

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



“Home of the Golden Lure”

Issue #5 – November 2025

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



The bite is on and the Marlin are putting on a real show!

Here's to another action-packed month on the water.

In this edition, we'll be sharing some handy tips and tricks as we gear up for the Golden Lure Tournament January 2026.

Tight lines, crew — it's going to be a big season ahead!



Hi everyone!

What a fantastic month it's been — more fishing, more fish around, and a few good weather windows to top it off. Absolutely awesome!

A huge congratulations to our very own Indi Garvey, who recently received a GFAA Award in Melbourne and was also named Junior Female Ambassador, proudly sponsored by Black Magic. What an incredible achievement — well done, Indi!

As most of you have probably seen, the 2026 Golden Lure entries and boat forms are now live!

The planning for the 2026 Golden Lure is already in full swing.

Hope everyone's had a great month — I've loved seeing all your fishing photos while I'm away with work. Keep it up and tight lines!

Cheers!

Club President - Matthew Hobbs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd November
Major Points / Northern Zone

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November
Northern Zone Overnight

Friday 14th November
Social BBQ @ 6pm
Club House

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th November
Major Points weekend





Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club



OVER
\$50,000
CASH AND PRIZES

42nd
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**GOLDEN LURE
TOURNAMENT**
PORT MACQUARIE
9-17 JAN 2026

\$15,000 FOR HEAVIEST MARLIN OVER 150KG

\$5,000

IN SHORE
CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]

\$5,000

OFF SHORE
CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]

\$3,000

OVER ALL
CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]

\$2,000

HEAVIEST SHARK
OVER 200KG

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HIGHLIGHTS



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Circle hooks - NSW Department of Primary Industries

Benefits of circle hooks Reduced deep hooking – improved survival of released fish and decreased loss of fishing tackle.

Improved hook-up and landing rates for many species.

The strike time is not as crucial for hook-up of fish. Lighter leaders/traces can be used as the line is generally away from abrasive mouth surfaces

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What is a circle hook?

A circle hook is a fishing hook manufactured so that the point is turned perpendicularly back to the hook shank to form a generally circular, or oval, shape.

Various studies have shown that circle hooks mouth-hook a greater proportion of fish than typical "J" pattern hooks.

Benefits of circle hooks

- Reduced deep hooking – improved survival of released fish and decreased loss of fishing tackle.
- Improved hook-up and landing rates for many species.
- The strike time is not as crucial for hook-up of fish.
- Lighter leaders/traces can be used as the line is generally away from abrasive mouth surfaces.
- Additionally, some studies have shown that using circle hooks may reduce the incidence of snagging.



Circle hooks bring about many benefits for anglers, but they do require a few minor changes to your normal fishing techniques.

TIPS & TRICKS

How to use circle hooks

- Do not bury your hook (particularly with tough baits), lightly hook the bait so that the point and barb are exposed or “bridle” the bait.
- Do not strike at the fish, allow the fish time to take the bait into its mouth and then apply slow and steady pressure to set the hook in the mouth area. The fish often hook themselves.
- Non-offset circle hooks are recommended for the best mouth-hooking results.
- Use a de-hooker or needle-nosed pliers to help with unhooking.

Occasionally some fish will still be deep hooked. To maximise survival it is best to cut the line and release these fish with the hook still intact rather than attempt to remove it. Float rigs, short leaders and keeping your line tight may also increase the number of fish that are hooked in the mouth.



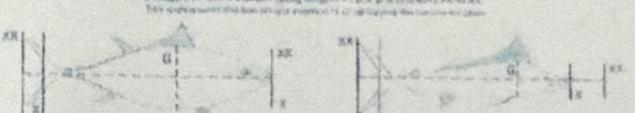
Results from studies using circle hooks

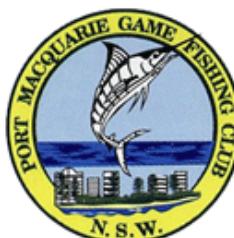
Species studied	Percentage of mouth-hooked fish
Yellowfin Bream	up to 90%
Sand/Dusky Flathead	up to 96%
Silver Perch	up to 79%
Red Drum (similar to Mulloway)	up to 96%
Sailfish	up to 98%
Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	up to 94%
Yellowfin Tuna	up to 95%
White Marlin (similar to Striped Marlin)	up to 100%

CAPTURE/TAG & RELEASE SHEET

Fill in your Tag cards including your Capture/Tag & Release sheet.
Must be submitted within 2 weeks of the tag date.

You can drop them straight into the PMGFC drop box at the clubhouse, or hand them in to the amazing team at Cascade Pool & Spa Centre, Port Macquarie.

