



Surf Casting & Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.)
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George Holman

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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:- The monthly general meeting is usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm. All members should endeavour to attend the meeting so as to keep up with club matters.

DRYCASTING:- Competitions are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Instruction is available to all new and existing members who want to learn and maintain the standard of their casting.

FIELD DAYS:- Are normally on the weekend following the General meeting. It is compulsory for safety reasons for anglers to attend both the sign on and the weigh in. Anglers who cannot attend the sign on for work or other unavoidable reasons may make prior arrangements for a late sign on.

ENTRIES:- for Game fish badges, Club records, and Open fishing competitions must be lodged with the Recorder within 30 days of capture, using the approved club forms.

MEMBERS:- Please notify the Secretary of any change of address, email or phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP:- If any member intends to resign from the club, a letter of resignation should be sent to the Secretary. Membership fees must be paid to the Treasurer, become due on 1st May each year, and must be paid in full by the 31st July.

CLUB'S CONSTITUTION and COMPETITION RULES:- cover all the rules under which the club and the members operate. Contact the Secretary for more information.

LIFE MEMBERS

Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Ric Parker, Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ian Cook.

Surf Casting and Angling Club of W.A. (Inc.) Minutes of General Meeting, 12 September 2001

President Ross Kember led one minute's silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in America.

- Venue:-** Yokine Bowling Club Time 8:05 PM
Present:- 17 senior members, 1 Junior member.
Apologies:- A Jones, M Head, G Holman, D Barber, A Aubrey.
Visitors:- None
New Member:- None
Previous Minutes:- Published in the Reel Talk. No Business. **Moved** J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, these are a true record. Carried.
Previous Committee:- Business arising. A membership committee has been formed. Every member is asked to bring at least one interested visitor to a club function each year.
Correspondence Out:- Frank Prokop - Recfishwest - copy of Reel Talk
Marshall Martin, ABC compere of "Hook Line and Sinker" Radio program - copy of Reel Talk.
Correspondence In:- AAA Delegate's Council Minutes, and AAA AGM minutes
Recfish Australia, April - August newsletter.
CALM - reply on Jurien Bay and Capes Marine Parks.
Tina Ross - offer of \$200 find fee for real estate sales.
Moved J Strong, seconded P Stoeckel, correspondence be accepted: Carried
Treasurer's Report:- Some unrepresented cheques will affect the balance. Accounts for payment:-
Jiffy Print \$115.20
Social Organiser Float \$200.00
Yokine Bowling Club \$50.00
Western Power \$90.75
Shire of Northampton Rates \$492.05
Moved J Strong, seconded C Riegert, that accounts for payment be passed. Carried.
Property Officer:- Bookings for Kalbarri are quiet as usual for this time of the year.
Field Day Officer:- Ian Cook standing in gave details of August Rottnest and Wedge Island Field Days, as in Reel Talk.
Dry Casting Officer:- Brief details of the September dry casting were given. Details in Reel Talk.
Reel Talk Terry Fuller asked for articles, photos, tips etc for the Reel Talk. We don't have a sponsor for the "best article" but you'll still get the recognition.
AAA Report:- Change of date and venue for the Estuary Championship to 24/25 November at Peel Inlet. Club should field a team - several people said they were interested.
Recorder:- I Cook needs some entries !.
Social Organiser:- Bob Henderson reported on the recent meeting. Rules for the meeting "chocolate" wheel will change - club is losing money on this.
Events being planned car rally, bowling night, night cast, Mandurah 500, 50th anniversary and annual dinner, dance and trophy night at the Yokine Bowling Club.
Western Angler will run a 1-2 page article on the club and 50th in the Jan/Feb issue.
Raffle to be organised. Some suggestions received for the ticket price and prizes.
Notices of Motion:- None.
General Business:- Survey and Information gathering sheet to be run in a future Reel Talk.
Members asked for a demo by Chas Riegert of the differences between rod guides at the next meeting.
C Riegert advised of the Safari to Exmouth May 2002. Accommodation has been arranged for 22 people. Still places available - names needed and deposits will be called for in 1-2 months.
Instruction Period:- Chas Riegert on how to get to S Bend.
Bob Henderson on accommodation.
Damian D'Mello on where to fish.
Peter Stoeckel, the Sunday Barbecue.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Coming Events.

October General Meeting.

Where:- Yokine Bowling Club, 10 Wordsworth Avenue, Yokine.
When:- Wednesday, 10 October 2001, 8:00 pm.
Instruction Period:- Chas Riegert will show the advantages of the right type of rod guides.

October Dry Casting:-

When:- 7 October 2001, 8:30 am start.
Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue, about 400 metres from Alexander Drive.
Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy.

October Field Day.

Where:- "S Bend", around 37 km north of Dongara.
When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday Long Weekend, 29/30th September / 1st October.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 at the entrance to the S-Bend Caravan Park.
Barbecue:- Sunday 12 noon to 2 pm - stop fishing.
Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 at the S-Bend Caravan Park.
Boundaries:- Port Denison to Point Moore, Geraldton.

Tides for Geraldton.

Saturday 29th Sep	0.77m at 12:22 am	0.94m at 7:54 am	0.57m at 3:10 pm	0.81m at 9:30 pm
Sunday 30th Sep	0.73m at 2:00 am	0.95m at 8:57 am	0.58m at 3:30 pm	0.84m at 9:50 pm
Monday 1st Oct	0.69m at 3:03 am	0.94m at 9:45 am	0.59m at 3:54 pm	0.87m at 10:16 pm

Moon Phase:- Full Moon on Tuesday 2nd Oct
Sunrise:- Around 6:00 am Sunset:- Around 6:15 pm

Local Field Day for October.

