



Participants gather for the initial greeting and workshop explanation. Picture: Broome Fishing Club

Helpful pointers on launching, retrieving a boat

FISHING

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From the number of boats out and about on the bay on Sunday it would appear that other anglers were as happy with the weather as I was.

I have not heard a great deal of reports from anglers fishing offshore in recent weeks and suspect the next time we see calm weather this may change.

Normally around this time of year we see good numbers of big trevally and queenfish start moving around the in-shore reefs. The light winds and early high tide were a good combination for many to cruise over to the creeks on the Eastern shore awaiting an early season threadfin bite.

Many anglers caught a nice bag of fish to take home.

For those anglers who feel it would not hurt to take more than the regulated bag limit of two fish you will eventually be caught by compliance officers.

I encourage anyone witnessing people taking fish in excess to the prescribed bag limits to contact the FishWatch hotline on 1800 815 507 and follow the process of logging your observation of the activity.

I have often seen people operating illegally in the Crab Creek area at this time of year, so keep an eye out for people who cannot read the rule book.

Sunday may have been a great day for some, but Saturday ended with some disastrous consequences for a couple of boat owners trying to get out on the water for the day.

Yet again we see the distinct lack of adequate boat launching facilities penalise people for simple mistakes.

Too often, people who are unfamiliar with the area come unstuck launching and retrieving their vessels; even those of us who are regular users of the beach launching sites regularly have issues. Some pointers that I've picked

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Tony Trunfio with a 104cm threadfin salmon pulled out of Crab Creek on January 29. Picture: Adam Duplex

up during my time fishing around Broome may be useful for some new to the area.

Never be afraid to ask for a hand from someone. Do not forget to engage your four-wheel-drive on any beach you are unfamiliar with.

Always ease yourself away from the water's edge; planting the foot will only dig you into a world of hurt.

If you can see yourself getting bogged when you are retrieving your boat, stop and

take the boat back off. The additional weight over your rear tyres can prevent you from moving forwards, especially for those big boats out there.

Finally, reversing a touch before driving out can help, especially if there is a lot of wash moving around the trailer tyres.

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