

# THE SOUTHERN SPEARO

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## A Dive R Expedition with Ray Powell March 2009.

30 nautical miles off shore, White Island, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

John Carlson, Marek Toman, Tom Fraser, myself and Lee Mac from Newcastle who shot a 24kg king 15 minutes into our first dive on the first day. Splendid! Perfect conditions for the 8 days we were there, 5 days of glassouts. Ate like kings and saw kingfish to 40kg.

Johns kingy was 9kg, Mareks 13kg, Toms 2: 14 and 20kg, Ray shot several to 30kg, my 3 went 8, 14kg, and the big girl pulled the scales down to 35kg. We shot and lost several over 25kg. These fish are brutes! They pull like nothing else, they don't stop, they pull you under with ease and would drown a bloke if he was silly enough to hang on or get tangled in his float line. Great sport! Tom and myself saw the biggest school of kings with 200+ all circling us (Footage on Youtube- "Yellowtail Kingfish" There were heaps in the school over 30kg. Funny as, check it out!)

Ray, Marek and myself swam with a large school, 150+ of 9kg kings that were encircling a massive school of 150+ silver trevally to 7kg. Marek pulled the biggest one out, would've been 5kg, my 2 were 2 and 3.5kg. Bloody Awesome!

I swam with a school of Kawahai (what we Aussies call Salmon) that would've had over 1000 fish in it, shooting salmon to 4kg. There were fish in the school over 6kg. Nuts! We shot Blue MaoMao, Pink MaoMoa, Golden Snapper, Porae, Blue Moki (I shot 2 to 5.5kg). Marek was our cray man pulling 3 southern loobbies. Viso was 60 foot plus in many spots.

Firsts for all us Southern boys shooting and landing our first Yellowtail Kingfish, not bad for guys that haven't been spearing for long. Big thank you to Ray Powell for an absolutely brilliant trip. Cant wait to get back there next year.

Happy Spearin'  
Ads(Adam Greenhow)



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## THE YEAR THAT WAS

The Southern Freedivers has had another great 12 months. Over the season, we have seen our membership continue to grow, culminating in the biggest turnout to a presentation night we have seen, even though many of the regulars were missing. At the new Mordialloc venue, about 70 guests enjoyed a night out with their fellow diver buddies applauding this years winners. Thanks to Jack Monkiewicz and Leigh Elliott for organising the night .

We have also had an increase in the amount of divers participating in our club competitions. Hopefully, all the newcomers enjoyed the experience. Drew Fenney was once again named the club champion, and was again part of the winning Australian team in the Inter-Pacific Championship held in southern WA.

Ric Devries won his second Victorian Title in March to follow up winning the Western Districts Title in January. He narrowly defeated Drew in poor conditions at Koonya and Fingal Beach where all the competitors bravely fought it out. (See the club comp results for scores). Ric is the 7th different winner in the last 7 years of this most prestigious event.

As mentioned in the last issue, kingfish have again been landed at the Prom, more divers have been out hunting Bluefin Tuna off Portland, and the latest news is of "largish" snapper being speared during winter off Williamstown between 1 and 3kgs. Whatever fish you're after, Its all happening in Victoria!



▲ Junior Club and State Champion: Trent Crane with Jack and Leigh



▲ Photography Winner: Ryan Harris with Jack



▲ Heaviest Fish (22kg Bluefin Tuna): Aaron Crocombe.



▲ B Grade Champion: Leigh Elliott.

