Blue Fox Vibrots were once the soft plastic lure of choice around the Top End

Dundee but I have not had any reports.

“There are still mackerel at the Stena Clyde drilling rig.

“Shoal Bay has been producing barra and jewfish around The Rock.

“People are hoping the wind will die off a little this weekend.”

FISHING and Outdoor World’s George Voukolos Sr said the wind had eased off a little after blowing hard last weekend.

“There have been barra around Channel Island for landbased fishers,” he said.

“The East Alligator River was really good before the dirty water came in, with heaps of fish caught off the crossing.

“There are lots of little barra in Corroboree Billabong so the fish must have spawned well this year.

“There are big mackerel at Lee Point and also at the Stena Clyde rig.

“They are catching jewies in the old haunts on the turn of the tide.

“Mandorah has been good for landbased queenfish, including off the rocks and the wharf.

“We’ve started selling a few prawns so that means people are chasing pikey bream.”

Store co-owner Ronald Voukolos said there were mobs of tuna about on the last neap tide cycle so it should be the same this week.

“Dave Gregory caught more than 20 fish in a session fishing wide of Lee Point to East Point,” he said.

“Chris Hurt said he got Spanish mackerel every time he went last week, off Lee Point.

“South Gutter produced some big goldies on the swing of the tide when the current dropped off.

“There have been barra caught down at the Daly.

“The wind has been a bit of an issue, but I caught some good queenfish at Mandorah and left them biting, we got them by trolling between the rock wall near the former pub and the wharf.

“Getting out of the wind was an issue.

“The incoming tide worked best.”

ANACONDA’s Jason Rogers said he fished Darwin Harbour’s West Arm last Saturday.

“We got about 15 barra but nothing legal, they were all small fish,” he said.

“There were some black ones among them, I don’t know where they came from, they must have come out of a swamp up there somewhere.

“They looked like real swampies, but we got them out of one spot with salty-looking fish as well.

“There were bigger barra and salmon there but they just weren’t eating.

“The fishing overall has been pretty good and it has been a good year for jewfish.

“ANACONDA’s Jason Rogers said he fished Darwin Harbour’s West Arm last Saturday.

“Yes, we also got a nice jack.

“When the tide pushed in we found the patch of barra.

“Elsewhere, the upper Adelaide River has produced a few fish up the top

“Shoal Bay has been producing a load of crabs, as well as jewies and barra.”

“I went fishing to Channel Island.

“I was thinking that I needed a cowling for my 50cc scooter which could effectively suppress an air cutting sound while driving.

“I stayed and fished at Channel Island for two hours.

“As might be expected, the fishing results were very poor.

“And I hesitated about which fishing location to go with, Mindil Beach or East Point.

“Shoal Bay has been producing a load of barra.

“The seawater was murky.

“Be careful when entering our waters! I had to watch my step, or else I would trip on the rocks or step on the stingrays.

“A 6’6” long fishing rod was a handy to take on this situation.

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“As a result, I caught and released a 52cm barramundi on Squidgy Pro Mongrel 90mm Aussie Herring colour.

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“Finally, I moved to look for good-tide timing to Mindil Beach.

“I thought that my decision was correct when I arrived at Mindil Beach.

“The wind in the upper sky was strong.

“But the sea-surface wasn’t wavy.

“It’s a typical situation in our dry season.

“I waded through knee-deep water to a good place for casting lures.

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“Lure: Squidgy Pro Mongrel
Size: 90mm
Colour: Aussie Herring
Where: Shallow water 30cm - 50cm deep
Water: Murky / Incoming
Line: Surfex 832 30lb
Leader: Black Magic 40lb mono
Knot: The Albright Knot
Reel: Shimano Chronarch G 150HG
Rod: Redington Model CPF308C2 8’6” Medium Action 8-15lb 1/8-1/2oz
Clip: Force ten Stainless Duo Lock Snaps #2
Lure action: Steady retrieve

Check out Hiro’s blog:
secretbarramundi.blogspot.com.au