



Event Guide

2023

The North Queensland Sportfishing Championships promotes sustainable fishing and caters for individual, family, and club-based anglers of all ages.

DATES

28th – 30th April 2023

VENUE

Halifax Hall – 15 Argaeet Street, Halifax Qld 4850 (See map)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 28 th April	
After 12pm	Fish Registration Number Announced (SMS / Facebook)
5pm – 7pm	Social Night (Meet & Greet)
6pm	Start fishing
Sunday 30 th April	
3pm	Stop Fishing
4pm – 5pm	Fish Registration Bar & Food Stand Open
6pm	Presentations



For general enquiries please contact the event coordinator

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Event Rules

General Rules

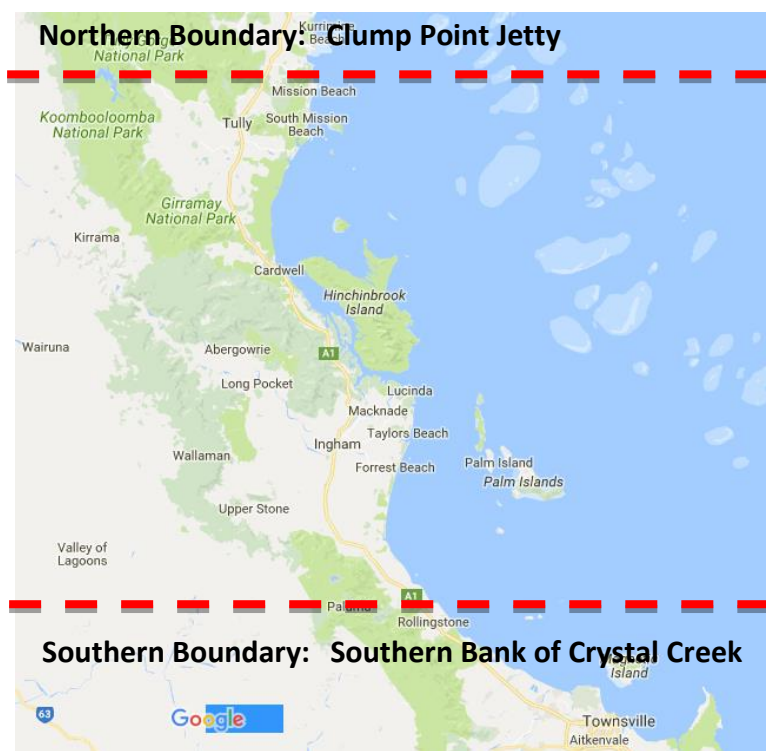
- All fish registered must be captured using a rod and reel or handle and must be listed on the event eligible species list below.
- All fish registered under the light line section must be caught using pre-test line.
- Anglers must adhere to the current Queensland recreational fishing regulations.
- Organisers and officials reserve the right to refuse entry to, or disqualify without notice, any competitor/s deemed not to have complied with the 'Event Rules' or 'Fish Registration' requirements.

Nominations

- Nomination fees are as stated on the official nomination forms.
- Non-ANSA anglers (individual nomination form B) can only nominate in the open line class section.
- Senior ANSA members (club nomination form A) can nominate in one or both light and open line class sections and must be current members of ANSA QLD at the time of the event.
- Junior ANSA members (club nomination form A) can only nominate in the open line class section and must be members of ANSA QLD at the time of the event.
- Junior competitors are anglers under 16 years of age when competing in the event.
- Senior competitors are anglers 16 years and older when competing in the event.
- All nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form and received along with payment in full before the nomination deadline.
- Late nominations will not be accepted, except under exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of the event organisers and officials.
- If an angler is unable to fish, and notification is provided to organisers prior to the start of the event, that angler's nomination fee will be refunded upon such request.

Boundaries

- All waters within the area of the official competition boundary map providing they do not violate state and federal laws.
- All creeks or rivers whose mouth falls is within the boundary may be fished and there is no east or west boundary.





Fishing Times

Start 6:00pm, Friday 29th April

Finish 3:00pm, Sunday 1st May

Sections

Light Line Class

- Anglers can register up to 5 fish (only 2 of any one species)
- Anglers can fish 2kg, 3kg, 4kg & 6kg line
- Points are calculated using the following method.

