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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

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Presidents Report

Hi Everyone

Well it's the last month of the fishing calendar year.

At the top of our Club Leader Board it is a bit tight between a few boats, which is great to see. Don't forget the year ends the 31st of May.

A few club boats have been out looking for fish the last month but not much has been caught, though not through a lack of trying.

Long liners have been out and found a few YellowFin tuna, but yet to see a rec fisherman getting one.

Up off Sydney they are getting some good Fin — hopefully they swim down our way for the tournament.

Our Yellowfin Tournament is not far away now, don't forget these dates 26th to 28th of May. This is our clubs yearly event where we can all chip in and help out. Many hands make light work they say, so hope to see you all down there.

Thanks to Aaron for showing us how to make wind on leaders at the last meeting, it was very informative night and a great time all round.

The next meeting is on the 8th of May 2018 at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm.

Regards

Mario Imbriano

President

Secretary's Report

Hi Everyone,

As I am sure everyone knows we are coming up on our Annual Yellowfin Tournament on May 26th, 27th and 28th in Bermagui. Preparations are well underway as we have been working on all the behind the scenes aspects of hosting the event including sponsorships, sanctioning and the various logistic arrangements.

As always, we really appreciate any help people are able to provide with the setup, pack up, BBQs, weigh station and general running of the tournament. We will go into this further at the meeting next week.

The tournament will follow the same format as last year with a Briefing on Friday May 25th where we will and out tournament bags and organize the shootout.

There will be meals available for purchase from the Restaurant at the Club, so no need to organize dinner beforehand.

Saturday the 26th will be the first day of fishing and hopefully there will be lots of big tuna around. There will be a BBQ held at the Bermagui Country Club (out the back), that night for dinner, which is included in the cost of entry, additional tickets are also available. This is when we have historically held our lucky angler draw along with a smaller raffle.

Sunday is our second day fishing and the day of the Cash Shootout, always a hotly contested days fishing. The Sunday night dinner will be held at the Club again with tickets available to purchase. This is when we will hold our monster raffle which has some great prizes included this year. Monday is the final days fishing of the tournament and there will be an award ceremony held at the Club.

I have received a shipment of Capture books from NSW GFA and will bring them along to the meeting for anyone who is interested. After last meetings success with the raffle we will be holding another raffle at our next meeting.

Regards
James Wearn
Secretary

Upcoming Events

Canberra Yellowfin Tournament May 26 – 28
Merimbula Open Yellowfin Tournament June 9 – 11
Tuna Slam Sydney July 1 – August 31

Regards
James Wearn
Secretary



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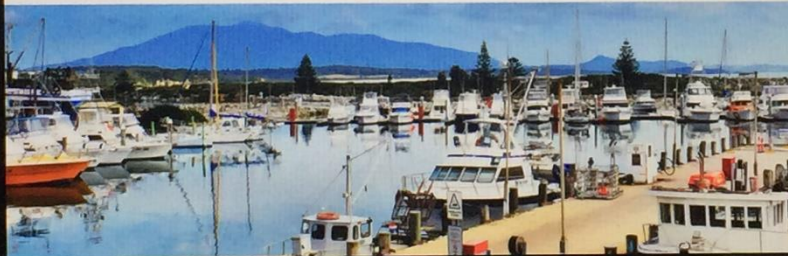
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CANBERRA GFC YELLOWFIN TUNA TOURNAMENT

26-27-28 MAY 2018

TROPHY CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

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

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



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Where Canberra Meets

CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

MONTH ENDED MARCH 2018

TAG AND RELEASE MALE

| NAME | POINTS |
|------------------------|--------|
| BILLY SHEFFEILD | 66000 |
| LUKE STEWART | 53000 |
| ANTHONY KANULLI | 47000 |
| SHAUN VINCE | 45500 |
| BRETT GRAY | 43000 |
| ANDRE BUSK- ERMON | 21500 |
| JOEL RYAN | 20000 |
| MATT HARMAN | 20000 |
| PETER KEMP | 20000 |
| JOSEPH OCALLA- GHAN | 20000 |
| TIM CRAMPTON | 20000 |
| MATT PATTRICK | 20000 |
| JOHN MACCULLOGH | 14950 |
| ANDREW SWAN | 11500 |
| MATT HILDER | 11500 |
| GREG CAMPBELL | 11500 |
| JAMES KEMP | 10000 |
| TONY MOROSIN | 10000 |
| ALBINO IMBRIANO | 10000 |
| BRAD REID | 10000 |
| STAN LIAKOS | 10000 |
| ADAM LEE | 10000 |
| MARIO IMBRIANO | 10000 |
| DAVID SIMPSON | 10000 |
| JED GRUNDY | 10000 |
| BRAD WHITE | 10000 |
| BRODY PRESTON | 10000 |
| DANIEL BUCKMAS- TER | 10000 |
| DAVID HOWARTH | 10000 |
| TROY CHARLES | 10000 |
| JOEL SPILSBURY | 7500 |
| BRAD WOOD | 6000 |

