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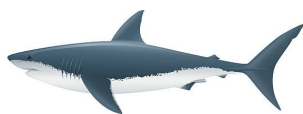
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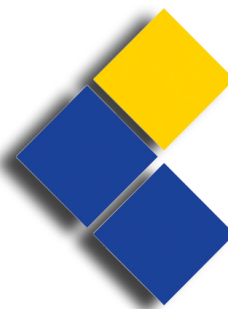
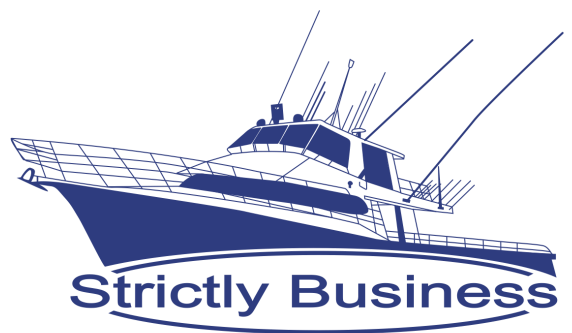
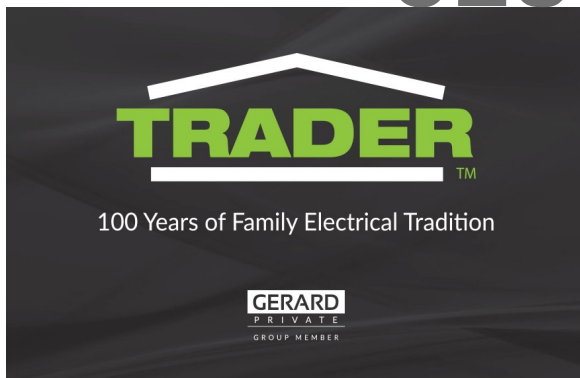
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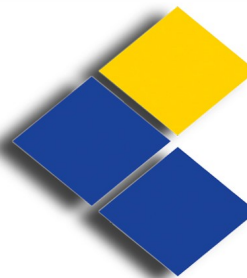
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Rolf Czabayski (Snr)
Club Secretary

Responsible for Club admin
assistant to the Treasurer &
Editor of the clubs news letter
"The Pointer" Publication



Ralph Czabayski (Jnr)
*** GFC of SA President ***

Club figure head responsible for supervising
the general running and presentation of the Club as well as
acquiring yearly sponsorships and advertising for the Club



Steve White
Club Treasurer
Responsible for Club financials

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Graham Bold
Tournament Director

Responsible for Organizing
& Running of all the Clubs yearly
Challenges & Tournaments



Ashley North
Club Weight Recorder

Responsible for all Club Points
Recordings & Records
• Purchasing Trophies
• Presentation of Trophies for
all of the Clubs Challenges &
Tournaments.



Steve Morris
Club Technical Adviser

Responsible for advisor for any Club
technical rulings that occur

Web Site Coordinator

Responsible for updating & maintaining
the Club website.



Sam Roccatti
GFCSA Functions Coordinator

Responsible for Organizing & Coordinating
All Club Social Functions



Mark Snadden
Committee & General Duties



Mark Hoepner

Club Merchandise Coordinator

In charge of all Club Stocks & Sales
of Club Merchandise.

This could be you!
Ring Rolf at 0408 364 488 for
further details. Don't be shy!



Committee position
VACANT

Presidents Report



GFC of SA President
Ralph Czabayski
2018/19

Dear Members,

Welcome to the third edition of the pointer magazine.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Unfortunately I did not manage to do much fishing over the break, but hopefully our members managed to drop a line in.

You would have all received the second edition of the pointer magazine. The second edition was as good as the first edition. I enjoyed reading the magazine and I would like to congratulate Rolf for his efforts.

The cockle day we had at Goolwa was a great event and we had about 30 of our members turn up. The BBQ lunch and drinks put on by the club were enjoyed by all. Thanks to our committee members who helped on the day. This is a great event, you should all put it in your calendar for this year.

We celebrated our Christmas Show in Port Lincoln and Adelaide. Both shows were a great success. The weather as kind to us and the food and drinks were excellent. Again, thanks to all our committee members for there effort in helping to set up the events.

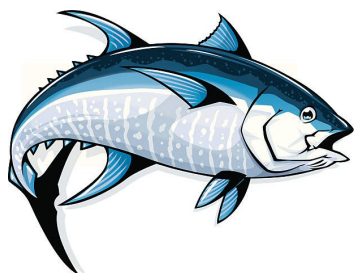
The season has started off slowly in regard to club recordings. From what Ashley has told me the recordings have increased and are keeping him very busy.

The club is in good shape financially and has no other debts apart from daily bills.

Tight Lines,

Ralph Czabayski

President



Treasurers Report



GFC of SA Treasurer
Steve White
2018/19

All members – GFCSA

Financial Overview of Club

Club revenues have increased by about \$7k for seven months July to January inclusive, compared to the same period last financial year, with the increase mainly due to improved Advertising and Sponsorship. Once again, the Club has received \$5,000 sponsorship from Teak Events for the 2019 Peter Teakle Wines Port Lincoln BWC tournament – thank you, Peter!

Expenses were on par with last year's result, with lower rents but additional outgoings. Function and tournament expenses were lower.

Receivables were at \$1k at the end of January with Pacific Marine the sole debtor.

Other than day to day running costs, the Club has no financial liabilities.

Year to date receipts totalled more than \$54k compared to \$47k last year. Total expenses at the end of January were \$21k compared to \$22k last year. Interest receipts lifted the current surplus to \$34k compared to \$22k last year. The Club had over \$186k in cash assets out of a total of \$330k all assets.

Detailed Club financial information may be obtained by contacting the Club Secretary Rolf Czabayski or myself.

Stephen White

Treasurer GFCSA

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WEIGHT RECORDERS REPORT



Ash North
GFCSA 2019

Hi all

We have recently completed our Tuna/Snapper double challenge with a few recordings coming through.

I would like to remind everyone to please check the challenge criteria as I had to remove a few recordings from the challenge and change them to yearly recordings as it was an *8kg and below line class challenge.

Please find below an up to date listing of the current standings and the results of the Tuna/ Snapper Challenge, you will also be able to find this information on the clubs website. For the season so far I have received over 120 recordings and also have 2 pending records claims.

That's all from me, tight lines and happy fishing.



