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Front Cover:

**Top L-R - Sophie Currey with a nice Mackerel;
Josh Cuff with Mahi Mahi and Wahoo;
Steven Sharaga with 16.5kg Barracuda.
Below - 'Nomad' in between the swell.**

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Jimmy McKinnon's Galaxy II carving up the slop

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As you will see from the photos throughout this edition, "Back 2 Tanga 6" was a happy, fulfilled and successful tournament. A great lead-up weather forecast generated good boat numbers and the fishing was very pleasing. All in all I feel that this was one of our best tournaments for many years. All the results can be found further into this edition along with Carol Hutton's regular tournament rap which is always a great read.

I would like to thank all those involved for their input and commitment. The Sponsors, (big and small) the Weighmaster and Scorer's, the Band, the Anglers, the Skippers and Crews, and of course the Committee and other members who tirelessly gave their all (as always), to make this event a continuing success

Fishing in general this summer seemed to be a "hit or miss" story for all boats. One

good trip, full of action and results was usually followed by another quiet and pitiful one. From all reports this was the norm for all south east club boats, although the Sunshine Coast grounds were a little more consistent. They certainly had a good season overall with plenty of Black Marlin and Sailfish being tagged on the good days. Bait was easy to find on most days but didn't always have the Pelagics hanging round feeding. Maybe there was an over-abundance at times?

Our Tangalooma Club facilities have seen Members visiting regularly throughout the summer. The Christmas holiday period was busy with a lot of family's making the most of the good conditions. We are hoping to see some long overdue repairs completed on the main structure this year. The roof and supporting structure needs to be replaced and plans are under way to bring this to life.

All members using the island base must remember to follow the rules. We have seen a number of breaches this year which have caused concerns. One in particular was a member who allowed guests to stay on the club land unaccompanied by a member and without even showing their guests the layout and workings of the facilities.

The rules are there for all members and we need to make sure they are followed. A few basic rules that are continually ignored and need to be remembered are as followed.

Don't park on the grassed areas. Park on the track edge or near the generator shed area. Fill out appropriate forms and pay in advance.

Return key to PO Box 371 Capalaba 4157 as soon as possible when returning to mainland.

Clean up and lock up properly.

Remove all rubbish and dispose in Council Bins.

Do not leave anything in bunk room. It will be discarded (good or bad).

Report and/or fix anything damaged or broken (whether it was an accident or not).

Keep bathrooms and kitchen tidy at all times. Think of other members

Don't collect fire wood from national Park or light fires on the beach

For all our new members and existing members I hope you are enjoying what this fantastic club has to offer.

Our Tangalooma facilities are quite special as a fishing base and we are very lucky to have this at our doorstep to be able to use whenever we like.

We need to remember though that this is a club and we need input from all our members to keep it functioning well. So good or bad let the Committee know what's on your mind.

Cheers

Safe Fishing and Boating

Paul Ditchfield

BACK 2 TANGA 7 TOURNAMENT

The next 'Back 2 Tanga' Tournament will be held on 20 - 22 March 2015.

The dates and sanctioning have been approved by the Queensland Game Fishing Association, so pencil them in your diary so you don't miss out!

Full details will be notified in due course but if you would like prior information, contact Paul Ditchfield on 0412 152880 or Nick Currey on 0438 106707 or email admin@mbgfc.com.au





Shamrock Civil Back 2 Tanga 6 Tournament



Normad heading out to the fishing grounds on Day 2.

Jupiter, weather god and king of the gods, was certainly looking favourably on the Moreton Bay Game Fish Club, held from Friday 21st March to Sunday 23rd March. With a dropping wind forecast, clear skies and reports of billfish and other gamefish still holding on most of the SE Queensland grounds, the expectation was that there would be a good number of boats and crews registering.

On the Wednesday night briefing at Redlands Sporting Club, 26 boats and 98 anglers including 7 lady anglers, 9 juniors and 8 crew had registered. Five boats were entered in the Fun Fish Rally only, while the remaining 21 entered the game fish comp and were also eligible to claim prizes in the fun fish section as well. Particularly pleasing was return of the regulars but also a number of new boats and crews wanting to experience the "Tanga" comp comradery. With the Calcutta out of the way, team bags collected all we needed was some cooperative fish!

The weekend prior to the tournament a number of members turned up in cars and boats loaded to the gunnels at the Moreton "Tangas" facility to unload all the gear, alcohol, tents and marques and starting preparing the place. President, Paul cruised across in Black Habit, with "catch of the day" strapped to the top of his 28' Blackwatch, a massive 1440lb Black Marlin cast taken from the all tackle record caught in 1973 up at Lizard Island and kindly

donated to the club by long time club member, Mary-Anne Anderson. Nick and Charlotte towed the cast into the beach on a tube much to the amazement of a number of boaties and beach visitors who thought it was a real fish. The cast was installed on the wall and the rest of the unpacking completed. Special thanks to David and Nena who kindly stayed behind to do a general clean-up and preparation. The rest of the workers started rolling in on Wednesday and Thursday.

Pauline and Albert arrived to man the radios, do the weigh-ins and keep everyone honest. Much to everyone's delight, shortly after lunch eighteen 'bushies' from the Bowenville area (mainly the pub) arrived on Doctor Blue, Grim Reefer and Not Working.

By Thursday night there were 37 people ready to catch up, have a drink and down a hearty meal.

