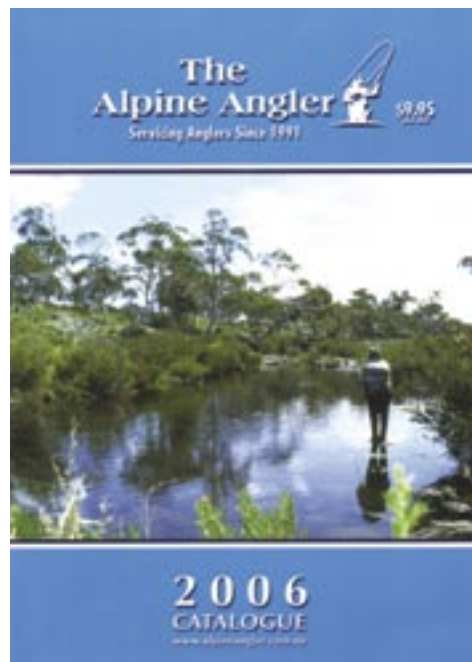


## ALPINE ANGLER CATALOGUE

The Alpine Angler store is a dedicated fly fishing outfitter situated in the very heart of the Snowy Mountains, but it also has a comprehensive mail order service — hence the drool-inducing annual catalogue pictured below.



Fly fishers have all kinds of interesting nick-knacks, and one of the best sources of all these goodies plus more conventional items like fly rods, reels, lines and flies is this annual publication.

Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the 2006 Alpine Angler catalogue has just about everything a fly fisher's heart could desire for catching species from trout to barra, bass and bream. Even if you're not into fur and feathers, this is still a very handy reference guide to have lying around the den or tackle room.

**Enquiries: The Alpine Angler (02) 6452 5538.**

**Web: www.alpineangler.com.au**

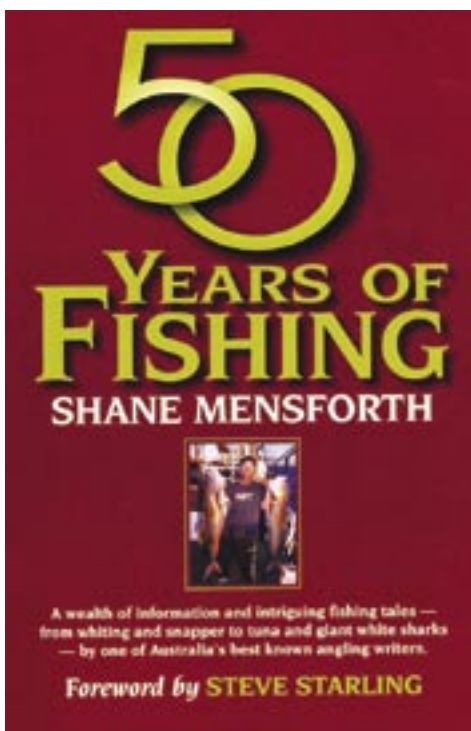
## 50 YEARS OF FISHING

South Australian fisherman, author, television presenter and magazine publisher, Shane Mensforth, has been involved in the recreational fishing media for nearly 30 years now, and as you can imagine he's

caught more than the odd fish along the way — 1000 kilo white sharks, 15 kilo snapper, 30 kilo jew, 38 kilo kingfish, and a host of other great fish that most mere mortals only dream about. A life so comprehensively dominated by fishing certainly deserves a book, and *Fifty Years of Fishing* chronicles Shane's fishing life, from his first fish — a yelloweye mullet at age three — right through to his more recent involvement with giant yellowtail kings. It's a terrific read and one that belongs on every fisho's bookshelf.

