Team KFT news

Buckle Up Team, it is time to announce the Angler of the Series for the 2010 TT Lures / Extreme Kayak Gold Coast Bream Series. Thanks to all again for a fantastic series and especially our awesome sponsors for making these events possible and for developing products that make kayak fishing safer, more enjoyable and also that help us catch more fish!!

Keep an eye out for the next newsletter which will contain some tips and tricks to help you catch you some more fish, reviews of some of our sponsor's great products and we'll take a look back at the 3 KFT series that have been held so far and check out the best performers, biggest bream and biggest bags.

The points system for Angler of the Series rewards consistency across the 3 rounds and also rewards those who finish in the top 5, steps down to top 10, then down again to top 15 and rewards anglers with points down to 29th place in each round. The top 15 is broken into brackets of 5 with a larger step down in points from 5th to 6th and 10th to 11th recognizing those who have made the top 5 and top 10. An additional 50 points is up for grabs at each round for the angler that takes out the BCF Big Bream.

There are plenty of prizes up for grabs at each round and for many it is as much about catching up with mates, making new friends, getting out on the water and learning from others, as it is about winning. It is important to reward those that have excelled throughout the series though so we have small trophies for our top 3, giving them bragging rights and we have included our top 30 in this wrap up so that you can see if you made the top 10, 20 or 30, sledge your mates if you snuck ahead of them and so you know who to talk to about putting you onto a fish or two.

So who were our top 5....drum roll please....

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Angler	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Overall	Scoring
Declan Williams	600		550	1150	550
Michael Halliday	330	480	200	1010	510
Guy Struthers	480	420	70	970	480
Jayden Riggs		510	420	930	450
Stephen Maas	510	360		870	420
Alan Britcliffe	450		360	810	360
Raymond Stork		450	330	780	330
Tyson Hayes	110	55	510	675	300
Scott Sandilands		550		550	270
Steven Fielding-Smith			530	530	240
Steve Crawley		250	270	520	200
Phil Pluis			450	450	170
Warren Cossel		300	140	440	140
Richard Creighton	420			420	110
Nick Meredith	300		80	380	80
Alex Terrill	360			360	70
Steven McCormick		240	65	305	65
Steven Riding			300	300	60
Paul Pallet		270		270	55
Michael Keates	270			270	50
Jason Welch			240	240	45
Tim Maas	200			200	40
Gavin Smith	65		110	175	35
Keenan Gilligan			170	170	30
Aaron Mass		170		170	25
Chiron Weber	170			170	20
Tim Harris	70	80		150	15
Thomas Strydom		140		140	10
Peter Bostock	140			140	5
Benjamin Campbell	60	65		125	BB +50

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Congratulations to Declan Williams for a dominate performance in this series. Declan fished 2 rounds, won both rounds he fished and took out the BCF Big Bream in the first round. He had family commitments in round 2...scares me to think how many points he could have amassed had he fished all 3.

I'm sure everyone would agree that Declan is a great ambassador for the sport, one of the keenest anglers I've met and again congrats from the team at KFT on an awesome performance.

2nd place went to a bit of a dark horse whose name didn't pop up too much through Angler of the Series conversations, but at the same time an angler who is consistently on show at the presentations collecting plenty of prizes.

As mentioned the Angler of the Series rewards those that finish in the top 3 points brackets and rewards consistency. Well done to Michael Halliday who was our runner up for AOS and the only angler to place in the top 15 in all 3 rounds. This is reward for skilled angling and the ability to adapt to the conditions in the 3 different locations fished.

All 3 of the TT Lures young guns finished in the top 10, some of the keenest anglers you'll meet, all under 18 and it is brilliant to see the next wave of gun anglers coming through the KFT. Guy Struthers finished in 3rd for the series and after a third in round 1 and fifth in round 2 will be kicking himself that he couldn't find the fish in round 3. Hats off to him though, he has performed well in previous KFT series and again on the Gold Coast in 2010, well done.

Speaking of young guns, Jayden Riggs fished the KFT Series for the first time this series and performed well enough to take out 4th for the series at 15 years of age. He couldn't find the fish in round 1 but still walked away with $800 worth of random draw, Extreme Kayak Fish Bandit Kayak, paddle and seat. He then returned to round 2 fishing from the Fish Bandit and took out second spot followed up with fifth in round 3 to secure 4th overall for the series.

