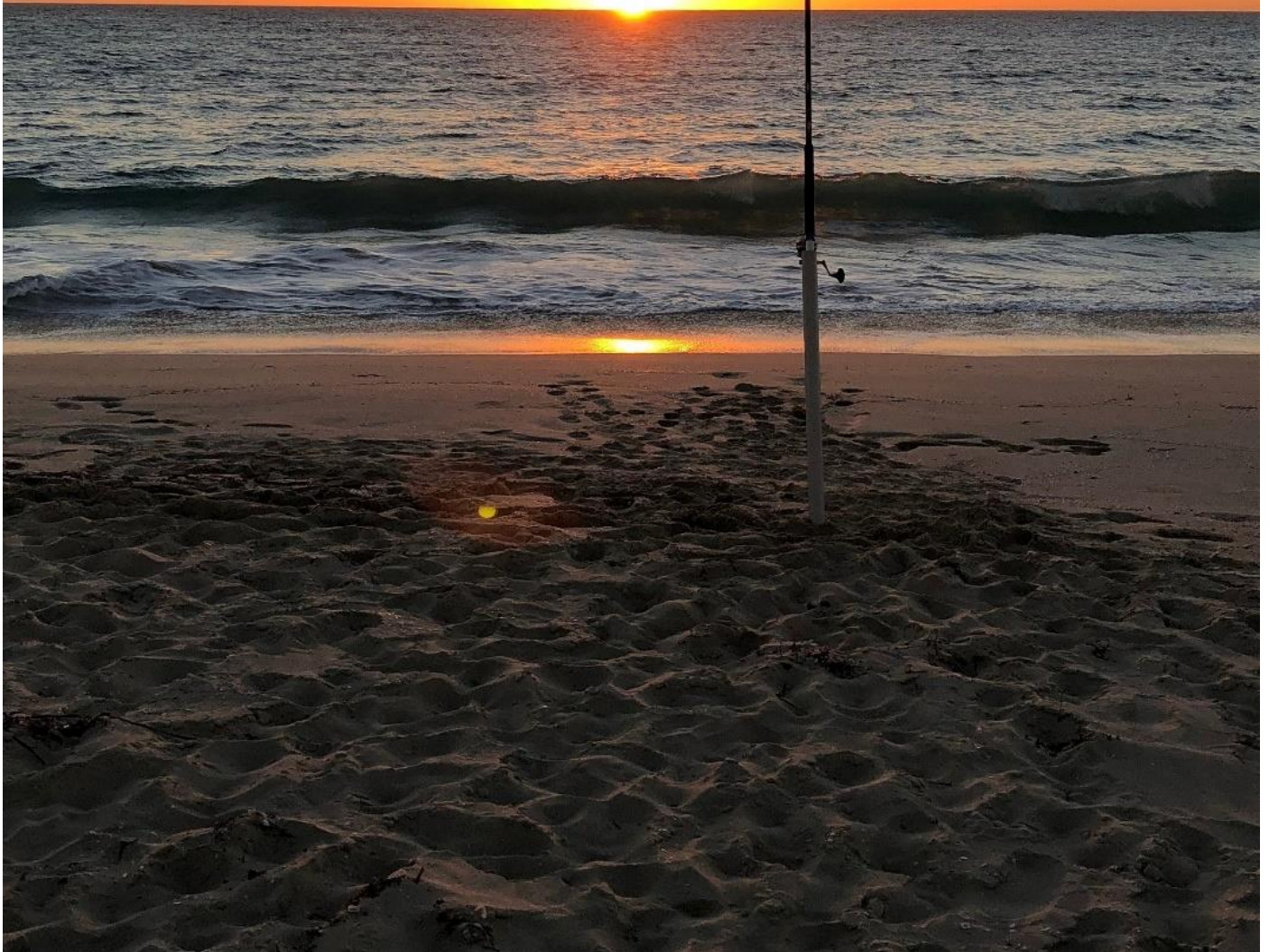


# REEL TALK

## SEPTEMBER 2023



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## Reel Talk – September 2023 Contents

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REMEMBER –

THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN FISHING, AND JUST STANDING ON  
THE BEACH LOOKING LIKE AN IDIOT...

