

Karumba Community Anglers Classic

April 7th, 8th & 9th - 2017

Welcome to the 2017 Karumba Community Anglers Classic—we hope you have a safe, enjoyable and memorable time. This event is being run by the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association—a not for profit, volunteer based entity and we welcome your input, participation and your involvement.

Proceeds raised over the weekend will be shared with other local Karumba not for profit organisations assisting with the event and the GBRA funds raised will go towards future restocking of barramundi into the Norman, Nicholson and Albert River systems in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

At all times we encourage you to engage in responsible sustainable fishing and respect and care for the Gulf environment—in 2017 this sees the expansion of the Catch & Release categories to include Barramundi, King Salmon and Grunter.

Contained in these pages you will find details to help you enjoy and participate in this event—as well as your nomination form—so to ensure you understand the rules and guidelines, categories, times and requirements—please take a moment to go through the information.

In 2017 there are changes to fishing times, weigh in open and closure times and the Catch & Release categories—so please read carefully so you can enjoy the weekend and participate fully

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND LODGE YOUR NOMINATION FORM
PAY YOUR NOMINATION FEE AND
RECEIVE YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT ID CARD
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF EVENT FISHING**

**BARRAMUNDI—KING SALMON (KING THREADFIN) AND GRUNTER ALL TO BE
CATCH & RELEASE—PHOTOGRAPH ONLY**

**ANYONE ARRIVING AT THE WEIGH IN STATION TO WEIGH FISH IN - AND NOT
HAVING COMPLETED AND LODGED THE NOMINATION FORMS/FEEES PRIOR TO
COMMENCEMENT OF FISHING - WILL BE UNABLE TO LODGE THE FISH INTO
THE COMPETITION.**

**EARLY BIRD NOMINATIONS FROM 13/3/17 TO 5PM ON 5/4/17 GO
INTO A EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW**

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION PRIZES

The Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association
wishes to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers, participants and those who
have donated and sponsored this years event.

Thanks to the Karumba Lodge Hotel for hosting the event and we hope everyone
enjoys themselves.

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NOMINATION FORM - NOTE CHANGES TO THE EVENT THIS YEAR

RECEIPT #

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Karumba Address: _____

Phone or Mobile: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M / F

Email Address: _____

Entry Category: Adult \$15 (16yrs +) - Junior \$7 (6 to 15 yrs incl) - Junior \$3 (0—5yrs incl) required for weigh in of fish in all categories except **MYSTERY WEIGHT JUNIOR** — all Juniors, regardless of age can nominate and enter the MYSTERY WEIGHT category and have eligibility for Junior Nomination Prizes

Classic Conditions

1. The organisers, sponsors and volunteers of the Karumba Community Anglers Classic accept no responsibility for injury, property damage or loss to any person or persons however caused before, during or following the event.
2. All participants are required to observe the rules and regulations as set down by key authorities including DAFF, Dept of Transport and Queensland Police.
3. The allocated ID # is required for all fish being officially weighed in—NO ID - NO ENTRY
4. All fish being brought to weigh in must be consumed/used by the angler following weigh in—EXCEPT for ALL BARRAMUNDI—KING SALMON & GRUNTER as these Categories are all Catch and Release only (see guidelines for photographic recording) - these species are photograph only—see the guidelines
5. All photographic entries for the Catch and Release categories—SENIOR AND JUNIOR are to be provided to the Tournament Committee or Marshalls no later than 2pm on Sunday 9th April, 2017.
6. Where possible photographic entries for the Catch and Release Categories —SENIOR & JUNIOR are to be emailed to gulfbarrarestocking@gmail.com anytime during the events official hours of 3pm Friday 7th to 2pm on Sunday 9th April—where this is not possible then the photographs must be presented for determination and identification up until 2pm Sunday 9th April at the Weigh In station at Karumba Town Boat Ramp—all photographs must follow and meet the guidelines provided.
7. Lucky nomination prizes—only those people who have nominated in the event and can provide their receipt number ID Card will be eligible to claim nomination prizes—**Senior Nomination Prizes—must be in attendance.**
8. The presentation of Category winners and Nomination Prize winners will commence at the Karumba Lodge Hotel from 6.30pm through to approx. 8.30pm on Sunday 9th April 2017.
9. A separate nomination form is to be used for each individual—Senior and/or Junior.
10. I **DO—DO NOT** agree to the organisers using non-identification data from this nomination form for the purpose of records and research.
11. I **DO—DO NOT** agree to the organisers using any photographs of myself and/or my children for the promotion and reporting of the KCAC Event 2017 and future Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association activities and promotions.
11. Tournament Committee or Marshalls ruling is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

