

2019 MATAKANA MARINE & MERCURY

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June (Queens Birthday wkend)

WGFC 10kg TOURNAMENT REPORT



Tom Hatfull, 2019 winner



Last year the weather was ugly, and we said we were due for good conditions this year.

Apparently it doesn't work like that!

3 days out and 39 knots with gusts of over 50 was the forecast. Although it didn't turn out quite that extreme on the weekend, it was still pretty wild and the forecast had a big impact on our participation for this years event. Not having ourselves as organised as in the past to run an EarlyBird probably didn't help numbers either. But 49 anglers still went out and had a great time in sheltered waters and consistently caught good fish.

This years event was our first fully 'measured' 10kg. The format of taking a pic on a measurer and then choosing whether to release or keep the fish is well established in our other events. It was a natural step to make the 10kg the same.

Catch, measure, photograph, release or keep.
Good to have the option.



Over the years most people have had a memorable session of multiple big fish. Being able to quickly record and release big fish takes the pressure off banging any of them on them on the head. And it sure is nice coming home with some fillets, some heads and frames already in their smoking mixture, and some photographs. Not a big chillybin full of fish that you have to process after weighing in. Letting good and/or excess fish swim away and still being in for prizes is a win-win.



Our main sponsors Mercury and Matakana Marine generously supplied an 8 and a 3.3hp outboard engine for our major prizes—that's \$4k+ of motivation right there! Mercury T shirts and other goodies all went to happy recipients.



Thank you Aaron & Matt.

ITM Matakana consistently chip in with clothing and other surprises—Thanks James and Shane.



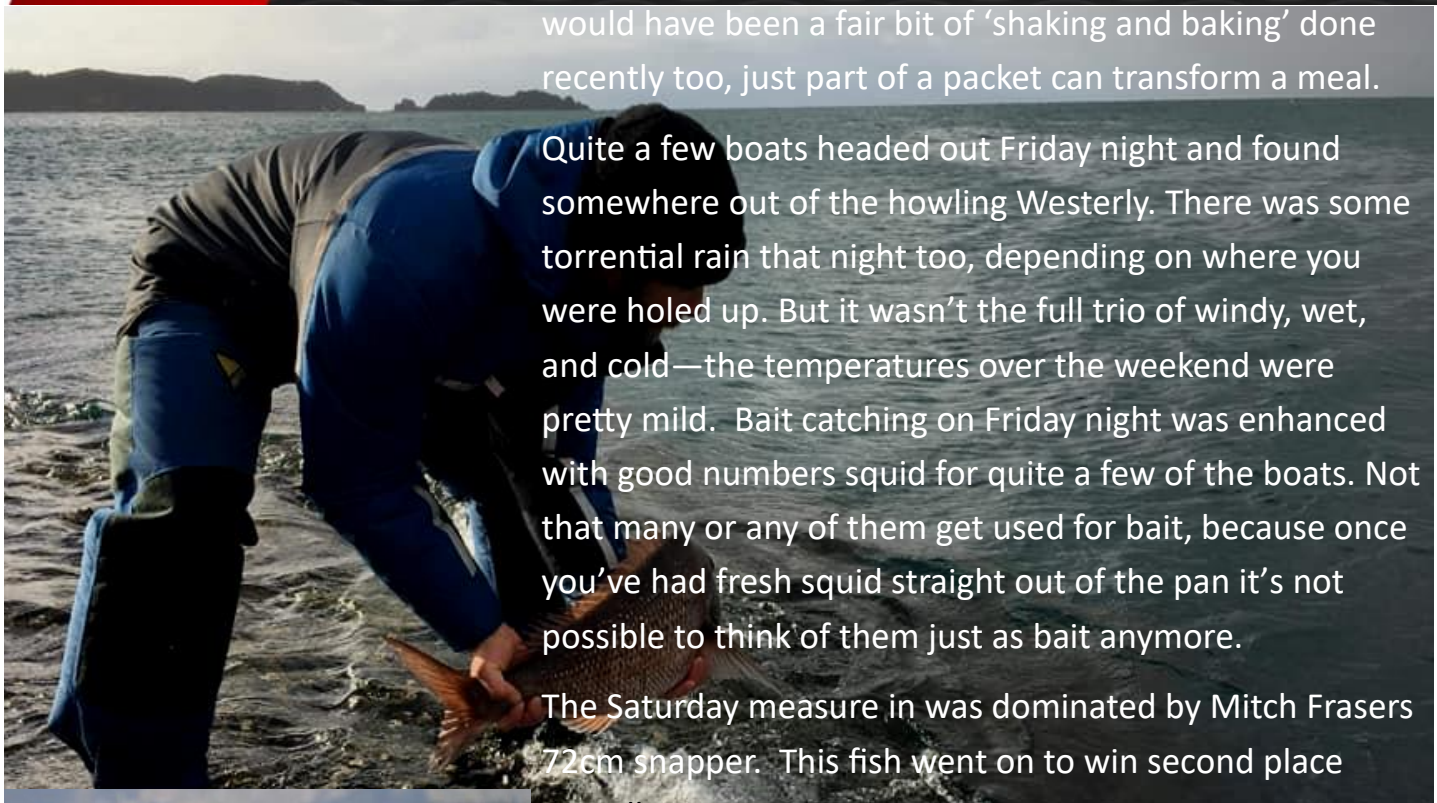
Making sure our prize spend dollar goes a very long way is Colin from Hunting and Fishing in Warkworth. Thank you Colin for a varied and significantly sponsored array of rods, reels, nets, clothing, tackleboxes, etc.

