



# HOOK-UP

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## In this issue:

Marlin at the Trench, Sailfish at Rotto, Jurien Bay firing up, Yellowfin Tuna, Social nights, WAGFA Interclub comp.

17th February 2012

## Fishing

**The Big Guns Club Day** on 12<sup>th</sup> February saw 14 boats log on in weather conditions that were somewhat more daunting than forecast. The fleet comprised Buddha, Caribbean, Deeper Still, Duty First Exotica, Jude, Mandalay, Naturaliste, Our Time, Rampage, Reel Game, Rock "N" Roll, Safari II, and, Time Out. It was good to see many boats which were having their first outing at a club event in a long time. A solid 20 knots of west to south west breeze in the early morning settled down through the day to around 10 knots by late afternoon. Water temperature was down to around 23.5° thanks to an eddy pushing water towards the north.

Fishing was particularly quiet during the morning and early afternoon sessions with all 0-0-0 being reported at the 2.00pm schedule Safari II reported a hook up on a solid blue marlin and shortly after Time Out at the north wall reported losing an estimated 130 kg blue marlin at the back of the boat just out of reach of the leader.

At approximately 3.15pm Buddha then reported at triple hook up on yellowfin tuna in the PGFC FAD area, later capturing all 3 fish. Unfortunately only one fish went line class. Just prior to lines out at Safari II reported the successful tagging of a very healthy 250 kg blue marlin from around the 1000 m line beyond the FSC FAD on 37 kg line.



Other fish caught during the day were striped tuna and small yellowfin in 100 to 150 m. Plenty of mahi mahi were caught around the FADS and Naturaliste had a 4-5 m white pointer circling the boat in 100 m during the afternoon.

Champion Boat for the day – Safari II – 1784 Points  
Champion Angler – Neil Patrick – 1784 Points

**In another** unconfirmed report, a sailfish was taken off west end on Sunday – hopefully some images or video soon.

## Jurien Bay

Last weekend turned out to be a marlin weekend at Jurien Bay too with two boats on Saturday tagging two marlin of six raised and on Sunday one boat tagging one of three raised . Good stats that hopefully can be eclipsed at the Shimano WA Open.

## Social Night

The last social night was a great success with 45 members, new members and guests enjoying a presentation by Life Member Neil Patrick which covered the IGFA measure and release all Itackle records, how to measure fish and how to claim the records.

**The Smoke Shack's Aaron Smith** had all begging for food while he smoked delicious salmon and meats in his bevy of Bradley hot smokers. They are sponsoring the Shimano WA Open in Jurien Bay with a 4 shelf smoker worth \$1000 with accesories being offered as a prize.



The next social night to be held at Jurien Bay on 25<sup>th</sup> February promises to be a ripper. See the flyer on page 4 for details.

## New Members

**This year's influx of new members has not slowed** down with 12 new members since mid January, a result driven by the presence of billfish and hopefully sign that the club is doing most things right as well.

One new member who has joined with good credentials is Janine McLeod who picked up this fine 12.7 kg wahoo off Exmouth.



## Interclub Tournament

The club will be sponsoring 2 teams of anglers to fish the WAGFA Interclub Tournament to be held **concurrently with EGFC's Gamex** even. One spot has been filled and invitations to apply for this sponsorship are included in the flyer near the end of this issue of Hook-Up.

## Crews

### **Positions available for Weipa Barra Fishing Trip onboard Kekoa 3-9 April 2012**

Up to 3 slots available for barra fishing trip, 3-9 April 2012 (5 days fishing 4-8). Individual or group 2-3 welcome, if interested please contact Alex Kaiko at [alex.kaiko@woodside.com.au](mailto:alex.kaiko@woodside.com.au) or on 0438980430.

