



# 35<sup>th</sup> BIG HORSE CREEK BARRA CLASSIC 2023

29TH - 30TH APRIL

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Timber Creek

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## NOMINATION COSTS

Senior	\$165
Junior	\$55
Poddy Mullet	\$55
Family ( <i>2 Seniors, 2 Juniors/Poddy Mullet</i> )	\$385
Additional Children	\$30 pc

## AGE CATEGORIES

Senior Age Category	17 yrs+
Junior Age Category	7 yrs—16 yrs
Poddy Mullet Age Category	0—6 yrs

Please note that for Juniors to be eligible to win either of the Major Prizes they must be nominated as a Senior.

Nominations will be accepted at Timber Creek Hotel on Friday, 28th April up until 8:00pm

**No nominations will be accepted after 8pm Friday, 28th April**  
**Nominations will not be accepted at Big Horse Creek boat ramp**

**EFTPOS—Available**

**Nominations & Payment to**  
KGFC PO Box 190 Katherine 0851

**Contact:** Harry Renfree 0408 187 034 [katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com)

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

#### Registration and Competition Bag Collection

All competitors must register and collect their information kit

3.00 - 8:00pm

#### Dinner at Timber Creek Hotel

BYO Alcohol

From 6.30pm

### SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

#### LINES IN



#### Breakfast BBQ at the Timber Creek Hotel BBQ area

Bacon and Egg Sandwich \$7.50

Tea & Coffee available

6:00am

4:00am - 9:00am

#### Weigh Master

Available for catch verification photos

5:00pm - 7:00pm

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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

### Breakfast BBQ at the Timber Creek Hotel BBQ area

Bacon and Egg Sandwich \$7.50

Tea & Coffee - available

4:00am - 9:00am

### LINES OUT



#### Weigh Master

Available for catch verification photos (5:00pm cut off!!)

3.00pm

3:00pm - 5:00pm

### PRESENTATION DINNER

2 course meal provided for all registered competitors

**(extra meals \$40.00 adults and \$20 child)**

*Entrants will be required to present their lanyard card to obtain their meal—  
this ticket will then go into lucky door prize draw*

6:00PM - 7:00PM

### PRESENTATION CEREMONY

*Including;*

- *Category prizes*
- *Early nomination draw*
- *Lucky Door Prize*
- *And other raffle draws*

7:00pm till late

**1st Prize:** 80Lb Motorguide donated by Precision Marine and a Simrad NSS12 evo3S Navigation 12" Fishfinder Chart plotter valued at \$9912.00

**2nd prize:** Puretec Hybrid G6 UV Filter System plus a Winston Dual Shower valued at \$2900 donated by Tradelink Katherine

**3rd Prize:** Honda EU10i Generator valued at \$1500

**4th Prize:** Evakool Down Under 47 l fridge with cover valued at \$1040 donated by Nutrien Katherine

**5th Prize:** Weber Baby Q BBQ (Q1000) with gas bottle Valued at \$500 donated by Mitre 10 Katherine

## LOCATION

The competition is based at the Timber Creek Hotel.

Timber Creek is a small town located on the Victoria Highway 285kms West of Katherine and 193 East of the NT/WA border.

## BOAT RAMP

The boat ramp is located at Big Horse Creek—8kms West of Timber Creek within the Gregory National Park and is accessible at all times and tides.

Competitors are requested to have boats ready to launch when approaching the boat ramp.

Trailers are NOT to be left on the ramp—Please be considerate of other users.

Parking available opposite turn off to boat ramp. Please follow all traffic management directions and NT government Road rules whilst in the car park area.

## ACCOMMODATION/FUEL/MEALS

Accommodation available at **Timber Creek Hotel**;

Motel units, cabins demountable units and caravan/camping facilities.

Booking inquiries—08 8975 0722

Many thanks to **Timber Creek Hotel** for providing a 10% discount on motel or caravan accommodation to all KGFC members for 2023

*Please note: camping on Sunday 30th April - Presentation Night- is NOT FREE- please pay all fees.*

*Unpowered is \$13.50 per person - \$33 for powered sites for 1-2 people*

**Fuel available at;**

- Timber Creek BP Service Station
- Supermarket

Both have EFTPOS, Ice and grocery items.

