



DAY 2 ROUND-UP: 2025 NZSFC NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY PELAGIC NZ

Day 2 of the Nationals was another test of patience, resilience, and—let's be honest—who could handle "**character-building conditions**" best. It was a day of **fine dining** (if you count a soggy sandwich in a rocking boat), **playing cards**, and waiting for the weather to turn in our favour.

As any seasoned Nationals' competitor knows, fortune favours the bold. Some braved the elements, got the job done, and **put fish on the board**. Two days down, six to go - **plenty of time to shake up the leaderboard, with some sections still wide open!**

The forecast is improving, the **seas are settling**, and while **tempers and blood pressure may be rising**, remember—fishing is good for mental health. But let's be honest, whoever said that probably never fished the **NZSFC Nationals in a southerly blow!**

DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS – MOVERS AND SHAKERS

1. **New Leader in Team Tuna** – Clarke McRobbie on *Diesel* (Counties) takes the lead with **150 points**.
2. **First Tagged Blue Marlin of the Comp** – Well done **Kane (Counties)** fishing on *Diesel*.
3. **CD Rods Top Team Leaderboard Shake-Up** – *Alma G* (Waihou Bay) now leads with **4 fish and 873.78 points**.
4. **Marlin Madness – 16 Tagged Striped Marlin So Far!** – 4 clubs from the **East Coast**, 4 from the **West Coast**, all tied on numbers—**time recorded separates the placings**.
5. **Tuna Section Heats Up** – From 1 fish yesterday to **12 in total so far**. *Pawn Broker* (Waihou Bay) takes the lead with **5 fish (4 tagged, 1 weighed) for 675.14 points**.
6. **New Shortbill Spearfish Leader** – **Sam Matthews** (100 points for 1 tagged) overtakes **Lachlan Kidd** (87.57 points for 2 weighed).
7. **Top Overseas Team Update** – *Santana Australia* (Whangaroa) now leads **Section 7**.

Tips and tricks

- **It's Not Over Until It's Over** – All sections are still beatable, and some are waiting for a **first entry—vacant possession up for grabs.**
- **Time is Your Best Friend (or Worst Enemy)** – If you're **tied on points**, the **last fish caught first** takes the win. **Record your catch time properly!**
- **Tuna Section is Heating Up** – More fish coming in; **targeting tuna could be the move** over the next few days.
- **Use the Conditions Wisely** – The weather is **slowly improving**; expect more boats to emerge from their hidey-holes as the week goes on.

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

Not much chatter on the **VHF today**, with many boats still keeping their heads down. But as the **weather improves, so will the fishing**—and with six days still to go, expect the leaderboard to **change drastically** before the week is out.

The **results will have the final say**—but in the meantime, stay sharp, **fish smart**, and **play the points game right**. The week can only **get better from here!**



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[Here is a link to the results on the website.](#)

Please note that the scoreboard is updated each night.

Counties member, Gordon Clotworthy, tagged and released this estimated 90kg striped marlin today!

Gordon made the catch onboard Flat Out during the NZSFC Nationals.





Team POSEIDON doing the NZSFC Nationals day 2 weighting in 2 kahawai in the light line classes. What will day 3 hold in for the team.



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