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BLACK MARLIN
NAME: RUTHIMSEN
SEX: BLACK MARLIN
WEIGHT: 20.8 kg
LENGTH: 84 cm
SP. MARKS: ...
OWNER: ...

JUNIOR RECORD

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Cover Photo: Team Garmin with Ryan's record Marlin.



Ryan Thomsen proudly displaying his certificate for his Junior Record Black Marlin of 26.8kg on 8kg line. Proud Dad, Wayne on the left and President Nick Currey on right.



President's Report



Welcome to this Autumn edition of "The Magazine". Since our last edition in December, the club has been very busy with the planning and running of our signature event, the "Back 2 Tangas 8" tournament in early March. Each year this tournament just keeps on improving and this year was no exception with 31 boats and over 120 anglers and crew.

Due to a reasonable weather forecast and world class Blue Marlin bite occurring off Cape Moreton over the weekend, we had record numbers of boats stay over on both Thursday and Friday nights and again on the Saturday night. This really stretched our catering and all of the wonderful helpers put in a huge effort to get everyone fed and watered.

Congratulations to all those who attended and weighed in fish. The prize pool was exceptional, and great to see long term member, Captain Russell Caporn on Kaizen win for the second year in a row.

The committee extends its appreciation to sponsors, helpers, skippers and crews, who without your support this fantastic event could not be run. Next years "Back 2 Tangas 9" has been scheduled for 3-5th March 2017, so drop a date claimer in your diary. See the extended article and photos in this edition.

During the tournament we had the privilege of weighing a pending QGFA Junior and Small Fry record Black Marlin of 26.8kg caught on 8kg line by Ryan Thomsen fishing on Makaira. This has been ratified and I had the pleasure of presenting the certificates to Ryan and a very proud dad, Wayne.

If you are interested in chasing records, take time to peruse the GFAA handbook and QGFA website as there are many vacant records available. The club can assist with advice, weighing on certified scales and processing the paperwork.

It was great to see another club Sailfish recapture. Mitch Perry tagged a Sailfish on the 26th of December 2015 on Blade Runner while fishing Cape Moreton. The Sailfish was recaptured by Victorian boat Penguin whilst fishing for mackerel off South West Rocks, NSW on the 22nd of February, 2016. The Sailfish had travelled approximately 238 nautical miles during its 58 days at liberty. This is Mitch's second recapture in the past 12 months.

To all skippers and anglers, remember to get your Activity and Capture sheets and Tag cards back to Secretary within

30 days of capture for entry into the QGFA database.

To all members using the facilities over the holidays, please make proper bookings with the Secretary and take time to review the Club Land Rules, and have respect for your fellow campers and clean-up after you leave for the next group.

It is with regret we heard of the recent passing of long term club member Mel Hobler. Mel was one of the pioneers of the club and an excellent Northern Bluefin Tuna fisherman, winning a number of club trophies. Graham Bell has kindly penned a Vale to Mel. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.



On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish all members and their families a safe winter season. The Blue Marlin fishing and Longtail Tuna fishing should continue for several months and the Snapper have moved into Moreton Bay, so get out on the water and enjoy.

Tight lines.
Nick Currey



Sunset on another day's fishing at Back 2 Tangas 8.



Dawn on Sunday morning at Back 2 Tangas.

The SE Qld gamefishing tournament season in 2016 had started off with terrible weather. Almost every scheduled tournament since January had to be postponed and rescheduled to the alternative weekend. With 2 weeks to go prior to the GARMIN “Back 2 Tangas 8” tournament, the weather forecast was predicting 10kts, a welcome change. With a favourable weather forecast, SE Queensland GFC skippers and teams rallied and 31 teams including 92 anglers and 17 crew from 7 clubs registered by Wednesday briefing night.

With the briefing at Redlands Sporting Club, David Trask stepped up to the microphone and auctioned the boats in the Calcutta raising just under \$6,400 in the prize pool. Thanks Dave a fantastic effort! Just bring on the fish.

Great news was that GARMIN marine electronics had returned as a major sponsor and donated some fantastic prizes. Also returning were major supporters, Super IGA, Shamrock Civil, Kaizen Charters, Tyrepower Capalaba, Mossops, Pakula lures, Micat and new Gold Sponsors; Telstra Wynnum and Country 2 Coast 4x4 plus a heap of other sponsors, so there was a great prize pool.

The club is very lucky to have so many great people and companies donate products, cash and time, we wish to thank you one and all, and would appreciate everyone taking the time to browse through the list of sponsors and support them whenever possible.

The MBGFC committee members had put in the hard yards, prepping Tangas club grounds the week before, installing a new water tank, servicing gensets, mowing grass, taking across

cold room, food, drinks and all the gear. A big thanks to all involved especially John, Sharyn, Carol, Dave, Nina and Paul.