# CLUB COMMITTEE

## September 2023 – August 2024

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### LIFE MEMBERS

Ian Cook	Bob Henderson	Terry Fuller
Mal Head	Peter Osborne	

#### Deceased life members

Vic Davis	Doug Edward	Lloyd Dunn
Dudley Brown	Noel Knight	Les Shand
Ron Kildahl	Bob Klein	Jim Strong
Eric Parker	George Holman	



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we have had a few ups and downs in the club over the last twelve months which has resulted in a few members dropping out of the Club and leaving a few empty spaces on the Club Committee, which is not what the Club needs right now. To keep the Club together we need a strong Committee; a committee that will stick together, a team of members that are willing to work and run the Club the way it should be run. I am hoping that we can achieve just that.

Attendances on Field Days and Dry Casting Days has fallen off quite considerably, especially over the last six months or so. This is a fishing and casting club so let's do our best to participate in a few more club activities. Don't just leave it to one or two a year. It was good to see two new faces at Dry Casting; Chris Stickells and Helen Carnell. They may have not broken any records but at least they participated and that is what it is all about.

I look forward to seeing more members participating in all Club activities this year.

*Ron Thomas, President*

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 13 September 2023

**Address: Croatian Club in Wishart Street, Gwelup**

Doors open no earlier than 6:45pm

Meal at 7.00pm with meeting at 8.00pm

Please RSVP to secretary for catering purposes by **NOON SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

### September birthdays



Sharon Osborne	September 3
Morris Kolman	September 5
Elana Kolman	September 6
Dierdre Thomas	September 8
Helen Carnell	September 9
James Rixon	September 11
Peet Wessels	September 20
Sabby Pizzolante	September 27

# FISHING CALENDAR

## Competition year June 2023 – May 2024

Field day dates have **mostly** been set as the weekend immediately following each General Meeting  
Long weekends have been noted

DATE	VENUE	BOUNDARIES
September 23 – 25 King's Birthday LWE	Lucky Bay / Wagoe and local Full moon – September 29	Local boundaries will be determined at the general meeting before the field day
October 14 - 15	Swan & Canning Rivers Full moon – October 29	Including the inside (harbour side) of North and South Moles
November 11 – 12	Tim's Thicket / Preston Beach and local Full moon – October 27	Local boundaries will be determined at the general meeting before the field day
December 16 – 17	Open anywhere in WA New moon – December 13	Open – no boundaries. Please fish together for safety
January 13 – 14 Australia Day LWE Friday 26	Wilbinga / Guilderton and local Full moon – January 26	Local boundaries will be determined at the general meeting before the field day
February 17 – 18	Cervantes / Hill River and local New moon – February 10	Local boundaries will be determined at the general meeting before the field day
March 2 – 4 Labour Day LWE	Reef Beach and open New moon – March 10	Open – no boundaries. Please fish together for safety
March 30 – April 1 Easter LWE Anzac Day April 25	Bluff Creek and open Full moon – April 25	Open – no boundaries. Please fish together for safety

### Standard weekends

Lines down Saturday 0600  
Lines up Sunday 0900

### Long weekends and Rottneest

Lines down Saturday 0600  
Lines up Monday 0900

### Suggested local boundaries

The south side of Mandurah Cut to South Mole  
North Mole to Two Rocks Marina  
Cottesloe Groyne to Quinns Rocks  
Yanchep to Lancelin  
Swan and Canning River upstream from railway bridge  
Ledge to Wedge Island  
Seabird to Lancelin  
Penguin Island to Mullaloo Point  
South side of Mandurah Cut to north side of Bunbury Cut

Moore River mouth to Three Mile Reef  
North Mole to Two Rocks Marina  
Preston Beach to Mandurah Cut  
North side of Peel Estuary to North Mole  
Yanchep to Ledge  
Cervantes to Jurien (LWE)  
Floreat Groyne to Yanchep  
Swan and Canning River including the inside (harbour side) of the North & South Moles  
Seabird

