Fishing From Your Boat

Introduction to Sport-Fishing

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I would like to catch more fish!
What should I do?
Know your target species!

What is in season?
Is this going to be a fishing trip?
Or will I be fishing whilst cruising?
Some Considerations

- Seasons
- Time of day
- Location
- Weather
- Lure
- Type of line
- Weight
- Boat speed
- Distance from boat
- Currents
Which is the best lure? Type? Colour? Size?
Choosing Lures

No. 1 Rule
Scale your lure size to your target species!
Choosing Lures

No. 2 rule is...
match the local baitfish
Choosing Lures

3.
Go smaller in lighter conditions
Go bigger in heavier conditions
Choosing Lures

4. Boat speed should be matched to lure type.

- <3.5 knots
- <6 knots
- Can take higher speeds
5. Bright **colours** for bright days
   Dark **colours** for dark days
Raising The Fish
Where should I go to catch fish?
It depends on the species!

...but... especially

Around reefs & ridges

Around thermoclines ... & ...
... & look for the seagulls!
Hand-lines vs. rods & reels

Implications on line diameter
Types of reels

Match rod, reel, line, swivels & lure
Tumbrell
Frigate Mackerel, Bullet Tuna

Avg size: 30cm / 800g          Max size: 50cm / 2kg

Season: Throughout the year, especially Jan - April

Best Time: Anytime but especially sunrise & sunset

Location: Open sea & ridges
Kubrit

**Little Tunny**

Avg size: 40cm / 1-2kg
Max size: 1m / 14kg

Season: October - January

Best Time: Late morning and early afternoon especially in cloudy days & somewhat windy

Location: Open sea & proximity to reefs
Lizz
Barracuda

Avg size:
80cm / 1.2kg

Max size:
120cm / 8kg

Season: Throughout the year especially May - August

Best Time: Sunrise & Sunset

Location: Harbours, Bays & Reefs
Lampuki
Dorado, Dolphin Fish

Avg size: 50cm / 1kg
Max size: 1.5m / 40kg

Season: August – November

Best Time: Broad sunlight

Location: FADs or closer
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Albacore / Long fin tunny

Avg size: 70cm / 6kg
Max size: 1.5m / 20kg

Season: June & July

Best Time: Morning till noonish

Location: Open waters off Filfla especially ridges
Pastardell / Pixxispad
*Spearfish / Swordfish*

Avg size: 1m / 1.5m / 4kg / 12kg
Max size: 2m / 5m / 50kg / 500kg

Season: May - November

Best Time: During the day

Location: Open waters
Strike!!!

And now what do you do?
Strike!!! And now?

Do you have more lines in the water?

If yes
count to 10,
slow down &
retrieve closer ones to boat

If not,
slow boat down... but...
don’t stop!

Imp: Keep constant pressure on line!
Getting the fish on board

*Either*

Simply lifting out of the water.... Or...
You have landed the fish on board.

And now what do you do?
Once the fish is on board

*Either*

Stun fish, Bleed it, Gut it & Place in Cooler
Once the fish is on board

... more realistic pictures of bleeding ...
Once the fish is on board

Or

Catch & Release

Release smaller specimens
Thank you

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