TAG AND RELEASE FEMALE

| NAME | POINTS |
|-----------------|--------|
| MELISSA CHAFFEY | 165675 |
| JUDY SILLIS | 56000 |
| CAROL TAYLOR | 43000 |
| DEBRA KEMP | 20000 |
| CARLY RES | 10000 |

TAG AND RELEASE JUNIOR

| NAME | POINTS |
|-----------------|--------|
| HARLEY MENEGHAL | 10031 |
| LACHLAN CAIRNS | 65 |

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 | |
| January | Joel Spilsbury | Panlicker | Blue Marlin | 193.2KG | 60Kg | |

BOAT TAG AND RELEASE

| BOAT | POINT SCORE |
|--------------------|-------------|
| RELENTLESS PURSUIT | 206981 |
| ANOTHER SCREEMER | 197175 |
| MR HOOKER | 136000 |
| KEMPY | 93000 |
| ESCAPE | 76000 |
| HIDENSEEK | 60000 |
| SQUARE METERS | 60000 |
| AQUAHOLIC | 31500 |
| YNOT2 | 30000 |
| KRAKATINI | 10000 |
| ON SITE | 10000 |
| APOTHECARY | 10000 |
| JJ | 10000 |
| ELEGANTLY WASTED | 10000 |
| WOODSEA | 6000 |



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Canberra Yellowfin Tournament May 26 – 28
- Merimbula Open Yellowfin Tournament June 9 – 11
- Tuna Slam Sydney July 1 – August 31

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 2017-2018

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|--|------------------------|
| 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 st leg | July 7-9 |
| Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd 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 st leg | July 6-8 |
| Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd 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.

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS MARCH 2018

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

| SPECIES | WHT | LINE | S/J | ANGLER | BOAT | CLUB | PTS |
|------------------|-------|------|-----|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----|
| MARLIN | | | | | | | |
| Blue | 188.0 | 37 | S/F | Sherie Holden | Adrenalin Rush | Jervis Bay | 5 |
| Black | 121.1 | 24 | S/M | Shane Wieteki | 2 Small | Shoalhaven | 4 |
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| SHARK | | | | | | | |
| Tiger | 386.4 | 15 | S/M | David Stella | Reckless | Shellharbour | 5 |
| Mako | 277.0 | 15 | S/M | Phillip Lamond | Reckless | Shellharbour | 4 |
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| OGF | | | | | | | |
| Wahoo | 37.0 | 37 | S/M | Dean Schiltz | Adrenalin Rush | Jervis Bay | 5 |
| Mahi Mahi | 13.2 | 10 | S/M | Mathew Crouch | Cold Catcher | Shellharbour | 4 |
| Mahi Mahi | 11.1 | 10 | S/F | Tracey Vaartjes | In Deep | Shellharbour | 3 |
| Mahi Mahi | 11.0 | 10 | J M | Jack Jeffs | In Deep | Shellharbour | 2 |
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MOST MERITORIOUS

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|------------------|-------|----|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| MARLIN | | | | | | | |
| Black | 121.1 | 24 | S/M | Shane Wieteki | 2.Small | Shoalhaven | 5 |
| Blue | 188.0 | 37 | S/F | Sherie Holden | Adrenalin Rush | Jervis Bay | 4 |
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| Mahi Mahi | 11.1 | 10 | S/F | Tracey Vaartjes | In Deep | Shellharbour | 4 |
| Mahi Mahi | 11.0 | 10 | J/M | Jack Jeffs | In Deep | Shellharbour | 3 |
| Wahoo | 37.0 | 37 | S/M | Dean Schultz | Adrenalin Rush | Jervis Bay | 2 |
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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

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|--------------|----|
| Shellharbour | 39 |
| Jervis Bay | 16 |
| Shoalhaven | 9 |

TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH

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|--------------------|--------------|-------|-----|
| 2 Small | Shoalhaven | 82500 | 5 |
| Hardaraddit | Bermagui | 57500 | 3.5 |
| Flying Dutchman | Eden | 57500 | 3.5 |
| Mr Hooker | Canberra | 56000 | 2 |
| She Left | Bermagui | 47000 | 1 |
| Reel Weapon | Bermagui | 40000 | |
| Jambo | Shellharbour | 36250 | |
| Shockwave | Bermagui | 34500 | |
| Swoopa | Bermagui | 34500 | |
| RNR | Shoalhaven | 33000 | |
| Escape | Canberra | 31500 | |
| Cassie | Merimbula | 30000 | |
| Black Douglas | Shellharbour | 20000 | |
| Barred Up | Jervis Bay | 20000 | |
| Reel Devocean | Jervis Bay | 14500 | |
| Black Dog | Shellharbour | 11500 | |
| Teaser | Ulladulla | 11500 | |
| Up For It | Shellharbour | 11250 | |
| Angie 2 | Jervis Bay | 10000 | |
| Game Changer | Jervis Bay | 10000 | |
| Tomahawk | Ulladulla | 10000 | |
| Ynot 2 | Canberra | 10000 | |
| Apothecary | Canberra | 10000 | |
| Relentless Pursuit | Canberra | 10000 | |
| Nevahome | Eden | 10000 | |
| Reckless | Shellharbour | 3000 | |
| Magic | Shoalhaven | 3000 | |
| In Deep | Shellharbour | 155 | |
| Freedom | Ulladulla | 31 | |

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2017-18

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|--------------|-----|
| Shellharbour | 105 |
| Shoalhaven | 39 |
| Jervis Bay | 36 |
| Canberra | 20 |
| Merimbula | 18 |
| Kiama | 8 |

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2017-18

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Shellharbour | 18 |
| Shoalhaven | 18 |
| Bermagui | 16.5 |
| Canberra | 14 |
| Jervis Bay | 13 |
| Ulladulla | 10 |
| Merimbula | 10 |
| Kiama | 7 |
| Eden | 3.5 |

My apologies for the delay in sending these results out. I have been without a computer until this morning which is a pain but unavoidable.

Unfortunately, Shoalhaven suffered with small numbers for their tournament. Unfortunately, it was on the same weekend as the Port Hacking Tournament and they no doubt lost some boats to that one and the weather was not at all good. I fished on Freedom, to use the term loosely, as there was no fishing to be done on the Saturday and I did not go out gain the Sunday. It was decided that we would not fish Friday because of the weather and we really should not have bothered with Saturday as the conditions were horrendous.

The Kiama Blowhole Tournament went off well with some good captures including Marlin, Sharks and Yellowfin. The heaviest Marlin was a Blue of 141.5kg, heaviest Yellowfin 54.8kg and heaviest shark being a Whaler of 251kg..There were 19 Marlin Tagged and many lost. The NSWGFA Junior Team had a great weekend with Ryan Kaczorowski, the NZ Chairman's son, winning champion junior angler tag and release with a Marlin and Mahi Mahi. Their boat also took out Most OGF.

We had a reasonable month with captures and some good results for tag and release. As you can see, Shellharbour has a good lead in capture and the chase is definitely on for tag and release. I have been informed that there have been a lot of fish taken on days other than Zone days so they are out there.

May brings us the Canberra Yellowfin Tournament 26-28 so I hope a lot of you will be able to support this event.

Have fun with your fishing and stay safe.
Sanchia



TAG TIMES – MAY 2018

Sydney Shortbill Spearfish Recaptured near PNG

A shortbill spearfish released by keen junior angler Rhys Cokun, fishing on his Dad's boat, *Mr Magoo*, has been recaptured near Papua New Guinea! The fish was tagged on 3 April 2016 whilst fishing off Sydney and was estimated at 180 cm and 16 kg on release. Fast forward 584 days to 8 November 2017 and the spearfish was caught by a Japanese longline vessel fishing deep in the Coral Sea, 175 nautical miles south of PNG.

An email to gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au from the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries this month detailed the recapture. The fish was over 1271 nautical miles (2353 km) from its original release location off Sydney.

The shortbill spearfish is one of the smallest and least understood species of billfishes. Only 552 spearfish have been tagged and released since the program's beginnings in 1973. Only two have been recaptured to date, with the first recapture reported in 2009 when a fish tagged off Port Stephens was recaptured off Fraser Island 45 days later.



Striped Marlin Special

A number of striped marlin recaptures have trickled in to the program over the last few weeks and are featured below.

Narooma to Bermagui

A striped marlin released by Luke Blanch aboard *She's Only 19* on 9 March 2018 whilst fishing off Narooma, NSW, has been recaptured. The 80kg marlin was at liberty 8 days before being recaptured 10 nautical miles south of its original release location by Joel Oliver, off Bermagui on 17 March 2018. After a few quick photos the fish was released again in excellent condition.



Well done to Joel who has managed to be a part of over 70 marlin releases for the season so far.

