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# Newsletter

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### **Next Meeting**

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> of December 2006 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Beenleigh Bowls Club, 11 Hanover Street, Beenleigh.*** See access map further on in this Newsletter.

***NOTE:-*** The Bowls Club has a Bar. ***Please remember the gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale. This can be a great club facility if we all use it.***

### **CLUB FEES NOW OVERDUE!!!!!!!!!!**

Single membership is \$58.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$78.00 p.a.

### **SPECIES NIGHT**

There will be a Species night held at the December meeting. Club members will talk about and record information about catching different types of fish. The information from these nights will be used on our clubs website for members to access.

**Acknowledgement:** This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson's office at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Neville Wright for his kind assistance.

**December trips:** The December trip is actually the Club Christmas Party. It is going to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at The Beenleigh Bowling Club this year and will be a Buffet meal. Dinner starts at 7.00pm. If you have not already booked your seat please ring Lloyd Willmann on 32873278.

## Lake Monduran Trip Report

By Ray Bricknell

You'll have to picture this in your mind, because I have no photo to show you – it was raining too hard for Lloyd to take one.

Lloyd and Tom saw a big storm coming, so Tom stripped off and put his clothes in a 'dry bag'. When the rain hit, there was Tom Wallbank, standing up in Lloyd Willmann's boat in torrential rain and a 40 knot gale, dressed only in his jocks, with a plastic garbage bag covering his torso, his head sticking through the top of the bag, and wrapped in the carpet off the floor of Lloyd's boat – shivering like a dog passing razor blades. The mind boggles, doesn't it? Well, that was just one of the many incidents which made this year's trip to Monduran unforgettable. Read on to find out more about this and other such incidents. Hopefully you'll get a good laugh out of it – and some useful info as well. Monduran is fast becoming the feature trip of the year for our club.



Last year eight of us went to Monduran for the first week of December and caught 14 fish. This year's trip was from 3 to 10 November, bracketing the full moon and Melbourne Cup day, and the number of fishers grew to eleven – nine members and two very welcome visitors. The weather was not as hot as last year, but we caught twice as many fish – details below. This left the catch of just 2 or 3 Barra at Awoonga on the trip from 13 to 20 November 2004 for dead.

*This year's trip was different from most club trips, in that as Trip Captain I took on a more pro-active role and tried to make it a really social "club" trip, with lots of interaction between those attending, both on and off the water. After all, what is the point of going away together on a trip if we all just do our own thing when we get there, and almost ignore those not staying in our house or cabin? I leave it to those who attended to decide whether this different format worked better – the feedback I got from club members was very positive.*

On Ross Williamson's initiative, we booked two of the holiday houses instead of the cabins, and that decision certainly made it easier to mix socially, simply because each house holds more people. Indeed, the partially air-conditioned houses are very comfortable, and are much roomier than the

rather tight little cabins at Monduran. We selected house number 2 as the "eating" house (it is better set up), and each member prepared one meal for the whole group to share. This meant we all got together for at least an hour or two every day, and that made it easy to co-ordinate our activities and share information. The arrangement worked extremely well, but depended a bit on the Trip Captain being prepared to act as co-ordinator all week.

Our typical day started with an early morning fishing session, beginning on the first (Saturday) morning with reveille at 04:30 – a bit of a shock to the system for some. Indeed, on the first morning Glen Kennedy was standing in the kitchen soon after getting out of bed, and was looking like a stunned mullet – whereupon Kevin Ford cracked the first of many Funnies for the week. He observed: "Behind Glen's posterior of apparent indifference lies a total lack of enthusiasm for this early start". The starts got a bit later as the week progressed, partly because of some late nights, and partly because the morning sessions proved relatively unproductive.



