

## DAY 7 ROUND-UP: 2025 NZSFC NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY PELAGIC NZ

The second-to-last day of the Nationals has brought major leaderboard shake-ups and a last-minute surge of entries, thanks to improved weather. Across the country, most regions have been affected by rough conditions, and this year's results clearly show who adapted their fishing techniques and target species to make the most of it.

If you focused on just one species, you may now be feeling the consequences, while those who adjusted their approach are climbing the leaderboard.

A massive highlight today – our immediate past president, Ian Steele, has successfully tagged a striped marlin with a pop-off satellite tag, fishing with the New Plymouth Sportfishing and Underwater Club. These tags are crucial for tracking marlin movements, depth preferences, and speeds, providing valuable data for the future.

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## JUNIOR ANGLERS DOMINATING

The future of sportfishing is in good hands. Some standout performances from the young guns:

### NZ CHAMPION JUNIOR ANGLERS – INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

#### ALBACORE

1. **Ryan Steele (Team Oarsim, New Plymouth SFC)** – 301.33 pts (9.04 kg on 3 kg line)
2. **Oliver Penberth (Penberth, New Plymouth SFC)** – 152.25 pts (9.14 kg on 6 kg line)

#### KAHAWAI

1. **Max Bond (Great Expectations, Hawkes Bay SFC)** – 90.50 pts (1.81 kg on 2 kg line)
2. **Max Bond** – 90.00 pts (1.80 kg on 2 kg line)
3. **Max Bond** – 86.00 pts (1.72 kg on 2 kg line)

#### SKIPJACK TUNA

1. **Ryan Steele (Team Oarsim, New Plymouth SFC)** – 128.17 pts (3.85 kg on 3 kg line)
2. **Ryan Steele** – 120.83 pts (3.63 kg on 3 kg line)
3. **Jemma Moffitt (Finfinders, Hawkes Bay SFC)** – 81.50 pts (6.52 kg on 8 kg line)

## **SNAPPER**

1. **Ryan Steele (Team Oarsim, New Plymouth SFC)** – 305.00 pts (3.05 kg on 1 kg line)
2. **Ryan Steele** – 206.50 pts (2.07 kg on 1 kg line)
3. **Ryan Steele** – 201.00 pts (2.01 kg on 1 kg line)

## **MAHI MAHI**

1. **Kyle Smith (Insane, Mt Maunganui SFC)** – 18.95 pts (7.01 kg on 37 kg line)

## **TREVALLY**

1. **Max Bond (Great Expectations, Hawkes Bay SFC)** – 57.50 pts (1.15 kg on 2 kg line)

## **STRIPED MARLIN**

1. **Reef Gaskill-Walsh (Te Kaha SFC)** – 2 tagged (1,200.00 pts)
2. **Tyler Speed (Mt Maunganui SFC)** – 1 tagged (600.00 pts)
3. **Ryan Steele (New Plymouth SFC)** – 1 tagged (600.00 pts)

## **SHORTBILL SPEARFISH**

1. **Sam Matthews (Waihau Bay SFC)** – 1 tagged (100.00 pts)

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# **LEADERBOARD UPDATES – BIG MOVES**

## **CD RODS TOP TEAM TROPHY**

1. **Team Obseasion (New Plymouth SFC)** – 4 fish, 1,580.88 pts
  - Leading by 530.88 points

## **CHAMPION NEW ZEALAND ANGLER BROADBILL**

1. **Danny Bos (Muriwai SFC)** – 1 fish, 638.92 pts (236.4 kg on 37 kg line)

## **NZ CHAMPION BROADBILL ANGLER**

1. **Danny Bos (Muriwai SFC)** – 5 fish, 3,038.92 pts (4 tagged, 1 weighed)

## **NZ CHAMPION STRIPED MARLIN ANGLER**

1. **Maz Dunn (Mercury Bay GFC)** – 6 tagged, 3,600.00 pts

## **NZ CHAMPION LINE WEIGHT ANGLERS – STRIPED MARLIN**

1. **15 kg Line: Vinnie Van Deventer (New Plymouth SFC)** – 99.80 kg
  2. **37 kg Line: Matt Gorton (New Plymouth SFC)** – 93.40 kg
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## **FINAL DAY LOADING...**

The last day of the Nationals 2025 is here. The weather is clear, the seas are unpredictable, and the anglers are split between those giving it everything and those heading home past old hotspots, hoping for one last bite.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

A massive thanks to:

- **Anglers** who have fished hard all week
- **Teams and clubs** who have supported their members
- **Weighmasters and recorders** who have worked tirelessly
- **NZSFC crew** who have kept the competition running smoothly

The time has come for one final push. One last cast. One last shot at Nationals glory.

Tight lines, and let's see who takes the top spots in the final round-up.

[Here is a link to the results on the website.](#) Please note that the scoreboard is updated each night. *(Full results and rules available at NZSFC Nationals 2025.)*

**NZSFC Nationals 2025 – it all comes down to this.**

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*Immediate past NZSFC President Ian Steele with a Sat tagged Striped Marlin*



*Team Good Lures with a haul from Hawkes Bay*





*Gordon Clotworthy and Team Flat Out with 2 tagged Striped marlin for Counties Sport Fishing Club*