**Enquiries: AFN: (03) 9761 4044.**

**Web: www.afn.com.au**



## GAMAKATSU MAGIC EYE TREBLES

Gamakatsu's new Magic Eye Trebles will make changing the hooks on lures much faster and easier, because the eye on the Magic Eye Treble has a special shape that is designed to open split rings! The top portion of the eye has a tapered flat portion that easily fits between the wires of the split ring, and with one little twist, separates them and the hook slides right on. Simply push the hook onto the split ring while



pushing the old hook off. In addition to the unique design of the eye, the Magic Eye Treble features three sticky sharp points and very strong steel. The Magic Eye is a 2x strong, round bend design and comes in a corrosion-resistant NS Black finish, or an attractive Red finish in sizes 1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0 and 5/0.

**Enquiries: Frogleys Offshore (02) 6681 3988.**

## THE ULTIMATE STINGER RIG



Tail bites when using soft plastics has always been a problem, but this new Twinex stinger rig from Gamakatsu is really going to fool a lot of short strikers. To rig, simply half-hitch the 20 kilo braided leader to the jig head hook, tighten it securely with the running plastic bead, and you're in business. The Twinex rig is also ideal as a keeper hook for bait fishing, as the small attaching hook causes minimal injury to live bait.

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## WILD RIVER BASS DVD

*Barra, Bass and Bream* contributor and columnist, Dave Seaman, and his fishing buddy, Dave Scarlett, have put together this fantastic DVD on fishing for wild bass in the picturesque coastal rivers along the mid to far north coast of NSW. The quality of this production is first class (Dave Scarlett's also a television news cameraman and editor, so that helps) and it has some exciting graphics, brilliant underwater footage,

## CLASSIC F18 WITH MANTA RAY BIB

A new bib design has seen Rob Gaden's slim profile Classic F18 achieve a depth of 20 old fashioned feet on the troll, and a crash dive to eight feet when cast. As the lure is towed from the bib rather than the body, a new, glue-free fixing system was required and the 'TwinPin ChinLock' uses a pair of stainless steel pins to permanently fix the bib in position, giving perfect alignment and a crisp swimming action.

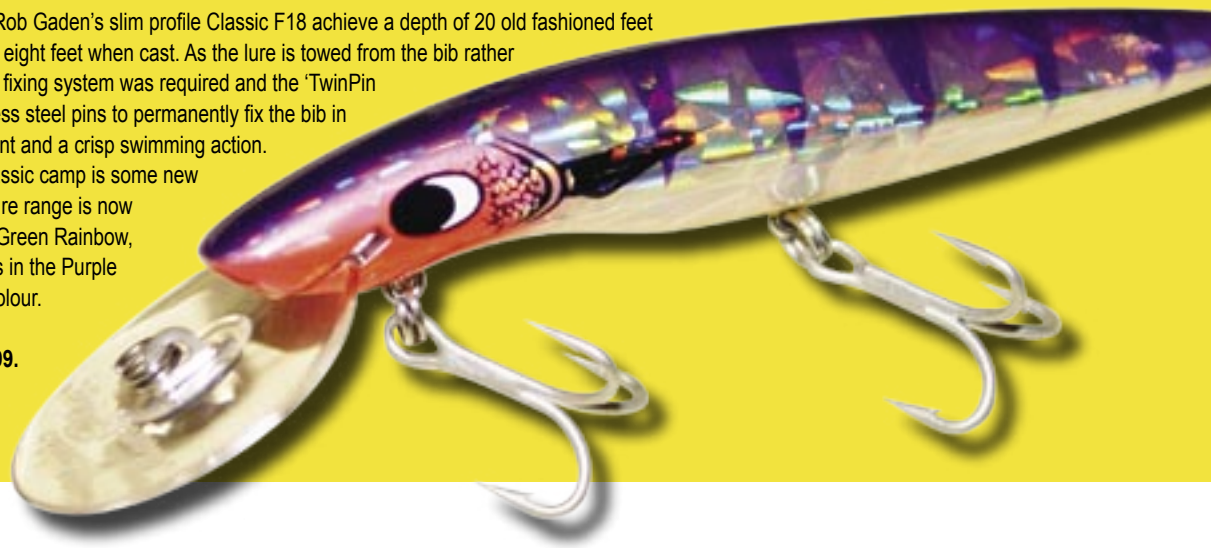
The other news from the Classic camp is some new colour schemes. The Classic lure range is now available in Red Rainbow and Green Rainbow, while the Pro Alternative comes in the Purple Mullet Dazzler — a hot barra colour.