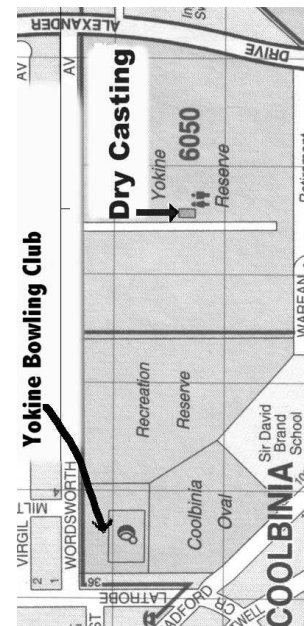
When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday Long Weekend, 29/30th September / 1st October.
Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 13:00
Weigh in:- Monday 11:00 at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.
Boundaries:- ASI Groyne to Mindarie Keys, excluding the Swan River.

Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 29th Sep	0.84m at 7:50 am	0.49m at 3:27 pm	0.68m at 9:59 pm	
Sunday 30th Sep	0.63m at 1:15 am	0.84m at 8:27 am	0.50m at 3:41 pm	0.70m at 9:58 pm
Monday 1st Oct	0.59m at 2:07 am	0.83m at 9:01 am	0.52m at 3:50 pm	0.72m at 9:59 pm

November Field Day.

Where:- Cervantes/Jurien
When:- Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001.
Sign On:- Saturday 12:00 at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at the Shell Garage in Cervantes.
Boundaries:- Cervantes to Sandy Point (North of Jurien). To be confirmed.



Tides for Jurien.

Saturday 17th Nov 0.34m at 7:12 am 1.04m at 9:43 pm
Sunday 18th Nov 0.34m at 7:57 am 1.01m at 9:57 pm
Moon Phase:- New Moon on Thursday 15th November.
Sunrise:- Around 5:10 am Sunset:- Around 6:55 pm

Local Field Day for November.

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Sign On:- At the General Meeting or to the FDO by 18:00 Friday.
Lines Down:- Saturday 13:00
Weigh in:- Sunday 11:00 at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No Money = no points. Results to be phoned to Field Day Officer by 20:00 hrs that night.
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Tides for Fremantle.

Saturday 17th Nov 0.32m at 7:30 am 1.00m at 9:36 pm
Sunday 18th Nov 0.33m at 8:12 am 0.98m at 10:00 pm

Surfcasters Wedge Island Field Day - 15/16 September 2001.

With our gear loaded into Pete Brightman' s Landcruiser, the rods stowed on the roof, Dan ensconced on the swags in the back, we grabbed the maps and headed off to Wedge. It was early on Saturday morning with a few clouds and scattered showers around as we drove up the road to Lancelin. From there it was a simple drive along the designated tracks through the dune fields and we followed the directions on the map taking the long road around rather than the coastal track.

In all it was a pleasant scenic drive punctuated with one nasty boggy section and a rather bewildering array of tracks crossing the dune fields out the back of Wedge. From the elevated point on top of the dunes there was a glorious vista of the bay and island in front of us and it was a simple matter to follow the most worn path until we came to the squatter shacks and then onto the beach. We had stopped on the way and let some air out of the tyres in preparation for the soft sand but the beaches and dunes were firm and the driving relatively easy.

The scene on the beach was not as encouraging as the long distance view as there was weed on the beach as far as the eye could see. There was a nice bit of surf rolling in and a light wind from the north-west but this was spoilt by heavy weed contamination with many breaks roiling with dark clumps and the gutters looking like thick vegetable soup. Tony was parked out on the sand point when we pulled up to chat. He sadly confirmed our suspicion that the dreaded weed was everywhere.

The sandbar went all the way to the island and we got out to have a look about and to stretch our legs. From the cliffs we could see huge Buff Bream milling in the clear reef holes and best of all there was no significant weed evident. The water was clean and clear and we chalked this down as a possibility for the early morning. Then down to South Rocks for a quick recce and although there were some great looking shallow gutters, the weed was thicker than ever.

So back to the point for the sign-on. Seven adults and 2 kids were there. Tony D' Alonzo, Pete Brightman, Ian Parker, Andy Thorgersen, Terry Willison, Peter Stoeckel and his two boys Daniel and Andrew with Ian Pilton and Damian D' Mello booked as late arrivals. The formalities over we headed north up the beach looking for some clear water.

There was little encouragement although there were one or two small patches of clear water but these already had other groups in residence. So onwards and northwards we went over the dunes and followed the rocky track towards Grey. We checked out most of the tracks to the beach with the usual disappointment. In some areas the weed was in banks over a meter deep. Some stretches were deceptive with the water seeming clear until a wave broke and stirred up the bottom layers with choking sand and weed.

It was almost 2 pm before we had decided to head back and fish the north point. The low tide allowed us access to the edge of the reef and we hoped to fish the outer gutter into clear water. But this was not possible and after an hour of weed-infested frustration we regrouped to plan the next option.

Back we went to the next point south where remarkably it was clear of weed and the previous group had left. This looked the best option so far so we decided to go for broke and set up here for the night. The gutter on the south end of the rocks looked deep and fishy and the rocks were exposed enough to allow wading out to the edge. Even the outer gutter looked good and was free of weed. Damian arrived to find us still fishless but ever hopeful. As night fell we rigged up the bigger rods and waited. Apart from reeling in every few minutes to clear the weed from the lines there was little activity. We tried small baits, big baits, casting out far and in close. Nothing. Not even some encouraging nibbles.

Suddenly the night was rent with whoops of delight. Dan was into a fish. We gathered round in the glare of the torch beams to admire the first fish of the trip. A herring. After 8 hours of fishing things were looking up!

Not to be outdone Pete was soon into a sizeable denizen. He had struck into something solid after a fiddling take and his reel screeched in protest. But again the delight was short-lived with a break in the leader suggesting a toothy critter. But despite our best efforts that was it for the night. Tailor fillets, mullet baits, mulies and prawns were all ignored and I must admit I eventually headed off to bed a trifle despondent.

The dawn light on Sunday was a delight and although I was late out of the sack it was a beautiful morning. Damo had been fishing hard since very early having left Kim asleep in the back of the ute. And apart from a brisk take on the first cast of the morning there was still no life in the water. Time for another move and we packed and headed for the island. The tide was in and the water looked fantastic. The birds on the island were not pleased with our intrusion into their peaceful lives and dive-bombed us as we stood looking over the south point. No way down but some promising water beckoned. Pete and I waded out on the seaward reefs around to the point and there flicked mulies into the deep hole. I expected a strike at any minute but frustratingly there was almost no action, even the pickers seemed quiet.

