

**Season  
2018**

# HOOK-UP

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*In this issue of Hook-Up: Marlin Cup results, FADs working well, Shimano WA Open. Loss of an old mate. IGFA Rule clarification, Scores and more.*

## Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup

With the outlook for great weather showing in the week leading up to the event and plenty of mahi mahi on the FADs reported mid week, the Club got some late entries bringing the total boats up to 19 for the comp.



Striking colours of this big mahi mahi, hungry enough to strike a marlin lure. Photo Matt Fava

The weather did not disappoint, but what seems typical in smooth seas, the marlin were not as enthusiastic as expected.

After Saturday morning's sailpast, boats headed to the trench loaded with hope, expectation and 15+kg tackle. Matt Fava picked up a mahi mahi of around 6kg north of the trench on 24kg, no score but a nice keeper as was a larger mahi for Phil Volich from the Fibrelite Boats FAD, positioned just 4 days prior.

Shane Anderson and Sarah Coleman had some brief excitement aboard Vanquish shortly after midday on Saturday. They had just trolled south past the FSC FAD, noting a few dollies jumping, so decided to run some light gear out to try for a mahi. While pulling in the flat lines the outrigger lure was hit; it was a very timid bite so it was initially thought to be a dolly. Looking up they saw a well lit-up striped marlin jumping. Estimated around 80kg, Sarah grabbed the rod and started to put pressure

## MAJOR EVENTS

### COMING UP IN 2018

#### 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. Join in the Club's premier species event, great social aspects and lots of fish. [CLICK FOR DETAILS and ENTRY FORM](#)

#### SOCIAL NIGHTS

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

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on the fish while Shane recovered the other lines. After a second jump the fish threw the lure and unfortunately, that was that.

Around 2pm on Saturday, Johnno Wroth's Naturaliste's first strike showed similar characteristics but was thought to be a blue marlin. 43nm north west of Rottnest in very deep water, they were just putting a new elastic band on the outrigger when the lure was hit, a little interference from the deckie's hand resulted in some bruising and unfortunately the line snapped. Johnno lost a favourite lure which has accounted for no less than five marlin captures.

Naturaliste's second hook up was on the way back in with about 500m of water below them. A striped marlin went from lure to lure without any further attention. Interestingly, the water temperature out wide was over 24° with some good temperature breaks.

Around 2pm on Sunday, Dave Thomson on Azura got hooked up to an estimated 80kg striped marlin on 24kg. With Bob Whitcomb on the wheel, they got the fish alongside where Dave was unfortunately unable to get a tag into it, requiring a non-competitor to tag it. Dave got his first metro marlin and likely the Michael Officer Trophy, but unfortunately not the silverware.



*Dave Thomson's striped marlin*

The team aboard Compleat Angler fared well on yellowfin tuna in around 1000m in the trench. Tom Schuiling picked up a pair weighing 15 and 18kg on Saturday afternoon, the fish unfortunately did not score as they were caught on 24kg standup. The image of Tom won the photographic award.

Saturday evening's dinner at the Rottnest Lodge was a welcome break off the water in pleasant surroundings.

Presentation night was well attended and although the Marlin Cup wasn't awarded, there were awards made to deserving winners and prizes that did not go off were given out as door prizes.

In summary, another good comp aided by excellent weather. With more big, noisy boats and a bit more wind (can't believe we'd ever wish for more wind), maybe the marlin would have been more cooperative. It all looks good for the Shimano WA Open at Jurien Bay in April.



Phil Volich mahi mahi

The prizes that awarded were:

Highest point scoring Tuna - Kevin Baker – 2.1kg striped tuna on 2kg – Rock'N'Roll

Highest point scoring Mahi Mahi - Brian Arnett – 2.1kg mahi mahi on 2kg – Rock'N'Roll

Photographic Prize - Tom Schuiling – Compleat Angler

Sportsmanship Prize - Dave Thomson – Azura



Tom Schuiling – yellowfin tuna

## Vale Rob Nunn

*The Club lost a long term member on 12th February when Rob Nunn passed away at his home in Woorree (Geraldton). Many will not have met Robb as he probably only made it to a hand full of meetings in the past 10 years.*

