

# KAEL GORTON

SKIPPER | NORTHERN PRAWN FISHERY



## 6 YEARS IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY



## WHAT DOES YOUR ROLE AS SKIPPER INVOLVE?

"Planning where we're going to fish, ensuring the crews' safety and wellbeing are looked after and general crew management. Keeping the boat clean and operational, and catching plenty of prawns!"

## KAEL'S TICKETS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Master 5
- Marine Engine Driver II
- Secondary Graduation



## WHAT'S ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF YOUR ROLE?

"Keeping the spirits high when you don't catch well - for both the crew and yourself."

That's fishing at the end of the day: high stress and responsibility for crew."

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT BEING A SKIPPER?

"My favourite part is waking up and seeing the sunrise every single day. It never gets old."

Other than that I love the thrill of the hunt. The feeling when you find good catches can never be beaten."

## WHAT'S A PASSION OF YOURS?

"Mentoring young people. A lot of young people don't have solid direction. It's a confusing time. So having a strong mentor in an industry like this where you only have each other building camaraderie and gives them something to do, a direction in life to take and a purpose."



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