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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## G'day all

Another year is just about done and I believe it has been a fairly successful one apart from the horrible run of weather during the winter months. I cannot remember the last time it was so consistently unfishable and it was certainly evident with the amount of fish not weighed.

Since it has turned, we have once again seen a phenomenal run of Barrels with many being hung up on our scales for members and non members alike and our fundraising from fish weighed is starting to mount up so we will be able to purchase our De-fib machine.

The Tuna Comp was once again shortened due to weather but all reports are everyone involved had a ball as usual and can't wait for next year to have another crack. We are certainly due for good week of weather so keep your fingers crossed.

There were still some exceptional captures recorded and a big congratulations must go to all winners. Our sponsors have looked after us for another year so a massive thanks to you all. Obviously we could not supply anglers with the sensational prizes we offer year after year without you.

The committee has done a top job again for all our events so thanks to you all for your commitment and hard work. The club certainly doesn't run itself and without everyone working together it would be a failure of epic proportions.

There are still a couple of comps to come until Christmas so keep an eye out and get out there.

The new snapper closure is going to have a huge effect on many of us. The summer has always been snapper time but is not to be anymore. We are lucky I suppose that we can still target them for the rest of the year but it is certainly not ideal. Big penalties will apply to those doing the wrong thing so make sure you know when the closures are. The biggest worry for me is where are the pros going to fish now and what limits will be applied to them. We certainly don't need to see a fleet of longliners in our waters.

Lastly, the AGM date has been decided and we have a few committee members having a break so there are positions which need to be filled for next season.

It is important to get as many members attending as possible so please save the date and show up. It is your chance to have your say or join the committee and help out. It seems like I may sound like a broken record but the same thing happens year after year, we hear whispers of complaints and things members are not happy about but they are not willing to put their hands up and do something about it.

It is about time it changed.

## Cheers, Hoody



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## G'day all

Hello to all of our past / current and intending members. At long last spring is upon us and some decent weather should start to come our way. Looks like we will get a few weeks on the snapper before the three month ban commences and it will be very interesting how the snapper tag issue is managed going forward.

As of November I will resigning as treasurer / Records Officer and committee member after seven years purely and simply as expanding business and time restraints just do not allow me to do the job justice anymore.

Over the last seven years, we have had many issues and hurdles as a committee to deal with , especially the boat ramp saga but hopefully with that out of the way , we can all move on and help make this great club better.

Financially we are in good shape , all of which will be revealed at the upcoming AGM so please make the effort to come along as the club will be looking for some new and exciting blood to join the committee.

To all that have contributed to help running this successful club over many years , thank you

**Regards, Craig Medhurst**



Ron Mallet and crew with his 115.95 KG Southern Bluefin Tuna.



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# RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT

**Hi to all members.**

Not a lot to report on the records side of things this edition despite large numbers of large SBT being caught over the past several weeks.

Well done to Jodie Rebonds with her pending state record SBT of 88.62kg on 60kg line class.

As this was a vacant state record and as long as the line tests ok this should go through with no problems.

Interesting this fish was hooked by floating a single pilchard back into a school of big blue fin.

Well done Jodie as on 60kg, your arms would have got a real hiding!

Also for those that are not aware, PMOAC is now a registered Official IGFA weigh station.

This will be my last report as records officer as its time to hang up the boots and let some new young blood come through.

Hopefully I have helped in some small way for our members to achieve State/ Australian and World records and a special thanks to weigh master Geoff McKinnon for his commitment to the cause.

**All the best,  
Craig Medhurst**

*Left: Jodie Rebonds with her pending state record SBT of 88.62kg on 60kg line class.*



# WEIGH MASTER'S REPORT

## Hi everyone

Another wet and windy winter is almost over so it's time to dust off the gear and get the boat ready because from what I've seen from those that have been lucky enough to venture out there's some really good fishing to be had.

Probably the most disappointing thing we are going to have to deal with this summer is going to be the now imposed snapper ban, bit hard to swallow when our fishery seems to be getting better every year but I guess there are those out there that think they know a whole lot more than us.

It's been a pretty tough for the last few months with only a few fish weighed in for the three months of winter with all the comps blown out, it was great to see some good fish to be brought in for the October comp with some really nice shark, flathead, queen snapper, knife jaw and nannies with a few drinks and a bbq after the weigh in it was great to see so many there having a good time.

At the moment the scales are having their annual checkup at the doctors so if you have a fish to weigh and there's a different set of scales in the box you will know why. So just bare with us while we I get everything sorted for another year.

Food for thought, I was talking with Tommy Egan the other day and we were trying to fix the world, as you do. But we were talking about how the season have changed, about different fish turning up at different times and especially the tuna that come through in different sizes at different times of the season.

Then he showed me a photo of an albacore tuna he caught many years ago and it makes you wonder if they will ever return in that size because it's been a long time. But then again, if someone had said 10 years ago that we would be catching tuna to the size and the abundance we are now, you would have laughed at them. How times can change!

To date, the biggest SBT I have weighed has pulled the scales down to 178kg and there's been quite a few just under that, I call that exiting times and makes you wonder what's to come ...

## See you all at the scales Geoff McKinnon



Above: Tommy and his Albacore. Above, right: the biggest tuna caught to date, weighing 178kg.



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# JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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## Howdy All

Although the run of barrel tuna this season the fishing season on the club front and fishing from the juniors has been quiet since the tuna comp.

Hopefully the longer days, warmer weather and calmer seasons change that in the next little while.

This will be my last report as after about nine years or so, I have decided to step down as junior coordinator and will not be continuing on the committee next season.

The junior coordinator's role has been very rewarding for me, watching our juniors develop into exceptional fishermen and fisherwomen!

Records have been broken, both State and Australian, GFAA awards won, Club Champion has been shared around and even Australia has been represented, all by PMOAC kids!

Who would ever have thought that these kids from the bush could ever achieve such outcomes .....

WE DID!!!!!!

