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Winner of the kingfish category, Josh Lohead caught and entered his biggest ever kingi just moments before the competition cut-off time.

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From Jess Shears, pics supplied

What a great day it was for the OBC and Innovision Boats Family Fishing Competition, the weather was perfect! Pretty much no wind, the sun was shining and there were plenty of fish waiting to be caught.

The early 4.30am start seemed a lot easier than was anticipated, and totally worthwhile when all of the eager competitors started arriving at 5.00am to collect the boat bags. The entry list was much smaller this year, with 36 boats

entered and 91 fisherpeople, nonetheless it was still a great competition.

Snapper was the easy catch all day, with 69 fish being measured and their photos uploaded. Kingfish proved more elusive, and only two were entered in that category; the winning fish measuring 104cm. The longest snapper caught was 70cm, and in the adult kahawai category we had three in equal first place with 54cm fish. They weren't the longest

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The OBC and Innovation Boats Family Fishing Competition went ahead on Saturday March 12, although unfortunately without the barbeque and prize-giving afterwards. We were blessed with favourable weather – light wind and slightly overcast. The turnout was down on previous years – Covid fatigue perhaps – but the 36 boats and 91 fishers enjoyed a day of successful fishing. Some good bags were achieved and some big fish caught, for which the prizes supplied by our sponsors were generous. The crew from Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae was on hand to offer filleting services to the returning fishers – their skill needs to be seen to be believed.

We hosted Councillors Desley Simpson, Councillor for the Ōrākei Ward, and Efeso Collins, a Councillor for the Manukau Ward, during the day. Efeso was keen to see our Kai Ika filleting facility and its links to the Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae, which is within his Council ward. Desley has been a great advocate for the Club in general, and in particular our pursuit of a long-term lease on the Hakumau Reserve. They were impressed with the facilities of the Club, our environmental activities, and our support of charitable organisations by way of providing storage for community vessels.

It has been disappointing that a number of functions have needed to be postponed or cancelled due to Government Covid mandates. We are less affected than some commercial activities, but it is very disruptive nevertheless. The Government's red light setting and seven days isolation restrictions seem overly severe and appear to have little effect on the spread of Omicron.

An abridged copy of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes is published each month in the Outboarder. This is seen as an important way to keep members informed about activities of the Committee – but can

result in unintended assumptions. Last month, a member expressed concern at discussion reported from the February meeting about the possibility of moving the dinghy locker rack from its present position to a floating pontoon adjacent to H pier and the eastern launching ramps. He was concerned that the expenditure of \$146,000 was not financially justified.

For the avoidance of any confusion the discussion was, and the minutes reflected, that there should be further updates and financial return analysis presented at the next meeting, not agreement to proceed.

Additionally, under the Club's Constitution (published annually in the Club's Yearbook), any financial proposal exceeding \$50,000 must be put to a General Meeting for member's consideration. This includes projects such as acceptance of the much-publicised lease on Hakumau Reserve, and the hardstand parking and discharge consent proposal. It is, nevertheless, good that readers are taking an interest in the proceedings of the Committee. Members are also reminded that they are welcome each month to address the Committee before the meeting commences.

Good boating and stay safe out there.

- Phil Allen



HULL OF AN IDEA

Check your collection of electrical fuses. Make sure you are carrying at least one spare fuse for every device on the boat and ensure you know where to replace the fuses.

COASTGUARD CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Coastguard's April 2022, Children's Holiday Programme - being held at the OBC - offers 12-year olds and older a great introduction to boating along with the opportunity to develop key skills and confidence to help them stay safe in and on the water! The programme is a combination of Day Skipper, In Water Survival (bring togs and towel, you will get wet) and Marine VHF content.

The three-day course runs from 8.30am to 4.30pm on Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 April, and costs \$250 (incl GST) per child. An optional half-day On Water Experience will be held on Friday April 29 (\$95 per person, limited numbers).

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MYSTERY LENGTH

1st	James Lindsay	42cm
2nd	Stu Billbrough	45cm
3rd	Darryn Lohead	39.5cm

ADULT KAHAWAI

1st =	Lakis Panteli	54cm
	Darryn Lohead	54cm
	Peter Childs	54cm

ADULT KINGFISH

1st	Joshua Lohead	104cm
2nd	Alex MacQueen	88cm

ADULT SNAPPER

1st	Greg Strachan	70cm
2nd	Johnny Boyle	54.5cm
3rd	Mark Inwood	53cm

EARLYBIRD	ARHT LUCKY DRAW	LUCKY LADY
Grant Glover	Tony Miller	Tracey McKenzie

LUCKY SKIPPER

1st	Darryl Michaux, Cold Duck
2nd	Philip Tate, Sika

KIDS OTHER

1st	Jake Bedwell-Goodwin	34cm trevally
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KIDS KAHAWAI

1st	Ashton Lindsay	55.5cm
2nd	Bruno Kurtovich	53cm
3rd	Flynn Nam	52.5cm

KIDS SNAPPER

1st	Paul Gilham	63cm
2nd	Owen Bethell	57cm
3rd	Bruno Kurtovich	48cm

KIDS MYSTERY LENGTH

1st	Huxley Fowler
2nd	Zanay Deyssel
3rd	Gregory Styvhinsky

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kahawai caught during the competition however, as one of the junior fishos outdid the adults with a 55.5cm beauty!

