



St George Sportfishing Club

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Oh dear—it's that time again!

Do you want the good news first or the bad?

The **bad news** is the fees are due 30 June.

The **good news** is the fees for next year remain the same.
See pages 5 & 6 for the details and the Renewal Form

Coming Events full details page 2

- 2 June **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #521. with speaker
- 12 June **Club outing**—Lower Georges River
- 7 July **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #522. with Guest speaker
- 24 July **Club outing**—Botany Bay
- 4 Aug **Club Presentation Night**
- 20 Aug **Club outing**—Whiting Night
- 7 Sept **Flare demonstration**—at Souths 7.30pm

The EAR

Both Kempsey and South West Rocks police were involved in a rescue during the club's stay early this month. Locating a small cow in the river while fishing and deciding it could not just be left there, the police were contacted.

"Oh this not a matter for the police, it is a Dept of Primary Industries matter. However, hang on, I'll contact South West Rocks police and pass it on to them."

One hour later, South West Rocks rang, "where is this car in the river?"

"It is not a car, it is a calf, a small cow."

"Oh, okay, I'll be there in about an hour"

He duly came and after giving all my details, name, address, phone number and date of birth, the issue in question was raised. The calf was duly rescued. The farmer reckons the calf was born during the night, right on the bank of the river and simply rolled down the bank, over the rocks and in. What an introduction to this world.

The Sick List

Bruce Rayment is recovering from an operation on his eye. Belinda says he is doing okay. Get well soon Bruce.

Do you agree with more fishing closures in St George Sutherland area?

Submissions to the Government enquiry into the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion have closed. The Government's MEMA had listed 44 additional sites as possible lockouts—*there are 9 local ones.*

It is understood the submissions are being evaluated but the **findings are not expected for 3 to 6 months.**

Birthday people for June

13th Hartley dHyon	20th Trevor Dean
14th Margaret McMahan	28th Belinda Rayment
18th Kylie Crebert (Giller)	

Coming Events — the detail

- 2 June **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club,
7.30. Meeting #521. with Chris Holland's
subject "Towing other boats on the water"
Don't miss this one.
- 12 June **Club outing**—Lower Georges River.
As the weekend usually means more boats
on the water and congested parking at the
smaller ramps, we will be launching at
Sylvania boat ramp 'hole in the wall' in
Hawkesbury Reserve.
Time will be from early until 1pm when we
will gather in the park adjacent to the ramp
to have a bit of lunch and recount the
fabulous fish caught.
More information will be given at the
upcoming club meeting.
Please ensure you sign on with Ron Camp
0402816273 to be added to the participants
list.
Note that the Oatley Bay ramp will still
be closed.
- 7 July **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club,
7.30. Meeting #522. with Guest speaker
- 24 July **Club outing**—Botany Bay. Details a bit sketchy
outing but expect this to be something like the
best salmon or best tailor day—on lures.
- 4 Aug **Club Presentation Night** more later
- 20 Aug **Club outing**—Whiting Night—more later
- 27 Aug **ANSA AGM** with Delegates and Presentation
Night. More later.
- 7 Sept **Flare demonstration**—at Souths premises at
1A Hastings St Chifley commencing at 7.30pm.
The demonstration will be conducted by
Anthony Downes from Roads and Maritime
Services and it is a good opportunity to get
first hand information on the use, rules
and stowage of these important safety
devices.
If you have not used one (hopefully not many
of us), then its is a great opportunity to
familiarise yourself with their operation to
avoid panic in a real emergency.
More information will be included in a
newsletter and by email closer to the date.
John E

from our President



The Hawkesbury Shelf Biodiversity responses having been submitted we await the impact on our ability to fish at our recognised locations. One can only hope that all the submissions be given due acknowledgement of the concerns and comments made and that when recommendations are made they include the overarching effect of social and economic impact on communities and businesses along and within the bioregion.

At the June club meeting there will be the second part of an earlier presentation on towing by Chris Holland principally with vessels on water with discussion on the skipper's obligations and responsibility. Are you actually able to secure a tow? What should I consider? This will be followed by a practical demonstration and instruction on the splicing of 'hollow' rope.

