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WWGFC Report

Next Event - This Weekend!!

Finally a chance for us to all get together and celebrate the 2020-2021 Fishing Season.

11th December 2021 at SYC

2.30-4.30pm Children's Fishing Event - All Welcome - Groups of 25 people on the Sandspit Yacht Club Wharf. No Vaccine Passports Required, Face coverings recommended but not mandatory. Please stay in your group of 25 and keep 2m apart from other groups.

5pm AGM Discussion Upstairs in SYC Clubrooms - see note below from SYC regarding traffic light system requirements for entry.

6pm 2021 Prizegiving

- Some nibbles will be provided after the AGM discussion. The SYC Kitchen & Bar will be open for you to make dinner and beverage purchases.

Future Events to put in the diary

- WW ONE BASE Thurs 3rd March- Sat 5th March 2022
- 10KG 4th & 5th June 2022

Sandspit Yacht Club Report

Traffic Light System

We will move into the Red Light phase of the new Traffic Light system from Friday 3rd December.

The SYC Club Committee has decided to mandate vaccination passports for entry to all areas of the clubhouse. Please come prepared to show your passport if requested if over 12 years and 3 months of age.

Under the red light rules, face coverings will be mandatory on flights, public transport, in taxis, retail, public venues, and recommended whenever leaving the house, so around the Club they are still recommended but not compulsory.



SYC Restaurant and Bar re-opens

It is soooo.... good having the clubrooms back open!

It's been 4 long months since the doors closed.

On opening night everyone was clearly very pleased to see each other, to relax and enjoy drinks and dinner with friends. Seriously nourishing for the soul. It was a great vibe.



Thank you to all those who supported Renee and Daniel on their opening night. (And to those who have chosen to give them a bit of space and have made forward bookings). They're loving being back! A reminder that from now until Christmas, the restaurant is open

Thurs, Fri and Sat only for lunch and dinner.

Sat 11 Dec - closed for WWGFC AGM and prizegiving

Wed 22 Dec - open for lunch/dinner

Thurs 23 Dec - open for lunch/dinner

Fri 24 Dec - open for lunch/dinner

Sat 25 Dec - Wed 5 Jan : Closed for Christmas holidays.

Bookings are essential, so please call 022 0700 950 or email syckitchenbar@gmail.com to reserve your table now!

Records Officer November Fishing Report

The first pelagics of the season have been accounted for with 2 striped marlin caught on the 1st of December, one from Tutukaka and the other from Houhora. Shortbill spearfish and yellowfin tuna have been caught off the Bay of Islands and some nice bigeye tuna were taken off Mercury Bay. Hopefully some of our members can join in on the action in the coming weeks.

Monthly Longest Snapper

\$100 Hunting and Fishing Voucher up for grabs each month! You have 30 days from the end of the month to send in your catch form and photo of the fish being measured.

Preliminary Result for Longest Snapper in November is Johny Ridley with a 82cm fish. Johnys fish will be a pin fish and was also his PB snapper. Great effort mate!!



Johny Ridley with his 82cm Snapper



Maarten Bubbert from "Perseverance" with a 75 cm snapper.

Club Pin qualifying standard

To be awarded a pin for a species, the following additional qualification must be met for the first to be awarded each season. Subsequent pins in the same season must exceed the standard of preceding Pinfish awarded.

Species Eligible;

Striped Marlin, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Broadbill, Mako Shark, Thresher Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Bronze Whaler Shark, Tuna, Kingfish, Kahawai, Snapper, Mahimahi.

The first pin must equal or exceed the following;

- Striped / Blue / Black Marlin and Broadbill, standard club rules, the first fish each season may be tagged with the subsequent fish to weigh greater than 90kg.
- Sharks must exceed 50kg
- Kingfish and Tuna must exceed 15kg
- Snapper must exceed 9kg
- Kahawai must exceed 2.5kg
- Albacore must exceed 10kg or equal or exceed the breaking strength of line
- Mahimahi must exceed 5kg

There are three types of Pins.

- Sliver Pin – awarded to members reaching the requirements set out by the club

- Silver Pin – Ruby Eye – Any confirmed NZ record
- Gold Pin – Ruby Eye – Any confirmed World record

Junior anglers may have their own club pin award section. Should a junior angler qualify for an open section pin then that would be the pin awarded. In this event the pin will become the new standard for both open and junior sections.

In the next Newsletter we plan to update you on the current winning pinfish for this season so you know what you need to aim to beat.

NZSFC/Legasea Updates



The Hauraki Gulf Forum Horizon Poll released on 19 November 2021 stated 84% wanted to ban all bottom impact fishing in the Hauraki Gulf. The NZSFC sent a letter to Minister Hon David Parker signed by 9 organisations to phase out mobile bottom contact fishing methods from the entire Hauraki Gulf Marine Park through the Hauraki Gulf Fish plan and Advisory Group. A reply

has been made from the Minister to have a meeting. Another letter to the Minister Hon David Parker by 21 organisations raising outstanding concerns on scallop dredging from Kawau to Omaha and Northern Hauraki Gulf requesting a meeting.

The NZSFC have formatted 3 alternative plans for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and will campaign next year on...

1 The removal of all bottom contact fishing methods from the entire Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

2 The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park to become a separate fisheries management area(FMA) and allow for localised management

3 The creation of a special management area(SMA,s) in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

This campaign is being organised by the Hauraki Gulf Campaign Steering Group in which Terry Creagh, our NZSFC delegate, is on this committee.

Scallop Dredge Amnesty



Warkworth based diving company [New Zealand Diving](#) has had enough of scallop dredges ripping up the seafloor.

They are running an amnesty for old and used scallop dredges, in support of the campaign to ban mobile bottom contact fishing methods in the Hauraki Gulf.

As the Coromandel area is now closed to scallop dredging, dredging effort has increased around scallop beds further North.

Take in your dredge to the NZ Diving shop in Warkworth and you will receive \$150 off your next dive course! Max 2 people and you'll get up to \$300 off. Conditions apply - Check out [their page](#) for more details. Closes Dec 31st 2021, Use by 30 June 2022.

Thank you Cameron Hart for this photo showing fishing damage to scallops in the above picture.

Further Reading

Horizon Research - [Hauraki Gulf Survey](#)

LegaSea Newsletter #114 [Have your say on daily bag limits](#)

LegaSea Newsletter #115 [Get Trawling and Dredging out of the Gulf](#)