





Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.)

April 2023 – Reel Talk Contents

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Special mention:

RIP Laurie Birchall 14.02.1927 to 11.03.2023

Note from the Editor



For anyone who is as yet unaware, Martin Wearmouth has resigned from the positions of club president and Field Day Officer. Please note that this will require discussion at the upcoming April General and Committee meetings. Also, don't forget that the suggested modifications to club competition rules is a discussion item on the agenda for this month.

If you are fishing please keep in mind the open competition for this year; if you catch any eligible fish please let the club know. Just take a photo with a length and weight please and send it to Peet Wessels or the club secretary, John Curtis, until further notice.

Helen Carnell; Editor

April General Meeting

Wednesday 12th April

Croatian Club in Wishart Street Gwelup

Doors open no earlier than 6:45pm

Meal at 7.00pm with meeting at 8.00pm

**Please RSVP with attendance or apologies to secretary
by noon Tuesday 11th April**

April Birthdays

Lee Zhang 13 April

Shane Wignell 14 April

Liam Wignell 16 April

Sri Srigandan 25 April



Fishing calendar 2022-2023

Field day venues for 2022/2023

Dates	Venue	Boundaries
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.		

Next field day is on the Easter weekend, 8th to 10th April
Venue: Bluff Creek. Open anywhere in WA

SAVE THE DATES – Rottnest 2023 weekends

Upcoming Rottnest trips:

Saturday 20th May to
Monday 22nd May

Saturday 19th August to
Monday 21st August



Remembering Laurie Birchall

14.02.1927 to 11.03.2023

Laurie Birchall passed away at 95 years old on Saturday 11 March 2023 following a stroke. He was one of the founding members of the group of anglers who formed the WA Division of the AAA. Laurie was also instrumental in having the WA Division affiliate with the National body. He worked tirelessly for anglers in WA, advocating for better fishing facilities and opportunities. His fight over the North Beach jetty with local and state government bodies are legendary, and extended over 30 years. He was actively involved as a VFLO and was also involved with Department of Fisheries at Hillarys as a guide. He was a Patron of the WA Division and also a founding member of the Offshore Angling Club, which grew to multiple divisions around the state. SCAC sends our thoughts and condolences to Laurie's family and friends, and appreciate his contribution to recreational fishing in WA.

DRY CASTING REPORT

13th March 2023

If my memory serves me right which it sometimes does, our next casting day will be the last on a Monday for quite a while. I have often said that the oval that we cast on can hold a lot of moisture which in turn makes a heavy atmosphere; well how does 2 ¾ %million litres of water per week sound - that is what is going on to the oval now.

Although the distances weren't great, it was still a great day to be about especially when you are doing what you love to do. Dry casting.

The next casting day will be the end of the 2022/23 season, which means new handicaps and that will be interesting.

At long last I won the DHA with 139m, not great but enough. 28m was the highest in the SHA once again by myself. 132m was the best in the 56g event. 112.61m was the longest in the Art Bait beating Gary by just 30cms. In the 112gr once again not great but 141m can't be all that bad. But there is always next year

The overall winner with handicap was Gary with 987.00, Mark was runner up with 946.38.

Next casting day will be on Monday, 3rd of April 2023. If there is any change you will be notified.

Hopefully see you all there,
RON THOMAS D.C.O.



Dry casting is held once a month at:

**Perth Polo Club
Meadow St
Guildford WA 6055**

**Please contact Ron
Thomas if you are
interested in joining in**

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Surf Casters March Field Day 2023 – Reef Beach

By Martin Wearmouth

I met Gary and Dale at 6am on Friday for our drive to Reef Beach, with a stop at Katanning for fuel and food. We arrived at Reef Beach at 11.30am and as no one was in the shack yet we decided to set up our camp at the shack. The shack is looking a bit worse for wear with some sheets of tin missing and it may not be too much longer till it is gone.

Peet, Sandra, David, Claire, Oliver and Grace arrived mid afternoon and decided to head out onto the beach to set up camp.

After unpacking the cars and having some lunch we went for a drive along the beach; the water looked good with some nice gutters. We drove to the eastern end and found Mark had arrived earlier and was set up at the lagoon, we fished for a while at a spot about half way back to the shack but not too much was being landed so we headed back at 6pm to sort out dinner.



Getting ready to start fishing

The winds for the whole weekend had been forecast for southerly and quite strong on the Saturday so the Shack offered the best protection from the wind, being behind a large sand dune.

On Saturday we went fishing at the 3rd point that is close to the reef; at 6.30am I landed my first Skippy and for an hour the fish were on the bite. I landed 5 Skippy and 6 Herring by 7.30am and then it was quiet; we fished here a bit longer then moved back to the 2nd point close to the reef but only managed a few Herring before heading back for lunch.