Thursday saw a number of boats and people come across to setup camp and ready themselves for an early fishing start. Much to everyone's delight, shortly after lunch the Bushies from Bowenville arrived for their annual beach holiday on **Doctor Blue, Grim Reefer** and **Not Working**, settling in with a few coldies and game of cards. Albert and Pauline arrived on their good ship to man the radios, weigh the fish, measure the tackle to GFAA rules, keep everyone honest and tally the scores. By Thursday evening the numbers had swelled and there were lots of people ready to catch up, have a drink and down a hearty meal including a great periperi chicken.

Friday morning – day 1 of fishing turned out to be a lumpy run out to the grounds with majority of the fleet deciding to run to the heavy tackle grounds off Cape Moreton, whilst smaller boats concentrated on the light tackle grounds in the Trench area, and **Blade Runner** was fishing south on Troy's pet grounds at the Gold Coast. It soon looked like this was going to be a ripper comp with a huge bait school about 8 miles long in the HT grounds with tuna, dolphins and birds all working it. Was not long before the first marlin was SMS'ed in by Rick Winsor on **Blade Runner** from down the Gold Coast on 8kg tackle.

With a blue marlin bite also well under way the radios were running hot with Albert trying to get information over channel 81 and 21. Due to location of the club radio, it was in a real “radio dead spot” this year, so

communications with boats fishing off the cape could only be relayed through **Sokia** on 21, who did a fantastic job all day. By 10:00 sked, there were 10 fish recorded.

The bite continued all morning and by the 12:00 sked another 6 Blue Marlin, 3 Black Marlin, including junior Ben Massurit's first billfish, a nice sailfish. Congratulations.

By 15:00 sked another 7 Blue Marlin, 2 Black Marlin and a Striped Marlin were added. With most boats on the HT grounds getting 7-10 strikes and multiple hookups for the day, it was an awesome effort. Last tagged billfish for the day was Mark Bird on **Luna**.

Back on the good ship **Doctor Blue**, the bushies were into the mandatory buckets of prawns washed down with a few ales. Couple of rods out the back, when one bends over and “fish on”. With a lot of heaving and grunting, Luke was getting a great workout with 14 other blokes offering sage advice!! Finally up came catch of the day – a rusty crabpot, with crabs and a cranky ol Wobbygong shark. Got to luv fishing Moreton Bay!

The band arrived on Friday to find their new bandstand floor installed. They were very impressed with it and said it gave off a better quality of sound. We had 29 boats come in for dinner, drinks and music on Friday night this year. By far the most that have ever attended on Friday night. The Bar staff were run off their feet and the cooks looked a little worried as well.

The Day 1 result recorded was 47:41:33 (strikes:hookups:landed), with the actual strike numbers a lot higher than recorded, much to Albert's

chagrin. The 33 fish tagged or captured included: 14 Blue Marlin, 6 Black Marlin, 1 Striped Marlin, 1 Sailfish, 2 Yellowfin Tuna, 3 Striped Tuna, 2 Spanish Mackerel, 2 Mackerel Tuna, 1 Dolphin Fish and a Bullshark. NOT TOO DUSTY AT ALL!



Blade Runner Hooked Up.

Leading boats after day 1 were:

Light tackle: **Blade Runner** with 4 tags on black marlin.

Heavy tackle: **Kaizen** with 4 tags and **Big Business** with 3 tags and a heap of other boats on 2 tags.

That evening saw one of the biggest Friday nights ever as 29 boats returned to Tangas base, rather than home ports, or like last year down to the Gold Coast. With such a good marlin bite off Cape Moreton happening, the crowd was having a great time. The bar was flat out, raffle tickets selling and the anglers and crew filled up on a hearty meal of Super IGA prime rump steaks and special snags on the barbi with salads and condiments.

The band, "**Full House**" cranked out a selection of great 80's and 90's covers and then later treated a few stayers-on to some wonderfully impromptu acoustic music and it was well past midnight by the time the last of the crews slipped off to their swags or onto their boats. Boy, if Friday night was this big, what would Saturday night be like? Bring it on! With some popular drinks all

sold out, Nick had to borrow Josh's boat for a mainland run the next day to stock up on some of the most popular brands, and bread and other stock-outs.

Day 2 started with noise of diesel engines firing up out the front of Tangas pre-dawn as crews readied for the 20nm cruise out to the HT grounds. It wasn't long before all the boats had gone and only some of the smaller boats left who decided to fish locally, along with the Fun Fish guys.

Lines in at 7:00, "start fishing, start fishing", was the call from Albert, and it was not long after that Kaizen called in the first tagged billfish at 07:23 to Ethan Harrington. Hey Albert, "Looks like it was going to be a busy day again", some wag piped up.



