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**Front Cover: *Oliver Ditchfield proudly  
displaying his prized Dolphin Fish  
catch - with the help of dad Paul.***

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a nice Dolphin Fish.**



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**T**he upcoming season should be good with early fish showing up on the Sunshine Coast grounds. These fish have proved hard to entice at times, mainly due to the abundance of bait I feel, but as the water temp increases, we should see increased fish numbers as more fish make their way south and more hookups as a result.!

On the Competition front, our club has joined three other south east Queensland clubs in hosting a yearly 'Championship' for the SE QLD Clubs. (Bragging rights for the best fishing club). The last leg of the competition will be held at next years "Back To Tanga 6" on March 21-23.

We need to nominate at least two boats to all four competitions of the hosting clubs and points will be awarded as per success in those particular events. It would be great to have more than just the minimum two

boats for each comp to help our chances in becoming 'Champion SE QLD Club'.

The first leg of this new competition was hosted by the Sunshine Coast club on October 4. MBGFC only nominated two boats and the fishing was very slow, but we did manage to score a few points thanks to Nick and Sophie Currey and crew (see results on following pages).

The next leg will be the Gold Coast Light Tackle comp on January 9-12 run out of Gold Coast City Marina for the first time. The facilities will be great for competing boats at this venue and should make this event even better than past years. Mark down the dates in your diary and help our club secure points for major bragging rights.

For more on this new competition go to our Website for details. Whilst on the website you will be able to see other upcoming events on the 'Bulletin Board'. This is regularly updated to keep all members tuned in to 'Club Matters' and 'Events'. Nick Currey (Vice President) has done a fabulous job in organizing this new site and with the help of Jacinta from 'School Site Solutions', the site is always fresh with upcoming events and stories of interest.

All our Sponsors have links there as well, so you can easily see who to support and repay their generosity, when looking at supplies and products associated with our Sport!

I would like to thank all Committee members for their involvement and time in making this great club such a success. I

really enjoy being part of such a dedicated crew and would like to remind others they are welcome to join the committee and help with the running of the club. You won't necessarily need a lot of time and your ideas may help in keeping the club strong and prosperous. We have many members (and non-members) who regularly give their time and support to this club, but we are always looking for more to keep the club fresh!

Our major club event "Back to Tanga" is on again next year. (An event not to be missed). Last year we had good attendance considering the weather forecast, good fish numbers, great support from our Major Sponsor Shamrock Civil and all other generous supporters and a great time.

This is an event which would not be possible without such a big input from all involved. From many individual sponsors, bigger businesses and companies, the band, the cooks, the caterers and the cleaners, the bar staff and the fisherers, I thank you all for the ongoing success of this fantastic event!

I hope to see plenty of members' boats out on the water this season. Not just for "Back to Tanga 6" but also for the other club events we have planned.

Now is the time to get your fishing gear and boat in order, and go out and get some fun! !

Cheers and all the best for the upcoming season,

**Paul Ditchfield**

## BACK 2 TANGA 6 TOURNAMENT

The next 'Back 2 Tanga' Tournament will be held on 21 - 23 March 2014.

*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](mailto:admin@mbgfc.com.au)*





## Story - Nick Currey

The Sunshine coast off Moolooloba experienced some great fishing for sailfish during September with many of the Sunny Coast fleet tagging multiple fish per day. With large bait schools on the 8, 12 and 18 mile, packs of sailfish hung around for the month. With this information at hand, MBGFC organised two teams to fish the SCGFC Spring Shootout on the long weekend 4 – 7 October.

'Black Habit', President Paul Ditchfield's 28' BlackWatch headed up with the family on the week of school holidays prior to the comp. 'Aluhra', my 28' Luhrs also registered with Sophie, Michael and Cameron Spence as crew. Cam and I took the trip up from Raby Bay on the Friday in a fresh 20-25 knot SE. Hugging the inside of Moreton was OK, but once at the Cape, Aluhra was kicked into troll mode with 2-2.5m swells and tops getting blown off around Hutchies. Aluhra trolled up the 70m line through Caloundra wide, the 12, 10 and 8 mile, marking bait schools, however, no fish came up on the lures.

The tournament base was at Kawana Waters Hotel and by Friday there were a small number of boats rafted up on the pontoon. The briefing and calcutta kicked off with 29 boats registered and 100 anglers (a great show) from as far as the Gold Coast. Next day saw the weather abate and reasonable fishing conditions prevail. Most boats worked the bait schools and

marked fish, however, the fish were "off the bite" and only three billfish were tagged. Lots of fish present but not on the chew!!

That night back at the pub, nearly all the fleet came in with a large raft-up and the highlight was the XXXX bar girls who sold raffle tickets and beer for each boat. Dino Rosa came up that night, joined in the festivities with a plan to fish the Sunday with Jim McKinnon on Galaxy 2

Next day the fishing was again slow. A number of boats worked the 18 mile bait schools and a couple of billfish were hooked and lost. Sophie on Aluhra caught an 8.4kg Cobia that would weigh on 8kg line.

