

GREAT BARRIER ONE BASE

2018 TOURNAMENT REPORT



**FRIDAY 26th to SUNDAY 28th JANUARY
(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)**

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41 boats (same number as last year) and 143 anglers (up 4 on last year) fished this years One Base at Great Barrier.

Every year the fishing and the weather are different. Every year the good times and tournament support are spectacular!

Okay so this year one billfish cleaned up, but many of us had our chances—a bit of pulled string here and there, some short tussles with beakies, even an hour long surely-this-in-the-boot struggle that ended in tears for a small boat team. For whatever reason they just weren't sticking.

The consolations for this phenomena were some good mahimahi and shortbill spearfish captures, and a stellar weather day on the first day of fishing.

The first and only marlin for the tournament came on Friday from up north on Outsider with a blue marlin that weighed 157.6kg. Dan Mills picked up the Presidents Challenge (trophy and rum), Heaviest blue or black prize (big cash!), and the Billfish Points Trophy—and MORE cash!

The mahimahi and shortbilled spearfish were fairly numerous and widely spread. Cash and sponsored



Dan Mills (L) and skipper Mike Mills from Outsider with the One Base Trophy

**WGFC 10kg comp
2nd & 3rd June 2018
WGFC Ladies comp
10th November 2018**

Dan's 157.6kg blue marlin on 37kg line setting the bar on the first day, and hanging on 'til the end of the comp.

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product prizes added to the successful anglers experience of capturing these tasty tropical treats. The BIG prize is of course nothing to do with fishing skill. \$7000 of travel thanks to Mason Containers, Keith Andrews Trucks, Archibald & Shorter Land Rover, Southeys Group, and Warkworth World Travellers. We randomly draw 6 anglers at Saturdays get together, and another 6 on the final night. Then we eliminate them by draw until we're left with one very happy punter. The other 11 possibles went off stage with other prizes from our generous sponsors. 3rd to last off the stage was Aaron Stenbeck, and he won a Makita skilly from Matakana ITM. The runner-up was Ben Wyatt, all smiles for winning a luxury weekend and the use of a new Range Rover from Archibald & Shorter. The first prize, SEVEN grand worth of go-anywhere-you-like was won by Garth Oakwood on Outsider, giving them a clean sweep of the major prizes. A very very happy young man and crew.

In between announcing prize categories we ran the Great Marine Radio Inc raffle. This was well supported again this year (\$525) and the 3 draws of Makita tools from Matakana ITM were snapped up by winners before anyone could yell "reeeedraw". Emmy received the funds raised gratefully but it's our annual subs that really keep the channel alive so download the sub form at www.thebarrier.co.nz Back to the fishing: there was one qualifying tagged shark, a mako to Mark Colville on Armani. The short billed spearfish section went to 3 places this year. We massage the prize categories to get the goodies to fish actually caught, rather than random draws for uncaught categories. So with no striped marlin captured the other categories got fattened up. 3rd place SBS was Barry Plumpton on



A very happy Tom Hatfull with the EarlyBird 3.3hp Mercury outboard from Matakana Marine

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This pic is from the Rogues Gallery, friendly though!

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Gary Carter [R] first place Mahimahi on Dirty Berty

X-Cellerate 11.8kg, 2nd Lewis Hicks on X-Factor at 22.6kg, and 1st place Elliot Sneddon on Harbourview with his 23.2kg SBS. Overlooked on the night but now sorted was the fact that the SBS also qualified in the Billfish Points section, so Elliot (2nd points) and Lewis (3rd points) pick up more cash. Feeling left out? Catch more marlin!

The mahimahi section had some good fish in it. The winning fish came from a pack attack where only two hooked up but all the lures got hit simultaneously. That would be pretty memorable! 3rd place mahimahi at 7.6kg was Barry Plumpton on X-Cellerate, 2nd Mike Dixon at 8.4 also on X-Cellerate, and the winning mahimahi was to Gary Carter at 8.8kg on Dirty Berty.

