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OAK BEACH BONANZA

BY FRASER ALLEN

It was one of those recent crappy days with grey overcast skies and it was raining cats and dogs more often than not. It was like I had ants in my pants and was itching to get out of the house and do something. So I rang my good mate Conrad to see if he would entertain going for a fish somewhere. As it turned out he was in the same mood just itching to do something. We knew no matter where we went we were going to get drenched at some point and we were prepared for this. After some discussion we decided on an iconic beach which neither of us had fished in a very long time. Just south of Port Douglas, 10 minutes drive is Oak Beach, home to the wealthy with million dollar homes on the foreshore. The beach itself stretches I guess about a kilometre or so and has a lot of pebbles and small rocks in the shallows. It is quite picturesque I must say and the bonus is not many people go there.

With the rain falling steadily we started our quest at the very southern end walking north. The tide was massive this day right up to the edge of the foreshore foliage. We started our quest on the outgoing and it was dropping in level fairly quickly. We both had a couple of different outfits to use and for the first stint I was using my lighter outfit casting out a stick bait lure and Conrad something similar. To be honest we didn't see any action for the first 30 minutes and

we meandered north casting lures about 50m to sea and retrieving them back.

The we came across some activity with what we established to be smaller queenfish attacking our lures on the surface. There seemed to be a big patch of them all keen to swipe out our big lures but weren't big enough to get their gobs around them. We persisted for around 15 minutes hoping there might be something more substantial out amongst them but not to be. Roving our eyes north we both then started to notice some serious bird action occurring at the very end of the beach near the rocky headland. It was a bit odd that the birds would be working so close to the shore and we high tailed it as quickly as possible to investigate. As we approached the disturbance from the birds it was clearly evident why they were there. Bait was everywhere, piles of it.

We both opted to use our heavier outfits and I decided on using what is called a glide bait lure. It just swims under the water and you use a twitching motion with the rod to give it an amazing action. The brand was a Gan Craft jointed lure in a mullet colour and I hoped it would do the trick.

As the tide kept dropping a big washed up timber stump started to reveal itself not to far from the shore and looked like a place to concentrate on most definitely.

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EXCEED SPORTFISHING

BY JAKE WYATT



What an insane month or so it has been. When you consider February to be possibly a quiet month on the charter front, we truly surpassed any expectations and were kept very busy. I am also very pleased to report that for us the fishing has been going off with some cracking catches taken in recent times. Normally at this time of the year the fishing can get a little tough, the water becomes super warm and the fish can be hard to find. So to combat this we have been exploring even newer grounds, finding untried areas and coming up with the goods. With this glassy calm weather the Gt's have been relatively easy to entice, providing you find the bait first. Once you source the shimmering of bait on the surface, then the Gt's have not been far away. On some days we have been achieving double figure strikes from these highly sought after fish which is good going. We've experienced double hook ups on these freight trains and on the downside there's also been plenty of bust offs from some absolute monsters. These oversized fish have at times been giving me nightmares over the last couple of weeks. I carry only the best of fishing gear for this style of fishing and it hasn't been able to halt some of the Gt's we've come across at times. We've been able to stop plenty of models 20kg and a bit more, but the others are considerably bigger.

We have been venturing up north to some pretty isolated areas and finding some real quality fish on the bottom. We always stumble across new wonky holes on a daily basis and found some crackers this past month. Just because there doesn't look like a lot of life on them sometimes, it doesn't

mean there is nothing there. I always suggest to pull up, drop a bait down and give it 10 minutes, you just never know. Some of our best fish have come from this scenario. The biggest large mouth nannygai we have landed this month was around 8kg but it seriously looked much bigger. It was taken on a wonky hole that didn't offer much life from the look of the sounder just to give you an example.

Our half day coastal trips have also yielded some great results with some XL bar cheek trout coming aboard for a photo before being sent back to fight another day. These beauties have been averaging around the 70cm range and pull like no tomorrow. They have the coolest colour markings and it's great to see them swim back down to the bottom. We've also done some drifting across the top of the coastal reefs on the really high tides and have caught Gt's and spanish mackerel for our clients. You don't have to travel too far to experience good fishing up here. I believe the coastal reefs are producing quite well at the moment because of the rainfall thus creating a lot of bait around the area. It's like any fishing up here, find the bait and then you'll find the fish.