# DRY CASTING REPORT AND RESULTS

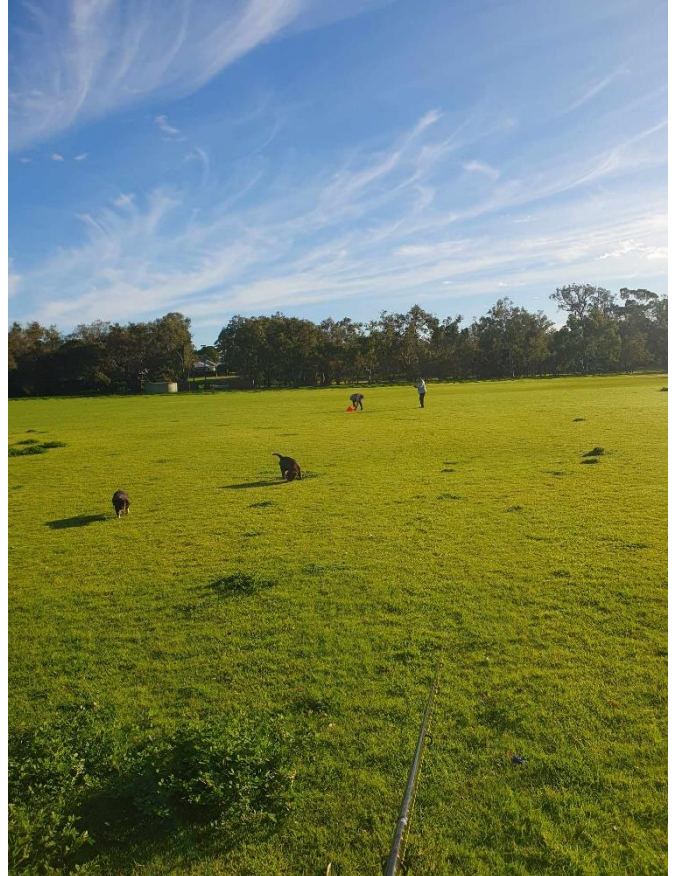
August 7, 2023

For the first time in a few years, Chris and myself went to a dry casting session. Leaving Armadale at around 7am, Li'l Blue informed us it was about 2° Celsius, and with a completely clear sky it was a perfect winter morning. A bit cold for my liking, however by the time we arrived in Guildford the ambient temperature had warmed up to a nice crisp 8° Celsius, and the temperature kept climbing from there with a few wispy cirrus clouds emerging to cover the sky as the morning continued.

Other attendees for the morning were Mark Hansen with his old faithful, Dougie, and new canine companion Heidi. Heidi had great fun meeting everyone and chasing the tassels on our rigs as well as playing with some magpies that showed up, her older brother Dougie, and the third dog to keep us all company, Molly, who eventually tired of Heidi's antics and hid herself away. Club members wise, we also saw Mal Head, Bob Henderson, Gary Gildersleeves, and of course our venerable dry casting officer, Ron Thomas. Barney the dinosaur made an appearance too!

As this was the first dry casting session Chris and I had attended in a few years, and for myself in particular being the first time I participated in the casting, we spent a fair bit of time trying out different rods and techniques while getting advice from the practiced veterans and being taught the correct etiquette. Many thanks to everyone there for their input and the loan of their equipment.

Getting into the competitive side of the morning, everyone had a reasonably good day casting wise, aside from a few memorable moments. I was pleased to cast well enough to score in the double handed accuracy – with most of my casts not reaching the minimum required distance, getting a score on the board was a personal best. Unfortunately, the same did not hold true for the single handed accuracy. We learned a lot though, with plenty of room for improvement, and I left with a feather in my hat – literally!



*Our canine companions exploring the field as scores were recorded*



*Mal Head with the top half of Ron's rod, followed by Ron with the bottom half, after a highly unusual break-off*

Following the usual format of the day, distance casting was the last event before packing up and enjoying the traditional sausage sizzle, kindly catered and cooked by Mark Hansen. Everyone was finishing up with their final cast of the day, and Ron Thomas came up to the line for his attempt. Back goes his rod, then forward, and then...

**CRRRAAAACCCCK**

And suddenly, the entire top half of Ron's favourite rod was flying through the air and hit the ground, with Ron left standing there scratching his head. Oh dear! Thankfully, Ron was prepared with a spare, so he collected the two halves of his rod and re-attempted his cast, successfully this time.

All in all, a memorable day. See you at the next one!

