

MORETON BAY TRAILER BOAT CLUB INC – MORETON BAY FISHING CLASSIC COMPETITION AUGUST 20-23rd 2026

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VENUE: Manly Harbour Boat Club – the home of MBTBC - 34 Fairlead Crescent, Manly 4179

DATES: Competition dates: 12:00am Thursday 20th August through to 2:00pm Sunday 23rd August.

TICKET PRICES: \$129 adults & \$65 Junior. Junior entrants must be accompanied by a registered Adult.

Early Bird entries: \$120 Adult & \$59 Junior. Junior entrants must be accompanied by a registered Adult

WELCOME/BREIFING NIGHT: Wednesday evening the 19th of August 7:00pm at Manly Harbour Boat Club – The Stradbroke room. Registered participants only. Juniors must be accompanied by a parent / guardian. ID is required. Information will be emailed to registered participants. Where a participant cannot make the briefing night, arrangements can be made to collect entrant bag the day after. Please contact the organizers to arrange.

COMPETITION TIMES:

Thursday 20th August : 12:00 am – 12:00 midnight

Friday 21st August : 12:00 am – 12:00 midnight

Saturday 22nd August: 12:00 am – 12:00 midnight

Sunday 23rd August: 12:00 am – 12:00 pm (midday)

WEIGH IN TIMES: Daily weigh-ins will be conducted during the afternoon of each competition day, onsite at the seaside garden area of Manly Harbour Boat Club.

**Please note – these times will be confirmed at the briefing evening on Thursday 19th of August.*

• Thursday 20th & Friday 21st = **3:30pm – 4:30pm**

• Saturday 22nd = **DASH FOR CASH WEIGH IN = 2:00pm-3:00pm. | Competition weigh in = 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

• Sunday 23rd = **2.00pm – 3:00pm**

Final Winners announced / Presentations = from approx. 4pm onwards Sunday 23rd August

COMPETITION FINISH:

Fishing concludes at 2.00pm on Sunday 23rd August. The final weigh in takes place 2.00pm – 3.00pm Sunday 23rd August.

PRESENTATION: Sunday afternoon the 23rd of August from approx. 4pm onwards.

Pre- Registrations ENTRY FEE: Adults registration = \$120.00 per person (inclusive of the 1 year MBTBC social membership if not an existing member & entry into fishing competition) Membership valid until April 2027. *trybooking & credit card fees may apply at time of online checkout.

Juniors registrations (12 years or younger) = \$59.00 (does not include MBTBC membership, however includes a competition lanyard for competition purposes only).

Please note, early bird ENTRY FEES may conclude on August 1st & increase to \$129 for adult & \$65 for Juniors.

The competition includes cash, prizes & giveaways, including random prize draws & fishing category prizing. The prize pool will be added to as the competition progresses. Updates on prizing will be communicated via the official website page: www.manlyharbourboatclub.com.au & online via the Moreton Bay Fishing classic facebook & Instagram page aswell as sms and email where applicable.

PLEASE NOTE: Photo ID is required to collect registration packs and any prizing during the event. Juniors who may not have photo ID, are required to be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian to redeem particulars where required.

NOTE: Entrants will receive their entry pack and competition lanyard on the briefing night. If entrants need to collect at another date and time – this must be pre-arranged with event organizers prior to collection. Please Email functions@manlyharbourboatclub.com.au for arrangements.

RULES

FISH: All fish must be weighed in whole and must conform to Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries rules and regulations. The MBTBC management reserves the right to gut any fish and such fish becomes the property of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) and is only returned to the original owner, if or when the management decides to do so. If the fish is returned to the original owner MBTBC accepts no responsibility for the condition of the fish whether it has been frozen or not.

The MBTBC may undertake scientific verification of selected prize winning fish.