As the afternoon progressed, sails were getting teased up and hooked at the 8 mile in big bait schools and by 3.00pm the whole fleet was doing laps, either trolling lures, dead or live baits. With about 40 minutes till lines out, Zues (a 40' Cabo up from the Gold Coast) had a double hook-up on sails. With an angler at each end of the boat, the fleet moved out the way creating a stadium so they could land their fish.

Benny worked the Cabo hard and at one stage the cockpit was full of water as he aggressively backed up, tagged one sail and then drove forward, tagging the other up at the bow. With the sail from the previous day, Zues were clear winners at

'lines out' and with some very happy major sponsors from Ord Minnett on board.

Presentation was on Monday morning. Overall there were 6 sailfish and 2 black marlin tagged. Zues and the Sunny Coast team picked up the major prizes. We were lucky and goes to show, that even a 8.4kg Cobia can win, with Sophie collecting the Champion Female Angler and heaviest other species.

Congratulations.





*Morning run down the river.*



*Boats heading back at day's end.*



*The evening raft-up.*



*Sophie, Michael and Cam.*



*The XXXX girls and a 'HAPPY' crew!*



## **CLUB CHAMPION TROPHY**

*Highest point score in Club Rallies - 9140 Points*

**SOPHIE CURREY**

## **TUCK FANNING MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*Highest Point Scoring Angler - 10,150 Points*

**SOPHIE CURREY**

## **BRENTLY THEATRE TROPHY**

*Highest Female Point Score - 10,150 Points*

**SOPHIE CURREY**

## **GORDON WHITE TROPHY**

*Highest Junior Point Score 832.5 Points*

**OLIVER DITCHFIELD**

## **HARRY DANVERS TROPHY**

*First Marlin of the season - 7.11.2012*

**NICK CURREY**

## **GRAHAM BELL TROPHY**

*Most Longtail Tuna Tagged - 1*

**ANNA MARKEY**

## **PRECISION TOOL & ENG TROPHY**

*Most Tagged Billfish - 7*

**SOPHIE CURREY**

## **VANCE HULL TROPHY**

*Heaviest Mackerel - 12.54kg*

**DAVID MOLNER**

## **BULLETIN EDITORS TROPHY**

*Highest Point Scoring Fish-Other Species*

**5 WAY TIE EACH 300 POINTS**

*OLIVER DITCHFIELD, CHARLOTTE DITCHFIELD,  
JOSH CUFF, DAVID MOLNER, PAUL DITCHFIELD.*

## **JOHN McCARTHY TROPHY**

*Highest Point Scoring Fish on 6kg*

**NOT WON**

## **PETER LEE TROPHY**

*Highest Point Scoring Fish on 8kg*

**6 WAY TIE EACH 1500 POINTS**

*NICK CURREY, DINO ROSA, MICHAEL STEPHENS,  
SOPHIE CURREY, BOL MOLNER, ANNA MARKEY*

## **CHAMPION BOAT OVER 8M**

*Boat with highest Aggregate Score - 17,005 Points*

**ALUHRA - 17,005 POINTS**

## **CHAMPION BOAT UNDER 8M**

*Boat with highest Aggregate Score - 300 Points*

**KB**

## **SHIRLEY WHITE AWARD**

*Junior Encouragement Award*

**TOM SPALDING**

## **ROSS WOOD MEMORIAL AWARD**

**THE SCOTT FAMILY**

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## **MAL RAMSAY MEMORIAL AWARD**

**ALBERT & PAULINE THREADINGHAM**

# Trophy Winners 2012 – 2013 & Christmas Party



## Attention all Billfish Anglers Black marlin fin clips needed



The black marlin have continued to turn up in numbers on Australia's west coast and off Weipa with great numbers of samples being taken. And over on the east coast the run of juvenile blacks is starting to stretch further south while with a big season on adults off the GBR continues. The knowledge of black marlin stocks has also been re-written with the proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> international Billfish Symposium held recently in Taiwan. This third edition of the Black Marlin Bulletin will share an overview of these updates, as well as giving an all-important update on our latest finclip entries.

### Stock Structure of Black Marlin

The international billfish symposium is irregular occurring conference where billfish research scientists from around the globe gather to share their work and discuss the future direction of billfish research. The 4<sup>th</sup> conference in 2005 resulted in the reclassification of the billfish phylogeny and the 5<sup>th</sup> symposium held over the first week of November 2013 in Taiwan has not disappointed either with some exciting outcomes that are expected to be published in the proceedings. To Recap: Until now black marlin were assumed to be a single global stock with spawning only confirmed to occur off Australia's Ribbon Reef group. Hsiao-Yun Chang, a master's student from National Taiwan University investigated the gonads of mature black marlin from Taiwan and the South China Sea. She was able to confirm the presence of fully hydrated oocytes and post-spawning follicles indicating that spawning does occur in the South China Sea and the southwestern Taiwan region between March and April.