*Helen Carnell; on behalf of Ron Thomas; Dry Casting Officer*

September 2023

## Results

Name	DHA	H/C	SCORE	SHA	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
<b>VETERANS</b>							
Mal Head	122	35	<b>157</b>	8	9	17	<b>174</b>
Gary Gildersleeves	123	0	<b>123</b>	26	5	31	<b>154</b>
Bob Henderson	105	10	<b>115</b>	26	1	27	<b>142</b>
Ron Thomas	130	18	<b>148</b>	32	0	32	<b>180</b>
Mark Hansen	131	29	<b>160</b>	22	3	25	<b>185</b>
<b>SENIORS</b>							
Chris Stickells	59			14			
<b>LADIES</b>							
Helen Carnell	11			0			

NAME	56g	H/C	SCORE	ART. BAIT	H/C	SCORE	112g	H/C	SCORE	TOTAL
<b>VETERANS</b>										
<b>Mal H</b>	91.36	50	<b>141.36</b>	77.85	39	<b>116.85</b>	103.51	52	<b>155.51</b>	
	96.89	50	<b>146.89</b>	88.40	39	<b>127.40</b>	98.97	52	<b>150.97</b>	<b>1012.97</b>
<b>Gary G</b>	-	-	-	114.34	9	<b>123.34</b>	-	-	-	
	148.48	11	<b>159.48</b>	119.62	9	<b>128.62</b>	143.45	15	<b>158.45</b>	<b>723.89</b>
<b>Bob H</b>	133.78	12	<b>145.78</b>	95.29	15	<b>110.29</b>	140.14	15	<b>155.14</b>	
	127.63	12	<b>139.63</b>	89.91	15	<b>104.91</b>	-	-	-	<b>797.75</b>
<b>Ron T</b>	141.85	0	<b>141.85</b>	118.53	0	<b>118.53</b>	145.71	0	<b>145.71</b>	
	140.23	0	<b>140.23</b>	116.41	0	<b>116.41</b>	148.69	0	<b>148.69</b>	<b>991.42</b>
<b>Mark H</b>	107.08	32	<b>139.08</b>	77.88	35	<b>112.78</b>	100.35	41	<b>141.35</b>	
	-	-	-	87.78	35	<b>122.78</b>	113.03	41	<b>154.03</b>	<b>855.02</b>
<b>SENIORS</b>										
<b>Chris S</b>	64.57			46.71			63.84			
				69.70			59.90			
<b>LADIES</b>										
<b>Helen C</b>	30.80			39.02			46.79			
	27.05			42.46			34.52			

**Overall Winner with Handicap: Mal Head 1012.97**

*Ron Thomas; Dry Casting Officer*



Dry casting is held once a month at:

Perth Polo Club  
Meadow St  
Guildford WA 6055

Please contact Bob Henderson if you are interested in joining in

## Photos

*Courtesy of Chris Stickells*



*Mal and Ron discussing the break-off of Ron's rod*



*Mal and Ron heading out to collect the other half*



*Helen casting for short single handed accuracy, with Hendo providing tips and advice while he waited*



*Helen's single handed casting technique in action*



*The group's setup for the morning*



*Barney standing in for Chris's marker to allow Helen her distance cast attempt with the same rod*



*Mark Hansen in action*



*Helen, Ron and Mal after Ron's favourite rod split at the junction mid-cast*



*Helen casting in the long single handed accuracy, with Ron standing by to record scores*



*Helen with a feather in her hat*



*Mark doing his final cast before the crew and their companions enjoyed lunch together*

# FIELD DAY REPORTS

Rottnest Island, August 19 – 21

Once again, I was fortunate and privileged enough to venture to “The place across the water where the spirits are.” Yes, you are right - it is the place called Wadjemup, better known as Rottnest Island. To me this is the highlight fishing location on our Field Day Calendar, one that I do everything possible to attend! It is not just the awesome fishing but the whole dynamics of the weekend that pulls me there every time. If you are an Outdoor person that loves nature and fishing, then I recommend you put Wadjemup on your bucket list.



*From left to right: Sabby Pizzolante, Peet Wessels, Martin Wearmouth, Vince Tomazin, David and Oliver Wessels, Malcolm Harris and Mark Hansen. Photographer Sandra Wessels*

Our weekend started off with the following members gathering at Rous Head, the ferry terminal, for our journey over to the Island: Mark Hansen, Sabby Pizzolante, Ian Taggart, Vince Tomazin, Martin Wearmouth, Peet Wessels, Sandra Wessels, David Wessels, Oliver Wessels, Malcolm Harris and Brad Zaknich. Everyone was in good spirits and very excited for the weekend ahead. The weather prediction for the weekend was excellent; sunny days with light winds and low swell at around sunset. Just perfect!

