

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... OCTOBER 2009

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
Mako	215.5	8	S/M	Peter Ryan	Outcast	Shoalhaven	5
Mako	142	15	S/M	Carl Climan	Good Times	Shoalhaven	4
Mako	129.0	15	S/M	Matthew Cameron	My Way	Kiama	3
Mako	125.5	8	S/M	Brad Lindsay	Cobra	Kiama	2
Mako	121.5	15	S/M	Ditmar Hellman	Anticipation	Shellharbour	1
TUNA							
Yellowfin	35.3	15	S/M	Craig Tuohy	Reckless	Shellharbour	5
OGF							

CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
Mako	215.5	8	S/M	Peter Ryan	Outcast	Shoalhaven	5
Mako	125.5	8	S/M	Brad Lindsay	Cobra	Kiama	4
Blue	116.0	6	S/M	Paul Bayley	Frigate	Batemans Bay	3
Mako	69.0	6	S/M	Ryan Lindsay	Cobra	Kiama	2
Mako	142.0	15	S/M	Carl Climan	Good Times	Shoalhaven	1
TUNA							
Yellowfin	35.3	15	S/M	Craig Tuohy	Reckless	Shellharbour	5
OGF							

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH :

Shoalhaven 15
 Shellharbour 11
 Kiama 11
 Batemans Bay 3

TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

"Frigate" Batemans Bay 12725 5
 "Opportunatee" Batemans Bay 8400 4
 "Jedi" Merimbula 4025 3
 "My Way" Kiama 2500 1
 "Air Born" Shellharbour 2500 1
 "Reserection" Shellharbour 2500 1

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2008-2009

Shoalhaven 79
 Shellharbour 74
 Bermagui 24
 Kiama 19
 Batemans Bay 10
 Merimbula 1
 Jervis Bay 1

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2008-2009

Batemans Bay 14
 Bermagui 11.5
 Shellharbour 9
 Shoalhaven 7.5
 Canberra 5
 Eden 5
 Merimbula 4
 Kiama 1

Great news for our juniors in that we again get to have two of our younger anglers fishing in the NSWGFA Junior Team. They are Phil Lamond from Shellharbour and Rebecca Finney from Shoalhaven. The reserve is Reese Bond from Merimbula who will be called upon if any of the others chosen pull out. They will be fishing the AIBT which this year is again being held at Port Stephens midweek of the Interclub and will be a great experience and certainly one to remember. They will be fishing with GFAA President Grahame Williams as their mentor. Thank you to all the clubs who submitted nominees and please keep supporting these youngsters as they are our future.

Your club will have received notification about the NSWGFA Interclub Tournament and AIBT. Please consider fishing this amazing event as we get very few from the Southern Zone and it would be great to see some of you there.

Our Southern Zone Interclub rules have been submitted for sanctioning and once we have that I will send out to all clubs. I am hoping that we get teams from all clubs as this year you can fish out of your own port so that alleviates a lot of travelling. Anyway, more once we have it in hand.

Fishing has obviously been quite sporadic but will no doubt improve as the weather and water temperatures.

I believe that the Shoalhaven GFC's Light Tackle Tournament was another success. Although not huge, this tournament regularly attracts a keen group of anglers who always have a great time there. Coming up is the White Sands hosted by Jervis Bay GFC and from then on the weekends are getting pretty full so please look at your calendars and try and support the tournaments in your area if possible.

At a number of government meetings lately there has been considerable discussion about the taking of sharks and it would appear that one of our favourites, the Mako, is headed for the endangered species list. We will obviously have to wait and see what the determination is by the Federal Government and the impact it will have on our fishing but it cannot be good.

While it is still our legal right to capture certain species it is not in our best interests to draw attention to this practise. NSWGFA has a very strict media policy and it would also be wise to be circumspect when using electronic media such as websites. The conservationists and greenies have a strong following with a good proportion of the public and also the government. We certainly do not need to give them any ammunition against what we do in a sport we all love. Although we are one of the most self regulated sports, we still receive a lot of negative publicity, and it is foolish to feed this.

Have fun with your fishing and stay safe.
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