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Alistair McClashan

welcome

Welcome to the September 2015 Quarter addition of the Sunshine Coast Game Fishing Clubs Real Talk Publication.

What an exciting looking format produced by sponsor, Red Livermore from Red Man Designs. Please give Red a call for any of your graphic design needs, his services and workman ship are second to none.

This addition has got some exciting content with Bev Higgins giving us the wife's perspective of their trip to the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Congratulations to Peter Bain, Even Jones, Brent and Barry Higgins in representing the club and taking out second place. Thanks to Albert and Pauline Thredingham for insuring that the HIBT can be possible and as always keeping the SCGFC's name proud.

Furthermore we had an eventful presentation night at Cala Luna, thank you for everyone that could attend. A big congratulations to everyone who received a trophy. In addition, we have a boat report from Troy Proctor on "Dragon Lady" and the usual Charter report by Smithy. Good luck to everyone in the Spring shootout on the 2nd to 5th of October it's going to be a ripper of an event hope to see you all there "Go Get 'Em"

Should you wish to form part of our Reel Talk contributions team, please get in contact with me on **0419 988 665** or **hardus.laubscher@gmail.com**

Regards,

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events

SCGFC TRAILER BOAT MARLIN FISHING DEMO DAY

Saturday 19th September 3.30pm
@ Kawana Waters Hotel

Topics will include setting the pattern, bait rigging, lure rigging, terminal tackle, reading sounders & marking billfish, boat handling, tagging, releasing and angling tips.

SCGFC SPRING SHOOTOUT

2nd-5th October
based from the
Kawana Waters Hotel

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

Tuesday 10th November - 7.30pm
@ Kawana Waters Hotel

president's report



The year it was for the SCGFC 2014/15

WOW! Another year, another QLD title. Congratulations to every member that fished this year throughout Qld as it is always a great privilege to represent you all at the QGFA Annual Awards Night. Big congrats go out to our state winners in the All Ports and special mention must go to **Michael Lassen** (Champ Angler) **Bryce Bartleson** (Champ Junior) & **Jay Graham on Chaos** (Champ Boat). The club certainly has a proud tradition of taking out the top gongs and has done more so than any other club in QLD. From there we had a fun and entertaining night at the club presentation where we celebrated the clubs winners and all had plenty to eat at Cala Luna in Maroochydore. Congrats to every winner, your awards are recognition of your hard work and determination. In fact congrats to every member that has been a part of the 2014/15 season for your contributions both large and small, it all makes a difference.

As always I would like to thank our club sponsors as we are all very appreciative for your assistance throughout the year. Without you we can not provide our members with the award winning club we have. So please everyone, support them and make sure you let them know you are from the SCGFC. Have a look at the back of this mag, or jump on the club website but have a look and do what you can to support them back.

I would also like to thank the committee, both old and new, for your assistance throughout the year and at the events and functions that we host. This year we had our monthly meetings with speakers from all over the place, social events at the Kawana Pub, Family Day at Chambers Island, Comps, (even though one was unable to be run due too consistently bad weather in February), the Xmas party, plus the recent presentation night. Thanks very much as you all assist in making the club the best it can be.

There are more and more people each year to thank for their contributions but we will get to you all over time.

It is great to see the club represented in so many tournaments within Australia and also the world. This year we had Paddy, Paul, Mark & Lachie (Cat a Pult) in Costa Rica for the OWC. Brent, Baz, and Pete representing SCGFC, Evan Jones with his team representing QGFA & Stephen Chow all fishing the HIBT with Albert & Pauline running the event, well almost. Team SCGFC had a great comp and came so close to taking it out but unfortunately due to 7 pounds they came a very respectable 2nd. We had members fishing the Port Douglas Marlin Challenge, Back to Tanga's, MGFC, Hervey Bay, Cairns & GCGFC. You name it the SCGFC is represented and well known.

Keep it up guys as we also have the SEQ Challenge (Albert & Pauline Trophy) which begins with our own October Shootout. Get out there and fish hard.

