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CLUB ETIQUETTE

MEETINGS

The monthly GENERAL MEETING is usually held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 8 p.m. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting to keep up with all the club matters.

DRYCASTING:

Drycasting competitions is usually conducted on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month. Instruction is given to all new members and a competition is conducted to improve and maintain the standard of our members casting.

FIELD DAYS:

These normally follow each general meeting on the ensuing weekend. It is compulsory for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh - in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or for other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign - on. However, only under very exceptional circumstances, will failure to attend weigh-ins not be penalised with the loss of points acquired during that field day. It is the Field Day Officers duty to inform the Committee of any anglers who fail to attend the weigh - in. It is the Committees duty to decide what action is to be taken. Disputes may be taken to the Committee. Entries for Game Fish Badges, Club Records and Open Fishing Competition must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Please notify the Treasurer and the Reel Talk Editor of any change of address and telephone number.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

If any member intends to resign from the club a letter of resignation should be forwarded to the Secretary. Please assist the Treasurer by paying your annual subscription within 28 days of the Annual General Meeting. Arrears of three consecutive months may cause forfeiture of membership.

LIFE MEMBERS:

V DAVIS, J. STRONG, D. EDWARDS, B. KLEIN
L DUNN, G. HOLMAN, E. PARKER

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GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 11/6/97

The meeting was opened at 8-08 p.m. by President Alan Brayne with 26 members present.

Apologies were received from:- Ian Pilton, Mal. Head and Dave Maxted.

4 Visitors:- Martin Richards, David Freeman, James Nancarrow and Joe Pullela, not forgetting Cookie's recently acquired fishing companion "Hunter".

Minutes of the last general meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last general meeting:- Refer to G.B.

Minutes of the last committee meeting were read and accepted.

Business arising from the last committee meeting:- The committee is to proceed with the deposit of \$5000-00 into a suitable secure investment fund. Moved Sid. Whiting, 2nd Darren Batchelor that the final decision on where the money is to be invested, be left with the committee. Endorsed by the members present.

Reefish Australia were asking for donations of \$100-00 from fishing clubs. George Holman advised the members present that the Surfcasters had already contributed to Reefish Australia.

Inward correspondence:- A.A.A. meeting minutes, A.A.A. meeting minutes from the boating sub committee plus a letter from President John Curtis replying to a letter the A.A.A. received inquiring as to what their club received in regard to A.A.A. affiliation fees. Western Fisheries, letter and Fisheries Magazine.

Letter and program from the Toyota International and Trailer Boat Show to be held in Sydney in June this year.

Letter received from Dymocks bookshop declining to be a donor. Western Angler has kindly donated a cap and a 1 years subscription to Western Angler. The State Library also donated a Fish Identification book to the club.

A \$20-00 donation from Alf Rutland of Bumbury and a \$40-00 donation from Doug Edward was received and will no doubt assist the treasurer in the purchase of trophies. Many thanks to Alf. Rutland and Doug Edward.

Outward correspondence:- Letter to the Minister of Fisheries re the buying back of a commercial fishing license.

Treasurer's report:- A new auditor needs to be found as the current auditor is due to retire shortly.

Business arising from the Treasurer's report:- A replacement auditor has been recommended by the retiring auditor and it was moved by Peter Osborne, 2nd George Holman that the treasurer get in touch with him and if suitable, ask him to take on the roll as club auditor.

Property officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Dry casting officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Field-day officer's report:- Refer to the Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Report:- Nil. Editor absent.

A.A.A. Report:- George Holman reported to the meeting that the Minister for Fisheries has recently bought back a commercial fishing license in the Bremer Bay area. Great news !!

Notice of Motion:- Nil.

Recorder:- Mark Farnay has submitted a Yellowtail Kingfish he caught at Rottneest for a record entry.

Social Report:- Trophy night -- 28th June.

Instruction:- Joe Pullela from Joe's Tackle Shop gave the members a run down on why you should consider buying a custom built rod compared to the pitfalls one might encounter if you bought an of the shelf style rod.

Joe talked for an hour about many different types of rods including some of his personal favourites and why and when he uses that particular type of rod. Questions were asked of Joe, while showing us his fishing rods.

So if you are in the market for a new rod, have a talk to Joe. Joe is also going to come back again with the view to showing us some of his wares. **Keep an eye out for Joe's Return.**

General business:- I must apologise to Roy Killick for not including this next paragraph in last months Reel Talk. Roy voiced his displeasure at having his name printed in the April Reel Talk as an unfinancial member with regard to unpaid field-day monies. Roy stated that he had already offered the money to the F.D.O. at the meeting prior to the field-day in question and was refused at the time. After the May meeting Roy approached the F.D.O. about the issue at hand and Ian Cook stated that he never accepts field-day money other than on field-days as he could possibly forget and that would make the issue worse as he would have already been paid.

Roy eventually accepted Cookie's explanation, however he did not like having his name printed in the Reel Talk.

To Roy Killick, the committee humbly apologises for any embarrassment this may have caused, however it must be remembered that some people would never pay overdue fees unless some form of redress was instigated. This unfortunately is a fact of life and dont think for one minute that the committee enjoyed publishing the list. By the way, some people are still unfinancial. If any of the above issue concerns you, I would suggest that you pay the treasurer in the near future.

★ The meeting closed at 9-55 pm.

The July field-day is a fish anywhere and several members will probably fish at their favourite spot (where ever that maybe) so what about an article for the Reel Talk. Sharing fishing spots and telling other club members how to get there and what you might catch is all a part of being a successful club.



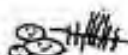
VENUE: REEFBEACH
ATTENDANCE: VENUE: SENIORS: 4 JUNIORS: 0
 LOCAL: SENIORS: 3 JUNIORS: 0
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 7 **TOTAL FISH WEIGHT:** 50.17Kg



SENIORS:			JUNIORS:		
NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
Darren Batchelor	261	15.15Kg	Brett Taggart (L)	38	0.82Kg
David Freeman (V)	257	17.7Kg	Eric Parker (L)	20	0.00Kg
Ian Cook	194	10.4Kg	George Holman (L)	20	0.00Kg
Derry Barber	159	6.1Kg			

JUNIORS & MINI JUNIORS

NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT
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**FIELD DAY PRIZES**

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	3.85Kg	Salmon
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	David Freeman (V)	17.70Kg	Mixed
MYSTERY PRIZE	Nil		
JUNIORS PRIZE	Nil		

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR POINTS

HEAVIEST SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	3.85Kg	Salmon
HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Darren Batchelor	15.15Kg	Mixed

SENIOR TOP TEN

Darren Batchelor	476
Ian Cook	265
Mark Farney	248
Derry Barber	242
Bob Henderson	177
Eric Parker	177
Hans Wytenburg	176
Peter Booth	157
Ian Taggart	152
George Holman	133

JUNIOR TOP FIVE

Grant Taggart	56
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M/JUNIOR TOP FIVE**FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1997 - 1998**

1. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (1ST SIX MONTHS)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King	9.90Kg
2. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH (2ND SIX MONTHS)			
3. MOST MERITORIOUS FISH			
4. HEAVIEST SHARK (4.5 Kg MIN)			
5. HEAVIEST MULLOWAY (1.0 Kg MIN)			
6. HEAVIEST TAILOR (1.0 Kg MIN)	Peter Booth		1.40Kg
7. HEAVIEST SALMON (3.0 Kg MIN)	Darren Batchelor		3.85Kg
8. HEAVIEST TREVALLY (0.5 Kg MIN)	Darren Batchelor		0.72Kg
9. HEAVIEST MACKEREL			
10. HEAVIEST BAG OF SCALE FISH	Mark Farney		15.80Kg
11. HEAVIEST BAG OF MULLOWAY			
12. HEAVIEST BAG OF TAILOR	Hans Whytenburg		7.60Kg
13. HEAVIEST FISH ON S.H. ROD (4Kg b/s line max)			
14. HEAVIEST SCALE FISH OTHER THAN SECTIONS 3-9, 13 (2 Kg min)	Mark Farney	Yellowtail King	9.90Kg

The Surf Casting & Angling Club Of W.A. Inc

Would Like To Thank Mr Joe Pulella From Joe's Fishing Tackle - Unit 4 - 157 Walcott Street, Mount Lawley. (Telephone (08) 9328 7357). For the June General Meeting Instruction on Fishing Rods And Custom Building Rods.

**MEDIA NEWS:** Dr James Wright (Referring to a British Medical Journal)

That after conducting world wide survey over a length of time. It has been found that after eating as little as 35 Grams of fish 3 times a week, mainly oily fish, oilier the better. Tinned or fresh fish reduced the chances of Heart Attack by 50%.

JULY GENERAL MEETING


WHERE: M.Y.A.S.G. Club Room at Ingelwood Aquatic Centre
Alexander Drive
WHEN: Wednesday 9th July 1997 at 2000 hrs
INSTRUCTION: Darryl Halton on Fly Fishing



JULY DRYCASTING

WHERE: Yokine Reserve corner of Alexander Drive and Wordsworth Avenue
WHEN: Sunday 6th July 1997
EVENTS: 112gm 56gm D/H Accuracy & S/H Accuracy, 112gm Open

JULY FIELD DAY

WHERE:  Open
WHEN : 12th - 13th July 1997
SIGN ON: Phone in sign on by 2000 hrs on the Thursday night.
LINES DOWN: Saturday 0800 hrs
WEIGH IN: At the FDO's home at 1200 hrs. (See front page for address.)
There will be a barbaque immediately after the weigh in. The Club barbaque will be there.
B.Y.O. FOOD
BOUNDARIES: Anywhere on the Western Australian coastline.

AUGUST FIELD DAY

WHERE: Rottnest
WHEN : 16th - 17th August 1997
SIGN ON: (E T D From North Port is 0930 hrs 16th August .. Please be there 30 minutes prior to
LINES DOWN: Departure to load gear into crates.....Please notify and pay all monies to Field
WEIGH IN: Officer By the July Meeting.....)

July:				
Date	5	13	20	27
Phase	●	◐	○	◑

LOCAL FIELD DAY FOR AUGUST

WHEN: 16th - 17th August 1997
SIGN ON : Phone in sign on to F.D.O. by 2000hrs Friday Night
LINES DOWN: Saturday 1300hrs
WEIGH IN: Sunday 1000hrs G.Holmans House. Scales will be available on his back patio. Weights must be witnessed by a adult. FD Money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name.
NO MONEY NO POINTS. Results to be phoned into F.D Officer by 2000hrs that night
BOUNDARIES North Mole to Ocean Reef

Please Note: All Members and Friends are invited to the BBQ after the July Field Day. See The Weigh inLaugh at your Matesand Enjoy the BBQ.....B.Y.O. Food.....
The Club BBQ will be thereDrinks will be Supplied

Kalbarri House Vacancies.....July1997 - 19th Onwards



August 1997 - Clear
October 1997 - 4th to 18th
November 1997 - 8th to 15th
December 1997 - Clear

SUBS ARE DUE

Family Membership - \$52.00
Single Membership - \$40.00
Pensioner Membership - \$25.00



S.C.A.C. Recorders Report

June/July 1997



Hello fellow Fisho's

The new competition fishing year is well under way and I have entries from Mark Farnay for his game fish badge for the capture of a Yellowtail Kingie, and also an entry from Harry Brayne for an entry in the open Section 11 Heaviest Mackerel, and for his game fish badge. Whereas Marks entry has been approved by the committee, Harry's is still to be approved. To ease the suspense Harry captured a Spanish Mackerel off the Rocks at Quobba Point, weighed in at 25.00kgs a stirring effort. Well keep the momentum going and we will have another year of Good Competition. Until this entry is finalised we still have a Clean Slate in the Open Competition this year

OPEN COMPETITION ENTRIES

1. Most Meritorious Fish
2. Heaviest Shark 4.5kg Min
3. Heaviest Mulloway 3.5kg Min
4. Heaviest Salmon 3kg Min
5. Heaviest Dhufish
6. Heaviest Tailor
7. Heaviest Samson
8. Heaviest Fish S/H Rod
(4 kg Lclass)
9. Heaviest Pink Snapper
10. Heaviest Tarwhine
11. Heaviest Mackerel
12. Heaviest Trevally (S) 1kg Min
13. Heaviest Trevally (N) 1kg Min
14. Heaviest Snook/Pike
15. Heaviest Scale Fish 2kg Min
other than sections 2 thru 14.



OPEN

Ian "MACCA" Mascarenhas

The Annual S.C.A.C. Annual Presentation Night Year 1997.

SECTION	Winner	Trophy Donor	SECTION	Winner	Trophy/Donor
Heaviest Scale Fish 1st six months	Tony D'Alonzo 5,000 kg. Sweedip	Knife and Stool A. Norman & I Pilton	Heaviest Scale Fish 2nd six Months	Murray Shaw 2,55 kg Mulloway	Knife and Stool G. Thorpe and Ian Pilton & Family
Heaviest Shark	Ian Mascarenhas 5.5 kg B/Whaler Shark	Rod Recks Alf Rutland	Heaviest Mulloway	Murray Shaw 2,55 kg Mulloway	Safety Glove S.C.A.C. Inc.
Heaviest Tailor	Darryl Halton 2,900 kg Tailor	Small Tackle Box Mako Tackle	Heaviest Trevally	Ian Taggart 1,750 kg Trevally	Gaff Mako Tackle
Heaviest Bag Scale Fish	Darren Batchelor 13,000 kg	Fish Smoker Mako tackle	Heaviest Bag Mulloway	Alan Brayne 2,800 kg Mulloway	Tackle Box Mark Franklin agencies
Heaviest Bag Tailor	Ian Cook 8,700 Kg Tailor	Reel Bag & Lure D. Edwards and Andy Thor'son	Heaviest Fish S/H Rod	Bob Henderson 0,650 kg Tarwhine	Rod/Book/ Western Angler Subscription Campbells Tackle / W.A. Museum / Western Angler Western Angler
Other Sections than 3 to 13	Tony D'Alonzo 5,000 kg Sweedip	Tackle Box Mako Tackle			
Field Day Competition					
Open Section First 1982 points	Darren Batchelor	Fishing Rod and Fittings Ozflex	Open Section Second 1129 points	Don Batchelor	Gas Bottle & Lamp S.C.A.C. Inc
Open Section Third 1081 points	Morris Kolman	Reel and Fishing Line Syd Whiting & M. Franklin Agencies	Junior Section First 210 points	Melissa Hooper	Tackle Box and Sun Hat Jim Strong and Trevor Stam



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 D. Edwards.....