And FogDog has become a 10kg institution—thank you Andrew for the box of goodies. Our caterer enjoyed using your super reliable batters. There





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would have been a fair bit of 'shaking and baking' done recently too, just part of a packet can transform a meal. Quite a few boats headed out Friday night and found somewhere out of the howling Westerly. There was some torrential rain that night too, depending on where you were holed up. But it wasn't the full trio of windy, wet, and cold—the temperatures over the weekend were pretty mild. Bait catching on Friday night was enhanced with good numbers squid for quite a few of the boats. Not that many or any of them get used for bait, because once you've had fresh squid straight out of the pan it's not possible to think of them just as bait anymore. The Saturday measure in was dominated by Mitch Frasers 72cm snapper. This fish went on to win second place overall.



Someone else making some spray was Grant and Jess. Their fishing boat is getting work done on it so they brought the race boat.

The prevailing weather direction limited the usual tearing around trying different spots. There was only so much coast that was sheltered, and everyone avoided the channels when the tide opposed the wind. On Sunday though we saw someone heading to Little Barrier, it was like watching an upside down waterfall! They were back in a couple of hours and the mystery boat was identified when Steve Taylor was asked where he got his winning trevally from. There's usually loads of pics of boats in the report, but not this time because most people were either hiding somewhere or getting a hiding somewhere!



The kingfish section got filled out this year for the first time in a while. You know you're in for a bit of work on 10kg (or less line) when a kingfish over 90cm grabs your bait or lure.



A few incidents of muppetry came to our attention, but none were formally recognised—we were just happy that everyone looked after themselves and each other. page 3 of 8

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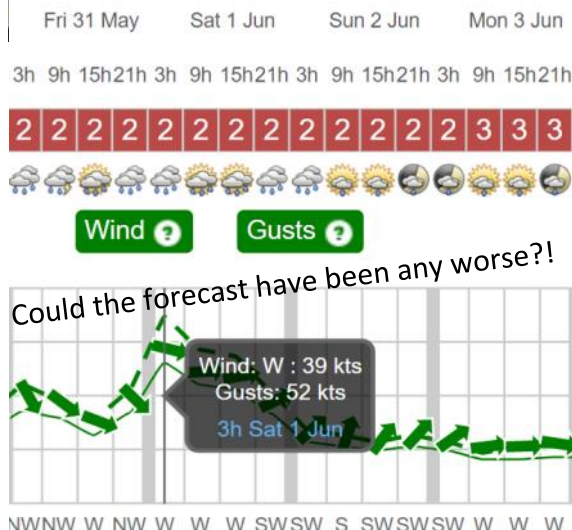


If people only have to practice their knots a bit more, or put a sticker on the dashboard saying 'check the bungs' then we all probably got off lightly.

There's a number of length to weight conversion charts around for snapper, kahawai, and kingfish. There isn't a reliable one for trevally that we've seen yet. Yes fish of all species can be very different weights for the same length, but in order to run with the measure-and-release concept the concession will be that sometimes a longer fish will place higher than a shorter, heavier fish. But we're happy with that, because with the measure format you get to catch that fish again...if it hasn't been scooped up by a trawler. But that's another story, keep an eye on LegaSea for moves to push trawling beyond inshore waters. Low impact and generally selective longlining is not the problem.

