

EPIC ADVENTURES – JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER!!

Hi Everyone! Time has flown by since our last newsletter in March! We've had so much good fishing in that time we can only really touch the surface in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has journeyed to Tairua recently, we've had a ball seeing you getting your arms pulled off by big fish and there has been plenty of them!! Here is a taste of what's been going on recently!

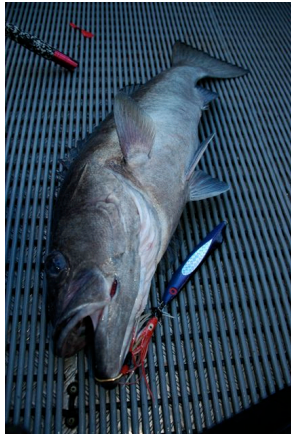
Epic Puka Action!

We've had the honour recently of testing out the first batch of Action jigs from Action Imports recently.

These jigs are unlike any previously available on the market in New Zealand so it was an unknown quantity as to whether they would work.



Well, not only did they work very well on the kingis, they seem to be just the ticket on the puka! The first outing was with Boulder when he brought down a group from Auckland and first drop with the new BumbleBee jig saw a nice sized puka hit the surface.



The next outing straight after the Auckland Boat Show and Scott had given us a 290 gm Inchiku Jig to try out. As soon as it hit the bottom it was devoured by a BIG puka.

There are plenty more of these tasty creatures turning up at the moment, and the next three months are prime time to go hunting for them. Make sure you nab a few of these jigs from YeeHaa fishing tackle before your next trip.

Epic Snapper Action!

The last few months have seen some awesome snapper action in the deep around the Alderman Islands. Softbaits have probably been the most consistent way to catch them, and the best session - one that will stick in my head for a long time - we were releasing quadruple hook ups of big snapper every drift, the guys really kept the skipper on his toes!





Kim Lock Pang from Singapore was the lucky one on board - we had really only started fishing for snapper after Kim and his mates had well and truly been tested by the kingis and their arms were too sore - well over 150 kingis on jigs on their trip up to 27kg's, more on that later...back on topic. We had two days with them where the snapper just went

off their 'nana, hitting mainly 7" GULP baits like Watermelons and Neon Peppers. We kept the odd snapper for the guys dinner each night and released a nice line of fish back into the depths.

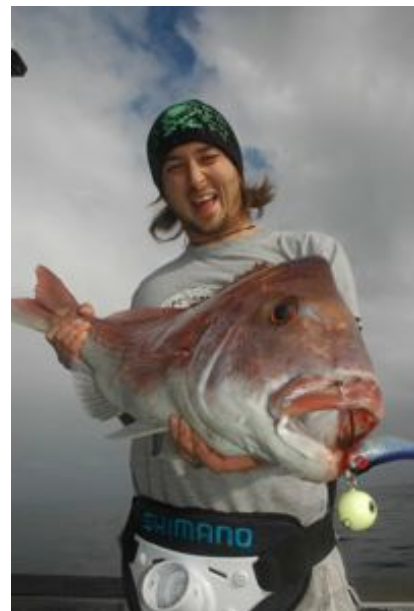
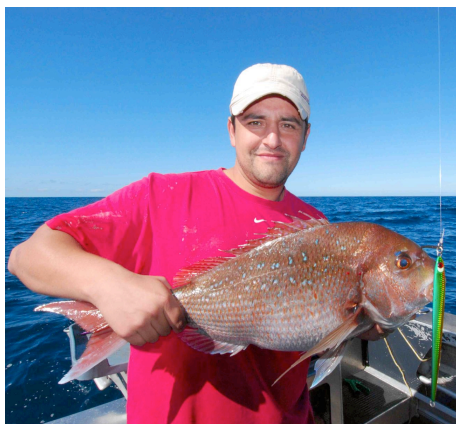
Ken Newman got a nice line of snapper in the 5-7kg mark too recently when he joined eight other guys from Sydney Angler for an epic week long trip with us.