To accompany this finding, Dr. Wei-Chuan Chiang ("Riyar") at the Taiwan Eastern Marine Biology Research Center revealed that from 9 black marlin that were satellite tagged of southeast Taiwan (tag duration up to 360 days), no fish moved out of the waters that comprise the east and south china seas. The movements were seasonal figure of 8 patterns between the two seas. These interesting results raise many questions about the black marlin population structure in particular; Are there other breeding sites? Are the fish spawning in Taiwan the same fish we find off Cairns or two independent populations? Could some of the juveniles we find in Australian waters be from a South China Sea spawning site? Whilst in Taiwan Dr Pepperell and I stayed at Taiwan Eastern Marine Biology Research Center and worked with local researchers collecting samples from the fish markets taken by 'harpoon fishermen' which hopefully in the future can help us to answer some of these questions.



### Fin Clipping Progress

#### West Coast

Since the last newsletter reports of the fishing off Broome throughout October has seen a sensational number of billfish with many little black marlin on the bite within a strong sailfish fishery. Compliments to Jeda Ellen (*Makaira gamefishing charters*) and Chris Nisbet (*Broome Billfish Charters*) who both were able to extend their tallies of fin clips. Jeda managed to top the leader board across the country with a remarkable 15 clips while Chris managed to extend his tally to 5. Elsewhere in WA, Sandra Lymbery reports that Bernie Vale of Coral Bay Ocean game fishing charters has managed 3 fin clips, 2 of which were from 40 kg fish and the other from a 8-10kg black.

Leader Board	
Angler	Clips
Jeda Ellens	15
Mick Mieres	7
Ben Bright	6
Nick Hill	6
Chris Nisbet	5
Josh Bruynzeel	4
Eddy Lawler	4
Rob Smith	4
Bernie Vale	3
Scott Macgowan	3
Brent Higgins	3
Talish Cook	2
Paddy Diamond	2
Duane Singleto	2
Glen Radon	2
Anthony Tyson	1
Craige McCulloch	1
Chris Davidson	1
Annie B	1
Talisha Cook	1
Darren Lee	1
Adrian Gibson	1



Joanne Tatham	1
Adam Galash	1
Pual Leijser	1
Harrison Weeding	1
Kim Anderson	1
Kim Dennis	1
Zuri	1
Chris Thurkettle	1
Graeme Fisher	1
Allan Jackson	1
Tim Richardson	1
Greg Milliken	1
Warren Tucker	1
West Coast Total	45
Wiepa Total	11
East Coast Total	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>86</b>

Further north at [Nickol Bay Sportfishing Club](#) Luke Leech has collected another two fin clips for the club taken for anglers Greg Milliken and Warren Tucker who, along with all other anglers mentioned, will both receive an entry into the lucky draw. At the *King Bay GFC* in Dampier Len informs me that the club has stayed on 10 clips total since last notice, however they are working on getting the word out through local media to increase awareness. Charter captains in Exmouth Josh Bruynzeel (*On Strike*) and Eddy Lawler (*Peak Sports Fishing*) at last report were on 4 apiece, while during the Exmouth game fishing club tournament Mike Smith managed to take a fin clip. Once again, thanks to Dennis Byran-Smith, Jeni Gates and an anonymous other who are helping to co-ordinate the region.

## The Gulf (Weipa to Darwin)

Ben Bright from Weipa Game Fishing Club has been actively engaged in taking fin clips – with great success. The Weipa Game Fishing Club has been able to take 11 clips consisting of 6 from Ben, 2 from Duane Singleton, 1 from Allan Jackson, 1 from Chris Davidson and 1 from Darren Lee. Recent reports saw a number of baby blacks raised in the region on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November suggesting there are more to come as well. Bomber Farrell has been trying to take fin clips fishing out of Groote Eylandt in the Gulf but has only seen sails so far, and Steve Roberts from Darwin Game Fishing Club also informed us that they weren't able to take any samples from there tournament, but are definitely on the lookout!

## East Coast

As the fishing shifted focus to Cairns for the run of adult blacks we would like to give a mention to who we believe was Tim Richardson who took a fin clip from a 950 lb fish off Cairns. Beyond that much of the fin clipping action has moved south with the run of small black marlin down the east coast of Australia. Paddy Diamond increased his tally to 2 after taking a clip when landing the first fish during the Sunshine Coast GFC shootout.



A Big shout out to Doug Sanderson who made the sampling program's presence felt throughout the Hervey Bay Game Fishing Club tournament, collecting 5 finclips from anglers, one clip taken by Chris Thurkettle on his new (broken in now!) boat 'VIKING' – reported to be from a tiny fish of just 3kg (800mm long) being too small to safely tag! The other tournament finclips were taken from 'Foreshore' with Glen Radon getting 2 and Anthony Tyson 1. Also amongst the other Hervey Bay clips was a 20kg black by Graeme fisher aboard Rampage. Over the same weekend Robert Smith was out with 'Ruff and Tuff' owner Matt Collinge, who were able to take 4 clips also on the Fraser coast to kick off their account. On another positive note for the project on the east coast Nick Curry informed us that Moreton Bay GFC are also eager to get involved.

