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COCOS KEELING ISLANDS  
FISHING ADVENTURE  
WORTH \$30,000!**

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# GAMEX 2024

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The Exmouth Game Fishing Club (EGFC) invites you to Western Australia's greatest fishing event - **GAMEX**. Now in its 56<sup>th</sup> year, GAMEX is recognised by Tourism Western Australia as the state's major fishing tournament, attracting local, national and international competitors and spectators. Exmouth is one of the hottest game and sport fishing destinations on the planet, with over 50 different game fish species on offer, including all six Australian billfish species. As a result, GAMEX has been responsible for more state, national and world records than any other Australian fishing tournament.

Large and small vessels can 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. GAMEX's early autumn timeslot typically sees light winds and low seas, however, Exmouth lies within a cyclone prone region, so the EGFC recommends 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 EGFC reserves the right to suspend or cancel the tournament at short notice. See our website: [www.gamex.net.au](http://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 Sports Bar & Restaurant 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 2024. Enjoy the event but please take care of yourselves, your crew and your fish, and participate with integrity, camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

## RULES & ENTRIES

Rules and online entry can be found at: [www.gamex.net.au](http://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 Exmouth Escape Resort Social Night and Network 7 Presentation Night and team entry into the Cocos Keeling Islands fishing trip prize draw (pending qualification).

**GAMEX 2024 Entries close 10pm, Friday March 8.**

## GAMEX PREP CLINIC & SOCIAL NIGHT

GAMEX 2024 kicks off Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> with a night of fun and last minute preparations at the EGFC Clubhouse. Tournament officials will be on hand for one-on-one training on how to use the catch reporting phone app, issue of tag cards, local knowledge & advice, and for last minute entries.

This will be followed by live comedy, headlined by Exmouth's favourite, SQUIRLY (visit our website: [www.gamex.net.au](http://www.gamex.net.au) to see the full line up of acts). This is a FREE event open to both competitors and the general public.

## COMPULSORY BRIEFING NIGHT

At least one crew member from each team must attend the GAMEX Briefing Night at the EGFC Clubhouse, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm for rules briefing, last minute updates, tournament bags and boat auction. That person must register with the EGFC officials upon arrival. **All teams must register before 6pm or penalties will apply.**

## BOAT AUCTION

The GAMEX Boat Auction will be held for all participating boats on the Briefing Night where spectators or competitors can bid on the team they think will win the Champion Boat Overall and Champion Boat Tag & Release Billfish sections. All teams must nominate on their entry form which boat auction pool they wish to enter. **This is for the boat auction only.** Cash prizes for the GAMEX Boat Auction winners and runners-up will be awarded during the Network 7 Presentation Night. Full boat auction details can be found on our website: [www.gamex.net.au](http://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 chit-chat. Teams must log on and off each day by hailing GAMEX Radio Base. **GAMEX Radio Base opens 1 hour before start fishing each day.** Upon log off, each boat will be asked to provide a sked for the day which must consist of billfish raised, hooked and tagged, plus any fish lost to sharks. If you decide to have a day off or late start, you MUST notify GAMEX Radio Base or call Kathy Ryan on Mob: 0488 907 866 so that we know where you are. If you plan an early start, please notify someone of your intentions and location. SAFETY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR TOURNAMENT.

## COCOS KEELING ISLANDS FISHING TRIP PRIZE DRAW

GAMEX 2024 will feature a new major prize of a dream Cocos Keeling Islands fishing adventure worth \$30,000. This prize will be awarded via random draw at the Network 7 Presentation Night (Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>). All teams fishing GAMEX 2024 are eligible for entry into the Cocos Keeling Islands fishing trip prize draw, but must qualify by achieving a minimum tournament score during the event (catch as few as two fish). Please see the GAMEX 2024 rules for information on how to qualify for the draw.