## VICTORIAN SPEARFISHING CHALLENGE 2008/09



▲ Vic Challenge Winner: Murray Peterson.

| SPECIES in gms     | Flathead | Sweep | Snapper | Whiting | Snook | Crayfish | Kingfish | Trevally | Squid | Salmon | Total |
|--------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| <b>NAMES</b>       |          |       |         |         |       |          |          |          |       |        |       |
| Murray Peterson    | 900      | 1140  | 700     | 640     | 1980  | 4140     | 10920    | 900      | 1480  | 800    | 75    |
| Jordan Hill        | 1305     | 750   | 845     | 635     | 2195  | 2950     |          | 1460     | 1850  | 975    | 70    |
| Rob Torelli        | 705      | 1130  |         | 620     | 1080  | 5050     | 15080    | 1050     | 2040  |        | 59.5  |
| Ryan Harris        | 500      | 1040  | 770     | 590     | 700   | 3430     | 1800     | 380      | 590   | 830    | 53    |
| Leigh Elliott      |          | 780   | 560     |         | 1990  |          | 13110    | 1100     | 1720  | 1110   | 52    |
| Aaron Crocombe     | 1350     | 1090  |         | 480     | 2140  | 4010     |          |          | 680   |        | 39.5  |
| Chris Monaghan     |          | 1090  | 450     | 430     | 1560  | 1880     |          | 460      |       |        | 26.5  |
| Drew Fenney        |          | 1040  |         | 710     | 1840  |          |          |          |       | 1255   | 24    |
| Matt Koopman       | 1190     |       |         | 825     |       |          |          |          |       |        | 18    |
| Christian Hughes   |          |       |         |         | 1550  | 1550     |          |          | 885   | 760    | 17    |
| Josef Bednarek     | 635      |       | 530     |         |       |          |          |          |       |        | 11    |
| Louie Papadopoulos |          |       |         |         |       |          |          |          | 2125  |        | 10    |
| Adam Greenhow      |          |       |         |         | 3180  |          |          |          |       |        | 10    |
| Paul Dorfstatter   |          |       |         | 535     |       | 2860     |          |          |       |        | 9     |
| Jack Monkiewicz    |          | 1130  |         |         |       |          |          |          |       |        | 8.5   |

This year, The Victorian Challenge was open all the way to the end. With all 10 species, Murray was able to pass Jordan who had been leading for most of the duration. Like past events, we have had some great fish weighed in such as Adams 3kg snook, the 3 crays over 4kg and all the kingfish, which are always prized in our waters. Legendary Spearfishing Equipment was very generous in supplying a Torelli Carbon fibre speargun to random winner Matt Koopman, and \$300 discount vouchers to the divers who submitted the biggest of each species. Next seasons event begins on the 13th of September.

