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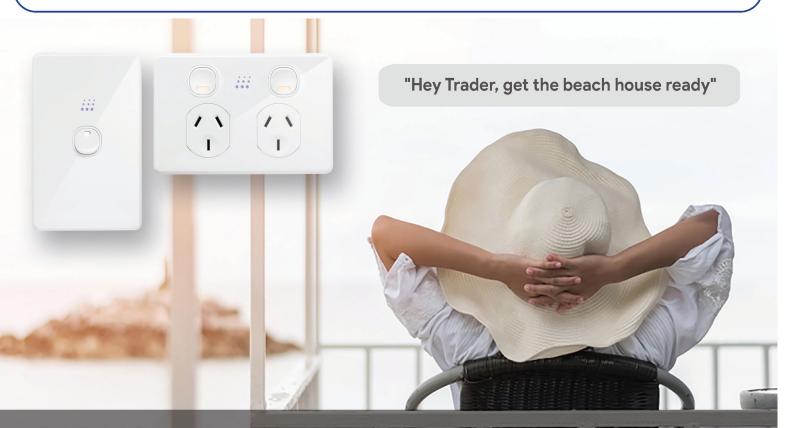
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(Front Cover Pictures) (Top) GFC of SA Highest Point Scoring Boat 2019-20 "GALAXY STAR - Rolf Czabayski" (Bottom) GFC of SA Champion Trailer Boat up to 8m 2019-20 "BARCRUSHERBOYS - Zane Niblock"



Rolf Czabayski Club Patron & Life Member

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Nicola Bradley Club secretary & Publicity Officer and FaceBook



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Steve White Club Treasurer Responsible for Club financials



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Paul Wilton

Club Weight Recorder Responsible for all Club Points Recordings & Records • Purchasing Trophies

• Presentation of Trophies for all of the Clubs Challenges & Tournaments.



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GFC of SA President *Ralph Czabayski*

Presidents Report



Dear Members,

I would like to welcome everyone to the fourth edition of the pointer magazine for season 2020-2021.

- The third edition of the pointer once again was excellent. I would like to say well done to Rolf for all his efforts in getting the pointer out to all our members. The last few months were very busy for the committee in regards to The John Johnston Memorial Wirrina Tuna Slam and also getting the last edition of the pointer out.
- The John Johnston Memorial Wirrina Tuna Slam Tournament was held in late February. Once again it was a well run tournament with over twenty five boats competing. It was good to see so many boats and anglers competing for the prize money and prizes. The prize money and prizes were equally shared amongst the anglers. I would like to thank the committee who were there for all their hard work re setting up, cooking, cleaning, and weighing the fish. Until you're involved in it you do not realize how much work it takes. Once again thanks to the committee that put in a huge effort re the running of the tournament.
- In regards to the club break in we have managed to get back six out of the nine John Johnston reels. We are still working on the last three and hopefully they will turn up. Thanks to the members who have spotted the reels for sale in the second hand dealer shops around Adelaide.
- Our weight recorder has been kept very busy with plenty of recordings being submitted by all of our members. It looks like the presentation dinner will be very exciting as a lot of boats and anglers have achieved the four required criteria. We will have to wait and see who the winners are in the over and under 25 foot boat section and anglers section. Make sure when the tickets are available for this event you get in quick and organize a table.
- I would also like to thank our sponsors for this season, as you all know without sponsors we would not be able to run the club. A special thanks too:

Platinum Sponsors – Trader Electrical (Simon Gerad) & Strictly Business Charters (Andrew & David McMahon)

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Also thanks to our tournament sponsors, shirt sleeve sponsors and to all the business that advertise in the pointer.

The club is in good shape financially and has no other debts apart from daily bills.

Tight Lines, Ralph Czabayski President



Treasurers Report

All members – GFCSA

Financial Overview of Club



GFC of SA Treasurer Steve White

Fishing on Kangaroo Island has been very quiet out of Kingscote as is quite normal for the time of year – waiting for a good blow to get the fish hungry and moving into the Bay. Made the trip in my small boat over to Redbanks and just as quiet, but plenty of crabs about. Long trip back into a fresh norwester and a few white caps. But the fish are here so it will improve – saw a woman catch a big flathead off the pontoon at the Bay of Shoals Ramp this afternoon, and a visitor caught a 37cm blue leatherjacket at the Rock Pool.

The Club's financial position has changed little in the past three months. Wirrina has come and gone and the Club remains healthily in credit for the year to date. Turnover for the year is just over \$70k and surplus over \$11k. Club assets total almost \$350k with no liabilities other than day to day running costs.

Debtors are small and being followed up, while cash reserves are over \$200k. I will shortly be invoicing members for their 2021-2022 membership fees, as we approach the end of another financial year. All in all, a good year for the Club and has been heartening to see some of the stolen goods returned to the Club.

Detailed Club financial information may be obtained by contacting Rolf Czabayski or myself.

Treasurer GFCSA

Stephen White

Mark Snadden

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GFAA Button Awards Don't forget... You MUST weigh your fish on land to qualify for the button awards below! If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our technical director (Steve Morris: 0407 280 323)

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nze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg	Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg				
2	3	4	8		4	6				

1	2	3	4	8	1	4	6	8	16
2	4	6	8	16	2	8	12	16	32
3	6	9	12	24	3	12	18	24	48
4	8	12	16	32	4	16	24	32	64
6	12	18	24	48	6	24	36	48	96
8	16	23	32	64	8	32	48	64	128
10	20	30	40	80	10	40	60	80	160
15	30	45	60	120	15	60 96	90	120	240
24	48	72	96	192	24	96	144	192	384
37	90	135	250	500	37	180	270	500	1000
60	150	210	325	650	60	30	420	650	1300

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Gold kg

Merit kg



WEIGHT RECORDERS REPORT



GFCSA Weight Recorder

The 2020-21 is now started in earnest and I am starting to get recordings coming in and quite a few anglers and boats have already achieved the four required criteria and are now off and running by concentrating on their scoring.

The following pages have the tables of all the categories achieved so far and the boats and anglers standing also the tables with the results from the yearly calendar events that have finished so far.



Assistant Weight Recorder & GFCSA Technical Advisor

With just the final "All WATERS 'Ultra Light' CHALLENGE " left to go, which is running from 29th of May though to the 27th June, this will finish off the end of the clubs fishing calendar year, so the tables in this issue will only be current as of this Pointer being printed.

- I would like to mention and congratulate member Ash Brandom on his recently approved State & National Record of a 12.8kg on 2kg Crap at a ratio of 6.4 to 1, well done Ash.
- All of these tables will be up on the clubs web site for you to check and see were you are and what others are doing and catching ! I will updated these table as close to reel time as is possible so keep checking them.
- If anyone has any questions or need some clarification on any thing regarding rules, scoring or record claiming etc. then please feel free to catch up with me at any of the club tackle night that we have on every first Tuesday night of every month or email me at stevemorris@topshottackle.com, you can even phone me on 0407 280 323.
- I would also like to make mention that when or if you have a capture you think would be a record of some kind and you are really not sure if it is or not or what to do or what is required and in what form it is required ,then do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the committee to help you obtain and do all the right thing that are required when you go to claim for that record.

Screaming Reels & Tight Lines

Paul Wilton / Weight Recorded & Steve Morris GFCSA Technical Advisor



CRITERIA OF THE NEW NONE LINE CLASS FISHING SECTION & HOW IT ALL WORKS

Some of our more active anglers are aware of this new section but not all of the membership. So I'm laying it all out so everyone can be more involved or at least be more aware of how you can participate

This season is the first full season the club is running this new fishing section in the hope of attracting some new members into the club, so these new members as well as our establish & active members can compete in this section which will be known as the... "NONE LINE CLASS SECTION".

This section is geared toward making a competition within the club that is easier to understand, with less paper work or without any excessive rules to follow, as well as being able to claim something for those times when fish are caught fishing line classes that don't make the line class used & for the new members that don't wish to fish line classes at all. The categories in this "NONE LINE CLASS SECTION' have been made as simple as possible.