**Glen Kennedy with his hard won 83cm Barra caught from his Kayak**

Most fishers came back in by about 09:30, but some fished until much later. As usual, Ian Williamson left us all for dead in terms of hours spent on the water. The mornings passed quickly, and we then all gathered in the eating-house for lunch about 12:30. We had voted to make lunch the main meal of the day, and the lunches were, without exception, of a very high standard. At the peak we had twelve people for lunch, including Rachel Maddalena. Rachel and Jeff camped "down the hill", along with baby Kate, and it was great to see them spend quite a bit of time up at the house with us. Their tent survived a couple of violent afternoon storms, and they

declined our invitation to spend one very wet night in one of the houses. They stayed dry even though a lot of water flowed through their tent site that night.

A snooze after lunch for an hour or so refreshed us all for a typical 16:00 hours return to battle, and some nights we fished until 22:30 or 23:00 hours.

As Trip Captain I kept quite detailed records of session times and fish caught. These are summarised below, and for future reference the detailed Trip Catch Report is available to financial members in the Member's Only section of the club web site. The night sessions were the most productive, although fish were caught throughout the day, as the Trip Catch Report clearly shows.

As part of my endeavours to make this a group trip, I encouraged as many members as had them to bring their two-way radios. That turned out to be a real plus, and anyone who does not yet have one of these little hand-held two-ways should consider getting one. They cost under \$100 now, and they worked really well at Monduran – partly because the accommodation is high up on a hill over looking the water. And they are not just “line of sight”.

One morning Ken Park and I were just pulling in to the boat ramp ready to leave the water when we got a call on the radio from Mark Rossow to “come quickly – the fish are ‘on’ at my favourite spot, and I’ve just landed a 90 cm Barra”. There was a fair sized hill between Mark and us and the reception was good. Admittedly, Mark has a 5KW radio (most are 1 KW), but he could hear me on my 1KW radio as well as us hear him.

A word about Mark's favourite spot. It is a shallow area, down to 8 or 9 feet, and there is a drop-off to 20 feet (up to 90 feet) around it. BUT – it contains a couple of snags that seemed to have a magnetic attraction to Mark's lures. Indeed, Mark got hooked up on this snag so often, we gave him the naming rights to it. He named it “The Bitch”. Anyone would think Mark was a woman hater – but those with him on this trip know differently. He told me he was “rooting for me to catch a Barra”, but I think I misunderstood what he meant by ‘rooting’.

At any rate, one morning I couldn't believe my eyes as we trolled past Mark's favourite spot. Mark, of course, was ‘tied up’ to The Bitch, as usual. However, this time was different. There he was in the water, hanging onto the side of his boat, with a landing net in one hand, about to dive down to try to net the Barra that had taken him around The Bitch.

After I reminded him about John Cumberland's account of diving for a lure and getting a hook through his finger whilst his head was below water, Mark sensibly decided to get back into his boat. That, however, was easier said than done. See photo – sorry I couldn't get closer to capture the true drama of the struggle to pull himself aboard. Suffice to say that, with his legs on the flat plate at the bottom of his outboard, Mark had two goes at pulling his torso up over the stern of the boat. Had he failed on the second attempt we would have been towing him ashore – he didn't have another attempt left in him!



**Mark Rossow Climbs Aboard – JUST!**

We had one hilarious incident with the radios on the first morning out. Mark Rossow had very sensibly suggested we use a code to tell one another we had a fish, and where we were. The code was to be: “(name) needs a tow, in (e.g.) Church Bay”.

Then, at 6:30am on the Saturday morning, Kevin Ford caught a Barra quite close to where Ken and I were fishing. Elated and excited, I quickly reached for the radio and blurted out: “Kevin's got a barra – near the intake structure”.

A pregnant silence followed, and then someone came on the air and said: “Ray, do you mean Kevin needs a tow?” I had blown our code right out of the water right at the outset.

### **Melbourne Cup Lunch and Sweep**

A feature of this year's trip was the Melbourne Cup Lunch and Sweep. We started with nibbles and champagne, which went over pretty well. I did lunch that day, serving the same peanut curry and rice dish that Helen prepared for the Fraser Island trip in August. Fortunately Helen cooked too much as usual, as I had asked her to provide lunch for eight and twelve turned up. We all bought a couple of \$5 Sweep tickets, and Ian Williamson won the \$50 first prize. Good fun all round – and then back to the fishing.

