

GREAT BARRIER 2016 ONE BASE TOURNAMENT REPORT



**FRIDAY 29th to
SUNDAY 31st
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was a consistent comment at the WGFC 2016 One Base - stunning weather and unprecedented numbers of gamefish. Combine that with a massive prize pool and a bunch of great people and BOOM, that's a One Base we'll remember for a long time!

The weeks leading into the comp were ideal, consistent northerly and easterly breezes. Loads of hook ups not far off Barrier and the Mokes, and plenty of skippies (until the seiners hoovered them up the week before).

112 anglers on 30 boats tagged and released 22 marlin and 9 marlin were weighed. No one can remember a 'Barrier tournament cracking double marlin digits, let alone over 30! The 60% T&R rate is to be commended. There was also a spearfish, yellow-fin tuna, and some sharks sporting new jewellery (tags).

Day One was Friday 29th and it dawned like it does in those adverts for tropical holidays. Plenty of teams got cracking early and were rewarded with some early hook ups, but there was a definite bite time around 11am when Jade on Game Keeper skippered by Steve Parkes tagged a stripie while fishing down from Tutukaka.

This year we had 31 more anglers and 6 more boats than the previous year. Many hit the 155, at different times of the day you'd swear there was a regatta of some sorts on! Free jumpers and marlin just cruising on the surface were frequent sights, the marlin seemingly unfazed by the boat traffic.

Friday was the stay away night and some boats put up with a slight wobble at the top of 'Barrier. The few that overnighted at the Mokes got less sleep, but it was way better than what we're used to in this event. Saturday dawned like the day before. Yup, a pinch confirmed we're not dreaming! Another day in paradise chasing gamefish. Again there

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Another great pic from the Mabeys, the precise moment the fish spat the lure, go the Lumo!



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L to R: Bloodshot, First Affair, Lady Jade



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was a distinct bite time and the radio ran hot with hookups around 11am—1230 pm. There's a buzz at the weighstation because there's some good fish coming in. Tag cards and weigh sheets were pouring in. The gantry was ably run by Clive, thanks mate. Changing our Saturday night gathering from Smokehouse Bay to The Landing happened because there was just so many fish to weigh in.

Our first 6 potential travelers were drawn and they received our traditional numbered paper plate. A bit of partying was in order for crews that only catch up at this event. It's not just about the fishing. Antics included swimming to random boats and diving off in the shape of a starfish, rowing in circles, and tagging large bronze whaler sharks in the harbour. And that was just ONE person! Legend.

Sunday was a slow start for some. There were patches of pretty intense rain, depending on where you were, and then back to sunshine by early afternoon. Time for rafting up and some drinks before walking up the hill to the Fitzroy Boating Club that we'd hired for the event.

Clint and his team cranked out a good supply of excellent gourmet pizzas. Some of the boys now know what a jalapeño is! All good, chocolate brownie and icecream to finish on.

Prizegiving is always a bit frantic at the organisers end of things. But it's also a truly humbling experience—the level of support from our sponsors is outstanding. Yes we try to promote them best we can, but everyone needs to remember the sponsors generosity comes off the respective sponsors bottom line. We're talking cash, product, and services that they could bestow on themselves or anyone else. So please make a point of telling them what a great time you had and how impressive the prize pool is.

We have always had good feedback on the 'boat pack' concept and will continue to make sure everyone takes something home (besides happy but foggy memories!). Hunting & Fishing Warkworth and Gubbs Motors made this years boat packs happen.

Catch placings are listed later in the report. Cash and sponsored goodies were flowing big time, thanks Cam and Tom for dishing them out.

Another 6 potential travelers were drawn and from the dozen there was going to be 3 very happy people. First travel prize was \$3500 to escape where ever you liked, thanks to Southeys Group, Mason Containers, Keith Andrews Trucks, and World Travellers Warkworth.

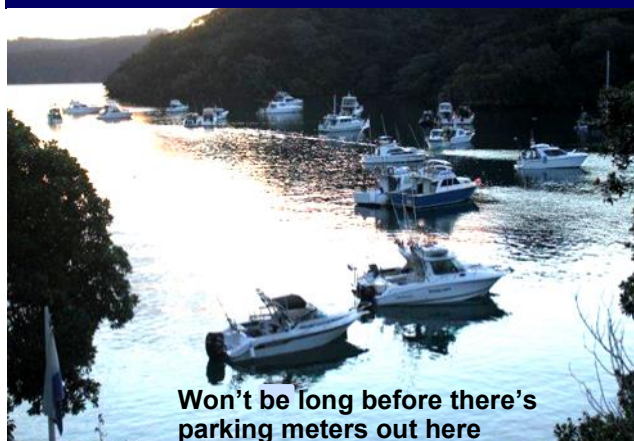
The second prize was a luxury weekend driving a brand new VW vehicle and accommodation at a mystery location, thanks to Tristram European.