After lunch we headed west to the other end of the beach; the Wessels had now moved to this part of the beach and as we pulled up to say hello Sandra had landed a big skippy which weighed in at 1.91kg so we set up next to them and hoped for some Skippy action. This spot had a good gutter with some patches of reef in it; it did not look that good but the Skippy seemed to be in it as Peet landed a 1.62kg Skippy, then Oliver beat them both with a 1.96kg Skippy. They also landed some 1kg Skippy before the fishing went quiet; for us fishing both sides no Skippy just some Herring but it was great to see Oliver land his big Skippy - well done Oliver!



Lines in, waiting for a bite

Gary and I decided to pack up at 6.30pm and Gary's car would not start, so I pulled mine up next to it and tried to jump start it but it still would not start. I tried my jumper cables, which seemed to work better, but it still took about 15 minutes until we got it started. For the rest of the trip he had no issues; I reckon it was saying 'keep fishing, not time to leave yet' - maybe that big fish was about to pass by.

Saturday had been strong southerly winds as forecast, so it was nice to be at the shack with protection from the wind; but the wind coming over the sand dune had been dropping sand over everything in and around the shack so there was sand covering everything - swags, tables and chairs.

Sunday we headed out at 5.30am and went back to the 3rd point hoping for some action, but it was a lot quieter than the day before. Dale landed a nice 1.1kg Skippy but the rest were small skippy and some large Herring. As it got later the bites got fewer and fewer so Dale and I headed to the eastern end to see how Mark was going, while Gary headed back to camp as he had forgotten his chair.



Swell coming up over the reef

Mark reported plenty of Herring and other reef species so we decided to fish the lagoon with our light fishing rods for a while. Just after I put a rig on my light rod I noticed a black patch in the lagoon, which I thought it may be some Salmon so I put some bait on the size 1 circle hook and cast into the patch. Almost immediately I was on and the salmon took off, peeling line off the small reel; I increased the drag but it was still going until the hook pulled and the fish was gone.



Setting up at the lagoon

Not only was that fish gone but the whole school had also moved out of the lagoon into deeper water; Dale and Mark had cast at them too but did not land one either. With that excitement over I went back to the reef area and quickly landed 6 Herring within 30 minutes; I also landed some Wrasse and Blackfish before I noticed the black patch in the lagoon was back. This time I grabbed my beach rod, which I had ready with a mulie, and cast it into the patch; again, straight away, I had a salmon take the bait. It took off but this time I had the gear to stop him and I worked him into the beach; he weighed in at 6.24kg, what a barrel of a fish! I quickly released him.

Dale and Mark had also tried for a Salmon but again they had moved out of the lagoon quickly; Dale had a lure and managed to somehow hook onto a bird so I helped him untangle that then we returned to the reef area, waiting again for the Salmon to come back. I left to go back and Dale and Mark kept fishing hoping for the Salmon to return but unfortunately they did not.

On my way back I found Gary fishing and shortly after I arrived he hooked a Salmon; as he tried to slide it up the beach the hooks came out and the rig got sent straight back at Gary with the sinker hitting him in the shoulder. I ran down and grabbed the fish; I had it in my hands then it kicked, I lost my grip and it fell just as a wave came up and the fish was gone. I then went back to Gary and got the hooks out of his shirt (luckily, it was *only* in his shirt); we kept fishing for a while but no more Salmon showed up.

The wind on Sunday was lighter but still strong, so back at the shack out of the wind it felt a lot hotter than on the beach; we had lunch and a nap before we headed back out fishing again in the afternoon.

We fished at the 2nd point that is close to the reef but not too many bites, just a few

Herring. Gary and I left as soon as it was dark but Dale stayed, and on the way back we heard someone on the 2 way radio say he had caught a 70cm 3kg Tailor and once Dale returned to camp it was him that had that fish; great tailor Dale, well done for sticking it out.



Back at the shack

Mark had joined us on Sunday night at the shack so we got a camp fire going and enjoyed a night around the fire with a few drinks and fishing stories before we headed to bed.

Mark left early on Monday to return home; Gary, Dale and I went fishing again to the 2nd point close to the reef. It was quiet again with not many bites; the highlight was an 8kg Eagle ray I landed at 7.15am, which did a few runs before I could get him on the beach to remove the hooks and send him on his way.

We all headed back to the shack at 9am to pack up; Gary and I headed onto Pallinup and Dale had a stop in Denmark so no early start needed, as we all only had a short drive to manage that day.

So Reef Beach this time had a lot of water between bites; not very many Salmon but the scenery and location is fantastic and on it's day Reef Beach can turn the fishing on, so maybe next time we will find that Salmon school we all dream about.



