



GAMEX

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Exmouth, WA • Established 1978

MARCH 17TH - 25TH 2017

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AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH
TOURNAMENT
March 12th - 15th



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WELCOME TO **GAMEX** 2017

New entrants can apply for the **GAMEX Angler Incentive**.
More information at: www.egfc.com.au

The Exmouth Game Fishing Club invites you to Western Australia's greatest fishing event - **GAMEX**. Now in it's 39th year, GAMEX is recognised by Tourism Western Australia as the state's major fishing tournament, attracting local, national and international competitors and spectators. No other fishing tournament in the country offers such diverse and productive fishing within such a short distance from shore. Exmouth is one of the hottest game and sport fishing destinations on the planet, with over 40 different game fish species on offer, including all six Australian billfish species.

In GAMEX 2014, there were over 100 billfish tagged each day - catch and release numbers that rival those of the world's very best game fishing tournaments. Every year records are broken in the capture sections. Large and small vessels participate in GAMEX, with experienced and novice anglers fishing side by side. All fishing areas are close to launching facilities, moorings or marina pens, and the wide range of species and tournament sections ensure everyone has a great chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

While the weather is generally favourable during early autumn, Exmouth lies within a cyclone prone region and the EGFC recommend all teams have complete insurance, including travel insurance, in case of cancellation. In the event of a cyclone warning or a severe weather forecast, the Exmouth Game Fishing Club reserves the right to suspend or cancel the tournament at short notice. See our website: www.gamex.net.au for the full tournament cancellation policy.

GAMEX would not take place without the assistance of our valued sponsors and we urge you to support them wherever possible. We also encourage all participants to support the EGFC facilities (Nemo's Cafe and The Sandbar at the EGFC clubhouse) and to appreciate the efforts of our volunteers and committee who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the event each and every year.

The EGFC clubhouse is a licensed venue, so please ensure that children are supervised at all times. No BYO.

We wish you all the very best of luck for GAMEX 2017. Enjoy the event but please take care of yourselves, your crew and your fish, and participate with integrity, camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

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Entries

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COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

At least one crew member from each team must attend the briefing session at the EGFC clubhouse, for last minute updates, rules briefing, tournament bags and boat auction. That person must register with the EGFC officials upon arrival. **All teams must register before 5pm or penalties will apply.**

GUEST MEALS

Competitor's guests will be asked to pay the cost of their own meals. Extra tickets for the Briefing Session, mid-week Social Night, and Presentation Night meals can be purchased at the clubhouse (subject to availability). Tickets for the mid-week Social Night and Presentation Night meals are \$40/ adult and \$20/child under 16.

RULES & ENTRIES

Rules and entry forms can be found at www.gamex.net.au. Your entry fee includes a tournament shirt, team bag full of goodies, team meal vouchers for the Briefing Session, mid-week Social Night and Presentation Night, and event information. This totals more than your entry fee. Please note, late entries will not be able to receive a tournament shirt.

BOAT AUCTION

The boat auction will be held for all participating boats on the briefing night. Teams must nominate on your entry form which pool you wish to enter - Tag & Release Billfish or Champion Boat Overall. **This is for the boat auction only.** The main boat auction will be preceded by a silent auction. Full boat auction details can be found on the GAMEX website: www.gamex.net.au.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, SKEDS & SAFETY

All boats must be fitted with an operational VHF radio. Channel VHF 21 is for main communications. Alternative channels are to be used for boat to boat chat. Teams must log on and off each day with Radio Base. Upon log off, those boats that have raised billfish will be asked to provide a SKED for the day which must consist of billfish raised, hooked and tagged.

If you decide to have a day off or late start, you MUST notify Radio Base or call Kathy Ryan on Ph: 9949 1086 so that we know where you are. If you plan an early start, please notify someone of your intentions and location. SAFETY IS IMPORTANT. All competitors participating in GAMEX fishing competition do so entirely at their own risk. Exmouth Game Fishing Club Incorporated and the GAMEX coordination committee shall not be held responsible and will not accept any claim for loss or damage sustained by any competitor to their person, personal effects, or vessel in regard to this tournament.

TAGS

GAMEX is a WAGFA sanctioned tournament with all fishing to be conducted in accordance with GFAA rules. Billfish must be tagged with NSW Fisheries billfish tags only. Sharks must be tagged with NSW Fisheries shark tags only. Plastic dart tags are not to be used. Please ensure this or your catch will be disqualified.

NSW Fisheries billfish tags are available for purchase from the EGFC weigh master for \$30 for five tags. Replacements for tags expended during GAMEX will be issued on a one for one basis, at no extra cost.

TAG CARDS

Each tagged billfish must be called in to Radio Base as soon as possible after tagging. Details required to be reported are boat, angler, species, line class, estimated weight and time tagged. Fully completed tag cards must be presented to the weigh station during weigh in times on the day of tagging unless otherwise arranged with the weigh master.

WEIGH STATION

All fish to be weighed must be brought in on the day of capture. All fish captured must be in edible condition to be accepted at the weigh station. All captures and tag cards must reach the weigh station prior to close each day, unless otherwise arranged with the weigh master under special circumstances. Close of tournament is 8pm on Friday March 24th. No captures or tag cards will be accepted for tournament points after this time.

