



Breede River - Infanta



Mudlark Riverfront Lodge

Newsletter

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OCT at a glance

Averages Oct
Day temp: 19
Night temp: 16
Fishing: great

Nov | Dec planning

Nov new moon:
16 Nov 09
Dec full moon:
2 & 31 Dec 09
Public holiday:
16, 25, 26 Dec
School Holidays:
12 Dec 2009 -
12 Jan 2010



Brian and Norman with a couple of nice grunter caught this weekend

"sightings" & strange happenings @ the River

The past month has been full of strange happenings.

The first was a so called 'sighting' of a whale calf in the river, after much investigation we found a dolphin swimming happily up the river!! Subsequently we saw them regularly on the spring tides, and were told that they go up the river to the fresh water to clean the parasite off themselves.

The next happening was another so called 'sighting' by a very experienced fisherman of a body floating in the river. He confirmed twice to the NSRI that it was definitely a body, the wheels of beaurocracy sprang into motion, the

police, and the ambulance services were called. The NSRI launched their rescue boat to retrieve the body, and many onlookers stood by. The results of all this drama no 'body' but an old animal hide that had been washed down the river. End results lots of red faces.

On a more serious note a ski boat overturned in the mouth of the river while trying to go out to sea. Happily the two crew members were quickly rescued by the NSRI, their black spaniel was seen swimming towards the shore and was also rescued. All's well that ends well.

A couple of days ago we received a telephone from the S.A Weather Services, they had lost a weather buoy and from the GPS information it was in the area of the mouth of the river. We launched a search and Rudolf and Ashley our 2 gillies found it on the Infanta beach. It had been deployed in the Southern Mozambique channel on the 25/6/2009 and drifted down the coast. This buoy was designated as a Surface Velocity Program Buoy, and is used in the Global Drifter Program. It is only the third that has been recovered.



Let's get down to the business of fishing, which has been good up till now. We have been catching grunter up to about 4kg and kob up to 20kg, The largest kob caught so far this season was 62kg, unfortunately not released by the angler, luckily he was not staying at the Mudlark. As we encourage release and feel strongly that all large fish should be released as they are far better breeders than the smaller fish.

The Garrick are starting to work on the flats chasing the mullet, good sport has started to become the order of the day. Our clients who have just left were having great fun catching 12 in a morning on their poppers all about 50cm, and all released. Surprisingly no large steenbras were caught in October, historically it is our best month for these doughty fighters, although there are plenty of juveniles around, this is a good indication of a healthy river. The signs are still good for an excellent fishing season. The whales are on their way South very few are left, but the variety of birds are making up for their departure.

Hilary is busy designing new menus for the summer season. Who knows what new flavors we shall be savouring. Thanks to the rain our garden and veggie patch are looking stunning. Early mornings are still chilly, but the days and evenings are stunning, See you all at the river

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