Third prize was a weekend at The Shearers Quarters holiday accommodation on Gt Barrier, thanks to the

Mabey clan. It just isn't a travel draw without Snow being a contender, must be the Wech luck. page 2 of 10
The 'reduction' draw got



Friday 103.5kg stripie for Dave Morrison (Davco Eletrical) on First Affair



Won't be long before there's parking meters out here

underway and soon there were just 3 people with numbered paper plates left standing. Steve Parkes of Matakana Contractors, one of our major sponsors, picked up the weekend with the Mabeys at Gt Barrier.

In another twist of sponsor fate Keith Andrews of Keith Andrews Trucks won the Tristram European luxury weekend.

The \$3500 travel went to Michael (Smiley) Matheson, which is pretty cool because his dad Bun has fished this comp for years with Logan & Brodie Campbell but wasn't quite up to it this year. Maybe Bun and son -of-Bun can go somewhere warm this winter!

Our draw from all the sponsors for a \$150 meal and drinks at the Rusty Pelican/Tui in Matakana went to Steve Parkes. He should probably buy a Lotto ticket this week.

The Earlybird angler draw for \$300 was won by a happy angler, but no one can remember who it was! Our raffle for Gt Barrier Radio was well supported again and we were happy to present \$530 to Emmy. Subscriptions are the lifeblood of this essential service, get the form off our website (downloads on 'Links' page) and keep Emmy and her team on air. Prizes in the draw were sponsored by Matakana ITM, Matakana Contractors, and Hunting&Fishing Ww. It was a pretty happy Trevor Bolstad with first pick, he vaulted over the deck and bounced onto the stage like an 18 year old. Congratulations on your retirement mate.

The Calcutta couldn't be awarded on the night because there were loads of internet entries and we couldn't check them. In fact it was hard to even get a cell phone to work. Just another example for 'Barrier residents of costs going up and services reducing. The following results were collated for the prizegiving, but 'outside' these results there's loads of other fish and adventures that have been experienced, some of the photos in this report will give you a taste of them.

SNAPPER: There's not too many of our One Bases where 20lb isn't cracked, but this year most people were too busy fending hungry marlin off. Simon Ryburn (Swansong) 4.95kg, Tony Fraser (Unreel Obsession) 4.85kg, Gary Bishop (BreakFree) 4.8kg. No kingfish this year.

SHARKS, T&R only: Tony Fraser (Unreel Obsession), Ian Trotter (Lady Jade), and Nick Dobbryn (Armani). Nick didn't have to go far for his sharks, he was swimming with them all afternoon and probably had individual names for them too.

MAHIMAHI: Bevan Jones (Zinfandel) 9.8kg, Bevan Wech (Nicarla) 7.8kg

YELLOWFIN TUNA: Phil Shaw (Oversea'er) 28kg, a great way for Allan Silick to christen the boat. Cam Rathe (Lady Jade) 24kg.



Thanks Steve

FIRST MARLIN CAPTURED:
Steve Parkes (Game Keeper) One Base T&R Trophy

BILLFISH DIVISION (points):
Violator (Logan and Brodie Campbell) 509 points and the One Base Trophy, Bloodshot 314 points, and Lady Jade 300 points.

HEAVIEST WEIGHED MARLIN: Mark Colville on Assassin, 132kg stripie. Mark flew half way around the world to fish this comp, so a chunk of this prize money (and the \$650 Calcutta) will get him part of the way home again!

Well done all anglers for surviving the event and congratulations if you caught one of these very cool fish. Special congratulations to those popping their marlin cherry, and a warm welcome to our Club for all those joining up for this event. We are proudly affiliated to the NZ Sportfishing Council and you'll see why as you continue to fish with us.

We have ideas and enthusiasm to fix niggles and will continue to build on the overwhelming success of this event as a chilled but highly competent and rewarding event. Our organising team are solid. The relationship with our sponsors is cherished. You know how good it was. Thank you. Have a great season and SEE YOU AT OUR ONE BASE NEXT YEAR.

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Steady skipper, I almost spilt my gin!



Steve Taylor, Keith, and Buck on Estasi



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Nick Dobbyn puts some pressure on one of his pet Fitzroy bronxies



Skipper Roddy Jones of Swansong and Trevor Bolstad weighing the 92.5kg stripie they caught. Couldn't have happened to nicer guys!



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Seldom off the pace, Femme Fatale skippered by Kim Pickard weighs a 109.5kg stripie to Richard Nawisielski. You can call him Skidogg. Good to see yous again.



The boys from Lady Jade: Sam Jukes, Cam Rathe, Andrew Hamilton (trying to avoid the camera), Grant Hamilton (good T shirt mate), and Ian Trotter.

