signed by the boat captain by 4.30 pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026. All tournament decisions and rulings are final and binding on all entrants.
39. Anglers are advised that there is to be no comment to the media by competitors – all media must go through the President.
  40. Shark tag and release points have been amended following NSWGFA AGM see below and can be found on [www.nswgfa.com.au](http://www.nswgfa.com.au)

Species	6-10 kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
Sharks	3750	3450	3000	2550	2250
Blue sharks	3125	2875	2500	2125	1875

41. Shoot Out Rules.
  - a. To enter the Shoot Out the boat must be entered in the GARMIN Tollgate Island Classic Tournament.
  - b. Entry to the Shoot Out is optional and in addition to Tournament entry fee.
  - c. Shoot Out Entry Fee is \$200 per boat.
  - d. Minimum of 20 boats @ \$200 per boat required. Shoot Out Entry Fees refunded if not enough boats enter.
  - e. If no prize is awarded the winner or winners are to be drawn from a hat.
  - f. A fish must weigh minimum weights for a senior angler as per NSWGFA rules to be eligible. A very strict rule on calling the length will be enforced (As per rule: 24)
  - g. Capture Shoot Out winner will be the heaviest Marlin on the day of the Shoot Out.
  - h. T&R Shoot Out winner will be the team Tagging and Releasing the greatest number of Marlin the day of the Shoot Out. In the event of a tie a count back will occur (refer rule 29)
  - i. Shoot Out will be conducted on one day only of the tournament which shall be advised to all anglers at the tournament briefing.



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## ENTRY FORM

### TEAM INFORMATION

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	M/F/J/SF	CLUB
CAPTAIN			
CREW			

### ENTRY FEES

	Number	Price	TOTAL
Adults (includes dinner)		\$150 ea.	\$
Juniors (includes dinner)		\$100 ea.	\$
Small Fry (includes dinner)		\$80 ea.	\$
Shoot Out		\$200 per boat	\$
BBGFC Membership For anglers not affiliated with GFAA or ANSA. <i>Membership will expire 31 May 2026</i>		\$100 ea.	\$
Adult Dinner Tickets		\$50 ea.	\$
Children Dinner Tickets (Under 11)		\$30 ea.	\$
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 6pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



Entries received by midnight 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 go into the draw for a chance to win 4 free entries to the 2027 Tollgate Island Classic. Every boat entry received 1 week prior to close of entries will be placed into the draw. Entries can be emailed, posted or done online. Entry and payment must be received by the Tournament Director by midnight 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### CAPTAIN'S DETAILS:

Postal Address:

Suburb:

State:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number During Tournament:

Address During Tournament:

Suburb:

State:

Post Code:

Please complete the boat information & safety checklist and return with the appropriate fees to:



**Post:**

The Secretary  
Batemans Bay Game Fishing Club Inc.  
PO Box 322  
Batemans Bay NSW 2536



**Email:**

[treasurer@batemansbaygfc.org](mailto:treasurer@batemansbaygfc.org)



**Payments:**

Direct Deposit to:

Batemans Bay Game Fishing Club Inc.

BSB: 032 681

Account: 172946

\*Please use your boat name as the reference

Have you  
serviced your  
lifejacket?

Register to attend  
a clinic and learn how.



# CLUB MARINE



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## BOAT INFORMATION

To be completed by Team Captain

Name Of Vessel:	Reg No:
Make of Vessel:	Vessel Length:
Hull Colour:	Top side Colour:
Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Cabin <input type="checkbox"/> Half Cabin <input type="checkbox"/> Marina Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Make of Engine(s):	Horsepower:
MMSI No:	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:
EPIRB No:	Onboard mobile number:
Vehicle Registration:	Trailer Registration:

## SAFETY CHECKLIST

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Orange Smoke flares | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Anchor           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bailing Bucket                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Red Star flares     | <input type="checkbox"/> Distress 'V' Sheet   | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rations                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EPIRB (All Boats)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Mirror    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Water (2 litres per person)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio – 27MHz         | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio – VHF          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bilge Pump                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radar                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sounder              | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Jackets (for all persons on board) |

## INSURANCE DETAILS

Type of Insurance:	Insured Name:
Insurer:	Policy Number: <span style="float: right;">Renewal Date:</span>

### Declaration by Team Captain

My crew and I agree to abide by the rules of the tournament and understand that any clarification requested will be provided by the tournament committee at the pre-tournament briefing. In addition, we agree that participation is at our own risk and that the holding of this tournament is not to be construed as an invitation to go to sea in conditions beyond the capability of the craft and crew. I confirm that the vessel noted on this entry form has the required safety equipment as specified by the governing authority.

Signed (Team Captain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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