

Report on the annual AAA State Boat Championships run on Saturday the 3rd March 2012

The competition was run with North Easterly Winds at 15 to 18 knots, swinging to a light variable winds in the afternoon, perfect weather conditions for power boating and fishing.

The Jurien Bay Volunteer Sea Rescue (JBVMRG) provided the heart starters for the day, by having tea and coffee with Bacon and Egg burgers at the Jurien Boat Ramp, and those that had either thick heads from "preparing" for the day and having pre-comp drinks the night before certainly welcomed the food, including those that were all hyped up for the event and had trouble sleeping the night before, this certainly was appreciative also by the JBVMRG knowing that the AAAWA allowed the local community groups to also benefit from the event financially.

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 are Justine Coleman (QRFC), Carmel Langdon (ORSSC), Noeleen Weymouth, Ian Wilkes (MAAC) a special mention to Richard Suidak (AAA National Records Chairman) for coming up from Perth just to assist on the day.

The forecast of favourable winds was promising for those that wanted to go deep straight away, then come back in later and try for smaller species did so, those that thought they knew better, took off in close while the weather was smooth and tried their luck at the smaller species, then ventured out, either way it made for a promising competition

The clubs that worked together did really 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 really play a big part in the fishing really, because it was such a perfect day

A few good fish were caught whilst trolling around, this really was due to the fact that there is warmer than usual water temperatures out there, not as many pelagic's were caught as had been in recent weeks, although one 14.9 odd kilo Spanish mackerel was hooked and weighed in.

Whilst competitors were "out there" in their favourite spots, Carmel Langdon (WSSC) who is also the secretary of the boating sub committee, with her faithful friend, Noeleen (shampers) Weymouth, Richard Suidak (AAA), John O'Brien and Ray Pillage (Both ex helpers and committee people) there helping in some way or another, set up the presentation and the weigh in area and it looked magnificent, again.

There was a multitude of volunteers from the Jurien Bay Football Club (JBFC) that prepared the "food and refreshment" areas, much to the appreciation of all competitors, thank you all, the tucker and drinks were superb.

At closing time for the bags (3.30pm) most boats had either got their boats on their trailers or were waiting to, and the boys Ray and John O, ensured that the door was shut at exactly 1530hrs, and the girls i.e. Carmel and Noeleen continued taking in the skippers safety discs, this was to ensure that all were safely back on land, there was 162 competitors and 66 boats that participated, 142 of those actually weighed in!

The weigh in commenced at 4.45pm, in the area overlooking the Jurien Bay Sports Complex, all the signage and club and sponsor flags made for a great spectacle.

The MC for the weigh in was Glen Omond provided a running commentary, with a great deal of good humour and light hearted banter, albeit I was the brunt of a fair bit of it.

The weigh in went extremely well again we would be lost without those assisting on the day, including our ever efficient competition officer Terry Bell (ORSSC) and Daniel Bell (ORSSC) with the collation, thank you.

The presentation was MC'd by our effervescent ORSSC member and Competition Officer in Terry Bell, and with the banter as always between "rival" clubs, made for an excellent evening.

Congratulations to all winners, your patience and hard work has certainly paid dividends and all us losers, thank you for participating, and NEXT year your all on again.

To the Overall winner Mitch Hillary (Junior & Son of runner up) 197 points and 9 species and runner up Glenn Hillary (Father) 192 points with 8 species, Wow!

To the Patron Cup winners Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club, with 80 participants congratulations again, well done.

This report prepared by Pat Shinnick Chairman of the Boating Sub Committee of the Australian Anglers Association WA.

Raffle 1st Prize Charter from Seasports Tackle Jurien bay for 12 at a nominated time in 2012
Winner Rod Tindall Ticket # 55 sold by ORSSC

2nd Prize Esky and beer and wine (donated by MAAC Club)
Winner G Ferguson Ticket # 64 sold by ORSSC