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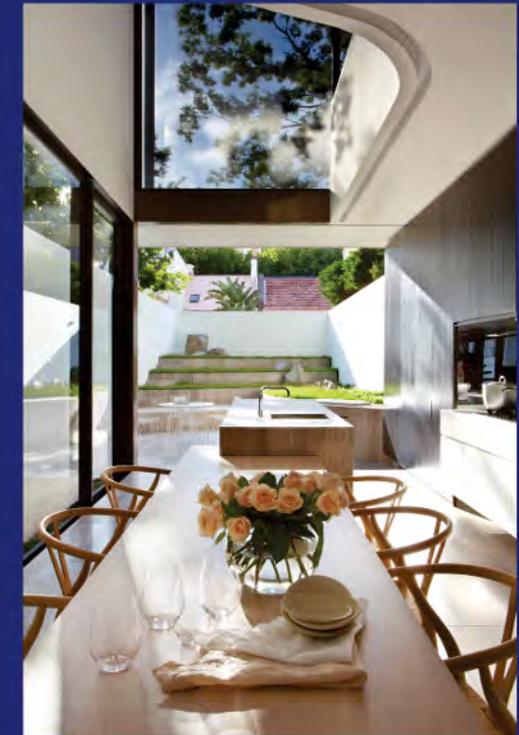
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament 2019 presented by Little Audrey Charters is rapidly approaching and this year we are proud to announce that we have a massive **\$50,000** up for grabs for a Blue marlin over 250kg! There are also a number of other changes which we hope will see this year's tournament be our biggest and best yet.

Sixteen prize categories, Champion Boat Tag & Release with prizes down to 4th place tag, Boat Under 8-meter prize category, Ladies prizes plus juniors something for everyone but only if you're in it.

We are also proud to announce an added bonus for those boats and crews who don't enjoy the raft up. This year you will be able to fish from your home port. You don't have to raft up at club if you don't wish! That said the raft up has always been one of the best attractions to Sydney Game and any boats wishing to come back to the club for a raft up are more than welcome.

The tournament is scheduled for 13th - 14th April and we encourage everyone to get behind our tournament this is the biggest fund raiser for the club for the year.

Rules & entry form can be found on our website at <https://sgfc.com.au/2019-peter-goadby-memorial-tournament-rules-entry/>.

On the fishing scene it looks like things are finally starting to change with a number of blue marlin being caught up and down the coast so hopefully the big blue will turn up right on cue.

Remember last year Ron & Ivan capturing there massive 338kg Blue marlin on 24kg, then Rabbit the year before 348.5kg on 37kg, Alex Nuttal 's Australian record 236kg on 15kg in 2015 and the list goes on. We have an outstanding record of big fish, maybe not quantity of fish but we sure do have quality.

I would also like to thank all the club sponsors and advertisers that have got behind the club and supported our magazine. The new look Tightlines is still an evolving work in progress. We strive to give you the best fishing magazine around I hope you enjoy it and embrace it With a flat start to the fishing season this leaves all trophies up for grabs and should make for a good finish with three central zone rounds still remaining.

The Poros trophy is based on point score days the last one being the 1st weekend of May winning boat will go up on honour board at club. The newest trophy added to Sydney game fishing club the Tennessee II, is based on line class on point score days so boat achieving highest score across all the line classes.

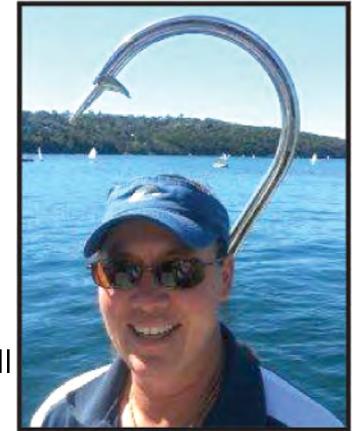
For further details you can look up on our website.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at the Peter Goadby Tournament.

(PS. Congratulations Elena Smart on your New Record: NSW, Australian - Wahoo 45kg on 24kg Line)

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PROPOSED NSWGFA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2018-2019

Date	Tournament Name
JAN - 2019	
4th to 12th	35th Golden Lure Tournament – Port Macquarie GFC
18th to 20th	Tollgate Islands Classic – Batemans Bay GFC
19th - 20th	Botany Bay Bill Heyward Tournament – Botany Bay GFC
FEB - 2019	
1st - 3rd	Jess Sams Tournament – Ulladulla GFC
1st to 3rd	Big Fish Bonanza Tournament – Lake Macquarie GFC
9th - 10th	Shellharbour GFC Open Tournament – Shellharbour GFC
15th - 17th	2019 Garmin Shootout Tournament – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
21st - 24th	2018 NSWGFA Interclub Tournament – NSWGFA
MAR - 2019	
9th - 10th	East Coast Classic – Newcastle GFC
15th - 17th	2019 26th Broken Bay Invitational Tournament – Broken Bay GFC
15th - 17th	Eden Open Fishing Tournament – Eden Sport & GFC
22st - 24th	Merimbula Open Marlin Comp - Merimbula GFC
23th to 24th	2019 Bluewater Classic – Central Coast GFC
30th - 28th April	Wahoo Tournament – Lord Howe Island GFC
APR - 2019	
30th May - 28th	Wahoo Tournament – Lord Howe Island GFC
6th - 7th	Kiama Leagues Kiama Blowhole Bigfish Classic 2019 – Kiama GFC
13th - 14th	Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament SGFC – Sydney GFC
MAY - 2019	
4th - 5th	Shimano Port Hacking 100 Tournament– Port Hacking GFC
4th - 5th	The Don Goswell Big Blue Memorial– Ulladulla GFC
25th to 27st	Canberra Yellowfin Tournament – Canberra GFC
JULY - 2019	
1st - 31st August	SGFC TUNA SLAM – Sydney GFC
AUGUST - 2019	
3rd - 4th	Monster Mako Geoffrey Woolley Memorial Tournament – Sydney GFC

Calendar of Events SGFC

March 2019

23rd - 24th Bluewater Classic - Central Coast GFC + Central Zone Weekend

26th Committee Meeting

April 2019

2nd Club Meeting

6th - 7th Summer Pointscore Weekend

13th - 14th **Sydney – Peter Goadby Tournament** + Central Zone Weekend

20th - 21st Summer Pointscore Weekend

28th Committee Meeting

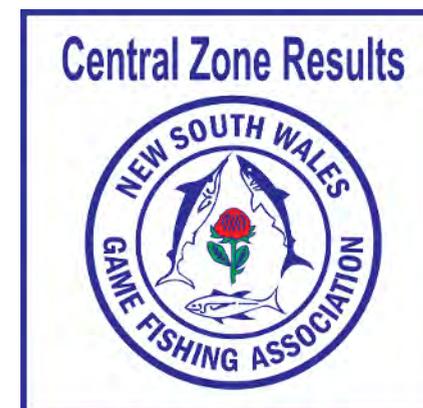
May 2019

4th - 5th Summer Pointscore Weekend

4th - 5th Port Hacking 100 Tournament + Central Zone Weekend

7th Club Meeting

28th Committee Meeting



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SGFC Club Pointscore

Updated 6/3/2019



Summer Point Score

Summer Point Score competition occurs on the first and third weekends of each month. Commencing on the third weekend of September until the first Weekend of May, including any local tournament within Sydney Waters sanctioned by NSWGFA (ie, Central Zone Rounds) as well as all days of the Interclub Competition at Port Stephens.

