

TAURANGA

# Gamefisher

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WHAT'S ON



**At home**  
**ONE BASE**  
**2017**



**DANGER**  
**KEEP CLEAR**

SPONSORS GRID	ORANGE CORP #9
DATE	1/03/17
ANGLER	LAWRENCE FLUDE
FISH	BLUE MARLIN
WEIGHT	225.8 KGS
TACKLE	37 KGS
LAUNCH	GULFSEEKER
SKIPPER	JONATHAN FLUDE



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**8<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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FISHING 7.30am - 2.00pm

WEIGH-IN 2.00 - 3.30pm

PRIZEGIVING 4.30pm @ TSFC

## Species

Gurnard

Kahawai

Mackerel

Snapper

Spotties & Trevally

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Entry  
Fee**

## Age Groups

3-7 Years; 8-12 Years; 13-16 Years

1 fish per species, 2 species per angler

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## “FLASH AS” NEW CLUB WEBSITE

Check out your new Tauranga Sport Fishing Club website!

We have regular fishing report blogs, up and coming events, guest speakers and fishing tournament information. You can stay up to date with fish catch information, tournament results and the latest photos and you tube videos from our members.

The new site is also the perfect spot to see who our sponsors are so you can support these businesses plus you can download the latest 2016-17 Sponsors Grid.

Best of all we have created a one stop shop Tauranga Fishing Weather page. This gives you real time weather, marine forecasting that details wind, rain, sea surface temp and chlorophyll levels.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT TONY DOLMAN

Welcome to the March Edition of the Game Fisher Magazine

It was so pleasing to see the water temperatures increase, blue water inside Penguin Shoals and the arrival of bait fish just in time for our premium tournament of the year, the "A1 Homes One Base" resulting in a full fleet of 100 boats competing and having fun fishing. On top of all this, we were blessed with brilliant weather and showered with prizes kindly supplied by so many generous sponsors. "What a Blast"

This year we offered greater incentive and reward for the Tag and Release Marlin prize section by boldly offering contestants a chance to bag a shiny gold Shimano Tiagra 50W game reel for every Marlin tagged and released, all made possible by the generous sponsorship of Bay Insurance Brokers.

Given the popularity of the new T&R Marlin incentives we are considering offering greater prize incentives for Measure and Release next year as the concept of Measure and Release also becomes increasingly popular with Anglers.

Until next time stay safe on the water and enjoy the remainder of another great summer.

*Tony Dolman*

PRESIDENT - TSFC



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# FROM OUR MANAGER...

The event season here at the Club has been in full swing with the Trailer Boat, Game On, Fish N Chicks, Nationals and One Base all being held within 8 weeks of each other. In this issue of *Gamefisher* you will find reports on each of these Tournaments. Weather wise we have really had some rubbish with a couple of fine patches in-between and so far this season we have been fortunate to run each of these tournaments and with some pretty good fishing results.

December - The last Quiz Night for the year was a cracker with Bruce signing off for the summer months and is due to return with new questions in April for you all! The final Club night on the 8th failed to get the membership draw won so this was carried over into January. December was the last month in the Russell Hardie TOPGUN CHALLENGE and with the final catch cards taken it was time to compile the results. The Meat Co did a great job this year of providing stunning hams for the Ham Night that was well attended, and as everyone focused on the Christmas Shopping the team from Kilgour Electrical, Facelift Kitchens and Glass Art put together a stunning piece of bar art that has transformed the TSFC bar forever! We of course made sure we threw our kids a cool Xmas Party with Santa arriving in a police patrol car while the kids looked on a bit worried...nothing that the bouncey castle and face painting could fix though!

January - The new year seemed to bring loads of new boaties to the region with the ramps perhaps busier than I have ever seen them. The Trailer Boat Tournament is our way of encouraging small boat fisherman into the Club over this time and with new sponsors this competition doubled in size from last year. Later in the month the All About Construction GAME ON Tournament again incorporated the Calcutta Auction which put \$10k in the pot to be won by the anglers. Read more about it in this issue.

February - Fish N Chicks was back on the 10th Feb and bigger again with a step up in anglers, prizes and fun factor thanks to the amazing sponsorship and support this event receives. The seasons slow start did continue but we did get some cool results and finished the prize giving up with the rockin tunes of the Radical Kids. Read



more in the report.

This year's Nationals saw many boats heading northwards to find the warmer water, bait and gamefish. Some great team work saw the Club getting some good results and placing 6th in NZ. Check out Deryks report!

It's been so helpful having more sponsors coming on board with the Club this year and supporting our events. Duncan Reality, Wet and Forget, Maui Ocean Products, Hirepool, Surtees Boats, Raymarine, Mount ITM, Go Fuels, Mega Mitre 10 are just a few of the new sponsors for 2017 that we would like to warmly welcome and say thank you to. It's so important to our Tournaments that as a Club we support those businesses that support us, so please keep our sponsors in mind when you are requiring products or services! Of course we have also got to give a massive shout out to our staunch sponsors and supporters. You know who you are! Please know our tournaments are seriously not possible without you.

The Club has been investing heavily this year in our internal infrastructure, with a new phone system, point of sale system, and new refrigeration (to keep your beer cold!) and now the Club has Ultra fast broadband that should improve members connectivity when you are here!

With what has been a late start to the season, we all have our fingers crossed for season that carries through into May. My advice would be "don't hang up your gear too early, as just maybe the best is yet to come!"

Tight Lines

*Roly*



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## WELCOME...

### BENEFITS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The Club provides a warm family friendly environment with ample parking with the following facilities available to members and guests.

Bar, Lounge and Restaurant  
Gaming room  
Pool table  
Patio and upstairs viewing/sun deck with magnificent views of Tauranga Harbour and the Mount  
Small conference room available for hire

### THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS

Free presentations and seminars (generally boat/fishing related)  
Membership of NZSFC and SEACOMS  
Free NZ and World record claims  
Free Club and NZSFC year books  
Free monthly newsletter  
Free Coffee/Tea/Milo available in the Gaming room  
Bands  
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Happy hours  
Twice weekly membership draws on Club nights (Tuesday and Thursday)  
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Memberships are from 1 September each year

Family: \$120.00  
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### JOINING FEE

All new Adult/Senior/Family memberships are subject to a joining fee of \$40.

This fee is waived if joining in September.

### PARTIAL YEARS

You're welcome to join part-way through a year - you'll only pay the remaining portion of the annual fee!

**CLUB CAPTAIN ROUND UP**

## The Tease of the Season

On the fishing front, the start of the season looked promising, especially with all of the action taking place up North. However with the lack of those warm eddies rolling through we failed to achieve the fish numbers we would have hoped.

Feels like things are only just heating up now - which is not ideal for those of us who have already used up all their brownie points!!

And what a bumper of a One Base tournament we had! Needless to say, with the focus on releasing fish there were many happy faces around the club come prize giving night! And for the rest of us, at least we all came away with more fishing stories about those one's that got away... no fisherman has ever said his hooks are too sharp...

It's good see new members mingling with old members within the club. It's a great reminder that the club isn't just about the fishing, it's a family focused environment and we have social events happening between competitions. The club is available to host your functions, or to bring the family for a meal and a quiet drink or just a place to hang out at on a rainy day.

On the maintenance front, the hardstand and the marinas have been steady.

In reflection to the recent weather bombs we encountered, now is a good time to check your bilge pumps are running and that your float switches are free from debris and ensure that they are hardwired, so they can be powered when you are not on the vessel.

As a skipper, it is your responsibility to make certain the safety equipment on your vessel is up to standard. Now is a good time to manually inflate your life jackets with the mouthpiece to ensure they will maintain pressure for at least 24 hours. This is a simple check that can make a huge difference if faced with disaster.

