

The last Christmas fish

by Pixie, Fishing Reporter

The Nimbin Heads Fishing team managed one last trip to sea before Christmas, despite all the bad weather. Team members, Pete, Chris, Pix, Roudy, Gerard, Ashley, Mick and Kev had a good morning's fishing and not so good afternoon's fishing, with the seas around 1 metre in the morning and the wind picking up as the day went on.

We knew that we couldn't go wide and started the day using a 16 ounce chunk of lead to hold bottom. This did improve after about one hour to a 12 ounce chunk.

To start the morning, Pete and Roudy landed a couple of nice kingfish around 5 to 5½ kg. A great fighting fish is the kingfish. And then your humble fishing reporter landed the kingie of the day with a 6kg fish and a great fight for all the fun that we went for. A small school of bats or kingfish under 65 centimetres surrounded the boat, small kingies still go like a bat out of hell, so we all had a workout for a while, waiting for the big one to come along.

Then Ashley hooked up to a 5kg amberjack, a real tasty fish. Ashley then set the pace, landing fish every time he handled the rod. Not bad for an old plumber. Then Chris landed a 4kg amberjack and a 4½ kg kingy and a 2½ kg tailer. After a couple of personal lean trips, he was grinning.



Guys that go to sea. Rowdy, Kev, Pete, Chris and Mick with some of the catch (above, note the fish they've forgotten about), Ashley with a nice 5kg amberjack (right) and your fishing reporter Pixie with a nice 6kg kingfish (below).

My mate Mick was having his first trip to sea with us. He had already hooked up to some bats and released them but then he hooked up to a good fish and now knows about the fight, or should I say struggle? He landed a 5kg kingy and tells me he now does weights to prepare for the next trip. Good one Mick.

Hard luck story went to Gerrard, who "done a Bazza" with every fish he caught all day being undersize. Kev caught a few nice fish but also kept the smallest legal fish of the day. Watch out Kev, I have that photo.

With seas turning sour, we were lucky to do as well as we did, the trip back to land being rather a wet one.



Being the festive time of year, I would like to wish all the guys that go to sea, and all the people that read my articles, a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. I would also like to congratulate the NGT for the year, now publishing 8000 copies per edition. Well done guys.

Tight lines and good fishing to everyone.



OK, we're suckers for Christmas lights. Maybe they do burn up a truckload of power, and OK they're kitch, and yes there is now practically a whole industry established to market and service the fiddly little things, but don't they look just amazing?

We couldn't fit all the magic of Bill and Nancy Nugent's illuminations into one photo, so here are two, to help give an idea of its effect on Cecil Street at sunset.

Bill said, "We've been doing it for a few years, adding more as we go along. "This year we added the star," he said, gazing proudly

at the 20 metre structure glowing brightly above his house.

Anyway, let's face it, doing up your house with elaborate outdoor lighting, transforming it into a surrealistic landscape, all for the sake of expressing goodwill to all humankind, well... it's got to be good for the kiddies.

Will it take off in Nimbin, to be the rival of Empire Drive, Goonellabah? Well, Pixie does a bit at his place, and so does Ray, and this year there were a couple of good shows down Gungas.

"Every year there's a couple more," said Bill.



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