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# HOOK-UP



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*July Social night a success with concerns raised over the FAD program's future. PGFC members recognised by WAGFA. No Brains team outline their recent activities. Tag cards and Capture Form changes. FAD working bee.*

## Local Fishing

Not a lot to report that hasn't already shown up on social media. Seems like at this time of the year members are more interested in the footy than fishing. Weather conditoinns have generally not been kind but salmon have appeared in some parts like where this 5 kg specimen was taken from the beach.

## July Social Night and the 2020 FAD Program

The July 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Night attracted a crowd of around 40 members and visitors with guests coming from MAAC, FSC, RPYC and Recfishwest. The presentation from Peter Coote was a recap of the history of the FAD program going back to the early 1980s through to the current "recoverable" FAD program initiated in 1997.



## COMING EVENTS

### August Social Night

Mid Aug – Shimano

Night date to be

finalised

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Descriptions and images of the gear that was used in the early days, the rationale behind the positioning of the six locations in the current program, explanations of break-offs and their recovery were all addressed. Closing, the issue of the economic headwinds PGFC is facing with the 2019-20 deployment was discussed and how funding could be achieved to ensure its viability for the club.

Many will have seen the article published in the following Saturday's (6<sup>th</sup> July) West Australian, reproduced below. If there is to be any change to the Club's commitment, it will be open to members for discussion when all the options have been considered and put before the membership. A committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July will be addressing it in more detail and it is expected that members will be consulted within 2 weeks following that.

In the meantime, a working bee at CPBA is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July to progress the refurbishment of the FADs recovered in May.

## Fish lure program faces funding axe

**BARRY WISEMAN**

**T**housands of boating anglers could be without their favourite fishing locations off the metropolitan coast this summer, with the Fish Aggregating Device program in jeopardy.

For 21 years the Perth Game Fishing Club has deployed six FADs in deep water west of Rottnest Island to attract fish for the benefit of all recreational anglers but the program may be scrapped this year due to lack of funds and manpower.

The club is finding it difficult to fund the program and to find enough volunteers to carry out associated work maintaining the devices. Guests from other major boating and fishing clubs and Recfishwest were invited to a FAD briefing last Tuesday evening.

For years the South Metropolitan TAFE campus provided the training vessel Maritime Image staffed by students studying for their

seamanship qualifications to help deploy the FADs in November and recover them in May. The program was strongly supported by the former skipper of Maritime Image, John Pozzi, a TAFE lecturer, who has since retired.

Just before last year's FADs program, South Metropolitan TAFE told the club it would be charged up to \$4500 a day for the charter of the vessel. The figure was later reduced, with the club claiming onerous conditions applying.

The six yellow fibreglass buoys are anchored along the Rottnest Trench in water ranging in depth from 95-225m.

To help with the costs, naming rights are bought by Hillarys Yacht Club, Furuno, Perth Game Fishing Club, Club Marine Insurance, Fremantle Sailing Club and Fibrelite Boats.

The initiative of the PGFC, the FADs program has been copied by other fishing clubs in Australia and

around the globe. Location co-ordinates are marked on navigation charts and the attraction of fish species such as mahi mahi in turn attracts recreational fishers and skindivers using spear guns.

The club estimates about 5000 anglers use the facility each summer. Fewer than 5 per cent of them are club members.

Divers, who have right of way, have caused conflict with boat fishers throwing or trolling lures. At times up to 20 vessels can be working the same FAD.

Over the years improvements have been made to the design, materials and deployment and recovery methods to prevent break-offs which occurred early in the program.

Strict safety practices are in force during deployment and satellite tracking devices are now attached to monitor their locations. In May last year a FAD sponsored by All Marine Services was recovered by a



For years the FADs were deployed by training vessel Maritime Image.

charter boat operator near the island of Rodrigues off Mauritius. It had drifted for 509 days and the boat captain returned the satellite tracker to the club.