All the entries were required to be in by the cut-off time of 3.30pm, and while there was a bit of a last minute panic for some who were having difficulties uploading their entries, everyone made it in time.

Well done to all our competitors and successful fisho's, and a big thanks to our sponsors who had kindly provided prizes, vouchers, money and experiences for our lucky winners to enjoy. Without our sponsors we would also not be able to make up our boat bags, which each boat receives on competition day, and we would not have the extreme quality of prizes for our deserving winners. The support is truly remarkable, thank you.

We were sent some great photos from our competitors out on the water, including the cover photo of Josh Lohead and his prize-winning kingfish. Now that's a happy young man! Brendan Lohead also shared the story behind the photo: "We had been out wide but could not get good enough reception to enter our catch, so came back to Rakino channel just shy of 3.00pm. Threw the anchor down, and threw out a livie on a balloon for a kingfish. It got hit at 3.27pm. We knew we had to pull it in really quick to get it entered in time, so just put the reel into full lock and hauled it in. Got it on the boat at 3.29pm, entered 3.30pm... right on the button! Josh's biggest ever fish by a country mile!"

...More photos on page 14

Happy kids (left to right): Owen (second, kids snapper), Huxley (first, kids mystery length), Cooper, Lucas, and Ashton (first, kids kahawai) celebrated a 10th birthday, and lots of fish caught, on board James Lindsay's 'Dos Amigos'.



James Lindsay was the lucky winner of the Innovision Boats-sponsored \$5000 travel voucher for first place in the 'mystery length' category. Needless to say, the whole family was excited at that news!



Mark Inwood won the third prize haul in the adult snapper category. He also picked up crew member Stu Billbrough's mystery length second prize - the Mercury outboard sponsored by Marine Works.

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MAG on the MOVE

Members have been getting around the countryside, and so has the Outboarder, as these pics from Ian Bannan and Steve Cullen show.

Ian and Steve are now in the running for a prize, and you can be, too. All you need to do is pack a copy of the Outboarder next time you're heading away from home, find a likely spot, and get your photo snapped while you're reading the Club's monthly magazine. Send your 'reading Outboarder' photos by email to events@obc.co.nz, drop/mail prints to the club, and/or upload and correctly tag the OBC (#OBCAuckland) on your Facebook or Instagram pages. Photos will be posted on OBC social media, and selected images will also appear in the Outboarder magazine during the course of the competition. The competition closes on December 31, 2022.



Ian Bannan checks the Outboarder outside Russell Boating Club, during a visit north.



Lake Pukaki, on the edge of the South Island's Mackenzie Basin, makes for a stunning backdrop as Steve Cullen reads the Outboarder.



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Lately, with the fuel prices being so volatile, prices have moved considerably and often, and it has been difficult for us to maintain the website with the speed at which prices are changing. We do our best to advertise the latest fuel prices via the website and the notice board at the entrance to the hardstand, but suggest that you check the price per litre on the bowser at the time you fill up, to ensure you have the very latest price. We have recently agreed that Allied will replace one of the diesel-only bowsers with a diesel/95 one, so we have two petrol dispensers on the dock.

MARINA BOATS

Since late last year, and continuing this year, Auckland Council has been working to ensure that boats in marinas are compliant with the new Biosecurity rules around fouling on the bottom of boats. They have visited marinas throughout Auckland, and sent divers down to report on boats that are in breach of the new rules and require action. They are now checking

up on these offending boats by carrying out follow up inspections, so please ensure that you maintain the anti-fouling on the bottom of your boat. For more details visit www.marinepests.nz

OBC LAUNCHING RAMPS

Just a friendly reminder that boats more than 7.9m in length or greater than 2.5m in beam are required to launch using the eastern ramps, please. The weight of these larger vessels is contributing to the accelerated cracking of the western end ramps and we are trying to prolong the lifespan of these as long as possible.



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Scallops ARE FISHED OUT

It's heartening to see Hauraki Gulf communities caring deeply about the future of the Gulf, and getting engaged in ocean-related issues.

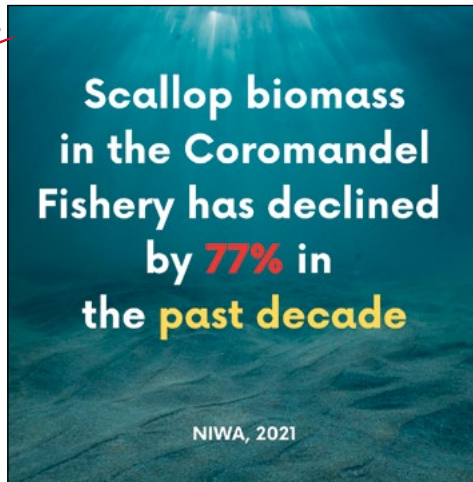
The story of our current fisheries is companies and quota holders' profit from using low-cost, bulk-harvesting fishing methods such as trawling and dredging, which are destructive to the marine environment.