1. Only GFAA game species will be excepted.

- 2. The fish must be caught legally as by the state fisheries rules, regulation & legal sizes & or by GFAA. sizes which ever is applicable for that species
- 3. All species entered in this section whether claimed as a Capture or Tag Capture, MUST BE WEIGHED. *(if claimed as a tag capture the tag itself will not be counted in the tag count for the year.)*
- 4. Tags used in the none line section will only count as a single tag across all categories & divisions with no points attached, the angler with the most tags by the end of the season will be the winner of this tag category.
- 5. The heaviest of each Game Species entered in each category and division at the end of the year, will be the winner of that species.
- 6. Recording forms will still need to be filled out, no point scoring required but all other info on the form is still required to be filled out and the form will still need to be sent in within the normal time period aloud, to be counted

NOTE:-

There will be no more none line class 50 points scoring in the line class categories as in the past, from now on these none line class tags will be counted in the new none "NONE LINE CLASS TAGGING SECTION" as laid out in item 4 above.

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Category = (Game Boats, Trailer Boats & Land Base) Division = (Men's, Ladies, juniors, Small Fry & NONE Line Class) Section = (Highest Points, Tagging, Capture, Heaviest, Most Meritorious etc) Species = (Listed GFAA Game Fish, Sharks & Eagle Rays combined) Game Fish = (Listed GFAA fish only)

Game Fish = (Listed GFAA fish only) NONE Line Class = (Anglers that are fishing under state law & not GFAA Line Classes & Equipment Rules

🕈 🗯 👉 🌤 GFCSA 2020 - 2021 FISHING EVENTS RESULTS 🗇 📥 👉 🏎

ALL WATERS, All line Classes GFAA Line Class section & NONE Line Class, GFAA Species Only									
ALL WATERS CHALLENGE Starts: Saturday 18th Jul 2020 Ends: Sunday 23rd Aug 2020 Criteria:- Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) That Records the Most Species for the Challenge	Line Class Game Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Trailer Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Land Based Angler Winners	NLC Angler Winners					
Boats with Most Species	Spartacus With 1 species	Southern Blue With 1 species	N/A	Southern Blue With 3 Species					
Anglore with Most Species	Snr Male Angler Rolf Czabayski With 1 Species	Snr Male Angler Paul Williams With 1 Species	Snr Male Angler Ash Brandom <u>Equal</u> With 1 Species	Snr Male Angler Paul Williams With 2 Species					
Anglers with Most Species			Snr Male Angler Paul Williams <u>Equal</u> With 1 Species						
Highest Point Scoring: Boats	Spartacus With 487.50 Points	Southern Blue With 375 Points	N/A	N/A					
Highest Point Scoring: Anglers	Snr Male Angler Rolf Czabayski 487.75 points	Snr Male Angler Paul Williams With 375.00 Points	Snr Male Angler Ash Brandom With 1,740 Points	N/A					
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boats	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	N/A	Mud Skipper With 4 Tags					
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Anglers	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	Snr Male Angler Paul Williams With 406.88 Tag Points	Snr Male Angler Paul Williams With 5 Tags Recorded					
GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equip	ment rules apply No	ONE Line Class sec	tion (rules are:- lega	al by state law)					

All WATERS, 6kg line & Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class, GFAA Species Only									
Aust Salmon CHALLENGE Starts: Saturday 29th Aug 2020 Ends: Sunday 20th Sep 2020 Criteria:- Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) H/MM Salmon, Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat	Line Class Game Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Trailer Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Land Based Angler Winners	NLC Angler Winners					
Most Meritorious: Salmon	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS					
Heaviest Salmon	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS					
Highest Tag Point Scoring:	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS	NO RECORDINGS					
GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipm	ent rules apply NO	NE Line Class section	on (rules are:- legal	by state law)					

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All WATERS, All line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class, GFAA Species Only								
Eagle Ray CHALLENGE Starts: Saturday 26th Sept 2020 Ends: Sunday 18th Oct 2020 Criteria:- Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) H/MM Eagle Ray, Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat	Line Class Game Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Trailer Boat Angler Winners	Line Class Land Based Angler Winners	NLC Angler Winners				
Most Meritorious: Eagle Ray	Snr Male Angler Andrew Sammut 17.8kg on 3kg Ratio of 5.93 to 1	Snr Male Angler Shane Hodgens 29.2kg on 8kg Ratio of 3.65 to 1	No Recording	N./ A				
Heaviest Eagle Ray,	Andrew Sammut 17.8kg	Snr Male Angler Shane Hodgens 29.2kg on 8kg	No Recording	Snr Male Angler Shane Hodgens 15.7kg				
Highest Tag Point Scoring Boats:	Checkmate With 593.33 Points	Barcrusher With 124.30 Points	No Recording	Barcrusher With 2 Tags				
Highest Tag Point Scoring Anglers:	Snr Male Angler Andrew Sammut 593.33 Points	Snr Male Angler Shane Hodgens 124.30 Points	No Recording	Shane Hodgens With 2 Tags				
GEAA Line Class Section GEAA Equipm	ant rulas apply NO	NE Line Class sect	ion (rules are: leg	al by state law)				

GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are:- legal by state law)

SHARK CHALLENGE All WATERS 31st Oct 2020 to 29th Nov 2020 15kg & Under Line Classes								
SHARK CHALLENGE All WATERS 31st Oct 2020 to 29th Nov 2020 15kg & Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class & NONE Line Class, GFAA Species Only	Line Class Game Boats & Angler Winners		Line Class Land Based Angler Winners	NLC Angler Winners				
Most Meritorious: Shark	No Recording	Paul Williams 140kg Bronze Whaler Shark on 24kg at a Ratio of 5.83 to 1						
<i>Heaviest: Shark</i> (Line Class & NONE Line Class)		Paul Williams 140kg Bronze Whaler Shark		Equal Winners with 20kg Bronze Whaler Shark Jason D Angelo Paul Williams				
Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions	No Recording	Boat > M∨ Southern Blue 1,729.17 Points Angler > Paul Williams 1,729.17 Points						
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class)		Angler > Paul Williams 104.17 Tag Points	405 Tag points	Shane Hodgens with 1 Tag Bronze Whaler Shark				
GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equ	uipment rules app	bly NONE Line Class section	n (rules are:- legal	by state law)				

HOOK PLACEMENT ON SKIRTED LURES Can I rig my hook ahead of my skirted lure?

Question: I have found that bridling my heartier live baits has greatly increased my hook-up ratio on a variety of billfish species. Like many offshore anglers, I also spend a lot of time trolling lures and am always looking for ways to increase my hook-up ratio. Seeing that a forward hook placement on my live baits (achieved through bridling) has been so successful, I began incorporating the same idea with the hook placement on my trolling lures, and have been very pleased with the

results I've seen with placing the hook before my skirted lure. I know this is not the standard way skirted lures are trolled, so is this rig IGFA legal?



Answer: The short answer is - it depends. IGFA rules specifically state that "A hook may not precede bait, lure or bait/lure combo by more than one hook's length." Placing the hook

before your skirted lure is certainly not a common practice, but it is IGFA legal as long as the hook does not precede the lure by more than one hook's length. If using a two hook rig with a skirted lure, the eyes of the hooks must be no less than an overall hook's length apart, and no more than 12 inches apart. It is also important to remember that when using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, or trace.