### **Free Wireless Internet Access Works Well**

Lake Monduran Holiday Park now has free wireless Internet access available, and it is accessible from the verandah outside the shop 24/7 – a great feature for those who have laptops and need to keep in touch/download data, etc.

### **Excursion to Pancake Creek**

Another feature of this trip was the full day excursion to Pancake Creek, Turkey Beach, and the Town of 1770. We did this on the Wednesday, by which time those who arrived early in the week were ready for a break from trolling.

Surprisingly, six people took part in this trip, sharing the (petrol) costs of two vehicles. We left Monduran at 07:30 and arrived back at about 18:30, having clocked up about 400Kms in the day. About 130Kms of that was the side trip into the Town of 1770, after we found we could not get through from Pancake Creek to 1770 directly. A heavily locked gate

blocked our path, even if the creek had proven to be crossable at low tide, which I doubt.

The road in was a very poor gravel pavement – really just an access track bulldozed through to allow the construction of a power (telephone?) line along it. It took 25 minutes of slow and careful driving to get to what we believe is a nameless tidal creek with a dilapidated timber bridge over it. At high tide on a big tide water crosses the road on the far (southern) side of the bridge (bottom of picture) – but the tide rises and falls so quickly you could easily wait for it to fall if you were unsure about driving through the water.



**Bridge over (nameless?) tidal creek on the way to Pancake Creek**

We fished for two hours in this creek, with only Mark Rossow landing a small Cod and Ray Bricknell landing a 35cm Tarpon to add to our club Species List. However the creek looked VERY promising Mangrove Jack and Cod territory, and if we go there again it would be nice to have more time to fish it. Amazingly, even in this remote place there was a well worn track through the scrub along the creek bank, with lots of places to fish from. Across on the northern side there was even a boat launching spot, and a tinny returned to it whilst we were there. However, very little of the very rocky creek is navigable, even on a big high tide – and the tide falls at an amazing rate. You can actually watch the rocks emerge quite quickly out of the water as you fish around them.

After lunch we drove another 25 minutes to what we understand to be Pancake Creek, where we tried a few casts from the roadway. Very little of the rest of the bank was accessible, due to heavy mangrove growth and soft mud. Three vehicles with boat trailers were parked nearby, their owners apparently having launched tinnies (around high tide) and navigated down to a bush campsite at what I understand is a picturesque river mouth and bay. I'm told the fishing there is VERY GOOD. However, if I did this again as a day trip I would not waste the hour or more driving to this creek. I would prefer to spend more time exploring and fishing the reputedly deep holes upstream of the bridge in the (nameless?) creek.

Only the Trip Captain had previously visited 1770, and as we approached it a gagging Mark Rossow in my vehicle demanded that I find him a pub overlooking the water. Being

a top Trip Captain, I obliged – and Mark showed his gratitude by buying a couple of rounds of beers for us all. 1770 is an interesting and pretty place to visit, and is undergoing a building boom at present – mansions, not the beach shacks of yesteryear. The Bream under the cruise boat jetty are regularly fed scraps, and some of them are monsters – sitting ducks for the old Burley and Small Unweighted Bait routine.

### **Trip Champion**

Our club is non-competitive (sort of), but it nevertheless seems appropriate to record some details of the catches on this trip, and to award a notional Trip Champion trophy.

All up we caught 29 fish between us at Monduran, ignoring the two at Pancake Creek. All were Barra except for two Australian Bass – each one 48cm long. Good Bass! Only two of the 27 Barra were below the 58cm minimum size, and nearly all the fish were released. Kevin's first Barra (88cm) spent rather a long time being lovingly held, measured and photographed – perhaps with different Lure World supplied lures in it? Wash my mouth out with soap! (In fairness, Kevin is not into this caper, although plenty of the high profile self-promoting celebrity fishers are. A round of the Australian Bass Tournament was to be held at Monduran on the weekend after we left, so a bit of that might have gone on that weekend! You should have seen the flash boats that arrived to take part in that tournament!)



