



INFORMATION PACK  
2019 Cloughy Challenge

23-25th August 2019



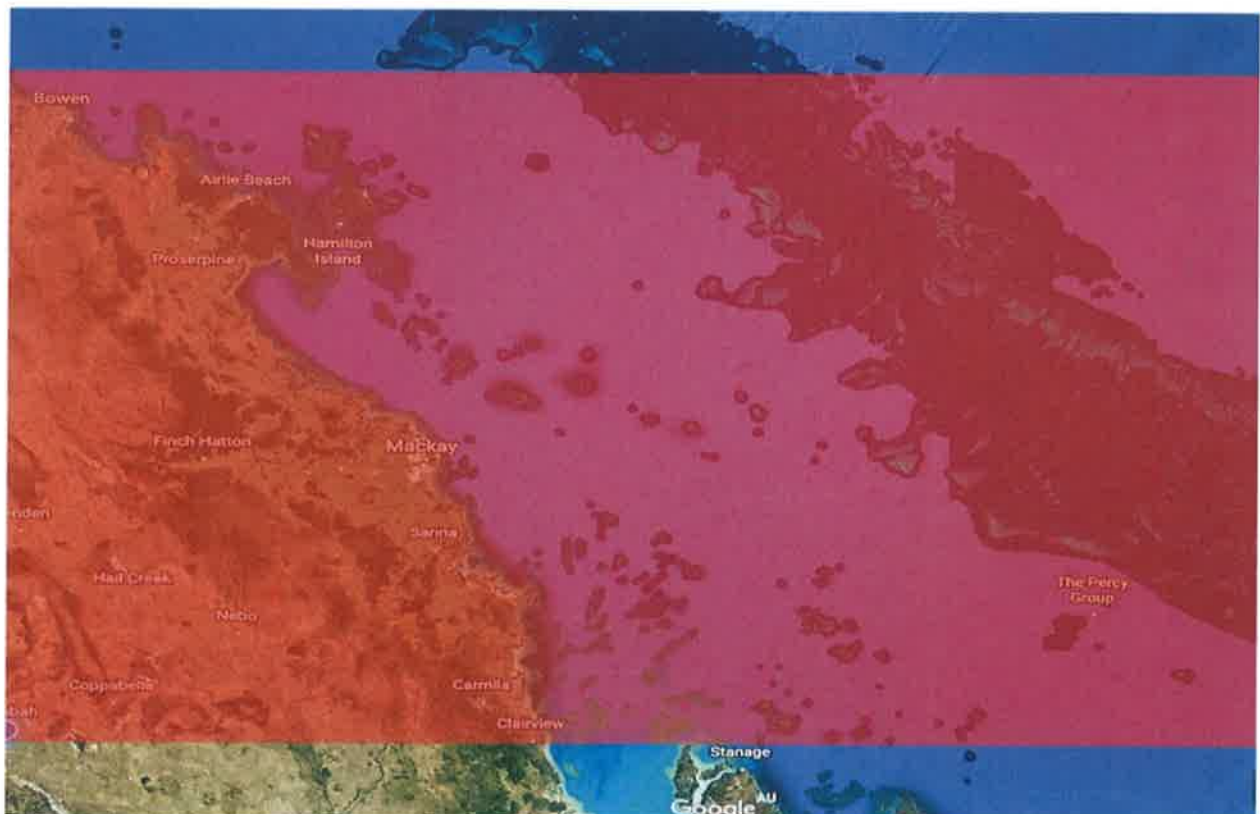
MDUSDC in conjunction with the AUF would like to invite all AUF divers to compete in the upcoming Cloughy Challenge, to be held on 23-25th August 2019. The competition is zoned from Bowen to ST Lawrence, Please join us for a fantastic weekend of safe, sustainable and selective spearfishing.

The competition will begin with a registration afternoon on 23rd August and weigh in will be on 25th August with a presentation dinner afterwards.

**LOCATION:**

The boundaries for the Cloughy Challenge shall be Bowen to the north and St Lawrence to the south of Mackay. Divers Leaving from Bowen in the north and ST Lawrence in the south are confined to its local waters and shall not travel beyond these boundaries as shaded in red: 19.8989'S (Abbot Point Terminal) 22'S (Long Island, St Lawrence)

Spearfishing in the Pioneer River is off limits to all competitors, any persons found diving in excluded zones will be disqualified.



## SIGN ON/OFF:

Friday night sign on and briefing will be held at the Andergrove Tavern rear carpark. Sign on starting from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. all competitors must be signed on before cut off time and briefing will commence promptly at 6:15pm.