And on an end note, Tasmania has seen a recent run of large Broadbill Swordfish, so fingers crossed we get to see a good finish to our season - there has to be one go the magic 300 over our scales soon.

Tight lines till next time.

*Aaron Layne*

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# 2017 HIREPOOL TRAILER BOAT TOURNAMENT REPORT

The build-up to this year's event was fantastic with plenty of promotion over the airways, posters everywhere and our team of flyer droppers working hard to cover the bustling boat ramps on both sides of the harbour. Certainly the boat ramps from Boxing Day on are something to behold with any given sunny day seeing the ramp traffic swelling to 300 plus trailers just at the Sulphur Point ramp. We sure do like our fishing over this period and this is why the timing of the Trailer Boat tournament is spot on!

Weather is always a factor and this year we were blessed (unlike last year!) with a fishable forecast that over-delivered with mostly clear skies and light winds. Our weather for the entire event pretty well bucked the strong westerly trend that has defined the start of summer, so it was nice to get lucky this time.

By the end of briefing we had 110 anglers signed up, this being well up on last year, and not surprising we caught more fish! With a good showing of solid albacore to 12kg, and we had some quality entries in the wreck fish and measure and release Snapper and Kingfish categories see fish caught in all categories, just not Billfish! See the results...

This year the Club was privileged to have not only Scott Parry from the TV show Fishing & Adventure on board but also all of the shows sponsors! The shows Surtees aptly named 'Holy Ship' was also to fish the event kindly taking Stu from Okuma and Jack from Hirepool with the lads fishing hard and doing particularly well on the snapper and finding a patch of trevally that for whatever reason were tough to catch this weekend anywhere else.

With the 'random access' rule in place the trailer boats were welcome to venture throughout Chart 54. Some of the teams choose the more northern waters of the Aldermans, and a couple of boats shot through to White Island and over-nighted.

Miss B Haven was the only boat to come close to threatening the marlin prizes after playing a billfish for 20mins only to have the hooks pull! Bigger! Other than this the pelagic offshore action was restricted to Albacore and a few skipjack that have yet to arrive.

Brian Grey on Robot had a spectacular first day pulling a couple of puka and a nice measure and release kingie that took out two first places in these sections and did it solo! The Wally of the Weekend was contested by a couple of good yarns but taken out by our own Club Captain managing to hit a shark at 25knots on the way home...this did nothing for the health of the outboard.

It was awesome to see the dozen junior's anglers fishing hard and catching some nice fish, with Josh Leigh off 'Wind Her UP' pipping the rest of the field with a lovely 9.44kg Albacore Tuna. The Raymarine Hero Shot was hotly contested with Helen Eynon off Elevar receiving the Dragonfly sounder, a great pic and a deserving winner as judged by Scott from Fishing & Adventure...I reckon the F&A singlet helped her out!

Anyway, thanks to everyone that came and fished this year's event, we were thrilled with the fact that everyone had such a good time and look forward to delivering a bigger and better event for 2018!

Hirepool



# TRAILER BOAT TOURNAMENT 6-7 JAN 2017

## RESULTS

	Angler Name	Boat Name	Species	FWT	LWT	Area
<b>SNAPPER - MEASURE &amp; RELEASE</b>						
1	Michael Vincent	TUNACIOUS	SNAPPER	74cm	8	Walling Enterprises Dig 'n' Rig
2	Luke Dolman	WINE ME UP	SNAPPER	49.5cm	6	A1 Homes
3	Caleb Oakes	FORTY BUCKS	SNAPPER	47.5cm	6	Walling Enterprises Dig 'n' Rig
<b>KINGFISH - MEASURE &amp; RELEASE</b>						
1	Brian Grey	ROBOT	KINGFISH	111cm		High Duty Plastics
2	Charlie Champness	KING HIT	KINGFISH	108.5cm	37	Port of Tauranga
3	Toby Barkla	SEA-K	KINGFISH	105.5cm	37	Port of Tauranga
<b>HEAVIEST BILLFISH (Black, Blue, Striped Marlin &amp; Broadbill)</b>						
1	DRAWN					
2	DRAWN					
3	DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST SNAPPER</b>						
1	Jack Veltmans	HOLY SHIP	SNAPPER	7.600	10	High Duty Plastics
2	Craig Hill	INVINCIBLE	SNAPPER	4.240	Brd	A1 Homes
3	Gavin Kale	SKALES	SNAPPER	3.565	10	Champness Roofing
<b>HEAVIEST KAHAWAI</b>						
1	Karina Hedges	MISS K	KAHAWAI	2.970	8	Walling Enterprises Dig 'n' Rig
2	Justin Kleuskens	WIND HER UP	KAHAWAI	2.910	10	High Duty Plastics
3	Stuart Hill	HOLY SHIP	KAHAWAI	2.845	8	Walling Enterprises Dig 'n' Rig
<b>HEAVIEST SKIPJACK TUNA</b>						
1	Helen Eynon	ELEVAR	SKIPJACK	5.580	37	High Duty Plastics
2	Lawrence Flude	GULFSEEKER	SKIPJACK	3.230	Brd	All About Construction
3	DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST ALBACORE TUNA</b>						
1	Richard Daley	CHASE N TAIL	ALBACORE	12.580	24	Robert Page Engineering
2	Ryan Wilson	CHASE N TAIL	ALBACORE	9.980	24	Robert Page Engineering
3	Steve Porter	CHASE N TAIL	ALBACORE	9.640	24	Robert Page Engineering
<b>HEAVIEST WRECKFISH (Bass, Bluenose &amp; Hapuka)</b>						
1	Brian Grey	ROBOT	HAPUKU	11.660		High Duty Plastics
2	Toby Barkla	SEA-K	BLUENOSE	10.520	24	Port of Tauranga
3	Toby Barkla	SEA-K	BLUENOSE	10.200	24	Port of Tauranga
<b>HEAVIEST TREVALLY</b>						
1	Ben Parry	HOLY SHIP	TREVALLY	2.480	6	High Duty Plastics
<b>HEAVIEST JOHN DORY</b>						
1	Tom Dickinshand	HELLYEAH	JOHN DORY	1.850	24	High Duty Plastics
<b>HEAVIEST GURNARD</b>						
1	Richard Craven	SOUTHERN CROSS	GURNARD	0.945	10	All About Construction
<b>HEAVIEST BY A LADY ANGLER</b>						
1	Kylie Porter	CHASE N TAIL	ALBACORE	10.040	24	Robert Page Engineering
2	Jemma Shaw	SEA-K	BLUENOSE	8.680	24	Port of Tauranga
3	Jemma Shaw	SEA-K	BLUENOSE	8.140	24	Port of Tauranga
<b>HEAVIEST BY A JUNIOR ANGLER</b>						
1	Josh Leigh	WIND HER UP	ALBACORE	9.440	24	High Duty Plastics
2	Sophie Frost	THE SEXY BEAST	ALBACORE	5.360	24	High Duty Plastics
3	Avalee Donovan	THE SEXY BEAST	ALBACORE	5.060	24	High Duty Plastics
<b>BEST HERO SHOT</b>						
1	Helen Eynon	ELEVAR				

Thank you to the Sponsors

2016	STATISTICS	2017
58	Total Anglers	110
9	Junior Anglers	12
7	Lady Anglers	14
21	Teams	38
14 (7 x M&R)	Snapper	17(3xM&R)
26	Kahawai	36
0	Trevally	7
0	John Dory	5
7	Skipjack Tuna	2
4	Albacore Tuna	21
	Wreckfish	16
	Gurnard	9
5 (5 x M&R)	Kingfish	12 M&R
56	Total Fish	125



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**TOURNAMENT**  
10-11 February 2017



# BRIDGEMAN CONCRETE FISH & CHICKS TOURNAMENT 2017

Wow Wow Wow!

