



HOOK-UP

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Fishing

A great start to last week with Soleado II tagging a 200 kg blue at the trench on Thursday. The fish took a trolled bait at 11.20 near the FSC FAD and took angler Grant Mills an hour to get to the boat. At approximately 2.4 m long the fish was estimated to weigh in at 200 kg. Basil Downs was the skipper, water temperature was 24.7°. This capture becomes eligible for the Michael Officer Trophy which is for the first marlin of the season to be caught by a club member on a club boat.

Damien Wham, Sangeeta Menon and Rhyss Whittred fishing for snapper last Friday night between Fremantle and Rottneest picked up a couple of high point scoring hammerheads on 8 kg line. Estimated to weigh close to 60 kg both were tagged and released.

Yellowfin tuna. Among the reports of yellowfin tuna being caught is this one filed on Sunday morning by Joff Weston. "We launched Bardup at 0400 from Hillarys marina and ran straight to the Hillarys FAD. With no activity there we put out the heavy tackle and worked the northern wall back towards the corner of the trench.

Encountering a few wandering schools of striped tunas we worked them for an hour or so without success. Water temperature at Hillarys was 23.2°, fairly boring water, very uniform in temperature all the way through the trench.

We continued south where we picked up 24° water and ended up at All Marine Services FAD. The striped tuna were hungry and we had a bit of fun on light gear - they were moving fast so casting to them after positioning the boat upwind worked a treat and triple hook-ups were the norm. We then worked back up to the inside of the southern wall, towards the corner in the afternoon, hoping that the incoming tide would push some nutrient rich water into that area.

The 150-170 m area was alive with striped tuna schools and the activity looked promising. As we arrived at the Furuno FAD we noticed a few "smart birds" holding about 100-200 m off the FAD, we ran a couple of big lures past and managed a 28.7kg Yellowfin. Dolphinfish to 6-8 kg were visible here too but had tunnel vision for micro bait and wouldn't look at anything we had to offer, as our smallest lure was 85mm.



The tuna was actually foul hooked through the tail - lucky we took it easy as my wife rates YFT better than anything! Note the bleed mark above and behind the pectoral fin – possible bill mark.

Other tuna were landed by other anglers, one boat recording three 30kg fish out wide presumably, a top effort. Interestingly - the tuna came from a pusher rigged with fluoro carbon. All our fish lately have been responding to it well - looks like I'll be going shopping for some more fluoro!

All in all a good result from a very quiet day. I will remember the happenings from this day for future times when the water seems uniform in temp with very few features to congregate bait."

Tags

Members requiring tags for all categories should contact the club's weigh-master John Webber on 9386 7343, 0407 386743 or john@webbers.com.au

Multi-year Memberships

At the last PGFC committee meeting, following several requests, it was decided that members should be able to renew their memberships beyond a one year period. From now on renewals will be accepted for any period up to 5 years at the current renewal rate of \$110 per year. The advantage to members is that they protect themselves from increases in membership fees, and the advantage to the club is that there it has the funds up front and saves the cost of reminders and membership cards.

For those few who have yet to renew, this is an option that is available. New members will also be given the same opportunity.

WA Open

As most will know by now the Shimano WA Open will this year be held on March 31st and April 1st at Jurien Bay. Details will be advised in the next 2 weeks.

Rules

With many new members unaware of some of the subtleties in the club's rules, here is one that is important.

Club points when fishing from a non club or non-club member's boat? The answer is that any club member may put in a capture form or tag card for fish caught from a boat provided the GFAA rules are followed. Club championship points will be awarded.



Member Alan James sent in this query: I have attached a pic of a rig that that was shown on a fishing website. The question was asked if this rig was IGFA legal. From what I have read two ganged hooks are legal which makes the rig legal, no problem. However it was to be used where the smaller hook was to lip hook a live bait and the larger hook was left free swinging (not embedded into the bait), which is perhaps where a problem may exist?

After much to-ing and fro-ing between PGFC, GFAA and IGFA the answer was decided in the positive:

*"this rig is still considered legal, in both the design and in the way it is fished. In essence, this rig is no different from when someone is bridling a bait. The larger hook is not "embedded" in the bait, but it is firmly secured or attached to the bait via the smaller hook. IGFA rules state, "For live or dead bait fishing no more than two single hooks may be used. Both must be firmly imbedded in or securely attached to the bait. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than a hook's length (the length of the largest hook used) apart and no more than 18 inches (45.72 cm) apart. **The only exception is that the point of one hook may be passed through the eye of the other hook.**"*

Scores

Scores updated to 24th January can be viewed or downloaded [HERE](#) . Quite a few changes have occurred.