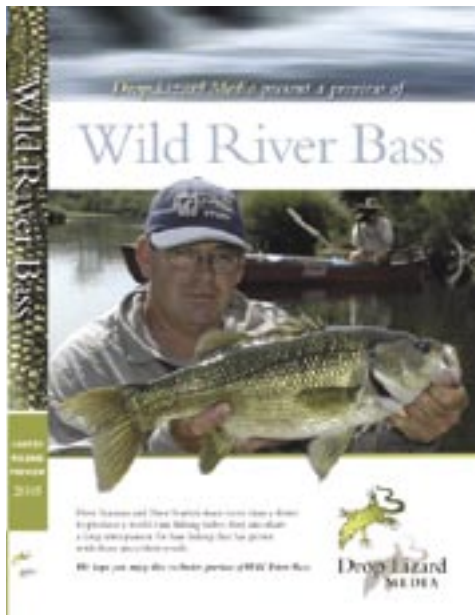
**Enquiries:**

**Basser Millyard (02) 9695 7799.**

**Web:**

**www.bassermillyard.com.au**





spectacular surface action, and attractive scenery, but the stars of the show are those 50 centimetre plus wild bass. This DVD really captures the essence of what fishing for wild river fish is all about, and is a must-have for all keen bass fishos.

**Enquiries: Drop Lizard Media (0410) 669 637.**

### SIGLON FC100 LEADER

This innovative leader material from Siglon features Triple Resin Processing (TRP), which gives it the toughness to handle fish that place a lot of strain on leaders. It's the toughest fluorocarbon available, can be tied or crimped, but still retains its suppleness that



assists in maintaining a lure's action. Siglon FC100 is available in 100 metre spools in breaking strains from eight to 50 kilos.

**Enquiries: EJ Todd (02) 9533 7700.**

**Web: [www.ejtodd.com.au](http://www.ejtodd.com.au)**

### TEAM DAIWA FUEGO 3000

Now here's a spinning reel that's loaded with features. The Team Daiwa Fuego has an air metal saltwater treated magnesium body and aluminium rotor, a Digigear digital gear design to ensure a perfect mesh for optimal speed, power and durability, and infinite anti-reverse.

What's more, the Air Bail tubular stainless steel bail is braid friendly, six ball bearings plus one roller

## SHIMANO TWIN POWER THREADLINES

The new Twin Power threadlines join the Stella and Sustain families at the top of the Shimano threadline tree, and are sure to become popular with anglers seeking a high performance reel, but without a high performance price.

There are four reels in the lineup — the diminutive TP1000FB, which holds 140 metres of two kilo line, the 2500FB that takes 200 metres of three kilo, the 4000FB, which holds 240 metres of four kilo, and the big 6000FB that easily accommodates 265 metres of seven kilo. Naturally, these line capacities are increased markedly when using braided line.

All four reels have seven A-RB bearings plus one roller bearing, except for the 6000FB, which has eight A-RB bearings and one roller bearing.

A cold forged drilled-out Stella style spool looks extremely cool and keeps it nice and light, while a super slow oscillating system distributes the line neatly — an important feature when using braid. A bearing-supported Power Roller on the bail arm cuts down friction and all but eliminates line twist into the bargain.

The hybrid aluminium and XT7 body keeps weight down and the Biogrip power handle means that all four reels are a pleasure to hand-hold during long casting sessions.

Throw in a Floating Shaft, Dyna-balance and a lubrication port to keep internals moving smoothly and a Twin Power reel becomes an extension of you.

A spare spool to accommodate another line class rounds out what is a very attractive threadline package.