Hanging out in the shack

Surf Casters March Field Day 2023 – Photos

Contributions by Martin Wearmouth unless otherwise specified



Oliver with his 1.96kg Skippy, what a great fish



Sandra with a big Skippy



Peet with a Skippy



Gary with a Salmon



Grace with a Herring



Dale with a Skipper



David with an eagle ray



Martin with a Salmon



Claire with a Skippy



David with a Skippy



Wessels' beach camp



Sunset at Reef Beach



Fishing the reef

Surf Casters March Field Day 2023 Fishing results

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Field day prizes for March			
Section	Angler	Species	Weight
Best scale fish	Martin Weamouth	Salmon Western Australian	5.62
Best bag of scale fish	Martin Weamouth		21.92
Best shark	Robert Wilding	Shark Whitetip Reef	4.50
Best bag including sharks	Robert Wilding		13.20

Top scores up to March		
Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Martin Wearmouth	2098.0
2	Ron Thomas	1942.8
3	Mark Hansen	1287.0
4	Peet Wessels	1248.6
5	David Wessels	711.2
6	Alan Green	582.5
7	Gary Parkinson	553.6
8	Vince Tomazin	514.3
9	Theo Van Niek erk	436.3
10	Sandra Wessels	345.6
11	Robert Wilding	334.5
12	David Wilding	246.7
13	Tino Baiardo	239.4
14	Brad Zak nich	209.3
15	Malcolm Harris	193.2
16	Sabby Pizzolante	191.5
17	Dale Coates	181.8
18	Geoff Ratis	179.5
19	Dom Zangari	143.2
20	Norm Vojdinoski	119.0
21	George Matrakis	96.3
22	Oliver Wessels	90.9
23	Ian Taggart	90.2
24	Stuart Waterman	90.0
25	Morris Kolman	73.6
26	Shane Wignell	45.3
27	Claire Wessels	40.0
28	Grace Wessels	22.5
29	Paul Terpkos	22.3

Field Day Sections up to and including March				
	Section	Angler	Species	Weight
1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	Ron Thomas	Gold Spot Trevally	8.06
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	0	0	0.00
2	Most meritorious fish	0	0	0.00
3	Best shark (4.5kg min)	Peet Wessels	Shark Wobbegongs	12.00
4	Best mullovey (2kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Mullovey	2.63
5	Best tailor (1kg min)	Dale Coates	Tailor	3.00
6	Best salmon (3kg min)	Martin Wearmouth	Salmon Western Australian	5.62
7	Best skipjack trevally (0.5 kg min)	Mark Hansen	Trevally Silver Skippy	1.96
8	Best mackerel (2kg min)	0	0	0.00
9	Best yellowtail kingfish, samson or amberjack (4kg min)	0	0	0.00
10	Best scale fish (Other than above)	Ron Thomas	Estury Cod	4.46
11	Best bag of scale fish	Martin Wearmouth	Sandy Cape Jan 23	42.85
12	Best bag of mullovey (2 fish min)	0	0	0.00
13	Best bag of tailor (2 fish min)	Ron Thomas	Wilbinga October 2022	9.85
14	Best fish on single handed rod (max 4kg line)	Martin Wearmouth	Mullovey	2.63
15	Best fish caught on fly rod	0	0	0.00
16	Best fish on single handed rod, soft plastic lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
17	Best fish on single handed rod, hard body lure (max 4kg line)	0	0	0.00
18	Best fish caught using a drone	0	0	0.00

Open fishing competition 2022/23

The Open Competition is for fish caught between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023, other than on Club gazetted Field days. Entries for the Open competition close **30 days after capture**. See Competition Rules Section 4.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mullovey	2 kg	
4	Best Salmon	3.5kg	
5	Best Dhufish	2 kg	
6	Best Tailor	1 kg	
7	Best Samson fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class (Bait)	Legal size	
9	Best Pink snapper	2 kg	3.1kg Vince Tomazin, Dirk Hartog Island 12/9/2022.
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	
11	Best Mackerel	4 kg	20 kg Greg Harvey, Dirk Hartog Island 15/9/2022.
12	Best Skipjack trevally (southern)	0.5 kg	
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4 kg	
14	Best Flathead	0.5 kg	

15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.5 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3-15	2 kg	
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	
18	Best fish caught using a soft plastic or hard body lure on a single-handed rod (4kg line max.)	Legal size	
19	Best fish caught by Drone	Legal size	

Calls To Include Fish, Crustaceans and Cephalopods To South Australian Animal Welfare Act

This was tried in the WA Parliament several years ago. A Bill was introduced by the Greens at 2:30AM into the Legislative Council and it made it to the 'second reading' speech before it was voted down by members. Had it gone through, it would have meant that there was a complete ban on recreational fishing state wide in WA. Here again is the thin edge of the wedge driven by vegan greens alternates who are hell bent on destroying our sport and recreation to appease their conscience. Be warned it will come to WA again so don't be complacent - it will cost you.



