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MAY 2016

1	Sun	1.27am	1.8m	1.46pm	1.7m
2	Mon	2.22am	1.8m	2.45pm	1.7m
3	Tue	3.19am	1.8m	3.47pm	1.8m
4	Wed	4.18am	1.9m	4.49pm	1.9m
5	Thu	5.16am	1.9m	5.49pm	1.9m
6	Fri	6.13am	2.0m	6.46pm	2.0m
7	Sat	7.09am	2.0m	7.42pm	2.1m
8	Sun	8.04am	2.1m	8.36pm	2.1m
9	Mon	8.58am	2.1m	9.29pm	2.1m
10	Tue	9.52am	2.0m	10.22pm	2.1m
11	Wed	10.45am	2.0m	11.15pm	2.0m
12	Thu	11.38am	1.9m		
13	Fri	0.08am	2.0m	12.32pm	1.8m
14	Sat	1.01am	1.9m	1.27pm	1.8m
15	Sun	1.55am	1.8m	2.22pm	1.7m
16	Mon	2.48am	1.8m	3.17pm	1.7m
17	Tue	3.39am	1.7m	4.11pm	1.7m
18	Wed	4.29am	1.7m	5.02pm	1.7m
19	Thu	5.16am	1.7m	5.50pm	1.7m
20	Fri	6.01am	1.7m	6.35pm	1.8m
21	Sat	6.45am	1.7m	7.18pm	1.8m
22	Sun	7.28am	1.8m	8.00pm	1.8m
23	Mon	8.09am	1.8m	8.40pm	1.8m
24	Tue	8.50am	1.8m	9.21pm	1.8m
25	Wed	9.31am	1.8m	10.02pm	1.8m
26	Thu	10.13am	1.8m	10.43pm	1.8m
27	Fri	10.56am	1.8m	11.37pm	1.8m
28	Sat	11.42am	1.7m		
29	Sun	0.14am	1.8m	12.32pm	1.7m
30	Mon	1.04am	1.8m	1.26pm	1.8m
31	Tue	1.58am	1.8m	2.25pm	1.8m

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Snapper CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT
Sat 21st May 2016

Briefing: 9:00am Sunday 22nd May
Start: 10:00am Sunday 22nd May

Prizes:

- 3 Heaviest fish in each species
- Heaviest fish by junior
- Average weight snapper
- Trophy for heaviest snapper
- Longest snapper (measure and release)

Start Time: After briefing

**Lucky Draws & Spot Prizes at
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Provisional Pin List

Please Note: This is only a provisional pin list. It shows the heaviest pin fish for the mens, ladies and juniors sections of each species only.

