



Riviera 19th Lizard Island
BLACK MARLIN CLASSIC
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Entries close 12th September 2005

Above: Platinum-hulled Riviera 51 Flybridge Convertible 'Fascination'.



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Black Thunder Down Under

Once again the Lizard Island Game Fish Club Inc. will be host to what is recognised as the world's premier Heavy Tackle Black Marlin Tournament. Anglers from all over the world will again rendezvous at Lizard Island, the headquarters for the Riviera 19th Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic.

For seven days, from Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th October, 2005 they will fish along the famous Ribbon Reefs of the Great Barrier Reef to do battle with the giant black marlin that congregate at this time of the year in that part of the Coral Sea, the only known breeding grounds for these magnificent animals.

Last Year's Statistics

The 2004 event attracted 29 boats and the 77 anglers managed 294 strikes, 230 hook-ups, 132 tags and one magnificent fish of 487kg (1071lb) weighed. A breakdown of the estimated sizes (in pounds) of fish tagged was:

100 to 300 – 53 tags	300 to 500 – 40 tags
500 to 700 – 16 tags	700 to 900 – 12 tags
	900 to 1100 plus – 11 tags

Though not as good as 2003, no other heavy tackle tournament in the world can match this. The photographs show the winners of the major awards of the tournament. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated. Our first ever Russian team won heaviest fish, with Kirill Kulazhico weighing a specimen of 487kg (1071lb).

Briefing Compulsory 8th October, 2005

All teams MUST attend the briefing and Calcutta BBQ. On day one, Sunday 9th October, all vessels must participate in the sail past and start from Lizard Island. All other days, teams may elect to stay out on the Reef but must return on Saturday 15th October for the Presentation Dinner.

The only proviso is that the Tournament Committee MAY, at its sole discretion, grant a dispensation for attendance at the briefing after consideration of a written submission setting out extenuating circumstances which might allow this discretion. This dispensation will not be given lightly.

Sponsors

This event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Thank you to Riviera, Top Shot Tackle, I.C. Frith and Associates Insurance Brokers, Shimano and Blue Water Boats and Sportfishing for your tremendous support.



President
Bob Lowe



2004 Champion Male Angler, Peter Teakle.



2004 Champion Female Angler, Susan Deane.



2004 Angler Weighing The Heaviest Marlin, Kirill Kulazhico.



Champion boat "Coocoran" angler and crew receiving award.



Mario Tagliante and Captain Ric Eustace, winners of Pakula Tackle 'Camp Quality' lures.



Kirill Kulazhico and Andrei Grigoriev from Russia, with a 487kg (1071lb) Black Marlin and Captain Danny McCarthy and crew of 'Moana'

Where else but Lizard Island!



Anglers may elect to stay on the island at Lizard Island Lodge, on motherships or live aboard charter or private game boats.

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2005 Program

Saturday 8th October, 2005

7.30pm Tournament briefing barbecue and Calcutta in the Marlin Centre

Sunday 9th October, 2005

9.15am Official tournament opening and sailpast at Lizard Island

11.00am Fishing starts on outer Barrier Reef

Saturday 15th October, 2005

8.00pm Presentation Dinner for anglers, crews and guests at the Marlin Centre

2005 Award Categories



Champion Tag and Release Team



Champion Male Angler



Champion Female Angler



Angler Weighing the Heaviest Marlin



Champion Boat



Daily Awards – Most Marlin Tagged-and-Released by a Team on each day of the Tournament



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Peter Teagle, angler on champion boat "Coocoran", subdues another big one for deckie, Andrew Kelly, to tag-and-release.

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2005 Tournament Information

Tournament Dates: Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th October 2005.

Tournament Base: Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, far North Queensland, Australia.

Registration and Briefing: Tournament registration and briefing will commence at 19.30 hours on Saturday 8th October 2005 at Lizard Island Lodge. At the briefing, details will be provided on all tournament procedures including sailpast, radio ship, radio frequencies and format of radio schedules.

Tournament Fishing Zone: The northern most point of Jewell Reef to the southern most point of Channel Reef.

