

Very few lures cast as far, as accurately - and as easily: Brooke re-works the classic Lazer Lure

Metal slugs, metals, twisties/spinners, these are the various names of one of the handiest pieces of tackle in any fisherman's tackle box.

This small but reliable piece of tackle can catch a variety of fish in any number of fishing scenarios. It is simple to tie on and cast out with deadly accuracy (even for a new fisherman) and a fast retrieve will cause the lure to look like a small fleeing bait fish. *Kazzam!* Anything from the

humble green back tailor to chunky members of the speedy tuna family (and everything in between!) will have a crack at these elegantly simple lures.

Australian-owned business Lazer Lures have been in the industry for over 30 years now producing some of the best quality metal lures around.

With a variety of spectacular colours available, there is a style and size available for almost every circumstance, in both fresh and saltwater.

The traditional shaped metal starts at 10g to 90g in the original Lazer Lure range.

In the slug range there is a 20g, 30g, and 42g model. These slugs have a little thicker appearance with out looking too big in length. The extra weight of a slug gives you the chance to cast the lure a little further without compromising on a super small bait fish appearance.

And lastly, Lazer Lures also have a twisty shape, with a slight "S" shape to it for more action without any special effort from the angler. These are available in 20g, 30g, 45g and 60g weights.

All of the Lazer Lure range has the choice of being purchased with trebles or an upgraded split ring and a single, needle sharp, inline VMC hook. Personally, I prefer the single hook set up as it makes life easier when unhooking my captured fish.

When it comes to metals, a lot of us think about just casting them out and bringing it back with a fast retrieve. However, there is a lot more to it these days, when it comes to different types of

It is easy to see why kingfish - small and big - are easily convinced Lazars in blue colours are yummy baitfish !



fishing. Think about it. Not only the top water pelagics are interested in fleeing bait fish, every fish wants an easy feed, and so the metals range can be used vertically as well as traditional horizontally.

I love micro jigging, slow jigging and jigging in general, so its natural for me to want to use these lures in this fashion as well for pelagics and reef fish too.

The Lazer lures website has some fantastic information on how to use their lures in different fashions. I'm yet to try these lures out in fresh for bass - this could be an interesting experience for me as I don't often get to where we can target our native Australian bass.

The first time I tried the Lazer lure range was in September last year off the Gold Coast spinning for dolphin fish offshore.

Well, that was fun! We had found a FAD that was holding a number of small and legal sized fish on it. Traditionally, trolling over the pack would spark a feeding frenzy for fleeing lures, but instead, we decided to cast metals first.

My first choice was a little ambitious, one of the 35g fluoro orange Lazers. I had follows but no hook ups. My next choice was sure to be a winner, 25g blue pearl, the perfect bait fish sized and coloured lure. The dollies went mad for it; instantly a few undersized models and even a small pack of juvenile yellow tailed kingfish were onto it.

The second chance we had to test out these great looking metals was during our trip to Hervey Bay this year, when the perfect opportunity arose as the bay was filled with small spotted mackerel in plague proportions. And so,



There is a wide range of colours and weights available in the Lazer range - and every fisho has his own take on the best model!

on Day One of our trip Denis and I rigged up our favourite coloured lures with a trace length of single strand wire for these toothy critters. We cast out in to the schools of fish and within moments of the metal hitting the water we had our first fish on.

The 'go-to' favourite 25g blue pearl was a hit, and so was the Lazer pink bait. The mackerel just couldn't resist them, even with the short length of wire trace.

And more recently, with a gap in the windy weather, Denis and I made our way to Norris Head just off Cabarita Beach in Northern NSW (just south of the Qld border) where we knew there was some great land based action to be had. With reports of good-sized tailor around, I was keen to see how the Lazer lure range would hold up to these finger choppin' fish.

Rock fishing can be frustrating if I am bait fishing or using livies amongst the rocks with inevitable tangles, but this is not the case when spinning the Lazer Lures. I had the choice of choosing where my lure is positioned, and the Lasers can be cast so far and so accurately, they were far easier to position to good effect.

Again, with a fast retrieve, the fish couldn't resist

the power of a fleeing "bait fish" and so we had multiple hook ups in a short session before the wind decided to make it unbearable to fish.