Species / Date Vessel	Angler	MLJ	FWT(kg)	LWT	Area
ALBACORE					
06-Jan-16 Xarisma	Margaret Patterson	L	8.100	15kg	All About Construction
26-Dec-15 Ocean Monarch	Louise Stewart	L	7.900	24kg	High Duty Plastics
04-Sep-15 Predator	Michael Bailey	M	14.550	24kg	Pine Sawmills
07-Jan-16 Reality	Sam Jensen	J	11.450	37kg	Pine Sawmills
29-Jul-15 Jans Decision	Michael Steens	M	12.855	37kg	Bay Insurance Brokers
06-Jan-16 Bandit	Reuben Palmer	M	8.200	60kg	Pine Sawmills
BIG EYE TUNA					
17-Jan-16 Sterling Belle	Samuel Tingey	M	39.100	37kg	High Duty Plastics
BLUE MARLIN					
03-Mar-16 Aquarius	Criag Hogg	M	142.400	24kg	High Duty Plastics
20-Feb-16 Ocean Monarch	Louise Stewart	L	240.100	37kg	All About Construction
04-Mar-16 Non Pareil	Shane Dawson	M	264.100	37kg	High Duty Plastics
05-Mar-16 Aquarius	Brent Hogg	M	245.200	60kg	High Duty Plastics
BROADBILL					
22-Jan-16 Fixation	Rachel Johnson	L	133.800	60kg	Pine Sawmills
26-Dec-15 In Pursuit	Tony Brown	M	161.500	60kg	Pine Sawmills
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH					
02-Jul-15 Forty Bucks	Mitchell Tombleson	M	15.680	15kg	Pine Sawmills
MAHI MAHI					
07-Jan-16 Reality	Sam Jensen	J	6.345	15kg	Pine Sawmills
12-Feb-16 Salt Shaker	Sarah Hamilton	L	8.600	15kg	Greenslades Furniture
23-Feb-16 Kyrenia	Jonathan Hill	M	6.880	15kg	High Duty Plastics
04-Mar-16 Pied Piper	Glenden Mouat	M	11.420	24kg	Pine Sawmills
24-Feb-16 Fixation	Shirley Pruden	L	10.100	37kg	Wizzos Marine Services Ltd
04-Mar-16 Fin-Addict	Daniel Marsh	M	12.720	37kg	Pine Sawmills
14-Feb-16 Bandit	Tamara Henry	L	4.145	60kg	Mount Auto Court
SHORTBILL SPEARFISH					
30-Jan-16 Meant 2 Be	Mandy Joe	L	25.800	24kg	Pine Sawmills
27-Mar-16 Ocean Monarch	Katrina Stewart	L	29.000	37kg	High Duty Plastics
23-Jan-16 Spellbinder	Eddie Dreaneen	M	27.400	37kg	High Duty Plastics
03-Feb-16 Desire	Catherine Cawte	L	16.580	60kg	High Duty Plastics
SNAPPER					
13-Feb-16 Bandit	Kane Spiers	M	6.165	03kg	Pilot Bay Boat Builders
10-Oct-15 In Pursuit	Tony Brown	M	7.970	06kg	Glassart
25-Oct-15 Ecstasy	Aaron Styles	M	7.655	08kg	Bill Webb Feed Solutions Ltd
10-Sep-15 Free Flo	Cade Burton	J	5.750	10kg	Pine Sawmills
26-Oct-15 Kyrenia	Corinna Hill	L	6.720	10kg	Pine Sawmills
12-Jul-15 Forty Bucks	Caleb Oakes	M	8.760	10kg	Pine Sawmills
07-Nov-15 Kandu	Draydon Layne	J	9.810	15kg	Pine Sawmills
03-Apr-16 Encore	Judi Langdon	L	7.915	15kg	Bill Webb Feed Solutions
23-Apr-16 Adriatic	Cliff Dines	M	11.540	15kg	Bill Webb Feed Solutions
STRIPED MARLIN					
14-Mar-16 Plaything II	Johanna Keyzer	L	126.100	24kg	Glassart
14-Mar-16 Aquarius	Jono Taggart	M	166.900	24kg	Pine Sawmills
23-Jan-16 Reality	Lucy Jensen	J	T&R	37kg	Higher Safe Solutions
16-Jan-16 MG Sportfisher	Cade Burton	J	118.900	37kg	Greenslades Furniture
26-Mar-16 Kyrenia	Corinna Hill	L	128.700	37kg	Glass Art
23-Jan-16 Reality	Rhonda Jensen	L	T&R	37kg	Higher Safe Solutions
19-Mar-16 Jans Decision	Michael Easton	M	183.400	37kg	Pine Sawmills
22-Jan-16 Fixation	Tony Dolman	M	T&R	37kg	Pine Sawmills
09-Mar-16 Bandit	Tania Spiers	L	122.400	60kg	Glassart
02-Mar-16 Bandit	Brent Dorr	M	150.800	60kg	Glassart
THRESHER SHARK					
11-Oct-15 Bandit	Justin Tombleson	M	153.200	37kg	Pine Sawmills
TUNA - YELLOWFIN					
23-Feb-16 Kyrenia	Jonathan Hill	M	30.000	24kg	High Duty Plastics
12-Feb-16 Wai Whare	Shirley Waterhouse	L	92.100	37kg	Metal Co Recyclers
04-Mar-16 Notorious	James Hone	M	64.500	37kg	Pine Sawmills
WRECKFISH HAPUKA/BASS					
10-Oct-15 Free Flo	Tom Gollop	M	44.800	24kg	Pine Sawmills
29-Nov-15 Bandit	David Smart	M	15.000	37kg	Glass Art

POINTS LEADERS

Anglers

Tania Spiers	2204.00
Charlie Champness	1774.50
Alan Spiers	1650.00
Louise Stewart	1481.84
Kim Curtis	1279.46

Boat

Bandit	8745.05
Ocean Monarch	3657.03
Ocean Pacific	3345.41
Aquarius	2999.50
Jans Decision	2822.71

Roly's Report

With April been and gone supposedly we are rolling into the cooler months but with virtually no southerlies it looks like we will be enjoying an Indian summer. So don't be surprised if we see a few more marlin yet as offshore temps have only just dipped into the 19's so well and truly warm enough still for gamefish. The skippies have remained in that 50-70m water and have been as thick as ever, in fact it would pay to grab a few to hold over for the Hunting & Fishing Snapper Classic in a few weeks' time.