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28 0535 2.90
1235 1.30
FR 1819 2.25
☾ 2345 1.50

29 0601 2.99
1252 1.23
SA 1836 2.40

30 0015 1.40
0625 3.05
SU 1306 1.18
1853 2.54

$$\frac{\text{Overall Length of Fish (cm)}^{\#} \times \text{ANSA Fighting Factor (FF)}^*}{\text{Line Class (kg)}} \times 10 = \text{Points}$$

Example: (35cm pikey bream caught on 2kg)

$$\frac{35\text{cm} \times 1.2 \text{ (FF)}}{2\text{kg}} \times 10 = 210 \text{ points}$$

Open Line Class

- Anglers can register up to 5 fish (only 2 of any one species)
- Anglers can fish any line class including non-pretasted mono and braided line
- Points are calculated using the following method.

$$\text{Overall Length of Fish (cm)}^{\#} \times \text{ANSA Fighting Factor (FF)}^* \times 10 = \text{Points}$$

Example: (63cm barramundi)

$$63\text{cm} \times 1.5 \text{ (FF)} \times 10 = 945 \text{ points}$$

* Refer to eligible species list for Fighting Factors and minimum fish lengths

Officials will round measurements down to the nearest whole cm



**Cold Drinks & Yummy Food
Available from the
Bar & Food Stand Sunday afternoon!**



**** (Sorry... no ATM or EFTPOS facilities available at the bar) ****



Fish Registration

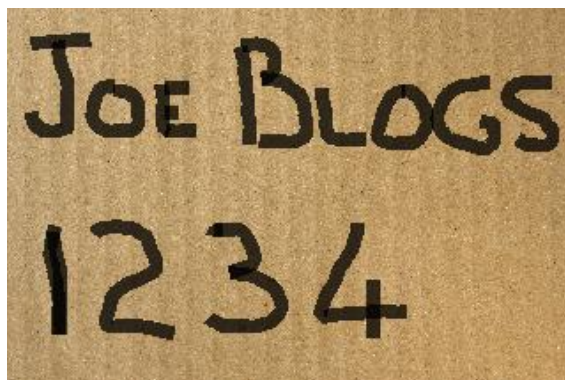
Registering Fish

- a) Anglers must register their fish by;
 - i. Presenting photos of their fish on a measure mat or similar measuring device to officials during the allocated fish registration time (see “Measuring & Photographing Fish” for details)
 - Or
 - ii. Present their fish for measuring by officials during the allocated fish registration time
- b) Fish registration is between 4pm – 5pm on the Sunday of the event weekend
- c) Anglers must present their photos, or fish for measuring, to officials at the fish registration table, Halifax Hall, during the allocated registration period
- d) Anglers must complete and present a fish registration form with their photos or fish (available from officials during fish registration)
- e) Fish registration will close at 5pm sharp
- f) All fish presented, whether by photo or for measuring, must be fresh and not frozen or mutilated. Officials may reposition a fish with a severed throat to record a measurement close to its natural state.
- g) For a period of fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of fish registration all anglers will have the opportunity to raise any disputes with officials, after which there will be no further correspondence between officials and anglers.
- h) The fish registration officials shall have the final say on all decisions and disputes and their decision shall be final.

Registration Number

- a) All photos of fish submitted on an appropriate measuring device must include the angler’s name and the official event fish registration number.
- b) The fish registration number will be announced one hour prior to the official start to fishing by way of;
 - i. An email and text message to each club’s nominated contact person, as listed on the official “Nomination Form A”
 - ii. Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Club Facebook page - @hinchinbrooksfsc
- c) It is the responsibility of each angler to ensure they have a way of accessing the fish registration number.
- d) The angler’s name & the fish registration number may be displayed by applying directly to the measuring device or by way of a registration card

