

**Season
2018**

HOOK-UP



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In this issue of Hook-Up: Quiet in local waters, but saved by a big mahi mahi day. FAD movements, AIBT results. Visitors, events and scores. Some good gear offered for sale.

Fishing

Perhaps one of the skiniest summer months in memory, a few marlin, yet marlin and GTs in shallow coastal water. At least the wind has abated somewhat.

FSC's Blue Marlin Classic fished over the early March long weekend was down on boats and unfortunately did not managed to find any marlin. Total captures over the three days were limited to smaller pelagic species.

A bright spot emerged however on Wednesday of this week when Luke Ryan and friends hit a couple of the FADs for a big mahi mahi session.

In Luke's words

"I managed to get out to the FADs for a run yesterday and experienced some pretty epic fishing. The mahi were absolutely going off with us having multiple 3 and 4 way hookups. The hot fishing continued all day until we left, we would have had to of caught in excess of 30 fish. Pretty crazy considering we only fished two fads for the day."



Neil Patrick Trophy

This annual trophy is awarded to the member who tags the most marlin outside local waters. Any tags that are handed in at another club's tournament should be photographed and the images sent to weigh-master John Webber at john@webbers.net.au or contact@pgfc.com.au for inclusion in the award calculation.

MAJOR EVENTS

COMING UP SOON 14th APRIL 2018

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. 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 -
3rd Apr **CANCELLED**
& 1st May.

MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR

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Jurien Bay

Reports coming in from Shane at Seasport Tackle in Jurien Bay are of mackerel, yellow tail kingfish and big yellowfin tuna. The club will have the FADs positioned offshore before Easter which is sure to attract big mahi mahi and hopefully marlin. The water is warm and the FADs will be in 139 and 161m of water. More good news is that sailfish have put in an appearance at the Halco Abrolhos Islands tournament this week.

Checking with the caravan park last week, they still have plenty of cabins for guests but the comp is over the first week of the school holidays so it would be wise to book soon.

FADs

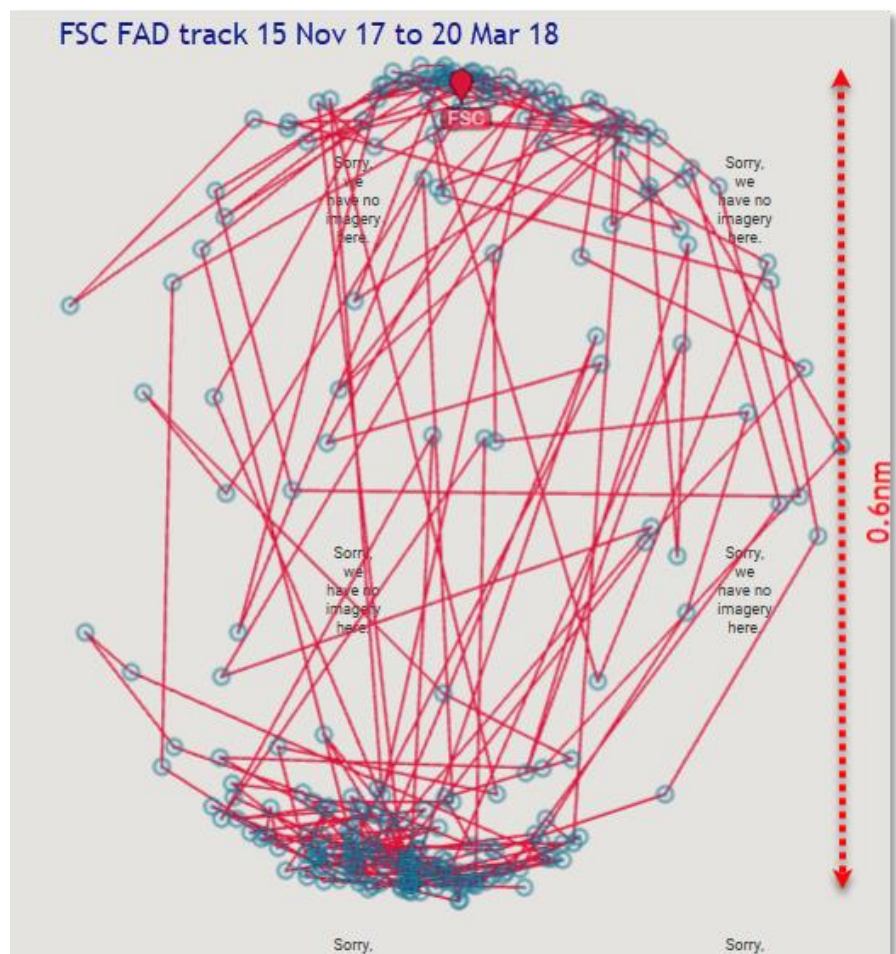
The FAD positions, transmitted by satellite, are received and monitored twice a day at 8am and 8pm. Each of these position reports are represented by a single blue circle on the track shown on the right.

