



2021 10KG

6am Saturday 5th to 4pm Sunday 6th June
(Queens Birthday weekend)

REPORT



Grant Hamiltons 80cm winning snapper

The X-Cellerate team,
trevally specialists,
just warming up



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An excellent turn out for the
10kg tournament 2021
in the face of (yet again) rubbish
weather proves the calibre of our
anglers and this event.

97 seniors and 8 juniors enjoyed
Saturday, and endured Sunday.

Just couldn't fault the fishing.

The average length snapper was 64cm!

This average (nose to fork in tail)
calculates out at almost exactly 5kg.

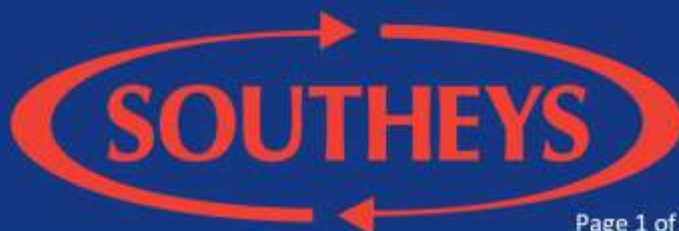
Being a fully measured tournament ie
no weighing in, many of these sized
fish and almost all the bigger ones
were released alive.

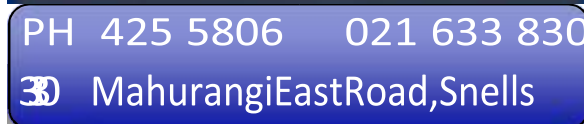
Arguably the better eating fish, around
2kg, were plentiful and are gracing
many dinner tables.

Yup, an average size of 64cm means
the top 10 placings were very solid fish.

This years main sponsors were
Advanced Concrete Pumping (thank
you Alan and Phil) and Southeys Group
(thank you Rob & Cheryl). These guys
bestowed cash upon us to go mad at
Hunting & Fishing Warkworth (thank
you Colin), another of our big sponsors,
boosting the generous prizepool with
great discounts on tackle prizes and
clothing giveaways.

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Our two local marine service outlets, Matakana Marine (thanks Aaron & Ma-) and Mahurangi Marine (thank you Wayne) supplemented the tackle bonanza with service and labour vouchers.

Sandspit Yacht Club Bar and Kitchen not only looked after us with great meals and drinks all night long, but also threw in giveaways and a decent side dish of fun. Thank you Daniel, Renee, and team.

All of this support for our event is humbling after last years global madness. Your Club and these anglers very much appreciate it.

Crews heading out Friday night saw the cloud base dropping and the breeze coming up. At least it was from the north this year and was therefore pre-y mild. Hard to believe we're a fortnight from the shortest day. Saturday dawned with a stroppy wind and building sea. But the baitfish were in ridiculous volumes and everything bigger than that was on the chew. From a personal point of view my first 3 snapper were between 72 and 76cm. Half an hour later an 80cm one came up for a photo shoot!

There were lots of rat kingis for most crews. Some saw a few much bigger ones, but only one over the qualifying 90cm was keen for a photo.

Kahawai were scarce by most accounts.

Some years we get lots of photos of boats in this event, but when the wind is cranking everyone is hiding behind something and not moving unless they really have to. Saturday night was definitely a case of the safest anchorage over ruling the best night fishing spot. We are very grateful to skippers for making safety a priority. Sunday announced itself with big seas in the Gulf, but everyone knows to .me their run with the .de. The run back for those at Aotea (Gt Barrier) and the Mokes wasn't too shabby as long as you avoided the outgoing .de period.

People that have had a Summer of braid and lure fishing (nothing wrong with that!) say without excep.on that strayline fishing with bait on 10kg (and lighter) mono in this event is refreshing. You're generally

fishing shallower water on the mono and the big fish runs get



Dan (L) and Tom (R) landbased at the Mokes, how keen is that?!
Note you can only go ashore on Burgess Island.

the adrenaline pumping. The 'strike or let it run' dilemma will never be solved!

To some results then:

Earlybird draw—we had another great response this year, 55 entries up to the 21st of May. Goes to show there's a great bunch of people fishing this event no matter what Huey throws at us. Some of these anglers have been fishing the 10kg since the early 1990's!

A compact chillybin, Baitrunner reel and matching rod, and goodies from Hun.ng&Fishing, plus \$200 in coins and a bottle of whiskey was drawn from these entries and won by young Max Stenbeck. Dad will look after the whiskey for 5 years unless you're old enough. Or something like that.

Note that in the results where there's instances of tied lengths, placings are awarded in the order that people get to the measure-in station.

