

# Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



"Home of the Golden Lure"

Issue #7 – January 2026

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome members to the January edition!

This is the month we've all been waiting for — the Golden Lure Competition has arrived. The anticipation is over, the boats are ready, and it's time to hit the water.

The atmosphere around the club is electric, with big moments, serious cash, and prizes up for grabs. In this edition, you'll find key reminders and tips to make sure you're ready to compete.

Let's go — it's Golden Lure time!

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone's enjoyed their Christmas and New Year. What a great time of year for catching up with family and friends, and with that, the fishing fires up. Hopefully everyone's getting out there and getting amongst the fish.

There have been some good reports coming through. The black marlin have been a bit slow, but there seem to be good reports on everything else.

During December, we had our Christmas party, and it was fantastic to see the amount of people that showed up and supported the club. All in all, everyone had a fantastic time. It was great to catch up and see everybody, and I can't wait to see everyone at the next main event, which of course is the Golden Lure.

The Golden Lure is only a week away, so I hope everyone has their crew together, paperwork in order, and is ready for a fantastic week of fishing. There's lots of cash and prizes up for grabs, and I really hope to see everyone there.

Club President  
Matthew Hobbs

*Matthew Hobbs*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Northern Zone 7am - 5pm

### 2026 GOLDEN LURE

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - Sponsors evening  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Briefing Night  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1 - FISHING  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Day 2 - FISHING  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Skipper and Crew night  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Ladies and juniors day  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Kids onshore day  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Day 3 - FISHING  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Day 4 - FISHING  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Presentation

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Major Points weekend 7am - 5pm





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

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# 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](http://pmgfc.com.au)  
or contact [admin@pmgfc.com.au](mailto: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!



## Golden Lure 9th–17th January 2026 Are You Ready?

Hey PMGFC anglers! The 42nd Golden Lure Tournament is just around the corner, and it's time to make sure you're geared up and ready to hit the water! Whether you're chasing the big one or just soaking up the thrill, being prepared is the key to making the most of 4 days of fishing fun.

### Here's your pre-tournament checklist to get you in top form:

**Entry Form:** Don't forget to submit it! No form, no fun.

**Boat Safety / Rescue Form:** Make sure your vessel is ready to go with all safety gear onboard.

**Licenses & IDs:** Boating license, fishing licenses, and emergency contact info — check, check, check!

**Safety Gear:** Life jackets, first aid kit, flares, and VHF or radio — safety first!

**Boat Prep:** Fuel up, check engines, load tackle, and triple-check your gear.

**Tournament Rules & Schedule:** Know the start and finish times, weigh-in locations, and scoring system.

*Pro Tip: Pack snacks, drinks, sunscreen, and a sense of adventure — it's going to be 4 days of epic fishing, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories!*

Let's make the 42nd Golden Lure our biggest, most exciting tournament yet. Get your lines ready and your game face on !  
it's almost time to hear the rods sing!



# GOLDEN LURE INFO



**GARMIN**

42<sup>nd</sup> GOLDEN LURE FISHING TOURNAMENT  
PORT MACQUARIE  
9<sup>TH</sup> to 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026



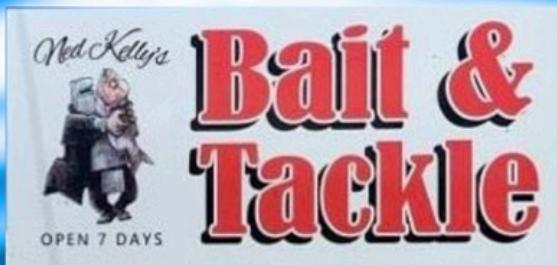
## EVENT SCHEDULE

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to move major fishing competition days to any lay day subject to forecast weather conditions.