When an area runs out of fish, fishers move on to the next area to continue bulk-harvesting until it, in turn, becomes fished out. Some call this rotational harvesting, but as populations decline, it quickly becomes serial depletion, and areas close or fishers switch to targeting another species.

This is an ongoing pattern in New Zealand, known as fishing effort displacement. Commercially fished species are subject to this kind of endangerment, and scallops are no exception.

Research carried out in 2021 by NIWA, showed scallop biomass in eastern Coromandel's last viable scallop bed has decreased by a shocking 42 percent, and around the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park biomass has decreased by 77 percent since 2012.

But successful community efforts mean eastern Coromandel is now off-limits for scallopers until 2023. Consequently, other popular Hauraki Gulf scalloping areas are



now being hammered by fishers, compensating for the scallop hotspot closure.

This is fishing effort displacement at its finest. These harrowing numbers may mean a complete closure for scallop fisheries around the Hauraki Gulf until populations recover.

Luckily, the Hauraki Gulf has widespread community efforts to decrease scallop fishing displacement, and the use of dredging is becoming more and more frowned upon.

But serial depletion of other species will keep occurring if we don't address the widespread use of damaging bulk-harvest fishing methods.

We want to see scallop dredging and bottom trawling banned from our inshore waters. Scraping life off the seafloor is unacceptable. We've teamed up with organisations to create the Hauraki Gulf Alliance, a campaign to ban mobile bottom-contact fishing methods from the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. Please stand by for your chance to have a say on getting scallop dredging out of the Gulf.



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FISHING REPORT

From Adam Clancey

BIG REDS

At a recent talk I did at the OBC, the questions afterward were quite varied, although with Club fishing competitions ahead, one question that shone through was: "Where do I catch big reds?"

Big reds, moochers, or whatever you want to call them, are big snapper. Identifying what constitutes a big snapper can be measured in various ways. Overall length - where a fish over 60cm is big; or overall weight - with a fish over 6kg being big, and a fish 10kg and above a trophy. Although sometimes, a 4kg fish when the rest of the catch are 2kg is also big. The purpose of targeting a big snapper



This big red was caught just off Kawau Island.

is normally as a personal challenge or as part of a competition. Big snapper are still good to eat but, where possible, measure and/or weigh and release any fish over 6kg, if it will survive. Most fish caught in more than 20 metres of depth will suffer barotrauma, and the chance of survival is not great.

With the question of where to catch big snapper, the answer is two-fold. The locations where you may find big snapper can vary seasonally, but, usually, big snapper are caught around reef areas in all depths of water, or around areas where there is a lot of food (work-ups). Some prime spots are Tiri Tiri Matangi, the outer reefs off Flat Rock, in the shallows around Little Barrier and Great Barrier, and the upper coastline off the top of the Coromandel. That's not to say you won't find trophy fish in the inner Waitamata at times.

The next, and probably most important, tip for fishing for big reds is to target them actively. The best way to do this is by the approach you take. The key things to do include: fish in the right location, at the right time - big snapper are usually most active at the change of light in the morning and afternoon. Fish with tactics that will only catch big snapper - set a good burley trail and fish with big baits. A big bait would be classified as a whole mackerel, fillet of kahawai, half a mullet or even half a bonito. This may sound over the top but, trust me, it works!

To rig these large baits you will need large hooks up to 10/0 that will protrude well clear of the bait. Use too small a hook and they can become choked with the bait. Have a good sturdy leader of 30-40kg, and only use enough weight to get your bait down slowly. With these large baits you need to be patient and attend to them. Fish with your reel out of gear so that when a big fish picks up your bait it can turn and swim away. The temptation is to strike immediately, but wait until the fish is moving away quickly.



Big bait equals big fish.

The other way to target big reds is by soft baiting using a similar approach. Fish the same areas that you might bait fish. Close to shore in areas where there is a bit of wash and wave action, or over deep reefs. Change up your soft baits to a size that will most likely only attract big fish - soft baits in the 17-25cm range, fished on a strong 7/0 jig head.

Fishing for competition-winning snapper is a process that, like many fishing techniques, requires a few changes in your approach in order to achieve success. Implemented properly, it could see you catching your personal best or coming out on top in a Club competition.

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BUGGED BY THE BIRDS?

Having found a deterrent to those pesky birds roosting on boats, OBC member and marina berth user Kip Marks wanted to share his discovery with fellow boaties. He writes:

Last year, after spending hours cleaning off a night's bird droppings from my boat, I decided to see if I could find a way of fitting a strip of LEDs, so that all I had to do was switch it on when I left the boat.

After months of testing different components, I have finally settled on what works best, and it's working now in the current roosting season. In the process, a lot of people have been watching the progress and I realised there is a demand, so I thought it would be helpful to make it available to anybody at OBC who is interested.



Forming an unobtrusive strip running midships across Kip's boat, the 1m length of high intensity LEDs is proving a deterrent to roosting birds.

I used a 1m strip of high intensity LEDs connected to a power supply, and there is a self-adhesive backing for fastening it to the boat. The power supply is a 3-pin plug pack which goes into a wall socket or the end of a shore power lead - it must be fed from 240VAC and that means connecting to shore power. My boat is 12m long and one strip, mounted midship, works for it. In the event a second strip is needed, it can be connected as well. The hardest part of the installation was running the cable to the LED strip, such that it couldn't be seen.

