

SEASON  
2020

# HOOK-UP



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*This is the first Hook-Up of season 2020. It is necessarily long as it has been a while since the last one and much has been happening club-wise and fishing too. Read on for a summary of activities past and future and new ideas to make the club even better for members. We're all looking forward to a great fishing season and early indications are excellent.*

*As is customary the format of Hook-Up has been refreshed for the new season.*

<b>Gilligan's Island Party</b>	<b>December 28th</b>
<b>Swan River Treasure Hunt</b>	<b>January 19th</b>
<b>Casual Social Night</b>	<b>January 21st</b>
<b>Marlin Cup Rottneest</b>	<b>February 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>WA Open Jurien Bay</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>

## Fishing

With the first real taste of summer coinciding with the calendar summer, it is appropriate that billfish should be showing up. A broadbill was caught by a non-member out of Mindarie a couple of weeks ago and just the weekend before last, committee member Shane Anderson aboard his new boat Miss Chief played a blue marlin for less than five minutes in 500m of water wide of the MAAC FAD position. Plenty of bait and flying



fish were spotted offshore during FAD deployments.



There has been plenty of light tackle action all around Rottneest but the salmon did not return and September was a relatively quiet month.

You be the judge of whose fish is the bigger of Adam and Linda Durell's pair of kingies from Rottneest last month.

## Annual Presentation Dinner and 2019 Club Championships

The 2019 Presentation Dinner was held at Fremantle Sailing Club this year. The Club was fortunate to have four of its six Life members Present, Peter Coote. Ron Durell, Ian Stagles and John Webber. Representing the Club's Patron, Commodore Greg O'Neill was Mark Buzio Captain of the Power Yacht Section at Royal Perth Yacht Club and his wife Sandy. We were also delighted to welcome Clem Rogers, the Annexe Harbour Master.

An overview of the season's activities was given by the evening's MC Adam Durell outlining the successful events including the inaugural Gilligan's Cruise, the Annual Kid's Treasure Hunt which was followed by the Marlin Cup in which the Club's first ever broadbill swordfish in a club event was recorded, This was followed by a very fishy Shimano WA Open in April and a Ladies and Kids Day in May. The last of the comps for 2019 was the snapper comp held in late August which turned up a lot of fish including some records.

First off was the present the Record Certificates with gasps of surprise at some of the achievements. Ten framed certificates were presented.

Record presentations on the night were:

Angler	Category	Species	Weight	Line Class	Record
Scott Turrell	Male	Whaler shark	16.86kg	3kg	WA
Warren Jolley	Male	Yellowtail kingfish	14.85kg	6kg	WA
Jayden Wham	Small Fry Male	Southern bluefin tuna	3.42kg	2kg	WA Aust
Jayden Wham	Small Fry Male	Southern bluefin tuna	5.35kg	4kg	WA
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Sailfish	35.4kg	10kg	WA
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Spanish mackerel	9kg	8kg	WA
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Spanish mackerel	3.72kg	3kg	WA Aust
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Tiger shark	17.06kg	3kg	WA Aust
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Snapper	3.3kg	2kg	WA Aust
Lochlan Turrell	Small Fry Male	Snapper	4.84kg	2kg	WA Aust

The evening then turned to the awards, with Tom Doyle making a big effort with the presentations. First was the All Species Awards which have captured a lot of attention from those who should be acknowledged outside of standard game fish awards. This competition serves as an introduction for new members and juniors. There was a long list of members for the 20 awards made.

All Club Championship Awards were keenly contested again in 2019 with some close finishes. Once again, the winners were those who spent the most time on the water.

Star of the night was Small Fry Lochlan Turrell who took home a number of awards as well as six Record Certificates. Zandri Oosthuizen put in a big effort to succeed in the Junior category and Kristine Koenig, who frequently ranks at or close to the top took out the Kay Webber Trophy. Brett Martin and Dylan Picken fought it out over the season as the most successful seniors with Dylan winning the prestigious Eddy Moss Trophy. Ben Punch's Short Black covered a lot of sea miles to earn the Champion Boat award.