Over 25ft Category

Boat Name	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Galaxy Star	2433.00	600.00	3033.00
Spartacus	924.00	267.50	1191.50

Anglers Scores

Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points
Paul Tobin	Mens	1105.00	250.00	1355.00
Zane Nicblock		488.00	0.00	488.00
Graham Bald		320.00	100.00	420.00
	Ladies			
	Junior			
	Small Fry			



Trailer Boat Category

Boat Name	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Canoe	850.00	0.00	850.00
Raptor	418.33	0.00	418.33
Micks Winch	233.00	100.00	333.00

Anglers Scores

Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points
Ashley Brandom	Mens	850.00	0.00	850.00
Mark Snadden	Mens	418.00	0.00	418.00
Mick Dawe	Mens	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lee Van Soest	Ladies	233.00	0.00	233.00
	Junior			
	Small Fry			



Landbased

Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Ashley Brandom	Mens	11411.00	0.00	11411.00
Mark Hoepner	Mens	6585.30	0.00	6585.30
Jason D'Angelo	Mens	0.00	250.00	250.00
Lee Van Soest	Ladies	120.00	0.00	120.00
	Junior			
	Small Fry			



Glossary =>

Category = (Boats Over 25ft , Boats 25ft & Under & Land Base)
Division = (Men's, Ladies, juniors & Small Fry)
Section = (Highest Points, Tagging, Capture, Heaviest, Most Meritorious etc)
Species = (Listed GFAA Game Fish, Sharks & Eagle Rays combined)
Game Fish = (Listed GFAA fish only)



GFCSA 2018 2019 FISHING EVENTS



TOURNAMENTS & CHALLENGES

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Shark Challenge

Starts:-Saturday 0700hrs 3th Nov 2018
Ends:-Sunday 0700hrs 2nd Dec 2018

COMPLETED

All Waters, 24kg and under line classes

Most Meritorious: Shark
Heaviest: Shark
Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions
GFAA Equipment rules apply!

COMPLETED

PACIFIC MARINE Wirrina Snapper Open

Starts:-Saturday 1200hrs 15 Dec..2018
Ends:-Sunday 0600hrs 16 Dec..2018

COMPLETED

NONE Line Class section (rules are:- legal by state law)
only one fish weighed per angler per day will count

PRIZES AWARDED EACH DAY - US\$1,000.00 CASH FOR OVER ALL WINNER

Heaviest Snapper:- Saturday.. Winner.. The Heaviest Snapper weighed
Heaviest Snapper:- Sunday.. Winner.. The Heaviest Snapper weighed
Winners over all :- Heaviest Snapper weighed Sat and Sun Combined Weight

COMPLETED

Tuna / Snapper Challenge

Starts:-Saturday 0700hrs 15 Dec 2018
Ends:-Sunday 0700hrs 27 Jan 2019

COMPLETED

All Waters, 8kg line and under line classes All GFAA Species & Rules apply

Heaviest Combined Weight - 1 Tuna, 1 Snapper
Most Meritorious: Tuna / Snapper
Heaviest: Tuna / Snapper
Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions

COMPLETED

WIRINNA TUNA TOURNAMENT 2019

Based from Wirrina Vessels must

Radio check fishing
Starts:- Saturday 0700hrs 15h Feb 2019
Ends:- Sunday 1500hrs 17th Feb 2019

COMPLETED

No Boundaries All GFAA Species & Rules apply

Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions
NONE Line Class section (rules are:- legal by state law)
Winner None line class Boat:- Heaviest Game species weighed Sat and Sun Combined
Winning Angler:- Angler with The Heaviest Weighed Game species
Winning Tag Angler:- Most game fish Tagged by an Angler

COMPLETED

Land Based Challenge

Starts:-Saturday 0700hrs 02 Mar 2019
Ends:-Sunday 2359hrs 31 Mar 2019

All Waters, All line Classes, All GFAA Species & Equipment rules apply!

Most Meritorious: Game Fish
Heaviest: Game Fish
Highest Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions

PETER TEAKLE WINES - Blue Water Classic TOURNAMENT 2019



Tournament Base 'Memory Cove'

Starts: (Briefing) Friday 6-30pm 15th Mar 2019
Ends: (Presentation) Wednesday 20th Mar 2019

GFAA Line Class Rules section or a NONE Line Class section (rules are:- legal by state lawOnly)

All Categories & Divisions GFAA Equipment Rules Apply!
GFAA Fish species Game Fish, Sharks & Eagle Rays
Rules, Times and Criteria to be issued at the briefing
Presentation Dinner Thursday 21th March

All Water 'Ultra Light' Challenge

Starts:-Saturday 0700hrs 1th June 2019
Ends:-Sunday 2359hrs 30th June 2019

All Waters, 6kg and under line Classes

Heavies/Most Meritorious Species over all for each line class up to 6kg
Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Anglers
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Anglers
GFAA Equipment rules apply!

SOCIAL EVENTS

2018 Christmas Party Pt.Lincoln Sun 25th Nov 2018

Location 32a Parnkalla Ave Lincoln Cove **COMPLETED**

2018 Christmas Party Adelaide Sun 2nd Dec 2018

Location the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron **COMPLETED**

Blue Water Classic - Tackle Night Wed 27th Feb 2019

At the GFCSA clubrooms 477 Port Rd Croydon **COMPLETED**

Club BBQ April 28th 2019

Club Rooms 477 Port Rd.

AGM Wed 24th Jul 2019

At the GFCSA clubrooms 477 Port Rd Croydon

Presentation Night 2018-2019 Seas Date to be Advised

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Port Lincoln Peter Teakle Blue Water Classics 15th-21st March 2019

SEEKING FISHING CREW MEMBER

New member seeks boat owners looking for a crew member for fishing trips, be it day trips/tournaments, local or not so local etc. You will find that I am a friendly respectful caring person that has been fishing for many years. If you can help me get out on the water, then I would love to hear from you.



I can be contacted on **0402047716**

Regards, David.

THANK YOU

The Club would like to thank Zane Niblock for his donation and delivery of a desk for our Club room.

Thank you Zane.

Also a thank you to Ralph Czabayski for donating a barbecue.

Welcome Mark Hoepner to the committee, I'm sure you will do a great job in your new port folio.

HAVE YOU GOT A GOOD CATCH TO CLAIM?



PATCHES FOR TAG & RELEASE

GFAA Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify as follows:

- Tag & release of five fish of three separate species, including sharks.
- Tag & release of 10 fish of five separate species, including sharks.
- Tag & release of 15 fish of five separate species, including sharks.

To qualify for the awards, the angler must submit the following:

1. species of fish;
2. dates of tag & release;
3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
4. cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch.

Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.

GAMEFISH MERIT PINS (Table A)

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	2	3	4	8
2	4	6	8	16
3	6	9	12	24
4	8	12	16	32
6	12	18	24	48
8	16	23	32	64
10	20	30	40	80
15	30	45	60	120
24	48	72	96	192
37	90	135	250	500
60	150	210	325	650

SHARK & EAGLE RAY MERIT PINS (Table B)

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	4	6	8	16
2	8	12	16	32
3	12	18	24	48
4	16	24	32	64
6	24	36	48	96
8	32	48	64	128
10	40	60	80	160
15	60	90	120	240
24	96	144	192	384
37	180	270	500	1000
60	30	420	650	1300





First Tuna For the Season

Had some time away with the family, and the weather looked good for a few days down at Marion Bay on the weekend.

with a slight S/E the boat was not too bad to launch but retrieving was a challenge.