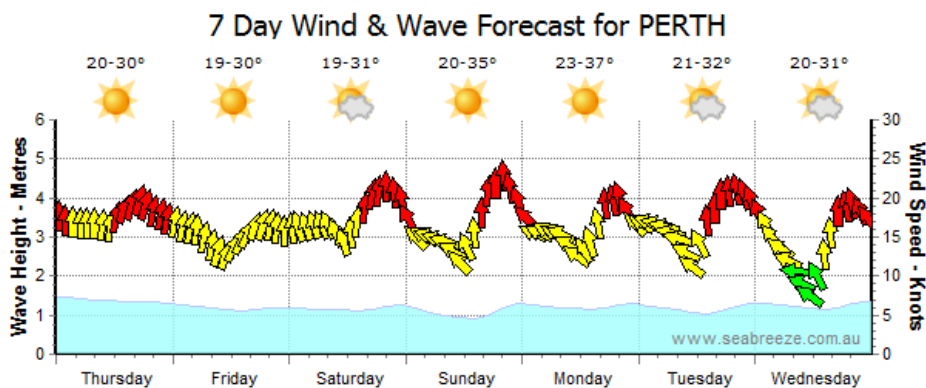
## Rottneest Swim

From Phil Grove Riviera Syndication: 0423 774 719 [pgrove@rivierasyndication.com.au](mailto:pgrove@rivierasyndication.com.au)

This is our third year volunteering for the Rottneest Channel Swim on the 25<sup>th</sup> February for ferrying the Chief Referee and Race Director. The organisers are one boat short for the swim and wondered if you knew of anyone who would be interesting in helping out with a boat.

The organisers pay for their fuel, provide a lunch and a mooring at Rottneest overnight on the Saturday. **It's a great event and a good charity so if you could forward t boat owners would be greatly appreciated.**

## Weather



For the latest update in weather forecasts and conditions  
[www.seabreeze.com.au](http://www.seabreeze.com.au)

## Sea Surface Temperature

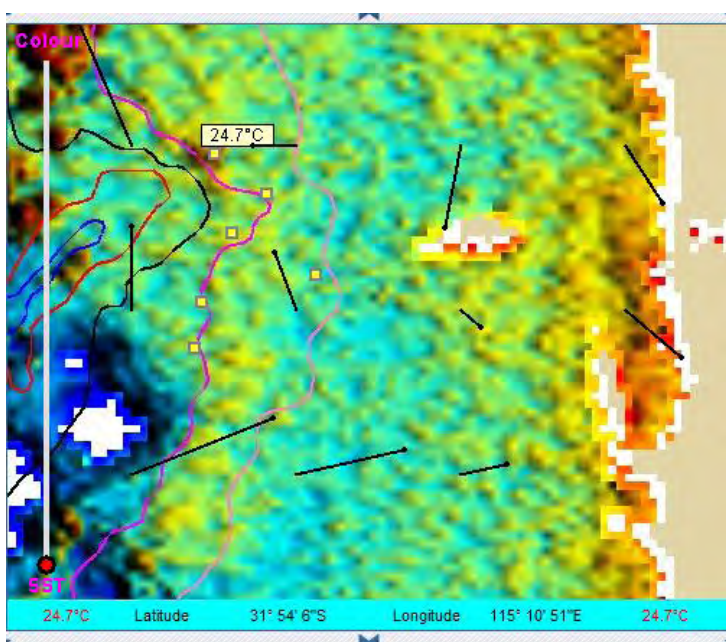
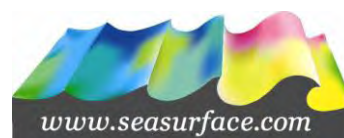


Image taken at 1203 EST 16<sup>th</sup> February. High spot temperature of 24.7°. Currents affected by a large offshore eddy.

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



## Fremantle Tides

Friday 17		Saturday 18		Sunday 19		Monday 20	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
341	0.40	416	0.40	447	0.42	504	0.46
1857	1.03	1944	1.04	2022	1.03	1132	0.70
						1235	0.69
						2055	1.00

Tide data supplied by



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## Scores

Latest Club Championship Scores can be viewed or downloaded [HERE](#). Scores are changing every week **and there's some surprises** among the front runners. The Neil Patrick Trophy details will be updated next week.

## Tags

Members requiring tags for all categories **should contact the club's weigh-master** John Webber on 9386 7343, 0407 386734 or [john@webbers.net.au](mailto:john@webbers.net.au)



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# Next Social Night

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Jurien Bay Bowling Club  
from 6:00 pm

Due to the long weekend at the beginning of March, and the Shimano WA Open being held at Jurien Bay at the end of that month, it has been decided to bring forward the March social night to the last Saturday in February.