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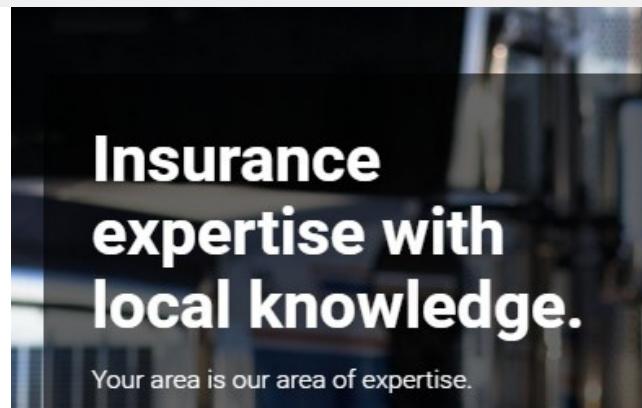
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CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

July 2025						January 2026					
Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Saturday 3rd	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 2nd	Sponsors Evening	TBC			
Saturday 5th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 4th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday 8th	Briefing Night	6:00pm			
Sunday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Friday 9th	Day 1 - Fishing	9:00am - 5:00pm			
Saturday 12th	Social BBQ	12:00pm				Saturday 10th	Day 2 - Fishing	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Fri 18th - Sun 20th	NSWGFA AGM & Interclub Preso					Sunday 11th	Skipper & Crew Night	6:00pm			
Saturday 19th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm				Monday 12th	Ladies & Junior's Day	8:00am - 4:00pm			
Sunday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm				Tuesday 13th	Kids Onshore Day	9:00am - 12:00pm			
August 2025						Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Saturday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm				Thursday 15th	Day 3 - Fishing	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Sunday 3rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm				Friday 16th	Day 4 - Fishing	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm				Saturday 17th	Presentation	11:30am			
Saturday 9th	Club Presentation	2:00pm				Saturday 24th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Saturday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm				Sunday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm			
Sunday 17th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm									
September 2025											
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm									
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm									
Friday 12th	Season Opener Challenge BBQ	6:00pm									
Saturday 13th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Sunday 14th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 2:00pm									
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm									
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm									
October 2025											
Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Saturday 4th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm									
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Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm									
November 2025											
Saturday 1st	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Sunday 2nd	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th	Northern Zone Overnight	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Friday 14th	Social BBQ	6:00pm									
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm									
December 2025											
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm									
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
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February 2026											
Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Thursday 5th - 8th	Hot Current Tournament - Coffs										
Friday 6th	Social BBQ	6:00pm									
Saturday 7th	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Sunday 8th	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
Thursday 12th - 15th	Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens										
NSWGFA Interclub State Championships											
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March 2026											
Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	6:30pm									
Saturday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm									
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Friday 13th	In House Comp BBQ	6:00pm									
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April 2026											
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Thursday 30th	Annual General Meeting	7:00am - 4:00pm									
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Wanting to become a member of PMGFC?

Complete the membership Form, email @ admin@pmgfc.com.au

That's a wrap from the PMGFC newsletter team as we tag away into November!

We're excited for another month of big catches, new memories, and plenty of laughs along the way.

Looking back, we couldn't be more proud of the energy and spirit our members continue to bring — from the impressive hook-ups to the stories shared back at the clubhouse.





**42nd GOLDEN LURE TOURNAMENT
ENTRY FORM**
Hosted by Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc
9th to 17th January 2026



REGISTERED BOAT

Boat Name Make Length Registration

Skipper's Name Ph No Mob Ph Fax

Address Postcode Email

Address Member Club Mob Ph

No's on Board DO NOT divert or turn off on tournament days

I/We wish to enter in the above Tournament and agree to participate at our own risk. I/We agree to abide by the Tournament rules as set down by the organising committee and are aware the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc accepts no responsibility for actions by entrants in this Tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to any property or person during the Tournament. In that regard all competitors indemnify the Tournament Coordinator, Tournament Committee, Fishing/Adjudication Committee, the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc and all voluntary workers against any claim for loss or damage to property or person.

Signed Signed Dated

Signature of owner / skipper

Registered Anglers (please complete with angler's full name, indicate Male/Female and include Juniors DOB)

Skipper Club Shirt M / L

(must be registered angler)

Crew 1 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF- DOB

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Crew 2 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

Email H Ph Mob

Crew 3 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

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Crew 4 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

Email H Ph Mob

Crew 5 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

Email H Ph Mob

Crew 6 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

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Crew 7 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB

Email H Ph Mob

ENTRY FEES	Adult Anglers @	\$ 250.00	\$
	Junior Anglers @	\$ 70.00	\$
	S/Fry Anglers @	\$ 40.00	\$

LATE ENTRY FEE N.B. A late entry fee will be charged for entries received

after 4.00pm Wednesday 7th January 2026 @ \$ 100.00 \$

Total \$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Please make cheques payable to PMGFC Inc.)

