

**Season
2018**

HOOK-UP

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In this issue of Hook-Up: marlin reported at the trench just in time for the Marlin Cup, successful social day on the river and plans well advanced for the Shimano WA Open. Scores and more.

Fishing

Local

Marlin were raised near the FSC FAD and around the north wall at the weekend. Not too much detail as both the fish immediately sprinted off before dropping the hooks after runs of a couple of hundred metres or so. Tackle was 24 and 37kg. Water temperature are in the low 23° range.

Finally a chance to get on the water for many anglers with relief from the weather which has been hampering efforts for the past 6 weeks or so.

FSC held its early season club weekend with the good marlin outcomes mentioned above, and also for southern bluefin tuna. FSC Game Fishing Section Captain and PGFC member Graeme Allen and partner Sue Chappell, fishing around 5nm west of Rottnest, rounded up a heap of SBT's, bagging a 6.89 and two 5.8kg specimens on 4kg as well as smaller fish on 2kg for light tackle exponent Sue. Graeme revealed he has a new secret weapon, following an example his dad successfully set many years ago; he has painted the bottom of his boat light blue expecting that it will attract more fish. Compared with another boat fishing nearby it came up trumps – so there's one to keep an eye on and maybe think about copying.

Reports as recent as late last week were of little activity around the FADs, however this appears to have reversed with good mahi mahi activity reported on or around all. Reports also of Spanish mackerel from Cockburn Sound which is carrying a lot of bait, out to Rottnest.

The pent up fishing energy is emulating last year's scenario when similar weather conditions resulted and record numbers of members joining in the Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this year and the fish will hang around.

MAJOR EVENTS

COMING UP IN 2018

BLUEWATER TACKLE WORLD MARLIN CUP

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

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ENTRY FORM](#)

SHIMANO WA OPEN

Jurien Bay April 14th to
16th. 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 and ENTRY FORM](#)

SOCIAL NIGHTS

At Bluewater tackle World
Myaree – 13th Feb
At RPYC Freo - 6th Mar,
3rd Apr & 1st May.

MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR

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Mandurah

A note from Dylan Picken

"Fished the RMarine Mandurah Fishing Classic on 3rd Feb. onboard Whiskers with a field of 120 anglers including female and junior. Started the day off trying for herring and tailor only managing a small tailor, then headed wide with the NE wind. Starting at about 18nm out, we landed a decent baldchin groper which bricked me before managing to pull it from the coral.

After this we went another 8nm to some other quality ground I've got marked landed a 142cm whiskery shark, queen snapper, samsonfish, dhufish and breaksea cod. Kate was hooked up to a samsonfish for around 20 minutes which gave her a fair work out. With some skilful driving we managed to get it off the craypot and away to keep fighting and land the fish. Measuring in at 121cm fork it was a good fish and was released after being revived boat side as they weren't included in the competition. The whiskery shark took out largest shark by only a few centimetres. Kate also managed one of the 25 door prizes which was a \$500 Camping Shower.

The 26nm run home in the dinghy was the most enjoyable but was a great day on the water and some quality fish weighed in at the weigh in. There were several SBT weighed in around the 3-4kg mark. There have also been yellowtail kingfish in close and plenty of sharks around but not a lot going over the 1.5m required length. I ran a 3kg outfit the day before the competition whilst looking for some new ground in 18m off Dawesville for a dive, hooked up - chased after it and was done in on the reef in 30 seconds. Suspect it was a kingie."

WARNING!

During last weekend's fishing around Rottnest and out to the FADs, there were lots of unattached floating ropes encountered, with lengths up to 800m, and partially concealed in the rafts of plankton. The implications of wrapping something like this around a prop are obvious. Please take care and report any such incidents to DPI at <https://www.facebook.com/MarineSafetyWA>



Sea Surface Temperature and Currents

Uniform temperatures across the metro waters without significant breaks. This image from 7pm on 6th February indicates mid to high 22° levels and a continuing weak north setting current.



Swan River Family Day

The Treasure Hunt and raft up in Matilda Bay on January 28th continued the success of last year's event with seven club boats taking part and 15 or so kids. Shane Anderson kindly set up a floating swimming pool arrangement which allowed all the kids to get wet and have a lot of fun.

Thanks to Damien Wham for making available his Caribbean 40 "Time Out" as the mothership and to John and Kay Webber for organising the whole event, looks like they've got a project for next year.



FADs

The current plan is to redeploy the Club Marine, Fibrelite Boats and Furuno FADs on 14th February ahead of the Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup, weather permitting. Members will be advised as soon as it has been effected.



[CLICK HERE](#) to download the latest Bluewater Tackle World Fishing Report

Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup Briefing Night
Next Tuesday at Bluewater
84 North Lake Road Myaree
1800 for 1830

Club Championship Scores

PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2018

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Luke Ryan	1381	Rock'N'Roll	1786
Brian Arnett	910	Simrad	1381
Damien Wham	554	Time Out	816
Phil Vollich	472		
Des Beech	405		
Grant Mills	137		
Asley Hicks	126		
NEIL PATRICK TROPHY			
Luke Ryan	3	Jonathon Jarvis	1
Adam Durell	2	Mark Jones	1
Johan Oosthuizen	2	Dale Moir	1
Ashley Hicks	1	Dave Thomson	1

Club Championship points have been updated to 6th February 2018. The season begins on 1st October and ends on 30th 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.