Jervis Bay to Port Stephens

Another striped marlin released on the south coast of NSW, this time off Jervis Bay has been recaptured. The estimated 70kg striped marlin was released by Ryan Welsh aboard Ulladulla

GFC boat *Blu Alibi* on 22 February in excellent condition and was recaptured by Caron Collins fishing aboard Port Macquarie GFC boat *Weekend Detention* 17 days later and 146 nautical miles north of its original release location. The Weekend Detention crew recaptured the fish on the Car Park and after removing the tag and getting a few photos, released it once again.



Jervis Bay to 12 Mile Without a Bill

A striped marlin released by Jervis Bay GFC boat *Gamechanger* on 24 February 2018 whilst fishing the Jervis Bay Canyons has been recaptured. Luke Gardner released the estimated 50kg striped marlin after a brief battle on 24kg line and the crew aboard *Viking* recaptured it on 26 March, 30 days after it's initial release. Viking were fishing the 12 Mile Reef off Bermagui, NSW, some 140 nautical miles from the fishes original release location.

It was reported by both release and recapture anglers that the fish was completely missing a bill, however this did not stop it feeding as demonstrated by both release and recapture encounters.

Terrigal to the Car Park

Sydney GFC boat *Grady White* recently tagged and released a striped marlin off Port Stephens, NSW, which had a previous tag in it. After receiving the completed tag card, a quick look in the database revealed that the marlin had been previously released off Terrigal, NSW, on 12 March 2017 by Broken Bay GFC boat *Escapade*. The *Escapade* crew initially called the lure caught fish for 50kg. 356 days later, on 3 March, 2018 the fish was estimated at 70kg and was caught 43 nautical miles north east of its original release location by *Grady White*.

This recapture is the 20th striped marlin that has been at liberty for over 300 days under the program. 257 striped marlin recaptures have been reported to the program with the majority of them short term.

Please remember to report any recaptures of tagged fish by using the [online recapture form](#).

If you do happen to catch a tagged fish but are unable to retrieve the tag, be sure to report the encounter in the comments section of your tag card or to gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Over nine years at liberty for JB albacore

An albacore tuna released by Nowra SFC boat, *Iceberg*, in 2008 has just been recaptured, off New Zealand! The fish was measured at 70cm and estimated to be 7kg when tagged by Mitchell Preston whilst fishing the Jervis Bay Canyons, NSW, on 8 November 2008. After a whopping 3434 days at liberty, on 4 April 2018, a NZ commercial longliner recaptured the albacore whilst fishing off the North Eastern tip of New Zealand, 1227 nautical miles (2272km) from its original release location. The albacore had grown to 1m in length and an estimated 20kg during its 9 years and 7 months at liberty.

This recapture marks the longest time at liberty recorded for an albacore released under the program and eclipses the previous record of 2567 days held by an albacore that was recaptured wide of Eden in 2004.

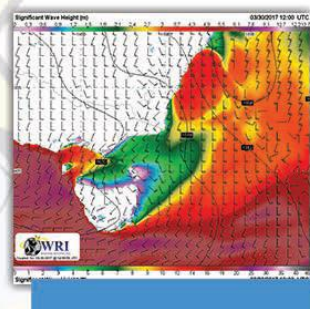
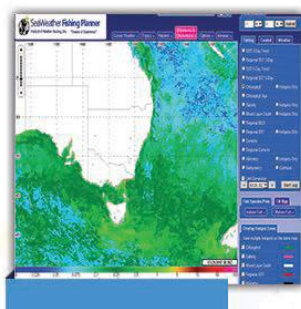




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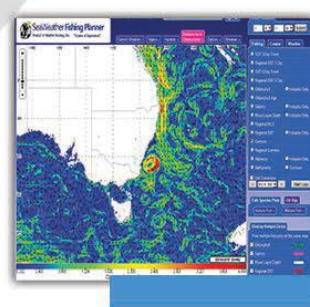
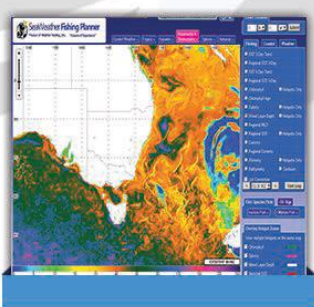
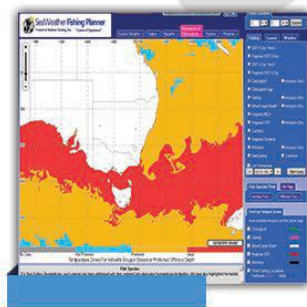
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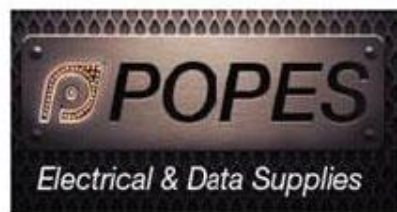
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