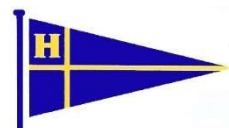
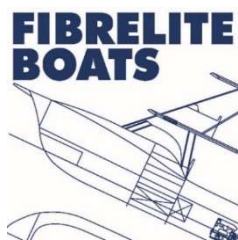
PGFC acting president, Peter Coote, said the annual program now costs about \$30,000 and the band of volunteers was growing smaller as members got older. "There is now some doubt whether

we can fund the deployment of the FADs this coming summer," he said.

Recfishwest executive officer Dr Andrew Rowland said the FAD program had been an amazing effort for metro boating anglers.

"It's clear the PGFC needs greater support to maintain this asset and Recfishwest will continue to do what it can now and it into the future," Dr Rowland added.

FAD Sponsors for the 2019 Season were:



## Out and About with “No Brains”

Nick Cawte, the owner of the well found, 6.1m Bayliner Trophy, has put together a blog of the teams's adventures since their Shimano WA Open campaign. Keen as mustard, it is great to have members enthusiastic to share their experiences. This is Nick's account:



*“The last few months have been busy for “No Brains” as late in May the boys loaded her up and made their way to Basile Island, part of the Pelsart group within the Houtman Abrolhos Island chain. The entire trip seemed a constant challenge with a very rough trip over, shallow coral navigation and absolute domination by the seemingly endless sharks. The boys left with their tail between their legs with a demolished tackle supply and a few fish for dinner. The Abrolhos group is an incredibly beautiful place but the rugged coral forms, local island access rules and general weather patterns make it difficult to visit, we were fortunate enough to have jetty access and a very hospitable crayfishing crew who cooked us dinner and lent us a shack to stay in. We’ll be back again, better educated and oversupplied with sinkers....*

*With the Abrolhos trip over, the next adventure in the pipeline was the 2019 Ningaloo Game Fishing Campout, a very casual fishing comp run from Ningaloo Station. It seemed hard to find a crew but eventually a few keen guys were pencilled in for the long haul north. Team “No Brains” ended up with a crew of two, which made for comfy fishing but hectic marlin situations. Overall the boat went 7.4.1 on marlin, 3 wahoo, a yellowfin tuna and a few ruby snapper to fill the fridge.*

### GFAA Newsletter

Look out for the July GFAA Newsletter emailed to you in the next week.

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*This competition is honesty based, non-GFAA/IGFA and categories such as "best deep drop" and "best surface lure catch" are loosely judged on photos and overall agreement. Team "No Brains" took out the highest point scoring team award with longest marlin, longest wahoo and second best overall catch.*



*A fantastic week away camping and fishing came to a disappointing end with a blown tyre leading to a snapped spring and tow truck ride for the boat where she now sits waiting to be fixed. The "No Brains" team is looking forward to the August Snapper Comp and will hopefully be adding a couple of ladies to compete and join the PGFC family."*

## Recognition for PGFC Members

At the WAGFA Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, four PGFC members had the honour of Life Membership of the Association bestowed upon them. This is the highest level of recognition the Association can award. Each has given many years of selfless service to the Association as elected office bearers and contributed to the development of WAGFA for the benefit of the membership of all clubs and the Association. The awards were presented to Peter Babarskas, Peter Coote, Ian Stagles and John Webber by the WAGFA President and fellow PGFC member Rhyss Whittred at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Membership

The Club has entered the bonus membership period where between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> September membership is complimentary. Sign up during the free period and you get up to 15 months – to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for the price of one year's membership. A good time for new members to be introduced to the Club.

### Important Note - Tag Cards, Capture Forms, Record Claims

The Club's Weigh-master John Webber has relocated. Any mail relating to tag cards and/or capture forms should now be addressed to him at:

378 Liddelow Street

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0407 386 734 [john@webbers.net.au](mailto:john@webbers.net.au)

### Record Claims

Payment can now be made by EFT for State claims of \$20 to the WAGFA account with reference of the angler's name and confirmation of payment sent with the record claim paperwork. If it is also an Australian claim, then a payment of \$20 to the GFAA account with the same reference and confirmation as that for the WAGFA claim.