Peter Ayoub's tagged Striped Marlin.
Photo Credit: C. Dickinson

With the first sked at 10:00 there were 4 Blue Marlin, 3 Black Marlin, 2 Striped Marlin, 1 Yellowtail Kingfish a Mac Tuna and a Shark tagged or landed. The Yellowtail Kingfish was caught by Captain Peter Waite on the **Grim Reefer** up at the Curtain Wrecks on his light snapper gear using 10kg braid in the Fun Fish Section. Peter was that excited he quickly brought it ashore to a 'Drum Roll' from the band preparing for the evenings great sounds again.



Peter Waite with his 10kg Kingfish.

The fish weighed in at a credible 10kg, a great effort on light line in knarly water, and was placed in the cool room and possibly a trip to the taxidermist...a lovely addition to the wall at BOWENVILLE Hotel.

In the meantime the hot bite that Troy had down the Gold Coast seem to have moved on, but up off the eastern side of Moreton Island, Troy and Max Proctor on **Dragon Lady** had located a bait ball of slimies and were into a hot small black marlin bite.

By 12:00 there was an additional 1 Blue Marlin, 2 Black Marlin, and a Striped Tuna. Straight after the sked **Makaira** called in that a Black Marlin was boated for weighing by Junior Angler, Ryan Thomsen.

The fish was hooked up before the 12:00 radio sked and boated during the sked report and then Wayne Thomsen advised the Fish was to be weighed for a pending QGFA Junior & Small Fry Record on 8 kg tackle. Everyone knew what this meant and all preparations were put in place to receive this fish ashore and deal with it accordingly.





Ryan Thomsen and his Black Marlin.

We can all still remember the first year we saw young Ryan Thomsen and Liam Tidd attend their first tournament. Such cute little five year olds, mainly interested in jumping off their boat to the water in front of the club land. To see Ryan have a pending record for his Marlin is truly special.

By 15:00 the sked revealed a further 7 Blue Marlin, 2 Black Marlin, and other great species landed. Jamian Seeto on **Big Business** tagged the last marlin of the tournament at 15:03. The inshore Black Marlin also decided to turn up and a highlight was the ever reliable crew on **Dragon Lady** tagging 4 from 9.

Lines out at 16:00 revealed the days tally was similar to Day 1. The score was 57:51:32. Of the 32 fish tagged and weighed included another 12 Blue Marlin, 7 Black Marlin, 2 Striped Marlin, 1 Yellowfin Tuna, 4 Striped Tuna, 4 Mackerel Tuna, 1 Dolphin Fish and a shark.

Highlight's of Day 2 included; **Kaizen** catching a grand slam of Black, Blue and Striped Marlin, **Makaira** with a pending QGFA Junior & Small Fry record and Peter's Kingfish.

Back at the weigh station is was very busy as Albert and Pauline processed the last 2 days catches and paperwork. Measuring tackle and processing Ryan Thomsen pending record Black Marlin drew a large crowd to witness the weighing, measuring and photographing of the proud angler and crew. It was late into the evening by the time they had compiled the scores, with a very close competition.



Rick Winsor wires a small Black on Blade Runner.



Zane Bennet about to tag a Blue Marlin.
Photo Credit: C. Dickinson



Troy Winsor with another of Blade Runner's little Black Marlin.

Overall during the 2 days a total of 104 strikes, 92 hookups and 65 fish tagged or landed. This included; 26 Blue Marlin, 13 Black Marlin, 3 Striped Marlin, 1 Sailfish, 2 Yellowfin Tuna, 7 Striped Tuna, 6 Mackerel Tuna, 1 Yellowtail Kingfish, 1 Dolphin Fish, 3 Spanish Mackerel and 2 Sharks.

Saturday night is party night 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 stroganoff, spag bog, rice and garlic bread. The food was excellent and people went back for



Mark Birds Black Marlin.
Photo Credit: C. Dickinson



second and thirds. Dino's food was fantastic once again.

After the second set of music, it was auction time with some fantastic Sponsor prizes. With Brent Higgins from Sunny Coast Ray White on the soapbox he did a fantastic job raising

the auction stakes. This included a latest Samsung 7 phone donated by Telstra Shop Wynnum and bought by Greg Cuff. Then it was onto the four Cooper tyres from Capalaba Tyrepower which attracted healthy competition. These were bought by Carol Hutton. Next up was a day's

charter on **Kaizen**, and Chris Moore bought the boat really cheaply, especially after their success in this tournament. The final auction was a fantastic Garmin Map 7410 donated by our naming sponsor and was bought by Jaco Erasmus from the Gold Coast.

Once the night's formalities were over 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 the legendary *Eagle Drop*. Upon close inspection I think there were quite a few people with their pants around their ankles!

Sunday morning was a slow start after a big night, with the boys drinking the bar out of rum and cokes for the second night in a row. The guys knocked out a great feed of bacon and eggs with lashings of coffee.