We only had 2 junior tickets bought this year. Fair enough, it was pretty adult weather! Some juniors had adult tickets so there was actually more than 2 youngsters.

Josephine Greenwood and Dylan Stenbeck respectively caught winning kahawai and snapper in the junior section. Aaron had 4 of the kids out on the weekend, there should be a prize for that alone.



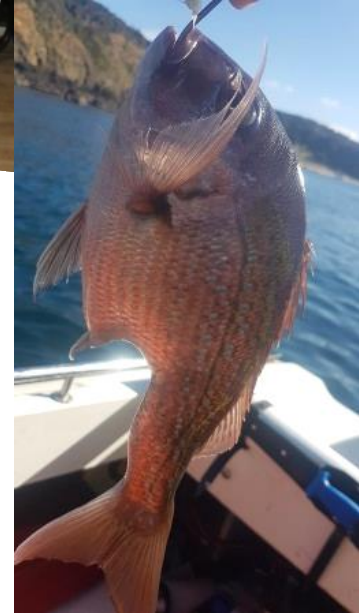
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The **TREVALLY** section has in some past years been super impressive—but no one was getting out to where those beasts live this year.

- 1st Steve Taylor 43cm
- 2nd Trent Stillwell 40.5cm
- 3rd Symon Maurice 40.5cm
- 4th Max Stenbeck 40cm



KAHAWAI were fairly scarce but a consistent reasonable size.

- 1st Dana Styles 56cm (this would typically be around 2.6kg)
- 2nd Jason Kelly 56cm
- 3rd Wayne Treadaway 55.5cm
- 4th Dan Wood 55.5cm
- 5th Alby Petersen 55.5cm



KINGFISH showed up in many berley trails. They're a mesmerising sight zipping in and out grabbing morsels. But when the 1m+ ones turn up it's time for catching not watching.

- 1st John Saunders 106.5cm (this would typically be around 14.8kg)
- 2nd Jason Whitaker 104.5cm
- 3rd Wayne Treadaway 102cm



Do you work to go fishing?
Check this out

Caught and released by Grant & Jess on No.77

Where measured fish are equal, the higher placing goes to the fish measured in earliest. You may have seen people sprinting up to the measure station close to 2pm on Sunday. For the average length, which is basically a lottery, we did a reduction draw from those that qualified within 0.5cm.

AVERAGE LENGTH SNAPPER and winning the new Mercury 3.3hp outboard was Andrew Voight with a 56cm snapper. Other contenders were Lu Rathe and Alby Petersen also with 56cm snapper. The average length was 56.5cm, and that snapper would typically weigh in at 3.6kg. Hard to know for sure why there was such a big jump in the average this year, but using the measuring format and having mostly just the experienced fishers competing were factors.



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Alby, Andrew, & Lu with average snapper contenders



Andrews luck held to take the Mercury 3.3hp outboard

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The **LONGEST SNAPPER** took away the new Mercury 8hp outboard. This went to landbased fisher Tom Hatfull. Being a WGFC member Tom also takes the 10kg Trophy. The road signs for our comps are put up each year by Tom and he helps out on the committee. He's a popular winner and thoroughly deserving of such

an awesome prize. Tom and Dan accessed their spot out the back of Kawau in a modest tinny, so just getting back on Sunday was an achievement in itself!

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| 1st Tom Hatfull | 75cm (around 7.7kg) |
| 2nd Mitch Fraser | 72cm |
| 3rd Andres Blank | 68.5cm |
| 4th Grant Hamilton | 67.5cm |
| 5th Steve Hunt | 67cm |
| 6th Dave Adams | 64cm |
| 7th Aaron Stenbeck | 64cm |
| 8th Boyd Jones | 64cm |
| 9th Cam Rathe | 64cm |
| 10th Vaughan Hodgson | 64cm (around 5.1kg) |



Tom Hatfull on the rocks, Cam Rathe with a nice kingi, Grant Hamilton, Jason Kelly, and Steve Hunt winning goodies from Hunting&Fishing, ITM, and Fogdog



SYC caterers Daniel & Renae and their team cranked out excellent burgers and fish with their trademark perfect fries. The bar hummed along and with 50 or so people it was easy to move around people could actually hear each other! The SYC restaurant is open Thursday to Sunday, We held 2 draws for people contributing fresh snapper fillets for the meal. A bottle of Appletons is a universally cherished prize, and the Starrett 11 piece butchers knife set from Matakana ITM was a great surprise, snapped up by Boyd Jones.

