

Tackle Box

**Redcliffe
Peninsula
Game & Sportfish
Club Inc.**



May 2014



This red emperor was caught by Matt Kroll on 20lb spin gear in the shallows (35m) and bottomed out the Boga grip scales at 30lbs. Matt estimates the fish would have been around the 15kg mark.



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Chairman's Report

May 2014

Hi all

I hope you had a great Easter holiday and enjoyed the fantastic weather. I must apologise for missing last month's general meeting and club weekend as I was away on holidays for a week at South West Rocks (that's in NSW for all you Banana Benders!). We caught plenty of small estuary fish off the jetties and wharves which was a bit of fun for the kids. As you can probably tell from my girth I was eating and drinking so I didn't catch much.

Congratulations to 'Big Business' for cleaning up at the recent Mooloolaba Billfish Bonanza with 2 blue marlin. This is a light and heavy tackle competition. They won Champion Heavy Tackle Angler, Champion Male, and First Billfish (Jeff Payne), Champion Female Angler (Kristen Trask) as well as Champion Boat Over 7 Metres. Also competing was Peter Distel and the crew on 'Liquid Asset'. They did well and picked up second place with a blue marlin and a sailfish. I think a Mooloolaba boat might have scraped into third place.

The fish are biting everywhere at the moment. There are blue marlin out wide, some sailfish off Mooloolaba, the reef fish are starting to fire up and there have been snapper and longtail tuna in the bay. It sounds like our sportfish competition could be very interesting this year.

Rain, hail or shine we will be running a sportfish competition on the May Club Weekend which is the 17th and 18th of May. You will need to register and there will be a small entry fee of \$20 for big people and it's free for juniors. We will have some trophies and prizes and BBQ presentation along with our regular club weekend weigh-in. That weekend will also be the ANSA Queensland Species Challenge so if you choose to participate you can fish both at the same time. You will also need to register separately for the ANSA Species Challenge at no cost if you are already an ANSA member. This is done online. I'm sure our ANSA delegate Greg Skinner will be able to assist members with registering and understanding the rules and technical stuff. I hope everyone will give it a go.

A word of warning as we enter into the whale migration season that fines exist for approaching marine mammals the wrong way and be aware that our boating activities will be under surveillance. For further information go to:

www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/watching/marine-mammals/rules.html

In my experience the whales seem to do whatever they want, go wherever they want and don't seem to be too bothered by us.

Good luck for the sportfish comp everyone.

Cheers

Mick King

Chairman



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Club Weekend

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- All Mechanical Repairs
- Wheel Alignments
- Safety Certificates (RWC)
- Log Book Servicing
- Brake Machining
- Diagnostic Scans
- Trailer servicing

**10% OFF FOR ALL MEMBERS
OR
1 FREE WHEEL ALIGNMENT**

To win the money for the monthly nominated fish inshore or offshore species, simply weigh in the heaviest fish (labelled with your name and line class). To receive double club points, the fish must be tagged or caught on the Club Weekend only and the cards correctly completed and handed in or fish weighed in at M.B.B.C. from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the Sunday. Prizes will be awarded at the following club night.

Remember, club fishing weekend starts on midnight on Friday 16 May finishing on Sunday 18th May at the 3.30-4.30pm weigh-in and the species are Sweetlip and Bass.

Junior anglers having birthday this month
Happy birthday Ryan Clarke & Joanne Woodward!





Fish of the Month

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MAY:		Sweetlip		Bass
MONTH	OFFSHORE SPECIES	PREVIOUS WINNER	INSHORE SPECIES	PREVIOUS WINNER
June	Longtail Tuna	No winner	Bream	Paul Higgins
July	Amberjack	No winner	Tailor	Karl Franks
August	Pearl Perch	Robbie Drysdale	Cod	No winner
September	Snapper	Noel Day	Bream	Janine Cole
October	Cobia	No winner	Flathead	Diana Drysdale
November	Mahi Mahi	Rob Ware	Bass	Sam King
December	Wahoo	Noel Day	Mangrove Jack	No winner
January	Yellowfin Tuna	Corey Ramsey	Whiting	Paul Higgins
February	Mackerel	No winner	Cod	No winner
March	Mackerel Tuna	Jason Comino	Bream	Noel Day
April	Pearl Perch	Trevor Singleton	Flathead	Trevor Singleton



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Upcoming Events

May 2014

How versatile are you? Try the **ANSA Queensland species challenge** **and find out!**

What's it about?

- It's not about catching the biggest fish, it's about having a range of skills.

Who can participate?

- ANYONE! Open to any sportfisher, you don't have to be an existing ANSA member.

What do I do?

- Register through our website, then catch as many different species as possible over the two days! One fish of each species can be entered.
- On the challenge weekend, submit your catches online, through email, or via toll-free phone number. Where possible, photos are required.
- Results will be tallied and available online through the event.
- Major prize: \$500 fishing tackle open order.