The LED strip lights are a special offer, so they and the power packs have to be ordered in quantity. While I can't price it accurately yet, I expect it to be much less than \$100 for each LED set-up.

I'm happy to co-ordinate an order of the LEDs, so if anybody is interested let me know by April 18, to email kmarks@markon.co.nz. If there is enough interest, I'll place an order (the installation is up to each boat owner).

Delivery time is an unknown these days, but they will be couriered to New Zealand. If you are looking for more info or would like to see my own installation, please ring me on 021 843 879.

Cheers, Kip Marks

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Picking up his goodies for kids kahawai (second) and snapper (third) is Bruno Kurtovich.



We had three fisho's claim first-equal in the adults kahawai category, here's two: Lakis Panteli (left) and Peter Childs.



Eileen Casserly enjoying her day on the water and showcasing her BDO cap from her boat bag. A big thanks to BDO for providing all the bags, along with a lot of the boat bag goodies!



Above left > Only two kingfish were entered this year, Alex MacQueen's 88cm fish was the runner-up in the category.

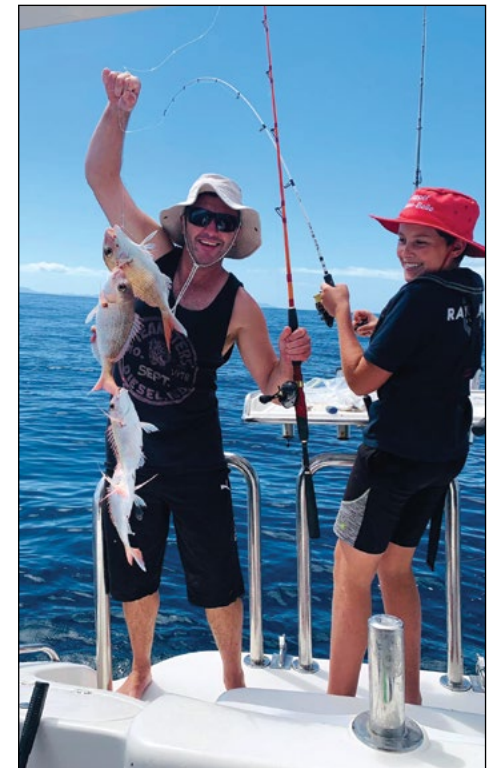
Left > Early bird winner Grant Glover looks pleased with his \$500 Baduzzi restaurant voucher and other goodies.

Right > Tracey McKenzie's BDO bag was full of pampering products for the winner of the Lucky Lady draw.

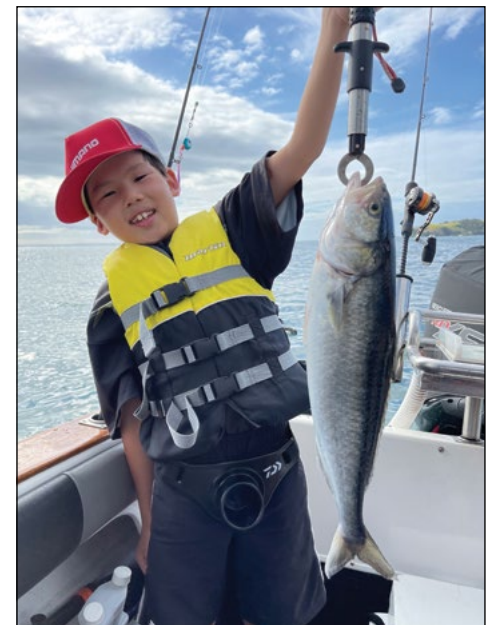


Above > The winning snapper in the adults section was this 70cm beauty caught by Greg Strachan.

Right > Darryn Lohead provided his boat-mates with a laugh when he got four snapper on four sabiki's meant for livies. Unfortunately, they were all undersized!



The only one to enter a catch in the 'kids other species' category, Jake Bedwell-Goodwin won some cool prizes for his 34cm trevally.



Flynn Nam with his 52.5cm kahawai, third in the kids section.



SPONSORS THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the sponsors of the 2022 OBC and Innovision Boats Family Fishing Competition. Without this support the Competition would not happen, and the Club appreciates all assistance in creating a wonderful event for members and their families and friends. We encourage all OBC members to support these generous companies and individuals, many of whom are fellow Club members, in return, and recommend them to others where appropriate.



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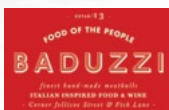
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TIPS FROM THE COASTGUARD

It's been a summer to remember for many – a long, hot (and very humid) few months, providing plenty of opportunities to get out on the water. Whether you were enjoying a quiet fish, exploring the Gulf islands with the family, or trying out your new kit, we've seen many people taking advantage of our beautiful vista.

Coastguard volunteers have also had a busy summer – proactively putting in many more hours than in recent years to save lives at sea. Here are a couple of notable events Coastguard responded to over summer.

KAWAU ISLAND CAPSIZE

On February 12, a group of five fisher-men was successfully located by Coastguard crewmembers after the fishermen's vessel capsized off Kawau Island. The keen fishos were prepared for their day on the water, wearing lifejackets and carrying communications equipment on board, but unfortunately things quickly took a turn for the worse.

