

REEL TALK

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Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.)

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President's Report - June 2022

Well I missed out on our May Rottneest trip as I tested positive to COVID a few days before going and was in isolation, health wise not too many issues the hardest part was staying at home for 7 days.

We will have the trophy presentations at our June general meeting and the meal will be free (paid for by the club), It would be great to see everyone there so please try to make the effort and attend.

Martin Wearmouth; President

June General Meeting & Presentation Night

Wednesday 8th June

Croatian Club in Wishart Street Gwelup

Meal at 7.00pm with meeting at 8.00pm

June Birthdays

Mark Hansen	02 June
Robert Wilding	05 June
Chris Stickells	11 June
Geoff Raftis	13 June
Norm Vojdinoski	21 June
Dom Zangari	23 June



Fishing calendar 2022-2023

Field day venues for 2022/2023		
Dates	Venue	Boundaries
11 - 12 June 2022 Full moon 14th	Open - Cape to Cape area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
16 - 18 July 2022 Long weekend due to safari Full moon 14th	Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
16 - 24 July 2022 Quobba Station safari	Quobba Station safari 2 fishing days to be chosen by traveling group once at the location	Quobba Station area
27 - 29 August 2022 New moon 27th	Rottnest Island and Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Rottnest and Open anywhere in WA
24 - 26 September 2022 Long Weekend New moon 26th	Open – Dongara area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
22 - 23 October 2022 New moon 25th	Yallingup to Preston Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Yallingup to Preston and local as below at bottom of page
26 - 27 November 2022 New moon 24th	Lancelin to Jurien Bay Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Jurien Bay and local as below at bottom of page
10 - 11 December 2022 Full moon 8th	Lancelin to Leeman Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Leeman and local as below at bottom of page
21 – 22 January 2023 New moon 22nd	Open Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Open anywhere in WA
4 - 5 February 2023 Full moon 6th	Lancelin to Jurien Bay Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Sunday	Lancelin to Jurien Bay and local as below at bottom of page
4 - 6 March 2023 Long Weekend Full moon 7th	Open – Reef Beach Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
8 – 10 April 2023 Easter Long weekend Full moon 6th	Open - Bluff Creek area Lines down 6am Saturday Lines up 9am Monday	Open anywhere in WA
Local boundaries are from Lancelin in the North to Preston Beach in the South Lines Down on Standard weekends – Saturday 6.00am Lines up on Standard weekends – Sunday 9.00am Lines Down for long weekends and Rottnest – Saturday 6.00am Lines up for long weekends and Rottnest – Monday 9.00am Sign-on / Weigh-in times, possible fish together spots and locations to be decided at the general meeting prior to the Field Day.		

DRY CASTING REPORT

MAY 2022 DRY CASTING

A cool morning with bright sunshine as we set up the casting area. A light wind behind us as we started the distance events first. From the start Gary led the way in all events eventually getting the longest casts in each division. Gary also won the SHA and DHA as well.

A small attendance had us finishing early, but still a great morning together.

Bob Henderson, A/g DCO.

Caster	D H Accuracy	H/Cap	Score	56G	H/Cap	Score	Art Bait	H/Cap	Score	112G	H/Cap	Score	S H Accuracy	H/Cap	Score
VETERANS															
Ron Thomas	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Gildersleeve	165	0	165	263.61	21	284.61	223.45	13	236.45	264	20	284.03	28	5	33
Bob Henderson	121	17	138	250.96	8	258.96	199.41	12	211.41	120.2	23	143.19	26	3	29
Mal Head	108	32	140	190.44	57	247.44	176.92	39	215.92	213	50	262.96	25	6	31
Klaus Schonwolf	0	61	61	0	57	57	0	35	35	0	53	53	0	7	7
SENIORS															
Mark Hansen	81	38	119	226.3	31	257.3	171.95	32	203.95	218.2	39	257.19	27	7	34



Surf Casters May 2022 field day report

Rottnest Island Field Day Report – May 2022. By Peet Wessels

Rottnest Island is located 18 kilometres off the Western Australian coast, near Fremantle. The island features in Noongar Aboriginal mythology as Wadjemup, meaning “place across the water where the spirits are”. In the meantime, I have renamed it as Noamunga, meaning “place where the fish are”. For many years Rottnest Island has been the Flagship venue on our fishing calendar and it is a known fact around the Western Australian fishing community that the Surfcasters have dibs on this prime location.



