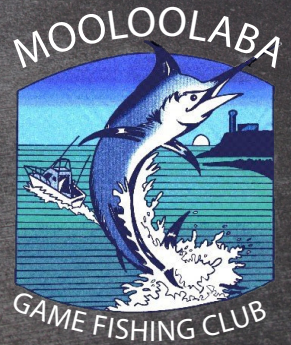


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JULY 2014



# WELCOME



Welcome to the relaunch of "Hook Up". Hook up will be a bi-monthly publication produced by Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club - the friendliest fishing club on the coast.

Each edition will have a Presidents Report, a Fishing Report from Jamie Behrens, a photo page, recipes, a "How to" page, a boat profile, a for sale page and much, much more.

If you wish to add photos, stories or if you have any ideas please feel free to contact me on my details below.

A bit of housekeeping in regards to my role as club captain. If you are fishing a tournament and catch fish, when you send in your activity sheets and/or tag cards, could you please put the name of the tournament of the activity sheet. This will ensure you are awarded the correct points toward a trophy at the end of the year.

Also, if an angler catches a fish on your boat and they are not a member of our club or not a member of QGFA, could you please write this on the activity sheet as it is hard to know everyone in our growing club.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this, it will make my life much easier. Tight Lines!

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## ON THE COVER

Max shows off the Wahoo he caught during the Billfish Bonanza Tournament. This Fish is a pending Queensland Record! Well done Max!



# OUR SPONSORS



Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club would like to thank the following sponsors. Without their generous support our tournaments would simply not happen.

## THANKS SPONSORS!



# PRESIDENT REPORT



Welcome to the new look Hook Up, Thank you to the contributors to this edition. As we have our end of season functions and social events around the corner I thought it would be a good opportunity to briefly reflect on the season that was.

Our current Committee has been fantastic with some new faces providing plenty of enthusiasm to our experienced committee members some of which have provided 10 or more years of service as volunteers. I look forward to building on this group with the incoming committee. Now is the time to start thinking if you would like to provide regular opinion in the direction of our club and join the committee, nomination forms will be provided shortly via email and nominations will be called from the floor at our Annual General Meeting coinciding with our Presentation Dinner. For those of you who have not been to these events I would strongly encourage you to attend as the direction of the club and suggestions are brought forward from the membership as to the evolution of the MGFC for the coming year.

Membership has increased again for the 5th consecutive season and this can simply be attributed to our current membership's friendliness and willingness to attract and support new members in their own journey to become active in the sport of game fishing and the social aspects of our club. Countless times this year active members have provided their time and effort with new members to show the "tricks of the trade" and I appreciate all who did so. With this came a number of new boats and crews from the very experienced to the novice first time fishers. I would encourage anyone looking for information to ask, we don't know your there if you don't stand up.

Financially we have strengthened again this year with a larger membership, wise executive decisions and brilliant support from our long term and new sponsors. As always please support them or at least give them the opportunity to win your business. Without their devoted support we could not survive through the day to day running of the club.

Our tournaments have been successful with the junior "Reelax in the River" in its second year, inaugural Female "Billfish Babes", "Arrows Express Billfish Bash" and "Arrows Express Billfish Bonanza". While weather affected our hallmark Billfish Bash which at times looked more like the set of "The Deadliest Catch" there were still Blue Marlin tagged and some other hard luck stories. At away tournaments our members achieved success in all tournaments competed

in, while conducting themselves with great sportsmanship and great skill with outstanding results. Special mention must go to all our juniors who featured in every tournament they entered.

On the social media side our Facebook page has boomed in numbers and content and I would continue to ask members to post their fishing exploits on here as well as their own personal pages as it creates interest for all members. Not a month went by when we didn't feature on the "Black Marlin Blog" or our anglers and Captains especially our junior and female anglers graced the pages of magazines like "Bluewater" or front covers of fishing publications.

Congratulations to all the active members this year, without you there would be no club and it is because of you we have built the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club to what it is today – a powerhouse in Queensland fishing.

I look forward to representing Mooloolaba at the Queensland Game Fishing Associations, Annual General Meeting and Presentation Dinner with our 2 delegates Josh Cox and Steve Dahl in July. A full report will be available on this after the event.

