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NSW Angel Ring Update

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ANGEL RINGS USED TO RESCUE 3 ANGLERS IN 3 DAYS

More Confirmed Rescues.

The latest rescues involve an angler who was fishing in rough conditions at Malabar on the 25th September and 2 anglers fishing in calm conditions at Avoca on the central coast of NSW on the 27th September. These rescues bring the total confirmed rescues to 37.

In what observers reported were clam conditions, but with a heavy 1.5m southerly swell an angler was washed in off the rocks at Malabar in Sydney's eastern suburbs. The angler was part of a group of 18 anglers on the rock just before 7am chasing the huge numbers of Bonito that have made an appearance along our coastal rock platforms. One of the other anglers present threw him an angel ring whilst rescue services were mobilised. He was eventually hauled out by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

A local took these photos from a boat at 6.30am, 15 minutes after these were taken the rock was bare and one angler was in the water.



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The second photo shows how much water was hitting the rocks that morning.



The second rescue involved an angler at Avoca who slipped and fell in calm conditions. His mate grabbed the angel ring and threw it to him and then jumped in to help him. Both anglers were rescued by local lifesavers after the alarm was raised. Both anglers were exhausted and semi-conscious.



In all instances the anglers should have been wearing lifejackets due to fact that they lacked adequate swimming abilities. These rescues highlight how critical it is to never fish alone and always be prepared. It also has to be remembered that no fish is worth your life.

[New Angel Ring Website](#)

ANSA NSW has revamped its www.angelrings.com.au website. After a complete overhaul the site now contains all the up to date information relating to the angel ring project.

New Angel Rings and Updated Signage

5 new rings have been approved for Kamay Botany Bay National Park, 1 new ring at Garie Beach in Royal National Park and 2 new rings for the area surrounding Clovelly Pool in Sydney. This will bring the number of rings to 111 in the next few weeks. The Stanwell Park end of Royal National Park is just about to have 3 approved and 3 are waiting for the approval process to commence at Tuross, sth of Batemans Bay.

New signs have been developed by Surf Life Saving Australia for use on the project. All the old signs will be upgraded in the next 12 months and all the new angel rings will carry the updated signage. NSW DII- Fisheries and the Fisheries Minister are paying for the new sign upgrades.



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Below are some key messages all rock anglers need to be aware of.





Don't put your life on the line

Rock fishing safety

Know what to do in case of an emergency



BE SAFE – know the conditions

- Know the tide and weather
- Never fish alone
- If conditions worsen find a calmer, more sheltered spot – or go home.
- Ask local people for advice
- Fish only in places that you know are safe
- Tell someone where you are
- Spend at least half an hour watching the wind and wave action
- Plan an escape route
- Never turn your back on the sea

BE PREPARED – take the right gear

- Wear a life jacket
- Wear shoes with non-slip soles
- Wear light clothing
- Carry a mobile phone with you
- Carry a rope and float with you

SURVIVE

- Do NOT jump in if someone is washed into the water
- Dial 000 or 112 on your mobile phone or go to get help
- Use a rope or something that floats to rescue the person
- If you're swept in don't panic. Stay calm and swim away from the rocks
- If there's an Angel Ring nearby, know how to use it.

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