



# HOOK-UP

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## In this issue:

Lots of species and captures, FADs, High Water Temperatures, Christmas Party, Membership,

This is the last **HOOK-UP** for 2011. The club's committee wishes all members a safe and enjoyable holiday season with plenty of exciting game fishing. Please keep the images and stories coming in so the next issue of **HOOK-UP**, sometime soon after 4<sup>th</sup> January, can be a bumper one.

13<sup>th</sup> December 2011

## Fishing

The past couple of weeks have been encouraging if not exciting, with Spanish mackerel taken off Mindarie, and yellowfin tuna making a welcome appearance. Some good sized mahi mahi have come off the FADs and large schools of small bluefin and striped tuna have been encountered around the Hillarys FAD and in to 65 m. A quadruple hook-up outside Rottnest on the weekend of 19th / 20th saw 2 fish with weights in their teens boated. Good size yellowtail kingfish are being caught close to Rottnest's west end and there are a few flying fish around.

Grant Mills, targeting marlin aboard his boat Soleado II last stormy Sunday had all four rods (24 and 37 kg) go off on yellowfin tuna.



With just he and Basil Downs on board chaos was in charge. They managed to land two fish each of about 17 kg. Fishing in about 1000 m of water west of the PGFC FAD and south of the HYC, the fish were picked up near a crab pot. That's Basil Downs pictured right holding one. After swapping to light tackle gear they got no further hits.



Kristian Hardie who featured on the front page of the last Hook-Up sent in this photo (left) of a nice mahi mahi. More recent reports are also of little action for some anglers at the FADs. Full moon and big tides may be a contributor.

Ulua team members Brenden Fitzsimmons and Dwane Hunt (left) managed to destroy a Richter Soft Grassy on 4 very lit up mahi mahis on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> in water temperatures around 22.5°.



While we mere mortals have been doing whatever we do here in Perth, a couple of the committee members have slipped off early for the Christmas break in North America. President Johnno Wroth has stopped in at Cabo San Lucas, trying his hand on one of the many boats available for charter.



## Fishing (continued)

A photo from Johnno's iPhone of a 110 lb (50 kg) striped marlin, one of many species and fish caught in the all too brief time he had there. Looks like he also made friends with the skipper or is that the Corona distributor?

Ben Weston had an interesting couple of hours at the Hillarys Yacht Club FAD on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. His report:

*"Managed to get out on the water today on Bardup. Such good weather we headed out to the FADs from Mindarie in the Bar Crusher. That's a fair trip but the weather gods played the game. Needless to say there were a few SBT about (<http://youtu.be/rQ4gV7kc8aM>) All holding on the Hillarys FAD. I have never seen anything like it before in Perth. We lost count of how many we caught, couldn't get a flick bait more than 20 cm below the surface before getting smashed. Fished 2 Kg and tagged our limit. There were bigger fish below but couldn't get down to them.*

*No Dollies about on this FAD but great looking water about 22.4 degrees and a big current break in the 140 m's.*

*Amazing metro fishing again? Let's hope so."*

## Christmas Party

Thanks to another herculean effort by Rhyss Whittred (that's him in the Santa suit), Sangeeta Menon and Jodie Jarrett this year's Christmas party, moved to RPYC Crawley because of the ISAF event in Fremantle, was a great success for the many who attended, drawing many complimentary comments.



Special efforts from Mark Jarrett, Dylan Skinns and Exmouth charter operator and club sponsor Josh Bruynzeel, to get their boats on the river to show to members were appreciated. These are state of the art maxi trailer craft all built within the past year and they certainly show the benefits of the care and attention that has been bestowed upon them.