Eligibility: Open to all members of Clubs affiliated with G.F.A.A. or I.G.F.A. If not already members, anglers may join Lizard Island GFC Inc. to be eligible.

Eligible Species: Black Marlin (*Makaira Indica*), Blue Marlin (*Makaira Nigricans*), Striped Marlin (*Tetrapturus Audax*). Black Marlin are the species generally captured or tagged and released in Lizard Island waters.

Eligible Tackle: As published in G.F.A.A. angling rules and equipment regulations.

Eligible Line Class: This is a heavy tackle Tournament restricted to 37kg and 60kg line. Fishing, Capture and Tag & Release Rules: as published in G.F.A.A. Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations.

Tournament Rules

1. Competitors may elect to fish all or any number of competition days within the tournament dates. There is no reduction in fees for fishing less than 7 days.
2. All competitors to attend the briefing night, sailpast and presentation night.
3. L.I.G.F.C. Inc. shall appoint Tournament Judges whose decision shall be final and binding.
4. **Fishing Hours:** 11.00 hours to 17.30 hours. Except the last day which is 11.00 hours to 16.30 hours.
5. No tournament fishing or chumming shall commence before starting time each day. Any fish hooked after the final radio schedule, but before finishing time, must be reported to the radio ship and acknowledged to be eligible. The fish may then be played out subject to rules (6) and (7).
6. Completed and signed scoresheets and tag cards must be returned to a tournament official daily unless an exemption is granted by the tournament judges. On the final day of the tournament scoresheets MUST be handed to a tournament official by 20.00 hours to be eligible.
7. All marlin boated MUST be weighed at the tournament weigh station, accompanied by completed scoresheets, on the day of the capture. On the final day of the tournament, all marlin must be presented for weighing by 18.30 hours to be eligible.
8. All hook-ups, fish lost, tag and releases and boated captures must be immediately reported to the radio ship.
9. The time of a tag and release is deemed to be the time at which the tag and release report is acknowledged by the radio ship.
10. To be eligible for the tournament, marlin for weighing must attain a minimum weight of 450kg (992lb).
11. Once a marlin is boated, accurate measurements of short length and girth at dorsal must be reported to the radio ship and acknowledged. The radio ship will then advise the remainder of the fleet on all frequencies. The time of capture is deemed to be the time at which measurements are acknowledged by the radio ship.
12. A marlin may be gaffed after tagging but once a gaff touches the fish, tag points do not apply.
13. **Protests:** A protest must be submitted in writing to the judges by 21.00 hours on the day of the alleged incident, except on the final day when protests must be submitted by 19.00 hours.
14. **Tackle Inspection:** Equipment and tackle used by competitors may be inspected at random by the tournament judges.
15. **Disposal of weighed marlin:** After allowing reasonable time for photographs, taking of scientific and other samples, weighed marlin must be removed from the gantry area and beach immediately after weighing by the capturing crew. They must be placed fully aboard a game fishing boat or mother ship or towed clear of Lizard Island before being released back to the food chain in an appropriate location. Weighed marlin MUST NOT be left overnight either on the beach or tethered in the lagoon to game fishing or other vessels or buoys. Non compliance with this rule will result in disqualification of the capture.
16. **Misconduct:** The Tournament Committee may on its own initiative investigate and act upon any incident occurring on the island during the Tournament. The Committee may invoke penalties of loss of points, or disqualifications of fish, angler, boat or team where misconduct is deemed to have taken place. All competitors are reminded that as members of a Game Fishing Club they are regarded as representatives of the Club. As such, any unbecoming behaviour reflects adversely on Lizard Island Game Fishing Club Inc. and indeed on all game fishers. Hence, the Tournament reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in these circumstances.
17. **Boats and Accommodation:** Competitors may fish from private boats or professional game fishing boats. Accommodation is provided by Lizard Island Lodge, live aboard Charters or Motherships.
18. L.I.G.F.C. Inc. will not accept liability for any claims for damages or injury by any person or persons in regard to this tournament.