The snapper opposite was taken on one final stop before we were about to cross the bar, the guys were blown away with the quality of snapper we can catch so close to home. The softbait - a 5" Lime Tiger of course, cast and worked perfectly in 4m of water! The snapper put up an awesome fight in the shallows.



Primarily though most of our action recently has been in 60-80m of water are fishing these depths are certainly different to casting around the shallows and we've been experimenting with a range of different style jig head set ups, the 4oz Cyclops head with worm hook certainly seems to be the best of the bunch when it comes to fishing the deeper stuff.

Out in the deep the jigs have been turned up heaps of snapper too, like the one pictured below to Mario Garrido on a pearler day recently where we knocked over stacks of kingis and snapper before shooting to the Mercs for the last scallops of the season.



Epic Kingfish Action in the Shallows!

We had three weeks of awesome kingi action at the end of May, with kingis feasting up large on jack mackerel in close before their journey out into the deep.



One afternoon that will stick in my mind for a while is when my Dad came out on a quick afternoon trip, I'd been promising to get him out for ages but it has been a busy year! We'd already had three days prior when everyone on the boat got onto kingis, and with 35 knots forecast and 2 metres on the bar, this was only going to be a quick one to check the fish were still around and I gave Glenn Van Hellemond a call to see if he was keen to brave the conditions for the afternoon. We stocked the livie tank quickly, then drifted livies under sinkers back through the bait ball. The livies were rigged with our standard rig - 2 metres of 80lb fluro (Black Magic this time), 10/0 recurve hook through the back. First drift..nothing. Second drift...nothing. They were quick 2 minute drifts, the wind was blowing 35 knots offshore! Third drift. Both rods (Jig Wrex 100's) nodded then buckled over on big fish. The Tyrnos 10's howled as both fish stripped of 80m of line in opposite directions!!!! It was always going to be a mission landed a double hook up like this of 20kg fish in 8m of water but the fellas did well. We drove down on Glenns fish while Dads spool quickly emptied at a rate of knots and the spool started showing, landed Glenns then got the second fish - awesome! Back home within the hour!

Epic Kingfish Action out Deep!

April started with an absolute blinder. As I mentioned earlier, Kim Lock Pang came over from Singapore and him and his mates got stuck into one of the best kingi bites we've had. There was carnage as rods were broken, braid snapped, jigs lost and plenty of sore arms. We released well over 150 kingis to 27kg over three days. Above is Kim with a nice fish and one of the hot jigs during that time.



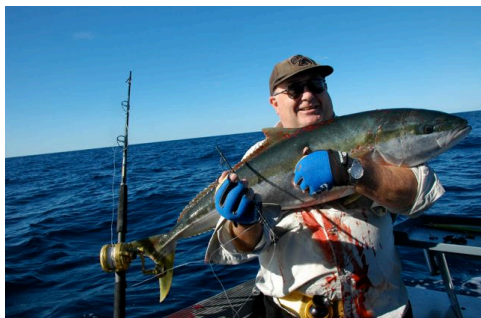
The kingis continued to bite well during April and May. Brett Edmonds got into some crackers during his time with us, including this nice fish pictured opposite.



That trip turned up one of the fattest kingis I have seen for its size. We were all blown away when this came boatside, it wasn't the longest fish in the world but it had the proportions of a yellowfin, so we dubbed it a 'KINGFIN' a fish that would normally be 15kg for its length was easily a barrel of a 25kingfish . It was sitting very deep outside the reef on the mud (hovering bait without cruising much no doubt) and took an orange 250gm KV jig. Pictured below is Chris Sheehan of Warkworth with the rare Aldermen Island kingfin!



There were plenty more amazing sessions at the Aldies, here's a few more photos:



Paul Justin snapper his brand new T Curve half way through the fight but managed to carry on and land this kingi!

