

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



“Home of the Golden Lure”

Issue #6 – December 2025

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome Members to the December edition.

The Game fish are firing, and it's been another incredible month out on the water and with the fantastic turnouts at our social events — the energy has been unbeatable!

With the Golden Lure just around the corner, the excitement is really building.

In this edition, you'll find reminders and tips to make sure you're fully prepared for the comp.

Hey crew,

Fishing should really start to fire up this month with the warmer currents pushing down the coast — it's shaping up to be some great fishing ahead.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped paint the weigh station and tidy up the clubhouse. Your support and hard work are truly appreciated.

The 42nd Garmin Golden Lure Tournament will be here before we know it, so now's the time to get your crews sorted and your entry forms submitted.

We're also looking forward to our Club Christmas Party on Saturday, 6th December. It's always a great afternoon and a chance for everyone to catch up.

I'd like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe, enjoy the break, and we'll see you on the water.

Vice President
Adam Garvey

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 6th December
PMGFC Christmas Party
12pm @ Club House

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December
Northern Zone

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December
Major Points weekend

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th December
Major Points weekend





Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club



OVER
\$50,000
CASH AND PRIZES

42nd
GARMIN™
**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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ADMIN@PMGFC.COM.AU | WWW.PMGFC.COM.AU

The 42nd Garmin Golden Lure Tournament

Get ready for one of the biggest events on the fishing calendar!
You can now access the Boat Safety & Rescue Form, Entry Form, and
Tournament Rules on our website.

 **Tournament Dates: 9th–17th January 2026**

 **Hosted by: Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club**

 **Download your forms on the website- pmgfc.com.au**
or contact admin@pmgfc.com.au

- ◆ **Golden Lure Entry Form 2026**
- ◆ **Golden Lure Boat Safety & Rescue Form 2026**
- ◆ **Golden Lure Tournament Rules 2026**

**Don't miss your chance to be part of the action — gather your crew,
complete your forms, and secure your spot early!**

Plenty of amazing prizes to be won, including

EARLY BOAT ENTRY \$250 CASH
BEST DRESSED BOAT \$250 CASH
BOAT FURTHEST BY SEA \$250 CASH
BOAT FURTHEST BY ROAD \$250 CASH

along with great memories waiting to be made!



HIGHLIGHTS



The Weigh Station is freshly painted and looking brilliant—all ready for those massive captures for the Golden Lure. A massive thank you to all the members who pitched in and helped out. This club is for you, and it simply wouldn't be what it is without your support.



HIGHLIGHTS

How cool is this!

A Black Marlin originally caught and tagged by Port Macquarie boat “Cruel Intentions” during the 2025 Golden Lure Tournament has been recaptured off Cape Moreton!

An awesome effort by the crew and a great example of the importance of tag-and-release research in our sport.



The Game Fish Tagging Program has produced interactive [tag and release heat maps](#) and [recapture maps](#) using data from 1 Jan 2000 to 31 Dec 2023. The data made available on these web maps is generated by recreational anglers who participate in the NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program.

The Game Fish Tagging Program also produces an annual report which contains interesting details and summaries of each season's tagging and recapture efforts (including maps and species analysis).

[Game Fish Tagging Annual Reports](#)

We also record the boats and anglers that have provided exceptional contributions to the program over the past seasons. Check out this year's top taggers below.

[Tagging program statistics](#)



Fishing Licence

Don't take the bait from non-government websites when buying your NSW fishing licence! If you're planning to fish this summer, remember that the Service NSW website is the **ONLY** official site for paying your NSW Recreational Fishing Fee.

Recently, non-government websites have been offering to purchase fishing licences for you – but they're charging unnecessary service fees.

The official NSW recreational fishing fees are:

- ◆ \$7 for 3 days
- ◆ \$14 for 1 month
- ◆ \$35 for 1 year
- ◆ \$85 for 3 years

The Service NSW website does not charge any extra fees, and the process takes just 3 minutes! Plus, you can link your 1-year or 3-year licence directly to the Service NSW app and fish instantly with your digital receipt.

Don't fall for unnecessary fees!





- Only use the official Service NSW website to pay for your licence

www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/recreational-fishing-licence

- For more info on NSW fishing fees and exclusions, visit

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee

Happy fishing!