Anchored at their fishing spot, the vessel's bilge alarm started going off as the six-metre vessel began taking on water. Within seconds the boat began leaning, no match for the oncoming waves

that filled the boat full of water, capsizing the vessel and throwing the five men into the sea.

The vessel's skipper managed to stay with the boat, climbing onto its hull as his mates were carried away with the tide. With no communications equipment on his person and knowing the seriousness of the situation, the fast-thinking skipper swam underneath the boat, managed to locate his in-reach SOS device, resurface and raise the alarm.

Coastguard was alerted to the SOS signal by the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand, with volunteers from Coastguard Kawau already on the water, quickly on the scene. The skipper was found first, on the boat's hull, alerting the unit that there were four others unaccounted for. Within minutes the crew sighted one of the men on the rocks around 700m away from the overturned vessel, while the volunteers sighted the three other fishermen in the water, exhausted and extremely cold. All were taken back to shore, where three were transferred by ambulance to hospital and have since made a full recovery.

Coastguard Kawau Skipper Luke McCarthy said: "For rough conditions, close to two-metre waves and in 25 knot winds, they are tremendously lucky. They were all wearing lifejackets, had safety equipment on board and the skipper did a fantastic job in helping us locate his mates."

OVERDUE VESSEL ON RAGLAN BAR

Just before New Year, the bar crossing alarm sounded in the Coastguard Operations Centre alerting the team to a vessel overdue on the Raglan Bar.

'All Stations' calls were issued by Coastguard Radio, and steps taken to track down those on board. Shortly

afterwards, a member of the public reported sighting a vessel upside-down on the harbour bar, with three people in the water.

Coastguard Raglan responded together with the local Surf Lifesaving Club who retrieved the third person, while the other two were taken to shore by jet ski. All were in good spirits, just feeling dehydrated. Key to this good outcome was that all were wearing lifejackets, and they had logged a bar crossing report so that Coastguard had their backs if something didn't quite go to plan.

If you're still holding onto that summer feeling and spending time on the water before we hit the colder months, be sure to tell Coastguard your plans via a Trip Report. Take and wear your lifejackets, and always carry two forms of waterproof communications on your person, to ensure you and your crew can make the best of boating weather.

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NZSFC NATIONALS

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Nationals have been and gone. The NZSFC Nationals is one of the largest fishing competitions in Australasia, where NZSFC-member clubs and their members compete for trophies and ultimate bragging rights. Entries this year covered 36 clubs, making 403 teams and a total of 1385 anglers.

A new team trophy was on offer for teams dedicated to fishing as many species as possible, sponsored by CD Rods. Expectations were high leading up to the tournament, with a number of great marlin and tuna catches being recorded, including a pending women's New Zealand record 370.5kg marlin caught by Brooke Shanely out of the Whangamata Ocean Sports Club. The weather played its part and

provided a range of fishing conditions. From a blissful 5 knot variable to nagging easterlies and cooling southerlies there were conditions to suit, or challenge, everyone.

Over the week, 1304 fish were recorded caught. Following an increasing trend was the number of game fish being recorded in the tagged section. Striped marlin was the most competitive section with 93 percent of fish caught, 273 out of 293, tagged. All hammerheads and bronze whalers were tagged, and 65 percent of blue/black marlin (15 out of 23). This highlights the increasing concern game fishers have regarding the state of the fishery and the commitment to seeing marine life return to a bounteous state for future generations.

NZSFC YOUTH NATIONALS - APRIL 15-30

One tournament finishes and another is about to start.

This year, NZSFC has introduced the inaugural Youth Nationals. The Youth Nationals is a tournament born out of a collaboration between the NZSFC Youth Committee and its Youth arm made up of NZSFC Youth members.

The tournament has been developed to celebrate youth fishing and acknowledge the difficulty juniors have getting time off from school during February, to fish the NZSFC Nationals.

The Youth Nationals will be held over two weeks of the April school holidays,



providing parents with the flexibility to plan fishing days to suit other family holiday activities. To further promote youth fishing, the Youth Nationals, unlike the Nationals, is open to all youth aged 17-years and younger.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 24, 2022, at the Club, with 11 Committee members present.

We were given a 10 minute address by Scott MacIndoe, lead of LegaSea, explaining the connection between the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, LegaSea and Kai Ika. This was mainly to provide new Executive members with the history of the relationship between our organisations and the importance of Kai Ika in supporting the less fortunate in South Auckland.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held January 27, 2022, as presented and circulated, be adopted. These were amended in regard to Item 10, General Business, Item 3 - Seabed Occupation Licence Renewal. Last line read "Committee approved to request David Hay to proceed with the renewal application." The words 'preparation of' are to be inserted prior to "the renewal application."

ALLEN/HUGHES CARRIED

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore's report had been circulated. The Commodore presented the Committee with an update of current projects including Hakumau Reserve, hardstand redevelopment and infrastructure upgrade, Marina refurbishment, Club Strategic Plan, Club Constitution review and Council consent renewals. A permanent committee is being formed to oversee the required Marina consent renewals for the Licence rollover in 2027/2028.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents or accidents to report.