As June 30 is still several weeks away there is still time to enter your catch in the interclub length only competitions. There is also time to be nominated for the prestigious 'Golden Brick' award. Remember no experience or incident is too dull to be considered and is open to all members. Don't hold back as this award could be yours.

Please note the Club's Presentation Night will be on 4 August 2015.

More detail will follow.

Good fishing

Dennis

Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
V president	Peter Logan	9520 3298
Secretary	John Everett	9522 4808
Treasurer	Chris Holland	9872 5517
Recorder	Belinda Rayment	0407 337 770
Outings	Ron Camp	9520 3439
Committee	Andrew Perros	
Non Committee;		
Scale verifier	Phil Turner	
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453

Fishing Reports from South West Rocks

When we arrived on Saturday night we were hosted by the Hollands to a magnificent dinner. They had been there a week already enjoying glorious sunshine during the school holidays.

Our first five days were a forced rest as the wind, rain and wild river bar were not inviting even to the keenest ones.

Harveys, Mortels, Simpsons, McMahons, Holland's extended family and Colin King made a happy bunch. On the "early" Mother's Day breakfast (once again hosted by the Hollands) we were joined by Wayne and Sondra Colling from Kempsey way.

Finally we ventured on the River and caught Herrings for live bait. We fished through 2 tide changes and then Phil caught the first Jewfish 710mm on a small Queenfish that he had spun up earlier.

When we headed out to the bait boys we caught nice Slimeys. Up off Grassy we caught 2 large and 2 smaller Snook. There were many big Mack Tuna and Longtails around. Phil managed a 810mm and Mary 805mm Mack Tunas.

We were plagued by sharks. Phil caught a 1200mm Whaler and Mary played a BIG one for about 10 minutes till it headed for N.Z.(2.5metres)

In the River we caught and released an unusual, beautiful and protected Eastern Devilfish and also a Estuary Cod. We caught more Jewfish, but released undersized ones. Phil lost a big one when the hook pulled, after nearly being spooled on 6 kg. He hooked one using a Grinner.

We caught Bonito, Teraglin, Watson's and Frigates, which were thicker than we have seen in years. A few Snapper and good Bream.

The fishing was just reasonable, but the company was great.

Looking forward to next time. **Phil and Mary Worsley**



Hi Bill,

The fishing has been up and down on the rocks. It's dependent on if live bait is present on the day. If live bait is present in numbers then the pelagic are also present. Usually each live bait accounts for a kingfish, bonito or on some days Mac Tuna 6-8kg in size. Half the kings are under size but there are keepers around 67-70cm and occasionally we have been busted up with a larger one or a shark (hammerheads). If there is no bait present the pelagic seem to be also non-existent but there is always the local species for a feed - luderick to 38cm, bream etc.

Fished the Thredbo last week for a day and a half for five hook-ups - landed three from 30-49cm the other two around 60cm are still going down stream - need to improve my fly fishing techniques on landing the bigger fish in the tough environment of fast flowing rivers, I'm not fast enough at chasing fish in waste deep water and down rapids.

Phil Turner



Harrington from Debbie Logan

A great 2 weeks spent at Harrington.

Deb caught 2 Mulloway from the breakwall plus we both caught Bream and Tailor.

We had a surprise visit from Maria & Arthur Zacharias. They stayed for a B-B-Q lunch with us.

The weather was beautiful."



The NEWS

More on the CARP VIRUS

Tuesday's federal budget will include funding for a \$15m for a national carp control plan in an attempt to eradicate Australia's worst freshwater feral pest, the government announced on Sunday.

The plan includes the staged release of the carp-specific herpes virus in the Murray-Darling basin. CSIRO scientists have been [testing the virus](#) in Australian native fish species and other animals found along the river for the past seven years and have established that it is safe to release into the ecosystem without harming other species.

The virus affects the carp's skin and kidneys, takes about seven days to have a noticeable effect and, once it takes hold, usually kills the fish within 24 hours.

