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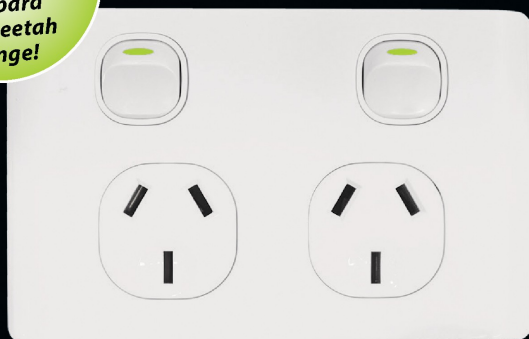


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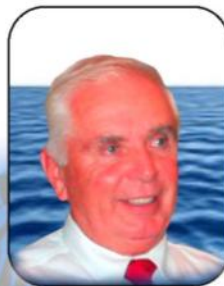
COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Ralph Czabayski (Jnr)

Club President

Club figure head responsible for supervising the general running and presentation of the Club as well as acquiring yearly Sponsorships and Advertising.



Rolf Czabayski (Snr)

*Committee Member
and Assistant Club Secretary*



Wayne Greenshields

Club Secretary
Responsible for Club Admin

Steve White

Treasurer

Responsible for Club finances



Lee Van Soest

"Pointer" Editor
Responsible for the GFCSA Pointer Magazine

Steve Morris

*Technical Advisor & Web Site
Coordinator.* Club technical rulings,
updating & maintaining the website



Ashley North

Weight Recorder
Responsible for Club point
scores and claims

Kym Gabe

Merchandising Coordinator
Responsible for Club stock and sales



Dale Smith

Tournament Director
Responsible for fishing events and Club
tournaments

Kym Kessner

Functions Coordinator
Responsible for Club events,
bookings etc.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ralph Czabayski (Jnr)

Club President



Dear Members,

This is the last edition of the pointer for 2016/2017 fishing season.

The club had the AGM this year on the 19th of July 2017 and the old committee stood down and the new committee was elected. I would like to thank the past committee for their efforts and support throughout the year.

I would also like to welcome the new committee and look forward to working with you all for season 2017/2018. I would also like to thank our sponsors and advertisers for their generosity in supporting the club for the last year. I would also like to mention and say thanks to:

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We have just had our end of year dinner and trophy presentation at the Grange Golf Club. It is the second year that we have held this event at the Grange Golf Club and once again what a great night it was. The food was amazing and the staff were excellent. We had approximately 50-60 people attend. A little down from last year but we lost some people attending due to the Port Power pre final game. I would like to congratulate all the trophy winners. In both sections champion angler and champion boat were taken out. In the under 25's Mick's Winch was champion boat and Mick Dawe was champion angler. In the over 25's Spartacus was champion boat and Dale Smith was champion angler. Congratulations also to Craig Dade with that great capture of the 100kg plus Southern Bluefin Tuna. Also congratulations to Lee Van Soest for taking out champion angler. She also took out highest point scoring angler for the under 25's and the land based section. Congratulations to Ashley North for taking out highest point scoring angler and tagging points for the over 25 section. Congratulations to everyone who won a trophy. Well done.!

What a great season it was and let's look forward to the new fishing season. We have already had a few recordings come into Ashley our weight recorder.

The next events coming up in the calendar are the two Christmas shows. One will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron and the other will be held in Pt Lincoln. I look forward to seeing everyone at these events, make sure you set the dates aside and check your calendar as we also have a cockle day coming up as well as a bowling night.

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

A reminder if anyone is interested in taking out any advertising in the newsletter or becoming a sponsor of the club please contact myself on 0419 834 540 or Alex on 8266 7703. In the event you need anything done around home or office look at supporting our advertisers and sponsors by giving them your business.

Enjoy this next edition of the pointer and try to remember to support any aspect of our great club. In addition, if you have any pictures or stories you would like to share, email our editor Lee Van Soest, leevan-soest@bigpond.com with your input.

Tight Lines and Happy Fishing, Ralph Czabayski: President



WEIGHT RECORDER'S REPORT

Wayne Greenshields

Club Secretary

Responsible for Club Admin

Ashley North

Weight Recorder



Hi All

This report is quite short as we are at the beginning of a new season

We would like to congratulate all the winners from the 2016 - 2017 season and the Presentation Awards was an awesome night. It was great to see everyone attended.

Please have a look through all the results and winners from the season listed in this issue.

We hope to see some good recordings coming in as this weather starts getting better and we all start getting out on the water more.