Open Fishing Competition

SECTION	Winner	Trophy Donor
Heaviest Shark Sect. 2	George Holman 27.100 kg Shark	Tackle Box Mako Tackle
Heaviest Spinnon Sect. 4	Darren Batchelor 6.300kg Salmon	Reel Bag S.C.A.C.
Heaviest Fish S/Handed Ros Sect. 8	Darren Batchelor 6.300 kg Salmon	Sinker & Pliers Bag Basil Marsh
Heaviest Tarwhine Sect. 10	Rom Niciejewski 600kg Tarwhine	Pretestad Fishing Line Mark Franklin Agencies
Heaviest Trevally (Nth) Sect. 13	Rom Niciejewski 7.00 kg Trevally	Reel bag Basil Marsh



DRYCASTING Competition

112 Gram distance Event	George Holman 305 points	Rod Pouch Derry Barber
112 Gram Art/ Bait Event	George Holman 120 points	Gaff Mako Tackle
S/Handed Accuracy First	George Holman 247 points	Rod and Vouchers George & Keye Holman
Open Section Second Place	George Holman 2199 points	Reel and Line M. Franklin and S.C.A.C.
Veterans Section First Place	Don Batchelor 2217 points	Lures Box Ian "Macca" Mascarenhas
Mini Junior Section First	Daniel Stoeckel 569 points	Fishing Reel S.C.A.C.
Most Improved Caster	Daniel Stoeckel Mini Junior	Reel and Line from the S.C.A.C Voucher from Fleets for Tackle in Morley

Caster of the Year
See page 12
Clubperson of the Year
Sportsman of the Year

VALE JACK HARVEY

Last month saw our club lose another of our older members of many years standing in Jack Harvey, He was 88 years old.

Jacks membership goes back well over 35 years and when , I (George Holman) joined the club, he was the then President of the Surfcasters, and held that position for some time. He also did a lengthy time as the clubs Field day officer and had attendance in the 60 to 80 regularly.

Jack put a lot of effort and time into the club, he promoted the social side of things with many bar-b-que's ect, at the Harvey household, ably assisted by his lovely wife Phyl. He did a lot of lecturing and tutoring and was a very active and knowledgeable angler.

He was an "old school" type of member who promoted protocol, good manners, and decorum, and led by his honest approach to all matters thus earning him the members respect of all who came in contact with him.

Members like Jack Harvey are a rare breed and he will be sadly missed.

To his dear wife Phyl, and family goes the condolences of the Surfcasters at this time of their sad loss.

I, along with Eric Parker have sent a condolence card on behalf of the club, and I have received the following reply.....

Dear George
Just a note to
thank you for your
kindness.

Thank you for your
sympathy.
Jack really enjoyed
his years with the
Surfcasters, loved the
week-ends away and
the fish talk with

all his friends
I also enjoyed the
social life, the Dinners
and good friends made
at Kalbarri house
my best wishes
to you George and
all club members.
Good Fishing!

Phyl Harvey
& family



A.A.A. OF W.A. REPORT

There was an attendance of 24 delegates present at the June meeting of the above. Hans Wytenburg and George Holman were our delegates present. The Marmion Angling Club, has offered to hold the Presentation of Trophies night, at the end of August, at their premises. Club, and individual awards, will be presented and any club member is welcome to attend. More information at a later date.

The request to the premier Mr Richard Court, for fishing platforms on the revamp to the Causeway Bridge, has been noted, and handballed to the Minister for main roads. There has been a complete turnaround by the Minister for Fisheries, Monty House on the recent ban on the taking of Snapper in the Eastern gulf of Shark Bay. This, after a meeting of "interested parties" in the area ie. (Charter boat operators, and Tourism bodies) Fishers may now take two (2) Snapper per day, (50-70cm) in the Eastern gulf, and four (4) Snapper per day, (45-70cm) in the Southern gulf.

There is a total mixed bag of seven, (7) fish per day for the entire Shark Bay area. These limits take effect from the 4th July 1997. There are no trip limits, so there is only going to be one result and, by the time this is realised,..... it will be too late. A media statement by the Minister Monty House regarding the recent formation of Recfishwest, quoted figures of approximately 500,000 recreational anglers who generate a turnover of over \$400 million. A survey around 2 years ago by a university, came up with a figure closer to two and a half Billion dollars.

A profit of \$121.00 was paid to the A.A.A. of W.A. from the recent State Beach Championships. The attendance was lower than expected and, it is hoped that the next Beach Championships, to be held in September 1997, will be better patronised.

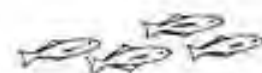
Peter Osborne, has been transferred to Queensland for the next two years with his work, and will leave a big hole to fill in the W.A. division. He is currently Vice President and Chairman of the Beach and Rock Committee meetings and does a lot of work in all areas because of his vast experience in all aspects of Association activities. We wish Peter well for the future, and look forward to his safe return.

A report by Peter, as State Captain for the forthcoming National Titles at Rainbow Beach in Queensland, stated that there were thirteen people going over to represent us, and that nine (9) were from the Surfcasting and Angling Club.


We might not participate much in State events,....(and we are working on this,) but, we will have a go at Nationals!!



A.A.A. DELEGATE
George Holman.



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ROTTNEST FIELD DAY 16 TH - 17 TH AUGUST 1997. (POLAR BEAR EXPEDITION)

This is one of our clubs most enjoyable field days even allowing for the cold weather, and has a history of producing very good fish captures. The species caught are very varied and there is the chance of some large salmon and yellow tailed kingfish. It is also a great trip for close camaraderie as we fish together and are able to socialise back at the settlement. The anticipation of looking down onto Radar Reef when we arrive at West End never fails to quicken the heart beat. The heart beat is even quicker after the climb back up heart attack hill. If the weather is good it is magical to watch the Dolphins surfing and see the first salmon leaping on the end of your line. Some people have the adrenalin pumping action of hooking a Yellow tailed Kingfish (FREIGHT TRAINS). Last years winter trip produced some good bags of up to 2 kg tailor at Cathedral and Wilson's

This time of the year can be Fine or Wet Windy and Cold. So for those that are going it is essential to have a good wet suite and or wet weather gear plus 2 changers of cloths. It may also be necessary to change your preferred fishing location depending on the weather conditions so come equipped for both light and heavy tackle fishing. For those who wish to fish in sheltered areas there are sheltered locations

A rundown on fishing and what to take will be give at the August meeting. If you are undecided about going ask a member who went in May how they enjoyed it.

The format for this F. D. will be similar to the last one in May. E.T.D. North Port 0930 on the Saturday E.T.A.. North Port 1700 on the Sunday. These ferry times are to be confirmed with the bus departure times , and will be available at the AUGUST general meeting.

* NOTE

A firm commitment as to the number of people who will be attending and **payment** will be required by the **JULY** general meeting. Cost will be in the range of \$65-\$70 for accommodation, transport and ferry depending on the number of members that go. We need 18 members to participate so we can retain the ferry concession rate. Members who pay early will have first option to go. **TOTAL COST \$65- \$70**. The huts are self contained and have shower toilet basin, stove fridge and very basic cooking and eating utensils. The beds have mattresses and blankets so bring sheets or a sleeping bag. Each hut sleeps six.