There was unanimous support for maintaining the measuring format going forward. Louise made a superb job of switching over the results programme from kg's to cm's and registering entrants and catches.

Thank you returning anglers. Some of you have been doing this comp for DECADES, and some just in recent years. We aim to hold rewarding and fun events. Let us know if you have any ideas to maintain or enhance the success of this event. For you first timers 'well done'!

Check out wwgfc.co.nz for tournament photos and other tournament dates. Our Records Officer Cam keeps our **Facebook** page current too, thanks Cam. And for sorting the excellent array of prizes.

Darn it, the real Winter starts after the 10kg. But there's still loads of good fishing and glassy days to be had. It's also a good time of year to get that engine serviced, give Aaron & Matt a call at Matakana Marine **09 422 7822**. See you all on 31st May for the 2020 10kg

Warkworth Gamefish Club



John Saunders
1st place kingfish

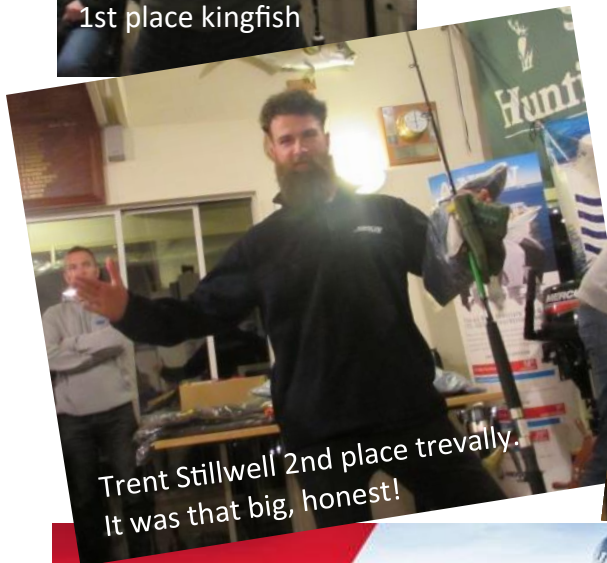
9th November 2019 Ladies Comp.
It's a PARTY with some fishing!

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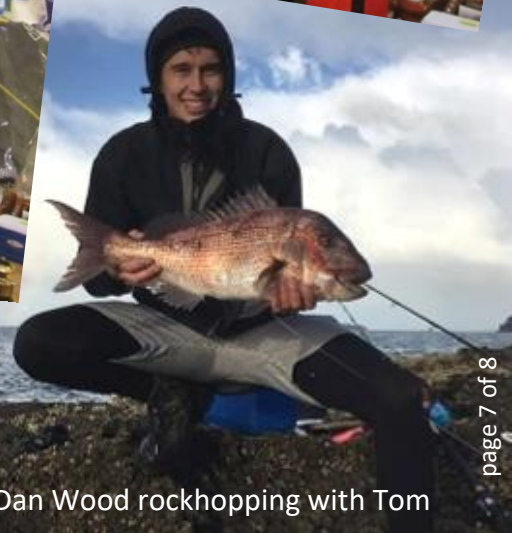
Mitchell Fraser 2nd place snapper



Trent Stillwell 2nd place trevally.
It was that big, honest!



Dana Styles 1st place kahawai



Dan Wood rockhopping with Tom



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Warkworth Gamefish Club's annual 10KG Fishing Tournament

CATCHES MUST BE MADE ON 10KG (OR LESS) TESTED LINE, see the Rules regarding use of braid.

6am Saturday 1st to measure-in by 4pm Sunday 2nd June
(Queens Birthday weekend)

Ticket \$70 and \$30 Junior

MEASURED FISH ONLY, catch and release the fatties but still win!

Tickets include sumptuous Sunday prizegiving dinner

Adult Tickets limited to 130, can be bought from: Matakana Marine, WW Hunting & Fishing, Snells Beach Fish & Dive, Tackle&Outdoor, and sort of online, or ph Louise 027 425 7224
Ticket sales end 5pm Friday May 31st

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- Longest snapper Saturday measure-in*
- Average length snapper*
- Longest kingfish*
- Longest kahawai to 3 places*
- Longest trevally to 3 places*
- Junior prizepool*
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10KG briefing at
SYC, Friday May
24th 5:30pm

