



Your bi-monthly update of Halco happenings

Success for Halco at Barra Nationals

Winter Jacks Bite Back !!

As water temperatures start to cool, Mangrove Jacks become a more difficult species to entice, but the result can be well worth it if you are prepared to persevere.

Jacks will lay quietly in the lee of small rock bars in wait for small baitfish to be washed into their path for an easy feed, such is the nature of the aggressive little terrors of the creeks.

David Hodge known to many as the Barefoot Fisherman is a specialist at targeting Jacks in winter and loves nothing better than to spend time in his local creeks around Brisbane chasing them. Small Scorpions such as the Scorpion 35 FLT are ideal for this purpose as he can keep the lure in the fishes strike zone for a considerable period of time due to the suspending nature of the lure.

He notes that small slow sinking models such as the Laser Pro 45 are also well worth a try as well in this situation and can keep you warm on those chilly mornings to come.

Pictured Below: A lovely winter Mangrove Jack taken on a Scorpion 35FLT.



Pictured Above: Col Cordingley and his crew accept their prizes for taking out Champion Mixed Team at the 2009 Barra Nationals.

It has been a big year at the Barra Nationals for the Halco crew, with the first second and third place teams overall using mostly Halco products.

Held in late April on the Daly River in the Northern Territory, the Nationals is one of Australia's biggest barramundi competition in terms of numbers of fishers.

Top end barra legend and all round good guy Col Cordingley and Navmans Dave Silva, a highly experienced barra fisherman in his own right along with his wife Gaye teamed up for this years event. Team Lowrance as they were known used Halco products exclusively during the competition.

Last year Col had considerable success trolling Laser Pro 190 Deep Divers down the middle of the river landing some very good fish and losing an absolute monster but with water levels dropping rapidly following the end of the wet season, the team found the most successful lures at this years event were Poltergeist 80's and deep diving Scorpion 150's which they used to great effect.

Col, Dave and Gaye were a little on the quiet side on the first few days but came good with a rush on day four with a 1300 point session taking them right up into contention.

By the end of the competition Dave Silva had amassed enough points to secure the Champion Angler title while the team won Champion Mixed Team and placed third in the overall standings. Other teams fishing mostly Halco products took out Champion Team (Team Dilligaf) and Runner Up Champion Team (Here 4 Beer).

Halco Goes "Crazy Deep" Again



Pictured Above: The newly released Laser Pro 160XDD is sure to be a hit among anglers this season.

They say good things come to those that wait, well nothing could be truer when talking about the release of the Laser Pro 160 XDD "Crazy Deep"

After a year and a half of painstaking development and testing, Halco introduces the deep running and most stable Laser Pro in its range to date.

The new addition to the Laser Pro family has a stronger, more aggressive swimming action, dives to over 6m on 10kg monofilament line with even deeper performance should braided lines be used but also has the enormous benefit of being able to withstand trolling speeds thought virtually impossible in a hard bodied lure.

In recent speed testing the LP160XDD was able to be trolled in excess of 11 knots without breaking the surface.

The new Laser Pro 160 XDD Crazy Deep is sure to be a hit with fishermen chasing species such as Mackerel, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna and Dorado, particularly in the middle of the day when most fish tend to hang deeper in the water column.

"This fantastic new lure in our range has several obvious benefits. One is the ability to be trolled quickly into a strong head current while still running deep. This has been a problem for many lure trollers where currents can exceed 4kts at times. As soon as you turned into the current, many lures tended to blow out due to the increase in relative lure speed. This should not be an issue with the Laser Pro 160XDD Crazy Deep.

Another benefit is the lures 6 metre plus depth capability while maintaining a very strong and aggressive swimming action. This aggressive action is particularly attractive to many of the predatory pelagic species we encounter while blue water trolling" said Ben Patrick, owner and managing director of Halco Tackle.

