Anti-clockwise from above: You beauty as Marty Trumper, Lincoln Costello, Carl Skyring, Robert ‘Rocket’ Crawford celebrate as Joanna King shows off one of their barracatches. Plenty of fight from another Daly River barra; Cliff Hare has plenty of grids in looking this ripper Daly River barra. The hungry crocs couldn’t care less whether they are swallowing a barra baitsou-chi... or whether it is even a barra with seafood on the menu for dinner.

Pointing the way to rich pickings as well as a tasty treat as Joanna King stops at Wollahra Road and invites you to wet a line and maybe go home a millionaire.

FOR THE RUN-OFF

1. Classic 120

It’s no surprise that the Classic 120 is the biggest-selling lure in the Northern Territory. It’s a great casting and trolling lure in the big tidal rivers and the estuaries. Those large lures come in several sizes and different diving depths, and barra of all sizes will look at them all over them.

The recent addition of a suspending Classic 120 to 10+ completes an amazing range for this brilliantly fast-action lure that has an irresistible shimmery and comes in a large range of barra-catching colours.

I always have a couple of trays of Classic 120s in my tackle bag.

Preferred colours: Guns N’ Roses, Gold Bobby Dazzler with Bleeding Mullet, Splice, Yella Teera, Gold Nitro Dazzler.

2. Bomber 15A & 16A

Bomber lures have been around forever, and the Gold Bomber is an institution across Northern Australia where for at least two decades it has been the biggest-selling lure of any particular brand/colour combination.

The Bomber 15A is a deadly barra lure in any water, but thanks to its shallow-running depth and hard, rolling action, it is often deadly during the run-off.

Preferred colours: Fluoro Green, Chartreuse, Tiger Lily, Olive.

3. Ready’s Big B52 & Big Ass B52

There are now five lure sizes in the B52 range, and they are all great barra catchers.

My favourites are the Big B52 and the much larger Big Ass B52. The new Big Ass B52 200 works much the same as its slightly smaller Big Ass cousin, with just a bit more profile for visual recognition.

Favourite colours: Chartreuse, Green Tiger-stripe, Black & Silver, Black & Silver Bleeding Mullet.

4. Killalure 2Deadly

The innovative Killalure 2Deadly is a versatile lure during the run-off. It is a shallow-running minnow and a surface popper into the one lure.

Unbelievably, it can be fished as both a surface popper and a super-shallow diver in the same retrieve.

It comes in three sizes – 60mm, 85mm and 120mm and I love them all.

Favourite colours: Banana Fish, Gold Mullet Dazzler, Tiger Lily, Olive.

5. Squidgy Slickrig 80mm & 100mm

If I were to pick one soft plastic it would have to be the Squidgy Slickrig, especially in sizes 80mm and 100mm.

Favourite colours: Drop Bear, Lorkite, Evil Minnow, Black Gold.

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