# CLUB SERIES RESULTS

| Grade | Name | Cape Shank           | Sorrento Boat | Western Districts | Kitty-Miller Bay | Koonya | Fingal Beach | Pyramid Rock | Blow Hole | Total  |        |
|-------|------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1     | A    | Drew Fenney          | 100.00        | 100.00            | 85.13            | 84.23  | 100.00       |              | 100.00    | 569.36 |        |
| 2     | A    | Murray Peterson      | 68.17         | 50.13             |                  | 40.49  | 80.71        | 82.00        | 65.42     | 386.93 |        |
| 3     | B    | Leigh Elliott        | 43.48         | 35.79             | 52.76            | 39.91  | 80.75        | 100.00       | 64.67     | 381.57 |        |
| 4     | B    | Christian Hughes     | 89.71         | 28.52             |                  | 94.53  |              | 50.29        | 59.31     | 322.35 |        |
| 5     | A    | Ric DeVries          |               |                   | 100.00           | 100.00 | 91.55        |              |           | 291.55 |        |
| 6     | B    | Jason Horne          |               | 41.81             | 65.28            | 39.84  | 40.76        |              | 58.84     | 246.53 |        |
| 7     | B    | Paul Dorfstatter     | 33.79         | 29.61             | 35.97            | 55.85  | 15.58        | 65.10        |           | 235.91 |        |
| 8     | B    | Joseph Bednarak      | 50.45         | 29.08             |                  |        | 17.52        | 41.17        | 52.77     | 26.61  | 217.60 |
| 9     | A    | Louie Papadopolous   | 70.55         | 43.57             |                  | DISQ   | 31.63        | 65.16        |           |        | 210.90 |
| 10    | A    | Chris Monaghan       | 92.08         | 40.31             | DISQ             |        |              | 78.24        |           |        | 210.63 |
| 11    | JNR  | Trent Crane          | 24.11         |                   | 36.22            | 36.97  | 26.55        | 32.46        | 51.99     |        | 208.30 |
| 12    | B    | Ivor Nakic           | 43.27         |                   | 36.04            | 61.85  |              | 14.88        |           | 45.26  | 201.30 |
| 13    | A    | Aaron Crocombe       | 54.15         |                   |                  | 100.00 | 41.10        |              |           |        | 195.25 |
| 14    | B    | Ryan Harris          | 32.24         | 24.25             |                  | 81.50  | 33.52        |              |           |        | 171.51 |
| 15    | B    | Ziya Mustafa         |               | 41.34             |                  | 46.26  | 31.68        |              |           |        | 119.28 |
| 16    | C    | Greg Sperring        |               |                   | 17.22            | 17.38  | 15.64        |              |           | 59.79  | 110.03 |
| 17    | C    | Andrew Vibert        |               | 12.72             |                  | 56.87  |              |              |           | 37.75  | 107.34 |
| 18    | A    | Brett Illingworth    | 32.23         |                   |                  |        | 50.09        |              |           | 24.69  | 107.01 |
| 19    | C    | Luke Donnison        | 11.62         |                   |                  | 54.46  | 24.08        |              |           |        | 90.17  |
| 20    | C    | Tom Fraser           | 22.17         | 11.28             |                  |        | 18.51        |              |           | 31.64  | 83.60  |
| 21    | C    | Nghia Vu             |               | 23.99             |                  |        |              | 31.63        |           | 24.73  | 80.35  |
| 22    | B    | Frank Di Martino     |               |                   |                  |        |              | 79.27        |           |        | 79.27  |
| 23    | B    | Justin Goss          |               | 30.14             | 47.36            |        |              |              |           |        | 77.50  |
| 24    | C    | Paul Crane           |               |                   | 17.49            | 8.64   |              | 22.34        |           |        | 76.51  |
| 25    | QLD  | Dave Welsh           |               |                   |                  |        | 31.61        | 39.71        |           |        | 71.32  |
| 26    | A    | Rob Torelli          |               | 67.26             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 67.26  |
| 27    | C    | Mustafa Apak         |               |                   |                  | 64.92  |              |              |           |        | 64.92  |
| 28    | NSW  | Sasha Shultz         | 56.64         |                   |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 56.64  |
| 29    | C    | Josh Rendell         |               |                   | 46.84            |        |              |              |           |        | 46.84  |
| 30    | C    | Tim Fitzpatrick      | 32.88         | 12.78             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 45.66  |
| 31    | C    | Salcuk Budak         |               | 18.74             |                  |        |              | 22.69        | 28.03     |        | 41.43  |
| 32    | C    | Paul McBride         |               |                   |                  | 19.20  |              |              |           | 18.88  | 38.08  |
| 33    | JNR  | Jordan Whitmore      |               |                   |                  | 36.87  |              |              |           |        | 36.87  |
| 34    | JNR  | Ashleigh Illingworth |               | 35.95             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 35.95  |
| 35    | JNR  | Mac Riddle           |               |                   | 33.97            |        |              |              |           |        | 33.97  |
| 36    | JNR  | Jake Torelli         |               | 31.58             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 31.58  |
| 37    | C    | Baden Hicks          | 11.28         | 11.79             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 23.07  |
| 38    | JNR  | Sam Kitchen          |               |                   |                  |        |              |              | 18.57     |        | 18.57  |
| 39    | C    | Daniel Attard        |               | 17.36             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 17.36  |
| 40    | C    | Jonothan Hore        |               | 12.67             |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 12.67  |
| 41    | JNR  | Michael Pannone      |               |                   |                  |        |              |              | 12.32     |        | 13.32  |
| 42    | C    | Jason Visvick        | 10.81         |                   |                  |        |              |              |           |        | 10.81  |
| 43    | C    | Marek Toman          |               |                   |                  |        | 7.80         |              |           |        | 7.80   |