Walking back eventually to dry off I flicked lures out into the water more in hope than with any plan. It was after 8.00 am with less than 3 hours to go and I had not even landed a fish. Then my luck changed. A herring struck at a large raider pelted out into a sandy reef hole. Amazingly it hit way out at the start of the retrieve yet stayed connected all the way back. I had a fish. All was not lost. Getting to the north point of the island I saw that Damo had also managed a few herring. Spinning in the area elicited a flashing swirl behind the lure and the next cast I connected. Tailor! Nice fish too of about a kilo. This raised the spirits immensely and when there was a strike at the next cast I thought we were about to get lucky. But no more fish were seen. Thinking the tailor may be feeding up current I headed back out onto the reef wading waist deep and spinning the deep water.

When a herring hit the lure, splashed around and came off but continued jumping with some threatening swirls following in its wake, I knew I had found the tailor. Action was fast initially but I struggled to land the fish while standing in the deep water and I lost 3 fish as my excitement and frustration peaked. Eventually I had 6 fish in the bag and changed to a baitcast mulie to try for a few more. But apart from one last fish this was all I was going to enjoy. With time running late I headed back a lot happier than before.

The weigh in was a speedy affair. "All those not weighing in put up your hands" yielded a total of 8 no catches. Despite his protests Pete Stoeckel was not allowed to have his 20 kg of catch and release weedfish recognised. Damian had a mixed bag of some small tarwhine, herring, a nice tailor and a skipper. I had 7 tailor, a herring and a wrasse. Tony managed a better bag with 8 small tailor, a small tarwhine, 2 soapy mulloway and a few herring. Not a particularly rich haul despite the reported potential of the spot. The enemies of fishing Wedge Island are the weed and the wind. While there was not any significant wind but we certainly made up for it with weed. But it appeared as if most had had a good time despite the poor fishing conditions. Considering that Ian Taggart fished local and managed to land 3 tailor to 1.15 kg seems to sum it up quite well.

So we left weedy Wedge Island for another day. The drive out was punctuated with some unplanned diversions (to see the wildflowers) but we got to Lancelin in the end. The scenery was beautiful, the weather delightful and the company a pleasure. Pity that the fishing was not all that grand, but that is part of this game. We can all now look forward to the next field day with even greater anticipation.

John Jardine Field Day Officer.

Attendance: Seniors 8 Juniors 0 Mini-Juniors 2 Visitors 0 Total 10

Angler	Total Weight	No of Species	No of fish	Total Points
Tony D' Alonzo	8.50 kg	4	15	175
John Jardine	5.45 kg	3	9	135
Damian D'Mello,	1.75 kg	3	8	98
Eric Parker	0 kg	0	0	50
Terry Willison	0 kg	0	0	50
Andy Thorgersen	0 kg	0	0	50
Peter Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	50
Ian Taggart	2.80 kg	1	3	48
Peter Brightman	0 kg	0	0	40
Ian Pilton	0 kg	0	0	40
Andrew Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40
Daniel Stoeckel	0 kg	0	0	40

Sportsperson Of The Year Sections.

Best Scale Fish	Tony D' Alonzo	Mulloway	1.85 kg
Best Bag of Scale fish	Tony D' Alonzo	Mixed	8.50 kg

Field Day Sections up to September (no change).

Section	For	Angler	Species	Weight.
1a.	Best Scale Fish (1st 6 Months)	Reigert, Chas	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
1b.	Best Scale Fish (2nd 6 Months)			
2.	Most Meritorious Fish	Committee decides		
3.	Best Shark (4.5 kg min)	No entry		
4.	Best Mulloway (2.0 kg min)	No entry		
5.	Best Tailor (1.0 kg min)	D' Alonzo, Tony	Tailor	2.15 kg
6.	Best Salmon (3.0 kg min)	D' Alonzo, Tony	Salmon	3.6 kg
7.	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	D' Alonzo, Tony	Trevally, Skipjack	0.85 kg
8.	Best Mackerel (2 kg Min)	No entry		
9.	Best Scale Fish (Other than above)	Reigert, Chas	Yellowtail Kingfish	6.85 kg
10.	Best Bag Of Scale Fish	D' Alonzo, Tony	Mixed	22.5 kg
11.	Best Bag Of Mulloway (2 Fish min)	No entry		
12.	Best Bag Of Tailor (2 Fish min)	D' Mello, Damian	Tailor	6.9 kg
13.	Best Fish On Single Handed Rod (4kg Line max)	No entry		
14.	Best Fish Caught On Fly Rod	No entry		

Top Ten up to September

	Angler	Total Points		Angler	Total Points
1	D' Alonzo, Tony	1186.05	6	Taggart, Ian	283.5
2	Jardine, John	817.25	7	Black, Ken	230.5
3	D' Mello, Damian	550.5	8	Farnay, Mark	224.5
4	Woodford, Andy	314	9	Booth, Peter	193
5	Cook, Ian	307	10	Holman, George	191.5

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Dry Casting Report - 9 September 2001.

Bloody rain! It pelted down as we set up the casting arenas. Still, prospects of a tail wind looked good and I could see a break in the weather looming up within the next hour or so. The rain backed off to a bit of drizzle, but the wind couldn't make up its mind which way to blow.

Twelve brave souls and a couple of mini juniors turned up to have a go, and with Terry's and Mal's assistance we got through the day.

I had to stifle a laugh when Mal asked if the club had mineral exploration rights on the Oval. The sinkers and the plastic tubing were burying a good 20 cm and the only way was to follow the line and dig like hell.

Chas Riegert put down some great casts to win the 112 gram and 56 gram events. Conditions were quite tricky due to the swirling winds so it was a good effort. "Roy the Boy" again showed his class by winning the double handed event and was the overall winner of the Day.

Yours truly displayed sheer brilliance by trouncing all in the single handed event. (and he equaled the single handed record - but he already shares it - Editor.)