Top Tips



ICE -CREAM FRIDGE..



Take a large (empty) icecream container and glue on some tin foil.

Line the inside by glueing pieces of polystyrene insulation tiles on the bottom , sides and lid of the container. Then drill some air holes to the lid.

By having a few of these small cooler - boxes you can keep different baits cool and seperated.

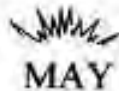


Forgot your rain Jacket ??

Most fishos do , but bring along a garbage bag to take away their rubbish. Easy.....

Cut a hole in the bin liner and use that as your rain jacket.





MAY

DRY CASTING RESULTS

4/05/97

	112 gram			56 gram			D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total	Cast 1	Cast 2	Total			
B.Henderson	117	119	24	100	0	10	88	4	126
D.Batchelor	144	135	28	128	123	25	104	23	180
H. W.Berg	136	148	28	110	118	23	56	20	127
E.Parker	118	125	24	100	103	20	78	16	138
G. Holman	134	146	28	123	113	24	113	19	184
S.Pilton	0	0	0	0	114	11	71	20	102
I.Pilton	110	114	22	91	96	19	64	18	123
<i>Ladies</i>									
J. Stoeckel	43	45	9	51	52	10	31	15	65
<i>Veterans</i>									
D. Batchelor	0	118	12	98	110	21	159	21	213
J.Strong	78	90	17	87	83	17	84	11	179
R.Killick	89	91	18	90	86	18	139	18	193
T.Stam	88	92	18	88	69	16	113	14	161
<i>Mini Juniors</i>									
D Stoeckel	35	29	6	36	32	7	44	3	61

112 gram Winner H Wytenberg
 56 Gram Winner Darren Batchelor
 Winner of the Day Don Batchelor
 Mini Jnr Winner D. Stoeckel



Thanks.....

In my capacity as the Assistant Drycasting Officer for the 96/97 Season, I would personally like to forward my congratulations to **Darren Batchelor** for achieving "Champion Caster of the Year".

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His keen interest, ready wit, and fine fellowship brought willing handshakes from all casters on the Sundays attended. Persevering with our banter, listening and using the advice offered produced a very competitive sportsman and we as a club are proud of his achievement.

Also congrats goes out to Hans for the leadership and friendship as well as to George for his worthwhile advice and assistance to fellow members and the numerous visitors that came along throughout the year.

It is difficult to express and write down ones feelings towards the other members who provided the necessary assistance willingly to help prepare and pack away the drycasting equipment at each monthly event. In no special order **"THANKS"** to Jim, Andy, and Peter and also to the President Alan Brayne and fellow committee members....It's been a pleasure.

During July 1997, I'm heading over to Rainbow Beach in Qld, to participate in the Australian Titles. To be selected to represent our State and also our club in the sport I enjoy, plus the experience gained..... is an honour.

After reading Rom Niciejewski's and Sues around Australia diary "Austrek" I intend touring a lot of Qld and the N.T. to see as much as I can. A bit of fishing won't go astray and I'll try to send in some progress reports to the editor about my journey.

I'm sure going to miss attending the club meetings and the drycasting and field days but most of all the camaraderie from fellow club-members.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the 1998 season

Bob "Hendo"
Henderson.



The Surfcasting & Angling Club Membership Drive & Raffle. **SOCIAL REPORT**

Hi everyone, at the time of this writing I am busy organising the Dinner/Dance... and by the time of your reading this,... it will all be over. I hope you all had an enjoyable evening. To all that were lucky enough to take home prizes or trophy's,


CONGRATULATIONS



The Surfcasters have secured space at the Perth Boat, Dive, and Fishing show. This commences on the Thursday the 21st of August, and closes on Monday the 25th of August, 1997.

The *main* purpose of *our* participation, is a membership drive, and also an opportunity to raise much needed funds by conducting a raffle.

Our last membership drive was in 1995, and it is very important that we maintain a healthy input into our club, Therefore, I am appealing for **VOLUNTEERS** to assist in the manning of our stand at the show.

We need to have **Firm** commitments, as entry passes are to be issued by the organisers to the volunteers for entry into the venue. 

This event runs for 4 days and we need a minimum of 2 people manning our stand at any time... ie. for selling raffle tickets and promoting our club by handing out flyers, and membership forms. Therefore we need at least 6 people per day, working 3 to 4 hour shifts.

If you are able to assist *your* club, Please contact, Phil Brayne, Wayne Morris, Murray Shaw, or Ian Mascarenhas, with details of your availability, **We** need your **commitment** by the first week of August.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

!!!!REMEMBER!!!!

NEW MEMBERS ARE SOUGHT TO ENSURE OUR CLUBS FUTURE!

8/06/97

June



DRY CASTING RESULTS

	112 gram		Total	Art/Bait		Total	D/H Acc	S/H Acc	Day Total
	Cast 1	Cast 2		Cast 1	Cast 2				
B.Henderson	0	118	12	0	88	9	80	9	110
H.W.Berg	153	152	30	107	0	11	65	14	120
G.G'Sleeve	140	38	18	104	0	10	135	8	171
D.Batch'lr	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	15	137
G. Holman	153	153	31	120	120	24	97	30	182
S.Pilton	0	125	12	121	0	12	75	23	122
E.Parker	126	127	25	92	0	9	67	26	127



Veterans

D. Batchelor	107	0	11	0	100	10	156	18	195
J.Strong	98	0	10	83	85	17	107	12	146
A.Thor'son	92	97	19	62	73	13	89	16	137
R.Killick	99	0	10	80	81	16	103	17	146

Mini Juniors

D Stoeckel	34	27	6	23	23	5	17	4	32
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Artificial Bait Winner G Holman

112 Gram Winner G Holman

D/H Winner **Don Batchelor**

Mini Jnr Winner D. Stoeckel

S/H Winner G. Holman

Next Drycasting 6/07/97 112g/56g/ D/H Accuracy S/H Acc
112 Accuracy.

Winner of the Day **Don Batchelor**



Fish Confidently.....



Watching fishing videos or reading books and magazines may make you more knowledgeable, but knowledge doesn't guarantee success. You still have to piece together the puzzle of a fish's location, depth and the lure presentation that will catch him. That's where most anglers veer off track. The mental side of fishing is the single most important aspect in becoming a consistent angler. All of today's top fishermen have one thing in common; they are good thinkers. Their ability to recognize changes and adapt quickly sets them apart from others who are equal in experience, ability and equipment. It's not easy to become mentally strong, nor is mental strength easy to teach. It comes from within and goes hand-in-hand with confidence. Unfortunately, confidence is easy to gain, but easier to lose. I begin every day with confidence, regardless of the fishing conditions. I look for something positive in each situation, no matter how insignificant it is or how dreadful the conditions are. My confidence carries me through a tough day of fishing, as I believe that the next cast can produce a strike when other anglers have given up. Sharpening those mental skills is no easy task, but here's what works for me:



- Think positive. Never dwell on the negatives, as they will rob you of confidence. If you lose a big fish, forget it. Use what you learned to get another one to bite. If your first stop of the morning doesn't produce, use the information you gathered to choose the next spot. If that one fails, try again. Remember every failure brings you closer to success.



