

NZSFC Club Monthly Report: June 2023



A Round up of NZSFC Club News and information for Club Committees and Delegates

JUNE 2023: This is a report for our clubs throughout New Zealand. This is our second edition of the monthly report, and welcome suggestions on content.

This report includes a summary of:-

- **NZSFC at the Hutchwilco Boat Show**
- **Courtesy weighs**
- **NZSFC Nationals 2023 Trophies**
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NZSFC JOINS LEGASEA AT THE HUTCHWILCO BOAT SHOW

For the first time in many years NZSFC had a presence at the [Hutchwilco NZ Boat show](#), the largest gathering of the marine industry in the country. Attending the New Zealand Boat Show with our public outreach arm LegaSea provided an exceptional platform to raise awareness about NZSFC's affiliated clubs, record keeping, trophies, goals, values, and most importantly showcase the work we do in fisheries management.

NZSFC and LegaSea received 3,500 contact details from those who visited the stand and we are to send an email informing them of the work we do and how they can join an affiliated club. The event attracts a diverse audience, including passionate sportfishing enthusiasts, industry professionals, and key marine stakeholders. It was great to catch up with many of our Clubs representatives and members over the 4 days.

Thanks to Board Members Ian Steele, Bill McGary, Heyden Johnson and Richard Baker for helping with the stand during the 4 days.

COURTESY WEIGHS

Over the past few months there have been some queries around the recording of courtesy weighs at Club weigh stations. Courtesy weighs are where members of another NZSFC affiliated club utilises another convenient NZSFC Club to undertake the weigh - as a courtesy.

For NZSFC purposes (in your end of year tallies), only count fish you weighed and the tags you handled at your weigh station.

The catch information regarding the courtesy weigh is then sent to the angler's nominated club and is used by the angler's nominated club for their respective awards and trophies (only). Where the angler is a club member of more than one club, it is up to the Angler to nominate where the fish counts toward (and how that club handles the potential of awards and trophies for their club - as per their own Club rules).

Regarding annual returns by clubs - Information about this is on the bottom of the Annual Return form sent to the clubs each year by NZSFC. An update of that form for this year will see the second use of the word "tally" will be changed to "awards and trophies" to help clarify these instructions. All will make sense to recorders when they receive this year's annual return form from NZSFC.

NZSFC NATIONALS 2023 TROPHIES

This is a reminder to clubs to ensure that they have forwarded any trophies they may hold to the current winner. This information is available on our website under records and rules.

<https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Scoreboards--2023-NZ-NATIONALS-COMBINED.pdf>

Please forward any invoices you may incur with regards to engraving and courier fees.

NZSFC ANNUAL AWARDS 2023 - REMINDER

Nominations for NZSFC annual trophies are due by 7 July 2023. An email reminder was sent to all clubs on 29th May 2023. A list of the trophies is listed below.

Saul Trophy - angler who tags and releases the most recognised NZ game fish species that are in the tagging programme in NZ Waters for a season.

The Old Man & the Sea Cup (Story required outlining why the capture is meritorious) Most meritorious catch of the season.

Lord Norrie Gold Cup - Angler who catches the heaviest striped marlin of the season.

Fisherman of Year - Angler who catches the heaviest recognised game fish of the season.

The Pete & Noeline Short Memorial Trophy - Most tagged billfish of the season.

The Top Junior Angler Cup (Story required outlining why the capture is meritorious) the most meritorious catch of the season by a Junior.

The Hart Trophy (for best live marine photo). This photo is to be by an amateur photographer and is of a live marine animal.

Club of the Year. [Nomination form attached](#) - Open to all clubs that have competed successfully, shown an outstanding ability to provide for its members and contributed to the community.

Volunteer of the Year. [Nomination form attached](#) - Open to all Club Volunteers that have contributed to the sport of Sport Fishing.

Angler of the Year. [Nomination form attached](#) - Open to all anglers that have competed successfully at Club, National and International level, and contributed to the sport of Sport Fishing

Important - These nominations need to be sent to the NZSFC Secretary by the 7th of July 2023.

NZSFC YEARBOOK UPDATE

We are currently reviewing and updating the NZSFC yearbook in preparation of the next edition. We are adding some new content, while keeping the core information that we all love.

We would love to hear some feedback from clubs - what would you like to see in it?

TAURANGA SPORTFISHING CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

As one of the founding clubs of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club holds a special place in our collective history. For a century, the club has been a beacon of excellence, camaraderie, and sustainability in the sport fishing community. Their dedication to the preservation of our marine resources, promotion of responsible angling practices, and fostering a love for sport fishing among generations is truly commendable.

