



HANDBOOK

RULES AND REGULATIONS
INFORMATION
USEFUL HINTS AND IDEAS

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1. SECTION ONE - INTRODUCTION

1.1 Foreword

The Rotorua Fishing and Casting Club Inc in compiling its original Constitution took into consideration the importance of encouraging and coaching new members in the art of both casting and fishing techniques.

The Club in its younger years paid a lot of attention to the art of casting as it was considered and later proven that the fisherman who knows and understands his or her equipment and is capable of using it to maximum advantage is very often the person who catches the most fish and certainly derives the most pleasure from their sport.

The Club is very fortunate in as much as it is based in Rotorua, which is surrounded by some 14 lakes that provide some of the best fresh water fishing in the world today. Within a relatively short drive from Rotorua one can be fishing off beautiful sandy beaches for a variety of saltwater fish.

The club was founded in 1956 and continually struggled with finances requiring it to organise raffles to raise funds in order to purchase trophies and prizes for competitions. Some of the original trophies are still competed for today.

The club had the unique distinction of conducting an International Surfcasting Championship and a registered Fly and Plug-casting Tournament in Rotorua in 1962. Competitors from South Africa, Australia, and USA and throughout New Zealand took part.

Today the club has for the convenience of its members its own clubhouse located on a prime piece of real estate close to the beach at Otamarakau.

This building was planned and erected with the foresight of past committees and was officially opened in 1977.

Over time improvements and additions have been made and will no doubt continue to be made to protect this valuable asset. There would be very few surf fishing clubs in New Zealand who could match the facilities offered to membership that this club has provided.

Monthly fishing events provide for members and their families to compete together in friendly competition, share a common interest and meet socially.

In conclusion I would like to pay tribute to and remember those members who are no longer with us. The Club has been very fortunate to have had members who have dedicated their lives to the sport of angling and casting and in the best interests of all took time to pass their knowledge and skills on.

May the Club continue to prosper, with members enjoying the friendly competition and common interest that is the foundation of your sport of angling and casting.

Des Baillie
Club Patron 2006 -

1.2 Foreword by President

This handbook has the dual purpose of presenting the club rules of membership while assisting new members to quickly identify with the numerous events that take place throughout the fishing year.

For the new member, who is also new to surfcasting, we have incorporated tips from long term beach fishers to help them get started – read them carefully, you will find many years of experience in the tips. It goes without saying that there is no substitute for first hand experience and the quickest way to become a successful surfcaster is to talk to, observe and if possible tag along with one who is.

Remember this is your club and it is only really as good as the efforts you put into it. Become an active member and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie, which comes with such. Learn from others, share your experience and enjoy the benefits of being part of this club with a long and proud history and a great future.

1.3 History

The original “Rotorua Casting Club” was founded at a public meeting of seventy-six keen anglers on 27th June 1956. The object of the meeting was to establish a Casting Club in the Rotorua district to foster the sport of Casting in all its forms as applied to both fresh and salt water. In the early days, although casting was the prime objective of the club, members would meet on organised fishing weekends at what was then a railway siding at Otamarakau. The beach headquarters for many years was an old railway goods shed and they would fish for sweepstake prizes.

In 1956 the club was officially registered as an Incorporated Society as “Rotorua Casting Club Inc. The membership joining fee was five shillings with a yearly subscription fee of 10 shilling for senior members and 5 shillings for juniors.

The constitutional aim of the club was to foster the sport of angling in all its forms, including freshwater trout fishing, surfcasting and competitive dry land casting. At the first Annual General Meeting held in Rotorua on 28 August 1957, the club was renamed to “The Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club Inc”. and affiliated to the NZACA – the yearly subscription fees increasing to eleven shillings to cover the affiliation fees.

Frank Lord, wrote as a foreword to the first handbook –

“This Club in compiling its constitution looked to the future of the young angler as to whether he or she would take up the art of surf/fresh water fishing and for that reason this Club was introduced to improve the angling skills of anglers on the beach, rivers and lakes in the Rotorua area.”