Sydney Waters include the areas bounded by Norah Head Lighthouse to the north and Wollongong Lighthouse to the south and sixty miles seaward.

On all Summer Point Score weekends you must stipulate which day you want to fish, this can be done by logging onto a radio boat or any other SGFC boat out fishing on the day as well as marking any T&R certificate clearly as Summer Point Score.

All Sydney Game Fishing Point score rounds must be conducted with in the bound of the NSW Game Fishing Association Rules

The line classes: Ultra Light – 4kg and 6kg line, Light – 8 kg and 10kg, Medium – 15kg, Heavy – 24kg, 37kg and 60kg

*** REMEMBER ***

'Capture and T & R Certificates' must be returned to the club within 7 days of the capture or tagging, or they **WILL NOT BE COUNTED**. If you are fishing in a Competition and the white copy is taken, do not depend on that club to return the certificate to us,
HAND THE PINK COPY to the S.G.F.C.

Fishing Rules for the Central Zone Tournaments Season 2018 / 2019

please go to - www.centralzone.com.au
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Tag and Release - Point Score Days

BOAT	TOTAL	ULTRA	LIGHT	MEDIUM	HEAVY
TANTRUM	6125	6125			
CASEY	3000	3000			

Line Class Captures

LINE	SPECIES	ANGLER	BOAT	STATUS	WEIGHT	POINTS
10	BLUEFIN TUNA	Karen Wright	TANTRUM	Ladies	33.00	3757.05
15	MAKO SHARK	Stephen Liddall	CASEY	Adult Male	182.50	8326.56
15	BLUEFIN TUNA	Makira Wright	TANTRUM	Junior Girl	57.00	4873.50
24	BLUEFIN TUNA	Stephen Liddall	CASEY	Adult Male	77.00	3409.18
37	BLUEFIN TUNA	Phil Webster	LITTLE AUDREY II	Adult Male	45.00	492.57

Tag & Release – John O'Brien Trophy

This competition runs from **1st July** until **30th June** and is for **Tag & Release**. Any fish tagged anywhere on the NSW coast is eligible, with the winner and runner up being determined by total points scored.

Tag and Release - Overall

BOAT	TOTAL	MARLIN	SHARKS	YELLOWFIN	OTHERS
TANTRUM	347063	15000	320775		11288
CASEY	55025	24000	26025		5000
GALE FORCE	46575	23000	23575		
MARKOO	23225	10000	13225		
SHELLEYS	18125		18125		
HOODLUM	15250	11500	3750		
AMBITION	10350		10350		
MIDNIGHT	10350		10350		
SMARTBILL	10350		10350		
LITTLE AUDREY	10000	10000			
RAMPAGE	3450		3450		
DOUBLE TRIGGER	2875		2875		
LITTLE AUDREY II	2500				2500

Tag and Release - Tennessee11 Troph

BOAT	TOTAL	ULTRA	LIGHT	MEDIUM	HEAVY
TANTRUM	6125	3125		3000	
CASEY	3000			3000	

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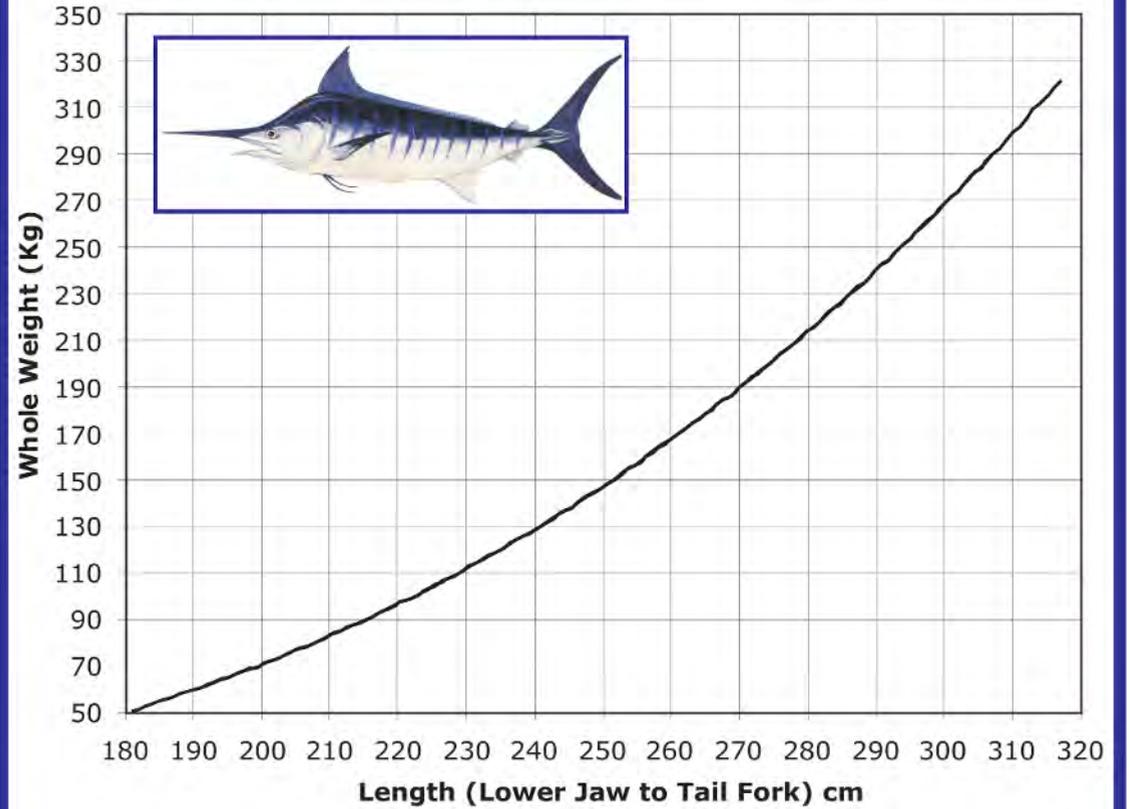
Be you! \$50,000.00 Cash if you register and catch a blue marlin over the Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament at Sydney Game Fishing Club



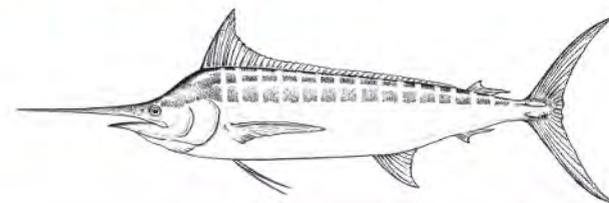




Blue Marlin Length/Weight Curve



BLUE MARLIN In smaller specimens, blue marlin are often mistaken for their striped cousins. However, sharp eyes will notice the lower dorsal fin, straighter pectoral fin and slightly shorter bottom jaw.



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Dr Julian Pepperell

Throughout his distinguished career in marine science, Dr. Julian Pepperell has undertaken numerous projects on the general biology, life history, movements and stock structure of pelagic fishers, including tunas, billfish and sharks. The majority of his work has been conducted in collaboration with the Australian government, universities and state fisheries departments as well as with other universities around the globe. He developed the Australian Game Fishing Tagging Program, which at the time was the largest such project in the world. Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments was developing a code of practice for recreational fishing in Australian in 2007. Dr. Pepperell has been the keynote speaker at numerous important recreational and commercial fishery conferences and symposia over the last three decades and has acted in a leadership or advisory role in nearly every major workshop, symposium or conference on highly migratory species at a national and international level since 1992. Dr. Pepperell received the IGFA Conservation Award in 1999 and is also the recipient of the Rybovich Lifetime Conservation Award from The Billfish Foundation. He is also a member of the Cairns Game Fishing Hall of Fame.