The weather looks like holding out for awhile longer with nothing too untoward in the near future. It has been overall a very calm start to the year with only a handful of windy days. This is great because we are flat out with up and coming bookings and school holidays are not too far away. I just can't wait to get back out there every day and do further exploring each trip. Also check out our Facebook page for daily updates. ■



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DRAGON'S DEN^K

BY STEVE ADAMSON

Well it has been a rather uneventful month for us dealing with mechanical issues which as it turned out absorbed around 6 weeks of work. We did manage to get back into charters at the back end of February for a couple of trips. Fingers crossed the 'Chinaman' we must have ran over which began all the drama is well and truly behind us. To be honest since the purchase of the 48ft vessel this has been the first extended side line for quite a few years, which is pretty good. At least the boat is now looking as clean as ever, we have a new generator installed and the main engine has been given a thorough tweaking. Besides a quick slipway trip to paint the bum of the boat in the near future we are ready for a full season ahead.

The couple of trips we did were reasonable considering the time of year. We did however have to contend with some very wet conditions as the skies opened up even though the seas remained relatively calm. Once you copped that first bout of rain it drenched you to the bone and you remained like that for the entire day. From a client perspective at least it wasn't cold for them and you wouldn't survive a full day in those conditions if you were fishing down south.

As mentioned the fishing was okay with enough activity going on to keep the punters entertained most of the time. We had to move around more regularly than normal but we were able nail some good coral trout up to several kilos, the spangled emperor were handy at around 5kg and the large mouth nannygai were also at a similar size. There was naturally other species caught including sweetlip, moses perch and a couple hard fighting red bass. The red bass are undoubtedly a striking fish to look at but being on the must release list they go back over the side. To be realistic clients just love to catch anything that puts up a decent fight, no matter the species.

It looks like we might be up for a bit of rain moving forward and as long as the cyclone activity stays over west or elsewhere I'll be content. The school holidays appear they will run over 3 weeks this year from the main states beginning late March into Easter. This is very welcomed if the weather can continue on a similar vein. In the coming weeks we have several private charters with group bookings including a couple of Bucks parties.

I'm seeing this more and more as the years go on with the boys



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steering clear of an old traditional night where anything goes. To be frank, the groups we've had over the last couple of years have been really well behaved. They have to be going to sea and they are fore warned any out of control behaviour will see them returned straight back home.

I'll let you in a bit of story from several years ago to some bad behaviour. We had a group of Bucks boys over from the Northern Territory that worked on a big cattle station. They all wore big cowboy hats, swore like troopers and brought with them a power of booze. The writing was on the wall by around lunch time and we pulled the pin early afternoon. We left them out the back and the crew travelled home in the wheelhouse with a locked door. Upon coming into the harbour leads one of the boys dressed in a cowboy hat, jeans, long sleeve shirt and R&M Williams boots jumped over the side with the boat at speed. Luckily he wasn't too far from shore but we did call the cops. From what I recall they went looking but couldn't manage to apprehend him near the church park. Then upon disembarking another fell in the drink at the marina further down the board walk from the boat. I've got no doubt there would have been a raucous in town later that evening. Since this day we now have a very strict policy if you book with us for such days.

Anyway, onwards and upwards with a positive outlook moving forward and the fishing should remain quite productive in my opinion. There maybe a few more trout around for the recreational guys considering the pros are currently docked due to their predicament with the coronavirus suspending trade to Asia.

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WET SEASON ECOSYSTEM - THE TROPICS

BY DYLAN CASE



Late January & the start of February saw the real start of the wet season in Far North Queensland, with large rainfall totals falling across much of the state. The wet season is a key annual event for most ecosystems, marine and freshwater included. It's not hard to see evidence of the huge effect this has on many of our local species. A great example can be seen with the choruses of native frogs that can be heard along local marshes and ephemeral water courses as they utilise the wet conditions to lay their eggs. Underwater, other wet season associated events are occurring, though they aren't always as evident.