<b>President's Trophy</b>	Boat with highest points in local waters	<i>Short Black 6964Pts</i>
<b>Club Trophy</b>	Boat with 2nd highest points in local waters	<i>Dream Catcher 4386pts</i>
<b>Eddy Moss Trophy</b>	Male Angler with highest points in local waters	<i>Dylan Picken 2765pts</i>
<b>Club Trophy</b>	Male angler with 2nd highest points in local waters	<i>Brett Martin 2048pts</i>
<b>Kay Webber Trophy</b>	Female Angler with highest points in local waters	<i>Kristine Koenig 1566pts</i>
<b>Club Trophy</b>	Female angler with 2nd highest points in local waters	<i>Morgane Chebahi 950pts</i>
<b>Junior Trophy</b>	Junior Angler with highest points in local waters	<i>Zandri Oosthuizen 3065pts</i>
<b>Small Fry Trophy</b>	Small Fry Angler with highest points in local waters	<i>Lochlan Turrell 3482pts</i>
<b>Tom Bell Trophy</b>	Highest point scoring fish weighed in local waters	<i>Lochlan Turrell 17.06kg Tiger Shark on 3kg 569pts State and Aust Record</i>
<b>Club Trophy</b>	Highest point scoring fish tagged in local waters	<i>Brett Martin Broadbill on 24kg 1375pts</i>



Tom Doyle presents from L to R Dylan Picken: Kristine Koenig; Zandri Oosthuizen and Lochlan Turrell with their awards

<b>Pannawonica Trophy</b>	Boat with highest points for billfish in local waters	<i>Bottom Line 1375pts</i>
<b>Michael Officer Trophy</b>	Team trophy for first marlin tagged and released on a Club registered boat, by a club angler, in local waters	<i>Not awarded in 2019. No eligible captures</i>
<b>Roland Smith Trophy</b>	Largest gamefish weighed (excluding sharks and billfish) in local waters	<i>Warren Jolley 14.85kg Yellowfin tuna on 6kg State Record</i>
<b>Patron's Trophy Carl Georgeff</b>	Most species tagged & released in local waters	<i>Dylan Picken 6 Species</i>
<b>Basil Downs Trophy</b>	Angler with highest points tag & release marlin in local waters	<i>Matt Podmore 550pts</i>
<b>Club Trophy</b>	Angler with highest point scoring fish outside of local waters	<i>Dylan Picken 27.85kg Black marlin on 8kg 522 pts</i>
<b>Ivan Quartermaine Trophy</b>	Angler with highest number of fish tagged in local waters	<i>Brian Arnett and Zandri Oosthuizen each 15 fish</i>
<b>Maher Family Trophy</b>	Highest point scoring mackerel weighed	<i>Lochlan Turrell 9kg Spanish mackerel on 8kg 112pts State Record</i>
<b>Neil Patrick Trophy</b>	Most tagged & released marlin worldwide, excluding local waters	<i>David Thomson 13 Fish</i>
<b>Ian McCarthy Trophy</b>	Angler with the first broadbill tagged & released or weighed to go line class	<i>Brett Martin</i>
<b>Marlin Cup</b>	Marlin Cup Champion Boat	<i>Bottom Line Skipper Mark Jamieson</i>
<b>WA Open</b>	WA Open Champion Boat	<i>Bottom Line Skipper Mark Jamieson</i>
<b>Club Person of the Year</b>	Non-committee member recognised for outstanding contribution to the club during the course of the year	<i>Doug Jendry in appreciation for untiring support of Jurien Bay comps over 9 years.</i>