Also this will be my last report as Ashley North will take over the role as Weight Recorder. I'm sure he will do a great job as he has been helping me out at the end of last season. It's great seeing our members taking on new roles within the Committee. I will be stepping into Rolf's shoes taking over as Secretary. Hopefully I can keep up the excellent work he has done in this role for many years!

Cheers Wayne and Ash

TREASURER'S REPORT

All members – GFCSA

Financial Overview of Club

Steve White

Club Treasurer



The Club continues to be in excellent financial shape. Other than day to day running costs, the Club has no financial liabilities.

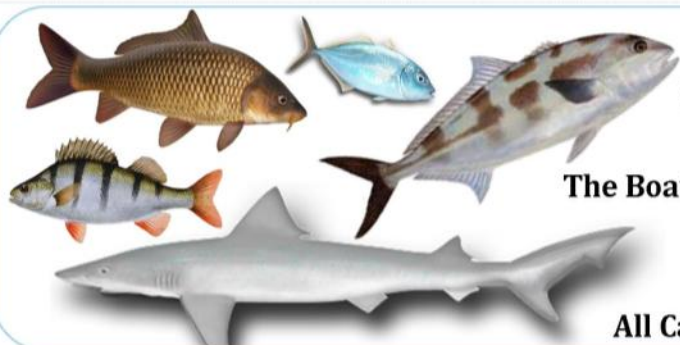
Year to date receipts total more than \$17,000 at the end of August 2017 mainly from Membership Fees and the Marina Berth rent. Expenses for the same period total over \$8,000 leaving a healthy surplus of over \$9,000.

Outstanding membership dues totalling about \$4,000 will be pursued over the coming weeks. In addition, the Club will soon send out advertising and sponsorship invoices for The Pointer and for tournament shirt sleeves. Work has commenced on the new clubrooms and this will shortly impact the financials.

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

Stephen White Treasurer GFCSA

FISHING EVENTS 2017 - 2018



All Waters Challenge

29th July - 7am start. Until 26th August - 12pm

All Waters. All Line Classes.

The Boat & Angler recording the most species for the challenge.

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!

Salmon Tagging Challenge

All Waters. All Line Classes.

Most Meritorious: Salmon

Heaviest: Salmon

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!



7am 27th Aug - 12pm 24th Sept

7am 29th Sept

12pm 29th Oct



Eagle Ray - Kingfish Double Challenge

All Waters. All Line Classes.

Most Meritorious: Eagle Ray and Kingfish

Heaviest: Eagle Ray and Kingfish

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!

Shark Challenge

All Waters. 24kg Line Classes and Under.

Most Meritorious: Shark. Heaviest: Shark

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

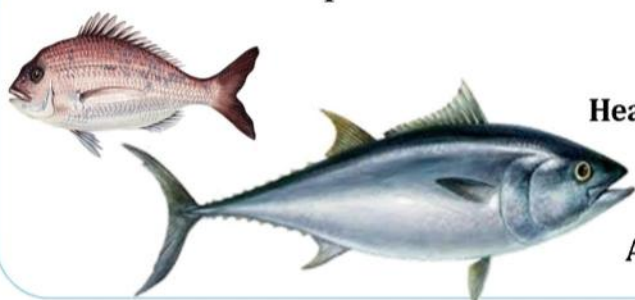
Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!



7am 29th Sept - 12pm 29th Oct

7am 15th Dec - 12pm 28th Jan



Tuna - Snapper Double Challenge

All Waters. 6kg Line Classes & Under.

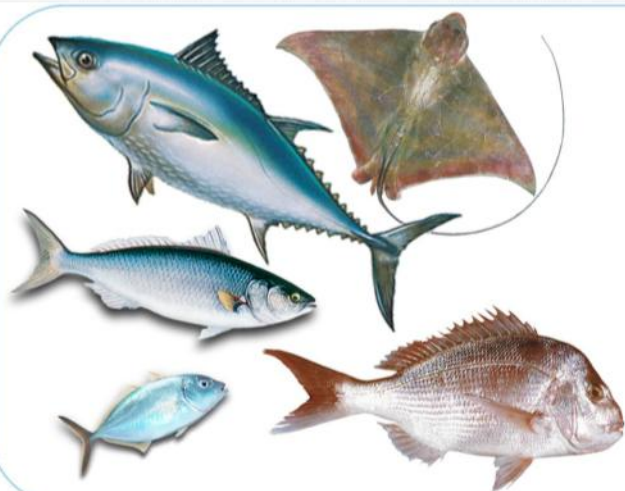
Heaviest: Tuna & Snapper. Most Meritorious: Tuna & Snapper

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!

