



HOOK-UP



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20th February 21

➤ Marlin Cup

➤ Pilbara Barra



Pop Up
Comp

➤ Scores

➤ Halco Abrolhos
Comp

COMPLEAT ANGLER MARLIN CUP ➤➤

The best Marlin Cup in many years, beginning at the briefing night through the offshore event to the presentation function. A lot of billfish and plenty of smaller pelagics to keep anglers alert.

The build up to the 2021 Compleat Angler Marlin Cup was the presence of indicator species, particularly wahoo and flying fish off the coast since late December. Coupled with the predicted La Nina ocean current event, anticipation was high.

Our event was the first to be held off the metropolitan coast this season which blended with the pent up energy of Covid restrained anglers led to a flurry of entries. After a week's postponement due to a threatening cyclone their expectations were fully met with weather forecasts and conditions near to ideal.

The briefing night on the Tuesday before the tourney was well attended and served to introduce the many new members to the tournament protocols and other members.

Fishing got underway in cobalt blue water on Saturday morning with an early hook up of a blue marlin by Rob Nesbit's White Pointer, the fish headed towards bottom and was lost after 4 hours, White Pointer raised a second billfish later in the day. Other boats hooking up on the day were on Azura, Galileo and Naturaliste all with similar outcomes.

2020-21 SAVE the DATE

25 Feb to 2 March	Pop Up Comp Rottnest
16 March	Awards & Social Night RPMC Fremantle
9-11 April	WA Open Jurien Bay
8-9 May	Rottnest Classic Pop-up Comp
16 May	Ladies and Kids Day RPMC Fremantle
30 June	Club Year ends
10 August	Annual General Meeting RPMC Fremantle
13 August	Presentation Dinner RPMC Crawley
28-29 August	Snapper Comp RPMC Fremantle

Sunday's weather started off well and got better with time. Importantly, the fish retained their interest. Azura and Old School both tagged fish early, One Shot had three shots, hooking two and tagging one.

Late in the day, Shane Anderson's Miss Chief hooked up to a blue marlin east of the PGFC FAD, and after a long fight, tagged and released the fish before returning to the coast after dark.

Interestingly, catches appeared to come from the whole Rottneest Trench region with no consistent hot spots. Billfish were raised nearby the MAAC, Furuno, PGFC, FSC and Fibrelite FADs. The current over the weekend was minimal. Boats that chased warm water out wide were disappointed and structure did not seem to be critical. Species mix was predominately blue marlin with striped marlin hooked and tagged too.

Many boats enjoyed the experience of some big mahi mahi, smallish (<5kg) southern bluefin, yellowfin and skipjack tuna, some being damaged by sharks. A plague of small 30-500mm yellowtail kings prevented baits and lures getting to targetted mahis at the Fibrelite FAD. One shark was also captured and released.

Sponsors for the event, Compleat Angler Nedlands, On Strike Charters Exmouth, Halco Lure, Richter Lures and Shimano expressed their delight at the success of the event as did the 70 plus anglers who participated.

The presentation night was held at the Nowhere Man Brewery in Leederville, a very informal venue with good beer and pizzas and was very well attended.



Storming blue marlin last Sunday. Image Shane Anderson

Statistics for the event were:

Sat 13 th		Sun 14 th	
Azura	1 1 0	Azura	1 1 1
Galileo	1 1 0	Jelomi	1 1 0
Naturaliste	1 1 0	Miss Chief	1 1 1
White Pointer	2 1 0	Old School	2 2 1
		One Shot	3 2 1
Day total	5 5 0		8 7 4
Comp total	13 12 4		

Award Winners

Marlin Cup and Champion Boat	Miss Chief Shane Anderson
Runner Up Champion Boat	One Shot – Adam Durell
First Marlin Tagged	Azura - Dave Thomson
Champion Male Angler	Kim Meldrum
Champion Junior Angler	Lochlan Turrell
Richter Lure Prize	Johan Oosthuizen
Species Trophies,	Kevin Baker Johan Oosthuizen



The winning team from Miss Chief, Brian Marshall, Tom Schuiling, Kim Meldrum and skipper Shane Anderson

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



Black Ops skipper Glen Rattigan with a mahi mahi from the Rottnest FAD field



SHIMANO



*Striped marlin before
release from Dave
Thomson's Azura*



*Proud winner of the
Richter Lures prize
Johan Oosthuizen with
VP Adam Durell*



Great experience for a new-comer

The thrill of catching and releasing your first marlin is something most anglers don't forget, this is intensified somewhat if it's a metro fish as they don't happen along all that frequently.

