

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... APRIL 2011

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

| SPECIES | WHT | LINE | S/J | ANGLER | BOAT | CLUB | PTS |
|---------------|-------|------|-----|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----|
| MARLIN | | | | | | | |
| Blue | 284.0 | 24 | S/M | Len Vollebregt | Southern Stalker | Eden | 5 |
| Blue | 269.5 | 37 | S/M | Nathan Lewis | Polaris | Eden | 4 |
| Blue | 187.7 | 37 | S/M | Clint Spiteri | Dominator | Batmans Bay | 3 |
| Blue | 186.5 | 37 | S/M | Brad Lindsay | Cobra | Kiama | 2 |
| Blue | 178.5 | 37 | S/M | Doug Read | Blackjack | Canberra | 1 |
| SHARK | | | | | | | |
| Mako | 158.5 | 24 | S/M | Shane Mayberry | Cassie | Merimbula | 5 |
| Mako | 138.0 | 24 | S/M | Robert Wood | Snappy Tom | Merimbula | 4 |
| Blue | 115.5 | 6 | S/M | Anthony Norval | Run-a-Muk | Kiama | 3 |
| Mako | 95.5 | 24 | S/M | Mitch Brown | Toe Shooter | Merimbula | 2 |
| TUNA | | | | | | | |
| Yellowfin | 51.0 | 24 | S/M | Jarrod Whitford | X | Merimbula | 5 |
| Yellowfin | 42.5 | 15 | S/M | Brian Scofield | Shockwave | Eden | 4 |
| OGF | | | | | | | |
| Mahi Mahi | 18 | 10 | S/M | Aaron Shelley | Karizma | Kiama | 5 |

CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

| SPECIES | WHT | LINE | S/J | ANGLER | BOAT | CLUB | PTS |
|---------------|-------|------|-----|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-----|
| MARLIN | | | | | | | |
| Blue | 284.0 | 24 | S/M | Len Vollebregt | Southern Stalker | Eden | 5 |
| Striped | 76.0 | 8 | J/F | Rebecca Finney | Outcast | Shoalhaven | 4 |
| Blue | 269.5 | 37 | S/M | Nathan Lewis | Polaris | Eden | 3 |
| Blue | 187.7 | 37 | S/M | Clint Spiteri | Dominator | Batemans Bay | 2 |
| blue | 186.5 | 37 | S/M | Brad Lindsay | Cobra | Kiama | 1 |
| SHARK | | | | | | | |
| Blue | 115.5 | 6 | S/M | Anthony Norval | Run-a-Muk | Kiama | 5 |
| Mako | 158.5 | 24 | S/M | Shane Mayberry | Cassie | Merimbula | 4 |
| Mako | 138.0 | 24 | S/M | Robert Wood | Snappy Tom | Merimbula | 3 |
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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Merimbula | 29 |
| Eden | 26 |
| Kiama | 21 |
| Batemans Bay | 5 |
| Shoalhaven | 4 |
| Canberra | 1 |

TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

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|----------------|--------------|---------|---|
| “Opportunatee” | Batemans Bay | 370,000 | 5 |
| “Mr Hooker” | Bermagui | 154,000 | 4 |
| “Pro-Fish-Ent” | Kiama | 34,000 | 3 |
| “Aspro” | Batemans Bay | 17,000 | 2 |
| “Sniper” | Jervis Bay | 17,000 | 1 |

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2010-2011

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|--------------|-------|
| Shellharbour | 144 |
| Batemans Bay | 119.5 |
| Ulladulla | 63 |
| Shoalhaven | 42 |
| Canberra | 29 |
| Kiama | 29 |
| Merimbula | 29 |
| Eden | 26 |
| Jervis Bay | 18 |
| Narooma | 7 |
| Bermagui | 5 |

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2010-2011

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Batemans Bay | 42 |
| Bermagui | 23 |
| Shoalhaven | 15 |
| Jervis Bay | 14 |
| Shellharbour | 12 |
| Ulladulla | 12 |
| Kiama | 10 |
| Canberra | 9 |
| Merimbula | 4 |

Have just returned from Bermagui and the Canberra GFC Yellowfin Tournament where despite the Gale Warnings from Pt Stephens to Gabo Island which kept a number of boats away, they still had 121 boats entered.

It was a weekend that Joshua Hay from Batemans Bay will never forget as he won the Haines Hunter 520 Prowler, Honda 90hp motor, Trailer and GME Electrics. As if this was not enough he also won the heaviest Yellowfin for the tournament and most Striped Tuna by a junior and went home with a table load of products. He was naturally over the moon and it could not have gone to a nicer or more appreciative young man.

This tournament was a great example of SZ clubs helping each other out. Robert Edwards (Eden) undertook the arduous job of scoring and Gail McMahon (Batemans Bay) worked on the weigh station and just about everywhere else. I know Canberra are very grateful for their assistance.

The heaviest Yellowfin taken was 26.6kg so they were not all that large and a 112.2 kg Striped Marlin was also captured. This Marlin also speared an angler on board Tri-Kat and they had to come in and be attended by ambulance officers.

There has already been an outcry about the photos that were sent to all and sundry on the 489kg Tiger that was captured during this event. NSWGFA has very strict guidelines regarding publicity and this was a most inappropriate move by members of the crew who caught it. It is really unfortunate that people choose to ignore this media policy and puts us all in a bad light. There are already moves within government to ban the capture of sharks and this sort of thing certainly does not help our cause

Unfortunately Merimbula only had 18 boats registered for their tournament. It was however enjoyed by all and as usual a great job was done by the Merimbula guys. Not a lot of fish either but “that’s fishing”. There was quite a bit of talk about the bar being closed prior to the event and although they made alternative arrangements it may have been a factor in the low numbers, so who knows!

Gail is still trying to get a confirmed date for our AGM and I will inform your club secretaries as soon as we have it settled.

Stay safe and enjoy your fishing.

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