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# HOOK-UP



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*This issue includes reports on an Abrolhos fish and dive trip, a diverse Exmouth experience, the 20-21 Club Calendar, Marine Parks recognition of PGFC's efforts and updated scores.*

## INAUGURAL ABROLHOS VISIT ►►

From Kristin McCarthy

*"After a long 6 months of the refit of Seaestar Boat Charters' "Two Seas" finally she is off on her northern adventures*

*I was greatly relieved to see the deVries family arrive for their holiday onboard. mostly because I decided to back myself that we would have fish meals every night and did not stock the freezers with meat, much to my crew's nervous feelings. I knew Andre, Maryka and Kim would be keen for a fish each day.*

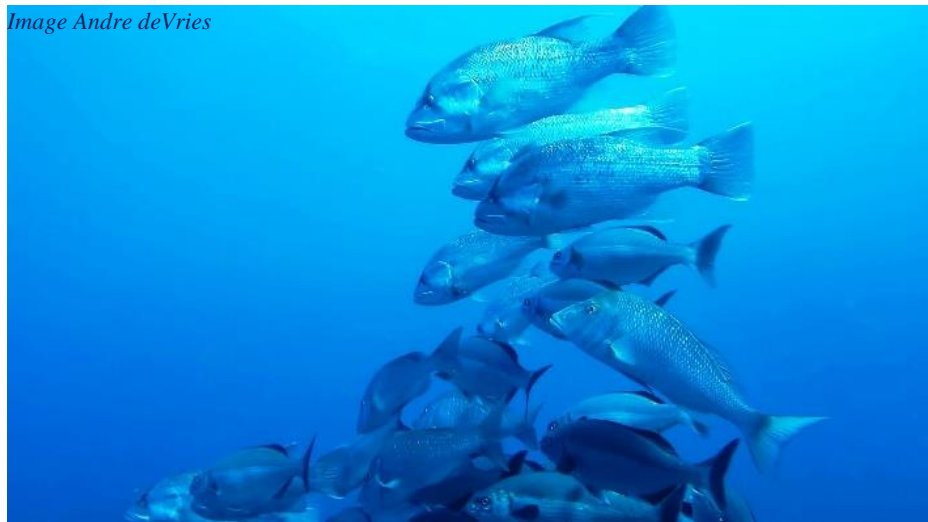
*The first 10 days at the islands was a new thing for Seaestar Boat Charters, mostly because we spent each day with our heads underwater looking at fish instead of driving around chasing them.*

*A dive sight known as the Coral Patches provided a most spectacular display of schooling dhufish that would allow us to circle with them, in the knowledge that they are protected within the sanctuary zone.*



*In the afternoons we would set off fishing. It was great to see from the moment we heard the first reel scream, the back deck went from three keen fishers to 9. We even ended up converting a not so keen fisher into being the first on deck with a rod as soon as someone*

*Image Andre deVries*



*said **fish**. Big mackerel were around if you could persevere with getting a lure deep enough to avoid the small school mackerel which would take the lures as soon as they went in.*

*The full moon provided a full night of mullet fishing with each fish being at least 10 kg.*

*As usual for the Abrolhos Islands, if all else fails, grab a hand line and head for the shallows and select which baldchin will be for dinner that night. Whole baked baldchin and fresh crayfish with fried rice on the BBQ quickly became the most popular dish.*



*Image Andre deVries*

*I thought between all the diving and fishing from sunup to well past sunrise the beds would be calling, but it seemed the lure of the deck bar, good company and music saw the fun continue into the night each night with a lot of great memories and friendships being made."*

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In a first time for the boat and for the PGFC members, the de Vries family, Andre, Maryka and Kim, spent a week in August at the Abrolhos Islands aboard Seaestar Charters' newly fitted-out vessel Two Seas, owned and skippered by Kristin McCarthy (PGFC member). They visited each of the three island groups in great style and comfort.

*Image Seaestar Charters*



Days were spent diving, looping crayfish, fishing and exploring small islands. Come evening everyone gathered around the comfortable bar for dinner and to chat about the day's events. The islands have fish in abundance; baldchin groper, dhufish, spangled emperor and other sought after table fish inhabit the shallow reefs. From 10m below the surface they watched a tender motor over them being chased by a school of angry kingfish. When travelling between dive sites they would troll for pelagics and caught samsonfish and shark and school mackerel.

