



Christmas 07 Newsletter!!!

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Howdy All!

We've got one week of charters left for the year and hopefully the trend of some great fishing out of Tairua continues. The kingi fishing continues to fire, there are loads of snapper out on the sand and the first yellowfin tuna have been caught this week (and even a reported marlin sighting!)

A huge thanks to everyone who has joined Epic Adventures over the last year for some great fishing action – it has been a big one!

We'll leave you with a few pics and stories from the last couple of months and hope to see you again in the New Year! Until then have an awesome Christmas!!

Christmas Kings!

Kelvin Wright and three of his work colleagues joined us from the deep south last weekend.

With good seas we headed out wide of the Aldies to our favourite kingi spot.

The guys got a good work over by LOTS of kingfish. The guys had a wee wager on the biggest fish for the day and Kelvin took out top honours with the two biggest fish, this nice one of 19kg, and another around the 15kg mark.



We released all the other kingis to fight another day, but I think I know what the guys will be throwing on the BBQ this Christmas!

Jigging Crazy!

The day before we had a jigging expert on board with us, Elijanto from Indonesia who spends lots of time jigging dogtooth tuna and yellowfin around different parts of Asia. During his family holiday in New Zealand he had one thing he wanted to do of course.....catch a NZ kingi!

Despite some lumpy seas we got out wide and started off with some rat kingis around the 76 cm mark, before the got bigger, bigger until he had the fish he was after, a 15kg NZ kingi, and then released another just on 19kg.



His friend from NZ, Dave De Roo even managed to tackle a 15kg monster himself, not a bad size for his first kingi!



Our GULP Gallery!!!

If there is one thing which has revolutionized our fishing over the last year it is GULP softbait.

In the last two months they have come into their own, with the snapper schooled up over the sand and hard to catch during the day using traditional methods, we've still been getting good results on GULP.

Here are a few examples:

Ben Robbins, from the USA caught this primo 15 pound snapper on a half day charter back in November. The fishing was hard on that day to say the least but mid morning in very close to shore his GULP Pogy got walloped by a 15 pound snapper.

Not a bad fish!!



Jack Harper and his wife Yvonne joined us from Byron Bay for the second time this year, for a bit of fishing, relaxation and plenty of seafood! Jack is a bit of a softbait fan, and accounted for some nice snapper in a week when the Lime Tigers were the hot pattern!

Jack and I came across the biggest school of kahawai I've ever seen that week, out on the Dogger Bank. The kahawai were all up on the surface feeding on krill and the noise as we drifted through them was deafening, especially when the makos race through the schools! We had a ball on our softbait rigs catching one fish after the other,



Another hard fishing day turned out to be red hot when we had John and Paul Ashley out with us mid October. The wind started piping late in the morning so we headed around the back of Slipper and found gannets dive bombing bait in 3-5m of water at the back of Manaia reef.

We drifted the fringe of the reef in crystal clear water and had snapper chasing softbaits right to the boat. We got a steady line of fish in the 4-6 pound mark until things died off a bit.

We decided to anchor up and have a big burley up which produced nothing until Paul decided to flick a softbait back out the back and WHAM! A huge fish took the Nuclear Chicken Pogy and nearly spooled him on the first run.

We pulled the anchor up and backed down on the fish, dodging bommies along the way. The fish had run through plenty of kelp and reef but the VANISH trace held tough and soon enough we had a 15 pound snapper boatside, and as the photo tells one very happy angler!!



Have a Great Christmas

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we hope to see you back in Tairua again soon!!

All the best!

Carl, Belinda, Bella and Oscar