Friday dawned a glorious day although outside a remnant 2 – 2.5m groundswell from the east and 15 knots of wind made it tough conditions to fish in. "Start fishing" was Albert's call at 07:00 and lines were in with boats scattered between the Gold Coast wide, off Point Lookout to the Cape and north off Mooloolaba 12 and 18 mile reefs. With an early morning hot bite, Luna called in a double billfish hook-up at 07:08 only to find a greedy sailfish had devoured 2 livebaits, hence disqualifying the fish. "Go get another one", was Albert's call and the radio rang hot with a number of Billfish hooked and tagged up off Mooloolaba.



Installing the world record Black Marlin cast at the Clubhouse.



Off the Cape, plenty of birds and bait were working resulting in the fleet catching mackerel, wahoo, mahi mahi and various tuna species, but no billfish. The fun fish boys decided to stick it out in the calmer waters of the bay on Doctor Blue. They worked hard all day for wee return but managed to demolish kilos of prawns and empty their esky and provide a steady stream of burley. Way to go!

Line out was at 16:00 and day one was a ripper with 88 Strikes, 69 Hook-ups and 58 fish tagged and released or captured. This included; 10 Black Marlin, 2 Sailfish, 2 Spotted Mackerel, 4 Wahoo, 2 Yellow Fin Tuna, 1 Barracuda, 7 Mack Tuna, 2 Spanish Mackerel, 11 Dolphin Fish, 6 Striped Tuna, 1 Long Tailed Tuna, 2 Cobia and a number of non-qualifying fish. Half time score saw Bangalee with 3 tagged marlin and another few boats with two billfish in the game.

About half the boats returned to Tanga's base for the night whilst others returned to home port. Back at base, Trudy and Nikki our great sponsors from Shamrock Civil were hard at work at the bar as thirsty anglers rehydrated and relived the highs and lows of day one fishing. The barby was fired up and a scrumptious barby was underway cooking up the quality produce supplied by Sponsor – IGA. The black angus rib fillet and gourmet sausages were sensational – many thanks Dino!

Saturday morning was a ripper with the wind dropping out and swell abating. Up at Mooloolaba the billfish bite was back on and the northern boats started calling in tagged fish. By the 10:00 radio sked another 7 marlin and 3 sailfish had been called in.

Down at the Cape fishing was quieter. A couple of marlin were raised in the Trench. Fishing quietened down for the rest of the day with only one other billfish tagged and other gamefish captured and tagged.

Down off the Gold Coast, Manic, the 30' Grady White had put in two solid days heavy tackle when a huge Blue Marlin

came up into the lure spread. Dino and John were prepared and fed-back a 6kg mackerel rigged "Cairns style" as a skip bait on 37kg tackle. The Blue came up and scooped the bait all lit up, however, the bait twisted and the fish struggled to get it down. In the mean time some of the sewing must have come undone and the leader went back into the baits mouth and was cut off on a lone tooth. Very exciting and would have had the adrenaline pumping. Better luck next time Dino!

Back at the beach of the clubhouse, 26 boats anchored up and a fleet of dinghies ferried anglers and fish to be weighed. An impressive line-up of wahoo, cobia, tuna, mackerel, amberjack and a 16kg barracuda were presented as well as a bag of whiting caught by young Tim Molnar.

With all boats in and the fishing paperwork submitted to Albert, people kicked back, scooped a cold drink and relived the highlights of the past 2 days fabulous fishing. The total stats for the 2 days fishing showed there were a total of 148 strikes, 115 hook-ups, 93 fish captured or tagged including - 18 Black Marlin and 5 Sailfish. The best result for Tangas in the past 3 years.

Saturday night is party time and "Full House", the band played some laid back pre-dinner music as everyone lined up for their feast of green Thai chicken curry, stir fried veggies in oyster sauce, beef strog, spag bog and garlic bread. The food was excellent and people went back for second and thirds.

After the second set of music, it was auction time. Once again we had the golden rod from Wilsons and the one day fishing charter for up to eight people kindly donated by Russell Caporn from Kaizan fishing charters.

Jimmy McKinnon from Aqua Marine, one of our long-time sponsors, bought the golden rod, and our major sponsor Shamrock Civil outbid everyone on the fishing charter. I think they are hoping to take out some prizes in next year's tournament.





Shamrock Civil Back 2 Tanga 6 Tournament



Once the night's formalities were over and done with, it was back to "Full House" and some fantastic music to get heaps of people up boogying. Our great mate Big Pete from the bush joined the band on stage again for Mustang Sally and the Gambler and received a resounding round of applause. The band was absolutely terrific and finished off the night with Eagle Drop. Upon close inspection I think there were quite a few people with their pants around their ankles!

Sunday turned out to be a stunner of a day. The guys rose early to man the barby for the



bacon and eggs brekky and at 9.00 am presentation was underway. A full list of awards can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Then it was onto the draw for the raffle. The major prize this year was the newest model Sounder just released in Australia and a hand held GPS generously donated by Garmin.

Just to finish off, we must thank all our sponsors. We had a few new wonderful sponsors on board this year – Jotun Paints, Boating and RV, Mossops Bait & Tackle

shop, Impact lures, Buccaneer Rod Repairs, School Site Solutions, Trittech Refrigeration, Repco Auto Parts and Online "Fishen" Supplies. Check out our list of sponsors in the magazine, I'm sure they would look after you if you mention our club to them when you need anything they can supply. No matter how big or small we appreciate all of our Sponsors.

Many thanks to all the helpers and last but not least all you anglers – may your rods bend often!

Carol Hutton





Shamrock Civil Back 2 Tanga 6 Tournament



The MBGFC- SHAMROCK CIVIL ENGINEERING Sponsored "Back 2 Tanga 6" competition was run out of the clubs base at Tangalooma on Moreton Island with 26 boats and 98 anglers plus 8 crew registered. Friday weather was tough with boats grinding it out on a 2-25.5m easterly swell with 15-20knot wind. Boats commenced fishing at 7:00 out of locations from the Gold Coast to Mooloolaba.