Due to the Covid pandemic our numbers went down from 12 to 9 persons for the weekend. Our weekend started off with the following members gathering at Rous Head, the ferry terminal, for our journey over to the Island; Mark Hansen, Ian Taggart, Vince Tomazin, Theo and Louise van Niekerk, Peet and David Wessels, Tino Baiardo and Brad Zaknich. Everyone was in good spirits and very excited for the weekend ahead.

The weather predictions for the weekend were not favourable due to high southerly winds forecasted.

Saturday morning 11 am the charter bus picked us up and after the compulsory stop at the bakery, we set off to our favourite fishing spot at West End. Soon Ian, Brad and Theo disappeared down the hill towards Wilsons Bay with Tino in tow a few minutes later. Bait casting with Mulies is the way to fish this spot to get that elusive Tailor.



Mark Hansen and Vince went straight down the goat track in the direction of the Hansen Rock. David and I went down to the Tennis courts to fish from the Golden Rock. The guys at Wilsons got into some beautiful Tailor and Tino also caught a 10Kg Bronze Whaler Shark. At the Tennis courts we ran into the biggest school of Herring I have ever seen. Cast after cast we caught and released Herring. I tried all my lures, soft plastics, hard bodies, straws and anything I could find in my tackle box, and they all caught Herring.



By 4 pm we were all geared up and ready for the much-anticipated Yellow Tail King and Big Skippy run. We had to wait for another hour for the swell to go down before we all ventured out to the edge of the reef. The fishing was quite poor and disappointing, with only a few Skippy, Wrasse, Cod and Tarwhine caught. Brad hooked into a big fish and we all stood and waited to see what it was! Soon a very big Buff Bream appeared on the reef. Wow, we said and all had a good laugh. Not long after that I landed another 3 rather big Buffies myself and everybody had a good giggle.

Soon it was clear that there was no fish around and we retired back to the bus stop and called the driver for an early pickup.



Sunday morning, we woke up to another windy day. Surely, I thought, today the fishing can't be as bad as yesterday? Well, the wind just got stronger and stronger and the fishing condition became very hard to fish.

We decided to go with Theo down to Wilsons, to try and get a Tailor.



Theo got straight into the Tailor and caught 8 in a very short time. We could however not land a single one and soon we retired and went back to much easier conditions at the Tennis courts. Here we repeated the successes of the previous day.

At about 5 pm we walked out onto the reef. Conditions were not good with a very choppy sea and wind that really tried to blow us away. Fishing was slow and difficult. All of a sudden there was a big hit on my line, everybody thought it was a Buffie, could not believe my eyes when that Big Pink Snapper broke the water. My day was made and I was dancing on the reef. Just a minute later and David was on, this time a big Skippy, caught on a big soft paddle tail. He was also smiling from ear to ear. All of a sudden everybody's spirit lifted and there was some joy on the reef. Then a minute later and Tino's rod buckled over. We could not wait to see what was on the end of that line.

Very soon another beautiful Pink Snapper appeared and we were all screaming with excitement and joy.

Then there was no more bites and we realized that our fishing was over and we retired to our warm and cosy bungalows.

Monday morning, we woke to a beautiful day, no wind and no rough seas, at least we got a smooth ride back to the main

land. I guess this is fishing, good memories were made and we all got back home safely.

Tight lines and be safe.

Peet Wessels



ROTTNEST FISHING REPORT 28-29 May 2022 by Vincent Tomazin

This Rottnest trip was very different to previous trips. We had Martin and Sandra pull out due to Covid and two other cancellations. It was great to welcome a newbie David Wessels join us. A capable fisherman and why would you not be with fishing mad parents.

Weather conditions looked perfect on the Friday and Monday and not so great on the Saturday and Sunday, our fishing days of course. Would not have it any other way. The two crates normally full to the brim were only half full. Never seen that before.

On the Saturday Theo, Tino, Brad and Ian went to Wilsons while the rest of us Peet, David, Mark and myself went to our usual fishing spot, tennis courts and radar reef. The herring were in plague proportions and we all amused ourselves with getting our limit. Pete and David fished tennis courts while myself and Mark fished for herring at Marks favourite herring spot. Pete managed a under sized snapper and after putting out a herring livie, got busted off. Most likely a 25kg buffy bream. The boys came back from Wilsons and to our surprise bought the news that the tailor were on the chew. Everyone got tailor with Theo bagging out. Tino decided to go back to Wilsons on his own. He managed to land a 9kg plus bronzie shark and as it was trashing around he decided to try and subdue it by grabbing its head. In the process his fingers brushed the sharks teeth and he ended up with lacerated fingers. Morale of the story. Try were possible, to fish with someone else. With the exception of Tino, we all went on to radar reef that afternoon with the wind picking up and the swell up as forecasted. Peet and Brad managed to hook into some buffy bream, which is always amusing to watch. I think Brad got the biggest buffy bream. The skippy did not come out to play.