This should be the first edition to arrive purely by email as we have decided that we will trial this to look at saving some further money to give back to you all for events, comps and improving the club. It will also have the October Shootout details so get your teams together and get out there for some practise. With plenty of discussion already happening we are hoping the weather gods are on our side and we can have a great turnout from our members and other clubs. We will be running a similar format as in the last few years, and aiming to increase the cash prizes to offset a few of the product prizes. There will still be plenty of great prizes for all and as always our junior's fish for free. Encouraging and helping the kid's get a fish is one of the most important and rewarding tasks I enjoy in my position as President. It has been fantastic to see our club take out QGFA Junior two years running and I believe we can hold this in the club for years to come with some talented youngsters around.

Well the new season is well underway and there have been fish caught and I can guarantee there will be another 400 tagged and released this season (here's hoping) so get out there and enjoy what we all love to do so passionately. Share the knowledge and your experiences to encourage us all to fish more, If you are new to the club, then get involved, introduce yourselves and be active. You will learn so much and take away plenty from being a part of this great club we are all so proud of. Remember, great clubs are all about their members and all members should contribute in some way.

Time on water means more fish.... Go Get 'Em Team SCGFC.

BRETT "BARTO" BARTON



club captain.

Firstly congratulations to all our anglers, crews & skippers that celebrated awards at the 2014/15 Presentation Night. It was a very committed effort by the Chaos team and anglers that featured across so many trophy categories. Their dominance across our local waters and Fraser Island grounds has certainly set a challenge for the 15/16 season. I can't wait to see which teams step up to have a serious crack, especially once the fish really start to chew.

While we recognise our winners it is also important that we recognise the collective effort of everyone that fishes, every hour spent on the water, every tag, every capture, every point that adds up to what the Club achieves, the information shared and learning to benefit us all.

Once again the club was represented on the international stage with the Catapult team having an amazing trip to the OWC in Costa Rica in March. More recently the club had anglers compete in the SCGFC, QGFA and Malibu teams at Kona for the HIBT. The Sunny Coast team almost taking the honors in a close finish of just 6.5 points.

This season it's important we make a concentrated effort of fishing SEQ comps, it looks like we will have good support at our Shootout and it's nice to give back. Tournament fishing is one of the greatest part of being in a club, highly enjoyable and an opportunity to fly the

flag with pride. I'm personally pumped to get tournament season underway.

2014/15 was a good year for numbers however a frustrating year based on consistency. Very rarely do we have such a short, concentrated bite followed by long periods of little or no fish. Maybe the higher water temperature and therefore lack of bait was a big contributor. Our total numbers were,

Marlin - Black: 268

Marlin - Blue: 26

Marlin - Striped: 8

Sailfish: 13

Now with the new season under way it's time to sharpen our skills, what better way than to attend our **Trailer Boat Marlin Fishing Demo Day on Saturday 19th September 3.30pm Kawana Waters Hotel.**

For those that have missed them in the past it's a great event with lots of Q&A and hands on learning.

Topics will include setting the pattern, bait rigging, lure rigging, terminal tackle, reading sounders & marking billfish, boat handling, tagging, releasing and angling tips.

Well guys that's a wrap, thanks again to our valued sponsors on board again for the 15/16 season. See you all at the demo day, if not on the water beforehand.

Tight Lines - Brently



treasurer's report



As at 1 September 2015

Significant Transactions since 1st July 2015: (\$200+)

\$7940 in total Received from Memberships
 \$2100 Received for Presentation Night
 \$9287 in sponsorship invoices have recently been sent out
 \$5356 Spent on Trophies etc for Annual Awards so far
 \$2092 Reimbursed to Jay Graham for Food Bill. Cala Luna
 \$2230 Total Cost for QGFA Meeting in Innisfail

Financial Members:

Financial Members: 111 Financial Members. (An increase from 72 last month)

Bank Balances:

- Cheque Account: \$3,674.44
- Investment Account One: \$10,355.78
- Investment Account One: \$20,000.00

Total cash: \$34,030.22

Trade Debtors: \$9,287.79 from Sponsors

Trade Creditors: Nil

Un-presented Cheques: \$550 as per audit. \$500 of this is prize from tournament.
Please get these banked ASAP

Unaudited SCGFC Profit (Loss) 01/07/15 – 01/09/15: \$635.25

Cheers – Jay Graham



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SCGFC ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT



SCGFC Annual Award Winners...