I would like to thank all the kids, now some adults and all the parents, grand parents and friends that got the kids on the water and took time and the finances to get these kids all across the country and even overseas to represent the club on the big stage.

I am sure you all got a buzz out of it, just as we have on our boat.

I would also wish the committee old and new all the best in the coming seasons.

## Cheers Whanny



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# CLUB OBJECTIVES

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## Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club

To promote the sport of angling and game fishing both as a recreation and as a potential source of scientific data.

Promote the exchange of knowledge relating to angling and boating.

Look after our fisheries by:

1. Take no more than our immediate needs.
2. Return undersize and unwanted fish carefully to the water.
3. Take your rubbish home and dispose of it correctly.

To participated and organise fishing competitions and tournaments for all anglers to enjoy.

Protect the marine environment.

Observe and practice boating safety regulations.

Operate in accordance with the rules and ethics of GFAA.

Encourage junior involvement in fishing activities of the club.

Show courtesy toward other anglers and boat users.

Provide facilities and equipment that enable club members to enjoy their membership of the club.

Observe and practice the Primary Industries of South Australia recreational fishing guide.



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# PMOAC RULES AND LIMITS

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## **ALBACORE TUNA:**

The club has a self imposed possession limit per day on Albacore of,

**2 fish per person and a boat limit of 6 fish per day.**

## **MAKO SHARK:**

The committee have passed that there will be a club minimum size and possession limit each day on Mako shark. This has come about by the recent Government laws on Commonwealth Migratory Species.

### **Minimum size limit of 1.20m**

Measured from the fork of the tail to the point of the nose.

**Maximum possession limit of 2 per boat per day.**

## **LEADER LENGTHS:**

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that some members have been unaware that there is a legal length for leaders. If you buy a wind-on leader it does need to be trimmed to the correct length for your lure.

*From the G.F.A.A. rules web page also your annual G.F.A.A. booklet.*

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

**Saltwater Species:** In all line classes up to and including 10kg, the leader shall be limited to 4.57 meters. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 meters.

The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14 meters. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19 meters.

The committee is working on a club rule book that will have all the information and rules that apply to the club and its members.

Please remember to take only your immediate needs and return other fish not required to the water.

**Ask a committee member to assist you if you are not sure of legal leader lengths,**

**We will be spot checking these during comps**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

## MAKO MADNESS WEEKEND - Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 November 2019

Heaviest and tag and release. Weigh-in at 4pm each day. Barbecue to follow on Saturday.

All monthly competitions are subject to change due to weather & fish availability at the time.

Financial members may take guests to fish competitions on their boats. To be eligible for prizes the guest must pay an entry fee of \$10 prior to fishing. Guests are allowed two fishing competitions per only year before they must become members of the club. Juniors are eligible for prizes in the junior category only. Full membership payment will allow them to contest major prizes.

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# 38TH TUNA AND SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS 2019

CATEGORY	Points / Weight	WINNER	
1. MOST MERITORIOUS SB TUNA	773.0 pts	Ron Mallett	
2. HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER	1067.7 pts	Jodie Rebonds	
3. HEAVIEST SB TUNA	97.36kg	Rohan Attard	
4. MOST MERITORIOUS SHARK	416.0 pts	Stephen Bartholomew	
5. TAG & RELEASE PETER BLACKMORE	1450 pts	Max Barrett	
6. MOST MERITORIOUS ALBACORE	125.0 pts	Clint Wilson	
7. HEAVIEST SHARK	66.54kg	Jodie Rebonds	
8. HEAVIEST SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA LINE CLASS AWARDS			
2 kg LINE CLASS	Not Won		
3 kg LINE CLASS	11.02kg	Lachie Charlton	
4 kg LINE CLASS	13.4kg	Jodie Rebonds	
6 kg LINE CLASS	12.48kg	James Feast	
8 kg LINE CLASS	14.24kg	Tony Smith	
10 kg LINE CLASS	22.5kg	Mark Ewens	
9. HEAVIEST ALBACORE	6.98kg	Mark Moody	
10. BOAT CLASS AWARDS	CLASS 1	625.5	Unsinkable Two
	CLASS 2	1467.7	Raptor
	CLASS 3	1124.5	Grumpy
11. BOAT TAG AND RELEASE	CLASS 1	200 pts	Don't Argue
	CLASS 2	3050 pts	Sea Rider
	CLASS 3	4600 pts	Remarkable
12. PRESIDENTS TROPHY		Tom Egan	
13. HIGHEST POINT SCORING LADY	693.33 pts	Bernadette Pedlar	



# 38TH TUNA AND SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS 2019 continued

HEAVIEST FISH AWARDS	Points / Weight	WINNER
16. TOPE	22.26kg	Terry Scicluna
17. GUMMY	20.04kg	Paul Oliver
18. EAGLERAY	Not Won	
19. SNAPPER	4.38kg	Dennis Paul
20. QUEEN SNAPPER	3.26kg	Corey Edwards
21. HAPUKA/ SEA BASS	13.12kg	Jamie Coates
22. TERAHIHI	0.86kg	Cameron Sandercock
23. FLATHEAD	1.30kg	Jamie Coates
24. SWEEP	Not Won	
25. KING GEORGE WHITING	Not Won	
26. RED SNAPPER	1.66kg	Timothy Price
27. SALMON	0.54kg	Marcus Pearson
28. KNIFEJAW	2.14kg	Marcus Pearson
29. BLUE EYE	4.06kg	Kai levins
30. MULLOWAY	Not Won	
31. TRUMPETER	Not Won	
32. SAMPSON FISH	Not Won	
33. SKIPJACK TUNA	Not Won	
34. DOLPIN FISH	Not Won	
CHRIS IVANOVIC TROPHY		Ian Johnson
REMARKABLE CHARTER DRAW		SE Forest and Hydraulic Centre
FREE LUCKY ANGLER DRAW		James Carlin