- **Avoid dock talk.** Unsuccessful anglers prepare themselves for failure by talking about why fish shouldn't bite. Associate with fishermen who have positive attitudes and it will rub off on you.
- **Keep an open mind.** Just because someone claims a pattern was working, that doesn't mean that it will work for you. Avoid preconceived notions before you get on the water, but don't ignore your instincts. Keep your eyes open for any subtle on-the-water observations that may lead to the best pattern that fits your fishing style. Confidence will soar once you can rely on the whispers coming from the back of the mind that urge you to do something different. The more you're aware of what's going on around you that affects the bass environment, the more accurate those instincts become and the sooner you'll react to them.
- **Utilize your strengths.** Confident anglers know their strengths and weaknesses and therefore rely on their strengths to maintain an even keel of confidence. I'm not saying anglers should become one-dimensional or that versatility isn't important. But there's nothing wrong with utilizing your speciality when confidence in other techniques begins to wane.
- **Work on weaknesses.** There is a time and place to work on weaknesses and refine skills in other techniques, such as when the fish are actively responding to that technique. It takes time to build confidence in something new and you should never force it, especially when fishing conditions are tough. That will only lower your confidence and make it tougher to overcome.
- **Be aware of nature's clues.** I have honed my perceptive skills through years of hunting. I've become more aware of the little things that affect the animals and cause them to do the things they do. Fishing is no different. Recognize the variables that affect fish and adapt with them as they change throughout the day. Those variables may be as simple as increased boat traffic, a change in wind direction, or the sun passing behind clouds. Good anglers think about how changing conditions influence fish and will refine their techniques and lure presentations accordingly. Being perceptive and reacting to your observations isn't easy, nor can you develop it overnight. It is a trial and error process that is refined with each day you spend on the water. As your awareness and confidence increases, the demons of negative thinking are less likely to interfere and your fishing success will soar.

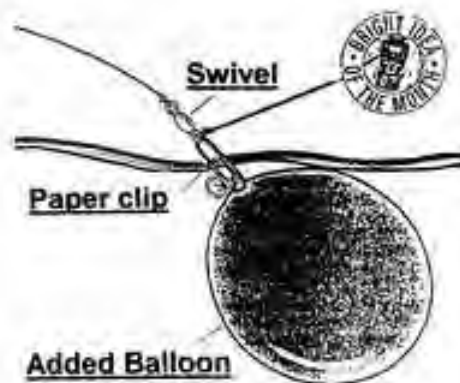


TIPS and Tricks....



Double your Ballooning Power

When the wind dies and you still need to get your bait out, fasten a paper clip to your swivel and it could get your bait out a little bit further.



The One That Didn't Get Away !!

A true Story.....



On Wednesday the 13th of May last year, a blue marlin was hooked and successfully landed.

Not so unusual you might think, after all, marlin are caught on a daily basis all around the globe.

No, what made this capture special is the fact that it was not caught from a boat. Nor was it caught in it's usual habitats in the tropics.

It was in fact caught from a tidal river bank, from the Hayes Wharf, on the River Thames, in the very heart of London.

No great angling skills were involved. No special baits or hi tech equipment were used. The angler involved doesn't even own a rod licence. That alone is enough to make me question his request to shun all publicity and his wish to remain anonymous. So I can't let that happen. This is too big an event and too many questions will be raised to allow misplaced modesty (or more likely, fear of prosecution) to cloud the truth. So... Robert (Wot) Johnson caught it.

My apologies Wot. I said that I wouldn't name you but I find that I must. If it wasn't me, it would be someone else. Perhaps not today or even this week, but soon. To those of you who don't know him, let me tell you that Wot is a very shy person, and easily embarrassed. (His nickname comes from the fact that he wears a hearing aid). He is a welder from Peckham. A very nice guy, not an egotist, not a fame-seeker, nor a liar.

I work in the Jubilee Market in Covent Garden and often go down to the river to eat my sandwiches during lunch. Over the years, I have got to know quite well many of the regulars who fish for eels down on this stretch of the Thames. It must be all of seven years since I first met Wot. He has been catching eels in the Thames for most of his fifty odd years. He is not what we would call a typical angler, as Wot only fishes for eels and not for sport either. He fishes, (as do most people on this planet), for the table. Those he doesn't eat, he sells to his neighbours. He's never bought a fishing paper in his life and believes that carp are a 'kind of goldfish'.



That Wednesday at about 7.30pm, I was driving home over Tower Bridge, cursing the traffic as usual, when the cars in front came to an unexpected standstill.



As the horns blasted the air, I saw people getting out of their cars and rushing to the side of the bridge, pointing down into the river. My curiosity aroused, I followed their lead and saw a sight which will stay with me for the rest of my days. Below me, amidst the barges and riverboats, a huge fish was jumping. Leaping in what seemed to be slow motion, it tailwalked again and again. My first thought that this must be a film set was belayed by common sense. Anyway no cameras were visible, bar those of the Japanese tourists beside me who were clicking away like mad.

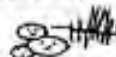


Below the fish was tailwalking again, this time heading straight for the south bank. It went right over to the waters edge where I could see a small knot of people, then it sank from sight. I quickly assessed its position, leapt back into the car and, breaking several laws on the way, drove around to Hayes Wharf. Nigel Mansel couldn't have done the journey quicker.

Parking the car with two wheels up on the curb, I rushed over to the waters edge to join the small group of onlookers there. Down below me, Wot and two others were attempting to heave the huge fish from the water. I quickly stripped off and went down and joined them, hoping that nobody would remove my wallet from my carelessly discarded jacket.

The fish was motionless in the water. A huge open wound on the side of its head poured blood, which stained both us and the surrounding water crimson. Its mouth opened and shut once and its tail gave just one half hearted shudder, as its nervous system attempted to deny nature, then it went rigid. **Between us we heaved and hauled and eventually the enormous fish lay on the wharf.** Only then did I discover how it had come to its end.

At about 5.30 that evening, Wot and Dave, his regular fishing partner, had arrived at the river straight from work, as they did usually on a Wednesday. They normally fish for about three hours, until the light begins to fade, before returning home. That evening they had had a bonanza. An eel every cast came to their rods, all in the two to three pound range and they were well pleased with their efforts.



As they were just beginning to think about packing up, another eel fell to Wot's rod. Wot fishes with an old fibreglass beachcaster rod and a fixed spool sea reel, neither of which can be less than 25 years old. As he winched in the eel, he suddenly felt the rod lock up solid. Without too much thought he opened the bale arm, and then it all happened at once. Thirty yards out the marlin had grabbed the eel and felt the rods resistance. It came out of the water repeatedly whilst Wot and Dave could only stare in disbelief.....

Wot said that he just watched the line pour off the spool, gobsmacked, as the marlin tailwalked across the river and finally crashed into the concrete pilings at his feet. The pair of them went straight down to examine their catch and that was when I had arrived.



Upon examination, the marlin was dead. Not used to running out of jumping space, it must have hit the concrete with tremendous force. In its mouth the eel still writhed, pinned to its scissors by the size 2/0 sea hook.

Having spent a year on the Gt Barrier Reef, I was easily able to identify the monster as a marlin, but I know my limitations, I am not an expert. But I know a man who is.