In submitting this nomination form I confirm I have read the above conditions and the rules as outlined in the nomination package and I fully understand and accept these rules and conditions of the Karumba Community Anglers Classic 2017.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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How Do I Nominate

1. Read the information provided and the conditions on the nomination form.
2. Complete all sections of the nomination form, sign and lodge with the correct entry fee at the KARUMBA LODGE HOTEL. (Also Sunset Tavern and Weigh in at town boat ramp as per details below).
3. Nominations close at 11am on Saturday 8th April, 2017—no late lodgment will be accepted.
4. Please note the nomination fee is CASH ONLY as we have no credit card facilities and will not accept cheques.
5. Anyone wanting to weigh in—must have already completed the nomination form, lodged and been issued their ID/Registration card—NOTE: fish caught prior to lodging your nomination form will not be accepted for consideration in the event.
6. No refunds will be provided.

Where and When Do I Nominate

- ◆ EARLY BIRD NOMINATIONS at Karumba Lodge Hotel or Ash's @ The Point Café from 13th March to 5pm on Thursday 5th April, 2017—SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW
- ◆ Friday 7th April — Karumba Lodge Hotel from 11am to 8pm and Sunset Tavern 5-7pm
- ◆ Saturday 8th April—Karumba Town Boat Ramp - between 7am to 11am.
- ◆ Any additional information or questions—Karumba Lodge Hotel 7th April —5pm to 8pm
- ◆ Event Fishing Times - from 3pm Friday afternoon 7/4/17 until 2pm on Sunday afternoon 9/4/17

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE LODGED AND NOMINATION FEES PAID—AND AN OFFICIAL
REGISTRATION CARD ISSUED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF FISHING**

How Do I Weigh In

The Karumba Town Boat Ramp will be the WEIGH IN POINT - there will be a clear area and a marquee set up.

Weigh in will open from 7am to 5pm on Saturday and 7am to 2pm on the Sunday with the close of all weigh ins and Catch and Release photographic details to be lodged by no later than **2pm**.

PRESENTATIONS COMMENCE at the Karumba Lodge Hotel from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Sunday 9th April, 2017.

For further information— Contact Tournament Committee or Marshals: -

Phone—Wendy Langton 0400 741895

Phone—Ben Day

Phone—Yvonne Tunney 0747 459 751

gulfbarrarestocking@gmail.com

www.karumba.qld.au/events

<https://www.facebook.com/barrarestockgulf>

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Rules Apply

- Each individual is responsible for complying with official bag limits & size restrictions of species in the area. The information provided in these Rules and Guidelines is considered accurate and correct at the time of printing (6/3/2017)
- Participants are to be aware undersize and unwanted fish are to be returned to the water as soon as possible with the aim being to minimize harming or injuring fish and marine life.
- Organisers wish to emphasise the importance of observing and carrying out the safe and humane handling of all fish caught. This **INCLUDES *catfish, sharks and other so called 'undesirable' species.*** **NOTE: Only those fish to be consumed by the angler are to be brought in for weigh in.**
- In addition it is important to use all care and responsibility towards the natural environment—no littering or polluting of Karumba and environs—both the marine and land environment—will be tolerated.