It was great see "Big Willo" and Mat put in some good casting. Unfortunately both have not been very enthusiastic towards their casting lately, and have now had a change of heart and some knot practice, so I hope to see their competitive nature back in full swing from now on.

A special well done to Kade, Rhys and Emily for their efforts on the day. The sausage sizzle cook was perfect.

Keep it straight and long.

Hendo

<p><u>Special Request</u></p> <p>Would all drycasters please wear club shirts at monthly casting days.</p> <p>Hendo.</p>

Next Dry Casting Date:- 7 October 2001, 8:30 am start.

**Events:- 112 gram distance, Artificial Bait distance,
Double Handed accuracy, Single Handed accuracy.**

State Drycasting - Yokine Reserve, Sunday 28th October.

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It's called "Dry" Casting, but....

Special thanks must go to Bob Henderson and Terry Willison. As if just setting up wouldn't be hard enough, somehow the lane marker ropes had got tangled and stretched and they had lots of problems getting them right - all in the wind and pouring rain, before most people arrived.

Bob had some wet weather gear on, but still got very wet and cold and had to change into spare clothes. He was still cold, but soldiered on running the show. Willo was in his rain jacket and shorts ! Says he doesn't feel the cold !

Thanks guys. Summer's coming.

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Wanted.

Aluminium cans. Please bring them along to the meeting and give them to Mal Head. Mal saves them up and takes them to the recyclers when he has enough, and donates all the proceeds to the Club.

Seniors.	112 gram			56 gram			Double Handed Accuracy	Single Handed Accuracy	Day Total
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total			
Terry Willison	135	153	29	117	117	23	62	26	140
Gary Gildersleeves	145	142	29	136	134	27	118	15	189
Mat Sneddon	135	144	28	110	0	11	65	9	113
Chas Riegert	167	166	33	133	148	28	57	14	132
Nick Allsworth	150	161	31	0	150	15	92	9	147

Veterans.

Alan Jones	126	0	13	0	0	0	84	25	122
Jim Strong	77	90	17	65	52	12	108	9	146
Trevor Stam	105	95	20	0	94	9	75	20	124
Roy Killick	139	138	28	125	122	25	142	26	221
Terry Fuller	128	131	26	0	124	12	124	11	173
Mal Head	0	0	0	109	0	11	130	12	153
Bob Henderson	146	145	29	120	116	24	107	36	196

Juniors.

Kade Ross	114	0	11	0	112	11	58	20	100
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Mini Juniors.

Rhys Jones	87	90	18	86	88	17	89	4	128
Emily Woodford	68	55	12	58	66	12	34	7	65

112 gram winner	Chas Riegert	33
56 gram winner	Chas Riegert	28
Double Handed Accuracy winner	Roy Killick	142
Single Handed Accuracy winner	Bob Henderson	36
Winner of the Day	Roy Killick	221
Junior winner	Kade Ross	100
Mini Junior winner	Rhys Jones	128

Wanted - Team Members for State Estuary Championships - November 24/25.

The AAA State Estuary Championships will be held at the Peel Inlet, Mandurah on Saturday/Sunday November 24th/25th. The date/venue has just been brought forward from 2002.

The Surfcasters should support the AAA and be represented.

It's only around 100 km from Perth, that's under 1½ hours easy driving. Fishing can be from shore or boats. We should have more details by the next General Meeting.

Please contact Bob Henderson 9451 6341 or Peter Stoeckel 9248 5748 if you are interested in going. Names will also be collected at the October General meeting.

AAA Report.

The AAA Annual General Meeting and election of Officers was held on 21 August. No one volunteered to be President. George Holman was elected Senior Vice President and will do the job of President until or if someone else wants the job.

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Membership Coordinator.

Derry Barber has been appointed Membership Coordinator, and has some ideas to help with getting and keeping new members.

Derry had a week off fishing in Hopetoun, but now is snowed under with his job, so no doubt will report when he can get some time.

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Social Report.

Under the current rules for the "chocolate" wheel at General Meetings, the Club has been losing money. Even though the long term odds are in the Club's favour when all the numbers are sold, in the short term, and when all the tickets don't get sold, there's a good chance of the Club losing money. And that's what's happening. Only twelve draws a year mean the long term odds don't mean much.

New rules will apply from the next meeting. These will be decided at the September Committee meeting (not yet held at the time of preparing this Reel Talk.)

Hendo.
Social Organiser.

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Club Web Site.

The Club Web site is at <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au> We hope this will get the Club some exposure and attract some new members. The Club has a lot to offer - but it needs to be put together and publicised.

There's a lot more that can be done. If you have ideas for anything else, please let me know.

We need more photos of fishing, drycasting, fishing type scenery, rigs and gear with a description of what they show, where they are etc, but we don't want to give away any real secret spots, because we all know what that can lead to, so the locations given will be very general.

Also need articles, stories, tips, hints, etc. Ideally these should show that the club's activities make it worth becoming a member.

Please tell people you know about the site if you think they would be interested or would tell someone they know.

Terry Fuller, Secretary / Reel Talk Editor / Web Page Editor.

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Surfcasters Message Board.

The Surfcasters message board can be reached from the Club web site. Andy Woodford set this up, and he and Terry Fuller are co-administrators, and can edit or remove messages, etc.

We don't yet have any formal rules for it's use, but hope that common sense will be used. Because it has the Club's name, we shouldn't have anything on it which might reflect against the Club.

It seems to me that a "Message Board" is not quite the same as a "Chat Room". A message board should be used for messages which are, or may be, of interest to several or lots of people. A message for just one

person should really use the phone, email, or whatever. Private information shouldn't be put on - remember that this board can be read by anyone.

Looking at some of the topics and messages on other Forums, it seems that you have to be careful what you say on touchy topics - or you risk having something you said, taken and used to generate a new controversy.

One technique I often use is not to type the message online. I make up the message, and then sit on it for 24 hours and think about it. There's very few situations which must have a reply right away. So many times, I look at my draft and change it a lot to really give the right message. And often, later messages from other people will change what needs to be said.

