

# Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



"Home of the Golden Lure"

Issue #4— October 2025

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



The excitement is building!

The Marlin season is officially here, and the action has already kicked off in our in-house comp.

Keep an eye out for those rising water temperatures and bait schools The Marlins are here!

This edition has all the latest on recent catches, club news, and a look at what's to come. Tight lines, everyone!

Hi Members,

Wow, what a month it's been — the fishing has been absolutely fantastic!

Unfortunately, due to work commitments I missed the Season Opener Challenge, but it was great to see 16 boats finish with 23 fish, with the weather really turning it on for you all.

A huge thank you to the committee and everyone involved — it was such a great weekend, and I've heard nothing but positive reports.

This month we also had our Northern Zone Presentation, where the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club and its anglers did an outstanding job. It's fantastic to see the results and the effort paying off.

We're now full steam ahead as we prepare for the Golden Lure — shaping up to be another brilliant year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Once again, the fishing has been incredible — these stripe marlin never cease to amaze me!

Cheers

Club President - Matthew Hobbs

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Hobbs".

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Northern Zone

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Social BBQ @ 6pm  
Club House

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Major Points weekend

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26th October  
Major Points weekend



# HIGHLIGHTS



## 📍 In-House Season Opener Challenge September!

23 Striped Marlin tagged over two days, and a few that got away. 🔥  
16 boats that hit the water.

⭐ • 1st Place – Makajiki, 7 striped marlin tagged, 80,500 points (Skipper: Adam Garvey)

⭐⭐ • 2nd Place – Lone Ranger, 6 striped marlin tagged, 70,000 points (Skipper: Dan Hoogenboom)

⭐⭐⭐ • 3rd Place – Smine 2, 4 striped marlin tagged, 46,000 points (Skipper: Cory Gordon)

📍 1st Marlin Tagged of the season – Salt Dog, angler Tim Ferguson



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## Northern Zone Presentation 2024/25 🎉🏆

Congratulations to all PMGFC members who received awards at the Northern Zone Presentation – a fantastic effort and well deserved! 🙌👏

All Northern Zone dates for 2025/26 season are on the PMGFC Calendar 📆

🏆 Runner Up Club T&R - PMGFC (well done everyone)

⭐ Highest Point Scoring Boat T&R Shark - Little Tinny

⭐ Highest Point Scoring Boat Capture Tuna - Care Factor Zero

⭐ Highest Point Scoring Boat Capture Other Game Fish - Bear

⭐ Champion Angler T&R Junior - Indi Garvey

⭐ Champion Capture Female - Rebecca Dingeldei

⭐ Heaviest Tuna - Samantha Trinder

⭐ Heaviest Other Game Fish - Geoff Carroll



🏆 PMGFC taking out runner up in both capture and tag and release categories 💪

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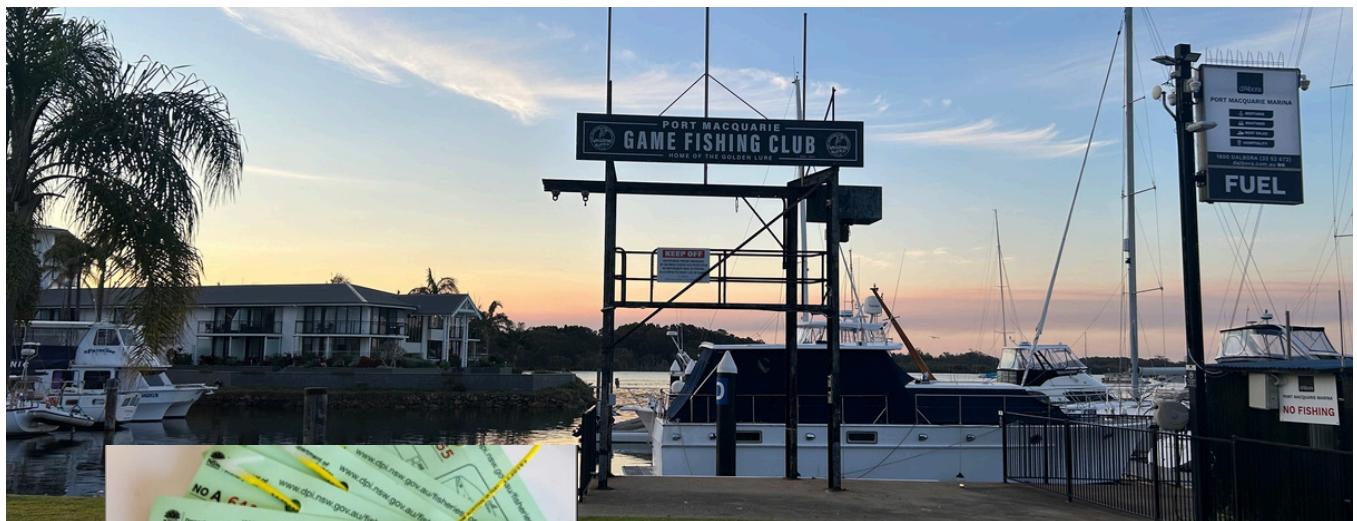
 The fish are firing!