This will also enable those members fishing the Shimano WA Open an opportunity to check out the excellent facilities at the marina and accommodation in the town just over 2 hours drive from Perth.

As usual all members and guests are welcome. The Club (PGFC) will be providing food and there will be a cash bar.

It promises to be a good evening with some of the fishers and sponsors who are fishing the comp joining us to share some of their local secrets.

So we can get an idea on numbers, please RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> February (that's Friday) to either Peter Coote on 0419 266843 or Rhyss Whittred on 0400 122878.

Jurien members and visitors are asked to call Craig White on 0427 944839



## Shimano WA Open

Preparations are well underway for **this year's 30th** Shimano WA Open, to be held at Jurien Bay. The event promises to be the biggest Shimano WA Open in many years, with masses of prizes and giveaways for all competitors. Many members are planning to trail their boats up the new coast road which cuts the trip to around 2 ½ hours. It is expected that at least 10 boats will be driven up from Perth. The support from sponsors in Jurien Bay, encouraged by member and local resident Craig White, has been phenomenal and as many as 7 local boats are expected to fish the comp.

### Summary details are:

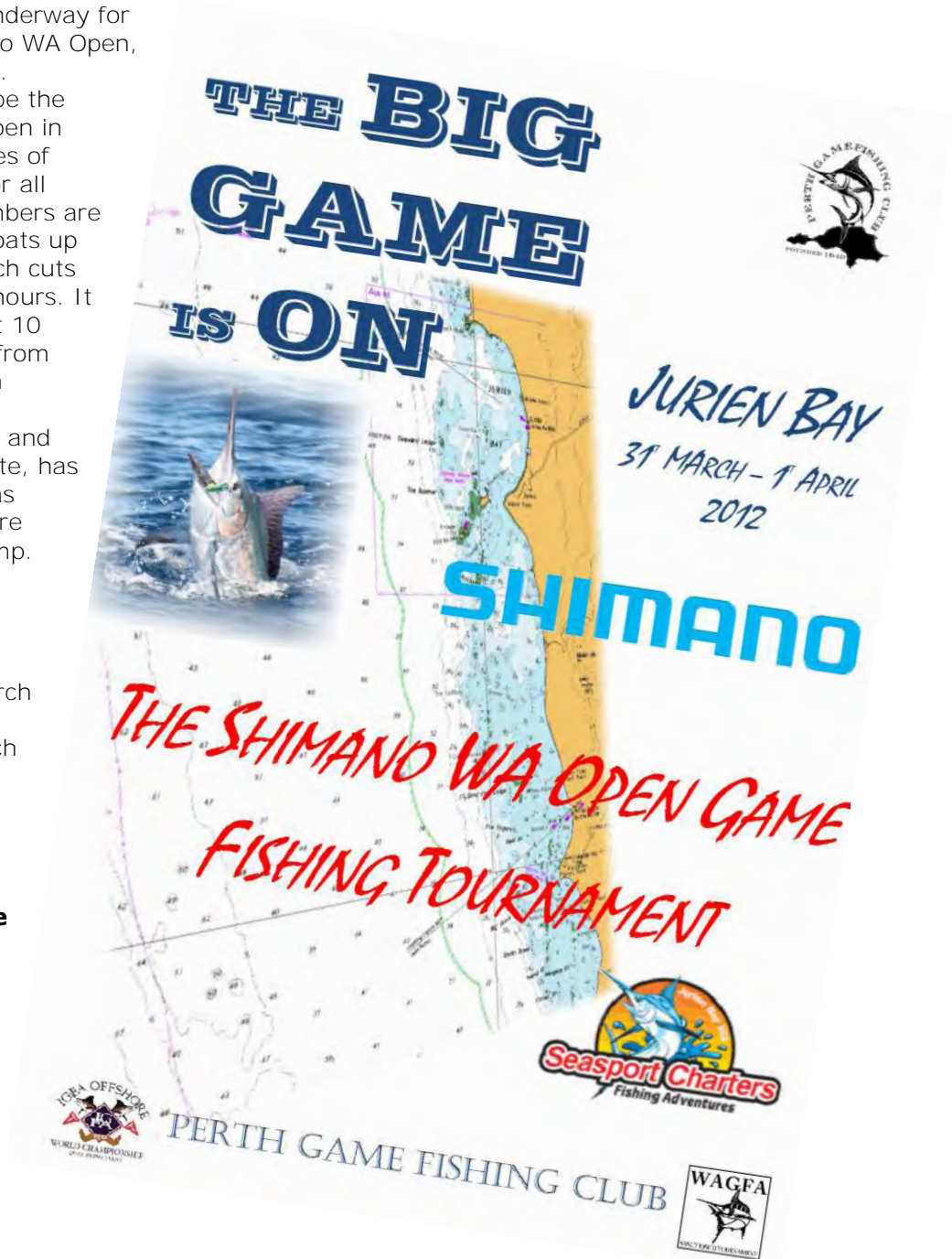
Briefing Night: 30th March

Fishing Days: 31st March and 1st April

Presentation night:  
1st April

**Tournament Brochure**  
CLICK HERE

**Briefing Notes**  
CLICK HERE



### Shimano WA Open - Boats nominated to date:

Buddha, Rampage, Jelomi, Kokoda, Reel Addiction, Exotica, Valkoista

Add your boat name to the list [shimanowaopen@pfc.com.au](mailto:shimanowaopen@pfc.com.au) . Any crew needed or crew available send details too.



## The West Australian Game Fishing Association 2012 INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT



The WAGFA Interclub Tournament is to be held in conjunction with Exmouth GFC's Gamex Tournament between 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Exmouth GFC ran the WAGFA Interclub in its inaugural year 2011.

The objective of the tournament is to foster inter-club competition and camaraderie. The guidelines for the event are:

- The trophy will be awarded for the winning club's tag and release billfish
- Only WAGFA clubs are eligible to compete
- Each WAGFA club may nominate two teams
- Club team anglers should only comprise members of the club they represent.

Accordingly PGFC invites skippers who are fielding a team of PGFC members to nominate their team.

Each nominated team will be given PGFC accessories and be recognised by the club for their efforts. Success in the Interclub will be further recognised.

