Captains Briefing 2026

LINES DOWN 4:00am Saturday no assembly

LINES UP 12:00pm Sunday

WEIGH IN AT 1.00 Sunday. Venue: To Be Confirmed via the Briefing Email

COMPETITIORS NEED TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT FISHERIES LEGISLATION. FOR THE LATEST RECREACTIONAL FISHING RULES VISIT THE WEBSITE:
https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/rules/limits-tidal
NO RESTRICTION ON LINE TYPE OR WEIGHT.
ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT USING LINE, THE USE OF SPEARS OR NETS IS PROHIBITED.BOAT AND BEACH FISHING WILL BE ALLOWED; HOWEVER, ROCK FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED AND SOLO FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED FOR PARTICIPANTS IN VESSELS OPERATING GREATER THAN 2 (TWO) NAUTICAL MILES FROM LAND OR CROSSING THE BAR. CRAFT UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 2 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS MUST ADOPT A BUDDY SYSTEM WHILE OPERATING IN EXCESS OF 2 (TWO) NAUTICAL MILES FROM LAND OR IF CROSSING THE BAR, DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES BETWEEN PAIRED COMPETITORS.

This is a "go as you please" event within the competition boundaries.

BOUNDARIES as listed below.
• The Northern Boundary is a line east west from the Northern tip of K'gari (Fraser Island), coordinates 24.70161 S 153.24692 E.
• The Southern Boundary is a line east west from Paradise Caves on the southern side of the Noosa Headland coordinates 26.3954 S 153.1169 E including the Noosa River.
• Tidal waters only, no land locked waters or dams.
• Fishing within green zones or outside of the specified boundaries will result in disqualification.

Note - In the event of bad weather boundaries may be changed prior to the start of the competition at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Nominations close 6pm on the Friday before fishing commences. Nominations must be submitted either by the event nomination website or email to rbaafishing@gmail.com.

Emergency Contacts:

Club President: Drew Gardiner - 0404 853 232
Club Secretary: Vern Ezzy – 0438 778 531
Club Treasurer: Kim Wright - 0415 083 045
Club Captain: Jim McGuckin – 0491 355 616
Vice Captain: Patrick Glover – 0478 002 370
Junior Team Mentor: Steve Bennett - 0407 758 811

If any member has issues or disputes pertaining to the trip these must be raised with the Club Captain or his Deputy at the weigh in or prior, these will then be dealt with on the day.

Things to Note:

• You must contact the Captain or a Committee Member if you cannot make the weigh in or do not intent to participate prior to lines down if you have nominated to compete.

• This competition will be conducted in strict conformity with the RBAA by-laws & QLD Fisheries recreational fishing rules.

• Special attention is drawn to the bylaws relating to penalties for mutilated, undersize/oversize fish, bag limits & fishing out of time.

Notice to all RBAA Members

• All scale-bearing fish not appearing on our list must measure at least 30cms and will be counted as a 1-point fish. Any scale-bearing fish can be presented at the weigh in regardless of their presumed edibility.

• A bag limit of 5 (inclusive) will apply to unlisted scale-bearing fish allowed to be weighed in.

• GARFISH will be measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the end of the tail.

• WHIPTAIL will be measured to the end of the lower or shorter tail.

• A maximum number of 3 points will be allowed on any single fish at all events.

• Undersized fish will incur a **penalty of 25 points each.**

• A competitor who presents a number of fish at the weigh-in which is in excess of the allowable number, will forfeit the largest of that species (being one, or more than one) and will incur **a penalty of 25 points for each of the offending fish.**

• Fish that have been physically manipulated i.e., with severed gill connections, broken backbones, etc; or incomplete fish (mutilated by other fish) must exceed the minimum legal size by at least 2cm; otherwise, **a penalty of 25 points will be incurred for each fish and they will be ineligible for weigh-in.**

• Competitors in difficulties & unable to get to the weigh in should make every effort to attract the attention of another competitor or alert the Competition Officials. It is recommended there should be at least 2 competitors in each vehicle but not compulsory.

• Competitors are to enter the weigh in area as directed, competitors must also adhere to all visitor requirements outlined by venue such as visitor sign-in if required.

• All competitors are asked to do everything possible to ensure that the weigh in area is left in a clean and tidy condition before and after the competition.

• There will be a BBQ lunch and drinks available at the weigh in. All members are to ensure they comply with the Club's dress code, i.e., no bare feet, singlets, etc.

Procedure for RBAA Weigh in – Measuring of fish

Weigh In commences at **1.00 pm** at which time all competitors must have their fish within the weigh in enclosure at the start point in suitable containers or bags, with weigh in tags attached.

Dirty fish will incur a 25-point penalty, fish in ice slurry is acceptable as long as they can be drained free of water when presented to the weigh in table.