What a cool event, with cool people, great prizes and just a great vibe! In a season of largely windy weather the ladies really scored perhaps the best that could be expected. Just prior to the Thursday night briefing the weather eased with the Gale Force warning being dropped and it became clear that the days ahead were going to be better than the original forecast. So although it was a little bit sloppy for the Friday morning, the girls could look forward to much calmer seas over the days ahead.

As always, there is always a good deal of marlin and tuna fever around, although this season is proving harder than the last two to catch one of these elusive beasts. Offshore water conditions, despite being blue and 20 degrees plus just seem to be devoid of the usual bait schools. It could be the season is just 6 weeks late, regardless the offshore fishing was tough this year.

Lucky the Fish N Chicks fish schedule comprises many more species than just the hard to get pelagics. With terakihi, snapper, and kingfish on the list it gives the ladies the option of hugging the islands or the inshore and having a great crack at winning some prizes. Somehow after doing the hard yards offshore a spot of line fishing can be more relaxing and enjoyable, two qualities most teams in this event look for in the 'perfect day fishing'.

Three good Kingies came across the weigh station scales, the best of them being a 24.32kg model to Michelle Clark on board *Wai Whare Charters*, followed by a nice 17.88kg fish for Anita Syben on *Apteryx*, these out of G Fab Trailers and High Duty Plastics.

Some quality snapper were also caught, the best of them a 7.665kg model to Tracey Holmes on board *Sterling Belle*. Second place in the snapper went to Rhoda Phillip 5.87kg, and backed up by her team mate Kylie Silby 4.52kg both on board the boat *Bliss*.

The offshore efforts were not completely without reward with *Cobar II* striking first, landing a stripey on the inside of Mayor in the green water! Unfortunately this fish came up tail wrapped and could not be revived. Although the fish didn't quite make qualifying weight; at 84.3kg it was a massive buzz for the team and Kelly Whiffen who made the trip over from Australia. Not wanting to miss out, Emma Keyworth on *Jans Decision* managed a tag and release a Striped Marlin as did Anita Syben again on *Apteryx* who seemed to be enjoying an action packed tournament!

Giving up on the offshore quest the team on *Free Flo* decided to hit Mayor in the hope of hitting pay dirt on the Tarakihi. They did just that, managing a first and second place fish for Many Kupenga and sponsor Jodie Gollop with a 1.885 and 1.72kg respectively from Champness Roofing. Congratulations ladies!

This was the second year the HERO SHOT was run with the support of Tauranga SPARK BUSINESS HUB offering an Iphone 7 as incentive to get the best Fish N Chick on the water photo. We were flooded with entries and these can all be found on our Facebook site and our website [tsfc.co.nz](http://tsfc.co.nz). Mandy Kupenga, our HERO SHOT judge had her work cut out in sorting out the three top places but finally got there naming Kelly Whiffen's on-board marlin shot number one, young Jovanna Pillay took out second with a very nice snapper perfectly positioned in great light, and in third was Tracey Holmes with her outstanding Mayor

Island snapper. We had some great shots with a good deal of creativity in all of the entries so congratulations to everyone that got involved!

Prize giving was outstanding with all of the fancy dress teams going to extreme measures to impress. Supported by the Radical Kids Band the "Quick fire runaway" was a hit giving piles of laughs along the way. Well done to the Xarisma - 1st, SunKist - 2nd and Ultimate Brandys finishing strongly in third!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Bridgeman Concrete (well done achieving 50 years in business!) and a massive thank you to all of our lady anglers for your great energy and enthusiasm you bring to this event.

We look forward to seeing you all back next year!

Kelly Whiffen - Winner of the iPhone 7



# Tauranga Sport Fishing Club Fish'n Chicks Tournament

10-11 February 2017

## RESULTS

Angler	Boatname	Species	FWT	LWT	Location
<b>2 HEAVIEST QUALIFYING BILLFISH</b>					
1	DRAWN				
2	DRAWN				
<b>2 HEAVIEST STRIPED MARLIN</b>					
1	DRAWN				
2	DRAWN				
<b>2 HEAVIEST KINGISH</b>					
1	Michelle Clark	WAI WHARE	Kingfish	24.320	37 G FAB TRAILERS CUSTOM ALLOY
2	Anita Syben	APTERYX	Kingfish	17.880	37 HIGH DUTY PLASTICS
<b>3 HEAVIEST SNAPPER</b>					
1	Tracey Holmes	STERLING BELLE	Snapper	7.665	15 CHAMPNESS ROOFING
2	Rhonda Phillip	BLISS	Snapper	5.870	8 HIGH DUTY PLASTICS
3	Kylie Silby	BLISS	Snapper	4.520	8 HIGH DUTY PLASTICS
<b>3 HEAVIEST TARAKIHI</b>					
1	Mandy Kupenga	FREE FLO	Tarakihi	1.885	CHAMPNESS ROOFING
2	Jodie Gollop	FREE FLO	Tarakihi	1.720	CHAMPNESS ROOFING
3	Mary Jane Barry	GUZZINI	Tarakihi	1.350	1 WALLING ENTERPRISES DIG N RIG
<b>TAG &amp; RELEASE BILLFISH</b>					
1	Emma Keyworth	JANS DECISION	SMarlin	T&R	37 HIGH DUTY PLASTICS
2	Anita Syben	APTERYX	SMarlin	T&R	37 G FAB TRAILERS CUSTOM ALLOY
3	DRAWN				
4	DRAWN				
5	DRAWN				
<b>HEAVIEST TUNA</b>					
DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST MAHIMAHI</b>					
DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST SHORTBILL SPEARFISH</b>					
DRAWN					
<b>BEST PICTURE - HERO SHOT</b>					
1	Kelly Whiffen				
2	Jovanna Pillay (Junior)				
3	Tracey Holmes				
<b>FANCY DRESS - (Team)</b>					
1	XARISMA				
2	SUNKIST				
3	ULTIMATE BRANDYS				
<b>FANCY DRESS - (Individual)</b>					
1	Johanna Keyzer				
<b>HARD LUCK STORY</b>					
1	Kelly Whiffen				
<b>WORST SLEEP</b>					
1	2BIZZYFISH'N				
<b>TOP BLOKE PRIZE</b>					
1	Rob Thornton				

<b>129</b>	<b>Total Anglers</b>	<b>132</b>
3	Junior Anglers	1
<b>45</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Fish Weighed</b>	<b>33</b>
0	Billfish	0
1	Striped Marlin	0
4	T&R Billfish	2
3	Tuna	0
8	Kingfish	3
5	Snapper	16
18	Tarakihi	14
1	Mahi Mahi	0
1	Short Billed SF	0

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# ALL ABOUT CONSTRUCTION GAME ON TOURNAMENT

The postponement on the 22-24th January turned out to be absolutely the right call as the weather that folded over the Bay of Plenty that weekend was truly awful. The postponed Sunday delivered 5 metre seas and 43 knots of Northerly that was hoped to drive in the warmer water that had been held off for weeks by the strong south westerlies.

Fast forward a week and the forecasted stationary High did its best to deliver on the promise of good weather for our new dates but fell short with winds offshore touching 20knots early Saturday morning and leaving many tucked in behind Mayor enjoying a longer than usual breakfast. By midday the winds eased right up and the good weather rolled in letting all boats explore far and wide.

This year's GAME ON attracted 119 anglers, slightly down on last year. It looked like we lost a few teams to long weekend commitments, which just made the odds better for those that showed. Fantastic prizes from Shimano and Maui Ocean Products adorned the stage and with \$10000 in cash pooled in the Calcutta it was Game On for anniversary weekend!