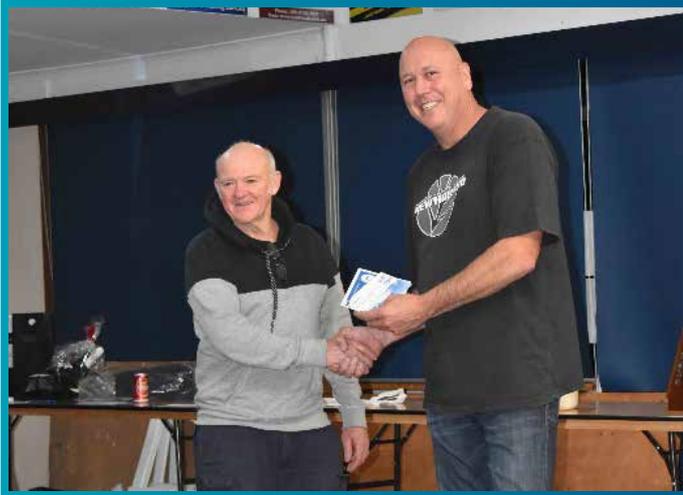


# 38TH TUNA AND SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS 2019

CATEGORY	Points / Weight	WINNER
HEAVIEST KNIFEJAW	1.08kg	Benjamin Virgo
HEAVIEST FLATHEAD	0.88kg	Georgia Barrett
HEAVIEST GUMMY	11.44kg	Georgia Barrett
HEAVIEST SNAPPER	2.18kg	Benjamin Virgo
HEAVIEST TERAHIHI	0.68kg	Kyle Johnson
HEAVIEST TOPE	22.70kg	Casey Wilson
HEAVIEST SHARK	24.04kg (Tope)	Georgia Barrett
HEAVIEST ALBACORE	Not Won	
MOST MERITORIOUS ALBACORE	Not Won	
MOST MERITORIOUS SHARK	Not Won	
TAG & RELEASE	600 pts	Beau Ewens
HEAVIEST S B TUNA	14.36kg	Beau Ewens
CHAMPION ANGLER	631.33pts	Kyle Johnson
MOST MERITORIOUS S B TUNA	225.50pts	Georgia Barrett



# 38TH TUNA AND SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT



Ron Mallet accepting the trophy for the most meritorious SBT during the 2019 Tuna comp with 773 points.



Jodi Rebonds accepting the prize for the highest points scoring angler with 1067.7 points.



Rowan Attard accepting the prize for the heaviest SBT weighing in at 97.36kg.



Stephen Bartholomew accepting the prize for the most meritorious shark coming in at 416 points.



Winner of the Peter Blackmore Tag and Release trophy was Max Barrett with 1450 points.



Clint Wilson accepting the prize for the most meritorious Albacore with 125 points.



# 38TH TUNA AND SPORTSFISH TOURNAMENT



Jodi Rebonds accepting the prize for the heaviest shark, a Mako shark weighing in at 66.54kg.

Ian Johnson accepting the Chris Ivanovic memorial trophy.



The junior members.



Jhames Carlin accepting the major prize from Sponsor Ian Ploenges, of Ploenges Marine.



# HEAVIEST SPECIES YEAR TO DATE

## SENIORS (1 January- 31 August 2019)

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT
BLUE EYE TREVALLA	Liam McKinnon	7.00kg
FLATHEAD	Richard Hateley	1.56kg
GARFISH	Andrew Hood	0.22kg
HARPUKA	Liam McKinnon	10.26kg
KG WHITING	Jamie Coates	0.94kg
KNIFEJAW	Carn Taylor	1.04kg
RED SNAPPER	Carn Taylor	1.58kg
QUEEN SNAPPER	Dean Coclonis	4.42kg
SALMON	Darren Kolpin	1.54kg
GUMMY SHARK	Matthew Tocaciu	24.02kg
MAKO	Cameron Sanderrcock	13.04kg
SNAPPER	Graham Lucas	3.18kg
TASSIE TRUMPETER	Cameron Sanderrcock	8.70kg
TERAKIHI	Carn Taylor	1.36kg
TOPE	Carn Taylor	20.96kg
SBT	Carn Taylor	100.00kg

## JUNIORS (1 January- 31 August 2019)

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT
FLATHEAD	Sam Whan	2.40kg
GARFISH	Benjamin Virgo	0.06kg
KNIFEJAW	Benjamin Virgo	1.28kg
RED SNAPPER	Casey Wilson	0.64kg
GUMMY SHARK	Georgia Barrett	2.20kg
MAKO	Casey Wilson	28.00kg
SNAPPER	Casey Wilson	2.74kg
TOPE	Georgia Barrett	13.20kg
SBT	Benjamin Virgo	14.72kg





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- FROM: JAN 1st, 2020
- Kingston Caltex Roadhouse
- Mitre 10 Murray Bridge
- Aqua Steel Industries Naracoorte
- Swampy's Marine & Tackle Kingston
- Coorong Hotel Motel - Policeman Point
- Spot On Fishing Tackle Mt Gambier
- Denton Sports Power Millicent
- Mitre 10 Keith
- Moores Thrifty-Link Bordertown

UNTIL FRIDAY, JAN 17th at 12noon

Then at main registration centre in Kingston Information Bay, Policeman Point and Kingston Caltex Roadhouse.

## 2pm SATURDAY 18th until 9am SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2020

# LUCKY ROD TAG PRIZE \$1,000 CASH

(Must be won on the day.) Must be at presentation to collect.

## SENIOR SECTION

Mulloway and all other scale fish.....20 Prizes  
Shark..... 10 Prizes

## JUNIOR SECTION

Under 14 years as at December 31st, 2019 10 Prizes All prizes will be decided by the fishing committee

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Will be conducted at 1.00pm Sunday at the Lions Park. BBQ and REFRESHMENTS will be AVAILABLE from 10.00am **Farmers Market On Site**

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# NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT



Kevin Oates - National Junior Tournament Coordinator

My report this time reflects the success of our GFAA National Junior Team fishing in the Bay of Islands, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Yellowtail Kingfish tournament.