First marlin was called in from the Mooloolaba fleet at 7:08 and the northern boats were on a hot morning bite at the 12 and 18 mile. The rest of the fleet found plenty of bait off Cape Moreton, but only gamefish caught with no billies. Day one ended with 88 strikes, 69 hook-ups and 58 fish landed with 10 black marlin and 2 sailfish tagged.

Saturday saw the wind drop out and conditions were more boat friendly. Back at Mooloolaba another morning bite was on with a number of marlin and sailfish tagged. Further south fishing was slower. All up 19 billfish were tagged with plenty of gamefish weighed and tagged.

The final statistics for the tournament were:

Day 1 88 strikes, 69 hook-ups, 58 fish captured or tagged including -10 Black Marlin & 2 Sailfish
Day 2 60 strikes, 46 hook-ups, 35 fish captured or tagged including - 8 Black Marlin & 3 Sailfish
TOTALS: 148 strikes, 115 hook-ups, 93 fish captured or tagged including -18 Black Marlin & 5 Sailfish

- Champion Boat over 8m**
- Champion Boat under 8m**
- Champion Senior Male and Overall Angler**
- Runner-up Male**
- Champion Female Angler**
- Runner-up Female Angler**
- Champion Junior**
- Runner-up Junior**
- First and last billfish tagged on day 1**
- First and last billfish tagged on day 2**
- Champion MBGFC Angler**
- Champion Tuna**

- Bangalee - 7,600 points
- Dragon Lady - 4,900 points
- Michael Wrack - 4,500 points
- Grant Cooper - 3,285 points
- Debbie Dahl - 1,500 points
- Georgina Wrack - 1,500 points
- Max Proctor - 3,400 points
- Bree Thompson - 1,500 points
- David Trask & Max Proctor
- Michael Wrack & Rick Winsor
- Matt Rutkowski
- Greg Cuff

Fun Fish Prizes

- Heaviest School Mackerel**
- Heaviest Pearl Perch**
- Heaviest Mackerel**
- Heaviest King**
- Heaviest Tuna**
- Cooks Choice**

- Peter Waite
- Jim McKinnon (2.5 kg)
- Len Barker (5.6 kg)
- Wayne Barker (19.9 kg)
- Regan Atkins (12.9 kg)
- Timothy Molner (2.5kg of whiting)

Congratulations to Georgina Wrack and Bree Thompson (J) who tagged their first billfish.

Many thanks to the Sponsors and to the Tournament Committee who made it a great event and to all the Anglers and Crews who participated.

Nick Currey



The Moreton Bay Hosted Game Fishing Tournament at Tangalooma on Moreton Island kicked off with a Briefing at Wellington Point, the Format and all different sections were explained, Tournament Kits distributed and Calcutta held; then all Focus was to Tangalooma on Moreton Island where the Clubs R&R Premises are located. Teams that were entered from Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast opted to fish their respective areas and join everyone at Tangalooma on the last day.

All paperwork for Angling successes had to be lodged at Tangalooma with the Recorder by the Deadline declared!

The Weather was almost ideal...not the best for Day 1 but at least the Wind was dropping from 20 kts in the early morning and the huge swell pumped up from the passing Cyclone well off the Coast was also forecast to diminish

All 26 Teams with 98 enthusiastic Anglers; including 7 Lady Anglers, 3 Junior Lady Anglers and 6 Junior very young Men hit the Start Fishing call at 0700 on Friday Morning with great enthusiasm....this is how Day 1 went!

700-1000 44:39:33
 4 Black Marlin 0 Sailfish
 1 Sailfish self-disqualified by Luna's Team – hooked on 2 lines.
 2 NQ Fish
 7 other non-scoring Fish
 19 Registered other species

1000-1200 22:20:16
 2 Black Marlin 1 Sailfish
 2 NQ Fish.
 3 other non-scoring Fish
 8 Registered other Species

1200-1500 17:15:12
 2 Black Marlin 1 Sailfish
 8 Registered other Species
 1 NQ Fish

1500-1600 10:10:7
 2 Black Marlin 0 Sailfish
 2 NQ Mackeral
 3 Registered other Species

TOTALS FOR DAY 1

88 Strikes 69 Hookups 58 Fish Registered

10 Black Marlin
 2 Sailfish
 2 Spotted Mackeral
 4 Wahoo
 2 Yellow Fin Tuna
 1 Barracuda
 7 Mackeral Tuna
 2 Spanish Mackerel
 11 Dolphin Fish
 6 striped Tuna
 1 Long Tailed Tuna
 2 Cobia
 7 NQ Fish
 LUNA: self disqualified sailfish hooked on 2 Lines,
 38 Qualifying Fish
 8 NQ Fish sizewise (12 Non Qualifying Fish)

DAY 2

700-1000 32:26:20
 7 Black Marlin 3 Sailfish
 4 Registered other Species
 5 NQ Fish.
 KAIZEN self DQ Black Marlin tangled in other Lines.

1000-1200 8:5:3
 0 Black Marlin 0 Sailfish
 2 Registered other Species.
 1 NQ Species Schoolie.

1200-1500 13:8:7
 1 Black Marlin 0 Sailfish
 6 Registered other Species.