<b>Ivan Erceg Medal</b>	Angler achieving the highest point scoring marlin on day 1 of the WA Open	<i>Matt Podmore</i>
<b>Jack Clugston Medal</b>	Angler achieving the highest points on the first day of the WA Open	<i>Kim de Vries</i>
<b>Line Class Local Waters</b>	1kg	<i>Dylan Picken 7.66kg Whaler sShark</i>
	3kg	<i>Lochlan Turrell 8.12kg Snapper</i>
	4kg	<i>Alexander Smith 7.26kg Skipjack tuna</i>
	6kg	<i>Warren Jolley 9.89kg Mulloway</i>
	8kg	<i>Mark Jamieson 9.73kg Mulloway</i>
<b>Line Class Outside Local Waters</b>	2kg	<i>Dylan Picken 7.27kg Whaler Shark</i>
	3kg	<i>Lochlan Turrell 3.72kg Mackerel State and Aust Record</i>
	8kg	<i>Dylan Picken 27.85kg Black marlin</i>
	10kg	<i>Dylan Picken 14.1kg Mackerel</i>



*1 Tom Doyle presents from L to R Ben Punch; Johan Oosthuizen; Mark Jamieson and Brett Martin with their awards*



*L to R Matt Podmore; Kim de Vries; Peter Coote & Doug Jendrdy; Dave Thomosn with their awards*

Thanks are extended to Adam Durell who did a great job as MC for the evening and was adeptly assisted by Tom Doyle. Tim Carson was responsible for the preparation of the framed record certificates and Ash Hicks organised the All Species Competition for the year. Many thanks to Les Moyle of Balm Commercial Photography for all the photographs in Hook-Up.



*Lochlan Turrell with his record awards and trophies*





## Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November at RPYC Annexe Fremantle.

A full set of the meeting papers and minutes are available from the PGFC website - [CLICK HERE](#).

Elected committee members for 2020 are:

President	Peter Coote
Vice President	Alex Scholz
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Sangeeta Menon
Weigh-master	John Webber
Committee	Shane Anderson
Committee	Tom Doyle
Committee	Adam Durrell
Committee	Matt Hodgkinson
Committee	Mark Jamieson
Committee	Scott Turrell

The President thanked all those who had contributed during the past year and welcomed three new committee members. It is now pleasing that the committee membership is back to its authorised strength of 10 members, with a number of members helping out considerably without being on the committee. The past year has been fraught with resource problems and considerable distractions with the FAD program and Marine Parks, this has led to other club activities not getting the attention they deserved.

At the first committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the President addressed what he sees as the focal points for the Club going forward. Among the objectives is to develop a Strategic Plan so that a vision and implementation plan can be developed for the next 5 years (all members are welcome to participate).

Whilst the Strategic Plan is being developed it will be necessary to prioritise all activities with the highest importance being given to the retention, recruitment and participation of members. The many functions and activities of the club and assignment of responsibilities will be completed before Christmas with much having been done already.

So, from a member's point of view, the club is in good hands with a clear path towards achieving its objectives.

Any members who would like to take part in determining the Club's future or would just like to chat about where it is going is welcome to contact Peter Coote on 0419 266843 or any committee member – see the website for details.

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## **Coming Club Activities**

### **Gilligan's Night**

First cab off the rank is the Gilligan's Night on 28<sup>th</sup> December. Held for the first time last year it was a great evening cruise up the river and the views, food, camaraderie and refreshment were enjoyed by all. This year the departure point is to be the East Street jetty which is between to two traffic bridges in Freo. Numbers are limited so book early. [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

### **Swan River Treasure Hunt**

Planned for Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>, this event is particularly aimed at families with a quiz for the kids to complete as they navigate the river ahead of a raft up and lunch in Matilda Bay. John and Kay Webber will be organising this event which a great one for families with or without kids. [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

### **Bluewater Tackle World Marlin Cup**

The first of the metropolitan blue water events for 2020, this event on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February is at the front end of the season when everyone is itching to get out to the trench and try their luck on billfish. This year we're expecting 25 boats including a number of members' new boats. Shane Anderson is heading up the organising team. [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

### **Shimano WA Open**

For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year we will be holding a major event at Jurien Bay. Timed for the first weekend of the school holidays on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, it will again be a best two days of



three with a pelagic and a billfish component. Following last year's sensational fishing there is every chance of records being broken and being a little later, the chance of even better weather. Mark Jamieson is organising the WA Open for 2020.