In 1962 Rotorua was host to an International Casting Championship, which included events in Surf, Fly and Plug casting both for distance and accuracy. Competitors from all over the world took part - Australia, South Africa and the USA were all represented. This club had the distinction of having some world-class competitors within its ranks and names such as Conn Voss (New Zealand fly and plug casting champion) Frank Lord and Martin Davis (surfcasting) come to mind.

In 1969, with growing interest in the sport of surfcasting and with the club’s own membership growing rapidly, a monster Bonanza Fishing Contest was organised that allowed the public to compete for a set monetary prize of \$300. (A substantial prize in those days). It was accepted by the club’s working committee of the time that, in the event of a contest failure, each member of the committee would contribute to cover the cost of the prize money outlaid. Fortunately the contest was a great success and has been continued annually by the club to the present day, 2021 being the 52nd Bonanza contest.

Following the success of the first and subsequent public contests and with the club funds and membership increasing, it was decided to investigate the building of a permanent headquarters closer to the beach that could also be used for recreational purposes.

To help the club get started a local farmer Richard Shearer leased the Club a piece of land, overlooking the sea, for a rental of one dollar per year over a 100 years term – later the freehold purchased. With the help of extra money from a lottery fund, and considerable voluntary labour from the members, the main clubhouse building was finally officially opened in 1977. Over subsequent years the clubhouse and site have been improved as the funds became available. We should however remember and be exceedingly grateful to the foresight and enthusiasm of the original members who set the foundations that have made the “Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club” one of the top surfcasting clubs in the country.

Note 1 - Frank Lord was a founder member of the “Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club” when it was formed in 1956. He held many positions in the club administration and was the club’s patron for over twenty years.

2. SECTION TWO - DETAILS AND MANAGEMENT

2.1 Club Name

The name of the club is the “Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club Inc.” (R.F.C.C).

The logo incorporates the words “Bay of Plenty” as we draw our members from further afield than just Rotorua, and the Establishment Date of 1956.

2.2 Registered Office and Headquarters

The registered office and official headquarters of the Club is the clubroom situated approximately ½ km from Otamarakau (old sand excavation and railway station) towards Matata on State Highway 2.

The official address is (clubrooms):

1263 State Highway 2
Whakatane 3194

2.3 Clubroom GPS

Co-ordinates being :

37.837635S, 176.615768E

2.4 Club Year

The club’s financial year starts on the 1st July each year - the club membership subscription fee is due at this date.

2.5 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held each year in August at a date, venue and time set by the Executive Committee. Club members are advised individually through the club newsletter and other relevant notices well before the meeting.

It has been the practice of the club over recent years to organise a meal immediately before or after the AGM, Prizegiving and annual trophy awards follows.

2.6 Life Members

The present life members of the club are:

Mr D Bailey (Patron)	Mr B Gordon
Mr B Hand	Mr P Corcoran
Mr E Jones	Mr W Gibbins
Mr G Maunder	Mr D Brown

2.7 Executive Committee

The Officers and Executive Committee members for the club are elected at the Annual General Meeting each year. The positions are: -

Patron
President
Immediate Past President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer (could be two persons)
Club Captain
Six (6) Committee Members

2.8 The General Objectives

The general objectives for which the Club is established are as follows: -

- To encourage the sport of casting as applied to all forms of fresh and salt-water fishing.
- To teach the arts of angling and to encourage good sportsmanship and friendly competition.
- To promote the conservation of fish and game and the natural resources of the Bay of Plenty area of New Zealand.
- To affiliate, when felt it is in the best interest of the club to do so, with an appropriate National Body, this traditionally being the New Zealand Angling and Casting Association.
- To affiliate with any body of group that has as its object the promotion of the sport of angling, and/or casting.
- To affiliate with any body or group that has as its object the conservation of fish and/or game within the Bay of Plenty area of New Zealand and the waters adjoining its shores.
- To promote and conduct tournaments and competitions under the rules as laid down from time to time by the Club.
- Generally to safeguard the interests of the members of the Club.
- To encourage the observance of all laws governing the conservation and preservation of New Zealand's natural resources and to co-operate with the appropriate authorities in the implementation of them, and to press for the amendment or elimination of any law that in the opinion of the Club is not in the best interests of the objects of the Club.