Saturday morning 11am the charter bus picked us up, and after the compulsory stop at the bakery, we set off, and due to upgrades on the Island got dropped off at Mable Cove. From here we walked the short distance over to Radar Reef, our favorite fishing spot at West End. Most of us took the goat track down to the Tennis Courts and fished from the Golden Rock. This rock was named by the late Mark Nurse, and on any given day almost anything can and has been caught from this rock.

Fishing started slow as usual with everybody waiting for the 4pm to 7pm Radar Reef session. By 4pm we were all gathered around Radar reef, geared up and ready for the much-anticipated YTK run. Soon we all slowly made our way out and over to the end of the reef where we started to do baitcasting with Mulies and strips of Occy and Squid. It was not long and the action started, not for everyone however, but for Sandra! She was unstoppable, with 5 beautiful fish in a row. I knew I had to be patient and that my turn would come. Soon the sun dropped below Fish Hook Bay and the next moment they were there.



*Oliver and his favorite animals, Quokkas*

One of the biggest schools of Skippy arrived and it was total mayhem and fishing joy for the next hour and a half. Tired and happy I said to Sandra, my wife, "ok last cast." We both hooked up and after releasing the fish we cleaned out our bait buckets and started to do the walk back against a pushing tide to the rock platform. On the way back we were discussing the fantastic afternoon fishing session. Talking about all her species and the big 2.5kg Skippy she caught. That is what I love about this place, memories that will live on for a very long time.



*David and Oliver on the Golden Rock*



*Surfcasterers at the Bungalow waiting for the bus*

Sunday morning, we woke up to another perfect fishing day. Surely, I thought, today the fishing cannot be as good as yesterday? By 4pm David was the first to be out on Radar Reef. We were all watching him. Soon he was hooking one fish after the other. It was not long until we were all fishing next to him!



*Peet Wessels enjoying a beautiful day on Golden Rock*

Now if you think Saturday the fish were fired up, on Sunday Rottneest really turned it on! It was my turn and for the first time ever I hooked into 5 Yellowtail Kingfish and managed to land 4 of them. What made it special for me was that David, my son, and I both hooked into a YTK at the same time. It was great fun to play the two dirty fighting fish together. He landed his fish first and shortly afterwards I was standing next to him with my YTK in my hands. Tired, but happy, we all returned safely to the bungalows for warm dinners, great conversations and celebrations.

What a memorable weekend, one that will be in the memory forever.

Hopefully the next time I see you is with a bent fishing rod in the hand.

*Tight Lines*

*Peet Wessels*

*Field day photos taken by Sandra Wessels*

Saturday I fished on the flat reef at the shore in Tennis courts, starting with my float rig. After a few wrasse I had a good bite, then after a short fight in came a 40cm Dhufish. After taking the hook out I released it; I then decided to try a bottom rig and 30 minutes later had another 38cm Dhufish - again I decided to release the fish.



*Martin with a dhufish*

At 4pm we all headed out to the reef hole at Radar Reef; not much happened until after 6pm when the Skippy came on the bite. I caught and released 9 Skippy around the 1kg size in the next hour; the water was low and the Skippy found it hard to swim off the reef if they came off the hook and landed by your feet. We left at 7pm with the fish still biting to make our way back to wait for our bus.

Sunday went much the same way, but with the wind up the water was rougher than Saturday; I waited until 5pm this time before heading out to the reef hole. Again only a few fish until after 6pm when again the Skippy came on the bite, but this time mixed in were some Yellow Tail Kingfish and everyone seemed to get a chance at one; I landed two and lost one that took off along the reef and broke me off.

