

# The Sunday Times fishing

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# Barras go to great lengths

A BARRAMUNDI over 40lb (18kg) in the old language is the dream of many a northern angler — and some barramundi specialists will go a lifetime without ever successfully landing such a fish.

In these days of releasing all big barra, the magic mark is more likely to be measured in centimetres, with a metre being the starting point for a barra worthy of envy.

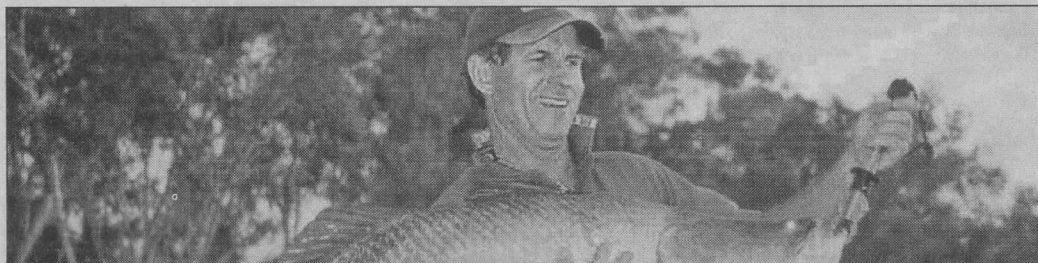
A barramundi expert once told me most big barra are lost within moments of being hooked because so many anglers do things wrong as soon as a big fish jumps.

The bigger the fish is when it comes crashing through the surface, the more they do wrong, and there's not much you can do to prepare for it.

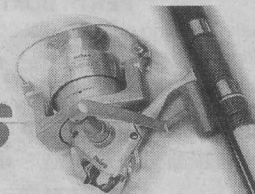
So, it's an extraordinary day when a pair of anglers can lay claim to each capturing an 18kg barra, on the same day and, for that matter, from the same snag.



**FIRST BITE:** Dave Witney caught this 123cm barramundi in the Ord River at Kununurra.



## Hot spots



### Metropolitan

MEMBERS of the Davey family of Hillarys enjoyed a red-letter day out from their home port, with a good catch of jewfish among the many highlights. Simon Davey relished his battle with a powerful yellowtail kingfish, which, like most of their catch, was released. Other species encountered included six samson fish, breaksea cod and pink snapper.

John Slawek took his mum Lucy and mate Jules Hadzic near Rottneest where Lucy outfished the two boys, with her 4kg queen snapper the fish of the trip. The trio also boated some fine skippy, whopping sand whiting and pink snapper, and spotted some whales as a bonus. Other groups have found yellowfin tuna between the shore and Rottneest, though they move about quickly. The big schools of baitfish in the area appear to be attracting the tuna.

Brian and Craig Hutchinson fished from their 6m aluminium dinghy only 8km off Two Rocks. With the wind dropping to create beautiful conditions, they boated five jewfish weighing 6-10kg, two 450mm pink snapper and some elbow-thumping king george. Pinkies were also located from just outside the Three Mile out from Ocean Reef.

Just north of Yanchep has worked well for tailor and small mullet, with chopper tailor active off City Beach. Silver bream have proved a feature for Trigg Blue Hole fishers, while Woodman Point is abuzz with small whiting and yellowtail.

### Kalbarri

LINDSAY Baker fished well to win his home town's September club competition, weighing in 18 species including a bluebone of 4.2kg, a 4.7kg jewie and an 11.5kg cobia. Greg Tapley, with 13 species, was also among the fish, while Brian Baker caught a 5.6kg

The two anglers were Kununurra local David Witney and John Cramer from Perth. Using live mullet baits on bait-caster rods with braided lines, the anglers were exploring snags in the lower Ord River out of Kununurra.

Assisting the anglers in their quest was Kununurra guide Andrew McEwen, who runs Macka's Barra Camp.

Witney was the first to hook up and, after a relatively clean fight, he had a massive 123cm barra at the boat to lift, photograph, revive and release.

That fish wins Witney the \$50 Black Magic-Wasabi tackle pack in this week's competition.

An inquisitive crocodile was the next big hook-up but, fortunately, the croc released itself.

However, the mullet bait must have been appealing



**SECOND STRIKE:** Not to be outdone, John Cramer followed up with a 115cm barra.

because the croc was not at all put off by the experience and hung around for more free meals.

Cramer hooked up around the same snag about 90 minutes later but his fish barrelled deep into the snags and buried itself well down beneath two fallen trees.

McEwen was not about to give up on it, though, and despite the nervousness that an inquisitive crocodile must have imparted, got his arm down into the snags as far as he could reach to clear the line.

That was done successfully and, with a bit of help from a lure retrieval pole, Cramer soon had his fish in the boat.

At 115cm it was also a dream fish and was quickly revived and released.