All no take zones in Marine Parks are excluded. All competitors are to acquaint themselves with rules and regulations of the Marine Parks within the fishing boundaries and will be liable/responsible for their actions within those Marine Parks

NOTE: Any Flathead caught will be done so in a catch and release format and will be based on length not weight due to size restrictions. Therefore, a photo must be taken (and presented to the judges at weigh-in) of flathead placed on a reputable brag mat with members lanyard and unique daily code. Phone must be brought into weigh in to prove location and time fish is caught, therefore please utilize a smart phone to take the picture. Unique Daily fishing code will be emailed/text out advising of the applicable codeword. This will be sent approx. 9pm, the day before, everyday. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure a correct mobile phone number & email address is provided at time of registration to receive this notification. Please note, you may need to check your junk email folder.

Any fish deemed to be more than 25 hours since being caught in the opinion of the Judge / Judge's will be ineligible to be recorded for cash or prizes this also includes any fish that come in frozen (the Judge's opinion is final and no discussion will be entered into.)

FRAUD: Any evidence of fraud such as fish more than 25 hours since being caught, foreign matter pushed down the mouth of the fish, fish transported from other than the shores of off-shore waters (as shown on shaded area of the map) more than one-person fishing for each individual, netted fish, or any action of defiance of the rules and goodwill of the competition will be ineligible. The competition organizers, Judge/Judge's reserve the right of absolute disqualification in the event of specified breaches of rules occurring. No correspondence will be entered into.

Disqualification of an entrant due to fraudulent activities will result in no refund of entry fee and possible ineligibility into future competitions.

DISPUTES

The organizing committee of the Moreton Bay Fishing Classic & MBTBC reserve the right to adjudicate as is and if necessary, in the event of any dispute. The decision of the Committee is final. Any entrant wishing to make a formal dispute must do so via the official dispute form as found on the Moreton Bay Fishing Classic webpage – <https://www.manlyharbourboatclub.com.au/fishingclassic> – all information must be completed and emailed through to functions@manlyharbourboatclub.com.au

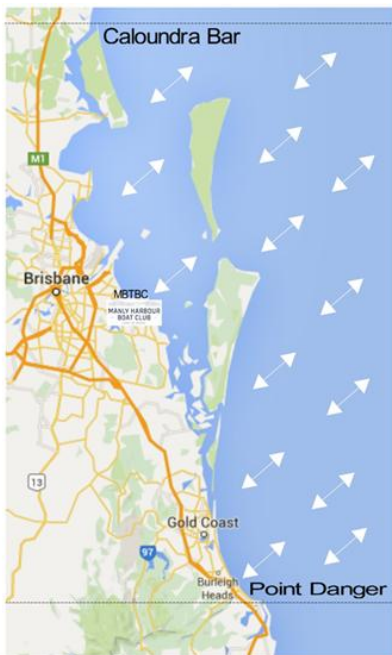
CANCELLATIONS:

- (a) All nominees will receive a full refund in the event of cancellation of the 'whole' competition 'prior' to the official opening due to weather/acts of God or any other reason.
- (b) Money will not be refunded if a competitor cancels within 7 days prior to the start of the competition. Refund requests must go through the MBTBC Fishing Classic committee. Contact event organizer at MBTBC – functions@manlyharbourboatclub.com.au Please note in the instance a refund is granted, this may take up to 14 days to process, pending on application processes.
- (c) The MBTBC reserves the right to postpone or cancel in its entirety the fishing competition for any reason whatsoever after the official opening of the classic without refund of any monies in total or in part of compensation of any kind.

OTHER RULES:

- 1) Each weighed-in fish that is eligible to be written on the official leader board / recorded on the official database, as the progressive top weight for its category shall become the property of the MBTBC who shall gut the fish and take the fish or samples of the fish for tests should the action be deemed necessary. The MBTBC has no obligation to return the fish to the respective leaders but shall attempt to do so in the cases when the top weight of runner-up is eliminated as a potential prize winner.