Suzanne Shoals was our destination, looking for Tuna, and as we arrived we didn't see much life or bait so we headed more towards Wedge, where we found a good school waiting for us, not many boats around so I started to get hopeful, after 10 minutes going around the edges, we had a triple hook up, lost one early and released another by the side of the boat, as this tuna was very small, the other one took a while longer to slow down, but when we gaffed it we realized it was a good size fish.

Off we go again and 5 minutes later a double hook up with both landed. After a couple more fish where landed we knew we were on a good size weighing fish in this school.

2 off the fish weighed just over 25 kilos, I haven't seen good sizes like this for a while.

Had enough Tuna so time to do some bottom bouncing before heading in.

Back at the ramp we were greeted by the tuna surveyors (Shane SA Angler) who was interested on our size of the fish.

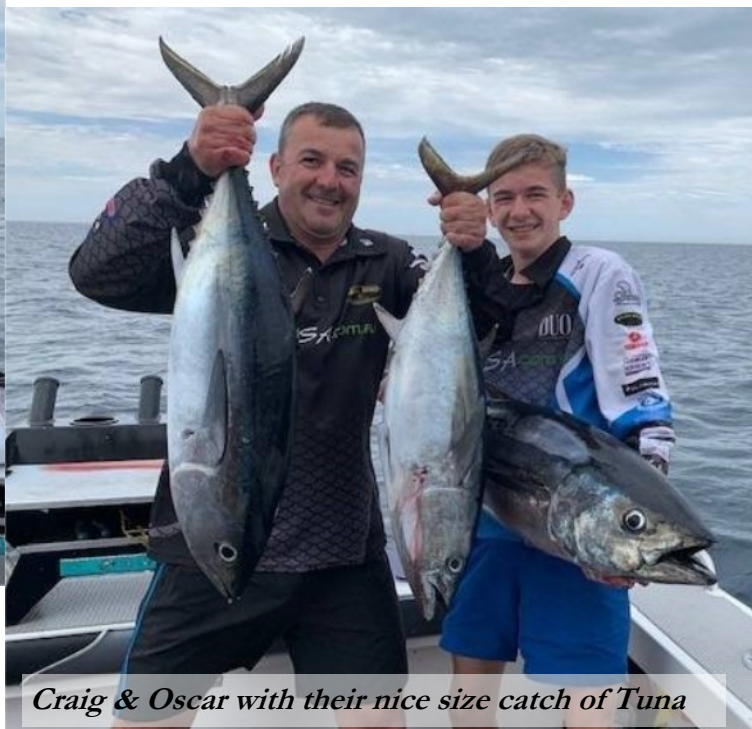
The other days we came in a bit later and must of missed them.



Craig with nice size Tuna

Kind Regards, GFCSA member

Craig & Oscar Dade



Craig & Oscar with their nice size catch of Tuna

Our South Island Adventure



We flew into Christchurch and immediately you could see the reminisce of the Earthquake that hit in 2011 killing 185 people and injured another 2000. The city still has so many vacant lots that multi-storey buildings once stood. Even though it has been through all the devastation Christchurch is very pretty with its countless gardens and the beautiful Avon River running through the city.

Our plans were to drive around the whole island so we decided to head North first and stop at Limestone Hill truffle farm. Gabriella had arranged a guide who had a very impressive dog named Rosy who would sniff out truffles underground. We spent a few hours digging up truffles and ended up with a perfect amount for pasta with truffles. We stopped at one of the lovely Wairapa region wineries and bought a bottle of wine to match. We searched for a place to set camp for the night and found a beautiful spot near a crystal clear stream and enjoyed our dinner under the star filled sky. We woke early the next morning and departed for the Abel Tasman National Park. The Abel Tasman is renowned for its golden beaches, sculptured granite cliffs, and its world-famous coastal tracks. We jumped into our ocean kayak at set off for an anchorage called Frenchman Bay.



The 3 hour kayaking trip to get there was beautiful, the seas were calm, the water clear and we loved watching the seals swimming under the kayak. We got to our anchorage, dragged the kayak up the beach, got changed into our hiking gear and began our 12km hike through the beautiful lush green forest, the scenery was breathtaking.



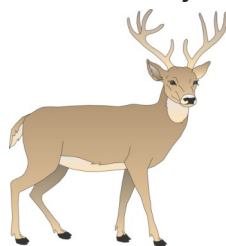
Getting to our next destination Franz Josef glacier was truly one of the most spectacular scenic drives we have ever experienced. The alps stretch 500km and here you see snow peaked towering alps that meet peaceful sounds and rugged coastlines merge with sweeping plains. We arrived at the base of the glacier and had a helicopter arranged to drop us off for a 4 hour guided hike. Our guide lead us through some of the most spectacular ice formations, caves, tunnels and crevasses, it's was truly inspiring.

As we were driving around the South Island there was always something exciting to see and do. There were so many wineries to stop at, lakes to fish from, walking treks and the scenery was simply stunning. We were lucky enough to be there through white bait season. For 2 months of the year the locals are allowed to fish for white bait, we would see hundreds of people lining the rivers edge waiting for the white bait to come in at high tide. They were always so generous in sharing there catch with us and allowing us to have a go, however they are very protective over there spot, we saw numerous argument between locals.



One of the most exiting things I have ever done was helicopter hunting. Gabriella and I would pack our backpacks with enough food and water for the day as well as a little compact cooker, a GPS, satellite phone, rifle and of course a fishing rod. The helicopter would drop us off on these amazing snowy mountains in the middle of no where and not return for 8 hours. It was such a serial feeling jumping out of a hovering helicopter in the most beautiful remote locations. We would spend the day trekking through the most unbelievable spectacular terrain, sometimes falling through the thick snow into the stream below. We would often stop for a quick coffee or to cook some food, we even tried flicking some lures in the most crystal clear pristine streams we have ever seen. Once we found a suitable location for the chopper to land we would message the GPS coordinates to the pilot and wait for our ride out.

We enjoyed this so much we continued to do this a few more times on our travels around the South Island, we even met a helicopter pilot Bill who has been shooting and recovering deer for export market for 40 years. After some gentle persuasion I finally convinced him to let me shoot from the chopper for him. It took some getting use to, flying around with no door on the helicopter. As he would spot an animal he would put the helicopter in this incredibly steep turn, I had one hand on the rifle and the other was gripped tightly onto the chopper, despite his efforts to reassure me I didn't need to hold on as I wouldn't fall out, I kept holding on. We spent the afternoon shooting deer, goats and pigs and marking the location with his GPS. Once we finished shooting we then backtracked to where we had shot the animals, he would hover the chopper over the steep terrain and I would jump out place a rope around the animal.



He would then land the chopper on top of me so I could hook the rope up to the helicopter. Once we had 7 to 10 deer hooked on to the chopper we would return to his house to drop them off. We continued to do this until we collected all of the deer.



As we continued our drive around the South Island, the adventures just got better, today's adventure was bungee jumping. Gabriella had been talking about doing this for some time now, I didn't think she would have had the courage to go through with it. It was a 134 meter drop and 8.5 second free fall. As I watched her prepare for the jump my heart was racing, I could only imagine what hers was doing. She stood at the end of the platform, 3,2,1 and without any hesitation she jumped. I watched as she dropped 134 meters and then was dangling like a tea bag being dipped in a cup. She did it, I was definitely impressed and definitely not going to do it myself.