## TAGS

GAMEX is a Western Australian Game Fishing Association (WAGFA) sanctioned tournament with all fishing to be conducted in accordance with Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) rules. Billfish must be tagged with NSW Fisheries billfish tags only. Sharks must be tagged with NSW Fisheries shark tags only. Gamefish dart tags and Billfish Foundation tags are not to be used. Please ensure the correct tag is used or your catch will be disqualified. NSW Fisheries billfish tags are available from the EGFC Weigh Master for a refundable deposit of \$30 for five tags. Replacements for tags expended during GAMEX will be issued on a one for one basis at no extra cost. **All unused tags must be returned to the weigh station on the final day of fishing** (Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>).

## DIGITAL CATCH REPORTING

GAMEX 2024 will use the Track My Fish for Tournaments phone app for logging of all catches. The Track My Fish app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store, and competitors are advised to download the app prior to the GAMEX Prep Clinic & Social Night, Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**All teams MUST log their tag & release catches on the Track My Fish app** as soon as possible after the fish is tagged for tournament points to apply. Once a tag & release catch is logged on the app, the team must then report the tag to GAMEX Radio Base. Points for fish weighed-in will be issued at the Weigh Station. Training on how to use the Track My Fish app will be provided at the GAMEX Prep Clinic & Social Night, Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## WEIGH STATION

The tournament Weigh Station is located at the EGFC Clubhouse. All fish to be weighed must be brought in on the day of capture and must be in edible, non-mutilated condition to be accepted for tournament points. All captures must reach the Weigh Station prior to close each day, unless otherwise arranged with the Weigh Master under exceptional circumstances only.

**Fully completed tag cards must be presented to the weigh station on the day of tagging** unless otherwise arranged with the Weigh Master under exceptional circumstances only. Failure to provide a fully completed tag card on the day of tagging will see that catch disqualified. Close of tournament is 8pm on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>. No captures or tag cards will be accepted for tournament points after this time.

## LINES OUT

No fish are to be hooked after lines out each day (see schedule of events for lines in/out times). Radio silence is to be observed for the final 15 minutes of each fishing day for any hook-ups to be reported to GAMEX Radio Base before lines out, but all tags and captures must reach the Weigh Station prior to close each day.

## PRIZES

For a full list of winner and runner-up prizes for each section, please visit our website: [www.gamex.net.au](http://www.gamex.net.au). Lucky boat prizes will be drawn daily over the radio. These are to be collected each night from the EGFC Clubhouse.

## SALTY BONES GYOTAKU FISH PRINTS

GAMEX 2024 will feature special guest, Salty Bones Gyotaku Fish Prints carrying out live artworks each night on any fish brought to the Weigh Station (fresh or frozen fish caught outside of GAMEX also welcome). Competitors can elect to have their catch immortalised as one of these incredible artworks. See our website: [www.gamex.net.au](http://www.gamex.net.au) for more information and pricing details.

## EVENT CONTACTS

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**GAMEX Radio Base (VHF Ch. 21)**  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Friday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	GAMEX Prep Clinic & Social Night with live comedy at the EGFC Clubhouse. <b>GAMEX Entries Close 10pm.</b>	From 5pm
Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Compulsory registration</b> at the clubhouse. <i>All teams must register by 6pm or penalties will apply.</i> Silent boat auction. GAMEX briefing and main boat auction followed by team bag allocations. Meal provided for competitors.	5pm - 6pm 5pm - 6:30pm 6:30pm - 8pm
Sunday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing commences. Free SANTOS / Recfishwest Family Fun Day kids fishing competition at the clubhouse with live fish display. Tag card verification, weigh in and Salty Bones Gyotaku fish print live artwork at the clubhouse.	8am - 5pm 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 8pm
Monday March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing continues. Tag card verification, weigh in and Salty Bones Gyotaku fish print live artwork at the clubhouse.	7am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm
Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing continues. Early finish for the day. Tag card verification, weigh in and Salty Bones Gyotaku fish print live artwork at the clubhouse. Exmouth Escape Resort Social Night (meal provided). Includes drawing of the \$10,000 GAMEX Good Gear Raffle.	7am - 3pm 4pm - 6pm 6pm - 10pm
Wednesday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing continues. Later start for the day. Tag card verification, weigh in and Salty Bones Gyotaku fish print live artwork at the clubhouse.	8am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm
Thursday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing continues. Tag card verification, weigh in and Salty Bones Gyotaku fish print live artwork at the clubhouse.	7am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm
Friday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final day of fishing. Final tag card verification, weigh in and Gyotaku artwork at the clubhouse. <i>Return all unused tags by 8pm.</i>	7am - 5pm 6pm - 8pm
Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Network 7 Presentation Night at the EGFC Clubhouse. Includes dinner, VIP Sponsor Function, auctions, prize presentations and drawing of the \$30,000 Cocos Keeling Islands fishing trip prize.	5pm - 12pm