Junior SNAPPER section:

Junior KAHAWAI:

1st Dylan Varty-Stenbeck 51cm 1st Dylan Varty-Stenbeck 51cm 2nd Quinn Taylor 46cm

Junior TREVALLY:

3rd Josh Deegan

44cm

1st Dylan Varty-Stenbeck

34cm

Dylan had a great trip. His dad has to drag him away from bait fishing every night. Thanks parents for geOng the kids out there.

Graham and Michael on \$ilver \$, all the way from OBC in Orakei. Always such good hospitality on this boat, thanks for the pit stop on Friday!



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Thanks for being a great crowd!



Onto the senior sec.on now.

WwGFC Ladies Comp

Saturday 13th November 2021

Dress up theme: Hawaiian

It's a **paaaarty**
with some fishing!

Senior KAHAWAI:

1st Kelby Moore 57cm

2nd Travis Moore 57cm

3rd Alby Petersen 56cm

A kahawai of 57cm fork length is typically around 2.6kg.

Senior KINGFISH:

1st Nipper Brown 96cm (about 11kg)

We have a 90cm minimum for our events because the legal length of 75cm is based on old data that suggested kingfish were sexually mature at 70cm. Turns out that 'aint so, females are mature 78–128cm and males 75—93cm. You really wanted to know all that aye. But it might make a difference when you're tossing up between using the net or the gaff.

Senior TREVALLY:

1st Doron Anderson 72.5cm

2nd Tom Ridley 72cm

3rd Mike Dixon 71cm

At 72.5cm Dorons trevally is es.mated at almost 7kg. That's a lot of sashimi and a tough fight in the current zone these fish usually inhabit.



Larry Dagg, doing
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Terrence Troer enjoying the hot fishing at the Mokes

the Summer. The 10kg and our Ladies Comp each November are good reminders that the best snapper fishing is either side of the Silly Season.

So we had anglers with the average 64cm snapper:

Tyler Edwards, Steve Adkins, Jess Petersen, and Korbyn Barra-

Via a reduction draw

the last one standing was

Korbyn, taking home a 70litre IceyTek from Hunting & Fishing and \$300 vouchers from Matakana Marine.

Senior SNAPPER:

- 1st Grant Hamilton 80cm
- 2nd Dave Adams 80cm (got to measure-in 6 minutes later lols)
- 3rd Richard Dill 78cm
- 4th Andrew Hamilton 77cm
- 5th Dan Wood 76cm (land based, at the Mokes!)
- 6th Barry Plumpton 76cm
- 7th Larry Dagg 76cm
- 8th Richard Brigg 76cm
- 9th Doron Anderson 75cm
- 10th Mike Dixon 73cm



The vast majority of these snapper got to swim away. From 10th to 1st place the slay-and-weigh weights would have been 7.2kg to 9.2kg. Or, for you old farts, that's from almost 16 up to 20 pounds.

As mentioned, the AVERAGE snapper length across the senior division calculated out at 64cm and almost 5kg (11 pounds). We all caught and released a few undersized fish of course, but arguably not even close to the number of throwbacks in

The 10kg trophy is awarded on a formula and any of the catch species (snapper, kahawai, trevally, kingfish) can win it. This year Doron's trevally held off the top snappers to take the 10kg trophy.

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- Footpaths Biggest snappers: 2007/9.608kg,

- Driveways 2008/8.722kg, 2009/7.726kg, 2010/9.994kg, 2011/7.798kg, 2012/10.200kg, 2013/8.522kg,



Average snappers: 2007/1.94kg, 2008/2.53kg,

Doron for the 10kg trophy

2015/2.467kg, 2016/2.699kg, 2017/2.223kg,

Korbyn wins the average



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Special men.ons on the commi-ee:

Alan for being a super thorough Secretary/Treasurer, Louise for being there (like a mum) when we need to sort stuff, Tom for doing the clothing and road signs and rounding up .ckets, Cam for sor.ng prizes, Mike and Rob for joining the measure-in team. We have a good but dwindling/re.ring commi-ee, we ask (okay, we'll beg!) you to come along and help out just once even. We have over 250 members and some of us have been on the commi-ee for more than a decade, well past our use-by date! The next events are our AGM (date t.b.a) and the Ladies Comp 13th November 2021.

Next years 10kg is Saturday/Sunday the 4th/5th of June 2022. S.ck it in your diary now to avoid any double bookings.

If you're out and about in the Gulf you really should subscribe to Great Barrier Marine Radio, channel 01. The service is fully subscrip.on funded and is very user -friendly for Trip Reports, local info, weather, and for finding out where your mates are! It's also increasingly important to have a local channel that knows our backyard, because the centralisa.on of other services means that in an emergency you could be talking to someone down the line that thinks the Needles are in the Catlins. Use the subscrip.on form in this report to invest in your safety and enjoyment of the Gulf.

Thanks again to our generous sponsors, and to you fishy types for an excellent weekend and successful event. Tight lines and see you next year. Dave.

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