

BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

Boat launch site: Hibberdene

Launch Site Licence Holder
Hibiscus Coast Municipality

Feedback period: Jan – Dec 2014

Daily launch limit: 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	4	3	4	14	7	7	7	5	7		11	17	86
Jetski	7	3	3	4	16	2	6		4		9	13	67	
Paddlecraft	1												1	
Skiboat	42	36	51	80	59	52	65	56	38	19	65	132	695	
Unspecified	1	2	2		1	1	2					5	14	
Purpose	Charter fishing	10	12	5	9	7	3	3	2	1			6	58
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. ¹													
	Commercial fishing	2	13	16	14	22	24	32	20	14	10	20	21	208
	Private fishing	34	14	24	57	45	26	37	33	29	5	51	119	474
	Private pleasure			1								1		2
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing	4		4	4	1	3	5	2	2		4	3	32
	Other/ unspecified	5	5	10	14	8	6	3	4	3	4	9	18	89
Total launches	55	44	60	98	83	62	80	61	49	19	85	167	863	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day ²	4
	Launches/weekday ²	4
	Launches/weekend day ²	5
	% days launched	59%
	No. days limit exceeded	2
	Persons on vessel ²	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outing (hours)	6.8
	Popular destination	H-49
	93%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	53% gamefish
		38% bottomfish
	Diversity	62 spp
	Main catch composition	
	Slinger	27%
	Unsp. tuna	17%
	Santer	10%
	Yellowfin tuna	5%
	Trawl soldier	3%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	5.16 fish/outing	

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	92%	Destination	89%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	96%	Return time	98%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	53%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	64%

Comments Slight decrease (8%) in number of launches compared to 2013. Moderate to high level of site usage (used on 59% of days). Daily launch limit exceeded on two days. Private recreational fishing (55%), commercial fishing (24%) and charter fishing (7%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catches dominated by slinger and tuna species. Continued good compliance with completion of all launch register fields.