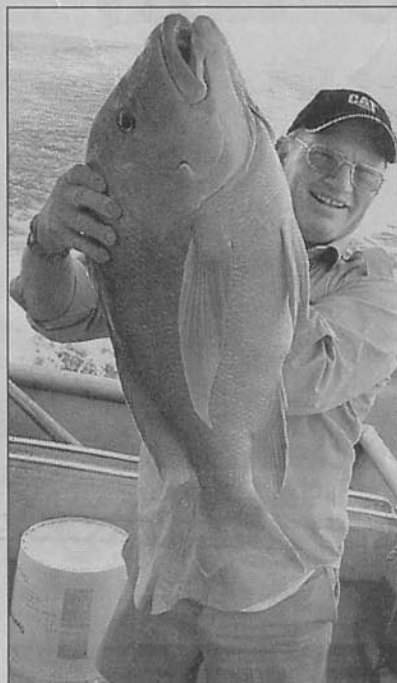
The Shimano-Rapala Classic Catch prize for October is a Shimano Stradic 6000 spinning reel and five Rapala CD11 lures, valued at \$400.

Each weekly winner receives a \$50 Black Magic-Wasabi tackle pack, so get your catch photos and details in to the above address, or drop them into the Morley store.

## Catch this

MULLOWAY were a common catch in the Swan River through September, with lures and flies more effective than baits. Graeme Hammer's latest catch was an 11kg specimen on 6kg line, which fell for a Rapala CD14 Magnum in the sardine colour.

# Perfect 10 for Derrick



LEN Derrick of Greenmount has set himself up nicely to fish Dongara waters from his well-equipped boat but he doesn't mind stepping further afield occasionally.

We bet he appreciates these trips even more when he is rewarded with fish such as the 10kg red emperor he scored while on a charter at Coral Bay.

Derrick is a fan of the Shimano-Rapala Classic Catch gear, using his new TLD 25 reel on his most recent outing.

**BIG RED:**  
Len Derrick ventured to Coral Bay and landed this 10kg red emperor.

Laurie Malton added a 3.9kg coral trout to a bag of pink snapper.

The southerly winds didn't suit the beach section of the competition but six year-old Derek Lichtensteiger caught his biggest fish, a good bream, to win the junior section, while Sheryl Eley won the women's seniors section with a pair of good bream. The club is holding a ladies' day competition on October 26.

## Broome

LAST month's Yamaha Broome Billfish Classic was a great success, with an incredible average of nearly 18 billfish tagged per boat over four days' fishing, all on 10kg line.

The first day of the tournament was another tournament in its own right, with an additional nine boats fishing for the Brian "Fatty" Albert Memorial trophy. The winner was The Boss, skippered by Tony Houston, with 16 sailfish tagged. John Bone was Champion of the Day with eight sails tagged.

The overall winner, Reel Girls, fished on Ross Newton's FAD2. Sara Hennessy, Tracey Rushford, Jeni Lerch and Kellie Pummeroy tagged and released 47 sailfish but leapt into the lead with a successful double hook-up of two marlin.

The runner-up, Team Yamaha, comprising Steve Chambers, Rob "Bulldog" Locke, Steve Wockner and Pam Blatchford, tagged 40 sailfish and three marlin on Kevin Blatchford's Backlash.

A total of 1172 billfish were reportedly raised, with 469 hooked and 301 tagged for the event.

At this time of year, Broome begins getting afternoon sea breezes, so for the next couple of months offshore fishing is best in the mornings. Some good-sized mackerel have been reported offshore.

Creek fishing offers a good alternative in the afternoons, with plenty of fish about including lots of small barra in water temperatures around 27-28C.

Threadfin salmon have been a bit quiet but the jetty has fired up for queenfish.

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## TIDES

### FREMANTLE

Sunday: 3.37am 0.5 (L), 10.14am 0.8 (H), 4.11pm 0.6 (L), 10.34pm 0.8 (H).  
Monday: 4.37am 0.5 (L), 11.22am 0.8 (H), 3.54pm 0.6 (L), 10.34pm 0.8 (H).  
Tuesday: 5.37am 0.5 (L), 12.22pm 0.7 (H), 3.08pm 0.6 (L), 10.23pm 0.9 (H).  
Wednesday: 7.56am 0.4 (L), 1.28pm 0.6 (H), 2.49pm 0.6 (L), 10.34pm 0.9 (H).  
Thursday: 9.13am 0.4 (L), 10.54pm 1.0 (H).

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Friday: 12.15pm 0.4 (L), 11.21pm 0.9 (H).  
Saturday: 1.03am 0.4 (L), 11.53pm 0.9 (H).

### COASTAL

ALBANY: 4.45am 0.5 (L), 11.12am 1.0 (H), 5.18pm 0.5 (L), 11.23pm 0.9 (H).  
BUNBURY: 3.45am 0.5 (L), 10.30am 0.8 (H), 4.42pm 0.5 (L), 11.00pm 0.7 (H).  
GERALDTON: 3.40am 0.6 (L), 10.12am 1.0 (H), 4.06pm 0.6 (L), 10.32pm 0.9 (H).