

Season  
2018

# HOOK-UP

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*In this issue of Hook-Up are items including macro weather forecast, SST and currents, Jurien Bay is firing up and two FADs out of service, It's time to get Marlin Cup entries in, there's an odd spot on broadbill swordfish, latest scores for the All Species Competition and a repeat of the successful 2017 Family Day is just a week and a half away.*

## La Nina

Many will have caught snippets in the press about this year being a La Nina occurrence, which typically brings warmer weather, higher sea surface temperatures and more billfish to our metropolitan waters. There have been some strong events such as 1999 when near 100 marlin were caught at the trench, not quite so strong ones in 2008 and 2011 and a moderate one last year. 2018 is expected to be similar to 2017 according to CSIRO oceanographers. The club has requested predictions from the Bureau of Meteorology and expects a forecast in plenty of time to give encouragement ahead of the Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup.

## Fishing

In what seems like the windiest Christmas to New Year period ever, there was little information coming in from members. Rumbles on social media suggest that there are Spanish mackerel to be had off Rottnest's West End and on coastal reefs; cause for optimism. There are good reports on snapper and dhufish, but again the weather has been the killer.

Steve Scarrott had a good day out around Christmas fishing for snapper and dhufish and ending up with a mixed bag of good sized, baldchin groper, King George whiting, trevally, breaksea cod and a couple of southern bluefin tuna.

Spotted by Dave Littlejohn while pulling pots and without a rod on the boat were SBT in around 35m well south of Parker Point.

The club's tuna guru, Brian Arnett, has been skunked on his last 4 trips out tuna fishing either side of the island. A trip to the trench had Rock'N'Roll chasing, but never catching up, with surface schools of tuna.

## MAJOR EVENTS

### COMING UP IN 2018

#### FAMILY DAY

After the success of this event in 2017, this year's event is to be held on Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

#### BLUEWATER TACKLE WORLD MARLIN CUP

As for last year's successful event. Rottnest Island. February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

[CLICK FOR DETAILS and ENTRY FORM](#)

#### SHIMANO WA OPEN

Jurien Bay April 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Following a survey of previous competitors, this has been shifted to avoid Easter and to take advantage of school holidays and a better fishing prediction. There has been a good response to the change. [CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

#### SOCIAL NIGHTS

At RPYC Freo - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr & 1<sup>st</sup> May.

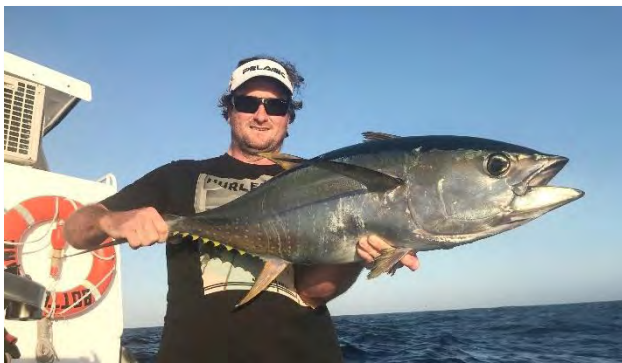
Dylan Picken, fishing for demersals off Mandurah for the first time this season with a couple of mates had a really good session getting on to 17.8kg and 8kg dhufish. They also picked up a couple of quality breaksea cod, King George whiting and a whiskey shark with schools of small southern bluefin around them in the 2-3kg bracket.



But the best story for this edition is saved for last and comes from Mark Jameson, who spent the holiday period at Jurien Bay. Between Christmas and New Year and since he has been organising his time to get his newly acquired Bottom Line out of the marina by about 4:30, successfully trolling for mackerel on day break, trolling for yellowfin, bottom fishing for baldchin groper, and dhufish, before getting back to the marina about 10:30 when the sea breeze has been taking over. After five days of three meals a day of dhufish, he's happy.