Example - Registration Card





Measuring and Photographing Fish

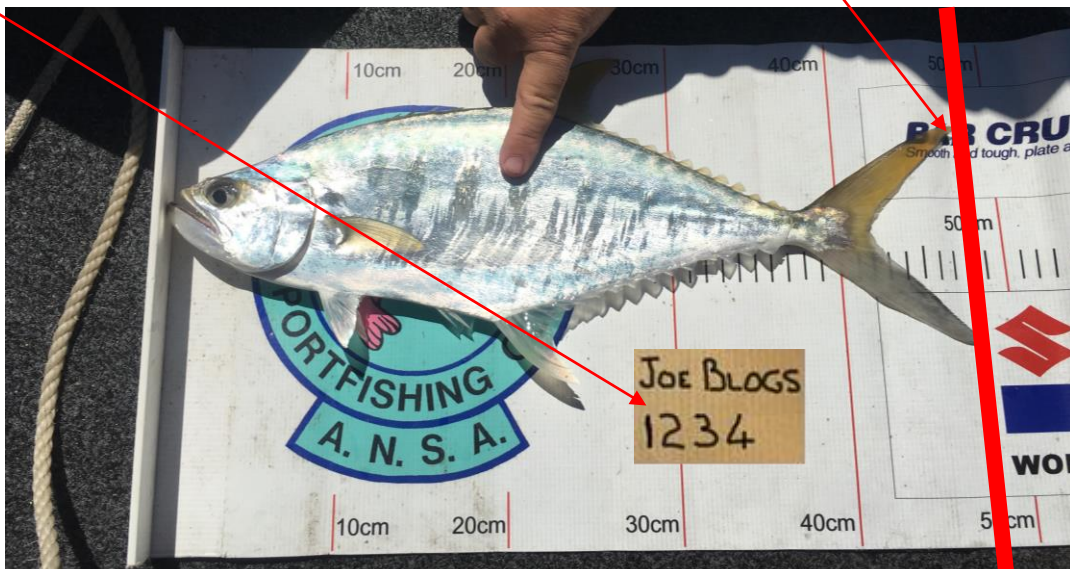
- a) "Appropriate Measuring Device" - Measuring of fish must be done on a commercially manufactured measuring mat, or a similar measuring device with large and clearly marked 1cm increments.
- b) The overall fish length, rounded down to nearest whole cm, shall be the official measurement used.
- c) To be eligible all photos must;
 - i. be taken on an appropriate measuring device (refer to point A above)
 - ii. be clear enough for officials to easily read the 1cm increments and numbering
 - iii. Display the whole fish in a single photo; including measurement increments
 - iv. Show the leading part of the fish's head on the start of the appropriate measuring device
 - v. Clearly display the anglers name and the fish registration number
- d) Event officials reserve the right to reject photos that they believe do not meet the criteria

Examples



Fish Registration Number & Angler Name

Measurement (cm)





Social Activities & Competitions

Social Night (Friday from 5pm – 7pm)

Friday night is now social night at the NQ Champs!

The Hinchinbrook Sportfishing club will be putting on a free sausage sizzle at the event venue (Halifax Hall) on the Friday evening. Drinks may be available from the bar at your own cost. A lucky door prize will be on offer for those attending so don't miss out! All anglers who nominate for the NQ Champs are welcome to attend. For catering purposes please register your interest in attending when filling in the nomination form.

Fish Registration & Presentations (Sunday from 4pm)

Bar & Food

The bar and food stand will be open from 4pm Sunday afternoon. A selection of cold beverages and yummy food will be on offer.

Raffle

To keep nomination fees as low as possible the Hinchinbrook SFC will be running a raffle on Sunday evening. Each year there are HEAPS of fantastic prizes to win so be sure to grab your tickets!

Major Draw Prize

All anglers who nominate to fish the NQ Champs go into the draw to win a fantastic Fishing & Outdoor prize pack. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we can now offer both senior and junior major draw prizes.

Senior prize pack valued at over \$500!

Junior prize pack valued at over \$200!

Fishing Awards

Meritorious Capture awards are awarded to anglers who have achieved a significant capture. The award is often, but not always, awarded to the highest point scoring fish

Mystery Lengths "Target Species" is a new category being introduced for the first time in 2023. The rules are simple... the angler who captures a target species measuring closest to the mystery length wins! There are three target species with one or more of these species changing each year. Anglers in both light and open line classes will compete against each other for bragging rights and prizes.