The Top Boat is going to take some catching with Bandit now having a commanding lead, however the leading angler is not so clear cut. Another 7 weeks in the fishing season so it's sure to be an exciting race to the finish.

The High Safe Solutions Billfish Bonanza always heralds the tail end of the game season with this year the weather making things a bit tougher on the crews ultimately affecting both angler numbers and the overall fish numbers. Again thanks to Deryk who manned channel 66 for the weekend which almost turned into a full time shark recording affair. You can find a full report later on in Game Fisher.

The Okuma Take a Kid Fishing was a boomer this year with 68 kids turning out to enjoy a good day though the North Easter was a bit brisk in the morning confining most of us to in and around the mount. A great addition to the event this year was the trophy for the best kids fish pic kindly sponsored by NZ Bayfisher Magazine. More on the kids later in this issue..

After 23years of outstanding service to the marine community the Sea Coms team have hung up the VHF's for the last time on the 31st April. A sincere thank you must go to the entire crew for the incredible dedication to the listening watches and support shown for all our members when at sea.

The Club has rescued VHF channel 3 and channel 24 for boaties to use, and they will for now stay on air but with no radio operator, although Coastguard have offered a listening watch channel 3. All trip reports can

be done through channel 83, and members are invited to use VHF channel three as a fishing chat channel.

The Club is having a change in caterers. After four years of looking after the members we say farewell to Jen and Andrew Watts who are taking up a business opportunity in Melbourne. The restaurant and kitchen will be closed for maintenance and fit out from the 23rd – 31st May. We are very excited about our new appointment with Darren Gussy and Helen Gussy Thornton (owners of Delissi in the Mount) due to roll up the shutters for the first time on the 1st June. We are looking forward to bringing you the new menu in the coming weeks...it looks great!

Our weighmasters now have a Ipad mini in the weigh station, this so we can give you up to the minute Facebook posts when things are happening. We may need a bit of a tutorial for our more senior weigh masters! Haha. Still on the technology subject, the Kid's Corner has just installed an X-box Kinect which is also hooked into Netflix, hours of fun for the kids in the Club. You may have seen too that we are offering free Pool on Sundays for members, so come on down next weekend, bring the kids, shoot some pool and enjoy a lazy day!

May is looking busy with the Hutchwilco Boat Show and the Hunting & Fishing Snapper Classic plus lots to do around the Club including planting and painting!! Time to roll the sleeves up and get off the key board for a bit!

Keep em Tight
Roly



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IT'S NO GOOD**

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Hi all. This month the absolute highlight for me was attending the NZ Marine Research Foundation symposium on the value of Recreational Fishing to the NZ economy, where the preliminary result of the survey conducted by Southwick & Associates were presented. Southwicks themselves are internationally acclaimed for their work with various government and international agencies and their results are currently being peer reviewed before being finalised, however the results thus far are quite staggering.

The list of speakers was impressive, from Daniel Pauly who is a professor and well known for developing the 'shifting baselines' concept and exposing the effects of fishing down marine food webs. Daniel is project leader for the Sea Around Us international catch reconstruction study based out of the University of British Columbia. Also Dr Evelyn Pinkerton, a maritime anthropologist from Simon Fraser University. She has played a key role in developing the theory and practice of power-sharing and stewardship through co-management agreements in various parts of Canada and North America. In New Zealand, Dr Glen Simmons from Auckland University has spent a huge amount of time preparing catch reconstruction data for New Zealand from the 1950's till the 2010's and has recently published some (frankly) disturbing results for this country.