<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tournament Briefing Night at Panthers Port Macquarie (1 Bay Street Port Macquarie), at 6:00pm followed Calcutta and early bird Boat Entry draw.
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Sail Past at Lady Nelson Wharf from 7:45am. Start fishing 9:00am – Lines up 5:00pm.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start fishing 7:00am – Lines up 5:00pm
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Lay Day</b> Skipper and Crew Night – Boat and Angler Lucky Prize Draws from 6:00pm at Panthers Port Macquarie
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Ladies and Juniors <b>Tammy and Richard Kirkby Memorial Charity Day</b> Start fishing 8:00am – Lines up 4:00pm
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January Lay Day</b> Onshore Juniors Fishing Competition between 9:00am – 12:30pm to be held in conjunction with <b>Ned Kelly's Bait 'N' Tackle</b> .	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start fishing 7:00am – Lines up 5:00pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start fishing 7:00am – Lines up 5:00pm
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Presentation</b> 11:45am Panthers Port Macquarie

Enquiries to:

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# Kids Onshore

# Fishing Day

DATE: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

LOCATION: Port Macquarie Marina  
(Grassed area, outside the PMGFC HOUSE)

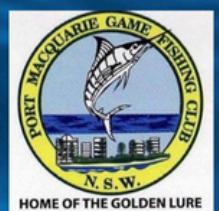
TIME: 9am - 1230pm

\$5 Entry fee  
Includes food & drink

Bring your rods & bait and get ready for some  
shore action!

**Awesome Prizes to be won.**

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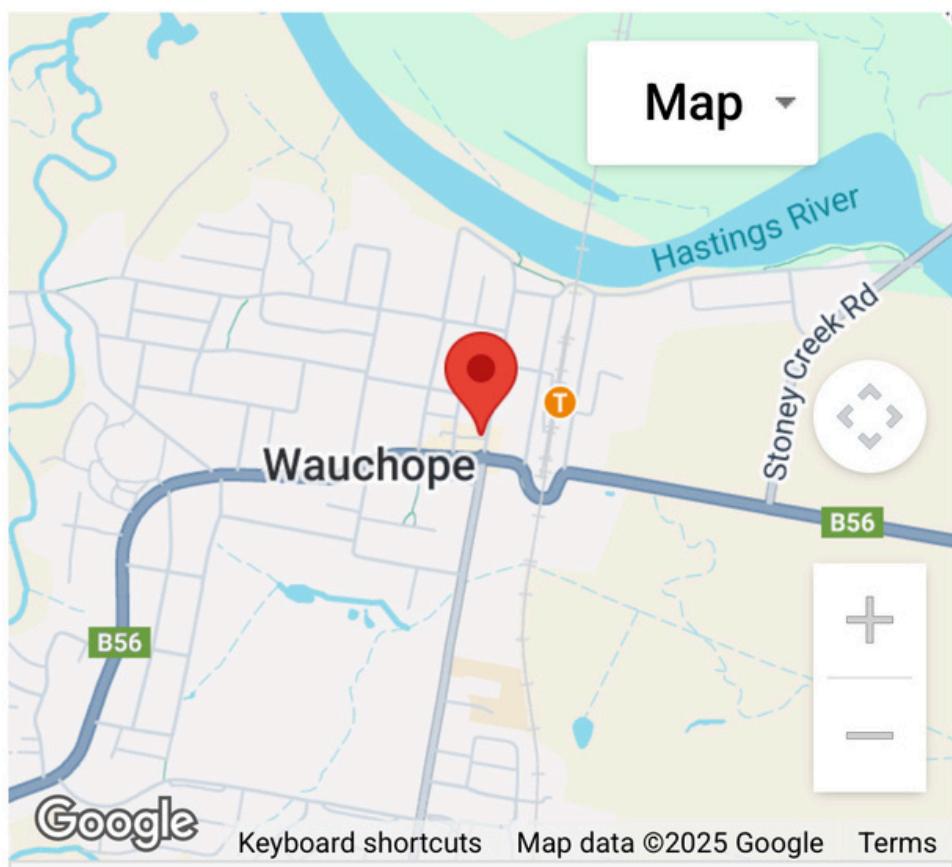
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Secretary: Rebecca Dingeldei 0402 261 796 Treasurer: Jenny Lamond 0408 400 892