Good luck to everyone this coming financial year both in business and your personal lives as we tick over to season 2014-2015.

Nathan Douglass  
MGFC President

## WHAT'S ON

August 23

### **MGFC AGM and Presentation Dinner**

The Yacht Club. Details TBA.

### **MGFC Social Camping Trip**

Details to be announced shortly.  
Stay tuned.

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## TOURNAMENTS

08-10 August

### **Light Tackle Slam**

Hosted By: Yorkeys Knob Sport Fishing Club  
[www.ykbc.com.au](http://www.ykbc.com.au)

16-17 August

### **Lucinda Light Tackle Tournament**

Hosted By: Ingham Rod & Reel Club  
[www.qgfa.com.au/](http://www.qgfa.com.au/)

20-23 August

### **Cairns Bluewater Billfish Tournament 2014**

Hosted By: Cairns Bluewater Game Fishing Club Inc  
[www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au](http://www.cairnsbluewatergfc.com.au)

# FISHING REPORT

## AROUND THE MARKS

The game fishing season for 2014/2015 has finally come to an end but what a way to finish!

The light tackle scene has been great this year. Some days it looked more like a parking lot with both big and small boats rubbing shoulders with everyone trying to stay on the bait. Most of the other known marks also had some great days but as the old saying goes "Find the bait, and you will find the fish".

## WHERE THERE'S BAIT...

I have found personally that the latter part of the season was hard to jig bait or even get through the pilchards to get to the slimey's or yakka's underneath. The fish feed on pilchards, so why not use them as bait when the good livies are hard to come by.

Dead pilchards have accounted for 3 of my tagged billfish this year so they are still worth trying. At present the bait is holding on the 18 mile with the gannets and dolphins giving the pilchard schools a hammering.

Sailfish and a few micro Black Marlin are still being tagged and released in this area.

## HEAVY TACKLE

The heavy tackle season has had some success with a few Blue Marlin around.

There was a good bite in December at "Never Fail". The weather always dictates how often the boats dare to venture wide. The Gold Coast had a good run of Blue Marlin in the Autumn while a few fish showed up for Mooloolaba Billfish Bonanza.

There were probably quite a good number of heavy tackle fish out there this season but with good numbers of light tackle fish around, most opted to stay on the inshore grounds.

## LIGHT TACKLE

The Wahoo have been turning up every so often this year. At times they were schooling up at Hutchinson's shoal down off Moreton Island. They can be fun to catch but make for an expensive day when trolling skirted lures for marlin, unless you are after a feed of Wahoo.

Mahi Mahi have still been caught but not in the number of last year.





The Mackerel on the other hand have been biting their heads off. The reefs off Noosa and the Caloundra 5 and 12 mile marks have been the stand out with a few getting caught around the gneerings. Slow trolling live baits on a down rigger has been the way to go.

There also has been some bigger Black Marlin swimming around the Caloundra 12 Mile area with one eating a hooked Mackerel.

## BROADBILL SIGHTINGS

There have been 2 broadbill seen of late. One was spotted tailing on the surface while Mark Bird found the other one in distress and was able to boat it. Thanks for putting that on facebook Mark!

With calming weather on the way, heading out wide for an overnight fish might be an option for those keen

fisherman who want to chase this elusive fish.

## LIGHT TACKLE

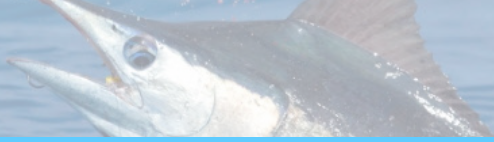
With winter upon us now and snapper to show up some people put their game fishing gear away for the season. With the different weather pattern we have had this compared to the last couple who's to say if the billfish wont hang around through to the spring or continue on. My opinion – at least keep two light tackle outfits on the boat, you just never know!

That's what I have to report, but please feel free to call me on 0412 511 152 to let me know what you have experience while you are out wetting a line.

See you on the water

*Jamie Behrens*

# HOW TO:



## X ON THE HEAD SWIMMING YAKKA RIG

X On The Head (Costa Rica Swimming Gar Rig) was invented to troll gar fish but I have altered it to suit a variety of other baits. Yakka's, slimey mackerel and sized tailor all work well.

