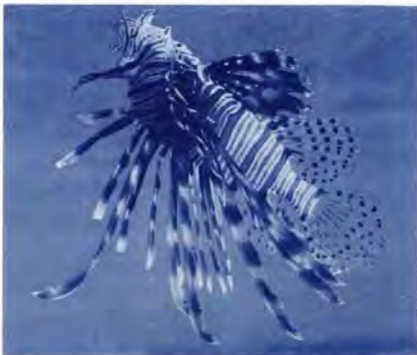


Cobbler Fish

Southern waters do have a fish with poisonous spines, again 13. This fish is not to be confused with an estuarine Catfish also called a cobbler. I have never seen one and never heard of anyone being injured by this fish.

Lion Fish



They belong to the Scorpion fish family. Probably they will only be encountered while snorkelling in the tropics. Their spectacular and colourful appearance advertises their dangerous potential.

Cone shells



There are several different types. They pose a threat to the unwary shell collector. They can shoot out a poisonous radula from the pointed end of the shell. This is particularly nasty if you have put one in your shorts pocket. The venom is a neurotoxic peptide that can cause death by respiratory paralysis.

Blue Ringed Octopus

This highly venomous little fellow the size of a golf ball, can kill an adult.

It occurs locally. Dull coloured the blue rings only appear when it is threatened or handled. The poison, like the puffer fish, is a tetrodotoxin but in this case injected by a gland into its saliva. The bite is painless but the victim develops nausea, blindness, loses touch sensation and speech, then paralysis progresses to respiratory failure occurring in 3 minutes.

There is no antidote, but prolonged assisted respiration offers some hope.

Children should be told about them before they explore rock pools!

I have only ever seen one, and that was in shallow water near Pelican Point.

Take Care!

What's in a Boat Name?

How 'Pyewacket' became
Pyewacket
By Malcolm Dayman

Peter and Beth Miller were involved in the Lazy E Class racing dinghies from their inception in South Australia, and their son Alan was often on the trapeze.

In the early 70's, David Treleven approached Peter to be crew on the Lazy E, 'Peccadillo'. They trained for the 1977/78 Nationals to be held on the Swan in Perth.

In the meantime they discussed building new Lazy E's and while they were baking their brains in the sun during sailing races at Somerton, David said that he wanted any new yacht to be named, Pyewacket.

This was because David had a crush on Kym Novak who starred in the movie 'Bell, Book and Candle'. Even though

Kym did not apparently have a preference for guys, David still loved the witch's cat, 'Pyewacket'.

Xmas 1977 was memorable because they were on the road to Perth and the Nullarbor was full of service clubs collecting for cyclone Tracy victims. Beth Miller asserted that second placing in the Nationals would not be good enough. However, even two skippers on the boat could not get them any closer than third in final placing's.

David and Peter resolved again to build new Lazy E's and to get Peter fitter for the next Nationals, but David tragically died on the squash court. Peter persisted and built the fifth Lazy E and named it *Pyewacket* in memory of David.

With his son Alan as crew, Peter took *Pyewacket* on to win the next series at Henley Beach Sailing Club against an all



time record sailing fleet of eighty boats – possibly with divine support from David Treleven.

Peter and Beth now run a 30' mast head sloop named *Pyewacket* at RSAYS which doesn't compete in the Nationals anymore but has a strong sentimental past and reflects the camaraderie, endeavours, and successes of some pretty amazing characters in our Club and sailing community.

