

Stand-out barra catches

NOT only has the increasing storm activity made life difficult, the strong south-easterly flow over the Top End has only added to the discomfort.

On the barra front, it's been a bit of a mixed bag with the moody Adelaide River being one of the few stand-out options.

Solid fish to the mid 80s have been taken on hard bodies and softies up the top around the snags and the creeks at the mouth have been very consistent for both barra and threadfin.

Shoal Bay has also been good with some nice barra being nailed at The Rock, the mouth of King Creek and in the low-tide holes on live bait.

Good barra continue to be taken from Buffalo Creek on big live mullet with the night-time lows proving a good option.

Foreshore rocks have come into play with barra and threadfin on the chew on the last hour or so of the rising tide.

The Cullen Bay rock wall has also seen solid barra playing the game along with some very handy mangrove jack.

East Arm rock wall has also turned up a few good number of barra and jacks along with some respectable golden snapper.

The drains at the mouth of the Elizabeth River have produced barra and some solid grunter (javelin fish).

The western side of the harbour has been tough on the flats due to the wind but the quieter flats that have held cleaner water have seen a few barra grace the net and the rock bars in Middle Arm, West Arm and Pioneer Creek are holding good golden snapper but there are a lot of small fish mixed among them.

The Daly is up over the crossing and some wonderful barra have been taken at night at the top of the tide by fishos running poppers and fizzers from the road.

The creeks around the mouth of the South Alligator River have produced some good barra and threadfin salmon and the offshore reefs in the same area are holding very good golden snapper.

The Dundee Rocks have turned up barra to the early 90s for both land-based fishos and boaties holding just off the rocks.

Wide of Dundee still continues to be a solid option for mackerel and last weekend there were reports of some free jumping sailfish in the same area.

Bottom bouncers have been reporting good catches of goldies and mixed reef fish from the grounds wide of Dundee.

The rocks at Channel Island near the boat ramp and the Lee Point rocks have also been good barra destinations for land-based fishos.

The Six Mile Buoy and the Charles Point grounds have been worth the fuel bill for golden snapper and jew.

Harbour wrecks also producing some nice goldies and the odd jewie and Town Hall



Comment by the Mad Mullet

has turned up some good jew on fresh squid baits fished over the change of the tide. The drop offs and ledges around the Vernon islands have seen quite a few golden snapper and the odd coral trout.

GTs and queenfish have been working upstairs and plenty have been fooled by crews trolling poppers.

Crabber's corner

All the indications are the muddies are moving out of the creeks and looking for water that has less fresh in it. That being said, your best shot will be to run your pots on the flats adjacent to the creek mouths.

Try spreading your pots out



Aaron Geier has his hands full with a buck mudcab caught at Meckett's Creek on the incoming tide



Simon Moyle with a nice 107cm Daly River barra catch caught in October

and seek likely looking crab country along the mangrove fringe.

Try dosing fresh chicken, meat or fish baits up with a bit of tuna oil to get a scent out which should see the crabs come following.

Don't be frightened to move your pots around because if the crabs are out on the flats they will all likelihood be moving around quite a bit.

Best bites for the weekend

Just enough movement in the tides to get the barra moving on the flats but the big variable will again be the weather with the bureau indicating early morning

and late afternoon storms. Get out early and throw the pots in for a Christmas crab or two and then fish the afternoon dropping tide for a barra on the flats.

Fresh squid baits fished on the rock bars over the change of the tide should see you come up tight on a golden snapper or two.

A ditto there for Town Hall which will be holding jewies; once again work the change of the tide with the freshest bait you can lay your hands on.

A run up to the back of the Adelaide River should also see a few barra on the chew around the snags while the creeks at the mouth will also be a good option if you're looking for a barra or a threadie.

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Brian Davies from Brisbane with a fat Bynoe Harbour

DARWIN HARBOUR TIDES

WED NOV 30		THU DEC 01		FRI DEC 02		SAT DEC 03		SUN DEC 04		MON DEC 05		TUES DEC 06	
0321	2.62m	0414	2.80m	0513	2.95m	0617	3.01m	0000	5.76m	0057	5.49m	0208	5.37m
0841	6.17m	0932	5.71m	1034	5.27m	1151	4.94m	0725	2.94m	0833	2.74m	0933	2.44m
1521	1.52m	1602	2.16m	1647	2.78m	1744	3.32m	1323	4.89m	1458	5.15m	1605	5.60m
2157	6.92m	2235	6.51m	2315	6.11m			1857	3.69m	2019	3.83m	2140	3.74m



Mozzie Alert High warning this week

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