Into the presentation (results over page), and the prize pool was the best we have seen at a Tangas tournament, and included a couple of custom wrapped 37kg stand-up rods from Mossops Tackle.

All of the juniors came up and were gifted a \$50 BCF voucher and a GARMIN LS shirt. All of the prizes sponsors were acknowledged. From there the Lucky door show bags and raffle prizes distributed. And then it was all over for another year.

Captain Russell Caporn's **Kaizen** put on a spectacular display with 7 from 10 over the two days fishing including 4 from 6 on blues on Day 1 (Blues x 2 to Lachlan, 1 to Ben Kelly and 1 to Ethan Harrington which was a first of species for him). On Day 2 there were off to a quick start with start fishing at 0700 and their first tag at 07:23 (black marlin). Adding a stripe for Ethan (another first) and a blue as well for the grand slam and back to back wins! Congratulations to all the winners, participants, skippers and crews.

To the hardworking committee, volunteers, bar staff, band and other helpers it was time for a quieter beer and commencement of packing up after another successful tournament.

FINAL RESULTS

Champion Boat 8m and over	Kaizen	18,550 pts
Runner up boat over 8m	Chaos	12,550 pts
Champion Boat under 8m	Dragon Lady	6,159 pts
Runner up boat under 8m	Blade Runner	6,000 pts
Champion Angler Overall	Matt Hubbard	10,000 pts
Champion Angler Senior Male	Matt Hubbard	10,000 pts
Runner-up Angler Senior Male	Ethan Harrington	8,550 pts
Third Place Angler Senior Male	Lachlan Tuckwell	8,000 pts
Champion Angler Senior Female	Debbie Dahl	2,550 pts
Runner-up Angler Senior Female	Brittany Dahl	112.5 pts
Champion Angler Junior	Max Proctor	4,659 pts
Runner-up Angler Junior	Ben Massurit	1,500 pts
Third Place Junior Angler	Oliver Ditchfield	100 pts
Champion Angler Other Species	Brittany Dahl	112.5 pts
Champion Angler Tuna	Maddie Doherty	100 pts
First Billfish tagged each day	Rick Winsor, Ethan Harrington	
Last Billfish tagged each day	Mark Bird, Jamian Seeto	
Champion MBGFC Angler	Rick Winsor	

FUN FISH RALLY

Black/Yellowtail Kingfish	Peter Waite	10 kg
Sweetlip	Luke McLaren	2 kg
Mackerel	Stephen Bell	6.9 kg
Snapper	Brett Lenz	0.6 kg



Many thanks to all those whom attended, including weighmasters, Pauline and Albert.

We hope to see you all again at next years "Back 2 Tangas 9" which has been scheduled for the 3-5th March 2017.

Our hard working secretary Noel Webb, was delighted with the phone calls and emails he received in the ensuing weeks praising the way the comp was run, it is always wonderful to have people giving out positive feedback.





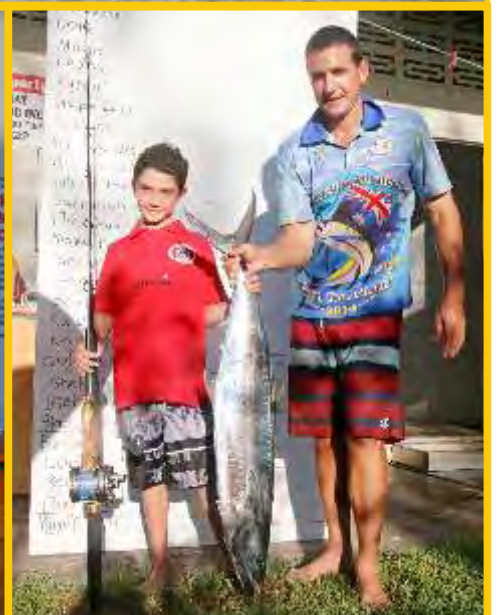


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It is with sadness I advise the passing of Mel Hobler on the 21st April 2016.

The long term members will fondly remember how Mel was a keen Tuna angler and competed and won the Tuna section of the annual Tangalooma Tournament on more than one occasion back in the 1970's and early 1980's.

I can thank Mel for introducing me to the Club and to the game fishing scene back in 1974, which in hindsight was the start of a very active decade of Game Fishing Tournaments.

One year we had 72 teams at Tangalooma and most years there were 50+ teams with anglers coming from all over Australia and overseas.

Mel was 77 year of age and suffered a heart attack in hospital after having an operation. He was a keen golfer and never lost his competitive spirit.

Rest in peace, Mel.

Graham Bell.



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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The Exciting Wide Moreton Grounds

By Bill Edwards

Although having fished all my life it was only in 1969 that I became "hooked" on game fishing and for the next five years was a regular visitor to Cairns during the Giant Black Marlin Season, fishing with friends and learning about these very large and exciting fish. In July 1975 my first game fishing charter boat, "Cervantes" was launched in Perth and together with four friends I sailed her around the top of Australia arriving in Cairns in time for the marlin season.