Bottom Line's notable catches included a samson fish of 121cm, dhufish of 14.2 and 14.8kg and yellowfin tuna of 14.2kg. Augurs well for the Shimano WA Open!



## Exmouth Grander

It has finally been confirmed that marlin in excess of 1000lb do live in the waters around Exmouth, with the New Year's Day capture of a 494.3kg (1089.7lbs) blue marlin on 60kg tackle by Clay Hilbert from NSW. Congratulations to all participants in this wonderful achievement.



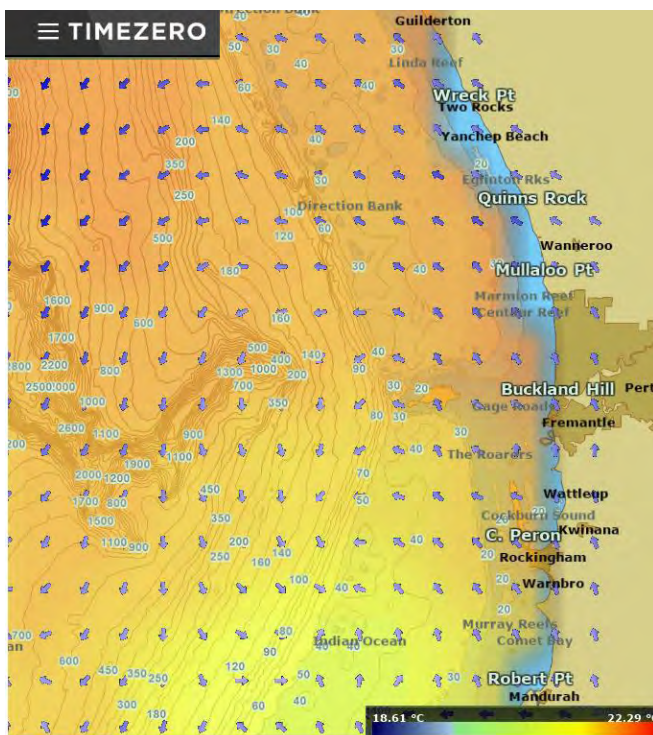
## Swordfish Activity

Last week a swordfish was spotted swimming in the area around the ammo jetty at Woodman's Point where some good quality video was recorded. On Monday morning, a similarly sized fish, likely the same one was spotted swimming in the canals around Port Coogee.



## Sea Surface Temperature and Currents

It is still very early in the season, but this TIMEZERO current chart indicates a gradual warming of waters heading southwards. There are no steep gradients in temperature which would be specific enough to suggest good fishing opportunities. However the general warming combined with the CSIRO expectations for La Nina are all positive for the months ahead. It is early times yet.



## FADs

The current plan to redploy the Club Marine and Fibrelite Boats FADs is for sometime during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January, weather permitting. Members will be advised as soon as it has been effected.

## Member Achievement

Each year the NSW DPI prepares a list of species tagged during the year. The 2016/2017 game fishing season ended on June 30 2017 and resulted in over 8,700 fish tagged. In the 2016-17 year Ben Patrick's Mandalay was runner up on the number of yellowfin tuna tagged.

Congratulations Ben and crew.


### Top tagging boats and anglers 2016/2017

Species	Top boat	Runner up boat
Yellowfin Tuna	21 - <i>Oceanic</i> (WA) Geraldton Districts OAC	17 - <i>Mandalay</i> (WA) Perth GFC

For details of all the tags statistics click on this link:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging/tagging-program-statistics>





**SAVE  
THE DAY**

**21**  
**JANUARY**

**Sunday**

**Free Family Day  
Treasure Hunt & Quiz**

It's time to put your hand up if interested. You'll be contacted you with details of the Treasure Hunt and Quiz. [Click Here](#)

**Bring your kids - or borrow some**

**PGFC FAMILY FUN DAY** on the river.  
There will be a **TREASURE HUNT & QUIZ**, followed at 1:30 by a boat **RAFT UP** and Picnic in Matilda Bay.  
With **PRIZES** for the kids