A Holiday In Kona

A story by Adena Levi

While planning a family holiday in Hawaii in December last year, we could not resist the opportunity to fish in the famed waters of Kona.

We booked with Captain Jason Holtz of Pursuit Fishing Charters (highly recommended by Karen) for a day in December - usually known as the low season for Marlin in Kona.

Off we set at about 6.50am on the pristine boat on a gorgeous Hawaiian day with water temperature at 20c. At about 7am the lines were out and we started trawling for Marlin. Hold on a second - what? Only 10 minutes from when we left shore we were able to start fishing! We were in 500m in no time. So different to the 1 hour travel to commence fishing off Sydney. We could still see people and cars on the coast! But wait it gets better...by about 7:15am we had our first strike. A lovely blue of about 100kgs decided to pay us a visit and much to our Noah's (age 8) delight, an opportunity to catch his first marlin had presented itself. First marlin for the day tagged and released. All within half an hour or so of leaving shore.

Next up was another blue - a smaller one of about 60kgs. Still, Jonah (age 13) was more than happy to claim it and it was tagged and released too.

We continued to troll and this time it was my turn to hook up a 400lb model per the Captain's estimate. Alas the mighty fish was too clever and got off the hook due to a suspected bill wrap.

By 11:20am we had gone 6-4-2 on blues. We continued until about 3pm but there was no more action.

We were thrilled though with our day - especially as this was low season. A great first Marlin for Noah!

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NSW DPI would like to thank all those involved in the program and values the continuing support of all anglers involved. Here is hoping for a great 2018/19 game fishing season.

Top Taggers

The top taggers of the program for the 2017/18 season has been published online and can be accessed by following the below link.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/saltwater/gamefish-tagging/taggers>

T-Shirt Competition

Be sure to get your images in for the next competition which will run until the end of April 2019. Email your photos of correctly tagged game fish species to gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au. Please let us know if you are happy for us to share your photo in this newsletter or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NSWDPIFisheries/>

Exciting Black Marlin Re-Capture: Seal Rocks to Northern Mariana Islands.

A juvenile black marlin released by Shane Gageler aboard Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC vessel Whitedog has recently been recaptured. Interestingly, the marlin has crossed the equator during its travels making it a very unique recapture for the program. The marlin was released on 13 March 2018 off Seal Rocks NSW, and has been recaptured by an Indonesian longline vessel fishing around the Saipan Seamounts, off the east coast of the Northern Mariana Islands. Skipper Josh Souter

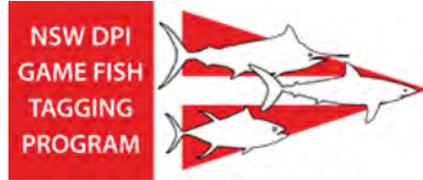
and angler Shane Gageler estimated the fish to be 20kg with a lower jaw fork length of 150cm. Upon recapture, the fish was estimated to be the same length but had grown by 2kg in weight. The arlin had travelled an incredible straight line distance of 2866 nautical miles (~5,300km) having spent only 86 days at liberty.



Shane Gageler releasing a Black Marlin that went on to be

TagTimes

February 2019



Welcome to the latest edition of Tag Times

This newsletter has the latest information on interesting recapture movements of tagged fish. If you don't want to receive this information please click unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

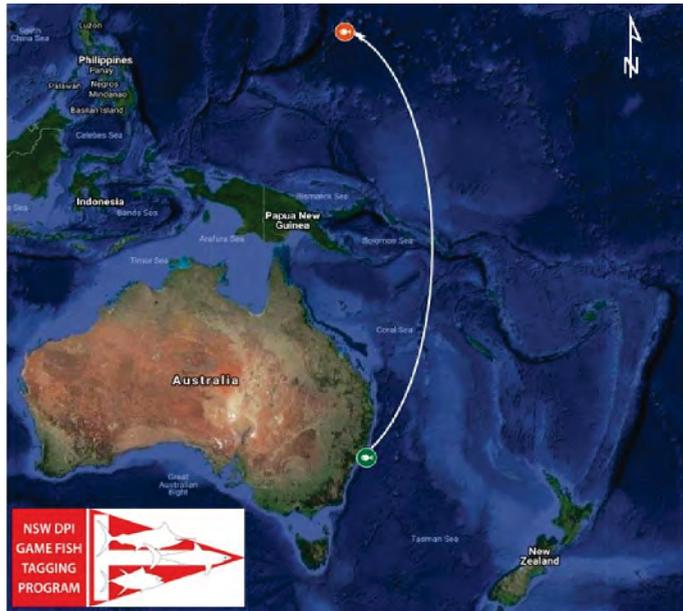
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Season Summary

The 2017/2018 game fishing season ended on June 30, 2018 and resulted in over 13,000 fish tagged and over 220 fish recaptured.

The top ten species tagged are given in the table below:

Species	Number tagged
BLACK MARLIN	3414
STRIPED MARLIN	1809
SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA	1359
SAILFISH	1114
BLUE MARLIN	1109
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	844
DOLPHINFISH	362
WHALER SHARK	352
SAMSON FISH	308
BRONZE WHALER	225



Swim Map for the Black Marlin

Yellowtail Kingfish crossing the boarder

A yellowtail kingfish originally tagged in South Australia has recently been recaptured. Keen spear fisher Bryce Clifton caught the kingfish while diving offshore of Currarong on December 20 2018. Tipping the scales at a solid 13kg and 118cm the fish was Bryce's personal best. Despite a significant amount of growth, Bryce still noticed the yellow NSW DPI tag. and contacted the department to report the recapture. A search of the database revealed that the fish was originally released over a year earlier (422 days) at Port Augusta, South Australia. The Kingfish was released by Adelaide Game Fishing Club member Luke Thompson fishing aboard Off Duty. After a quick photo, Luke measured the fish at 116cm and 14.8kg. During it's time at liberty the kingfish swam an incredible 675 nautical miles (~1,250km) straight line distance from the original release point. When travelling such large distances, it is not uncommon for yellowtail kingfish to lose some condition. In this case, despite growing 2cm, the fish had lost 1.8kg.



Luke Thompson with his 116cm Yellowtail Kingfish



Kurt with his PB Yellowtail Kingfish



Swim map of the recaptured YTK

Sydney Kingfish Recaptured 4 Times

A juvenile yellowtail kingfish tagged and released in the Parramatta River by young gun Gianni Lo Guidice on 8 September 2018 has been recaptured.... for the 4th time. Including the original tag and release the fish has now been caught an unbelievable 5 times in just 126 days. The recapture summary is as follows:

Originally tagged Parramatta River on 08/08/2018 @ 70cm

- Recaptured and released 42 days later in Sydney Harbour 20/10/2018 @ 71cm

- Recaptured and released 44 days later in Sydney Harbour 03/12/2018 @ 71cm

- Recaptured and released 9 days later in Sydney Harbour 12/12/2018 @ 71cm

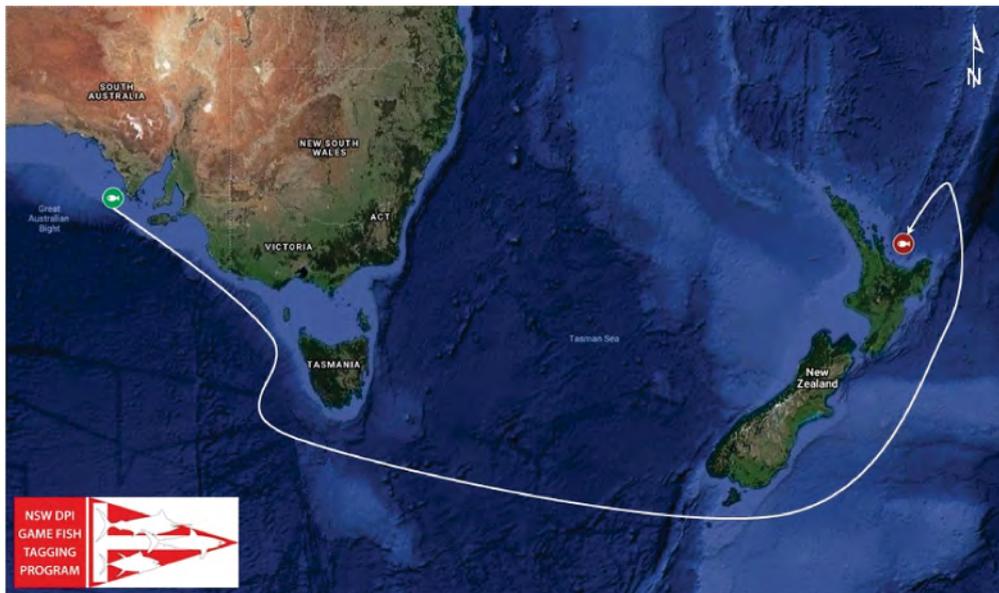
- Recaptured and retained 31 days later in Sydney Harbour 12/01/2019 @ 73cm

Overall the fish spent 126 days at liberty and traveled an estimated straight line distance of over 15 nautical miles (~27km) between release and recapture. These recaptures really go to show how tough these popular sports fish are.

Southern Bluefin Tuna heads across the Ditch

A southern bluefin tuna (SBT) has been reported as recaptured. An observer from the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA) in New Zealand retrieved the tag from a commercial fishing vessel which had been fishing off the coast of Tauranga, New Zealand. After some quick correspondence with the New Zealand observer, the details of the recapture were determined.

The SBT was originally released on 28 February 2016 by Adelaide Game Fishing Club angler Jay Dent offshore from Rocky Island in South Australia. After a quick fight on 24kg line, the fish was quickly tagged and subsequently released in excellent condition. The fish was estimated to be 96cm and 15kg. On 27 November 2018 the fish was recaptured by a New Zealand longline vessel in the area known as the Tauranga Trough. Upon recapture the fish was estimated at 112cm & 24kg. During the fish's 877 days at liberty it had travelled an estimated straight line distance of 2073 nautical miles (~3,800km).



Swim map of recaptured Southern Bluefin Tuna

Club in Focus – Sydney GFC

The Sydney Game Fishing Club was formed in 1952 and is situated on the end of the wharf at the picturesque Watson's Bay in Sydney Harbour. The club consistently has over 400 members with around 80 boats in their fleet.

Key Tournament

The Sydney GFC hosts the annual Peter Goadby Memorial Tournament. This year the tournament will be held on the 13th & 14th of April. More information can be found on the club website:

<http://sgfc.com.au/event/sydney-gfc-peter-goadby-tournament/>

Tagging contribution summary (2008-2018)

The Sydney Game Fishing Club has been a valuable contributor to the program. Over the past 10 years the club has tagged over 4,650 fish. A summary of the top 10 species tagged, along with the top 10 contributing boats can be seen below:

Species	Number tagged by SGFC
STRIPED MARLIN	1077
BLACK MARLIN	865
DOLPHINFISH	637
MAKO SHARK	455
WHALER SHARK	356
BLUE MARLIN	279
YELLOWFIN TUNA	196
STRIPED TUNA	186
BLUE SHARK	177
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	136

SGFC Boat	Combined Fish Tagged
TANTRUM	473
CASEY	392
SMARTBILL	241
LITTLE AUDREY	220
REEL SMOKA	187
MALOLO	178
GALE FORCE	157
AMBITION	141
HOODLUM	126
TENACIOUS	90

Becoming a member of SGFC

If you would like information on the club or would like to become a member of the Sydney Game Fishing Club please contact 02 9337 5687 or alternatively email: secretary@sgfc.com.au

Recapture forms

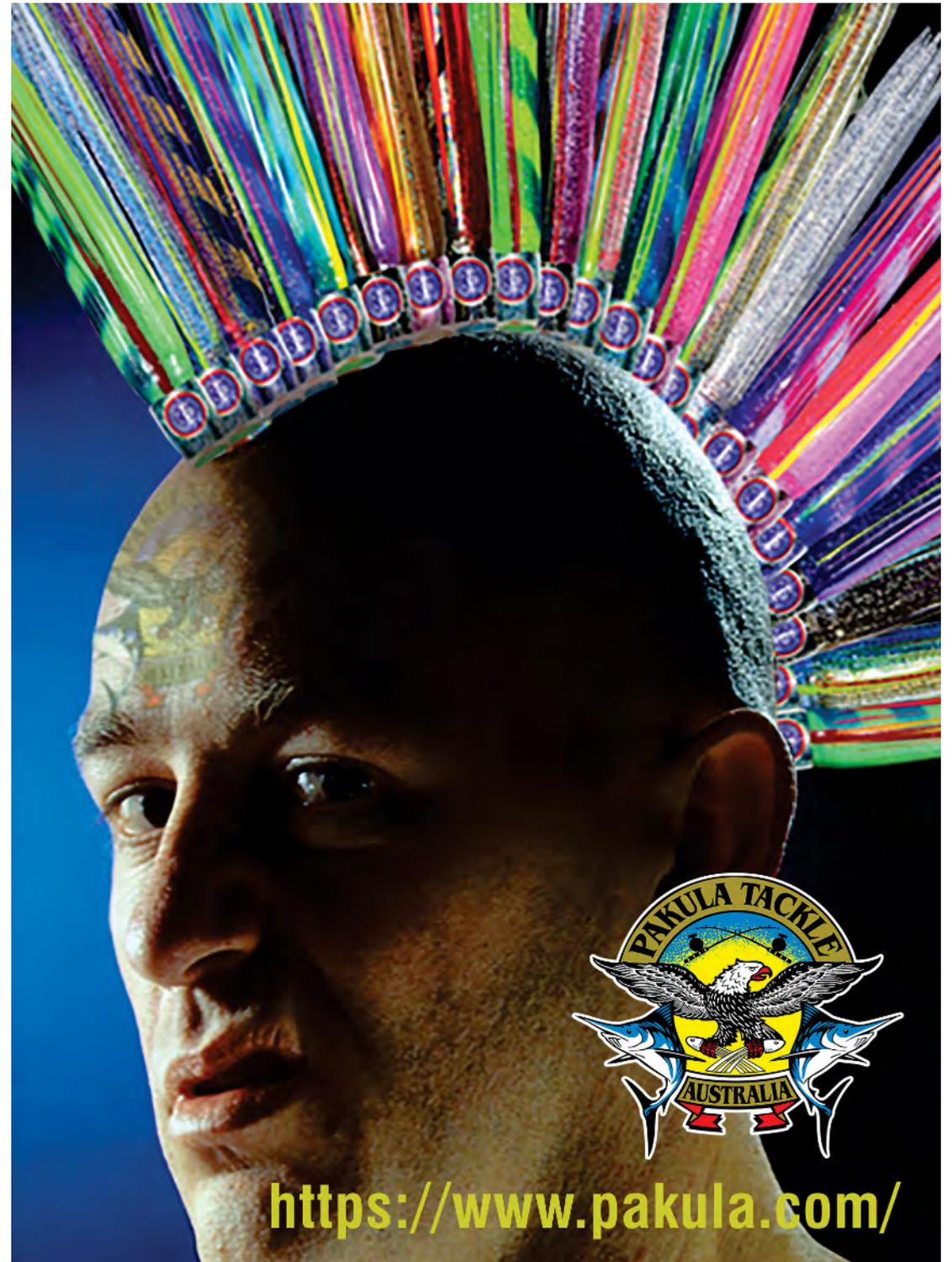
If you do happen to catch a tagged fish, be sure to report it either over the phone on (02) 6691 9602 or online by using the online recapture form linked below:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging/gamefish-recapture>