The event is a light tackle tournament with 6kg and 8kg the two lineclass categories permitted. Capture, and the newly introduced measure and release, as well as tag and release sections, provide the anglers with a variety of options when targeting hard fighting reef monsters. The predominant scoring species is yellowtail kingfish however, a trophy is awarded for the heaviest other species. This year saw mako sharks up to 150kg fought and some monster snapper with two landed weighing 8.45kg and 10kg on 6kg lineclass.

The 2019 event marked the event's 50th anniversary and buoyed by the success of another Junior team in 2016, this hand-picked squad was under pressure to come home with the silverware. But even more than that, they were to enjoy themselves and act as good ambassadors for GFAA's juniors. To their credit, they achieved all that was put before them.

Our team consisted of Team Captain, Brody McKay (Batemans Bay GFC), Lachlin Hicks (GFC of Northern Tasmania), Oska Davis (Central Coast GFC) and Ben Massurit (Sunshine Coast GFC).

I escorted the team and parents to the village of Russell in the Bay of Islands which is a historical whaling village and at one stage was the capital of New Zealand. We arrived on Thursday before the start of the competition on Sunday which allowed the team to settle in and get to know each other. The senior Aussie contingent led by 43 year tournament veteran Terry Titchener, arrived late on Friday after some major hiccups at Auckland airport.

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## NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT continued

Saturday saw most of the fleet arrive at Russell including the Junior Team Boat "G.P.S". The tournament briefing was conducted in the Bay of Islands Swordfish Clubrooms that evening. With approximately 150 in attendance, our team met their skipper (Hayden Wright), deckhands Brad and Bailey, collected their team's tournament bags in readiness for an early start the next morning.

Arriving in darkness at the jetty at 6:15am, all anglers boarded their boats and proceeded to the start line at Russell Point before the radio call went out at 7am to cross the line and proceed to the bait grounds. Fishing starts at 9am each day, concluding at 3:30pm, so the quicker boats can get their bait and be at their preferred fishing spots while some on the slower boats don't get to start fishing until 10:30 or so.

G.P.S fished south of the Bay of Islands in an area called "Home Point", mid-morning the call came through that Oska Davis had landed the first fish for the team closely followed by Ben Massurit. Whilst the other 2 boys had bites with no success, all the luck was with Oska and Ben with Oska landing two yellowtail kingfish for the day and Ben three.

Day two saw the team captain also get amongst the action with Brody landing his first kingfish, Ben adding another to his tally and Oska a pair.

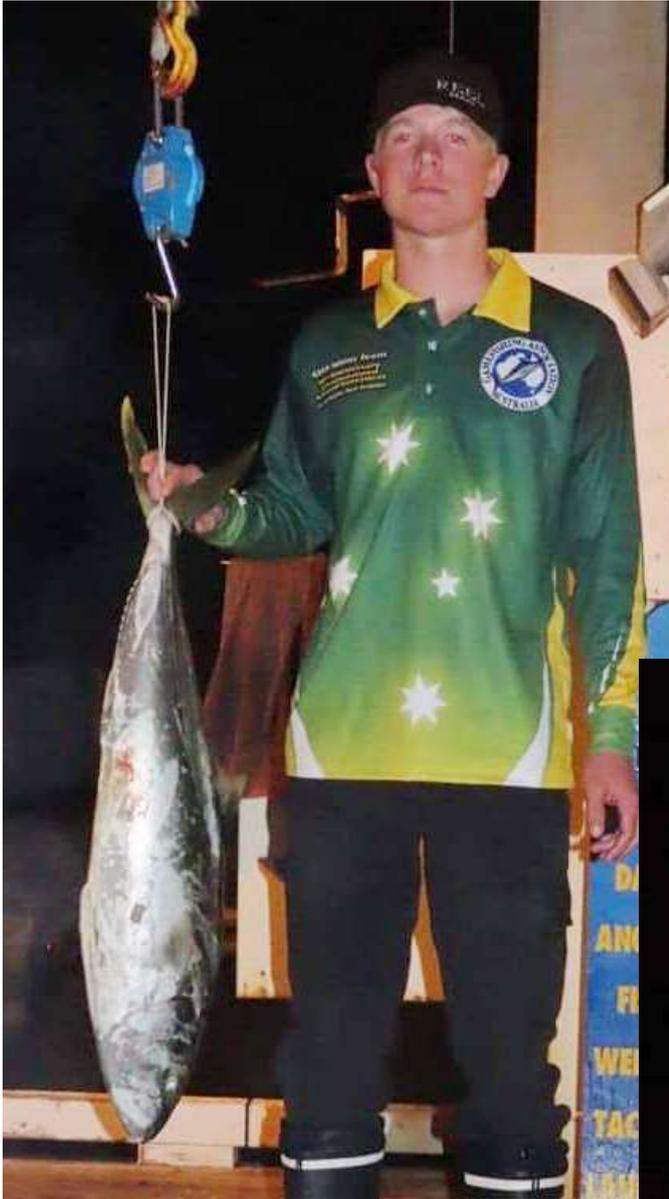


At this stage the Aussie Junior Team was clearly in front of their friends from the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, the Whakatane GFC and the Russell School Junior Team.

Day three saw a change at the top of the leader board with the Whakatane Juniors landing five good sized fish from the Cavalli Island region in the north. That put them



## NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT continued



into the overall lead for champion Junior team and one of their anglers was now also leading Ben for champion junior angler status. Ben continued his great form on day three catching another kingfish taking his tournament tally to five and Lachlin getting his first kingfish for the tournament.

The team was fired up when the fourth day broke. Like the first day, mid-morning and G.P.S was on the board with Brody getting the first kingy, then it appeared to be a continual call feast from G.P.S with all team members catching fish. Brody landed two more, Ben landed the heaviest for the team



weighing in at 15.05Kg and Lachlin landed another. They also realised that no junior team had tagged a fish so Oska and Lachlin tagged one apiece each and Ben two. The result of day four was five fish weighed, four tagged and countless numbers broken off with many baits getting hammered by snapper.

