

# WEST WIND

Western Districts Angling and Game Fishing Club Inc. meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Western Youth Centre, 79 Marion Road, Cowandilla.

We are trying our best to get the information about the club through to you. Yet, mailing out the printed copy of this newsletter is costing us a lot of time and also money. If you want to be among the first to receive the monthly newsletter, switch to the email distribution by sending me your email address to [schmidtmumm@internode.on.net](mailto:schmidtmumm@internode.on.net)

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## Event Calendar

**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, TUESDAY**  
 General Meeting

**!! POSTPONED !!**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

The Pt Victoria Boat and Shore trip is postponed  
 March or April

**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

AAA Beach and Rock  
 Copper Coast  
 WDAC Aggregate

### TRIP REPORT FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> Cape Jervis Boat and Shore

I am really getting addicted to boat fishing. I admit I was a sceptic at first, with most of my fishing done from the shore. But it's a different kind of challenge and a different kind of thrill. Fishing from the shore you have to know how to "read" a spot, identify gutters, read the rips and currents, spot eddies and then consider the tidal movements and try to "think like a fish" to figure out which kind of fish is sitting in where to have the optimal feeding spot for their particular diet. Each fish has it's preferred feeding ground in this system and if you offer the right bait in the right place, you are likely to hit a fish. So far the theory.

Boat fishing is different, has different challenges and different excitements. The most important two pieces of equipment other than your tackle is the depth sounder or "fish finder" and the GPS. Without this, boat fishing would be (or must have been) quite different to what it is today. If you then consider the tidal water movement, the depth, the type of ground condition at the sea floor and offer the right kind of bait for the fish you wish to catch, it's likely you'll be on. Again so much for the theory as there are other factors like the water temperature or simply the mood the fish are in. The challenge here is much more one of seamanship.

**MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

AAA Presentation Night  
 7 for 7:30pm  
 Glenelg Watermark Restaurant

#### Future Events:

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

AAA Estuary Wallaroo  
 WDAC Aggregate Boat and Shore

**APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

AAA Off Shore Pt. Hughes

**April 8<sup>TH</sup>, Tuesday**

General Meeting

**Trip nominations are invited for 2008.**

Suggestions are  
 Overnight Pt Giles/Edithburgh  
 Trial Run for a Beach and Rock Copper Coast,  
 Blowhole Creek

Bringing the boat in the right position so your line and bait actually get to the spot where the fish are sitting. To do this you have to know the direction of the tidal current, the way the wind blows and where and how to drop your anchor. On top of this you have to have a fairly good understanding of which fish hunt or gather food where and when. If you don't know these basics you might as well drop a line at home in the bathtub and save yourself a lot of trouble. Chances that you catch something are then pretty similar.

Well, so far this hasn't been much of a trip report, but since I am the newsletter editor and author of this article I take the freedom to babble on a bit.

Coming to our recent boats and shore fishing trip to Cape Jervis, I was in the lucky situation to be invited to join Geoff and Jordaine Ellens on their boat (I could now start a ramble about how great a boat this is and what a skilled skipper Jordaine is considering that we all still remember him carrying home the junior trophies with big rosy cheeks not too long ago, but I won't).



They weren't all that big those Snapper

So where do you fish from a boat? To me as a non-boat person, it's pretty much like this: you go out to the middle of nowhere and when you get there you go around in a circle for a bit. Then you turn left just a few meters so you're covered from the wind. The right place usually shows up as a bit of red and green scribble on the fish finder that looks just a tad different to the usual red and green scribble on the fish finder. Once you are there, you simply drop your line overboard and let it run until it goes slack which means that your sinker has hit the bottom. No need to cast to the horizon here, because for one, out in the middle of nowhere the horizon is way too far away and for the other, you cannot be sure if out there has the right kind of red and green scribble. If you did everything right you will soon feel bites, if you did everything really right you will soon feel a big bite, hook up and hold on for good while cranking the reel handle. If you can't crank you're either snagged or hooked up to something more serious. If you're hooked up to a big fish this can become a serious physical exercise where your skills of handling your rod, line and reel are tested.

At the Cape Jervis trip we didn't hook up to too serious opponents, but even a medium sized snapper can have your arm muscles go slack – in which case you stand a

good chance of losing that fish. Jordaine had a good selection of GPS marks to choose from and even though the conditions were a bit wobbly, we managed to bring in a few legal size snapper. We then went trolling for snook for a while but the few fish caught all went back in for at least another year to grow to size.