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All WATERS, All line Class	es GFA	A Line Class Sec	ction a	& NON	E Line Cl	ass S	ection, GFA	AA S	pecies Only	
LAND BASE ONLY CHALL Starts:-Saturday 27th Feb 202 Ends:-Sunday 28th Mar 2021				ĺ	Line Clas Angle		Charles - Charles and States and an address of the	NLC	NLC Angler Winners	
Most Meritorious: GFAA Game Fish Heaviest: Game Fish (Line Class & None Line Class) Highest Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions Highest Tag Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class)			Ash Brandom 5.9kg on 1kg at 5.8 to 1 Euro carp Ash Brandom 5.8kg Euro carp Ash Brandom with 1,140 points Jason D'Ange			Recordings Recordings on D'Angelo				
		ament rules apply		Lino C	lass soctic	n (rul	os aro: logal		5 tags	
GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are:- legal by state law Only)										
TUNA / KING FISH CHALLENGE All WATERTUNA / KING FISHCHALLENGE All WATERSLine Class12th Dec 2020 to 24th Jan 20216kg Line & UnderGFAA Line Class Rules & NONE LineClass Section GFAA Species Only			Line Class Trailer Boat		Line Class Land Based Angler Winners		NLC Angler Winners			
Heaviest Combined Weight 1 Tuna & 1 King Fish	No Recordings			N	o Recordi	ngs	No Recordi	ngs	No Recordings	
Most Meritorious: Tuna & King Fish	Snr Male -Ralph Czabayski SBFTuna 14kg on 6kg at 2.33 to1 ratio			SBFTur	Snr Male -Paul Tobin BFTuna 15.5kg on kg 2.58 to 1 ratio		No Captures Recordings		No Captures Recordings	
Heaviest: Tuna / Kingfish (Line Class & None Line Class)	Snr Male -Ralph Czabayski SBFTuna 14kg on 6kg			Snr Female -Julie Stanley SBFTuna 17kg 0n 6kg / Snr Male Zane Niblock SBFTuna 16.5kg on 10kg		a Recordings		Snr Female - Julie Stanley Kingfish 2.7kg		
Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions	2,256.6 Snr Fe with 1,3	PARTACUS" with 7 Points male -Sue Czabay 308.33 Points /Snr Czabayski with 94	ski Male	with 1,729.54 Points / Snr Male Paul Wil- liams with 1,761.67		ints ley No Captures nts / Recordings -		No Captures Recordings		
Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class)	601.67 Snr Fe with 36	PARTACUS" with Tag Points male- Sue Czabay 3.33 Tag Points / 3 Ralph Czabayski 2 sints	ski Snr	nr Snr Female -Tracey		ag Recordings		Snr Female- Abby Sammut with 4 Tags		
All WATERS, All line Class	ses GF	AA Line Class Se	ection	& NON	IE Line C	lass	Section, GF	AA S	Species Only	
MARCH ALL WATER CHALLENGE ALL WATERS, SHARK & TUNA Challenge up to 15kg Line Class GFAA Species Only Starts 27th Feb 2021 Ends:28th Mar 2021				Line Ci Trailer Igler W	Boat	La	ine Class and Based ler Winners	Æ	NLC Angler Winners	
Trophy for Champion Boa with all 4 Criteria's Trailer Boats & Game Boats	it	Criteria Not Achieved	Criteria Not Achieved		No	Criteria Not Achieved		N/A		
Heaviest and Most Meriton in Each Line Class in both Boat Categories	rious	No Captures recorded			No Captures recorded		Kirk Woods Heaviest Game Fish Recorded 15.85kg SBFTuna			
NONE Line Class Section Heavi GFAA Species only in both Boat Categories	est	No Captures recorded	1.23 to 1 Ratio Julie Stanley H/MM Eagle Ray 39.8kg on 6kg		No Captures recorded		Ga	Kirk Woods Heaviest Game Fish Recorded 15.85kg SBFTuna		

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2020-21 Yearly Scoring Tables AS OF 14/05/2021 TRAILER BOAT CATEGORY

	TRAILER BOAT	(U/26ft) Category	Leaders as o	f 15/05/21	
Boat Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Justagirl	Tuna,King Ch/Yearly	4 of 4	11,272.42	3,149.88	14,422.29
Southern Blue	Shark Ch/yearly	4 of 4	65.03.33	696.25	6,503.33
Broadbill	Tuna,King Ch/Yearly	2 of 4	2,912.92	546.83	3,459.75
Barcrusher	Eagle Ray Ch/Yearly	4 of 4	2,574.92	294.38	2,869.29
Rattle & Hum	Yearly	1 of 4	653.33	326.67	980.00
Barcrusherboys	Tuna,King Ch/Yearly	2 of 4	743.75	209.38	953.13
Misstress	Yearly	1 of 4	290.00	0.00	290.00

TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) Highest Scoring Angler Category Leaders as of 15/05/21

Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points
Paul Williams	Shark Ch/yearly	4 of 4	Snr Male	5,807.08	696.25	6,503.33
Tracey Tito	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	4190.83	1608.75	5,799.58
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	4 of 4	Snr Female	4,542.58	824.13	5,366.71
Shane Hodgens	Eagle Ray Ch/Yearly	4 of 4	Snr Male	2,574.92	294.38	2,869.29
Tracey Bradbrook	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	1052.08	196.88	1,248.96
Paul Tobin	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	1033.75	185.21	1,218.96
Rolf Czabayski	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	847.50	145.63	993.13
Haydon Steinemann	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	653.33	326.67	980.00
Zane Niblock	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	743.75	209.38	953.13
Kerry Duncan	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	630.00	315.00	945.00
Alex Vandenbroek	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	452.00	164.50	616.50
Paul Morris	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	476.00	0.00	476.00
Janine Ginnie	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	296.25	148.13	444.38
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	290.00	0.00	290.00
Rose Marie Roberts	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	114.00	57.00	171.00
Robert Vandenbroek	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	103.00	51.50	154.50

TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21										
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Ratio			
Paul Williams	All Waters/yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Southern Blue	15 kg	4	3.75 to 1			
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	King Fish	Mistress	29 kg	10	2.90 to 1			
Paul Williams	Yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Southern Blue	25	4	6.65 to 1			
Paul Williams	Shark Ch/yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	Southern Blue	190kg	24	7.92 to 1			
Paul Tibin	Tuna,King Ch/Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Broadbill	15.5kg	6	2.58 to 1			
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	Gummy Shark	Justagirl	27kg	6	4.5 to 1			
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	Eagle Ray	Justagirl	39.8	6	6.63 to 1			
Julie Stanley	Tuna,King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	SBFTuna	Justagirl	17kg	6	2.83 to1			

TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21									
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Capture Points		
Paul Williams	All Waters/yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Southern Blue	15 kg	4	375.00		
Shane Hodgens	Eagle Ray Ch/Yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Barcrusher	36 kg	8	450.00		
Paul Williams	Shark Ch/yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	Southern Blue	190kg	24	791.67		
Zane Niblock	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Barcursherboys	16.5kg	10	165.00		
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	King Fish	Rattle&Hum	29 kg	10	290.00		
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	Gummy Shark	Justagirl	27	6	450.00		
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	Eagle Ray	Justagirl	39.8	6	663.33		
Julie Stanley	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Female	SBFTuna	Justagirl	17kg	6	283.33		

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GAME BOAT CATEGORY

Boat Leaders in the Game Boat (O/26ft) Category as of 15/05/21									
Boat Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points				
Spartacus	MarchAll water/yearly	3 of 4	10,546.17	4,287.50	14,833.67				
Checkmate	Yearly	3 of 4	1,476.83	4,135.33	5,612.17				
Galaxy Star	MarchAll water/yearly	2 of 4	1,835.75	497.38	2,333.13				
Obsession	Yearly	3 of 4	1,065.00	208.33	1,273.33				
Anger Management	Yearly	1 of 4	674.00	337.00	1,011.00				
Raptor	Yearly	1 of 4	131.75	0.00	131.75				

Ang	ler Leaders in tl	ne Game Boat (Angler Leaders in the Game Boat (O/26ft) Category as of 15/05/21										
Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points							
Ralph Czabayski	Yearly	3 of 4	Snr Male	5,385.33	2,060.00	7,445.33							
Kym Kessner	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	3,728.33	1,864.17	5,592.50							
Rolf Czabayski	MarchAll water/yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	1,542.25	359.38	1,901.63							
Mark Snadden	Yearly	3 of 4	Snr Male	1,587.08	208.33	1,587.08							
Jason Sammut	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	1,033.33	516.67	1,550.00							
Andrew Sammut	Eagle Ray Ch/yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	1,273.33	153.33	1,426.67							
Sue Czabayski	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	945.00	363.33	1,308.33							
Shane Hodgens	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	674.00	337.00	1,011.00							
Paul Morris	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	781.00	138.00	919.00							
Ben Gerrits	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	532.00	266.00	798.00							
Abby Sammut	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	543.00	164.00	707.00							
Conner Sammut	Yearly	1 of 4	Jnr Male	396.67	198.33	595.00							
Nichola Bradley	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	357.00	178.50	535.50							