1500-1600 4:4:4
 0 Black Marlin 0 Sailfish
 4 Registered other Species





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TOTALS FOR DAY 2

60 Strikes 46 Hookups
Registered Fish 35

8 Black Marlin 3 Sailfish
1 Wahoo
2 Dolphin Fish
2 Yellowfin Tuna
2 Striped Tuna
1 Long Tailed Tuna
3 Mackeral Tuna
1 Spotted Mackeral
1 Cobia
2 Amberjack
KAIZEN self disqualified Black Marlin tangled in other lines
1 NQ Schoolie
7 NQ Fish sizewise.

FINAL TOTALS

Day 1 88 strikes 69 hookups 58 Fish
10 Black Marlin ...2 Sailfish
Day 2 60 strikes 46 hookups 35 Fish
8 Black Marlin ...3 Sailfish

TOTALS 148 strikes 115 hookups 93 Fish
18 Black Marlin ...5 Sailfish

TOTAL QUALIFYING SPECIES

18 Black Marlin
5 Sailfish
5 Wahoo
13 Dolphin Fish
4 Yellow Fin Tuna
1 Barracuda
10 Mackeral Tuna
1 Spanish Mackeral
3 Spotted Mackeral
8 Striped Tuna
2 Long Tailed Tuna
3 Cobia
2 Ambrjack

FUN FISH

1 School Mackeral
1 Pearl Perch
1 Spanish Mackeral
LUNA self -disqualified SAILFISH hooked on 2 Lines.
KAIZEN self -disqualified Black Marlin tangled in other Lines.

There were 13 non-qualifying fish-not weighed or T&R.

Two Female Anglers, one is Junior Bree

Thomson and the other is Georgina Wrack, caught their FIRST BILLFISH in this Tournament.

Young Max Proctor accumulated 3,400 points (3,000 for 2 Billfish and 400 for other Species) was the highest achiever of the Junior Boys section.

Weather started out on day one 15-18kts ESE with big swell of 1.8m going down to 10 kts in afternoon and swell reducing to 1m by day 2 with Winds expected to reduce to 6 to 8 kts.

1 Boat fished Gold Coast Waters and 11 Boats fished Mooloolaba Coastal waters. 11 other Boats fished from Moreton Bay and Tangalooma for all of Tournament. Nobody could fault the Ground Staff for Hospitality and absolute fine food and cold drinks with service with a smile.

Congratulations Moreton Bay Game Fish Club and volunteers and sponsors for a really great tournament; OUTSTANDING !

Albert and Pauline Threadingham



SPLIT TAIL MULLET ON WIRE

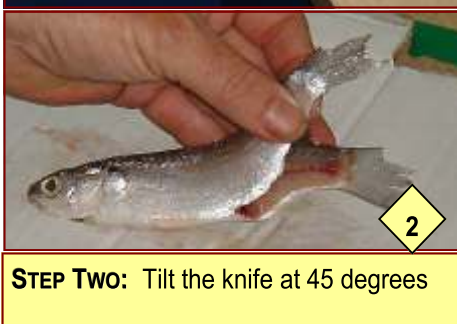
For OTHER GAMEFISH



STEP ONE: With a sharp thin bladed knife, insert at the anal vent and back towards the tail along the backbone



STEP TWO: Tilt the knife at 45 degrees



STEP THREE: Cut a little further forward along the backbone towards the head approx 25mm.



STEP FOUR: With a bait needle push a hole through the middle of the head slightly behind the eyes.



STEP FIVE: Insert 2 hook rig through the gut cavity so eye of the first hook lines up with the hole.



STEP SIX: Insert from the top your wire leader through the hook eye and out the gills place on sinker.



STEP SEVEN: Leaving a loop finish off with a haywire twist.

ABOUT THE SPLIT TAIL MULLET

This was a very popular and successful bait has over time been forgotten.

- With a little organization, the Split Tail can be very quick to rig and they work.
- Have a selection of hooks ganged in your tackle box to accommodate different sized mullets and line class.
- Have some lengths of wire pre cut to length with a loop twisted in one end.

HOOKS

- I like to use mustard tarpon 7766.
- At home put the hook shank in a vice and with a pair pliers open the gap up a little. [not essential]
- Gang a selection of 6/0, 7/0, 8/0 for different mullet sizes
- The most common sized mullet say 150mm, 2 * 7/0 are fine.
- These hooks must be sharpened before use.
- If using light tackle 4 and 6 kg, it a great idea to gang a 8/0 gamagatsu big game hook S112 on the back of the 7/0 Tarpon. This increases your hook ups with the back hook being of small gauge and chemically sharpened.

SINKERS

- Match the sinker size to the bait size.
- The average mullet say 150 mm, a size 4 or 5 is fine.
- For a mullet around 30cm long, a size 8 ball.

WIRE SIZE.

- Again it depends on tackle.
- 69 lb for 4 and 6 kg
- 88 lb for 10
- 105 lb for 15kg but try to use as light as possible.
- when rigging the bait try to keep the length of the wire to a minimum, say 30cm from the nose of the bait to the snap swivel.

THE PATTERN

- No rules, here are some suggestions
- If you have a downrigger try to run the bigger baits on the 10 or 15 kg tackle.
- They work great on the flatline say 15 metres out the back.
- They work really well out of the rigger, with a gar on the other rigger.
- Experiment, but remember lures catch fish sure, but if the fish aren't really on the bite you will outfish lures with baits and the quality will be there also.

BILLFISH

- Fishing for mackerel in an area where billfish can turn up don't panic!
- This spit tail mullet has caught many billfish in the past...the swimming gar rig would then be a better option to hook a billfish.