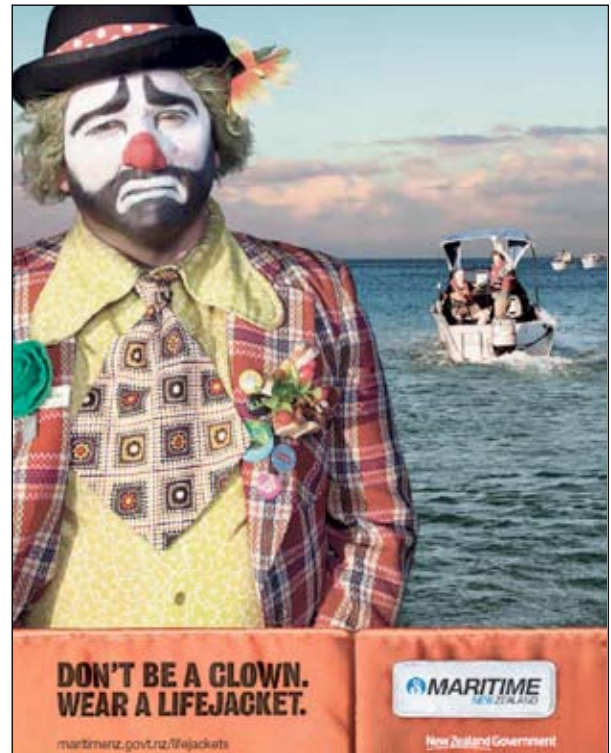
There was quite a varied collection of attendees, many from groups or interests who you would not expect to have much in common with recreational fishermen however by the end of the three days there was very much a shared concern about the path that New Zealand is taking with regard to our fisheries management. The test will be whether some momentum can be achieved in addressing the concerns that are obvious right across the board, and in getting our Government agencies to recognise not only the research work and also the value of working with the recreational and customary sectors, rather than being led by commercial interests and a Ministry who is tasked by Government in "doubling the export value of our fisheries based exports by 2025". NINE short years away!

For me, personally, I cannot see the merit of exporting the likes of Kahawai for less than \$10 a kilo, to be turned into pet food or used for cray bait, when that same Kahawai can earn something well in excess of \$50 to the NZ economy if it were to be caught by a recreational fisherman. Simplistic, I know, however that for me is the reality. Why would you literally give such a valuable resource away, especially when it has probably cost most of that \$10 to catch it commercially. And that export \$\$ is probably going into the bank account of a foreign owned or controlled company!!

I urge you to all take the time to have a look at the summarised results as published. They are available at:

<http://nzmrnf.org.nz/files/New-Zealand-Fishing-Economic-Report.pdf>

or there a printed copies available at the club. As always, I am interested in hearing others views, more importantly finding a way for this club to have a relevant and strong voice in future discussions which MUST be had. Please



**CLUB MEMBERSHIP NIGHTS
& End of Year Ham nights.**

Ham Night



Just a reminder that our Club nights are Tuesday and Thursday every week, with participation during the year rewarding regular attendance at the end of year Ham Raffles.

Every Tuesday and Thursday we encourage you to come in to the club to socialise with other club members and to take part in the raffles and the membership draws. Proceeds from the raffles go towards purchasing the giveaway hams at the end of the year.

At the door, by the office window, there is a Card Reader. Please remember to swipe your membership card as you come in, this gives you a draw in the Ham night at the end of the year. The more swipes you have, the more chances you get at the end of year.

Come on down and enjoy the hospitality and the facilities our fabulous Club has to offer. The team always make these nights great fun.



TEAM THEO Harcourts

BROADBILL Challenge 2016 1-31 May

In conjunction with...

PRIZES:

- ★ HEAVIEST FISH 1ST - 3RD
- ★ FIRST TAGGED FISH
- ★ LAST TAGGED FISH

Entry \$40

No briefing.

Prize Giving Tuesday 31st MAY

All fish to be weighed through the TSFC.

Species - Broadbill Swordfish ONLY

For info and entry go to:

Tauranga Sport Fishing Club

www.tsfc.co.nz E: office@tsfc.co.nz P: 07578 6203



7 MAY

14 MAY

22 MAY

30 MAY



FULL MOON



FIRST 14



NEW MOON



LAST 14



Take a Kid Fishing

Well the day was much better than last year but still that's not saying much! A bit of a northeaster did make things a bit rocky outside the harbour but lucky there were plenty of fish to be caught inside with snapper, kahawahi nice trevally and of course spoTties and mackerel still



around too. Numbers were up this year with 68 kids turned out for this years TAKF with Mums, Dads and Grandee's in tow which made for a great family day and some great memories and of course a really neat atmosphere in the Club at the prize giving.