All GAME BOAT (O/26ft) Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21									
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Ratio		
Mark Snadden	yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	Obsession	23.00kg	6	3.83 to 1		
Andrew Sammut	yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Checkmate	17.8kg	3	5.93 to 1		
Abby Sammut	yearly	Snr Female	Eagle Ray	Checkmate	21.5kg	10	2.15 to 1		
Ralph Czabayski	yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Spartacus	16.5	6	2.75 to 1		
Sue Czabayski	yearly	Snr Female	SBFTuna	Spartacus	13.1	6	2.18 to 1		
Mark Snadden	yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Raptor	25.1	8	3.14 to 1		

All GAME BOAT (O/26ft) Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21									
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Points		
Mark Snadden	yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	Obsession	23.00kg	6	383.33		
Mark Snadden	yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Obsession	26.50kg	10	265.00		
Abby Sammut	yearly	Snr Female	Eagle Ray	Checkmate	21.5kg	10	215.00		
Paul Morris	yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Spartacus	22	10	222.00		
Sue Czabayski	yearly	Snr Female	SBFTuna	Spartacus	13.1	6	218.33		
Mark Snadden	yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Raptor	25.1	8	313.75		

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LAND BASED CATEGORY

LAND BASED — Anglers Score Leaders as of 15/05/21										
Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points				
Ash Brandom	LB Ch/yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	1,262.00	0.00	1,262.00				
Mark Hoepner	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	6,994.00	0.00	6,994.00				
Paul Williams	All Waters Ch /yearly	3 of 4	Snr Male	2,380.00	642.50	3,022.50				
Slav Renko	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	443.50	0.00	443.50				
Shane Hodgens	Shark Ch/yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	557.50	278.25	950.25				
Charlie Hodgens	yearly	1 of 4	Small fry Male	493.75	109.38	503.13				
Jet Renko	yearly	1 of 4	Jnr Male	100.00	0	100.00				

LAND BASED Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21								
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species		Weight	Line Kg	Ratio	
Ash Brandom	Yearly	Snr Male	Carp		12.8	2	6.4 to1	
Paul Williams	Yearly/All Waters	Snr Male	School Shark		18kg	4	4.5 to 1	
Jet Renko	Yearly	Jnr Male	Carp		1kg	1	1 to 1	
Charlie Hodgens	Yearly	Small Fry Male	Eagle ray		22kg	8	2.75 to 1	
Ash Brandom	Yearly	Snr male	Eagle ray		32kg	8	4 to 1	

LAND BASED Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 15/05/21								
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species		Weight	Line Kg	Capture Points	
Ash Brandom	Yearly	Snr male	Carp		12.8kg	2	640.00	
Paul Williams	Yearly/All Waters	Snr male	School Shark		18kg	4	450.00	
Jet Renko	Yearly	Jnr Male	Carp		1kg	1	100.00	
Charlie Hodgens	Yearly	Small Fry Male	Eagle ray		22kg	8	275.00	
Ash Brandom	Yearly	Snr male	Eagle ray		32kg	8	400.00	

NONE LINE CLASS CATEGORY

NONE LINE CLASS Heaviest Game Fish Species Leaders as of 15/05/21								
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat	Category	Weighed		
Zane Niblock	Shark challenge/Yearly	Snr Male	School Shark	Barcrusherboys	Trailer Boat	20.50		
Jet Renko	yearly	Jnr Male	Carp	N/A	Land Base	3.25		
Julie Stanley	yearly	Snr Female	Gummy Shark	Justagirl	Trailer Boat	27.50		
Abby Sammut	yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Checkmate	Game Boat	17.6		
Steve Lewis	yearly	Snr Male	Mulloway	N/A	Land Base	16.20		
Jason D Angelo	yearly	Snr Male	King Fish	N/A	Land Base	18.00		
Paul Williams	yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	Southern Blue	Trailer Boat	20.00		
Julie Stanley	yearly	Snr Female	Silver Trevally	Justagirl	Trailer Boat	1.10		
Jason D Angelo	yearly	Snr Male	Bronze Whaler	N/A	Land Base	20.00		
Jason Sammut	yearly	Snr Male	Samson Fish	Checkmate	Game Boat	10.00		

	NONE LINE CLASS Tagging Leaders as of 15/05/21								
Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Category		No. of Tags				
Paul Williams	All waters / Yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		14				
Jason D Angelo	Yearly	Snr Male	Labe Base		8				
Haydon Steinemann	Yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		8				
Shane Hodgens	Eagle Ray Chall//yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		6				
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	Game Boat		5				
Abby Sammut	Yearly	Snr Female	Game Boat		4				
Robert Vandenbroek	Yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		4				
Jason Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	Game Boat		3				
Zane Niblock	Tuna, King Ch/Yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		2				
Paul Morris	Yearly	Snr Male	Game Boat		2				
Conner Sammut	Yearly	Jnr male	Game Boat		2				
Jon Ridgway	Eagle Ray Chall//yearly	Snr Male	Trailer Boat		1				
Sue Czabayski	Yearly	Snr Female	Game Boat		1				
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Club Notice Board Winners Certificates



Well Done! Andrew

Rolf presented member of our club, Andrew Sammut his State Record certificate on the way to Port Lincoln .

Winning challenge certificates were also presented to Andrew.





Ashley Brandom now has an Australian and state record 12.80kg Carp on 2kg line class.



The All waters Tuna/Kingfish challenge winner. Zane Niblock took out heaviest Tuna male angler 16.5kg on 10kg.



The highest point scoring and highest tag point scoring trailer boat went to Team Justagirl,



Paul Tobin won the most meritorious Tuna by a male angler with 15kg fish on 6kg.



Member Rolf Czabayski Winning the club night Raffle with a few beers to take home



John Johnston's Daughter pays our club rooms a visit & was give the grand Tour by Rolf Czabayski.

She seemed to be very imprested with the way the club rooms are coming along.

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THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

13th March 2021

To GFAA Executive, State Presidents and Secretaries

Hi all,

Once again, the issue of taking (large) sharks by game fishers has raised its head with publicity, images and backlash appearing widely in social media, television and print media across the country and as far afield as the USA.

Without going into the rights, legality or motivation for catching sharks, one thing has been repeatedly apparent over recent years, is that shark fishing is perceived by many noisy and influential elements of the community as something totally undesirable and unwarranted. That sharks are killed for the purposes of competitive fishing increases the noise as does the practice of displaying them in a disrespectful way or hanging them up to weigh.

Notwithstanding that shark depredation is a major issue affecting both commercial and recreational fishers Australia wide, game fishing is in the cross hairs of many persuasive green organisations. The sport continues as a legitimate pastime due to the social license it enjoys in part through the research and other efforts of many organisations including GFAA. Misinformation is rife and was obvious in this latest instance, including the lie that GFAA's social media had been inundated with complaints.

To reduce exposure and the size of the target, clubs and anglers would be well advised to avoid publicity through theirs and members' social media and interaction with print, radio or television media.

As an aside, authority to be quoted as representing GFAA is vested in the President and representation of the Association should only be from the President or with explicit permission.

In the meantime, GFAA and state associations are striving to find solutions to sharks taking fish that would otherwise be released to swim another day.

Please ensure that this document is circulated widely through clubs and anglers.

Regards

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Club night was a bit low on numbers but the 25 there had a great time.

Rolf won the raffle first time he's won anything he said and then kindly donated it back for the May club night raffles we'll keep it on ice 2.

There seems to be some confusions on tagging, tag cards, how to tag and where to tag so we will run the tagging event meant for April on the May Club night, so try to get along if you can.

Steve Morris presented the calendar event winners. Andrew Sammut scored a new state record species title with his capture of a 29kg kingfish on 10kg.





Team Justagirl, Julie Stanley (Jules) took out highest point and highest tag point scoring female, the heaviest and most meritorious Tuna for female angler with 17kg on 6kg line class and also had the only kingfish entrant so cleaned that up with a NLC 2.7kg kingfish. The highest point scoring and highest tag point scoring trailer boat went to Team Justagirl, the crew involved in the challenge was skipper Tracey Tito, Jules Stanley, Kerry Duncan, Tracy Bradbrook, Janine Gin and Rosemarie Roberts





LEFT: Kev and Paul cooking up a massive BBQ.

RIGHT: It's not often you see this carpark full!



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Kevin Tito doing another cook up at the BBQ.

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Tracey Tito Event Coordinator



What an amazing year we have had as far as club nights go. If you are not aware the first Tuesday of every month is Member's night down at the club. we have a 6.30pm start time and its usually over by 9pm. The numbers have increased from 10–20 to 40-50 and its great to see so many new members taking advantage of these nights. There is usually a learning component, BBQ a few bevies and a raffle.

