



**Mangere Boating Club Inc.**

# **MANUKAU 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ONE BASE GAME FISH TOURNAMENT Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Tournament Highlights**

## **Game Fishing the West Coast Based out of Mangere Boating Club**



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The 2009 "Manukau One Base" Game fish tournament was the 4th tournament organized by the Mangere Boating Club. Due to unpredictable weather on the previous tournaments we decided to run the tournament in early march instead of the usual early February. This looked as like it would fit in well with other West Coast competitions being run in Feb. As is usual for these types of events there was a lots of preparation and surprisingly very few last minute panics.

The tournament was bigger and better and had a larger prize pool than any of the previous tournaments. Special thanks must go to our sponsors and all our One Base team who put in a huge effort who ensured the tournament went without a hitch. For the weeks leading up to the one base the weather was great with a few marlin being caught. A few days before the tournament the weather was not looking so good, with big westerly swells predicted for Sunday.

70 + Paid up anglers a few Junior Anglers, who pretty much stole the show at prize giving, 20 Sponsor tickets and around 20 boats fishing was a very good result because two other West Coast clubs had postponed their club game fishing comps to the same weekend.

### **Saturday 7th March 2009-Day One**

Well unlike the past tournaments, Finally a decent day for the One Base 20 plus boats made it onto the water and over the bar. What a sight a trail of boats leaving Mangere Boating Club and heading out of the harbour.

The boats that headed south had a pretty fruitless day. The boats fishing directly behind the bar and north of the bar got it right on with lots of very excited hookups being called to Mangere Base. The marlin just were not cooperating with sound of despair as the boats called in a dropped fish. Lots of albacore and skippies were caught but the line weight rule invalidate the fish from the prizes, that is except Phil Barton took out his 2 kilo set, hooked a nice skippie and spent 40 minutes coaxing it into the boat. Well done Phil. Later in the afternoon Not At Work hooked in to a marlin with Barry Carghill on the rod. The fish went nuts, jumping all around the ocean a brilliant sight. 40 minutes later the marlin was at the boat, tagged and then accessed for weight and pulled into the boat. Yelps of joy on the VHF and put the gear back into the water. Stop fishing was 5:00 with most of the boats back at base by 6:00 PM.

Numerous tuna caught with Phil Barton's 2.5 kg Skippe on 2 Kg line being the only valid tuna.

One marlin landed, Caught by Barry Carghill and was presented to the weighmaster. Everyone estimated the weight around 100 kg and were surprised when it went 89.8 Kilos, that is 200 grams short of the minimum weight.... Bugger....

Saturday night saw everyone having a great time, a great meal and some great spot prizes. Most anglers comparing notes and working on Sundays strategy.

### **Sunday 8th March 2009-Day Two**

Sunday morning...Up really early make a strong coffee to clear the head and anticipate another day on the water. The forecast was not that hot. A couple of boats were on the water before daybreak, headed to the bar, crossed on slack tide and proceeded to get hammered all day.

Not at Work and Integrity got to the bar by 7:00 AM, it looked pretty gnarly. Called the coast guard and headed out. It was a pretty rough trip and after about 15 minutes battling the bar conditions turned around and headed back into the harbour to chase kingies.

Well before stop fishing most of the boats had headed back to the club because the weather was continuing to determinate.

Sunday evening saw a fantastic turnout, the club rooms were jammed to overflowing and with an even better dinner menu than the previous evening no one went home hungry.

The heaviest tuna prize went to Phil Barton for his 2.5 kg Skippie on 2 kg line.

The Dimond Cup for heavies fish went to Barry Carghill for his 89.8 kg marlin.

The rest of the fish prizes went to the draw. With the crew on Dawn Striker II doing very well.

It was great to see the Juniors participating and getting out there and giving it a go. Jole Usher one of the juniors took out the top drawn marlin prize and went home with a bundle of loot. He also won a another prize for his fantastic poem. Each junior angler won a Penn rod and reel set. I think some of the dads were eyeing up the kids prizes.

Lots of spot prizes meant every angler went home with some loot.

Once again thanks to our sponsors and organizers who made the event so successful. And thanks also to the anglers and boats for choosing our One Base Tournament. See you all there next year.. Bigger and Better...

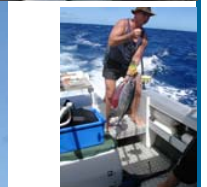
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