Current control measures, including trapping, commercial fishing and exclusion, were expensive and largely ineffective at controlling carp over large areas or for any length of time, he said.

Carp also threaten others species by making water turbid, causing erosion and out-competing native fish for food and resources,

But releasing the virus alone would be a wasted opportunity if it was not supported by other native fish recovery measures that were underfunded, he said.

"Controlling carp must go hand-in-hand with rehabilitating riverbanks, making irrigation infrastructure fish-friendly and, of course, the release of environmental flows."



The updated 12 month comp will be emailed to you in a day or two when received from Joe Garufi

The Picnic at South West Rocks

It was a **wet wet** day—one of many



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal for the 2016-2017 financial year is due on the 1st July 2016.

Your renewal will be accepted at the June and July meetings and the fees for the new year are the same as the current year and are shown in the table below. (If you wish to post your renewal form and money please send them to the address on the form.)

Please complete both the Radio Call Sign form (below) and the Membership Renewal form (on the rear of this page) and bring it when renewing.

Thanks

Peter Logan

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		FEE
Junior	Under 16 Years	\$5
Student	Between 16 and 25 and a full time Student	\$15
Regular	Between 16 and 59 years	\$40
Senior	60 years and over	\$30
Family	Max 2 Adults in a household	\$55

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC RADIO CALL SIGN APPLICATION FORM

		SPORTFISH No <small>(A number will be allocated if you currently do not have one)</small>	
Name		ANSA Membership No	
Boat Name		Boat Rego Number	
Boat Make		Boat Type	
Boat Material		Boat Length (metres)	
Boat Deck Colour		Boat Hull Colour	
Boat Radio Type /Frequencies		Boat EPIRB (Y/N)	
Boat Trailer Rego			
Motor 1 Type		Motor 2 Type	
Motor 1 Make		Motor 2 Make	
Motor 1 HP		Motor 2 HP	
Motor 1 Fuel Type		Motor 2 Fuel Type	
Motor 1 Fuel Amount (litres)		Motor 2 Fuel Amount (litres)	
Car Rego No 1		Car Rego No 2	
Launch Type			
Ramp Location No 1		Ramp Location No 2	

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

P.O. BOX 162, RIVERWOOD. N.S.W. 2210

AFFILIATED WITH ANSA (NSW BRANCH)

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

STREET _____ ANSA No. _____

SUBURB _____ POSTCODE _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____ PHONE (B) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Circle Option)				
Regular	Junior	Student	Senior	Family
(\$40.00)	(\$5.00)	(\$15.00)	(\$30.00)	(\$55.00)
Junior = Person under 16 years of age.				
Student = Person between 16 and 25 years of age and a full time student.				
Senior = Person over 60 years of age.				
Family = 2 or more people in one household – maximum 2 adults.				
*** Annual membership renewal is due on the 30 th June each year ***				

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Complete as Applicable)

SPOUSE

SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____ DOB _____

CHILD CHILD

NAMES _____ DOB _____ NAMES _____ DOB _____

CHILD CHILD

NAMES _____ DOB _____ NAMES _____ DOB _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GARDIAN _____

(For and on behalf of children under 16)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

NAME _____

STREET _____ SUBURB _____

POSTCODE _____ PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (M) _____

Own a Boat with a Radio? **YES/NO** IF 'YES' please complete the Radio Call Sign Form over the page.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY AMOUNT \$ _____

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP _____ RECEIPT NO. _____ Cash / Cheque / M Order

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - MAY 2016



Certificates awarded at May meeting, events between 18 April and 24 May

There was no general meeting held in May and, therefore, no certificates awarded.