If you use any info about the Club, use it very carefully, and if you have any doubts, please ask people from the Committee for advice before posting the message.

Terry Fuller

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Jurien Bay and Capes Marine Parks.

The Club has received a reply from Dr Chris Simpson, Marine Conservation Branch, CALM. The following is an edited summary.

"The *Indicative Management Plan for the Proposed Jurien Bay Marine Park* is currently with the Minister for the Environment who will seek the concurrence of the Minister for State Development and the Minister for Forestry and Fisheries before the plan is forwarded to Cabinet and tabled in Parliament. You will be sent a summary of public submissions and a Jurien Bay Marine Park Management Plan when it is formalized.

Significant progress has been made on the marine conservation reserve proposal for the Geographe Bay/Capes/Hardy Inlet area. Mr Neil Taylor 08 9752 1677, has been appointed Community Liaison Officer in Busselton. A community planning advisory committee will be set up, and the first meeting is planned for mid 2002. Advertisements will be placed towards the end of 2001 calling for nominations for membership of this committee. I encourage your members to consider forwarding expressions of interest.

The advisory committee members will be selected on the basis of their knowledge and expertise of the area and not as representatives of particular interest groups. Members should seek outcomes which benefit the whole community rather than representing or protecting the interests of their sector. The committee will consult the wider community through 'sector reference groups' of individuals, clubs and organisations which share the same interests.

I agree it is appropriate for CALM'S Management Plans to be placed on Naturebase. A project to include more marine information and marine reserve management plans will be completed in December 2001. See http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/marine_splash.html"

Capes Marine Park - Where to from here?

Well, members, the proposed Geographe Bay / Cape Naturaliste / Cape Leeuwin / Hardy Inlet Marine conservation reserve proposal has the potential to change how you and the rest of the public can fish in those areas.

The Club fully supports conservation and responsible fishing, and we will not argue with any changes which are needed for the conservation of fish stocks and the environment. But we ask that the process of deciding those changes be open, fair and equitable, and be supported by data which shows that the current arrangements aren't working, and that the proposed changes are really needed and will actually work.

Some of the Jurien Bay Marine Park proposals and the West Coast Recreational Fishing proposals weren't open nor equitable and were not supported by such data, or seemed to neglect some really important facts. We hope that the authorities have learned from the public reaction to those, and will do the Capes exercise properly.

Unfortunately, looking at the June issue of "Marine Conservation Newsletter", CALM write of "widely consulting the community", which is true. However, what is missing is that we can't get a summary of what comments were made by the public, nor what changes (if any) have been made because of that feedback, because the revised proposal is secret until it is tabled in Parliament. That's not a very open process - why can't the public at least have a summary of all comments so we can see what is supported or not?.

The Capes advisory committee will be looking for people who have, or can get access to, knowledge and expertise about the Capes area. You members, collectively, have a great amount of knowledge which will help produce good proposals, but might also be needed to argue against some proposals which aren't really necessary, or give alternatives which will really achieve what should be achieved.

So get prepared to read and discuss the stuff and provide the information and comments to your representatives, whoever they turn out to be.

If you don't speak up or get involved, you can't complain if or when you find that you're pushed out of some of your favourite fishing areas. Well, if you do complain, it should be to yourself.

Terry Fuller.

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Written Cautions.

An item from the June 2001 "Marine Conservation Newsletter".

Compliance with regulations, notices and zoning plans is a critical strategy in managing marine conservation reserves to ensure their conservation, protection of visitor rights and continuing community support. Community education and public participation in reserve management provide the most effective way to ensure the majority of visitors understand and comply with the regulations governing our marine reserves.

However, there are always a few park visitors who have little or no regard for either the environment or for other users' rights. These visitors require a different approach.

Marine and Coastal District has recently introduced a system of caution notices that apply to a range of recreational and commercial activities in the metropolitan marine parks. Each notice has multiple copies so that a person who receives a verbal caution also receives a notice as a record of the infringement. A copy is retained by CALM, with the details of the person and the offence committed subsequently entered into a database for future reference. The caution system will be integrated with a more formal infringement system to be developed by CALM once the integrated CALM Act regulations are in place.

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Vic Davis.

Life member Vic Davis passed away aged 80 on 12 September. Vic had been living in retirement at Jurien Bay for some time.

Vic Davis was a foundation member of the Surfcasting & Angling Association of W.A., the forerunner of the SCAC, when that club was formed.

Looking back through old Reel Talks, Vic's name appears often. In 1991 he sent a letter, giving news of an fatal accident to another original member. He said how much he appreciated and enjoyed reading news of the "grand old sport" through getting the Reel Talk, and how most of his really good mates had been met through the club. He gave these thoughts:-

"Young members joining the club may think that they may finish up with a bit of advice and a few good trips, but there are more treasures which extend over a lifetime:- good mates."

His funeral was on Sept 19th at Karakatta.

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Pilchard Fisheries Updates.

WA Fisheries Minister Kim Chance decided on 29/6/01 to allow commercial fishing in the South Coast Pilchard Fishery in the 2001-2002 fishing season.

This would allow for strictly monitored and limited commercial fishing in the Albany and Bremer Bay zones where stocks are still recovering from the pilchard deaths. In these areas the amount that could be taken would be severely restricted and all fishing would be supervised by Fisheries WA scientists.

For the first six months of the season, commercial operators in Albany will share a ' maintenance' catch of 100 tonnes and those in Bremer Bay will share a catch of 200 tonnes. Fishermen in the Esperance zone, where stocks are higher, will share an annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 1,130 tonnes.

The TAC in Albany and Bremer Bay could be increased if ongoing research and risk analysis by Fisheries WA showed the long-term sustainability of the pilchard stocks would not be exposed to unreasonable risk. Commercial fishing could be cut before the TACs are reached if results of research indicated undue risks to the fishery.

The Minister accepted the need to maintain a viable commercial fishery but stressed the ongoing biological sustainability of the pilchard fishery was the first priority.

South Australian pilchard stocks are also bouncing back. A recommendation to the SA Government is to increase the annual quota from 9,000 to 17,000 tonnes. SA research scientists say it' s a very robust fishery and coming back strongly.