A great occasion to use your boat and give the whole family a fun day on the water between Fremantle Traffic Bridge and Elizabeth Quay. **And it's free!**

**Further Details - John Webber 0407 386734**

## Club Championship Scores

### PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2018

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Luke Ryan	1381	Simrad	1381
Damien Wham	554	Rock'N'Roll	840
Des Beech	405	Time Out	816
Phil Vollich	296		
Brian Arnett	139		
Grant Mills	137		
Asley Hicks	126		
NEIL PATRICK TROPHY			
Adam Durell	2	Luke Ryan	1
Johan Oosthuizen	2	Dave Thomson	1
Jonathon Jarvis	1		

Club Championship points have been updated to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The season begins on 1<sup>st</sup> October and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Members are reminded that whilst all care is taken, members are responsible for ensuring their points are correct. No adjustments, up or down, will be made after the final club year points have been awarded.

## Calendar

In an addition to the Club's calendar, extra fishing, social and special events will be held during the year, please check the Club's website <http://www.pgfc.com.au/events/> for updates on all events.

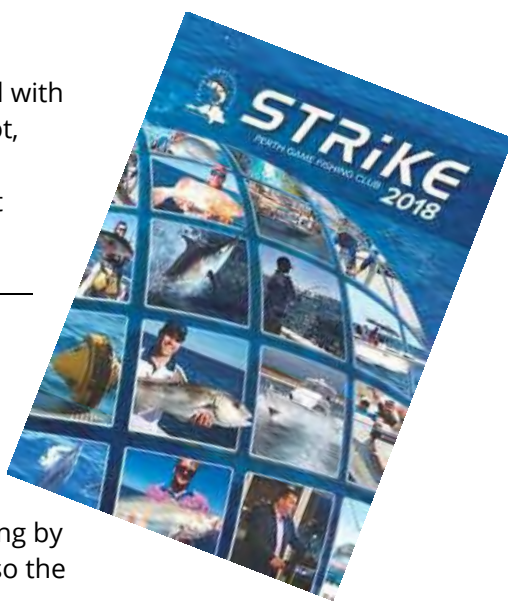
<b>January</b>	Sunday 21st	Swan River Treasure Hunt and Family Social Day	Matilda Bay
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Social Night Marlin Cup Briefing	RPYC Fremantle
<b>February</b>	Sat & Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup. Briefing Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> . Presentations Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rottneest Island
<b>March</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
<b>April</b>	Sat – Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Shimano WA Open. Briefing Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Presentation Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jurien Bay
	Tuesday 1st	Social Night	PYC Fremantle
<b>May</b>	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies and Juniors comp	RPYC Fremantle
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	FAD Recovery	



## Strike Magazine

The eagerly awaited 2018 Strike magazine is jam packed with members' stories and useful information. If you have not, received your copy, please advise the Club though [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au) . Additional copies are available at any Club event.

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## Membership Fees

Members are advised that membership renewal reminders have been posted.

For those who have not received them or need another copy, please contact [membership@pgfc.com.au](mailto:membership@pgfc.com.au) . If paying by EFT please include your name or membership number so the payment can be identified.

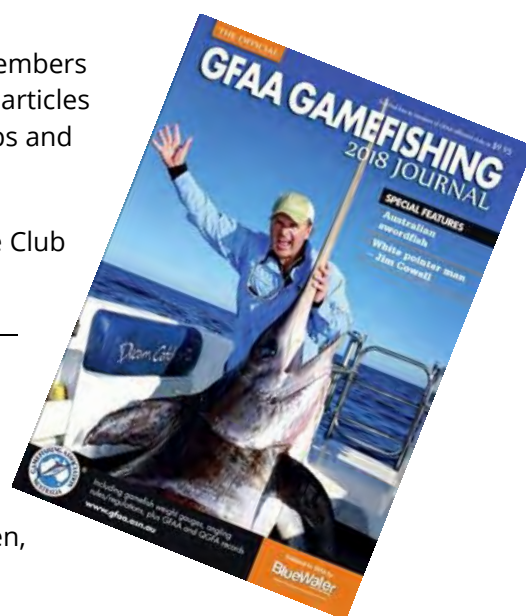
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## GFAA Journal

This yearly Journal was posted to all eligible GFAA members in the week before Christmas. It has interesting lead articles and useful information about the happenings of clubs and tournaments throughout Australia.

