



YOUR TUNA POLING ADVENTURE

WHAT: Join the historic **MFV Tacoma's** annual tuna fishing adventure and experience the thrill of poling a Southern Bluefin Tuna on board an 84ft wooden tuna clipper in the Southern Ocean & Great Australian Bight

We're recreating a 1950's tuna-fishing trip. You'll be using original fishing methods with live bait and bamboo poles. Places are very limited. Your participation assists to maintain the vessel for future generations.

WHERE: Port Lincoln, Neptune Island, Rocky Island & Coffin Bay for 6 days and 5 nights.

WHEN: Arrive at Port Lincoln and go on board on **Friday 23rd February 2018** for crew training, including live baiting & night fishing with lights & nets in Boston Bay. We depart for the tuna grounds at 6.00am on Saturday and arrive (weather permitting) by 2.00pm at Rocky Island. We then spend the next 4 days fishing for tuna & having a great life experience. Anchorages are weather dependent and could include Memory & Snug Coves, Whalers Bay or Greenly & Neptune Islands. We will return to Port Lincoln on **Wednesday 28th February 2018**.

ACCOMMODATION: MFV Tacoma has 12 comfortable bunks.

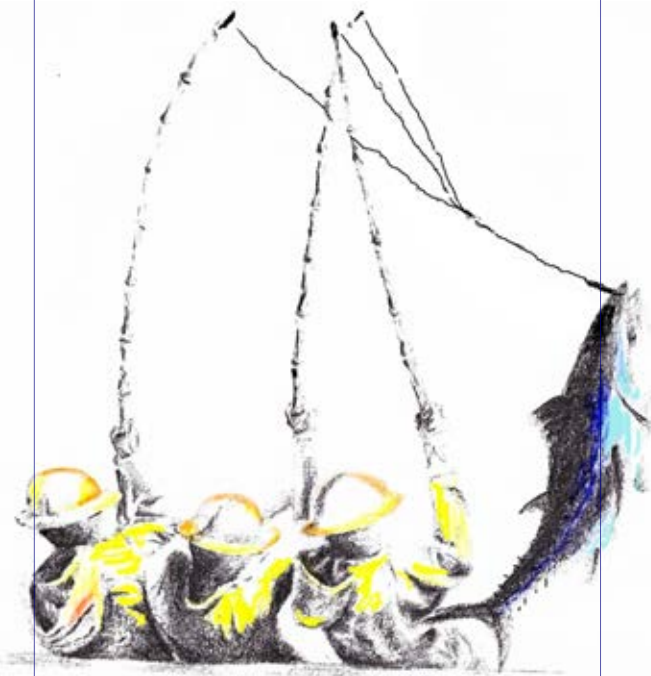
MEALS: All provided and include memorable roasts from the AGA cooker.

CREW: There is something for everyone to do as a crew member of the 2018 Tuna Fishing Adventure. All poling equipment is supplied, but you can bring your own favorite fishing rod & tackle.

COST \$2,000 (\$400 a day for 5 days)
10% deposit required



TUNA POLE FISHING ABOARD TUNA CLIPPER TACOMA



*A Great Adventure
2018*

MFV Tacoma - Pioneering Tuna Clipper

The determination of three young fishermen in taking on such a large project serves as an example for all generations. The three Haldane men aged 31, 27 and 25 took 7 years to build the boat on the Moyne River at Port Fairy (Vic). After its launch in 1951, MFV Tacoma's maiden voyage was to Port Lincoln (SA) via Adelaide. It arrived on January 18th 1952. On board were the three Haldane brothers Bill, Alan and Hughie, their entire families and the Bellamy twins - nine adults, seven children, one watchdog and two cats. By the time they arrived in Port Lincoln there were six more aboard: the cat had kittens. The tuna industry in Port Lincoln had begun.

Tick your bucket list!

Experience life aboard a 1950s Tuna Clipper

- Scan the horizon in search for schools of Southern Bluefin Tuna
- Experience the engine room's noise and smell
- Enjoy a night at anchor around the galley table, warmed by the AGA cooker
- Stand in the lofty pilot house amid the chatter of radios, surrounded by charts and log books of the past
- Kit up and stand in the racks ready for the first tuna strike
- Tuna poling is the ultimate adrenalin rush!



JOIN THE CREW

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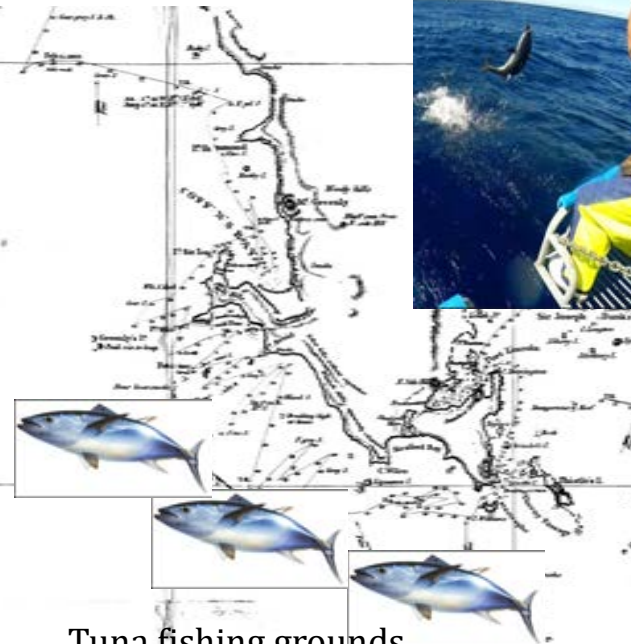
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Tuna fishing grounds

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