FISHING EVENTS 2017 - 2018



Wirrina Tournament 2018

15th Feb - 18th Feb 2018

Briefing to be held on Thursday the 15th of Feb

All Line Classes. All Species.

Heaviest & Most Meritorious Species Overall

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!

Full details to be discussed at briefing



Landbased Challenge

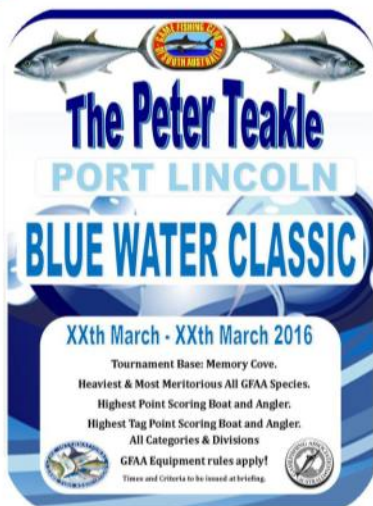
7am 3rd March - 12pm 1st April

All Line Classes. All Species

Most Meritorious and Heaviest: Game Fish, Shark & Eagle Ray

Highest Point Scoring: Angler. Highest Tag Point Scoring: Angler

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!



Peter Teakle Wines Port Lincoln - Blue Water Classic

Briefing: 17th March - Presentation 23rd March

Tournament Base: Memory Cove.

Heaviest & Most Meritorious All GFAA Species.

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions

GFAA Equipment rules apply!

Times and Criteria to be issued at briefing.



UltraLight Challenge

7am 29th July - 12pm 27th Aug

All Waters. 6kg Line and under.

Heaviest - Most Meritorious:

Species Over All for each line class up to 6kg.

Highest Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat and Angler.

All Categories & Divisions. GFAA Equipment rules apply!

CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS



Goolwa Family Cockling Day

Sunday 12th November 2017

Goolwa.

Details to be advised



2017 Christmas BBQ

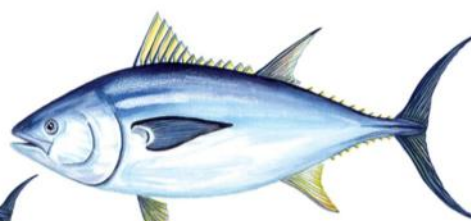
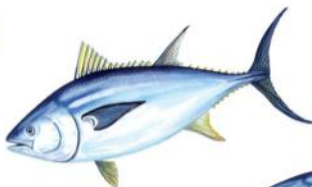
Adel: 26th November. RSAY Quarter Deck.

Pt Linc: Nov. Final details TBA

Blue Water Classic

Tackle Night

28th of Feb. at the GFCSA Clubrooms.



Club Social BBQ

April: RSAYS Lawns.

Details TBA



Club Social Bowling Night

May: Norwood Bowling Club.

Details TBA



2018 Annual General Meeting

To be held on Wednesday the 18th of July

Starts at 7pm at the Club Rooms



PRESENTATION NIGHT

SPECIES AWARDS

Stuart Donaldson

Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Bronze Whaler Shark 102.5kg on 15kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Eagle Ray 45kg on 10kg line



Marcus Bianco

Junior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Eagle Ray

30.3kg on 3kg line



Michael Plakakis

Senior: Landbased

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Salmon

5kg on 2kg line



Graham Bald

Senior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Salmon

3.2kg on 3kg line



Jason Philips

Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Samson Fish

11.90kg on 6kg line



Luke Dohnardt

Junior: Landbased

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Eagle Ray

16kg on 8kg line



Russell Bianco

Senior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Samson Fish

19.3kg on 4kg line



Harry Czabayski

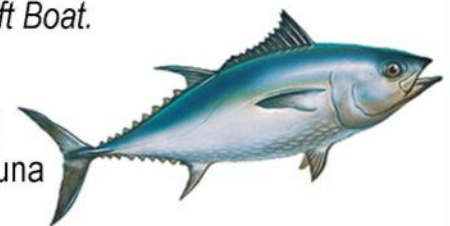
Small Fry: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Southern Bluefin Tuna

14kg on 10kg line



James Howatt

Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and

Most Meritorious:

Kingfish

9.2 on 6kg line



Wayne Barrett

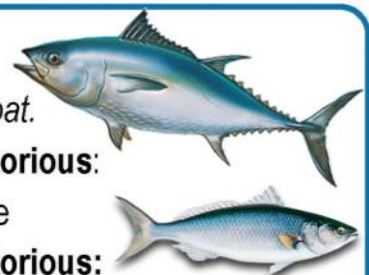
Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Salmon 2.85kg on 2kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Southern Bluefin Tuna 22.8kg on 6kg line



PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS

SPECIES AWARDS

Mick Dawe

Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

School Shark 12.9kg on 6kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Snapper 5.7kg on 4kg line



Craig Dade

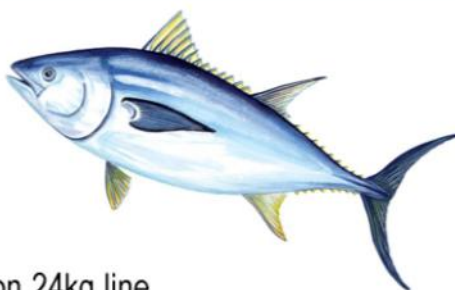
Senior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Kingfish 5.4kg on 4kg line

Heaviest:

Southern Bluefish Tuna 106.7kg on 24kg line



Chris Earle

Senior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Eagle Ray 32kg on 6kg line

Most Meritorious:

Southern Bluefish Tuna 30.5kg on 6kg line



Debbie Dade

Female: Over 25ft Boat.

Most Meritorious:

Snapper 6kg on 4kg line

Heaviest:

Snapper 7.5kg on 6kg line



Jerry Burt

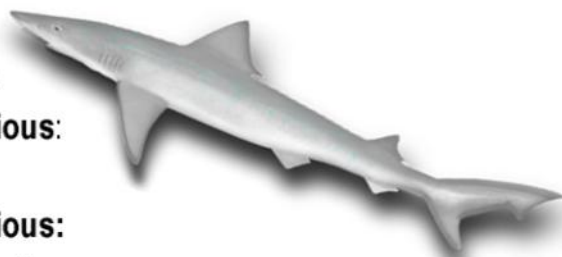
Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Trevally 1kg on 1kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Gummy Shark 15.6kg on 4kg line



PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS

SPECIES AWARDS

Dale Smith

Senior: Over 25ft Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Bronze Whaler Shark
141.5kg on 24kg line



Shaun Ossitt

Senior: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Mulloway 24kg on 10kg line

Landbased Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Rainbow Trout 2.54kg on 2kg line



Wayne Greenshields

Landbased

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Carp 1.16kg on 1kg line



Lee Van Soest

Female: 25ft and Under Boat.

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Salmon 1.2kg on 1kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

School Shark 14.3kg on 3kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Snapper 3.78kg on 3kg line

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Southern Bluefin Tuna 25kg on 10kg line

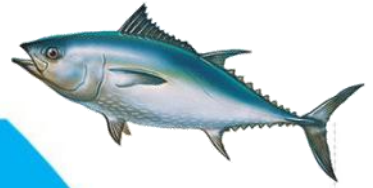
Female: Landbased

Heaviest and Most Meritorious:

Carp 4kg on 1kg line



PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS



OVER 25ft BOAT AWARDS

Dale Smith

Champion Senior Angler

With: 4 Criteria and 9,804 Points



Ashley North

Highest Point Scoring Senior Angler

With: 12,937 points

Highest Tag Point Scoring Angler

With: 4,565 Tagging points



Alexander Czabayski

Highest Point Scoring Female Angler

With: 5,742 points

Highest Tag Point Scoring Female Angler

With: 2,014 Tagging points



Suzan accepting
Alexander's
Award

Spartacus

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat

With: 19,926 Tagging points



PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS

25ft & UNDER BOAT AWARDS

Lee Van Soest

Highest Point Scoring
Female Angler

With: 2,956 points

Highest Tag Point
Scoring Female Angler

With: 487 Tagging
points



Wayne Barrett

Highest Point Scoring
Senior Angler

With: 9,688 points

Highest Tag Point
Scoring Angler

With: 2592
Tagging points



Mick Dawe

Champion Senior
Angler

With: 4 Criteria
and 4,195 points



Micks Winch

Highest Tag Point Scoring Boat

With: 4,122 Tagging points



LANDBASED AWARDS

Michael Plakakis

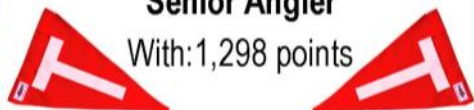
Highest Point Scoring
Senior Angler

With: 1,298 points

Jason D'Angelo

Highest Tag Point Scoring
Senior Angler

With: 1,298 points



Lee Van Soest

Highest Point Scoring
Female Angler

With: 3,830 points

PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS

The Janet Forster Champion Lady Angler Overall Trophy

Highest Point Score for the season by an Lady Angler



Congratulations

**Lee
Van Soest**

With 6,786 points



The George Flourentzou Trophy

Highest Score for Tagging Gamefish and Sharks

Congratulations

**Ashley
North**

With 4,565 Tagging Points



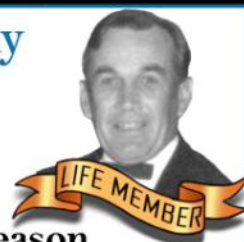
PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS



The Trevor Rule Champion Junior Trophy

Donated by Life Member and Former President
Trevor Rule in 1998

Awarded to the Junior with the Highest Score for the season



Congratulations

**Marcus
Bianco**

With 303 points



**Highest Point Scoring
Junior Angler
With: 303 points**



The Ralph Czabayski Champion Small Fry Trophy

Awarded to the Small Fry with the
Highest Score for the season

Congratulations

**Harry
Czabayski**

With 423 points

**Highest Point Scoring
Small Fry Angler
With: 353 points**

**Highest Tag Point Scoring
Small Fry Angler
With: 70 points**



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Your details are important and must be correct, so please take the time to check that all of your details are right in our Club Directory pages at the back of this Pointer. If they are wrong in any way. Please get in contact with us as you may be missing out on Club Information.

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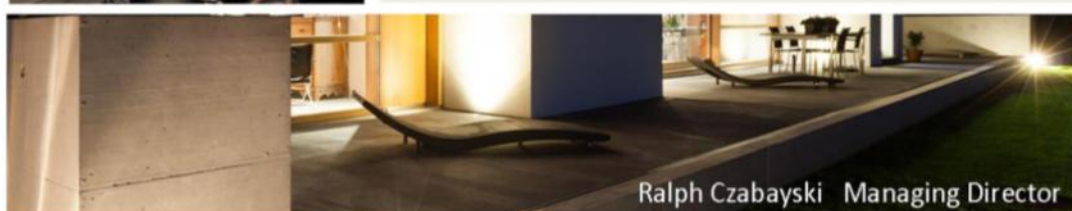
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Ralph Czabayski Managing Director



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CHAMPION BOAT AWARDS



The Steve Morris Champion Boat Over 25ft Trophy

Donated by Life Member Steve Morris in 2009



Congratulations Team Spartacus

Champion Boat with 4 Criteria and 59,113 points

Skipper: Ralph Czabayski

Team Members:

Ashley North

Dale Smith

Ben Gerrets

Kym Kessner



CHAMPION BOAT AWARDS



The Jim Veitch 25ft & Under Champion Boat Trophy

In honour of Jim Veitch past Life Member and the first
President of the Port Lincoln Game Fishing Club



Congratulations Team Micks Winch

Champion Boat with 4 Criteria and 18,493 points

Skipper: Mick Dawe

Team Members:

Lee Van Soest

Jerry Burt

Wayne Greenshields

Wayne Barrett

Steve Morris



New Look GFCSA Pointer Magazine

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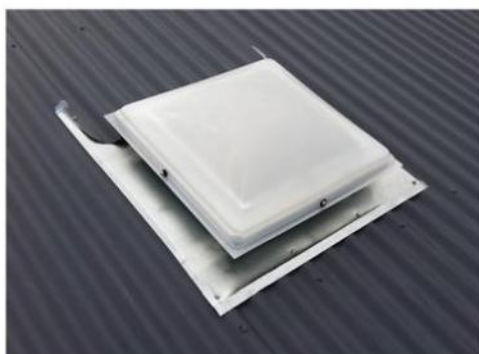


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We had a plan! Rolf is keen, excited even.

Leaving Adelaide at 6 pm we were anchored in Antichamber bay by 10am. It's beautiful and calm, at 4.30am we are up and off to Robe. We pass one of our Naval Frigates on sea trials looks impressive. 30ml out of Robe and along the 50 metre line we put the lures in. We are after a 100 kg barrel!

After 4 hrs of trolling nothing. We he'd in to Robe marina.

We will have another go tomorrow.

We all enjoyed one of Rolfs beautiful Spag bolognaise. And the excellent facilities at the Marina. Lots of pro berths and council berths for visitors.

In the morning winds are still 10 knots as forecast, and the plan is to head out to deeper water near the shelf where the temperature is 16 degrees at 30 meters. We see bait fish on the sounder but no Tuna. Reaching 100 meters and 16 degrees we see our first Turns flying up high having a look at our lures.

This is a good sign!