The next target was to catch whiting. We tried at several spots with moderate success. If rock cod and funny-fish-I-don't-know-the-name-of were better tasting we would have probably bagged out. We (not me) caught three big whiting but it was a "you have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find a prince" kind of fishing.

The end of the day saw us again trolling and hit a small school of feisty salmon trout. I am growing increasingly fond of a light spinning outfit which I brought to use on those salmon trout and they sure hit the lures with gusto.

Back at home base at Geoff's shack in Carrickalinga we all met for the day's weigh in and BBQ and the turn up was impressive. Apart from your's faithful and Geoff and Jordaine, Marlene was there and had fished with Faye and Barry Sweeny and their offspring G. and Courtney Bryne, Greg Wood had turned up and had gone out together with Gary Brown on his boat. Phil had brought son Daniel and his little blue river rocket and had attracted a group of new potential members testing their skills from a boat. We all shared an enjoyable evening at Geoff's place and many a story of "the big one that got away" was told. We went to bed when the night was still young, but Sunday was another day to head out there and chase fish.

A breeze had come up over night and made things a bit more difficult for everyone. We headed out again at about five in the morning but off-shore conditions were too rough for any sensible fishing. In-shore the conditions were a bit calmer but very few fish were caught. Consequently at the weigh in at noon only a few fish were seen, Phil and Gary didn't even consider going out. Good on them for being sensible and responsible!

I am sure everyone will join in when I thank Geoff for his generous hospitality at his place in Carrickalinga. It was a great trip, with an excellent turn up and the comfort of coming back from a day out at sea to a house with a bed, a fridge and a BBQ – how can you beat that?

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#### Fish weighed in Shore

M. Chapman: 6 fish 0.620 kg  
F. Sweeny: sorry, no fish  
C. Bryne: 3 fish 0.425 kg  
C. Bryne jnr.: 2 fish, 0.21 kg  
B. Sweeney: 16 fish, 2.295 kg

#### Boat

G. Ellens: 7 fish, 3.935 kg  
J. Ellens: 9 fish, 2.8 kg  
A. Schmidt Mumm: 8 fish, 3.365kg  
P. Guglielmi: 3 fish, 0.165 kg  
D. Guglielmi: 5 fish, 0.385 kg  
G. Brown: 9 fish 0.66 kg  
G. Wood: 29 fish 2.055 kg

## Upcoming Trips

### MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 AAA Beach and Rock Copper Coast

#### Headquarters: Port Hughes Boat Ramp

Nominations 8:30am  
 Depart 9:30am  
 Fishing: 10:00am-4:00pm  
 Weigh-in 5:00pm  
 Nominated Species: Sweep, Salmon, Flathead

Boundaries: Balgowan Breakwater to Black Rock (14 km north of Wallaroo). Jetties and rock walls are included, but not inside the Wallaroo Marina. Moonta Bay Jetty to Point Hughes (Magazine) excluded. See map below

Low tide: 10:30am  
 High tide: 6:30pm

Please book your own accommodation!



### MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 AAA Presentation Night 7 for 7:30pm

Glenelg Watermark Restaurant

The club has again done exceptionally well in the AAA competitions. We have won an impressive array of first or follow up positions in Men's and Ladies' Teams, Men's Champion, Ladies' Champion, Juniors and Veterans, as well as coming in first at several events. So go and support your club at this years presentation AAA night.

Bookings are essential and must be forwarded to Ian Hoskins by March 7<sup>th</sup>. It's \$23 for the dinner.

The AAA final results are available through this link:  
<http://users.senet.com.au/~anglersa/download/final2007.pdf>

### October 2008 Long Weekend Glenelg River Weekender

watch this spot as details develop. Barry Seidel will provide us with info and updates – it's his idea.

Barry will give us a summary of the development of this trip at the next club meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>!

And I have done some background research too.....after all they say there's Mulloway there!

**A note to our long term members:** We are looking for old notes and minutes "memorabilia" of the club. If you still have a box in the shed with old stuff from the club, we want it! Please contact the Club Secretary Marlene Chapman for details.

**And a note from the editor:** A Newsletter lives on its contributions. So please if you have pictures or a story to tell about your latest fishing trip, send it to me and let us all read about it.

Any news you would like to see in this Newsletter, any suggestions, send them in. Want to share your famous fish recipe – let us all have a bite (please consider copyrights. Going on a social trip? Maybe one of us would like to come along?).

Remember, this is **YOUR** Newsletter, I'm just putting it together and scribble along..