We spent the next 3 days on a farm as helping hands, we would wake early in the morning and help hand feed the 80 new born calves. This was a huge job preparing the milk, feeding them and then having to clean it all up. We also went out with the farmer to round up his cattle, not that we can really call that work, watching the dogs round up all the cattle was fascinating.

From helicopter rides and white water rafting, to low level flights in a biplane and catching fresh water salmon, the adventures continued. We even went hot air ballooning, we connect the basket to the balloon then watched as the balloon slowly inflated, we jumped into the basket and lifted off. It was such a beautiful, peaceful experience floating through the sky with no control over the steering and watching the sun rise over the vast Canterbury Plains.



After spending 6 weeks on the South Island the time had come for us to leave, we will never forget all the incredible adventures we have experienced. The island is truly a spectacular place, not just for its scenery or all the adventures that it holds but the backbone of the island, the most down-to-earth locals you'll ever meet.

As we sit at the airport waiting to board our plane back to Auckland, reality sets in as we realise that our New Zealand Adventures have almost come to an end. We need to start preparing ourselves as well as the boat for the 1200nm trip back to Australia.

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MV HUNTRESS

A TRIP TO REMOTE PORT DAVEY ON MV HUNTRESS AND THE NEW MV MAITA'I HOBART TO BRUNY ISLAND



MV MAITA'I

During December and January Bob (Hill), Owen and myself had a very special boating experience in Tasmania. We enjoyed the company of some great friends and family. In mid- January, we were really looking forward to catching up with our friends from Adelaide; Rolf, Ralph, Susan and Harry Czabayski.

After a lot of excitement and loading all the 'supplies', we departed the Prince of Wales Marina, Hobart. MV Huntress and the new MV Maitai headed south along the Derwent River.



Cruising under the Tasman Bridge, was an eerie feeling to think about the accident that occurred in 1975 when a bulk ore carrier collided with pylons on the eastern side. The bridge collapsed onto the deck of the ship. The highest, most central point of the bridge is now reserved for large cargo ships only to traverse under.



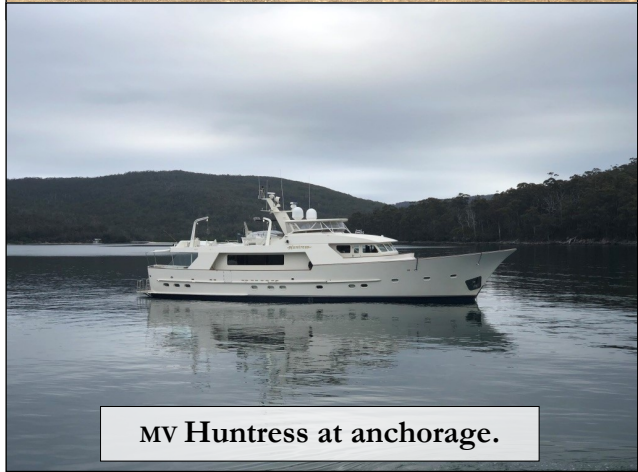
We swung west at Dennes Point, Bruny Island, into the beautiful d'Entrecasteaux channel- a boating paradise. Surrounded by stunning scenery, we anchored at Barnes Bay for the night. A quick search revealed the Bruny Island Whiskey House was not too far away. Scouting for a way on to land, we navigated the tender between the oysters and made our way up through some private property and barbed wire to reach the Whisky House!

Unfortunately, (or maybe fortunately) they were closing and the tasting session was over. We purchased a few bottles of Tasmanian Whisky and Gin for our trip, making back for Huntress and our own private tasting and told stories late into the night...



Rolf, Ralph, Susan, Cherekee and Bob.

Day 2 saw us starting late. Ralph decided Tasmanian whisky was not for him! Around the corner in Great Bay we anchored on a windy day. The tender battery was flat, but after some superb electrical work by Rolf and Ralph, they had us going again. A short walk along the beach took us to the Bruny Island Cheese Company and the oyster bar, Get Shucked! Both are excellent and a must to visit in Tasmania. After lunch, we cruised south at 38 knots to discover the beautiful and historical Recherche Bay - the most southern point to which you can drive in Australia.



MV Huntress at anchorage.

French Captain, Bruni d'Entrecasteaux stopped here for 4 weeks in 1792, searching for the lost explorer La Perouse. They also performed scientific research and collected botanical specimens. During the 1830's and 40's, it was a whaling station and then later became important for timber. We put the lobster pots down for night.

Day 3 dawned with excitement and enthusiasm – finally the fishing was to begin. Pedra Branca is a famous rock in the Southern Ocean teeming with life. Surrounded by seals, diving gannets, albatross and whales, ocean life abounds. The targets for the day were blue fin tuna and trumpeter – quite a large, dense fish but very tasty!

Previously at Flinders Island, Bob had caught quite a few, however they remained elusive on the South East Cape. Always a skillful fisherman, Ralph the caught two. Lucky we had him on board or we would have been eating tuna all week!

The new Maita'i 66' proved to be a formidable machine. A plan was made to visit Pedra Branca again the next day and weather permitting, round the South East Cape to Port Davey. Luckily, the wind dropped and we had a great day of fishing, visiting the abalone divers at Matsuyker Island and then winding our way in through the lobster -loaded Breaksea Islands.

What waited for us were the most majestic mountain ranges. It appeared to be snow capping them. On closer inspection, these white patches were actually quartzite rock. The beaches were filled with small white rounded stones.



Susan and Ralph with a nice tuna.



Bob with a nice eating Trumpeter.



The water was clean but the colour of black tea from running off through the immense mountainous wilderness. This area is officially like no other. Due to the colour of the water, no plant life grows in this area. The darkness creates a space for creatures that normally live hundreds of metres under the ocean to live in 4-15 metres of water.

It felt like a million miles from anywhere. There were two yachts anchored in a space six times larger than Sydney Harbour. The sun set over the mountains and the boat gently swung with the tide.

It was a totally different story the next morning. The notorious south-wester came howling in. One thing I learned from our adventure in Tasmania is that the wind can literal swing 360 degrees in a day. Fishing was out so we decided on a walk up a mountain, following the young Owen and Harry along the wombat trails.

Further east, into the huge Port, we went exploring Bathurst Harbour and Melaleuca. This is where the famous Deny King lived almost his entire life. I would strongly recommend reading his biography, King of the Wilderness – the Life of Deny King. This man toughed it out as tin miner in one of the most remote places on earth until he was in his 70's. His museum is quite interesting and tells the story of resourcefulness, resilience and friendship, opening the South East Cape to bushwalkers and nature lovers. Eventually he cemented the conservation of the South West Cape. We were all inspired by him.



The new Maita'i on the move.



Harry and Owen had a blast fishing, bushwalking and exploring. It was so good to see them drop their devices and enjoy the outdoors like we did.



