



INFORMATION PACK

2018 QUEENSLAND SPEARFISHING TITLES

Lucinda, Queensland, 29th 30th September 2018
Proudly Hosted by the Townsville Skindiving Club

The AUFQ and the TSC would like to invite all divers to compete in the Queensland Spearfishing Titles to be held on **29-30 September 2018**. The competition will be held from iconic Lucinda, in tropical North Queensland. Please join us for a fantastic weekend of safe, sustainable and selective spearfishing.

The competition will begin with a registration afternoon on 28th September 2018 at the Channel Inn Bar and conclude with a presentation night on 30th September 2018. There is no backup weekend scheduled.

We will be running this event from medium sized trailer boats. We currently have some available spots on vessels owned by members of the TSC. Spots on these vessels will be allocated to the earliest entrants and priority will be given to members who have to travel greater distance to get to the event.

Additional smaller boats can be made available. We invite any local boat owners (Townsville/Cairns) willing to supply a boat to get in touch with the event organisers.

Lucinda

Competitors can get to Lucinda and the Channel Inn by vehicle, it's approximately an hour and a half drive north of Townsville. The competition will be held from the Channel Inn Pub/Bistro which is quite literally a stones throw from the boat ramp.

They have a range of accommodation options from villas, waterfront houses (inclusive of marina berths sleeps 8-10) and single rooms.

The boat ramp at Lucinda can launch trailer boats of all sizes, some considerations need to be given to the tide and sand bars when leaving the channel, as well as to the locals in the area.



ACCOMMODATION

For information and bookings at the Channel Inn Bistro visit <http://www.hinchinbrookresort.com.au>
Being peak season, it is advised all competitors get in extremely quick to secure their accommodation.

The TSC has booked two waterfront houses (4 and 5 at \$600 per night per house). House 5 sleeps 11 people and House 4 sleeps 8 (4 Queens). Both houses have Pontoon Boat Parking Included.

House 4 be administered by northern competitors from Cairns and likewise house 5 will be administered by Townsville. Spots within the two houses are limited, and a POC will be distributed for each house to secure your spot shortly,
NOTE: entry fees do not include accommodation, this will need to be organised through the house POC.

If you do not get a spot within the houses there are still the following accommodation options;

Self-contained villa's x 4 @ \$220.00 per night
Main bedroom - 1 queen 1 single, 2nd bedroom - 2 singles
Boat parking available

And

1 Bedroom apartment sleeps 8 people \$320.00 per night
1 Queen bed 6 singles

The Hinchinbrook resort has full facilities including ice, fuel and is boat friendly if you did not want to leave your boat in the water overnight.

Full rates are on their website provided above.

Further accommodation and camping is available from <http://www.wanderers-lucinda.com.au/> these guys are a short 3min drive around the corner. Again, trailer boat friendly and with both accommodation and camping options.

Both places mentioned above are well equipped with full power, shower and comfortable facilities in beautiful Lucinda.

QLD CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Queensland Spearfishing Titles is contested in a true pair format with the following competition categories:

SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	Open category Any age, sex, club combination
VETERAN SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	45 years or older pair Any sex, club combination
LADIES SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	Female pair Any age, club combination
JUNIOR SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	15-17 years of age pair Any sex, club combination
SUB-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD (adult/child)	<15 paired with an adult (>17) The adult is permitted to load guns and spear fish, with the resultant score still being called sub-junior
CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	Same club pairs <u>Nomination required</u> Any age, sex combination
CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP OF QLD	2 x same club pairs <u>Nomination required</u> Any age, sex combination
NEMROD CUP	Top 2 same club pairs <u>Nomination not required</u> Any age, sex combination

NOMINATION

Attached is the registration form, release agreement. To ensure a position in the competition, follow the payment and return instructions by the closing date of Friday 1/09/18. Late nominations will only be accepted at the discretion of the competition director and subject to boat availability.

All competitors must be financial members of the AUF. Members of USFA, CMAS and other known organisations are very welcome provided their organisation sanctions the event in writing and provides evidence of adequate liability insurance cover for their members to compete.

AUF membership is available at www.AUF.org.au

COMPETITION DAY/S

Competitors are advised to load gear from 5.30am at the pontoons in front of Villas 4 and 5. Sign on and daily briefing will be at 5.45am each competition day. **Departure will be at 6.00am or earlier if we are able to get everyone loaded quickly.**

The duration for the competition will be 2 days with 5 hours each day (may be cut to 4 depending on conditions) and we expect to return to Lucinda before 4pm each day.

YOUR CATCH

It is the responsibility of each competitor to make themselves aware of the scoresheet and Qld Govt regulations regarding minimum legal sizes, protected species and catch limits for all coral reef finfish. To be eligible for the weigh-in all fish speared must have a **minimum weight of 1kg**.

Competitors will report to the weighmaster, who will weigh all fish over 1kg or, if greater, the minimum legal size. The catch will be recorded on a score sheet. Penalty's may be imposed if fish are weighed in under 1kg.

Divers are responsible for their own catch and must ensure they have the capacity and facilities to keep and transport their catch after both days of competition. The organising staff are working with the resort providers to secure an abundance of ice and cold room availability.

Note: Under Qld Government regulations all fish must be left whole unless a fillet of 40cm can be taken. Also, a total possession limit of 20 coral reef finfish now applies. Note that bag limits apply for individual species groups and new size limits apply (see below). Competitors breaking the regulations will be disqualified. All competitors must make themselves aware of the rules before the competition. For a guide see http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/28_3042.htm for all applicable bag and size limits. For a complete list of coral reef species, download the Fisheries Regulation 2008 at www.fisheries.qld.gov.au.

