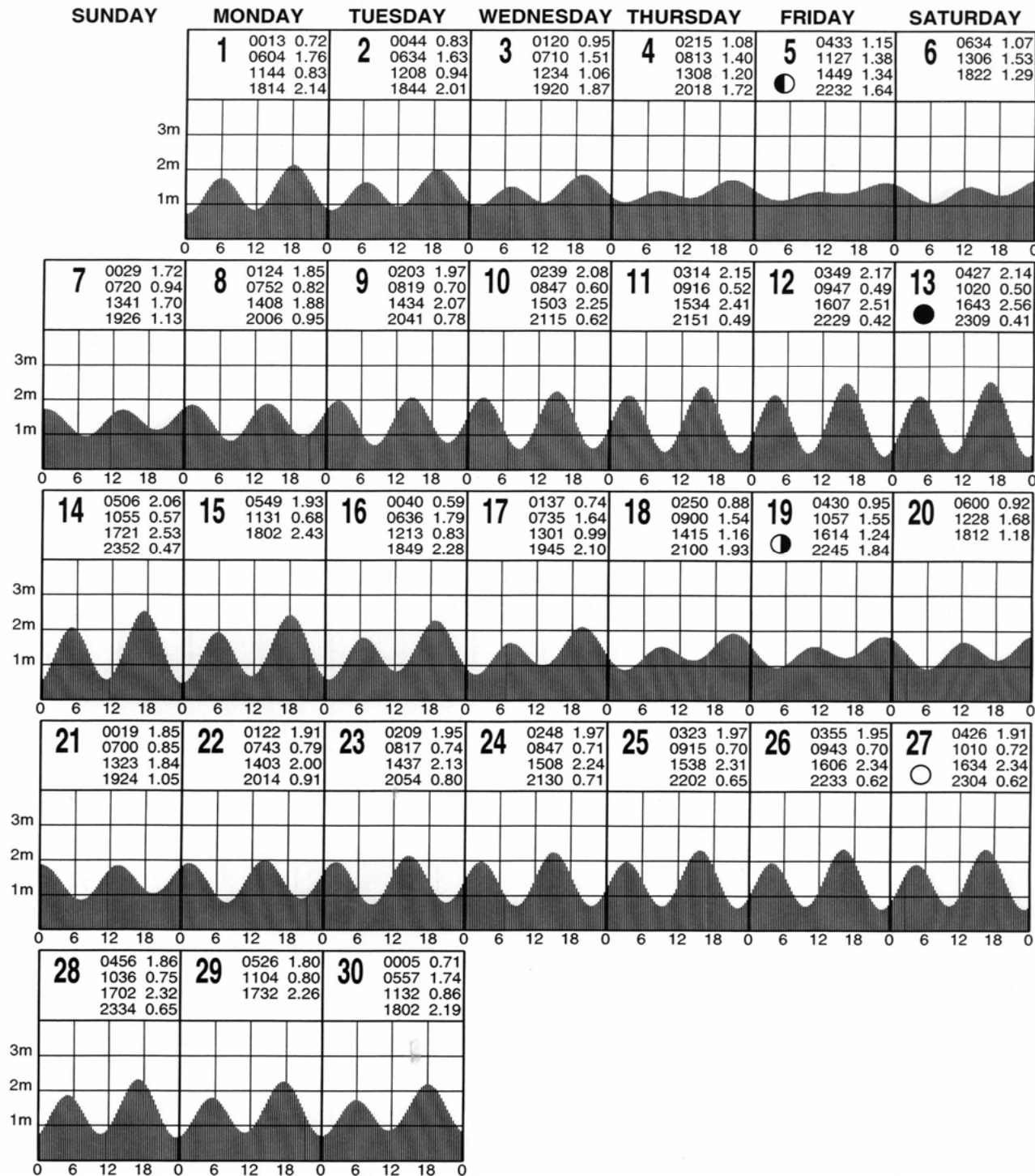


TIDE PREDICTIONS FOR NAURU

NOVEMBER – 2004

LOCAL STANDARD TIME

Tide gauge zero is 7.2929 metres below NAU1



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Message from the Minister

The Authority in its' endeavor to sustainably utilise the fisheries resources of Nauru embarked on yet another development campaign to secure technical and financial expertise from Regional bodies. One such sponsor is the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) which has agreed to give assistance by providing resources for the development of

Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) and most importantly on the job training for staff and the interested public. Management attended overseas meetings in its' effort to keep up with the level of information dissemination especially with regards to the Pacific tuna stocks. These Regional based committees encourage the full participation of Pacific Islands to have more say in management of the tuna fishery. It is pleasing to note that the SPC body also touched on the nutritional standards to suit the Pacific

lifestyle. High on the list of priorities of the Authority is the development of the local communities through technical and training assistance and most recently sports. Fishing, a way of life for the average Nauruan, takes first preference in the sporting arena. Not only does it promote fishing skills but brings in the favourite food source ashore. Happy Angam Day to you all.