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END MAY							
MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Phil Turner	85	Belinda Rayment	73.5	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Bruce Rayment	49	Karen Maltby	46				
Ron Camp	20	Debbie Logan	13				
Bill Harvey	17	Mary Worsley	8				
Dennis Simpson	14	Lia Zacharias	6				
Ray Agius	11	Maria Zacharias	6				
David Maltby	9	Bev Giller	3				
John Everett	8	Karen Holland	3				
Peter Logan	8	Rebecca Logan	3				
Andrew Perros	8	Helen Mortel	3				
Phil Worsley	8	Carol Rayment	3				
Arthur Zacharias	6						
Andrew Agius	5						
Lua Fakaua	5						
Trevor Dean	3						
Bill Fraser	3						
Roger Giller	3						
Chris Holland	3						
Craig Holland	3						
Colin King	3						
Bob McMahon	3						
Brendan McMahon	3						
Peter Mortel	3						
Don Rayment	3						
Sid Young	3						

The club's **length only competition** is drawing to a close so please let me know of any captures of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2).

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				<i>Updated as at: 24/5/2016</i>
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Karen Maltby	862	580	507	1,949
John Everett	720	-	540	1,260
Peter Logan	680	350	-	1,030
Mary Worsley	860	-	-	860
Ron Camp	836	-	-	836
Faonelua Fakaua	820	-	-	820
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760
Phil Turner	-	-	650	650
Trevor Dean	570	-	-	570
Bob McMahon	560	-	-	560
Brendan McMahon	550	-	-	550
Bruce Rayment	550	-	-	550
Don Rayment	550	-	-	550
Dennis Simpson	-	-	550	550
Debbie Logan	515	-	-	515
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490
Andrew Peros	460	-	-	460
David Maltby	-	420	-	420

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16

Updated as at: 24/5/2016

Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	410	380	480	1,270
Peter Logan	400	345	400	1,145
Bill Harvey	400	437	-	837
Karen Maltby	300	-	510	810
John Everett	370	-	370	740
Andrew Perros	290	415	-	705
Ray Agius	455	-	-	455
Andrew Agius	410	-	-	410
David Maltby	395	-	-	395
Phil Worsley	350	-	-	350
James Rayment	340	-	-	340
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330
Bruce Rayment	330	-	-	330
Dennis Simpson	320	-	-	320
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or email to belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

Scales up-to-date LIST continued from page 11

St George	Scales			Month verified	Month verified	Verified at Present
90	Berkley Dig.	0-50	E Dhyon			No
92	Rapala Dig.	0-20	B Rayment			No
93	Weiheng	0-25	P Turner	Nov.		Yes
94	Weiheng	0-25	R Camp			No
95	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby			No
96	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby		Feb.	Yes
97	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby			No
98	Weiheng	0-25	D & K Maltby		Feb.	Yes
99	Weiheng	0-25	B Harvey	Oct.		Yes
100						
101	No Name	0-40	R Camp	Sept		Yes
102	Black magic	0-25	A Perros			No
103	Weiheng	0-25	B Rayment			No
104	Weiheng	0-25	B McMahon			No
200	CE	0-50	NSW SFC			
201	CE	0-50	M Spitzer			
300	Rapala	0-25	Gav Bevridge			

From South West Rocks

Usually, on days when the river bar is a bit dangerous and seas up, flathead in the river are a reliable fall-back. Lures and plastics have been doing the job but live bait is preferred. However using poddies (small mullet) is the ideal method. However for some reason poddies are no where to be found at South West Rocks. But on such a rough day outside, the search for poddies was on—there must be some in this river. And one—just one was located. It was found. It was spotted near the rivers edge. Now the find was considered an event but the local farmer's assistance was required. The Kempsey Police were engaged in contacting the farmer as his house could not be seen from the river. The farmer was a little deaf and could not hear my shouting for his assistance. However the farmer came to the river in his old Land Rover and drove along the bank of his property where the poddy had been seen. And it was still there. Now the dilemma. The mesh in the landing net was too coarse and the holes too big and the net therefore unsuitable. The gaff of course was out of the question. The Land Rover was full of stuff (read junk) but the farmer being a resourceful chap, seeing the problem produced a piece of old rope. He made a noose and clambered down the bank and on to the rocks barefooted. He proceeded to lasso the poddy. Ridiculous—but he looked as if he knew what he was doing, in any case he was deaf. Of course the poddy moved out of reach as he inched closer with the rope. But eventually the poddy was secure but the farmer couldn't lift it. But with this anglers assistance the slippery poddy was landed.