Harry and Owen

All good things eventually come to an end. As we headed back to Hobart, we all felt like we had experienced something unique and special with our friends. The fishing and lobster catching were just the icing on the cake.



By Cherekee Hill



Game Fishing with Sea Baby IV

Growing up as a kid from the country it was always my favourite time of the year when we went for our family holidays to the coast marlin fishing. Over these early decades I remember watching my father bring marlin to land and the pure excitement that was had.

I guess those early days are what set the tone for me as a game fisherman. Once I was out of school and earning my own money the real adventures begun and my life goals started add up.

Firstly there was my passion for catching jumbo Bluefin and I spent many holidays over a few years travelling the world capturing over 100 Giant Bluefin weighing up to 918lbs.

But overall I had always dreamed about owning my Sportsfishing boat and catching record marlin as an angler.

Purchasing my fish Sportsfishing boat which was a 40' O'Brien called Manu-Kai, I had an awesome time catching many black and striped marlin from Cairns to Bermagui including my first two fish that were 10-1's on line class.

During that season it became extremely evident that we were asking so much of an old boat, the bills were adding up at a phenomenal rate just trying to keep the boat going.

So when a fully refurbished and one of Cairns all time classic boat 'Sea Baby IV' came up for sale I had to have it.

Fast forward 7 months from purchase we have dialled the boat in catching upwards of a dozen Blue Marlin on the Gold Coast, having a day out with just my wife and I on the boat catching and releasing 7 Striped Marlin in a day, fishing solo and catching a Shortbill Spearfish, many Dolphin fish over 20kgs and having a 500lb Blue Marlin miss the bite all in one day, now we have just captured our first Pending Australian record. To say we are happy with the boat would be an understatement.



'Sea Baby IV' early morning heading out of Bermagui

Making the move with the boat to Bermagui we set our sites on capturing the 4kg Striped Marlin record.

On the first day out on 4kg we switch a hot striped marlin around 90kg that went crazy jumping through the main line losing that one.

The very next day we were back out and around 9am we switched a beautiful marlin that did all the right things perfect tease perfect bite, the fish sat down about 20m sulking for about 15minutes before deciding it wasn't very happy with the situation and came to the surface jumping.

With some exceptional boat driving by captain Dave Cassar we got the fish on the leader for a gaff shot but unfortunately the hook tore out of the fishes mouth as the gaffs were going in and we lost it.

An hour later we found another marlin feeding on a bait ball, we positioned and got a bait in the right spot to get the bite. This fish was stubborn and for the next hour we worked the angles on the fish as it refused to leave the safety of the bait ball, we watched many marlin come and feed from the bait ball but persisted with our fish we already had hooked up.

As this was happening the wind had blown up to around 30knots and was beginning to make it hard.

Eventually this fish made a mistake and came to the surface doing really lazy jumps and we were right there with it, captain Cassar put the fishes tail basically in the exhaust pipe trying to get the leader while it was jumping but the leader was under its tail and there was nothing to grab and the fish went deep.

After 3 hours of changing angles working the fish trying to get it to react we decided we had lost to the belly in the line and the weather.

Fast forward 10 more fish we had been extremely close to a few but unable to get gaffs in.



'Sea Baby IV'

As with all fishing the perfect days do come along and we finally had our day. On the back of a 35 knots Southerly (*which we had fished*) we ran back out to where the fish were the previous day, caught all our bait and started teasing.

It wasn't long and we had a Striped Marlin chasing our teaser, perfect tease and I switched it onto a live slimy.

This was going to be our fish, it swam away from us pretty unhappy with the fact there was a hook in its breakfast- at around the 5 minute mark it came to the surface jumping like mad the weather conditions were on our side the marlin pulled every move with us spinning two complete circles which it jumped around before it settled into down sea jumps which put the odds in our favour.

Every jump it made down sea we closed the gap as we surfed down the waves after it.

Getting the leader 'Statue' got a good wrap, the marlin swam across the transom and our momentum going backwards pulled it up along the starboard side of the boat.

The first gaff went in as it jumped forward but this tore out just as the second gaff went in on the next jump, third gaff was in followed by our meat hook and the fish was ours!! All before 7am!

We looked at the Marlin on the deck, measured it and knew it was close but the day was only young so we decided to keep fishing- after a cheeky celebration beer!!

15 minutes later we switched another around 75kgs on 4kg line which we caught and I decided to let go as it was smaller than the one we already had.

By the time the afternoon came around we had exhausted every formula for working out the weights and had worked out that the fish was going to be extremely close so at 3pm we ran it to the weigh station.

Hoisting it up it went 82.7kg on 4kg making it a Pending Australian record.

This fish will be the first of many we will take, it's so good when the extreme preparation and 15hour days on the water we go through start to pay off.

We now know we can successfully land our Marlin on light tackle and will work our way through the line classes.

Kind regards,
Klynton Krause
Managing Director Krause Bricks



Klynton & the Sea Baby IV Crew with their 82.7kg Marlin on 4kg line Pending Australian Record

A BLAST FROM THE PAST 1950

Club's Governor of S.A. Sir Willoughby Norrie

**2,225 lb WHITE SHARK CAUGHT ON Rod and Line
But not claimed As World Record**

On March 15th 1950, Sir Willoughby Norrie hooked, played and landed a "White Pointer Shark" of Port Lincoln, South Australia. This was officially weighed at 2,225lb and is believed the largest shark ever caught on Rod and Line. Due to the kind co-operation of Mr. E.W. Palmer. Honorary Secretary of the Game Fishing Club of South Australia, we are able to publish an exclusive account of this outstanding achievement.

Who is this sporting Angler?

Born in London in 1893, and educated at Eton College, Sir Willoughby Norrie served in both World Wars, was wounded on four occasions, receiving many Decorations for gallantry. He has never visited America, but hopes to pass through New York early this May, and will visit his Grandfather's former house, 253, Fifth Avenue, Sold by the Norrie family in 1920. At the time of Pearl Harbour in December 1944, his assignment was Commander 30 Corps with the rank of Lieutenant-General, in the Western Desert of Libya, where the first U.S.A. Troops to take part in Battle were attached in May 1942 to his Corps for Instructional purposes, under Senator Cabot Lodge. This was the time when Rommel was acting like a shark amongst smaller fish, having all the advantages of superior equipment, yet he failed to reach EGYPT, and was later decisively beaten at EL ALAMEIN.

In his younger days, Sir Willoughby Norrie was a successful amateur Steeplechase rider, and a well known Hog-Hunter in India, being runner-up of the famous Kadir Cup. He commanded the 10th Royal Hussars in which H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester served. Incidentally, he created a World record by killing a wild boar in India from his horse with his stirrup iron and without any other form of weapon.

He has been a popular and esteemed Governor of South Australia for the last five years, and King George VI has recently extended his period of Office for a further three Years. Governor Norrie has received many messages of congratulations on his unique feat from all over the World, though he has not yet received enquiries from Madame Tussauds!