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For Rent.

Club house in Kalbarri. The house is situated close to the river, beaches and town. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max), has reverse cycle air conditioning and ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months. It has a radio and television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, fridge and freezer. Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah.

Rates are:-

Public:-	Off season	\$210 per week,	On season	\$350 per week }
Club Members:-	Off season	\$150 per week,	On Season	\$200 per week } all plus \$50 bond.
Club Members:-	Short term	\$45 for one night, \$40 per night for two or more nights }		

For bookings and further information, contact the Club' s Property Officer, Rob Mitchell on (08) 9244 4900 business hours or (08) 9248 8164 after hours.

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Tailor Snippets.

Did you know that the number of eggs produced by female tailor is related to their size. A 50 cm female produces about 900,000 eggs, while a 60cm female produces about 1,100,000 eggs per year. So it' s worth putting the big ones back.

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*The world record tailor was caught in America in 1972 and weighed in at a shade under 15 kilos -now that's a **big** tailor.*

A two kilo tailor is about four years old.

A three kilo tailor is about five years old.

A five kilo tailor is about seven years old.

A seven kilo tailor is about ten years old.

An eight kilo tailor is about thirteen years old.

Normal life expectancy is about nine years.

How old would that one be?

Andy Woodford.

Monte's Magic.

Piscatorial paradise:- that' s where I' ve just spent a superb week or so.

We left Perth is a Friday afternoon and after an extended stop or two, we arrived in the sleepy little town of Onslow, about 1400 kilometres north of Perth, about 6:30 am on Saturday morning. Travelling up in a personal minibus, as we did, certainly brings a group together, and the comradery of this trip certainly won' t be forgotten.

Our home for the week, "Warrior Princess IV" wasn' t going to dock until 3 pm that afternoon. Killing time in Onslow isn' t an easy thing to do and the day progressed slowly until the boat docked.

Anticipation mingled with excitement as we boarded the boat and set off for the eight hour journey to the Montebello Islands. The evening started off calmly, but as the night progressed, so did the wind and the seas. I wasn' t the only one to be glad to arrive at our mooring in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The Montebello Islands, (over 100 of them) are located about 80 nautical miles off the north-west coast and gained fame (or should that be infamy?) in the early 1950s when the British Government decided to test their atomic arsenal in the remotest place they could find.

As the day dawned, the easterly of the night before strengthened and after breakfast (bacon, eggs, toast, cereal, etc) every morning we soon realised that a day fishing offshore behind the main reef line (not unlike that of Ningaloo) was all but impossible. Instead a couple of the group decided to stay on board the boat and relax (after all we did have three ladies in our party of eight), while a few of the others headed off to a nearby island to catch mud crabs.

I decided to take one of the two 15 foot dinghies and headed off to another nearby island. Having never been in a situation like that before, I did not know what to expect. I threw lures around some of the rocky headlands. After catching a small coral trout on a popper, I realised that things on the lure front were going to be slow.

A switch over to bait turned on the action a little bit and the next hour or so provided some memorable fish including a 5 kg spangled emperor. About lunchtime the easterly died off and we headed offshore for a bit of trolling and bottom bouncing. The afternoon yielded spaniards, shark mackerel, trevally, various emperors, Rankin cod, etc and the fish of the day - a 6 or 7 kg coral trout.

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Mat and Spangled Emperor.

The next morning, the easterly was even stronger so we headed off to ground Zero on Hermite Island to have a look at the spot (one of three) where they let the bomb go off. The morning proved interesting and a great experience. That afternoon the wind died off, the trend for the week, and we trolled around the reef break and landed shark mackerel and had a four way hook up on big barracuda.

We then headed off to Tryal Rocks, scene of a major shipping disaster in 1619, where mackerel over 30 kg are not uncommon. Nothing much happened so we headed off to our own mooring, settled in paradise.

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Mat and barracuda.

That night a good mate and I decided to hold our own 'shark competition' and very early the following morning her rod and bait went off. We were using whole shark mackerel and 45 minutes later I helped her release a big bronze whaler of about 65 kg - a pretty good effort on stand up gear, I thought.

That day we headed offshore, even the terrible conditions. It was so rough we had to rope a huge table down so that it would not go flying off the boat. We caught some excellent bottom species and landed more shark mackerel when

trolling. My mate who was running on adrenaline from the morning's shark episode, landed a huge queenfish which provided the change from shark mackerel, trevally and five-star reef fish - tough, eh

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A monster queenfish.

As the evening calmed down we headed home and dined on fresh coral trout, red emperor and mud crabs washed down with ice cold beverages You certainly can't get these views and such magnificent food in any five-star restaurant

We awoke early due to the lighter winds and those on board watched on, as I had won the best days fishing of my life. I went to the Monte's with the sole intention of landing a big trevally on a popper. Today was my opportunity. As I stood on the bow of the "Warrior Princess IV" the skipper Greg edged the boat into the main reef line where I could

throw a popper over the reef. Nasty creatures with big teeth swim over the reefs up there, and within four or five casts I had hooked a different species each cast.

On one cast I watched huge giant trevally hit my lure three times before pulling the hooks. I managed to land a nice trevally before calling it quits. Standing on the bow of a 60 foot boat and throwing lures over six foot of crystal clear water certainly adds a new meaning to "sight fishing".

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As soon as we started trolling it was my turn on the rod and within minutes I landed a sharkie of about 7 kg, followed by various other fish throughout the day. Talk about a red letter day and running on adrenaline.

Mat and trevally.

The next morning we headed home in a rough sea and thought about the week that just passed, and the fact we had only experienced a little of what the Monte's had to offer, certainly an amazing week.

Having never been to locations such as Toolina Cove, Rowley Shoals, Christmas Island, etc etc. (they are all future trips) it is hard to call the Monte's the best fishing place in Western Australia. However land based game fishing, light tackle sports fishing, flats fishing and fly fishing at the Montebello's is on a par with any other destination in WA.

Add the magnificent scenery and wildlife - whales, dolphins, turtles etc etc. and the heritage, and you have paradise. Magnificent.