Interested teams should complete the following details which must be received by PGFC by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Team Name	
Boat Name (Owned / Charter)	
Team Skipper	
Team Members	

Note: All teams members must be financial members at the time of nomination.

Send nominations to: [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au) or post to PO Box 57 North Beach 6920

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## Divers at FADs

The story continues with this press release from DoT. There will be an item on the issue in the West Australian on 18<sup>th</sup> February.



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Attention: News Editor/Chief of Staff  
February 13, 2012  
For immediate release

An increase in the number of divers operating at the Rottnest Trench Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) over summer has raised safety concerns.

The Department of Transport (DoT) today moved to remind skippers and divers of the current laws and recommended practices to share the waters safely.

DoT Acting Director of Marine Operations Ray Buchholz urged those using the FAD to respect others and warned there would be tragic consequences if skippers or divers failed to abide by the rules.

"Additionally, snorkelers are asked to display a dive flag when operating in areas of vessel traffic, in isolated areas or further offshore, to alert skippers and enhance safety," Mr Buchholz said.

The regulations governing the operation of vessels near divers require skippers who see a dive flag on a vessel or buoy to keep a proper lookout, proceed at a safe speed and where possible keep their vessel at least 50 metres clear.

Where it is not possible to keep 50 metres clear skippers must proceed at the slowest possible speed.

Diving laws in WA require vessels with divers operating from them to display a dive flag in keeping with the International Flag Code which is no less than 750 mm in length or 600 mm in width and is clearly visible (360 degrees).

Mr Buchholz said skippers need to be extra cautious when navigating and divers need to ensure they surface within 50 metres of their flag.

"There is not a 50 metre boat exclusion zone around a dive flag so divers also need to be extra cautious too," Mr Buchholz said.

"DoT will continue to closely monitor the safety of interaction between vessels and divers at the Rottnest FAD."

For a copy DoT's safety publication *Caution Diver Below* or more information about safe boating visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine)

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