

BLACK PEARL CHARTERS NEWS

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Out west the Snapper are still fishing well despite a few cold snaps, I was out on the weekend and even with the forecast being way off and wind blowing at lot harder than it was suppose too we managed some lovely Snapper and Trevally.

A good way of combating the wind is to find a sheltered spot, burley and be patient. I like to fish as calm as I can. I have come to realise if you fish somewhere calmer that might not be the "hot spot" you will catch more fish due to being able to stay longer and fish smarter, rather than getting bounced around, struggling to keep you balance and the boat making lots of noise in a "hot spot" that might be better fishing, but you won't stay as long or be able to fish as well.



The Grouper have been fishing well around Fishermans and 78m and it won't be too long now until they start to fire up around Ohau point/Karori light area. Another fish worth noting this time of year is the Warehou, there are loads and loads being caught commercially at the moment, but not many people head out to target them. I have found the best way to catch them is with small (2-3/0) flasher rigs with a small jig on the bottom. Hunters, Fishermans and Ohau point are always good places to start, there schools are quite compacted so drive along looking for midwater sign on the sounder, line your drift up to drift through and you might be surprised, just remember like Trevally they are quite soft around the mouth so don't pull to hard on them as they do like to fall off.



On the South Coast Tarakihi have been great in all depths from 20-100m it is also a great time to catch Blue Cod as the water cools down. One thing worth mentioning in the Harbour is the number of snapper being caught from both shore and boat. I heard of a boat catching 27 Pannies in one session and I witnessed 25 snapper caught from the shore between a few guys the other weekend, they were all 800g-1kg Pannies but one snapper from the shore in Wellington has to be worth 10 from a boat. I guess most of you have heard about the large runs of Kahawai we are having at the moment. Huge schools of anchovies have been present with the Kahawai in hot pursuit, triggering traffic jams around Mirimar and Lyall bay the other day, it even made the news! All spinners seem to have been working and the hardest part seems to be keeping count so as not to exceed the 20 fish quota which on some days can quite easily be reached in as little as 20 casts.



I have heard the Trench has been pretty slow on the Blue nose and Puka front but that might be because it hasn't been fished a lot due to the lack of windless days for us to get out there.

That's it from me this time; I have lots of available days from now on and into winter so let me know if you're keen.

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