The South Australian Government is undertaking a review of the Animal Welfare Act 1985. The review is being undertaken to ensure the laws governing animal treatment stay up-to-date with "community expectations". This first stage of the review is focused on understanding community expectations of the Act.

Animal rights groups have used the review process to campaign for amendments to the Act, including adding fish and invertebrates such as crustaceans and molluscs. According to ABC News, RSPCA South Australia is calling for laws in the state to offer more protections for non-mammal sea animals, including fish, crustaceans and cephalopods.

Currently, the Act does not have protections for fish, crustaceans or cephalopods. RSPCA South Australia animal welfare advocate Rebekah Eyers said an update was urgently needed. "The RSPCA believes that fish, crustaceans and cephalopods should all be protected uniformly right across Australia under animal welfare law," she told the ABC. "We think this is one of the most urgent changes that is needed."

While some states have different laws for professional and amateur fishers, Dr Eyers said the RSPCA supported one set of rules for all, which incorporated humane storing and killing practices. "These species have the same needs, and they have the same sentence regardless of whether they're being used recreationally or commercially," she said.

Have your say on the Animal Welfare Act until march 26. Every submission counts!
<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/animal-welfare-act-review>

Blast From The Past

KALBARRI CAPTURE

By Bob "Hendo" Henderson

While my fellow Club members were on their way to Bluff Creek I was heading in the other direction to accompany an "old mate" in Kalbarri for the week. The "old fella" has a faulty ticker, loves to go fishing, but likes some company just in case (really someone to carry his fish).

For me it was a small sacrifice but mainly to enjoy his wife's great cooking and an excuse for a holiday in Kalbarri.

On arrival at the Kalbarri House the "old fella" came out of the house wearing such a dirty great grin that I wondered if he had just won the Lotto Powerball. Leaping about like a half trained "eagle" I was given total assistance to unpack and settle in. Sitting down to partake in a cool drink I was confronted with a request that took the wind out of my socks.

The statement was "I've caught a tailor" and then this fish was dragged out of the freezer, gilled and gutted, frozen stiff (looked at least 3 weeks old but who am I to tell). The "old fella" pranced around with his chest out, grinning like a moggie with a belly full of cream, slurping his words as he told me the tale of it's capture. Chest beating was minimal as he gasped for breath.

The length, girth and weight had been recorded, the photos taken and a request for a "Club" form was put forward. As I don't fish for trophies I don't carry any forms. "But it's eligible for the Club's open section," was the cry. "I need a form please," the "old fella" cried.

As the actual capture was "NOT VIEWED" by anyone BUT the fish was still active when weighed at Laurie Manton's place a short time later (Laurie is the president of the K.O.A.C. and his scales are certified), I reckon that with a witness beyond question, a fish that was fresh and a photo to prove it, and all details being in accordance with our rules then the form can be presented to our Recorder.

The said capture was at the Blue Holes (southern end) & needless to say not another fish was caught for the rest of the week.

Well I organised the correct form and gave assistance, ensuring it was completed to perfection, and handed it in. At our presentation evening it took first prize in the Open section for tailor, a well earned reward.

The smile on his dial that night stays with me for the "old fella" had deserved his rewards.

Cheers

HENDO

*God give me strength to catch a fish
So big that even I
When telling of it afterwards
Have no reason to lie*

VEHICLES ON BEACHES COMMUNITY SURVEY

Published on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 4:19:33 PM

The Shire of Ravensthorpe is currently reviewing where vehicles are permitted on beaches throughout the Shire.

This includes beaches at Hopetoun, Mason Bay and Starvation Bay.

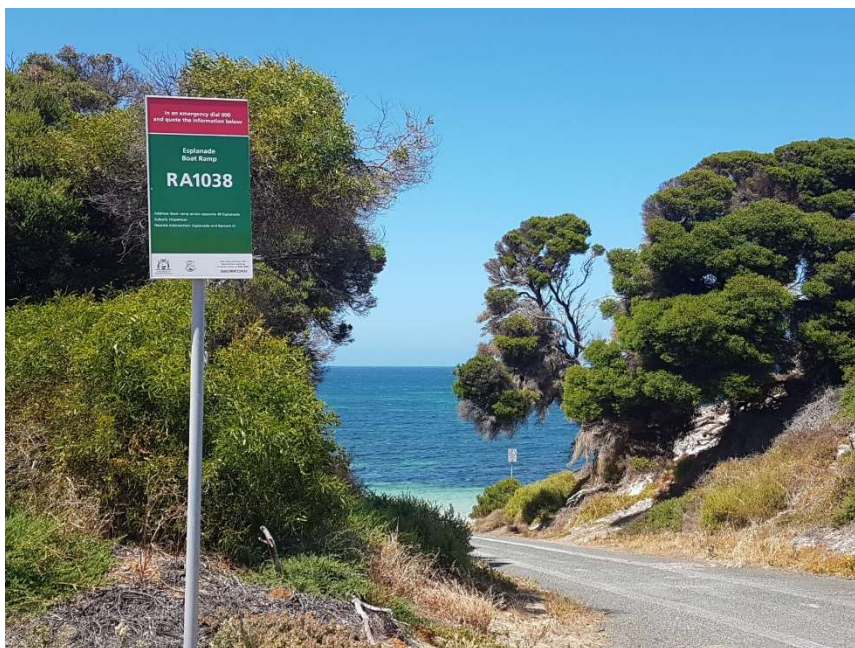
Sharing our natural world was a key part of the Shire's Community Strategic Plan, and community input on this topic is very welcome.