Don't forget to call our Weigh Masters  
to get your captures weighed:

 Matthew Hobbs – 0429 539 163

 Adam Garvey – 0406 536 446

Remember to fill in your Tag cards with your Capture/Tag & release sheet and drop them into the clubhouse or Cascade Pool & Spa Centre @ 99 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. To be submitted within in two weeks from capture date.



# SMALL FRY / JUNIORS CORNER

How great is this!

We're so proud of the next generation of our Small Fry and Juniors, proudly making waves out on the water. They're showing incredible dedication and skill, proving the future of our club is in great hands.



# SMALL FRY / JUNIORS CORNER



We're so proud to see your passion and skills grow with every cast.

Keep reeling in those memories and making us all proud!

# SMALL FRY / JUNIORS CORNER

## Be a responsible fisher - know the rules!

Match the descriptions to the correct part of the image

Some areas are closed to fishing to protect our fish populations - make sure you know where these areas are

Measure your catch from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

Only keep fish that you want to eat. Release all others carefully back to the water.

Be careful not to damage seagrass - it's an important part of the marine eco-system!



Everyone has a role in protecting fisheries in NSW. Fishing rules are in place to make sure we fish sustainably and responsibly so everyone can enjoy fishing!

Check the bag and size limits of your catch - only take what you need!

Download the FishSmart app for all the essential information you need to go fishing in NSW.

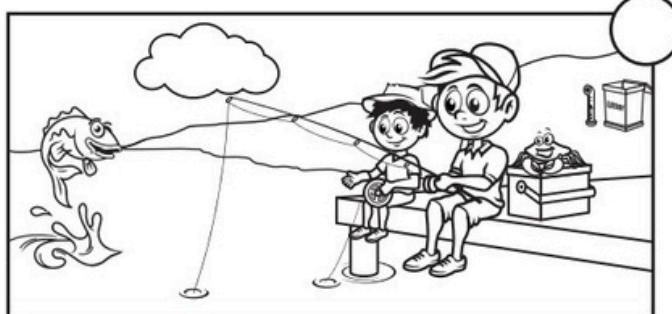
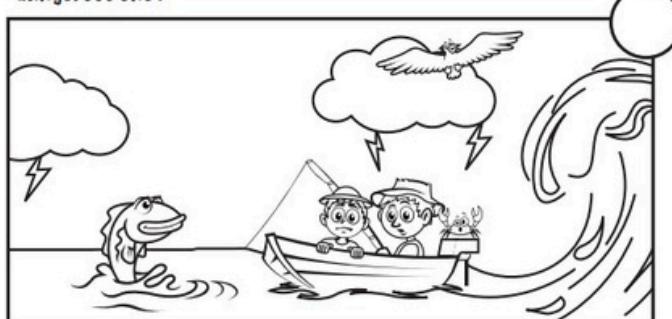
Litter can be harmful to fish and their environment. Make sure you leave no litter behind.

## Fish with friends!

Never fish alone. Always fish with a responsible friend known to your parents/guardian and be aware of rules and regulations.

### To fish or not to fish?

Put a tick next to the safe fishing scene and a cross next to the dangerous one.



## Safety checklist:

Fill in the blanks from the choices below:

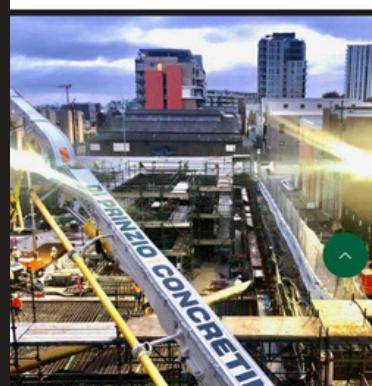
- Identification • Water • First Aid • Who • Weather • Tackle
- Where • Footwear • When • Lifejacket • Food • Rock • Sharp

- Tell your parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ you are fishing with, \_\_\_\_\_ you will be and \_\_\_\_\_ you will get home.
- Check the \_\_\_\_\_ before you go fishing.
- Wear appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ to protect against slippery rocks and \_\_\_\_\_ edges.
- Take a \_\_\_\_\_ kit.
- Stick \_\_\_\_\_ and emergency details on the inside lid of your \_\_\_\_\_ box.
- Wear a \_\_\_\_\_ if you are going to be fishing from a boat or \_\_\_\_\_ platform.
- Make sure you have the right clothing, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for variable weather conditions.