Fish of the Comp has been expanded in 2023 from one to three award categories, including a new Lurefishing award!

Champion Angler is an award bestowed upon those anglers who capture the highest points scoring bag of 5 fish. Only the best senior and junior anglers walk away with these top awards and their wins etched in history with their names scribed on the perpetual Champion Angler trophies.

Champion Club is awarded in both light and open line classes to those clubs who score the highest average points per fish. Winning clubs get their name etched into history through the light and open line class perpetual trophies

Junior Encouragement gift packs are presented to all juniors who nominate and attend the presentation evening.

(A full list of fishing awards, including eligibility criteria, are outline in the "Full List of Fishing Awards & Criteria" table below)

Full List of Fishing Awards & Criteria

Award		Category / Species	Eligibility (Line Class)		Criteria	
			Light	Open		
Meritorious Captures	Light	2kg	✓		<p>Winning Mystery Length and Fish of the Comp captures are ineligible for meritorious capture awards (unless there are no other eligible fish).</p> <p>Typically awarded to the highest points scoring fish.</p> <p>Officials reserve the right to award a lesser point scoring fish as a meritorious capture, should they determine that the circumstances are warranted.</p>	
		3kg	✓			
		4kg	✓			
		6kg	✓			
	Open (Senior)	Freshwater		✓		
		Estuary		✓		
		Reef		✓		
		Pelagic		✓		
	Open (Junior)	Freshwater or Estuary		✓		
		Reef or Pelagic		✓		
Mystery Lengths	Target Species <i>(species change each year)</i>	Bream (Pikey or Yellowfin)	✓	The fish closest to the mystery length wins.		
		Trevally (All)	✓	All anglers are eligible.		
		Mackerel (All)	✓	In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by random draw.		
Fish of the Comp	One Eye's Fish of the Comp	Sportfishing (non-lure)	✓	✓	<p>Highest point scoring fish not captured on a lure.</p> <p>Both senior and Junior anglers are eligible.</p> <p>In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by random draw.</p>	
	Reidys Lures Fish of the Comp	Lurefishing		✓	<p>Highest point scoring fish captured on a lure (or fly).</p> <p>Both senior and junior anglers are eligible.</p> <p>In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by random draw.</p>	
Champion Anglers	Runner-ups	Junior		✓	2 nd highest points scoring angler (up to 5 fish, only 2 of any species)	
		Senior Female	✓	✓		
		Senior Male	✓	✓		
	Champion Anglers	Junior			✓	Highest points scoring angler (up to 5 fish, only 2 of any species)
		Senior Female	✓	✓	✓	
		Senior Male	✓	✓	✓	
	Champion Clubs	All	✓	✓	Highest average score per fish (<i>minimum 10 fish per club</i>)	