The calendar fishing event awards are also made on these nights and are becoming fiercely competitive. These nights are family friendly with our female membership growing, this means yes girls there is even wine available. These nights are great for handing in your tag cards and picking up some more. The club merchandise shop is also open on club nights so come and have a look at what we have available.

If you have not attended one recently or ever, please know that you will be very welcome. We have these nights for you, the members.

For communication purposes if you have Facebook or /and Instagram please let me know as it an easy way for me to communicate any upcoming events etc. Text your details to me on 0412238517 or email to tracey@tito.com.au and don't forget to include your name. See you at the next club night.

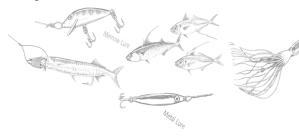




The Clubs Members arriving and getting straight on to a beer or two



The Clubs Merchandize room was open for sales



Steve Morris giving some members a few tips & demos on leaders and rigging





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RIVERA TOURNAMENT PORT LINCOLN By Connor Sammut

Hi, my name is Connor Sammut.

On Sunday the 14th and Monday the 15th I competed in the 2021 Port Lincoln Tuna Classic with my dad, my uncle Andrew and two extra crew members, Ben and Nic.



The day was calm, but the sea was rough. We lined up, at 8am the shotgun shot into the sky, and the throttles were down. The engines revved, as I looked behind I saw the big boats in the distance. There were 25 boats. People came from all around; from Adelaide to Port Lincoln. It was a race from Port Lincoln Harbour to Donington Island. It was Check Mate, Catfish and Risky Business that kept racing to Roslyn Shoals. About three quarters of the way, Catfish sheared a prop bush and then they dropped back. Risky Business and Check Mate kept racing through.

About ten minutes out, Risky Business had a throttle issue. Just as we got to Roslyn Shoals, Dad and Ben set the spread. They had two rods in the outriggers and three rods in the back rod holders. The middle rod kept tracking to the left, so Dad grabbed the rod and was winding it in. Then out of nowhere a tuna smashed the lure. By the time we landed it, just as we pulled it up, we got the first tuna for over 8 metres. After reeling it in, we measured the tuna and bled it so it was in an edible condition. Uncle Andrew called it through on the radio, to let the scoring boat know we had caught a fish.





Not long after we heard the outrigger bang! Then the reel started to scream signifying there was a fish on the line. I ran to the back of the boat and grabbed the rod. I had hooked my first tuna for the weekend! After 5-10 minutes of work, I had the tuna at the side of the boat. Dad quickly netted it and just like that we had our second tuna on board.



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RIVERA TOURNAMENT

Some time passed and at 6:00 that night, stop fishing was called and most boats returned to Memory Cove. We got picked up by a dingy and went to the mother ship for dinner that night. The home made spaghetti, pasta and meatball was incredible after a good day of fishing.



The next day at 5:30am we woke up and went and picked up our crew from the mother ship before heading back to Roslyn Shoals. We arrived at 8am just as Start Fishing was called and we put all 5 rods in, two were in the outriggers and three were put in the back rod holders. Not long after this, one of our back rods went off and just as we stopped the boat to get to that rod, a second rod suddenly went off! As Dad was reeling in his rod, a third rod went off. We landed all three fish but unfortunately one of them wasn't big enough to tag for the competition so we threw it back.

Mid-day arrived and we decided it was time to move spots, so we went to Susan's Shoal. Unfortunately we had no luck there and at 3pm Stop Fishing was called for the last time and the competition was over.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the competition and had lots of fun, it was very well organised and run and I cannot wait to compete again in 2022.

Tight lines everyone, Connor.





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MY FAMILY FISHING TRIP OUT OF DARWIN

Story Written by Member Bob Hill

We that is Cherekee Owen & myself flew to Darwin on a fishing trip to Barra Lodge which entailed a brief stopover & another flight from Darwin 200nm to (Maningrida an aboriginal settlement) where we met the Barra Lodge fishing guide Chris with a 6m H/Duty Tinnie at the boat ramp. (*The lodge location is a 30 min bus drive from the Camp and has a boat ramp in the bush. This is where we would stay in camp tents after fishing for the day*)

We set off in the tinnie up the Liverpool river really wide & deep fund 30plus nm inland. The temperature was 34degrees so hot no wind .

Owen said I don't like this fishing & don't take me tomorrow I am not coming. To Chris the guides credit he encouraged Owen & helped him cast & we tried several spots along the river until eventually Owen cast into the snag area& hooked a nice Barra (photos to follow) as he fought the fish for a few minutes before Chris netted the fish .

Owen changed from a grump to let's find another.

We all caught a few more Barra as we worked our way up stream not big but good fishing. There were 4 other boats with guides & guests ,we were all hauled out into trailers while we sat in the boat. So hot Owen wanted the big bucket of ice tipped over him which cooled him down . Then into the bus /coach with the other 15 fishermen/ Women .

Back to the lodge over rough road & settled at the bar with drinks & pan fried Barra. Dave the manager & staff made us welcome meeting the other fishers telling story's one guy said he was buggered caught 120cm Barra along with his wife who had a love hate arrangement about how long it takes to land his fish. She said she would push him in (husband beater) The tents were ok had AC & a onsuite at the back

Next day 6:00am breaky & the bus left at 7:00am sharp with the 18 fishers to the boat ramp.

No wind & Bl.... hot!

New guide for the day was Syd & boat

So we went blue water and about 6NM north east we all started flicking into a school of Mac tuna caught 3 & 1 Spanish Macs, all about 3 to 5kg.



Then we bottom fished in about 15m water, using soft plastics.

(I'm sure John Leftwich would love to hear that) Non stop catching many varieties coral trout ,Trevor's, Blue Boys ,(parrot) Cod, Hussar and Slated bream.

(mother-in-law's) had enough of this.

So we took off and trolled for a while caught a couple of barracuda & some more tuna .All were released as this is a no take deal, except one boat is allowed to bring some fish back to the Lodge for dinner.

<Cherekee With A good size Trevor

Cherekee and Owen > With Blue Boys ,(parrot) Cod, Hussar and Slated



Bob Hill with a little Spannish



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THE BARRA FISHING CONTINUES

At 11:00am we ran up inside the river for Barra fishing.

Syd took us to his favorite corner where using his side scan sonar located a bunch of Barra, Cherekee starred catching quite a few & our little man Owen caught a couple of 500 to 600cm sized fish, I also caught two, was a good little session.

An area on a point near Syd's corner had no snags, so it was great fishing. We then worked our way up river stopping to flick at various hot spots, Owen was on fire and just loving the fishing .

Near the end of the river we spotted a dead crocodile floating past we checked it no visible signs of bullet hole or other croc bite .

Ran back to the boat ramp 20nm.

Day 3

A New boat guide Vinnie

We went Blue Water again similar story But Owen really settled into the fishing, flicking into schools of tuna lot of fun Bottom fishing Owen & Cherekee caught nice coral trout (*no ciga*) Up here.

Lots of other reef fish were released .

Then we ran back into the river, at the mouth the aboriginals had netted one side & had lots of Barra in their net . One big croc came in to eat the fish & then another croc came in, the big croc was not happy. Looked like it was going to kill the other croc. really good to watching the too a fro between them.

Day 4

Another New guide, Kelly

6:00am On the Bus already 34degrees

Kelly ran the boat 30NM up river at 28kts to the head where it narrowed & plenty of logs & snags to which were surrounding us!

The Barra were there, we all caught one or two, before all 3 lines we had were hooked up on under water snags. With the current running out & the guide intent on retrieving all lures brought the boat into the snags by way of the electric motor,

The guide became cranky & instead of breaking the lures off, he managed to lose the lure retrieving pole instead, which made him more upset & the boat was trapped amongst the Tree branches . We eventually managed to pole our way out.

He then told us to flick lures along the gaps between the big mangroves as we were being taken out and long the river by the current.

Of course several hookups were in the tree branches, which made the guide even madder . So err! we then ran down river, stopping at all of the run off gullies and fishing but with no Barra eating but we drifted over a Barra with its head down sleeping which is a regular occurrence apparently! Barra fishing continued

Last hour of the day fishing with Guide Kelly actually! the Barra were on the bite and Cherekee caught 4 Owen & myself 3 each.