Back to Kevin's first Barra. After it had spent a very long time in Kevin's boat, it was very caringly returned to the water. However, since it was by then brain damaged, it had forgotten how to swim and had to be taught all over again. I gather the lesson took about twenty minutes.

Jeff Maddalena was fishing alone from a canoe with a small electric motor on it. Presumably because of this he chose to fish close to the boat launching area – mainly along the dam wall. Indeed, at one stage there was a rumour spreading that he never left the intake structure, and was simply driving in circles around it, because that was where he caught all his fish – but that was just malicious jealousy! You see, Jeff was only fishing for about a few hours each evening, preferring to spend time with his lovely wife Rachel and baby Kate. Nevertheless, he caught a Barra every evening for the first

three nights. With this success rate, he was leading the Trip Champion stakes early in the week.

“Deadly Dave” Weston did not arrive, along with his Deckie Peter Thompson, until the Sunday morning, so Kevin Ford had about four sessions start on him – with four Barra boated – by the end of the morning session on the Monday. Kevin was behind Jeff on handicap at this stage, because Jeff could only fish one rod from his canoe, whereas Kevin often had four lines out the back of his 4.75 meter boat, fishing alone. Dave had by then fished two sessions and caught one under sized Barra – and then he hit his straps!

On Monday Deadly Dave hit the lead with a burst of unbelievable skill. In one session on Monday afternoon and evening, Dave Weston boated three Barra, all of which were legal size. This put him ahead of Jeff Maddalena, and also brought him even with Kevin Ford. The clinching statistic was size of fish – Dave’s last one for the day was a mighty 100cm fish, so heavy he had difficulty lifting it for a photo, and to release it back into the dam. That fish put on a spectacular display, including a ‘dolphin leap’ out of the water to a height of about a metre. Clearly, we had a new leader in the Trip Champion stakes! This fish is featured as Fish of the Month – see picture further on.

#### **The Trip Champion is: Kevin Ford**

By the time he left for home on Tuesday immediately after the Melbourne Cup, “Killer Kevin” Ford had eight legal size boated Barra to his credit, all caught in just four days, and no one exceeded that catch by week’s end. Deadly Dave Weston was runner up with his four fish in three days, including biggest fish of the trip, and “Jousting Jeff” Maddalena came a close third with three fish in three sessions, two of which sessions only lasted about an hour.



#### **Trip Captain gets Wooden Spoon**

Only one Barra was brought into my boat all week, and that was an 87cm fish caught by Ken Park. What’s more, we never even went close to a second fish all week. Hardly any hits; no unsuccessful hook-ups. Nothing! Not trolling, and not lure casting. Zilch! And we were using the same types of lures as many others were using. We tried several different lures and depths, and tried different troll distances back from the boat. We were trolling at about the same speed as Kevin Ford, and we put the hours in. Sure, we were running on the outboard,

not an electric – but so were plenty of others for a lot of the time. We both did much better last year.

I was the only fisher present who failed to catch a Barra this trip. Some will say that is truly reflective of my skill as a Fisher. Maybe it is? If I go again next year, I’m going to do a lot more lure casting up in the trees – it’s more interesting than trolling, more of an adrenalin rush when you hook a fish, and more exciting trying to keep/get the fish away from the trees. OK, so you lose a few. That’s better than no hits! (Ken also landed a fair sized fork tailed Catfish – supposedly the salt-water variety, in a fresh water lake – but for that he was given a score of Minus 1).

#### **Catch Summary**

Overall for the week 27 were Barra were boated, and 24 were legal size. Two big Bass brought the total to 29. The average Barra length was a very satisfactory 84cms.

Most fishing time was spent trolling, generally using lures that allegedly dive to 5 metres (but actually only get down about 3 to 4 metres, judging by bottom bumping in shallower water), and 22 of the 29 fish were therefore caught trolling (including the two Bass). Average trolling time per fish was 220.5 man-hours divided by 22 = 10 hours per fish caught (much less than the 25 hours per fish last year, so either we went at a better time, or we got better – or, dare I say it, luckier?).