**Enquiries: Dunphy Sports (02) 9526 2144.**

**Web: [www.shimanofish.com.au](http://www.shimanofish.com.au)**

### BEASTMASTER SPECIAL DYNEEMA LINE

Beastmaster Special Dyneema is braided from 100 per cent pure coated Dyneema in a high visibility yellow colour. Its versatility knows no bounds, being suited to plinking Squidgy Bugs at estuary perch in the lighter breaking strains, right up to out-muscling kingfish, samsons and amberjack when deepwater jigging with the heavier line classes.

Beastmaster Dyneema also jugs better and comes off the spool more freely than other braided lines. Eight 'picks' per centimetre means it absorbs very little water and will retain its distinctive colour for a long time without fading.

A handy tip after spooling up and before commencing fishing is to strip off the required amount of casting line (say, 40-50 metres), and wind it back under normal tension for effortless, trouble-free casts and greater distance.

Beastmaster Special Dyneema is available in 4, 8, 10, 14, 20, 30, 40 and 50 pound breaking strains on 300 metre spools, with bulk spool amounts also in the pipeline.

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### SHIMANO T-CURVE 662 XL

A recent addition to the Shimano T-Curve range of rods is the 662 XL. As the name suggests, this rod is 6' 6" in length, of two piece construction, and is intended for ultra light fishing pursuits.

For the uninitiated, T-Curve blanks are based on a special resin formula and manufacturing system. The three ply weave of the blank's cloth is subjected to a unique curing process that creates a lively, dynamic blank with hidden reserves of power and 20-40 per cent more compression resistance than regular carbon fibre. This makes for a stronger, more responsive rod.

It was the intention of the rod designer, Ian Miller, to preserve the crisp action of this sensational blank, which is reflected in the componentry he has chosen. Single foot Fuji Alconite guides with minimal bindings, high quality fine-density cork grips, a hard-wearing composite cork butt cap, and an adjustable Fuji reel seat has kept weight to an absolute minimum.

Designed for freshwater, it easily handles ultra light Squidgies and the new two gram Squidgy Spinnerbaits in bass impoundments. The T-Curve 662 XL would also make a great ultra light estuary flick rod for bait or lure use.

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**Web: [www.shimanofish.com.au](http://www.shimanofish.com.au)**



bearing (including three CRBB super corrosion resistant ball bearings) keeps everything moving smoothly, the Titanium nitrided ball bearing line roller and Twist Buster II system keeps friction and line twist at bay, while a precise worm gear level wind prevents hills and dips forming as line is wound onto the ABS aluminium spool.



The reel weighs 235 grams and holds 240 metres of four kilo mono, (and a lot more if using braid). A spare aluminium spool means another line class can be fished off the reel if need be.

**Enquiries: Daiwa Australia (02) 9453 5866.**

**Web: www.daiwafishing.com.au**

## BANDIT WASP LURES

Bass and bream fishos are going to go wild over the new Wasp from Bandit Lures. These diminutive 5.5 centimetre lures are available in shallow or deep diver configurations, with the shallow version getting down to two metres and the deeper one crash-diving to five. The shimmying action rings all the right bells with predatory fish, and will attract strikes from other species besides bream and bass.



There are a number of popular colours in the range, from fluoro hues to more naturalised patterns, and each lure is well armed with super sharp chemically-sharpened VMC trebles and quality stainless steel split rings.

**Enquiries: JM Gillies (03) 9646 4745.**

**Web: www.jmgillies.com.au**

## THE OXYGENATOR

The Oxygenator is a handy device that creates 100 per cent pure oxygen in a live bait tank or live well, maintaining the health of your baits or caught fish. The Oxygenator comes in a range of sizes — the Bait Keeper, which is powered by four AA batteries and can comfortably oxygenate a five gallon container, or the Live Keeper which is a larger unit and is 12 volt DC powered and can oxygenate a 35 gallon live well. There are also larger units available for aquaculture or aquarium applications.