The Slimey Mackerel are a softer bait so they may have a limited time in the water before a possible blow out. Yakka baits are tough and will last for hours. Tailor Swim better than Yakkas and the Blacks love them. I would love to try pitch baiting for Blue Marlin with big tailor rigged this way.

The way I troll this rig on my boat is by using a large thread line reel fitted with an adjustable du-bro release clip fastened to the reel seat. Placing the bait in the short corner position, I wrap a light rubber band around the main line and place it on the rear bollard. I then open the bail arm and clip the line into the release clip. When a fish takes the bait it snaps the light rubber band, the line pops out of the release clip, thus the fish swims away with no resistance. After giving the fish enough time to swallow the bait, the bail arm is closed. 'Hook Up'!

Tight Lines,  
Jamie Behrens.

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### You'll Need:

- One Yakka
- 50cm of waxed thread
- 1x No.3 Bean Sinker



Double over waxed thread and place through the sinker.



Remove the eyes from the bait, place the loop over the head and position wax thread under gill plates. Position chin weight under throat. Tie an overhand knot over the nose, pull firm.

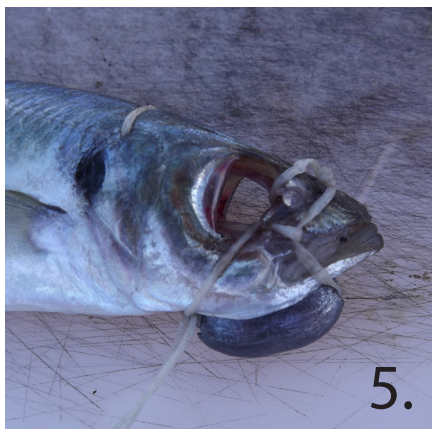


Pass ends of Waxed thread through each eye socket.

*Note: this creates the X on the nose which is where the hook is placed under.*



Pass waxed thread ends under front loop and thread back through eye sockets. This will help keep the mouth shut.



Finish off the swim bait by tying the two thread ends behind the weight with a couple of over hand knots.

*Note: make sure the weight is dead centre so it will swim true.*



Trim the excess thread. Add preferred hook. Limber up bait by flexing from side to side. Place behind boat to ensure bait swims true. Desired trolling speed is 4-4.5 knots.





# WHATS COOKING

## WHOLE CRISPY FISH



### Ingredients

#### *For the Fish*

1 x 500gms whole fish cleaned,  
scaled, gutted & gilled  
Plain flour to coat fish  
4 cups vegetable oil for deep frying

#### *Tamarind Sauce*

2 tblspns chopped garlic  
2 tblspns red chillies  
chopped  
2 golden or red shallots sliced  
1 tblspn galangal finely chopped

(fresh or pickled)

1 tblspn coriander root finely chopped  
10 white peppercorns  
4 tblspns fish sauce  
5 tblspns palm sugar  
1 cup tamarind water (below)  
coriander or thai sweet basil to garnish

#### *Tamarind Water*

1 tblspn tamarind pulp  
½ cup boiling water.



## Method

### To Cook Fish

Heat remaining oil in wok, make sure oil is sizzling hot by testing with a piece of garlic.

Slide fish gently into oil, head first. Using wok flipper, spoon oil over the top of the fish while cooking. This will take about 10 minutes.

Carefully turn the fish over, fry on the second side for about 5 minutes. Carefully lift out, drain on paper towel. Transfer to serving platter, spoon over sauce and garnish with coriander leaves or basil

### To Make Sauce

In mortar, pound white peppercorns, add garlic, shallots, galangal, coriander root - pound to coarse paste.

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in wok and stir fry the paste and chillies until fragrant - about 2 minutes. Add fish sauce, palm sugar, tamarind water the sauce should be sweet, tangy and salty and should be quite thick. If too dry, moisten with a few table spoons of water.