Mat Sneddon.

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Smells ain't Smells anymore.

What fisherman hasn't had something that smells like it died several days ago. I mean those shoes, that fish bag, that wet towel, or some clothes that got fishy. Reef bags often get on the nose, because the fish smell gets into the seams and brews there - phew !!!

Anyway, there's a simple cure. It's called Napisan. Many years ago, I figured that if it could fix kid's nappies, then it would fix anything which can be washed in water - and it does.

Just get a bucket, enough hot water to cover the item, and mix in some Napisan. Soak the item for a day or more if it's really smelly, giving it a stir every couple of hours, or whenever you remember. Things can be left in for three or four days without the water going yukky, if you put enough Napisan in.

And it's great for all your clothes when you are on fishing holidays.

Rinse well in clean water, hang out to dry - and it's as good as new.

And for that ice box, esky, fridge or freezer with the pongos, clean it, dry it, and wipe it out with vanilla essence - as used in cooking.

Terry Fuller

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Reef Bags.

Personal preference plays a significant role in the final choice of a reef bag, but I would like to highlight an important feature.

When fishing on deeper wave-washed reefs where there is a chance of copping a wave on the chest, there is a possibility of the reef bag quickly filling up with water. Quick draining bags (eg. those with one mesh wall) allow the water to pass through and out. Solid bags and those with small drain holes fill up and act as drogues and may pull you over, or may be so heavy when full of water they hamper your movements and recovery. The solid type bags with small grommets in the bottom doesn't let the water out fast enough. It's hard enough regaining your feet on the reef at the best of times, let alone with 10 - 15 litres of water hung around your neck.

Furthermore the solid bags allow your gear inside the bag to float around and gear may be lost. In the open walled versions, the current passes through and down and in fact the current flow tends to keep fish and tackle boxes in the bag.

Having watched some folk struggling on the reefs at Rotto on the last Field Day brought this into clear focus.

Andy's favourite reef bag now has solid sides, but a totally mesh bottom. The other benefit of the mesh bags is that if you're using them to hold your catch, they sweat a lot less, keeping your fish in better condition.

On the negative side, It was felt that mesh bags drained so well they tended to act as berley bags, and can attract wobbecong sharks or stingrays to your feet or immediate vicinity. But this will probably happen with all bags that have some form of draining holes, since they are attracted to the blood and bait smells that come from the bag.

Andy says the wobbies that he's encountered on the reef have never been a problem. They have never bitten or even attempted to bite. He had one sit on his feet for ten minutes or more at Kalbarri once, only moving when he had to step forward to maintain his balance. They just like to hang around and collect any bait scraps that you discard. A bump on the snout with your rod butt will usually move any that get a bit too friendly.

From John Jardine and Andy Woodford.

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2001/2002 Field Days.

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 29/30 September / 1 October 2001 Long Weekend.
Saturday/Sunday 17/18 November 2001
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 December 2001
Saturday/Sunday 12/13 January 2002
Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February 2002
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2/3/4 March 2002 Long Weekend
Saturday/Sunday/Monday 30/31 March / 1 April 2002 Easter Long Weekend

S Bend.
Cervantes/Jurien.
Local Perth Metro Area.
Preston/Myalup.
Garden Island.
Bluff Creek.
Wago.

2001/2002 Dry Casting.

Sunday 7 October 2001
Sunday 28 October 2001 A.A.A State Dry Casting Championships
Sunday 4 November 2001
Sunday 2 December 2001
Sunday 6 January 2002
Sunday 3 February 2002
Sunday 10 March 2002
Sunday 7 April 2002

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2001/2002 General Meetings.

Wednesday 10 October 2001, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 14 November 2001, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 12 December 2002, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 9 January 2001, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 13 February 2002, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 13 March 2002, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club
Wednesday 10 April 2002, 8:00pm	Yokine Bowling Club

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Show them that their support is worthwhile by buying your gear and getting your services from our trophy donors and advertisers. Let them know that you are a member of the Surf Casting and Angling Club when you go to them.

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Gary Shugg, The Complete Fisherman, Nedlands.	Crackel For Tackle, Perth.	
Joe Pulella's Fishing Tackle, North Perth.	Ron McPhee, Ozflex.	Julie & Ross Kember.
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We haven't yet approached companies about donations for our current 2001/2002 year. Club donors so far are:-

George Holman - rod trophy not allocated last year.

Derry Barber - money not used last year.

Terry Fuller - money not all used last year.

If any names have been missed, please contact the Reel Talk Editor.

Reel Talk.

This and future Reel Talks (minus the Preprinted yellow cover sheet) are available as Microsoft Word 97 documents and can be sent to your email address.

Still need more articles, tips, hints etc. Also need some different names on the bottom of the articles, please.

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AAA Coming Events.

This info is taken from the AAA report. Some details are sketchy, and it's believed some changes are planned. Check for updates in later Reel Talks.

October 6/7, 2001 OSAC Beach Field Day Go anywhere.
October 13/14, 2001 MAAC - Club Competition.
October 14, 2001 Rockingham OFC - Field Day.
October 28, 2001 AAA State Dry Casting Championships, Yokine Reserve from 8:00 am.

November 10/11, 2001 MAAC - Club Competition.
November 18, 2001 Rockingham OFC - Field Day.
November 24/25 2001 AAA State Estuary Championships, Peel Inlet.

December 8/9, 2001 MAAC - Club Competition.
December 16, 2001 Rockingham OFC - Field Day.

January 26/27, 2002 Mandurah 500

27/28 April 2002 AAA State Boat Angling Championships Marmion AAC.
June LWE 2002 AAA State Beach and Rock Championship Geraldton to Dongara.
November 2002 AAA State Estuary Championships Peel Inlet.
27 October 2002 AAA State Dry Casting Championships Yokine Reserve.
March 2003 AAA State Boat Angling Championships Lancelin AAC.
LWE March 2003 AAA State Beach and Rock Championship Bremer Bay.

2001/2002 Open Competition.

Cookie needs some entries !!! Someone must have caught some fish ???