You have more fun when you fish with friends!

Answers: 1. Who 2. Weather 3. When 4. Weather 5. Footwear 6. Sharp 7. First Aid

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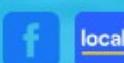
## CONTACT INFORMATION

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29-31 Forth Street, Kempsey

Port Macquarie Phone: (02) 6563 1214  
Phone: (02) 6583 6335

Email: [sales@cascadepoolandspa.com.au](mailto:sales@cascadepoolandspa.com.au)

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# PMGFC

Presents

# LADIES PAINT & SIP AFTERNOON



With Local Artist - Pauline Roods

**Sunday 9th November - 1PM - 5PM**  
**Venue: PMGFC Club House at the Marina**

**\$55 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES: ALL ART MATERIALS, AND  
CHEESE/SWEET PLATTERS.  
BYO BEVERAGES**

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED**

Pre-Bookings and Pre-Payment is Essential for  
Bookings and Further Details Please Contact

**PAULINE ROODS ( 041 9408 426 )**

Please Advise us on Any Dietary Issues.  
Tea & Coffee Supplied

# PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB



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 Web: [www.pmgfc.com.au](http://www.pmgfc.com.au)

**President:** Matthew Hobbs 0429 539 163 **Vice President:** Adam Garvey 0406 536 446  
**Secretary:** Rebecca Dingeldei 0402 261 796 **Treasurer:** Jenny Lamond 0408 400 892

## CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

July 2025			January 2026		
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday 5th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 12th Fri 18th - Sun 20th</b>	<b>NSWGFA AGM &amp; Interclub Preso</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>			<b>2026 GOLDEN LURE</b>
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>Sponsors Evening</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Friday 9th</b>	<b>Briefing Night</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>Day 1 - Fishing</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Day 2 - Fishing</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Monday 12th</b>	<b>Skipper &amp; Crew Night</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
			<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<b>Ladies &amp; Junior's Day</b>	<b>8:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<b>Kids Onshore Day</b>	<b>9:00am - 12:00pm</b>
			<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>Day 3 - Fishing</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>Day 4 - Fishing</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 17th</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
			<b>Saturday 24th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
					<b>February 2026</b>
			<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
			<b>Thursday 5th - 8th</b>	<b>Hot Current Tournament - Coffs</b>	
			<b>Friday 6th</b>	<b>Social BBQ</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>Major Points Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>Major Points Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Thursday 12th - 15th</b>	<b>Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens</b>	
			<b>Thursday 19th - 22nd</b>	<b>NSWGFA Interclub State Championships</b>	
			<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
					<b>March 2026</b>
			<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Friday 13th</b>	<b>In House Comp BBQ</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<b>In House Comp MP</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>In House Comp MP</b>	<b>7:00am - 2:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 28th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 5:00pm</b>
					<b>April 2026</b>
			<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 4th</b>	<b>Northern Zone Northern</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
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			<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Thursday 30th</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
					<b>May 2026</b>
			<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
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			<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>Social BBQ</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
			<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>Major Points</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
					<b>June 2026</b>
			<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
			<b>Saturday 6th</b>	<b>Major Points Northern Zone</b>	<b>7:00am - 4:00pm</b>
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PLEASE NOTE: DAYS MAY BE ADDED OR MOVED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PMGFC COMMITTEE



## Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1934) ABN: 50 295 547 720

### Boat Safety Rescue Form

Boat name:			
Rego No:		Make:	
Colour – Hull:		Topside:	
Length:		Construction:	
Full Cabin/ Half Cabin/ Runabout/ Other:			
Number of engines:		Inboard/ Outboard	Fuel: Cruising
Fuel capacity (ltrs):		Range:	speed: Call sign:
Radios	27MHz:		Call sign:
	VHF:		
Mobile phone no's on board			