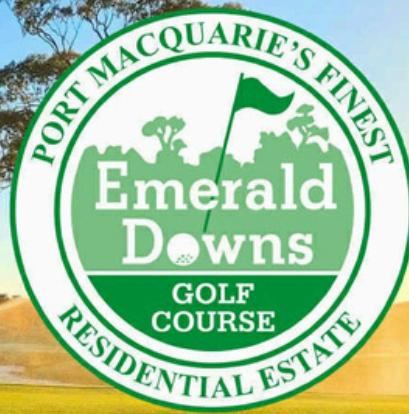
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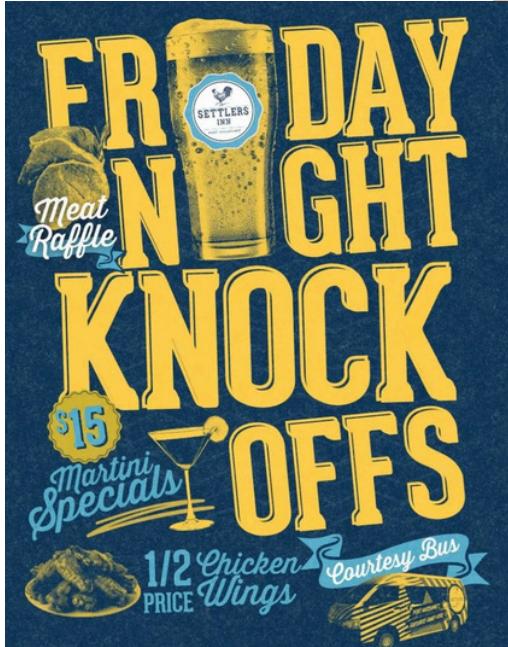
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PUMP MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY

It's our **number one priority** that our vehicle logbooks are up to date, along with all pump maintenance and certifications.

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CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

July 2025		January 2026	
Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Saturday 3rd
Saturday 5th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 4th
Sunday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 7th
Saturday 12th	Social BBQ	12:00pm	Thursday 8th
Fri 18th - Sun 20th	NSWGFA AGM & Interclub Preso		Friday 9th
Saturday 19th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 10th
Sunday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 11th
August 2025		7:00am - 4:00pm	Monday 12th
Saturday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Tuesday 13th
Sunday 3rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 14th
Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Thursday 15th
Saturday 9th	Club Presentation	2:00pm	Friday 16th
Saturday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 17th
Sunday 17th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 24th
September 2025			Sunday 25th
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 4th
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Thursday 5th - 8th
Friday 12th	Season Opener Challenge BBQ	6:00pm	Friday 6th
Saturday 13th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 7th
Sunday 14th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 2:00pm	Sunday 8th
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Thursday 12th - 15th
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Thursday 19th - 22nd
October 2025			Saturday 21st
Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm	Sunday 22nd
Saturday 4th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	
Sunday 5th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 4th
Friday 10th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Saturday 7th
Saturday 11th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 8th
Sunday 12th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 13th
Saturday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 14th
Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 15th
November 2025			Saturday 28th
Saturday 1st	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 29th
Sunday 2nd	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Wednesday 1st
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th	Northern Zone Overnight	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 4th
Friday 14th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Sunday 5th
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 10th
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 11th
December 2025			Sunday 12th
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Saturday 25th
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm	Sunday 26th
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday 30th
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	
Saturday 13th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 2nd
Sunday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 3rd
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Wednesday 6th
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 9th
January 2026			Sunday 10th
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Saturday 16th
Northern Zone	Major Points		Saturday 23rd
General Meeting	Major Points		Sunday 24th
Saturday 6th	Major Points		
Sunday 7th	Major Points		Wednesday 3rd
Saturday 13th	Major Points		Saturday 6th
Sunday 14th	Major Points		Sunday 7th
Saturday 27th	Major Points		Saturday 13th
Sunday 28th	Major Points		Saturday 20th
February 2026			Sunday 23rd
General Meeting	Major Points		
Hot Current Tournament - Coffs	Major Points		Wednesday 3rd
Social BBQ	Major Points		Saturday 6th
Northern Zone	Major Points		Sunday 7th
Northern Zone	Major Points		Wednesday 13th
Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens	Major Points		Saturday 16th
NSWGFA Interclub State Championships	Major Points		Sunday 17th
Major Points	Major Points		Wednesday 20th
Major Points	Major Points		Saturday 23rd
March 2026			Sunday 24th
General Meeting	General Meeting		
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Wednesday 27th
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Saturday 30th
In House Comp BBQ	General Meeting		Wednesday 6th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Saturday 9th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Sunday 10th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Wednesday 13th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Saturday 16th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Sunday 17th
Major Points	General Meeting		Wednesday 20th
Major Points	General Meeting		Saturday 23rd
April 2026			Sunday 24th
General Meeting	General Meeting		
Northern Zone Northern Zone	General Meeting		Wednesday 3rd
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Saturday 6th
In House Comp BBQ	General Meeting		Sunday 7th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Wednesday 10th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Saturday 13th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Sunday 14th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Wednesday 17th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Saturday 20th
In House Comp MP	General Meeting		Sunday 21st
May 2026			Wednesday 24th
Northern Zone	General Meeting		
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Wednesday 31st
General Meeting	General Meeting		Saturday 3rd
Major Points	General Meeting		Sunday 4th
Major Points	General Meeting		Wednesday 6th
Annual General Meeting	General Meeting		Saturday 9th
June 2026			Sunday 10th
General Meeting	General Meeting		
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Wednesday 13th
Northern Zone	General Meeting		Saturday 16th
General Meeting	General Meeting		Sunday 17th
Major Points	General Meeting		Wednesday 20th
Major Points	General Meeting		Saturday 23rd
Social BBQ	General Meeting		Sunday 24th
Major Points	General Meeting		
Major Points	General Meeting		Wednesday 3rd
Major Points	General Meeting		Saturday 6th
Social BBQ	General Meeting		Sunday 7th
Major Points	General Meeting		Wednesday 13th
Major Points	General Meeting		Saturday 20th
Social BBQ	General Meeting		Sunday 23rd