Jayden will look back on round one as the one that got away, along with that big bream he lost at the side of the yak in round two when he hit the water without a landing net. Regardless of this to fish a tournament series at 15, up against about 50 other anglers at each round and finish in the top 5 is awesome and I would be stoked just to see my name in the top 30 and fired up for next series if I have just missed the cut.

Rounding out the top 5 was Stephen Maas, another consistent KFT performer. Stephen took out second place in round 1 and sixth place in round 3 for a total of 870 points, finishing in 5th overall. Things were pretty tight in the race for fifth to second with only 140 points between them.

Well done to our top 5 for adapting to the different conditions that faced them at each round and putting the fish on the measure in at least two of the three events.

The top 10 was rounded out by Damiki angler Alan Britcliffe and his Vault blades in 6th, fellow Hobie paddler Raymond Stork in 7th, TT Young Gun Tyson Hayes on his Extreme Kayak Outlaw in 8th, Scott Sandilands the winner of round 2 in 9th and Steven Fielding-Smith with a third in round 3 and the BCF Big Bream taking out 10th spot. Well done to these anglers and also to Steve Crawley who missed the 10 by a whisker.

Again well done to those that made the top 5, 10, 15 and for those that made the top 30. For those that missed the cut, you know what to do next time...stop catching tailor, cod, flathead, trevally and a myriad of other random species, stop getting blown away by jacks, stop losing fish at the side of the yak and put some bream on the measure.

KFT Angler of the Series Declan Williams

Before I finish off this wrap up I just want to say thanks again to the sponsors for allowing us to put on an event that offers prizes to the top 15, big bream and 15 random draw prizes including an Extreme Kayak Fish Bandit, seat and paddle.

The feedback on the events has been fantastic, it is the only kayak tournament series in Australia that draws 50+ anglers to each round and the atmosphere at each event has been fantastic.

I enjoy being able to hand out prizes to anglers and in the following round hear that they smashed the bream on the Berkley Gulp lures they won, or used the Platypus sinking braid to finish in the top 5, saw more fish with their Mako sunnies, used the Ecogear PX-45 to fish the surface for the first time and caught fish, whacked them on the TT Lures Ghost blade, skipped a Damiki Monster Miki up under a pontoon for their biggest fish or used the Humminbird sounder to find a patch of rubble that was holding bream.

I like seeing anglers with the Evakool box they won strapped on the back of their yak, wearing their new Sun2Sea sun shirt and telling me how they cleaned up again on the Atomic Hardz Crank 38 or talking to me about how light the Solution paddle is and how they can paddle further, easier to find unpressured water and catch more fish. Listening to stories of how well the Daiwa reel performed on the

tuna and how they used the Gary Howard 2-5kg G-Force rod to land an 85cm Spanish Mackerel or that they had set up the Jarvis Walker Watersnake T-18 electric motor on their yak and trolled up some big barra at Awoonga.

Jayden Riggs is a prime example, 15 years old, didn't catch a fish in round one, but won the Fish Bandit kayak. Used this yak to finish 2nd in round 2 and among his prizes was a Gary Howard 2-5kg G-Force rod that he put to the test the following weekend, landing an 85cm Spaniard. He then finished 5th in round 3 and among his prizes was a pair of photochromatic Mako sunglasses. This 15 year old did not own any sunglasses, spent half the time squinting and slept on the way home because of fatigue. Thanks to Mako Jayden's eyes are now protected from the sun and flying lures, he is less fatigued at the end of a fishing session and after speaking to him recently, he is spotting more fish than ever...so look out next series!!

To the sponsors, thanks, it is you that make these events so successful, you that creates an environment where it's not all about finishing first, which encourages the young anglers of the future to have a go, you that allow these anglers to walk away with some great products and you that leaves them with the great memories associated with the KFT and their time spent on the water, so again thanks.

Michael Halliday the only angler to finish in the top 15 in each of the 3 rounds takes out 2nd in the race for Angler of the Series.

Guy Struthers cleaned up in round 1 and 2 to secure 3rd for the series.

Jayden Riggs and the Extreme Fish Bandit he won before braining the fish in round 2 and 3 to finish 4th overall for the series.

Stephen Maas took out 5th overall with strong performances in round 1 and 3.