

# *TALE ROPE*

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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](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,

Well, it's almost that time of year when it all starts again.

It is November and the tournaments are just around the corner. It starts off with the White Sands at the end of this month. Good luck to those that make the journey up to JB and fish it.

Our YellowFin Tournament has moved a week later this season and will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.

Another Screema travelled to Kiama and scored their first marlin of the year. Great effort guys, keep it up.

Closer to home, there have been reports of Albacore out the front of Bermagui and the long liners have been getting a few YellowFin there too. Off Batemans Bay, there was reports of striped tuna being caught. Still plenty of good snapper around and the trout are still on the bite as well.

To those members who put your hand up for the VHF Licence, it will be done on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at Batemans Bay. There are still places available - if you are interested, give me a call.

If you need T&R cards and can't get to a meeting, give Matt Crampton a call to get some. At this month's meeting, there will be a demonstration on the use of current chart. If you're interested, make sure you come along and join in.

The next meeting is on the 12th of December at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm. See you all there.

Regards  
Mario Imbriano  
President



EDIT & SEND

## Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

Only a short report this month as happenings in the Club have been somewhat slow. The next Club meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and will feature a presentation on reading Sea Surface Temperature and Current Charts which hopefully everyone will find useful. We have after a suggestion from the Club decided to bring in a new prize category for the AGM, Best photograph for the year (Fishing Related). Something to keep in mind if you get any photos throughout the year and to send to myself as you get them so I can keep them all together.

### Important Dates for the Club

- Annual Christmas Drinks Set for December 12 after the meeting
- Yellowfin Tournament Date Set for May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - To coincide with the Canberra Long Weekend

### Upcoming Tournaments

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Whitesands Tournament 2017, November 24<sup>th</sup> – November 26<sup>th</sup>
- 34<sup>th</sup> Port Macquarie Golden Lure 2018, January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Central Coast Bluewater Classic 2018, January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>
- Tollgate Island Classic 2018, January 19<sup>th</sup> – January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Bermagui Blue Water Classic 2018, January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>

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# CANBERRA GFC YELLOWFIN TUNA TOURNAMENT

**20-21-22 MAY 2017**

## TROPHY CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

<b>CAPTURE</b>
<b>HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> TBA
<b>NEXT HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA BY SENIOR MALE</b> TBA
<b>NEXT HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA BY SENIOR FEMALE</b> TBA
<b>NEXT HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA BY A JUNIOR</b> TBA
<b>NEXT HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN BY A SMALL FRY</b> TBA
<b>HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA ON BOAT 7.1 METERS and under</b> TBA
<b>MOST MERITORIOUS YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> TBA
<b>HEAVIEST Other Game Fish excluding sharks</b> TBA

<b>TAG &amp; RELEASE</b>
<b>MOST YELLOWFIN BY SENIOR MALE</b> TBA
<b>MOST YELLOWFIN BY SENIOR FEMALE</b> TBA
<b>MOST YELLOWFIN BY A JUNIOR</b> TBA
<b>MOST YELLOWFIN BY A SMALL FRY</b> TBA
<b>MOST STRIPED TUNA BY SMALL FRY MALE</b> TBA
<b>MOST STRIPED TUNA BY SMALL FRY FEMALE</b> TBA
<b>MOST MARLIN BY BOAT</b> TBA
<b>MOST SHARKS BY BOAT</b> TBA
<b>TEAM WITH MOST YELLOWFIN</b> TBA
<b>TEAM WITH 2nd MOST YELLOWFIN</b> TBA
<b>HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER - T &amp; R</b> TBA
<b>HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER EACH DAY – TBA</b>



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Where Canberra Meets

## CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

MONTH ENDED August, 2017

### TAG AND RELEASE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	TAG CARD NUMBER	FISH SPECIES/LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
June	Melissa Chaffey				5175
August	Lachlan Cairns (S/F)				13
August	Brett Gray			Broadbill Sword (Other Waters) 37KG	4250

### CAPTURE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	FISH SPECIES	WEIGHT OF FISH	LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
June	Matt Harman	Relentless Pursuit	BF TUNA	43.6KG	15KG	2,851
August	Melissa Chaffey	Another Screemer	YF TUNA	51.4KG	24KG	

### BOAT TAG AND RELEASE

BOAT	POINT SCORE
Relentless Pursuit	10,000
Another Screemer	10,000
Mr Hooker	2,500
Apothecary	13



### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### 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 2017-2018