On the carphone I rang Vince Davies. Being the owner of tackle shops in both Staines and Redhill and a regular big game fishing visitor to Kenya, I knew that Vince could shed some light on the mystery if anyone could. It took me ten full minutes to convince him, and on a mobile that's expensive. (He told me later that it was the cost of that call that had convinced him. It was just too expensive to be a prank.)

It took just less than an hour for Vince and his entourage to arrive. He had brought with him cameras (and a video but had forgot the batteries) Nigel the butcher, Stew and Sue and about five others. Vince identified the marlin as a 'Blue' normally found in the Indian Ocean. After Vince had paid Wot a sum of cash for the fish (i don't know how much), the happy angler went home to his wife. The huge fish was duly loaded into the van and taken back to Staines, to Nigels shop, where it was weighed and witnessed at3321lb! In case you think that was a misprint, try .. Three hundred and thirty two pounds.

That evening we faxed a letter to the biologists fit the Los Angeles Oceanic Institute, the people who study the routes that marlin take. Later, in thier reply, we discovered that another blue marlin, estimated at 800lb, had been washed ashore dead on the Norwegian coast a few days before. The scientists opinion was that the unseasonal warmth of the Gulf Stream was possibly the reason that these fish had fared so far north.

The only blue marlin to be ever caught in British waters is now back in London, being set up by a taxidermist.

Stick on a lead strip

ONE OF the problems when shore spinning with lures such as the ABU Toby is that there is not enough weight in the lure for long-distance casting. If you add your weight to the line via twist-on spiral leads or drilled bullets, the lure tends to tangle with the weights during casting.

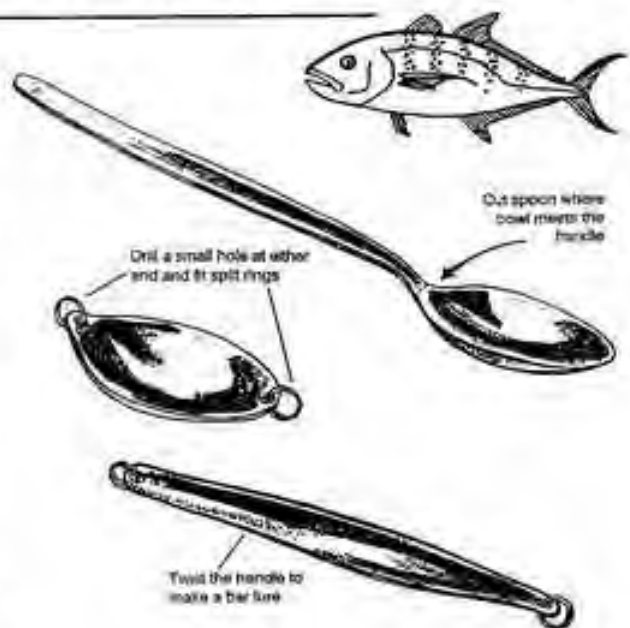
simple remedy. Buy some sticky-backed lead strip - the type used to decorate lead strips on windows - from a DIY store or builders' merchant. Then just stick the appropriate amount of lead strip to the lure and you have a lure that needs no extra weight in order to get extra distance.



Two dessert-spoon lures

spoons to make two lures. Cut the spoon where the bowl meets the handle and file both pieces smooth. Drill a small hole close to the edge at either end of the bowl and fit split rings. You now have a spoon like the famous ABU Rauto spoon.

Leave the spoon plain silver or add coloured flashes of stick-on glitter tape. The handle part is given a slight twist in the middle and drilled at either end to make a bar lure of the Cebal/Toby type, which are great catchers of pollack and bass. The weight of the DIY bar lure is just right for spinning.





ANGLING in NEW AREAS.



Travelling to an exotic fishing location or to a famous spot like Steep Point in W.A. is a dream trip many anglers pursue, but the first time on even the best waters can sometimes be confusing and unrewarding. Many of these waters are huge, and unless you hire a competent guide, finding fish can be like hunting needles in a haystack. Fortunately, there are steps you can follow which can make the job of finding fish on unfamiliar waters much easier, whether the next new lake you fish is an exotic one or a lake close to home.



1/. Start with a Game Plan-

Picking a destination may seem a no-brainer, but the best trips are usually a result of good planning. If you're a lake fisherman, you may want to avoid river situations with fast current. Tackling new conditions or new species can be stimulating in itself, but this pursuit can also lead to a bad tripand that's not what you had in mind.

Learn as much as you can about the area, predominant species, environment, weather patterns, camping conditions and related facilities before making a commitment. Watching TV fishing programs, studying tournament results, reading relevant magazines, visiting outdoor shows, and consulting fishing clubs are good places to start.

2/. Pick the Best Time-



Although fish can be caught just about any time on good water, there are seasonal times that are especially suited to visiting fishermen who want to catch fish in a hurry. These special times are called "seasonal peak" periods.

Seasonal peaks occur when large numbers of gamefish migrate to the same areas at the same time. Each seasonal period has a peak, or a defined pattern, where you have the best chance of finding your target species. Planning your trip to coincide with a peak period almost guarantees success. If you like to fish shallow, plan your trip early in the season from pre-spawn through spawn. If you're more comfortable with deep water structures, summer or winter patterns might suit you better.



3/. Study Contour Maps-

Once you know where and when, the next step is to obtain a good contour map. A good contour map holds a wealth of information that can help you identify high-potential fishing areas and eliminate unproductive waters.

4/. Use Structures as a Guideline-

Structure defines a configuration along the BOTTOM of a body of water.



Weeds, stumps, logs, or anything else that has fallen to the bottom or grows on the bottom, but is not actually the bottom itself, is not structure. These are forms of COVER, which (depending on their association with prime bottom structures) may or may not be attractive to gamefish.

Bottom structures vary from place to place, but most productive structures fall into categories of holes, ridges, humps, rock formations, channels, and high spots. It has been my experience that if I do nothing more than identify all the best-looking structures on a contour map and then systematically fish as many as possible, I can generally achieve some degree of success in almost any situation.

5/. Talk to the Locals-



When fishing new waters I always make it a point to call or visit the fishing and tackle shops, marinas, and resorts beforehand. I ask how fishing has been, where the hot areas are, and what they're hitting. Much of this information may be old or misleading, but if you ask enough people, the current, productive pattern will generally come into view. One little tip on where to go or what to use can be a great starting point and save lots of wasted time. Fishermen just coming from "a spot" with a good catch can be an excellent source of information.

6/. Select a Confidence Area-

Once you learn the current pattern from the locals, the next step is to use your contour map and pick a "confidence area." You can't fish everywhere, so you must limit your approach to smaller, more fishable areas with the highest potential of success. Check your map and target these areas. If the fish are reported to be shallow, then locate potential coves, cuts, and backwaters on the map. If the fish are reported deep, then locate the better-looking points, humps, and ridges. These are only starting points, but it's important to have a confidence area in which to begin. You can refine the pattern as you go.

7/. Select a Variety of Methods-

Just because fish are being caught on a certain lure doesn't mean that's the only thing they'll hit.

Learning from the locals which lures have been hot is a good place to start, but other presentations can sometimes work far better. Don't be afraid to use what has worked for you in the past at similar situations back home.



ANGLING in NEW AREAS. (Cont.)

Fishing patterns frequently overlap, and a technique that works in one part of the country often works just as good in other lakes with similar conditions. Keep an open mind and follow your strengths - you might be pleasantly surprised!

