

**LIZARD ISLAND GAME FISH CLUB BLACK MARLIN CLASSIC
Tournament Statistics from our Inaugural Tournament in 1987**

Year	Boats	Anglers	Strikes	Hookups	Tags	Weighed	Hookup strike %	Tag to Strike %	Tag to Hookup %
1987	20	58	194	134	64	0	69.1	33.0	47.7
1988	25	58	122	78	32	1	63.9	26.2	41
1989	19	46	157	94	44	0	59.9	28.0	46.8
1990	19	34	107	57	27	0	53.3	25.2	47.4
1991	19	47	454	279	174	3	61.4	39	63.4
1992	21	57	457	292	159	3	63.9	35.2	55.1
1993	23	60	271	169	83	2	62.4	31.0	49.7
1994	27	75	442	308	145	1	69.7	33.0	47.4
1995	23	51	192	125	66	1	65.1	34.4	52.8
1996	28	52	299	194	94	1	64.9	31.4	48.4
1997	19	47	245	160	80	2	65.3	32.6	50.0
1998	20	53	130	82	35	1	63.1	26.9	42.6
1999	11	34	215	142	73	0	66.0	33.9	51.4
2000	16	41	159	102	45	0	64.1	28.3	44.1
2001	14	27	223	144	66	3	64.5	29.6	45.8
2002	18	50	493	338	176	0	68.5	35.6	52
2003	29	83	478	319	157	3	66.7	32.8	49.2
2004	29	77	294	230	132	1	78.2	44.9	57.4
2005	48	157	573	361	194	0	63	53.7	53.7
2006	47	140	258	226	113	0	87.5%	43.7	50.00
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TOTALS	475	1247	5765	3834	1959	22	66.5	34.00	51.1

Of the 3834 Black Marlin hooked in the 20 year history of the Black Marlin Classic, only 22 have been presented to the weigh station, which is only .573%. This reflects the Club's and its member's dedication to conservation and scientific knowledge of the species by our commitment to tagging and releasing.

In the year 2000, President Bob Lowe introduced a 450kg (993 pound) minimum weight for this event, which reflected the long standing culture of only weighing outstanding fish. If, for example, an 1150 pounder was weighed early in the Tournament, Anglers and Captains would not bring another fish to the weigh station unless, in their considered opinion, it would beat the previous marlin weighed.

At our 20th Anniversary event from October 14th to 21st 2006, the Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic became tag & release only. Our decision to no longer weigh fish in this Tournament reflects the culture of our Members, as well as one of our major Sponsors, Voyages Lizard Island Lodge. Without the support and co-operation of Lizard Island Lodge it would be impossible for the Lizard Island Game Fish Club Inc to continue to run this great event.

Bob Lowe

President Lizard Island GF C Inc.

(The 21st Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic will be held 13th to 20th October 2006)