**Meals available at;**

Timber Creek Hotel will be providing evening meals on Friday and Saturday nights at a small cost—BYO Alcohol

*\*\*\* Note: no alcohol to be taken out of dining area*



## NOMINATION AND COMPETITION BAG COLLECTION

Competitors who wish to camp on the river will still need to confirm their registration, collect their team nomination bag and watch the safety briefing at the Timber Creek Hotel grounds.

Committee members can be contacted at Timber Creek Hotel on Friday 28th April from 3:00pm.

All competitors will require a camera with SD or DS Memory Card or means of taking photos of catch. Competitors can use their phones or other electronic devices.

Brag mats will NOT be available before 3:00pm Friday 28th April.

Proof of catch to be handed in by 5:00 - 7:00 pm Saturday 29th April (for Mystery Length Prize) and all photos in by 5:00pm Sunday 30th April.

*Note: Delays may occur due to congestion at the boat ramp so please consider this when calculating your return after fishing.*

### Nomination Forms can be left at;

- Rod & Rifle Tackle World
- Katherine Camping & Fishing
- Betta Electrical
- Town & Country Butchers



### Nomination forms can be emailed to:

[katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com)



## MAJOR & SENIOR PRIZE CATEGORIES

### 1. Champion Angler

2. Longest Barra Overall Adult
3. Longest Barramundi (Female)
4. Longest Barramundi (Male)
5. Longest Jewfish
6. Longest Salmon
7. Longest Catfish

**\$4000**

## JUNIOR & PODDY MULLET PRIZE CATEGORIES

7. Longest Barramundi— Poddy Mullet (Male)
8. Longest Barramundi— Poddy Mullet (Female)
9. Longest Barramundi— Junior (Male)
10. Longest Barramundi— Junior (Female)
11. Longest Salmon— Poddy Mullet
12. Longest Salmon— Junior
13. Longest Jewfish— Poddy Mullet
14. Longest Jewfish— Junior
15. Longest Catfish— Poddy Mullet
16. Longest Catfish— Junior
17. Longest Mullet— Poddy Mullet
18. Longest Mullet— Junior



## MISCELLANEOUS PRIZE CATEGORIES

19. KGFC Lure Biggest Barramundi
20. Best Team of up to 3 Anglers
21. Best Team of up to 5+ Anglers
22. Mystery Length Barramundi—Saturday
23. Mystery Length Barramundi—Sunday
24. Best Dressed Team/Boat (on the water)
25. Most Creative Team Name
26. Hard Luck Story
27. Lucky Door Prize
28. Best Picture Taken (for the weekend)\*
29. Smallest Barramundi Caught on Line
30. Metery Mug Prize - Metre Barra Caught (for the weekend)



**\*Entries for these categories can be emailed to the KGFC email account.  
Please list prize category, team name and/or angler name in the subject title.**

***[katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:katherinegamefishingclub@gmail.com)***

## MAJOR UPDATE TO COMPETITION BOUNDARIES FOR 2023

**NO FISHING PERMITTED IN THE ANGALARRI RIVER** - The competition boundary is the SIGN on the bottom bank – no fishing beyond the sign.  
This is a Defence site and as such trespass laws will apply.

**ANY FISH CAUGHT IN THE ANGALARRI RIVER WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE FISH, THE ANGLER AND THE WHOLE TEAM.**

## COMPETITION & FISHING RULES

- No fishing that utilises a helicopter
- Any competitor found not abiding by competition and fishing rules will be disqualified from competition with no refund of entry fees.