Overall the water temperatures were hot hot hot. Like close to 26 degrees in places and consistently over 24. Skippies were noticeably absent except for some of the more northern boats. Pete Davis on Mahina was out at the 'Barrier less than 2 weeks before our tournament and the skippies were in plague proportions, so it's a bit weird they all disappeared. There were dolphins and gannets in 250m NE of 'Barrier but they seemed to be focused on some unfortunate fish much smaller than skippies. We had our usual (and highly valued!) Clevedon contingent fishing our One Base, and this year we also had a presence from the Auckland Sportfishing Club (associated with the RNZYS at Westhaven). Back in the mists of time what became the Auckland Sportfishing Club and Warkworth Gamefish Club were under one roof as the Kawau Deep Sea Anglers Club. Auckland Sportfishing Club President Peter Blackwell is keen to develop a relationship between our Clubs and presented a smart jacket for a draw from the skippers. We look forward to more cross pollination involving tournament rivalry and rums in the sunset. Good to see you and Kerry enjoying our event.

Another sought after lucky angler draw is our Earlybird one. We had 113 Earlybirds and thank you for your support prior to any certainty in the weather forecast. The Earlybird prize this year was a 3.3hp Mercury outboard engine and 2 inflatable lifejackets from Matakana Marine, thank you Aaron and Matt. Tom Hatfull fishing on Lady Jade was still grinning from ear to ear the following day from his name being drawn out for this major prize.

The kingfish section was attempted by some crews on Saturday and Sunday, and despite experiencing that moment of 'yeah boy he's gonna smash the bait' the green and gold critters were only up for taunts. So the kingfish prizes jumped into the snapper pool. Snappers were a bit more forthcoming. The measure section was much favoured by anglers over slay and weigh. It made storing the catch much easier (measure, photograph, and fillet! or release of course) and it made things simpler for the weigh station crew (thanks Clive). We could name half a dozen boats that we'd expect the best snapper to come from and I reckon we'd have it covered. So it

was again this year: 7th place at 60.25cm Jason Kelly on Luna Sea. 6th was Brownie on First Affair at 61cm. Brownie is recovering from a nasty ladder fall last year but it's hard to keep a good man down. 5th was Grant Hamilton on Lady Jade 66cm, 4th Trevor Bolstead on Tramontana 70cm. 3rd place went to Cam Rathe on Brenda L at 71cm. 2nd place would have been an interesting discussion onboard Luna Sea, equal at 72cm were Jason Kelly and Peter Wilson. 1st place at 77.3cm was Ben Wyatt on Brenda L.

The top 4 snapper came from the southern and very northern ends of the Island, where the easterly was howling and the sea was being whipped to foam.

Our radio roundups are an important part of our event management and recognition for grid sponsors. Thank you crews for taking them seriously. The radio quizzes are on the arbitrary end of the scale but fun all the same. Logan Campbell (Violator), Kim Dobney (Almeda), Kerry Dunn (Bloodshot), Peter Davis (Mahina), and Graham Poole (Silver \$) all netting product from Tackle & Outdoor (thanks Anthony) and/or rum from Matakana Contractors (thanks Steve). Emmy on channel 01 must shake her head at quiz time.

With any fishing event there's a Hard Luck story. Many in fact, often heard after the event. We may have been a little quick awarding the Hynds tool box and goodies (thanks Bruce) to Tatts on Lit Up, but he presented his case so well. There was also Kerry on Bloodshot that cracked the head on his engine (hoorah for two pot putty, they got home) and Brian Colville was lucky to escape injury for stepping into the cavernous livebait tank on Armani. The main thing is that you all survived. It's an organisers nightmare that one of you actually succeed in hurting yourselves. 'Hard luck' is usually mixed up with a bit of good luck (like lucky it wasn't worse!) and a good dose of muppetry.

When we get back to the mainland we also draw the two Sponsors Prizes of dinner for two at the Kawau Kitchen SYC, and two tickets to the 2019 One Base. The dinner winner was Mike from Autec Auto Electrical in Warkworth, and the two tickets to next years event went to two of our new sponsors, Archibald & Shorter Land Rover.



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Speaking of dinner, the buffet dinner at the Fitzy Boating Club was outstanding. Much of our cash sponsorship goes into provision of the meal and it was an excellent meal to start our final evening with.

Thank you to our committee, from putting signs up on the side of the road to seeing sponsors, collating results, sorting memberships and entries, transporting all the prizes (thank you team Karakia), setting up prize giving, etc — a reliable bunch of awesome people that invest a helluva lot of time to ensure a good event.