Sunday – Everyone except Mark got on the bus. Mark was fishing local (Rottnest). When we got dropped off by the bus it was howling 30 plus knots. It was great that everyone had a positive attitude, nevertheless. You guessed it. Everyone went to Wilsons, except me. I went to radar and fished Marks spot. Again, herring in plague proportions. Mark who fished local (Rottnest) caught a variety of fish including flathead. It was not long before Peet and David appeared and fished the tennis courts. Later in the arvo everyone came down to radar from Wilsons. Again Theo was the tailor king. After 4pm everyone except for me went to fish radar reef. By now the wind as forecasted, had died down to a bearable rate. I did not go on the reef due to safety concerns. Again the skippy did not come to play as we are all used to. Something better happened. After casting for very little result, in a window of 2-3 minutes around dusk, Tino and Pete got a snapper each and David got a 2kg plus skippy on a plastic and then after that, back to the status quo. It just goes to show, in a instant, everything can change. Peet, Tino and David were chuffed about their catch. The common denominator is, have a line in the water, which I did not. There was a party like atmosphere while we were all waiting for the bus.

Brad and Ian did not fish Sunday as they had planned to return on the Sunday.

Monday – weather and conditions were great and why would it not be, after all we had finished fishing.

We all had a great time and created memories (good and bad) we will never forget. A great weekend overall

ANGLER		Species	Tailor	Species	Herring Australian	Species	Buffalo Bream - Silver Drummer	Species	Trevally Silver Skippy	Species	Shark Bronze Whaler	Species	Tarwhine	Species	Wrasse Brown Spotted	Species	Breaksea Cod	Species	Snapper Pink	Species	Western Rock Blackfish	Species	Leatherjack et	Species	Western Blue Devil	Species	Flathead (all species)	Total weight	No. of Species	No. of fish	F.D. points	Attendance		Total points	
																																Field Day	General Meeting		
Peet Wessels	Number				24		4	2					1		3		1		1									27.58	7	36	381.4	1	1	401.4	
	Total weight				2.88		20.00	1.00					0.30		0.60		0.50		2.30																
	Weight of best																																		
Theo Van Niekerk	Number	16			12		1	2							1		1					1							18.14	7	34	285.4	1		295.4
	Total weight	9.60			1.44		5.00	1.00							0.20		0.50					0.40													
	Weight of best																																		
Mark Hansen	Number				24											25							1			2	1		8.08	5	53	183.8	1	1	203.8
	Total weight				2.88										4.50								0.20		0.20	0.30									
	Weight of best																																		
Tino Balardo	Number				1						1						1		1									12.47	4	4	168.7	1	1	188.7	
	Total weight				0.12						9.25						0.50		2.60																
	Weight of best																																		
Brad Zaknich	Number	1			12		1	2																				8.04	4	16	136.4	1		146.4	
	Total weight	0.60			1.44		5.00	1.00																											
	Weight of best																																		
David Wessels	Number				24			1								3	1											5.58	4	29	124.8	1		134.8	
	Total weight				2.88			1.60							0.60		0.50																		
	Weight of best																																		
Vince Tomazin	Number				24											4	1											4.18	3	29	100.8	1	1	120.8	
	Total weight				2.88										0.80		0.50																		
	Weight of best																																		
Ian Taggart	Number				1																							2.52	2	5	50.2	1	1	70.2	
	Total weight				0.12																														
	Weight of best																																		
Yallingup																																			
					Herring Australian	Salmon Western Australian																													
Alan Green	Number				1	4																						15.11	2	5	176.1	1		186.1	
	Total weight				0.18	14.93																													

Field day prizes for May				
Section		Angler		Weight
Best scale fish		Tino Baiardo		2.60
Best bag of scale fish		Peet Wessels		27.58
Best shark		Tino Baiardo		9.25
Best bag including sharks		Tino Baiardo		12.47

Top scores up to May		
Rank	Angler	370.5
1	Peet Wessels	401.4
2	Theo Van Niekerk	295.4
3	Mark Hansen	203.8
4	Tino Baiardo	188.7
5	Alan Green	186.1
6	Brad Zaknich	146.4
7	David Wessels	134.8
8	Vince Tomazin	120.8
9	Ian Taggart	70.2