We admire his sportsmanship in note submitting "a Claim", but as Mr.C.R. Cowell remarks this catch of nearly one ton will go down to history as belonging to His Excellency Sir Willoughby Norrie, and will stimulate other Anglers to visit South Australian Waters, about which the late Zane Grey once wrote- "I know' of no place in the World where Australia's premier sporting fish- the white death shark -is so numerous, as in South Australia's protected Gulf's. Although the White Pointer Shark predominates, there are many other sharks to be caught, Mako, Cocktail and Blue-Gum – also Tuna (Tunny) and Australian Salmon up to 12lb. Here is the story straight from the mouth of The Governor, and not from the mouth of the shark, although a photograph of the latter appears below.

Account. In a special interview, Sir Willoughby Norrie gives this graphic account:- I was always keen to catch a Shark and gladly accepted an invitation from Dr. A.L. Tostevin of Adelaide- the owner of the good 48 ft Yacht "NYROCA"- to re-Visit Port Lincoln waters.

The President of the Game Fishing Association of Australia (Mr.G.R. Cowell) had warned me that one of the attractions of Shark Fishing off Port Lincoln was that no two sharks ever did the same thing when hooked and that one could never tell for certain how they would re-act. The dates fixed for the expedition were March 13th to 17th, of this year, but during most of this period the weather was unfavourable for fishing, due to strong South and South-East winds.

As a result of these conditions, the Skipper (W.G.Green) decided it would be wiser to try our luck in the vicinity of the Banks Group of Islands, which is a famous and popular locality for big sharks. On March 15th we anchored off Winceby Island, and conditions appeared quite good for laying a trail of Oil from the blubber of a dead Seal. Nobody knows more about fishing than Jim Green, and I would never have got this fish without him: He was confident all along we would get one.

We had been in position a couple of hours and the Crew were all resting, whilst I was sitting in the swivel chair astern "looking out" when suddenly an enormous shark appeared, the first I had ever seen under such conditions.

It was a real thrill to see such a Monster so clearly: the shark "shook" the dinghy viciously, and then circled round the YACHT once, before going straight for one of the lures hanging over the stern of the boat.

The Skipper, in the meanwhile, had been warned and arrived in time to see that the Shark meant to take the second lure as soon as possible. We were begged by others on board for extra time to get Cameras ready, but the fish was both impatient and hungry!

This delay took, I suppose, about a minute, and the fish was obviously determined to get the second lure, whether Cameras were ready or not: He came in at it, with his jaws wide open, when the bait (with the two hooks attached) was dropped into his open mouth, as he rose out of the water to within a few inches of the deck.

The fish made two gashes with his teeth in the sides of "Nyroca" in attacking the lures. It seemed an appreciable time before the Shark decided to make a run, although it was probably not more than fifteen seconds. The fish then went off at a strong slow trot, rather than at a gallop. As soon as I felt first pressure on my line, I struck vigorously and was confident that he had been well and truly hooked. Although I had caught striped Marlin (315lb) in New Zealand, this was my first experience at Shark fishing, so it was a case of real beginner's luck. We were not more than half-a-mile from the shore and were in comparatively shallow waters (about 31/2 fathoms) which definitely assisted in catching the fish. He went out to a maximum distance of 400 to 500 yards, but the fish was not spectacular, did not jump once or attempt to move really quickly- like a Marlin usually does. It was more a case of a hard and long tussle getting him closer and closer to the Ship, by the "pumping" method, which is quite fatiguing. The Shark, a White Pointer was hooked at 2.58pm and it was not until after 4.50pm that he was alongside "Nyroca".

We knew the fish was a very big one-probably over 1500lb we sought- but during the fight, none of us had any ideas of World records or International Game Fishing Rules being involved, nor was this ever mentioned. I had one object and that was to get that fish and we did it. During the latter stages of the battle, I had trouble in working my reel (which I had never previously used), and in adjusting the clutch, the Skipper came to my assistance over working the Reel, but at no stage did anybody play the fish, except myself and of course, I never left my chair until the fish was safely "Gaffed" and alongside. Talking about chairs, this particular one had not been used for ten years, and on the last occasion Mr. G.R. Cowell had caught his record fish of 1919lb also from the same ship-Dr. Tostevin's "Nyroca".



Sir Willoughby Norrie weighing in a 2,225lb White Shark in Port Lincoln 1950

I wore the usual harness which Game Fisherman do, but I had mine made out of soft Kangaroo hide, which was very satisfactory and I can recommend this type of support.

The normal sized rod I had borrowed from G.R. Cowell was perfect, the line used was a 54-thread, and seemed more than adequate for the purpose. I had 750 yards of line on my reel, which had a small handle and I found difficult to work. I felt all the time, I needed more Leverage and a longer handle. After this expedition, I was interested to notice in a photograph of the late Zane Grey in South Australian waters, that he had an outsize handle on his reel, When we returned to Adelaide to the tune of "Here the conquering Hero comes" I was invited to sign a form rather like an income Tax Return, stating I had observed all the laws and rules of the International Game Fishing Association, on reading these, it was clear that applications for recording Game Fishing Catches could only be submitted if they complied strictly with the many rules, and I naturally decided I could not submit a claim

The Rule I unwittingly infringed read as follows: -

The angler must hook, fight, and bring the fish to gaff unaided by any other person. Acts of persons other than the angler in adjusting reel drag or touching any part of the tackle during the playing of the fish are not permissible". My reel was touched during the excitement of battle and in the circumstances; I could not lodge a claim. The rules are International and therefore must be interpreted and observed as published. As Patron of the Game Fishing Club of South Australia, I am naturally very disappointed that I have deprived South Australia of the honour claiming the World's record fish, although I still have the great satisfaction of having landed him.

Looking back on the event, when it is so easy to be wise, I was perhaps in little too much of a hurry and if I had taken more time, nobody need have touched my reel. The boat remained anchored the whole time and I fished from the same position, which I believe is unusual. The official weight of the Shark was 2,225lb, its lengths was 15ft 7inches and girth 8 ft and 8 1/2 inches, Caught with Rod and Line 54 thread.

The Shark was a Female and the "post-mortem" Revealed that she was in very healthy condition, with no young. She was very well hooked at the base of the throat, behind the gills, and the undigested remains of a dog and 2 seals were found inside her.

It was not possible for us to judge her age, but she appeared to be a lone spinster who preferred quieter waters to the fashionable and perhaps over- populated shark resorts round Dangerous Reef. A great deal of publicity has been given to this fish, which I hope will once more bring notice to South Australia as waters which can truthfully be regarded as a Game Fishermen's Paradise. I hope to have another crack in 1951, and next time will be more careful!

The President of the Game Fishing Association of Australia and Australian representative of the International Game Fishing Association (Mr. G. R. Cowell) said:-

"The fact that The Governor feels unable to lodge a claim on technical points of rules does not detract from the very fine effort. I sympathise with him as the rules are very strict, but his action supports the purpose of both organisations which I represent. Sir Willoughby's fish, though not officially recordable. Will be remembered perpetually as a magnificent catch, and South Australians will always be proud of his achievements in their Waters. Anglers all over the world will hope that he may soon repeat his performance on the official records, and they will appreciate this example of fair play and true sportsmanship". **"CAUGHT< SIR"**.

