

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

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





HOME OF THE GOLDEN LURE

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club



8TH TO 17TH JANUARY 2026

OVER
\$50,000
CASH AND PRIZES

42nd
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TOURNAMENT

PORT MACQUARIE
9-17 JAN 2026

\$15,000 FOR HEAVIEST MARLIN OVER 150KG

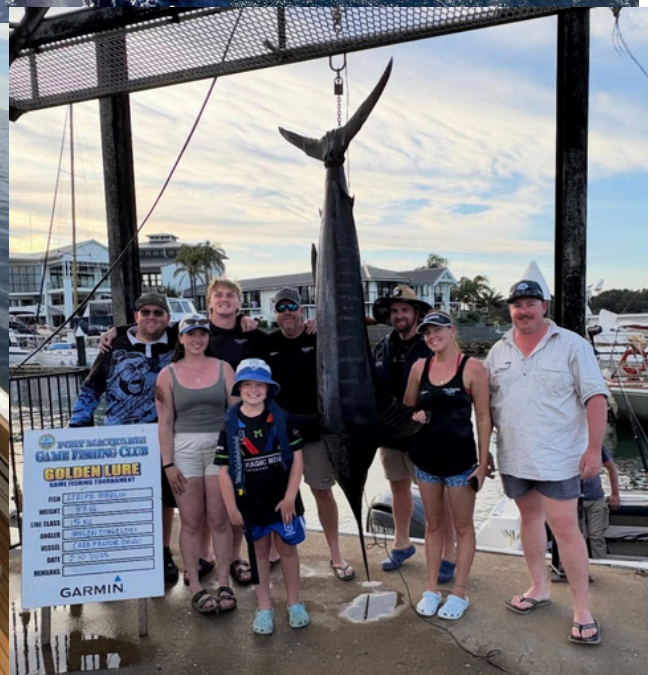
\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
IN SHORE	OFF SHORE	OVER ALL	HEAVIEST SHARK
CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	OVER 200KG

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HIGHLIGHTS



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Circle hooks - NSW Department of Primary Industries

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Improved hook-up and landing rates for many species.

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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.



**NEW SOUTH WALES
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PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY

SAMPLE: CAPTURE

CAPTURE CERTIFICATE

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CLUB PORT MACQUARIE GFC

EVENT CLUB DAY/MIDWEEK/GOLDEN LURE

BOAT NAME MY BOAT

DATE DD. MM. YY

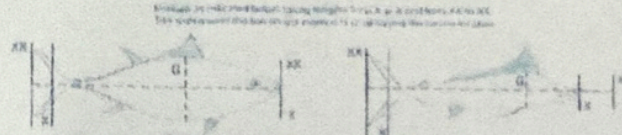
ONE DAY PER CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE CAPTURES LISTED BELOW WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.F.A.A. & N.S.W.G.F.A. RULES BY THE ANGLER WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS ON THIS CERTIFICATE, AND WITNESSED BY THE BOATMAN/FISHING COMPANION WHOSE SIGNATURE ALSO APPEARS BELOW.

No.	NAME	ANGLER #	NUMBER	SEX M LADY JUNIOR VISITOR	SPECIES	TAG CARD NO.			LINE CLASS	POINTS	ANGLER'S SIGNATURE & NO.	WITNESS TO CAPTURE SIGNATURE & NO.	
						LENGTH IN INCHES	G. WGT. IN LBS	NET WEIGHT					
1.	John	ANGLER	95	M	Blue Marlin	129	N/A	129	15		J. Angler	95 WITNESS	26
2.	Suzie	ANGLER	73	SF	Mahi Mahi	16.4	N/A	16.4	10		Suzie Angler	73 WITNESS	26
3.													
4.													
5.													

(Signed) MUST BE SIGNED WEIGHMASTER

(Signed) MUST BE SIGNED CHECKER



No.	LOCATION OF CAPTURE	WATER DEPTH	LENGTH DOUBLE LINE (mm)	LENGTH LEADER (mm)	HOOK DETAILS	OVERALL LENGTH GAP (mm)	TIME HOOKED	TIME BOATED	TYPE OF BAIT OR LURE	DEPTH OF BAIT	TROLL, DEPT OR SLOPED	SEA CONDITION	MEASUREMENTS		
													K - K cm	XX - XX cm	GRWT cm
1.	PORT MACQUARIE	460	300	600	10 0	20	9:30	11:20	LURE	-	TROLL	FAIR	240	298	123
2.	PORT MACQUARIE	300	200	300	10 0	-	14:30	14:40	LURE	-	TROLL	FAIR	118	143	60
3.															
4.															
5.															

ALL DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE PRESENTATION TO WEIGHMASTER - AND ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE FORWARDED TO SECRETARY AS STATED IN CLUB RULES.
ORIGINAL - TO CLUB 1ST COPY - TO ANGLER 2ND COPY - REMAINS IN BOOK



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Elders Insurance has been committed to supporting our clients in all parts of Australia for over 100 years.