Having the three age categories for the kids 3-7, 8-12 and 13-16yrs works really well as the kids compete against kids of a similar age and of course there are lots more prizes. Thanks to Jodie from Bayfisher helping the comp out with a trophy for the "best fish pic" off the water with 15 entries there was plenty of cuteness going on so a hard job awarding this one.



Well done to everyone that turned out and thanks to Okuma, Peter Hartford and our other sponsors for their generosity!!!



Tauranga Sport Fishing Club

OKUMA TAKE A KID FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 16 April 2016



RESULTS

3 - 7 YEAR AGE GROUP

	Name	Species	FWT
Snapper			
1st	Sienna Brewer	Snapper	1.830
2nd	Baylee Russell	Snapper	1.035
3rd	Oliver Fergus	Snapper	0.880
Trevally			
1st	Sienna Brewer	Trevally	2.715
2nd	Rys Graham	Trevally	2.525
3rd	Alexia Thomas	Trevally	2.165
Kahawai			
1st	Jaxon Christie	Kahawai	2.075
2nd	Mac Fowler	Kahawai	1.977
3rd	Riley Christie	Kahawai	1.890
Mackerel			
1st	Mac Fowler	Mackerel	0.385
2nd	Phoebe Bagshaw	Mackerel	0.300
3rd	Cooper Purdie	Mackerel	0.295
Gurnard			
1st	Drawn		
2nd	Drawn		
3rd	Drawn		
Spotties			
1st	Gerogia Gardner (Adan)	Spottie	0.160
2nd	Orlando Botha	Spottie	0.105
3rd	Sofie Bodman	Spottie	0.065

8 - 12 YEAR AGE GROUP

	Name	Species	FWT
Snapper			
1st	Max Dreaneen	Snapper	1.085
2nd	Ethan Kidd	Snapper	0.850
3rd	George Whitten	Snapper	0.845
Trevally			
1st	Jovanna Pillay	Trevally	3.410
2nd	Ryan Bell	Trevally	2.810
3rd	Aiyana Rogoz	Trevally	2.760
Kahawai			
1st	Marcus Carlyle	Kahawai	2.225
2nd=	Jovanna Pillay	Kahawai	2.135
2nd=	Max Dreaneen	Kahawai	2.055
Mackerel			
1st	Sophie Frost	Mackerel	0.470
2nd			
3rd			
Gurnard			
1st	Drawn		
2nd	Drawn		
3rd	Drawn		
Spotties			
1st	Tom Fowler	Spottie	0.210
2nd	Sophie Thomson	Spottie	0.160
3rd	Noah Botha	Spottie	0.115

13 - 16 YEAR AGE GROUP

	Name	Species	FWT
Snapper			
1st	Kaya Tehuia	Snapper	2.425
2nd	Riley Russell	Snapper	0.745
3rd	Cullan McGiver	Snapper	0.730
Trevally			
1st	Drawn		
2nd	Drawn		
3rd	Drawn		
Kahawai			
1st	Jack Frost	Kahawai	2.000
2nd	Kaya Tehuia	Kahawai	1.715
3rd	Cullan McGiver	Kahawai	1.615
Mackerel			
1st	Drawn		
2nd	Drawn		
3rd	Drawn		

	Gurnard	Spotties
1st	Drawn	1st Drawn
2nd	Drawn	2nd Drawn
3rd	Drawn	3rd Drawn

Apr-15	STATISTICS	Apr-16
51	Total Anglers	68
44	Total Fish Weighed	86
6	Trevally	11
0	Tarakihi	0
3	Spotty	8
16	Snapper	13
0	Mackerel	6
18	Kahawai	48
1	Gurnard	0



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS



The last blue water tournament for the year got underway on the Friday morning in less than ideal conditions with an un-waiving 15 knot northeaster making the going manageable but with 20 knots in the forecast again many of the boats favoured a bit of cover from Mayor. The western side of Mayor (the Glass Art Sponsors Grid) had been holding fish for weeks so fishing close to the island was a pretty good option considering Saturday morning looked to be much of the same but then we were due to see an easing forecast in the afternoon.

Awesome to have Doug Stewart on board with his new business Higher Safe Solutions (our new naming sponsor) and perfectly complimented with Rob Bolton of Petroleum Logistics joining the team on Ocean Monarch and of course a new sponsor to this event. The Ocean Monarch crew again shot northwards to their happy hunting ground in the aptly named Higher Safe Solutions grid!

