

CLUBS NZ 2019 REVIEW

This year we had 7 clubs take part: ourselves, Kamo Club, Northland Club, Papakura Club, Ngunguru Sports & Recreation Society, Kaikohe & District Memorial R.S.A. and the South Taranaki Club. Of the 30 boats entered, Kamo had 11 teams, we had 7 teams and the contingency from Ngunguru was well up this year, with 6 teams, Northland Club had 3 teams and South Taranaki had the boat SpongeBob skippered by Scott Williams, and one team each for Kaikohe RSA and Papakura Clubs, with a total of 30 boats and 71 anglers. Our major sponsors this year were Kilwell Sports and Burnsco, with Clubs NZ and our club chipping in as well.

The weather was horrible; wet, windy and an uncomfortable sea, with many teams opting to either stay in the harbour or only venture out in the lee of the local islands under an easterly to north easterly wind and swell. Consequently, we had heaps of kahawai caught on both days, some snapper, kingfish and trevally, but no tuna or marlin even had a look in.

The heaviest kahawai was caught by Bill Durrant on Gold Card for Kamo Club, a good 2.8kg, and Keith Worboys of Papakura Club fishing from Dogbox managed to tag and release the only shark of the contest, a bronze whaler of 140kg. The heaviest snapper of the contest was caught on the 2nd day of fishing by Kelly Wech (Kamo Club) on Rough & Ready, a lovely fish of 7.18kg. Heaviest kingfish of the contest was caught on the 1st day by Paul Sullivan (Kamo Club) on Whatever, at 12.92kg, closely followed by a fish of 11.78kg for Daniel Needham on Blue Top, also for Kamo Club. The 3rd heaviest went to our own Marlin Candy on Senator, with a fish of 11.68kg. The heaviest trevally of 2.28kg was landed by Lance Perne on SpongeBob for South Taranaki Club.

As you can see from above, a lot of winning fish were caught by Kamo Club and they absolutely stormed home with a massive 970 points to win the national and northern trophies. Nationally, the SpongeBob crew for South Taranaki did really well, coming 2nd, amassing 230 points. Third was a very good effort by Ngunguru with 130 points, and last place went to us, with 50 points!!! Whangaroa – must do better next year.....