Social Night

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.

For members who require an additional or replacement copy of Strike magazine there will be copies available free at the social night.



Divers at FADs

A meeting of Recfishwest, WAGFA, PGFC and AUF representatives with the Department of Transport in Fremantle concerning the potential for injuries to divers has progressed resolution of the issue only a little. Whilst we received a courteous hearing it was made abundantly clear that the responsibility for avoiding divers, who unless they are using SCUBA gear are not required to have either a personal flag or one on their boat, rests entirely with boat skippers. A simple calculation of divers submerging for 2 minutes, and boats trolling past the FADs at 8 knots means that divers are invisible while a boat travels 500 m. Exclusion of divers from the FADs, having a priority system or a separate FAD for divers are unfortunately not options. *DoT had unilaterally previously removed the requirement for spearfishermen to carry dive flags and will not now provide their detailed rationale for doing so. The proposal we made, to make it mandatory for divers (snorkelers) to have a flag on their boat or an attached float, was dismissed by DoT. If there are boats around that may have divers aboard – be careful. Maybe some impetus will be gained if there is a serious injury or death. **We are not finished yet.***

Wanted

From member Russ Jackson January 22nd

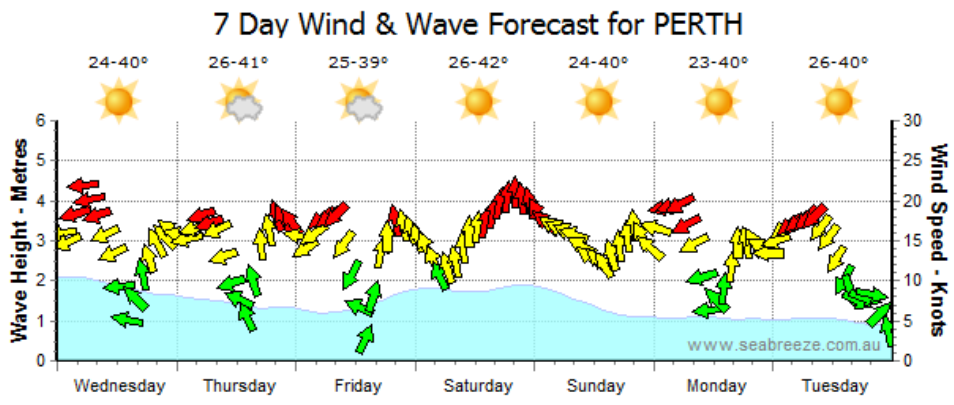
Thank you very much for posting my crew wanted for Gamex & AIBT, mission accomplished ! You can delete it...Now I am seeking some old school game fishing rods. I want the old style long game rods 6-24kg. Fenwick use to make this style of rod. If anyone has one or more and wants to sell them, I am interested...please email me rjackson@iinet.net.au Thanks, Russ

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, 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