Independent Consultant Keith Robinson reported to the Committee on his recent audit of the OBC. His audit scored us 51 percent, with room for improvement. Our main areas of concern were documentation and record keeping related. Keith also enlightened all Committee members about their obligations and liabilities, the main responsibility rests with General Manager Phil Davenport. It was recommended the OBC form a H&S Committee with monthly meetings for the next six months to improve our audit result.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The January 31, 2022, financials, covering seven months trading of the current financial year, for the OBC and the Whakatakataka Bay Marina have been circulated and are taken as read. Approval was moved and carried for both.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Phil Davenport's report was taken as read.

- A Club member's 6m Buccaneer on trailer was stolen on February 4. The offender (wearing hi viz) purported to be a contractor and was let in, in what turned out to be a rented double cab ute. He drove around and hooked up the Buccaneer. He then drove to the gate where another contractor let him out while waiting for his customer to arrive and be swiped in. The loss was not discovered for two days, at which point analysis of extensive CCTV footage showed the whole saga. Police were advised but the boat has not been recovered yet. We are reviewing our systems and controls.
- A new Health and Safety Committee has been formed.

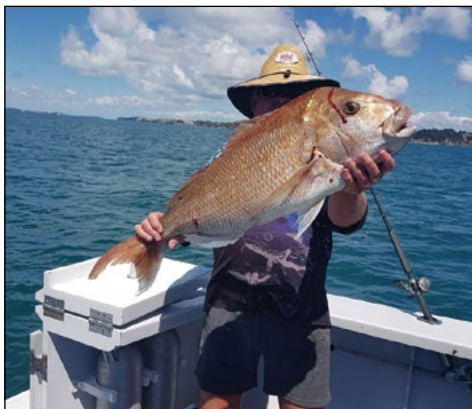
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BIG is GOOD

Club member Graham Dick was out on the water recently, getting a bit of fishing in before the Family Fishing Competition. He was understandably delighted to get a hook into this 74cm snapper, a great catch!

Fellow OBC member Kenneth Lim suggested that Graham could put a homing device on it and put it back in the water, so he could catch it again for the FFC! Unfortunately, despite Graham's best efforts to release the fish (without said device, of course) it wasn't destined to survive.

Have you caught a good-size fish lately? Then you might want to take a gander at the advertisement below. The OBC and Seaboss Boats 2021-2022 Longest Snapper Competition runs through to May 31, 2022. There is some good coin up



Graham Dick recently hooked up on this 74cm snapper.

for grabs for the longest snapper, as well as a random draw taken from all entries. Next time you hook up on a big snapper, get a photo of the fish on an official measure, and head to <https://obc.fishingcomp.co.nz/enter-catch> to upload your photo and enter the competition.

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- We have engaged an Industrial Sweeper to sweep the site.
- The new A pier on the eastern ramps has been slightly delayed with Covid.
- ARHT boat to arrive at OBC in next couple of weeks. We are providing free storage.
- Phil Davenport meeting with Harbour-master re yellow buoy and proximity of eastern reef before bridge.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property: Bill McGarry advised that the Property Committee was again waiting for some substantial rainfall to complete water testing.

Marketing and Promotions: This was circulated and taken as read. Hardstand auction raised \$7700 for the ARHT. Family Fishing Comp proceeding but on-line only. New members nights continue to be well attended. Plenty of events scheduled but will be Covid dependent.

MEMBERSHIP

New members: 16 Resignations: 30
Total net: 1898

MARINA TRANSFERS

B13, 10.5m, Burcher to O'Sullivan
D29, 12.0m, G&A Ryan Family Trust to Haddon
F25, 12.0m, Steward to Hinton

HARDSTAND MOVEMENTS

Waitlist: 205 members
New grass hardstand spaces filled: 0
Hardstand occupiers transferred from grass to tarseal: 0
Jetski spaces: 0

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Commodore circulated the 2012 Strategic Plan for background information.
- The Secretary raised the issue of

potential changes in the governance structure of the Hauraki Gulf Forum. There has been discussion that it may move to a co-governance model with Iwi representatives replacing elected Council Ward members. Continue to review.

MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of MMC meeting held February 9, 2022, were tabled.

Meeting concluded 9.15pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY APRIL 28

OBC members are welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings and may address the Committee on any one specific topic from 7.15pm. Outside of this time, members may be present as observers and cannot speak to any subjects raised.

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PWC on Steroids

Text by Barry Thompson

The Saxdor 200 Pro Sport has been described as a personal watercraft that combines a jet ski's convenience and ease of use with the safety and comfort of a compact boat.

This is far from a traditional kiwi style runabout, and that's what makes the Saxdor 200 so interesting. Designed in Finland and built in Poland, the Saxdor 200 Pro Sport I reviewed on the beautiful waters of Lake Rotoiti was amongst the first shipment to land in the country through distributor Sports Marine. According to Scott Williamson, GM of Sports Marine, the interest in the Saxdor has been exceptionally high and sales encouraging. More Saxdor boats are on the way here throughout this year, including a larger 320 model.