The Kingfish are such a strong fish it took two or three of us to try to hold it and get the hooks out so it could be released, it was great to see everyone helping each other with the big fish, the highlight was seeing so many bent rods all at one time, what a great weekend the best Rotto trip for quite a while 😊

*Martin Wearmouth*

## Photos



*Martin and Ian hanging out in the sun*



*Brad Zaknich at his bungalow*

## Results

NAME	KG	SPECIES	NUMBER CAUGHT	FIELD DAY SCORE
David Wessels	30.30	8	40	423.0
Peet Wessels	28.65	6	51	397.5
Sabby Pizzolante	33.20	3	22	384.0
Martin Wearmouth	28.35	6	33	376.5
Sandra Wessels	23.80	7	51	359.0
Malcolm Harris	16.15	7	45	276.5
Vince Tomazin	18.00	3	18	228.0
Mark Hansen	8.38	7	43	196.8
Brad Zaknich	6.20	2	8	90.0
Oliver Wessels	1.75	4	14	71.5
Ian Taggart	Did not fish			

## Top scores up to August

Rank	Angler	Total points
1	Peet Wessels	659.50
2	David Wessels	652.00
3	Sandra Wessels	587.50
4	Sabby Pizzolante	482.50
5	Mark Hansen	465.80
6	Martin Wearmouth	376.50
7	Vince Tomazin	374.00
8	Ron Thomas	296.26
9	Malcolm Harris	276.50
10	Oliver Wessels	133.50
11	Brad Zaknich	90.00

*Peet Wessels; Recorder*

# CLUB RECORDS

## Version dated 25/7/2023

CAAB Code is the CSIRO Code of Australian Aquatic Biota #

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weight	Record Holder	Locality Caught	Date	CAAB Code
Australian Giant Herring	Elops machnata	6.85kg	Ron Thomas	Quobba	23/5/2023	37 053003
Barracouta	Thyrsites atun	1.98kg	Merv Britten	Cosy Corner	20/7/1960	37 439001
Barracuda	Sphyraena 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	Plectorhinchus 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, Whitelipped	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
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, BlueBarred	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, Woodwards	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	152/5/1955	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	Psammoperca waigiensis	0.38 kg	Mark Hansen	Rottnest Island	17/8/2014	37 310001
Sea Perch, Black Banded	Hypoplectrodes annulatus	0.13kg est	Mark Hansen	Reef Beach	4/3/2017	37 311091
Seaperch, Banded	Hypoplectrodes nigroruber	2.1 kg	Justin Rose	Steep Point	16/11/2016	37 311037
Sea Perch, Striped	Lutjanus carponotatus	1.8kg	Justin Rose	DHI	30/7/2021	37 346011
Sea Perch, Spotty	Hypoplectrodes wilsoni	2.2 kg	Ian Cook	Dirk Hartog Island	15/7/1999	37 311099
Shark, Blacktip	Carcharhinus limbatus	27.1 kg	George Holman	Steep Point	14/8/1996	37 018039
Shark, Bronze whaler	Carcharhinus brachyurus	76.66 kg	Ron Shirley	Kalbarri	26/2/1973	37 018001
Shark, Greynurse	Carcharias taurus	106.14 kg	E J Griffiths	Kalbarri	26/2/1973	37 008001
Shark, Gummy	Mustelus antarcticus	10.43 kg	Allan Bunnett	Jurien Bay	9/10/1965	37 017001
Shark, Hammerhead	Sphyrna spp	23.25 kg	Tom Vivian	Kalbarri	2/3/1969	37 019902
Shark, Lemon	Negaprion acutidens	48 kg	Darren Batchelor	Dirk Hartog Island	25/5/1999	37 018029
Shark, Tiger	Galeocerdo cuvieri	38.1 kg	John Devitt	Kalbarri	13/4/1970	37 018022
Shark, Spotted Wobbegong	Orectolobus maculatus	12 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest Island	27/8/2022	37 013906
Sharksucker	Echeneis naucrates	2.4 kg	George Matrakis	Dirk Hartog	07/2021	37 336001
Snapper, Pink	Chrysophrys auratus	16.02 kg	A J Werner	Waikiki	19/11/1953	37 353001
Blue Morwong (Queen Snapper)	Nemadactylus valenciennesi	2.27 kg	J Graham	Cosy Corner	27/6/1955	37 377004
Snook	Sphyraena novaehollandiae	3.37 kg	Noel Knight	Augusta	30/5/1970	37 382002
Sombre Sweetlips	Plectorhinchus unicolor	0.55 kg	Mark Hansen	Cervantes	1/2/2013	37 350013
Surge Wrasse	Thalassoma purpurum	1.31 kg	Peet Wessels	Rottnest Island	21/7/21	37 384169
Goldspotted Sweetlips,	Plectorhinchus flavomaculatus	1.5 kg	Bob Klein	Quobba	1/6/1979	37 350007