Of course, the trolling time per fish looks considerably worse if you take into account the multiple lines trolled. Some boats trolled more than one line per fisher – up to a maximum of 4 – so that effectively increases the trolling hours per fish. Unfortunately, I have no data on this.

In comparison, 46 man-hours were spent Lure Casting, for a total of seven Barra. That is just 6.6 man-hours per fish caught – almost twice the effective catch rate as trolling. Indeed, if you adjust for multiple lines trolled per fisher, casting is almost certainly twice as effective. And remember, we are only counting fish boated, even though proportionately more fish are lost when lure casting.

#### **Special Award – Best Trick Catch**

This award undisputedly goes to Tom Wallbank. Tom hooked a Barra quite close to Lloyd’s boat whilst lure casting in amongst the trees. The boat was quite close to a tree at the time, and the fish (of course) quickly got to the other side of the tree. Tom found himself wrapped around the tree, desperately trying to prevent his rod from breaking on the tree, as the boat headed for the back of the boat. Then the fish did what Barra do best – it leaped out of the water and shook the lure free. Tom’s line went slack, and his heart sank. Another good fish lost!

Then an amazing thing happened. Lloyd was at the back of the boat watching all this action when suddenly a 78cm Barra literally jumped into the boat and landed at his feet. It was Tom’s fish. In throwing the lure it had lurched sideways in the air, and landed in the boat. ***Beat that and play fair!***

### Trip Costs

The return trip is about 900 Kms, and most vehicles carry two people, so travel costs can be easily calculated, depending on whether you wish to count vehicle-running costs (at least 33 cents per Km), or just petrol costs – which vary from vehicle to vehicle.

Accommodation costs worked out as follows: \$175 for 7 nights; \$140 for 4 nights; and \$130 for 3 nights. This was using two holiday houses at \$660 per week (for up to 6 people), and we had spare beds at all times.

The total cost per person of this trip is therefore relatively low for a Barramundi fishing trip. Indeed, the costs of a trip to “the Top End” dwarf those of this trip. Monduran is good value all round, I believe.



### Summary

I reckon this was the most enjoyable and sociable Club Trip I have been on with the SBSFC. I liked the extra social interaction on this trip and I hope other participants felt the same way. I was the default Trip Captain for this trip, because Ross Williamson was still in East Timor. Maybe Ross will volunteer to be Trip Captain again next year.

If you are seriously interested in improving your Barramundi fishing skills, it will be worthwhile reading last year's Trip Report from Monduran again. It was also quite detailed. The two reports taken together are quite instructive, and this year's better results were almost certainly due, at least in part, to the lessons learned (and recorded) last year. If we keep recording and analysing our results, we'll learn more and get better. Unfortunately, however, like catching Jewfish, if you want the thrill of fighting a big Barra you have to be prepared to put the hours in. Incidentally, as we saw this year, there are some VERY big Bass in Lake Monduran. There was a mysterious Fisher there at the same time as us – Lloyd thinks he was from NSW – who was clearly highly skilled at catching and filleting Bass. The evidence kept appearing in the waste bin at the fish-cleaning table. We think he and his mate were Bait Fishing. They also reportedly caught five Barra in one session, and we think those Barra were also caught on bait. Maybe some of us should give bait fishing a try at Monduran in 2007?



Who's coming next year? Kevin Ford has already said he is coming, and I'll probably go again. An early indication of your intention to attend will allow us to book some accommodation nice and early, which is necessary if we again want to secure the popular full moon week in November. Please let Ray Bricknell know ASAP if you are a likely starter for November 2007.