Section	For	Minimum weight	
Section 1	Most Meritorious Capture	None	Winner chosen by the Committee, if the Committee considers meritorious enough.
Section 2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	No entry.
Section 3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	No entry.
Section 4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	No entry.
Section 5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	No entry.
Section 6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	No entry.
Section 7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	No entry.
Section 8	Best Fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	No entry.
Section 9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	No entry.
Section 10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	No entry.
Section 11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	No entry.
Section 12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	No entry.
Section 13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	No entry.
Section 14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	No entry.
Section 15	Best Scale fish other than sections 3 to 14	2.0 kg	No entry.
Section 16	Best Fish caught on Fly Rod.	Legal size	No entry.

Seaducer Lure Fishing Competition.

Chris Scobles has again been willing to support this competition and will be providing the prizes.

Heaviest Tailor No entry.
Heaviest Salmon No entry.
Heaviest Scale Fish No entry.

Happy Birthdays to:-

Rhys Jones, 23rd September, **Kelly Saueracker**, 4th October, **Daniel Stoeckel**, 9th October.

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50th Anniversary.

The Surf Casting and Angling Club celebrates 50 years as a fishing club in June 2002, and will be inviting past members to join us.

We plan to hold our 50th anniversary celebration in conjunction with our annual dinner, dance and presentation of trophies in June 2002.

Planning for the night has started. Bob Henderson has contacted some newspapers and magazines and will put in notices.

Terry Fuller has been scouring old Reel Talks for names - but some of the addresses are many years old. Because we are missing many Reel Talks, (see the article calling for back copies), we are also missing many names. Even so, we already have over 470 names - some of which were children at the time.

We plan to go through the current phone book, and see if we can get the current addresses and phone numbers. When the list is a bit more organised, it will be published in Reel Talk to see if members can also help with updates.

If you know of a past member, please contact Terry Fuller.

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Preparing Fish for Cooking.

We've all heard comments like "You can't freeze tailor", "Salmon aren't worth eating", "Eat herring fresh, they're no good after they've been frozen", etc.

Well, while people think that way, then more fish will be released. Perhaps this tip should be a club secret. If too many people get to eat fish prepared this way, there may not be as many fish "caught and released".

But sometimes there is a good reason to freeze a few fish, eg when you're away from home for a while and want to take some fish home for the family. If you have caught and kept a few fish, then it is important they are not wasted, and that you get the best out of them. This way really works, and will improve the taste and texture of any fish.

First of all - look after your fish. Bleed them all as soon as they are caught. Gill and gut them as soon as possible. Keep them cool, and put them on ice as soon as possible. Even icing half an hour sooner while driving back home makes a big difference in any weather. Any fish to be frozen should be packed and frozen as soon as possible.

Thawing frozen fish. Make sure the outside of the pack of fish does not get warm while the inside is still thawing - thawing in the fridge guarantees this but takes a lot longer. The next step can be done once the fillets or the fish can be cut, even if they're still a bit icy.

Cutting up. Either fresh fish or frozen fish. Larger fish:- lay the fish fillet skin side down on a cutting board, and take off slices of fish around 10 -15 mm thick. Trim off any dark flesh and skin. Fillets of smaller fish like herring can be left whole but may be skinned if you like it that way.

The Secret. Put the fish pieces in a container and cover them with milk - full cream milk seems best. Put in the fridge for 12 to 24 hours. When ready to cook, drain off the milk, partly dry the fish pieces using paper towels, and cook the fish your favourite way. Try coated in beaten egg and dipped in flour or breadcrumbs.

When and how to freeze fish for the best results? And what to do with all those juicy fish scraps? - check for the articles in a future Reel Talk.

Terry Fuller.

Exmouth Safari Tips.

It's still a long time to the Exmouth safari in May 2002, but that'll pass quickly. Here are a few tips. More to come before the safari.

Footwear. As some places go, the rocks and reefs around Exmouth are easy.

But they're all uneven, most are sharp, and a lot are covered in green or black algae or slime down near the water's edge. So you need good shoes which won't slip.

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For almost any time you need to go onto rocks or reefs, you will get a great grip with reef boots fitted with steel spikes, as shown in the photo. These ones cost me around \$60 last year and were the best investment in fishing shoes I have ever made. Much better than any other soled shoes for almost any hard surfaces.

The high sides give some support to your ankles, which is important on the rocks and reefs.

They have a block tread which is good on sand, and the steel spikes cut through slime and grip on weed, limestone rocks and reefs, and even on hard granite rocks.

The uppers are made of neoprene type material, with a zip up the inside, and the soles are made of harder rubber. So they can take getting wet and are still very comfortable to wear. Try a size that fits over a pair of thick woollen socks, so that you can wear them in comfort and don't get blisters from rubbing and from any sand which might get in the boots. Good wool socks will be OK when wet, too.

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And when the steel spikes wear down, as they will eventually, you can cut some of the block tread away to expose the spikes, or hang the expense, buy a new pair - they are worth it.

Don't forget the steel spikes when you're wearing them - they definitely DON'T go well on polished timber floors.

Get fit for fishing. Unless you're one of the younger, "feel no pain" brigade, you'll enjoy it much more if you get your body prepared before you go there.

Don't think you can just walk up to a spot and catch fish. Unless you're very lucky, you will have to work for them. You're likely to spend long hours walking around on the rocks casting baits or lures.

Clambering over uneven rocks for hours, or just balancing yourself on them, while casting and winding, hopefully with a fish on, will find out which parts of you aren't ready.

So this tip is in two parts. Get your casting and winding arms ready by casting and winding in lures for sessions of a few hours each. Get your legs and back ready, by standing and walking over uneven ground.

Hey - I've just realised an easy way to do this. You could go fishing a lot in the months before the Exmouth safari. Start soon.

Terry Fuller

Wanted - Back Copies of Reel Talk.

The library copies of Reel Talk have been catalogued, and these are the issues we need to complete the set. We are looking for donations, or can copy yours if you want to keep them. We want to get a list of past members for the 50th - so we need these Reel Talks. And some of those people might have some back copies.

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