If you have not received your copy, please advise the Club though [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au)

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## Contributors

Contributors to this issue of Hook-Up were, Brian Arnett, Tim Carson, Peter Coote, Ash Hicks, Mark Jamieson, Dave Littlejohn, Andy Pearson, Dylan Picken, Steve Scarrott and John Webber.

## Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup

Click on image for details



# Marlin Cup 2018



Over  
**\$9,000** in  
Prizes, and  
Awards

**17-18 February 2018**  
**Rottneest Island**

**Qualifying event for the 2019 Offshore World Championship in Costa Rica**

Members of EGFC, FSC, MAAC, GDOFC and other affiliated WAGFA clubs are warmly welcomed and are not required to join PGFC to enter



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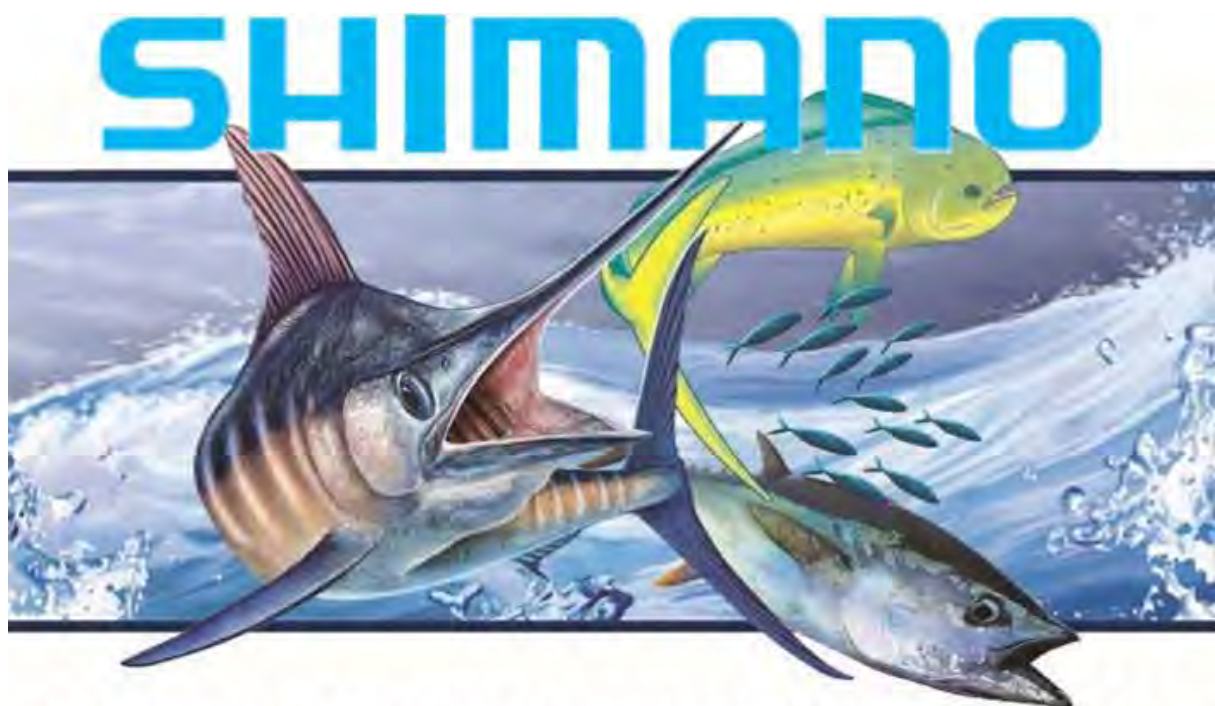


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## PERTH GAME FISHING CLUB

### 2018 SHIMANO WA OPEN JURIEN BAY – APRIL 14-16

The 2017 Shimano WA Open was a very successful event by all measures. and the 2018 tournament will be the Club's 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive one held at Jurien Bay.