## **Social Nights**

The format of a social night on the first Tuesday of each month is worn out. Attendance has been disappointing, so a shakeup is called for.

The revised plan is to have social nights and social days driven by an appropriate theme. They may be up to three months apart but will have wide-ranging interest to members and whilst primarily focussed on fishing, guest presenters will be introduced with matters of more general interest. Where interest appears to be insufficient such events may be cancelled. Members are invited to provide input on what they would like included.

Nonetheless there is a casual social night proposed for January 21<sup>st</sup> – more details to come.

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## **Recent Activities**

### **Gala Day**

A number of the club's supporting sponsors went to a lot of effort to support the Gala Day, among them Furuno (Taylor Marine), Richter Lures, Bluewater Tackle World, Mike's Machining, Seaestar Charters and Geraldton and Offshore Fishing Club. Catering was arranged and many committee members gave up their time only to find that it was not well patronised. Reasons are many and highlight the need to have bigger all-in-one events.

### **FAD Working Bee**

These are always a bit scary because in the week before they happen, we usually only have a couple of hands raised. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November's working bee was no exception yet we finished up having 9 or 10 volunteers who helped out and thoroughly enjoyed themselves with good banter, the welcoming of a couple of new members and others we hadn't seen for a while.

*FADs loaded aboard Silver Streak at RPYC Annex*

## Club Championship Scores

### PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2020

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Ash Hicks	750	SeaTrix	544
Scott Turrell	128	Bush Chook	33
Matthys Solomon	105		

Club Championship points have been updated to 7<sup>th</sup> December 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.

## Membership

Membership renewal invoices were sent to members in October. Regrettably delays with Australia Post created a minimum of 18 days for delivery. If you, or another member you know, has not received their renewal please get in touch with the club at [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au) or 0408 886691. 2020 membership cards are expected to be distributed this week.

## Record Claim Images

Perth Game Fishing Club is very proud of the efforts its members make to create new records, whether State, Australian or World, and is keen to recognise those efforts. To that end the Club at no cost to the member, frames record certificates with photos of the angler and fish which are then presented to anglers as they were at the 2019 Presentation Dinner.

As part of the record claim process an image of the fish is required for confirmation of the species, however those images are not necessarily of the right quality or suitability for what members would like to see framed.

In future, all members are requested to submit as well, a photo of themselves with the fish, the image should as high a resolution as possible, avoid showing blood or any injuries to the fish where possible and be of a quality that the angler would be proud to have displayed on a lounge room wall or in Hook-Up or Strike magazine.

The photos can be sent to [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au) with some brief details of the capture (angler, weight, line class and if applied for State, Aust or World) so we can match it up to the certificates if and when approved.

Any questions on image suitability should be directed to Tim Carson on 0429 676237.





# PGFC GILLIGAN'S CRUISE

## SUNSet CRUISe 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019



**Where:** Depart East Street Jetty Freo

5pm return 9pm

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## FADs

Many members will have seen the article published in The West on 6<sup>th</sup> July which spoke of the possible demise of the PGFC Rottneest Trench FAD program. It was right on the nail and followed what had been a harrowing 8 months of attempting to retain historical support for the program. The Club ran a meeting of members and others who were interested on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This spawned the article written by Barry Wiseman.

One of the options PGFC had was to walk away from the FAD program altogether but following some soul-searching meetings of people from within and outside the committee it was decided to proceed with the 2020 season FADs regardless. Long story short, after another 3 months of discussions the Club has recovered the support it needed with a satisfactory agreement with Recfishwest.

The deployment of the PGFC FADs was delayed by a combination of boat availability and weather however it finally happened on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Concurrently Recfishwest has taken delivery of six PGF designed and built FADs which have already been deployed between the PGFC FAD field and Mindarie. This will take some pressure off the PGFC FADs particularly from divers and hopefully encourage more and bigger fish.

