

# BLACK PEARL CHARTERS NEWS

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Summer seems to be here one day and gone the next, we had an amazing run of weather for a couple of weeks and the fish responded accordingly with lots of Kingfish and Tuna around. Last week on our full day trips we caught good numbers of albacore we were releasing quite a few fish as we already had a good feed but they are so fun to catch. Kingfish have almost been as prolific as the Tuna, there are loads of small fish around almost everywhere and if you put a livey down it is not uncommon to pull a legal fish out of them. Just remember to handle the little guys gently and make sure they get back to the water quickly to avoid damaging them too much.



Inshore fishing has been great too with Tarakihi being as thick as ever on most the normal reefs however the snapper have been a wee bit hit and miss and we are finding our best catches have been on the foul not on the sand which is usually the normal for this time of year. There is however lots of fat prime condition gurnard around when fishing on the sand. A trick with these is to have your hook close to the bottom; they don't like to swim up to high to grab your bait.



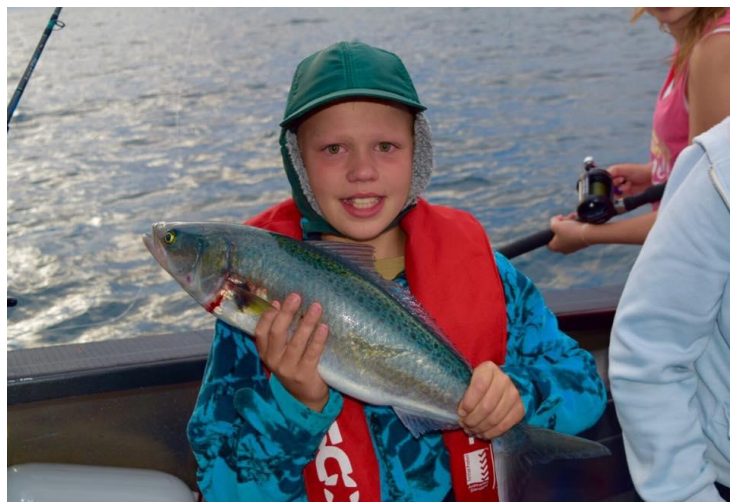


Well as for the last week it has been a terrible run of weather and a 40 knot southerly put a damper on things for Waitangi weekend and there is another one forecast tonight and tomorrow. The water has dropped a few degrees but I am sure it will bounce back as it is still only February and the best two months are still to come.



I have been fishing the west coast more than anything but I am hearing the south coast has been fishing well for Puka, Tarakihi, bluenose and all the normal stuff. Kingfish have been good on this coast too with several nice fish rumoured to have been caught around 5 mile Homes rock areas.

Surfcasting has been good with lots of snapper still hanging around in the harbour. Tarakihi have been caught regularly from the normal haunts like the mussel farm and Kau bay. The south/Palliser coasts have been good for Moki and spotted sharks with large amounts of Kahawai moving around.



Just a quick one as I had better go and do all the glorious paper work that comes along with owning a charter boat – Until next time, tight lines and bent rods

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