By now you will have gathered this poddy was a little different but potentially a Club Record and perhaps even a National Record. The Claim Forms required to be completed. But which Division?

Sport Fishing—not really,

Game Fishing—more appropriate but no,

Land Based—more like it, but line class might be a problem,

Hand Line—yep this is the one. The rope used would have to be classed as the leader and does not require testing and this farmer's rope would certainly be less than the 2.5m maximum length. So far so good. the Form was duly completed with some difficulty and imagination. Estimates—conservative ones of course, were made of some of the figures required. The completed form was sent to our Fishing Recorder and a copy is hereabouts.

Now, Belinda is on the ball. Claim Forms are processed within a day or two but I should have been a little concerned when two weeks had passed and no word. Seems there must have been something about the capture worrying her. Finally a response. It was referred to the Bunker and "going to the board" **NO TRY. The Fishing Recorder Rejects Masters Claim**

Belinda set out her reasons for the decisions.

1. the Species given as *Juvenile Bovine* was not on the Eligible Species list,

2. The scientific name given as *Bos primigenious* was dismissed as not being able to be found in the Fishes ID literature. Not off to a good start?
3. The ANSA points could not be calculated as the Fighting Factor shown as 1.0 was not acceptable.
4. The method of capture (lasso by hangman's loop) was not considered to be in the spirit of ANSA (for reasons that escapes me).
5. The length of the capture—I must admit some liberty was taken here. Firstly the tail was underneath and an estimate of its length was an ~~guess~~-estimate. The head was tucked to the side and quite immovable so another estimate.
6. Finally the farmer's signature as a witness to the capture was not available as he left shortly after this episode for his afternoon nap.

This Claim Form was accompanied with the following photos.



The lasso is readied—that's mum on the right



The poddy keeps moving out of reach

The South West Rocks poddy continued



The lasso is has found its mark



The deckie in action

POST SCRIPT

The juvenile Bovine (actually known as a heifer) was safely lifted on to the bank. Its hind quarters were lifted by the farmer until its hind legs were supporting the rear end. Then its front legs came up and it stood. Mum came over and commenced licking it. The heifer soon found its food and was sucking away as we left. At this stage it still had the umbilical cord attached.

We called in a few days later and the farmer advised mother and calf doing well. He explained the calf was born right on the bank of the river at night and just rolled down into the water. It was on its feet partially buoyed by the water which was part way up its body. What an introduction to the world!

Fishing Reports continued.

Bill,
Brendan and I went down the river last week and tossed some soft plastics around. We picked up 7 Estuary Perch to 36cms, as well as a nice Luderick. I went down again yesterday (25th) and although it was pretty quiet I did manage one small Estuary Perch and two Flathead of 55 and 65cms. Water temperature was down to 15.40 degrees.

Bob McMahon

And from **Wayne Rizzi**—who fishes Stockton beach for jewies. Can you interpret this text;
“Jew 65 cm trailer plenty Damon Sam flathead on low tide”

And from **the Creberts** “No fishing, the boat hasn’t been out of the shed

ST GEORGE SFC MASTERS CLAIM FORM Revised January 2013

CLAIM FOR ENTRY IN DIVISION (please circle): 1. Sportfishing 2. Lure casting
3. Fly Fishing 4. Gamefishing 5. Handling 6. Land Based Gamefishing 7. Tagging
8. Freshwater Impoundment 9. Land Based Sportfishing 10. Length only 11. Length Based Species

Name Bill HARVEY ANSA Number _____
Address 5 GREEN PLACE, PEAKHURST Postcode 2210
Phone Number () 0412 981 099 DOB (for juniors and sub-juniors) _____ (CORRECT: 60046)
Species Common Name BOVINE (JUVENILE) Scientific Name BOS PERMINGENSIS
Location Captured MACLEYS RIVER, JERSEYVILLE State NSW Date Captured 27 / 4 / 2016