	Tuesday 13 th	Social Night Marlin Cup Briefing	Bluewater Tackle World Myaree
February	Sat & Sun 17 th & 18 th	Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup. Briefing Tue 13 th .	Rottnest Island
	Tue 20 th	Marlin Cup Presentation Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Tuesday 6 th	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
April	Tuesday 3 rd	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Sat – Mon 14 th -16 th	Shimano WA Open. Briefing Fri 13 th Presentation Mon 16 th	Jurien Bay
May	Tuesday 1 st	Social Night	PYC Fremantle
	Sat 5 th	Ladies and Juniors comp	RPYC Fremantle
	Wed 16 th	FAD Recovery	

All Species Competition

Progress Scores to 7th February 2018	Male	Length	Female	Length	Small fry and Junior	Length
Baldchin Groper	Peter Babarskas	54				
Breaksea Cod	Glen Rattigan	47	Kate Penfold	39		
Dhufish	Shane Walton	97	Kate Penfold	47		
Harlequin fish						
Herring	Peter Babarskas	25			Harrison Coulston	20
King George whiting	John Holmes	49				
Pink snapper	Andy Pearsom	76	Kate Penfold	22		
Queen snapper	Dylan Picken	67				
Red snapper						
Sand whiting	John Cramer	29			Harrison Coulston	30
Skippy	Peter Babarskas	27			Bailey Coulston	25
Tailor	Brian Arnett	48				
Hapuka/ Bass Grouper/ 8 Bar/ Blue Eye Samson/ Yellowtail Kingfish/ Amberjack	Ben James (blue eye) Mark Jamieson	95 121	Kate Penfold (samson)	121		



From left Bailey Coulston's skippy, Peter Babarskas' baldchin groper, Harrison Coulston's sand whiting

Membership Fees

There is concern that some membership records from 2016 and 2017 may have been corrupted and that members may not have been invited to renew their memberships. Those who did not renew will be contacted in the very near future offering renewals through 2018 without loss of continuity.

Members are advised that 2018 membership renewal reminders have been posted. For those who have not received them or need another copy, please contact membership@pgfc.com.au . If paying by EFT please include your name or membership number so the payment can be identified.

Tag Times

Click on the image below to view the Tag Times Newsletter, informative stories and great images.

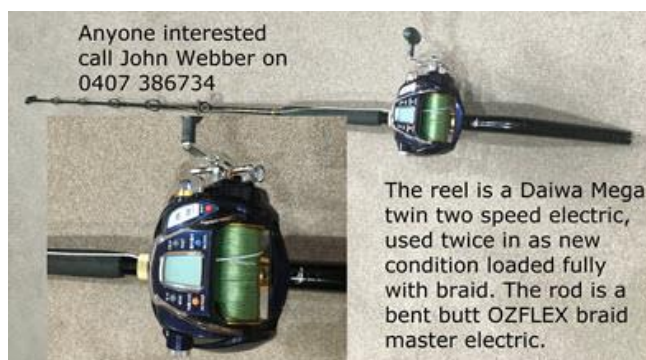


Contributors

Contributors to this issue of Hook-Up were, Graeme Allen, Tim Carson, Peter Coote, Ash Hicks, Dave Littlejohn, Dylan Picken and John Webber.

FOR SALE

**Deep drop
electric rig**



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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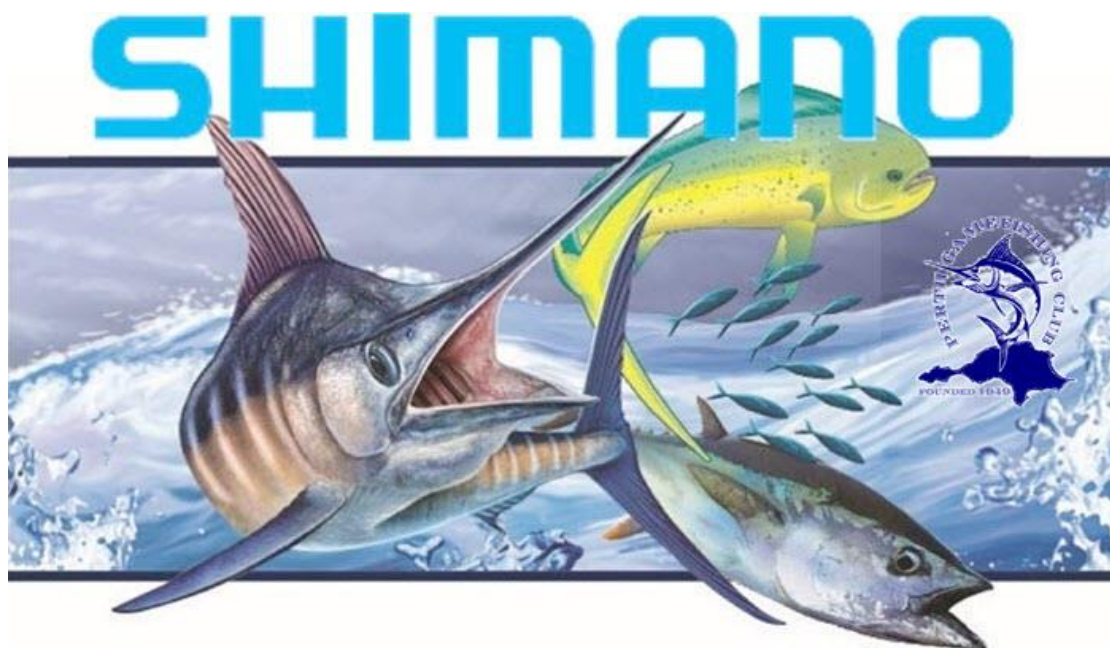
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Shimano WA Open

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2018 SHIMANO WA OPEN JURIEN BAY – APRIL 14-16

ALL NEW AWARDS



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Pools^{WA}
Outback Water Holes



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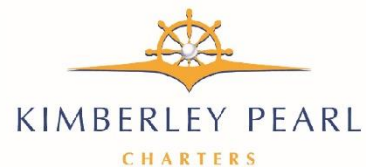


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