Each recapture provides vital information which is essential to improve the understanding and management of valuable game fish and sport fish species. Details of the distance that the fish travelled and its growth are sent to the anglers who first tagged the fish and the anglers who recaptured it. A recapture certificate is also issued, along with a hat or t-shirt for those really exciting recaptures!

Don't forget to return your tag cards

This is a great time to remind everyone to return their tag cards to their local game fishing club or back to the tagging program. We are still awaiting the original release information for many species from past seasons. Please have a look around and send back your completed cards, even if they are several years old as they may still match up with recaptured fish that we have on the database. Also, please keep us updated with fish that you saw were tagged but were unable to retrieve the tag from. It is still useful to log this information so that we can get a better overall estimate on the number of recaptures that are taking place.



Focus on... "Lady Audrey" By Greg Wall

"This article continues looking behind the scenes at some of our club boats and their skippers"

She's definitely a lady. In fact I would say more a princess or a queen and she is going to need a lot of pampering to keep her in the style that she has become accustomed to.

While not officially a fishing boat (not at all really) she is definitely part of the SGFC fleet and we are lucky to have her. I'm talking about of course the wonderful Lady Audrey owned two of our main sponsors Phil and Vicky Webster from Little Audrey Charters.

Lady Audrey herself is simply stunning and serves as the Mothership and base of the Little Audrey Fishing Fleet. It is literally a floating palace and the lounge/dining room on the ship (officially a boat becomes a ship when you can fit another boat on it) would put most houses lounge rooms to shame.

The entrance at the rear of the ship has two spiral staircases leading up to the main level. Alternatively a submarine style door leads down into the massive engine room housing 3 x Cat 3412 Shaft Drive engines producing a mind numbing amount of power to push along 198 (dry) Gross Tonnes along at a comfortable 22 knots. Like everything else on this ship, the engine room is impressive and you could spend ages just in awe looking at the pure grunt in there.

The back deck on the main level is the perfect place to enjoy a sip of your favourite ale and watch the world go by. In fact due to the generosity of Phil and Vicky that's exactly what many of us did up at Port Stephens a few weeks ago as our hosts opened their doors and bar to all the SGFC Team fishing Interclub that weekend. Then, after Interclub was officially called off due to severe weather conditions and the cyclone further north, a few more beers were sipped that evening till the wee hours.

Behind the back deck is a cocktail bar, an ample sized lounge room and a formal dining area with the huge kitchen the other side of this. Stairs lead downstairs to the bedrooms below with the master bedroom including an en-suite with spa bath and two WC's and hand basins. A few stairs up and you are presented with a console that resembles the inside of a 747 aircraft and seems to look just as tricky to understand it all.

We're not done yet as another level upwards awaits your inspection. Quite possibly the real party area. The very top floor contains a large outdoors lounge area at the rear, a cocktail bar surrounding, as you would expect, an outdoor spa bath big enough to house a quite few friends and some good times. With the music pumping and the beer and wine flowing it's quite the party ship and as it turned out, ended up being a home away from home for our members serving as a floating Clubhouse up at Port Stephens.

If you ever get the chance to go on board and have a look around, you won't be disappointed. She is truly a beautiful girl and worth inspection.





Here are some basic specs on this boat:

Boat Name	Lady Audrey
Owner	Phil and Vicky Webster
Model	Hatteras Motor Cruiser
Registration	LA114N
Body Colour	White
Fly Bridge (Y/N)?	Yes
Length or OAL	114 ft (34.74 metres)
Width or Max Beam	7m (21ft)
Material (Plate or Fibreglass)	FibreGlass
Engine(s)	3 x Cat 3412 Shaft Drives
Total Weight	198 gross tonnes (dry)
Top Speed	22kts
Fuel Capacity	24,800L
Cruising Range	2,500nm
Trailer Boat	No
Storage Location	Birkenhead Point Marina

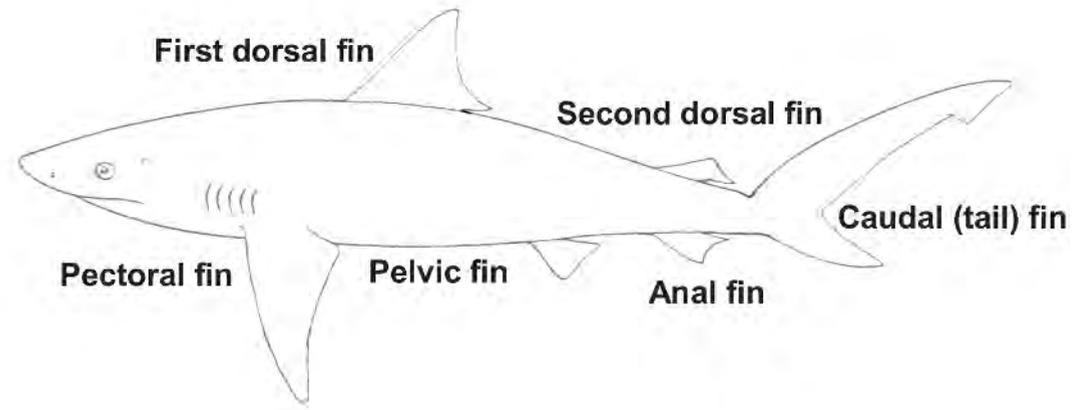


Photographic Whaler Shark Identification and Record

By Nick Otway

Over the years, I have been emailed various photos of whaler sharks caught by game fishers that are the subject of a record claim with a request to identify the animal. For many whaler sharks, this is not an easy task because of the many similarities in body colouration, shape and form. On some occasions, this has led to the shark being identified as one of two or three species with the most likely culprit being suggested based on prior catches and other information.

The identification of whaler sharks relies on information concerning the size, shape and relative position of the various fins, the presence (or absence) an inter-dorsal ridge of skin between the first and second dorsal fins, the shape and number of teeth, and skin colour just to mention a few. So how can whaler shark identification be improved using photos especially for those captures that are the subject of a record claim?



I suggest that a good way forward is to take photos that maximize the key identification features listed below and include a scale bar (such as a knife) in the photo with the actual measurement of the scale bar used provided in the email.

Suggested photos for identification:

- **S**ide shot – a photo taken of the side (lateral) view of the entire length of the shark;
- **H**ead shot – a photo taken in front of the shark with its mouth open to show its teeth;
- **I**n between – a photo taken of the belly and including the pectoral and pelvic fins; and
- **T**op shot – a photo taken from above the back of the shark showing the two dorsal fins and the skin in between.