Andros, Sunkist, Jans Decision and Brothers in Arms all experienced the misfortune of dropping marlin that were desperately needed for the Calcutta Billfish points. Instead Aaron Layne who was fishing solo on Ocean Warrior managed a large 30.6kg Shortbilled Spearfish early on Sunday morning, this qualifying in the Billfish category for the Calcutta. The Hoggs aboard Aquarius seem to have the midas touch running over a big school of yellowfin tuna hooking and landing four!

Eventually no marlin would stick, so it was to be that the Ocean Warrior Spearfish would take out first place in the Calcutta. By default with no other billfish on the catch sheet the remaining places were to be determined by the next heaviest fish (between tuna and mahimahi). This was to be Brent Hoggs 23.9kg Yellowfin Tuna landing Team Aquarius second place. The next heaviest qualifying fish (over 10kg's) was to come off Jans Decision, a nice 11.74kg Albacore netting the guys 3rd prize.

The tough fishing did have an upside for those at prize giving with some big banger prizes being lucky drawn and numerous spot prizes lifting the spirits of those that received no love from the fishing gods over the past three days.

All in all this year's GAME ON was a great event and nice to have the glamour weather on the last day. The unseasonal cool surface water has largely kept the big pelagic fish out of reach so far this year and impacted this year's results. Mind you a new s/b Spearfish 37kg Mens Club record for Aaron Layne was a cool highlight and with plenty of albacore still around no one went without a feed of fish.

A big shout out to our sponsors All About Construction (who have already signed up for next year!) Duncan Reality, Wet & Forget and Maui Ocean Products. Thanks again guys for your great support!





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Angler Name	Boat Name	Species	FWT kg	LWT kg	Area caught
<b>TWO HEAVIEST TUNA</b>					
1 Brent Hogg	Aquarius	Yellowfin Tuna	23.900	15kg	BAY INSURANCE BROKERS
2 Sam Hogg	Aquarius	Yellowfin Tuna	21.300	60kg	BAY INSURANCE BROKERS
<b>TWO HEAVIEST FROM EITHER BLUE/BLACK MARLIN OR BROADBILL</b>					
1	DRAWN				
2	DRAWN				
<b>TWO HEAVIEST STRIPED MARLIN</b>					
1	DRAWN				
2	DRAWN				
<b>TEAM WITH MOST T&amp;R MARLIN</b>					
DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT BY JUNIOR ANGLER</b>					
Mack Walling JNR	Freelance II	Albacore Tuna	11.260	60kg	HIGH DUTY PLASTICS
<b>HEAVIEST MAHI MAHI</b>					
DRAWN					
<b>HEAVIEST SHORTBILL SPEARFISH</b>					
Aaron Layne	Ocean Warrior	Shortbill Spearfish	30.600	37kg	GFAB TRAILERS CUSTOM ALLOY
<b>*Pending Club Record*</b>					
<b>ALL ABOUT CONSTRUCTION SPONSORED PRIZE - HEAVIEST SNAPPER</b>					
Alan Ingram	Sunkist	Snapper	2.275	15kg	CHAMPNESS ROOFING
<b>CALCUTTA WINNERS</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Ocean Warrior</b>	Shortbill Spearfish	30.600	37kg	GFAB TRAILERS CUSTOM ALLOY
<b>2</b>	<b>Aquarius</b>	Yellowfin Tuna	23.900	15kg	BAY INSURANCE BROKERS
<b>3</b>	<b>Jans Decision</b>	Albacore Tuna	11.740	37kg	BAY INSURANCE BROKERS

2016	STATISTICS	2017
<b>146</b>	<b>Total Anglers</b>	<b>119</b>
8	Junior Anglers	3
<b>47</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>41</b>
1	Yellowfin Tuna	4
1	Big Eye Tuna	0
0	Albacore Tuna	3
0	Skipjack Tuna	0
0	Blue/Black Marlin	0
1	Broadbill	0
2	Striped Marlin	0
8	T&R Marlin	0
1	Mahi Mahi	0
5	S/B Spearfish	1
	Snapper	1
<b>19</b>	<b>Total Fish</b>	<b>9</b>

**2016 Results**

Heaviest Striped Marlin was 105.800kg caught in All About Construction  
 Heaviest Broadbill was 133.800kg caught in Pine Sawmills  
 Heaviest Tuna - Big Eye - 71.700kg caught in High Duty Plastics

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# A1 HOMES TSFC ONE BASE 2017-RESULTS

SECTION	PRIZE	ANGLER	LAUNCH	SPECIES	F/WT	L/WT	AREA
Squid		Jamie Lee	Men At Work	Squid	0.755	10	High Duty Plastics
Gamefish by Junior- 1		Draydon Layne	Ocean Warrior	Albacore Tuna	11.280	37	Glass Art
Gamefish by Junior- 2		Draydon Layne	Ocean Warrior	Mahi Mahi	6.420	60	Glass Art
Gamefish by Lady		Melissa WoodcraftBall	Crank	Shortbill Spear Fish	24.00	37	High Duty Plastics
Snapper	Longest	Geoffrey Layne	Ocean Warrior	Snapper 77.5CM	M&R	10	High Duty Plastics
Heaviest	1	LUCKY DRAW					
	2	LUCKY DRAW					
Kingfish	1 <sup>st</sup> Longest	Michael Vincent	Tunacious	KingFish 113.00CM	M&R	37	Champness Roofing
Heaviest	1	Neville Marsh	Wai Whare	KingFish	25.70	37	GFab Trailers Custom Alloy
	2	Kerry Clark	Wai Whare	KingFish	20.700	37	GFab Trailers Custom Alloy
Mahi Mahi- 1		Lawrence Stewart	Non Pareil	Mahi Mahi	9.340	37	Middle M Mowing & Weed Spraying
Shortbill Spearfish		Lance Gray	Crank	Short Bill SpearFish	27.200	60	High Duty Plastics
Tuna	1	Matt Miller	Night Shift	Yellow Fin Tuna	23.800	37	High Duty Plastics
	2	Sarah Hamilton	Ocean Monarch	Albacore Tuna	13.320	24	Middle M Mowing & Weed Spraying
	3	Louise Stewart	Ocean Monarch	Albacore Tuna	12.720	37	Middle M Mowing & Weed Spraying

TAG & RELEASE MARLIN		Michael Nelmes	Prowler	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	Orange Corporation
		David Colhoun	Silver Crest	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	High Duty Plastics
		Francis Richards	Island Girl	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	
		Kevin Stephens	Courageous	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	Orange Corporation
		Bailey Pellow	Eagle Rock	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	
		Trish Cavanagh	Aspire	Striped Marlin	T&R	60	Jeff Scott 4 Ray Marine
		Nathan Ré	Kairos	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	Port of Tauranga
		Darron Connelly	Savana City	Striped Marlin	T&R		High Duty Plastics
		Roger Thorpe	Magnum	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	High Duty Plastics
First Tagged Marlin		Darron Connelly	Savana City	Striped Marlin	T&R		High Duty Plastics
Last Tagged Marlin		Bailey Pellow	Off Eagle Rock	Striped Marlin	T&R	37	
Most Tagged Marlin		Presented by Kevin Flutey LUCKY DRAW					
Striped Marlin	1	Aaron Paku	Cobar II	Striped Marlin	116.800	37	High Duty Plastics
	2	Regan Oliver	Tidal Light	Striped Marlin	104.500		Robert Page Engineering
	3	Richard Dearsly	Bacchus	Striped Marlin	95.200	37	High Duty Plastics
Billfish	1	Lawrence Flude	Gulfseeker	Blue Marlin	225.800	37	Orange Corporation
	2	LUCKY DRAW					
	3	LUCKY DRAW					
	4	LUCKY DRAW					
Team T & R Billfish		LUCKY DRAW					
Champion Boat		Gulfseeker- Lawrence Flude- w Blue Marlin 225.8KGS in Orange Corp					

# A1 HOMES TSFC ONE BASE 2017

A stationary high pressure system hovered over New Zealand like some sort of mirage. Surely not! It's One Base time! You know this is the one where we usually head out for four days with at least half of the time looking like the perfect storm, but not this year! This year the weather gods said "no more with wind or wild seas." Instead they said "we will give you 3 glorious days on the water, and just to remind you it is a One Base, a puff of wind on the 4th day."

