

## DAY 5 ROUND-UP: 2025 NZSFC NATIONALS SUPPORTED BY PELAGIC NZ

We're five days deep into the **Nationals**, with just **three to go**. The big question now: **do you play it safe or shake things up?** If the leaderboard has you feeling like you're stuck in neutral, it might be time to **switch tactics**—whether that's dusting off an **old-school skip bait**, trying **flashy new lure tech**, or running a **kite-rigged live bait**.

**Trolling, not trawling**—and as any seasoned angler knows, sometimes it's the **ugliest lure in the box** that does the damage. **Kona scoops, flashabou skirts, predator chains, dredges**—if it hasn't worked yet, **change it up!**

And speaking of change-ups, we've had **our first tagged broadbill** of the competition—**congrats to Danny Boss from Muriwai Sports Fishing Club!**

## DAY 5 LEADERBOARD MOVERS & SHAKERS

### FIRST TAGGED BROADBILL – SECTION 04C

- **Champion Broadbill Angler – Danny Boss** (*Muriwai SFC*) – **3 fish, 1,800.00 points**

### MAHIMAHI SHAKE-UP

1. **Williams Matthews** (*Waihau Bay SFC*) – **23.78 points**
2. **Phil Tomlinson-Moulds** (*Waihau Bay SFC*) – **23.24 points**
3. **Scott Thompson** (*Waihau Bay SFC*) – **18.00 points**

### SKIPJACK & SLENDER TUNA SECTION MOVES

- **Top Team – Son de la Mer** (*Waihau Bay SFC*) – **3 fish, 230.88 points**
- **Champion Skipjack & Slender Tuna Angler – Tania Randrup** (*Waihau Bay SFC*) dominating:
  1. **94.00 points**
  2. **75.85 points**
  3. **61.03 points**

## INTERCLUB LEADERBOARD – WHO'S IN FRONT?

- **Albacore – Pegasus Bay GFC** (5 fish, **1,091.50 pts**)

- **Blue & Black Marlin** – *Counties SFC* (1 fish, **600.00 pts**)
- **Broadbill** – *Muriwai SFC* (3 fish, **1,800.00 pts**)
- **Kahawai** – *New Plymouth SFC* (5 fish, **929.75 pts**)
- **Mahimahi** – *Waihou Bay SFC* (3 fish, **65.03 pts**)
- **Shark** – *Hawke's Bay SFC* (2 fish, **200.00 pts**)
- **Shortbill Spearfish** – *Waihou Bay SFC* (3 fish, **300.00 pts**)
- **Skipjack & Slender Tuna** – *Waihou Bay SFC* (5 fish, **298.72 pts**)
- **Snapper** – *New Plymouth SFC* (5 fish, **1,156.50 pts**)
- **Striped Marlin** – *Counties SFC* (5 fish, **3,000.00 pts**)
- **Trevally** – *NZ Land-Based GFC* (5 fish, **491.25 pts**)
- **Tuna** – *Waihou Bay SFC* (5 fish, **750.00 pts**)
- **Yellowtail** – *Raglan SFC* (3 fish, **75.00 pts**)

## **VARTA CUP – TIGHT AS IT GETS!**

**Eight clubs locked in a dead heat at 1,800.00 points—only time separates them:**

1. **Counties SFC**
2. **New Plymouth SFC**
3. **Waihou Bay SFC**
4. **Whangaroa SFC**
5. **Whakatane SFC**
6. **Ahipara GFC**
7. **Muriwai SFC**
8. **Bay of Islands Swordfish Club**

**ONE FISH** worth just 601 points could break the tie—it's that close!

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

The **weather's dropping**, the **seas are calming**, and the **fishing is getting better**. The final three days of the Nationals are **shaping up to be epic**—so expect **big fish, leaderboard upsets, and high-stakes fishing**.

**Check the leaderboard, plan your next move, and get out there**. Big game fishing is like a **box of chocolates**—it's not over **until the last one is gone!**

Tight lines, and let's see who makes the big play on **Day 6!**

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[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.)



*The View out the back of Team Kaizen, Pegasus Bay Game Fishing Club*



*Nick on Santana out of Whangaroa has tagged a stripy at the Hook and the crew had a close encounter of the toothy kind when a great white circled the boat 5 or 6 times under the light at North Cape*



*Terry on Marlena managed 2 Kahawai today on 1kg line - 1.25kg and 1.4kg, with an hour and 20 fight for one fish, and a very quick fight of 20 mins for the other fish.*