- 2) The fish for which cash or prizes are awarded as the final category winners and the runners-up for the entire fishing classic shall likewise become the property of the MBTBC and shall be subject to the same conditions as the aforesaid (point 1 above) progressive winners and runners-up. Every effort will be made to return the fish to the respective entrants but the MBTBC is under no obligation to do so.
- 3) All fish eligible for weigh-in must be weighed within **25 hours** between when the fish is caught and when it is weighed-in on site at MBTBC - it may be packed in ice but not frozen.
- 4) All fish must be weighed on official scales provided by the organizers to be eligible.
 - (i) The Flathead category will be on a catch and release format, this category will be based on length not weight. To have a valid entry the entrant must take a photo of the flathead on a reputable brag mat with entrant's lanyard and a copy of the daily flathead code which will be sent via an SMS to entrants daily. **Sms is scheduled to be sent at approximately 9:00pm, for the following days codeword, every evening. This code must be visible in the photo to be deemed a valid entry for that day. Photograph must be presented to the weigh in officials as per the above weigh in conditions.**
 - (j) It is all entrants responsibility to provide MBTBC with a current mobile number & email address (as per entry conditions). MBTBC is not responsible should an entrant fail to provide such information. Again, please ensure junk mail is checked.



- 5) Fish weighed-in must be caught from tidal waters of the shaded area (shown on the map) and must conform to the legal size requirements.
- 6) Prize pool for the competition consists of cash, prizes & giveaways, with the prize pool being added to daily. This is subject to change at any time. Adult categories
- 7) Fish presented to the scales must have been taken on rod and reel or handline only. No spear fishing.
- 8) Management decision is final; the MBTBC retains the right to withhold any cash prizes or trophies pending investigation. All prizes must be collected on the night/day they are announced. All prizes cannot be collected without photo ID.
- 9) The management shall have the absolute right to exclude anyone from the competition without giving any reason whatsoever.
- 10) The competitor nominated notes and acknowledges that the MBTBC accepts no liability for any injury loss or damage to any person or property in the course of excursion and the competition generally when such injury or loss is due or alleged to be due to any act, neglect, or default

on the part of the MBCMC or of any official agency thereof and all competitors fully understand in so participating they do so entirely at their own risk and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations.

- 11) Competitors can only claim one prize per category. While they can weigh multiple fish in a single category, only their heaviest will be recognized. Juniors can only enter the categories listed. They cannot enter fish into the Adult categories.
- 12) The MBTBC has the right to postpone the fishing times prior to or during the classic if or when those conditions arise. Their decision is final.
- 13) It is a condition of entry that any participant agrees to the use of their image for promotional purposes & online by the MBTBC.
- 14) Any action, incident or situation not covered by the rules and conditions written in these terms and conditions or the entry form shall be determined co-jointly by the official Judge /Judge's or acting official Judge /Judge's of the Moreton Bay Fishing Classic and the MBTBC if or when those conditions arise. Their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 15) MBTBC reserves the right to change and alter the Terms and Conditions at their discretion for whatever reasons and no discussion will be entered into.
- 16) In the event a fish is weighed/measured and is equal to a fish already holding a category position, the 2nd later weighed/measured fish will be placed in the next lower position in that species category. No two fish can take up one category position.

MARINE VESSELS:

- (a) All operators of marine vessels must comply with all Queensland marine regulations.
- (b) All competing vessels must have current Queensland registration or vessel registration from another state which is recognized in Queensland.
- (c) Boat skippers must hold an appropriate Queensland boat license or another state recognised in Queensland (unless there is another license holder on board that craft)
- (d) In the interests of safety, it is mandatory that all boats operating offshore comply with Queensland maritime safety requirements.

PROFESSIONALS:

- (a) They may enter the competition as a recreational fisher.
- (b) All commercial fishing vessels under 10 meters are to be privately registered with the department of transport.
- (c) Amateur bag limits are to be adhered to.
- (d) They agree to and will not sell any product caught during the competition and not weighed in. **Important notice;** any infringement will result in the exclusion of the commercial fishers involved from the competition and possible future competitions.
- (e) Competitors may not fish from a vessel commercially registered as a charter vessel unless the competitors have departed from the Moreton Bay shores or shores located within the fishing zone on competition days.