The Compleat Angler Marlin Cup was a triple banger for Old School skipper Mark Jones who was fishing his first comp with his recently acquired boat. First up was the first marlin for the boat and second up the first for Mark as a skipper. To top this off, angler Mazi Wahab, invited as a new member (two weeks) and guest on his first venture aboard a private boat got to release his first game fish – a big blue marlin to boot, at the Rottneest Trench!

*What a great way to enjoy a comp.
Congratulations on a fairy tale weekend.
The image below shows it was a big hunk of fish too.*



Mazi's words "Thank you, and I am so glad I joined the club"



Welcome

to all the new members that have joined since October. Most of you have been able to attend events but for those who haven't, the Pop Up Comp and the Social Night on 16th March will be great occasions to meet fellow members.

POP UP COMP ►►



Pop Up Comp

To make the most of the current run of billfish, PGFC is inviting members to join in a Pop Up Comp with a difference.

Pick your best day's fishing between 25th February and 2nd March.

Send in your catch report and win one of five cash awards to be announced at the Social Night on 16th March.

Support the FSC Blue Marlin Classic and enjoy the Pop Up Comp at the same time!

The usual PGFC rules apply, no formality.

Awards will be for:

Champion and Runner-up Boat Billfish

Champion and Runner-up Boat Other Species

Best yarn of the week – Snafu or other

Free registration

LOCAL FISHING ►►

From Ash Hicks

Large numbers of sharks present in local waters are often seen as a pest however the old saying “when handed lemons make lemonade”, has been the outlook I have taken towards these tough opponents over last couple of seasons.

With a mixture of both bronze whalers and tiger sharks abundant, it has provided an opportunity to get a big fish fix without travelling to the edge of the earth. These fish also provide an opportunity to improve your driving and angling skills ensuring that when those billfish do turn up you will be better prepared.

Recently we have had several standout days specifically targeting sharks, in particular tigers. These cool looking gamefish will eat just about anything, but the tuna that do not go line class also make a great bait.

Probably the most memorable day I had out recently was with Dylan Picken on my boat Triple H. Our stats for the day were 5-4-3 all tigers. The two biggest sharks were around 200kg and over 3m long. One hit a bait and proceeded to run at the boat. It did not hook up but swam straight up to the boat where we fed it another bait only to have the mainline part moments later!

Hopefully, some of you will get out to give shark fishing a crack, the tigers are quite a handful on the leader! Wrap up and hold on!



PILBARA FIFO ►►

Ash Hicks, our talented moderator of the All Species Competition, and resident shark fisherman works in the Ashburton area in a FIFO role.

Recently, after work one afternoon he trundled off to a favourite spot closing on sunset to wet a barra line. The result a 105cm barramundi made even more spectacular by the golden Pilbara sunset.



NOTICES ►►

Halco Abrolhos Islands Tournament



**24th Annual
Halco Abrolhos Islands
Game Fishing Tournament**
20th-26th March, 2021





Skipper Wanted

Brian Luecke "Billplay" is looking for a person who would be keen to fish with him and skipper his boat on weekdays and weekends. A beautiful boat and a very keen owner.

Contact Brian on 0417 968564 or bluecke@bigpond.com

Member Database

Updating the database in the past month has turned up several members whose information is out of date.

If you have changed address, email or phone number please send any corrections to contact@pgfc.com.au

FADs➡

FAD positions are updated every Thursday or Friday for inclusion on Team App.

The news is that there continues to be a run of good sized mahis with striped and southern bluefin tuna and the occasional wahoo around. Divers continue to present challenges at the FADs which is concerning from an access and safety standpoint. They appear to spook the fish but not the mutton birds.

Temperatures appear to be in the 23°-24° range and the current has been little on the surface.

Any reports and images from the FADs are welcome at contact@pgfc.com.au.

MAAC	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:04
Lat/Lng:	31° 54.592' S, 115° 12.235' E
Furuno	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:04
Lat/Lng:	31° 57.587' S, 115° 16.117' E
PGFC	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:04
Lat/Lng:	31° 59.768' S, 115° 13.737' E
Club Marine	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:23
Lat/Lng:	32° 02.870' S, 115° 20.079' E
FSC	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:22
Lat/Lng:	32° 05.107' S, 115° 11.252' E
Fibrelite	
Time (UTC):	19/02/2021 12:00:22
Lat/Lng:	32° 09.992' S, 115° 10.040' E

Our FAD Sponsors for the 2021 season are:



Please support these organisations in appreciation of their contribution to Clubs 23 year old Rottneest FAD program.