Field Day Sections up to and including June				
Section		Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)			0.00
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)			0.00
2	Most meritorious fish			0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	Tino Baiardo	Shark Bronze Whaler	9.25
4	Best mullet (2kg min)			0.00
5	Best tailor (1kg min)			3.00
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Alan Green	Salmon Western Australian	4.44
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	David Wessels	Trevally Silver Skippy	1.60
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)			0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)			0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Tino Baiardo	Snapper Pink	2.60
11	Best bag of scale fish			0.00
12	Best bag of mullet (2 fish min)			0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Theo Van Niekerk		9.60
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)			0.00
15	Best fish caught on fly rod			0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)			0.00
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)			0.00
18	Best fish caught using a drone			0.00

Alan fished at Yallingup and Eagle bay catching some very nice Salmon and a Herring.



Surf Casters Quobba Station safari July 2022

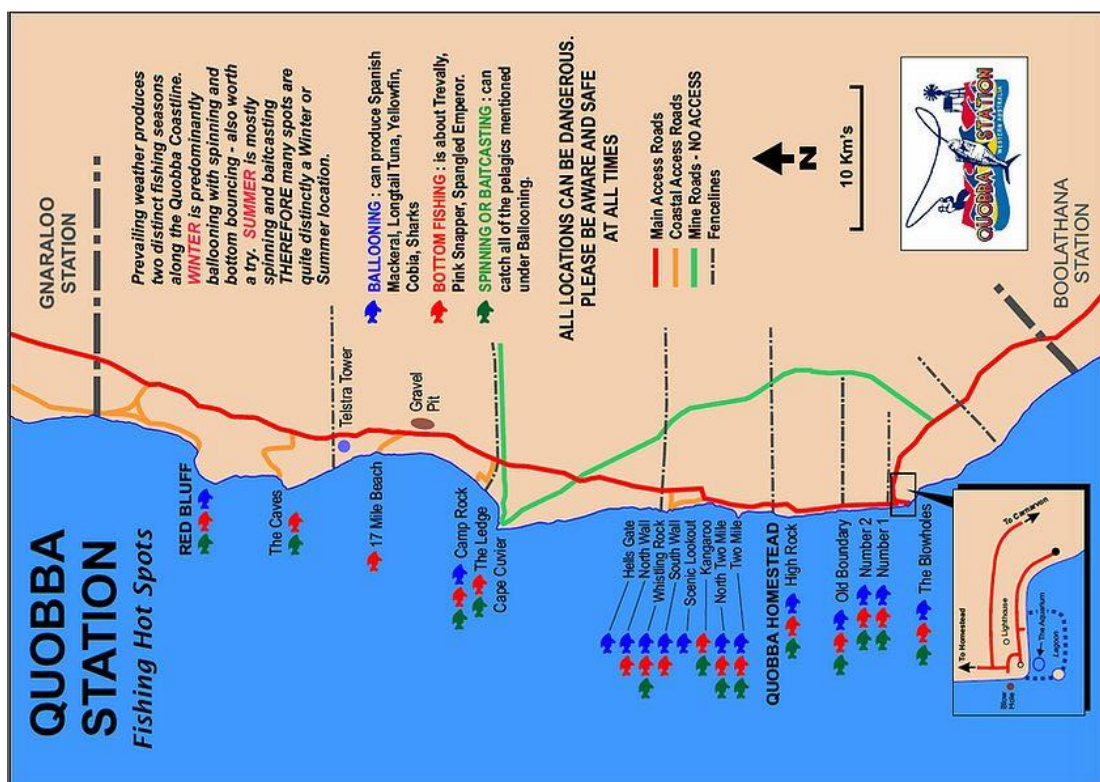
- Check In Date Saturday 16th July 2022
- Check Out Date Sunday 24th July 2022
- Number Of Nights 8

Staying at The Long Cottage – **Contact Martin if you are interested in going ASAP**

The Long Cottage sleeps 8 people, with one double bed, six singles. It consists of a self-contained kitchen covered veranda, shower and toilet facilities (donkey hot water system - you have to light a fire under 'donkey' to heat water for shower), 24-hour power to lights and fridge (10-hour power to power points and BBQ facilities). This cottage is ideal for larger groups or the budget minded family.

*Bed linen/towels/pillows **NOT** supplied.