DASH FOR CASH EVENT

Saturday 22nd August 2026

Commencing from 5am with a breakfast BBQ at the MBTBC.

Between approx. 5.30am – 6:00am – Species & mystery weight will be drawn at random from the same species in the adult category by a fishing classic representative. This will be the species in which participants will be fishing for in the ‘Dash for Cash’ competition. The mystery weight will be disclosed at the end of the Dash For Cash weigh in time block. **Competitors of the dash for cash will need to register on site at 5am to be an official participant in this competition.** Dash for Cash is open to Adults & juniors – juniors must be accompanied by a registered adult participant.

Dash for Cash Weigh in 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Judges decision is final and announced after weigh in.

Prizing includes: \$3500 Prize pool - \$3000 cash first prize & \$500 runner up. Junior & Adult ages combined. Where there is a tie, the judges & weigh masters will decide on the outcome.

PHOTOS / MEDIA USAGE

The MBTBC is allowed to use photos / video submitted or shared online by entrants associated with the fishing classic / and or presented to officials as part of the fish weigh-in or event promotion. As part of entrant registration, consent is given for photos to be taken during the event by the MBTBC. Permission is also granted to take photos during all onsite events including prize giveaways, random prize draws & prize presentations. The MBTBC has the right to use these in future promotions.

All patrons on site at the classic event may be included in photography / video which will be used online during and after the promotional period of the competition by the MBTBC and its associated sponsors. If a patron is present and is not wishing to be included in such, they must make their presence known to the event manager upon each visit & abide by the process implemented in this case.

CATEGORY PRIZING

Category Prizing consists of the follow:

- ADULTS 1ST PLACE = \$500 Cash Prize / 2ND PLACE = \$200 Cash Prize / 3RD PLACE = Prize Pack.
- JUNIORS (12 & under) = Prize Packs for 1st/2nd/3rd.
- DASH FOR CASH: \$3500 in prize money. \$3000 first prize & \$500 Runner Up.

Trophies & Perpetual trophies will also be presented where relevant.

RANDOM PRIZE DRAWS

Random Prize Draws will be conducted on days and times as specified by the MBTBC. These days / times will be updated via the official running of events and 'what's on' page via <https://www.manlyharbourboatclub.com.au/fishingclassic> Winners must be on site to claim prizes. Prize will be redrawn no less than one minute from the initial draw.

- a) An employee of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club / Fishing Classic committee will conduct the random prize draws.
- b) Eligible entrants must redeem 1 x raffle ticket on site prior to the commencement of the prize draws. 1 x raffle ticket per person, per day.
- c) The winner must be present at the time of the drawing & present the raffle ticket to redeem.
- d) A person cannot claim a prize on behalf of another.
- e) The winner must present their eligible membership app, competitor lanyard & ID to claim their prize. If the winner is under 18years of age, a parent or guardian must be present.
Any prize that remains unclaimed after a time period deemed appropriate by the staff member conducting the promotion, and not less than 1 minute from the time the winner ticket is first announced, the prize will be redrawn to find another winner. This process will continue until all prizes have been awarded to eligible members as deemed appropriate by the organisers.
- f) Times and draws will be conducted at random based on the running of events as specified by MBTBC and at the discretion of the staff member & Classic team conducting the draws. Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club reserves the right to alter the draw times if necessary.

The MBTBC has the right to substitute any prize with one of equal or near equal value.

All prize values are based upon recommended retail inc GST. All competitors are eligible to enter into the random prize draws & must be on site to redeem when prize draw is conducted.

Note, you do not need to enter the 'fishing categories' to be eligible to win the prizes in the Random Prize Draws. Any Registration and Insurances to applicable prizing will be the responsibility of the prize winner. Entrants that may have a dispute in the fishing competition, yet to be resolved may be ineligible to enter the random prize draws.

T&Cs may be altered by the MBTBC Fishing committee and organisers. Please see onsite officials for any further questions or queries.

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