For example, young barramundi use these flood events to access freshwater wetlands and similar habitats, as they provide ideal environments for growth in their early life stages. An interesting point of focus throughout the wet season are the estuaries, as they probably undergo the most relative change of all aquatic ecosystems. With the huge influx of fresh water, estuarine conditions change

significantly. Both the temperature and salinity in estuaries drop sharply, which affects fish species to a varying degree, as each has a specific tolerance to these variables. For example, species such as barramundi that can live in freshwater are going to be more tolerant to this rapid salinity drop than estuarine or marine specialists. However, for most species, including more tolerant species such as barra, the rapid salinity and temperature drop is still unfavourable in the short term, and fish may respond as such. This tends to mean the rivers themselves are rather inactive during these periods of significant freshwater flow, and fish may move to other areas with more suitable conditions. Keeping this in mind, it is certainly possible to target fish while the rivers are discharging large amounts of fresh water. Look for more stable coastal waters, away from cold and fresh flood discharge for your best shot.

Once the main floods are past, rivers will normally see a burst of life. Prawns tend to appear along the coast in decent numbers, feeding on detritus released from estuaries in flood. These prawns and their offspring are a major food source for just about every predatory coastal species at this time of year. Prawn aggregations draw predators from all around, including species such as manta rays which seldom venture to our beaches excluding during juvenile prawn blooms. For species that naturally inhabit these areas, the prawn influx provides easy access to large amounts of high-quality prey. Opportunistic predators such as barramundi eat a lot and grow fast during these periods of high productivity. Barra, mangrove jack, salmon, grunter and many other species can be taken along local beaches with relative consistency once these aggregations of prawns appear. By the time this abundance of prawns along the coast has dropped, the local systems will have just about returned to their pre-flood state, at least to an extent.

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BY HEFF



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15 MINUTES OF MAYHEM ON FOUR MILE

BY ETHAN SCOTT



Growing up and some of my first and best fishing adventures was beach fishing on Four Mile Beach with my dad, Matty. Simple fishing with a few rods, poles in the sand and frozen bait! It had been ages since we have done this and one Saturday afternoon recently down on Four Mile Beach was one of the hottest and active fishing sessions I have ever experienced!!

It was a mild afternoon heading into the evening, Dad had just finished golf and we were both keen to wet a line and enjoy the remainder of the day together. I love spending time with him, he's rather a cool Dad. One suggestion led to another as to where we would settle and before too long we were at IGA getting bait and a few other supplies. Half an hour later, poles in the sand with 2 x rods cast out and ready for some action on the beach!

We chose the southern end of the beach, it has some good gutters and just a really nice spot to fish. Our timing was perfect as the tide was turning to high and with the afternoon sun setting behind us we had a gut feel it wouldn't be long before the fish were on the bite!


Our weapons of choice were my Daiwa fishing combo with 20 pound line, circle hooks and light sinker and Dad had the same. Bait we used were peeled prawns which I have had a lot of success with over the years and they always catch something. After 15 minutes we had no bites! We pulled our lines in, put fresh prawns on the hooks and cast out again. A further 15 minutes

later and still no bites. It was not looking promising at this stage. Conditions were ok, no wind, not too hot although the water was a bit murky from recent rains. My only real concern was that the water temperature was extremely warmer than normal which had us both pondering perhaps tonight was not going to be good for beach fishing.

Time passed slowly and after an hour went by with no fish our confidence was very low. To be honest we were quite ready to pack up and go home, you could sense Dad was keen to get going. So I convinced him to give it 10 more minutes.

I reeled in my rod to check my bait and nothing was wrong with it so I casted it back out. With my expectations dropping and resigned that we were going home I would never had imagined what the next 15 minutes would produce!