At the conclusion of the days fishing, the team members were wondering whether they had been able to regain their top spot, they knew their closest opponents had also landed two fish, so it was all about points and the size of the fish.



# NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT continued

The Presentation Dinner on Friday evening was held this year at the historic Duke of Marlborough Hotel in Russell, so the wait for results was soon over.

Ben Massurit won the Champion Tag and Release angler, winning the coveted Tommy Roche-Barbara Brittain Micky Mouse Trophy. He also won Runner-up Highest Points Scoring Junior Angler only being beaten by 100 points (not even a fish tail in weight) by Cameron Fleming from the Whakatane GFC.

Our junior team took out the prestigious Champion Junior Team award and were presented with a variety of prizes, rods, commemorative jackets and the Tommy Roche-Jack Brittain Mickey Mouse Champion Team Perpetual Trophy.



Celebrations and congratulations all round with our team presenting their Skipper and Deckhands with special Team Jackets and a bottle of their favourite beverage. Together with myself as Team Chaperone, we also presented Brenda Saul (immediate Past President of the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club) and her husband Pete Saul, who is in charge of the NZ Tagging program, with a GFAA appreciation banner for their Club.

A great week was had by all in Russell enjoying the sights and history of the area and region, meeting new-found friends and colleagues from other clubs.

Congratulations to the Australian Junior Team and special thanks to the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club, the second oldest Game Fishing Club in the World, for running such a successful competition in this their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

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# WIND ON LEADERS

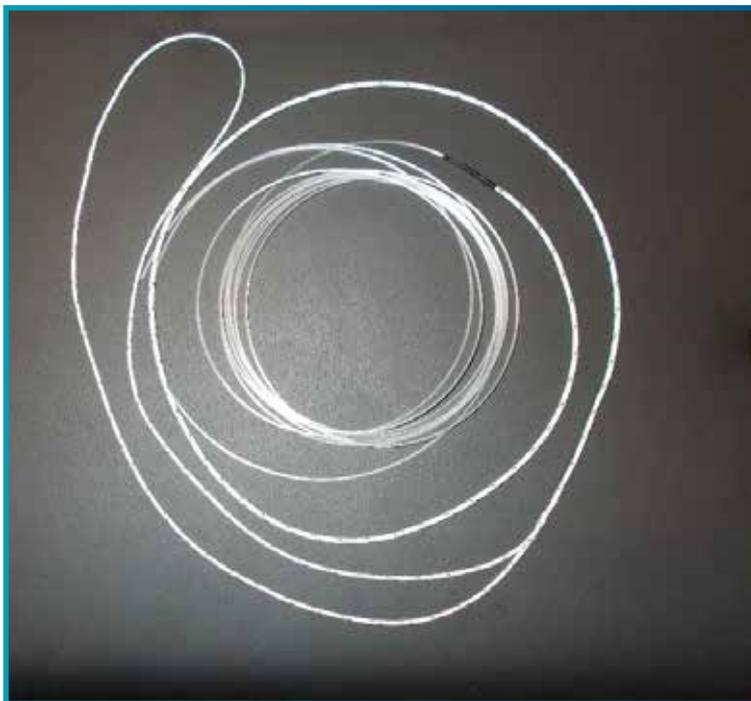
As some of you may know, one of my hobbies is making wind on leaders. My interest in making my own came about after experiencing a few failures in the mass-produced products that were available commercially and thinking that making ones that don't slip couldn't be that hard. How wrong I was!

What is a wind on leader?

Basically, it's a length of nylon line that's attached to a loop made from dacron which is then joined to the main line giving the ability to wind the leader through the rod eyes or rollers and onto the reel.

To further explain, Dacron is a thread that is woven in to a tube-like structure and when nylon is pushed into that tube and then lengthwise traction is applied, the dacron grips the nylon tightly. Slippage will only occur when the traction applied is greater than the gripping force applied by the dacron. I have tested mine to destruction and they always break at the point where the line emerges from the dacron at well above the breaking strain of the dacron.

Wind on leaders can be used in many forms of angling but I will restrict my comments to their use in lure fishing, specifically for tuna.



Somewhere in the rig we need to have a swivel because no matter how good your lure is or how well it is rigged, it will spin to some degree. The GFAA rules allow for a leader length of 4.57m (15 feet) for line classes up to and including 10kg and 9.14m (30 feet) for line classes over 10kg. To make things simple, all of my skirted lures are pre rigged with 2m of nylon leader which allows me to use leaders of a standard length. I then attach a swivel with a breaking strain of at least equivalent to the breaking strain of the leader so that when leadering a large fish close to the boat, a reasonable amount of force can be applied without the risk of breakage. The swivel can be attached by a crimped loop but I prefer a uni knot. My reason for this is that tuna have great eyesight and I feel that keeping the visible hardware to a minimum is a good thing. It also gives the couta one less thing to have a crack at. Having a knot also allows the knot to be retied if needed but replacing a crimp is not quite as easy at sea.

## Why use a wind on leader?

Imagine that you have hooked the fish of a lifetime and it is powering away like a steam train on its first run. Every time the fish beats its tail, it also beats up against the line with considerable force which will eventually damage the line. An often-overlooked point regarding leaders is that we don't necessarily want them for their tensile strength although once we start heaving on a big fish by the leader, that is important. However, the leader's resistance to abrasion is also quite important.

Now a tuna of 100kgs or so will probably have an overall length of approximately 2m so why have a leader length of 9m? Once the fish is close to the boat the deckie is allowed to grasp the leader (not the line) and help to land the fish.

## Joining to the main line

A knot with a small diameter makes it easier to wind through the rod runners. A "cat's paw" is a good choice. The best way to attach the leader to the main line is to create a double. Once again there are length restrictions which can be found within the rule book. (GFAA Rule Book, page 54) To create a double you can tie a few types of knot but my experience has been a bimini twist in braid and a plait in nylon. These two knots are about as close to 100% knot strength as you can get.



