



Fishing Competition ~ 19 October 2008

With nearly 10 months of pre planning this year's fishing competition had only one problem. Strong winds!

We can plan the prizes, guest speakers and a beautiful lunch but unfortunately not the wind. Yes it played havoc amongst our fishing fleet as many boats lined up behind the breakwater to see if it would die down. So for the brave 30 odd boats it was a strong 20kt S/W that greeted them as they headed out into 1.5 mt seas.

This year we had some 37 boats register for the day and around 120 for lunch. But most fishos are fishos and the only thing to dampen their spirits where the waves crashing over the foredecks.

Most headed off at around 4.00 AM to their various spots but for most, the snapper eluded their baits. Usually they are on the bite this week but a lack of rain and water temps a little low there where only a few fished weighed in. Some anglers ever brought in a star fish which at some stage during weigh in time might have won.

Everyone headed back to the clubhouse around 11.30 for our BBQ lunch. Many thanks to Bill Stubbs and Steve Gall for firing up the BBQ's and prepare our lunch. With a few drinks and a maybe some lies about the one's that got away our day was getting better.

Dave Paterson aboard GEEPEE seemed to be on the spot with his biggest Snapper of 1.7 kgs, it took out the first prize. Andrew Laing was a very close second at 1.67 kgs and Dave's dad Geoff also aboard GEEPEE took out third. Dave is the first to have his name on the SYC Fishing Competition 'Wayne Read Motors Trophy'

With lunch out of the way it was time to introduce our special guest chef. 'Sebastion Galiano' has been head chef at nearby Poci's for a number of years. I believe his family from Sicily taught him his trade. Also, I believe he would like to pass on his skills at a later stage. From the sea we had a 5kg and a 3 kg snapper waiting for Sebastion to show us how to cook these magnificent fish on the BBQ.



Photos care of Darren Allen

The large fish had a fennel and thyme, stuffing along with olive oil, salt and pepper, with a grated lemon rind rubbed on the outside and popped in a oven paper and foil wrap. This was placed on a hot BBQ plate and covered lid for about 50 minutes. The smaller fish had a onion and garlic stuffing with dried tomatoes, with the same treatment for the outside foil etc. This would only take about 40 minutes.

During the cooking time our Commodore Philip Burn awarded the winners with their prizes. I believe our Commodore was impressed with the member turn out and even suggested we have two competitions per year!

Bill Vautin was the lucky winner of the Crayfish Raffle; which disappeared as soon as he received it to the boot of his car!!

With all the formalities over it was time to taste what Sebastian had prepared for us. In a word "mouthwatering" the snapper was superb.

An event such as this requires a lot of help so I would like to thank the Rec and Powerboat committee and their respective other halves for their time and effort. Also we had the support of Sandringham Yacht Club, Wayne Read Motors, Jarvis Walker Vasiliki Lobsters Melbourne Pty Ltd and R Marine Jacksons who provided us with our BBQ lunch. Oh and speaking of Jacksons; they are having a mini open boat show at the club on the water 8-9th Nov, so come on down and have a look over one of their magnificent cruisers on display.

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