DETAILS FOR DIVISIONS 1-9: Weight _____ kg Line Class _____ kg
Fighting Factor 1-0 ANSA Pts _____ Time Taken 24 min/hrs Rod Length _____ mm
Main Line _____ braid / mono (circle) Breaking Strain _____ kg
Breakaway (if used) _____ Breaking Strain _____ kg Length _____ mm
Leader / Trace-type ROPE Breaking Strain 500N kg Length 2.4m mm
Double (if used) Length _____ mm Bait / Lure used MOUSE
Method of Capture (brief description) LASSO BY BANGMAN'S MOUSE

DETAILS FOR DIVISION 10 (LENGTH ONLY): Length 2139 mm ROBY = 1325
TAR = 4.88
HEAD = 317

DETAILS FOR DIVISION 7 (TAG AND RELEASE): Attach further details if required 2139

Tag Number	Species	Date	Points	Tag Number	Species	Date	Points

CERTIFICATE OF WEIGHING / MEASUREMENT

I certify the capture was weighed by me on Scale # _____ certified / verified
 I certify the capture was measured by me using ESTIMATED RULE OF THUMB (please circle as applicable)
Name REX OSBORNE Signed X Date 27 / 4 / 2016
Address MAIN RD, JERSEYVILLE, NSW Postcode 2451

DECLARATION BY ANGLER

I, Bill HARVEY declare this capture was made by me:
a) in accordance with the Rules of the Australian National Sportfishing Association; and
b) using pre-tested line or previously tested satisfactory:
Signed Bill Harvey Date 24 / 5 / 2016

WITNESS TO CAPTURE (ACCOMPLICE)

Name Bill HARVEY / REX OSBORNE Signed X Date 27 / 4 / 2016
Address AS ABOVE Postcode _____

Note: Claim forms must be submitted to the recorder no later than 35 days from the date of capture.
X ESTIMATED - (BUT REALLY SHOULD BE MORE)

Scales up-to-date LIST

St George SFC -	Scales			Month verified	Month verified	Verified at Present
SCALE No.	TYPE	WEIGHT CLASS	MEMBER	2015	2016	
4	Berkley Dig.	23	B Moores	Dec		Yes
12	Salter	0-100	P Worsley	July		Yes
14	Capacity	0-5	P Turner	March	April	Yes
15	Salter	100	R Camp	May		No
21	Salter	10	L Anderson			No
24	Wedderburn	100	B Rayment	Sept.		Yes
26	Salter	50	P Hewitt			No
27	Salter	20	P Hewitt	July		Yes
28	Salter	25	P McDonald	July		Yes
29	Salter	10	P McDonald	July		Yes
31	Chatillon	7.5	D Rayment			No
32	Salter	20	A zacharias			No
33	Salter	0-22	P Mortel	Aug.		Yes
36	Salter	3	B Sutton			No
38	Salter	10	P Mortel	Nov.		Yes
40	Super Samson	0-1	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
41	Salter	15	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
42	Salter	3	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
44	Top Catch	3	W Lamontte			No
45	Capacity	10	W Lamontte			No
49	Super Samson	0-10	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
50	Super Samson	0-2	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
51	Super Samson	0-10	Sid Young		Feb.	Yes
54	Rapala Dig.	25	P Turner	March		No
57	Rapala Dig.	50	B McMahon	Sept.		Yes
58	Berkley Dig.	0-23	P Worsley	June		Yes
59	Little Sampson	0-6				no
61	Rapala Dig.	25	R Agius	Nov.		Yes
62	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Nov.		Yes
63	Rapala Dig.	25	P Logan	Nov.		Yes
64	Rapala Dig.	25	B Harvey			No
65	Rapala Dig.	25	B Rayment	Sept		Yes
66	Rapala Dig.	25	D Rayment			No
68	Rapala Dig.	0-8	B Sutton			No
70	Rapala Dig.	0-8	G Daniels			No
73	Rapala Dig.	0-25	C Holland	Nov.		Yes
78	Berkley Dig.	0-14	N Wilson			No
79	Rapala Dig.	0-25	A Zac	July		Yes
80	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D Simpson		Feb.	Yes
84	Rapala Dig.	0-25	P Logan	Nov.		Yes
85	Berkley Dig.	0-14	D Maltby			No
86	Rapala Dig.	0-25	J Tabley			No
87	Okuma	0-25	E Dhyon			No
88	Rapala Dig.	0-25	D & K Maltby	March	Feb.	Yes
89	No Name	0-15	Ron Camp	Sept.		Yes
90	Berkley Dig.	0-50	E Dhyon			No