UP TO DATE SCORES ►►

PGFC ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2020-21

EDDY MOSS TROPHY – CHAMPION ANGLER		PRESIDENT'S TROPHY – CHAMPION BOAT	
Glen Rattigan	4057	Black Ops	6390
Ash Hicks	3333	Rock'N'Roll	4563
John Holmes	2462	Triple H	2237
Dylan Picken	2267	Bush Chook	2004
Brian Arnett	2112	Miss Chief	1375
Kim Meldrum	1375	Seatrix	1324
Kevin Baker	1191	Old School	892
Andre de Vries	892	Short Black	841
Mazi Wahab	892	Azura	688
Phil Volich	866	Picko Westerberg	596
John Prince	688	Little Trix	527
Jacob Whyte	488	Dream Catcher	267
Rodney Staggard	393	Sailfish	267
Andy Pearson	353		
Francois de Vries	267		
Peter Dohnt	150		
Scott Turrell	128		
Matthys Solomon	105		

JUNIOR TROPHY			
Lochlan Turrell	810	Ellouise Pugh	101

NEIL PATRICK TROPHY			
Ashley Hicks	8	Lochlan Turrell	2
Darren Bowden	5	Brian Arnett	1
Peter Salmon	4	Jim Ireland	1
Dave Thomson	3	Ben Pugh	1

Club Championship points have been updated to 18th February 2021. The season began on 1st October 2019 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.

PGFC OUTSIDE LOCAL WATERS SCORES 2020-21

AWARD	ANGLER	POINTS
Male Angler with Highest Points		
Highest Point Scoring Fish Weighed		
Largest Gamefish Weighed Excluding Sharks and Billfish		
Most Species Tagged and Released		
Angler with the Highest Number of Fish Tagged		
Highest Point Scoring Mackerel Weighed		

ALL INDIVIDUAL ANGLERS'
POINTS WILL BE ENTERED HERE

The Outside Local Waters Competition is being trialled until 30th June 2021 after which it will be put in place for the full 2022 year.

Points are calculated in the same way that Club Championship points are calculated.

Tag Cards and Capture Forms are to be mailed to PGFC at PO Box 57 North Beach 6920. If Tag Cards are submitted to another Club, images are acceptable. To speed up the process of recognition, images may be emailed to

contact@pgfc.com.au. Note that the requirement for all data to be included applies.

ALL SPECIES COMPETITION ➡

2020-21 Annual All Species Competition

Current to 5th January 21	Male	Length	Female	Length	Smallfry Junior	Length	Other
Baldchin Groper	Damien Wham	56cm	Laura Scarrott	59cm	Zandri Oosthuizen	44cm	
Breaksea Cod	Rhyss Whittred	49cm	Laura Scarrott	40cm	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	Laura Scarrott	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			Zandri Oosthuizen	52cm	
Red snapper	Dylan Picken	50cm					
Samsonfish/ Amberjack	Damien Wham	120cm			Zandri Oosthuizen	107cm	
Sand whiting	John Cramer	27cm	Sarinya Semapech	29cm	Harry Coulston	32cm	
Skippy	Brett Martin	41cm			Lochlan Turrell	31cm	
Squid	Mark Jamieson	35cm	Sarinya Semapech	25cm	Lochlan Turrell	29cm	
Tailor	Dale Moir	58cm	Laura Scarrott	50cm	Ollie Anderson	39cm	
Yellowtail Kingfish	Dylan Picken	96cm	Linda Durell	65cm	Lochlan Turrell	90cm	

It's easy and fun to enter, simply.

- Take a photo of the fish laying on a brag mat head to the board, to verify the fork length.
- Take another photo of the angler holding the fish.
- Send both photos, the anglers name, species name and the fork length of the fish to Ash Hicks at



ash.hicks87@gmail.com or 0419 510 262.

TEAM APP▶▶

PGFC's Team App continues to grow and is proving quite successful with subscriber numbers closing on the members Facebook page. The mobile phone and laptop app instantly gives you club news, events, scores, chat, images, alerts and links to social media and the website.

Running right now and quickly getting populated, try it by joining – it's FREE.

Download from Appstore or

www.teamapp.com

Any questions, contact Adam Durell on 0413 623352

New members are reminded that the members only Facebook page is a useful source of information and chatter and can be accessed by applying to join at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/675319895921444/>

The Perth Game Fishing Club website has all the Club information at www.pgfc.com.au



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