**Fire wood collection is not allowed on the station so please bring your own supply for the Donkey hot water system, otherwise wood can be purchased at the office.



Blast from the past

Below is from the Rottnest Field Day Report – 16 to 18 May 2008

Last year I asked the question “Can it get any better?”. Well folks, to those that could not make the weekend, you simply lost out. Rotto was as hot as you could possibly dream with a few Freight trains that tested man and equipment to the fullest!

The weekend started off on a beautiful Friday afternoon, for once it looked liked the weather predictions were spot on. With a nice high pressure cell sitting on top of Rotto, light easterly winds and a low tide in the afternoon, the stage was set for a perfect day on the Reef, and boy was it good. At exactly 6am Saturday morning our bus arrived at our Bungalows to cart us all out to West End. The daylight greeted us as we arrived at Wilsons Bay.

From the top the sea looked so big and mighty with a few big swells rolling in and I thought to myself maybe surfing would be a better idea than fishing. Most of us decided Wilsons was the first place to try out. Some had a look at the swell and decided on the tennis courts. The latter seemed to be the better choice as they ran into a very big school of Salmon and had fun for 20 minutes while the school stayed very close to the shore.

At Wilsons it was a totally different story. Everybody was bait casting and tried their best to get past the hordes of Herring that cleaned us out in no time. The swell also made Wilsons difficult and rather dangerous for the first couple of hours. It was not uncommon to see a few guys getting wet and we all had a good laugh with some of the new members coming to terms with this favourite spot. Wilsons and surrounds did surrender some good fish with bag limits of Herring and a few good Tailor.

Halfway through the day we all had a little rest back at the drop off zone. Here we came across another Rotto victim. Melvin looked liked he had been run over by a train. In his eagerness to get to his Yellow Tail King spot he ran into one of those big swells. Well you can just imagine what happens to a person who gets trapped on the reef by one of those big rollers. Disaster!!! Mid afternoon we all started to make our way out to a rather calm and pleasant reef, soon to be transformed into a fishing battle zone.

We all had a few opportunities to hook into something big and it was absolutely great to see all the action with bent rods and tight lines being the order of the day. Some of the bigger fish won the day, but a number of them were landed.

Sunday morning saw all the young and eager fishos on the bus. Again the weather was perfect with rather high swell in the morning that made Wilsons difficult to fish. At the weigh in it was great to see so many great fish. There were 9 Yellow Tail Kings, 2 Beautiful Sambos, 10 Salmon, 7 Tailor, bag limits of Herring, Wrasse for almost everybody and a few Skippy and Tarwhine. The limelight was stolen by Ian Cook with the biggest Sambo of 14.125 kg and Ian Taggart the biggest bag of 29.296 kg.

Tight Lines and hope to see you all there. Field Day Officer Peet Wessels



Ian Cook Samson fish 14.125 kg



Ian Taggart Samson fish 12.145 kg

Rottnest Island May 2008

By Ian Cook

This year's May Rottnest Field Day has produced some of the best results for some time. There were a lot of smiling faces on the bus trip back to the settlement on Saturday evening. The morning was very hard fishing with a big swell and high tide.

Angler	Total Points
Ian Cook	382.96
Mark Hansen	260.66
Ian Taggart	254.83
Malcolm Harris	195.7
Tino Baiardo	193.5
Lea Taylor	153.08
Greg Keet	120.72
Peet Wessels	120.5
Vix Alexander	101.86
Sandra Wessels	91.96
Hadley Markus	80.64
George Holman	69
Melvin Wee	50

Mark and I decided not to brave the swells at Wilson's and to fish the Tennis Courts. By 09:00 the Tennis Courts was teeming with Salmon. This was the biggest aggregation of salmon I have seen in many years. It was reminiscent of the 1980s. Basically they were cruising past in a big circle with only feet between them

In the afternoon, most members moved out onto Radar Reef. Mark Hansen lost, dropped! the mother of all Yellow Tailed Kingfish whilst fishing on Radar Reef. Tino, Mal, Greg all landed Yellow Tailed Kingfish. A very weary Ian Taggart came in off the reef trailing a very large Samson Fish. I passed a flippant comment about them travelling in pairs. About 20 minutes later I hooked a fish which I thought was a very large Yellow Tailed Kingfish. After being run around for some time, the fish was landed and was the brother of Ian Taggart's. I was so knackered that Mal had to carry my rod for me while I staggered back to shore with the Samson fish. I have been extolling the virtues of the Rottnest Field Days for some years.