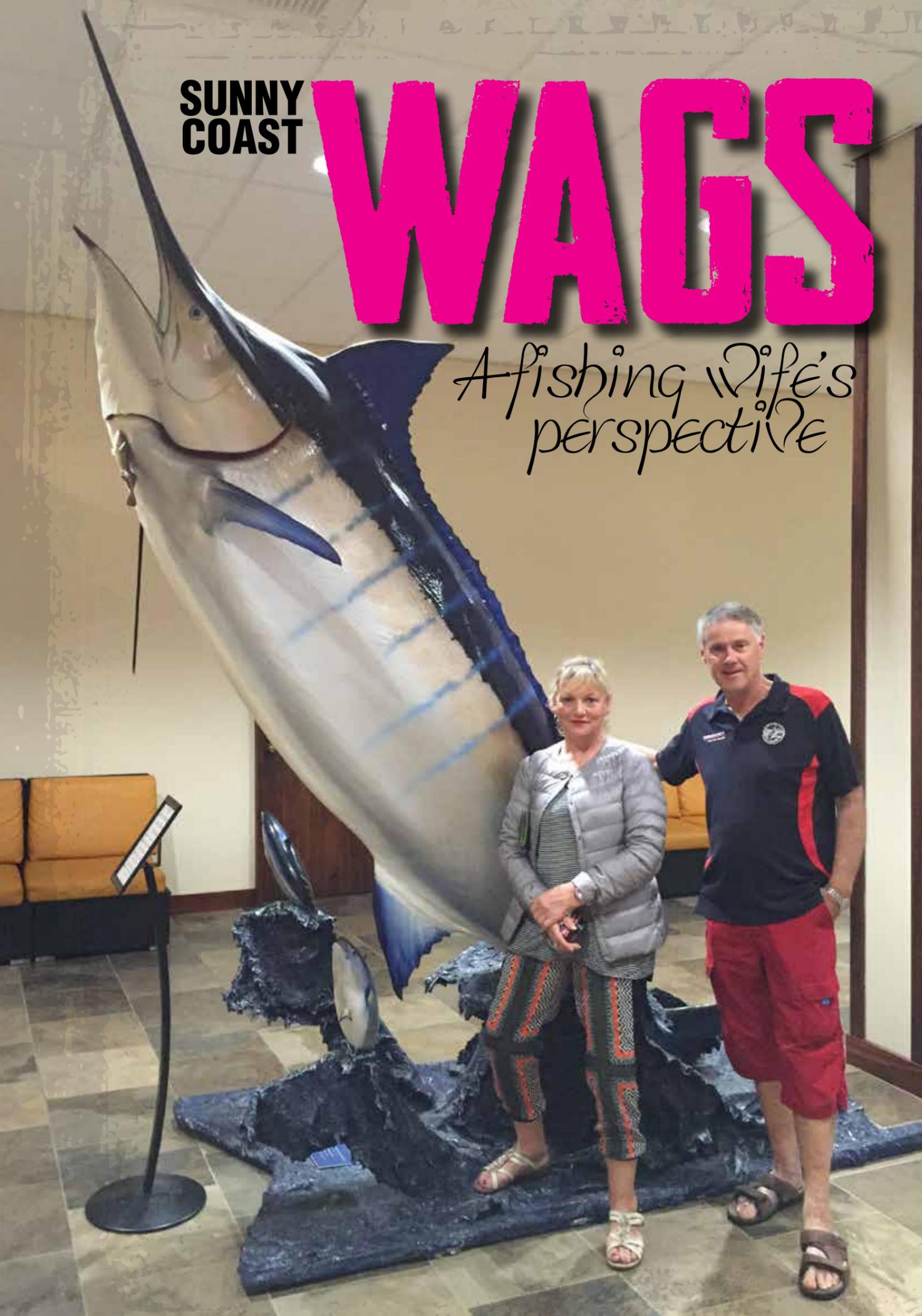
First Billfish	Michael Lassen
Last Billfish	Matthew Collinge
Unluckiest Bastard Award	John Longworth
Presidents Award	Red Livermore
Champion Boat Under 7m R Up	Darren & Greg Lee - Raise A Bill
Champion Boat Under 7m	Michael Laseen - Jim Bob
Champion Boat Over 7m R Up	Reel Capture - Craig McColluch
Champion Boat Over 7m	Chaos - Jay Graham
Champion Boat Light Tackle R Up	Reel Capture - Craig McColluch
Champion Boat Light Tackle	Chaos - Jay Graham
Champion Boat Heavy Tackle R Up	Old Salty Dod - Nick Van Der Mer
Champion Boat Heavy Tackle	Chaos - Jay Graham
Champion Boat Weekends	Chaos - Jay Graham
Champion Boat Overall Rup	Reel Capture - Craig McColluch
Champion Boat Overall	Chaos - Jay Graham
Champion Angler Outside Zone	Tim Grham
Champion Angler Other Species	Bryce Bartleson
Champion Angler Capture	Brad Skinner - QLD record Wahoo
Champion Angler Weekends R Up	Michael Lassen
Champion Angler Weekends	Jeff Oates
Champion Light Tackle R Up	Channon Arbuthnot
Champion Light Tackle	Michael Lassen
Champion Heavy Tackle R Up	Shaun Battye
Champion Heavy Tackle	Michael Lassen
Champion Tag & Release R Up	Shaun Battye
Champion Tag & Release	Michael Lassen
Champion Angler Rally Day	Michael Lassen
Champion Boat Rally Day	Chaos
Champ Rally Day Angler	Michael Lassen
Champ Rally Day Boat <7	Chaos
Champ Rally Day Boat >7	One Way
Champion Junior Male R Up	Max Proctor
Champion Junior Male	Bryce Bartleson
Champion Female R Up	Annie Massurit
Champion Senior Female	Bev Fennel
Champion Senior Male R Up	Shaun Battye
Champion Senior Male	Michael Lassen
Champion Angler Overall R Up	Shaun Battye
Champion Angler Overall	Michael Lassen