**Midnight Friday until 2:00pm Sunday
17-18 May 2014. Details & registration:**

www.ansaqld.com.au

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ANSA Queensland Species Challenge 17-18th May 2014 Event Rules



AIM:

The ANSA Queensland Species Challenge is an event that reflects the fundamental challenge of fishing, that being the challenge of fisherman vs fish. The Challenge is instituted so that Anglers can join and fish together across Queensland over the same weekend. The only objective is catch as many different species from the ANSA Queensland species list as possible in two days.

This is the perfect event for kids and anglers seeking to challenge themselves beyond the traditional "catch the biggest/most fish".

NOMINATION:

Any person that registers online and pays for the challenge before the due date is eligible to enter. There is no requirement to be an ANSA member to enter. Non ANSA members will be granted temporary membership for the event as a part of the registration (which includes the temporary membership fee).

BOUNDARIES:

All fishing is to be conducted in Queensland waters.

HOURS OF EVENT:

The Challenge commences at 12.00 midnight on Friday and concludes at 2.00pm on Sunday of the weekend of the event.

TACKLE AND METHODS:

Any sportfishing tackle and/or method may be utilised.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS:

There will be three methods of reporting catches. Details of how to submit their catch will be provided to participants prior to the event start. Catches must be submitted by 6.00pm on the last day of the event.

1. During the day there will be a 1800 number that people can ring to record their entries and email in photos as confirmation each day.
2. Alternatively entries can be submitted online at the end of the day.
3. For ANSA members who tag fish, submitting a trip sheet and photos at the end of each day will also be an accepted method of entering species.

SCORING:

Anglers can register one fish of each species caught during the challenge. Anglers need to get a quick photo of the fish for identification if it is to be released. Fish may be kept or released if legal size. During the event there will be an online electronic scoreboard that tallies the results as they come in.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

Shall be only those species listed on the ANSA Qld website. A copy of the eligible species will be provided to all entrants.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

The Challenge is essentially a social event and not a hard-fought competition. It is recognized however that those that meet the Challenge deserve recognition by their peers and so each category winner will receive a special Species Challenge commemorative lure.

The major prize winner will be selected by random draw from all participants who enter a fish during the challenge.

Awards shall be for the following:

- a) Individual Senior Male.
- b) Individual Senior Female.
- c) Individual Junior (10-16yrs)
- d) Individual Junior <10 Years

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2014 RPG&SC Inc. Sportfishing Competition

"The underlying spirit of angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct and strength of the fish and that the latter is entitled to an even chance for life."

This event aims to promote Sportfishing and encourage healthy competition between anglers in a friendly atmosphere. This event may be run in conjunction with RPG&SC club weekend and the A.N.S.A. Statewide Species Challenge.

Date: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May 2014.

Venue: Moreton Bay Boat Club, Bird O'Passage Parade, Scarborough. Under the sun shade on the grassed area or club deck if wet.

Cost: Seniors \$20 and juniors (under 16 years) are free (no cost).

Presentation: Approximately 4.30 pm Sunday after the weigh-in and the points are calculated.

Fishing Area: All waters between Double Island point and Qld/NSW Border including freshwater dams and rivers excluding privately owned waters.

Who Can Fish: The competition is open to all financial member of RPG&SC Inc or any other person who is a financial member of another fishing club affiliated with ANSA or QGFA, and registers for the competition.

Registration: Completed registration forms must be received by organisers prior to start fishing.

Weigh Station will be Open: 2.30pm to 4.30 pm Sunday only. No overtime permitted.

Fishing Times: Fishing commences at midnight Friday and fishing will cease at 3.30 pm Sunday.

Eligible Species: All fish species as per our eligible species list for ANSA.

Line Classes: You may use line classes – 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, and 15kg.

Gilled & Gutted Fish: A 10% allowance will be given for cleaned fish, but no allowance will be made for Masters, State or National records.

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2014 RPG&SC Inc. Sportfishing Competition Registration Form

Cost: Senior - \$20.00

Junior - Free (under 16 years)

<i>Anglers Name</i>	<i>Fishing Club</i>	<i>Senior/Junior</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Office</i>
Total amount payable \$				

Payment Method - *Cash* *Card*

Credit Card Number _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Expiry Date _ _ / _ _

Signature _____

Date _ _ / _ _ / _ _ *MasterCard* _ _ *Visa* _ _ *Amex* _ _

Please hand in form to a committee member or email or post registration form to:

John Schultze - 393Scarborough Road, Scarborough. Qld 4020

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Phone – 3203 7559

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Easter Weekend – Mooloolaba

By Ralph Bowler

Wow, what amazing weather we had here in the South East of our great state over the Easter period. Some of us decided to head to Mooloolaba for the break, leaving the boats up there for the following weekend to fish the Mooloolaba Tournament. Peter Distel and I headed up on Thursday afternoon aboard *Liquid Asset*, followed by Brad Clayton and his son Dylan on *Andiamo*. It was a comfortable trip in calm conditions.

