



HOOK-UP

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19th January 2012

The past week has produced a number of interesting and noteworthy

Interesting Happenings 1



Image Ryan Thipthorp

Thursday 12th, members Sangeeta Menon and Rhys Whittred went out wide with tackle shop owner Ryan Thipthorp chasing deep water bottom fish. The pair bagged out on species we rarely see, with a couple of nice blue eye trevalla, a hapuka and a grey banded cod. Hard work in 600 m of water. Blue-eye trevalla are a species that averages just 3 kg but may grow as large as 50 kg, they are typically caught commercially in 200 – 600 m of water. Sangeeta's second fish, pictured left (look at the fish guys) weighed in at 22.5 kg.

Interesting Happenings 2

Saturday 14th, member Joff Weston also took to the far reaches and deeper water in a quest for marlin.

The Story

"We launched Bardup from Hillarys at 0430 and headed straight to Hillarys FAD. Water temp there was 23.5 and current strong from the north. We fished the FAD for mahi but they were scarce so we worked the fad with some tuna lures to produce triple hookups on 2kg gear, good fun for the crew.

After getting a few small tuna, one of the tuna i had on, took a longer and faster run than the others - we followed the fish and gathered line quickly. As we neared the fish, the rod bucked and came in very easily - I said I may only have a head on here, thinking I'd been sharked.

The tuna came aboard showing abrasions that could only be put down to a billfish. The nature of the fight would suggest it happened as I was fighting the tuna, as it was very erratic - more than usual.



Image Joff Weston

That was at 0800hrs, we put the big gear in after that running 24kg and 37kg for the remainder of the day - we managed a 10.8kg mahi (pictured) and lost a very green dolphin at the boat that threw the hooks on 37kg but no billfish.

It came as no surprise when Winora reported their 180kg blue. We found better looking water and roaming bull mahis out in the 600's than in the shallower water - but as we were limited on fuel we had to pull the pin earlier than hoped. Hottest water we measured was 24.2° in the middle of the trench. We made it back on the trailer with 15lt to spare."

Interesting Happenings 3

Sunday 15th, during the mahi mahi comp. Dave Gray encountered some of those situations you read about in magazines, but rarely see in our local waters - mahi mahi attracted to other floating objects.

Object 1 - Crab Floats. In around 600 m of water outside the PGFC FAD was a "nest" of floats belonging presumably to a crab fisherman. Dave commented that there were no mahis on the PGFC or Furuno FADs or the Crab Pots which was strange.

Object 2 - Floats in 800 m of water. The sea birds and bait fish that were hanging around the floats must have hoped "Buddha" was to be their saviour. The crew promptly tagged and released 5 fish for comp points from here as there were was a school of approximately 80 to 100 mahi mahi hanging here as they drifted along with them in the current.

Object 3 - As we headed further west into the 1200 m area they came across a floating log with a couple of birds sitting on it, again plenty of hungry mahis (we guessed over 150 to 200 fish) where a couple were despatched for the table. Later again in the day they spotted another set of bright Orange crab pots in around 1300 m setting up a wake in the current which were estimated between 3-4 knots in strength.



Image Dave Gray

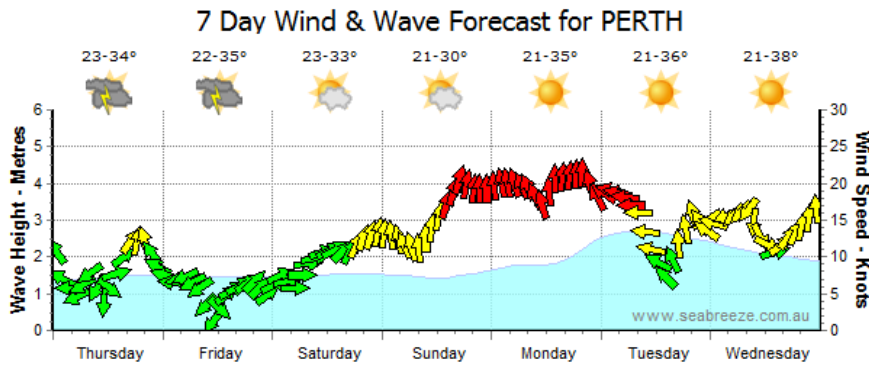
Interesting Happenings 4

By now most members will be aware that "Winora" tagged a 180 - 200 kg blue marlin about a mile south of the PGFC FAD. This was Winora's 4th recent trip to the trench concentrating on marlin.

Action footage can be found on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtMWBip_nPc . Theme music is incidental to the capture but adequately masks the dialog which is a "bit" raucous.

Both owner Jim Stevenson, and wireman Marty Goldworthy, are club members, alas the skipper and angler weren't so the fish does not qualify for the prestigious Michael Officer Trophy.