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*A fishing wife's
perspective*



To the SCGFC... it is a delight to be asked to do a report as one of the wives' of our club representing Queensland and Australia in the Kona International Fishing Tournament in August 2015.

As you know our SCGFC team of husband Barry, son Brent & Peter Bain (Leslie came as well) were runners up. How fabulous it was for me to proudly see the support from all the other teams when the boats would come in every afternoon with their results and often to weigh the bigger fish. The last day of fishing was an anxious day for the teams and wives who had teams running close, however our team was beaten by 7 points on the final results.

Before and after the tournament we did a fantastic tour of the whole Island in a jeep seeing the Mauna Kea Summit, other towns on the Island, Larva flows, active Volcano and even sat by a fire at Volcano Lodge - who would have thought!

Now... what did the wives do during the fishing hours? We were made very welcome by the committee members and the other wives' of team members. Our days were spent around the pool with cocktails, especially cocktail happy hour, also some of the visitors did daily water activities.

We were driven by the locals to restaurants for lunch, shopping and fashion parades at the local stores. The only thing that was disappointing was the \$AUD against \$US as it was expensive buying anything to bring home.

It was easy to fall in love with Kona. The locals were delightful, courteous and very helpful. A great place for slowing down and relaxing. Our accomodation was very central and the boats came and went from the pier in front of the hotel. The food served in the late afternoon was plentiful and delicious. Alcohol was always flowing freely. I had such a good time it was hard to leave Kona to return home. Thanks to everyone involved for the best time ever.

Bye for now and hope one day I can return to Kona & Maui/Hawaii.

Bev Higgins

dragon lady



club boat

Call Sign: *Dragon Lady*
Hull Design: *6.85m Cruise Craft*
Purchased: *2011 from Frank Oostenbroek*

I was never one that was ever too interested in game fishing. The boat however came with outriggers and was set up really well from the previous owner, so I thought I would do some investigating into the sport.