### **NO BYO ALCOHOL**

Sunday Evening sign off is also at The Andergrove Tavern, 3:00pm sign off with diver tag number presented to officials. Sign off time is **FIRM AND FINAL**.

There will be a light meal supplied whilst Sign off/Weigh in commences. Licensed Bar is also open at this time, NO BYO ALCOHOL.

Presentation will be held after completion of weigh in including allocation of prizes, dinner may be purchased from the bistro if needed.

## NOMINATION

Attached is the registration form, release agreement and proposed scoresheet. To ensure a position in the competition, follow the payment and return instructions by the closing date of FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST.

Late nominations will only be accepted at the discretion of the competition director/ committee.

All competitors must be financial members of the AUF.

AUF online registration is available at [www.AUF.org.au](http://www.AUF.org.au)

## 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.

The Cloughy Challenge has a 3 fish weigh in being you can only with your best three (3) different species of fish to be put forward for the allocation of points.

A fourth (4th) fish may be weighed for the sole opportunity to be awarded as the Most Meritorious Fish Award,

Competitors will report to the Weigh-master, who will weigh all fish over 1kg or, if greater, the minimum legal size. The catch will be recorded on a score sheet.

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. THERE WILL BE NO ICE SUPPLIED ONSITE

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. Competitors breaking the regulations will be disqualified. All competitors must make themselves aware of the rules before the competition. For a guide see <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations/size-possession-limits-tidal> 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](http://www.fisheries.qld.gov.au).

It is the Competitors Responsibility to adhere to GBRMPR maps (available from all tackle stores and online)

## SCORESHEET / ELIGIBLE SPECIES

The scoresheet is attached below and shall be used in assessing points. Competitors are required to know the Queensland rules and regulations and adhere to them.

For more information visit:- [www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations)

Any competitor who returns with a protected species will be disqualified.

To be eligible for the weigh-in ALL fish must have a minimum weight of 1 kg.

All fish taken during the competition are for human consumption and competitors found treating fish inappropriately (e.g. dumping fish) will be disqualified.

Competitors must keep the entirety of their catch.

### SUB-JUNIORS :

It is mandatory for all sub-juniors to have a safety diver.

Safety divers for sub-juniors CAN assist in the water, i.e. tow floats, load guns, burly, etc.

Safety Diver must be allocated on Registration form

### DIVE TAGS

Each competitor will be provided with numbered identification tags at the initial registration.

One tag must be attached to the competitor's float and presented at weigh in along with fish to be weighed.

It is the responsibility of a competitor to secure their fish with their identification tag/s and to ensure their fish remain secure up to the weigh-in location. Any loose or untagged fish WILL be ineligible for weigh-in.

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**Mackay Down Under Skindiving Club  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND DISCLAIMER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that prior to signing this Acknowledgement of Risks and Disclaimer, I have been advised by Mackay Down Under Skin diving Club (the 'Club') and acknowledge that:

1. Snorkelling is a strenuous, physical activity and may increase the health and safety risks for persons suffering from:
    - a. Any medical condition that may be made worse by physical exertion, for example, heart disease, asthma and some lung complaints; or
    - b. Any medical condition that can result in loss of consciousness, for example, some forms of epilepsy and some diabetic conditions; and
    - c. Asthma can be brought on by cold water or salt water mist

d. If I suffer from any conditions referred to above, that I should tell the lookout, snorkelling supervisor or snorkelling guide about those conditions prior to participating in any activities controlled by the Club.
  2. Snorkelling in a pool, other aquatic environments including open water, or any other activity organised by the Club may expose me to a number of hazards and obvious risks, including:
    - a. Equipment related risks;
    - b. Environmental risks arising from conditions (eg. Tides, currents, visibility, solar); and
    - c. Biological hazards (eg. Sharks, marine stingers)
  3. Aquatic activities, including but not limited to participation in Underwater Hockey and other water sports, either in a pool or open water may expose me to a number of hazards and obvious risks, including:
    - a. Physical contact with other participants and or referees resulting in personal injury;
    - b. Equipment related risks;
    - c. Environmental risks arising from conditions (eg. tides, currents, visibility, sola); and
    - d. Biological hazards (eg. sharks, marine stingers, oysters).
  4. A copy of the Queensland Government Workplace Health & Safety Alert dated 03.01.02 titles "Hypoxic Blackout at Recreational Snorkelling Workplaces" is attached to this document and that I have read the Health & Safety Alert and understand how "hypoxic blackout" also known as "shallow water blackout" can be caused and that, that condition may lead to unconsciousness, drowning, serious injury or death.
  5. At all times, I must obey and direction given or request made to me by any authorised officer of the Club.
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Disclosure

I am also aware that if I suffer from any health or physical disability that may hinder my participation in the activities of the Club, I must disclose those disabilities to the Club prior to undertaking any such activity. Therefore, in signing this document, I state that:

- a. I am not suffering from any physical or mental condition that may prevent me from participating in any activities of the Club,
- b. I can swim unaided, and
- c. I am able to tread water to maintain buoyancy.