*Image Andre deVries*



Plate corals and limestone ledges hold good numbers of large crayfish so catch bags filled quickly. Ample freezer space onboard allowed for everyone to return home with some frozen crays as a memento of their holiday.



## PICKO'S FRESH RUN AT EXMOUTH ►►

A report from Dylan Picken has been received following a recent trip to the Exmouth area. Many excellent images were attached.

In his words:

*"Late July I arrived home from a six week swing away at work and having only fished four days in four months was frothing for a trip away. We started looking at the south coast and some local options however the weather was not playing the game. Upon looking up the coast, Exmouth's forecast had a three to five day glass off shaping up. The decision was made on Friday to hit the road Sunday and head north with the Westerberg in tow."*



*Arriving in Exmouth late Sunday evening saw us hit the local pub for a couple of frothies whilst putting together a game plan for the following week.*

*This turned out to be one of the best trips I have done to Exmouth in recent years with quality fish, NO sharks*

*and glamour weather. Everything we decided to target from the red emperor to marlin was caught. Highlights were countless wahoo and yellowfin tuna free swimming around the boat - catching plenty, ruby snapper deep dropping, a 250kg plus mako shark chewing the transom, incalculable "bushchooks" and to top it off, red emperor and coral trout on jig."*



## CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT YEAR▶▶

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	FAD Working Bee	Cockburn Powerboat Club
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual General Meeting	RPYC Annex
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 20	Season Opening Day	RPYC Annex
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Gilligan's Cruise	Swan River Cruise
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Day	Swan River – Matilda Bay
Sat & Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Marlin Cup	Rottneest Island
Sat & Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Swordfish Event	Between 29° and 35.5° South
Fri to Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> April	WA Open	Jurien Bay
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Juniors and Ladies Day	RPYC Annex
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Club year for Club Championship and All Species Competition	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Annual General Meeting	RPYC Annex
Sat & Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Annual Snapper Comp	RPYC Annex

Social events including night-time and afternoons will be scheduled throughout the year and will be advised ahead of time.



## PERTH GAME FISHING CLUB RECOGNITION ➤



### Magnetic attraction at Rottnest Trench



### [PGFC is recognised for its FADs' protection of Marine Parks ecosystems](#)

*Friday 4 September 2020*

Perth Canyon, locally known as the Rottnest Trench, is an immense feature that rivals the Grand Canyon in both size and depth. Lying just west of Perth, its dramatic seafloor topography combines with ocean currents to create the perfect spot for deep-sea and pelagic species, making it a fishing paradise. Through the use of different management zones, Perth Canyon Marine Park protects unique marine life while supporting recreational fishing.

In 2019, Parks Australia authorised the Perth Game Fishing Club (PGFC) to deploy three fish aggregating devices (FADs) in the Multiple Use Zone over summer, as part of a long running program. In the open ocean, natural and man-made floating objects provide structure and shelter. They attract everything from tiny barnacles that affix themselves to the shadowed underside of the structures to top-order predators like tuna, marlin and sharks that mill about, waiting for a meal. Fishers have long understood the lure of floating objects and used them to improve their fishing experiences. Now, FADs are being used to create a good day on the water and support local businesses and boost regional economies at the same time.

During their six-month deployment, the three FADs attracted nearly 2,500 fishers and a variety of fish species including mahi mahi, southern bluefin and skipjack tuna. As the owners of the FADs, PGFC were required to meet conditions to ensure the structures didn't inadvertently create an entanglement or marine debris threat, and could be easily retrieved in the unlikely event that they broke free. [PGFC has over 25 years of experience](#) in the [deployment and recovery of six FADs](#) each year in the Perth Canyon area.

