

TALE ROPE

Newsletter of the
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Editors Report

Hello Everyone,

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 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

See you all on the water.

Cheers,

Alan

GOHOSTING



Presidents Report

G'day everyone,

As you are all probably aware, Kim Hobday has passed away. I was overseas when I got the sad news and I'd like to take this chance to say how much I appreciate all the work she has done for the club. Kim will be sadly missed.

Kim's Memorial service will be on Friday the 5th of May at 2pm at Hobday Cottage, Weston Park, I'm sure to see many of you there.

After the last Tale Rope I didn't think the fishing could get much better, but it has. The Marlin fishing out the front of Bermi has been sensational, with many boats getting nine or so fish a day, and that's the ones they got and not including the ones lost.

Other fish that have been around have been Kings at the Island, Bronzies around the bait balls and Mako's as well.

A nice fish the other day was caught by Matt Bunting on Krakatinni. A Blue Marlin of 200.6kg on 24kg – well done to all involved.

On Anzac Day, the long liners brought some nice Yellowfin Tuna, Albacore, and Big Eye Tuna to port at Bermi – a good sign for our Yellowfin comp in May.

This is the last month to go out and catch plenty of fish for Club point score and zone as well. There are a couple of boats and anglers going for it this year to become champion Angler and Champion boat in the clubs point score. Everyone should check their points this month and if they are wrong, let Matt Crampton know so we can sort them out. Don't forget to get your tag card into Matt or your points will go to waste. If your cards are not handed in, there are no points.

Our next meeting is the last one before the Yellowfin tournament and there are a few jobs that need to be done for the tournament. If you can make it and put your hand up that would be great. Many hands make light work.

The next meeting is on the 9th of May at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm 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

Hi everyone,

First and foremost the 2017 Yellowfin Tournament, which has seen entries starting to come in hopefully a good sign of things to come. I have had some questions about submitting via email and can confirm you can submit entries to either Mario or myself using the addresses provided on the form. Also if anyone would like a copy of the form this can be obtained on the website or can be emailed if requested.

As such the next meeting is arguably the most important of the year as we will be heavily discussing the planning and logistics of the Tournament and highly encourage as many people to attend as possible. I have been in contact with Dr Julian Pepperell who has asked to be able to send someone down to attend the weigh station as a part of a scientific sampling and monitoring program. Hopefully this helps provide some useful data to assist in research of Tuna species that we can all benefit from.

On a side note I would like to make everyone aware that membership fees will be increasing next year due to increased affiliation fees. The Club has been subsidising this amount during the transitional phase as previously discussed at meetings. Also I have not had anyone contact me regarding the VHF radio course.

As many of you will already know Kim Hobday sadly passed away at the beginning of April. I have been informed by Sanchia of details of a celebration of Kim's life to be held in accordance with her wishes to be held in May. I will provide details at the meeting or people can contact Sanchia.

April has seen some hot fishing with the marlin showing up in good numbers out of Bermagui before disappearing again. The Easter weekend and following week saw many boats finding success with *Aquaholic* putting up some good numbers in the high teens after a week of fishing, and *Mr Hooker* also having good success over the weekend. With a large number of fish being caught off of bait balls creating some exciting fishing. However as is often the case the ocean changed and the 4knot current on the 12mile meant the marlin were rather absent, although the bait was still there it was holding down deeper. I have heard reports of some good 200kg Blues being captured and also released off the Bay. On *Elegantly Wasted* we were able to release 2 solid stripes on the Easter Sunday and also learning the usefulness of having redundant bilge pump systems. With a banana related discovery helping to explain the situation.

The next Club meeting will be on Tuesday the 9th of May and would be good to get a good turn out to help with preparations for the tournament.