**Please note: Each boat must have at least a working VHF Transceiver with ch16, ch77 and ch80**

#### Please indicate what safety gear is on board

EPIRB (Registration number):		Expiry date:	
Number of flares:		Expiry date:	Colour:
No of life jackets:	First aid kit:	Bilge pumps:	Paddle:
GPS:	Compass:	Radar:	Torch:
Sea anchor:	V-Sheet:	Signalling mirror:	Bailer:
Emergency rations:		How many:	
Fresh water (2ltrs per person):		How many people on board:	

**All boats must comply with the Current Waterways Authority Regulations for safety gear and procedures currently in force**

#### Insurance Information

Insurance Company:		
Policy Number:		Type:
Current: Yes/ No		Expiry date:

**Please attach your Certificate of Currency of insurance to this form**

Signed:	Name:	Date:
Witnessed:	Name:	Date:
Skippers name:		Boat licence no:
Skipper signature:		Date:

Please return Boat Safety Forms to [admin@pmgfc.com.au](mailto:admin@pmgfc.com.au) or

PO Box 981, Port Macquarie, NSW, 2444



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### Membership Application Form

I, (Full name)	Of,	
(address)		
Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone:	Mobile:	
Email:		

Hereby apply for renewal/membership of Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc.

I apply to become a new member/ renewal of Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc.

<b>Membership fees for the year 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026</b>		
Senior: \$150	(Early Bird fee payable \$125 if paid prior to 31/7/2025)	\$
Discounted rate of \$125 for membership from 1/2/2026 to 30/6/2026		\$
Junior: \$30 (15 Years and under)	DOB:	\$
Small Fry: \$30 (10 Years and under)	DOB:	\$
Non Fishing Member: \$30		\$
Total:		\$
Please note: Day Memberships are no longer available		

I agree to be bound by the Rules & By Laws of the Association (currently in force)

Signature	Date
<b>To be completed for New Membership Application</b>	
Have you ever been suspended from another club?	Yes/No
If yes, please state reason:	
Proposer and seconder must be a member with at least 1 year standing.	
Proposed by:	Signed:
Seconded by:	Signed:

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Payments to be made to BSB: 932-000 Account: 5000 99486 using your name as a reference.

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Wanting to become a member of PMGFC?

Complete the membership Form, email @ [admin@pmgfc.com.au](mailto:admin@pmgfc.com.au)

That's all for now from the PMGFC newsletter team. We're looking forward to an even brighter October!

We couldn't be prouder of everything our members accomplished this month. Every story, from the trophy catches to the exciting near misses, highlights the passion and sportsmanship that define our club.

A special shout-out is due to our amazing volunteers; your hard work behind the scenes is what makes it all possible.

You are the heart of the PMGFC, and your camaraderie on and off the water is what makes this community so great.

Thank you for another wonderful month!



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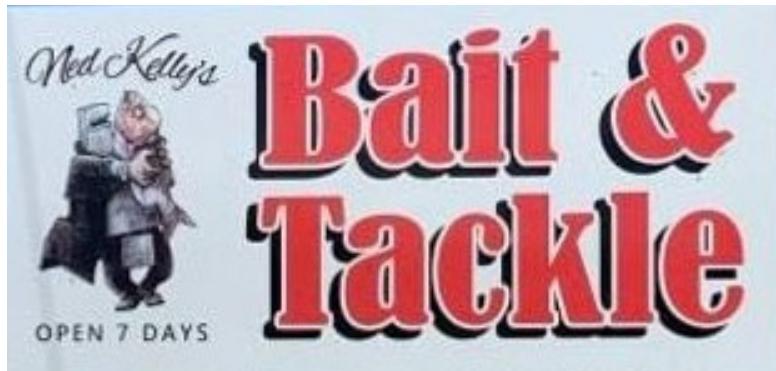
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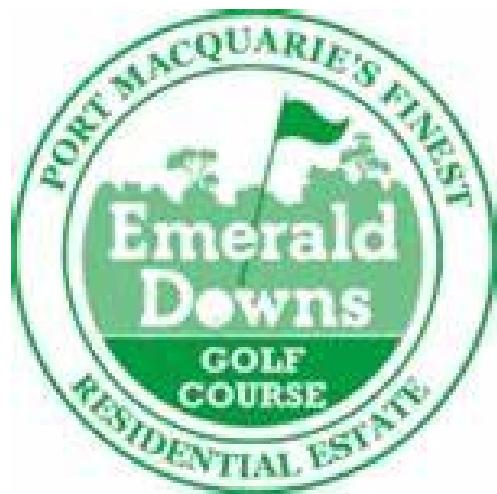
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