Day one started off quietly with most of the hook-ups coming in the afternoon. Freelance II seemed to be hooked up for a long time in what finally materialised into a large shark and from that point on the sharky theme continued. The exception to this was when Pasador hooked up to a large stripey that did what those big fish do and simply shook the hook free on the first big run. The only confident bites came from the sharks and it was a chorus line that became too familiar as the day came to a close with no tournament fish on the board. Despite this the crews still sounded up beat on the VHF as they pulled into the various anchorages around the place no doubt plotting day two and the fortunes they may find given the improving weather.

Saturday saw the boats stretching their legs a little more with noticeably more boats out wider and further north in the All About Construction and High Duty Plastics grids and it wasn't long before the fish were located. The Jensen family boat Reality ran north from Mayor and happened across some much better water holding bait and then whamo! A nice stripey was hooked for Australian angler David Hudson, and it wasn't long before this crack team had the fish at the boat. Later this was weighed in at 144.6kg and ended up taking 1st place in the Striped Marlin category....(bloody aussies!) The rest of the day saw lots of skippies, sharks

eating skippies and a fast depletion of game hooks as the men in grey suits proceeded to ransack livie after livie.

Sunday, of course the shortest day meant the pressure was on, after all it had been a low scoring two days and with great prizes up for grabs we just needed for the fish to bite. Charlie Champness off the trailer boat King Hit had towed his boat north to launch from Tairua. Obviously Charlie had had some intel and now had the theory the body of stripies had relocated from Mayor and pushed northwards to the Aldies (All About Construction grid)...he was bang on! Charlie tagged two nice stripies in the morning barely half an hour apart while the big boats continued to search wide.

Pasador persisted with their west Mayor spot where they had dropped the big fish the previous day and were to be rewarded as with a solid bite that finally stuck and it was this time to be a stripey, not one of those hook taxers. Eventually the crew subdued a very respectable 124.7kg fish that was to take second place and all in their very own Glass Art grid. There seems to be a pattern of sponsors fishing their own grids this year and doing very well...very cool.

The midmorning bite was to be the making of the event as Bandit joined the party calling in a hook up and this time it was a swordfish with Rob Ofoski on the rod. Fifty minutes later a nice fish of 129.3kg rolled to the surface and was good enough to take first place in the billfish section

Minutes later Freelance II called in as hooked up well north of Mayor in High Duty plastics and well out of shark territory. Within 20mins a nice tuna was called in for angler Ray Green but they were still 30miles from home. With no choice the boys had to open the 50 footer up to get back in time. With only two minutes left on the clock Ray made it to the weigh station and managed to hang the nice Yellowfin tuna up that pulled the scales to 33.2kg and in doing so scooped first place Tuna!

Thanks to all of our anglers that fished this one, and remember to keep that Sword gear on board as the Team Theo Broadbill Challenge starts on the 1st May and runs all month! Catch you in the Club.

Roly



RESULTS

Angler Name	Boat Name	Species	FWT	LWT	Area
TWO HEAVIEST BLUE, BLACK MARLIN OR BROADBILL					
1 Robert Ofsoski	Bandit	Broadbill	129.300	60	Pine Sawmills
2	DRAWN				
TWO HEAVIEST STRIPED MARLIN					
1 David Hudson	Reality	Striped Marlin	144.600	37	Pine Sawmills
2 Mark Davis	Pasador	Striped Marlin	124.700	37	Glassart
TAG & RELEASE BILLFISH					
1 Charlie Champness	King Hit	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	All About Construction
2 Charlie Champness	King Hit	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	All About Construction
HEAVIEST FISH BY A JUNIOR					
DRAWN					
HEAVIEST MAHI MAHI, SHORT BILLED SPEARFISH & TUNA (if caught)					
Ray Green	Freelance II	Yellowfin Tuna	33.200	37	High Duty Plastics

Thank you to our Sponsors

2015	STATISTICS	2016
116	Total Anglers	84
5	Junior Anglers	3
40	Teams	20
4	Billfish	2
14	T&R Billfish	2
3	Tuna	1
7	Mahi Mahi	0
1	Broadbill	1
29	Total Fish	6



Marlin Mayhem

It was a Tuesday night and we met the family for dinner, My Uncle Zac asked if I wanted to go fishing up in Hokianga. Of course I was keen!!! But would my mum let me??? Sure enough knowing how safe my uncle was with his boat she said yes. 2 days later Thursday 24th March I got home from school did my paper run in the pouring rain, and packed my bag. 'Finally' I said to myself it's time to go on our far north adventure! Mum dropped me at aunty Caitlin's work then we picked up Zac from his work down the road.