A MUST for the PALMS

- If your Split Tail doesn't swim first up
 - break the backbone in 2 places, and with your thumb and forefinger
 - squash down just behind the head

- to remove the flesh from the backbone.
- When trolled the 2nd hook moves up between the 2 fillets

Russell



Catchin 'n' kissin without killin kingies

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Known under a variety of international aliases, including yellowtail amberjack, haku, Jenny Lind and even hoodlum and bandit (to name just a few), the yellowtail kingfish, or 'kingie', is very important to recreational fisheries throughout its global distribution in temperate and tropical oceans.

This is especially the case off southern Australia, where up to an estimated quarter of a million kingies are angled each year.

Because of their excellent eating qualities, many local kingies are kept. But, owing to varying (among states) minimum legal sizes (46–65cm total length - TL) and bag limits (2–10 fish/person/day), more than half are still released. Two important questions concerning these angled-and-released kingies are do they survive and, if so, do they sustain any long-term impacts?

As part of ongoing research to promote the post-release survival of important angled fish in NSW (funded by recreational fishing licences), we set out to answer the above two questions for kingies. This work was done during two experiments in Sydney Harbour over summer/autumn 2009/10.

In the first experiment, fish were targeted over a couple of days by 18 rod-and-reel anglers (mostly using squid as bait) fishing from boats around the channel markers and reefs near the harbour entrance. The anglers were asked to handle their kingies as they normally would, before releasing them into onboard live-wells.

Researchers collected and tagged the fish and then placed them into large, anchored floating cages where, along with 36 'controls' (previously caught and allowed to recover from any associated stress), they were monitored for five days.

Fifty four kingies (50–81cm TL) were angled; of which only eight died, providing a total survival of nearly 85 per cent. All but one of the fatalities had been gill hooked and then had their hooks removed. And all died within an hour. At the end of monitoring and prior to release from the holding cages, some of the surviving hooked and control kingies were blood-sampled to determine their stress; the levels of which were quite low and similar to fish immediately sampled after being angled from the wild.



The apparent 'relaxed' state of the released, caged fish was reinforced by the re-capture of two individuals within 20 minutes about 500 metres from the cages. Over the following eight months, another nine of the tagged-and-released kingies (including eight that were originally angled) were re-caught in the harbour.

gill hooking and/or the associated removal of hooks were pretty much the only reasons that kingies died, during the second experiment we sought to determine if cutting the line on gill-hooked fish could improve their fate.

Ten kingies that were hooked in the gills had their lines cut before being tagged with small, signal transmitters and then immediately released.

To provide a comparison group, another 12 fish that were mouth hooked (but had their hooks removed) were also tagged and released.

Twenty eight 'receivers' were submerged throughout the harbour to track the movements (every 13–17 seconds for the first seven days and then 150–300 seconds thereafter) of the tagged fish.

Of the tagged gill-hooked fish, one was detected motionless within 10 minutes and another last detected seven minutes after release; both presumed dead. In contrast, none of the mouth-hooked fish died within the first 24 hours. All surviving fish behaved quite similarly.



Releasing a tagged kingfish; Paul and Craig setting up the cages used to hold the angled-and-released kingies.



L-R: Water-filled slings were used to transfer kingies from boats to the cages; Releasing tagged fish.

Immediately after being released, most swam to mid water, or within one metre of the seabed at accelerations of 2.5–3 knots, but remained very close (less than 500m) to where they were released.

Over a day or so, all kingies (mouth- and gill-hooked) settled back to an average acceleration of around 1.5 knots and many stayed within 2.5km of their release sites.

A few fish did venture farther afield over the days following release, with three detected outside the harbour (off Magic Point, Maroubra and Manly), and one moving 10km westwards (to Manns Point, Greenwich). The greatest daily movement was by a gill-hooked fish which averaged between 5 and 22km/day over the first couple of days and then swam up to 26km on the fourth day. After seven weeks, all kingies disappeared from the harbour and presumably swam well east of the coast and outside the range of our receivers.

It is unknown what eventually happened to our tagged kingies and whether or not the line-cut, gill-hooked ones continued to remain unaffected by their initial capture. Studies with other local species, including yellowfin bream, mulloway, snapper and sand whiting, showed that many deep-hooked individuals (e.g. between 25 and 80%) eventually shed their hooks over a



Collecting data on the kingies caught in Sydney Harbour.

couple of months and with few apparent subsequent negative impacts.

The possibility exists for at least some kingies to do the same, but this needs to be examined in future work.

In the meantime, our results suggest that for the most part kingies are fairly resilient and well suited to catch-and-release. But we encourage anglers to explore methods

of promoting mouth hooking, including perhaps the use of circle hooks, large baits and lures and also to carefully handle their fish during all stages of release.

If any kingies are deep hooked, then clearly, the line should be cut. Following these simple procedures will help to conserve stocks of this iconic international traveller.



A kingie with a signal-transmitting tag attached.



The holding cages to hold the fish before tagging.



KAIZEN FISHING CHARTERS

Light tackle - Black Marlin, Sailfish, various Tunas, Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi), Wahoo, Mackerel, Cobia.

Cairns to Lizard Island - September to December, Giant Black Marlin season including a host of other fishing options from casting poppers at GTs to bottom bouncing.

North Queensland Coast - Generally on the way up to Cairns in the Whitsundays Townsville region light tackle fishing including Hamilton Island and Townsville tournaments.

Port Stephens - December to April, Heavy tackle, Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Dolphin Fish (Mahi Mahi) and other species.

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Balance for the Bay

Recreational fishers will have a new place to drop their lines, with the creation of a 20 hectare artificial reef off Scarborough in the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

National Parks Minister Steve Dickson said it was part of the Government's \$50 million Marine Infrastructure Fund and would boost tourism and the local economy as promised at the election.

