

# *TALE ROPE*

Newsletter of the  
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## Editors Report

Hello Everyone,

Mario has forwarded some pictures of some club boats which I hope to get on the website very soon. If you would like your boat featured on the website, please forward a photo and description to [admin@canberragamefishingclub.com.au](mailto:admin@canberragamefishingclub.com.au)

Looking forward to the Yellowfin comp in May.

If you have any stories, photos, jokes, information or anything else you would like included in the Tale Rope, please send an email with all the information to [admin@canberragamefishing.com.au](mailto:admin@canberragamefishing.com.au) and we will be sure to include it.

Be sure to check out the website: <https://www.canberragamefishing.com.au> it has been updated with all the new committee contacts, photos from the AGM and all of the 2016 – 2017 events have been added. If you want any photos or anything added to the website, please email [admin@canberragamefishing.com.au](mailto:admin@canberragamefishing.com.au)

See you all on the water.

Cheers,

Alan

# GOHOSTING



## Presidents Report

G'day everyone,

The last few weeks has been great out the front of Bermi, with marlin on the bite and boats getting up to seven fish a day. Wow.

If you didn't see a marlin there was mahi mahi out the menu as well.

The Alliance T&R tournament has been and gone with a good showing from our club to back it up, Carrol Taylor took out the ladies section. Well done to the crew on Aquaholic for helping her with this achievement. Kempfi was also amongst the winners in the three boat team – congratulations to all members who fished.

The Eden tournament has also taken place with the crew on Aquaholic doing well again taking out a few prizes. Just goes to show the more you are out there the better you get. On the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> of March we had our Bermi bash with anglers having a great feed at Bermi Bait and Tackle in the morning then getting out there and getting into them. Reel weapon from bermi ended by winning the day with three Marlin to their tally. Mr Hooker also got three but the last one was after the bell. On Square Meters I had a battle with a nice fish of about 120kg for two hours, that's my fish for the year – back to driving I go.

Thanks to everyone who attended the barbeque on the Saturday night.

The long liners have been getting a few Yellowfin tuna already which is great for our upcoming YELLOWFIN Tournament in May, tournament brochure out soon.

The next meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and we will be having a talk and show about Yellowfin tuna hope to see you all there.

Regards

Mario Imbriano

President



## Secretary's Report

Hello Members,

The Club has received some terrible news that Life Member Kim Hobday unfortunately passed away on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April after a lengthy battle with a terminal illness. The Club wishes to express its deepest condolences to Kim's family including her daughter Caroline, and parents Kay and Noel. Kim was heavily involved in the Club for longer than I can remember, including serving as President for many years and will be sorely missed by all. I am sure everyone will have fond memories of Kim through the Club and can attest to her passion for Game Fishing. Personally, I remember a fishing trip many years ago with Kim aboard the Gemini in which she caught an incredible snapper which still to this day remains the largest I have caught in NSW and a great memory. The Club will be able to provide more details at a later time regarding funeral arrangements and ways in which people can express their condolences to Kim's family.

Now turning to a love of Kim's, fishing. Fishing has been heating up throughout March with the marlin turning up in Bermagui in numbers along with the bait. However as is often the case they are closely followed by the multitude of excuses as to why they haven't been feeding as aggressively as many hoped. Personal favourites include feeding on trigger fish, too much bait, and people deep dropping the previous day (which shuts down the entire bite) etc. Those lucky enough to find a weather window (not us) have reported some impressive and chaotic fishing on bait balls particularly during the Bermi Bash with many boats getting 2-3 fish on the Saturday. I fished the Sunday of the Bermi Bash and was lucky enough to get new member Brad Wood his first marlin and can report an enormous amount of free jumping fish seen throughout the day.

The Bermi Bash BBQ held on Saturday night at the Country Club was quite successful giving people a chance to discuss the days fishing in all of its pandemonium. REEL WEAPON tagged three marlin and won majority of the prize categories although MR Hooker received a mention. The Kemp's also managed to tag their first marlin in their new boat. I understand Frank Tallarida has a story to tell about an albatross.

In other tournament's the Club has had some good fishing results. In the Alliance Tag and Release Aquaholic tagged a marlin and ten Mahi Mahi while Square Meters and Mr Hooker both released a marlin each. Aquaholic tagged two marlin and a mako shark at the Eden comp all to Matt Harmon, while the Patricks on Shockwave also tagged two marlin.

