



Rob Kearvell - Port Hughes WVFG Fishing Report, 19 to 23AUG25

Attendees: *Greg/Ben/Gadget, Rob/Spud, , Goldy/GJ*

Accommodation: *34 Snell Ave Port Hughes, Ben's Place*

19AUG25 - Tuesday: Travelled from Adelaide to Port Hughes, weather pretty good, not too much wind and clear skies. Arrived around 1100, then Spud turned up and we sorted out unpacking and setting his boat up. Greg Ben & Gadget along with Goldy and GJ were already on the water. Conditions looked good so we headed out around 1400 had a few problems as ramp fees are by Application only, but you can ring the council within business hours, note the shop can't do it. Slightly choppy, low swell. Bit cloudy but comfortable. Spud and I laboured around a number of drops for a small snapper 3 Dog Sharks (I was the lucky one with them) very few bites on both Carp and Cockles. Greg Ben & Gadget not too successful with one KG Whiting and a squid around the Bamboos area. Goldy and GJ went to a new spot for them near Cape Elizabeth Bay area and bagged out (that's fishing) also a couple of squid. All got together at Snell Ave for a good chat early evening. Accommodation was very good, plenty of room, BBQ was a disappointment and a splash of money on a new one may be warranted.

20AUG25 - Wednesday: Forecast was reasonable, all wind indicators near the house, trees, flags etc were consulted and we decided to head

out. Turned out the sea conditions were reasonable but later got a bit ugly which meant a long bumpy ride back from Lofties area. Goldy and GJ headed south in the bay for three squid, yesterday's drop didn't fire. Greg/Ben and Gadget also went south within the bay for little success. Spud and I went 14kms out, was a bit bumpy and got worse before heading home, southerly swell and reasonable wind waves on top. Hard work for 4 KG Whiting for Spud and one for me on Carp, we tossed a couple of small ones back. I backed up with a Dog Shark and Red Mullet. Very bumpy ride back.

21 AUG 25 - Thursday: Weather forecast was woeful, mainly wind, so all decided no fishing. Don was at Wallaroo, and we organised with him to have a BBQ at My Pony Point. Around 1100 headed to Wallaroo and Don's house on the Marina. My first impression was I had never seen so much Fishing gear in one place/house other than a fishing tackle shop. It was mind blowing when also at My Pony Point there was a similar amount of fishing tackle. His "shack" at the point was excellent with superb sea and coastal views, Seals and Dolphins to top it off. Had a great BBQ, meat courtesy of Don, thanks for that. All had a great social get together and late afternoon headed back to camp. Noting the weather wasn't quite as bad as forecasted but still not good enough to venture out on the water.

22 AUG 25 - Friday: Wind had dropped substantially, and the weather cleared. All three boats out on the water by 0800. Goldy and GJ did a couple of drops in the bay then went out to Lofties and bagged out, nothing super big plus a few squid. They were heading back today so went in early to head home. After a number of drops in the bay with no success we headed out to a drop near Lofties and worked hard for 5 KG Whiting then going on Goldy's and GJ's success headed over to Lofties and were fortunate enough to bag out on KG as well. I gave my new Shimano Raider Rod, Abu Garcia Bait Caster and 5kg braid a work out on a big Dog Shark and it handled it pleasingly well. Ben and Greg

(Gadget had headed home) hadn't had much luck in the bay but just north of Cape Elizabeth also bagged out. Fish wise a very successful day for all three boats. Wind wise it only got better as the day wore on so that coming back it was close to becalmed so easy trip back.



Spud & Rob Friday's Catch

23AUG25 - Saturday: Time to head home after a great trip away. Thanks to Greg again for sorting out the trip and accommodation, another excellent job.

Tight Lines to All - Rob