Boom or as Dad likes to say Bash & Crash! It was that sound that every fisherman loves to hear - a line singing off my reel without any notice!! This thing hit hard and ran and ran and ran!! Straight away I knew it was not your normal beach fish which I have caught over the years, this big fish was up for a fight! What is it I kept asking myself? Big ray? Perhaps a salmon? It put me through some solid paces I tell you. Then as we got close to landing this fish on the beach it launched in the air, span around and went splash! - beautiful black tip shark !! This shark put up one monster fight on the light gear and a first for my beach fishing experiences! It was a nice sized shark

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As we were getting the circle hook out, my Dad's line went bang! Fish on, let's go!! Like my shark I had just caught, the line went nuts and instantly we're presumed another black tip. This thing ran like the clappers and as it got close to the beach we realised it was not a shark and looked like a huge bat fish or something like a big dinner plate. As it turned out it was a good sized Permit fish which are very rarely sighted on our beach waters. I was shocked and stoked when I saw the permit fish because I know they're not a fish that you catch every day. I had read that pound for pound they possess extreme pulling power and I can agree with that having seen it first hand. They are a bit of a weird looking fish with a snub nose used for grinding crabs and like out of the sand. You can however where the power comes from being thick across the body and a tail system which whips up speed very quickly. Not being noted for eating we let this beauty go.

With both lines now re-baited and heart's racing, we sensed it was not going to be long for our next fish. Right on cue within a minute another bang! But it was a double whammy as both our lines went off again at the same time! We were both screaming fish on!! It was awesome to get a double hook-up.

Lines were running everywhere as we had to duck and weave under and over each other the fish decided to run in opposite directions. It was quite confusing at the time as the fish were screaming and pulling line off the reel at will. We got ourselves eventually settled and continued our individual battles. Then splash near the

shoreline, Dad lands a slightly bigger black tip shark and he's cheering madly!! My line however kept running mad and I'm instantly thinking another shark. The line was literally running hot off the reel giving me line burn as I tried to thumb the spool. After several minutes of trying to contain this fish, I landed the fish which turned out to be a huge Dart!! It was easily 35cm long which is a big one. They are a close cousin of the Permit and at this size they also go really hard on light gear. This fish as well as all the sharks were let go.

With light fading and bait low, plus the mozzies were now on the bite we decided to pull stumps and head home. We didn't take home a feed but we walked in the door with big smiles on our faces to tell the rest of the family of our little quest. It made for a chirpy and happy conversation over dinner.

I must say in finishing what an awesome little session, so much fun and all available in my own back yard just down the road. We are so lucky where we live. It's amazing to think where in 15 minutes we landed a few different fish species all putting up a mighty fight and so much fun on light gear. After such a slow start who would have thought a quarter of an hour would produce that much fun beach fishing!

Tight lines and Good times - Ethan "Chops" Scott ■



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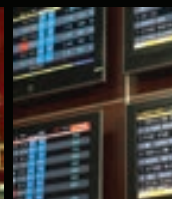


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12 eggs
200g of fat bacon or speck
2 dozen shucked oysters
Parsley 1/2 handful



Method
Roughly dice bacon and sauté in a large frypan until it begins too crisp.
Add oysters too the pan and toss for a minute.
Mix eggs in a bowl and add too pan, turn down heat and gently fold eggs until a smooth scrambled mix is formed.
Season with salt and pepper and chopped parsley.
Serve any time of the day with cheap booze and crusty bread , maybe a little hot sauce.

Local Industry on it's Knees

Australia's seafood trade faces an uncertain future as the Asian 'coronavirus' threatens to leave many unemployed including our local Live Coral Trout fleet. The ban of export during the recent Chinese New Year has been a big jolt.

Sales of coral trout have also plummeted in Queensland and Australia domestically with up to 40 boats being pulled from the water, including our own locally, according to the Queensland Seafood Industry Association. The virus has also influenced all sectors of the live animal trade to Asia.

Just to give you an insight, our local fleets set up for this industry of live coral trout trade alone, to China & south east Asia, rely on this for about 99% of their income each year. It has also has heavily impacted on the Victorian, Sth Australian & Western Australian lobster industry. Operators naturally fear jobs will have to go including our own up here.

The QLD government is feverishly trying to assist but unless the specific operator is set up for alternative trade from their vessel, things look dire for our band of hard arse working fisherman.