Regards,
James Wearn
Secretary Canberra Game Fishing Club



HELLENIC CLUB
Where Canberra Meets



CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 2017

LOCAL WATERS

MALE ANGLER TAG N RELEASE MATT HARMAN 184,103 MATT PATTRICK 66,000 ROBERT AKSENOV 40,000 STEVE ANGUS 31,500 LUKE STUART 30,000 MARK TREW 23,000 BRETT GRAY 21,500 TONY MOROSIN 20,000 JAMES KEMP 20,000 JEREMY TAYLOR 16,000 JEFF VISSOR 11,500 DOUG REID 11,500 MARIO IMBRIANO 11,500 DENIS TOKIC 10,000 BRADLEY REID 10,000 RONALD DUNCAN 10,000 LUKE PATTRICK 10,000 ALBINO IMBRIANO 10,000 TOBY WILSON 10,000 MATT SILLIS 10,000 TIM CRAMPTON 10,000 BRAD WOOD 8,500 IAN GULSON 8500 JASON SHEFFIELD 1250 TIM GRIFFITHS 93 ROBERT ADCOCK 25	FEMALE ANGLER TAG N RELEASE MELISSA CHAFFEY 53,000 JUDY SILLIS 53,000 CAROL TAYLOR 51,717 DEBRA KEMP 10,000
JUNIOR TAG N RELEASE BILLY SHEFFIELD 14,650	BOAT TAG N RELEASE AQUAHOLIC 252913 MR HOOKER 192650 ANOTHER SCREEMER 137500 HIDE N SEEK 56000 PERSISTENCE 40025 SQUARE METERS 32500 ESCAPE 30000 PANLICKER 23000 KRAKATINI 21500 KEMPY 10000 HUSTLER 10000 ELEGANTLY WASTED 8500 HAVE A GO 5900



DATES TO REMEMBER

9th of May – Club Meeting Hellenic Club Canberra – Yellowfin Information
20th to the 21nd of May – Canberra Yellowfin Tournament

NOTICE: CHANGE OF POINT SCORE FOR SHARKS

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

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

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

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.

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS MARCH 2017

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
Blue	180.4	37	S/M	Mitch Gray	Mc1	Shellharbour	5
Blue	132.5	37	S/M	Andrew Wilson	Chasin Tail	Kiama	4
SHARK							
Tiger	583.2	15	S/M	Todd Pike	Outcast	Shoalhaven	5
BZ Whaler	100.0	24	S/M	John McKay	Snappy Tom	Merimbula	4
TUNA							
BROADBILL							
OGF							

MOST MERITORIOUS

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BROADBILL							
OGF							

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

Shellharbour	10
Shoalhaven	10
Kiama	8
Merimbula	8

TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH

Mr Hooker	Canberra	64500	5
Reel Weapon	Bermagui	50000	4
Aquaholic	Canberra	48258	3
Short Fuse	Shoalhaven	31500	2
She Left	Bermagui	25500	1
Rumpus Room	Bermagui	23054	
Hardaraddit	Bermagui	23029	
X-Factor	Jervis Bay	23000	
Jiggy-Jig	Shoalhaven	23000	
Square Meters	Canberra	21500	
Polaris	Eden	20837	
Seahog	Eden	20091	
Interlude	Shoalhaven	20000	
Exhale	Shoalhaven	20000	
Snappy Tom	Merimbula	18000	
Reel Devocean	Jervis Bay	17000	
2 Small	Shoalhaven	16000	
Barney	Jervis Bay	11500	
Overtime	Shellharbour	11500	
Flying Dutchman	Eden	11500	
Empty Pockets	Shellharbour	10000	
Interlude	Jervis Bay	10000	
Kempy	Canberra	10000	
Little Devil	Batemans Bay	10000	
Blue Yonda	Bermagui	10000	
Out For	Merimbula	10000	
White Knight	Merimbula	10000	
Rumpus Room	Merimbula	10000	
Nevahome	Eden	10000	
Online	Shellharbour	8500	
Elegantly Wasted	Canberra	8500	
The Hulk	Eden	806	
Marine Tracker	Merimbula	120	

CAPTURE POINTS 2016-17

Jervis Bay	60
Merimbula	44
Shellharbour	30
Shoalhaven	20
Eden	18
Canberra	16
Kiama	12
Batemans Bay	8

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2016-17

Shellharbour	35
Canberra	21
Ulladulla	15.5
Shoalhaven	12
Jervis Bay	7.5
Batemans Bay	5
Merimbula	5
Eden	2

Eden, Shoalhaven and Kiama have all had their tournaments with a good number of fish. The shark taken on "Outcast" at Shoalhaven's tournament is certainly a beauty and is up there with the best in NSW. Well done to all the clubs for running successful events enjoyed by many. It is good to see clubs supporting each other.

Next month we have the Canberra Yellowfin Tournament at Bermagui followed in June by the Merimbula Open. Good results for March with a lot of fish tagged from the majority of clubs and some terrific captures from north and south of the Zone. Keep up the good work.

Notification went to your Secretaries but I will mention again that there will be a celebration of Kim Hobday's life on May 5 at Yarralumla Gallery and The Oaks Brasserie Cottage,, 1 Weston Park Road, Yarralumla Nursery, Yarralumla, ACT. Caroline will welcome Kim's friends to share in this day of remembrance.

Stay safe and enjoy your fishing.

Sanchia

EASTER FISHING IN BERMAGUI

Judy Sillis

Easter in Bermagui produced world class marlin fishing on the famed Twelve Mile Reef. Most of the fleet stayed on shore on Good Friday due to the weather and Easter Saturday was typically quiet. From Easter Sunday until the following Wednesday, however, club boats had an absolute field day.