Hopefully, the acronym in the above list of suggested photos may provide a ready reminder for the photos taken in the future.

Photos of tagging Whaler Shark on Tantrum for some Juniors

(click the photo to the right for
a video)



Striped Marlin

- A - Bill - smaller than blue, about twice as long as the length of the lower jaw
- B - First Dorsal Fin - as high as the body depth and black dots throughout
- C - Second Dorsal Fin - slightly posterior to second anal
- D - Paired Keels - base of tail (Caudal Peduncle)
- E - Tail - smaller than blues at same size
- F - Second Anal Fin - slightly anterior to second dorsal
- G - First Anal Fin - three fourths to as wide as body depth
- H - Pectoral Fin - larger than blues at same size
- I - Pelvic Fin - Longer than black or Blue marlin
- J - Gill Plate (operculum)
- K - Vertical Bar System
- L - Simple Lateral Line System

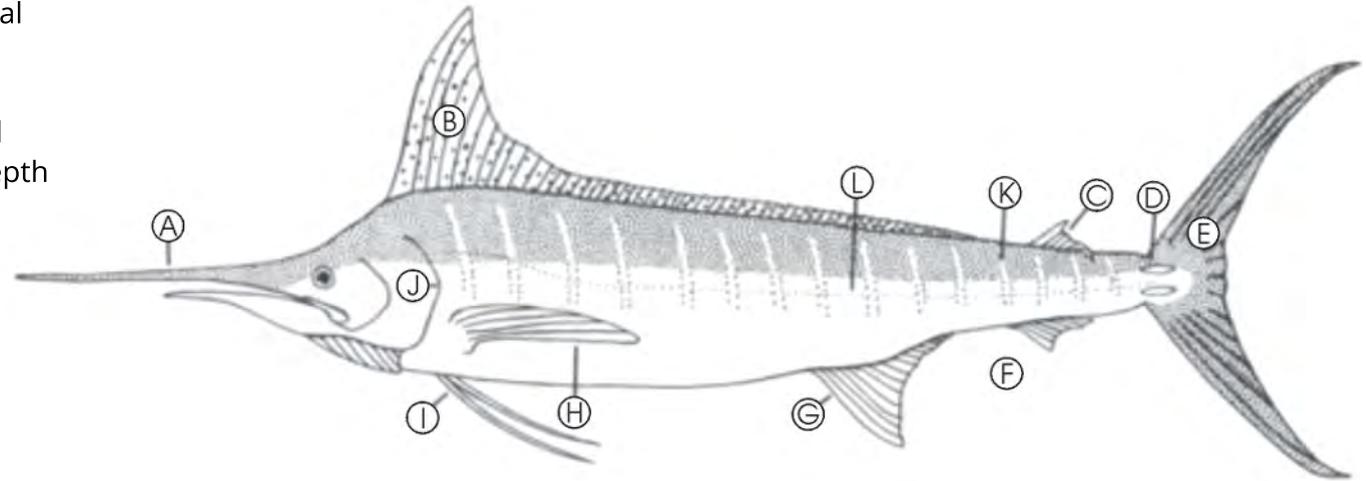
Family: Istiophoridae (Billfishes)

Genus and Species: *Tetrapturus audax*

Range: Striped marlin occur in tropical and warm temperature waters of the Indian and Pacific Oceans. On the west coast of the United States they range as far north as Oregon, but are most common south of Point Conception, California. They usually appear off California in July and remain until late October. They appear to be predominant species of Kenya, Mozambique, Mexico, Ecuador and New Zealand. Commercial fisheries catch them all the way across the Pacific. Striped marlin have traveled up to 31 miles per day. The longest southern migration was 1,153 miles from the tip of Baja near Clipperton Islands in seventy-one days. The longest migration of any billfish was by a striped marlin, tagged and released near the tip of Baja, and then recovered 200 miles southwest of the Hawaiian Islands three months later, a distance of about 3,120 miles. Most of the striped marlin wander in the ocean alone, but, as with all marlin when breeding, they may be in pairs or schools.

Description: The body of the striped marlin is elongate and compressed. The upper jaw is much extended, forming a rounded spear. Smaller than the blue marlin, the striped marlin has a dark steely blue back that is lined with dark cobalt blue or lavender stripes (coloration varies with location)

Striped Marlin Anatomy



fading to a silvery white underside.

Of the billfishes that occur in California waters, the striped marlin is difficult to confuse with the others. Marlin have scales, fins on the belly, and a rounded spear which set them apart from swordfish which have no scales or ventral fins and have bills that are flat. Sailfish have an extremely high dorsal fin not found among the marlins, and shortbill spearfish do not have the long spear on the upper jaw nor the body weight of the marlin. The striped marlin normally develops conspicuous stripes along the sides of its body after death. This feature is unique to striped marlin.

The first dorsal fin at its highest point, is from 75% to a 100% of the body depth, measured at that point on the body, with the length going back to almost the second dorsal fin. The striped marlin's dorsal fin is generally higher in its total height than other marlin species. The dorsal fin has many dark black to purplish-black spots scattered throughout with a light purplish or violet blue background. The anterior part of the dorsal is pointed like the blue marlin. The second dorsal is slightly posterior to the second anal fin and is also pointed.

The pectoral fins of the striped are pointed, fold easily against the body and are slightly shorter than the longer pectoral fins of the sailfish. Striped marlin pectoral fins are generally straight, with a slight curve on the bottom. However, they are not as curved as the blue or black marlin, nor are they as wide as the blue or black marlins.

The striped marlin has the most pronounced vertical line markings, hence the name. Generally fourteen to twenty vertical stripes from the true gill plate to the caudal peduncle. The stripes are prominent lavender to blue in color and they appear wider than the stripes on sailfish and seem to be made up of various size dots to form lines. The striped can "light up" to a very brilliant lavender to purple. The other marlin have the ability to "light up" but not to the same intensity as the striped marlin. The body scales are covered with a layer of heavy skin so they are not easily seen. The scales are single or unbranched, similar to the black marlin's only smaller.

Natural History: The food of striped marlin is predominately fishes, squid, crabs and shrimp. The latter three make up lesser portions of the diet than do fish. The spear of the marlin is sometimes used as a weapon for defense and as an aid in capturing food. Wooden boats frequently have been rammed by billfish, and in one instance the spear penetrated 18.5 inches of hardwood - 14.5 inches of which was oak. When it uses its bill in capturing food, the striped marlin sometimes stuns its prey by slashing sideways with the spear rather than impaling its victim, as some believe.

Since marlin cannot yet be accurately aged, the age and duration of different life stages cannot be determined. Females are reported to reach first maturity at 50-80 lb.; it is not possible to determine onset of sexual maturity in males because change in the size of testes is slight. Striped marlin are believed to spawn in the northwest Pacific and migrate eastward as juveniles, which would account for the abundance of smaller fish in Hawaiian waters.

Fishing Information: Most striped marlin are taken by trolling artificial lures in areas they are known to inhabit. Blind strikes are generally the rule, but one can occasionally tempt a "finner" or "sleeper" (marlin swimming along the surface) to strike if lures are trolled past the fish. Live bait such as tuna, dorado or mackerel also work well but requires more effort since the fish must usually be first spotted visually. Once a striped

marlin is located, the angler should cast a bait in front of and past the fish so it can be reeled back towards the animal. Strikes usually result from properly presented live bait. Most striped marlin anglers prefer Pacific mackerel as bait. The best California fishing locality is in a belt of water which extends from the east end of Santa Catalina Island offshore to San Clemente Island and southward in the direction of the Los Coronados Islands. Other hot spots include New Zealand and Baja California.