**Remember** that all participants mentioned have gained entries into the draw to win a signed copy of Dr Julian Pepperell's award winning book "Fishes of the Open Ocean" (one for each coast), which will be drawn at the end of January!

**M**BGFC organised a seminar with well-known local fisherman and writer, Gordon Macdonald who spoke about a recent extended 18 day trip to the Coral Sea and the reef systems.

Twenty members and guests attended as Gordon relived the adventure which started in Brisbane on a 65ft game boat with two mates. The trip took them way out to sea beyond where the normal Coral Sea charter vessels fish, to the reef systems of Wreck, Kenn, Frederick and Samaurez.

Each of the reefs has a rich history of ship wrecks and amazing stories of survival with ship wrecked crews rowing their way back to the main land or even Brisbane some hundreds of nautical miles south.

Frederick reef is 340nm east of Mackay and 100nm east of the popular Swains Reef. It was discovered in 1812 and on 29 April 1825, 'Royal Charlotte' arrived in Sydney from England with a load of convicts.

The ship then took on detachments of the 20th, 46th, and 49th Regiments for transport to India by Batavia. On 11 June, the ship ran aground on Frederick Reefs; the masts were cut away to steady her while the crew and soldiers moved to shore with water and provisions before she sank. Only two lives were lost. A party took the



surviving longboat and travelled to Moreton Bay, arriving in July and causing the brig Amity to be dispatched to collect survivors. More recently in 1966 the US submarine USS Tiru ran aground.

During the trip they saw no other boats for day after day and obviously had to be self-sufficient. The fishing was to die for, with

non-stop yellowfin, huge wahoo and dogtooth tuna with the occasional blue marlin.

The club thanks Gordon for his time and entertaining seminar.

*Check on the photo on the back page - Another of the fish caught on the trip!*



# CIRCLE HOOK RIG

## BASE RIG

FOR: LIVE BAITING  
SWIM BAIT  
SKIP BAIT

## FOR LIVE BAITING

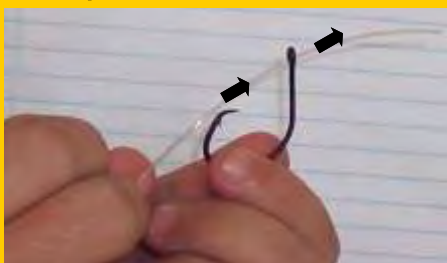
### What You Need

- Circle Hook
- 100lb leader for the trace
- 1 Crimp if you can't snell a hook with a knot
- Netting Twine



### Step One

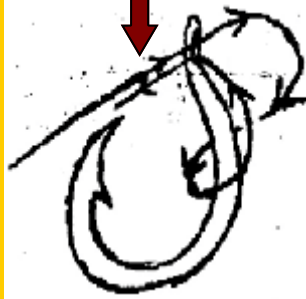
- Hold the hook upright with the circle of the hook facing you.
- Insert the mono through the eye of the hook.
- Snell the hook onto the mono.



### Don't know the knot to snell the hook?

Here's an easy way

1. Hold hook upright, with circle of the hook facing you.
2. Hold main line in spare hand and insert in the same direction as the hook point.  
\*\*Important not to insert into opposite direction of hook point.
3. Bring tag around between shank and hook point and insert through the eye opposite in the same direction as hook point.
4. Hold tag and main line and pull up, crimp about 1cm from the eye of the hook. The hook needs to be flexible so make sure you



### Step Two

- Tie or crimp a loop on the other end and you are almost ready to go. It's as easy as!

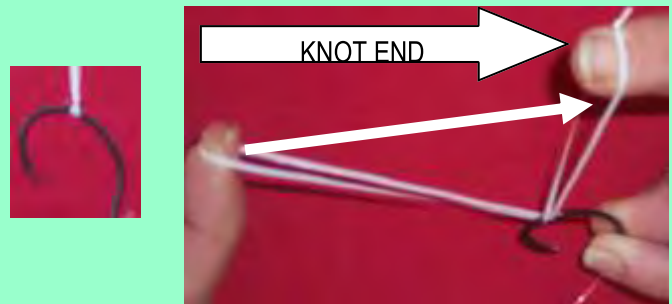
### Step One—LIVE BAITING

- Cut a piece of netting twine about 14 cm long.
- Double it over and tie with Granny Knot.
- Trim the tag

### Step Two—Live Baiting

Now we need to secure the loop you've just made onto the hook

- Lay your loop out flat and place the hook on it. Thread one end of the loop through the other end and pull up. You'll need to fiddle with this as the knot end needs to be on the hook when you finish.



### Step Three—Live Baiting

To attach the bait.

Place the end of the loop into the needle hook. Pass the needle through the bait fish at edge of eye socket (in front of the eye). Pull the twine through. Pick up the other end of the loop with the hook. Twist until it's firm then pick up the twin on top of the head with the hook.