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KEEP BUSINESS \$\$\$ LOCAL

BY HEFF



At the time of year when trade is at its standard lowest in our neck of the woods I'd like to touch on a topic that is having an impact on local businesses and I'm sure it is far wider spread. Forget last year's cyclone which saw FNQ receive bad media coverage having major consequences and then it took the area to recover 6 months later. Then this year we have the recent devastating bush fires in our southern states effecting tourism plus the latest coronavirus effecting our Asian trade in the short term future. Yes we have had another bad start to the year. However the purpose of this piece is the attempt to our readers to keep it as local as possible and spread the word. To get to the crux of it, our choices of booking anything in our region has consequences to the local economy and our overall well being to sustain a certain lifestyle. A lifestyle which we all enjoy but it does come at a fiscal cost. This message applies to you the reader, and your visiting family members or friends wanting to enjoy our part of paradise on holiday. Your choice to book on the internet, whether it be accommodation, any tours and in our case fishing charters, is a very, very important choice. Your choice is the difference between keeping \$\$ within the region or losing it completely.

The internet is a very convenient tool nowadays and that simplicity is costing the local economy without some of you necessarily realising it. In particular the American based internet websites, which pay big dollars to take out paid advertising and rank higher on the net are literally draining at a minimum of 10% and more out of our local pockets per booking. Furthermore they don't necessarily employ anyone within our own country which is a travesty. I'd hate to fathom how much money is walking out the door on a daily basis, not just locally but even on a state and national basis. This money doesn't even reach our shores going direct overseas.

The long term, genuine local accommodations have been dealing with this for awhile, but it is now hitting the tours aspect as well. I'm not at liberty to portray which big companies are at the forefront of this overseas money grab but they are pretty bloody obvious.

We are a tourist driven region driven by locals. Imagine having someone come in and take off the cuff 10% or more of your annual income or your business turnover. You'd be pissed!

At Fishing Port Douglas we strictly manage the best charters in Port Douglas and our vessel's running costs are designed to keep our prices great value for money. You start to take another 10% or more from off the bottom line then this is very serious. Small business is hard enough as it currently stands, damn tough. Ultimately if

consumer behaviour continues to use these overseas websites, then naturally the cost will have to be passed onto all visitors that come to the region. This includes your visiting families and friends. That's not a healthy scenario for anyone. My advise is yes, do your homework as a consumer, we are not scared of the feedback on the internet because what we receive is damn good. I do however to highly encourage you all go to the original source of any local business. You can get on the phone if you wish and actually talk to someone direct living the life - it's something completely lacking from the websites I'm referring to.

I can say this next part being a local soldier on the ground in the fishing charter sector for over 20yrs. In the last year or I've seen it time and time again that those who have used these websites when it comes to fishing, very often finish up quite disappointed because they booked something on-line that didn't live up to their expectations or requirements. They've opted the quick convenience of booking something on the net without doing any due diligence, not even a bloody phone call. This is purely their own fault but at times they also unfairly put unwarranted scrutiny on our local operators. It has me absolutely baffled as to why someone would lay down a 10% deposit or more on a specialised service without any proper homework, especially when it comes to fishing. For the many it is a very personal experience and they hope to get it right. However they still opt for the impersonal choice of booking and if disappointed it reflects on us all as a region.

I have something simple to say in finishing. We have always been a world wide tourist destination because of the reef and rainforest. That's fact! What we offer alongside of this is also world class in regards to our tour operations, accommodations and the many, many other attractions. All are individually doing their own part to ensure a great visit for anyone and all have their own websites.

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Oak Beach Cont

I cast the glide bait just beyond the stump and as it came alongside there was an almighty swipe at the lure creating a big bow wave. It didn't connect but it only took another couple of twitches to bring the lure back to life to entice a bite from another fish. Again a big bow wave came shooting from the depths of the timber and devoured the lure good and proper. It was incredible to watch this ambush attack take place. Well for the next 10-15 minutes I was taken on a joy ride. This fish bolted directly south along the foreshore peeling line at will. I had no choice but to follow suit running after it. Even with about 10kg of drag pressure on this fish it just kept on steaming down the beach. At one point it decided to greyhound out of the water in a dolphin dive fashion a couple of times. It was at this moment I knew I was tangling with a whopping

