

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 3rd Jan and Sunday 4th Jan

Northern Zone 7am - 5pm

2026 GOLDEN LURE

Thursday 8th Jan - Sponsors evening

Friday 9th Jan - Briefing Night

Saturday 10th Day 1 - FISHING

Sunday 11th Day 2 - FISHING

Monday 12th - Skipper and Crew night

Tuesday 13th - Ladies and juniors day

Wednesday 14th Kids onshore day

Thursday 15th Day 3 - FISHING

Friday 16th Day 4 - FISHING

Saturday 17th - Presentation

Saturday 24th Jan & Sunday 25th Jan

Major Points weekend 7am - 5pm





HOME OF THE GOLDEN LURE

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club



8TH TO 17TH JANUARY 2026

OVER
\$50,000
CASH AND PRIZES

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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 CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	OFF SHORE CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	OVER ALL CHAMPION BOAT [T&R]	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
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!



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



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42nd GOLDEN LURE FISHING TOURNAMENT
PORT MACQUARIE
9TH to 17TH 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.

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

Enquiries to:

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PO Box 981 Port Macquarie NSW 2444
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Kids Onshore Fishing Day

DATE: Wednesday 14th 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!

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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	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 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
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Crew 2 Club Shirt M / L / J / SF - DOB
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Crew 6 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
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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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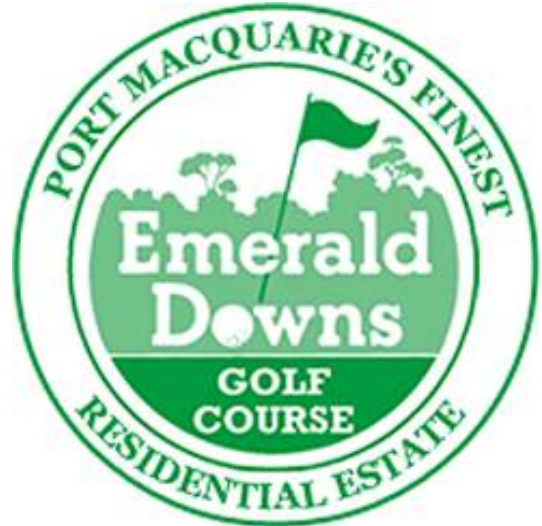


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