The bubbles created by the Oxygenator are nano-bubbles, so they are difficult to see (they're not like a bubbler aeration system, for instance), but the results will be there in the form of livelier fish being presented

to the weighmaster. For live weighing bass events in the freshwater lakes, this is going to be a handy device to have in your live well.



The Oxygenator is intended for freshwater use only.

**Enquiries: Strikeback Tackle (08) 9755 5461.**

**Web: www.strikebacktackle.com.au**

## EAGLE SOUNDERS AND GPS MADE SIMPLE

Eagle Australia has released a new instructional DVD to teach Eagle sounder owners how to get the most out of their units.

Presented by Steve Starling, *Eagle Sounders And GPS Made Simple* explains the basics required to

optimise the performance of Eagle electronics, and addresses frequently asked questions in a clear, plain-spoken manner with an absolute minimum of technical jargon.

Used in conjunction with an Eagle unit's printed operating manual, this easy-to-follow instructional DVD also shows exactly how to apply these lessons to everyday fishing situations in Australian waters.

Featured topics include everything from sensitivity and depth range through to GPS navigation and anchoring on a specific mark — all

aimed at assisting you to become a better and more successful angler.

The DVD is available for purchase from Eagle dealers and online at [www.eaglesonar.com.au](http://www.eaglesonar.com.au).

**Enquiries: Eagle Australia: (07) 5523 6500.**



## WAECO LIFESTYLE CARD

The Lifestyle Card rewards Waeco customers for their loyalty. Each month Waeco distribute Australia wide a 'Monthly Special' to their dealer network that entitles Lifestyle Card members to receive a further five percent off the already discounted 'Monthly Special'.

Applications can be made online at the website URL below. Upon registration you will receive a Membership Number, a password and contact details for dealers in your area. The Membership Number will allow you to enjoy the Lifestyle Card benefits immediately.

You will also receive regular updates on "Monthly Specials", upcoming promotions and other important news via your email.

**Web: www.waeco.com.au**

## AWARD-WINNING POWER SUPPLY

The WAECO CoolPower RAPS 36, a heavy duty 12 volt remote power supply, recently won an 'Award for Excellence and Innovation' from the Adventure Gear Guide 2006 magazine. The Coolpower is specifically manufactured to run portable fridge/freezers, and is a deep cycle battery with superior discharge/charging cycle capability.

It has all the features of a dual battery system normally fitted permanently into 4WD's, trucks and boats, except that it is portable and much more robust. Unlike most car batteries, the Waeco CoolPower can charge at very high rates without damage. It's also portable so you can take it to the camping site with your fridge, and boasts an impressive 36 amp hours.

**Web: www.waeco.com.au**



## MERCURY ENERTIA PROPELLER



Mercury's revolutionary Enertia Propeller offers increased efficiency due to its advanced design. Thinner blades and higher rake angles equate to better handling, improved acceleration and greater top speed. Built with X7 Alloy — a revolutionary new alloy developed by and patented by Mercury — it enables prop designs that were previously impossible with conventional stainless steel, and is 30 per cent stronger.

Enertia propellers will be available in one-pitch increments: sizes 14"-22" R/H rotation, 15" -21" L/H rotation, and will suit V6 Outboards and Alpha Drives.

**Enquiries: Mercury (1800) 114 900.**

**Web: [www.mercurymarine.com.au](http://www.mercurymarine.com.au)**

## QUICKSILVER'S MR FUNNEL



The latest gadget available through from Mercury or Mariner dealers is Mr Funnel — a revolution in funnels. This awesome little device can filter out free water and solids down to 0.005 of an inch, which will combat many engine running issues. Mr Funnel is a heavy-duty fast flow filter in a funnel that separates damaging free water and crud from petrol, diesel, kerosene and mixed two cycle fuels. Mr Funnel was

## LOWRANCE LMS 334C iGPS

Lowrance's LMS 334c iGPS is an incredible colour sonar/chartplotter with an innovative built-in precision GPS+WAAS antenna.