I am also aware that I must disclose to the Club, any disability that my children or any child in my care and control (the "child") may have prior to their participation in any activity organised or conducted by the Club. Therefore in signing this document, I state that the child does not suffer from any physical or mental condition that may prevent the child's participation, and that the child can

- i. Swim at least 25 metres unaided, and
- ii. Is able to tread water to maintain buoyancy.

I acknowledge that the Club may at the Clubs sole discretion, refuse to allow the child or myself or any other person to participate on the grounds of an unacceptable risk to any persons safety. Should the Club require Documentary evidence of the child's competencies as outlined at i. and ii. Above I agree to provide the requested evidence.

For the consideration of the facilities, equipment and services provided by Mackay Down Under Skindiving Club , I am for myself and my executors, administrators and assigns hereby absolutely release and discharge the Mackay Down Under Skindiving Club , their appointees and assigns, from and against all claims whatsoever arising out of death, personal injury, loss of, or damage to personal property, that I may suffer or sustain in any way connected with the Club activities and I hereby indemnify and agree to keep indemnified the Mackay Down Under Skindiving Club , their appointees and assigns against all claims whatsoever by me in any way arising, and this discharge may be pleaded in a bar to any such claim.

I confirm that I have been afforded the opportunity to obtain independent legal advise as to the effect of this Acknowledgement and Disclaimer on my rights.

Name:.....

Date:.....

Signature:.....

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Shirts must be paid for in full by the 16th August 2019. shirts will be ordered with no spares, failure to order a shirt you will miss out.

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I assume entry into this event at my own risk. In consideration of my participation, I intend to be legally bound. I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims of damage I may have or hereafter accrue to me against the organising committee members, Mackay Down under Skin-diving Club members and executive, sponsors or any other individuals or groups involved in coordinating and organising this event, for defamation, and any and all damages/injuries which may be sustained by me in connection with participation in any "Cloughy Challenge". I further attest and verify that I am physically fit, am enjoying good health, and have sufficient expertise for participation in this event. I acknowledge that the sport of spear fishing has inherent dangers, such as shallow water blackout, marine creature's bites and stings, the danger of other boats colliding with mine, and the risk of injury to me whilst diving.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

**AUF MEMBERSHIP** To compete in the 2018 'Cloughy Challenge' all competitors need to have current AUF membership. This year each diver will be responsible for their own AUF membership. AUF membership available on the AUF website [www.auf-spearfishing.com.au](http://www.auf-spearfishing.com.au)

All competitors **MUST** personally sign on, with proof of AUF membership.  
Friday 23rd August between 4-7 pm, dive briefing starts at 6:30 pm

Time is **FIRM AND FINAL**

**Sign off is at the weigh in area at on the 25th AUGUST 3:00 pm sharp no later or competitor will be disqualified! (pending dire circumstance at discretion of weigh masters)**

Maps to the venue, competition rules & regulations, info sheets and points sheet are all on the Facebook page (Mackay Down Under Skin Diving Club) under files.

**PAYMENT & RETURN**(Cheque or Money Order)

**Mackay Down Under Skin Diving Club**

**12 Pardoe st Bucasia**  
(Direct Debit)

BSB# 645 646 ACC# 601 711 408 Reference AUF #

**Email signed entry form and copy of AUF card to Adon Jorgensen ([jorgo93@outlook.com](mailto:jorgo93@outlook.com))**

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## *Mackay Down Under Skin Diving Club*