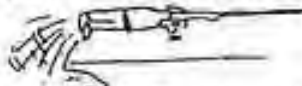
8f. Use the System Approach-

Eliminating water in a systematic method is the easiest way to find fish on new water. Rarely will you find fish in the first place you check. Confidence areas can be large and you often have to fish numerous spots within a confidence area before you uncover the best spots. Experienced anglers can sometimes find the best spots simply by looking at a map or reading a beach formation, but areas with no outward appeal could also be hot spots. **Fishing as many potential spots as possible is the best way to find fish.**

Instead of fishing every conceivable spot within an area, a better approach is to work fast with a variety of techniques and let the fish tell you where they are and what they're hitting. If you're starting with a shallow pattern, it would be better to fish ten or fifteen bays and coves fast, rather than fishing only two or three thoroughly. If you're starting on a deep pattern, briefly fish as many points, humps and ridges you can in a single day.

9f. Timing-

It's important not to get discouraged when the fish don't seem to be biting. The fact that there are days, certain times of the day, when gamefish bite better than others is true anywhere you fish, even on the world's best waters. **Don't give up, good fishing may be just around the corner.**



Nature has a lot to do with fishing success. A bright day with a flat, calm surface may not be the best for fishing, but fish the same location when an approaching storm system brings dark, threatening skies, and you might experience the best fishing of your life.



Wind and waves are also factors that can produce a great bite. **Timing your fishing to be at the best spots all the best times is one of the secrets to catching fish consistently.**

**10f. Keep at it-**

There's a little bit of luck in fishing. Success comes from hard work and a desire to succeed. The only way to properly evaluate a certain area is to fish hard, from dawn until dark. **You can't give up at 4 p.m. and expect the fish to bite when you're there.**

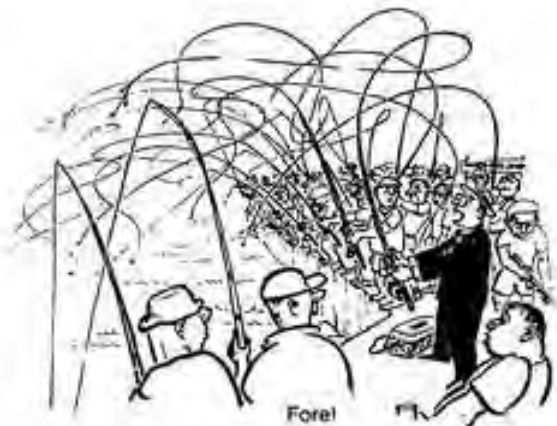
Part of being a good fisherman is having the endurance to withstand the elements and stick with it until the fish get active. Successful fishermen wait until fish are most vulnerable, and when they are, the smart angler will be in position to take full advantage.

If you're not catching fish, wait for a better weather pattern. **Maybe you'll have to fish more toward dawn or dusk.** If you're still not catching, go through the steps again. Talk with the locals, study your map, and start a new game plan. Sometimes a small adjustment is all that you need to be successful.

**Fishing Certificate**

A fisherman who was caught with ten more Fish than the law allowed was taken to court by the conservation officer. The judge fined him heavily and asked, **"Do you have anything to say."**

"Yes, your honor," replied the fisherman, "I surely would appreciate six copies of the court record to **show my buddies.**"





Saltwater Fish Temperature Preferences

Temperature preferences are only a rough guide, and Fahrenheit at that. But they will let you avoid areas where fish are most unlikely to be found. Expect a variation a few degrees one way or the other. On windy days, for example, oxygenated surface areas may attract species to areas above their optimum. Such is also the case when baitfish are in warmer water.

Species	Lower Avoidance	Optimum	Upper Avoidance
Albacore	59	63	66
Amerjack	60	65	72
Atlantic Bonito	60	64	79
Atlantic Cod	31	47	58
Atlantic Croaker	45	63	70
Atlantic Mackerel	45	64	70
Baracuda	55	78	82
Bigeye Tuna	52	58	66
Blackfin Tuna	50	74	81
Black Marlin	68	78	86
Bluefin Tuna	50	68	78
Bluefish	50	68	76
Blue Marlin	70	78	85
Bonefish	64	75	85
Dolphinfish	70	75	82
Fluke	55	65	72
Haddock	37	48	52
Jack Crevelle	70	75-85	90
Kelp Bass	62	65	70
King Mackerel	70	78	88
Permit	65	72	90
Pollock	33	45	60
Pompano	68	77	88
Red Drum	52	72	90
Red Snapper	50	57	62
Sailfish	68	80	88
Sand Seatrout	90	95	100
Sea Catfish	50	62	70
Skipjack Tuna	50	62	70
Snook	60	72	90
Striped Bass	61	68	78
Striped Marlin	61	70	80
Swordfish	50	66	78
Tarpon	74	85	104
Weakfish	48	60	80
White Seabass	58	68	74
Winter Flounder	36	50	64
Yellowfin Tuna	64	72	87
Yellowtail	60	65	70



Measures to Ensure Catch and Release Doesn't become Catch and Die Later.....

Don't get me wrong. I like to eat fish. And I do, But only one out of a few hundred that I catch make it out of the water and into the pan. The rest I want to safely return to their watery abode to go about their business. Most of the practices that make for a good catch and release are common sense. But I see folks catchin' and releasin' fish that looks more like catch and die later, (even those TV fishing guys!) so I scoured the globe for tips on good catch and release. And here they are...

1./ Play the Fish Quickly -

If you play the fish until exhaustion, well... it will be exhausted. The fight is fun, but don't overdo it. Just like in humans, lactic acid builds up in fish from over-exertion. But unlike you, the fish can't lay in bed, rub in some ointment and have its spouse bring it some dinner. Remember, from the fish's point of view this tussle in the water is life or death. Hook it, fight it, and then release it, if your not going to eat it.

2./ Keep it in the Water -

Reach down there with your hook remover and slide that hook out. This is much easier done if you mash down your barbs. Remember this is a creature of the water. It wasn't designed to be dangled in the air. If it's in the water its not bouncing on the shore.

3./ Handle the fish with wet hands.

If you're keeping the fish in the water you are almost certainly handling it with wet hands. If you have to take it out of the water, **wet you hands first**. The fish has a protective slime on its body that protects it in the water from bacteria and infections and other problems. The ordeal of being hooked and fought is stressing enough. Don't reduce its chances even further by sending it back without a fighting chance to ward off ailments.

4./ Don't Squeeze the Fish's life out of it.

Unlike humans, the fish's breathing apparatus isn't tucked away behind a sturdy rib cage. The gills are right there where you're most likely to clamp your beefy paws. Don't mess with the gills. The rest of its

organs are nicely arranged and were probably working unmolested before you yanked it out its environment. You can take your bruised kidney to the doctor, but your quarry can't. Leave him in good condition so I can catch him later.

5./ Support the Fish -


The water normally provides a nice cradle for the fish. All of its vital innards have been designed to sit comfortably inside the fish bobbing along in the water primarily on a horizontal plane. Along comes the fisherman, yanks it out of the water vertically in the air, and all of the fish's innards slide back to his tail. If you can, cradle the fish in a horizontal position. If a fish is giving you particular trouble, hold it upside down. This seems to calm the fish down. (They're probably confused having never seen the world upside down before.) I know with sharks, that when you hold them upside down some kind of electrical impulse gets disconnected and they stop thrashing. I assume it's something similar with other fish. Whatever the cause, it works.