WEATHER CONTINGENCY

There will need to be some flexibility due to weather forecasts. During September, the weather in North Queensland is variable and boats often have to travel large distances. If the weather is over 20 knots events may need to be cancelled, relocated, shortened or rescheduled (if possible), in accordance with the safety management plan for the event.

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

Boat spaces on the day of spearfishing heats may be limited due to capacity of available boats. Private boats (5-10 metres) owned by competitor's boats will be available. Each vessel will transport between 3-8 competitors to the reef.

Fuel costs are allocated at the rate of \$80.00 per diver aboard on reef days. This amount is slightly more than the likely cost as a means of compensating boat owners for supplying their vessels.

COST

OPEN MENS & LADIES:	\$191.00
JUNIORS	\$131.00

Entry fee includes:

- Boat fuel & ice (2 days);
- Provision of safety boats;
- Registration fees
- See breakdown of funds in competition manual for further disclosure
- **ENTRY FEES DO NOT INCLUDE ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD – SEE PAGE 3 FOR ACCOM DETAILS.**

DIVE SITES

Competition reefs for spearfishing will be selected by the organizing committee after consultation with the boat skippers considering expected conditions. Preferred sites are those listed below.

- 1. Trunk reef. (approx. 33nm from Lucinda ramp) 2. Britomart reef. (approx. 30nm from Lucinda)**



- 3. Walker Reef**



- 4. Bramble reef**



COMPETITION RULES AND SAFETY

The rules shall be based on AUF regulations, by-laws and 'A' section rules. B section rules will be distributed prior to competition as they are currently undergoing revision.

In general terms please note: -

- Scoring is based on 100 points per species, 10 points per kg, with a 1kg minimum weight and 15kg maximum.
- All pairs must start from the same position, vis touching the vessel, and return to the starting point and advise the timekeeper of their return before the appointed finish time.
- All pairs must carry a personal float with positive buoyancy of not less than 7 kilograms with an international code flag A (blue/white) dive flag.
- All pairs must have safety gear including a dive flag, knife, mirror and whistle or other signalling device.
- Safety boats will be provided to patrol the designated reef for the duration of the competition. Any pair using the safety boats for any non-safety related purpose (such as transporting diver or fish will be disqualified).
- Pairs are reminded that it is their responsibility to know and abide by State and Federal fisheries regulations.

LASTEST INFORMATION

Check out www.AUFQ.org.au for updates & the AUFQ Facebook page

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are of course sponsorship opportunities for this event. All sponsors are invited to consider financial or in-kind support. If any competitor knows a person or business, we should contact please advise.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name:Dive partner/observer (if known).....

Address:

AUF or USFA Membership Number: **Date of Birth:**

Mobile: Club: Email:

- CATEGORY** Open pair (all competitors)
- Tick all that apply* Veteran (45 years or older)
- Junior (15-17 years)
- Sub-Junior (<15 years)
- Ladies
- Club team (if applicable): other pair:*

** If known (must be made before commencement of event).*

Please <u>tick</u> as applicable:	Fee
<input type="radio"/> Mens & Ladies	\$191.00
<input type="radio"/> Juniors <17 years	\$151.00
<input type="radio"/> Yes I can supply a boat	Boat name: Capacity:.....

PAYMENT FOR \$..... ENCLOSED OR TRANSFERRED ON ___/___/2018 (RECIPT NO.).....

CLOSING DATE IS 01/09/2018

Bank deposits preferred: **Townsville Skindiving BSB: 633-000 ACC: 128420239**
Please return this form, And receipt of payment by email to cameron.gilbride@gotmail.com



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RELEASE AGREEMENT

Name:.....

Address:.....

Name of Parent/Guardian if above person is a junior.....

I agree that it is my own responsibility that I am physically fit and qualified for engaging in any of the diving and spearfishing activities involved with the 2018 Queensland Spearfishing Titles, Lucinda.

I realise that such diving and spearfishing activities inherently have dangers to my person from or caused by currents, sea conditions, sharks and other marine creatures, the activity of other people in boats and in the water and their equipment.

I realise that the activity of breath hold diving involves the danger of "shallow water black out" if not conducted with caution and due care on my part. I have at least a general understanding of the term "**shallow water black out**".

I understand that advice and information provided on the competition area and conditions are given in good faith but this advice and information should be treated with caution with final decisions being the responsibility of the competitor.

For the consideration of the facilities, equipment, and services and advice provided by you, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns, and for the child (if applicable) hereby absolutely release and discharge the Australian Underwater Federation, it's club members, including the host club, and it's individual members, their agents, appointees and assigns, from and against all claims whatsoever arising out of the death, personal injury loss of or damage to personal property, that I or the child (if applicable), may suffer or sustain in any way connected with the above mentioned spearfishing competition, and I hereby indemnify and agree to keep indemnified The Australian Underwater Federation, it's member clubs, and it's individual members, their agents, all appointees and assigns against all claims whatsoever by me or the child or by any person claiming through me, or through the child on my behalf, in any way arising, and this discharge may be pleaded in bar to any such claim.

The fish I spear remain in my possession. I am responsible for adhering to the size limits, bag limits and other restrictions placed on my catch under government legislation.

I have read the above and understand its meaning and effect and declare that I am over 18 years of age.

Signed.....Date.....

If the applicant is under the age of 18 years, a parent/guardian is to co-sign the application form. Parent/Guardian to indemnify and hold harmless the persons and groups/organisations as noted above from any and all damages received in the event if the entrant is a minor.

Parent/Guardian- Name.....

Signed.....Date.....