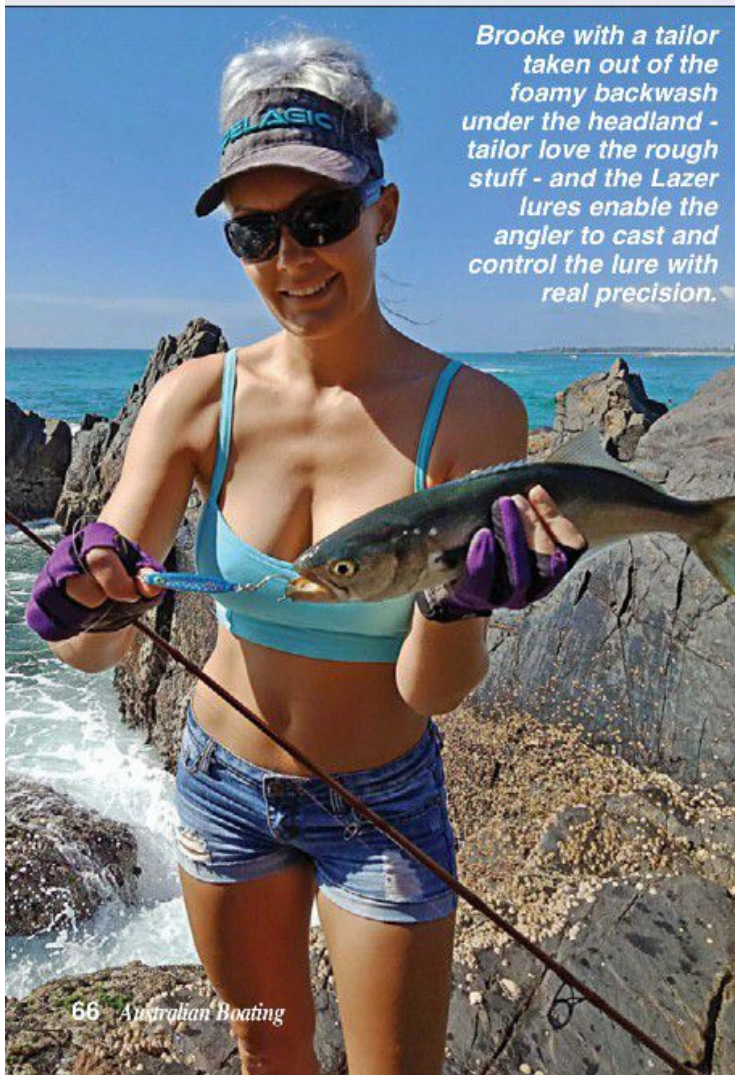
Tailor are fun to catch like this; I feel like they have a surprisingly explosive hit because it's often hard to see them because they are so camouflaged in the washy green water.

On this day, there was a fair bit of mutual admiration, as the aggressive tailor working in the headland backwash sure did get stuck into my Lazer Lures with their razer-like teeth. Many small chips of paint disappeared from several of my best lures at the end of the day, but that's when I know I've had a good session!

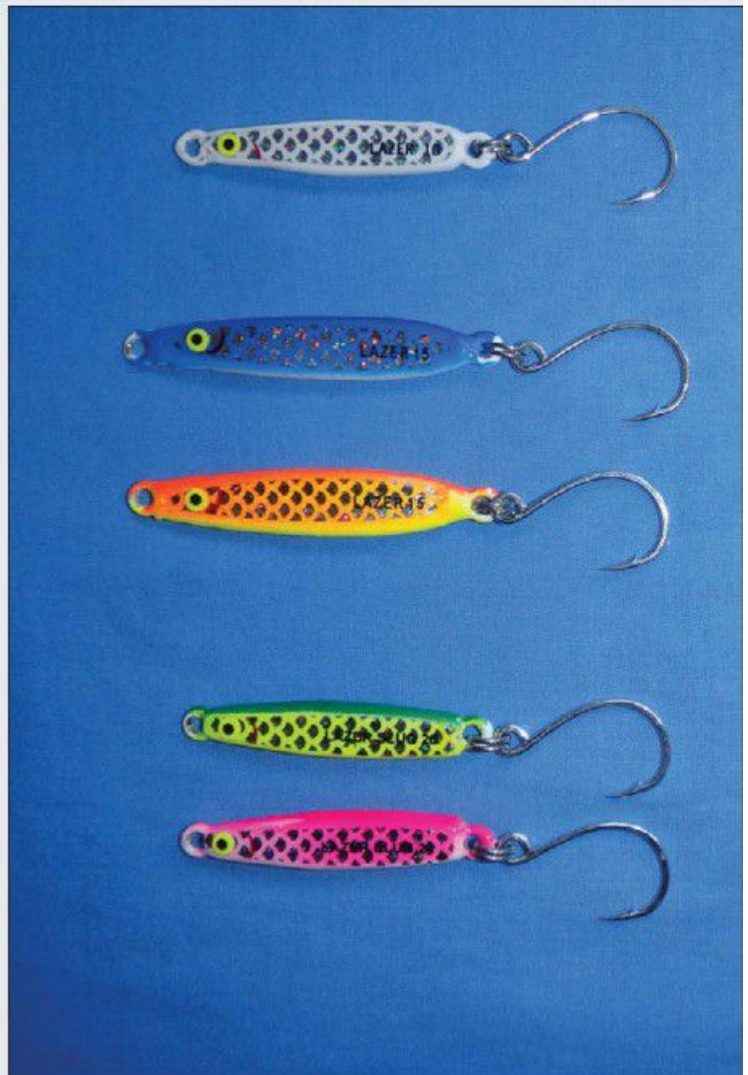
I am super impressed with the durability and quality of these Australian owned lures and they will be a forever part of my tackle box.