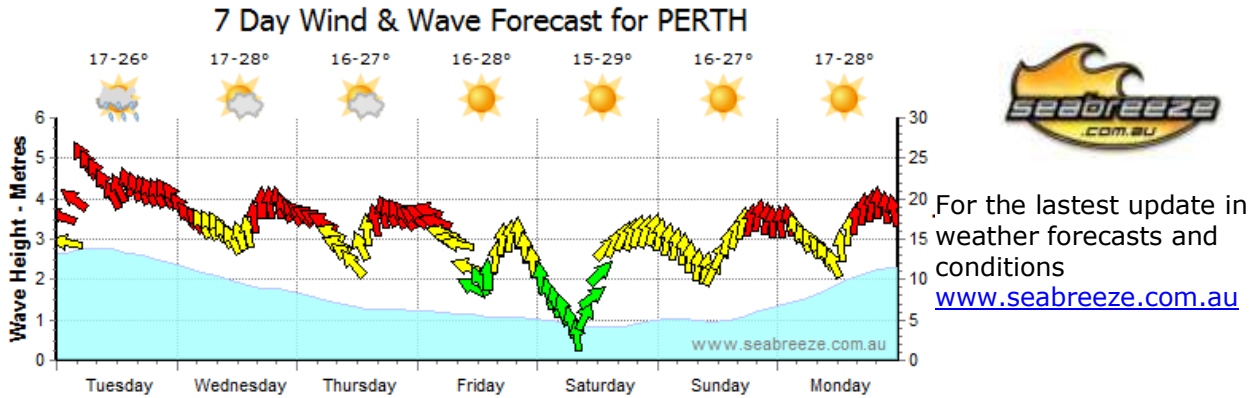


Images Dave Dubbelboer, Rhyss Whittred, Jodie Jarrett

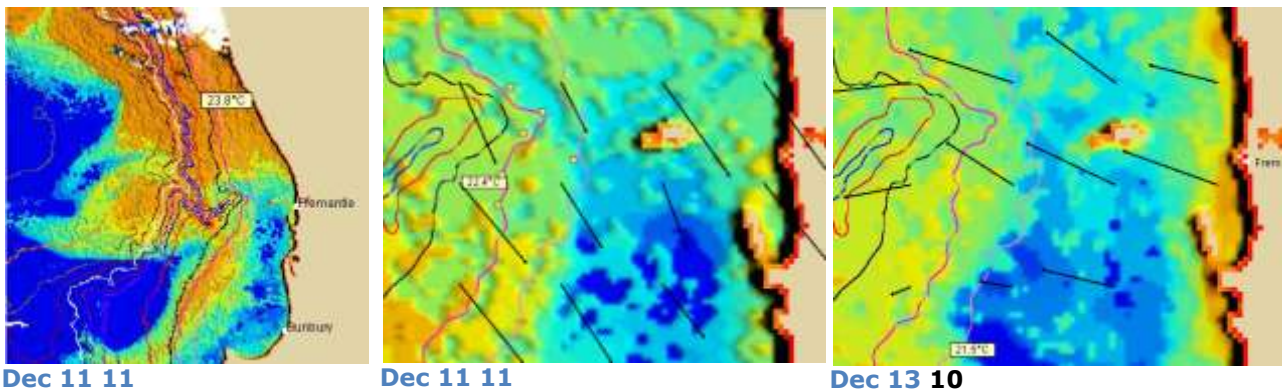
## Water Temperatures

Prepare for warm water for this season - the temperature charts on the next page tell their own story. Many weather experts are saying that this year will be similar to last, but not quite as hot, right now, water temperatures are nearly 1° up on the same time last year. Fingers crossed for a big billfish season.

## Weather



## Sea Surface Temperature



These images certainly show the benefit of SST mapping. The left one is the big picture and the middle image the local picture, both from last Saturday (11th). Best temperature shown was 22.4° at the trench compared with 21.5° on 13 Dec last year shown in the right hand image. The big picture is showing 23.8° and better south of the Abrolhos and well inshore.



For updated images – contact [www.seasurface.com](http://www.seasurface.com)

## Fremantle Tides

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday 16th</b>   | 0.49m @ 7:49 AM<br>0.83m @ 11:41 PM |
| <b>Saturday 17th</b> | 0.53m @ 7:42 AM<br>0.79m @ 8:17 PM  |
| <b>Sunday 18th</b>   | 0.55m @ 7:40 AM<br>0.84m @ 6:03 PM  |
| <b>Monday 19th</b>   | 0.57m @ 7:34 AM<br>0.92m @ 6:09 PM  |

Tide data supplied by



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Transport

## Exmouth, Monte Bellos, Rowley Shoals and Kimberley Specials

Ross and Tracey of Reel Teaser Charters have some special deals being offered out of Exmouth and Broome over the next few months – [Click Here](#) to download details

## Club Championship Points

### Scores up to 13<sup>th</sup> December

Regular updates of scores can be found on the club's website.

