

## YOUR TUNA POLING ADVENTURE

**WHAT:** Join the historic MFV Tacoma's tuna fishing adventure and experience the thrill of poling a Southern Bluefin Tuna onboard the 84 foot wooden tuna clipper in the Southern Ocean & the Great Australian Bight.

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

**WHERE:** Rocky Island, south of Coffin Bay, nine hours steaming from Port Lincoln via Greenly Island.

**WHEN:** Arrive at Port Lincoln and go onboard on **Fri 27th February 2026** for crew training, including live baiting & fishing with lights & nets in Boston Bay. We depart for the tuna grounds early on Saturday morning, weather permitting. We'll spend the next 4 days fishing for tuna & having a great life experience.

We'll return to Port Lincoln on **Wed 4th March 2026.**

**ACCOMMODATION:** MFV Tacoma has 12 comfortable bunks, bedding, showers & a toilet.

**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 **2026 Men's Rocky Island 70th Anniversary Re-enactment Poling Adventure Cruise.** All poling equipment is supplied.

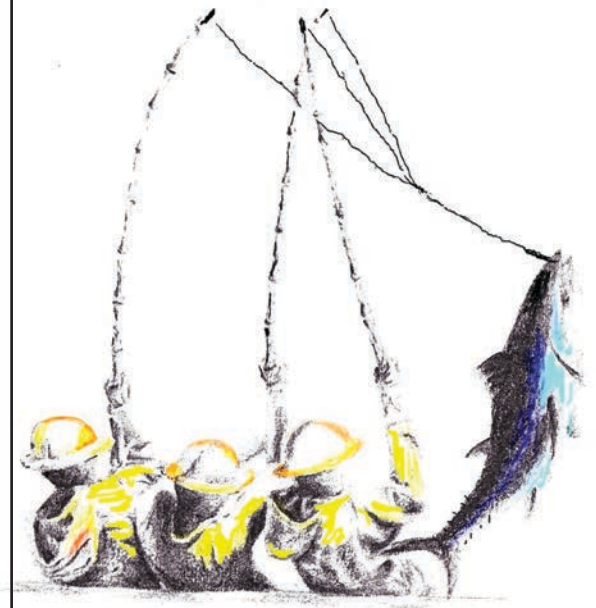
**\$2,500 for 6 days (\$500/night) 10% deposit required**  
Includes 12 month Tacoma Preservation Society Membership, Poler Jacket & DVD of *Three Men & A Boat - The MFV Tacoma Story*



## 2026 MEN'S ROCKY ISLAND 70th ANNIVERSARY RE-ENACTMENT on the historic TUNA CLIPPER

## MFV TACOMA

*Friday February 27th  
to  
Wednesday March 4th*



## A Great Adventure



## Pioneering Tuna Clipper

The determination of 3 young fishermen in taking on such a large project serves as an example for all generations. The Haldane men 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).

It arrived on January 18th 1952. On board were the three Haldane boat builder & fishing brothers Bill, Alan and Hughie, their entire families and the Bellamy twins, Keith and Jack – nine adults, seven children, one watchdog and a cat.

**The arrival of the Tacoma heralded the start of the tuna industry in SA.**



## Tick your bucket list!

### Experience life aboard a 1950s tuna clipper

- Scan the horizon searching for schools of SBT
- Experience the smells and sounds of the engine room
- Enjoy a night at anchor around the galley table, warmed by the **AGA** cooker
- Stand in the lofty pilots 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
- Experience the **ultimate adrenalin rush!**



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