

POMS UPDATE # 7 - POMS Forum 21 June

This newsletter is primarily to inform you about the POMS Forum, which we have delayed by one week as we are still trying to catch up with a few farmers to complete surveys. Detail are:

<p style="text-align: center;">POMS Forum Wednesday 21 June, 1-5 pm. Midway Point Tavern</p>

The exact agenda is yet to be set, but will include the results from the window of infection research and from the POMS survey of oyster farmers. There will also be presentations from ASI, Biosecurity Tasmania and DPIPWE, followed by a discussion session.

The workshop is open to anyone and we encourage all farmers around Tassie to come and learn more about POMS, but we would appreciate an rsvp to make sure there are enough chairs and scones for everyone. We also encourage farmers to stay for a drink and possibly a meal afterwards, but would be best if you could let us know if you are staying for dinner so the pub is organised.

BIOSECURITY TASMANIA - JOHN PRESTON

I have been busy travelling around POMS infected areas interviewing oyster growers and completing the POMS Mortality Survey in conjunction with Christine Crawford and Sarah Ugalde. This survey is part of a joint project being undertaken by IMAS and Biosecurity Tasmania to collect information on the POMS event from the previous 2 summers in those infected growing areas. As mentioned earlier, the results of this survey will be presented at our Industry Forum on the 21st June at Midway Point Tavern.

I think this Forum will be an excellent opportunity for all oyster growers in Tasmania to gather information and to share knowledge gained. This is just as important for those growers in areas not yet affected by POMS as well as those that have now been impacted for the past 2 summers.

Please try and attend what should be an excellent Forum as well as an opportunity to socialise with others in your own Industry.

As always if you have any concerns in relation to POMS or Biosecurity please don't hesitate to contact me.

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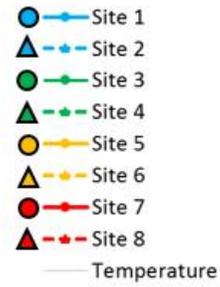
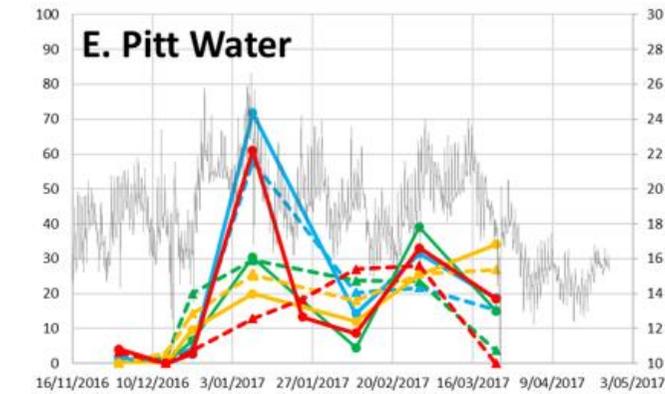
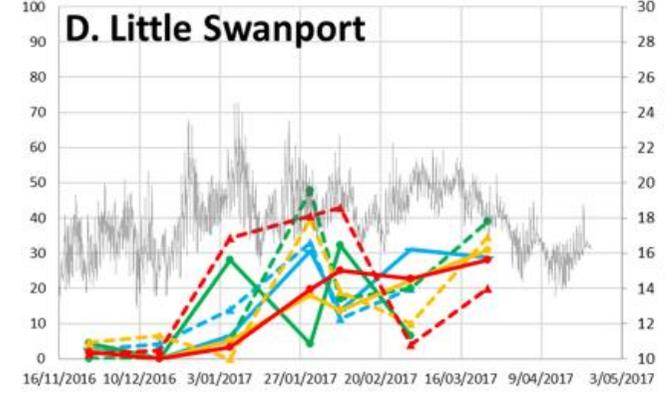
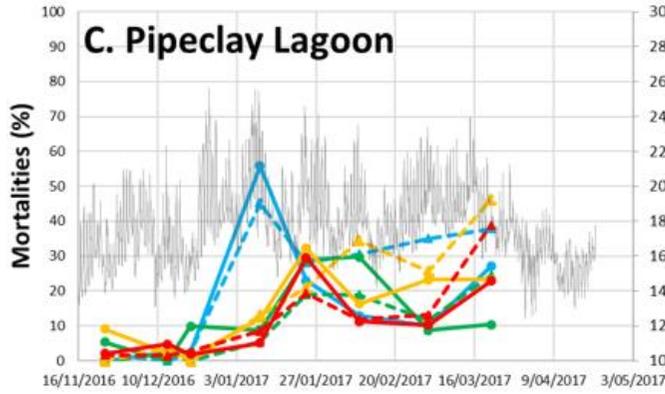
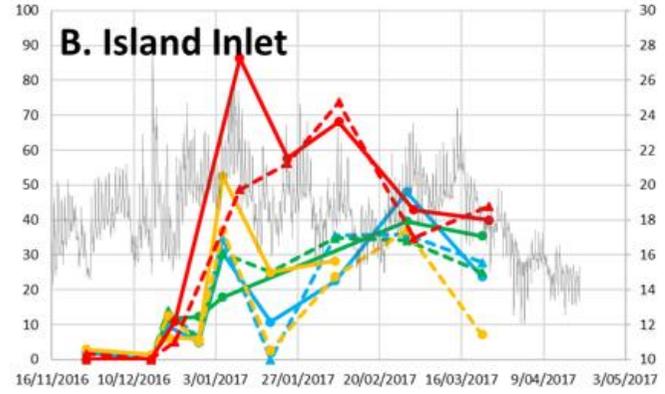
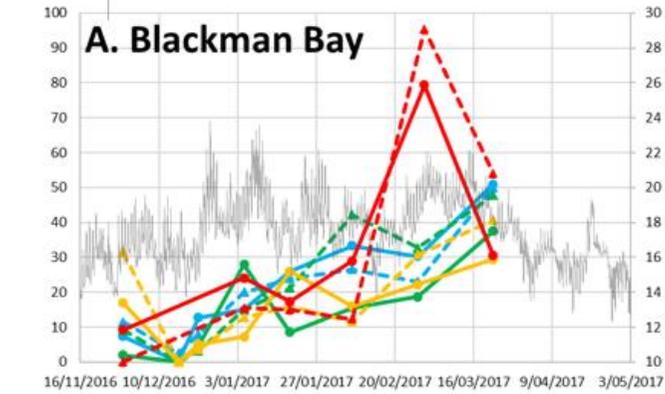
UTAS IMAS - CHRISTINE CRAWFORD and SARAH UGALDE

We have completed the majority of the POMS surveys and are about to start analysing the data. We hope to learn as much as we can about the POMS virus in Tasmania from the surveys, and for oyster growers to use this information in the management of their farms. The surveys have primarily asked questions around what died, where, when and why, along with environmental conditions and management practices. We will be looking for trends within bays and across growing areas.

The results of the window of infection research are summarised below and we will discuss these in more detail at the workshop. The temperature data is from our loggers and we will also present temperature data from The Yield sensors at the workshop, as well as looking at temperature profiles and mortality peaks in each growing area.

Look forward to catching up at the Forum!

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Spat mortalities (%) and temperature (°C) from all five locations; A) Blackmans Bay, B) Island Inlet, C) Pipeclay Lagoon, D) Little Swanport, and E) Pitt Water.