## SECTIONS

### Section 1 Sponsor: Exmouth IGA

Highest Point Score (HPS) Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 1kg Line

### Section 2 Sponsor: The Fresh Fish Shack

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

### Section 3 Sponsor: EXE Tackle

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

### Section 4 Sponsor: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

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

Des Ryan Memorial Trophy - HPS Game Fish other than Billfish or Shark Weighed in on 10kg Line

### Section 8 Sponsor: Channel 7

Champion Boat Tag & Release Shark (HPS)

### Section 9 Sponsor: Shire of Exmouth

Champion Angler (HPS) - Small Fry

### Section 10 Sponsor: Bencco Group

Champion Angler (HPS) - Junior

### Section 11 Sponsor: West Coast Suzuki Marine

Champion Angler (HPS) - Female

### Section 12 Sponsor: Shimano Australia

Champion Angler (HPS) - Male

### Section 13 Sponsor: Exmouth Fuel Supplies

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Small Fry

### Section 14 Sponsor: Exmouth Tackle & Camping

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Junior

### Section 15 Sponsor: Reel Teaser Fishing Adventures

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Female

### Section 16 Sponsor: Exmouth Mitre 10

Champion Angler (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Male

### Section 17 Sponsor: Furuno Electronics

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Sailfish

### Section 18 Sponsor: Northbank Boats

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Light Tackle (1-10kg)

### Section 19 Sponsor: Ningaloo Car & Boat Hire/Autopro

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Medium Tackle (15-24kg)

### Section 20 Sponsor: SANTOS

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Billfish - Heavy Tackle (37-60kg)

### Section 21 Sponsor: Exmouth Escape Resort

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

### Section 22 Sponsor: Simrad

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

### Section 23 Sponsor: Tackle World Exmouth

Champion Boat (HPS) Tag & Release Marlin

### Section 24 Sponsor: The Reef Convenience & Takeaway

Champion Boat Overall (HPS) Capture/Tag & Release

### Section 25 Sponsor: Whitey's Tackle & Camping

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

### Section 26 Sponsor: Mahi Mahi Fishing Charters

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

### Section 27 Sponsor: Siesta Park Holiday Resort

Phil Tickle Memorial Trophy - Most Meritorious Capture (HPS Capture Excluding Billfish or Shark)

### Mystery Prizes & Encouragement Award

Mystery prize sections are open to all teams. Encouragement award section is for the highest overall point score for a first time GAMEX team

### Cocos Keeling Islands Fishing Trip Prize Draw

All teams that score points on at least two line classes during the tournament are entered into the random draw to win a dream Cocos Keeling Islands fishing adventure with Hello Backing Fly & Sports Fishing Charters worth \$30,000!



# NUMBERS ARE LIMITED. ENTER NOW!

All competitors participating in GAMEX fishing competition do so entirely at their own risk. The 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. Please visit: [www.gamex.net.au](http://www.gamex.net.au) to see the full entry terms & conditions and event cancellation policy.



\*Sponsor Level



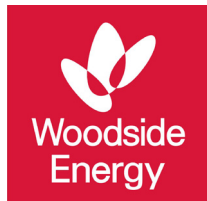
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MANTARAYS  
NINGALOO BEACH RESORT



Blue Marlin



Black Marlin



Striped Marlin



Sailfish



Wahoo



Tuna