General business for the Club for the month. Bermagui have notified us the Cummins have decided to sponsor the Channel 22 repeater and would like us to stress that misuse of the channel could result in the service being switched off. So, I urge members to be mindful of language and general conversations made over the channel. At the meeting the issue of compulsory VHF radio licenses was once again raised, I have contacted an organisation who offer the online component and provide all necessary resources. This includes access to necessary information users can access at their own pace and online quizzes in preparation of the sat examination.

They will also help us to contact an invigilator to supervise the sat examination. After contacting them I have been advised that the online component they offer would cost \$49 per person at a group discount, and that the cost of the examination (paid to the invigilator) would be ~\$83, it was noted that whilst some invigilators don't charge for their time, some may. Also, once the licence is obtained there is no renewal fees and it remains valid for ever. In my opinion this appears to be a good method with which to obtain a VHF licence, as we could complete the study component at our own pace and then as a group organise a session with an invigilator to sit the examination. I will

discuss this further at the meeting but if those interested could get in touch with me that would be appreciated.

In other business, the Yellowfin Tournament is right around the corner as you may have seen advertised in the latest edition of Bluewater or from receiving an e-mailed entry. If you haven't received an entry form I can send you one or hard copies will become available after they have been printed. We have been finalising sponsorship arrangements and will be looking to discuss the Tournament logistics at the next meeting, as always help is always appreciated.

The next meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Committee meeting will start 6:30 and the General meeting at 7:30.







## CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2017

### LOCAL WATERS

#### TOP BOATS

Aquaholic 78,651 points  
Hide n seek 56,000  
Persistence 40,025

#### TOP ANGLERS

Matt Harman 50,060  
Matt Patrick 44,500  
Robert Askenov 40,000

### TAG AND RELEASE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	TAG CARD NUMBER	FISH SPECIES/LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
9/07/2016	Finn Bradley	Mr Hooker	A517838	TUNA - ALBACORE/15	575.00
9/07/2016	John Parbery	Mr Hooker	A517840	TUNA - ALBACORE/15	575.00
9/07/2016	Ben Perrett	Mr Hooker	A517839	TUNA - ALBACORE/24	500.00
9/07/2016	Finn Bradley	Mr Hooker	A565941	TUNA - ALBACORE/24	500.00
9/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	A591052	TUNA - BLUEFIN/15	1,150.00
9/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	A590059	TUNA - BLUEFIN/24	1,000.00
9/07/2016	Jason Sheffield	Have A Go	A591055	TUNA - BLUEFIN/8	1,250.00
16/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	S255209	BLUE SHARK/24	2,500.00

LEADING BOAT	Have A Go	5,900 points
LEADING ANGLER	Bills Sheffield	4,650 points

### CAPTURE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	FISH SPECIES	WEIGHT OF FISH	LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
9/07/2016	Lynette Robb	Mr Hooker	TUNA	61.4	24	2,167.73
9/07/2016	Steve Angus	Mr Hooker	TUNA	54.2	24	1,689.14



### DATES TO REMEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> of April – Club Meeting Hellenic Club Canberra – Yellowfin Information  
20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>nd</sup> of May – Canberra Yellowfin Tournament

### NOTICE: CHANGE OF POINT SCORE FOR SHARKS

SPECIES	6-10 kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
<b>Sharks</b>	3750	3450	3000	2550	<b>2250</b>
<b>Blue sharks</b>	<b>3125</b>	<b>2875</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>1875</b>

Please note the changes above to shark points for tag and release. These were changed at the NSWGFA AGM after the motion put up by Broken Bay GFC.



Be sure to support these fellow Southern Zone Clubs by attending their tournaments if at all possible. We cannot expect clubs to support our Yellowfin Tuna Tournament unless we reciprocate.



