



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

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### **IT'S SNAPPER TIME!**

As the water has cooled down the snapper have moved in close to the coastline, generally packed in close from 15m to 5m of water. They have been pretty cagey on cut baits, apart from first thing in the morning and some real hot bites around dusk.

Fishing softbaits has been the most productive way to catch snapper, and we've had some great days with just light breezes giving us a perfect slow drift to chuck a few softbaits around.

Phil Hayward joined us with a few others for a trip on the Monday of Queens Birthday weekend.

After putting the rest of his crew on to some good fish on baits first thing, we decided to move to fishing softbaits as the sun came up and the fishing slowed. Phil thought he would give these new fangled softbait rigs of ours a cast. First cast and retrieve, nothing. A bit more of a rattle on his next retrieve and sure enough Phil was now a softbait expert, the bait got walloped and after an awesome fight on these light softbait rods, a 14 pound snapper made its way to the boat!



This fish wasn't a one off, the softbaits are consistently producing bigger snapper, often fishing water where we have tried really hard with baits for nothing, the softbaits will turn up good sized fish.

It is amazing how often the first cast will get nailed. Alan Quek joined us for a fish a few weeks back and I chucked a softbait out as a quick demo, the bait had

only just hit the water and I think my words were 'quite often it will get hit while sinking, if it does lift the rod like this...' sure enough the weight came on, the rod was handed over and a solid snapper brought in. The guys went on to get a good line of nice sized snapper.



The Chief Financial Officer of Epic Adventures (the one that makes those wicked chocolate brownies ) even managed to venture out on the water on her birthday and catch a nice line of snapper, fishing softbaits for the very first time (outfishing me of course...)!



Last newsletter we featured a great kingi Scott Fergusson caught fishing with us on his honeymoon. Make sure you grab a copy of the latest Fishing Coast to Coast magazine for the full story and some more info on fishing softbaits for kingis.



### **TAKING THE BOSS FISHING!**

The last couple of newsletters we've featured some good kingis out on the Aldermen pins and they are still around. Carl Edwards was rewarded for bringing the boss out fishing with a nice 16kg kingfish at the end of the trip. Paul the boss was had-it after two hours of non stop kingi action so Carl filled in on our last drop and hooked this primo kingi. If you think a day

out fishing is good way to thank anyone or maybe earn yourself some brownie points grab them a fishing voucher from [www.browniepoints.co.nz](http://www.browniepoints.co.nz) !!!

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## **THE ANZAC SPIRIT!**

We were delighted to have Jack and Yvonne Harper from Byron Bay in Australia stay with us for a week in Tairua, and enjoy a great time of year on the Coromandel.

Our first two days fishing were a bit on the tough side, we managed to get a good feed each day but the big fella's eluded us. We managed to hook two solid kingi's jigging but lost them both.

On ANZAC day we decided to go for a different approach and stuck in very close to shore, on what was a superb autumn day, completely still and loads of action in our burley trail. We were having a ball, with trevally, kahawai and snapper left right and centre, and then a kawawai took of on the 6kg rod getting chased on the surface by a kingi. We saved it from getting snaffled, and had it on under a balloon quickly, for it to be inhaled seconds later. You beaut!!! We had our kingi!

To top the day off we ventured around the back of Slipper Island and a dip on the tide earnt us a few crayfish for Jack and Yvonne to BBQ on their last couple of nights in Tairua.



## **CATCH YOU SOON!**

Hope all is good with everyone! Next issue we will have some exciting news on the boat front..... Stay tuned.

Catch you in Tairua soon!

All the best  
Carl, Belinda, Oscar and Bella  
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