Hon. Marcus Stephen, MP, Minister for Department of Economic Development, (D.E.D), Fisheries and Marine Resources



SPC's Fishery Expert on a Mission

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NFMRA RIPPLES

Research and Development Managers' Travel log



Nauru Fisheries Research and Development Manager Mr. Peter Jacob attended the three SPC funded meetings during the month of August 2004.

Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific.

19 - 21 August, Majuro – Scientific Coordinating Group III, after 17 years the SCTB had evolved into a scientific working group that basically adopts the same concerns but greater analysis on BET (Big Eye) and YFT (Yellow Fin) tuna stocks.

26 – 27 August, Noumea – Leaving the Republic of Marshall, Peter then went to New Caledonia for the Oceanic Fisheries Management meeting entitled *'Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme of the Pacific Small Island States'*. The Strategic Action Programme is anticipated to start in April 2005, it involves all FFA member countries, including Tokelau.

9 - 18 August, Majuro - 17th Standing Committee on Tuna & Billfish (SCTB17) this meeting is for fishery experts from Pacific island countries and the Asia-Pacific region. Issues that were deliberated on were the status of tuna stocks in the Pacific region. In summarising, it was found that, although tuna stocks have not been over exploited, sustainability of Bigeye and Yellowfin tuna species need to be further analysed. This was the last meeting held by the SCTB before evolving into a scientific working group for the *Commission for the Conservation and Management of*

Regional Association Formed

Following an incentive of the recent Forum Secretariat meeting in Suva, Fiji, a regional body formed to establish the three-member tuna association consisting of a chairman Mr. James Movick - Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and two representatives, Mr. Maurace Brownjohn - Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Mr. Robert Stone - Fiji.

The ideal of the committee body is to *"provide a stronger voice on tuna issues in the region"* with emphasis on voicing *"matters that will affect our livelihoods"*. According to the Chairman, *"our focus will be to get the national and regional organizations to include the private sector fishing industry in any discussions on tuna policies and programmes"*.

The association points out that already there is too much pressure on the Pacific tuna stocks due to the leniency of Pacific Island countries in the issuance of licenses to foreign fishing fleets. The organization which is yet to be named will be based in Pohnpei (FSM), the headquarters of the new regional Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention (WCPFC) Commission.

Nutritional Workshop

The three-day workshop from 28-30 September on nutritional value of food invited the participation of workers from the Government and its' entities for which, four fisheries staff namely Ms. Bianca Bernicke and Mr. Jake Debaio (Coastal), Mr. Richard Rima (Fish Market) and Ms. Erana Aliklik (Human Resource Development) attended. The workshop sponsored by the Secretariat of the South Pacific (SPC) and facilitated by Ms. Wendy Snowdon provided informative guidelines of the four healthy eating lifestyles that lead to a "Healthier Pacific". The contents of this type of workshop were found to be very beneficial to the participants that we have printed two samples of their brochures in this issue of Mwin Oa'ian.



NFMRA Golf Cup

Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority sponsored a 'golf tournament' in commemoration of its' establishment as an Authority body. Over 30 members and associates teed off in the morning which according to club secretary was a record number compared to previous tournaments in recent years. At the completion of the full eighteen holes - 2 rounds of the 9 hole course - the uncontested winners of the day were presented their trophies by the Authority Board of Directors. The day was a success even for those who missed out on the prizes as there was a buffet setup complete with complimentary drinks.



Bessen, Chris, Warwick, Peter and Frankie.



Sam Akaruwo - Oldest player
Moses Dame - Youngest player



Miranda Edwards



James Igii

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WINNERS :~

- Overall** - **James Igii**
- Associate Member** - **Miranda Edwards**
- A-Grade Division** - **Paulus Hartman**
- B-Grade Division** - **George Gioura**
- C-Grade Division** - **Gwayne Akken**

Fishing Vessel News



The Authority's operational fishing vessel NF6 was in need of urgent repairs on its' hull which has resulted in the vessel being docked for one whole day on the wharf at the Anibare Community Harbour to undergo repairs.

The first long liner boat the NF5, also docked, is await-



ing the installation of a new engine. Fortunately for NF6 the hull damage was minor which the Technical Service workers quickly rectified. The damage to the hull occurred during the 'Flotilla of Hope' operations and repairs had been delayed to coincide with NPC's schedule for the use of its' P&H crane.

NFMRA Sponsors Junior Football

On Saturday 16th October, the Nauru Australian Football Association (NAFA) held the Under 19s grand final match between Ubenide Power and Mendeiger Tigers for the 'Youth Alliance Cup' sponsored by the Authority.

The final whistle saw the tenacious Tigers win the coveted Cup by seven points. Players from both sides displayed skills and sportsmanship which left an impression not only on both the Australian Consul General and NFMRA Chairman but also on all their fans and spectators. Other notable winners of



the day were; Jude Mareow (U) - Best and Fairest
Bronson Kepae (T) - Leading Goal Kicker
Trent Depaune (T) - Best on Ground (GF).

Guests of the event were the Authority's Chairman Godfrey Thoma, Vice-Chairman Cyril Buramen and the Australian Consul General Mr. Colin Milner.

The year 2004 has been a very active calendar year for the Authority which annually sponsors the fishing events on Nauru's National days. Recently it has extended its sponsorship to other sports such as golf and football.