Then we had the ran back to the boat ramp Owen had another 40litres of iced water tipped on Him.

The guide on day 4 had been rude all day & as we stepped off the boat Owen said let's put today in as a FAIL!! But I must say overall the guides were good.

We flew out the next day to Jabiru, for some recommended hiking to waterfalls which are in very difficult to get to locations .

We ended off our fishing adventure only looking at crocs & water Lilly's

Bob Hill

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Small Fry Eagle Ray! Catch

Getting kids into fishing is one the best things as a parent one can have. My son Charlie now 7 years old has progressed slowly from his first fish a Leather Jacket at age 3 to Salmon on the surf beaches and now to Eagle Rays and trying for game fish! Some kids they say only watch phones and computer games, well Charlie certainly the phone's but it's mining and fishing shows, so it's not the worst sort of thing he could watch.

Many of the fishing shows he watches are of big Sharks, giant Tuna in America and these Goliath Groper shows also from America. Big Angry Fish is also high on his list of favourite fishing shows which is often a morning ritual before heading to school and work. Charlie now has a good understanding of what is required to catch big fish and was keen to tackle some of the bigger fish in our home waters on the Lower Eyre Peninsula, so it was time to tackle those bigger fish.



Last year during the clubs Eagle Ray Challenge was Charlie's first chance to have a crack at something bigger. I wanted Charlie to watch and learn on those first few trips to see his reaction to something bigger. He really wanted to have crack but the weather wasn't the best on both trips and we didn't want a rod and reel going over the side so I had to say no much to his disgust.

I had to do some fair convincing that there would be plenty more opportunities for game fishing especially with the Tuna season fast approaching. Unfortunately the Tuna season on Lower Eyre Peninsula has been pretty poor and the trips that Charlie did come out on for Tuna produced no Tuna at all. So now I'm no good at catching Tuna and he is quick to let everyone know if he is asked!





Our next game fishing opportunity came in mid-March when the afternoon tides start to build and Eagle Rays move into the shallow bays around Port Lincoln. You can get big numbers of Rays some days so I was pretty confident on getting Charlie hooked up. One of favourite spots on high tide we fish in about 4-5ft of water and off of the rocks and you are not too high from the water's edge. On our arrival Charlie didn't have high hopes of catching anything and was a bit down in the dumps, probably due to a few failed fishing trips before. I kept reassuring him that he would get a hook up. As we were setting up the first Eagle Ray swam past and that got Charlie's excitement level up. I gave him the burley and that was his job of chopping up some pilchards and whiting frames which he did very well and within 10 minutes an Eagle Ray turned up at our feet.

Charlie could hardly believe it, he was shaking and was pretty excited and soon there were 3 Eagle Rays at our feet hovering up the burley. I prepared Charlie with a gimble belt and got him ready for his first Eagle Ray hook up. He waited eagerly and I hooked up one of the Eagle Rays for Charlie and handed him the rod as it tore off and was even jumping out of the water. He was struggling a bit with the rod so I had to hold him and hold the butt of the rod in the gimble belt for him. I expected the Ray to get off and it did after a few minutes. Charlie was pretty disappointed and I reassured him there would be more. After re-rigging and sending out another bait after 10 minutes' he was on again and a second Ray was lost and the confidence was going down hill fast. I thought that would be all he could take as he struggled a fair bit and needed help but he was up for another round and wanted to keep going. Once again we hooked up to a third Ray but this time he was much better and pretty much got the Ray in by himself and after 10minites the Ray was at our feet and I had the chance to land the Ray on the rocks.

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These were only small Rays not much over 15kg and should have been easy to pull out of the water and I'm not sure what happened but as I went to lift the ray out the leader snapped and the Ray swam off. Charlie was not happy but at least he got to see it close up, it was getting pretty dark the tide much lower so we then headed of home.

2 weeks later was our next trip and the tide was not as high as the last trip and much windier and lots of weed in the water. Also due the size of the rays on the last trip I lowered the line class for Charlie to 8kg thinking the rays showing up should be in the 10-15kg range.

After throwing out some burley within 10 minutes the first Ray showed up and was a good one bigger than the week before. Charlie was pumped having watched all the Goliath Groper shows giving him inspiration and was all keen to do it all on his own. He hooked it up and started fighting the Ray like a pro and did really well and after 10 minutes I had the leader and the ray up on the rocks. We weighed in the Ray at 17kg and Charlie was pumped and kept saying how proud he was of himself. I thought that would be it but he wanted more and after a bit more burley another Ray showed up even bigger than the last. I didn't know how he would go with this one and asked him if still wanted to catch it and there was no way I could the rod of him.

After a bit of mooching around the Ray finally took the bait and this one had some real go in it and took off a heap of line or as Charlie said to his Mum when he got home 'Mum the reel got smoked!



I didn't think Charlie would get this one as it fought a lot harder, and it was a lot harder for him to hold onto the rod but he was very persistent and managed very well. After 10 minutes the Ray was in close enough for me to grab the leader and pull up onto the rocks. This was one so much bigger on the rocks it didn't look as big in the water and pulled the scales down to 22kg. It was a great achievement for a 7 year old on 8kg mono and Charlie was very proud of himself and so was I.

Since then Charlie just wants to catch what-ever he can and has managed a small Kingfish with a bit of help and has also hooked onto an Eagle Ray which probably was well over 30kg from our Eagle Ray spot but he ran out of puff after a 20min fight and lost the Ray.



There's plenty more fishing adventures planned especially with a new boat coming soon. Tuna and a Gummy Shark are Charlie's next target. Charlie's passion for fishing is well and truly in the blood and I don't think he is going to stop anytime soon and now he is a 'game fisherman' as he says he is definitely hooked on reeling in that big fish!



Charlie does in all, Rocks, Beach or Boat Great stuff from a young Small Fry Angler & good to see

The Riviera 2021 Port Lincoln Tuna Classic



Tracey Tito Functions Coordinator

Team Justagirl missed the comp last year due to covid and confusion, so we were keen to get up to Prot Lincoln for this year's comp. The forecast for Saturday was bleak with 25 knot+ winds so the comp was delayed until Sunday and Monday. This was great news to most teams, especially those who attend this event often, the skippers brief is one of the best gigs in all of SA (South Australia) starting with a Cheers for the Tuna Classic with a Shot. A recovery day was a bonus. The Calcutta bids were in, and the pool totaled \$ 41,300 and this year was to be split 3 ways. 10% to VMR Tumby Bay \$29,736 for the biggest fish and the runner up gets \$7,434. Good prizes for SA. David Reid backed

Justagirl with a \$1500 donation.

We made the most of the Lay day with a trip to The Oysters Farm Tours at Coffin Bay. We highly recommend you go for a visit. I thought I was a bit of an Oyster Buff, but we have never tasted oysters this good, water to mouth in 5 seconds OMG absolute bliss. We also learnt that while at sea, oysters are really happy in the live bait tank so of course we tested the theory and yes, it is true.

- Saturday night we decided to have dinner and a quiet beer at the Brew Place rather than head to the Marina for a second night, we all want our full wits for Sunday morning.
- This is the 4th Riviera classic I have fished. The first year on the start gun we went out fast only to get smashed by the wake of the big boats when they caught us, so the next few years we took off at the start and pulled over to let them go.



A trailer boat caught in in the wash of 10 Rivieras is not pleasant, in fact it can be downright scary. In 2019 the Justagirl Too crew skippered by Dean Forster hit the front at the start and hung in there, so we decided that was what we were going to do this year. Were we scared? Hell yes, that is why we had an early night.

- Tournament morning the first stop on the way out was to The Prawn Shop stall, they gave every boat a kilo of Prawns, so we were set, Prawns, Oysters and Great Northen Beer oh and a bread roll for lunch.
- Heading out for the shot gun start the girls were nervous, but I was convinced we could do this, we just had to get a good start and stay out the front.Russell did the count down 4, 3, 2, Bang we flew out of the starting gate throttle on full and away we went, with girls squealing, the wind in our face, crap flying around the deck we were off, and we did not stop, we did it. Gin later said that she would do it again next year just for the start.