6./ "Using a Net -

If you feel you have to use a net, use a net with a soft mesh material. Remember the fish has that yucky, mucous slime stuff all over him. A hard nylon net is abrasive. It may be my own ineptitude, but I haven't had much luck with nets in the first place.

7./ Cut the Leader if Swallowed -

With real bait, or even soft plastics, the potential is there for the fish to swallow the hooks.

 Pulling it out will surely kill the fish.

Imagine this - You've swallowed a hook and line and I'm going to pull it back out. Get it? If you cut the leader as close as you can at least the fish has a chance. **There have been studies that show that 'everything works goes well the fish can survive this situation.** Buckle your line clippers or Swiss Army knife to your belt for just such occasions.



8./ Mouth to Mouth... kind of-

If you've done your best to abide by rule number one, which is don't overplay your fish, but the fish is still whipped when you land it, be sure to attempt to resuscitate the beast. Hold the fish in the manner discussed earlier, into the current if you're on moving water, and move it back and forth to get water flowing over the gills. The fish will let you know when it's time to go by scooting out of your hands. Don't throw it!

Fisherfolk under Pressure ???

Barometric Pressure



If the barometer falls rapidly, any storm coming with a low pressure system should be quite short, but if the fall is slow and prolonged, a long severe storm may be on the way, in which case sea birds will often be seen seeking shelter on shore.

If the barometer rises rapidly, wind and unstable conditions can follow. Only when the barometer rises slowly can fine weather be reasonably certain, accompanied by stable winds.

Frontal Systems

There are three kinds of fronts which bring weather changes. A cold front occurs when cold air forces its way beneath warm air which is moving more slowly, and this can be recognised by its characteristic cloud pattern.

A warm front occurs when warm air overtakes cooler air and rides up over it there is very little cloud indication until it has passed.

An occluded front occurs when a cold front overtakes a warm front, pushing beneath the warm air to meet the cool air ahead of it. All these fronts are liable to bring rain and unstable weather.

Cloud Forms

These fronts are preceded by clouds of which there are four main kinds. Cumulus clouds are usually small, woolly and white, being formed by warm air, cooling as it rises. As these are well separated, and travelling in the same direction as the surface wind, they almost always indicate fine weather.

Cirrus clouds are wispy and formed by warm air rising until it changes to ice crystals. They very often indicate that rain is coming, particularly if the barometer is falling at the same time.

Stratus or rain clouds arrive a day or so after cirrus clouds. They are grey, heavy and relatively low.



Nimbus clouds are the large, dark rain-filled clouds that produce thunderheads. They can bring wind changes, squalls, violent thunder-storms, rain and also hail.

Cirrocumulus clouds are the second stage of the sequence that heralds a depression' Ripples or waves of cirrus are hence called a 'mackerel sky'. They often bring a rising temperature accompanied by a storm.

When clouds move fast and build up in volume, the weather will certainly worsen, even to storms, and if a cyclone or hurricane is approaching, high cloud will become shredded and curled over, as it is torn apart by high winds.

USING A BAROMETER

A barometer is one of the most useful instruments a fisherman can possess, pointing not only to weather changes, but also how these are likely to affect the behaviour of fish.

A barometer is an instrument for measuring atmospheric pressure, which is the basis of all accurate weather forecasting. Most fish are responsive to changes in atmospheric pressure and make compensatory adjustments to the volume of their gas bladders, which enables them to remain buoyant at different depths.

The bladder reacts to minimal pressure differences, although minor variations have little or no effect on deep-sea fish. A rise or fall in pressure can alter many aspects of fish behaviour, and specialist anglers swear by its effect on feeding patterns -- a critical factor for anglers.



For instance, pelagic gamefish and sharks usually feed actively and strike well immediately before a spell of bad weather and high wind. Similarly, when the atmospheric pressure begins to fall, mullo way may come on to bite.

Trout, too, are much affected by atmospheric pressure. When the barometer begins to rise, so do the trout! Many native freshwater fish are very dependent on air pressure. Cod and golden perch bite best when the mercury is high. In fact in the eastern states, there's an old saying that goes "ten twenty - cod a plenty". This refers to a baro- metric pressure of 1020 millibars or more.

Microwave Fish Recipes



Fish is one of the tastiest and most delicious convenience foods available. It comes in many forms which include fresh, frozen and smoked varieties - all of which can be cooked quickly and easily in a microwave oven.

No-one likes to spend any more time that is necessary preparing and cooking meals so convenience foods are forming an ever increasing part of the shopping list.

Let fish top your shopping list as one of the most convenient and tastiest foods around. It provides the solution to the age-old problem of what to serve as a quick, tasty, nutritious meal.

Here are some quick and easy microwave fish recipes:-

Gingered Lemon Fillets

Serves 2

Ingredients



- 2 * 6 oz (175g) flounder or skipper fillets, fresh or frozen
- 1/2 oz (15g) butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) fresh chopped parsley

Microwaved Recipe for Sweet 'n' Sour Herring

Serves 4



Ingredients.....

- 1 lb (450g) herring fillets.
- 3 tablespoons (45ml) white wine vinegar.
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) brown sugar.
- 1 teaspoon (5ml) soy sauce.
- pepper and salt to taste.
- 1 bay leaf.
- 1 medium carrot, cut into matchsticks.
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced.
- 1 x 8oz (225g) can pineapple pieces in natural juice.



- 2 tablespoons (30ml) fresh chopped mixed herbs
- 1 tablespoon (15ml) lemon juice
- 1 oz (25g) brown breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon (5ml) ground ginger
- grated rind 1/2 orange



Method

1. Cook onion in butter, on high for 1-2 minutes
2. Stir in the parsley, herbs, lemon juice and breadcrumbs
3. Place fillets in a dish. Cover and cook on high for 2 minutes (3 minutes if frozen).
4. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mix, ginger and orange rind over the fish. Cover and cook on high for 2 minutes
5. Serve with stir fried vegetables and noodles

MICROWAVE POWER: 800 WATT

Nutritional values per portion

(Approx) 247 Kilocalories; 32g protein; 9g Fat; 10g carbohydrate; 2g Fibre

Method.....

1. Cut the fillets in half lengthwise. Roll up and place close together in a dish.
2. Place all the remaining ingredients in a dish. Cover and cook on high for 3 minutes.
3. Pour the vinegar and vegetable mixture over the herring. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 minutes.
4. Leave to cool in the cooling liquid. Chill then drain, before serving as a starter with brown or white bread.

MICROWAVE POWER: 800 WATT

Nutritional values per portion.

(Approx) 314 Kilocalories; 19g protein; 2 lg Fat; 13g carbohydrate; 1 gm. Fibre.





Another edition of the "Reel Talk" is completed and sadly it will be my last issue that I will have the pleasure in writing. Filling up a monthly publication with interesting and amusing contents is'nt such a laborious task , but with members input , it does make it a heck of a lot easier. Good luck goes out to the next "Reel Talk" editor and members , please keep any small items/articles..... cut them out or whatever and supply the copy by mail or hand it over at a general meeting. It helps !!!!

Thanks to our sponsors who generously donated the gifts over the last couple of years and thanks to Sue for her support and assistance, when it was required.

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