Zone weekend	June 10-11
Merimbula Open*	June 10-11
Zone weekend	June 24-25
Southern Zone AGM and Presentation Lunch	July 2
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> leg	July 7-9
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg	July 14-16
Zone weekend	July 22-23
Zone weekend	August 12-13
Shellharbour Mako Tournament	August 19-20
Zone weekend	August 26-27
Zone weekend	September 10-11
Zone weekend	September 23-24
Labour Day	September 30-October 2
Zone weekend	October 7-8
Zone weekend	October 21-22
Zone weekend	November 11-12
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 24-26
Zone weekend	November 25-26
Zone weekend	December 9-10
Zone weekend + Christmas & Boxing Day	December 23-26
New Years	December 30-January 1
Zone weekend	January 13-14
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic*	January 19-21
Zone weekend including Australia Day	January 26-28
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 27-29
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 2-4
Zone weekend	February 10-11
Shellharbour Tournament *	February 10-11
NSWGFA Interclub	February 23-25
Zone weekend	February 24-25
Zone weekend	March 10-11
Southern Zone Interclub *	March 10-11
Alliance T/R Tournament *	March 10-11
Eden Open *	TBA
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 23-25
Zone weekend	March 24-25
Easter	March 30-April 2
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 7-8
Zone weekend	April 14-15
Zone weekend	April 28-29
Zone weekend	May 12-13
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 19-21
Zone weekend	May 26-27
Zone weekend	June 9-10
Merimbula Open *	June 9-11
Zone weekend	June 23-24
Southern Zone AGM & Presentation Lunch	July 1
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> leg	July 6-8
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg	July 13-15

NB: Zone weekends are the second and forth full weekends of every month. Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in SZ monthly Cock O the Walk competition. All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weeks are included. \* denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points plus the Columbus and George Bass trophies.

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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ..... OCTOBER 2017

### CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
Mako	345.4	15	S/M	Ryan Carnelutti	Outcast	Shoalhaven	5
Mako	149.1	15	J/F	Amanda Lamond	Tailwalker	Shellharbour	4
Mako	125.2	15	S/M	Christopher Heffernan	2 Small	Shoalhaven	3
Mako	112.6	10	S/M	Matt Flew	Fast & Furious	Shellharbour	2
Tiger	100.7	10	S/M	Chase Stephenson	Mc1	Shellharbour	1
Tiger	98.5	6	S/M	Brad Harris	Loose Knots	Shellharbour	
Mako	97.3	15	S/M	Mark Dandy	Fast & Furious	Shellharbour	
Mako	95.3	10	J/F	Amanda Lamond	Tailwalker	Shellharbour	
Mako	88.1	15	J/M	Connor Pringle	Restricted	Shellharbour	
Tiger	74.2	10	J/M	Ethan Clarke	Fast & Furious	shelharbour	
<b>TUNA</b>							
Yellowfin	37	24	S/M	Riley Watson	Interlude	Shoalhaven	5
<b>BROADBILL</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							

### MOST MERITORIOUS

<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
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<b>TUNA</b>							
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<b>BROADBILL</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							

**CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH**

Shoalhaven	23
Shellharbour	14

**TAG & RELEASE PONTS FOR MONTH**

Reckless	Shellharbour	23450	5
Outcast	Shoalhaven	13450	4
In Deep	Shellharbour	11825	3
Another Screamer	Canberra	10000	2
Bagged Out	Shellharbour	3750	1
Tailwalker	Shellharbour	3750	
Switchn	Shellharbour	3450	

**PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2017-18**

Shoalhaven	23
Merimbula	18
Shellharbour	14
Jervis Bay	10
Canberra	10

**PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2017-18**

Shellharbour	12
Merimbula	10
Shoalhaven	9
Canberra	4

Report from Mark Way tells is that Kiama GFC boat "Absolute" took out the Lizard Island Tournament with a massive 1188lb/538.86kg Black Marlin. Southern Zone was well represented at this event which has international competitors as well as Australian. Great effort by all.

Closer to home the inaugural Shellharbour Mako Masters was a great success with Ryan Cernelutti on "Outcast" from Shoalhaven GFC bringing in the heaviest Mako at 345.4kg.. They had 21 boats with entrants from as far north as Port Macquarie and with the good results it all bodes well for the next one. Unfortunately I was too sick to do the radio for them but look forward to helping out next year.