### READY TO GO!



Jon Millard & Jan Parkes

# Tropical Tuna MAC 9 - By Bill Edwards

Held in Canberra on 10 October 2013, the primary business for the TTMAC 9 meeting was to consider and set the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) quotas for 5 Eastern Tuna & Billfish Fishery (ETBF) species – Broadbill Swordfish, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Albacore and Striped Marlin – and the 4 WTBF species – Broadbill, Yellowfin, Bigeye and Striped Marlin for the 2014-2015 seasons. Discussions centred on advice from the Tropical Tuna Resource Assessment Group (TTRAG).

TTRAG provided Recommended Biological Commercial Catch (RBCC) advice using the Harvest Strategy with caveats for both SWO and STM. For BET, YFT and ALB TTRAG also provided stock status advice based on fishery indicators. In providing this advice TTRAG took into consideration the information about the ETBF catch relative to the catch of other foreign fleets which also fish the Western Pacific Ocean (south of 10oS and west of 170oE). The proportion of the Australian catch in this area is different for each species – SWO (59.1%), STM (41.5%), BET (17.8%), YFT (9.9%) and ALB (2.5%) in 2012 respectively.

TTRAG applied the Harvest Strategy and identified a RBCC for SWO and has high confidence in the use of the HS for the provision of management advice for SWO. TTRAG concluded that, if the recent proportion of the SWO catch taken by the ETBF is maintained, then the harvest strategy can achieve its objectives. If changes made to catches for SWO in the ETBF are offset by increases in the catches by other commercial and recreational fleets, then these changes may need to be taken into consideration.

TTRAG applied the HS and identified a RBCC for STM but had low confidence in the use of the harvest strategy for the provision of management advice for STM. TTRAG is seeking advice from the recently commenced Maximum Sustainable Effort (MSE) project on striped marlin on how effective the HS will be at recent levels of catch proportion. If changes made to catches for STM in the ETBF are offset by increases in the catches by other commercial and recreational fleets, then these changes will need to be taken into consideration.

For BET, YFT and ALB the proportion of the ETBF catch is not high enough to allow the harvest strategy to function and hence the objectives of the Harvest Strategy policy will not be achieved.

Based on the WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures (CMM), which exist to ensure the sustainable take of each species in the Western Central Pacific Ocean together with the following assessments are;

a. **Big Eye Tuna.** Assessment -- A high probability that the stock was subject to overfishing. Australian Catch for 2012/13 was 553 tonnes (TACC 1056t) 2014/15 TACC 1056t

b. **Yellowfin Tuna.** Assessment – Stock is currently being fished at capacity and is currently considered not to be subject to overfishing and is not in an overfished state. Australian Catch for 2012/13 was 1361 tonnes (TACC 2200t) 2014/15 TACC 2200t

c. **Broadbill Swordfish.** Assessment – Stock is not in an overfished state. WCPFC recommended that there be no further increases in catch and effort. There is a quota reduction of 18t. Australian Catch for 2012/13 was 1064 tonnes (TACC 1396t) 2014/15 TACC 1378t

d. **Albacore Tuna.** Assessment – Sth Pacific Albacore is currently not overfished and overfishing is not occurring. It recommends that there be no increase in the number of vessels actively fishing for Albacore. Australian Catch for 2012/13 was 736 tonnes (TACC 2500t) 2014/15 TACC 2500t

e. **Striped Marlin.** Assessment – Southwest Pacific Stock is fully exploited and is not experiencing overfishing but may be overfished. However stock is close to Maximum Sustainable Yield. Australian Catch for 2012/13 was 254 tonnes (TACC 370t) 2014/15 TACC 370t

# The TTRAG recommended that the TACC for Striped Marlin be reduced by 19t to 351t.

# The TTRAG recommended that the Recreational Sector (GFAA Club's & Recreational Fishers) also have catch reduction of 19t. **How can this be achieved when the catch is unknown?**

After a lengthy discussion regarding the “inequitable reduction” in commercial quota especially as the unknown non-club recreational catch probably exceeds that of the commercial catch it was agreed that the Commercial TACC would remain at 370t.

It was noted that there are at present only 33 active Australian longliner boats now fishing in the Eastern Tuna & Billfish Fishery – down from over 200 some 10 years ago. If a boat exceeds its quota for any of the 5 species during a trip, quota must be obtained leased or purchased, within 28 days. Also unless the boat holds quota for each of the 5 species it cannot leave port until quota has been obtained. Quota may be leased or bought from a number of inactive operators who have been allocated quota based on the previous catch records.