Sunday morning on Mr Hooker we had two of Matt's mates on board – one had never seen a marlin (indeed he thought they were a myth) and the other had never been to sea. Early in the day we had a fish up on the shotgun which we teased in only to have it fade off. Well at least Boots now knew that marlin actually existed. Next, we pitched into a bait ball and Boots hooked up. It was not fighting as you would expect a marlin to and we soon tagged a bronze whaler hooked nicely in the corner of the mouth with the circle hook. Next bait ball – same result.

It was now close to 4pm when we found a good sized bait ball with seals, sharks, marlin and dolphins all feasting. This time when Boots (Jeremy Taylor) hooked up there were cheers all round when the fish jumped and we could see that he was hooked to the elusive marlin.

4.45pm and the tag is in, back to the ball and Toby hooked up to another striped marlin. 5.15 and the second tag is home. Matt was only home for two weeks from working overseas and as Sunday was the only day he could go fishing he was keen to try the bait ball again. He hooked up with the light fading and after a short fight we had tagged the third marlin at 5.40pm.



Fishing in the dark

Aquaholic had a late start to the day, putting to sea about 3pm and tagging three marlin by 5.30. Jason and Billy Sheffield tagged the first marlin on their new boat Escape and the crew on Elegantly Wasted were only able to fish on that one day and made the most of their time by tagging two.

Monday saw glassy conditions and even better bait ball action. Mr Hooker had a “ladies day” with Tammy Pauline and I tagging five between us. Aquaholic had converted two double headers by lunch time for four for the day. Escape tagged another three – a great effort with only two on board. Brett Gray and crew on Another Screema tagged one on Saturday, three on Sunday and two on Monday. Dripping Wet, skippered by Luke Pattrick, was also in on the action. We packed up at 4.15 as we had to get back to work but those able to stay on were rewarded with some great numbers over the next few days with Aquaholic, Escape and Dripping Wet all tagging fish.



One of Mr Hooker's striped marlin on Easter Monday

By Thursday the water had turned over and the currents were running strongly so the fishing slowed considerably. The Saturday and Sunday before Anzac Day saw very few fish tagged although Tim Crampton fishing on Mr Hooker managed to tag his first marlin. Doug Read and crew took Krakatinni out from Batemans Bay in search of a blue marlin and were rewarded with a fantastic fish that stopped the scales at 200.6kg. Congratulation to the angler Matt Bunting and the crew of Doug and Leanne.



Matt Bunting's nice blue marlin

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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 14th day of the next Month following their Capture/Tag/Measure

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An Invitation

is extended to you to enter the

GFAA Junior National Tournament

1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017

Eligible Fishing Days

The tournament will be conducted from 1st July 2016 to 30th 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

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. 30th 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 16th birthday.

Entry Forms & Details Available at:
Website www.gfaa.asn.au

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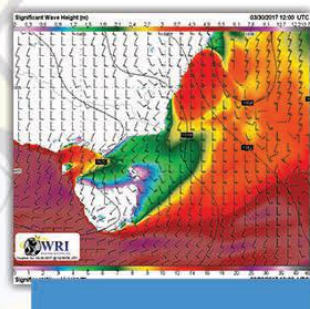
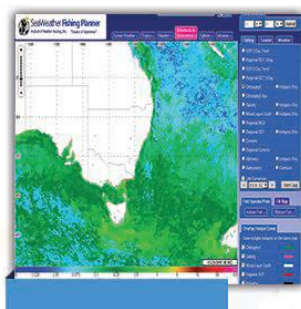
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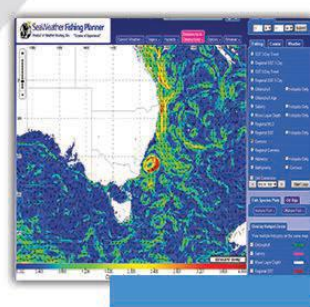
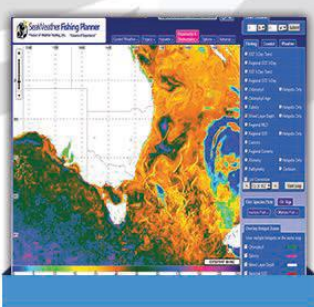
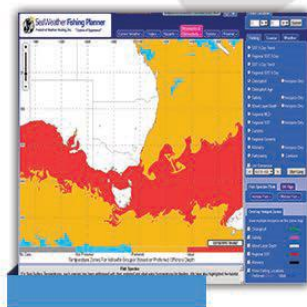
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