The internal antenna design makes this outstanding unit perfect for open cockpit boats. A 12.5 centimetre (diagonal), 256-colour SolarMAX TFT display ensures a superior picture, and the widest-ever viewing angles in all light conditions, while the 480 x 480 pixel resolution, high-speed screen updates and Lowrance's unique COLORLINE function allows clear target detail and separation.

The unit's 2400 watts peak-to-peak (300 watts RMS) power output gives positive depth sounding and fish finding down to 275 metres, and a compact 200 kHz Skimmer transducer (with built-in temperature sensor) allows high boat speed readability. Fish detection coverage is out to a wide 60 degrees.

Lowrance's Advanced Signal Processing (ASP) — a noise rejection system that evaluates the effects of boat speed, water conditions and interference, and adjusts the screen to suit — is standard, as are: FishReveal, which identifies sonar returns from fish hiding in structure including weedbeds, thermoclines and surface clutter; HyperScroll for manual adjustment of the ping speed of the transducer for greater fish detection at high speeds; and FlashGraf — a scrolling sonar target graph with a digital LCD flasher with COLORLINE, which allows two of the most popular ways of finding fish to be viewed all in one screen.

GPS information is derived via a 12-parallel channel GPS+WAAS receiver with plotting via MMC Navionics charting. Up to 100 routes/1000 waypoints/1000 event markers and 100 saveable and retracable plot trails with up to 10,000 points per trail provide superior navigation using 40 map zoom ranges from 0.03-6400km.

The unit has a back-up memory that saves customised settings, is fully sealed and waterproof, and comes with a protective cover and a two year warranty.

**Enquiries: Lowrance Australia (07) 5523 6500. Web: [www.lowrance.com.au](http://www.lowrance.com.au)**



originally developed for the US military in the Gulf War, because sandy conditions were polluting fuel tanks.

Water molecules are larger than fuel molecules so the Teflon coated filter is able to let only fuel through, allowing you to reuse fuel that may have collected dust or have condensation in it. Dirt and water are practically unavoidable in stored fuel, causing microbial growth, corrosive acids, electrolysis and rust. These contaminants can restrict fuel flow, clog filters, corrode fittings, and decrease the energy level of fuel and cause engine damage and system failure.

Mr Funnel comes in a variety of sizes and retails for around \$29.95.

**Enquiries: Mercury (1800) 114 900.**

**Web: [www.mercurymarine.com.au](http://www.mercurymarine.com.au)**

## NEW PFLUEGER MEDALIST RODS

The new Pflueger Medalist HMT graphite rods embody the pinnacle of rod technology. With the use of an exclusive high modulus HMT graphite and an advanced Poly Metre Resi System, Pflueger Medalist rods offer a blank that is extremely light weight in the hand, yet

has the power and sensitivity to stop even the most determined fish. The blanks are made in the US to Aussie specs, and are fitted



with the best in Fuji Titanium guides and components including high grade cork grips. Pflueger Medalist HMT Graphite rods offer anglers the very best in rod technology at a reasonable price, which start from \$349.

**Enquiries: Shakespeare (02) 9820 9600.**

**Web: [www.pflueger.com.au](http://www.pflueger.com.au)**

## SHAKESPEARE UGLY STIK RODS REDEMPTION OFFER

The Shakespeare Ugly Stick rod family started back in America in 1976, and since then has continued to



expand with the growing needs of fishermen the world over, with new ranges and models being added every year.

The use of the Howald Process creates a blank that has literally been built twice, creating a lightweight blank with tremendous strength without compromising on sensitivity or fishability.

Under Shakespeare's Ugly Stik redemption offer, if you purchase any specially marked Ugly Stik rod you'll receive a bonus tackle bag valued at \$29.95 for just \$9.95 (which includes payment for postage and handling). This offer is valid from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007, so get into your nearest tackle store now.

**Enquiries: Shakespeare (02) 9820 9600.**

**Web: [www.shakespeare.com.au](http://www.shakespeare.com.au)**