1. Only nominated weigh in officials may conduct weigh in activities.
2. Competitor is to empty fish out into the provided fish tub ready for the weigh in team to sort.
3. Sort species & count to ensure limits are not breached.
4. Proceed to measure the fish.
    1. Place fish on stick – do not manipulate them other than to straighten them gently.
    2. Ensure nose is touching the zero stop – fan the tail once.
    3. Remove hands from fish.
5. Larger fish are weighed on the official scales and the weight recorded on the score sheet for Heaviest Species categories for the current Trip and Overall end of year trophies.
6. The size of the fish is compared to the RBAA's Points Allocation System and the appropriate points recorded on the scoresheet by the Competition Secretary or their deputy.
7. Once all fish presented for weigh in are measured and the results recorded, the Competition Secretary collates the results on the Summary Score Sheet.
8. The Club Captain then announces the category winners for the competition and trophies are presented.

Undersize Fish

1. If the fish does not measure the weigh in minimum size call the Club Captain to verify your decision that it is undersize.
2. If there is no agreement on the size of the fish, the Competition Secretary should be called to adjudicate.
3. He should apply the same process & make a decision.
4. If there is still a dispute, then the bag is impounded & a dispute committee meeting called.
5. Their decision is final.

Note - Other than the measurer & the Club Captain or his deputy, no other person is to touch the disputed fish at the weigh in and the measuring stick provided by the club will be considered the only ruler for weigh in measurement.

Procedure for RBAA Weigh in – Weighing of Crab

A Grade Male Crab only, Crabs to be of Legal Size – Minimum 150mm
Crabs to be tied with string or restrained with the use of an apparatus such as a crab cuff
Crabs need to be alive
No defects - Barnacles are not defects,
Two Claws both intact, Legs and flippers intact
Flex in the carapace – No flex in underside of carapace.
All Queensland Fisheries Regulations need to be followed

Presentation of substandard crab will incur a 25-point penalty, crab to be tied and presented in a cool moist container when presented to the weigh in table.

1. Only nominated weigh in officials may conduct weigh in activities.

2. Competitor is to place crabs into the provided tub ready for the weigh in team to sort.

3. Count to ensure bag limits are not breached.

4. Proceed to weigh the crab.

    1. Ensure scales are Zeroed.

    2. Place crab on the scale.

    3. Remove hands from crab.

5. The weight of the crab is compared to the RBAA's Points Allocation System and the appropriate points recorded on the scoresheet by the Competition Secretary or their deputy.

7. Once all crabs are presented for weigh in are measured and the results recorded, the Competition Secretary collates the results on the Summary Score Sheet.

8. The Club Captain then announces the category winner for the competition and trophies are presented.

Undersize Crab

1. If the Crab does not measure the weigh in minimum size call the Club Captain to verify your decision that it is undersize.

2. If there is no agreement on the size of the crab, the Competition Secretary should be called to adjudicate.

3. He should apply the same process & make a decision.

4. If there is still a dispute, then the bag is impounded & a dispute committee meeting called.

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Brag Mat Competition

Stand Alone Competition

The Brag Mat Comp (BMC) will be standalone, points will not accumulate to the Club Champion or the Most Points Competitions. The BMC will be open to members and non-members of the RBAA.

Inshore & Offshore

The BMC will be run for both Inshore & Offshore Anglers.
Adult & Cadet Anglers can compete in both inshore and offshore categories.
Junior members are only eligible to enter the Inshore competition.

Competition Season

Competition will commence at 6.00pm Sunday 22nd February 2026 at the close of the first Competition for the 2026 Season and close at 4.00pm Friday 6th November 2026.

Start & Finnish Times

LINES DOWN 6:00pm Sunday of the previous month's Competition
LINES UP 4:00pm Friday of the current month's Competition
WEIGH IN AT 1.00 pm Sunday of the monthly competition.
Fishing is permitted at any time during these timeframes

Boundaries

There are No Boundaries for the Brag Mat Competition.

Winners

The winner of each category will be decided by the total length of the **best 6 fish** caught over the competition season. Only one fish per competitor per competition month can be presented at the weigh in.

Species

The target Species for the BMC will be one species per competition season.
2026 Competition Season the species are:
Inshore: Whiting Offshore: Snapper
Fish to be safely released if caught in a closure.

Measuring of fish

Fish must be photographed with the RBAA Brag Matt provided so the length of the fish is clearly visible. You must have the allocated RBAA Brag Matt in every picture. **The fish is to be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.
All fish must be photographed with an RBAA Brag Matt, that is fish lying on top of the Brag Matt. In addition, **you must have; the angler's name, time, date & codeword** in each photo. Photos are to be taken with digital camera or mobile phone with the Location, Time and Date activated. Codewords will be provided at each weigh in for the following month preceding the next weigh in, posted on social media and emailed to each member in the Trip Report.

RBAA Brag Mats

RBAA Brag Mats must be purchased to enter the competition. Brag Mats will be supplied as part of the nomination fee.

Each competitor will be required to purchase an RBAA Brag Mat

Only one Brag Mat will be supplied per competitor even if they have nominated for both Inshore and Offshore Competitions.

Weigh in

Only one fish per competitor per competition month can be presented at the weigh in.

Fish photos are to be presented at the monthly RBAA weigh in All anglers presenting photos for the months competition must attend the monthly weigh in and present their photos to the Club Captain and Recorder for the entry to be recorded.