After a good season in which we weighed three 1000 lb (454 kg) marlin I thought "why not explore the waters off Cape Moreton as surely these fish must travel past there on their migration south". In those days it was thought that this was the black marlin migration path, that they went south to about Bermagui, across to the northern waters of NZ, up through the mid-south Pacific Ocean and back to Cairns for their spawning season, September to December.

We knew about the small blacks that were plentiful close inshore between Cape Moreton and Mooloolaba during December to March and having had my appetite wetted by those larger Cairns fish I decided, in early January 1976, to put my theory to the test and venture wide of Cape Moreton in the hope of finding large fish and maybe even another 1000 lb Black Marlin.

We were told at school that the 100 fathom line was the edge of the continental shelf and the bottom then dropped away to great depths so I thought that this would be the place to fish. Not knowing how far out the 100 fathom was, I planned to travel east from the Cape with my trusty paper echo sounder until this depth was reached and fish there for the day.

On the way out, not far off the Cape at the then Roberts Shoal buoy, I trolled for rainbow runner, a very good bait that we used in Cairns. These were rigged as swimming and skipping baits and off we headed. To our surprise and excitement in an area just inside the 100ftm that day we had six bites from large marlin and fought one around the 500lb on 24kg for nearly two hours before breaking the line with the double just out of the water. This was a Blue

Marlin and the exciting thing about the day, apart from the bites and hook-up was that there was a mixture of both Black and Blue Marlin.

On arriving home that evening I phoned a number of MBGFC members to share the excitement of the day and hopefully to get some more boats to follow me out wide and really explore the region. This never eventuated until around 1985 because, I think, the Club was mainly a "small boat" Club in those early days, the small blacks and sailfish were plentiful in close and members were not equipped with heavier tackle needed to venture out wide.

I occasionally went wide and soon found that;

1. The Continental Shelf was much further out than the 100 fathom and in fact dropped away outside the 160 to 170 fathom depth.
2. That there was a good "shallower" bank 45 degrees off Cape Moreton which rose about 20 fathoms and had some 160 fathom around it and was just inside the big drop off. This was a good feature to fish around and produced many marlin and large yellowfin tuna. It was on this "Bank" that I caught a Dolphin Fish of 45kg for a non-club member angler.
3. That steep drop offs were better to fish than the gradual ones due to the upwelling caused by the steeper slopes that brought baitfish and squid closer to the surface.
4. That the best area was from 45 degrees to 90 degrees off Cape Moreton.
5. Black, Blue and Striped Marlin could be caught were always in excellent condition.
6. That fish were plentiful during periods of La Nina and almost non-existent during El Nino weather patterns.
7. The more boats out fishing the better chance of finding where the fish are that day.

8. Once found they tend to stay there in that area for a time.

9. The best months are February through to June.

Until about 1985 I was the only boat fishing this area. Members then were beginning to get bigger boats and some began venturing out wide in the hope of catching the fish I had been telling them about. With more and more boats now fishing wide the area was proved to have some of the best marlin fishing that could be had, apart from Cairns. This proved a benefit for the MBGFC Tangalooma Classic several times as the small fish were not available in close and the tournament was won "out wide", even beating the tuna boats.

In 1987, 1988 & 1989 produced some very exciting fishing with many days producing 12 or more strikes. My best day produced 4 blue and 2 striped marlin. Many of the Wide Cape Moreton



blue marlin were between 250 lb and 450 lb and the striped marlin also large.

The largest blue weighed was 817lb (370kg) by Graham Deanshaw on board 'Kamari' on the 22nd February 1989 and at the time was an Australian record on 37kg. (Photo bottom right on previous page).

Several 1000lb (454kg) fish have been hooked and fought but unfortunately never landed. One of the biggest fish I have ever encountered (and there have been seven anglers catch and weigh marlin over 1200lb (545kg) on my boats) struck and grey-hounded away so fiercely that the Penn 80 reel was spooled in less than a minute. I estimated this fish to be close to 1400lb (635kg) and I am sure that it is only a matter of time before the magic 1000lb fish is captured.

Striped Marlin of good size were plentiful. The biggest one caught on my boat was by Bill Siganto and weighed 310lb (140.5kg) still the QGFA record on 60kg. We released another around the same size soon after boating the first one.



The MBGFC Wide Cape Moreton Tournaments that were held in June or July for several years produced some very good fishing not only for marlin but also Yellowfin Tuna up to close to 200lb.

We considered these tuna a curse when we were fishing lures for marlin. There was nothing worse than having 4 large tuna hook up at once and having only one game chair on board. The first



angler in the chair was OK but the others had to fight their fish, using bent butt rods, while walking around the deck.