You can have your say by completing this electronic survey (which includes detailed maps) by Friday April

14 2023: [Shire of Ravensthorpe Vehicle Access on Beaches Survey 2023](#)

The information will then be collated and discussed with Council in May, before another round of public consultations and a final report in July.

Hard copies of the surveys are also available at Shire of Ravensthorpe offices in both Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun.



RECIPES

SMOKED FISH DIP WITH OUZO



Ingredients:

300g smoked herring (substitute fish: smoked mullet)
1 small avocado
4 spring onions, chopped
1 tablespoon chives, chopped
200g cottage or cream cheese
Tabasco to taste
1 tablespoon lemon juice
sea salt & cracked black pepper to taste
ouzo to taste (optional)

Method:

1. Remove skin from herring and debone by lifting the large bones from the meat.
2. Place fish meat in a bowl and mash it up using a fork. Whilst mashing add one by one the avocado, spring onions, chives, cottage cheese, Tabasco, lemon juice, salt and pepper and a dash of ouzo. Continue mashing with fork until all ingredients are combined.
3. Serve dip in a small bowl with crusty bread to dip and lemon wedges.

SPICY SARDINE PASTA

Prep time 5 mins. Cook time 5 mins. Serves 4.

Ingredients

½ bunch flat-leaf parsley, leaves removed, finely chopped
1 tbsp baby capers, rinsed, chopped
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 lemon, 1 rind finely grated and juiced, 1 cut into wedges
400g can diced tomatoes
400 grams fettucine
4 slices crusty bread (optional, to serve)
200 grams salad greens (optional, to serve)
330 grams sardines in tomato sauce, roughly chopped



Method

1. Cook pasta as per pack instructions in a large pan of boiling salted water until just tender.
2. Meanwhile, place parsley in a small bowl. Add the chopped capers and lemon rind and mix through until well combined.
3. Drain pasta and set aside. Heat tomato in the same pan for 4 minutes or until hot, adding hot sauce if desired.
4. Add pasta, sardines, half of the parsley mixture, lemon juice and oil. Toss gently to combine.
5. Serve sprinkled with remaining parsley mix and lemon wedges, green salad and crusty bread on the side.

PRAWN AND ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

Prep time 20 mins. Cook time 5 mins. Serves 4.



Ingredients

500g zucchinis coarsely grated
1 tsp fine salt
¾ cup almond flour
½ red onion, chopped
12 cooked Australian prawns, peeled and deveined, chopped, plus 8 extra prawns as topper
¼ cup chopped dill, plus extra to serve
¼ cup chopped basil, plus extra to serve
salt and cracked black pepper
¼ cup vegetable oil
thick yoghurt, extra herbs and lemon wedges to serve

Method

1. For the fritters, place the zucchini in the middle of a clean cloth then wring out any excess liquid and discard. Combine the grated zucchini with salt, eggs, flour, onion, chopped prawns, herbs, salt and pepper.
2. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-low heat and spoon in a heaped ¼ cup of zucchini prawn mixture for each fritter, flattening into even rounds with the back of a spoon. Cook on each side for 2-3 minutes until golden.
3. Repeat with oil and remaining mixture, spacing fritters evenly apart in the pan.
4. Serve fritters with yoghurt, the whole prawns, extra herbs and lemon.