### 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		2026 GOLDEN LURE	
Saturday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sponsors Evening
Sunday 3rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	TBC
Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Briefing Night
Saturday 9th	Club Presentation	2:00pm	Day 1 - Fishing
Saturday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Day 2 - Fishing
Sunday 17th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Skipper & Crew Night
September 2025		Ladies & Junior's Day	
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Kids Onshore Day
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Day 3 - Fishing
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Day 4 - Fishing
Friday 12th	Season Opener Challenge BBQ	6:00pm	Presentation
Saturday 13th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points
Sunday 14th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 2:00pm	Major Points
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	February 2026
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	General Meeting
October 2025		6:30pm	Hot Current Tournament - Coffs
Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm	Social BBQ
Saturday 4th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Major Points Northern Zone
Sunday 5th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Major Points Northern Zone
Friday 10th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens
Saturday 11th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	NSWGFA Interclub State Championships
Sunday 12th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points
Saturday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Major Points
Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	March 2026
November 2025		6:30pm	General Meeting
Saturday 1st	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone
Sunday 2nd	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Northern Zone
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm	In House Comp BBQ
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th	Northern Zone Overnight	7:00am - 5:00pm	In House Comp MP
Friday 14th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	In House Comp MP
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 15th
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 28th
December 2025		6:30pm	Sunday 29th
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Wednesday 4th
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm	Saturday 7th
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 8th
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 13th
Saturday 13th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 14th
Sunday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 15th
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 28th
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 29th
April 2026		6:30pm	Wednesday 1st
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Saturday 4th
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Sunday 5th
Friday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 10th
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 11th
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 12th
May 2026		6:30pm	Saturday 25th
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Sunday 26th
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm	Thursday 30th
Saturday 6th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 2nd
Sunday 7th	Northern Zone	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 3rd
Saturday 13th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Wednesday 6th
Sunday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 9th
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 10th
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 16th
June 2026		6:30pm	Saturday 23rd
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Sunday 24th
Saturday 6th	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday 3rd
Sunday 7th	Major Points Northern Zone	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 6th
Saturday 13th	Social BBQ	12:00pm	Sunday 7th
Saturday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 13th
Sunday 23rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 20th

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](mailto:admin@pmgfc.com.au)

That's a wrap for this month from the PMGFC Newsletter Team!!

42nd Golden Lure, here we come!

Cheers to another great month ahead filled with good times and unforgettable memories!

Let's hope we all land the catches and tags we've been waiting for.

Be safe, look out for one another, and most of all – have an absolute blast out there!

Huge thank you to everyone that is making this tournament happen. Sponsors, volunteers, families and friends who welcome us back when we return.

we couldn't do it without everyone's support.  
Thank you, from the PMGFC crew.





**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  
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BOATSAFETYRESCUEFORM**

**PORTMACQUARIEGAMEFISHINGCLUB** Inc.

**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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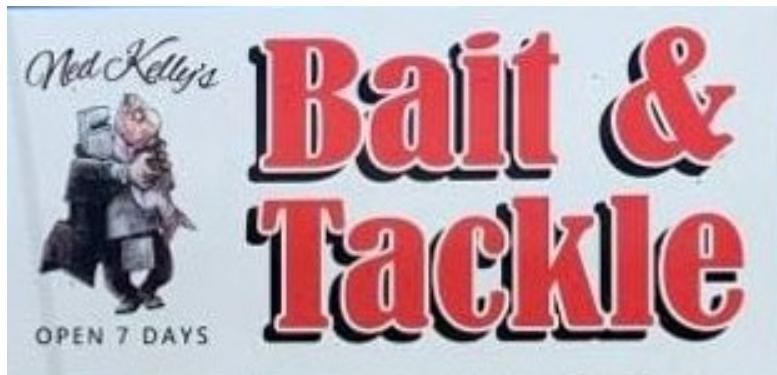
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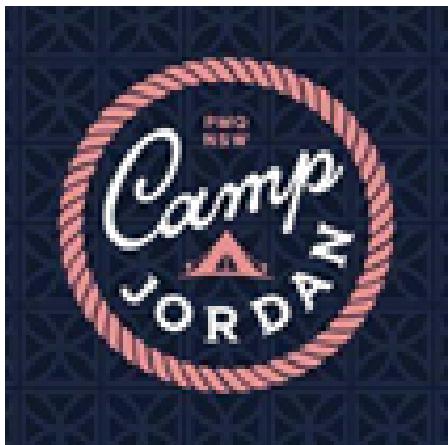


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