Bank Details: PMGFC Inc BSB: 932-000 ACC: 100510617

ALL BOAT ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL AND BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE TOTAL PAYABLE BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE TOURNAMENT

All correspondence to - Tournament Committee admin@pmgfc.com.au



**PORT MACQUARIE
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2026 GOLDEN LURE TOURNAMENT

***This form is to be completed and accompany your entry for the
along with proof of insurance***



Please print the following details

Boat Name _____ Reg No: _____ Make _____
 Colour Hull _____ Topside _____
 Length _____ Construction _____
 Full Cabin _____ Half Cabin _____ Runabout _____ Other _____
 Number of Engines _____ Inboard _____ Outboard _____ Fuel _____
 Fuel Capacity (ltrs) _____ Range _____ Cruising Speed _____
 Radios _____ 27 MHz _____ Call Sign _____
 VHF _____ Call Sign _____

Mobile Phone No's on board: _____

Please note: each boat MUST HAVE AT LEAST a working VHF Transceiver with ch16, ch77 and ch80

SAFETY GEAR

EPIRB _____ (Registration No.) Expiry Date _____ Signalling Mirror _____
 No. of Flares _____ Expiry Date _____ Colour _____ First Aid Kit _____
 Bailer _____ Paddle _____ GPS _____ Compass _____ Radar _____ No. of Life Jackets _____
 Sea Anchor _____ Bilge Pumps _____ Torch _____ VSheet _____
 Emergency Rations _____ HowMany _____
 Fresh Water (2 ltrs per person) _____ Howmany people on board _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Company _____
 Policy Number _____ Type _____
 Current (Y) (N) _____ Expiry Date _____

*All boats must comply with the current Waterways Authority Regulations for safety gear and procedures presently in force.
Please attach your certificate of currency of insurance to this form.*

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____
 Witness _____ Name _____ Date _____

Skipper's Name & Boat License Number _____ Expiry Date _____

Boat Owner / Skipper signature _____ Date _____

I/We understand, as stated in the tournament rules, that the safety of my crew and vessel is solely my responsibility whilst at sea and the ultimate decision to put to sea or return to port shall be my responsibility.

I/We agree to abide by the Tournament rules as set down by the organizing committee and are aware the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc accepts no responsibility for actions by entrants in this Tournament and shall not be held liable for any damage or loss to any property or person during the Tournament. In that regard all competitors indemnify the Tournament Coordinator, Tournament Committee, Fishing/Adjudication Committee, the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc and all voluntary workers against any claim for loss or damage to property or person.

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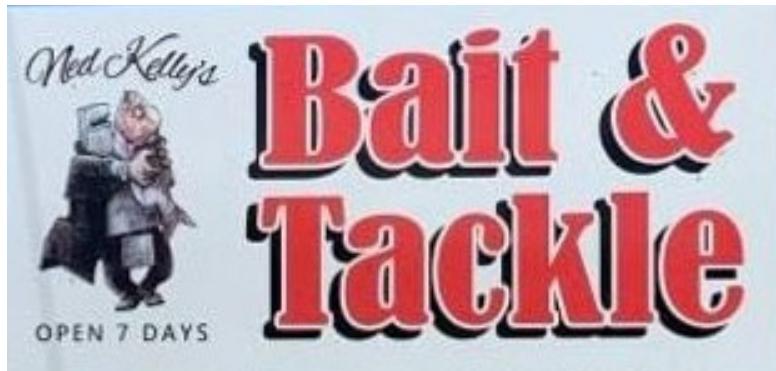
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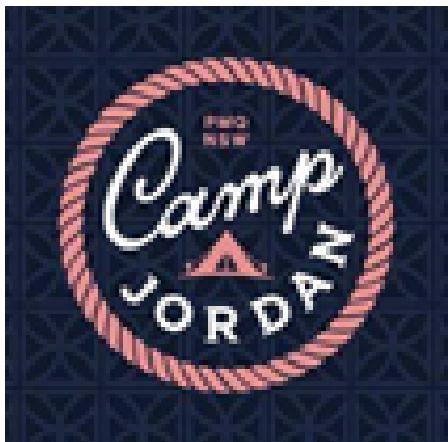
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