Eligible Species List

Common Name	Sub Species	Scientific Name	Min Length (cm)	Fighting Factor (FF)*	Type
Archer		<i>Toxotes chatareus</i>	18	1	Freshwater
Barracuda		<i>All Species</i>	30	0.9	Pelagic
Barramundi		<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	58	1.5	Estuary
Bass	Sand	<i>Psammoperca waigiensis</i>	30	0.8	Estuary
Batfish		<i>Platax spp.</i>	28	1.3	Estuary
Bonefish		<i>Albula Vulpes</i>	30	2	Estuary
Bream	Pikey	<i>Acanthopagrus berda</i>	25	1.2	Estuary
	Yellowfin	<i>Acanthopagrus australis</i>	25	1.2	Estuary
Cobia		<i>Rachycentron canadus</i>	75	1.5	Pelagic
Cod	Flowery	<i>Epinephelus fuscoguttatus</i>	50	1.5	Reef
	Maori Rock	<i>Epinephelus undulatostratus</i>	45	1.5	Reef
	Sleepy	<i>Oxyeleotris lineolatus</i>	30	0.8	Freshwater
	Camouflage	<i>Epinephelus polphekadion</i>	50	1.5	Reef
	Goldspot	<i>Epinephelus coioides</i>	38	1.5	Estuary
	Blackspot	<i>Epinephelus malabaricus</i>	38	1.5	Estuary
	Other Saltwater	<i>(excluding barramundi, potato & Qld groper)</i>	38	1.5	Reef
Coral Trout	Footballer	<i>Plectropomas laevus</i>	50	1.5	Reef
	All others	<i>All others</i>	38	1.5	Reef
Dart	Snubnose	<i>Trachinotus blochi</i>	35	2	Estuary
Dolphin Fish		<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	60	1.5	Pelagic
Emperor	Red	<i>Lutjanus Sebae</i>	55	1.4	Reef
	Red Throat	<i>Lethrinus chrysostomus</i>	38	1.4	Reef
	Longnose	<i>Lethrinus olivaceus</i>	38	1.4	Reef
	Spangled	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	45	1.4	Reef
	Grass	<i>Lethrinus laticaudis</i>	30	1.4	Reef
	Other	<i>Lethrinus spp.</i>	25	1.4	Reef
Flathead	Dusky	<i>Platycephalus fuscus</i>	40	1	Estuary
	Other	<i>Platycephalus spp.</i>	30	1	Estuary
Flounder		<i>All species</i>	20	1.2	Estuary
Garfish		<i>All Species</i>	20	1	Estuary
Grunter	Sooty	<i>All species</i>	28	1.6	Freshwater
Herring	Giant	<i>Elops Australia</i>	35	2	Estuary
	Wolf	<i>Chirocentrus dorab</i>	50	0.8	Estuary
Javelin	Small Spotted	<i>Pomadasys argenteus</i>	30	1.2	Estuary
	Barred	<i>Pomadasys kaakan</i>	40	1.2	Estuary
Jewfish	Black	<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	75	1	Estuary
	Scaly	<i>Nibea squamosa</i>	45	1	Estuary
	Other	<i>All (except Mulloway)</i>	30	1	Estuary



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Job Fish		<i>All species</i>	38	1	Reef
Long Tom		<i>All species</i>	45	1.2	Pelagic
Mackerel	Spanish	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	75	1	Pelagic
	Grey	<i>Scomberomorus semifasciatus</i>	60	1	Pelagic
	School	<i>Scomberomorus queenslandicus</i>	50	1	Pelagic
	Spotted	<i>Scomberomorus munroi</i>	60	1	Pelagic
	Shark	<i>Grammatorcynus spp.</i>	50	1	Pelagic
Mangrove Jack		<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	35	2	Estuary
Milk Fish		<i>Chanos</i>	30	2	Estuary
Mullet		<i>All Species</i>	30	1	Estuary
Parrot Fish		<i>All species</i>	30	1	Reef
Pennant fish		<i>Alectes ciliaris</i>	35	1.5	Estuary
Permit		<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	35	1.5	Estuary
Queenfish	All	<i>Scomberoides spp.</i>	50	1.5	Pelagic
Rainbow Runner		<i>Elagatis bipinnulatus</i>	45	1.5	Pelagic
Remora		<i>All species</i>	45	0.8	Pelagic
Salmon	Beach	<i>Leptobrama mulleri</i>	25	1	Estuary
Seabream		<i>All Gymnocranius & Gnathodentex spp.</i>	25	1.4	Reef
Sickle Fish		<i>Drepane punctate</i>	28	1.3	Estuary
Sole		<i>All species</i>	20	1	Estuary
Snapper	Common	<i>Pagrus auratus</i>	35	1	Reef
	Long Spined	<i>Argyrops spinifer</i>	30	1	Reef
	Saddle Tail	<i>Lutjanus malabaricus</i>	40	1.4	Reef
	Crimson	<i>Lutjanus erythropterus</i>	40	1.4	Reef
	Golden	<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	35	1.8	Reef
	All other tropical	<i>Lutjanus sp.(excl. chinaman, paddletail, red bass)</i>	25	1.4	Reef
Sweetlips		<i>Plectorhynchus spp.</i>	30	1.4	Reef
Tarpon		<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>	30	2	Freshwater
Threadfin	King	<i>Polydactylus macrochir</i>	65	1.9	Estuary
	Blue	<i>Eleutheronema tetradactylum</i>	40	1.9	Estuary
Trevally	All Species	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	30	1.5	Pelagic
Triple Tail		<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	35	1.8	Pelagic
Tuna		<i>All species</i>	40	1.5	Pelagic
Tusk Fish		<i>Choerodon spp.</i>	30	1.4	Reef
Wahoo		<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>	75	1.3	Pelagic
Whiting		<i>All species</i>	23	1.3	Estuary
Wrasse		<i>All species except Hump Head Wrasse</i>	30	1	Reef