Surf Casting and Angling Club of W A Club Angling Records

Version dated 27/3/2003

(CAAB Code is the CSIRO Code of Australian Aquatic Biota) #

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weight	Record Holder	Locality Caught	Date	CAAB Code
Barracouta	Thyrsites atun	1.98kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20/7/1960	37 439001
Barracuda	Sphyræna barracuda	9.5kg	C Waddams	Steep Point	26/8/1980	37 382008
Barramundi	Lates calcarifer	6.2kg	Ray Walker	Home Valley Stn	3/5/2016	37 310006
Blackfish, Western Rock	Girella tephraeops	0.60kg	Sandra Wessels	Bluff Creek	1/4/2018	37 361017
Blue Bastard	Plectorhynchus caeruleonothus	5.3kg	Theo Van Niekerk	Waroora Station	8/7/2017	37 350028
Blue Devil, Western	Paraplesiops sinclairi	0.36kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest Island	17/8/2014	37 316011
Bonefish, Pacific	Albula argentea	2.8kg	George Holman	Steep Point	1/4/2007	37 055001
Bream, Black	Acanthopagrus butcheri	2.27kg	Ken Hunt	Swan River Belmont	27/9/1962	37 353003
Bream, Western Yellowfin	Acanthopagrus morrisoni	2.5kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	18/7/1980	37 353012
Buffalo Bream, Western	Kyphosus cornelii	6.7kg	Alby Norman	Useless Loop	14/6/1977	37 361012
Catfish, Blue	Neoarius graeffei	3.2kg	Brian Waddams	Steep Point	0/6/1980	37 188005
Catfish, Giant Sea	Netuma thalassina	Est 2kg	Justin Rose	Kalbarri	21/9/2018	37 188001
Catfish, White-Lipped	Paraplotosus albilabris	0.6kg	Ian Mascarenhas	Scarborough	17/8/1996	37 192005
Cobia	Rachycentron canadum	33kg	Allan Carr	Steep Point	2/10/1979	37 335001
Cod, Greasy	Epinephelus tauvina	29.48kg	Les Tate	Kalbarri	30/4/1967	37 311057
Common Bullseye	Pempheris multiradiata	0.19kg	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach, Bremer	5/3/2023	37 357001
Dart, Common	Trachinotus botla	3.29kg	E J (Lofty) Griffiths	Cape Cuvier	1/6/1975	37 337066
Drummer, Brassy	Kyphosus vaigiensis	0.41kg	Peet Wessels	Horrocks	24/1/2021	37 361014
Drummer, Silver	Kyphosus sydneyanus	7.62kg	Bob Henderson	Dongara	26/9/2010	37 361001
Eel, Southern Conger	Conger verreauxi	0.97kg	Geoff Raftis	Port Denison	28/5/2018	37 067007
Emperor, Grass	Lethrinus laticaudis	4.54kg	Ted Savage	Wagoe	9/4/1970	37 351006
Emperor, Red	Lutjanus sebae	1.5kg	R Flynn	Steep Point	-/-/1980	37 346004
Emperor, Spangled	Lethrinus nebulosus	4.08kg	Brian Hanks	Exmouth	12/6/1972	37 351008
Flathead, Bar Tailed	Platycephalus australis	0.93kg	Justin Rose	Swan River	19/11/2015	37 296033
Flathead, Dusky ***	Platycephalus fuscus	2.92kg	Dave Latto	Moore River	17/12/1966	See note
Flathead, Southern Blue-Spotted	Platycephalus speculator	1.56kg	Ian Cook	Wagoe	23/9/2010	37 296037
Flounder	Species not specified	0.65kg	Morris Kolman	Hill River	13/4/1996	= = =
Garfish, Southern	Hyporhamphus melanochir	0.19kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	14/11/2010	37 234001