A couple of months after deployment the trend in where the currents are taking the FAD become quite apparent. Wind has little impact except when there is no current.

The illustration is of the FSC FAD for the 2018 season to date and shows the density of positions mainly to the north and south

affected by currents setting to slightly west of south and slightly east of north. These represent quite strong currents with the distance between extremities around 0.6nm. This pattern is more or less repeated on all the FADs at the Rottnest Trench.

On recovery of the FADs, water temperature sensors will be examined and charts prepared. A comparison will be interesting to see.



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

Visitors

There have been reports of unusual visitors to local waters over the last couple of months, one was a giant trevally which took up residence under the Rockingham pier until a spearfisherman ended his stay – quite constructive, the second was a marlin which last weekend was sighted by lifesavers at San Remo, obviously unwell, and left to hopefully find some deeper water and regain its health.



Club Championship Scores

PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2018

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Luke Ryan	1923	Rock'N'Roll	2795
Ashley Hicks	1335	Simrad	2639
Brian Arnett	1015	Time Out	1743
Dave Thomson	688	Azura	1188
Phil Vollich	577	Seatrix	842
Damien Wham	554	Australian Blue	500
Des Beech	405	Bill Play	500
Kevin Baker	299	Bottom Line	500
Andrew Newton	216	Clearwater	500
Scott Turrell	150	Compleat Angler	500
Thomas Doyle	147	Crystall Quartz	500
Grant Mills	137	Eureka	500
Dale Moir	113	Galileo	500
An update of scores should be posted to the website by mid next week		Game Time	500
		Naturaliste	500
		One Shot	500
		Short Black	500
		Striker	500
Note that boat scores have been increased by 500 points for those competing in the Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup.		Vanquish	500
		Outsider	213
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 9th March 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 Championship 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.

April	Sat – Mon 14 th -16 th	Shimano WA Open. Briefing Fri 13 th Presentation Mon 16 th	Jurien Bay
May	Tuesday 1st	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Sat 5 th	Ladies and Juniors comp	RPYC Fremantle
	Wed 16 th	FAD Recovery	Approximate date
June	Tuesday 5 th	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
July	Tuesday 3 rd	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
August	Tuesday 7 th	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Saturday 18 th	Snapper Competition	RPYC Fremantle
September	Tuesday 4 th	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle

Australian International Billfish Tournament

PGFC anglers acquitted themselves well at the 36th AIBT sponsored by The Game Fishing Association of Australia, held in excellent weather at Exmouth between 13th and 16th March. The 15 boats fishing for three days raised 121 billfish, hooked 83 and tagged 45 of which 34 were marlin and 11 sailfish.

Champion Angler for the comp was Janelle Hodgson of Exmouth GFC and runner up Dale Moir from Perth GFC. Champion boat was Haulin, a brand new Caribbean 49 owned and skippered by Graeme Heal with a mixed team of EGFC and PGFC crew of four. They tagged six marlin and one sailfish.

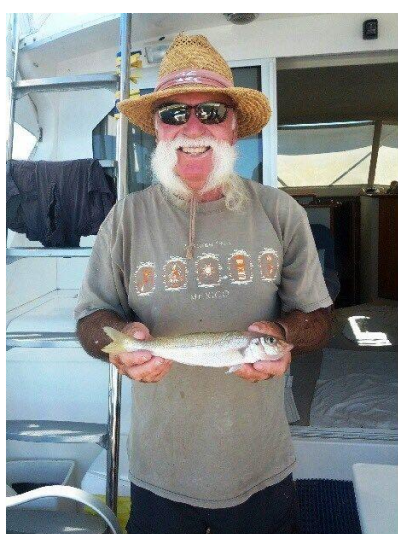
Runner up Champion Boat with three each marlin and sailfish was Azura owned by PGFC member Dave Thomson and skippered by Eddy Lawler.

Contributors

Contributors to this issue of Hook-Up were, Graeme Allen, Tim Carson, Peter Coote, Ash Hicks, Luke Ryan and John Webber.