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## WIND ON LEADERS continued

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There are various opinions regarding the use of wind on leaders. Some people love them and others hate them. I am somewhere in between. If you want to see a balanced argument, jump onto Peter Pakulas site ([www.pakula.com](http://www.pakula.com)) and look under the webinar tab. Peter is a Gold Sponsor of ours and has a wealth of knowledge that he is very keen to share.

If you look at the same site and go to BTL – Rigging – Leader Choice, Peter has produced a very good article that you may find interesting.

### Reasons to use a wind on leader

- Allows the leader to be wound onto the reel.
- Places the swivel at a reasonable distance from the lure – 2m in my case.
- Creates a very strong join to the main line
- Gives me some pocket money when you buy mine.

### Reasons to not use a wind on leader

- Due to the heavier line used to create the leader, the capacity of the reel will be reduced.
- Unless care is taken to lay the line flat on the reel during retrieving, the line can jam the spool.
- Being attached to a big fish with a long leader of heavy line once the fish is close to the boat can be dangerous. If the fish spooks and takes off towards the horizon, it is possible to be pulled over with no easy way to break free. Through a bent rod it is almost impossible to break an 8kg double so imagine trying to break a 100lb leader!

Although I am no expert, I hope that you have found this of at least some use.

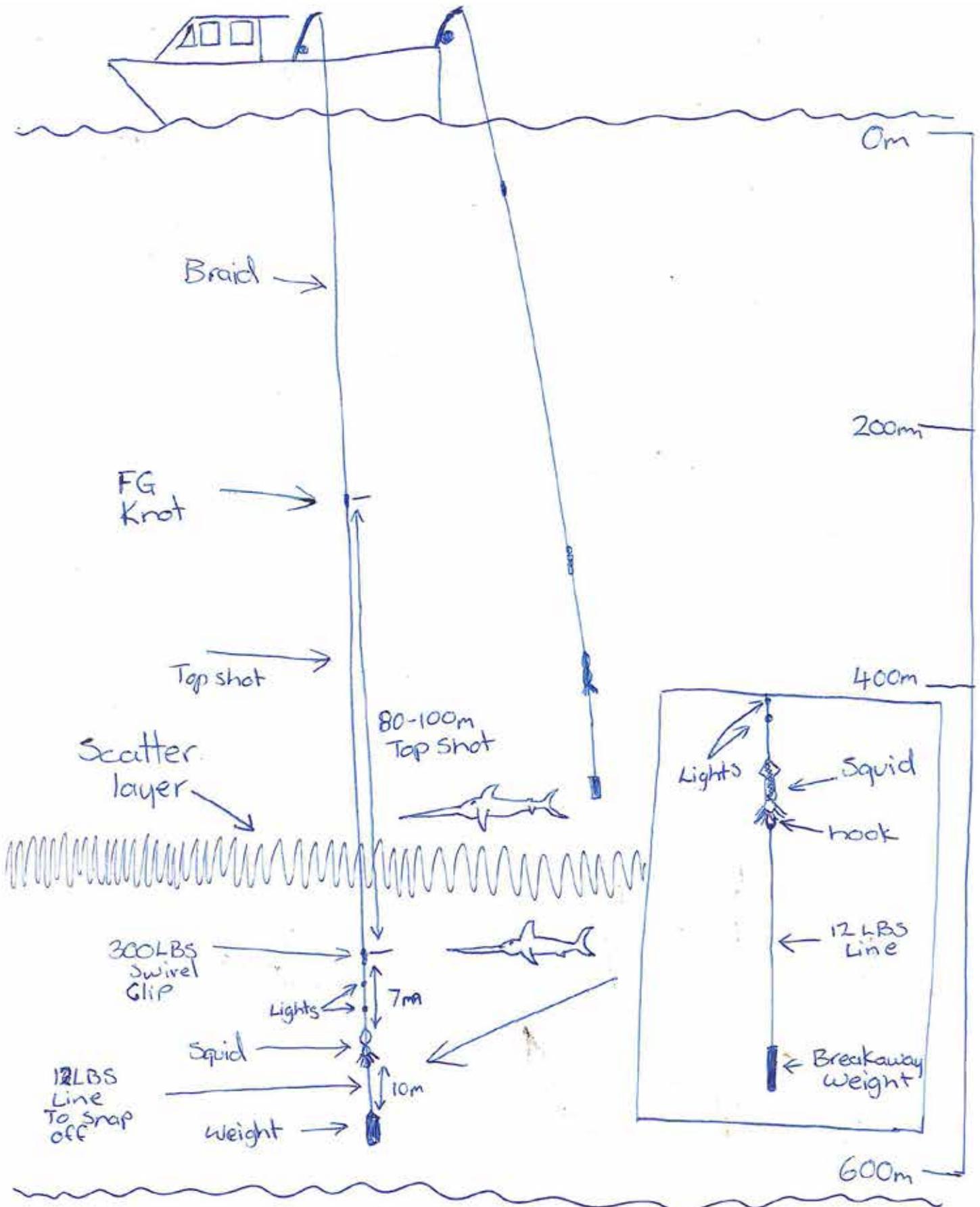
Please take the time to check out Pakulas website where you will find a wealth of information.

The use of wind on leaders can be polarising as I said before. If you choose to use them, at least be aware of their shortcomings and be prepared. I always carry a knife or a purpose designed seat belt cutter in the pocket of my life jacket so that I can cut the line if it all turns to guano. So far I haven't needed to use it. That could be because I am careful or, more likely, I haven't caught anything big enough to cause a problem.

**See ya on the water, Sparksey**



# DAY TIME SWORD FISHING FISHING WEIGHT ON



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# FIRST AID KITS ON BOATS

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Fishing and boating are indeed enjoyable water activities, however, just like any outdoor activities, it also includes the possibility of needing to handle medical problems. When you're onboard and a medical emergency happens, medical attention may take a while to come, therefore, someone onboard must take the responsibility of administering the appropriate first aid.