We moored at the Yacht Club Marina on “A” finger, near *Filthy* owned by Dave Moreton. I’m not sure if it was a good or bad choice considering the headaches in the mornings. We had a great time with some of the locals extending amazing hospitality. One couple do a “dock walk” each afternoon at sunset. By the time they get to the end of the finger there are about a dozen people all with drinks in hand chatting and admiring the sunset over the river and marina.

The wives and other families arrived on Good Friday. We did the touristy things like walks and swims - no surfing as it was as flat as. The boys were soon discussing how to get out fishing. We managed to con (sorry, convince) the women to let us go on Saturday. Our concession was we didn’t have an early departure.

We climbed on board *Andiamo* and *Filthy* to fish the closer marks, then trolled out toward the Barwons with no luck. The water temperature was only around 24 degrees. We put the trolling gear away and set up for some bottom bashing. The catch included Maori cod, red throat emperor and other small stuff. The conditions were beautiful and although the fish were few and far between we all enjoyed the day.

On Easter Sunday we enjoyed each other’s company before taking *Liquid Asset* and *Filthy* out for a run in the bay, anchoring up behind Old Woman Island for lunch. No fishing, but plenty of fun swimming, kayaking and a quiet ale or two. Again the discussion between the guys was how to get out tomorrow and maybe go heavy tackle.

Easter Monday and Sharon graciously left her warm bed at 5.00 am to curl up on the couch on-board *Liquid Asset*, allowing Brad, Peter, Dave and myself to head out on *Andiamo*. What an amazing morning with near flat conditions as the sun began to rise and we headed North East for the shelf. As the morning wore on the water glassed out. We noticed a splash and saw a small billy slashing at the scarce and scattered baitfish. The heavy gear was quickly set up while we circled a couple of times but with no luck. The further we went the warmer the water became, reaching 26.5 degrees. We were ready for action.

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Fish Tales

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Easter Weekend – Mooloolaba cont.

Typical of most days on the shelf we settled into the 'doldrums' as we trolled for what seemed hours and hours. I fell asleep in the doorway to the saloon when I was suddenly woken by a screaming reel, only to see Dave releasing line with a big grin on his face. After some lunch we were all on the flybridge when Dave saw a fish come up to the furthest lure. Smash! It was on, the 24kg reel was screaming, and we saw a good sized marlin jump and head for the horizon.

Three of us clambered down the ladder with Pete on the helm. I was on strike, so I grabbed the rod while Dave and Brad pulled in the other gear. I was a bit disappointed it was the 24kg stand-up gear as memories came back of my last 'Blue' which I had to fight from a rod holder on the gunnels, as we had a double hook-up, with Mark Rose getting the chair; after a tiring battle I lost that fish near the boat.



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Easter Weekend – Mooloolaba cont.

As the boys put the harness on me I could only watch as line disappeared from the reel. I was down to the last centimetre of line when the fish started to turn right and come back toward the boat, allowing me to get some line back.

Peter had the boat perfectly placed as I began to do battle. I settled into a rhythm of bending knees, pumping and winding. The fish wasn't going ballistic - it seemed to be just swimming steadily down deep. It didn't take long before I was starting to feel pain. My legs, arms and back were sending me messages that my body is over 60 years old. My mouth was dry and I was sweating like a pig. Luckily the sea was so flat that I didn't have too much trouble staying in one position as Pete manoeuvred the boat. Brad and Dave encouraged me as I felt like giving up, but I was determined to keep things smooth and calm so we could tag this fish.

After about thirty minutes the double came on to the rod tip only to go out again. We could see the fish as the water was so clear, Brad had the GoPro in the water recording the event as Dave stood by, ready with the tag pole. After some toing and froing I worked the fish to the back of the boat. Dave had a shot with the tag and hit his mark. He and Brad then wrestled the fish alongside to free it from the hook which was well imbedded in its jaw. We took some photos while we swam the fish beside the boat and after a couple of kicks it was let go and swam off calmly. We yahoed and congratulated each other. I still couldn't believe I had caught my first blue marlin which we estimated to be around the 300 pound mark. It was truly a team effort and I sincerely thank the boys for their efforts.

Once we got things set up again we continued to troll. Not long after we had another strike and Peter grabbed the rod. This fish was livelier and a bit smaller as it jumped across the water. Sadly the fight didn't last long and it was gone. Peter guessed it could have been a striped marlin. Soon after we had to pull the pin and head for Australia.

What an amazing day to finish off an amazing Easter holiday!

By Ralph Bowler



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Matthew Kroll spent 3 days on an offshore fishing adventure at 1770 over Easter covering 175 nautical miles. They mostly fished the 60-100m lines off Sykes and Lamont reef, sleeping in swags on the front deck and cooking fresh fish for dinner on a camp stove.



Ethan Kroll's large mouth nannygai went 7.5kg and was a great capture on 20lb braid.

Please send any contributions and photos for Tackle Box to Robbie Drysdale at: aerosea@live.com.