Goatfish, Blacksaddle	Parupeneus spilurus	1.09kg	Shane Wignell	Rottnest Island	15/8/2015	37 355015
Grinner, Painted	Trachinocephalus trachinus	0.5kg	Phil Brayne	False Entrance	1/7/1997	37 118002
Groper, Baldchin	Choerodon rubescens	4.3kg	Mal Thompson	Steep Point	-/-/19890	37 384039
Groper, Western Blue	Achoerodus gouldii	26.31kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest Island	6/1/1955	37 384002
Harlequin Fish	Othos dentex	2.26kg	Martin Wearmouth	Rottnest Island	11/8/1918	37 311005
Herring, Australian	Arripis georgianus	0.65kg	Norrie Cross	Yallingup	11/9/1967	37 344001
Dhufish, West Australian	Glacosoma herbraicum	19.96kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest Island	14/5/1961	37 320004
Kingfish, Yellowtail	Seriola lalandi	24.49kg	Les Ellis	Yanchep	17/5/1959	37 337006
Leatherjacket, Horseshoe	Meuschenia hippocrepis	1.05kg	Martin Wearmouth	Rottnest Island	27/8/2022	37 465004
Longtom, Slender	Strongylura leiura	4.1kg	Graham Reeley	Cape Cuvier	22/6/1977	37 235003
Mackerel, Spanish	Scomberomorus commerson	31.92kg	Don Bibby	Exmouth	15/9/1973	37 441007
Mackerel, Shark	Grammatorcynus bicarinatus	10kg	C Friend	Steep Point	4/10/1979	37 441025
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Mackerel, Spotted	Scomberomorus munroi	4.54kg	Jim Strong	Jurien Bay	9/3/1974	37 441015
Mangrove Jack	Lutjanus argentimaculatus	1.81kg	Doug Savage	Kalbarri	9/4/1967	37 346015
Morwong	Cheilodactylidae - undifferentiated	1.13kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest Island	7/3/1960	37 377000
Moses Snapper	Lutjanus russelli	0.7kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	24/6/2014	37 346065
Mullet, Sea	Mugil cephalus	1.13kg	Bert Payne	Trigg Island	24/5/1955	37 381002
Yellow Eye Mullet	Aldrichetta forsteri	0.36kg	Sandra Wessels	Bremer Bay	3/3/2018	37 381001
Mulloway	Argyrosomus japonicus	30.39kg	Allan Livesy	Kalbarri	26/3/1968	37 354001
Parrotfish, Blue-Barred	Scarus ghobban	4kg	Dave Maxted	Steep Point	17/8/1996	37 386907
Pennantfish	Alectis ciliaris	1.07kg	Peet Wessels	Wagoe	3/6/2012	37 337018
Pomfret, Woodward	Schuettea woodwardi	0.105kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest Island	15/7/2018	37 356003
Giant Queenfish	Scomberoides commersonianus	7.94kg	Tony Howson	Coral Bay	13/9/1973	37 337032
Rankin Cod	Epinephelus multinotatus	3.6kg	Justin Rose	DHI	30/7/2021	37 311010
Ray, Eagle	Myliobatis hamlyni	56.25kg	Vic Davis	Rottnest Island	15/2/1955	37 039004
Ray, White pointer *	Species not listed	27.22kg	Kevin Hawker	Quinns Beach	23/11/1959	== =
Ray Southern Shovelnose	Aptychotrema vincentiana	50.8kg	George Holman	Preston Beach	13/1/1971	37 027001
Sailfish	Istiophorus platypterus	30.2kg	Graham Reeley	Steep Point	28/4/1985	37 444005
Salmon, Western Australian	Arripis truttaceus	7.17kg	Peet Wessels	Bluff Creek	5/3/2016	37 344004
Samsonfish	Seriola hippos	23.13kg	Rudy Lerch	Kalbarri	4/3/1973	37 337007

Sand Bass	<i>Psammoperca waigiensis</i>	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottneest Island	17/8/2014	37 310001
Sea Perch, Black Banded	<i>Hypoplectrodes annulatus</i>	0.13kg est	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach	4/3/2017	37 311091
Seaperch, Banded	<i>Hypoplectrodes nigroruber</i>	2.1 kg	Justin Rose	Steep Point	16/11/2016	37 311037
Sea Perch, Striped	<i>Lutjanus carponotatus</i>	1.8kg	Justin Rose	DHI	30/7/2021	37 346011
Sea Perch, Spotty	<i>Hypoplectrodes wilsoni</i>	2.2 kg	Ian Cook	Dirk Hartog Island	15/7/1999	37 311099
Shark, Blacktip	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>	27.1 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	14/8/1996	37 018039
Shark, Bronze whaler	<i>Carcharhinus brachyurus</i>	76.66 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	26/2/1973	37 018001
Shark, Grey nurse	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	106.14 kg	E J Griffiths	Kalbarri	26/2/1973	37 008001
Shark, Gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	10.43 kg	Allan Bunnett	Jurien Bay	9/10/1965	37 017001
Shark, Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna spp</i>	23.25 kg	Tom Vivian	Kalbarri	2/3/1969	37 019902
Shark, Lemon	<i>Negaprion acutidens</i>	48 kg	Darren Batchelor	Dirk Hartog Island	25/5/1999	37 018029
Shark, Tiger	<i>Galeocerdo cuvieri</i>	38.1 kg	John Devitt	Kalbarri	13/4/1970	37 018022
Shark, Spotted Wobbegong	<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	12 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottneest Island	27/8/2022	37 013906
Sharksucker	<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	2.4 kg	George Matrakis	Dirk Hartog	07/2021	37 336001
Snapper, Pink	<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>	16.02 kg	A J Werner	Waikiki	19/11/1953	37 353001
Blue Morwong (Queen Snapper)	<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i>	2.27 kg	J Graham	Cosy Corner	27/6/1955	37 377004
Snook	<i>Sphyraena novaehollandiae</i>	3.37 kg	Noel Knight	Augusta	30/5/1970	37 382002
Sombre Sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus unicolor</i>	0.55 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	1/2/2013	37 350013
Surge Wrasse	<i>Thalassoma purpurum</i>	1.31 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottneest Island	21/7/21	37 384169
Goldspotted Sweetlips,	<i>Plectorhinchus flavomaculatus</i>	1.5 kg	Bob Klein	Quobba	1/6/1979	37 350007
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	6.30 kg	Peet Wessels	Bremer Bay	17/9/2014	37 334002
Tarwhine	<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	1.36 kg	Bob Tucker	Garden Island	16/7/1961	37 353013
King Threadfin	<i>Polydactylus macrochir</i>	Est 8 Kg	Ray Walker	Eighty Mile Beach	3/6/2015	37 383005
Striped Threadfin	<i>Polydactylus plebeius</i>	1.1 kg	Rom Niciejewski	Serrurier Island	10/7/1997	37 383009
Toadfish, Silver (NW Blowie)	<i>Lagocephalus sceleratus</i>	6.8 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17/11/1965	37 467007
Trevally, Bludger	<i>Carangoides gymnotethus</i>	7.26 kg	Alby Norman	Wagoe	22/4/1973	37 337022
Trevally, Giant	<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	27.5 kg	Bob Klein	Cape Cuvier	3/5/1975	37 337027
Trevally, Golden	<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>	15 kg	A Tuvik	Steep Point	12/12/1980	37 337012
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Turum	<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	9.08 kg	Dennis Green	Cape Cuvier	2/6/1974	37 337037
Trevally, Silver (Skippy)	<i>Pseudocaranx wrighti</i>	5.44 kg	W Cooper	Trigg Island	16/9/1955	37 337063