Everybody will share His Excellency the Governor's regret at his discovery that because of some unsuspected infringement of the rules of big game fishing during the excitement of the battle, he cannot submit his Port Lincoln Shark catch as a World's record. However, though the record "got away", the shark did not. It fell to a sportsman whose beginner's luck-as he modestly described it- was also a stroke of good fortune for South Australia. A famous shark it would have been whoever had caught it, but that it was hooked fought and landed by the Governor gives it a distinction that can hardly fail to draw the eyes of deep-sea fisherman to the Port Lincoln waters from many parts of the World. Even if the saying does not properly belong to fishing, it was most certainly a case of. "Well caught, Sir".

Extract from "The Advertiser" March 21st 1950, Adelaide South Australia, Found in our ark files by Rolf Czabayski and I retyped for this issue of the Pointer, I hope you enjoyed the reading as I did, as you can see our club has a deep history in Game Fishing and personalities.



L/R
Eldred Riggs, Ian Thomas, Edgar Davidson, Jim Cowell, The Governor Sir Willoughby Norrie, Ern Palmer, Bill Coombs, & Jack Lord Arthur

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WIRRINA REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank our sponsors for our Pacific Marine Wirrina Tuna Open 2019.

Pacific Marine, Hummingbird Sounders, Min Kota, Diawa Australia, Halco Lures & GME electronics..

Club members Sam Roccatti & Paul Toblin worked so hard over the weekend to make this Tournament possible, without them it would not have been successful.

I would also like to thank the WIRRINA Cove Marina and their staff Michael and Steve, for all their help.

We had great weather over the weekend with mainly calm seas. With many boats travelling up to 40 miles at sea. It was good to see many new boats join in the comp and their effort and enthusiasm was amazing. It certainly made my job as Tournament Director a pleasure.

Tuna were not easy to locate but I think every boat caught fish. With weights ranging from 10 to 30.5 kg..

Zane and Dion tied for the heaviest Tuna on Sunday of 30.5 kg each..

Matt caught the heaviest Tuna on Saturday, 22 kg.

Oscar cleaned up the junior section catching the largest Tuna on both Sat and Sunday.

Zane picked up a Thousand Dollars from Pacific Marine, for heaviest combined weight.

Diawa Australia were very generous by donating over \$1000 daily worth of prizes, for largest Senior and Junior Tuna caught. The club supplied a BBQ at the Friday briefing and again at the Sunday afternoon presentation and Sam fed many hungry fishermen. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our 3 lady anglers that competed.

There is no doubt this Tournament will be bigger and better next year, and like to thank all the kind people for their feedback on Facebook..

Cheers Graham.





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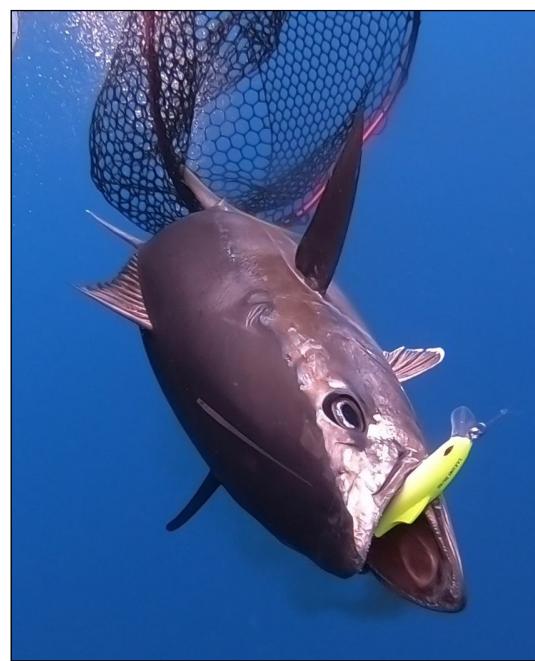
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TEAM MICK'S WINCH did the coast 2 Coast tuna tournament at victor Harbor on the weekend of the 8th 9th and 10th of February 2019 as MICK sponsors it every year . The weather was shocking Friday and Saturday so they cancelled it and made it a 1 day tournament we got out Sunday the 10th and departed cape jervis just before first light and headed south in reasonable conditions. after a couple of hours traveling we deployed the spread of lures and it wasn't long before our tuna champion ambassador LEE VAN SOEST's reel screamed and hooked the first tuna for the trip it was a good one at 17.5 kg by the chart and later weighed in at the comp bled gutted and gilled at 15.15 kg .Next rod to hookup was mine not long after redeploying the spread of lures and I landed one around 15.5 kg by the chart later weighed in at the comp bled gutted and gilled at 12.5 kg.

Next it was Mick rod that hooked up and his tuna went 16.5 by the chart and later weighed in at the comp bled gutted and gilled at I think 13.5 kg so we got our 3 to weigh in and got back to trolling as it was still early we called zane and kenny on the phone and ken said they had bagged out and had a big school of tuna with birds diving all around them so they gave us the coordinates and we pulled the gear in and gunned it back in towards victor Harbor about 20nm from where we were . We saw a couple of birds diving on the way and slowed down and put some lures in and hooked another few tuna keeping another 2 two eat and me tagging 1 about 83 cm.

After finally catching up with zane and kenny the action had disappeared where they were so we trolled around the area for a while with no results and decided it was getting close to time to head back to the cape and just as we were pulling out the lures Lee hooks a tuna as she was winding in the lure It was another 83 cm one which was tagged and released .

We raced back to the cape cleaned the boat and packed up all our gear and got to Victor Harbor 10 minutes before the weigh-in close time.

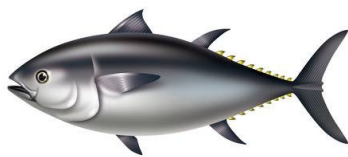
We didn't win anything as a team but our female angler LEE VAN SOEST got second biggest tuna for the females (CONGRATULATIONS LEE YOU'RE A TUNA CHAMPION) and won a trophy and some lures and other prizes which she shared with mick and myself so we all got something other than good fun and fish out of the comp .

Biggest tuna was 22.6 kg bled gutted and gilled caught by TYSON HORTOP from TEAM BONUS so congratulations TYSON and team great fish .

I would also like to say congratulations to the COAST 2 COAST TEAM of organizers for running such a great well run event and thanks to all the sponsors that make it possible it's awesome .