Further complicating matters and drawing on the Club's resources has been the covering of three FAD locations with the newly proclaimed Perth Canyon Marine Park, part of the Commonwealth Marine Parks Estate. This created a need for a permission and hence an application and undertakings on the part of the Club to satisfy Marine Parks. When the final agreement arrived, it included a provision that PGFC be responsible for the cost of disentanglement of any marine animals. Needless to say, there was no prospect of putting the Club's assets on the line, and we were able to negotiate the removal of that clause. The whole process which should have taken less than a month took in excess of three months and is now in place for two years.

Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club has picked up the available sponsorship when Hillarys Yacht Club relinquished their sponsorship after many years. We are delighted to be dealing with MAAC and look forward to mutual benefits flowing from the relationship.

Harking back to the FAD Working Bee, thanks are extended to Peter Coote, Andre de Vries, Matt Hodgkinson, Mark Jones, Alex Kaiko, Dylan Lamb, Basia Littlejohn, Dave Littlejohn and Alistair Manifold who did a great job moving all to RPYC Annex and completion of the assembly of masts, floats and mooring.

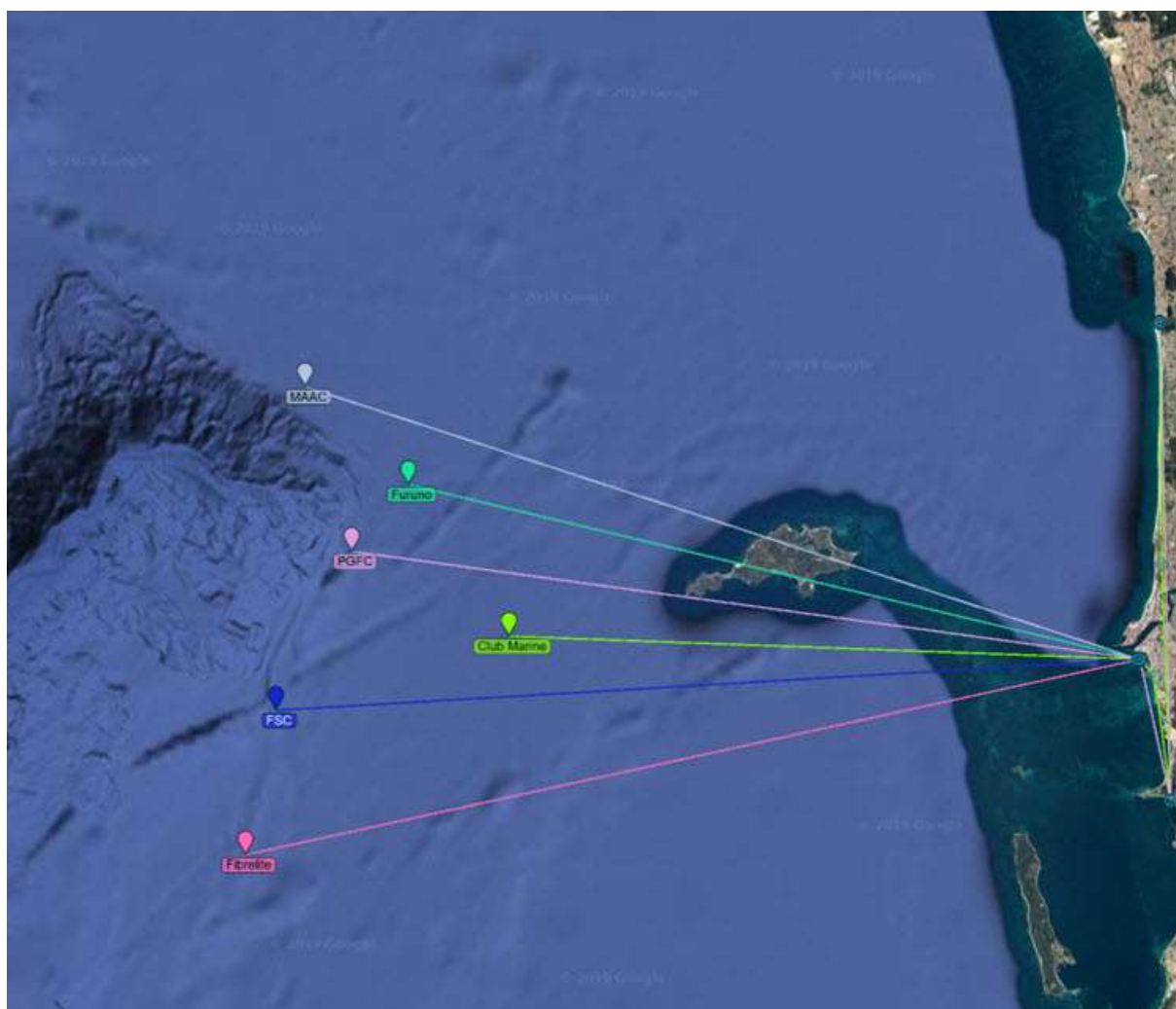


## Deployment

The FADs were deployed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the vessel Silver Streak in perfect weather conditions. The members' Facebook page and website will have updates on positions and fish activity.

Positions and depths are:

	Latitude	Longitude	Water Depth
MAAC	31° 54.7'	115° 12.1'	170m
Furuno	31° 57.9'	115° 16.1'	140m
PGFC	32° 00.1'	115° 14.0'	180m
Club Marine	32° 02.9'	115° 20.0'	100m
FSC	32° 05.3'	115° 11.0'	217m
FibreLite Boats	32° 10.1'	115° 09.8'	200m



FAMILY  
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Sunday

JANUARY

## Treasure Hunt & Quiz Update

Fun day on the river  
Bring your kids - or borrow some.  
Host Vessel "TBA"