Temperature Range: 70 - 86 degrees F.

Conservation: Like all billfish species, the striped marlin population has been significantly reduced as a result of intense commercial and recreational fishing pressure. As populations of billfish decline, many organizations are working to protect these amazing blue water hunters. Several conservation groups are proposing area closures and establishing conservation zones for billfish protection. While catch and release practices are more prevalent these days, many fish are still being killed.

Other Common Names: striper, marlin, nairagi, Pacific marlin, spikefish, spearfish.

Largest recorded: 13.5 feet, 339 pounds (California); 494 pounds (New Zealand)

Sources: Marine Sportfish Identification, California Department of Fish and Game, 1987; FishBase, FishBase Consortium, 2001;

Billfish, Saltaire Publishing, 1976





Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fish Club Ltd.

Congratulations to all of the Winners of the 2019 Garmin Billfish Shootout.

Heaviest Shark - Not Won

Heaviest Marlin over 258kg - Not Won

First Marlin Tagged by A Junior Angler for the Tournament

Alex Binkin- Striped Marlin -16th Feb at 2.31pm

Champion Male Junior Angler

Max Hardy - 12,750 Points

on boat Reef Magic

Champion Female Junior Angler

Makira Wright - 3,750 Points

on boat Tantrum

Heaviest Marlin over 150kg

Zanzibar - 214kg Blue Marlin on 60kg Line

Champion Boat T & R under 8 Metres

Boat : Billistic - 25,000 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 1

Billistic - 25,000 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 2

Shelf Life - 24,000 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 3

Ningaloo - 23,500 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 4

Captain - 20,000 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 5

Absolute - 17,000 Points

Champion Tag & Release Team 6

Geronimo - 12,750 Points on C/B

Champion Tag & Release Team 7

Big Blue - 12,750 Points on C/B

Champion Tag & Release Team 8

Reef Magic - 12,750 Points on C/B

Champion Tag & Release Team 9

The Cuban - 12,750 Point on C/B

Champion Tag & Release Team 10

True Grit - 12,500 Points on C/B



Point Score Report

Summary of Boat Tag&Release Points
Tournament: 2019 Garmin Billfish Shootout

Boat Name	Skipper	Count Back	Points
BILLISTIC	HARDING Brent	17/02/2019 10:27	25000.00
SHELF LIFE	POOLE Jonathan	17/02/2019 12:04	24000.00
NINGALOO	CURTIS Brad	17/02/2019 08:42	23500.00
CAPTAIN	BINKIN Les	16/02/2019 16:00	20000.00
ABSOLUTE	YATES Peter	16/02/2019 17:10	17000.00
GERONIMO	YATES Brenton	17/02/2019 12:20	12750.00
BIG BLUE	LAUBSCHER Hennie	17/02/2019 12:55	12750.00
REEF MAGIC	CLARKSON Michael	17/02/2019 14:55	12750.00
THE CUBAN	VELLA Charles	17/02/2019 16:10	12750.00
TRUE GRIT	HANCOCK Brent	16/02/2019 14:11	12500.00
REEL TROUBLE	FITZALAN Robert	17/02/2019 13:02	12500.00
THE OUTLAW - PHGFC	FRETTE Hayden	17/02/2019 13:25	11750.00
DARK HORSE	PAYNE Andrew	16/02/2019 15:13	11500.00
GALE FORCE	KIRBY Michael	16/02/2019 19:30	11500.00
MEGABITE II	WRAIGHT Rick	17/02/2019 09:30	11500.00
LIVE ACTION	RILEY Shannan	17/02/2019 10:00	11500.00
ARM PUMP	HARDIE Will	16/02/2019 08:40	10000.00
OSPREY	WHEATON Mark	16/02/2019 14:02	10000.00
POINTER	BEHA Tumay	17/02/2019 08:30	10000.00
HUNTER III	GREGO Jonathon	17/02/2019 09:30	10000.00
RARE BREED	LAMOND Steve	17/02/2019 10:30	10000.00
EL NINO	KERTESZ Emery	17/02/2019 11:00	10000.00
THE OMEN	BROWN Darin	17/02/2019 12:40	10000.00
GREAT WHITE	SEARL Garth	17/02/2019 14:55	10000.00
GREY GOOSE	CLARK Nick	16/02/2019 09:15	8500.00
THE MASTER	BARSHA Chris	16/02/2019 10:10	8500.00
ANYFIN	HRYNIAK Gerard	16/02/2019 11:00	8500.00
WHITE DOG	SOWTER Josh	16/02/2019 13:45	8500.00
BETTER THAN LEGO	ATKINSON Michael	16/02/2019 16:55	8500.00
SMARTBILL	AYAD Sam	17/02/2019 13:15	8500.00
GAMEFISHER	HANCOCK Greg	17/02/2019 14:08	8500.00
RACKEM UP	SMITH Jason	17/02/2019 14:59	8500.00
ROCKET	ROCCHI Richard	16/02/2019 12:00	7500.00
COOKIE	KLEIN Daniel	16/02/2019 16:20	7500.00
CASEY - N&PSGFC	FRIZZEL Danny	17/02/2019 16:15	7500.00
AMBITION	BENNETT Ivan	17/02/2019 08:45	5000.00
CASEY- SGFC	LIDDALL Stephen	17/02/2019 09:02	5000.00
VENGEANCE	BALCOMB John	17/02/2019 09:10	5000.00
FIFI	STANSFIELD Luke	17/02/2019 11:54	5000.00
MARAUDER	FOLEY Neil	16/02/2019 09:28	3750.00
TANTRUM	WRIGHT Glenn	16/02/2019 10:40	3750.00



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Boat Name

Detailed Boat Capture Points
Tournament: 2019 Garmin Billfish Shootout

ZANZIBAR	Angler No.	Name	Date	Time Boated	Fish	Weight (KG)	L/C (KG)	Points
	663	MCCLOY Phillip	16/02/2019	08:28	Marlin-Blue	214.00	60	2595.11
Total for ZANZIBAR:								2595.11

Quantity Report
Quantity Report
Tournament: 2019 Garmin Billfish Shootout



		16/02/2019	16/02/2019	17/02/2019	Total
		Tag&Release	Capture	Tag&Release	
Marlin	Marlin-Black	4		5	9
	Marlin-Blue	13	1	11	25
	Marlin-Striped	4		4	8
OGF	Shortbill	3		8	11
	Spearfish				
Total		24	1	28	53



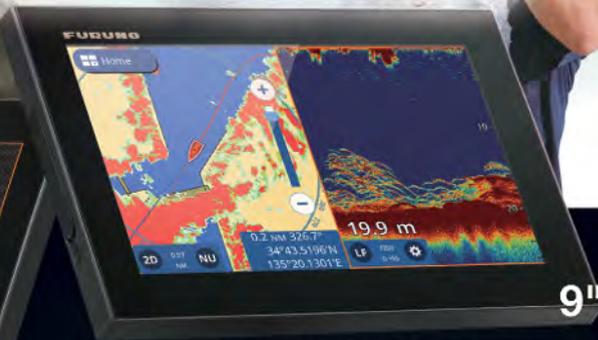


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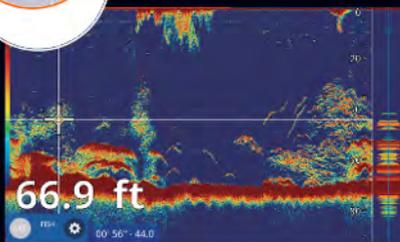


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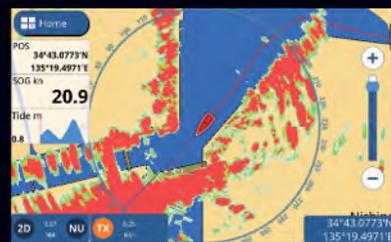
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The owner comes over and asks if he can help them.