Sounding a bit like some sort of religious experience (and some may argue a One Base is!) the tournament kicked off on Thursday 1st March with half of the field lining up in the harbour entrance for a 7.30am start. As the clock ticked down the cloud of diesel smoke rose as the fast boats rose to the plane. Turbo's whirred and the entrance was turned momentarily into a swirling jacuzzi. Strap down the coffee cups said the skippers in the 8 knot boats, quietly making the resolution to start further back next year!

There is something very cool about seeing our boats getting safely away packed full of fuel, food and anticipation for the adventure and fishing ahead. From the Mount entrance we saw the boats disappear from sight, fanning out over the big glassy paddock and into the depths of chart 54. The choices were stay local, head north or head east. Many boats did head north to scout the often productive waters off the Mercury Islands. While others pushed east to the East Cape with fingers crossed this year the big blue marlin fishery will again fire, as the timing seemed perfect for this to happen. The stage was well and truly set with Deryk and Kezza manning Game Base and with most of the boats on the water, the early hours on Thursday just became a waiting game as the boats looked to get on the fish.

The action didn't take long to come with Erice Marie hooking up at 9.46am and after only 37minutes they had a super lively Stripey at the boat. The crew had their hands full and were unable to get a photo, so this one did not qualify as the first fish. Double strike called in at 9.54 with a billfish on only to lose it 10 minutes later. Two lots of early disappointment came right with Savanna City hooking up at 10.55am and 25 minutes the skipper reporting a tagged striped marlin. This thanks to Bay Insurance Brokers guaranteed the angler a Shimano Tiagra 50W. Day one progressed with 32 hook-ups and two other tag and release marlin to Island Girl and Silver Crest. The first day highlight was offered up by Lawrence and Jonathan Flude on board Gulfseeker hooking the dream fish at 2.20pm and only taking an hour to boat it. The next day this Blue Marlin pulled the scales down to 225.8kg and was to be the only weighed billfish in the Blue/Black/Sword category earning Gulfseeker the prestigious Champion Boat title and Mt Smart Marine Trophy for the heaviest fish in the One Base for 2017!

Three days to go and with so much action happening over the first day, hopes were high for more good fishing, clear skies and calm seas. This year the fish didn't appear to be holding in any one area making getting any sort of billfish bite somewhat of a lottery, much to the frustration of many of the usually high performing boats. Day two saw another 31 hook-ups and saw Fin-Finder losing a Blue at the boat after 5 hours! As the day went on a total of nine marlin were hooked, of which six were dropped! The days landed Striped Marlin went to Tidal Light and Ultimate Brandy's both these fish coming out of our most northern grids. The team on Courageous was not to be out done though tagging and releasing a lovely stripey estimated at 120kg, this one out of Orange Corporation grid.

As the sun came up on day three everyone was counting their lucky stars (literally!) as the weather was holding beautifully. The first proper bite wasn't until midday with the radio silence broken by Bacchus with a double hook-up of Striped Marlin which were landed and boated. Shortly after, Aaron Paku on CobarII landed what was to be the heaviest stripey for the tournament at 116.8kg. Junior Draydon Layne continued his good season with his Dad reporting in a nice Albacore and Mahimahi for Ocean Warrior. Well done to Kairos, Aspire, Magnum, Eagle Rock and Prowler for tagging and releasing marlin too! The weigh station certainly had a much busier day with Spearfish, Mahimahi, Squid, Striped Marlin and the first of the measure and release snapper and kingfish entries started to filter through. All in all there were 46 hook-ups on day three with 5 T&R marlin, 5 marlin landed, 1 s/b spearfish, 8 mahimahi and yes more squid! Highlights from the day had to be from Bacchus and their extraordinary ability to attract the hook-up as after they weighed their double marlin effort they returned out and almost immediately reported another double hook-up, this time both falling off!

The final day served up some fresh westerlies and the last opportunity for our teams to find fish in time to make weigh station at 3pm. Most of the boats that travelled afar need most of this time just to get home while the local boats kept fishing. The day saw 24 hook ups which consisted of a couple of dropped marlin, a landed yellowfin, kingies and a spearfish. All in all 133 hook-ups over the four days and judging by all of the brown faces with sunny marks its looked like the time on the water for most was super enjoyable! It has been pleasing to see so many entries in the measure and release sections and going forwards I know the Club is keen to grow these categories so well done to those anglers getting in behind this initiative.

One final note is saved for our sponsors who support us so well, with special thanks to A1 Homes, Bay Insurance Brokers, Port of Tauranga and Shimano NZ and lastly to our anglers who come to fish enjoy themselves and it's this spirit that has made the event so popular. We look forward to seeing you all back next year!





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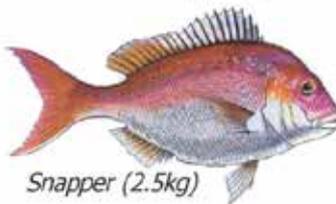
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RESULTS**

**TROPHY WINNER - ANGLER WITH MOST POINTS OVERALL**

1st	Aidan Brown	35 pts
2nd	Andrew Lory	27 pts
3rd	Cade Burton	20 pts
4th	Tony Brown	17 pts
5th	Leanne Lory	16 pts
6th	Frank van Vroonhoven	15 pts



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# NZSFC ITM/SIMRAD NATIONALS 2017

Another year, totally different fishing season.

Indifferent weather through summer meant that very few fish had been seen, particularly down the East Coast of the North Island and into our chart area. In the previous two seasons the lead up to the Nationals had showed good early season fishing right down into our zone. Not this year.

And so, a number of our 21 teams and 76 anglers headed north to fish out from Whangaroa, and up to the Three Kings, with high expectations that things would be better up that way. Whilst Noelani, Bandit, the Weapon, Black Label, Men at Work and others all headed right up north, Doug Stewart and his team on Ocean Monarch headed to the outer reaches of Chart 54, fishing out from Mercury Bay with high hopes in one of their favourite fishing areas. Bear in mind that both Louise and Brian had featured in last year's tournament. And a couple of teams headed out east to the Cape in the hope that the warm water might finally arrive and it was more likely to happen there first.

But the previous seasons plentiful fishing wasn't to be this year, with the marlin & tuna being nowhere near as plentiful as they have been. Yes there were fish, and in the end there were reasonable numbers caught or tagged. But not in the quantities of the previous two years.

Early on, the signs were good with fish being seen and caught. Bandit, who had gone north earlier had already done well and Tania had a marlin put a tattoo down the side of the boat in a lead up tournament, and then on the first day Mitch Tombleson put a Blue in the boot, weighing in at 180kg, Alan tagged a couple of Mako sharks. Jack Williams on The Weapon also recorded a Blue at 209 kg, Jonathon Hill on Kyrenia tagged a Blue, Cory Davies on Black Label and Vaughan Craven on Satori also tagged Stripey's. Tauranga club were well and truly on the board and away to a great start.

On the 19th word came through that Brian Stanbridge on Ocean Monarch had tagged a marlin and by the 20th both Alan Spiers and Justin Tombleson had tagged Stripeys added to the list for Bandit and Graham Smith for team Stray Cats had a Stripey on the scales at Waihou Bay. Alan Rowe, a visitor fishing on Reality also weighed a Striped Marlin at 116kg

By that stage word had also come through Donna Pascoe had landed a massive 420.4kg Blue Marlin for Houhora which was to lead the tournament right through. There was some discussion around the teams up north about this fish, and the condition of the trace presented to the weigh station. The fact was that it had been accepted by the weigh master up there and it wasn't queried any further at the time.