We had decided to go over to Rosalind Shoals as the Tuna reports were not great, but club President Ralph had given us a little heads up, as it happened over half the fleet headed there as well.

The water was calm, the wind dropped right out, it was perfect, the fish were keen, we had a tackle box full of SFT Lures and TSH skirts and the fish loved them with pink doing the damage. I was on strike, Jules wanted to skipper the weekend, Kerry was the deckie and Gin oversaw the fish. Being the greenhorn, it was her job to tag and release the Tuna in good condition. Our first fish ended up dead on the deck, so we had one for the eski that did not count for our tally but at least we had made a start. We ended up with 7 countable Fish for day one with the afternoon session being slowed down by our shark feeding frenzy. It didn't matter where we went, they followed, we lost 4 fish and half a dozen lures.



When lines in was called on day one we packed up and headed to Memory Cove it was about an hour's steam from Rosalind Shoals, the mother ship this year was the Tacoma, the first Tuna polling ship in South Australia and still doing polling trips today. Greeted with glasses and a bottle of bubbles made us feel really welcome and a little important. We enjoyed it while our fuel was replenished for the next day's fishing. Dinner was served with Gaby and Russel once again cooking up a storm for all competitors. Our total Tuna for the day was 7.

Day 2 was another awesome day with flat seas and great fishing conditions. We had decided to once again head to Rosalind Shoals. We no sooner put our lines in when we had a triple hookup with all 3 fish coming onboard, the team had settled into a routine This is the only time of year that I get to take strike, it's an honor and season wrap up that inspires me all year. I love the fact that the crew supports this, and we make it happen. It is always a full crew effort, as we all know it is never 1 angler who is the champion.



Monday, we tagged another 11 fish, lost 5, got sharked twice and had about 4 fish to small, our goal was to at least tag at least 7 as we had the day before. Lines out came to quickly and before we knew it the comp was over. The hour trip back in was full of chat and laughter and we were excited about presentation night.

One of the changes to the comp is numbers do not get radioed on the last day, you need to text in your results, we had no idea how we ended up, we figured that we had such an awesome day that everyone else would have as well.

We had 4 boats from the club compete, Double Cross, Check mate, Broadbill and Team Justagirl

Team Justagirl had an awesome tournament coming 10th overall. Kerry won runner up women under 8 meters, I took out the female under 8 meters champion with 12 fish, which was also enough for the title of Champion female angler.

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Team Justagirl has a TV show on channel 44 and 31 called Get hooked with Team Justagirl. The new series starts on May 4th 2021 and there are 2 episodes dedicated to the Riviera 2021 Port Lincoln Tuna Classic so tune in and get the full story.



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Hi All Members,

Our May members night had attracted about 15 members. It was a cold night but those that were present had a nice time around the fire pit and enjoyed the BBQ and a drink.

For most members it was maybe too cold to go out and instead stayed with your family in nice warm home.

Thanks to Dale and Ashley for opening up and getting everything organized. Also thanks to Dale for taking the photos for the night.

Tracey could not be there this time as she was away.

Thanks, Rolf.









Club Member Graig Blacktopp winner of the nights raffle and happy to take home a few night caps!!



We departed Port Lincoln on Saturday the 20th of March, we needed to be in Adelaide on Monday as the boat needed to be serviced and checked over before our trip to Tasmania. It was a beautiful day as we approached Wedge Island and I couldn't resist the temptation to throw a line in and try for some Whiting. Bang! As soon as the line hit the bottom it was on, I pulled up a thumper, Gab quickly dropped her line in and she also pulled up a huge whiting.



Gabby Gabbana

Russell Bianco

One after another they came in the boat; Gab yells out to me 'I got a huge one here!' I look over and see her rod fully bent over to the point where I thought it was going to snap. She had a double header of huge whiting and a massive torpedo squid latched onto the whiting. I quickly grabbed the net and landed both whiting and the squid. She dropped her line in again and sure enough another double header, once again she had outdone me. Less than 30 minutes later we had our boat limit.

- I decided to head to West Cape and anchor up for the night, where for the rest of the afternoon and night I had to hear Gab gloat on how she had out fished me. It's was 9am on Monday and the mechanic hadn't arrived yet, I was getting anxious as we need to departed no later than 5pm.
- There was a serious cold front approaching and I wanted to anchor in Antechamber Bay for the night. It was 5pm and the mechanic had just finished, before he even stepped off the boat I had it started and Gab had already begun untying. We arrived at our anchorage just before dark, it was a guick dinner and an early night as I needed to be up early. I was up at 5am and began the journey to Robe, the sea was calm but I knew there was a front approaching so it was full steam ahead.
- Pulling into Robe is always exciting for us as we have many friends there who we love to catch up with, we hadn't told anyone that we were coming as we wanted to surprise them. We pulled up to the fuel wharf and before we even finish tying up the boat we were greeted by one of our friends, he had spotted us driving into the bay, not so much of a surprise! We spent a week in Robe eating, drinking, more drinking and of course catching up with friends. We were lucky enough to head out on a cravfish boat for the day with a good friend of ours Woody and experience how the professionals do it in Robe.
- While we were there Gab even got roped into playing a lawn bowl competition in a Giraffe Onesie, I think it suited her.
- It was time to leave Robe and make our way to Port Fairy. We wanted to spend a night in Port Mac Donnell to say hello to the friends we had met there on our last visit, however the weather was looking fantastic for the next few days so we needed to keep going. We were about 8mile off the coast of Port Mac Donnell when we spotted a heap of birds working, 'could it be barrels?' I thought to myself.



Gabby in "Giraffe Onesie"suit

- No one had caught a barrel for the season yet, I frantically ran downstairs, grabbed all the rods and lures out of the cupboard and began trawling. Bang! Within 5 minutes the reel started screaming. We were on!
- I grabbed the rod and started fighting the fish, I had nothing prepared, no harness or gimbals, it was a tough fight. Line was peeling out of my Talica 25 at an incredible rate, I had to try gain back as much line as quickly as I could as I was conscious of the time and needed to be in Port Fairy before dusk.
- After 1 hour I was exhausted, I hadn't seen the fish yet and he certainly hadn't give up the fight. About 30 minutes later I had the fish close to the boat, I thought to myself 'he's done I've got him now' that was definitely not the case. The fish had decided to go straight underneath the boat and before I even had time to tell Gab to turn the boat the line touched the boat and ping, it was gone, I was devastated. After a guick dummy spit with few loud swear words, I got myself together and began the trip back into Port Fairy.
- We were up at the crack of dawn again and began the 150 nautical mile leg to King Island. The weather Gods had been kind to us and we had a beautiful crossing all the way to Cape Wickham on King Island. It was shortly after that when the tide turned and the winds increased and WOW did the sea change suddenly. I dropped the speed from 24 knots down to 6, we were punching straight into a 2 to 3 meter sea, we were getting smashed wave after wave, fortunately we only had another 15 miles to go before we could take shelter in Grassy harbour on King Island. We picked up a mooring for the night and celebrate our arrival in Tasmania with a bottle of champagne and a Cravfish supplied by our mate Woody.
- The next week was us pulling into ports enjoying the gorgeous little towns on the North Coast. We visited, Stanley, Burny, Devonport and George Town, we loved going into the pubs meeting the locals and enjoying the amazing fresh seafood.

Majesnik Circumnavigating Tasmania



We had been on the boat for 2 weeks now so we decided it was time to berth the boat and hire a car to do some exploring. We spent 3 days exploring the Tamar River region including Launceston, Beauty Point and Bridport doing all the things tourist do.

We had an absolutely great time, wine tasting, picking strawberries and much more.

We even caught up with a good friend of the Tapley family. Alan (at the pub of course) who was extremely helpful with information for the rest of our trip.

We began to miss **Majesnik** so we knew it was time to hit the water again, our plans were to head to Flinders Island,



however Alan had told us his step son Tom was Cray fishing around Clarke Island so we decided to head there. We anchored up at a beautiful anchorage called Rebecca Bay on Clarke Island.