The Saxdor delivers a fun day boat, family cruiser, and fishing platform in a very stylish and eye-catching package. There is something about the style that makes people take a second look. The Saxdor 200 comprises two models, the Sport and the boat we reviewed, the Pro Sport. The difference between the two is based on the engine packages and a few extras. While the 200 Sport is only available with either a Mercury 100 or 115 ProXS engine, the 200 Pro Sport comes with

three options - a Mercury 150 ProXS, 175 V6 ProXS or 175 V6 DTS. The Pro Sport also has trim tabs and a sports steering wheel.

There are multiple seating configurations, roof styles, hull and upholstery colours. You can choose from four roof styles; Open boat, Targa arch, Foldable soft-top or Hardtop. The 200 has four vibrant colour options with matching upholstery.

While our boat had a traditional four-seater arrangement with two forward bucket seats with bolsters and a rear bench seat, there is an optional triple jockey seat. For the style of boating we do in New Zealand, I would certainly go with the four-seater package. The jockey console, which is quite popular in small RIBS, does give you excellent stability and security when blasting along in rougher water, and more deck space, but it's not so family-friendly.

I liked the hinged backrest on the rear sofa seat, which means you can be aft-facing when towing water toys. A rear ski arch comes complete with a ski hook.

The Saxdor 200 is based on a twin-stepped hull with a slender beam and a deep deadrise angle of 22.5 degrees. The distinctive wave-piercing bow is characterised by a vertical stem and a relatively long and narrow entry. The forefoot is deep and

the freeboard relatively high, with little flare, so that the bow profile resembles an axe.

The soft-riding and exceptionally grippy hull is matched with the selection of single Mercury outboard engines, from 100hp (top speed 34 knots) to the super grunty performance-based 175 ProXS giving 45 knots at 5800 rpm.

The entire raised foredeck is one large lid, which, when lifted, reveals not only a massive storage area but also an accommodation space. An optional clear deck hatch is available, letting more light into the area if used for overnighting. With the lid down, the large deck section in front of the console makes a spacious sunbed and is configured with a sunshade. It's also a perfect casting deck for soft baiting.

The windscreen is height adjustable and, even when at its lowest position, still does a great job of keeping the wind off your face. Not so sure the locking screws that hold it in place would last too long in rough seas, but something that could be easily altered.

Talking of alterations, kiwis like their anchor lockers, and while the Saxdor 200 doesn't have one, it is again a simple retrofit with the addition of a small deck hatch.

The boat has been decked out in U-Dek flooring, which provides a very classy finish. While the self-draining deck is open around either side of the engine, if you want more safety for the children or to stop your shoes and gear exiting overboard, you can also fit hard or soft net-style transom gates.

Storage is plentiful, from under the seats and the foredeck lid, to a couple of self-draining side bins in the aft coamings and a stor-



With a clip-on camper-style tent and the foredeck cushions, the area under the raised foredeck can be transformed into an occasional berth for overnighting.

age bag below the steering wheel. There is an optional watertight storage box in the console with a wireless Qi charger and USB. Fun to drive and more practical than any jet ski, the Saxdor 200 is the perfect next step for a funkier ride for PWC owners and sport boat enthusiasts. Whether it's for fishing, watersports, enjoying the water with friends and family or heading to the beach, there is a version for everyone.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	Saxdor 200 Pro Sport
Year launched:	2022
Type:	Centre Console
Construction:	GRP
LOA:	5.94m
Beam:	2.29m
Deadrise:	22.5 deg
Height on trailer:	1.925m
Trailerable weight:	1350 kg
Power as tested:	Mercury 175 Pro XS
Fuel capacity:	110 litres

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Meet fellow members over a relaxed cuppa at the clubhouse while catching up on the latest chat. The Club will provide the cuppa and nibbles, you bring the chat; first Wednesday of each month, from 10.00am.

TUESDAY APRIL 26

Kai Ika Talk with Dallas Abel

Not only will this talk introduce you to the very successful Kai Ika initiative, you'll also discover the social, financial and environmental benefits of fully utilising a whole fish. Dallas Abel, Project Co-ordinator for the Kai Ika Project, will discuss how both recreational and commercial fishers can improve their attitudes, expectations and behaviours, often long held. Come along and learn how you can reduce your impact on the marine environment through implementing maximum utilisation. Commences 6.30pm in the Clubhouse.

TUESDAY MAY 3

Flare Demo with Coastguard

There are some things you just can't do for 'practice', and setting off a distress flare is one of them! That is, unless you join Coastguard at the OBC for a flare demonstration. This is your chance to see what happens when a distress flare is set off, so be at the Club by 6.30pm, and you won't miss out. If you have any expired flares bring them along, too.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Noises/Revive our Gulf/Hauraki Gulf Forum discussion

Join members of the Neureuter family, The Noises Trust, and marine scientists; alongside representatives of the Mussel

Reef Restoration Trust and Hauraki Gulf Forum, as they discuss the state of the Hauraki Gulf and its environs. Sure to be both informative and interesting, plus you'll have an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. Doors open 7.00pm, presentation starts 7.30pm. More details to come.

NEW EVENTS!