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

**A woman was walking along the beach when she stumbled upon a genie's lamp. She picked it up and rubbed it. Lo-and-behold a genie appeared. The amazed woman asked if she got three wishes.**

**The Genie said, "Nope. Due to inflation, constant downsizing, low wages in third-world countries and fierce global competition, I can only grant you one wish. So, what'll it be?"**

**The woman didn't hesitate. She said, "I want peace in the Middle East. See this map? I want these countries to stop fighting with each other."**

**The Genie looked at the map and exclaimed, "Gadzooks, lady! These countries have been at war for thousands of years. I'm good, but not THAT good! I don't think it can be done. Make another wish."**

**The woman thought for a minute. She said, "Well, I've been trying to find the right husband. You know, one that's considerate and fun, likes to cook and helps with the housecleaning, has a great sense of humour and gets along with my family, doesn't watch sports all the time and is faithful. That's what I wish for. A good mate."**

**The Genie let out a long sigh and said, "Let me see that map again."**

## LAKE LENTHALL TRIP

By Jeff Maddalena

After about a three and a half hour drive through busy Friday afternoon traffic, Peter Thomson and myself finally arrived at Lake Lenthall. John Cumberland and Neil McNeil were already on the water as were John Eldred and Dean Roseland. So we launched Peter's boat to try and squeeze an evening fishing session in. Friday was a very windy day and water temperature was a cool 25 degrees. These conditions were caused by the cool change that had moved through the country earlier in the week. Snow down south in November is not the best for Barra and Bass fishing up here. Even so there were fish caught after sunset. JC and Neil had three Bass in their boat; John Eldred had three Bass and Dean, Pete and myself left the lake fishless.

Saturday would hopefully show a bit more promise and everyone was on the water early, keen for action. Neil was off to a good start with a 28cm Bass caught with a surface lure around 4 am. It was still quiet due to the cool night, but things got a little better later in the morning. Neil and Dean had managed to boat a Barra each. Neil's Barra was 69cm and was caught in the main basin trolling around some snags. Dean was happy to get off the mark with his 60 cm Barra particularly because it was caught with his bream gear using a Jackal lure. Pete was having better luck than his previous outing and managed to catch two small Bass trolling with spinner baits.

Over the weekend we stayed at the Wallace Caravan Park in Maryborough. Two cabins were booked and we had four members in each cabin. The camp kitchen was a bit ordinary but I may be comparing it to the excellent camp kitchen at Monduran from the week before. Never the less it served the purpose for our club BBQ for Saturday lunch.

Again on Saturday night every one found the going hard. It was so dark on the water, no moon and no lights around making it difficult to navigate around the waterway. All but one boat came in, Chris Eldred and his mate Tre stayed out till about 9.00 pm that night. They had managed to find some fish that were hungry! They landed two Barra and lost count of the Bass they had caught.

Another early morning on Sunday for most members. Peter and I decided to join Mark Rossow on a spur of the moment side excursion to Borumba Dam on the way home. We found that this dam was quiet as well, so the cool temperatures were affecting these fish as well. Pete found us a nice spot up in the timbers with a lot of fish activity on his sounder. Pete got a number of hits but was only rewarded with one fish, a nice 41cm Bass. I on the other hand had washed every single lure in my possession as well as some of Pete's with no luck. Finally while trolling among the sticks I got my first hook up of the weekend, a small Silver Perch. We called it a day around 12 o'clock and decided to go and battle the Sunday afternoon Gateway traffic once more. Meanwhile Mark was doing it hard as well. No fish went in his boat that morning.

I don't know how the other members went on Sunday morning because I didn't have any contact with anyone before writing this article, so I too will have to wait for the report at the next meeting. Overall it was a top weekend with some good catches and friendly relaxed atmosphere back at the cabins, except from the caretaker of the caravan park who had spent most of his time abusing his "guests". Don't worry we will soon be able to camp right on the water at Lenthall's with work being started on a camp ground near the dam wall. That will save a 15km drive from Maryborough and 9kms of rough gravel road every fishing trip. All up a great club weekend. Next time we'll hope for some warmer weather and some worn out reel drags.

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## LIBRARY STUFF

The club library has the following items available for borrowing by the members. They are available at our monthly club meetings. A \$20 deposit will be required please, just to make sure they come back at the next meeting.

- ET's Bass and Barra Fishing
- Gently Does it when releasing fish - booklet and DVD
- Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing
- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
- The Kayak Fishing Video (On DVD)
- Basic Bait Fishing (DVD)
- Queensland's Freshwater Fishing Impoundment Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Evinrude Etec DVD

# SPECIAL DEALS

## Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic

Ph: 0407 198 728 – offers a discount to club members, and has been found to be good value.