Next on our calendar is the Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament 24-26 November. I am doing the radio for them for the first time and I look forward to hearing a lot of familiar voices calling in plenty of fish.

A reminder to all clubs to nominate juniors for the NSWGFA Junior Team. The juniors will be fishing the Kiama GFC Tournament 7-8 April 2018 and as always are chaperoned by Grahame Williams OAM. When submitting the nominations please send me angler's name, date of birth, shirt size, parent's phone number and email address, parental permission and a resume detailing fishing experience. Anglers must be under the age of 16 at time of tournament and I require this information no later than 30 January 2018. For the first time, this year we did not have any nominations, so please nominate a junior who will have an experience to remember representing your club and our Zone. We have some brilliant juniors in our Zone.

While on the subject of juniors.....Special mention for Amanda Lamond's two Makos for the month which are pending NSW and Australian junior female records. Amanda is from Shellharbour and was joined by two other juniors, Connor and Ethan who also got amongst the sharks.

Still a very quiet month for the majority of clubs but I am sure things will change shortly.

Have fun with your fishing and stay safe  
Sanchia

# Staying alive

At the October Canberra Game Fishing Club monthly meeting, attendees discussed how easy it is to die on the ocean.

So, this Tale Rope article includes some suggestions for staying alive.

At the October meeting, there was mention of a 6 metre trailer boat sitting on the bottom in 80 feet of water at The Peaks, off Sydney, with rods still in the gunwhale rod holders and the rocket launcher.

There are two excellent photographs in the East Coast Tuna and Billfishing group Facebook pages of the sunken boat, and with a bit of searching you can find and read the story of how it sank, written by its skipper.

Here is a link :

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10210478157366241&set=pcb.1490749907668527&type=3&theater&ifg=1>

The comments tell the story of the sinking; start searching them at a post by Robert Main dated September 19.

In short, the boat went down in August 2015 in bad weather, probably after a split in the hull. The skipper did not have time to get his safety gear from the cabin, not even the EPIRB, and when he tried to grab a life jacket out of the cabin it tangled on a rod holder. By the time the skipper got free as the boat vanished into the depths, he was 45 feet underwater and he barely got back to the surface alive.

Skipper and crewman had no lifejackets, choppy seas and strong wind and nothing floated up from the boat to support them apart from an unhelpful tupperware container lid. They survived through luck. Another boat was drifting about 250 metres away, down sea and down wind. They swam towards it shouting as they went. With the breeze behind them, someone on the drifting boat heard them and rescue followed.

If your boat ever sinks and you would like to survive through forethought and planning, rather than depend on luck, read on. And remember that if the bad day comes it will probably happen with blinding speed, often when everything was going along just fine an instant before.

Alan Latimer recalled at the October meeting an incident of years ago when things went wrong so fast that the people on board had no time to send a mayday message. Their 19 foot boat took a wave and capsized. Through luck, a nearby boat with Alan on board spotted heads in the water (“that's not a whale, it's people!!”) The rescue boat found people trying to cling to the upturned bow of their boat. From experience, upside down boats are not designed to give useful handholds. In a rough sea, you

would not last long relying on the upturned bow as a refuge.

Readers probably heard in the past year or so about the miracle rescue of a solo trailerboat fisherman who fell overboard with no lifejacket or EPIRB and whose boat travelled onwards for miles. It is also easy to imagine getting off balance while fighting a powerful fish and being pulled overboard. Don't be too proud to have a rope from your waist to a seat base, long enough to move while fighting a fish and short enough to stop you from going overboard.

Consider the lessons from the above incidents and increase your chances of staying alive if the sea tries to claim you.

Disasters often happen fast. No time for a radio mayday, no time to read the "Lifejackets" sign in the cabin and start pulling up bunk seats to find a lifejacket, no time to reach flares and a floating safety gear container in a cabin either upside down or rapidly filling with water.

If you think it could never happen to you, stroll around the Bermagui headland and count the "Lost at sea" memorial plaques. They thought it would never happen to them, too.

So the first lesson is, the best place for a lifejacket is on you, all the time. Inflatable life jackets are reasonably slim fitting and can be worn constantly provided you do not play with the inflation tab. A couple of years back Frank Tallarida fiddled with the inflation tag harder than was wise. He had a rapid attack of gas and increased his waist line alarmingly.

The second lesson is that EPIRBs and safety packs really truly do need to be within a metre of someone who is well aware of their location, how to free them from any locking system, and fit and quick enough to grab them in an emergency.

