

YOUR TUNA POLING ADVENTURE

WHAT: Join the historic MFV Tacoma's annual Ladies' tuna fishing adventure and experience the thrill of poling a Southern Bluefin Tuna onboard the 84ft 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: Port Lincoln, Neptune Island - places that are not too far away for 4 days and 3 nights. We are fair weather tuna polers!

WHEN: Arrive at Port Lincoln and go onboard on **Friday 30th January 2026** for crew training. We depart for the tuna grounds on Saturday, weather permitting. We then spend the next day fishing for tuna & having a great life experience.

Anchorage are weather dependent and could include Memory & Snug Coves. We arrive back at Port Lincoln on **Monday 2nd February 2026.**

ACCOMMODATION: Tacoma has twelve 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 Tuna Poling Fishing Adventure.** All poling equipment is supplied and you can bring your own favorite rod & tackle.

**\$1,200 for the 4 days (\$400/night)
10% deposit required**

Includes 12 month Tacoma Preservation Society Membership



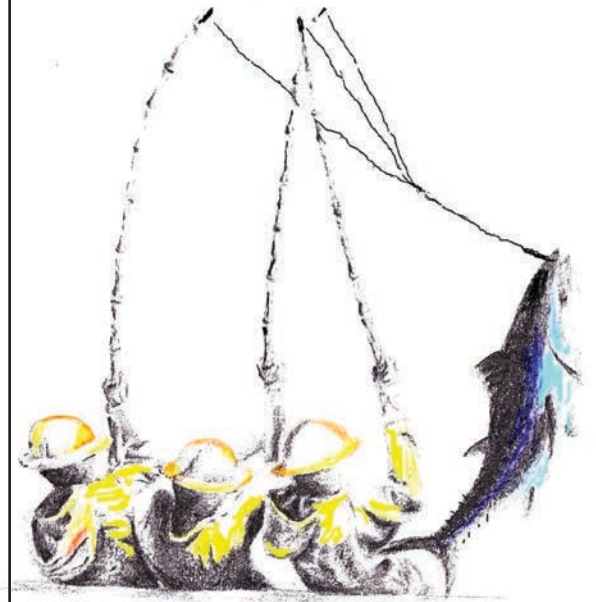
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LADIES' TUNA POLING FISHING TRIP #1

on the historic
TUNA CLIPPER

MFV TACOMA

*Friday January 30th
to
Monday February 2nd
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A Great Adventure

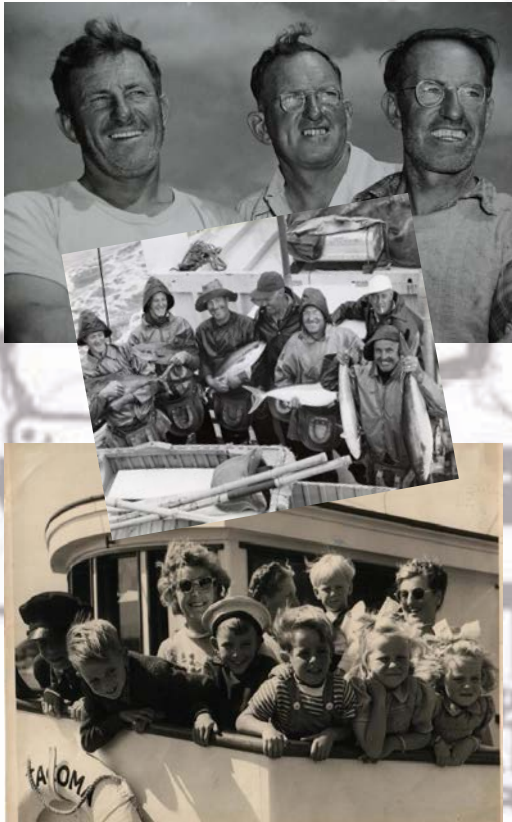
Pioneering Tuna Clipper

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.

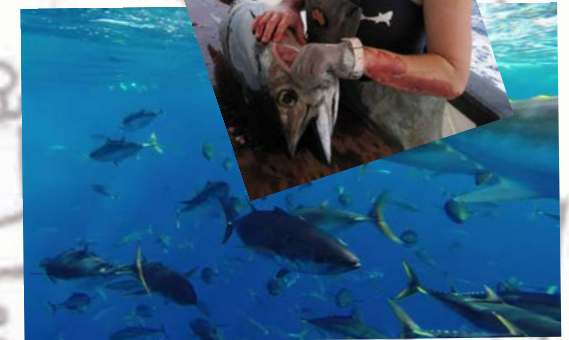
The arrival of the Tacoma heralded the start of the tuna industry in SA.



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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