*Joining PGFC in 1990, he was a loyal attendee at the social nights we had at the old Aquarama Club rooms and volunteered to man the radio for several years at the Club's annual Mackerel Islands tournament. He earned the moniker of "Mr Tickety-Boo", meaning everything is fine, a phrase he used frequently in his radio conversations. A man of letters, his tournament reports were a joy to read.*

*The President, Committee and members of the Club extend to Rob's widow Dee and family their deepest condolences.*

*Rob's funeral will be held at Fremantle on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 1pm.*



## Fishing

Obviously the Marlin Cup has been the centre of attention this week, but what can be drawn from that is that there are plenty of other opportunities out there with mahi mahi, tuna, mackerel and yellowtail kingfish. When the three missing FADs were redeployed a week ago, all the remaining FADs were loaded with mahis, although mostly small there were plenty of big boys out there as well.



Keen member Dylan Picken rounded up some mackerel working the inshore reefs and scored a Spanish mackerel, shark mackerel, and yellowtail king, all on Nomad Riptide stickbaits. They also spotted a broad barred mackerel but could not entice it. The usual story - find the bait, find the fish! They are feeding in small blue bait of about 75mm.

Picko also fished the MAAC competition over the weekend of 10th and 11th, again working the inshore reefs to the 30m line with no bait or surface action seen.



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## FADs

The replacement FADs were deployed on February 13th following a working bee and help from the usual quarters.

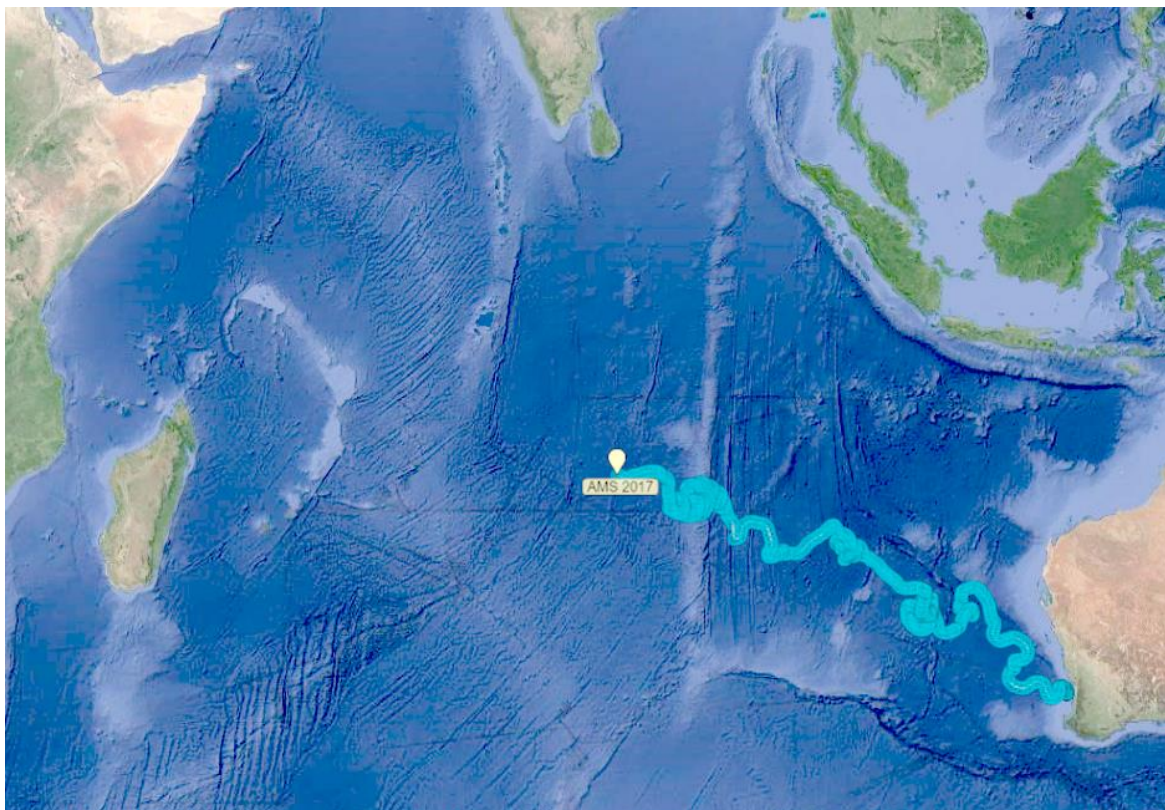
Positions the morning after deployment were:

HYC / Hillarys Boat & Tackle	31°54.71'	115°12.26'	167m
Furuno	31°57.48'	115°15.79'	140m
Perth Game Fishing Club	32°00.33'	115°13.80'	185m
Club Marine	32°03.09'	115°19.66'	104m
Fremantle Sailing Club	32°05.54'	115°11.29'	203m
Fibre-lite Boats	32°08.70'	115°09.82'	208m

Thanks to assistance from Brian Arnett, Peter Coote, John Holmes, Mark Jones, Dave Littlejohn, Rhyss Whittred and Taylor Marine all went smoothly. Hopefully the cutting off problems that have beset the program this year will prove to have been overcome.

Also many thanks again to the professional crew of Maritime Image, Andrew Ings, Gus Davy and Rob Meacham from South Metropolitan TAFE. What a team!

Meanwhile, the wandering FAD has continued its mostly westerly path and is close to the middle of the Indian Ocean. With 30% battery remaining, and positioned at 17° 33'S 81°46'E, it is 2040nm from Fremantle, 1420nm from Sri Lanka, 1880nm from Madagascar and just 830nm from Diego Garcia.



## Club Championship Scores

### PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2018

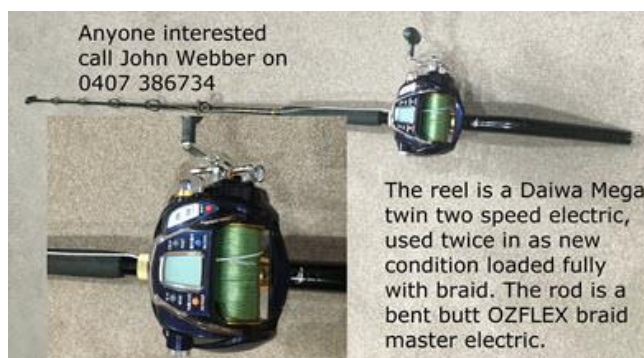
EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Luke Ryan	1552	Rock'N'Roll	2286
Ashley Hicks	1045	Simrad	2167
Brian Arnett	910	Time Out	1316
Dave Thomson	688	Azura	1188
Damien Wham	554	Seatrix	842
Phil Vollich	472	Australian Blue	500
Des Beech	405	Bill Play	500
Scott Turrell	150	Bottom Line	500
Grant Mills	137	Clearwater	500
Andrew Newton	116	Compleat Angler	500
Dale Moir	113	Crystall Quartz	500
		Eureka	500
		Galileo	500
		Game Time	500
		Naturaliste	500
		One Shot	500
		Short Black	500
		Striker	500
		Vanquish	500
		Outsider	213
<p>Note that boat scores have been increased by 500 points for those competing in the Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup.</p>			
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 21<sup>st</sup> February 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 Championship Points have been awarded.

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



## 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>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 1 <sup>st</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
<b>May</b>	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies and Juniors comp	RPYC Fremantle
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	FAD Recovery	Approximate date
<b>June</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
<b>July</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
<b>August</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Snapper Competition	RPYC Fremantle
<b>September</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle

## Club Competitions

PGFC is governed by GFAA and WAGFA as to how it must conduct competitions. Basically there are two categories of competition, Club and Open, all must be run according to GFAA rules if they are game fishing events. Social events can be run on an ad hoc basis.

Club Competitions – Example Opening Weekend	Open Competitions – Example Marlin Cup
 Open to all PGFC and prospective PGFC members  Specific rules may exceed those of GFAA  Does not require WAGFA sanctioning.  No entry fee usually required	 Open to any member of a GFAA affiliated Club  Must be sanctioned by WAGFA  Usually sponsored and attracting an entry fee

For all fishers in a PGFC Open competition, those who participate in the act of fishing must be members. PGFC offers membership concessions for those joining to fish a sanctioned tournament. As PGFC members we are not required to join other clubs who may be holding Open Competitions anywhere else in Australia and as a member of PGFC you receive many benefits beyond just being able to fish an open competition. Regardless of where you are fishing, if you are inviting a non-member to join you in an event, the logical and appropriate procedure would be to invite them to join PGFC. It is disappointing to see people who are entering a PGFC tournament buying cheap memberships from other clubs .

Incidentally , PGFC strongly supports IGFA, however IGFA membership is insufficient for recognition of individuals as GFAA affiliated members.