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Our new Elders Insurance partnership supporting community-led climate solutions across regional Australia

PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB



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CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

July 2025			January 2026		
Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 5th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	General Meeting		6:30pm
Saturday 12th	Social BBQ	12:00pm	2026 GOLDEN LURE		
Fri 18th - Sun 20th	NSWGFA AGM & Interclub Preso		Sponsors Evening		TBC
Saturday 19th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Briefing Night		6:00pm
Sunday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Day 1 - Fishing		9:00am - 5:00pm
August 2025			Day 2 - Fishing		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Skipper & Crew Night		6:00pm
Sunday 3rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Ladies & Junior's Day		8:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Kids Onshore Day		9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday 9th	Club Presentation	2:00pm	Day 3 - Fishing		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Day 4 - Fishing		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 17th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Presentation		11:30am
September 2025			Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	February 2026		
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	General Meeting		6:30pm
Friday 12th	Season Opener Challenge BBQ	6:00pm	Hot Current Tournament - Coffs		
Saturday 13th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 5:00pm	Social BBQ		6:00pm
Sunday 14th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 2:00pm	Major Points Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Major Points Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens		
October 2025			NSWGFA Interclub State Championships		
Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm	Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 4th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 5th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	March 2026		
Friday 10th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	General Meeting		6:30pm
Saturday 11th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 12th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	In House Comp BBQ		6:00pm
Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	In House Comp MP		7:00am - 5:00pm
November 2025			In House Comp MP		7:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 1st	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 2nd	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points		7:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm	April 2026		
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th	Northern Zone Overnight	7:00am - 5:00pm	General Meeting		6:30pm
Friday 14th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Northern Zone Northern Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	In House Comp BBQ		6:00pm
December 2025			In House Comp MP		7:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	In House Comp MP		7:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm	Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Annual General Meeting		6:00pm
Saturday 13th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	May 2026		
Sunday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	General Meeting		6:30pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Social BBQ		12:00pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			June 2026		
			General Meeting		6:30pm
			Major Points Northern Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Major Points Northern Zone		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Social BBQ		12:00pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Major Points		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Wednesday 3rd		6:30pm
			Saturday 6th		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Sunday 7th		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Saturday 13th		12:00pm
			Saturday 20th		7:00am - 4:00pm
			Sunday 23rd		7:00am - 4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: DAYS MAY BE ADDED OR MOVED AT THE DESCRETION OF THE PMGF CCOMMITTEE

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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

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

Email H Ph Mob

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

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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
GAME FISHING CLUB



BOAT SAFETY RESCUE FORM

PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB Inc.
2026 GOLDEN LURE TOURNAMENT

This form is to be completed and accompany your entry for the tournament 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 _____ How Many _____
 Fresh Water (2 ltrs per person) _____ How many 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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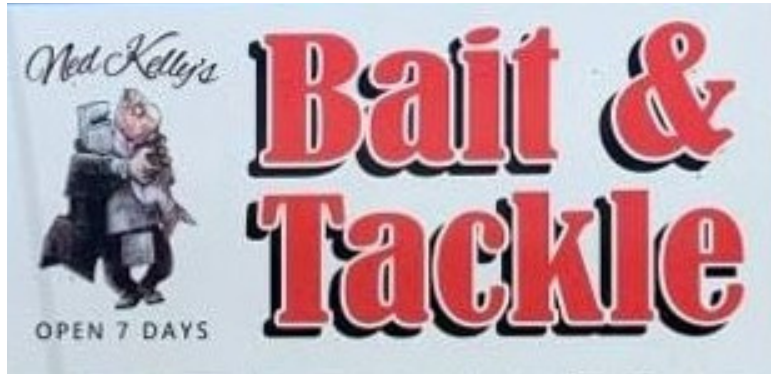
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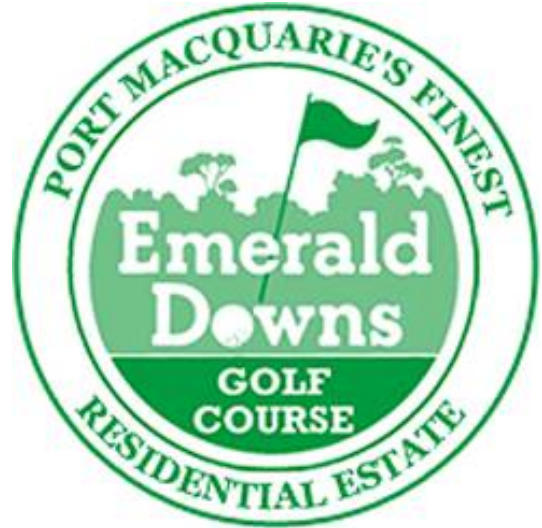
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