Weather



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www.seabreeze.com.au

Sea Surface Temperature

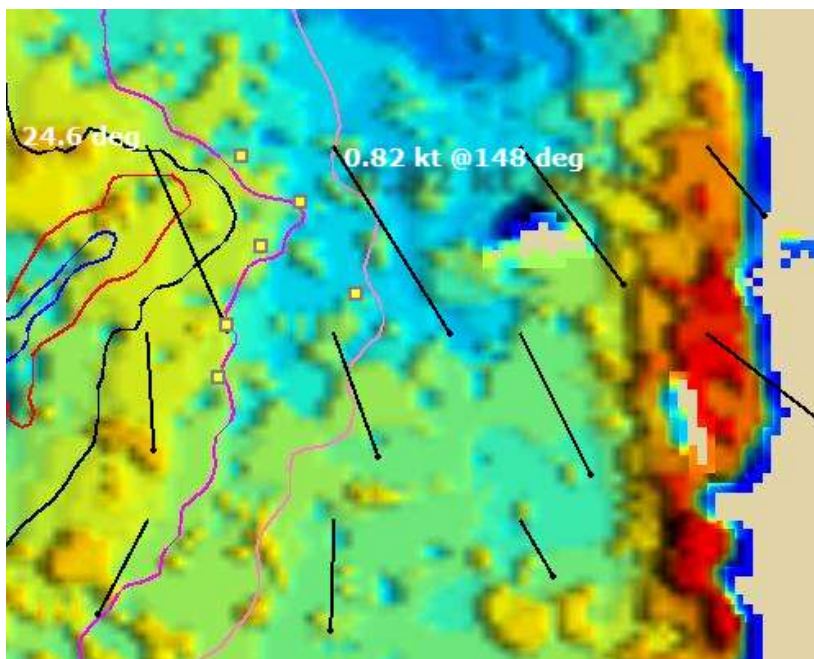


Image taken at 0423 EST 19th January. Confirms strong current and up to 24.6° temp

For updated images –
www.seasurface.com



Fremantle Tides

| Friday 20 | | Saturday 21 | | Sunday 22 | |
|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Time | Height | Time | Height | Time | Height |
| 0440 | 0.34 | 0515 | 0.33 | 0548 | 0.34 |
| 1933 | 1.09 | 2016 | 1.10 | 2054 | 1.08 |

Tide data supplied by



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Abrolhos & Gamex Tournaments

The club would like to facilitate the merging of crews and skippers for the coming Gamex, AIBT and Abrolhos tournaments.

Those planning to go and those who are looking for a spot are invited to call Dave Gray on 0419 229411. An informal get together will be held in early February.

Mahi Mahi Comp Results

Mahi Mahi Competition summary.

The first official competition day for calendar 2012 was blessed with some outstanding weather conditions. After the shocking winds that blasted the fleets last year, it was great to finally see some calm winds and perfect boating conditions.

As the conditions were so good, many of those teams fishing headed over to test the grounds on the Saturday when there were many good fish caught including a 200kg blue marlin tagged early that morning.

On Sunday morning, a lot of boats were up and catching live bait in preparation for the day. Most teams logging on to fish very early and made the most of the earlier lines in time of 6:00 am. The weather stayed beautiful for most of the day making fishing really enjoyable.

13 boats fished this comp with 8 mahi mahi officially being tagged or captured on the day. There are also to honourable mentions; Gabriel Gomez's son Sebastian, landing a nice size mahi mahi and Tracey Burleigh landed her first ever mahi mahi.

The winners for the day were:

Champion Boat - Buddha with 2500 points;

Champion Angler – was tied between Darren Burleigh and Rob Doyle both with 1000 points;

Best Photograph – Gabriel Gomez – jumping mahi mahi above..

Full points tally for the event can be found [HERE](#)



FADs Positions

With the strong currents in the past week or so all the FADs are at the southern extremeiy of there swing, a couple of FADs notably All Marine Services and PGFC are sitting very low in the water, due to the fact that they have a heavier chain righting them and the current which is acting on a good part of the mmoring line is forciing them downwards. Before the mahi mahi comp weeknd it looked as if we had lost All Marine Services as the tracker was not reporting. This was not the case; in fact the tracker antenna had "attracted" a lure and was badly damaged. There is a possibility of replacing it, depending on cost and logistics.



Scores

Scores updated to 18th January can be viewed or downloaded [HERE](#)

Coming Up

Social Night Tuesday February 7th - at RPYC Fremantle 5:45 onwards – come and share your tales of the summer fishing with lots of other members. The Smoke Shack is sponsoring the evening with their formidable Bradley Smoker – freshly smoked fish and meats to tempt everyone.



Last Year IGFA launched the new All-Tackle Length Record category and new records are quickly being achieved for many species all around the world. Unfortunately few have been submitted

for WA and none from Perth waters or PGFC members. This is about to change! PGFC's mostly tag and release fishing suits perfectly this type of record and



as the new category is in its infant stages provides our members the opportunity to achieve world records for some of the pelagic species that swim our waters. At the social night on Tuesday 7th February, Life Member and IGFA Trustee, Neil Patrick will discuss the species list in this category and demonstrate just how easy it is to measure the fish with the IGFA ruler and submit an application.

February 12th – The next club comp day – a “Big Guns” event with line class minimum of 10 kg attracting double points. More details will be emailed out in the next week.

March Social Night – Currently planned for Tuesday March 6th, possibly a change of date and venue, keep an eye on the website and Hook-Up.

2012 Shimano WA Open

This year's WA Open is to be held at Jurien Bay on 31st March – 1st April, an opportunity for April Fools jokers to get up to serious mischief. Fine details are still in the making but there will be a flyer out by end January. Again keep an eye on the website and Hook-Up.

Crews

With 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

Crew Wanted

January 16th

I need one or two crew for 2012 Gamex and AIBT. Prefer someone who has fished Gamex before, but will consider all. Will be fishing on a 25ft Boston Whaler Conquest, that is rigged for Game Fishing, departing Perth on the 5th of March. Please email me at sailfish04@optusnet.com.au
Thanks Russ

November 24th

From new member Gary.

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 Positions Wanted

January 9th

My name is Dean and I placed an ad in you classified section when I recently became a member, I am looking for a place on a boat for this weekend's comp as my skipper has advised me he is not fishing. Are you able to please assist is replacing the ad and directing me to anyone who might be of assistance in finding a place.

Regards Dean 0403787761

More Images From the Mahi Mahi Comp



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