



Your bi-monthly update of Halco happenings

Winners are grinners with Halco

More Abrolhos Capers

The Abrolhos Islands has been fishing very well so far this season. With water temperatures through the roof and many fantastic captures have come from the area recently. None was better than the mighty big Cobia caught by Tony Venturini on Halco's new bibless minnow "Max".

The fish was taken while trolling around the islands on fairly heavy tackle and it's just as well, because the guys who caught the beast didn't have scales big enough to weigh the fish. They did have a tape measure on board though. Anyone who has stuck a gaff in a Cobia know the power of these fish and this one was no exception. After the fish settled down they ran the tape over it. At 1.83m in length it certainly is a cracker of a fish and must give 50kg a shake.

The Spanish Mackerel at the islands have also been thick this year, with Laser Pro 190 and 160 models being the stand out performers.

Neil Patrick on his boat Safari II even managed to fool a few sailfish into striking the Laser Pro 190's he was trolling around Wreck Point, giving his grandchildren a great insight into what the area is capable of producing given the right conditions. He found that the R15 Pink Chrome and new H73 Fusilier colours producing particularly well.



Above: A huge Cobia 183 cm long, taken on a Halco Max at the Abrolhos.



Pictured above: Lindsay Dobe, Jack Erskine and Col Cordingly collect the spoils after their winning performance in the Kakadu Clash.

Autumn is traditionally a great time to get out and have a fish and most of the Halco regulars have been out and about trying to find a few good fish.

Several members of the team have tasted success in recent times with barra expert Col Cordingly and his crew of Jack Erskine and Lindsay Dobe taking out the Kakadu Clash, a major barramundi tournament held on the South Alligator River in the Northern Territory. Col and the boys used Scorpion 125's and Laser Pro 120's exclusively during the competition and proved consistency is the key in this event. Col also won the award for the largest Barra of the competition.

Closer to home, Ben Patrick and his regular crew took out most of the honours including Champion Boat in the Halco Tackle Abrolhos Islands Tournament.

It was a great start for his new 48' boat, Mandalay. As a result of a cyclone crossing the coastline a couple of hundred kilometres to the north, conditions for the competition were very trying with very strong winds and heavy seas. Ben and his crew worked hard and kept a steady stream of Mackerel and other point scoring species coming to the boat using 4kg line class to keep ahead of their competitors.