## ETBF Logbook Catch Data

2013 Catch, in tonnes, by month Source: Logbook data. Note: 2011, 2012, 2013 data included for comparisons. Albacore Tuna catch and effort for the ETBF

Albacore	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2013	25	14	20	27	59	69	40	3	0				257
Catch (t) in 2012	8	7	18	20	47	85	90	115	63	46	48	17	564
Catch (t) in 2011	24	19	13	21	45	61	171	134	81	47	25	9	650

## Bigeye Tuna catch and effort for the ETBF

Bigeye	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2013	10	24	46	55	67	45	30	2	0				279
Catch (t) in 2012	17	18	36	49	78	63	74	54	46	22	18	10	485
Catch (t) in 2011	8	13	31	50	57	50	40	35	28	24	40	12	388

## Striped Marlin catch and effort for the ETBF

Striped Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2013	8	14	21	13	16	16	6	2	0				96
Catch (t) in 2012	16	18	20	15	17	14	13	24	22	21	30	24	234
Catch (t) in 2011	16	22	18	27	17	18	23	26	18	29	39	33	286

## Swordfish catch and effort for the ETBF

Swordfish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2013	37	51	60	47	46	65	24	3	0				333
Catch (t) in 2012	100	82	60	45	62	60	59	101	167	120	92	66	1014
Catch (t) in 2011	40	38	44	41	26	39	80	111	123	121	158	91	912

## Yellowfin Tuna catch and effort for the ETBF

Yellowfin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Catch (t) in 2013	76	87	104	72	100	56	39	16	0				550
Catch (t) in 2012	38	53	75	76	95	74	146	179	120	81	127	65	1129
Catch (t) in 2011	118	136	170	201	187	185	170	218	168	126	127	71	1877

### *Striped Marlin Recreational Catches –in SW Pacific Ocean.*

AFMA has drafted a letter to the Australian Management Fisheries Forum outlining concerns about the status of stock of Striped Marlin, and the need for complementary management arrangements between commercial and recreational sectors. Although it is unlikely that FRDC will release funding this year to implement the methodology to investigate the domestic Striped Marlin recreational catch NSW Fisheries will provide data on the now completed Australian and New Zealand recreational catch of Striped Marlin to scientists at the Secretariat for the Pacific Community in Noumea and that a revised stock assessment for Striped Marlin using this data will be presented to the WCPFC Scientific Committee meeting in August 2014.

The Australian Bureau of Agriculture Resource Economic & Sciences carried out a project in 2010 aimed at identifying the economic benefits of gamefishing to the wider community. This report is awaiting clearance by ABARES before release.

TTRAG noted that the number of Striped Marlin caught, tagged and released by the Australian and New Zealand recreational fisheries represented a significant proportion of the total catch in the SW Pacific. Although the 2012 WCPFC stock assessment of Striped Marlin indicated that the impact of the recreational fishery

is small it will have been under-estimated as this assessment assumed zero mortality for tagged and released fish.

Total Catch is unknown, with about 1100 fish tagged per year in Australia over the last four years. In New Zealand, about 1000 fish are tagged per year. The Australian GFAA Club records show landed catches are about 100 fish per year. Assuming a 10% mortality for tagged & released fish this equates to about 210 (Aust) fish per year. As there are no catch records available for non-club recreational fishers there is probably substantial unknown mortality which is being caught by non-club recreational fishers.

Whilst GFAA Club Member catches are well documented the non-club recreational catch is not. There ought to be some method to capture this data. Resource Sharing is not the answer. Non Club Recreational catch must be identified or restrictions may be placed on all club and recreational Striped Marlin fishing.

AFMA has once again written to all Commercial Licence holders reminding them of the "Gentleman's Agreement" with GFAA that they not baitfish or set longlines in areas adjacent to where and when Tournaments are being held. Since being introduced some 3-4 years ago this has worked well with both sectors.

### **ETBF Logbook Catch and Release data --- Blue and Black Marlin *Numbers of Blue Marlin caught and released in the ETBF.***

Blue Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2013	55	44	98	48	31	20	5	1					302
2012	24	54	44	15	9	19	19	11	7	26	37	49	314
2011	44	32	15	1	6	9	5	5	7	48	11	9	192

### **Numbers of Black Marlin caught and released in the ETBF.**

Black Marlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2013	83	67	38	28	14	12	2	0					244
2012	31	24	22	10	6	3	5	2	25	30	201	114	473
2011	62	11	12	67	4	10	3	3	2	34	34	28	270



# 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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**TACC Recommendation for the Western Tuna Billfish Fishery (WTBF) for 2014-15 & 2015-16 for: Bigeye Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, Broadbill Swordfish and Striped Marlin.**

The current WTBF TACCs are based on the 2006 Australian Government whole of Government approach. The Australian Government position at that time was that it was Australia's expectation that it would receive 5 per cent of the Indian Ocean tuna and billfish stocks available total catch allocation for then and into the future.

In the absence of a later agreed whole of Australian Government position on TACCs in the WTBF and sufficient catch data to operate the domestic harvest strategy, AFMA management considers setting the TACCs consistent with the proportion of waters in the Australian Fishing Zone compared to the area assessed by the IOTC Scientific Committee.

This is considered the most suitable basis for setting TACCs in the WTBF given the current lack of government policy or advice on domestic catches. There are only 3 longline boats fishing the WTBF.

It was noted that setting TACCs that are consistently under caught will devalue the SFRs and reduce their marketability as there will be more than sufficient SFRs to cover current and predicted catches with the current (and foreseeable) size of the fleet. In turn this may limit the ability of fishers to exit the WTBF.