The drive.

After picking up Zac up from work we got our crew together which was Zac and Caitlin, Kyle and Helen and Ezra (me). Then we packed the boat with rods, lures, riggers, food, water, and all sorts of game fishing bits and pieces! Uncle Zac jokingly said to me "can't forget the marlin keepers cooler towels". (the wet towels we put over fish once caught). We hooked the boat up to Kyles big Nissan Safari and headed for Hokianga. After about 45 minutes of driving we stopped in Paeroa for Mc Donald's for dinner. After dinner we kept driving up through Auckland. I fell asleep just past Auckland then I woke up at just after 3am when Zac said "we're here" FINALLY I thought! We quickly went to sleep in the boat.

Day one

On Friday 25th March we got up after our short sleep and had an up and go for breakfast and then we launched ELEVAR at the Hokianga boat ramp. We heeded out to cross the bar so we could get to 'uncle Zac's mark' where he caught a couple of marlin 2 weeks earlier in the nationals. We got to the bar put our life jackets on. We crossed the bar safe and sound. "Now the fishing starts" I said. We set the gear at the mark and started trolling. At about midday Zac saw a free jumper so we trolled where we saw it. At about 5.30pm we got a bite on long rigger. We trolled that spot until late but to no success. So we got the gear in and headed back to the ramp. We towed the boat back to the fishing club got changed in the carpark and went for dinner. Me and Zac shared a seafood plater and curly fries. On the seafood plater was 4 pieces of fish,



prawns, scallops, calamari, and 2 oysters. It was yum!!! We then went to bed ready for a big days fishing tomorrow.

Day TWO

Day 2 of fishing started with Pies and up and go. We took the rods out of the safari and loaded the boat and went to the ramp, launched the boat and crossed the bar, We Headed for where we got a bite the night before. With the gear set we started trolling, "where's the sunblock" the girls were saying, I started looking then "MARLIN MARLIN!!!!" said Zac yelling and screaming!! it grabbed the short corner then really ate the Bonze Punisher on short rigger! I ran to the rod picked it up out of the rod holder, jabbed it into my leg and held on. I then got the gimbal and harness on. The marlin was going crazy jumping and running. In five



minutes we had a really early chance on the leader, Kyle had the leader, But then... RRRRRRRRRRRR the ratchet screamed as it raced down about 80 metres, It sat there and I got some winds and it took them away that happened about probably 5 million times (probably not really that many but it felt like it). I kept hydrated and energized with coke, water and lollies. I got it up to the leader and as Kyle touched it didn't like that and it went back down 20 meters, the same thing happened I got some winds and then it would just take them away. I managed to crank it up once again then Kyle got the leader and again the fish sprang into action. Jumping and swimming. "Gaff it" Caitlin yelled. "Gaff it.". "I got it" Kyle said. It jumped on the gaff

about two times it was the most exciting thing I have ever seen and done. Then Caitlin gaffed it again. While Kyle was leaning over the side to try grab the bill its tail whacked him in the face instead. Kyle grabbed the bill and he was getting pulled back and forth. Zac put the boat in neutral and went to the marlin. I put the rod in the holder I was so happy!! So was my uncle Zac! He was just about more excited than me he even jumped off the boat with all his cloths on saying "Woo hoo". Once uncle Zac got back on the boat we floated the marlin round to the back of the boat and dragged it on board ELEVAR, Wow it looked MASSIVE! I was soooo happy that I had just had the fight of my life for one and a half hours on this big stripy that was new in the boat. We took lots of photos made some calls and snap chats then we headed back to the weigh station. We crossed over the bar then Zac put a marlin flag up for me. Everyone was so proud, there was some people jumping off the wharf they were congratulating me. We got the



boat on the trailer and drove to the weigh station with the victory tail sticking out the back. We got to the weigh station and there was a lot of congratulations and heaps of kids saying "is it real?" "Big sword fish" and stuff like that... There was a lot of pictures taken and a big sheet of paper that we filled out. It tipped the scales at a massive 116.1Kg!!!! WOOHOO!! Big thanks to Kyle, Caitlin and Helen but most of all Uncle Zac for taking me out marlin fishing all the days before this day when it finally all happened!

By Ezra



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