Tailor	Pomatomus saltatrix	6.30 kg	Peet Wessels	Bremer Bay	17/9/2014	37 334002
Tarwhine	Rhabdosargus sarba	1.36 kg	Bob Tucker	Garden Island	16/7/1961	37 353013
King Threadfin	Polydactylus macrochir	Est 8 Kg	Ray Walker	Eighty Mile Beach	3/6/2015	37 383005
Striped Threadfin	Polydactylus plebeius	1.1 kg	Rom Niciejewski	Serrurier Island	10/7/1997	37 383009
Toadfish, Silver (NW Blowie)	Lagocephalus scleratus	6.8 kg	Bert Payne	Monkey Mia	17/11/1965	37 467007
Trevally, Bludger	Carangoides gymnostethus	7.26 kg	Alby Norman	Wagoe	22/4/1973	37 337022
Trevally, Giant	Caranx ignobilis	27.5 kg	Bob Klein	Cape Cuvier	3/5/1975	37 337027
Trevally, Golden	Gnathanodon speciosus	15 kg	A Tuvik	Steep Point	12/12/1980	37 337012
Turum	Carangoides fulvoguttatus	9.08 kg	Dennis Green	Cape Cuvier	2/6/1974	37 337037
Trevally, Silver (Skippy)	Pseudocaranx wrighti	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): -

- Some common names are no longer in use.
- Some species are no longer eligible as they have been declared a protected species.

\*\*\* 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.

# CAAB - Codes for Australian Aquatic Biota - is a continuously maintained and expanding 8-digit coding system for aquatic organisms in the Australian region maintained by CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research, Australia (CMAR). Initially developed to cover fishes and selected other organisms of research or commercial interest, it has more recently been expanded to provide more comprehensive coverage of a number of aquatic groups, as information is available. CAAB is used by a large and expanding number of governmental and industry groups for marine biology and fishery purposes and has replaced almost all other national and locally designed coding systems.

CAAB currently contains codes and taxonomic information for the following aquatic organisms in the Australian region: over 4,500 codes for fishes (CAAB category 37), representing virtually all known marine and freshwater species in Australian waters.

## Do offshore wind farms create habitat?

Recently I was reading an article on offshore wind farms and their effects on habitat. As you're all aware of the need to cut carbon emissions, we are likely to see more and more of the installations springing up. But what effects will they have on the environment? Only time can tell for sure, but the initial research suggests that they may have a positive impact on certain species such as western rock lobster. A recent survey on overseas installations found rock lobsters favoured using the scour area found around the farms, and 50% of all lobsters found were within 35m of the scour protection zone. Rock lobster found in these areas use the crevices in the rocks around the turbine columns for homes, leaving them to feed then to return to these cavities.

When constructed in sandy bottomed habitat areas, these installations will have a knock-on effect for the local populations as well as attracting species not normally found in these areas. It's commonly referred to as the artificial reef effect. This is an important consideration when planning for such installations. We don't have a lot of data to go on at this point in time, and further research is still required to understand the effects on the marine environment and industries that may be affected or misplaced, such as recreational and commercial fishing industries.

Offshore infrastructure can have a negative effect on marine animals, such as electromagnetic interference, so adding scour areas to negate the effect and indeed improve habitat availability may be important going forward. But as with all things, prevention is better than cure, so if we can keep existing scour areas intact as well as add to them it could lead to improved outcomes for the power industry and bio-diversity, as well as improve conditions and fish populations in the surrounding areas. Stakeholders are working with their partners to further the research and improve the outcomes for people and sea life alike.

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# Recipes

Provided by John Curtis

## FISH TACOS

Serves 3 – 4 people.