| <b>Eddy Moss Trophy - Champion Angler</b> |      | <b>President's Trophy - Champion Boat</b> |      |
|---|------|---|------|
| Dean Watson                               | 1225 | Reel Addiction                            | 3777 |
| Rick Ashton                               | 1050 | Summer Salt                               | 2330 |
| Brian Arnett                              | 980  | Deeper Still                              | 1521 |
| Sangeeta Menon (F)                        | 900  | Rampage                                   | 1500 |
| Kevin Baker                               | 900  | Buddha                                    | 1377 |
| Rhyss Whittred                            | 900  | Our Time                                  | 1125 |
| Mark Jarrett                              | 752  | Naturaliste                               | 978  |
| Hon-Su Chin                               | 750  | Soleado II                                | 675  |
| Jim Ireland                               | 675  | Rock'N'Roll                               | 225  |
| Darren Burleigh                           | 625  | Ulua                                      | 100  |
| Dave Dubbelboer                           | 497  |   |      |
| Tim Carson                                | 471  |   |      |
| David Geldard                             | 450  |   |      |
| Damien Wham                               | 450  | <b>Neil Patrick Trophy</b>                |      |
| Harald Pammer                             | 450  | No entries to date                        |      |
| Luke Gilbert                              | 377  |   |      |
| Peter Grimshaw                            | 333  |   |      |
| Cameron Trowbridge                        | 300  |   |      |
| Casey Sorrell (F)                         | 268  |   |      |
| David Gray                                | 255  |   |      |
| Glen Rattigan                             | 225  |   |      |
| Gavin Ireland                             | 225  |   |      |
| Brenden Fitzsimmons                       | 50   |   |      |
| Dwane Hunt                                | 50   |   |      |

*Points are current at 13th December*

## FADs

Members may be aware that 4 of the FADs this year have satellite trackers attached to them, currently recording the exact position of each FAD every 8 hours. The purpose of the trackers is to determine when and if they go missing, where they go, whether recovery is practical and by inference the reasons for any movement or loss. Members will be advised of any significant changes in position.

Yesterday, in less than ideal conditions the tracking units were changed out for technical reasons. Thanks are extended to Greg Baker, Bob Burdinat, Peter Coote, Stephan Monier, John Petersen and John Webber for their contribution to the exercise.

This image, reminiscent of the rescue of Tony Bullimore, is of Bob attached to both PGFC FAD and boat completing a change out of tracker. The weather at this stage was reasonable with the rain having let up briefly.

Fishing conditions appeared perfect with clear, deep blue water and temperatures in the range of 22.0 to 22.5°: alas no bait, no bird and no fish.



The four southern FADs checked are quite close to their marked positions, but there has been a report that the Hillarys Yacht Club FAD is ½ a kilometre or more out of position. This has the longest mooring rope and may swing through a radius of 600 metres or so.

## WAGFA News

### Free DVD on rules & tagging

GFAA has produced a DVD that provides a comprehensive and authoritative look at the rules applying to game fishing events in Australia. It will be distributed **free** to all PGFC members on the membership list at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## Membership

### New Members

Justin McPherson and Chris Zencich have recently rejoined the club, both are keen sports fishermen and have their own boats. Justin an O'Brien 43 "Allure" and Chris a Trophy "Pelagic Hunter".

### Renewals

Membership renewals are now overdue. To the few that have still not paid their fees, please do so ASAP to avoid the possibility of needing to renominate. Payments can be made by EFT or cheque; see your renewal form for details. No tag cards or capture forms can be recognised unless members are financial.

## Crews

With the season proper just about on us and the fishing activity hotting up, now is the time for boat owners to find that extra crew member for a weekday or weekend foray to the trench. If you are wanting a crew or to get in touch with someone who may be available let us have the details to put on the website. Details should include name (only first name will be published), preferred contact method and time and anything else that is relevant. Potential crew members should give similar details. All will be put up on the website. [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au)

### Crew wanted - from a new member

*I would be able to accommodate a crew from time to time, as I plan to fish out wide quite a bit this summer, in fact probably whenever the weather is suitable! I have a 21ft centre console with a 175hp Yamaha four stroke and 300l of fuel. I have my brother in law who is only sometimes interested, so any members of the club that would like to hitch a ride from time to time would be beneficial both ways.  
Contact Gary at 0427 257799*

### Crew Position Wanted - from a new member.

*I am looking for a crew position. Contact Dean 0403 787761 anytime.*

### Crew Position Wanted - from a new member.

*As a new member I am looking for a crew position. Contact Simon 043502233 anytime.*

*Both members already placed on a club member's boat*

## Websites

This week it is a download – click on:

[NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program Report 2009/2010](#)

Makes for interesting reading.