So, I can safely say I have used the Lazer Lures in their traditional fashion of spinning for fish. I will continue to use them trying other methods. I'm particularly interested in chasing bass using the jiggling method. You all know I'm mad about offshore fishing so I will use them upside down, inside out and back to front, too.

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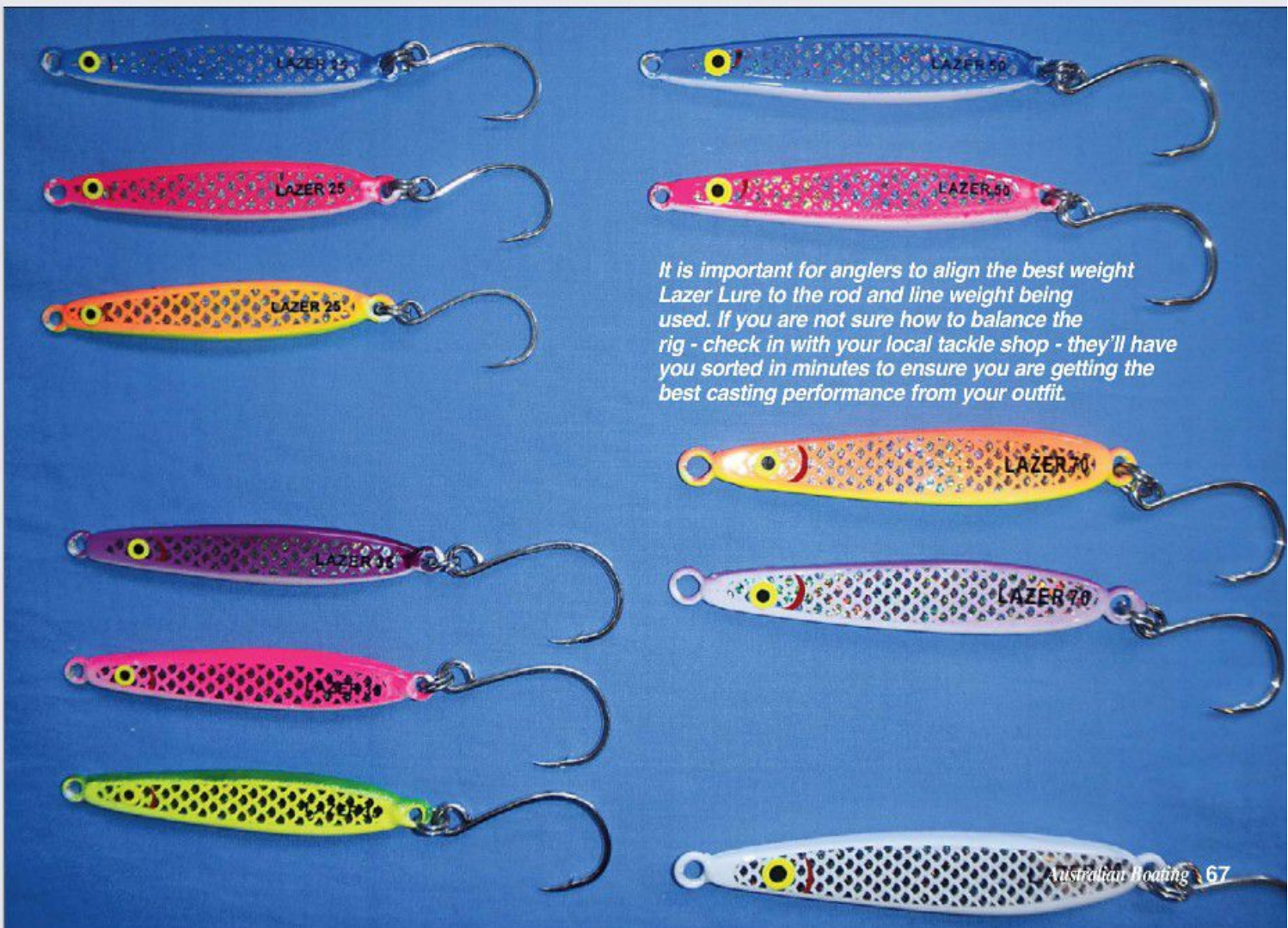
Brooke with a tailor taken out of the foamy backwash under the headland - tailor love the rough stuff - and the Lazer lures enable the angler to cast and control the lure with real precision.





Hey - for more info about colors and sizes, plus a heap of very useful rigging tips and casting techniques, check out the Lazer Lures web site on www.lazerlures.com or contact them on info@lazerlures.com

The juvenile dollies around a Gold Coast FAD couldn't get enough of the Lazer lures.



It is important for anglers to align the best weight Lazer Lure to the rod and line weight being used. If you are not sure how to balance the rig - check in with your local tackle shop - they'll have you sorted in minutes to ensure you are getting the best casting performance from your outfit.