All Species Competition

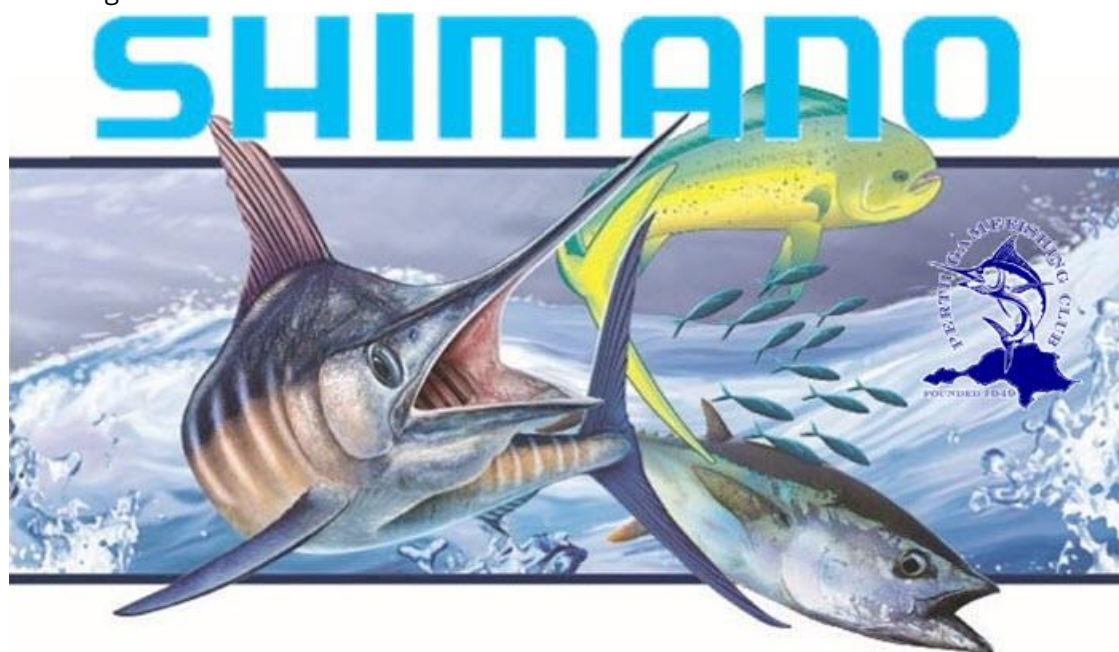
Progress Scores to 23rd March 2018	Male	Length	Female	Length	Smallfry and Junior	Length
Baldchin Groper	Peter Babarskas	54				
Breaksea Cod	Glen Rattigan	47	Kate Penfold	39		
Dhufish	Shane Walton	97	Kate Penfold	47		
Harlequin fish						
Herring	Peter Babarskas	25			Harrison Coulston	20
King George whiting	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	Ben James (blue eye)	95				
Samson/ Yellowtail Kingfish/ Amberjack	Mark Jamieson	121	Kate Penfold (samson)	121		



New entries in the competition are Bob Burdinat, left, with a 30cm sand whiting and Glen Rattigan with a 38cm red snapper.

Shimano WA Open

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PERTH GAME FISHING CLUB

2018 SHIMANO WA OPEN

JURIEN BAY – APRIL 14-16

ALL NEW AWARDS



Mining & Hydraulic Supplies



**FADs
deployed**

Club Shirts and Jackets



Club Apparel for 2018

PGFC is pleased to advise members that the club has acquired samples of custom designed jackets and polo shirts which are available for purchase.

The samples are all black with white piping and text, other colours available are navy blue and white. Size range is from S to 3XL.

Members can order the shirts with their boat names embroidered on the sleeve or front.

Polo Shirt – Short sleeve



Navy blue
\$40 each plus \$10 for boat name

Jacket – ideal for cool mornings and winter outings



Black
\$60 each plus \$10 for boat name

Also available from the club are caps, burgees and stickers for your boat.

To try them for size or to order come along to any social night, or contact Ash Hicks on 0419 510262 or contact@pgfc.com.au.

Caps and stickers will be available in April.

FOR SALE

**Deep drop
electric rig**



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OUTRIGGERS

James Stokes has a pair of beautiful USA made "Lee MX Pro Series, 2", Triple Spreader, 35-foot outriggers that he is looking to sell. They were fitted to his Riviera 47 in 2006/07, but have been in storage for at least the past 6-7 years. On www.leetackle.com they are worth around US\$8k new. They will need new mounting plates and rigging kits, but otherwise they should be good to go. He is chasing \$2k ono. Looks like an excellent opportunity for someone with a boat big enough to use them. Go to www.leetackle.com/mxproseries.html for a look at them.

Contact James Stokes 0400 795 581 or jnstokes@bigpond.net.au

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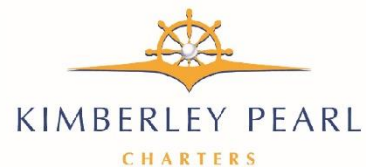


SHIMANO



Mining & Hydraulic Supplies

Billabong Pools WA
Outback Water Holes



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