

# BLACK PEARL CHARTERS NEWS

**JANUARY 15**

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a great holiday season and the idea of returning to work is not too daunting.

The fishing has started with a bang this year with two main things standing out to me, the first is the amount of snapper in the harbour, we have had regular catches of snapper, gurnard and Trevally inside the heads and we are not the only ones. The second is the influx of kingfish on to the west coast reefs all the way down our coast from Kapiti to Ohau. Kingfish are being caught regularly and sometimes in numbers and we have had several big fish take us to the cleaners, just the other day a Kahawai we were winding in on a jig got swallowed whole! Jig and all, it smoked us into the nearby reef, I would have put that fish in the high 20kg mark.



On the west everything feels a little late this year, the snapper are there in numbers one day and gone the next and I have only heard of a few albacore being caught even though I have had water temps up over 19 degrees. There have been some lovely Trevally as well; these are one fish that can like small soft baits if you wanted to try something different.

The Tarakihi fishing had been astounding on both coasts and they are in prime condition at the moment, while fishing for these it is always a great idea to put a livey down for a John Dory. A small Kahawai or Mackerel seem to work well and if you have berley down you can normally catch these on bait flies right where your fishing.

Out the front bluenose have been fishing very well and I'm hearing of good catches of good sized fish and reports of 10-15 being caught in a session are not uncommon. There are a few Puka and bass thrown in the mix in the deeper 250m+ water and as normal it is not hard too russel up a feed of Blue cod anywhere to the west of Sinclair head.



Now summer is here in full swing I will be running trips targeting Tuna and Kingfish and I do mean targeting not just trying, we will jig and live bait for the kingfish and troll feathered lures for the tuna. Its great fun and our only real chance here in Wellington to target game fish.

I am also running an evening trip every Friday from 5pm-Dark for a discounted rate, so knock off work early and come and catch some fresh fish for the weekend.

I am going to be in New Plymouth for a week over the game fish season and I am looking for interest from people that are keen to chase marlin around for a 2 or 3 days.

**Full days available in Jan morning and/or afternoon  
15th, 18th, 22nd, 26th, 31st**

**Half days available in Jan afternoon/evenings  
20th, 27th, 29th**

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