## All Species Competition

Progress Scores to 19th 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	Glen Rattigan	38				
Sand whiting	Bob Burdinat	30	Alby Zawadka	31	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		

## FSC Blue Marlin Classic

Fremantle Sailing Club's 39<sup>th</sup> Blue Marlin Classic is to be held over the March long weekend.

It includes the Interclub Trophy which, during its existence has been won by PGFC on most occasions.

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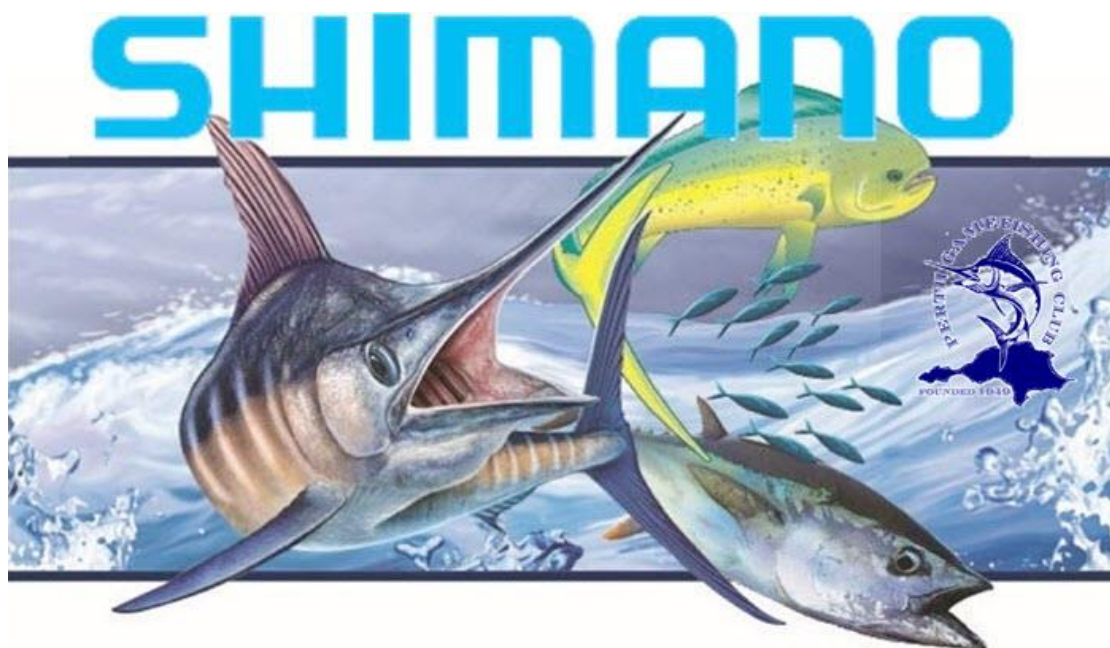
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Shimano WA Open

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# IGFA RULE BOOK

## Title: How long to pick up the rod?

BLUEWATER MAGAZINE-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

**Q:** I often fish offshore with a limited crew, and something recently made me question my techniques for when we hook-up. When we get a strike, I (as the captain) accelerate the boat to ensure a solid hook-set. During this time, my crew try to quickly clear the other lines before taking the outfit connected to the fish out of the rodholder to begin the fight. In some cases, this process can take anywhere from 30 seconds to a minute. Is this situation legal by IGFA rules?

**A:** The IGFA's International Angling Rules state that "if a rod holder is used, once the fish is hooked, the angler must remove the rod from the rod holder as quickly as possible." The intent behind this rule is that the fish, in theory, is being played by the boat while it is in the rodholder, therefore giving the angler an unfair advantage over the fish. That said, there is no set time limit placed on how quickly the angler must remove the rod from the holder.

However, the IGFA has historically not considered "as quickly as possible" to mean that the rod can be removed *after* the lines have been cleared. So, to answer the question directly – the situation described above would not be IGFA-legal as the angler does not remove the rod from the rodholder as quickly as possible.

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To help with clarity, the IGFA explains and defines the meaning of an IGFA rule in each issue of BlueWater magazine.

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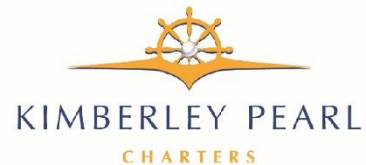


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