## PHOTOS, SCORE SHEETS, LANYARDS, BRAG MAT

- Digital photos with date and fish on official Brag Mat with individual lanyard ID placed on fish ONLY accepted for competition prizes.
- Official brag mat for all competition fish photos will be provided in your competition bag, please ensure you check your competition bag before departing Timber Creek.
- Photos only accepted from 5:00pm until 7:00pm on Saturday and 3:00pm until 5:00pm on Sunday during competition.
- Facilities provided by KGFC Big Horse Creek Barra Classic committee for SD/DS memory cards ONLY. Any other memory card will require appropriate card reader.
- Mobile phone photos will ONLY be accepted if verified by authorised KGFC Big Horse Creek Barra Classic Weigh Master and that the photo is of a fish with the official yearly Brag Mat and individual lanyard.
- All competitors to supply their own camera or means to take photo of catch.
- Score sheets are to be filled in correctly, signed and presented with SD/DS memory cards or electronic device between times allocated for each day or may not be accepted.
- Score Sheets with photos can be lodged on Sunday of the competition for both days of the competition. But WILL NOT be eligible for the Saturday Mystery Length category.
- Score sheet with photos for Saturdays Mystery Length must be presented to official committee on Saturday or will not be accepted for that category.
- KGFC Big Horse Barra Classic committee members and or KGFC members WILL NOT be responsible or liable for loss of damages to cameras and or photographic equipment during KGFC Big Horse Barra Classic competition.

## FISH

- All competition fish accepted will be Catch & Release ONLY
- Fish must be legally released to be eligible for entry into any category of competition.
- Only the below fish species will be eligible for entry into any category in competition.  
Barramundi, Jewfish, Salmon, Catfish, Mullet (Juniors & Poddy Mullet ONLY)
- NO set lines or nets are to be used by competitors to catch competition fish. Competitor's lines are to be always attended to.
- Anglers may ONLY fish with a maximum of 2 lines at a time, these can be of any combination.
- Fish shall NOT be gaffed then recorded and released.

## PRIZES, TEAMS

KGFC 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.

- Winners of each category DO NOT have to be present at the presentation evening to collect their prizes.  
Please ensure contact details are on registration forms.
- KGFC Lure biggest fish prize is a fun and honest prize where a photo as evidence is to show the lure attached to the fish in the water and another photo to show the length. There will need to be a witness also.
- To be eligible for the Team Fishing categories fishing must be carried out in the same location  
e.g. same boat or land area—cannot be split up into different areas/boats.
- Team events are judged on fish species and point system,(can be a combination of all these fish species)  
Barramundi, Jewfish, Salmon, Catfish
- Teams can consist of a combination of male and female, and or Junior competitors.
- KGFC Big Horse Barra Classic weigh master's decision is final. Any protests are to be in writing and to be presented to weigh master within 1/2 hour of close on Sunday. A protest fee of \$100 will be payable to lodge a protest.
- Honesty is required by parents in that Poddy Mulletts and Juniors catch their own fish and are not entering fish caught by parents or other team members.
- Teams with day use of the boat ramp get priority parking at the boat ramp!!!
- River campers are kindly asked that they consider those accessing the boat ramp daily by parking their vehicle away from the boat ramp towards the highway.



## FISHING BOUNDARIES

**Please refer to Map on page 32.**

The competition area is between SALTWATER YARDS above Timber Creek and down to LOBBY CREEK. The BAINES (East & West Junction). The ANGALARRI RIVER may not be fished – no entry allowed. The competition boundary is the sign on the bottom bank – no fishing beyond the sign. This is a Defence sight and as such trespass laws will apply. Please refer to competition map on page 32. Note: Delays may occur due to congestion at boat ramp so please consider this when calculating your return after close of fishing, especially at the close of competition on Sunday.

## BOATS

All boats must carry safety equipment as required by Marine Safe NT. It is the responsibility of each competitor to acquaint themselves with these requirements. NT Water police will be on the river and at the boat ramp checking compliance. Any boat not having the required safety equipment will result in competitors fishing in that boat being disqualified.