Artificially high TACCs may also send the wrong message about the future potential of the fishery in the Eastern Indian Ocean. This may attract interest from other fisheries and lead to an undesirable expansion of activity in the WTBF that could lead to problems with bycatch, resource sharing issues and significantly increase the cost of management.

Bill Edwards



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## STUFFED KINGFISH CUTLETS

### INGREDIENTS

- 12 thin Kingfish or Mackerel cutlets
- 2 cups fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 cup finely chopped mushrooms
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 cup natural yoghurt
- 1 cup cream.
- 12 baby potatoes

### METHOD

Boil potatoes until tender & keep warm.

Wipe cutlets with damp kitchen paper.

In a bowl, combine breadcrumbs, halve the mushrooms, sour cream, shallots, parsley, salt & pepper. Mix well.

Place 6 cutlets in a greased baking dish and spread the mushroom mixture evenly over each cutlet.

Top each one with remaining cutlets.

Pour 1/2 the combined yoghurt & cream over the fish. Cover and bake at 180°C for 20 - 25 minutes until flesh flakes.

Place cutlets on a large platter & top with remaining mushrooms and yoghurt mixture.



***The following article was written by past President Jim Kemp and published in the December 1965 edition of the then Club magazine, "Fighting Fish".***

**T**he main point on the Brisbane scene since the last bulletin was the club rally held on June 12/13/14. The weather was shocking to say the least and in spite of this fact the roll up was splendid.

On 'Wyoornba' was Bill Fulham, Tom Fanning and Peter Weaver. Our Junior Vice Tuck Fanning was bogged down with his accountancy business and did not join Wyoornba's crew on this trip. The sum total of Wyoornba's effort was one shark run on Saturday night 12th and a dropped bait, at Combuyoro.

The crew of 'Four Winds', Norm Nixon, Gunther Gertenbach, John Adams and Ced Wilson found a few game fish in the form of mackerel and mackerel tuna. Gunther, the club's cheroot smoking shark fisherman took a 14lb mackerel and several mackerel tuna on the homeward jaunt across the bay in very choppy conditions.

Ced Wilson landed a 14lb tuna on 9 and John Adams two mackerel, 21 and 15 on 6 in addition to a 15lb northern bluefin tuna and a 14lb mackerel tuna on 6.

Norm Nixon was evidently employing cagey tactics for he came up with a snapper of 10lb while trolling deep for mackerel at Western Rocks. Just to prove it wasn't a fluke he did it again on the Sunday morning, only this time with a 18lb fish. I believe that the air was blue when John Adams tied into a good yellowtail which promptly whipped him around his 39 thread set at the stern. As usual the fish came out the victor.

Aboard 'Kythe' were Geoff and Ken Mackenzie with Clem Masters and Dave Lanchester. They covered a lot of territory looking for fish but landed only one 18lb mackerel on 15, caught by Ken.

Our Senior Vice John Robinson and Club President Col Hopgood and crew aboard "Flood Tide" looked hard for fish but alas reported a nil score.

Berry Kerr's 'Sea Waif' had Frank Burnett and Geoff Vann aboard and Geoff landed two small mackerel and a 14lb mackerel tuna on 15. Thanks Berry for being radio mother ship for the rally.

'Marty K' also reported a bad score from Peter White, Bill McGovern, Arthur Hely and Noel Bender. Bill scored the only fish a 30lb black king on 15 at Yellow Patch, which just goes to show that fish are where you find them.

Bill has already taken delivery of his new 35 foot game boat from Norman Wright and has been making dire threats to fish the pants off all and sundry, so hang on to your tweeds chaps.

At the south end John Dunn and Ron Harbison shot out through the bar, and I'm not sure whether it was over, under or through as there was so much white water. John took a 19lb mackerel on 9 and says that he tied into a good shark near the group but lost him.

The Point Lookout boys Les Nash, Bill Lawler, Dave Shepherdson and John Bristow were unable to get off Cylinder Beach for the big boomers and I believe that a friend of John Reid's who endeavoured to break out, found things more than a little unpleasant and ended with an upturned boat and a hole in the hull.

From what my spies have been able to gather, the "meeting" held on the Friday night at the Point Lookout Hotel was to say the least, most enjoyable.

Ron Jenyns and Ian Gall weren't able to participate in 'South Pacific'.

No doubt most members are aware that ABQ Channel 2 had intended to film the rally for possible nationwide coverage, but in the light of events very little film was shot. The club's thanks go to Peter White, club member and ABQ cameraman and his partner in crime, Les Henty, another ABQ Channel 2 cameraman, for their sterling efforts under most adverse conditions. Thanks again chaps.

I have it on good authority that there were not many boats flying club pennants during the rally. It's only a little thing and I'm sure in most cases it was possibly forgetfulness, but let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and makes it a one hundred per cent effort next time.

Peter White and Bill McGovern got 9 mackerel at Flinders on the weekend 31st July. The fish were taken during a very heavy downpour and Peter and Bill are convinced that the fish struck only when this down-pour was at its heaviest. Not exactly pleasant fishing conditions, but nevertheless rewarding.