Unfortunately in the 1990's the El Nino pattern was prolonged, and because the fish didn't come into the drop off, the fishing effort also subsided. From 1995 onwards the longline fleet out of Mooloolaba increased from just a few small boats to over 60 large boats in a short time.

This has resulted in almost no large yellowfin tuna now being caught (we used to see tuna "busting" everywhere in large schools) and which has also had a large impact on marlin especially the striped marlin which is still allowed to be sold.

Hopefully with the new Management Plan for the East Coast Tuna & Billfish Fishery and with the Commonwealth Government recognising that the Recreational Sector be allocated a share of the resource, spatial management may be introduced. This could mean that long-lining will not be allowed inside the 2000 metre depth contour along the East Australian coast.

Fishing the waters off Cape Moreton it is possible to catch four different billfish species in the one day, something that I almost achieved. This day we went wide to fish for blues and first up caught a black around 250lb and not long after a blue around 400lb. Early afternoon we hooked up on a good striped marlin, which we also tagged and released.

We then realised that we had caught triple slam and as there were still a few

sailfish in close ran into Flinders Reef where we started trolling light tackle lines. Imagine the excitement on board as two sailfish jumped at once, both on the end of our lines and both going in opposite directions.

After about 30 minutes one fish threw the hook and we concentrated our efforts on the other desperately trying to add another specie to the three already caught. However, this was not to be as the line parted, not too far away, the results of another fish swimming through our line. Still this was a very good day and one which is still there for members, who are prepared to fish wide, to enjoy.



Wide Cape Moreton in the right weather pattern (La Nina) is still one of the best fishing grounds for members to catch heavy tackle marlin. Just get out there, preferably with another three or more boats to help find the fish and enjoy the wonderful experience.

Bill Edwards



MANIC – with Dino Rosa



NC – Hi Dino, great you can make the time to give us run through your boat. Can you give us a summary of the boat and some of the improvements you have done since buying it.

DR – It is a 2007 30' Grady White marlin with upgraded twin 300hp Yammies which perform so much better than the older 250hps. Also piece of mind putting on new ones and getting full warranty. I upgraded to Lees outriggers and fitted new electronics several years ago with twin 12" Raymarine hybrid screens interfaced with Autopilot, GPS, radar and a 3kw CHIRP wet box transducer. Also last year I installed an AIS.

NC – Why did you install the AIS?

DR – For night fishing. On the wish list is to catch a Swordfish off Cape Moreton and by installing the AIS all of the commercial ships can pick you up on their radar and avoid you in that shipping lane in the 200-400m depth range. It really works at night you can see them coming straight for you on the radar, and then they deviate to avoid you.

NC – So how has the Sword fishing been? Any hook-ups?

DR – No not yet, have had sharks on, is tough getting the time right out there on a flat night around the full moon.

NC – back to the boat, what sort of performance do you get and fuel economy?

DR – The boat weighs about 6 tonne and with a clean hull, and that includes 1000L fuel, I typically cruise around the 25 knots if weather permits and burns 65L/Hr. At full noise does 45 knots and uses 200L/hr, at troll around the 15-20 litres/hour. The outboards at troll speed are nowhere as frugal as a set of diesels.

NC – That's pretty good at 25 knots, and nice to know if you have to get back to base quick you have the speed. Who do you get to do your servicing?

DR – I have had Jim McKinnon – Aqua Service Marine (one of the club sponsors) do all of the motor servicing. Jim is an accredited Yamaha mechanic, installed the motors and has been servicing them since. Only down side on a service is you have to slip the boat on the hard, in order that guys can work on the motors.

NC – Back to the fishing, talk us through what you used to do and what you enjoy the most

DR – I used to jig a lot and when starting off game fishing I did the light tackle thing, but after hooking the first Blue Marlin was in awe of the aggressive bite, speed and unpredictability of these fish. They are awesome and I get my kicks now out of targeting them. There aren't too many other fish down this way that will dump a 80W load of 37kg line in minutes.

NC – So do you have plans to upgrade at some point and what sort of boat would be your dream vessel?

DR – A Cabo would be great, really well fitted out and heaps of get up and go, so can get to the grounds relatively quickly. The Dream boat would be a Merritt, but need to win the Lottery first.



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Gold Coast Sailfish

A sailfish released by Gold Coast Game Fishing Club boat Mojo whilst fishing east of Surfers Paradise, QLD, on December 27th 2015 has recently been recaptured. The sailfish was re-caught by anglers aboard Hooked Up approximately 9 nautical miles from its release location, after 90 days at liberty. The sailfish was originally released at an estimated 25kg and recaptured and re-released at an estimated 35kg and 210cm lower jaw fork length. It was also the first billfish for both release and recapture anglers, making this recapture all the more exciting for those involved.



South Australia to the Gold Coast

A kingfish released off Port Augusta, SA, on November 25th 2013, by Adelaide GFC boat Like a Boss has recently been recaptured off the Gold Coast, QLD, after having spent 866 days at liberty.