## INDEMNITY

I understand that sporting activities such as those involved in within the Katherine Game Fishing Club -Big Horse Creek Barra Classic 2023 (Competition), are inherently dangerous. I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks while participating in these activities and that accidents may happen resulting in injury, death, or property damage. Therefore, I release and indemnify (and keep indemnified) the Katherine Game Fishing Club Inc, its committee members, the organizers, sponsors and others involved in the Competition from and against any claims, liability, costs and expense made, suffered or taken by any person as a result of my participation in this event (including without limitation personal injury and death, property damage and any breach of intellectual property rights) except to the extent that such claims are directly attributable to any negligence of an indemnified party. In addition, I release and indemnify (and keep indemnified) the Katherine Game Fishing Club Inc, its committee members, organisers, sponsors and others involved in the Competition from and against any claims, liability, costs and expenses made, suffered or taken by any person as a result of an unforeseen or catastrophic event (this includes, but is not limited to, an act of god, earthquake, fire, crash, property damage, injury and death) except to the extent that such claims directly attributable to any negligence of an indemnified party. I understand the rules applying to the competition and will abide by these rules and the ruling of the Competition Committee. NOTE: For Junior competitors, this indemnity MUST be signed by a parent or guardian. No entry can be accepted unless indemnity is signed by an adult.

## SAFETY

All competitors must comply with NT Safety Guide For Recreational and Pleasure with particular reference to safety equipment, safe operation and speed limits. Refer NT Maritime Marine Safety Guide ([nt.gov.au](http://nt.gov.au)). If organizers deem weather conditions unsuitable KGFC reserves the right to cancel event in whole or part, this will be announced via facebook, and on the website. It is up to the competitors to monitor facebook and the website.





## FISHING TIMES

Lines IN

Saturday 29th April

6:00am

Lines OUT

Sunday 30th April

3:00pm

**ALL FISHING WILL CEASE AT  
3PM SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023**

## PLEASE REMEMBER

Late presentation of photos will NOT be accepted.  
It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they cease fishing in time to present their photos.

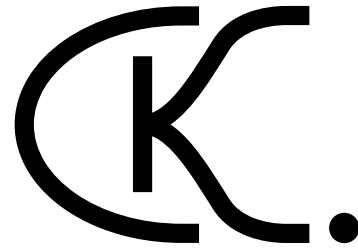
## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Please use VHF channel 69 for the duration of the competition this will allow for easy communication if a team runs into any trouble – All teams will be checked off on arrival to either the boat ramp or presentation area on Sunday. If you are not attending the presentation, please call 0408 187 034 to confirm your safe return.

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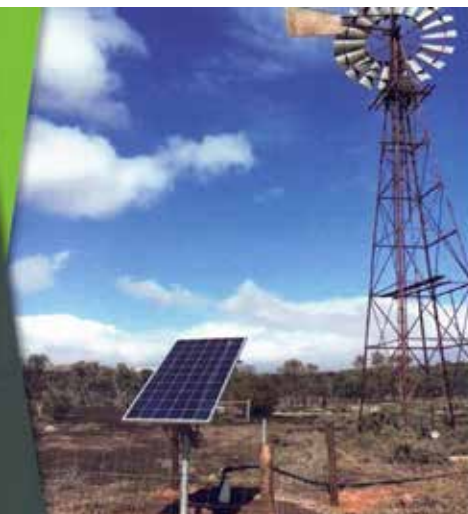
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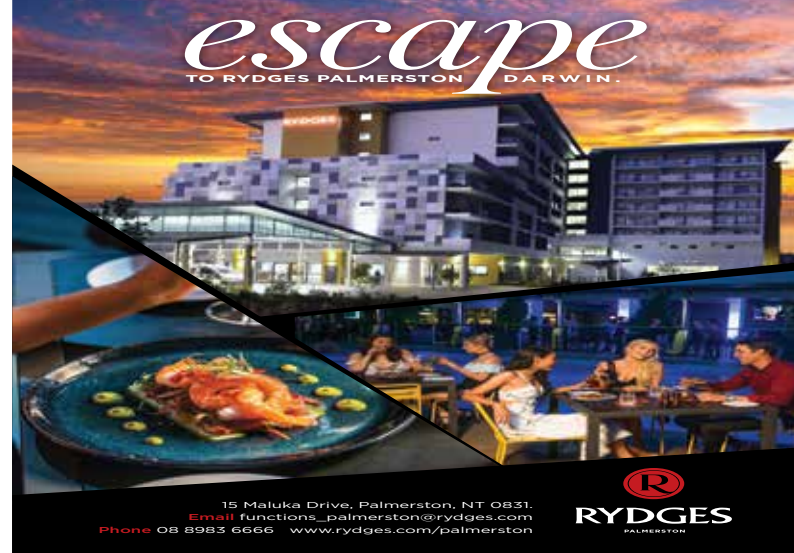