Norm Nixon, Ian Jensen, and myself fished the South end on 14/15 August and just over the South Passage Bar we were confronted with acres and acres of mackerel tuna very much of a size. We took several on threads from 15 to 3 and then 'thumped!' several on 'wacke' lines for berley.

We kellicked on the little halfway near Flat Rock and spent several fruitless hours berleying in a fast current. This area rises from 100 feet to between 20 and 30 in a matter of a few yards, and would be good trolling in the early months of 1966. That evening in the Rous Channel Norm had a hit on his 15 thread shark line but our visitor was evidently fussy, for he didn't make a return visit.



In early September John Reid and party got several mackerel and numerous yellowtail. A fortnight previously he took 6 mackerel ranging from 19 to 27lb on 9 thread and was reefed by what was presumably a whopper yellowtail at Flinders.

The first shark of the year goes to Norm Nixon with a tiger of 151 on 15 at Peel from an 18 foot inboard. Not a big shark by normal standards but at least it's one up on everyone else in the club. It was Norm's first tiger and he's now more than ever convinced that tigers are the best 'twisters' in the business. Reckons it took him quite some time to untangle the mess.

Ced Wilson and John Adams took some fine yellowtail and mackerel tuna on a recent trip to the North end. Ced really came good this time by scoring well with good yellowtail to 26lb and mackerel tuna of similar size on 9 thread. John Adams took several yellowtail to 16lb on 3 and Gunther Gertenbach had a hoodoo on him - he caught fish alright but only small ones.

Peter White lost two sharks at Brennans on 20/21 November. He reckons they're a bit shrewd and head for the nearest rocky outcrop. Noticed they had oodles of bottom fish, not the least of which were blue groper of an excellent size.

Norm Nixon, myself and Ian Jensen went out over the shelf on Saturday 4th December. We had baits down 27 fathoms for 3 hours but alas no good. The northerly really came in strong on the change of tide and we had to get out of it, worse luck. Ian took a 12lb dolphin fish on 6 thread, 8 miles from the Cape, on the way out and a rainbow runner of 10lb at Flinders on the return journey.

It was a long 15 miles back to Cape Moreton. If any members are really interested in fishing wide let me know and I'll pass on the marks.

I heard tell of two club members who had just returned from a fishing trip, their thirty second consecutive weekend. They were standing on a wharf when a funeral passed. The younger member promptly removed his hat and looked at his older counterpart who was well known for his non-observance of such things. To his amazement he saw that his friend had removed his hat some seconds previously and was standing with his head humbly bowed.

Unable to understand his friend's behaviour he asked him why his attitude had suddenly changed. His friend turned and with the merest hint of a smile said, "Ah, she wasn't a bad wife after all".

Absentee member Peter Goadby fished in the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament and scored a black marlin of 211lb and was placed second in an individual points score contest in Tahiti. He scored the heaviest wahoo in the Tahitian competition 112lb and also the Fijian heaviest and then broke it by another 19lb.

When you record a fish in your recording books, it is necessary to include the date and place where the fish was taken. This will provide interesting reading in the future when some of us are planning trips and will enable an evaluation of a particular area to be made.



## All Ports Competition, 6-8<sup>th</sup> December

*MBGFC has decided to compete in the QGFA "All Ports" competition. The round one weekend comp is on 6-8<sup>th</sup> December. Lets see if we can get as many club boats fishing as possible.*

**When:** Friday midnight 6<sup>th</sup> December till 6pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Location:** Any where in our fishing zone. It is suggested on the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon we all get together at club land at Tangalooma

**Fishing:** All QGFA species, unlimited Billfish. Other species 10 per boat per day. Light tackle 1-10kg (under 100m depth). Heavy tackle (15-60kg) outside 100m depth. Point scores as per QGFA Sheet.

**Nominations:** Teams of 2-5 anglers per boat, MBGFC will pay entry fee of \$22/adult and \$5/junior. Details to Noel or Paul by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Camping form submit to Noel.

**Need a boat:** Contact Paul Ditchfield (0412 1522880) and he will assist in getting members onto boats. Other details and forms on website.



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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**

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

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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](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
<b>Billfish</b> 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
<b>Tuna –Longtail/Yellowfin</b>											
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
<b>Other Species</b> 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
<b>Sharks</b> 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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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Effective 1 July 2012

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Effective 1st July 2012

- 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.
- 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.  
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- Bookings will only be accepted through the Club Secretary as below but fees must be paid in advance before booking will be confirmed.  
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- 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.
- 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.
- BARBECUES:** The barbecues are to be thoroughly cleaned after use including drip trays and burners.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- WATER:** Numerous taps are located around Club Land. Please use the sprinklers when possible.
- 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.
- 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.
- FIREWOOD:** Moreton Island is a declared National Park and the cutting and gathering of wood is prohibited.
- 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.
- VEHICLE PERMITS:** Permits must be obtained to take your vehicle on Moreton Island.