### **“2019” CLOUGHY CHALLENGE. Competition Rules**

- 1) Boats are to be arranged by competitors. It is the responsibility of each diver and boat owner to ensure their boats are equipped with the safety gear required by Queensland Boat and Fisheries regulation.
- 2) Boats may have a captain present in the boat while competitors are in the water.
- 3) All boat drivers must be licensed as required by Department of Transport regulations.
- 4) Being towed in by a safety vessel will not disqualify a crew from the event provided that you notify the rescue vessel before the end of the competition and that from your rescue position you could have made it back to sign in before the end of the competition.
- 5) **All vessels engaged in spear fishing activities during the competition shall fly, clearly visible above the vessel, an International Code A (blue/white) flag measuring a minimum of 750 mm x 500 mm clearly visible above the vessel and a minimum height of 600 mm above windscreens or cabins.**
- 6) All boats returning through the heads of the harbour will observe the speed limit at all times. Care should be taken when near other divers, vessels and swimmers. Also consideration should be given to other fishermen who may be in an area already and their rights respected.
- 7) All competitors must not fish by any means before the **Official starting time, 5:00 am Saturday**
- 8) Competitors may move to their fishing areas upon completion of the pre-dive briefing at 4.00pm to 7.00pm . Sign on will be at the pre-dive briefing held on Friday evening starting at 5 pm. Competitors may then remain out until sign off at 3:00 pm on the Sunday. All competitors must maintain contact through the designated communications officer (VMR Mackay) throughout the event.
- 9) Prior to departure to the dive sites, each competitor shall sign their name on the sign on / o f f record sheets at the pre-competition briefing. All competitors must sign their name off the sign on/off record sheet at the completion of the event (3:00 pm Sunday). If the record sheet is not signed, the competitor is considered not to have entered the event.
- 10) Competitors arriving late for sign on (i.e. after the stipulated sign on time) must make special arrangements with the sign on clerk prior to the event. Sign on starts at 5.00 pm and finishes at the end of pre-dive briefing at 7.30pm respectively.
- 11) Burleying is permitted. Only burley obtained in the water at the competition site during the hours of competition is to be used. No burley is to be taken from land.
- 12) A sheathed knife is to be carried by each competitor during the hours of the competition.
- 13) A float, coloured RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW is to be towed by each competitor. An international letter "A" flag must be fixed to each competitors float and weighted so as to fly vertical at all times - even in windy conditions, and is to be used during the duration of the



competition. Flag dimensions minimum size 300 mm x 250 mm with base a minimum of 200 mm above the surface of the water.

- 14) A competitor's personal float may be capable of supporting him/her/them.
- 15) Divers should dive in pairs for safety reasons during the duration of the competition.
- 16) Fish must not be tethered to the body.
- 17) All fish must be captured by a single competitor using a spear, speargun or similar device.
- 18) No breathing aid other than a snorkel shall be permitted.
- 19) Guns fired by the discharge of compressed or explosive gases are not permitted.
- 20) The use of explosives, torches, poison or electricity in the capture of fish is not permitted.
- 21) Competitors may carry powerheads for personal protection, provided they satisfy all legal requirements of the State of Queensland law in allowing their use.
- 22) Competitors must be immersed in the water at the time of spearing of any fish.
- 23) The use of caddies (assistants) during the course of competition is illegal.
- 24) Assisted catches are not allowed. All fish must be taken unassisted by the diver weighing them in.
- 25) Competitors must not enlist transport for their fish by another boat back to the weigh in, unless they accompany their catch with all their equipment.
- 26) Competitors must not load their guns out of water.
- 27) Competitors must not carry loaded guns on their floats.
- 28) When not in use spearheads and knives must at all times be sheathed in an adequate manner. Snorkels are an adequate cover for spearheads out of the water.
- 29) A diver must remain within 30m of his/her float when he/she is at or near the surface of the water.
- 30) All competitors must carry safety gear as mentioned as in Rules 13 - 14.
- 31) Rock hopping is allowed. Any rock hopper competing must have in their possession during the competition all the required safety gear.
- 32) All competitors must sign off at the designated weigh-in area by 3 pm Sunday. Any person late to sign off will be disqualified from the event.
- 33) All fish presented for weigh in are to be of minimum and maximum legal requirements; however the aim is to find the most outstanding fish.
- 34) Only fish listed on the on species list are eligible for weighing, all other fish are off, Except for the Most Meritorious Fish category.
- 35) Fish speared in traps, nets or on lines are **not** eligible for weigh in.
- 36) Only one of each species and only **three** fish in total are to be weighed in per competitor.
- 37) A **fourth** fish can be entered separately for the Most Meritorious Fish category.