No boat - the club will be arranging a host boat which will be advised as soon as confirmed. Numbers of guests will be limited.  
Contact John Webber or [contact@pgfc.com.au](mailto:contact@pgfc.com.au) if interested.

*START TIME: Whenever it suits you*

*RAFT UP: Picnic / BBQ in Matilda Bay at 1:30.  
Look for the host boat with lots of flags.*

*PRIZES: For the kids*

*TREASURE HUNT & QUIZ: Quiz on items  
between Freo and Elizabeth Quay*

*KIDS FUN: Casting comp, swimming race*

*WHAT to BRING: Food and drinks boat fenders  
and ropes*

Contact - John Webber 0407 386734  
Quiz and other details on the website [www.pgfc.com.au](http://www.pgfc.com.au)



## New Boat for Seaestar Charters

Club Sponsor Seaestar Charters has recently acquired an 80ft Legend aluminium boat destined for live aboard charters in the Monte Bello Islands and Rowley Shoals. Powered by a 1000 hp C18 CAT it sleeps 10 passengers in comfort and is set up for expeditions and fishing with two outboard powered dinghies.

From the point of delivery at Lakes Entrance on Victoria's east coast it steamed direct to Port Lincoln. The skipper and crew all being keen fishers had trolling lines out all the way but caught nothing. After refuelling in Port Lincoln, they headed across the Great Australian Bight, where south of the head of the Bight they were 200nm offshore. Perfect weather accompanied the crossing which terminated at Augusta for a second refuelling stop. Prior to reaching Augusta they deep dropped in 450m and were rewarded with good catches of hapuka.



Running from Augusta to Hillarys was the roughest section of the trip but with 80 ft of boat it was better than tolerable. The total voyage distance was 2200nm completed in 9 days.

Last weekend the boat was christened with the traditional bottle of champagne at Rottnest Island.

Good luck to Kristin McCarthy and Seaestar Charters who now has three boats in its fleet, the 40 ft Bottom Line, the 56 ft Australia Blue and now the 80ft Two Seas.



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