Parks Australia's ongoing collaborative work with recreational fishers in Western Australia is vital to our management of Australian Marine Parks. [Read more info about the use of FADs in Australian Marine Parks.](#)

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES▶▶

### PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2020

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Ash Hicks	1216	Rock'N'Roll	1984
Brian Arnett	1025	Seatrix	991
Dylan Picken	908	Short Black	841
Phil Volich	488	Bush Chook	779
Jacob Whyte	488	Picko Westerberg	462
Kevin Baker	471	Little Trix	336
Andy Pearson	353	Dream Catcher	267
Francois de Vries	267	Triple H	120
Scott Turrell	128		
Matthys Solomon	105		

JUNIOR TROPHY			
Lochlan Turrell	436	Ellouise Pugh	101

NEIL PATRICK TROPHY			
Ashley Hicks	7	Lochlan Turrell	2
Darren Bowden	5	Jim Ireland	1
Peter Salmon	4	Ben Pugh	1
Dave Thomson	3		

Club Championship points have been updated to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The season began on 1st October and will end on 30th June 2021. 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.

## HELP WANTED

Your Club Needs You

With the end of the Club's year approaching on 30<sup>th</sup> September, planning for the 2021 year is well advanced.

The Club needs additional people to take up positions on the committee and others to help with other **non-committee** related tasks.

There is a strategic planning gathering being conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> September where participants selected from those interested in the future direction of the Club will formulate its focus for the benefit of members. If you'd like to be part of it contact Peter Coote on 0419 266843, Alex Scholz on 0408 866292 or John Webber on 0407 386734.

Areas in which help is needed include:

Book-keeping  
Weigh-master and rules assistance  
FAD program  
Communications and graphics  
Sponsorship

If you can help or nominate someone you think can, even if not a club member, contact Peter on 0419 266843, Alex on 0408 866292 or John on 0407 386734.

## ALL SPECIES COMPETITION ►►

### 2020 Annual All Species Competition

Current to 7th September	Male	Length	Female	Length	Smallfry Junior	Length	Other
Baldchin Groper	Damien Wham	56cm	Rikki Kohn	41cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	44cm	
Breaksea Cod	Rhyss Whittred	49cm			Rhys Martin	46cm	
Dhufish	Josh Witkin	101cm			Rhys Martin	69cm	
Hapuka/ Bass Grouper/ 8 Bar/ Blue Eye	Rhyss Whittred	142cm					Bass
Herring	Peter Babarskas	26cm	Rikki Kohn	23cm	Henry Sandon	25cm	
King George whiting	Andre de Vries	51cm					
Pink snapper	Francois de Vries	72cm	Andrea Pugh	65cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	79cm	
Queen snapper	Deon van der Westhuizen	70cm					
Red snapper	Rhyss Whittred	42cm					
Samsonfish/ Amberjack	Damien Wham	120cm			Zandri Oosthuizen	107cm	
Sand whiting	John Cramer	27cm			Harry Coulston	32cm	
Skippy	Brett Martin	41cm			Lochlan Turrell	31cm	
Squid	Mark Jamieson	35cm	Sarinya Semapech	22cm	Lochlan Turrell	29cm	
Tailor	Dale Moir	58cm			Ollie Anderson	39cm	
Yellowtail Kingfish	Dylan Picken	96cm	Linda Durell	65cm			



Rhyss Whittred (left) with a thumper bass estimated at 60kg. John Cramer (right) with a class leading sand whiting.





## FOR SALE▶

### Shimano Tyrnos 16

2 Speed

Mechanically 9/10

Cosmetically 6/10

Always used as a trolling reel with 8 or 10kg.

Currently has 8kg on it.

Selling due to upgraded to Talica 12 2 speeds.

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Contact Dylan Picken at

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from 24<sup>th</sup> July, can be  
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## Fisheries Resource Sharing»



Have your say on the draft Commonwealth fisheries resource sharing framework and help us manage our fisheries resources for the benefit of all Australians. Visit [haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources](https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources)

Australian fisheries resources are owned by all Australians which means sharing them can be a complex issue affecting commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishers. The Australian Government is committed to developing a Commonwealth Fisheries Resource Sharing Framework with parameters for fair and sustainable arrangements for all fishers.

The draft Commonwealth fisheries resource sharing framework is now available for comment. To have your say on the draft framework and how we can share our Commonwealth fisheries resources fairly, go to [haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources](https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/sharing-fisheries-resources).

For more information, go to [agriculture.gov.au/fisheries/domestic/commonwealth-fisheries](https://agriculture.gov.au/fisheries/domestic/commonwealth-fisheries) or email [resourcesharingframework@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:resourcesharingframework@agriculture.gov.au).





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