'Yeah, we'll take four of dem dere little budgies in dat cage up dere,' says Gerry.

The owner puts the budgies in a cardboard box.

Paddy and Gerry pay for the birds, leave the shop and get into Gerry's truck to drive to the top of the Connor Pass.

At the Connor Pass, Gerry looks down at the 1000 foot drop and says, 'Dis looks like a grand place..'

He takes two birds out of the box, puts one on each shoulder and jumps off the cliff.

Paddy watches as the budgies fly off and Gerry falls all the way to the bottom, killing himself stone dead.

Looking down at the remains of his best pal, Paddy shakes his head and says, 'Fook dat.

Dis budgie jumping is too fook'n dangerous for me!'

THERE'S MORE. ...

Moment's later; Seamus arrives up at ConnorPass.

He's been to the pet shop too and walks up to the edge of the cliff carrying another cardboard box in one hand and a shotgun in the other..

'Hi, Paddy, watch dis,' Seamus says.

He takes a parrot from the box and lets him fly free.

He then throws himself over the edge of the cliff with the gun.

Paddy watches as half way down, Seamus takes the gun and shoots the parrot.

Seamus continues to plummet down and down until he hits the bottom and breaks every bone in his body.

Paddy shakes his head and says, 'And I'm never trying dat parrotshooting either!'

IT IS NOT OVER YET....

Paddy is just getting over the shock of losing two friends when Sean appears.

He's also been to the pet shop and is carrying a cardboard box out of which he pulls a chicken.

Sean then takes the chicken by its legs and hurls himself off the cliff and disappears down and down until he hits a rock and breaks his spine.

Once more Paddy shakes his head.

'Fook dat, lads. First dere was Gerry with his budgie jumping, den Seamus parrotshooting.... And now Sean and his fook'n hengliding!'

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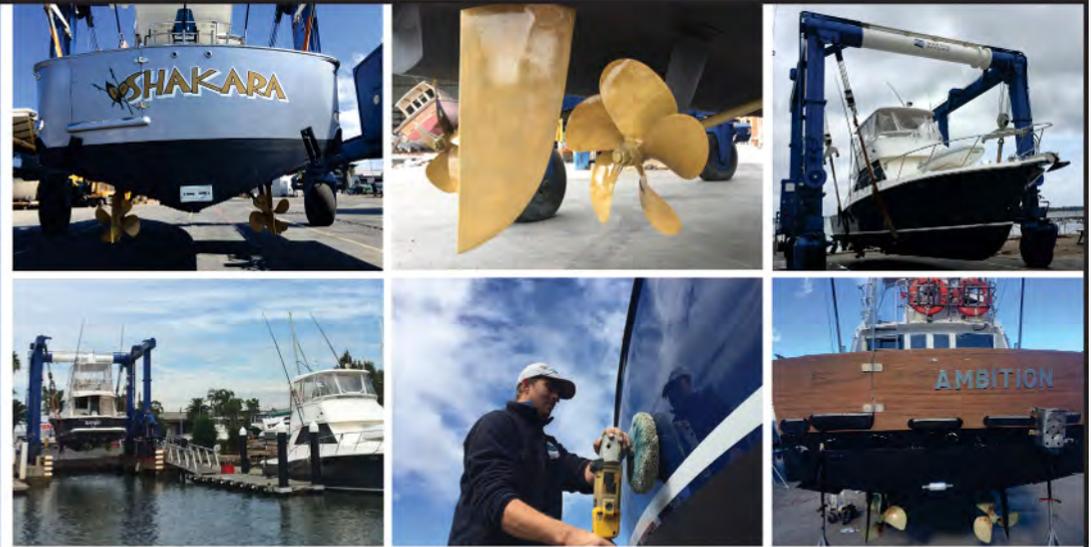
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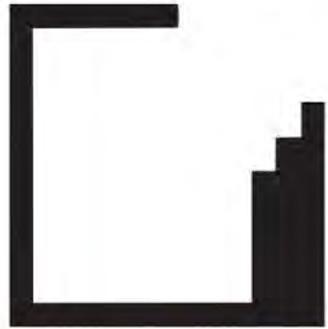
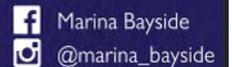


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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: We hereby nominate as a member of Sydney Game Fishing Club Ltd.

Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS) _____
 I hereby apply for Adult Male, Adult Female, Adult Country, Family, Intermediate, Junior (Circle applicable)

Date of Birth (Juniors / Intermediates) _____

Occupation (Adult Males) _____

Address: _____ Post code: _____

Contact: _____ Home _____ Business _____

Mobile _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Are any of your current Family (Father / Mother / Brother / Sister) financial members of SGFC Yes / No
 Are you interested in participating in the sport of Game Fishing with this club Yes / No

(A) Are you a boat owner? _____ If yes, length of boat metres _____

Make of boat _____ Number of engines _____ Petrol or diesel _____

Type of motor(s) _____ Horsepower _____

Is the boat registered with the Club or an affiliated Club? _____

If yes name Club _____

(B) Are you a crew member on a boat registered with S.G.F.C? _____

If yes name boat _____

Signature of Skipper _____ Print name _____

Have you ever been suspended from another Club? _____

Are you a member of an affiliated Game Fishing Club? _____

If so name Club(s) _____ (1) _____

_____ (2) _____

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

Print name _____ Print name _____

I hereby accept the above nomination and if admitted I agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Club and any amendments thereto. I render remittance in full as under.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Bar Credit \$ 50.00

Subscription fee (See box below) \$ _____

Total remittance \$ _____

Amount \$ _____ Exp. Date _____

CCV No (on back of card) _____

Name on Card _____

Charge my (circle one)

(See below for applicable fee)

Visa Mastercard Amex

No. _____ Amount \$ _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____

ACN Name: Sydney game Fishing Club Limited

BBS: 012 003

ACN: 256538592

** Please put Name and Membership Number in the Transfer Details**

Annual Subscription	(G.S.T. inclusive)
1 Year	3 Year
Adult Male \$250.00	\$750.00
Adult Lady \$200.00	\$600.00
Country \$200.00	\$600.00
Family Membership \$400.00	\$1200.00
Intermediate \$145.00	
Junior \$ 55.00	

The total amount must accompany the application form.

A junior is under the age of 16 years at the time of application.

An Intermediate is between the Ages of 16 and 21 years at the time of application.

A Country Member resides beyond a radius of 80 kilometers from Watsons Bay.

It is necessary for all adult male applicants to present themselves to a Club meeting before he becomes a member of Sydney Game Fishing Club.

* The family rate includes two adults and children under 12 only (Small Fry Category). Older children 12 and over are either juniors, intermediates or adults depending upon age and pay the renewal accordingly.

OFFICE USE ONLY Club meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise advised and start at 7.30pm.

AMOUNT RECEIVED, \$ _____ CHEQUE _____ CASH _____ CREDIT CARD _____
 Date _____ Received by _____
 APPLICANT ADMITTED Date _____ President's signature _____



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