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Seabird Trip Of The Month

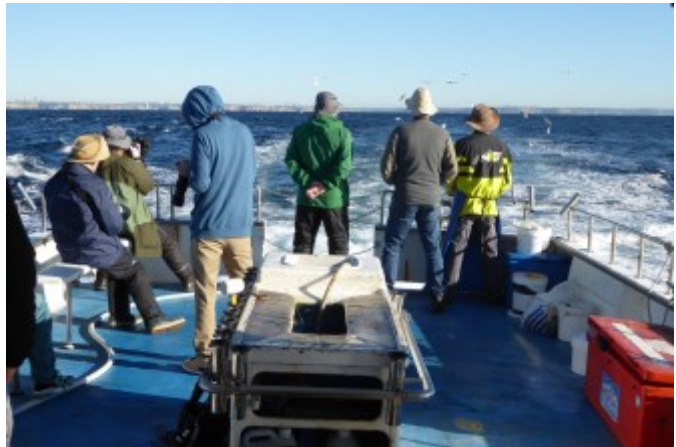


This month we are not looking at a single species. Instead I have put together a few photos from a trip aboard the 17 metre Avalon IV on May 14, out to Browns Mountain and beyond to observe Pelagic Seabirds. These trips are run on the second Saturday of each month, leaving Rose Bay at 7 am and returning about 4 pm. The species to be found on these trips depends on the time of year and weather conditions, not just on the day but during the preceding few days as well. Full details, including the official trip report, are available at <http://www.sydneypelagics.info/>.

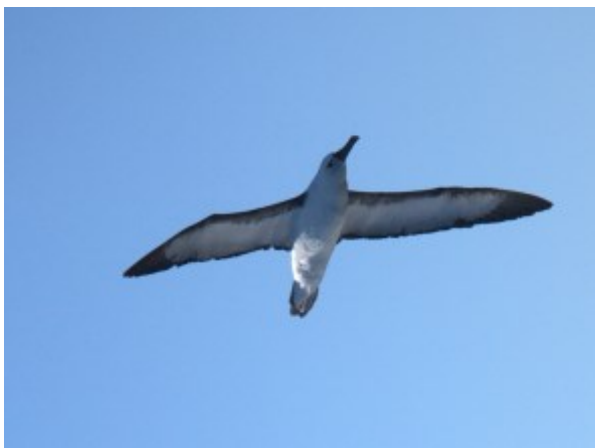
We cleared the heads at 7:40 with about 20 passengers on board. A berley trail soon attracted a mob of about 100 Silver Gulls, the idea being that the activity is spotted by other seabirds and they come to investigate. The seagulls eventually tire of trying to follow the boat, by which time we are supposed to start seeing various other species as we head further out. The problem was that the weather had been too calm for the past week, and was again on the day, so birds were few and far between. All we encountered were a couple of lone Albatross and Australasian Gannets. Once in the vicinity of Browns Mountain we stopped and set up a berley slick but nothing showed so we moved another 5 km east and tried again but the birds were still very scarce. Excitement was caused by the presence of a few pods of Risso's Dolphins, Pantropical Spotted Dolphins and Short-beaked Common Dolphins. Bird species I counted were Yellow-nosed Albatross (3), White-capped Albatross (1), Black-browed Albatross (3), Campbell's Albatross (1), Providence Petrel (4), Australasian Gannet (12), Silver Gull (~100), Crested Tern (4). Not a single shearwater was seen by anyone.



Yellow-nosed albatross



Watching and waiting



Black-browed albatross



Australasian Gannet

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