Once again the Warkworth Gamefish Club One Base has been a solid success and seriously rewarding to anglers because of the generosity of our sponsors. You know whom they are so please let them know when you go to them for their good value and quality products and services. Get your phone/calendar out NOW and put in these dates:

WGFC 10kg Comp 2nd and 3rd June 2018
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Elliot Snedden on Harbourview with his 23.2kg shortbilled spearfish on Harbourviews first real gamefishing outing



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Gary persuades a mahimahi to come aboard Dirty Bertie

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2nd place shortbilled spearfish from Lewis Hicks on X-Factor, skipper John Hauser on R



Gary leaning into a big blue marlin on Dirty Bertie, but the fish had better things to do after an hour





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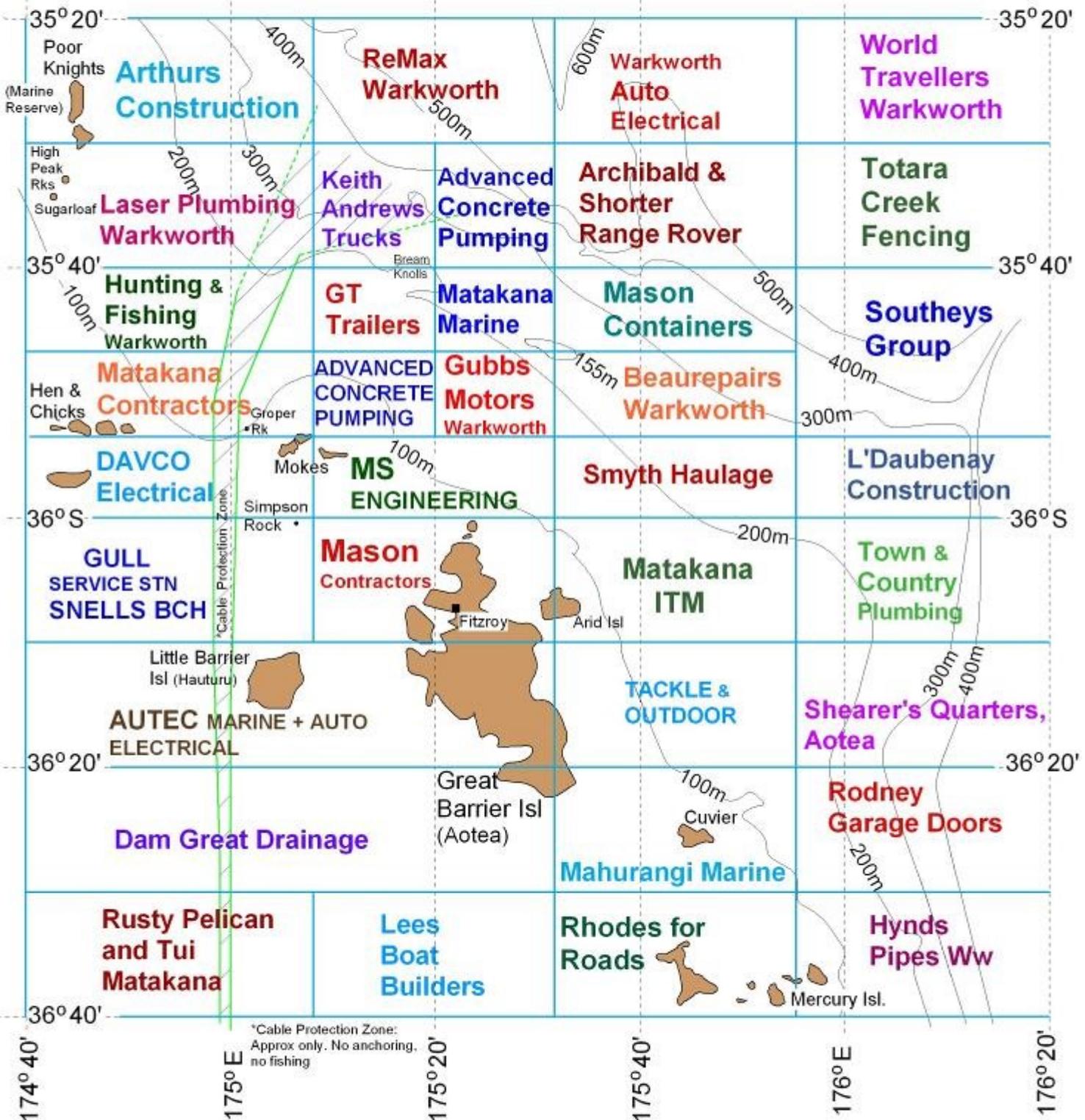


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