- 38) Judging is to be carried out by judges for the Most Meritorious Fish only. (The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered in to). All other categories will be decided from a point's formula; e.g. 100% = maximum target weight. Any fish over target weight will receive points accordingly (all target weights are on the attached score sheets). Each fish entered can only receive a **maximum** of 120 points
- 39) Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that his/her 3 chosen fish are weighed in at the official weigh in area on their zip tag with diver number tag.
- 40) The **Most Meritorious Fish category** has the option of a 4<sup>th</sup> fish entry which is to be nominated on the sign on/sign off form. All fish are in the running for most meritorious category. **Any fish is eligible for Most Meritorious**, however there is a minimum weight of
- a. 36kg for Giant Trevally,
  - b. 24kg for Giant Barracuda & Black-fin Barracuda,
  - c. 14kg Pick-Handled Barracuda
- 41) The competitor should watch the weigh in of their catch. All fish weighed in remain the property of the competitor and as such is his/her responsibility.
- 42) Notwithstanding the above, where a ruling is required that is not covered above; the competition rules of the AUF shall apply.
- 43) Fish are to be weighed on scales, which have been certified. A single set of scales will be used wherever possible, but should it be impracticable to weigh very large fish on these scales; a second set of scales may be used.
- 44) The Weigh master must ensure all competitors' fish are treated in the same way after being submitted by the competitor. In particular no competitor's fish shall be allowed to be kept in water unless all competitors' fish are kept in water.
- 45) Only officials appointed by the Weigh master may handle, process or record fish.
- 46) The Weigh master or his Deputy must ensure all fish are washed in water before being placed on the weighing scale.
- 47) Only the weigh master shall handle fish for measurement or weighing purposes.
- 48) The Fishing Referee shall ensure there are sufficient supplies at the fish deposit points to securely bag or wire all fish to be weighed in.
- 49) Competitors shall deposit their final batch of fish at the designated deposit point and then sign off on the record sheet held by the Sign On/Off clerk at any time before the Timekeeper signals the end of the competition.
- 50) The Sign On/Off Clerk may sign off a competitor only if the competitor is clearly within the designated competition finish area. Unless prior arrangement has been made with the clerk.
- 51) It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure he/she is properly signed off.
- 52) Once a competitor enters the sealed off weigh in area, all fish in his possession shall be deemed to have been presented for weigh in.
- 53) After signing off a competitor may not return to the waters in the competition area.
- 54) After a competitor has presented his fish to the weigh in area he/she shall neither deposit more fish nor interfere with fish previously deposited in the weigh in area.
- 55) The timekeeper shall signal clearly and loudly (by horn) the end of the competition.

56) If during the hours of the competition, the Event Organizer broadcasts a radio message on VHF channel 21 signaling the end of the competition, all competitors must cease fishing and return to Mackay Harbour. This would occur only in the event of an emergency.

57) Whilst failure to sign off before the Timekeeper signals the end of competition means automatic disqualification, it is still necessary for late competitors to sign off.

**58) CRITICAL RULE – PLEASE NOTE!!!**

**All Australian Underwater Federation A Section rules of competition will apply.**

- A penalty will be incurred by any competitor who enters the sealed off weigh in area with a fish less than the minimum or greater than the maximum legal length.

**PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT**

- A penalty will be incurred by any competitor proven to have been in the water prior to the official water entry time, or anyone who returns after the set time.

**PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT.**

- A penalty will be imposed on any competitor proven to have been fishing in any of the closed areas of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, or in other closed areas as covered by regulation.

**PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM ALL EVENTS**

- A penalty will be imposed on any competitor who takes any fish on the list of Protected Species for Queensland as set out in the fisheries regulations.

**PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM ALL EVENTS.**

- A penalty will be imposed on any competitor proven to have presented fish to the weigh master that he/she has not single handedly captured.

**PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM ALL EVENTS.**

**COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

**FISHING REFEREE:** - Adon Jorgensen

**SIGN ON/SIGN OFF CLERK:** Shaun Tencate

**TIMEKEEPER:** - Alan Jorgensen

**WEIGHMASTER:** - Daniel Russell/Kane Russell

Each Official may have assistants as required.

**PROTESTS**

1) In the Cloughy Challenge all protests including those involving discrepancies in the score sheets must be notified within one (1) hour of the weigh in being concluded by the Fishing Referee. All protests during the "Challenge" shall be handed in writing to the Fishing Referee who shall ensure they are in order prior to presentation to the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee shall consist of the five persons on the judging panel and the Fishing Referee who shall preside as Chairman over the meeting, and present to it all relevant details after investigation, and indicate where applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the matter apply.

2) Protests in this competition may be made by any competitor or official, and must be handed to the Fishing Referee or appointed Deputy no later than one hour from the time of conclusion of the weigh-in for the day's event.

- 3)** All protests must be in writing, dated and complete with the name and signature of the person protesting.
- 4)** Protests in this competition must be accompanied by a fee of AU\$100 to be refunded if the protest is upheld, or at the discretion of the Committee if the protest is rejected.
- 5)** In the case of exceptional circumstances for which no provision has been made in the Rules, the Committee may, on protest from the competitor concerned, use its discretion to lift a disqualification and impose a different penalty.