Changes that have been made in response to feedback from 2017 skippers include:

- Fishing days Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- Slight overlap with school holidays

The same great prizes and social aspects can be expected to continue.

This tournament has always challenged the notion that the scoreboard reflects the fishing activity, with many more fish caught than scored.

In an effort to widen the attraction of the event, and to reward both heavy and light tackle skills, the competition includes dedicated sections for both billfish and other pelagic species. There is further incentive with cash prizes for tagging and releasing billfish.

This is truly an open competition which is aimed to deliver success to the dedicated, while not favouring either light or heavy tackle. Every angler has the opportunity to compete for and win a great prize, many of which have been donated by our generous sponsors.

This is advance notice with more details to come.





## PGFC Annual All Species Competition

The newly introduced All Species Competition is charging ahead. It's a competition designed to reward non-line class captures of a wide variety of species without the added complexity of having to adhere to the relevant game fishing rules. It aims to encourage greater participation of our members in our great sport and eventually encourage more members into competitive game fishing.

A list of the designated species and the current category leaders will be kept on a specifically designed board which will be placed at the RPYC Annex. The board will be updated prior to the social nights and the website is up and running.

### Designated Species:

The following species will form part of the 2017/18 Competition:

Baldchin groper	Breaksea cod	Dhufish	Harlequin fish
Herring	King George whiting	Pink snapper	Queen snapper
Red snapper	Sand whiting	Skippy	Taylor
Hapuka/bass grouper/grey band cod/blue eye trevalla*			* Some species have been grouped together into one category.
Samson fish/ yellowtail king fish/ amberjack *			

Each specie category will be contested in 3 divisions: men, ladies and juniors (16 and under).

### Rules:

1. Species may be captured anywhere off the West Australian coast.
2. Rod and reel captures only (electrics also included).
3. No restrictions on lines, leader, hooks or lures.

All captures must abide by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Fisheries) rules and regulations.

### How to enter

Members wishing to enter a designated species capture into the competition should

1. Take a photo of the fish laying on a brag mat to verify the length (fork length, not total length).
2. Take a photo of the angler holding the fish.
3. Send both photos, the anglers name, species name and the fork length of the fish to ash.hicks87@gmail.com or 0419 510 262 within 30 days of capture. Captures made in September must be received by 30 September to be considered for the 2017/18 competition.



Latest scores below.

# Annual All Species Competition

Progress Scores to 10th January 2018	Male	Length		Female	Length		Smallfry Junior	Length		Sponsor
Baldchin Groper	Glen Rattigan	46								
Breaksea Cod	Dylan Picken	46								
Dhufish	Shane Walton	97								
Harlequin fish										
Herring	Peter Babarskas	25								
King George whiting	John Holmes	49								
Pink snapper	Andy Pearsom	76								
Queen snapper										
Red snapper										
Sand whiting	Deon van der Westhuizen	24								
Skippy	Peter Babarskas	25								
Tailor	Brian Arnett	48								
Hapuka/ Bass Grouper/ 8 Bar/ Blue Eye Samson/ Yellowtail Kingfish/ Amberjack	Mark Jamieson	121								



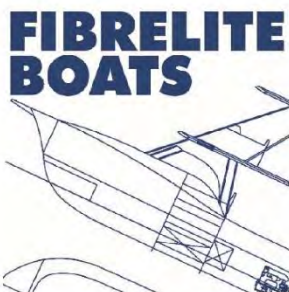
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