Weather



For the latest update in weather forecasts and conditions
www.seabreeze.com.au

Sea Surface Temperature

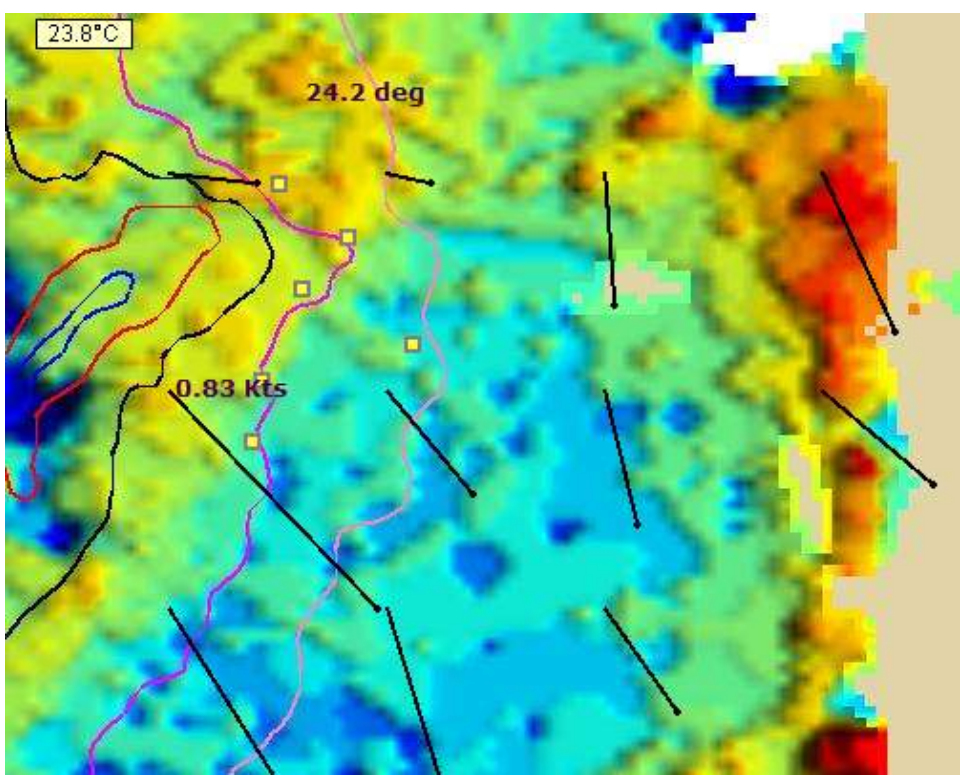


Image taken at 0702 EST 24th January. Confirms strong current and up to 24.2° temp

For updated images –
www.seasurface.com



Fremantle Tides

Thursday 26		Friday 27		Saturday 28		Sunday 29	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
614	0.51	549	0.53	548	0.53	558	0.53
1259	0.72	1318	0.76	1344	0.81	1417	0.85
1556	0.67	1646	0.7	1748	0.73		
2208	0.86	2222	0.81	2040	0.78		

Tide data supplied by





PGFC "BIG GUNS" TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 12th 2012

BIG GUNS TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 12th February 2012



This is the third club fishing event for the 2012 season. With water temperatures over 24° being reported at the trench lately it's time to dust off the BIG GUNS and prepare your 10 kg and above fishing equipment. Double points will only be awarded to captures and or fish tagged on line classes including 10 kg, 15 kg, 24 kg, 37 kg and 60 kg.

Note: All other fish caught or released on line classes including 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8 kg will attract normal single points.

Marlin have been caught around the FADS, with plenty of baitfish around come and join in the fun day with your crew.

SCHEDULE

FISHING TIMES: Sunday 12th February 2012, 0600 to 1600

WEIGH IN TIMES: Sunday 12th February 2012 1530 to 1700 hrs, Thompson Bay Fuel Jetty*

FISHING AREA: Within a radius of 75nm from Fremantle

*All fish to be weighed must be called in ASAP after lines out so weigh master is aware who is coming in.

*All Tag cards and Capture Certificates MUST be handed in to the Weigh Master on the day to receive double points.

TOURNAMENT RULES

This is a double points score event for 10, 15, 24, 37 & 60 kg line classes only

The tournament will be fished within the current angling rules and equipment regulations of the Perth Game Fishing Club and Game Fishing Association of Australia.

All vessels must log on to Fremantle Sea Rescue VHF Ch 73 for safety coverage and to VHF Ch 72

"Tournament Control" at the commencement of fishing for the day and log off at the completion of the day.

"Tournament Control" will be "Buddha" for the day.

RADIO SCHEDULES

All participating vessels must report to "Tournament Control" at scheduled times (below) with;

- Location, using PGFC grid chart,
- All point scoring fish captured or tagged,
- Failure to report in at designated scheduled times will result in disqualification.

Radio schedule times are 10.00am & 1400hrs

All vessels will be required to log on & log off between 0600 hrs and 1600 hrs with Tournament control.



TROPHIES & PRIZES

A Goodger Wind On prize worth \$600 will be awarded for Champion Boat (highest point score – captures and tagged fish). A trophy will be awarded for Champion Angler (highest point score – captures and tagged fish)

A prize will be awarded for the best photo (judged by the event co-ordinator)



**EVENT CO-ORDINATOR
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