

# Southern Zone

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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... MARCH 2010

### CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
<b>MARLIN</b>							
Blue	87.4	37	S/M	Ron De La Mare	Southern Aurora	Bermagui	5
<b>SHARK</b>							
Mako	201.0	15	S/M	Trent Killmore	Reckless	Shellharbour	5
Tiger	194.5	15	S/M	Peter Ryan	Outcast	Shoalhaven	4
Thresher	86.0	24	S/M	Paul Jones	Seamode	Merimbula	3
<b>TUNA</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							
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### CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH :

Shellharbour	20
Bermagui	10
Shoalhaven	8
Merimbula	6

### TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

"My Way"	Kiama	45,100	5
"Cobra"	Kiama	40,062	4
"Jake 2"	Jervis Bay	40,000	3
"Mighty Dragon"	Eden	25,200	2
"Catch"	Shoalhaven	24,325	1

### PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2008-2009

Shoalhaven	152
Shellharbour	120
Bermagui	55
Kiama	38
Batemans Bay	19
Jervis Bay	16
Ulladulla	9
Narooma	9
Merimbula	7
Canberra	6

### PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2008-2009

Bermagui	24.5
Batemans Bay	23
Shellharbour	18.5
Jervis Bay	14
Kiama	13.5
Shoalhaven	10.5
Eden	9
Canberra	5
Ulladulla	4
Merimbula	4

The Southern Zone Interclub was a great success with twenty three boats .... far exceeding the numbers from previous years. Obviously the fact that you could fish out of your own ports made a difference as we had four boats from Eden this year and three from Bermagui as well as the usual large number from Batemans Bay and representatives from Ulladulla, Kiama, Canberra, Jervis Bay and Shoalhaven. It was good to see and the number of Yellowfin tagged outnumbered that of Marlin. The younger anglers also did well in tagging a swag of striped tuna.

Prue McMahon conned her doctors into allowing her to come home for a weekend so they found out about the auction we had planned for the Saturday night barbeque. Now that they knew it made us even more determined to make it a success and WOW.... It was fantastic! We raised close to \$15,000 and that was from both donations and auction products. People were bidding like mad just to give us the money and half of them got things they really did not need or want. One of the most amazing was \$650 for a huge bar of Toblerone chocolate! The response was overwhelming and we are so very grateful to everyone involved. Scottie Mann was our auctioneer and did a great job and everyone had a ball. People were falling over themselves to help out as they are a special family and we know they would do the same for any of us in similar circumstances.

Sincere thanks to all the individuals, clubs and businesses for their spontaneous generosity.

NSWGFA has gained an extension to the time limit given on the Mako issue. We are allowed to capture this species in a recognised sanctioned tournament and at no other time. I find it hard to believe that some people are still unaware of the issue as there has been a mass of emails from NSWGFA and myself but anyway I will reiterate .. **NO CAPTURE OF MAKO UNLESS IN A SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT!**

We are still negotiating with the Government with the help of Fisheries on SBT and whether or not we will be permitted to take this species in the future. We did ask all clubs for their data for the past five years on the capture and tag and release of this species and it was really disappointing that not all clubs in this zone bothered to reply. This data is needed to back up our argument and as it primarily effects our zone it would have been nice to say we care. If you are one of the clubs who have not sent me this info please do it now.

There is a lot of information being bandied about that is incorrect and it is really important that we try and cultivate a better image with the general public. There is a strong movement against the dumping of fish and some who would prefer it if we did not capture anything! If weighing a fish, and the public are there, make sure that they are aware that nothing is wasted.

There is an ongoing battle with the Rudd government which is really treating recreational anglers with contempt. The fiasco of Garret and the Mako is a classic example and recent media releases from the same person show a propensity to close off more fishing areas to us.

This month saw an impressive number of boats with tag points with six clubs represented i.e. Kiama, Jervis Bay, Shoalhaven, Ulladulla, Bermagui and Eden. Also a reasonable number of captures. I hear that the currents are really unpredictable and there is not a lot of bait fish around but things change daily so who knows!!!!

Stay safe and have fun.  
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