"This truly is a top spot for fishing, and a new artificial reef will enhance this wonderful recreational activity and tourism opportunity," Mr Dickson said.

"We've dedicated \$250,000 towards the project on the Western side of the bay, where local anglers said there was a real need.

"It will be made of environmentally suitable, stable and long lasting materials, and support a variety of activities from spear fishing to game fishing."

Mr Dickson made the announcement after the Government decided not to proceed with a proposal to allow limited recreational fishing in the existing Scotts Point 'green zone' area.

"Under the proposal, single-line recreational fishing would have been allowed from the shoreline," he said. "We began seeking feedback from the community and asked the local MP to continue this consultation. However the proposal was not supported by Yvette D'Ath and therefore won't proceed.

"Anglers told us there was a chance to create a top class fishing spot that would bring people to the area and build the local industry. This new announcement assures recreational fishers that while the local member may have forgotten them, we haven't.

Mr Dickson said the reef would be named after former Sunfish Moreton Branch chairman Bill Turner.

"Mr Turner lobbied to have an artificial reef in the area for 24 years, and it's wonderful to see his legacy continued with the creation of Turner Reef," he said.

Sunfish Queensland Executive Officer Judy Lynne said recreational fishers from Redcliffe and Moreton Bay welcomed the new reef.

"Bill led the campaign for this reef for more than 20 years, and this is a well-deserved memorial for someone who has done so much for recreational fishing in Redcliffe and in particular for disabled access for recreational fishers," Ms Lynne said. "Recreational fishing tourism is a very important social and economic contributor to local and state economies, and it's great to see this activity further improved."

Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Allan Sutherland also applauded the move. "Most of the reefs are on the Southern or Eastern side, so this new artificial reef is a common-sense approach which will improve safety by allowing anglers to be closer to refuges and boat ramps," Mr Sutherland said.

"The reef will be a fitting tribute to someone that virtually dedicated his life to recreational fishing on behalf of all Queenslanders."

Mr Dickson said there were no current plans to change any other green zone boundaries.

Fun with Food

With Patty Blake

Oyster Kebabs



Living in Queensland we have such an amazing variety of fish and shellfish, and these so fresh and available all the time.

I grew up in Sydney and with friends spent many days picking and eating oysters off the rocks in Cowan Cowan Creek until we could not consume another one! Of course the best oysters in the world are Sydney rock oysters!

These days my tastes have changed and I only like cooked oysters as in Rockerfeller or Mornay. This recipe of Oyster Kebabs is my favourite and is so easy to do.

24 large oysters removed from shells

¼ teaspoon each of white, black and cayenne ground peppers

¼ teaspoon each of dried thyme, oregano and basil

½ teaspoon of paprika

½ cup of plain flour

½ cup of olive oil

45g of butter

and to serve - lemon wedges and whole egg mayonnaise

1. Dry oysters on paper towelling.
In a shallow dish mix together peppers and herbs (reserving 2 teaspoons for later use).
Add flour to spice mixture and mix well.
2. Thread 3 oysters onto each of the 8 well-oiled skewers, and coat with spiced flour. Cover and leave in fridge for one hour.
3. Heat oil and butter in a wide pan. Add oysters, turning several times until golden for six minutes only.
Drain on paper towelling. Sprinkle with reserved spice mix and serve with lemon wedges and mayo.

Enjoy!

To this day this record still stands

This Harking Back article has its beginnings way back to the 1st of November 1973 when American Angler Michael McGrath fishing on board "Restless 2" and skippered by Peter Wright caught what was to be an Australian record Black Marlin. The fish weighed in at 1440 lbs or 654.08kg - a record that still stands today.

At the time a mould was made of the fish but we do not know who did this or how many casts were made off the mould. One of the casts was acquired by Club Member Tamio Tsuji and was in his possession when he passed away in 1992.

At the time Tamio was married to Club Member Mary-Anne (now Anderson) who after Tamio's death gave the cast to our Club hoping that the fish could be displayed and enjoyed by others.

The cast was used for some time as a promotional item at fishing tournaments etc but eventually finished up being stored under the house of one of our members. With the passing of time the fish was forgotten about and its whereabouts only came to light again late last year.

After collecting the cast we contacted Mary-Anne in the interests of finding out more about the details of the catching of the fish and hoping that her memory could bring to light the details if in fact they were known to her.

Mary-Anne did remember some of the details but suggested that she contact Captain Peter B Wright and ask him if he would mind giving the details of the day of the catch.

Peter was very willing to pass on the details as he remembered them and his recollections are listed below.

The fish cast now resides at our Club property at Tangalooma on Moreton Island.

Mick McGrath was John Pelton's offsider in Pelton's construction business in the United States. I ran the Restless II which was John Pelton's boat that season. Mick was the angler for the trip, John Cowell (nick name Queeg (SP) from the Moby Dick character) was the only deckhand.



We did not have a second deckhand but had a friend of John and Mick riding along. On the day of the catch we had no bites before about 4pm. The big fish was the fourth one we got over 800 pounds that day. It was both fat and long and we had it jumping on the wire several times. With no gaff man available I could not leave the controls to gaff it and John had to turn it loose several times. There is a great photo somewhere, taken from a boat that was pretty close to us.

I told Mick "I cannot guarantee it's a grander but is dam sure over 900 and this is your last day so I think you should take it". Mick

was not a big guy but was strong and wiry from all his construction work. We fought the fish with heavy drag for a bit under an hour and had it tired enough to be able to lead it. John wired it close enough for the guest to reach it with a flying gaff. He stuck it in the shoulder but only got about a 3 inch bite. Lucky the fish was too tired to pull free.