To be able to perform proper first aid, you must have a first aid kit on your boat. A first aid kit is essential, not only because it can save a life, but because it can also prevent you from visiting expensive hospitals in remote locations. Some of the most common medical problems that occur during boating are seasickness, abrasions, sunburn, and minor cuts and sprains, which are easy to deal with, being creative, we can add hook piercing, fish bites and spiking and lacerations from Rays, major trauma from winches etc.

There are many kinds of first aid kits available today and choosing one will depend on your boating/fishing focus, the number of people you go boating with, as well as on your knowledge about first aid. Your first aid kit should include all the necessary and basic materials such as over-the-counter medicines, band-aids, thermometer, gauze pads, scissors, ice packs, heat packs and more. It's also essential to have a good comprehensive first aid guide that will help you remember the things to do during an emergency.

It is also important that your crew know where the first aid kit is and also how to call for help if needed.

Mobile phone, VHF or HF, flares or even the EPIRB can be used to attract attention requiring urgent medical assistance for something like a heart attack or stroke. Interesting that the SA Boating Regulations don't require you to carry a first aid kit on board, what's your thoughts?

## My story of a gurnard encounter

Well, the truth is I have had two and they are memorable to say the least.

The last occasion was during the last Tuna Comp when I got tagged approximately 30km off the coast. The gurnard came over the side and onto the bait board for a basic manoeuvre of retrieving the hook.

So whilst putting the fish spike appropriately between the eyes, I felt the sharp sting of retaliation as the spike was a bit shorter than the dorsal spines.

The venom in gurnards, along with flathead is protein based which is what the venom in snakes is, just the composition is different.

Within seconds of being spiked, the level of pain was on the increase with various sympathising comments from the crew and skipper failing to assist in a meaningful way.



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## FIRST AID KITS ON BOATS continued

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It was decided to head home as it was near the end of the day's fishing, whilst attempting to apply some first aid.

The boat was equipped with a first aid kit but what was needed was hot water which gives immediate pain relief. In the meantime, my hand was swelling considerably, had turned red and the pain was reaching my shoulder. I was also beginning to shake which may have been due to shock.

Hot water on a boat is not often readily available as we tried to get hot water from the tell tale of the motor. At this stage I had my hand in the onboard electric oven from which I could feel some relief from the pain.

We had come prepared for the day's fishing with a barbecue on board, as well as a baking tray for our pork ribs. The ribs had to wait as we now had some where to boil water. I placed my hand in the hot water and immediately felt the pain start to subside down my arm and as the water cooled, the pain kicked in again.

The trip back to the boat ramp was bearable with my hand being basted in hot water in between the cooking of the ribs which were quite tasty.

Back at the ramp and into the clubrooms with access to hot water again, my hand was in the water.

I would guess it was about two hours of the hot water treatment to relieve the pain and another couple of days for the swelling to subside.

The learning was that the hot water works, but what if you don't have hot water?

I now have a couple of instant hot packs on the boat just in case – will they work the same, I don't know but not willing to test the theory.

Interestingly, I have not caught a gurnard since. Maybe they have had their fun with me and taught me a lesson?

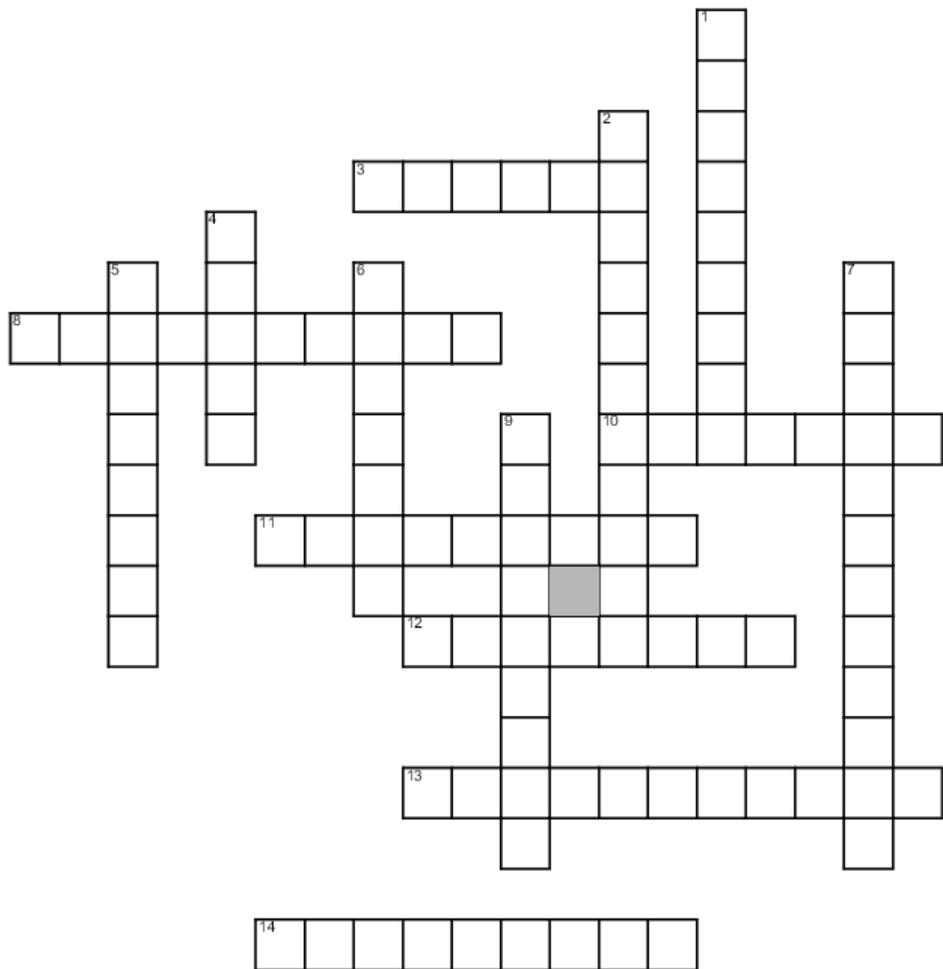
Over the years we have cleaned and gutted gummy shark and have found gurnard in their stomach so they may be used as bait. Also they appear to be a good eating fish popular in New Zealand where it is actively targeted, as well as in Tasmania.