The kingfish had swum at least 1600 nautical miles (3087km) following around the south and east coast of Australia and grew from 121cm to



127cm (16.25kg). This is the seventh South Australian kingfish to be recaptured on the east coast of Australia and the furthest north that any of them have been recaptured. Interestingly, the second furthest swim north was also released on Like a Boss, having been released off Port Augusta on October 21st 2013, and recaptured and re-released 387 days later off Coffs Harbour, NSW.

Big Banana Blues

NSW experienced some great blue marlin fishing throughout March with boats tagging multiple fish in a day's fishing. Broken Bay GFC boat Big Banana experienced this first hand during a short trip to Port Stephens, releasing 5 from 9 blue marlin over two days fishing. One of these blue marlin caught on March 25th, 2016, happened to be previously tagged 13 days prior by



Lake Macquarie GFC boat Compton whilst fishing the Newcastle GFC East Coast Classic Tournament. The recaptured blue marlin was originally released 11 nautical miles from its recapture location and was re-released by Big Banana in excellent condition. This fish marks the third blue marlin recapture for the year which is exciting considering the relatively low recapture rate for the species. Interesting to note, the estimated 80kg fish had short bill deformity pictured below.

Jervis Bay Striped Marlin

A striped marlin released by Eden S&GFC boat Shake & Bake during the 2015 Eden GFC Open Tournament has been recently recaptured off Jervis Bay, NSW on April 24th 2016. Anglers fishing aboard Fed-Up managed to catch the tagged marlin after 391 days at liberty, approximately 120 nautical miles from its original release location.



The fish was originally part of a double hook up and had grown from an estimated 80kg to 95kg upon recapture. It is the tagging programs tenth longest stint at liberty for a striped marlin, which are generally caught within a few months of release.

On April 30th 2016, Ulladulla GFC boat Tomahawk recaptured an estimated 70kg striped marlin off Jervis Bay. The marlin had been previously tagged 49 days prior by Eden S&GFC boat Polaris whilst fishing wide of Merimbula. The fish had travelled a straight line distance of 103 nautical miles during its time at liberty and was re-released by Tomahawk in excellent condition. Interesting to note Tomahawk also caught a nice black marlin on the same day which appeared to have been released by another boat fairly recently. The black marlin had not been tagged but did have a non-stainless circle hook in it's mouth, which was removed.



Below is the original tag retrieved from Tomahawk's recaptured striped marlin. Note the perfect tag positioning high in muscle tissue on the dorsal area of the fish, well above the lateral line. Shallow or incorrectly placed tags may result in premature tag loss.



Black Marlin Recaps

Over 15 black marlin have been reported recaptured as part of the 2015/16 season, with DPI still chasing up the original release information on some of these fish. Two interesting recaptures highlighting the black marlin movements south, along the east coast of Australia during summer, are written below.



A black marlin released off Port Stephens by Sydney GFC boat Tantrum on January 24th 2016, has been reported as recaptured by Bermagui BGAC boat Gamechaser whilst fishing off Tathra, NSW. The estimated 50kg black marlin travelled a straight line distance of 276 nautical miles during its 49 days at liberty and was re-released in excellent condition by the crew on Gamechaser.

Land based anglers have not missed out on the action either with good numbers of black marlin having been caught off iconic rock ledges such as the Tubes, Jervis Bay. One black marlin taken off the Tubes was a recaptured fish which was originally released off Fraser Island last November. Sunshine Coast GFC boat Old Salty Dog originally released the juvenile black marlin of approximately 7kg on November 12th 2015, off Rooney's Point, Fraser Island. The small fish was released in excellent condition, only to be recaptured 128 days later and 638 nautical miles south, off the Tubes. The



fish was recaptured by keen land based angler Jason Stanley and after brief tussle the fish was captured in excellent condition and was weighed at 14kg, having roughly doubled in size throughout its journey south. This is the second land based billfish recapture to have been reported to the program and is the furthest south a juvenile black marlin of this size has been recaptured in Australia.

Tagging Tips

A small number of the recaptures listed in this edition of Tag Times were reported as poorly tagged. Although these fish were not obviously affected by incorrect tagging, the NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program would like to remind anglers to avoid tagging very active fish, especially if the fish is jumping at the side of the boat.

Poor tag placement can injure fish or result in the tag being shed. It is better to release the fish without tagging, if accurate tag placement is not possible.

For more information on how to tag game fish visit:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/content/fisheries/recreational/saltwater/gamefish-tagging/how-to-tag-gamefish>

The NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program works in close association with the NSW Game Fishing Association and the Game Fishing Association of Australia. The program is run using funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust.

