



Megabites Fishing Charter Ltd

September 2013, Newsletter

Welcome to our September 2013 Newsletter.

Winter is nearly over! What winter? As most of us would ask. We would all agree that it was an unusually warm winter with lots of fine days and the stats showing that it was about 1.5 degrees warmer than normal. That means more time for us on the



water. We have had some great fishing days and some days when the fishing has been hard. It's nothing unusual for this time of the year when the fish are lethargic and the bite times are short lived. I detest the days when the fish are on the sounder but don't come on the bite. It's on those days that I'd rather have your job and be working in an office. All is not lost though - Overall the fishing has been good this winter.

Well it's officially spring and that lights us up, knowing that summer is just round the corner. The snapper will soon begin to congregate and move closer and start getting ready to spawn. Fishing can only get better from here on. If the winter fishing was good then the summer could only be great.

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What's happening with the fishing?

With the water temperature rarely going below 14 degrees, signs of bait workups and gannet and dolphin activity are starting to show. It's not uncommon to see these work ups early in spring and to follow will be the large male snapper who come in a little earlier to feed and fatten up in anticipation of the spawning season.

We have had some great fishing in August. The Firth has consistently been proving to be productive. Fishing the holes and pins around Gannet Rock. The holes between the Coromandel and Waiheke has been holding a good stock of feeding fish. The back of the Noises and the 40 meter mark behind the Ahahs are still holding some good fish along with the reef and the drop off at these locations. I do find a lot of juvenile schools still holding out there ready to nibble on your bait and wipe it clean.

Out further wide on top of the Coromandel and Square top and even as far as the Mokes are still holding some reasonable snapper. Some good size terakhi and trevally are still be hauled in.

Save Our Snapper

The deadline to “Save Our Snapper” ended on 23rd of August and I hope you all got in there and sent in your submissions. The fight isn’t over yet and we anticipate the upcoming decision from the Ministry of Primary Industries regarding the slashing of recreational snapper quota. With reports that there are over 1 million fishos all over the country the government has a tough decision to make. It’s not going to be a walk over with these fishos as they know their rights and what they aspire for. The government also risks being voted out of power if the views of the common people are not taken into consideration. After all we put them in power and we can remove them as well. To be fair all recreational fishos follow their own standards. I as a charter operator have seen many groups come aboard and will not take snapper under 30 cms even if they risk not taking home a feed. So they are responsible. Commercial operators are not that concerned though, when a net is hauled in with Tons of fish, it brings in whatever is in the area. Including hundreds of juvenile snapper that don’t stand a chance of living after being crushed. So unless this is checked the raping of the seas will continue and aided and abetted by the government. So fingers crossed till we hear about the final decision.

Great Fishing Deals:

The \$69 winter specials for an 8 hour fishing trip had been a huge success. Many of you made use of the opportunity to grab yourselves a deal and come aboard. As you would agree it was well worth its value and even though it is cutting even for us it is our way of saying thank you to you and your support in keeping us operating. Please keep an eye out and check our website regularly we will be coming up with a few more deals to mark special occasions.

Photo Competition:

From now to well over summer we will be running a photo competition on our website. All you have to do is post your best fishing photo on our photo competition page and get in a draw to “Win a Free Fishing Trip” One entry will be picked each month and the winner will be notified by email. It’s as easy as that. So get in there and get clicking and post your best photo. You have to be in to win. So look up our “Photo Competition” page on our Website and get posting.



I will no doubt be seeing most of you over the Summer , so In the mean time “Taker Care “ and Keep Safe !

“Tight Lines”!!