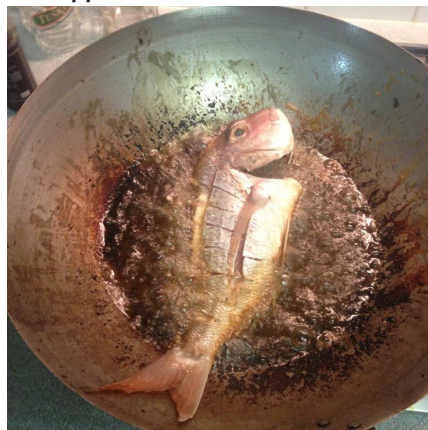
Simmer this sauce for a few minutes for the flavours to come together.

Remove sauce from wok, keep warm.

### To Make Tamarind Water

Put tamarind pulp in a bowl, pour in boiling water when cool, mash pulp with a fork and strain the liquid through a sieve retain this liquid, discard the tamarind seeds and skins.

### *Bon Appetit!*



# BOAT PROFILE



## AT A GLANCE

- Length: 28 foot
- Design: Kevlcat 2800 Sportsfisher
- Year Built: 2003
- Engines: dual 225 Honda
- Cruising Speed: 24 knots



Yet to be named, the 28 foot Kevlcat 2800 Sportfisher was purchased last month and has already been out 4-5 times.

While Nick boasts his best fish caught to date is a full string of Yakkas, a baby black was caught on her maiden voyage and the boys dropped a sail after 45 minutes.

With dual 225 Honda Engines, this boat can cruise at 24 knots and the open cockpit provides a spacious and comfortable area for anglers to fish from.



The newest boat to be added to the Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Fleet is the boat recently purchased by Nick and Carli Chabau. While we have seen this boat around the Sunshine Coast before, Nick hopes to bring his vessel new life and take her our more than his wife.

Nick has a 585 Furuno sounder and Simrad NSE8 on board to help him find the fish. We look forward to seeing what this vessel can achieve in the coming years. Carli is especially looking forward to having her day of glory on the boat in the next Billfish Babes Tournament.

# FOR SALE



4 Gary Howard 37kg Sabre Stroker custom built chair rods with aftco rollers. Great condition. \$2900 Make an Offer. Reels not included. Rods are in Buddina. Selling because new boat doesn't have a chair. Please call Nick on 0400 322 769.



The Black Pearl \$9000. Please Call Mick on 0422 823 789.



Haines Signature 542CC Deluxe 135 hp Mercury Optimax. \$23000 negotiable. All enquiries welcome. Please call John on 0408 792 961



## TROPICAL TUNA MAC 10 MEETING

Sydney Fish Markets

2nd May 2014

As the environmental accreditation for the Eastern Tuna Billfish Fishery expired at the end of February 2014 AFMA sought to obtain a further 5-year accreditation, however as the expiry date was reached before a decision had been made, the ETBF was given a 6-month extension until the end of August. This is to allow the Department of Environment to consider the extra documentation provided to them by AFMA and there were no conditions attached to this extension.

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Western Central Pacific Fishing Conference was held in Cairns in December 2013.

The major item discussed at this meeting was a new measure for Tropical Tuna, which was aimed at reducing the fishing mortality of Bigeye Tuna. The main concern regarding this measure was the potential disproportionate burden that would be placed on Small Island Developing States that are very dependent on Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) fishing. However, this Tropical Tuna measure was not as strict as Australia had hoped due to opposition from the EU or the United States.

New stock assessments that are currently underway are due to be presented to the WCPFC Scientific Committee in August 2014. The stock assessments for Yellowfin Tuna and Skipjack Tuna were

updates, but a major structural review is being completed for Bigeye Tuna. A new measure regarding catch limits for management of Albacore Tuna was also tabled, but support was not given from China or Taiwan.

For the 2014 WCPFC Annual Meeting the main items to be discussed/progressed will be the tropical tuna measure, the Albacore Tuna measure and the compliance monitoring scheme. It is also likely that a shark finning ban will be agreed at the meeting this year.

TTMAC noted that a ban on the take of Silky Sharks within the WCPFC, including the ETBF, convention area was agreed at WCPFC 10 in December 2013. All member countries are required to implement the ban within their own tropical tuna industries.