A third lesson goes to redundancy. Be as safe as you can with steps one and two above, then throw in other measures as backup.

Of more relevance to trailer boats than flybridge cruisers, a kill switch on the throttle control box (especially if solo fishing) means that if the skipper goes overboard the motor stops. Run a line from the kill switch down the starboard side of the boat with a line to your belt, sliding up and down that first line. If there are two or more on board you might tangle up a bit. Better a few tangles than a boat vanishing under power after people go overboard.

A personal locator GPS beacon can be bought for \$250 to \$350 or so. The full size Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon with GPS is even cheaper and if required it will broadcast a "rescue me" message for at least two days; three days with the Kti brand. The personal beacon can be worn on your belt or hung around your neck so that if your best plans about an easily accessible EPIRB do not work out, at least you have a beacon with you that will broadcast to rescuers for at least 24 hours

(Kti brand again).

If you think it unfair that a personal beacon typically costs more than a big EPIRB, consider how much would you pay for one if adrift in the ocean with no boat?

Illustrating the value of a “worn on the body” beacon, a fishing and boat magazine carried the story of three guys in a trailerboat hammering along when an abnormal wave threw the boat into the air. Two men were thrown clear out of the boat. The driver had his body over the side, but retained his grip on the steering wheel and was (just) able to slow the boat and get back on board before picking up his mates. In the water and with the boat disappearing at full throttle, a personal beacon around the neck would be much better than nothing.

There are two technology fixes that can add to your safety.

One is to connect your GPS to your VHF radio via NMEA 0183. Then you have only to flip up a red cover on the radio and press a button. The radio will automatically broadcast a mayday message with your GPS location that will go to all craft in radio range as well as to any shore station in range. When seconds count, you might not have time to send a manual Mayday. How long does it take you to ascertain your lat / long and unambiguously state the numbers in a message?.

The second and more recent development is an electronic device worn on the body that communicates with a control on the motor electronics. If you fall overboard and get more than 20 metres or so from the motor, the device will shut down the motor. You might still have to swim for the boat, but at least it will not be motoring away from you.

Think ahead, act with care, and stay safe on the water. See you at the next club meeting on November 14.

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When VHF radio and GPS are connected, flip up the distress cover and hit the button for a fast, automated mayday broadcast giving your latitude and longitude.





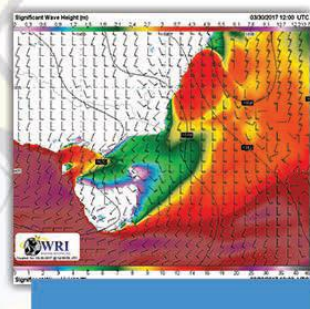
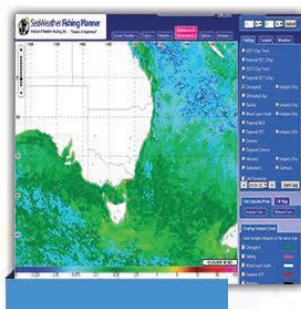
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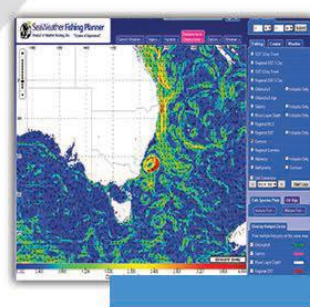
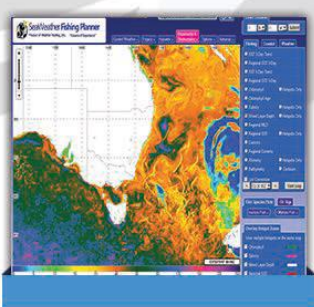
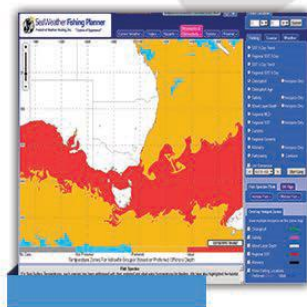
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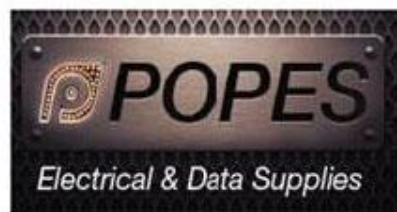
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 Neilsons Hardware

Slipway  
 777  
 Saltwater Café  
 Terrance Restaurant  
 Shell  
 Mister Jones  
 Sundek Café