We immediately threw the lines overboard to try catching a Flathead and within minutes without even any burley I had landed a beautiful flathead. Gab, eager to catch a Tassie flathead quickly threw her line in and of course had to catch one bigger than mine. Tom tendered over to us for a few beers and some local knowledge of where to throw our pots and was amazed that we had caught 2 flathead. Tom said he has tried fishing in Rebecca Bay for years and never caught one. Sure enough it was the only 2 flathead we caught in Rebecca Bay despite throwing the burley out and trying for hours.



We dropped our tender 'LUI' and set the Cray pots and did some exploring. 'LUI' is named after a extremely good mate of ours (more like family) that has passed away, it's our way of feeling Lui is always with us.

- The next morning we were eager to check our Cray pots, we have never set them before so we were hoping for some luck. We pulled the first pot and 2 awesome crayfish; I think you could hear the cheers from Port Lincon.
- We raced to the second pot now confident and to our amazement nothing. We were happy with 2, it was enough for us. Back to the boat for fresh crayfish for breakfast



The next couple of days we spent at various anchorages around Clarke Island. We caught more flathead, more crayfish, salmon and spent hours on 'LUI' exploring the amazing rock formations and crystal clear water, it was truly stunning.

After Clarke Island we decided to head to Lady Baron on Flinders Island, our approach was from the West through Franklin sound, a narrow waterway between Flinders and Cape Baron Island. We had been told that extreme care needs to be taken as the true depth is doubtful.



As we approached the wharf in Lady Baron a man in a uniform approached us and looked like he was going to tell us we couldn't tie up there. Instead he came to help us tie up and after a few minutes of conversation he had offered us his car to explore the island. We spent the day driving and exploring Flinders Island. Gab had heard you can buy mutton birds from the local butcher and it was on her list of foods to try, so off to the butcher for some mutton birds. We haven't cooked them yet but they are in the freezer. The forecast was showing that a big cold front was approaching in a couple of days and we wanted to be safely tucked in at St Helen's when it arrived. If we departed Franklin sounds from the East it would be a much shorter route, however we have been warned not to go this way by several people. The approach over the shoals via this route is over Pot Boil, there are no leads and it can be extremely dangerous. I continued to venture out to the East and the conditions didn't look too bad, luckily enough we made it through safely. However I was concerned, maybe even a little scared when the water was getting extremely shallow.

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After some reading on St Helen's, we discovered that the entrance to the bay is via a treacherous bar way and narrow channel full of sandbars and should not be attempted without genuine, detailed, up to date local knowledge. I think I got a bit lucky with Pot Boil so I decided not to chance it and we called St Helen's Marine Rescue to guide us in. I'm glad I did as they advised us that we wouldn't be able to enter the bay during the afternoon as the tide was to low. We decided to anchor up in Jamieson bay for the night and we would meet the Marine Rescue boat out the front of the bar at 9am the next morning for an escort in.

With the help of the St Helen's Marine Rescue we safely made it into St Helen's and tied up at the wharf. We hadn't used our electric folding bikes since Robe so we decided to pull them out and explore.

We rode the bikes to Binalong Bay about 12km from St Helen's, this area is one of the most scenic and beautiful places in Tasmania, from blue sea and fine white sand to orange tingled boulders that hug the coast, truly spectacular.



- On our ride back to St. Helens we had heard how good the oysters were from Lease 65 so we rode in and sampled a few dozen. Wow! We were very impressed, a completely different tasting oysters to the ones we have at home, but equally as good.
- We were still waiting for the weather to improve so we spent another couple of days in St Helens and enjoyed more wine and cheese tasting as well as exploring the coast. We were lucky enough to meet some locals Gary, Angie and their daughter Indy who offered us a car and invited us to dinner at their house. We enjoyed a great night with them exchanging fishing stories and gaining some valuable information for the rest of our navigation around Tasmania.
- The weather forecast was still showing gust too 35 knots however it was from the South West so I decided it was time to move on and begin our journey to Hobart. It was only a 55 mile trip to Wine Glass Bay and I hugged the coast so the sea wasn't too bad. We arrived in Wine Glass Bay and were immediately captivated by how beautiful it was, we immediately drop 'LUI' and began exploring.



The next week was spent at many different anchorages exploring much of Tasmania's beaches, islands, coastline, restaurants and pubs as well as visiting famous tourist attractions like Port Arthur.

The weather for the next few days wasn't looking very good so it was either sit tight at Pt Arthur or brave the gale force winds and head for Hobart. It was only a 40 mile run with a South West wind and I wasn't going to feel the full brunt of it until I passed Cape Raoul.

I went for it, the first leg of the trip wasn't too bad as we were protected from the strong westerly by the spectacularly huge rugged cliffs,

but as soon as we hit cape Raoul we were hit with huge seas, swell and winds gust up to 47 knots.

The wind was actually lifting the sea spray off the ocean. I have never experienced the ocean like that before, strong winds from one direction and swell from another, it was like a massive washing machine.



- The boat handled the condition easily and it wasn't long before we were safely tucked into our berth in Constitution Dock.
- We hired a car and spent the next few weeks exploring Tasmania by road. One of our favorite places was Cradle Mountain. The views from the walking trails are nothing short of spectacular.

It was time to head back to Hobart as we had some friends coming to stay with us for a week, we enjoyed a couple of days on the boat at different anchorages as well as plenty of wine, whiskey and cheese tasting. As soon as our friends left the weather was looking good to head out and try some fishing, we had heard that they have been catching a few barrels so we headed straight out to Tasman Island and threw the lures out. It wasn't long before we had our first run. Gabriella grabs the rod, sets it to strike and begins fighting the fish.

Immediately we are inundated with seals all around us, we had been warned how hard it is was to land a fish here because of all the seal. As the fish got closer to the boat the seals began to dive, the water is that clear you can see the seals chasing after the Tuna. It was game on, Gabriella tightened the drag, she pumps and winds as fast as she can. The leader is on the rod and she locks the drag and winds the reel like crazy, that was when the seals grabbed the Tuna! It now becomes a tug of war, Gab versus seal and the seal won. Our first fish for the day gone, luckily it wasn't a barrel. We have a good laugh about it and continue on fishing.

Majesnik Circumnavigating Tasmania

We hook and land a couple of Southern Blue fin Tuna and well as loose a few more to seals, our friends were correct, it's very tough fishing over here. Later on in the afternoon we get another strike, Gab grabs the rod again and plays the fish to the boat; she notices that it's not a Blue Fin but an Albacore. Never having landed one before she is on full concentration mode, pumping and winding as fast as she can. She is determined not to loose this one to the seals. All she can do it tighten the drag wind like crazy and hope for the best.

I have the net in the water ready for her to steer the fish in, the seals are chasing hard, I'm yelling, 'wind faster' the seal goes for a bite but Gab lifts the rod and the seal misses, she winds the reel another couple of times and lands the fish in the net perfectly.

As I try lift the net into the boat the seals still try to take the fish but they have no luck this time, we successfully land our first albacore and are very pleased with our efforts. We decide to give up on our barrel hunt for the day and head into our anchorage for some fresh Albacore. We spent the next few days fishing off the East Coast trying to catch a barrel, but unfortunately we had no luck! It was time to give up and head back into Hobart as we needed to fly back to Adelaide for a function. When we return we will continue the rest of our trip around Tasmania.



Russell Bianco

CLUB ROOM IGFA WEIGHING STATION UPDATE



Steve Morris helping Rolf Czabayski apply the IGFA sticker transfer onto the container display wall and then Steve Morris installed the IGFA Weigh Station Gantry that he had built in his work shop.

Thanks to Craig Blacktopp from **"Diesel Worx"** For the use of his welder on the day

Also thanks for a great job by Paul Wilton, Jon Ridgeway & his Wife for their help on the club working bee day







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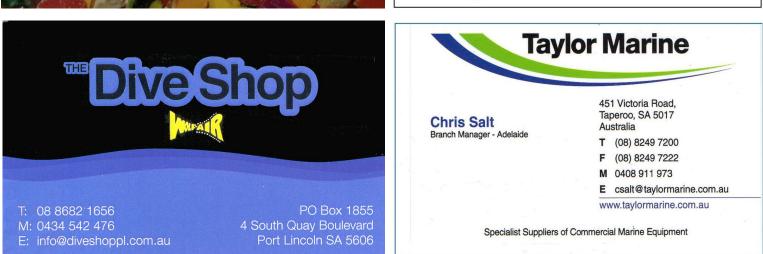
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