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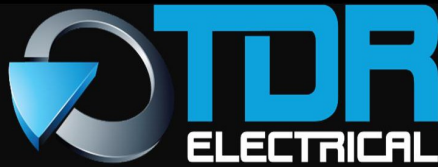
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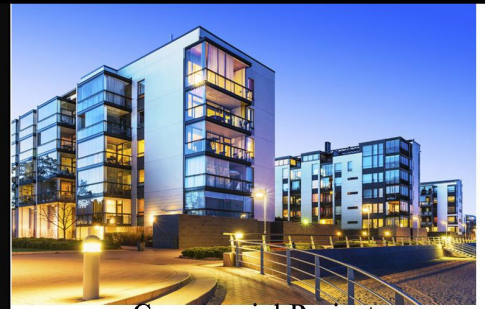
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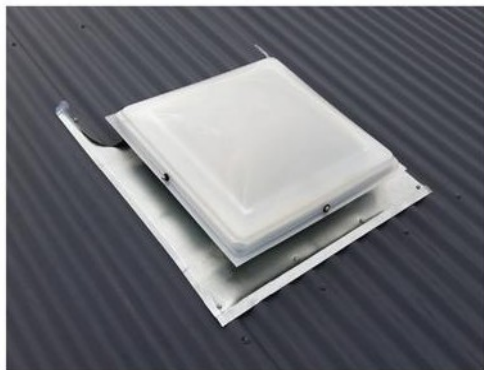


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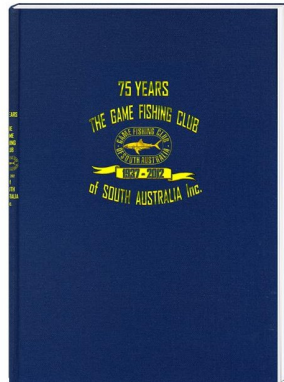
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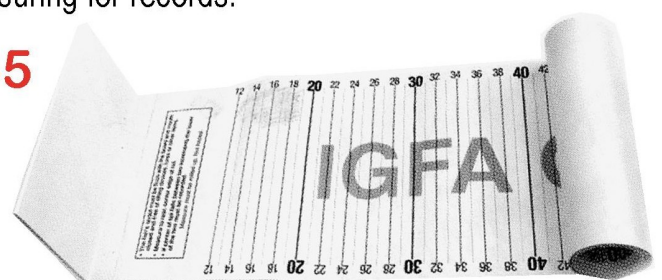
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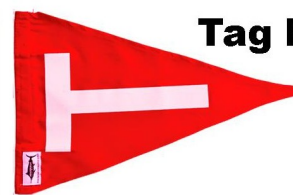
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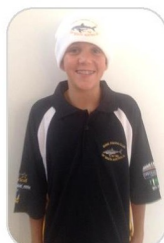
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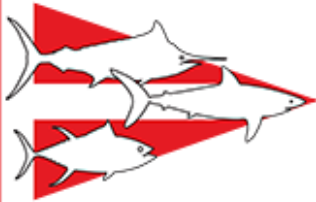
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February 2019

Welcome to the latest edition of Tag Times

This newsletter has the latest information on interesting recapture movements of tagged fish. If you don't want to receive this information please click unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

Please be advised that the Game Fish Tagging Program has moved location. When submitting your completed tag cards please send to **PO Box 4291, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450**. You can contact the program by calling 02 6691 9602 or via email at gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Season Summary

The 2017/2018 game fishing season ended on June 30, 2018 and resulted in over 13,000 fish tagged and over 220 fish recaptured.

The top ten species tagged are given in the table below:.....

Species	Number tagged
BLACK MARLIN	3414
STRIPED MARLIN	1809
SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA	1359
SAILFISH	1114
BLUE MARLIN	1109
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	844
DOLPHIN FISH	362
WHALER SHARK	352
SAMSON FISH	308
BRONZE WHALER	225

NSW DPI would like to thank all those involved in the program and values the continuing support of all anglers involved. Here is hoping for a great 2018/19 game fishing season.

Top Taggers

The top taggers of the program for the 2017/18 season has been published online and can be accessed by following the below link.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/saltwater/gamefish-tagging/taggers>

T-Shirt Competition

Be sure to get your images in for the next competition which will run until the end of April 2019. Email your photos of correctly tagged game fish species to gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

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Sydney Kingfish Recaptured 4 Times

A juvenile yellowtail kingfish tagged and released in the Parramatta River by young gun Gianni Lo Guidice on 8 September 2018 has been recaptured.... for the 4th time. Including the original tag and release the fish has now been caught an unbelievable 5 times in just 126 days. The recapture summary is as follows:
Originally tagged Parramatta River on 08/08/2018 @ 70cm

- Recaptured and released 42 days later in Sydney Harbour 20/10/2018 @ 71cm
- Recaptured and released 44 days later in Sydney Harbour 03/12/2018 @ 71cm
- Recaptured and released 9 days later in Sydney Harbour 12/12/2018 @ 71cm
- Recaptured and retained 31 days later in Sydney Harbour 12/01/2019 @ 73cm



Swim map of the recaptured

Overall the fish spent 126 days at liberty and travelled an estimated straight line distance of over 15 nautical miles (~27km) between release and recapture. These recaptures really go to show how tough these popular sports fish are.

Southern Bluefin Tuna heads across the Ditch

A southern bluefin tuna (SBT) has been reported as recaptured.

An observer from the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA) in New Zealand retrieved the tag from a commercial fishing vessel which had been fishing off the coast of Tauranga,

New Zealand. After some quick correspondence with the New Zealand observer, the details of the recapture were determined. The SBT was originally released on 28 February 2016 by Adelaide Game Fishing Club angler Jay Dent Offshore from Rocky Island in South Australia. After a quick fight on 24kg line, the fish was quickly tagged and subsequently released in excellent condition.

The fish was estimated to be 96cm and 15kg. On 27 November 2018 the fish was recaptured by a New Zealand longline vessel in the area known as the Tauranga Trough. Upon recapture the fish was estimated at 112cm & 24kg. During the fish's 877 days at liberty it had travelled an estimated straight line distance of



Swim map of recaptured SBT

Recapture forms

If you do happen to catch a tagged fish, be sure to report it either over the phone on (02) 6691 9602 or online by using the online recapture form linked below: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging/gamefish-recapture>. Each recapture provides vital information which is essential to improve the understanding and management of valuable game fish and sport fish species. Details of the distance that the fish travelled and its growth are sent to the anglers who first tagged the fish and the anglers who recaptured it. A recapture certificate is also issued, along with a hat or t-shirt for those really exciting recaptures!

Don't forget to return your tag cards

This is a great time to remind everyone to return their tag cards to their local game fishing club or back to the tagging program. We are still awaiting the original release information for many species from past seasons. Please have a look around and send back your completed cards, even if they are several years old as they may still match up with recaptured fish that we have on the database. Also, please keep us updated with fish that you saw were tagged but were unable to retrieve the tag from. It is still useful to log this information so that we can get a better overall estimate on the number of recaptures that are taking place.

Subscribe and Share

Please share Tag Times with your friends who are interested in receiving program updates and be sure to subscribe if you haven't already! Also, remember to send your photos of recently tagged game fish species to gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au to be in the running for the next t-shirt competition. The NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program issues tags free of charge and works in close association with the NSW Game Fishing Association, the Game Fishing Association of Australia and the ANSA (NSW Branch). The program is run using funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. Over 460,000 fish have been tagged under the program so far. If you would like to get involved in the program please phone (02) 6691 9602 or email gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

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