WAGFA account - BSB 036 180 Account 197158

GFAA account details – BSB 035 304 Account 294263

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Southern Bluefin Tuna, *Thunnus maccoyi* - 1500mm X 650mm - Acrylic on paper

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## Club Championship Scores

### PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2019

#### EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER

Dylan Picken	2261
Brett Martin	2048
Ash Hicks	1736
Warren Jolley	1561
Derek Baxter	1194
John Holmes	1089
Alex Smith	972
Dylan Lloyd	840
Morgan Greenwood	774
Kevin Baker	680
Matt Podmore	550
Mark Jamieson	368
Shane Walton	226
Phil Volich	176
Ben Punch	168
Glen Rattigan	157
Ben James	124
Marcel Lesniak-Newman	108
Chris Matthews	108
Brian Arnett	105
Des Beech	100

#### PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT

Bottom Line	4202
Triple H	2861
Short Black	2844
Dream Catcher	1977
Rock'N'Roll	1744
Eureka	1738
Seatrix	1461
Southern Blue	1246
Jelomi	1079
Bush Chook	150
No Brains	108
Time Out	134
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#### KAY WEBBER TROPHY

Kristine Koenig	683	Kate Penfold	500
Morgane Chebahi	642		



#### JUNIOR TROPHY

Lochlan Turrell	2181	Zandri Oosthuizen	656
Kim DeVries	1321	Jayden Wham	134

#### NEIL PATRICK TROPHY

Dave Thomson	13	Lochlan Turrell	3
Brian Arnett	7	Scott Turrell	3
Darren Bowden	6	Nick Cawte	1
Jim Ireland	6	Rikki Kohn	1
Craig Singleton	6	Kate Penfold	1
Dylan Picken	3		

Club Championship points have been updated to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 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.

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## 2019 Calendar

Dates		Activity	Location
August	Tuesday 13th	Social Night - <b>Furuno Presentation</b> <b>DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b>	RPYC Fremantle
	Sat & Sun 17th & 18th	Snapper Comp <b>DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b>	RPYC Fremantle
September	Tuesday 3rd	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
October	Tuesday 1st	Social Night	RPYC Fremantle
	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	4s' Competition	Rottneest Island
November	Saturday 2nd	Annual Presentation Dinner	FSC Fremantle
	Tuesday 12th	Annual General Meeting	RPYC Fremantle

## Club Marine Promotion

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## All Species Competition

There has been a lot of interest particularly from Juniors in the All Species Comp this year, there are many categories that are vacant, so get cracking with some fun fishing and enter the comp.

### Annual All Species Competition

Progress Scores to 5th July 2019	Male	Length	Female	Length	Smallfry Junior	Length	Sponsor
Baldchin Groper	Ash Hicks	53cm					
Breaksea Cod	Dylan Picken	50cm			Lochlan Turrell	39cm	
Dhufish	Dylan Picken	99cm					
Hapuka/ Bass Grouper/ 8 Bar/ Blue Eye	Morgan Greenwood	94cm Blue Eye					
Herring	Peter Babarskas	28cm			Oliver Anderson	24cm	
King George whiting	Andrew Newton	51cm			Zandri Oosthuizen	43cm	
Pink snapper	Ashley Hicks	88cm	Kristin MacCarthy	66cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	74cm	
Queen snapper	John Holmes	70cm					
Red snapper	Sam Whitehead	42cm					
Samsonfish/ Amberjack	Morgan Greenwood	109cm Samson			Kim DeVries	104cm Amberjack	
Sand whiting	Brett Martin	33cm	Kate Penfold	23cm	Rhys Martin	31cm	
Skippy	Dylan Picken	55cm					
Tailor	Andrew Newton	74cm					
Yellowtail Kingfish	Dylan Picken	53cm			Zandri Oosthuizen	32cm	



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