I stuffed the engines in neutral and with the boat coasting slowly along, jumped down, got another flying gaff, and buried it deeply and cleated it off. I then yanked out the first gaff and reset it and cleated it off solidly. The fish was ours!!!!

When I first looked over the covering board I said that it would make over 1,000 pounds for sure and maybe over 1,100 pounds. When we tried to pull it through the door it suddenly looked a LOT bigger. I should have known something was wrong when it stalled the anchor winch! We had boated 7 other granders that year and a few 800+ and 900+ with no problems.

We finally got its head and half of its body through the door to the stage where we could run for home. (With ancient worn out engines using oil by the gallon, running meant going to Cairns from Agincourt Reefs at about 10 knots, barely faster than trolling speed.)

First I wanted to get the measurements of length and girth to have a good guess of its size. I knew the numbers for a grander and wanted anything over a 6 foot girth. Suddenly I was afraid it was to short. I leaned out the door and held the tape measure at the crotch of its tail looking for anything over 11 feet 6 inches.

When I saw its short length I told John Cowell "bottom Jaw God damn it" I thought it was overall length including the bill. It is his bottom jaw! Was Queeg's reply!

I was flabbergasted. It measured significantly bigger than both Alfred Gascell's fish and Garrick Agnew's pending Aussie record of 1417 pounds.

I was finally able to contact the Cairns Game Fishing Club on the old AM radio, full of static and got to talk to the Club President Jock Isaacs and told him we would be at the pier around midnight and wanted to weigh a very big fish.



"How big is it was his reply?", I have no idea, I have never seen one this big! I replied and told him the measurements.

Is it bigger than Glascell's, Isaacs asked. "I don't know" I replied. "Well we will weigh it in at 7:30 tomorrow was Isaacs final response."

My "NO NO – I don't want it to lose weight!" was unanswered.

We chugged home, arriving at the pier shortly after midnight. I trudged to the Post Office (no cell phones in those days) and called Jock at home, practically begging him to weigh it before morning, to no avail, we will have to wait until 7:30.

The fish was so long we could not weigh it with a tail rope on it. It had to be picked up

head first, a process which wasted more valuable time and allowing more body fluids to drip out.

I stood to the immediate right of the Fishing Club President seething and ready to create mayhem if we missed the record by only a couple of pounds.

When the weight, corrected for the chain and rope used to hold the fish was announced there was no way the delay had cost us the World All Tackle and Australian record.

I relaxed and stood there looking at the mighty fish. All these years later it has never been bested and is probably the largest and heaviest black marlin ever caught!

BUCCANEER ROD REPAIRS

Buccaneer Rod Repairs is a Wellington Point based business owned and operated by myself, Ron le Noble since I purchased the business some time ago from well known rod builder Keith Ireland. I do repairs, rebuilds, new builds and custom built rods and also do restoration and repairs on Side Cast Alvey reels.

Lately there has been a demand for rods done in NRL team colours including team decals which can also be done with a very effective 3D tiger wrap or a tiger halo as some call it.

Fisho's have long enjoyed the benefits of custom rods as they are more enjoyable to use, they look better and they make catching fish easier than a standard fishing rod. What you may really enjoy is that custom built rods give you an edge because of their aesthetic appeal. They also give you an optimal ability to target fish in specific areas. While they are usually slightly more expensive than a standard rod they are worth it because of their durability.

Each rod, be it standard or custom should be handled with care, luckily they are easy to maintain. All you need to do is wash it with soap and water after every use and periodically wax your rod with a car wax or as I use mister sheen.

So if you have a breakage problem don't throw it away, it usually can be repaired.

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CLUB LAND BOOKING FORM

Members Name..... Contact phone while on Island.....

Booking For TENT SITE CARAVAN

Date In Date Out

Tent Site Base Rate (Member)

2 Adults & 2 Children) Nights @ \$35.00 Per Night Sub Total \$.....

Tent Site Base Rate (Guests)

2 Adults & 2 Children Nights @ \$45.00 Per Night Sub Total \$.....

Caravan Base Rate

2 Adults & 2 Children Nights @ \$50.00 Per Night Sub Total \$.....

Extra Adults Nights @ \$10.00 Per Night per Adult Sub Total \$.....

Extra Children Nights @ \$ 5.00 Per Night per Child Sub Total \$.....

TOTAL \$.....

Please Note that fees must be paid in advance and bookings will not be held or confirmed until payment in full is made.
Effective 1 July 2012

1. Fish must be captured or tagged in accordance with the MBGFC rules, which will follow the rules of G.F.A.A. MBGFC rules include the following key points;
 - a. A fish gaffed for weighing points cannot subsequently be tagged and released;
 - b. Every effort should be made to release tagged fish in a state where they will survive;
 - c. Capture of game fish species will comply with Qld DPI Fisheries bag limits and minimum/maximum sizes (http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/28_3042.htm);
 - d. All edible fish to be weighed for points may be gilled and gutted on capture and an additional 10% is added to the weight of the fish;
 - e. Sharks (as per Qld Fisheries) - "cannot be in possession over 1.5m in length". Sharks under 1.5m can be weighed, however, MBGFC encourages tagging of all sharks;
 - f. Billfish conservation is important for the species and MBGFC promotes tag and release of all billfish, unless the fish is likely to be a record;
 - g. All QGFA, GFAA, IGFA potential records claims must comply with GFAA rules.
2. MBGFC fishing grounds are "Queensland local" waters which is defined as a line east of Point Danger (Qld/NSW border in the south) and a line east of Double Island Point (in the north).
3. Light tackle (1 to 10kg) line test may be used in all waters.
4. Heavy tackle (15 – 60kg) can only be used in waters greater than 100m in depth.
5. Fish captures or tagging will only be accepted by MBGFC only if;
 - a. Claims are submitted on the Club's capture notification form on which all details are recorded;
 - b. Is submitted together with appropriate completed NSW DPI Tag Card for tagged fish;
 - c. Is submitted to the Club Secretary, P.O. Box 371, Capalaba, Qld 4157;
 - d. Is received by the Club Secretary no later than one month after capture/tagging.
6. Members are encouraged to support scientific investigation by Fisheries Authorities.
7. Sportsman ship and consideration to others should be the mark of MBGFC members.
8. All boat skippers have a duty of care to ensure their vessels are seaworthy, insured and safety of the vessel and crews are first consideration.