Declaration: The Hinchinbrook SFC and event officials take no responsibility for errors or omissions in this eligible species list. Anglers MUST always refer and adhere to the DAF Qld recreational fishing rules and regulations.



Venue Map

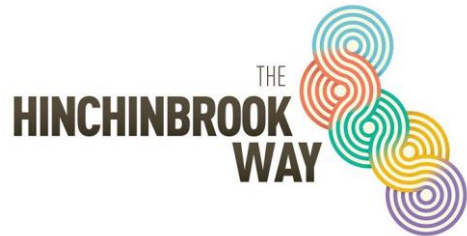
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About Hinchinbrook

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Accommodation

Halifax (1min Drive)

Halifax Hotel	(07) 4777 7436	www.halifaxhotel.com.au
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Taylors Beach (5min Drive)

Taylors Beach Caravan Park	(07) 4777 8560	www.taylorsbeach.net
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Lucinda (10min Drive)

Lucinda Point Hotel Motel	(07) 4777 8103	www.lucindahotel.com.au
Hinchinbrook Marine Cove Motel	(07) 4777 8395	www.hinchinbrookmarinecovemotel.com.au
Wanderers Holiday Village	(07) 4777 8213	www.wanderers-lucinda.com.au

Camping at Venue

Travelling on a budget? Camping is permitted on the grounds of Halifax Hall. Facilities include basic showers & toilets. Access may be affected by weather as the grounds can become boggy after wet weather. Contact event the coordinator for further information and updates prior to the event.

Taxi Service

Ingham Cabs (we recommend you ring & book in advance)

Admin Phone: 0407 771 917
Direct Bookings: 0407 771 917

Consumption of Alcohol

Event organisers have a duty of care to competitors and guests and request that consumption of alcohol is kept within the confines of the law. Event organisers reserve the right to refuse the sale of alcohol to any competitors or guests. Alcohol must be consumed within the boundaries of the Halifax Hall.

Liability

The Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Club and its members do not accept any liability for the insurance cover of any competitor/s, other persons or property involved or associated in any way with the North Queensland Sportfishing Championships. All such persons are totally responsible for their own insurance or liability cover of any kind which covers themselves, their property or equipment and any third party/s.



2023 Angler Nomination (Form B)

(Individual or non-ANSA club anglers)

OPEN LINE CLASS

NAME		D.O.B.	
MOBILE No.			
EMAIL			
ADDRESS (postal)			
AFFILIATED CLUB (If applicable)			
TYPE (tick one)	JUNIOR - \$30 (under 16)		SENIOR - \$40
	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
Want to join us for Friday's "Social Night"? (please circle one option) (for catering purposes only)		YES / NO / MAYBE	
SIGNATURE* (Guardian to sign & name for junior nominations)			

*By signing the nominee agrees to abide by the conditions set out in the official rules and information.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nomination form and full payment must be received by **Friday 21st April 2023**

PAYMENT DETAILS

CHEQUES

Please make cheques payable to: Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Club Inc.

Cheque Number: _____

Mailing address: *See below*

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account Name: Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Club Inc.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB No.: 064810

Account No.: 00903357

Please use your CLUB or SURNAME as reference.

FORMS

Mail or email completed forms to;

Email: hinchinbrooksf@yahoo.com

Mailing Address: Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Club
PO Box 896
Ingham Qld 4850

EVENT CONTACT

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INGHAM COAST GUARD DETAILS

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Lucinda, Queensland 4850, Australia
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Weekdays: Closed

Weekends and most public holidays:

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

27mhz: 88 & 86

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