Thanks once again to Rhyss Whittred for bringing it to our attention.

## Fishing Rule Update

From the December 2011 GFAA Newsletter

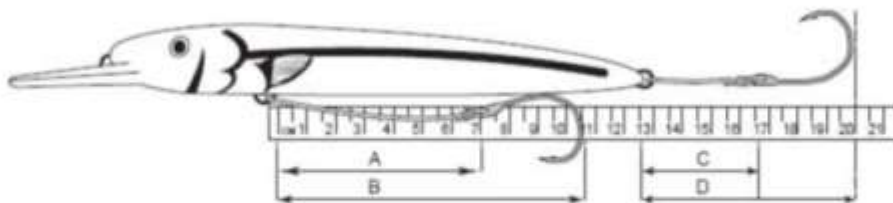
### GFAA Newsletter

#### NEW RULE—RULES & EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

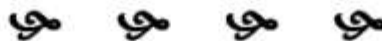
##### (h) Hooks and Lures

(note: the following new rule was listed in the GFAA Rules & Equipment Regulations as a clarification and was adopted as a **RULE** at the October GFAA AGM.

3. "Assist hooks or other such single hooks that are attached to a lure with a lead constructed of monofilament, multifilament, wire or other such material must conform to the following: When using assist hooks on any artificial lure, **other than a skirted lure**, the lead cannot be more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hook's length and the bend of the hook must not be more than 4 inches (101 mm), whichever is less from the closest point of attachment on the lure. **Double and treble hooks may not be used as assist hooks**".



- A. Not legal, the connection length is longer than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- B. Not legal, the overall length exceeds 101mm.
- C. Legal, the connection is less than 1.5 times the length of the hook.
- D. Legal, the overall length is less than 101mm from the lure.



#### GFAA GUIDELINES—TAG & RELEASE

GFAA Guidelines for Tag & Release—Part 7 amended to read:

"A fish is considered tagged and released when the tag is secured to the fish **and** the fish is released back into the water alive".

## BLACKJACK II IS FOR SALE



2005, 28 foot DEEP VEE Express sports fisher model has been set up for the Game/Sports fishing enthusiast in mind and has recently been refitted for the new season with over \$30,000 spent.

Blackjack II presents in an immaculate state and has been stored under cover since new, this boat is powered by a Volvo Penta 5.7 litre engine with 800 hours on the clock and has been professionally serviced every 100 hrs meticulously and is ready to tackle any weekend fishing trip or competitions in comfort whilst cruising at a comfortable 23 knots and a top end of over 33 Knots.

Brief list of items include...

New Electronics Package of Furuno 10.4 Inch FCV 295 color Sounder with 1kw & 2kw transducers both set up in a professionally fitted wet box, New Furuno 8MFD NavNet 3D Chart Plotter, New Furuno Navpilot- 611 Auto Pilot.

New Hot Water System, New Salt & Freshwater wash down, New Clears and Bimini Top and Cushions, New LED Spot Lights, New Stress Free dive Anchor winch, New anchor, Live bait system, Huge Cockpit, Large Kill tanks, Bait board, Rocket Launchers, Large Cabin with V-Berth (Double bed), Kitchen with Metho Stove, Sink and plenty of Bench space, Hot/Cold water Shower, Electric Toilet.

The list goes on..... and all for only \$100K.

Contact Dave Gray Perth Game Fishing Club on 0419 228 411

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# FOR SALE

**SOUTHWIND – UB520**

- Southwind UB520 centre console
- Tohatsu 2str. 70hp auto Mixing motor regularly service
- Lowrance HDS-8 sounder/plotter combo with Navionics platinum card (All Australia maps)
- Dual batteries
- New carpeted floor
- New hydraulic steering
- Under floor fuel tank (stainless) 80L
- Underfloor insulated esky (approx 100L)
- 1 year old T-top bimini, with folding points, rocket launcher
- 6 x rod holders on console, 2 x rod holders at rear for trolling
- Stainless bait board (2 x rod holders) + interchangeable 4 x rod holder at transom
- Auto Bilge Pump
- Marine radio with new antenna
- New centre rollers on trailer, new springs, new bearings/hubs (Feb 2011)
- All gauges, nav lights working
- Life Jackets, new EPIRB, fire extinguisher
- Ultimate sport fishing boat perfectly suited to all types of fishing



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