Because of the issues with the mis-identification of Silky Sharks with Bronze Whaler and Dusky Whaler Sharks (being very similar) AFMA has provided an Identification Guide to Commercial Fishers. AFMA also requested that the MAC consider the appropriateness of the current management arrangements for other shark species of similar appearance, namely Dusky Sharks and Bronze Whalers.

This was to also include the possible banning the take of Whaler Sharks, including that by the game fishing



sector, until industry and recreational fishing members also stated that there is currently no scientific evidence that demonstrates any major sustainability concerns for these shark species within the Australian Fishing Zone off the east coast of Australia. It was also noted that the game fishing take is very small. The MAC did not support any alterations to the current management arrangements. Electronic monitoring (e-monitoring) is expected to be installed on boats in the ETBF and WTBF during the current fishing season. The intention and purpose of e-monitoring is to verify logbooks and improve the accuracy of reporting. AFMA stated that if the logbook data accuracy improves to a very high standard, there will not be a future need for physical on-board observers. E-monitoring on board cameras can also identify fish.

The major concern expressed by industry members was the cost of e-monitoring. AFMA explained that a large part of

the cost is for the initial installation, equipment and maintenance visits, and AFMA will also have one full time staff member responsible who will be located in the Canberra office.

Industry members were also concerned that footage may be viewed by the general public, which may create increased negative perceptions of the tuna fishing industry, e.g. necessary killing of landed fish. AFMA will determine what angles/camera shots are required to gain accurate catch information, however the configuration of the cameras will depend on each boat and what works best for them individually. AFMA also stated that e-monitoring footage would be treated as confidential, but subject to Freedom of Information (FOI) laws.

While a cost saving has been achieved in relation to physical observers, industry members stated that an individual saving of approximately \$3,000 per year

# NEWS continued

was not significant enough. There was disappointment expressed by industry members that previous estimations of e-monitoring costs had forecasted greater savings.

Over time, it is expected that efficiencies will be made and the cost savings for industry will become larger. AFMA agreed that the total cost-saving of approximately \$100,000 is not as large as previously estimated, but stated that a saving of this amount is still significant to industry as a whole. He also noted that there are an additional \$70,000 savings in fee for service for observer costs for the East Coast Southern Bluefin Tuna management zones. In terms of the Southern Bluefin Tuna management zones, Industry appreciated the savings that e-monitoring will create, as it replaces the need for 100% on board physical observer coverage.

Blue & Black Marlin Catch on the Australian East Coast.

All Blue & Black Marlin caught by Australian Commercial Fishers must be released. It is interesting to note that the 2013 East Coast catch of both Blue & Black Marlin were the best for a good number of years.

2013 was also the best season for several years for Marlin Game Fishers along the Qld coast from Lizard Island, north of Cairns, to the Gold Coast and NSW coast to south of Port Stephens. Here on the Gold Coast it was a common sight for boats to return to port with up to 5 tag flags flying. Reports that I have had from

other areas have all been "good fishing." With both the Commercial and Game Fishers' catches both being up it may also suggest that many fish released by the longliners survive.

The next TTMAC meeting is scheduled for late October.

Good Fishing  
Bill Edwards

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Membership fees are now due for 2014/15 season.

Cost: \$80 for seniors \$160 for families & \$35 for juniors.

Membership forms are available on the MGFC Website - [www.mgfc.com.au](http://www.mgfc.com.au).

### Payment Details

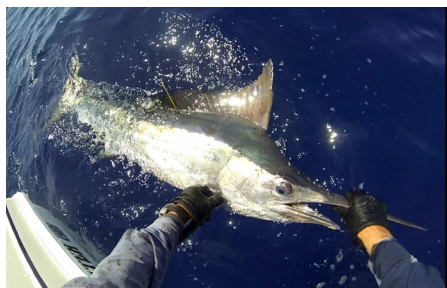
EFT: Account name – Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc.

BSB number – 124001

Account number – 10560883

Make cheques payable to Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club

PO Box 1115, Mooloolaba QLD 4557



# COMMITTEE

Thank you to the Committee for your ongoing contribution and support of Mooloolaba Game Fishing Club Inc. Please note: The committee is decided each year at the Annual General Meeting in August. If you would like to be a part of the committee, nomination forms will be provided shortly via email and nominations will be called from the floor.

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