Got an idea for a new Club event, or maybe you'd be keen to enjoy a repeat of something past? Let Jess know what events you would like to see coming up over the winter months. Email events@obc.co.nz, text (021)984 962, or pop into the office to speak to her.

ROAD CLOSURE

SUNDAY APRIL 10: Waterfront Half Marathon. : Tamaki Drive between Ngapipi Road and Mechanics Bay - east and west bound traffic will share the two landward-side lanes, 5.00am to 9.00am. TAKE CARE when entering/leaving OBC. Tamaki Drive from Ngapipi Road to Long Drive will be fully closed from 4.00am to 11.30am.

Dates and events are subject to COVID-19 Level conditions.

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3 HT*0854/2117 OBC KIDS FISHING COMPETITION 1100HRS DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm	4 HT*0937/2157	5 HT*1018/2236 Orakei Basin flushing in 11.18am 3.2m	6 HT*1058/2315 OBC MEMBERS MORNING TEA 1000HRS	7 HT*1139/2356	8 HT*1221	9 HT*0042/1306
10 HT*0134/1357	11 HT*0231/1453	12 HT*0329/1553 OBC MARINA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 1600HRS OBC NEW MEMBERS NIGHT 1800HRS	13 HT*0424/1651	14 HT*0514/1745 OUTBOARDER DEADLINE	15 HT*0602/1835 GOOD FRIDAY HAPPY EASTER	16 HT*0648/1922
17 HT*0735/2008 EASTER SUNDAY Orakei Basin flushing out 6.30pm	18 HT*0822/2054	19 HT*0910/2141 Orakei Basin flushing in 10.10am 3.4m	20 HT*0959/2230	21 HT*1050/2321	22 HT*1143	23 HT*0017/1239
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- DO YOU NEED A BOAT BUDDY?** I am an OBC member who is now boat less. If you'd like someone to join you on your boat who has done a day skippers course, maritime VHF radio operators course and is happy to share a picnic and petrol costs why not give me a call. I can go out during the week and/or weekends. Please phone Deb (021) 189 7773
- FISHING BUDDY.** I need someone to go fishing with me on Saturdays, to help manage boat and contribute towards fuel costs. Boat is 8.5m Marksply with 4-stroke outboard at OBC. Phone Chris (09) 627 9478 (evenings)
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Sprat Chat

LAUGH LINES

Q: What would you get if you crossed a rabbit with a shellfish?
A: An oyster bunny!



BUNNY BRAIN TEASER

The Easter bunny knows she has up to 20 eggs in her basket, but isn't sure exactly how many. She counted the eggs in groups of four and she had three left over. She counted the eggs in groups of five and she had four left over. How many eggs are in the Easter bunny's basket?

ANSWER: 19 (lots of 4 is 16, plus 3 is 19) (lots of 5 is 15, plus 4 is 19)

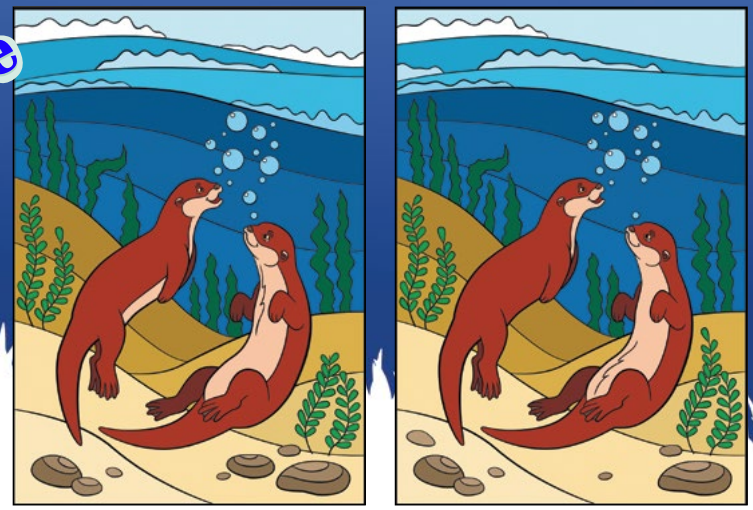


Red handfish



There is no shortage of strange and unusual critters living in the water that covers most of the Earth's surface. If you were to visit southern Australia or Tasmania you might get to shake hands with a red handfish. Of course, you'd have to look VERY carefully, as the red handfish is a rare and critically endangered species, so it won't be hanging out on the beach. In fact, it prefers to 'walk' along the sea floor using its unique fins that resemble hands. As well as having unusual fins, the handfish is covered in tooth-like scales called denticles. The red handfish grows to around 15cm long, and the species also includes the pink handfish, and the spotted handfish, which was the first Australian marine creature to be listed as endangered.

Spot the Difference



Visit the New Zealand Maritime Museum to explore the I am Island and Sea exhibition. Lightboxes glow, the Earth speaks, and the voices of Tāmaki Makaurau's young people guide you through this wondrous creation by artists, along with students from six Auckland schools. Explore the past, present and future of Tikapa Moana Hauraki Gulf and beyond, see the devastating effects of a kina barren, and be inspired to protect and improve the mauri and health of our region. I Am Island And Sea is suitable for all ages and visitors are encouraged to add their voice to the exhibition. On now until May 1, free entry with Museum admission.



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