

“HIBISCUS COAST COMMUNITY RSA FISHING CLUB”

Fishing Trip Protocols

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We only telephone the night before a trip if the Club Captain & Charter Skipper have made the call to cancel. If you do not receive a telephone call it means the trip is on. All trips are on “Kiwi Angler” Z Pier Gulf Harbour boarding from 7.30am to 7.45am for departure by 8am SHARP returning 3pm unless we have our full quota of snapper earlier.

The trips scheduled for the 2025/2026 Season are listed below and split between “Prepaid Trips” and “Casual Trips” The former is for those 13 members who have prepaid the full amount for the whole season with allocated fishing positions on the vessel. The casual trips are for all members with fishing spots decided by a random draw of numbers after the Captain’s discretion allocating spots to those that require seating etc.

Please pay the (\$135) trip fee by direct credit to the RSA Fishing Club Bank Account. ASB Bank account number [12-3084-0014998-00](https://www.asb.co.nz/branch/12-3084-0014998-00) Put your name and fishing date in the reference columns and advise John Perris by e mail that you have paid. john@perris.co.nz

To secure a fishing spot it is important that you pre-pay and credit the bank account at time of booking. Not turning up without notice means a forfeiture of the \$135. Notification at least a week in advance will incur an admin fee of \$35 provided a replacement can be found – otherwise full forfeiture. In the case of sudden illness (48 hours prior to trip) where a replacement cannot be found the forfeiture \$70.

Members are entitled to ‘tag’ all their exotic fish (John Dory/Gurnard/Cod/Trevally/Kingfish etc) and also up to a maximum of **SEVEN** of the snapper they personally catch. (Numbered Tags and Cable Ties will be supplied) Everyone on the trip is entitled to take the same number of snapper home, which is determined when the fish are counted upon returning to the Marina. **It is recommended that members may wish to keep their 7th and last tag for their largest fish. If you use up all your tags, then catch a larger fish it must be returned to the sea or offered to another member – under no circumstances can a member “High Grade” by replacing an already tagged fish.**

To ensure the skipper is able to keep an accurate record of the number of snapper caught it is essential that they are all tagged before being put on ice. If you don’t want to tag a legal sized snapper then you need to release it or preferably offer it to another member. Please ask the other members before using one of their tags.

A reminder to all that when someone is fighting a Kingie, the protocol is for all others to bring their lines up and wait. If other lines are down, then don’t be surprised if the skipper cuts those lines if he feels they are hindering the landing of the fish.

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2025/2026 SEASON (All on Mondays)

Prepaid Trips

6th October 2025

3rd November 2025

1st December 2025

13th April 2026

11th May 2026

1st June 2026 (King’s Birthday Weekend)

Casual Trips

20th October 2025

17th November 2025

30th March 2026

27th April 2026

18^h May 2026

“HIBISCUS COAST COMMUNITY RSA FISHING CLUB” KIWI ANGLER NOTES:

- No work boots or marking black soled footwear will be allowed on board.
 - USE bait boards as instructed.
- NO CUTTING of bait, killing or cleaning of fish on decks.
 - Kiwi Angler is a no smoking no E cigarette Vessel.
- BRING camera, video – FISH sack (for your catch).
- Try to keep the cockpit tidy at all times (to show courtesy to others).
- Remember MAF quota and sizes and Club rules (ie: 7 Snapper of 320mm minimum per person).
 - Be on time for 8am departures at Marina. Pier Z 11 (Gulf Harbour Marina)
 - Wear suitable clothing for the day and DON'T forget your LUNCH.
 - If you suffer from sea sickness, suggest you take medication prior to sailing.
 - The use of illegal drugs will result in termination of trip.
 - Knives are to be kept in the slot in the bait boards when not in use.
 - The use of GPS and Electronic positioning devices are not permitted.
 - Footwear available for hire by prior arrangement \$3.00 per day.
 - Only one rod to be fished at all times. Only ONE sinker of correct weight per trace.
- For the Gulf, appropriate sinker weights range between 4 and 12 oz — generally 8 oz covers most situations. It pays to have spare sinkers and tracers – additional traces can be purchased for \$5 each.
- Any bait can be used, but the most common is squid, mullet, pilchard or Kahawai. Please supply your own bait, snacks, fishing rod and tackle.

Rex provides a “filleting of fish” service for those members who do not have their own facility for carrying out this task. The charge for this is \$3.00 per fish.

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To minimize tangles, it is our Fishing Club protocol that only nylon line is used i.e. no braid. No HOOKS or SINKERS are to be attached to the rods when boarding the charter vessel.

As we share fish it is also a protocol (and more humane) that all snapper are ikied, tagged and placed in the fish bin at the rear of the vessel. The Fish are then iced down.

Members may tag a maximum of seven snapper for collection at the end of the days fishing (subject to the equal sharing rule below). The Club will provide numbered tags and cable ties. All snapper need to be tagged with your own allocated number or another member's tag so the skipper can keep an accurate record of number caught.

As we are a Club, we share all snapper caught, with members having the right to select their own tagged fish up to the number being shared. HIGH GRADING OF IKIED AND ALREADY TAGGED SNAPPER IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

On return to the marina all members are to stand clear until all fish have been placed on the platform and sorted into tagged groups. Members will be called forward to take their tagged fish according to catch numbers.