



2022



**EVENT REPORT**

6am Saturday 4th to 4pm Sunday 5th June

# FISHING COMP 10KG



Warkworth Gamefish Club  
Saturday & Sunday  
**Queens Birthday Weekend**



There was almost exactly the same excellent turn out for the **10kg tournament 2022** as last year, and again the face of an untidy forecast. But Saturday arvo was a good reminder of why we do this—the wind dropped, fish were biting, the sun was hot, and drinks were cold.





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Grant Hamilton enjoying some great weather and fishing, even if both only lasted a short while!

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94 seniors and 3 juniors entered the 2022 Hunting & Fishing 10kg and again proved conclusively that there's plenty of good fish to be had at this time of year.

The average length snapper was high and only slightly down on last year. Throw whatever theory you like at it, there's so many variables. See a text box somewhere in this report for the year on year averages, it makes for interesting reading. Variables include recruitment conditions for the respective year class of fish, numbers of boats that made it offshore to Gt Barrier etc, moon phase for the event, etc. Either way you look at it, the average of 59.5cm (approx. 4kg) is a great reason to kick off the ugg boots and get out there over Winter. The one consistent aspect of the average length snapper was the winner of the H&F Icey Tek chillybin—young Korbyn Barratt again! In the course of our comp there would have been around 1000 snapper of 3+kg successfully released after capture (roughly 90ppl x 5+ fish per day x 2 days). That's well over 3 tonnes of prime snapper still out there doing their thing! A 1.5 to 2kg snapper is a great pan fish, so there's no pressure to keep anything bigger than that.

All our WGFC comps have been generously supported by sponsors over the years, for which we are all very appreciative. This year, and moving forwards, your local Hunting & Fishing store owned by Colin Barlow has stepped up as our naming rights supporter, with cash and H&F product to keep the generosity back to fishers at the very high level we've come to expect in this event. Thank you Colin.

Also, our two local marine service providers Matakana Marine and Mahurangi Marine have kept their long term support involvement with generous voucher-based rewards for anglers. Given the last 2 years of covidpox retail/service difficulty, these sponsors support for our event is outstanding, thank you.





Heading out Friday in westerly conditions was generally ok, until you got a bit further offshore. Not many would have ventured out into the Gulf if it was forecast to stay westerly, but an easterly forecast from Saturday night onwards was encouraging for getting blown home. Like last year, air temperatures were mild and the sea temp was a notch above or below 18 degrees depending on where you were—good enough for marlin!

Thanks again to H&F Ww for the five dollar 10kg mono spool ups. If you source a spare empty line spool you can take the 10kg off and keep it for next year and put your usual braid/heavier line back on. It's useful to write the date and reel model on the storage spool if you run multiple outfits in this event. A bit of dowel, a vise, and a cordless drill makes the swap easy. Store mono in a cool dark place and don't wind it on too tight. And if it is past its use-by date, it is acceptable in soft plastic recycling, along with your other soft plastic bags at supermarkets that offer recycling.



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Results time:

The EarlyBird ticket offer is always well subscribed, and the customary compact chillybin, \$200 gold coins, bottle of rum and other goodies was won out of 47 EarlyBirds by Ken Hamilton.



Luke Beesley in winning form



Henri Buchs is so keen we'll see him in the results from now on



Good one Ken



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

**Junior KAHAWAI:**

- 1st Luke Beesley 56cm (approx. 2.4kg)
- 2nd Henri Buchs 53.5cm

**Junior TREVALLY:**

- 1st Luke Beesley 49.5cm

**Junior SNAPPER:**

- 1st Luke Beesley 60cm (approx. 4.1kg)
- 2nd Henri Buchs 49cm





Korbyn Barrat on Bloodline, average length snapper again—in 2023 can he get the hat trick?

Some of the prize winners in the following senior section used to be in the juniors but are now fishing from their own boats. Don't be shy about getting the kids out there, lots of snacks and warm clothing and they'll surprise you at how resilient they are and how much they love it. Nek minit, they've got their own boat!

**Senior KAHAWAI:**

- 1st Vance Barratt 57cm
- 2nd Paul Copestake 56.5cm
- 3rd Cam Rathe 56cm

There was a report (no photograph, doh!) of a 73cm kahawai from Fitzroy harbour during the weekend, which would make it around 5kg in average condition— that would've been pretty awesome to see. A look through the NZSFC line class records shows kahawai of this calibre do exist.

Vance Barratt on Bloodline, 1st place kingfish



**Senior KINGFISH:**

- 1st Vance Barratt 107cm (around 15kg)
- 2nd Mitch Fraser 102cm

MPI data states that our kingfish (Southern Yellowtail) mostly top out at 1.5m long and around 40kg at about 25years old. The tied World Records on 24 and 15kg tackle at 52kg are both from NZ. Many anglers travel from Japan, the US, and Australia just to target this species and practice almost exclusively catch-and-release. They'll be very keen to get amongst it again with travel restrictions lifting.