## SOUTHERN ZONE - EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-2017

<b>Queen's birthday long weekend</b>	<b>June 13</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>June 11-12</b>
<b>Merimbula 21<sup>st</sup> Broadbill &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> SBT Tournament 1st leg</b>	<b>June 15-17</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>June 25-26</b>
<b>Merimbula 21<sup>st</sup> Broadbill &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> SBT Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> leg</b>	<b>June 22-24</b>
<b>Southern Zone AGM &amp; Trophy Presentation</b>	<b>July 3</b>
<b>Zone weekend.</b>	<b>July 9-10</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>July 23-24</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>August 13-14</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>August 27-28</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>September 10-11</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>September 24-25</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>October 8-9</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>October 22-23</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>November 12-13</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>November 26-27</b>
<b>Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *</b>	<b>November 25-27</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>December 10-11</b>
<b>Zone weekend + Christmas &amp; Boxing Day</b>	<b>December 24-26</b>
<b>New Years Day</b>	<b>January 1</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>January 14-15</b>
<b>Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic *</b>	<b>January 20-22</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>January 28-29</b>
<b>Bermagui Blue Water Classic *</b>	<b>January 28-30</b>
<b>Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *</b>	<b>February 3-5</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>February 11-12</b>
<b>Shellharbour Tournament *</b>	<b>February 11-12</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>February 25-26</b>
<b>NSWGFA Interclub</b>	<b>February 25-26 +-March 4-5</b>
<b>Alliance T/R Tournament, Bermagui</b>	<b>March 11-12</b>
<b>Southern Zone Interclub *</b>	<b>March 11-12</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>March 11-12</b>
<b>Shoalhaven Open Tournament *</b>	<b>March 24-26</b>
<b>Eden Open Tournament *</b>	<b>March 18-20</b>
<b>Zone weekend (Easter)</b>	<b>March 25-26</b>
<b>Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *</b>	<b>April 1-2</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>April 8-9</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>April 14-17</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>April 22-23</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>May 13-14</b>
<b>Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *</b>	<b>May 20-22</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>May 27-28</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>June 10-11</b>
<b>Merimbula Open *</b>	<b>June 10-12</b>
<b>Zone weekend</b>	<b>June 24-25</b>
<b>Southern Zone AGM and presentation lunch</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Merimbula Broadbill &amp; SBT Tournament 1st leg</b>	<b>July 7-9</b>
<b>Merimbula Broadbill &amp; SBT Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> leg</b>	<b>July 14-16</b>

NB : Zone weekends are the second and forth full weekend of every month.

Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in Southern Zone monthly Cock O'the Walk competition. All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weekends are also included

\* Denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points and the Columbus and George Bass Trophies.

## **2017 BERMI BASH**

The 2017 Bermi Bash was held out of Bermagui on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March and was probably the most successful in recent years with nine striped marlin being tagged and released. Nine boats and 31 anglers took part from both Canberra and Bermagui clubs.

Most participants gathered at Bermi Bait and Tackle to start the day with Kev's renowned egg and bacon rolls before a "brief" briefing and on to the water. With exceptional fishing in the week leading up to the event there was much excitement for a productive day.

A number of boats found a bait ball early and Reel Weapon, Aquaholic and Seafari all hooked fish from it. After a bit of knit one purl one to get their fish clear of the traffic Greg Campbell on Aquaholic called in the first tag and release to Matt Harman. This was followed closely by Matt Verde on Reel Weapon and Vince Lopardi on Seafari. Next on the board was Steve Angus on Mr Hooker and a second fish to Matt Verde on Reel Weapon. Seafari also tagged their second fish and Square Metres found one on their way down from Batemans Bay for Mario Imbriano. As the day continued Matt Verde on Reel Weapon reported a third successful tag and release to put them well and truly on the top of the leaderboard.

Late in the afternoon a second good bait ball popped up with Reel Weapon, Aquaholic, It's Magic, Ynot 2, Mr Hooker and a number of local boats all clustered round tossing baits. Judy Sillis on Mr Hooker came tight on one and once able to manoeuvre it out of the traffic, tagged and released it just after 5pm. Fishing had officially finished but several boats were still on the bait ball so Mr Hooker went back over for a look. Blackjack was hooked up and Greg Campbell said there were still a couple of fish there. Steve Angus pitched a bait and again hooked up. The fish was successfully tagged and released but outside of the Bermi Bash time frame.

Participants gathered at the Bermagui Country Club that evening for a barbeque and presentation and they were joined by a number of members who, due to other commitments were not able to fish on Saturday. Prizes were awarded to Dick Brown, skipper of Reel Weapon, for tag and release boat with his three fish and to Matt Verde for tag and release angler with three fish.

Steve Angus received the President's award for his effort in destroying one of Bernie's Bionic Bait Jigs. This award was hotly contested with all skippers being asked to recount some of their less skilled adventures from the day. While the competition part of the weekend was over, Sunday's prediction of glamour conditions had everyone keen for another day's fishing. I think Sunday showed us what great spirit exists in our club. New members, Duane, Brad and Kyle Woods had worked on Saturday and with it not really worth them towing their boat to Bermagui for one day, had taken up the offer to fish on Aquaholic. Steve and James Wearn were short of a crew member on Elegantly Wasted so Brad jumped on board with them. There

were congratulations all round from club members when Brad tagged and released his first striped marlin.

