**INFORMATION AND RULES**

1. The skipper of the team is fully responsible for his or her crew.

2. All persons on board must be competitors unless under the age of 6.

3. Organiser's (MIFC) of this fishing competition will not be liable for any loss, accident or injury. Entry is at your own risk.

4. All vessels must be equipped with correct safety equipment and have current boat registration,

**ENTRY FORMS**

5. Entry forms must be received by the MIFC via email, post or in person by 4pm Sunday 3rd March 2024. Late entries will be accepted up to Sunday 7th April if spots are available, however full tournament entry kits cannot be guaranteed.

6. Payment by Direct Deposit or Cash / Credit Card at MIFC bar, must be received no later then Sunday 31st March. The entry fee includes a tournament shirt, team bag full of goodies, compendium, briefing BBQ dinner at MIFC and presentation breakfast at Buccaneer Beach.

7. Refunds may be considered depending on circumstance and at the discretion of the organising committee

**COMPULSARY BRIEFING NIGHT**

8. A Compulsory briefing at the MIFC, Elder St, Derby on **Thursday 18/04/2024 5pm-9pm** where tournament bags will be issued. At least one team member or representative must be present at the briefing, unless otherwise organised prior with the organising committee. A boat auction will be held for all participating boats. All anglers are encouraged to attend and licensed bar is available.

**CONVOY FROM DERBY**

9. A convoy to Yampi sound will leave **from Derby Jetty at 8:00am Friday 19/04/2024** to ensure that all boats in the competition arrive safely in the fishing grounds. Check points will be at Waterfall beach & the Northern end of Whirlpool passage. If you are not joining the convoy please let the organising committee know via mifishderby@hotmail.com

**RADIO COMMUNICATIONS & SAFETY**

10. Official radio protocol will be adhered to i.e. no swearing, 3 min silence on ch16 on the hour and 1/2 hour, ch10 for general comp communications

11. There is a buddy system in place for your safety. Please check in with your buddy team at the start and end of the day as a minimum.

**COMPETITION RULES**

12. Competition boundaries will be enforced, be clever and understand your boat and crew limitations.

13. Lines in/out times are strictly 7.00am - 5.00pm on Saturday and 7.00am – 4.00pm Sunday. No fishing at night, the crocodile’s bite.

14. Koolan Island is a working mine site and has the highest regard for personal safety AND IS NOT TO BE ENTERED OR ANY FISHING FROM SHIP LOADERS

15.  The Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Park is gazetted but the zones within the Marine Park are still to be gazetted so recreational fishing is permitted in the entire park. However, access to some areas of the Buccaneer Archipelago may be affected by Exclusive Native Title determination. Please take time to research as to whether areas you wish to access may be restricted.

**COCKATOO ISLAND**

16. Cockatoo Island unfortunately has had to cancel accommodation and day trip visitors for the foreseeable future – we will keep you updated if this changes

**FUEL & ICE**

17**.** Fuel can be purchased at Dean Kemps fuel station at Dog Leg Creek. Classic teams receive a discount on fuel (amount TBC) – a list of teams will be supplied to the fuel station. The fuelling station can be contacted on Channel 16.

16. Availability of ice available to purchase will be confirmed closer to the event in 2024

**ACCOMMODATION**

18. Accommodation is ‘beach camping’ or ‘boat camping’ so you will need to bring your own food, swag, towels etc. - you need to be self -sufficient. Please ensure you have at least two heavy anchors and long chains – if there is a blow you will be glad you packed them.

19. Beach use shall be of appropriate behaviour and no fire arms are allowed or fireworks that have the potential to start an uncontrolled fire, remember Emergency help could be hours away.

20. Leave our beaches clean thank you, take all Rubbish home with you.

21. Access passes onto Dambimangari Indigenous native title land (croc creek, nairs beach etc…) are the responsibility of the skipper / anglers. The MIFC encourages all teams to purchase a pass from the Dambimangari website - [Dambimangari Visitor Pass - Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation](https://www.dambimangari.com.au/visitor-location-pass/)

**SCORING**

22. This competition is a catch and record competition based on a point score system and relies on the honesty of each team member. Fish must meet the minimum size limit as indicated on the score sheet to be eligible to be scored. Fish may be retained, consumed or processed as per WA fisheries rules – please be familiar with them. MIFC encourages anglers to catch and release their catch.

23. Score sheets must be submitted to the nominated committee boat after lines out on Sunday 21st April in the designated spot in Yampi Sound OR no later than 09:00am sharp Monday 22nd April at Buccaneer Beach.

**COMP PRESENTATION, PRIZES & CLOSURE**

24. Competition ends on Monday 22nd April after the memorial breakfast and presentation at Buccaneer Beach on Gibbings Island. All boats must check in or be accounted for at the breakfast – failure to do so means we have no alternative to assume your team is in trouble and a search and rescue plan will be put into action. Costs incurred will be recovered from participants.

25. Team prizes will be awarded for Sports, Reef, Creek fishing champions and Overall champion team (teams cannot win multiple categories). Individual prizes for Champion Male, Female & Junior. Prize for Biggest Fingermark, photo proof required on brag mat and the coveted “Gook Gook” Award. Prizes cannot be refunded or exchanged.

Lastly the Mary Island Fishing Club hope that you enjoy the event and the unbelievable beauty of the Buccaneer Archipelago. Please take care of yourselves, your crew and your fish!

**2024 YAMPI SOUND TIDES**

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