saltwater barra. The power and stamina of this fish was mind blowing as it led me on a merry dance for around 150m southwards. I was winding the reel like no tomorrow and eventually found myself parallel with the fish. At this stage I could transfer a different angle of pressure on the fish. It changed direction with the feel of the pinch and greyhounded out to sea. After a couple of severe runs it began to tire and finally I got it onto the beach. It was an absolute beauty going 92cm on the tape. A couple of quick photos were taken before reviving it in the shallows. Being a big breeding female I was more than content to see her swim off once she recovered. Conrad had followed me down the beach during the fight and as soon as we had let the barra go we bolted back to where it all began. The stump we peppered for some time with our lures but couldn't engage



another strike. The tide had continued to drop further and right in front of us was now a deep gutter of water. Conrad was first to notice a school of really good sized giant trevally right there. With a short flick of his lure he was immediately on and this thing shot off. I was quick to replicate and with a short cast I was also met with gusto. With a double hook-up the fish headed for the sea horizon. They fought admirably and gave us a special moment. We were able to contain their enthusiasm and got a couple of pics on the beach before releasing them. Being around 60cm and around 5kg in weight they were awesome fish to catch from off the beach in the extreme shallows. Following this we didn't see anymore bites as the tide receded further, but a soggy day turned into a belter of a day.

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Myths & Facts Questioned with Bruce Belcher

While touring on the magical Daintree River and venturing downstream, I invariably pass behind Pig Island, one of my favorite spots. I'm then asked why it's named such. For years, my usual answer was that Lt. James Cook left them ashore as food for potential ship-wrecked mariners, but I've since had doubts about this.

Recently, I finished reading a book titled "1787", by Nick Brodie, about the lost chapters of Australia's beginning. In it he describes tales of interest, interactions with aboriginal people and he cleared a couple of points for me, regarding pigs and coconut palms.

Cook made no mention of releasing pigs here, in his journal. However, he told of releasing pigs and establishing gardens at Ship Cove in New Zealand, in 1770, on his way to sight the east coast of Terra Australis Incognita (the unknown southern continent-Australia). Having visited New Zealand on three occasions, he set up a supply base of food for seafarers. So, it's well known in New Zealand and the pigs are commonly called "Captain Cookers".

Sometime ago I heard that a man with an obsession with killing pigs at Cape Tribulation, as they are pests, discovered that the pigs had a resident parasitic bug in the stomach that was consistent with Asian pigs. I wonder if these pigs here might be descendants of those which could have been brought here by Maccassans who were trading with aborigines who dived for the sea-slug (Beche de mere). History has proven that such trading happened back in the late 17th century. To me, this debunked the Cook idea!

Recently, I wrote of my belief that coconut palms are not natives. In the book about Cook's voyage past here, the author

mentioned that the only references made about coconuts, in his journal, was, on one occasional moment, well up north, he found one barnacle encrusted coconut that had seemingly become adrift from its usual hangout; New Guinea. The other occasion was that he noticed a few nuts floating about, well up north. He made no mention of sighting palms on the beach. I'm convinced that coconuts were introduced!

Just while we're talking about this northern coastline, I thought about describing a little more about my recent story about gold digging here, involving the Chinese, in the Palmer River area and how many of them came here.

I was listening to a podcast about a French trading vessel around the 1870s that was to collect 300 coolies (young Chinese men) from China and to deliver them to the goldfields of Australia. Some of them were to be left here. On board the vessel was a 14 year-old cabin boy, responsible to the captain. The vessel was ship-wrecked somewhere in New Guinea and everyone managed to go ashore onto an island. The captain abandoned the vessel, gathered a few good men and the cabin boy and set sail for the far north east coast of what is now North Queensland, in a small boat. At that time the coolies were being cannibalized by the natives in New Guinea or so we're told. Upon arriving and going ashore for whatever reason, the boy was abandoned and eventually rescued by the aborigines. Apparently, he spent the next 17 years with the people, was initiated and had a wife and children. A visiting ship came by at some point, saw the man and kidnapped him. He was then returned to France, See you next month.



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