LINES OUT

No fish are to be hooked after 5pm lines out each day. Lines out on Tuesday, March 21st (mid-week Social Night) is at 3pm. Radio silence is to be observed for the final 15 minutes of each fishing day for any hook-ups to be reported to Radio Base before lines out. Fish hooked prior to lines out on ANY day must be called in to Radio Base and may be fought past lines out, but all captures or tags must reach the weigh station prior to close each day.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the winner and runner up in each section on the Presentation Night. Lucky boat prizes will be drawn daily over the radio. These are to be collected each night from the clubhouse merchandise desk. Nightly raffles will be held at the clubhouse.

\$250 vouchers from Tackle World Exmouth will be awarded on the Presentation Night for the following -
Day 1 - First tagged billfish;
Day 2 - Highest point scoring fish weighed in;
Day 3 - Boat with most tagged marlin;
Day 4 - Highest point scoring tuna weighed in;
Day 5 - Heaviest mackerel weighed in;
Day 6 - Boat with most tagged sailfish.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Friday March 17 th | Casual social night. Meet and greet competitors, locals and organisers at the EGFC clubhouse. All welcome. | From 5pm |
| Saturday March 18 th | Compulsory registration at the clubhouse. <i>All teams must register by 5pm or penalties will apply.</i> Silent boat auction. GAMEX briefing and main boat auction followed by team bag allocations. Meal provided for competitors. | 4pm - 5pm 5pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm |
| Sunday March 19 th | Fishing commences. Free family fun day at the clubhouse for visitors and locals. Tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. | 8am - 5pm From 11am 6pm - 8pm |
| Monday March 20 th | Fishing continues. Tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. | 6am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm |
| Tuesday March 21 st | Fishing continues. Tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. Mid-week Social Night. Come dressed in your team shirts or colours. Prizes for best dressed team. | 6am - 3pm 4pm - 6pm 6pm - late |
| Wednesday March 22 nd | Fishing recommences. Tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. <i>Last day to purchase extra Presentation Night meal tickets (if available) from the clubhouse.</i> | 8am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm |
| Thursday March 23 rd | Fishing continues. Sponsor appreciation function at the EGFC clubhouse. Tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. | 6am - 5pm 5pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm |
| Friday March 24 th | Fishing continues. <i>Team RSVP for Saturday night Presentation Dinner to be given on final radio log off.</i> Final tag card verification and weigh in at the clubhouse. <i>Return all unused tags by 8pm.</i> | 6am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm |
| Saturday March 25 th | Presentation Dinner at the clubhouse. Live entertainment. | 6pm - late |

SECTIONS

Section 1 Sponsor: Exmouth IGA

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 1kg Line

Section 2 Sponsor: Autopro Exmouth/Allen's Car Hire

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 2kg Line

Section 3 Sponsor: Exmouth Automotive & Boating

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 3kg Line

Section 4 Sponsor: Home Hardware Exmouth

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 4kg Line

Section 5 Sponsor: Potshot Hotel Resort

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 6kg Line

Section 6 Sponsor: Woodside

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 8kg Line

Section 7 Sponsor: Exmouth Wholesalers

HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 10kg Line

Section 8 Sponsor: Exmouth Fuel Supplies

HPS Billfish Weighed in on 1-15kg Line

Section 9 Sponsor: Exmouth Smash Repairs

Heaviest Billfish Weighed in on 24-60kg Line

Section 10 Sponsor: BHP Billiton

Champion Boat Tag & Release Shark

Section 11 Sponsor: Toll Express/Toll IPEC, Exmouth Freight Co.

Champion Angler - Junior

Section 12 Sponsor: Driftwood Jewellers

Champion Angler - Female

Section 13 Sponsor: Engel Refrigeration

Champion Angler - Male

Section 14 Sponsor: Exmouth Tackle & Camping

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Junior

Section 15 Sponsor: Ray White Exmouth

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Female

Section 16 Sponsor: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Male

Section 17 Sponsor: Western Angler magazine

Champion Team Kayak. *Specific rules apply.*

Section 18 Sponsor: Mandurah Jetty Constructions

Champion Team (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Boats 7m and under

Section 19 Sponsor: Quadrant Energy

Champion Team (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Boats over 7m

Section 20 Sponsor: Furuno Electronics

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Sailfish

Section 21 Sponsor: Tackle World Exmouth

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Marlin

Section 22 Sponsor: Caltex Star Mart Exmouth

Champion Boat Overall (HPS) Capture/Tag & Release

Section 23

Steve Pitman Memorial Trophy - Most Skilled Angler (most species on most line classes)

Section 24 Sponsor: Mahi Mahi Fishing Charters

George King Memorial Trophy - Top Tagging Captain (most tags)



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Blue Marlin



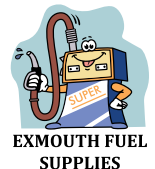
Black Marlin



Striped Marlin



Sailfish 1



Sailfish 2



Sailfish 3

Boat Bag

Auto Pro Exmouth - Ningaloo Bakehouse - Mackerel Islands - Fish Life Magazine
Birds Eye View Ningaloo - Total Knife Care - Exmouth Automotive & Boating - Angling Adventures

Idaho Boutique - Exmouth Air & Electrical - Mumby's Auto Electrical & Air Conditioning - Ozflex Rods - The Birdcage