The 22nd also saw a Striped Marlin to Campbell Carter on The Weapon, a Mako and a Striped Marlin Brett D'Orr on Noelani, a Striped Marlin to Alan Davis on Satori, and to Richard Peddie on Stray Cats, all tagged. On top of that Grant Curtis added a Short Billed Spearfish weighing 19.2kg down at Waihou.

The rest of the tournament saw things quieten off a bit, with the weather up north not that favourable apparently. None the less we were still recording points with a tagged Blue Marlin to Don Simich on The Weapon on the 24th, another Striped Marlin to Brett D'Orr on the 23rd, and a Blue Marlin to Haydon Emsley on the 24th, both on Noelani. Mike Cameron on Satori recorded a tagged Striped Marlin, Vaughan Craven on the same boat tagged a Blue Marlin, Campbell Mills on Kyrenia tagged a Striped Marlin. Jonno Bell fishing with Aidan and Tony Brown put In Pursuit on the board with a tagged

Striped marlin, And Barry Jensen on Reality had his 2nd marlin in two seasons on Reality, tagged. Maurice Chamberlain on Stray Cats kept their tally ticking over with a tagged Stripey. Kim Curtis on Ocean Pacific also tagged a very nice Striped marlin.

There were a couple of our boats up north who had not recorded anything and Black Label had only the one tagged fish, unusually quiet for them. Men at Work had thought their luck was going to be in when Mickey Lee picked up a lucky angler draw on the 2nd day, a hand held VHF and then Luke Dolman picked up a Simrad electronics package on day 4. Then things went quiet!

Until the 2nd to last day, when news came through that Luke Dolman had hooked up and was on a good Blue. 9 hours later, on stand-up, Luke put a good fish in the boat. This was a truly remarkable effort on his part and drew the admiration of the rest of the crew, who all acknowledged that he was the best man for the job. All the more remarkable because the fish had died and the last two hours were spent patiently working it up to the boat

The decision was made and they started their run back to Tauranga to weigh it. A stop on the way to refuel saw them back in Tauranga mid Saturday afternoon and a very healthy crowd at the weigh station to greet them. At 318kg the fish accumulated 859 points for the boat and the club, and put Luke into 2nd place in the category, behind the Donna Pascoe fish. A great effort Luke, congratulations from all of us.

And so the 2017 Simrad/ITM nationals came to an end with Tauranga finishing 6th overall in the Varta Cup

Our four top teams all finished within 38 points of each other, 1st Team Bandit, 2nd Stray Cats, 3rd the Weapon and 4th Noelani. Top effort by all who competed, and great to see a few new teams fishing in the country's top tournament.

Full results can be viewed on the NZSFC website: <http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/nationals/results17/>



# 2017 NZ & CLUB RECORDS THIS SEASON

Jovanna Pillay has been at it again and doing what she does best, smashing NZ Records taking out the 8kg Kahawai and 15kg Kahawai Junior record. Making us all very proud! Well done Jovanna!

Congratulations also to our new Club Record holders Aaron Layne securing the 37kg Spearfish club record with a 30.60kg fish and Jamie Lee with his 86kg Bigeye Tuna also on 37kg! Both these fish taken in January 2017



# BOAT POINTS

Most IGFA Points Between 01-Jul-2016 and 28 -Feb -2017

<b>Boat</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Kyrenia	1853.83
Ocean Monarch	1202.02
Bounty Hunter	990.67
Ocean Pacific	935.56
Reel Hot	674.33
Cobar II	593.52
Apteryx	448.32
Jans Decision	431.73
Men at Work	425.76
Gulfseeker	421.88

# ANGLER POINTS

Most IGFA Points Between 01-Jul-2016 and 30-Jun-2017

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>M/L/J</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Mitchell Tombleson	Mens	990.67
Karl Boielle	Mens	908.38
Grant Lewis	Mens	614.86
Jonathan Hill	Mens	507.17
Trevor Richardson	Mens	490.28
Sarah Hamilton	Ladies	455.50
Anita Syben	Ladie	448.32
Lawrence Flude	Mens	421.88
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**Prize Giving:** 6.30pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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# KYRENIA'S QUEST FOR THE BIG BLUE!

So the story goes. 3 years ago, I decided I wanted to catch a Marlin. Had a pretty good trailer boat for a number of years and always brought home a feed. Marlin fishing, I thought, can't be that hard.

Year 1: Towed a couple of big lures out behind the skippie lures. Pretty sure I brought them in a bargain bin somewhere. Looking at them, they had certainly been around for a while. Well, 3 or 4 attempts at that and guess what. No Marlin that year.

Year 2: A winter of research. Committed I was, ltm fishing show to death, books, internet, and yes I brought a bit of gear (sorry dear).

Summer was imminent. Time to put some of that theory into practice. Out we went. Hooked one out the back of Whale, where in. Well 10 minutes into the fight my brand new rod broke. I won't name the brand. It was tape, cable ties, and a whole lot of swearing and You guessed it. "We lost the fish". Of course, the next weekend, it was time to try again. Yellowfin success. Had my first significant game fish, 35 kilos out from Waikara somewhere. Later that season I was lucky enough to meet Johnny. Thrillingly I was in the chair twice, what a rush. Well, both Marlin spat the hook, it's the way it goes, Im told. Out with the big boys, committed I was, and I learnt heaps of little tricks to improve your chances. "Thanks Jonno & Brice", for the fishing as well as the drinking lesson that is. Armed with enthusiasm I had my boat out from Whangamata a couple of weeks later. 100-meter line, the reel started screaming. \$\$\$@\$ what do I do. Clear the gear. Line stripping, up the drag a bit, still clearing gear, line still stripping. Can you see where this is going. Still clearing the gear, line still stripping, and still upping the drag! PING. Fish gone, line gone, brand new zucker gone! Stuffed that one up, lesson learnt, go easy on the drag.

Year 3: Gonna be my year this year. Out to Mayor Knolls for first troll of the season. Beautiful Sunday morning, lures in. I'm off the get breakfast while the Skipper and right hand mate contemplated there first beer. We didn't discuss who's turn it would be, we were just settling in. \$\$\$@# the reels screaming. Well I must say "We cleared the gear like experts". Brice says to me Is Karl spelt with C or a K. "K" I said. \$\$\$@# it's your turn. You didn't have to tell me twice.



We still hadn't seen what had grabbed the lure at this point. Well no sooner than I had got in the chair, the line peeling out to starboard, A big blue marlin was heading off into the distance off to port. "Is that another fish" I said, looking where my line was going. Nope that's your Marlin. \$\$\$@# me its huge. After an hour of tug and war, a shaky leg, and some other stuff, up it came. Brice says to Johnny, "I can't lift it" and off it went again. We saw it again twice, got a tag in, but she kept on going. Stale mate. It was time for me drink a cup of concrete and dig in. Got her to the back of the boat again and what does Brice say to Johnny again "I can't lift it". So we got the big fella out of his chair to help. Leader on, gaff in, Fish caught. I need to say I would of loved to let her go, however she was stuffed and most certainly would of died. I've kept my 1st Marlin and plan to wherever possible let them go if I get another one. Back to the story. How heavy is she. A few guesses and we estimated 250-300 pounds. We used the clubs measuring chat but that was not help, fish was too big for that.