Trevally, Thick Lip	Carangoides orthogrammus	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest Island	15/5/2011	37 337057
Tripletail Maori Wrasse	Cheilinus trilobatus	1.1 kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	31/5/2014	37 384044
Trout, Coronation, Yellowedge	Variola louti	4 kg	L Clifton	Steep Point	20/4/1984	37 311166
Trout, Brown	Salmo trutta	1.26 kg	J Bennett	Drakesbrook	3/11/1999	37 094004
Trout, Rainbow	Oncorhynchus mykiss	0.562 kg	Darcy Tomlinson	Warren River	6/1/2018	37 094003
Tuna, Mackerel	Euthynnus affinis	8.93 kg	T O'Hara	Cape Cuvier	3/6/1973	37 441010
Tuna, Long Tail	Thunnus tonggol	22.28 kg	Glen Wong	Preston Beach	10/4/2016	37 441013
Tuna, Yellowfin	Thunnus albacares	16 kg	Tony Richardson	Steep Point	21/5/1981	37 441002
Tuskfish, Blackspot	Choerodon schoenleinii	2.4 kg	Peet Wessels	Shelter Bay	9/7/2012	37 384010
Tuskfish, Blue	Choerodon cyanodus	4.25 kg	D Stigelmayer	Steep Point	26/3/1985	37 384072
Pigfish, Western	Bodianus vulpinus	0.80 kg	Sandra Wessels	Rottnest Island	15/5/2011	37 384001
Whiting, King George	Sillaginodes punctata	1.53 kg	John Lee	Garden Island	12/5/1973	37 330001
Whiting, Sand	Sillago ciliata	0.57 kg	George Holman	Wedge Island	28/12/1972	37 330010
Wirrah	Not Defined - Acanthistius spp	1.81 kg	Tom Smith	Kalbarri	1/9/1965	37 311912
Wirrah, Leopard	Acanthistius pardalotus	1.44 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest Island	15/5/2011	37 311132
Wrasse, Brown Spotted	Notolabrus parilus	0.92kg	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach	4/3/2017	37 384022
Wrasse, Seven Banded	Thalassoma septemfasciatum	0.68 kg	Peter Osborne	Wagoe	29/7/2011	37 384171
Wrasse, Western King	Coris auricularis	0.36 kg	Peter Osborne	Rottnest Island	15/5/2011	37 38400
Zebra fish	Girella zebra	0.39kg	Mark Nurse	Rottnest Island	21/5/2016	37 361008

Notes Weights originally in pounds and ounces have been converted to kilograms and rounded to 2 decimal places (the nearest 10 grams).

Common Names have been corrected to comply with Australian Standard AS 5300-2015 Australian Standard Fish Names (FRDC)

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*** Mis-identified as it is not found in W A waters. Possibly either a Flathead, Longhead, (Leviprora inops) or a Flathead, Southern Blue Spotted, (Platycephalus speculator)

*** Species Common Names listed in blue are not definitely identified as they do not give full details, e.g. there are several species of hammerhead sharks and the one listed is not specific. Hammerhead shark is either Scalloped Hammerhead (Sphyrna lewini) or Smooth Hammerhead (Sphyrna zygaena)

*** Ray, White Pointer is possibly a Western Shovelnose Ray (Glaucostegus typus) mis identified or mis-named.

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