More than 430,000 fish have been tagged under the program so far. If you would like to get involved in the program please phone (02) 4424 7423 or email

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Shamrock Civil Engineering's successful growth over the past 19 years can be attributed to remaining focused on our goal to improve and diversify our product and services, and achieve recognition as a Queensland based lead mid-tier civil construction company.

We have over 200 employees and our areas of discipline include but are not limited to: Engineering, Project Management, Quality Assurance, Estimating, Quantity Surveying, Contracts Administration, Logistics & Health and Safety. Shamrock Civil Engineering is committed to good corporate values and ethics such as honesty, integrity, teamwork and accountability. We drive our values through our policies, procedures and the way we work and interact with one another.

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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. MORETON ISLAND CLUB HOUSE AND LAND RULES

Effective 15th July 2015

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 "Application for permission of MBGFC Ltd to enter upon land at Moreton Island" Form 37 for the current financial year or lodging an application. If applicant is under age of 18 years the application must be signed by both the applicant and a legal guardian. Each person staying at the Club land must sign a separate form. Club Land is for the use of members and their immediate family only (i.e. partner and children). Members may invite guests to stay at the club land on a one off introduction basis (fill in Form 37a). These guests would be expected to join the club if revisiting.
2. **FEES** are payable in advance 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; but fees must be paid in advance: Postal: P.O. Box 371, Capalaba QLD 4157 Email: admin@mbgfc.com.au
4. **ACCESS TO LAND AND USE OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS:** All access is via the access roads only. 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 cleaned well 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. Hot water system to be left on standby upon departing Club Land.
8. **GENERATOR SHED and POWER:** Generator is to be run morning (3 hours) and evenings only (sunset till 10 pm) latest. See instructions for turning on and off. The generator shed is not to be used for storage of anything whatsoever. If possible bring diesel across for Genset and put into 200L drums – club will reimburse receipts.
9. **WATER:** Numerous taps are located around Club Land. Please use the sprinklers when possible.
10. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Members are requested to spend a little time carrying out any maintenance needed, if it is within their capabilities. Any damaged or broken facilities to be reported promptly to a committee member or Club Secretary. All facilities to be cleaned, and locked up upon departure and keys returned to Club Secretary promptly. Welcome to assist with gardening and site upkeep for the benefit of all and preservation of the area.
11. **FIREWOOD and PETS:** Moreton Island is a declared National Park and the cutting and gathering of wood is prohibited. Pets are prohibited on Moreton Island and hence on Club Land.
12. **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.
13. **VEHICLE PERMITS:** Permits must be obtained to take your vehicle on Moreton Island.
14. **ABUSE OF RULES:** Committee Members have the authority to ask any tenants or visitors on Club property to leave should any abuse of the above rules occur. The Committee will act on such matter.

NEW GENERATOR STARTING AND STOPPING PROCEDURES

Starting

1. Unlock shed and do a visual check for oil/radiator leaks or damaged pipes etc.
2. Check the oil level, the dip stick has a yellow top.
3. Check the water in radiator, when engine is COLD, top up fluids using the radiator fluid or if none available clean fresh water.
4. Check the fuel in generator, it is a brass coloured cap, this must be filled daily as it is on a small tank. Fill from the 200L Drums to 20L jerry can via funnel or pump from Green 200L drum (generator tank will only run for 15 hours).
5. Turn the ignition key on and then press and hold the green button on panel until the engine starts.
6. Switch the three large breakers “on” they are pushed “up” for on.
7. Power is now running.
8. Close shed door.

Shut Down.

1. Unlock shed and do a visual check for oil/radiator leaks or damaged pipes etc.
2. Switch the three large breakers “off” – into the down position.
3. Turn the generator ignition key to off position. Generator will stop.
4. Refill the fuel in generator, it is a brass coloured cap, this must be filled daily as it is on a small tank. Fill from Green 200L drum.
5. Close shed door and lock up.

DO NOT RUN GENERATOR OUT OF FUEL

THE HOT WATER SYSTEM

Should be left on at all times.

When arriving remove the cover from the hot water system and turn the knob from vacation to hot, the pilot light will ignite the main burner, refit the cover. When locking up to leave the club again remove the cover and turn the knob on hot water system to vacation. Replace the cover and lock the cage.

SUNDRY

The BBQ gas bottle is kept in the kitchen. When leaving, make sure the grease tray on the BBQ has been cleaned out.

Clean out fridge and wipe out. Use the wet vacuum to suck out the water.

Fridges and 240 volt light switches can be left on, but ensure the 12 volt LED lights are turned off before leaving.

Toilets must be cleaned, rubbish removed and all hoses and tools locked away.

Any breakages or anything that requires maintenance must be reported to the Club Secretary as this will assist to keep on top of repairs.

Please make sure that these procedures are adhered to. If in doubt or do not understand any of the procedures contact John Moore on 0434 344 228 or David Hutton on 0411 725 299 or Paul Ditchfield on 0412152 880.