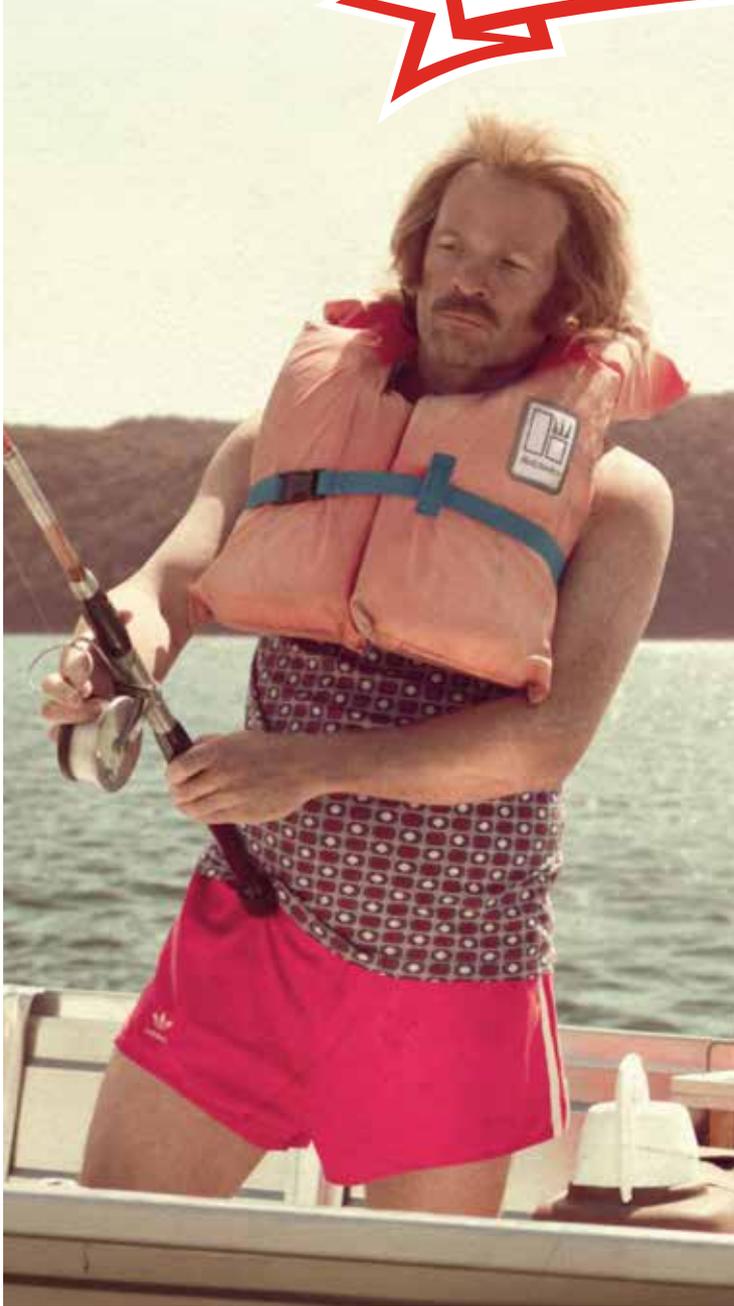
So 336.1 kilos, yea boy, box ticked. I do however, have one concern. The 1st Marlin your shout rule. My wife's getting concerned at the credit card spending lol. Thanks Guys. Job done. Could you both reconsider your "he's not coming again" comment please, I quite enjoyed that. Ha Ha.

By: Jonathan Hill



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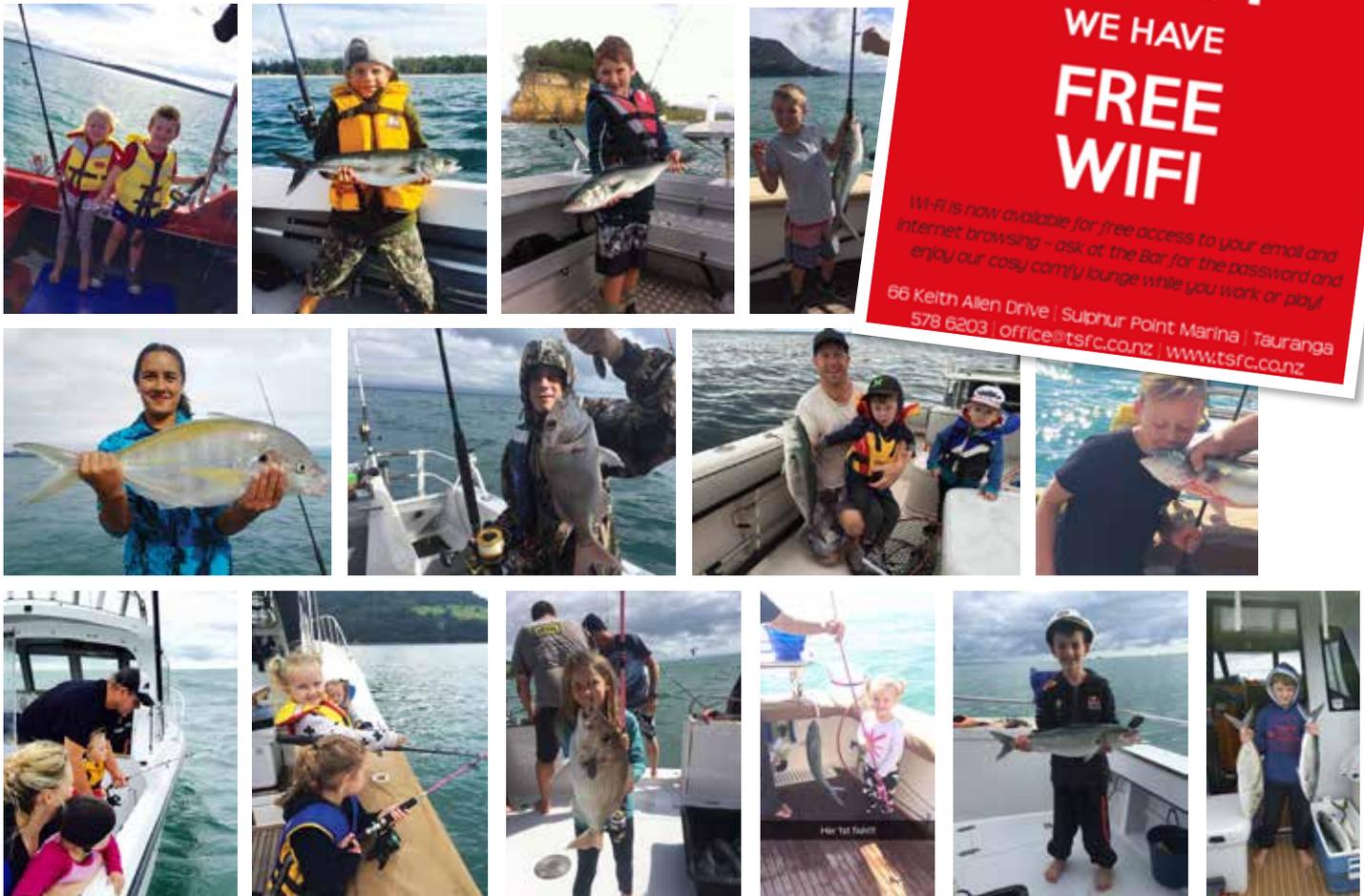
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Kingfish in the 1930s, with veteran gamefish skipper E.E. Chadban standing at right. Chadban family photo.

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# CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

**\*RAFFLE NIGHTS START UP AGAIN ON 10TH JANUARY**

## CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY

Outside of our events and tournaments the Club night is by far the best way of meeting and socialising with your fellow Club members. *Club Night Tuesday* has developed into an evening that is less focused on the fishing and more on having fun and being social. Ideally suited to new members no matter if you are a young family that has just moved to Tauranga or Senior member out to meet people and have a yak! Every Tuesday and Thursday there are lots of opportunities to win with raffles and Members Draw and you get Free Hot Fries on Tuesdays!