MBGFC CLUB POINTS

Capture points listed for Billfish apply only for captures in excess of following:

Marlin (Blue, Black, Broadbill Swordfish) – 100kg, Marlin (Striped) – 75kg, Sailfish – 35kg. Points halved below these weights.

Line Class (kg)	LIGHT TACKLE							HEAVY TACKLE			
	1	2	3	4	6	8	10	15	24	37	60
Billfish Tag points	5000	4000	3000	2500	2000	1500	1000	3000	2500	2000	1500
Billfish Capture Points/kg	150	75	50	35	25	15	10	50	35	15	10
Tuna –Longtail/Yellowfin											
Tuna Tag points	1200	800	600	500	400	300	200	150	100	100	100
Tuna Capture Points/kg	150	75	50	35	25	15	10	7.5	5	3	2
Other Species Tag Point	500	400	300	250	200	150	100	75	75	75	75
Other Species Capt. Pts/kg	100	50	35	25	20	15	10	7.5	5	3	2
Sharks Tag points	500	400	300	250	200	150	100	75	75	75	75
Sharks Capture Points/kg	100	50	35	25	20	15	10	7.5	5	3	2

MORETON BAY GAME FISH CLUB LTD

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 Honorary Secretary
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Note : Date of Birth is only required if applying for Junior Membership.

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Effective 1 July 2012

MORETON BAY GAME FISH CLUB LTD. MORETON ISLAND CLUB HOUSE AND LAND RULES

Effective 1st July 2012

1. All members wishing to use the Club facilities must notify the Secretary to obtain approval. Approval will only be considered if the Member has already signed a Form 37 for the current financial year or when the application is accompanied with an "Application for permission of MBGFC Ltd to enter upon land at Moreton Island" form (37). If applicant is under the age of 18 year the application form must be signed by their legal guardian as well as the applicant themselves if able to do so. Each person staying at the Club land must sign a separate form. All fees are to be paid in advance. **Club Land is for the use of members and their immediate family only (Immediate family is partner and children).** Members may invite guests to stay at the club land on a one off introduction basis. These guests would be expected to join the club if revisiting.
2. All fees are payable in advance and are:
Members Tent Sites: \$35.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child on the same site.
Guests Tent Sites: \$45.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child on the same site.
Caravan: \$50.00 per night includes 2 adults & 2 children plus \$10.00 per extra adult and \$5.00 per extra child.
Moorings: Use of moorings is free for club members but if clubhouse facilities (showers & bbq etc.) are used, a fee of \$10.00 per day per person will apply.
3. Bookings will only be accepted through the Club Secretary as below but fees must be paid in advance before booking will be confirmed.
Postal: P.O. Box 371, Capalaba Qld 4157 **Email:** webbind@bigpond.net.au
4. **ACCESS TO LAND AND USE OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS:** All access is via the access road. Under no circumstances is the Western Bank to be used to and from the beach. Erosion is severe and Members must ensure that no children climb up or down the bank. No vehicles or trailers are to be driven on Club Land (except for unloading & loading) and all Members are requested to park vehicles in an orderly fashion allowing room for others.
5. **SHOWERS AND TOILETS:** Members are requested to hose out these areas daily and to use the stainless steel troughs to wash sand off feet before entering.
6. **BARBECUES:** The barbecues are to be thoroughly cleaned after use including drip trays and burners.
7. **KITCHEN:** The facilities are available and all refrigeration and freezer units are to be left open when no longer in use and power is to be turned off. All kitchen utensils, counters, fridges and floors must be cleaned upon departure from the Club Land.
8. **RUBBISH:** All rubbish is to be removed from Club Land either to the public dump at Cowan or taken off the island. Fish are only to be cleaned on the outside stainless steel bench and thoroughly cleaned after use. All frames and gut are to be immediately disposed of in the sea, but not in area immediately in front of Club land.
9. **POWER:** Some sites are powered. Generator running times are. Morning - 3 Hours. Evening - Sunset until 10 pm. Extension of times will be at the discretion of a Committee Member.
10. **WATER:** Numerous taps are located around Club Land. Please use the sprinklers when possible.
11. **GENERATOR SHED:** Generator is to be run morning and evenings only and is to be shut down at 10.00pm latest. The generator shed is not to be used for storage of anything whatsoever.
12. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Members are requested to spend a little time carrying out any maintenance needed, if it is within their capabilities. Also gardening and site upkeep for the benefit of all and preservation of the area.
13. **FIREWOOD:** Moreton Island is a declared National Park and the cutting and gathering of wood is prohibited.
14. **ABUSE OF RULES:** Committee Members have the authority to ask any tenants on Club property to leave should any abuse of the above rules occur. The Committee will act on such matter.
15. **VEHICLE PERMITS:** Permits must be obtained to take your vehicle on Moreton Island.