Tauranga celebrated their centenary over the weekend of 19-21 May and included several functions including a 1920's themed party on the Saturday night.

NZSFC's President, Ian Steele, attended part of the celebrations and was humbled by the amazing history and special people that have made the Club what it is today. Well Done Tauranga - here is to the next 100 years for TSFC !!

CLUB MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

We need your help nominating members of your club who you think would make great club member spotlights to highlight on social media - if you have members who you think fit the bill, please email us a few photos of them fishing and answer the below questions and email to cie.robinson.bates@nzsf.org.nz

- Name
- Club
- Day Job
- Current Boat
- Favourite Lure
- Most Memorable Catch
- Dream Fishing Destination
- Why you joined a club

PRESIDENTS TABLE

In June we will be hosting the first presidents table, a zoom meeting for all presidents to get together, meet some people you might not have met before and catch up with old friends all while discussing current events happening in your club, brainstorming new ideas and maybe even creating some new inter club competitions. Invites will be going out shortly and we hope to see many of you there.

NZSFC YOUTH OCEAN TRUST

The creation of the NZSFC Youth Ocean Trust progressed - details including trustees have been completed and the application for the Ocean Youth Trust is being filed with NZ Charitable Trusts. The only outstanding item is the final logo design. The trust has been set up to focus on the delivery of Youth programmes - including resourcing. We will share more information in due course. The Trust sits alongside other NZSFC related organisations including LegaSea and the NZ Marine Research Foundation.

PRIZES - NZSFC YOUTH NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY DAIWA NEW ZEALAND

NZSFC Youth Nationals prize lists have gone out to all the category winners in the Youth Nationals and prizes will be supplied once the winners' choices come back to Helen. Letters of thanks have also gone out to key stakeholders - Daiwa NZ. A debrief meeting will be held with the kids in the Junior committee soon. The feedback we have had from some of the entrants has been positive and if any clubs have any further feedback around the Youth Nationals, please send through your delegates back to NZSFC.

We have a group of young anglers who form our junior committee (which sits under the guidance of our Youth Steering Committee). We are looking for more keen young anglers from around the Country to get involved. Please contact Helen Pastor if you know of any likely candidates from your club.

NORTHLAND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS - FINAL ENVIRONMENT COURT DECISION

For the past few years, the NZSFC and Bay of Islands Swordfish Club have invested a lot of time and money in Environment Court proceedings pushing back on the use of Resource Management Act and Regional Plans to limit fishing on the premise that Fishing controls should be applied using the Fisheries Act. The Northland Regional Plan proposed new Marine Protected Areas around Cape Brett, the inner Bay of Islands, and waters down the coast, including Mimiwhangata.

In May 2023, the Environment Court issued its final decision and report to the Minister of Conservation concerning proposed marine protected areas in the Northland Regional Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

This decision confirmed the rules for full no take zones in the Bay of Islands and at Mimiwhangata, as well as an area around Cape Brett where Bottom trawling, Danish seining, and Purse seining are prohibited.

The Court's decision also addressed whether there should be provisions in the Regional Plan for the investigation and identification of future marine protected areas under the RMA. The Court declined to include such provisions, so whether additional RMA marine protected areas are proposed in the future will be within the control of Northland Regional Council (NRC) under its planning functions. Read [more here](#).

Because the Court's decision concerned a Regional Coastal Plan, the rules will not take legal effect until they are approved by the Minister of Conservation. We will be keeping an eye out for communications from NRC as to the timing of this.

TUTUKAKA AND NGUNGURU TEMPORARY CLOSURE

From March to May 2023, the NZSFC worked with the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, NZ Angling & Casting Association and NZ Underwater Association supporting a proposed two-year temporary closure around Tutukaka and Ngunguru, Northland. We await a Ministerial decision.

- The request for 2-year temporary closure applies to the harvest of all shellfish (except kina), crayfish, seahorses, and garfish/piper, as well as the use of scoop, gill, drag and set nets.
- The proposed closure area would cover Tutukaka Harbour, Ngunguru River & Bay. [Map here](#).
- Over the past few years, NZSFC Zone 1 Northland representatives John Holdsworth, Pete Saul and leadership from Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club have been actively involved in positive discussions with mana whenua about establishing a mātaimai in the area proposed in this application.
- The temporary closure is a placeholder for an anticipated mātaimai application.

We will keep you updated on the Minister's decision. Read the NZSFC May submission [here](#).