SIZE & LENGTH GUIDE—(for bag limits refer to current DAFF regulations)

	Min Length	Max Length	Bag Limits
Barramundi	58cm	120cm	5
King Salmon (Threadfin)	60cm	n/a	5
Blue Salmon	40cm	n/a	20
Bream	25cm	n/a	30
Golden Snapper—Fingermark	35cm	n/a	5
Black Jew Fish	60cm	n/a	2
Javelin—Barred Grunter	40cm	n/a	10
Cod-Estuary (Gold Spotted)	38cm	120cm	5
Mangrove Jack	35cm	n/a	5
Jewel Fish - Scaly jewfish	45cm	n/a	no limit
Queen Fish	50cm	n/a	5
Mackerel—Spanish	75cm	n/a	3
Mackerel—Spotted	60cm	n/a	5
Mackerel—Grey	60cm	n/a	5
Mackerel—School	50cm	75cm	10
Flathead—except dusky flathead	30cm	n/a	5
King Fish Yellow	60cm	n/a	2
King Fish Black	75cm	n/a	2
Mullet—Diamond Scale & Sea Mullet	30cm	n/a	20
Mud Crabs—MALE ONLY	Minimum width—15cm carapace		10
Dusky Flathead	40cm	75cm	5

This event recognizes and supports responsible and sustainable recreational fishing, courtesy and safety on the water and care for the environment particularly focusing on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association directly supporting restocking of Gulf rivers and waterways.

PLEASE NOTE—NO THROAT CUTS PERMITTED FOR FISH BEING ENTERED
SEE GUIDELINES

Event Information

- Nominations: Adult \$15/Junior \$8 (6 -15 yrs incl) and Junior \$3 (0-5yrs incl).
- Juniors 5yrs and younger may nominate and will be eligible to enter fish for the Junior Mystery Weight Category and will be eligible for Junior Early Bird and Nomination prizes.
- Nomination form must be fully completed, signed and lodged with payment of fee to be eligible for participation—at the time of lodging the nomination form an event ID will be issued which must be presented for each and every fish weighed in and to claim any nomination prizes.

BOUNDARIES - Karumba and Environs

DURATION

- The Karumba Community Anglers Classic commences on Friday 7th April, 2017 at 3pm and closes on Sunday 9th April, 2017 at 2pm.
- The only official weigh in point will be the Karumba Town Boat Ramp area.
- Weigh in times will be strictly adhered to. Fish to only be weighed in by person who caught the fish and providing the appropriate ID Card. Results of the event will be posted on the Facebook page and displayed on www.karumba.qld.au website within 2 weeks of the events completion.
- Only fish of legal size and type (as set down by DAFF—details in this guide), **and to be consumed by the angler** following weigh in are to be brought back to the weigh in points. **CATCH & RELEASE BARRMUNDI—KING THREADFIN—GRUNTER—JUNIOR & SENIOR**
- **None of these species** are to be brought in for weigh in
- **YOUR EVENT ID CARD MUST** be photographed with the fish and the measuring mat increments being fully and clearly visible. Any photos not considered to meet the criteria will not be accepted—See example attached
- All photographic entries for the Catch and Release categories—SENIOR AND JUNIOR are to be provided to the Tournament Committee or Marshalls no later than 2pm on Sunday 9th April, 2017.
- Where possible photographic entries for the Catch and Release Categories—SENIOR & JUNIOR are to be emailed to gulfbarrarestocking@gmail.com anytime during the events official hours of 3pm Friday 7th April 2017 to 2pm on Sunday 9th April—where this is not possible then the photographs must be presented for determination and identification **by 2pm on Sunday 9th April, 2017 at the weigh in—Karumba Town Boat Ramp**

ADDITIONAL

- All fish must be weighed in whole, fresh & undamaged
- **NO cutting of fish permitted, fish can be bled by gill cut only, NO throat cuts**
- **NO gaffs permitted, brain spike is the only method permitted to kill fish**
- Any indication or evidence of fraud will result in instant disqualification—with entry fee forfeited. Queensland Police and DAFF officers will be advised