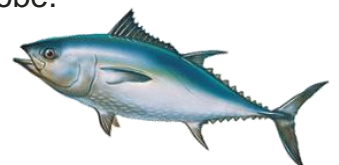
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21 Tuna later we knew we had made the right decision. and our plan had worked. No big barrels, but lots of fish 9 to 12 kg. We never made it deeper than the 100 meter line so the hope is - the big barrels might be further out. A report comes in of a 101kg Tuna caught by Extreme charters at Pt Mac. Galaxy Star is staying in Robe for a while so maybe the big prize next trip.

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Port Lincoln Trip With Spartacus - May 2017

By Ben Bithell

This trip came about by a late minute discussion, but at the start of the week, the flights had been booked and we were getting ready for a weekend away with the boys! Dale, Northy and myself arrived on the Thursday evening and our first stop off was the bottle-o as we bought them out of Johnnie Walker, Bacardi and Super Dry. We headed down to the marina to prepare Spartacus ready for a rock star entrance from the man himself Ralph followed closely in tow by Ben G. There was excitement in the air on Friday morning as we did our final food shop and started our trek. Heading out into Boston bay, Spartacus had *AC/DC Back in Black* blaring from the top deck letting everybody know we were in town.

Our first day produced 34 SBF tuna, putting a nice gap in the yearly 25+ ft leader board between Spartacus and Broadbill. The conversations on the phone between Senior and Junior Czabayski could have been mistaken for a war time conversation with both parties speaking in code, Ralph trying not giving up too much information to Rolf!

On day two, the crew met over crumpets, all kept to a strict 2 crumpet ration to ensure our supply lasted, and decided to go on an adventure to new waters to see if the grass is really greener. Unfortunately the weather blew up with a 25kt westerly which hampered our efforts. We took refuge in a new anchorage which will now be known as **Eagle Ray Bay**. *With 3 out of the 4 criteria already met for champion angler and champion boat, here enters Dale Smith. Dale's first hook up was on 10kg line class, but had the telling signs of a black ray. After 45 minutes of fighting, an executive decision was made to cut our losses and reload.*

Dale changed to an 8kg outfit and within 5 minutes of baiting and setting the hook, we had a hook up. The fierce runs taken in the first 5 minutes was obvious that Dale had finally hooked what we had been seeking. After a short 20 minute fight in the rain we had landed an eagle ray. We all ran around frantically to weigh the ray, but to all our disappointment it fell short. 13.1kg. The tide was now nearing the bottom so we quickly baited up again. 3 minutes after, Dale had another hook up! The crew were on edge, *"It's the same ray, surely it can't be another?"* This ray was putting up a Herculean effort, taking 4-5 blistering runs, but after 35 minutes, we had landed it. Another Eagle Ray, but this one was bigger. We set up the scales, with the silence almost deafening as we waited for the scale to settle. 17.2kg, Dale had done it! The cheers were loud and there were high fives all around. This was my highlight of the weekend.



On the final day, the weather had given us some relief and we were able to start heading back towards Lincoln. A couple of hours into the trip, we came across massive bait balls and birds smashing the surface everywhere we looked. For a good two hours, we had multiple 4 people hook ups, with the crew ducking and weaving around each other to chase their fish. This turned out to be our highest points scoring day, landing 40+ fish. Ben Gerrits had a slow start to the day but got his groove back late to land a good number of fish and the biggest of the trip.

After cleaning Spartacus from top to bottom, we concluded our trip at the trusty Marina Hotel. The food prepared by Marty and his team was second to none as always. The trip ended in usual fashion with Ralph setting fire to another table with flaming Sambuca shots and Northy pumping his hard earned on max spins through Shogun. I had a great trip personally, taking part in my first proper fish as a part of the GFCSA and can't wait until the next adventure.



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IGFA UPDATE



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IGFA CHANGES TO ANGLING RULES

The IGFA's Board of Trustees recently met for their annual meeting where they ratified several significant changes to the IGFA's International Angling Rules and World Record Requirements.

Assisting The Angler

Current IGFA International Angling Rules state that "the act of a person other than the angler touching the rod, reel, or line either bodily or with a device once the fish strikes or takes the bait constitutes a disqualification. However, nowhere in the IGFA rules do we discuss the legality of another person touching or making contact with the angler. The IGFA is frequently questioned on the legality of touching the angler while they are fighting the fish.

In order to clarify this important subject, the IGFA will be adding the following language to the Section 3 of **Disqualifying Acts**: "Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or taking pressure of the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification". This Change is effective April 1st 2017

Backing and Top-Shot

Current IGFA International Angling Rules state: "If the fishing line is attached to backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the lines".