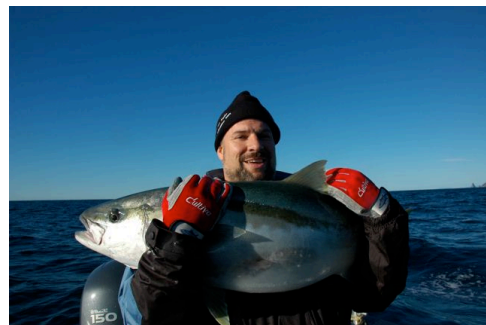
Our new JigStar 300 loaded on a nice fish. This has proved to be an awesome rod, knocking over big fish quickly and easy on the body.



James with a nice kingi and his pride and joy – Daiwa Expedition and Fishermen rod – the ultimate set up!



One of the first fish of the Sydney Angler trip for Iain Russell. A fat 20kg fish.



Greg Stevenson, another Sydney Angler tour member with a primo kingi. Just don't bring American Honey bourbon over next time Greg...please!

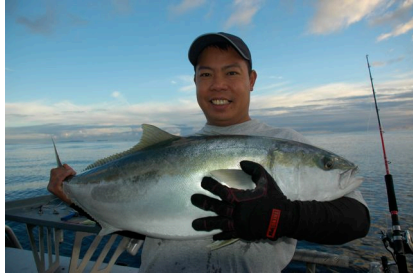


Darryl Smedley with an Aldies fatty caught on the same Sydney Angler trip. We got on to some solid kings despite the weather conspiring against us.



And Lee, Scott, and Tim with more kings from the same trip. Will never forget seeing Scotts Hots rod folding away down the side of the boat!
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The KingieSlayer', Mont with a nice fish on Queens Birthday, Jigging Master PowerSpell400 and OJ4000, awesome conditions!!!

Tim Brown holding on tight, loaded up on our Smiths AMJ 400 and Stella 20000FA.



The kings are still out there and biting hard, the best bite of the year has been over the last week – June, July and August are always hot months for fishing - just check out a few photos from our last trip over the weekend organized by Garry Gorham for himself and three mates from Auckland Hospital.



!!!!!!!Epic Adventure to Vanuatu!!!!!!!

From 25 July to 1 August we are off to Vanuatu for the 3rd installment of our **Epic Adventure to Vanuatu**. These trips are just awesome, five days of fishing – game fishing for Blue Marlin, fishing popper for GT's, jigging for doggies, not to mention big yellowfin, mahimahi, wahoo and more. Everything is taken care of, fishing gear, meals, accommodation, 5 days of fishing, and flights.



WE HAVE TWO SPOTS LEFT, THEY WILL FILL THIS WEEK SO IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE ACTION AND ESCAPE WINTER - GET IN TOUCH NOW!!!

Epic Outlook!

There is plenty to look forward to over the next few months. Here's a few things I'm personally looking forward to:

-Trying some of the new Zest Curved Slider in 400gm and Zest Hardy in 400gm, we got recently from YeeHaa fishing tackle in Auckland. A bigger version of some of the most effective jigs out there, they are going to get hammered by the big fish!!

-Seeing the look on the faces of more Aussies as they hook up on their first NZ kingi!

-30 degrees in Vanuatu late July, a few Tusker beers and getting smoked by some Dogtooth tuna!

-Catching up with more of the people we met at the Boat Show.

-More puka turning up around the Aldermen Islands and the odd puka wing and belly fried up after a nice winters day on the water .

-Having a few beers, enjoying the sounds and scallops at the Whitianga Scallop Festival this year without any stress of being involved with it for a change!!

-Snapper turning up in numbers in the shallows now the water has cooled down. Backing down on 20 pound snapper like marlin as they peel line off softbait reels trying to smoke anglers in the shallows!!!

-And not long before summer turns up and we can get the game gear out again!

It's all good! Thanks again everyone for making 2009 a blinder so far and see you soon in Tairua!!!!

Cheers!
Carl