APPARATUS

- Fish to be taken by the use of hand-lines or rod/reel with bait or lure only
- NO GAFF's to be used at any time
- Landing nets are permitted to assist in landing the fish

JUDGING

- Tournament Committee/Marshalls decision is FINAL

HAZARDS

Boat and land based participants and spectators are advised the Karumba area is home to saltwater crocodiles, a variety of sharks and in the warmer months marine stingers. Special care should be taken at all times in relation to the shipping channel and waterways which carry numerous commercial and recreational vessels. It is important to make yourself aware of the tides and area maps with many areas of sand exposed and inaccessible during low tides. Be aware of shifting sand bars.

CATEGORIES - CATCH & RELEASE Barramundi—Junior & Senior

- CATCH & RELEASE King Salmon—Junior & Senior
- CATCH & RELEASE Grunter—Junior & Senior
- Heaviest Blue Nose Salmon—Junior & Senior
- Heaviest Queen—Junior & Senior
- Heaviest Jew Fish—Junior & Senior - Heaviest Bream—Junior & Senior
- Heaviest other scale fish—EDIBLE - Mystery Weight Mud Crab
- Mystery Weight—Junior 0—5 yrs incl—Junior 6—15yrs incl & Senior
- Early Bird Nomination Prizes—Junior 0—5 yrs incl—Junior 6—15yrs incl & Senior
- Nomination prizes—Junior 0—5 yrs incl—Junior 6—15yrs incl & Senior

BARRAMUNDI—KING THREADFIN (SALMON) - GRUNTER—CATCH & RELEASE

Junior & Senior

This event's main aim is to promote and enhance the substantial use of, and increased emphasis on: - good fish handling techniques and fishing methods to protect the future of recreational and commercial fishing in the area. This event further aims at increasing the numbers of key species being released to participate in future breeding, and to strive towards these fish being released in good condition with a very good chance of survival as recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry. **This is particularly important given the timing around a species breeding season and recent years poor Gulf region wet seasons impacting across the Gulf marine environment and landscapes.**

Appropriate fishing practices will help us achieve these objectives, including:

- Promotion of the use of soft knotless landing nets to minimize physical damage to the landed fish.
- Use of wet hands or wet cloth when handling fish.
- Fisherpersons not placing their fingers inside the gill (which can cause damage).
- Ensuring you hold fish horizontally when measuring or taking photographs—ensuring not to compress the under belly area affecting likelihood of survival upon re-entry into the water.

The Catch & Release component of the Karumba Community Anglers Classic 2017 is an honesty system. It is really in 'your' hands

Please take the time and help to maintain the survival of all fish in Catch & Release Rules

- This is a catch and release competition only. All fish in these categories must be released alive.
- **No gaffs, nets or other devices other than the use of hand-lines or rod/reel with bait or lure only** to be used to capture fish.
- Photographic evidence is required for each and every fish you wish to enter into the categories
- The photograph must be clear and include the entire fish, measuring mat or sticker from 0 to the length of the fish showing clearly the incremental measurements, and the event ID CARD—if any one or more of these elements is not clear or included the photograph will not be accepted as an entry.
- NOTE: Should the taking of a photograph in any way impact on the safety, health and successful release of the fish then officials require the immediate release of the fish without a photograph—in the best interests of likely survival and the focus on a sustainable fishing future.

Wherever possible photographic entries for the Catch and Release categories—SENIOR & JUNIOR are to be emailed to gulfbarrarestocking@gmail.com anytime during the events official hours of 3pm Friday 7th April, 2017 to 2pm on Sunday 9th April—where this is not possible then the photographs must be presented for determination and identification before/by 2pm on Sunday 9th April at the weigh in

- Protests of any nature must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee or Marshalls on the day of the incident.
- **Purposely targeting under or oversize fish is illegal and will not be tolerated or accepted.**
- All decisions made by the Tournament Committee or Marshalls concerning rules, prizes and trophies are final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.