Deb, Peter and James Kemp were fishing together on board the new Kempy and, with Deb on the rod, christened the new boat with its first marlin. Again, a host of well wishes from club boats. I am pretty sure that there will be a separate story here.

Sunday proved to be quieter with Elegantly Wasted, Kempy and Mr Hooker with two the tally for club boats fishing out of Bermagui. In all though it was a successful weekend and we look forward to making the event bigger and better in the future.



*The smile says it all – Brad Woods with his first marlin*



*...and showing a perfect tag placement*



*Trying to get out of the traffic*



*Mario Imbriano releasing his striped marlin  
from Square Metres*



*Aquaholic, Mr Hooker and Ynot 2 in some of the baitball action*

# Southern Zone

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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ..... DECEMBER 2016

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
<b>BROADBILL</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							
SBS	32.6	24	S/M	Ben Beck	Reel Devocean	Jervis Bay	5

MOST MERITORIOUS

<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
<b>BROADBILL</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							
SBS	32.4	24	S/M	Ben Beck	Reel Devocean	Jervis Bay	5



**CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH**

Jervis Bay	10
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**TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH**

Fast & Furious	Shellharbour	10000	5
Magic	Shoalhaven	3450	4

**CAPTURE POINTS 2016-17**

Merimbula	36
Jervis Bay	22
Eden	18
Canberra	16
Shoalhaven	10
Kiama	4

**PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2016-17**

Shellharbour	33
Jervis Bay	7.5
	7
Batemans Bay	5
Merimbula	5
Ulladulla	3.5
Canberra	2

**MARLIN WITHOUT A BILL**

We were fishing with Pat and Daniel McAuliffe on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March on their boat Game Chaser. We were the towing livies with the dredge and I looked back and could see right up the back of the dredge was a Marlin that wasn't leaving. We wound the dredge to the back of the boat so the Marlin only had one choice which was a livie it was Pat McAuliffe's turn on the rod. The fish smacked the rigger and Pat set the hook. First jump we could see he had no bill. He fought harder than a normal 70kg Marlin would on 24 he took about 30 minutes to get to the boat.

*Billy Sheffield*







### **2017 Alliance Tag and Release**

The 28th Alliance Tag and Release tournament was held out of the port of Bermagui over the 11th and 12th March 2017. This year saw 32 boats competing and 100 anglers. The fishing prior to the competition had been pretty hot, so expectations were high amongst the anglers who gathered for the briefing on Friday night at the Country Club.

The tournament is pretty unique in that it is tag and release only, the prizes are trophies and not product and the event is jointly run by the Bermagui, Victorian, Canberra and Latrobe Valley Game Fishing Clubs.

Saturday morning the weather was agreeable despite big swells and it didn't take long for the first fish to be reported. Andrew Tampion on the 'Vitch', a 7.0m centre console tagged a striped marlin that they found on a bait ball first thing. The boys also found the second fish not long after with Andrew tagging his second striped for the morning and it looked like things were shaping up nicely.

From that time on the teams picked away at the fish for the day, with a mako and dolphin fish mixed in. In all for the Saturday 12 striped marlin, 1 black marlin, 1 mako and 10 dolphin fish were tagged however there was also a good number of fish lost, understating the fishing for the day, including a double hook up on Happy Hooker at the end of the day where they managed to convert one from the two.

Unfortunately on day 2, the fleet woke to strong winds and big seas. By 8am only two boats had logged on for the day but both were back in soon afterwards. Despite it not being a gale (rule for cancelling fishing) with no boats prepared to go to sea, it was decided to cancel the days fishing and bring the presentation dinner forward to a lunch, allowing anglers to travel home early.