### Ingredients:

5 garfish fillets, cut in half, fins removed;  
alternatively use whiting or similar  
2 cups breadcrumbs  
1 cup plain flour  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 bunch parsley, finely chopped  
1 lime (zest and juice separate)  
50g finely grated parmesan cheese  
10 taco shells  
½ red cabbage (finely sliced)  
1 cup chipotle aioli  
1 small tub sour cream  
2 avocados  
1 bunch coriander



½ small red onion finely diced  
2 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce  
Sea salt

### Method

1. Start by making the guacamole. Peel and seed the avocados, place in a bowl and mash (a potato masher should do the job). Add the juice of one lime, sweet chilli, diced red onion and the finely-chopped roots of the coriander. Mix well and season to taste with a little sea salt. Cover and set aside.
2. Next, crumb the fish; a pretty standard affair here, except mix some chopped parsley, lime zest and the grated parmesan though the breadcrumbs to make it a little more interesting. Make an egg wash with the eggs and milk, dust the fish in salted plain flour, dip the fish fillets in the egg wash and crumb. Set aside.
3. Dress your finely-sliced cabbage with the chipotle aioli and then we're ready to cook the tacos. (Note: if you don't like spicy, just swap out the chipotle for plain mayo).
4. In a pre-heated oven warm your taco shells up. This should only take 2-3 minutes at 200°C. At the same time deep fry your crumbed fish at 150°C in the fryer for 1-2 minutes, until golden brown.
5. Assemble by putting the cabbage in the bottom with a little bit of fresh coriander, then put a fillet of fried fish in and top with a dollop of guacamole and sour cream. Definitely serve with some cold beers and potato wedges!

## CRISPY SALT AND PEPPER WHITING



Serves 4 as a snack

### Ingredients

1 teaspoon Sichuan pepper  
1 teaspoon chilli flakes  
1 tablespoon salt  
¾ cup rice flour  
2 egg whites  
Oil for deep-frying

400 g sand whiting fillets  
1 small red chilli, finely sliced  
2 shallots, finely sliced

### For serving

lime wedges and coriander leaves

## Method

1. Put pepper and chilli flakes into a mortar, pound with pestle until finely ground. Place into a medium bowl, add salt and flour, then mix to combine.
2. Place egg whites into a separate bowl and whisk until foamy.
3. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat until temperature reaches 180°C. Dip fish into the egg mixture, then dip in flour mixture, tossing to
4. coat. Repeat with remaining fillets. Deep fry in batches for 1–2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove fish using a slotted spoon and place on a wire rack to drain.
5. Toss fillets with chilli and shallots, serve with lime and coriander leaves.

## SEAFOOD TEMPURA

### Ingredients

250g medium-sized squid (pouches and tentacles), cleaned  
20 raw tiger prawns  
250g skinned fillet  
Lots of sunflower oil, for deep-frying

### For the tempura batter:

115g plain flour  
115g cornflour  
300ml ice-cold soda water  
Sea salt

### For the soy and ginger dipping sauce

90ml dark soy sauce  
2 thin slices of peeled fresh ginger, very finely chopped  
½ bunch of thin spring onions, very thinly sliced

### For the sweet chilli and five-spice dipping sauce

150ml sweet chilli sauce  
1 tbsp light soy sauce  
¼ tsp Chinese five-spice powder  
1½ tbsp cold water

## Method

1. Mix together the ingredients for each dipping sauce and divide between 4 shallow dipping saucers or bowls.

2. Cut the cleaned squid pouches across into thin rings and separate the tentacles into pairs. Remove the heads from the prawns and then peel them, leaving the last tail segment in place. Cut the lemon sole fillets diagonally across into strips about the thickness of your little finger.



3. Heat some oil for deep-frying to 190°C or until a cube of day-old bread rises to the surface and browns in about a minute. To make the batter, sift half of the flour, half the cornflour and a pinch of salt into 2 large bowls. Just before you start cooking, stir 150 ml of the ice-cold soda water into one lot of flour/cornflour until only just mixed; the batter should still be a little bit lumpy and, if it seems a bit thick, add a drop more water. When it's cooked, you want it to coat the food in a very thin, almost transparent layer.
4. Drop 8 pieces of mixed seafood into the batter, lift out one at a time and drop straight away into the hot oil. Fry for just 1 minute until crisp and lightly golden, then lift out and drain on lots of kitchen paper. Repeat once more, transfer the seafood to a warmed platter, together with a bowl of each dipping sauce, and eat right away, while it's still crisp and hot. Continue to cook the seafood in the same way and make a second batch of batter when you need it.