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## PHOTOGRAPHING FISH

- All scoring fish caught during this competition will need to be photographed on the **2023 measuring mat** provided, with individual lanyard laid on top of the fish so that competitor name is clear.
- Species with a paddle tail (Barramundi Jewfish) measure from the head of measuring board to end of tail.
- Species with a fork tail (Salmon) measure from the head of measuring board to the centre of fork tail.
- **NOTE:** the fish head must be in contact with the end of the measuring board and the mouth closed. Photographs must be taken from directly above the fishes head and showing the whole fish on the board in the one photograph.

**For the competition the 2023 Brag Mat and individual lanyard must be clearly visible in the photograph.** Failure to photograph fish to requirements will likely make that capture disallowed.

## HINTS FOR BETTER PHOTOS

Place the whole fish in a sunny position – not half in sun & half in shade.  
Ensure the angle of the shot has no bright reflections from the fish.



# SAFETY EQUIPMENT TABLE

## MINIMUM SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ON BOARD

	Inland waters	Intermediate waters	Open waters
 One approved <b>personal flotation device</b> for each person on board	✓	✓	✓
 One <b>anchor</b> fitted with not less than 3 metres of chain shackled between the anchor and rope of not less than 50 metres overall length	✓	✓ (Two if vessel is over 10 metres in length)	✓ (Two if vessel is over 10 metres in length)
 <b>Two paddles or oars</b> fitted with rowlocks for all vessels under 5 metres in length unless fitted with an auxiliary means of propulsion	✓	✓	✓
 <b>One bailer</b> (fitted with lanyard) or <b>bilge pump</b> . A bilge pump is required for all vessels with covered bilges.	✓	✓	✓
 <b>Fresh drinking water</b> in a leak proof container (two litres for each person on board)	✓	✓	✓
 One <b>waterproof torch</b>	✓	✓	✓
 Two <b>red flares</b>	-	✓	✓
 Two <b>orange smoke signals</b>	-	✓	✓
 One <b>V distress sheet</b>	-	✓	✓
 <b>Portable fire extinguisher</b> (one if the vessel is between 5 and 10 metres in length / two if the vessel is over 10 metres in length. Not required for vessels under 5 metres.)	-	✓	✓
 <b>Two 9L buckets</b> with lanyards for vessels over 10 metres in length	-	✓	✓
 One <b>compass or operational GPS</b>	-	-	✓
 <b>Electronic or paper chart</b> for the area of intended operation	-	-	✓
 One <b>lifebuoy</b> (for vessels over 10 metres)	-	-	✓
 One <b>registered EPIRB</b>	-	-	✓

### Categories of Water

**Inland Waters** - Non tidal rivers, lakes, dams and billabongs.

**Intermediate Waters** - All tidal rivers, declared sheltered waters areas and all other coastal waters up to 2 nautical miles from the coastline.

**Open Waters** - Means beyond intermediate waters.

For further information phone  
Marine Safety Branch on 8924 7100



All competitors are reminded that Marine Safety and Timber Creek Police will be on the water checking boats.

Timber Creek is classified as Intermediate Waters.









# KGFC Juniors having fun!!





## 2022 Winners







**Blast from the past 2019**





# Kids fishing fun day 2022







**Blast from the past 2017**

## Katherine Game Fishing Club Annual Membership: 1st Feb – 31st Jan

Benefits include:

- A chance to compete for great monthly prizes via the online Facebook Competitions - prizes awarded for the most notable catch:  
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