After joining a club and purchasing all the gear I needed, it was time to head out and see what it's all about. After a good 12 months of not getting much else other than Wahoo it was doing my head in.

It took a while but finally we jagged one on a nice bite outside of Cape Moreton. After that we where hooked. It was a great little run that lasted a few months before they headed north.

Both my sons where keen to try and catch a Marlin. Jackson really enjoyed catching them but unfortunately got very sick which has put him off a little. Max however wasn't bothered by any sort of weather and is always asking when we are heading out to get another one.

We are always joined by either Aaron, Regan or Adam as crew, always helping out and enjoying the day.

We all love the sport and do a lot of the tournaments enjoying the social side of things. We have taken out under 7m meters a couple of times but never won, until Little ships earlier this year in some very ordinary conditions. Max and I got one black each and a 15kg Dolphin fish to Max also.

The Sunshine Coast Game fishing Club have been fantastic. Meetings are always great to be part of learning new things all the time along with plenty of tips and help along the way.

I have really enjoyed the fishing we have done and look forward to what's ahead.

Troy Proctor



CHARTER REPORT

- By Robert Smith

This year has seen a return to a normal or slightly below par snapper season. It is far from red hot but certainly better than last year when they didn't come in close in any numbers at all and Murphys Reef for the tinny brigade etc. was a total write off. This year Murphys has fished ok for the small boat guys as well as the Caloundra reefs. Longy, Channon and Dave Granville have been getting 1-2 snapper a session at the Gneerings and Rapers so it is ok but not firing. My best trips was 15 snapper in close on soft plastics one Saturday morning, one off a bag limit. Next best was 9 plus a pearly with Dale from the club and one of the charter regulars from Sydney. Caloundra Wide out deep has fished well but the Hards hasn't really fired. I have mostly stuck to the Barwons due to risk V reward V fuel burn. I have had two trips to the waters level with Double Island Point for something different and haven't really smashed it but done ok up there. Certainly a change from local waters. Paddy has been sneaking up there a bit too. Hopefully we get another good late Hards/Mudds bite like last year. For me it went right through September/October into November with Dale's second trip of the year. Some years it can all be over in September but September is nearly proving to be my best month the last couple of years. I don't usually look forward to October and November though for the reef fishing with the start of the northerlies and it can be a bit in between seasons with the pelagics not turning up until late November. Not much to report on the billfish front. Most people going wide are seeing a blue or stripe and in on all the bait schools, if you can find them, the odd random black and stripe has been poking around but only being seen by bottom bashers. No sailfish yet but it would be good to see an October bite. We are well overdue for a Sail bite in local water.

Tight Lines - Smithy



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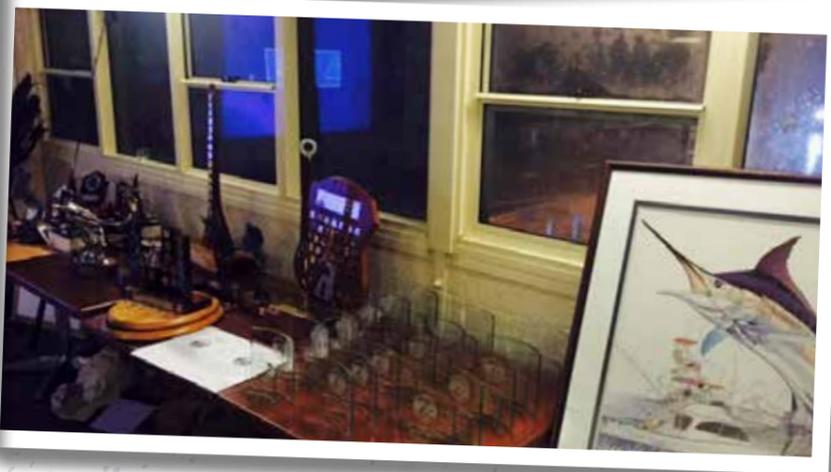
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