



WA Interclub Boat Angling Championships



Report on the annual WA Interclub Boat Angling Championships run on Saturday the 20th of April 2024 at Cockburn

This report prepared by Pat Shinnick for the Western Australian Interclub Boat Angling Championships Cockburn 2024.

Welcome and thank you for being part of this competition run on the similar format as the ex WA AAA branch, State Boat Angling Championships.

The competition was run with North Easterly Winds variable between 10 to 15 knots, becoming variable about 10knots middle of the day then turning Southeasterly to Southwesterlies 10-15knots in the afternoon., comment from some in the event it was a glorious day on the water but got a bit rough out wide?

We had everything set up ready by 05:00hrs for the start of the sign on at 05:30hrs, with the CPBC Angling section providing breakfast at cost, and free tea and coffee.

The sign on team once again did a great job, and thanks to all that jumped in and helped (again), some that are always there is, Gamini Jayaweera (QRFC, MDSSC), Paul Frzop (HYC) with his good mate, Henry Boogaard (ORFC), and John O'Brien (POBAC LAAC) with Ian McCall (HYC) who would have loved to have been on the water with the Bosun of the CPBC Ross.

The team all missed Kevin Murphy (MAAC) because he is caring for his beautiful partner in crime Lynette, and Richard Siudak (LAAC) was on a cruise.

A briefing was had and with the beautiful weather all could not wait to get going, the comp was started at 06:30hrs and all took to the wide blue yonder.

A difficult day to catch the variety of species needed, but an excellent day for fishing, better than mowing lawns!

The boys and girls that did the research certainly benefited in the Cockburn waters.

Most of the teams tried to get smaller fish earlier on; the word was that the fish were not that easy to catch, plenty of trumpeters for those in close.

The clubs that worked together did well, by calling one another over when they were on to the fish, and this is what is great about this competition, it is not an individual based competition it is team based, and is a pleasure to see the results, and camaraderie.

The wind did not play a big part in the fishing and made it very competitive.

Whilst competitors were "out there" in their favourite spots, Gamini Jayaweera (QRFC/MDSSC) Paul Frzop (HYC), Ian McCall (HYC) John O'Brien (POBAC LAAC) with Henry Boogaard (QRFC), set up the presentation area and the weigh in area, and it looked magnificent, again, especially with the great venue and views from the CPBC.

At closing time for the bags (3.30pm) most boats had either got their boats on their trailers or were waiting to, with Paul Frzop, Ian McCall, John O'Brien , Henry and yours truly offering to check the fish sizes and types before they went into the cool room, then our Field Day Officer Henry Boogaard , ensured that the door was shut at exactly 1530hrs, whilst Paul and Ian, continued taking in the skippers safety discs, this was to ensure that all were safely back on land, there was 54 nominated competitors and 24 boats that participated, nearly all actually weighed in, well done.

The weigh in commenced at 4.30pm, in the weigh in area of CPBC, all the sponsors signage, Backdrop of the CPBC and flags made for a great spectacle.

The weigh in went extremely well again we would be lost without those assisting on the day, and it was great how the Clubs jumped in when they were "dropped in" at the last minute, it goes without



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saying, we all appreciated your efforts, whilst this was happening, Yours truly and John O'Brien completed the computer work with assistance from junior runners in the crowd bringing the books in for us, thank you! (Terry Bell prepared it all so I had just inputting to do) BTW **Last Year for Terry.**

Whilst all this was happening Paul Frzop was busy selling tickets to the Raffles, and made \$950.00 for the event, with Ticket number **RED Ticket D55 Glen Carter MAAC** taking out the First prize valued at \$440, a total of 5 prizes were supplied for the raffle! Second valued at \$300, to **BLACK E26 Ben Malseed MAAC**, Third prize valued at \$210.00 to **BLUE F44 Chris Walkey FSC**, Fourth prize valued at \$90 to **BLACK E100 Denise Bech FSC**, Fifth prize valued at \$90 to **BLACK E33 Paul Blakers MAAC**

The early nomination prize went to **Cloe Blakers MAAC**, valued at \$550.00, and Junior Nomination 1ST prize went to **Charlie John CPC**, valued at \$350.00, due to only 2 juniors we made another prize valued at \$250 to **Cloe Blakers, MAAC**, When we made this prize up we had no idea (but new it could of happened) that a junior would win the overall nomination prize.

The presentation was held in the Undercroft area of CPBC, and the area was fabulous for the small crowd, and the MC was Tim Carson the chairman of the WAIBAC as well as being the Captain of the CPBC and myself, with the banter as always between "rival" clubs, made for an excellent evening, with Tim Carson, Henry Boogaard, Ian McCall, Paul Frzop, John O'Brien, presenting all the Trophies and Prizes, and Gamini Jayaweera taking much needed photos of the event, whilst this was happening, Pizzas and refreshments were provided by the CPBC with a request to all the anglers to assist with cost by placing a donation into the bucket for the "free" Pizzas provided by the CPBC fishing committee (really it was Tim), for this we were all appreciative, thank you.

To the **Overall winner and Men's winner Clint Doak MAAC** with 11 species, 25.34kgs of fish and 233.4 points, **Ladies winner Karen Castiglioni** with 4 species, 1.22kgs of fish and 38.9 points, **Veterans Winner Joe Venter FSC** with 7 species, 24.64kgs of fish and 168.6 points, and **Junior winner Charlie John** with 2 species, 2.08kgs of fish and 23.3 points.

Denise Bech (FSC) won the species being a Breaksea Cod at 1.583kg @ 52.77 percent closest to the state record, a magnificent prize from **DAIWA** being a **Daiwa Maverick 8000(reel) + Daiwa Demon blood PE3/5 matched rod**, coordinated by Getaway Balcatta.

Paul Lamont (MOFSC) won the Skippers Participation Prize of a \$500 Insurance Voucher donated by **Club Marine.**

To all other teams from QRFC, MAAC, ORSSC, MOFSC, FSC LAAC and the CPBC, thank you all for participating (hope more clubs complete next year).

Congratulations to all winners, your patience and hard work has certainly paid dividends and all us losers, thank you for participating, and NEXT year you're all on again as this is being hosted possibly by the WAIBAC team and run from Fremantle Sailing Club.

We know things are difficult to coordinate dates since the changes to the "opening times" for the Demersal's and will ask all clubs to give us their calendar of events to try and make a happy medium for a date next year.

It was fantastic to catch up with old mates / competitors, and I hope we can do it sooner again rather than later, and a huge thank you to the people that made it to the WAIBAC meeting throughout the year.

Again, thank you to all our sponsors who helped make this event as good as it could be in these circumstances.

To all our winners and clubs please contact each one of the sponsors and thank them for helping us all, and they also need your support, in using them whenever you need gear, or what services they provide, to our industry.