2017 NSWGFA JUNIOR TEAM

On Friday 6th of January I travelled down to Gosford from Newcastle to compete in the 2017 Central Coast Blue Water Classic Tournament. I was lucky enough to be one of the three boys selected in the NSW junior team that would compete in the tournament. That afternoon I met Tyler and Corey and got acquainted with them.
That night we went to the briefing and met most of the other skippers and anglers who we were competing against. The President Nathan then went through all the general rules and expectations for the tournament.
On Saturday morning we left the marina at six o'clock with hopes to catch fish and we were all very nervous at the same time. We decided to troll lures for the first day and we were lucky enough to be able to tag one striped tuna and one dolphin fish both on 15kg line.
We used a rotational system with the rods which gave everyone a fair chance to catch something. As the day went on we learnt how to tie rubber bands to outriggers and lots more. That night after a long day of fishing we went up to the clubhouse for dinner and had a good night there talking with other competing anglers from other clubs before returning to the motel.

On Sunday morning we woke keen for another good day of fishing ahead. We were lucky enough to tag four fish for the day with three dolphin fish and one striped tuna. The tournament eventually drew to a close and we were unlucky not to obtain a place in either junior capture or tag and release but all in all I had a great weekend with the boys and crew.

I would like to thank Harry, for donating his time and the boat otherwise none of this could have been possible. I would also like to specially thank Grahame who is an icon in game fishing, for organizing the whole weekend and taking care of myself and the team over the weekend.
It was a great experience and one that I will remember forever.

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