## CLUB NIGHT THURSDAY

*Club Night Thursday's* are just as social as Tuesday with a really great cross section of members, however you can usually find a few more active and not-so-active fishos "talking it up" in the Club, comparing stories, techniques and the next fishing adventure. If you are a keen fisho and want to meet some likeminded people, perhaps share a few tips and tricks then Club Night Thursday is for you! Thursdays there are lots of opportunities to win with raffles and the newly introduced Lucky Thursday Draw.

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## A CHANCE TO REMOVE TRAWLING FROM THE HAURAKI GULF

A new initiative to restore abundance and diversity in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park was presented in early December. The Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari, Marine Spatial Plan is the result of three years of collaboration by a wide range of stakeholders from within the Marine Park.

This bold new plan proposes the complete removal of outdated, destructive fishing methods, such as bottom trawling, Danish seining and dredging. This is a significant victory and would be a major step towards rebuilding abundance inside one of New Zealand's favourite fishing areas.

The removal of these bottom contact methods would allow the fragile seabed communities to recover, providing more suitable habitats and food sources for all species. This would mean abundance would be spread across the whole Marine Park, not just restricted to your favourite Spot X anymore.

The commercial representatives requested some time to action such a big move, so starting next year the Plan would incrementally remove bottom contact fishing methods. By 2025 these would be out of the Marine Park altogether.

There will be full reviews to address the declining hāpuku and crayfish stocks with management measures to rebuild populations back to acceptable levels.

The Plan also takes a look at other methods to protect sensitive habitats, implement

environmentally responsible aquaculture, reduce sedimentation, and improve water quality. The proposals include a range of new Marine Protected Areas in popular fishing areas, there are four types proposed.

### Type 1 marine reserves

Type 2 benthic protection areas - these restrict fishing methods impacting the seabed  
 Special Management Areas - These are areas with specific focus on high-value recreational fishing with targeting management restricting the harvest of certain species and all commercial fishing  
 Ahu Moana - are proposed to extend from high tide mark to one kilometre offshore, to allow specific management decisions to be made by mana whenua and local communities around their vulnerable intertidal zones.

The Sea Change plan is an incredible opportunity to create a Marine Park that will be able to provide for the public and create something future generations can enjoy. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council clubs and affiliated members are encouraged to support the Plan because of the potential growth in fish abundance and marine diversity.

There will be pressures to pick and choose the favourite parts of the Plan, but to do so would risk the complete unravelling of so much valuable work. To achieve a goal as bold as restoring abundance and protecting sensitive habitats, there will be short-term costs. But given time, these sacrifices will pay off and for the first time in many years we will see a dramatic change for the good in the Hauraki Gulf.



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# NEW SUMMER MENU!



## LITTLE SPRATS KIDS MENU



Fish & Chips

Mini hotdog with chips

Bacon & Mushroom Carbonara with garlic bread & salad

Crispy chicken, fries & salad

Cheeseburger with fries & tomato sauce

All Little Sprats meals come with an Ice cream Sundae with a choice of berry or chocolate sauce.

## MENU

## DESSERT 12.50

Gluten free dark chocolate macadamia brownie with vanilla bean ice cream, raspberry compote and warm chocolate ganache

Warm Apricot & almond shortcake served with vanilla bean ice cream & whipped cream

Butterscotch crème brulee, Baileys and dark chocolate ganache, white chocolate & raspberry brownie

Black Doris Plum & Yoghurt Cake served with vanilla bean ice cream & runny cream

## TEAS & COFFEE

English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Green & Peppermint 3.50

Flat White	4	4.50
Cappuccino	4	4.50
Latte		4.50
Mochaccino		4.50
Espresso		3.50
Long Black		3.50
Hot Chocolate		4.50
Kids Hot Chocolate		3.50

## ENTREE

Garlic bread 6.90

Shrimp Cocktail – classic shrimp cocktail with shrimps bound in a Thousand Island dressing on a bed of lettuce 12.90

Chicken Satay skewers, basmati rice & crispy noodle salad 12.90

Salt Kitchen Seafood Chowder with toasted garlic ciabatta 15.90

Chicken, bacon & Brie burger Crispy chicken, brie, cranberry, tomato, lettuce and aioli served with fries 15.90

Beef Nachos – Beef mince with chilli beans, corn chips, sour cream topped with salsa 13.90

Spicy wedges with sour cream and chilli 10.90 Add cheese & bacon 13.50

Fries with aioli 5.90  
Side of fries 3

Chicken carbonara – fettuccini pasta with chicken, mushroom, bacon & a creamy garlic sauce 19.50

Honey Soy prawns with Asian veges & noodles 19.90 Vegetarian option 12.90

## MAINS

Moroccan Lamb Rump with warm Kumara Salad, salad leaves & pork wine jus 25.90

Seared Angus Sirloin – prime sirloin steak with salad, steak fries and garlic butter 24.90 Add 3 Prawns cutlets 29.50

Roasted Salmon fillet with warm potato & chorizo salad, steamed greens, charred capsicum coulis 25.90

Chicken breast with creamy mushrooms, basmati rice & salad 21.90

Pork Cutlets with crispy potatoes, salad onion gravy & ploughmans chutney 200gm 17.90 400gm 23.90

Line Caught Fish of the Day – Please check our specials board for todays sustainable option (when available)

## BURGERS & BAR MEALS

Fish & Chips  
Fresh fish fillets in a golden batter with fries, salad and tartar sauce  
16.90 (small) 22.90 (large)

Beef & Bacon Burger – beef burger pattie, bacon, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onions and smokey bbq sauce served with fries 15.90

## SALADS & PASTA

Dukkha roasted vegetable salad with cashew nuts, feta, hummus & crostini 14.90

Calamari with light Mediterranean coating, roast garlic aioli, Greek salad 15.90

Bacon wrapped scallops salad with tomato, coriander, salsa & margarita dressing 19.90

Hot chicken salad with salad greens, marinated mushrooms, feta 16.90

Thai beef salad with salad greens, crispy noodles, cashews & sweet chilli sauce 16.90



# Spiced Tarakihi with Quinoa & Coconut Yoghurt

## Tarakihi

Serves 4

- 4 Fillets Tarakihi
- ½ tsp. each Garlic & Ginger crushed
- ½ tsp. Turmeric
- Chilli to taste

- 1 Tbsp. Fresh coriander
- 1 Tbsp. Fish sauce
- 1 tsp. Sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp. cooking oil

METHOD: Mix together all ingredients to make a paste to rub over fish, allow to sit for 20 minutes covered in fridge.

## Quinoa

- 1 cup Quinoa white
- 2 cups Seafood or vegetable stock

1/2 tsp Salt

METHOD: Place Quinoa in a pot along with stock and salt, bring to boil reduce heat and simmer covered with a lid for 12 minutes until stock is absorbed. In the meantime cook the tempering recipe below to mix through the warm Quinoa.

- ½ Red onion sliced
- 25g butter
- 25ml olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. Cumin seed
- 1 clove crushed garlic

- 200g chopped fresh tomato
- ½ tsp cumin powder
- 2 tbsp. chopped coriander

METHOD: Heat oil and butter in a thick bottomed frying pan or pot, add sliced onions and cumin seeds cook until golden brown stirring when required. Add garlic and cook 3 minutes then add chopped tomatoes. Cook on steady simmer until oil separates from tomatoes about 5 to 10 minutes. Toss in coriander and cumin powder then pour into Quinoa and mix through leaving it nice and fluffy.

## Yoghurt Dressing

- 200g Coconut yoghurt
- 1 Tbsp. each Chopped coriander & mint

2 Tbsp. Lime juice

METHOD: Cook seasoned fish fillets in pan with plenty of oil on a medium heat approx. 4 minutes each side until just cooked, serve with spiced Quinoa and top with coconut yoghurt. Accompany with a fresh salad or stir fried vegetables for a quick and very tasty meal with a difference.



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