This rule has long been contested in cases where the main line or Top Shot is lighter than the underlying backing, as logic dictates that the lighter line will break before the heavier backing. This is also contrary to IGFA Angling Rules for Fly Fishing where the catch is categorized based on the breaking strength of the class tippet, which must be a minimum of 15 inches.

To address this issue, IGFA will be making the following alterations to **Equipment Regulation A**:

Title change from "LINE" to "LINE & BACKING"

Adding a new subsection that reads: "3. The use of backing is permissible"

Adding a new subsection that reads: "4. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 16.5 feet (5 meters) of line directly preceding the double line, leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line"



Rolf Czabayski (Snr)

IGFA Representative



IGFA CHANGES TO WORLD RECORD REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Ratio Requirements

Currently, to submit a line class or tippet class (Fly rod) world record, the only weight requirement is that the fish must weigh at least .45kg (1lb). As a result, the IGFA has accumulated a significant amount of records where the weight of the fish is much lighter than the size of the tackle used to land the fish. In an effort to have IGFA world records better recognise outstanding achievement, the IGFA has established the following minimum ratio requirements for all new line class and tippet class world records:

For line class categories up to and including 10kg (20lb) and all tippet class (fly Rod) categories:

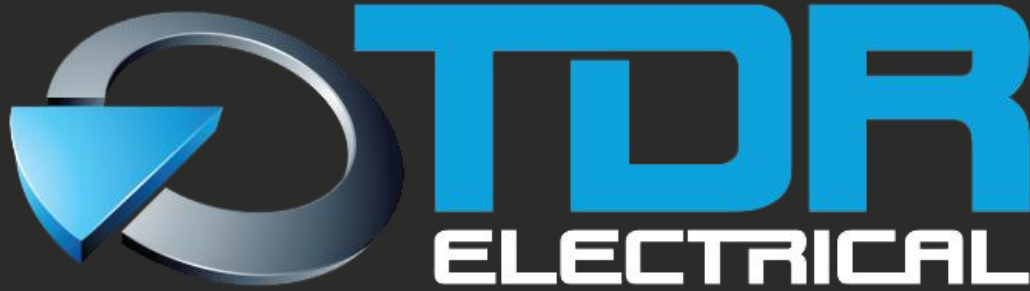
The weight of the catch must weigh at least $\frac{1}{2}$ as much as the line class it is eligible for. For example, a fish entered for the 6kg (12lb) line class or tippet class category must weigh a minimum of 3kg.

For line class categories greater than 10kg (20lb):

The weight of the catch must be equal to, or greater than the line class it is eligible for. For example, a fish entered in the 24kg (50lb) line class category must weigh a minimum of 24kg.

Minimum ratios will not be retroactive and records that currently do not meet the new minimum weight requirements will not be retired. Records listed in the 2017 World Record Book and IGFA website will have a new column that instructs anglers what the minimum weight necessary is to establish a record for each line class.

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IGFA CHANGES TO RECOGNISED GAME FISH SPECIES

Eligible Game Fish Species

The IGFA maintains All-Tackle world records for thousands of different species, however only certain game fish species are eligible for the additional line class, tippet class (fly Rod), and Junior Angling world record categories. In an effort to better recognize premier game fish species around the world that merit having line classes, the IGFA will no longer be accepting line class, tippet class (fly rod), and junior Angler records on the 45 species of freshwater and saltwater fish listed below:

Freshwater: Rock Bass, Shoal Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Black Bullhead, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead, Burbot, White Catfish, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Freshwater Drum, Florida Gar, Shortnose Gar, Spotted Gar, Oscar, European Perch, White Perch, Yellow Perch, Chain Pickerral, red Piranha, Shorthead Redhorse, Silver Redhorse, Sauger, American Shad, Hickory Shad, Splake, Green Sunfish, Redbreast Sunfish, Redear Sunfish, Tench, Warmouth, Lake Whitefish, Mountain Whitefish and Round Whitefish.

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Hi All,

You may have seen it already in the last IGFA newsletter, the President Rob Kramer of IGFA of 15 years is stepping down from his position at the end of August.

His wife Lara and Rob made the decision that the time is right to leave South Florida to be closer to family and pursue new opportunities. We all wish Rob and his family all the best in his next destination and employment; we certainly will miss him, as he has done in his time in office at IGFA a great job, we wish Rob and his Family all the best in the Future.