## Marine Welding

Members should note that Jason Small of J & T Marine Welding is a brilliant aluminium and stainless steel welder, located near the Gem Hotel, and is prepared to do small jobs like repairing small leaks and cracks in tinnie hulls. He is a really straight shooter, and his charges are embarrassingly low, based on one member's experience (two jobs). Phone Jason on 3807 8746 if you need his help.

## R.T.L. Trailers – 3287 4241

Mark builds trailers and repairs them very economically – a good tradesman too.

79 Boundary Street, Beenleigh.

## Beenleigh Bait & Tackle

The new owners of the local bait and tackle shop are improving their range of stock, and their prices for both gear and rod and reel repairs appear to be very competitive. They will happily give a 10% discount to any Club Member who shows their membership card.

Beenleigh Bait & Tackle now also distribute a few Newsletters for us – check them out!

## Des Hughes Marine Services

A few club members use and recommend Des. His marine repairs are inexpensive and very good. So if you have a problem with your boats give Des a call!

Des Hughes Marine Service  
192 North Road  
Woodridge  
(Next to BP Garage)

Ph: 3208 3349  
Mob: 0409 274 136

# GEAR FOR SALE & WANTED

**FOR SALE** – Seadoo Jetski 1999 GTX Ltd on trailer. Both reg May 2007. 3 Seater. Maroon & white. One lady owner since new. Just completed full engine rebuild @ 211 hours. Drive shaft rebuild @ 175 hours. Regularly serviced by dealer. Excellent condition. \$7000

Contact Jeff or Rachel Ph 3382 6540 or 0417 233 116

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor. [jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au)

## Club Logos for Shirts and Stickers for Boats

Just a reminder - for \$10.00 you can have the SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt. Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt to the meeting with \$10.00 and it will be back at the following meeting. The \$10.00 fee includes a \$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the club for the \$75.00 set up cost.

Tom Wallbank has had a number of large and small boat stickers printed, and these are available for sale at every meeting. COST- Small \$1; Large \$5

## USEFUL NUMBERS & WEB SITES:

Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 426

SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428

Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427

Fishwatch Hotline 1800 017 116

Crabpot Theft Hotline 1800 017 116

Sweetwater fishing <http://sweetwaterfishing.com.au/>

Bureau of meteorology <http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml>

Brownies coast watch <http://www.browniescoastwatch.com/>

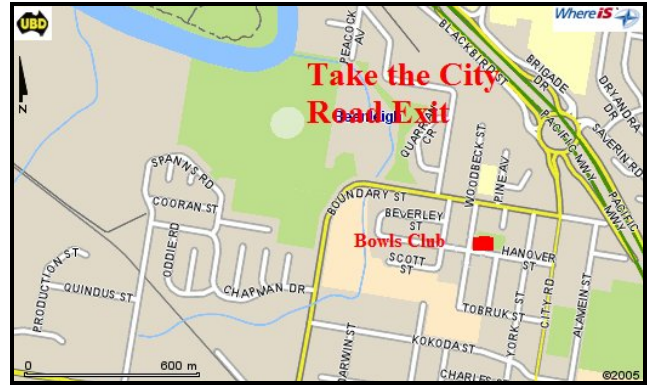
Bonzer imports <http://www.bonzerimports.com/>

SEQ kayak fishing <http://members.optusnet.com.au/aus-kayak-fishing/>



*Prospective Members reading this Newsletter will be made very welcome at any Club meeting – so please come along and check us out at our next meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm.*

**Meeting Room Location Map:**



***“CATCH OF THE MONTH”.*** Just email your photos to [jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au) and your prized catch will appear in the newsletter.



Dave Weston and his 100 cm Monduran Barra. *“just hurry up and take the photo before my arm falls off”*

**2007 trip calendar will be available soon and will be emailed to members ASAP  
In the meantime have a great Christmas.**