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### Senior TREVALLY:

- 1st Alner (Alby) Petersen 77cm (almost 7.3kg!)
- 2nd Chris Ridley 69cm
- 3rd Trevor Ridley 68cm

Huge trevs again in this event. They've got to be avoiding open water, or they'd be hoovered up in a trawl. Makes you wonder how big some of the 'Barrier trevs get. Other big trevally

spots are the Three Kings, Far North, White Island, and the top of the South Island, so it's pretty exciting to have these in our backyard. NZ trevally are slow growing after about 30cm, and can reach the age of 40 and almost a metre in length.



### Senior SNAPPER:

- 1st Giz Clough 83.5cm  
(that's approx. 10.4kg / 23lb)
- 2nd Kevin Barratt 80.5cm
- 3rd Bradley Bowmar 79cm
- 4th Richard Grigg 78.5cm
- 5th Ollie Hogg 78.5cm
- 6th Mitch Fraser 77.5cm
- 7th Noah Beesley 77cm
- 8th Trent Stillwell 76.5cm
- 9th Paul Copestake 75cm
- 10th Cam Rathe 73cm
- 11th Katie Klingler 70cm



The vast majority of these snapper got to swim away. From 11th to 1st place the slay-and-weigh weights would have been approx 6.4kg to 10.4kg.

Another great bit of feedback (and personal experience) during this years comp was the numbers and size of squid in each anchorage and some fishing spots. It's always a toss up between frying them or putting a couple of 10/0's in them! This year there were enough squid around to do both, perhaps another phenomena of warming sea temps. Ww H&F have a resident squid specialist, Dan, and he can help you with basic gear and technique right through to expert level.





Giz announces his arrival for 1st place snapper



Katie bringing in 11th place snapper



Kevin Barratt, 2nd place snapper



Chris Ridley on Mighty Mo, 2nd place trev



Average snappers: 2007/1.94kg, 2008/2.53kg, 2009/2.37kg, 2010/2.03kg, 2011/2.01kg, 2012/2.768kg, 2013/2.520kg, 2014/2.555kg, 2015/2.467kg, 2016/2.699kg, 2017/2.223kg, 2018/2.557kg, 2019/56.5cm, 2020/\*55cm, 2021/64cm, 2022/59.5cm

Biggest snappers: 2007/9.608kg, 2008/8.722kg, 2009/7.726kg, 2010/9.994kg, 2011/7.798kg, 2012/10.200kg, 2013/8.522kg, 2014/9.929kg, 2015/8.803kg, 2016/9.466kg, 2017/10.826kg, 2018/7.276kg, 2019/75cm, 2020/85cm, 2021/80cm, 2022/83.5cm



The **10kg trophy** is awarded on a formula and any of the catch species (snapper, kahawai, trevally, kingfish) can win it.

This year Alby's trevally held off the very good top snappers and chunky kingfish to take the 10kg trophy. Alby was a pretty enthusiastic winner because like many of us 10kg regulars he's been chasing this trophy for years. Well done mate, we know it's no fluke—good preparation, 100% effort, and honed skills.

Thank you Daniel, Renee, Luan, and Freya for a great nights food and drinks service. Such a great place for a brunch or dinner, waterfront with pricing that isn't eye watering! Opening hours and bookings [syckitchenbar@gmail.com](mailto:syckitchenbar@gmail.com) 022 070 0950

Check out [wwgfc.co.nz](http://wwgfc.co.nz) for tournament photos and other tournament dates, and updates on our FaceBook page. We have over 250 members and some of us have been on the committee for more than a decade, so please come along to a meeting to see if it's the kinda thing you might like to help out with. Thank you committee for putting another great event together.

The next events are our AGM (date t.b.a) and the Ladies Comp 12th November 2022.

Next years 10kg is Saturday/Sunday the **4th/5th of June 2023**. Write it in your diary NOW to avoid any double bookings.

If you're out and about in the Gulf you would do yourself (and potentially your whanau) a favour by subscribing to Great Barrier Marine Radio, channel 01. The service is fully subscription 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 of the centralisation of emergency services call centres. Use the subscription form in this report to invest in your safety and enjoyment of the Gulf.

Keep an eye on LegaSea updates [legasea.co.nz](http://legasea.co.nz) because there's always something fishy going on with the playground we mostly take for granted, including access to inshore and popular fishing areas in the near future by regulators with an ideology to fulfil.

Thanks again to our generous sponsors, and to you awesome fishers for an excellent weekend and successful event. Tight lines and see you at next years Warkworth Hunting&Fishing 10kg Tournament!

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**WwGFC Ladies Comp** *It's a paaaaarty*  
**Saturday 12th November 2022**  
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