

GO! GETTING OUT

Event reels in the big ones

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WELL now, what an amazing weekend we have just experienced where the Gladstone Region shone as far as fishing was concerned.

The weather for the majority of the weekend, such as Friday and Saturday, was amazing.

The conditions for slipping out wide, as well as targeting those spots that usually have a heap of tidal run, was great.

As you can see by Josh O'Donohue's massive 28kg spanish mackerel, size does matter.

Now Josh and Co were out on Russ Charles's boat.

And if any of you know Russ Charles, he doesn't like to give away any info on location.

Russ loves to use words like Spit Rock, Beak Creek along with a few others to throw you off the scent.

In essence, these fish can be caught all the way along our coast.

Guide Johnny Mitchell was playing host to Rob Paxevanos and his daughter Hayley, 9, these past couple of days when she landed a 15kg specimen.

Spanish are being caught all the way along the coast.

Keep in mind they love fresh bait and the bigger the bait, usually the bigger the fish!

There were another couple of stories to come from this event.

Like Michelle Higgins, who has been entering this comp for the past 15 years.

This year was the first year she was actually able to weigh in a fish.

She is pictured here with a black jew of which there were some whoppers.

At one stage, young Clayton Box, as a junior, out fished the seniors with his 20.8kg jew.

All in all, it was a great weekend and after 23 years the Boyne Tannum HookUp still attracts friends, family, mates and newcomers to the region.

The fishing conditions around the district are about to change though as we get this southerly blast over the weekend.



SIZE MATTERS: Josh O'Donohue with his 28kg spanish mackerel.

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It will tend to shut various areas down as the warm water cools down fairly quickly.

Lake Awoonga is fishing amazingly well given the time of the year but that's all to do with water temp.

As the temp drops, the barra will slow up and sit in warm bays with warm water and plenty of oxygen.

The Gladstone Area Water Board announced at the Hook-Up that the prize fish which were tagged but not caught will now be worth \$1000 each.

There are now six of these tagged fish and this incentive



Winners are grinners - the Senior Category winners of the Boyne Tannum HookUp 2018. Photo: Contributed



Michelle Higgins proudly showing off her black jew at the HookUp. Photo: Contributed

to fish Lake Awoonga will remain in place for 12 months.

For more details go to the GAWB website.

This weekend, with the last quarter lunar phase and the lead up to the new moon, the

tides will be increasing and the weather a bit up and down.

This afternoon looks great until about sunset.

There will be increasing southerlies through the night and with a tinge of westerly

Saturday and then dropping back out again on Sunday.

Monday and Tuesday are looking pretty damn good too!

Make sure you let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

And if you don't have any friends, VMR Gladstone and Roundhill will be that for the day.

Call them up on VHF 82.

Hooroo, Daz

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