IGFA Names Nehl Horton New President

As IGFA's seventh president since its founding in 1939, Horton plans to build on the strong foundation set by the exemplary leadership of Rob Kramer and his legendary predecessors. Horton's immediate focus will be on working with the IGFA Trustees to develop a new long range plan aimed at increasing the organization's connectivity and relevance to anglers, better leveraging its strong network of international representatives and building new revenue streams, while strengthening its commitment to conservation around the world.

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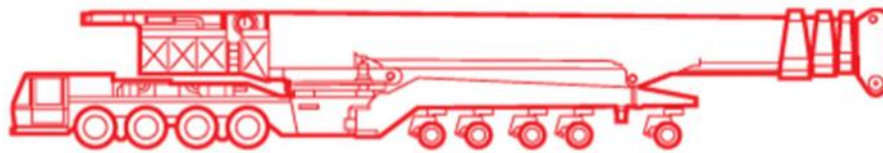
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 2. dates of tag & release;
 3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
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 2. dates of tag & release;
 3. serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; and
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- Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.

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Merit pins may be awarded to anglers for captures made in Australian waters and recorded in each of the various line classes according to the tables (A & B)

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Club secretaries shall, by the authority of GFAA, order and distribute Capture merit pins to club members who have submitted to them a written application supported by relevant Capture and

GAMEFISH MERIT PINS (Table A)

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	2	3	4	8
2	4	6	8	16
3	6	9	12	24
4	8	12	16	32
6	12	18	24	48
8	16	23	32	64
10	20	30	40	80
15	30	45	60	120
24	48	72	96	192
37	90	135	250	500
60	150	210	325	650

SHARK MERIT PINS (Table B)

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	4	6	8	16
2	8	12	16	32
3	12	18	24	48
4	16	24	32	64
6	24	36	48	96
8	32	48	64	128
10	40	60	80	160
15	60	90	120	240
24	96	144	192	384
37	180	270	500	1000
60	30	420	650	1300

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Only one Capture merit pin for each species and for each line class may be issued to any one angler during any single year ending 30th June. It is recommended that Capture merit pins be presented at club annual general meetings, trophy presentation evenings or similar occasions. The cost of the Capture merit pins shall be borne by the angler.

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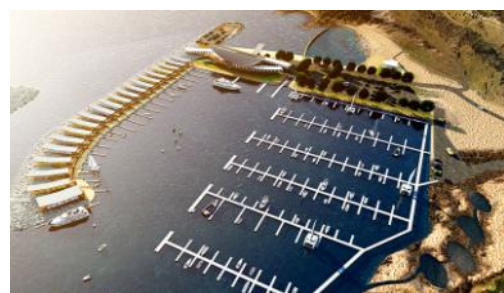
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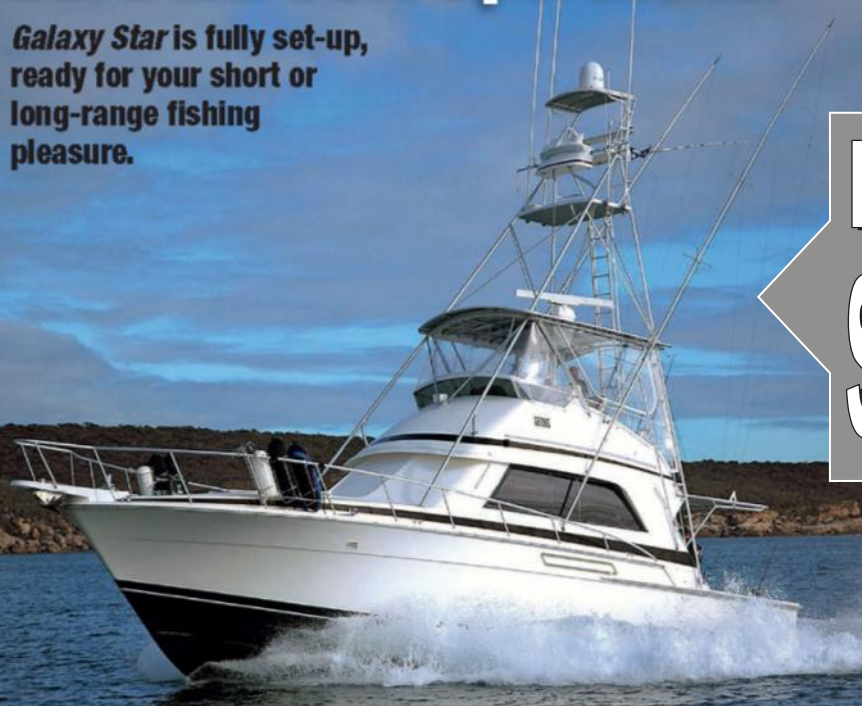


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