PLEASE NOTE: DAYS MAY BE ADDED OR MOVED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PMGF COMMITTEE

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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 keep our lines tight into December!

The countdown is officially on —The 42nd Golden Lure, here we come!

We're gearing up for another massive month on the water, packed with big catches, great company, and plenty of unforgettable moments.

Thank you to our sponsors for backing us as we move forward — your support helps us grow, makes a massive impact for the members, and keeps building something truly special.

We thank you all so much for everything you contribute to the club and the tournament.

We can't wait to see you all out on the water as we roll into one of the most exciting times of the year!

From all of us at PMGFC, have a safe and Merry Christmas — whether you're out on the water or celebrating on land.

Love your family and friends, and enjoy every moment.





**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

Email H Ph Mob

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

Email H Ph Mob

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

Email H Ph Mob

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
GAME FISHING CLUB
BOATSAFETYRESCUEFORM**

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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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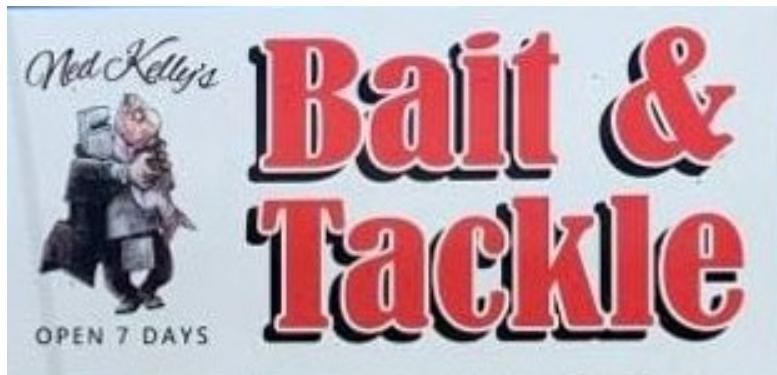
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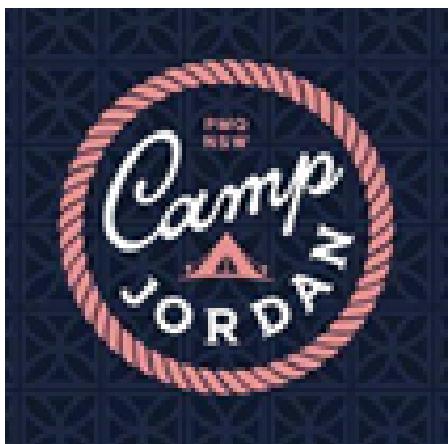


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