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Trevor Bogue 0274980836
Ken Bogue 0274997252



The Fitzroy Boating Club starting to fill up for prize giving

The amazing Mabey family! A 95kg stripie for Isabel and loads of hook ups on Rookie



Yellowfin, yum! First place to Phil Shaw on Oversea'er

Jade Rayner, T&R trophy on Game Keeper



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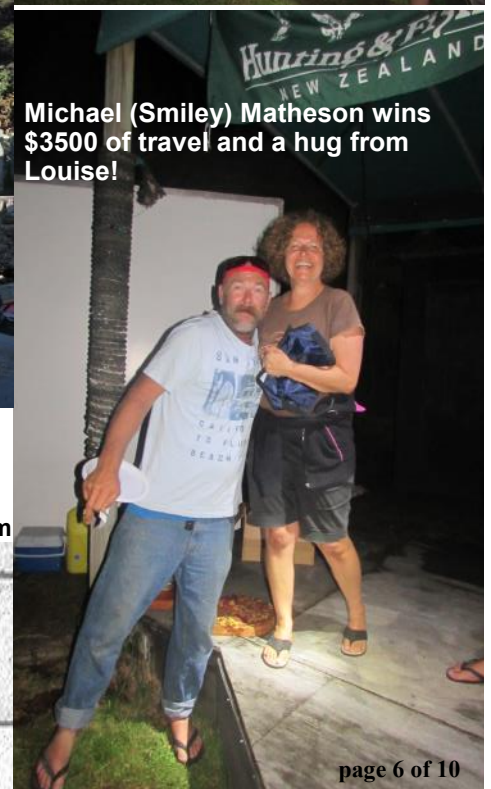


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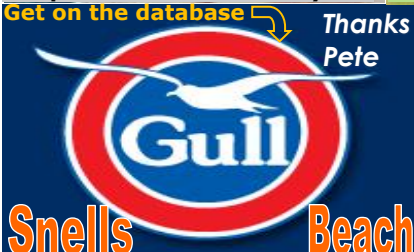
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Andre Woelfel on Zinfandel with a 70kg stripie—sometimes a fish isn't looking good for release so let's smoke 'em



Michael (Smiley) Matheson wins \$3500 of travel and a hug from Louise!



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Another great shot from the Mabey camera,
and the Lumo lure gets another bite



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The team from Bloodshot (Clevedon GFC), skipper Kerry on left. Check out the Fitzroy One Base 24—27 Feb 2016 at www.clevedongfc.com



The final 3 in the travel draws—Michael (Smiley) Matheson, Steve Parkes, and Keith Andrews



Thank you to 'Barrier Rate-Payers Assoc for letting us hire the Boating Club, hope you can find a leasee



Every year we draw the raffles in the dark!



El Camino T&R 2 marlin and kept 1



These Campbells are SO photogenic! Well done lads

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Jimi Plumptre	striped marlin	est	88	X-Calibre
Sam Jukes	striped marlin	est	95	Lady Jade
Ian Trotter	striped marlin	est	95	Lady Jade
Brodie Campbell	striped marlin		109.5	Violator
Brodie Campbell	striped marlin	est	90	Violator
Brodie Campbell	striped marlin	est	70	Violator
Jade Rayner	striped marlin	est	90	Game Keeper
Brendan Woolley	striped marlin	est	50	El Camino
Murray Hill	striped marlin	est	75	El Camino
Bevan Wech	mahimahi		7.8	Nicarla
Richard Nawisielski	striped marlin		109.5	Femme Fatale
Jason Kelly	striped marlin		110	Luna-sea
Robert Wright	SB spearfish		14	Bloodshot
Adrian Sutton	striped marlin	est	90	Assassin
Jade Rayner	striped marlin	est	80	Game Keeper
Trevor Bolstad	striped marlin		92.5	Swansong
Mark Colville	striped marlin		132.5	Assassin
Peter Gregory	striped marlin	est	85	Bloodshot
William Elliot	striped marlin	est	95	First Affair
Morgan Fry	striped marlin	est	85	Bloodshot
Bevan Jones	mahimahi		9.8	Zinfandel
Tony Fraser	mako shark	est	110	Unreel Obsession
Mark Postlewaite	striped marlin	est	85	Armani
Nick Dobbyn	bronze whaler	est	50	Armani
Dave Morrison	striped marlin		103.5	First Affair
Grant Hamilton	striped marlin	est	100	Lady Jade
Ian Trotter	mako shark	est	35	Lady Jade
Cam Rathe	YF tuna		24	Lady Jade
Chris Judson	striped marlin	est	85	Oversea'er
Phil Shaw	YF tuna		28	Oversea'er
Isabel Mabey	striped marlin		95	Rookie
Brodie Campbell	striped marlin	est	90	Violator
Murray Hill	striped marlin		87	El Camino
Andre Woelfel	striped marlin		79	Zinfandel

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All the clever spreadsheet stuff and the admin
behind entries and memberships and loads of
other stuff is due to our capable Secretary Louise
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2nd place YF tuna at 24kg goes
to Cam Rathe on Lady Jade

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