

DAY 8 FINAL ROUND-UP: 2025 NZSFC NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY PELAGIC NZ

The big lady has sung, the opera is over, and the 2025 NZSFC Nationals have officially wrapped up!

With one final push on the last day, some big fish hit the leaderboard and sections saw last-minute shake-ups. While the results remain provisional until final validation, it's safe to say this year's Nationals tested skills, patience, and adaptability like never before.

BREAKING NEWS – WAHOO & ALBACORE HITS THE SCALES

Stop the press! A **16kg wahoo** was caught on the final day, along with an **albacore of similar size off Mayor Island**—though neither was in the Nationals. Just another reminder that **there are always surprises in New Zealand waters!**

FINAL DAY HIGHLIGHTS – SECTION WINNERS & CHAMPIONS

NZ JUNIOR CHAMPION STRIPED MARLIN ANGLER

1. **Gordon Clotworthy (Counties SFC) – 4 tagged (2,400 points)**
2. **Reef Gaskill-Walsh (Te Kaha SFC) – 2 tagged (1,200 points)**
3. **Tyler Speed (Mt Maunganui SFC) – 1 tagged (600 points)**
4. **Ryan Steele (New Plymouth SFC) – 1 tagged (600 points)**

TAG & RELEASE – TUNA

1. **Cam Kennedy (Fyssher, Mercury Bay GFC) – 5 tagged (by time ruling)**
2. **Damon Griffiths (No Doubt, Waihou Bay SFC) – 5 tagged**
3. **James Cutfield (Fyssher, Mercury Bay GFC) – 4 tagged**

TAG & RELEASE – STRIPED MARLIN

1. **Maz Dunn (Smuggler, Mercury Bay GFC) – 7 tagged (4,200 points)**
2. **Clint Bell (Pescatore, Whakatane SFC) – 4 tagged (2,400 points)**
3. **Gordon Clotworthy (Flat Out, Counties SFC) – 4 tagged (2,400 points)**

TAG & RELEASE – KINGFISH

1. Cody McMillian (Larkin, Raglan SFC) – 4 tagged
2. Brandon Harry (Larkin, Raglan SFC) – 3 tagged
3. Kevin Steele (Team Oarsim, New Plymouth SFC) – 1 tagged

TAG & RELEASE – BROADBILL

1. Danny Bos (Trailer Trash, Muriwai SFC) – 5 tagged
 2. Alan Langdon (Western Break, Muriwai SFC) – 3 tagged
 3. Dave Strudwick (10ASea Whiskey, Hokianga) – 2 tagged
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CHAMPION ANGLERS & TEAMS

NZ CHAMPION BROADBILL ANGLER

1. Danny Bos (Muriwai SFC) – 6 fish (3,638.92 points)
2. Alan Langdon (Muriwai SFC) – 3 fish (1,800 points)
3. Jason Sherriff (Mercury Bay GFC) – 4 fish (1,756.67 points)

CD RODS TOP TEAM TROPHY

1. Team Oarsim (New Plymouth SFC) – 7 fish (1,638.50 points)

MOST POINTS TEAM ALBACORE

1. Kaizen (Pegasus Bay GFC) – 3 fish (926.50 points)

MOST POINTS TEAM BLUE & BLACK MARLIN

1. Diesel (Counties SFC) – 1 fish (600 points)
2. The Godfather (Clevedon GFC) – 1 fish (299 points)

MOST POINTS TEAM SHORTBILL SPEARFISH

1. Alma G (Waihau Bay SFC) – 2 fish (200 points)

MOST POINTS TEAM SKIPJACK & SLENDER TUNA

1. **Lexington (Hawkes Bay SFC) – 3 fish (490.25 points)**
2. **Rapid Fire (Hawkes Bay SFC) – 3 fish (489.00 points) – just 1.25 points apart!**

MOST POINTS TEAM TUNA

1. **Aquarius (Whakatane SFC) – 30 fish (4,500 points)**

MOST POINTS TEAM YELLOWTAIL

1. **Marlena (Whangaroa SFC) – 5 fish (510 points)**
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CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL ANGLERS

NZ CHAMPION KINGFISH ANGLER

1. **Terry King (Whangaroa SFC) – 161.25 points**

NZ CHAMPION MAHI MAHI ANGLER

1. **Tracey Sherson (Waihou Bay SFC) – 1 fish (44.46 points)**

NZ CHAMPION STRIPED MARLIN ANGLER

1. **Vinnie Van Deventer (New Plymouth SFC) – 1 fish (665.33 points)**

NZ CHAMPION LINE WEIGHT ANGLERS – SHORTBILL SPEARFISH

1. **Nick Sheehan (Tauranga SFC) – 23.40 kg on 37 kg line**

NZ CHAMPION LINE WEIGHT ANGLERS – SNAPPER

1. **Rick Pollock (Whangaroa SFC) – 8.60 kg on 6 kg line**
(Also tied with an 8.60 kg snapper on 10 kg line, also caught by Rick!)
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UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

The 2025 NZSFC Nationals have **officially wrapped up**. Final validation is underway, so keep an eye out for the **final official results**.

A massive congratulations to all anglers, teams, clubs, weighmasters, and NZSFC crew for another incredible Nationals!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR:

- **Weather Challenges** – Those who adapted **thrived**, while others struggled.
- **Junior Anglers Stepping Up** – Some **dominant** performances from the **next generation**.
- **Massive Last-Day Efforts** – Some **tight battles** came down to **just a few points**.
- **A Wahoo Surprise!** – While not in the Nationals, the **16kg wahoo off Mayor Island** was a great way to finish.

Thank you all for making the **NZSFC Nationals 2025 one to remember**. See you next year



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#NZSFCNationals2025

(Final results available once validated at [NZSFC Nationals 2025](#).)

First edition fishing for Hawkes Bay



Andy Anderson and team mates at the Hawkes Bay Weigh Station



Courtesy weigh for [Counties Sport Fishing Club](#) 🍷

Young Dylan Hull fishing for the [New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Nationals](#) while nursing a fractured thumb! Still managing to pull them in 🏆👏

📍 NJ Renowden Heavy Haulage

🚤 SHOOTOUT



Junor Gordon
Clotworthy in
action



Another Cracker Catch! 🎣🔥

Well done Ryan Stanley on this absolute beauty of a Yellowfin Tuna off Plan B! 🎣🏆 With a catch like that, we can't help but wonder... what would Plan A have looked like?! 😊

Keep them coming, team—Nationals are delivering some epic fish! Who's next to make a splash? 🌊🎣 #WhakataneFishing #YellowfinGold #PlanBForTheWin



Courtesy weigh at Whangaroa for team Argyll from Counties SFC

