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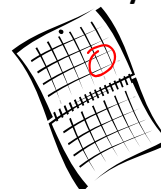
Welcome to 2012 and the first issue of HL&S for the year.

We hope you enjoyed the festive season and were lucky enough to catch a few. Sparrow has already weighed in some rippers, so maybe this year will be kind to us!

We have a guest speaker for our March meeting, so please make a special effort to attend.



Dates for the Diary



March Meeting:

13th March - Guest Speaker at 7.00

March Comp:

March 24th / 25th

Charter Boat:

Saturday 25th leaving from Rose Bay.

FISHO FUNNY

A hunter walking through the jungle found a huge dead elephant with a pigmy standing beside it. Amazed, he asked "Did you kill that?"

The pigmy said "Yes"

The hunter asked, "How could a little bloke like you kill a huge beast like that?"

"I killed it with my club"

The astonished hunter asked, "How big is your club?"

The pigmy replied, "There's about 60 of us"

A bloke reports that he was listening to Hervey Bay radio when the host invited callers to reveal the nicknames they had for their wives.

Best call was from a bloke who called his misses 'Harvey Norman.... **No interest for 18 months.**

MARCH MEETING

Mr John Naughton from the Sydney Metropolitan CMA will be speaking to us at the March Meeting. John, who is keen fisho and boater, is under taking an environmental education project which we will hear all about.

In addition for those attending and are willing to complete a short feedback form, they will go into a draw for a \$500 gift voucher. The draw will take place in November.

Charter Boat 2012.

Want to join the Charter Boat in 2012?

24 March - Sydney

13 October - Sydney

17 November - Port Hacking

Contact Captain John to book your spot.

Don't forget that a Charter Boat Gift

Certificate is a great present for the fisho who has everything!



Holiday snap from Mick & Barb
By the way none of these made it back to Chippo!

It's true! The scientific name for a walrus is *odobenus rosmarus*. That's Latin for 'tooth-walking sea horse'

February Competition - Results.

A good turn up for the first comp of 2012. 13 members presented 118 fish weighing 60.7kg to our new weigh master Glenn. The Charter boat had a full crew although only 4 club members participated (see report in this edition).

Results for our February competition were as follows:

Best Fish: Justin B - Drummer (0.883)

Biggest Fish: Mick C – Salmon (2.799)

Most Fish: Sparrow – 26 fish

The **mystery fish** was a mulloway which was not won.

The **Wahoo** was won by **Col** and the **Guzzlers Mug** was won by **Vic** who will have to wait till the first meeting next year to collect.

Charter Boat results were, First Fish **was won by a visitor**, and most fish, **John C**

February Competition happy snaps:



Charter Boat Report.

The first trip of the year was out of Kiama aboard the Cato III, a great vessel. This was the last trip for Cato III as the skipper has pulled up stumps and is headed to WA to work in the mining boom over there.

Skipper John did an outstanding job in ensuring that we had a full crew, which only included 4 members, a very disappointing fact.

John also organised a mini bus to take the lads to Kiama and back, a great idea, and very much appreciated by the crew.

Conditions out to sea very a little lumpy but everyone managed to catch something, albeit a plethora of Leather Jackets. With the weather turning for the worse at around lunch time it was back to shore, a quick beer (and feed for some) at the Kiama pub before heading home. A great day and big thanks to skipper John for his efforts.

The Gossip, the facts and the bullsh1#

- ☺ **Happy birthday** to the February babies: Braz, Lorne, Terry, Mick O and Chris (Mick & Chris have now joined the 60's club). March: Kel D
- ☺ Lost one wedding ring, hardly worn, may be a little sandy! If found please drop it into the Chippo Butchery.
- ☺ Welcome to Hayden Kurtz, first grandchild for Tony and Robyn, another little fisho.
- ☺ The skin of an average women weighs 3kg, while that of an average man weighs 5 kg
- ☺ Scorpions turn fluorescent under ultraviolet lights.

Bag and Size Limits, Possession & Boat Limits Important Information

Recently there was some discussion at the club house in respect of bag & size limits, possession limits and boat limits as set by the Fisheries department. Thanks to D1 below is an extract from the Department's web site.

Bag Limit: Bag limit is the maximum number of fish per person in possession. A maximum daily bag limit of 20 applies to any fish or invertebrate not included in the tables bag & size limits tables.

Daily bag limits are one of the key tools for managing recreational fishing. They limit the number of fish that an individual angler can catch and keep in a 24 hour period.

Possession Limit: A possession limit is the maximum number of fish that a person is allowed to have in their possession at any time. Possession limits provide a useful tool to discourage illegal sales of fish by constraining recreational fishers from accumulation of commercial quantities of fish. **For all saltwater species, the daily bag limit is the possession limit and it applies to all areas of the state.**

Boat Limit: Boat limits aim to limit the catch of anglers fishing in the same boat over a 24 hour period. These apply regardless of the number of people in the boat. Boat limits are intended to limit the overall recreational fishing catch and prevent the circumvention of personal daily bag limits by individual fishers through the carrying of non-fishing passengers in a boat. At present, the only boat limit applies to Gemfish (10 fish).



Keith

THE PRESIDENT WRITES;

What a great start to 2012, the weather was good for the first weigh in, the charter boat had a full crew, albeit the guy that picked the competition weekends (me) did not pick the best tides, but 118 fish for 13 guys weighing in, is not too bad. My thanks to Vic, Towie, Denis, Bill for getting our BBQ and Weigh Gear set up so it can be left at the hotel. Also a big thanks to John for starting off the Saturday Raffles and arranging a full crew on the Charter Boat. I also hear he is not bad as a bus driver.

We did not have a great attendance at our first meeting..... Yes, I do realise it was Valentines Day.

Tony has been liaising with a guy that will hopefully come to our March meeting, so please make an effort to come along. Bring some mates who may also be interested.

If you get a chance call into the pub on Thursday's around 5:30pm and get involved in our raffles.

Also note there was an error on the club cards, the August competition is 18th-19th.

See ya soon,

Helpful Tips for Better Boating

Using your Marine Radio.


When on board keep your marine radio on the '*Distress, Safety and Calling*' channel. VHF 16, 27Meg 88. This is good boating practice because you may be the only ship station that picks up an emergency call from another boat that is close to you or has not been heard by any other ship or shore station. You can then relay the emergency message. If near by, you can render assistance and perhaps be the vital link that saves lives.

Use the '*Distress, Safety and Calling*' channel to call your local Marine Rescue Station. You will then be asked to go to a '*Working*' channel. The Duty Operator will advise which one.

Speak slowly and clearly. State the call sign of the station you are calling three times and your own call sign three times. This is to help ensure the coast station knows you are calling them and who you are.

More tips next month.....

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