It is described as white, firm and good eating when filleted and skinned. It has a medium flavour with low oil content. Suitable to bake, barbecue, shallow or deep fry, foil bake, grill, poach or steam.

I'm not bringing them on board for the time being!



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- 3. external opening for waste to exit
- 8. central nervous system
- 10. example of a jawless fish
- 11. also known as tail fin
- 12. stack of short muscle fibers
- 13. maintain and control buoyancy
- 14. used for control and gliding

## Down

- 1. gill cover
- 2. used to detect movement
- 4. Example of a cartilaginous fish
- 5. allows water to exit but not enter
- 6. beak-like protection, snout
- 7. boney fish
- 9. era fish came into existence

## Word Bank

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rostrum  
lateralline  
lamprey

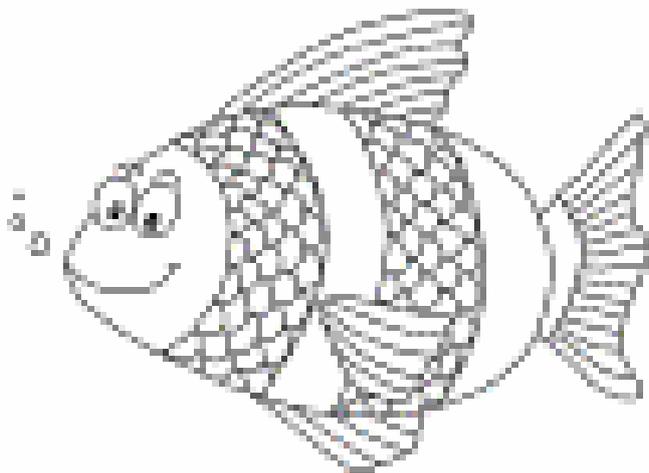
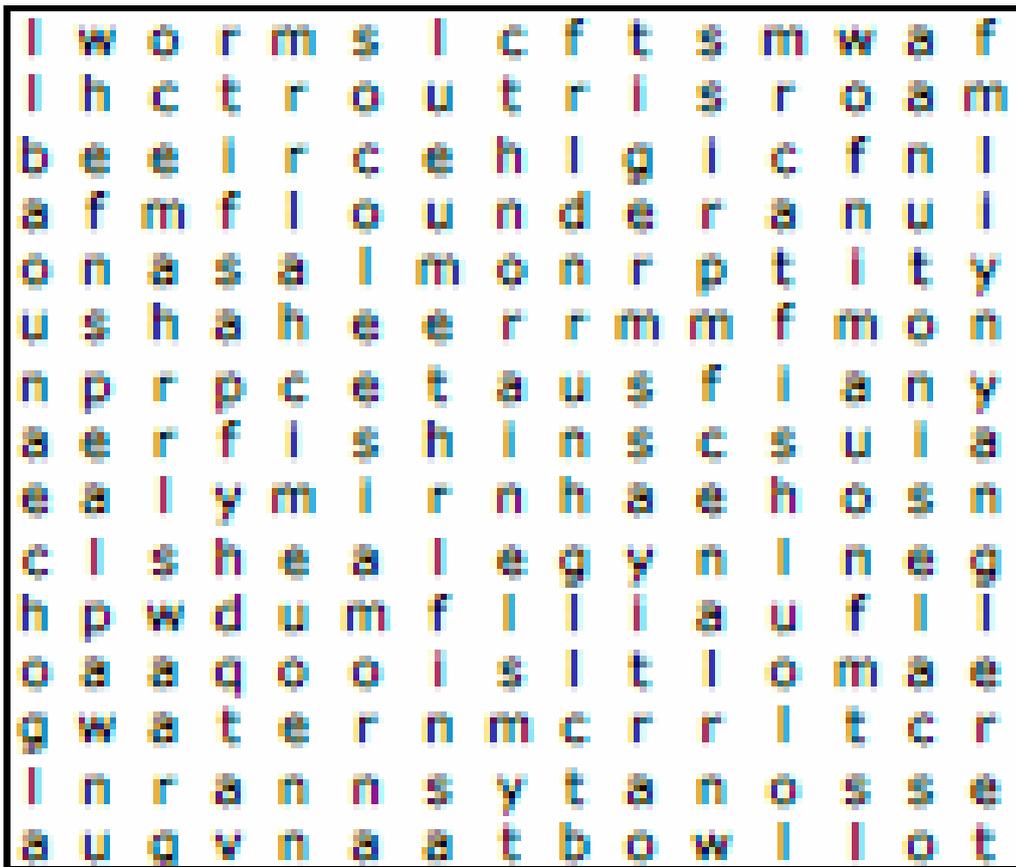
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# WORD SEARCH



- Fish
- Aquarium
- Bowl
- Water
- Scales
- Gills
- Salmon
- Carp
- Fins
- Catfish
- Tuna
- Trout
- Flounder
- Angler
- Worms



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## SWEET CHILLI CRAY

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### Ingredients

- 3 lobsters, halved
- 200ml sweet chilli sauce
- 200ml honey
- 2 garlic cloves
- Paprika
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 1 tsp ginger, grated
- 1/2 red chilli, de seeded, finely chopped
- Shallots and parsley to serve

### Four easy steps to cooking

1. Pre heat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Place lobsters in a baking tray. Over the top, add all ingredients and mix through with hands.
3. Cover baking tray with aluminium foil.
4. Bake in oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with sliced shallots and parsley to serve

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## HAVE A LAUGH

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A funeral procession pulled into a cemetery.

Several carloads of family members followed a black truck towing a boat with a coffin in it.

A passerby remarked: "That guy must have been a very avid fisherman."

"Oh he still is," remarked one of the mourners.

"As a matter of fact, he's headed off to the lake as soon as we bury his wife."



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