Andrew Tampion and the 'Vitch' ended up with 3 striped marlin to take out champion angler and boat under 7.0m, 'All Bar One' won the over 7.0m boat category with 2 striped marlin,

Carol Taylor won champion female angler and the 'Vitch', 'Happy Hooker' and Kempy won the combined champion team.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Andy Fennessy

## Alliance Tag & Release Tournament 2017

### TROPHIES

	TEAM	BOAT NUMBER	BOAT	ANGLER	SPECIES	LINE CLASS (KG)	POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
CHAMPION TEAM	D	29	HAPPY HOOKER	TREVOR WILSON, QUINN SCOTT	2 STRIPED MARLIN	24	20,000	
		14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	
		32	KEMPY					54500
CHAMPION BOAT over 7.1m	G	2	ALL BAR ONE	ANDREW HARRIS	1 BLACK MARLIN	15	11,500	
				STEPHANIE GHARRIS	1 STRIPED MARLIN	15	11,500	
								23000
CHAMPION BOAT under 7.1m	D	14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	
								34500
CHAMPION MALE ANGLER	D	14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	34500
CHAMPION LADY ANGLER	J	20	AQUAHOLIC	CAROL TAYLOR	1 STRIPED MARLIN	15	11,500	
					4 MAHI MAHI	10, 15	122	11622
CHAMPION JUNIOR ANGLER								
CHAMPION SMALL FRY								
CHAMPION ANGLER BILLFISH	D	14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	
								34500
CHAMPION ANGLER YELLOWFIN TUNA								
CHAMPION ANGLER OTHER SPECIES	C	24	AMOKURA	DARREN SANDY	1 MAKO SHARK	15	3,400	3400
DAILY HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER								
DAY 1	D	14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	
								34500
DAY 2								
DAILY HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT								
DAY 1	D	14	THE VITCH	ANDREW TAMPION	3 STRIPED MARLIN	15	34,500	
DAY 2								34500
TOTAL RELEASES								
					Marlin			
					Black Marlin	1		
					Blue Marlin			
					Striped Marlin	12		
					Yellowfin Tuna			
					Albacore			
					Mahi Mahi	10		
					Yellowtail Kingfish	1		
					Sharks	34		

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**Captured/Tagged/Measured fish are to be entered on-line directly to the GFAA website data base and must be lodged by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the next Month following their Capture/Tag/Measure**

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# An Invitation

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## GFAA Junior National Tournament

1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Eligible Fishing Days

The tournament will be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and ALL days of the year are eligible fishing days.

### Entry Fee

*Entry into this year's tournament is again **FREE**.*

Entry forms are to be submitted on-line at  
[www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au)

**Note: This must be done before any capture or tag & release can be recognised**

Each entrant will be supplied with welcome letter by their State Coordinator after their entry has been received by the GFAA Coordinator.

### Categories

**Small Fry - Capture/Tag & Release/Measure & Release**  
Anglers under the age of 11 years at the date entry is accepted. If you turn 11 years after entering the tournament you are eligible to fish in the "Small Fry" category until the end of the tournament year i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Junior - Capture/Tag & Release/Measure & Release**  
Anglers 11 years at the date entry is accepted and under 16 years are eligible to fish in this tournament. If you are 15 at the beginning of the tournament year you may fish and be eligible for trophies until your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Entry Forms & Details Available at:**  
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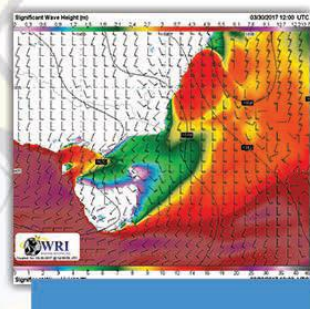
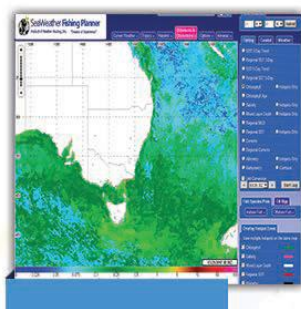




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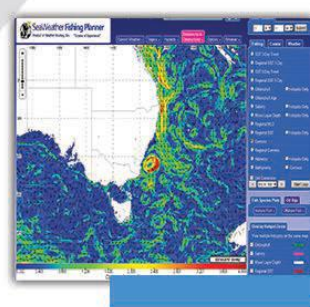
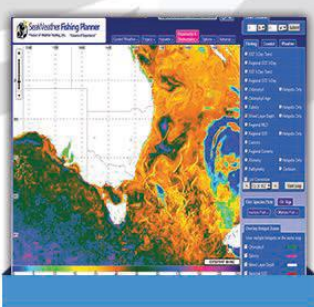
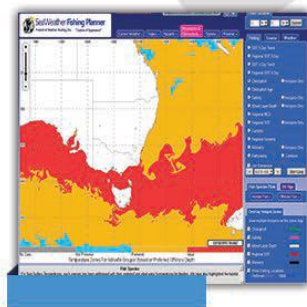
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