3. SECTION THREE - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Family Membership

As defined embraces spouse/partner and all children who are totally financially supported by them and below the age of eighteen years of age at the beginning of the club's financial year (1st July).

3.2 Small-Fry Membership

Small-fry are those under the age of 11 years of age on the 1st January of the current calendar year.

For NZ & IGFA Record purposes there is a category called Smallfry which is for children up to and including the age of 10. In Casting Competitions there is a Midget Section for those under 12 years of age.

3.3 Junior Membership

Juniors are those under the age of 17 years on the 1st January of the current calendar year.

3.4 Senior Membership Categories

Men are those 17 years of age up to and including 64 years of age

Ladies are those 17 years of age up to and including 59 years of age.

Veteran Men are those 65 years of age up to and including 69 years of age.

Veteran Ladies are those 60 years of age up to and including 69 years of age.

Golden Oldie are those 70 years and over.

3.5 Membership Transition Between Age Groups

Transition of age group will occur if your birth date is between groups, for example, if you are 16 (Junior) as at 1 July of current year and then turn 17 prior to AGM, you will be moved to the next age group and your points will carry over.

3.6 Life Membership

Life membership is awarded to a club member for services to the club or for reasons considered worthy by the club membership.

Nominations for Life Membership are to be made and seconded in writing by two financial members of the club. They must first have the consent of the nominee.

Nominations are to be forwarded at least twenty-eight clear days prior to the notice of an Annual General Meeting and addressed to the Executive Committee through the Club Secretary. All necessary supporting information must be included with the nomination.

The Executive Committee will examine any proposals and make a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting.

Life Members do not pay annual subscription fees to the club but do pay all other charges i.e. camping, fishing fees etc.

3.7 Other Membership

3.7.1 Supplementary

Members of other clubs may be granted Supplementary Membership to attend a Club event as felt appropriate. The fees per event are \$10 plus the competition fee and camping fees if they use the Club's facilities over-night.

3.7.2 Associate

The Club, from time to time, may grant another club, organisation, sponsor or individual "Associate Membership" of the club. The rights, obligations and conditions of such membership being set out at the time of granting the Associate status.

3.8 Subscriptions

There is no separate Joining Fee for the club. Subscription fees are set at the Annual General Meeting for the following year. The present full year fees are: -

- Family Member..... \$80
- Senior Member \$50
- Junior Member \$10

Senior and Family members joining in March or April will pay half of the full subscription for the remaining part of the current year.

Senior and Family members joining in May or June will pay a full subscription. This will cover the remaining part of the current year and will be payment in full for the whole of the following year.

Junior member subscriptions remain the same all year.

3.9 National or Regional Body Fees

Any fees payable due to club affiliating with such Bodies will be a charge against the club rather than individual members, excepting in such cases where an individual takes out affiliation of such an organisation on their own behalf.

3.10 Joining the Club

Club members are asked to encourage their friends and neighbours to join the club. In today's social climate when all clubs are suffering from a reduction in membership numbers it is essential that everyone helps to keep our club strong for future generations to enjoy. Children and young adults in particular should be encouraged and made welcome.

All prospective new members must complete an Membership Application form (available from the Secretary). The applicant can be nominated by an existing financial member of the Club or seek membership via direct inquiry. All requests for membership will need to be perused and approved by the Management Committee. Appropriate fees must be paid before membership is confirmed.

The right to be a bonded key holder will not be granted until the new member has shown their support for the club by their attendance at club competition days and demonstrated they are a right and proper person to hold such.

3.11 Visiting the Club

A Club Member is permitted to invite a visitor along to one Club Competition. The visitor on this occasion can partake of all the benefits of a club member.

4. SECTION FOUR - FISHING

4.1 Fishing Rules

On the second calendar weekend of each month, for the months September to June, excepting January (when club members are expected to be involved with the Annual Bonanza), a monthly club weekend fishing competition is held. These contests run under the following rules and guidelines :-

- 4.1.1 Fish entered in club competitions must be caught on a rod or hand line from the beach and within the clubs fishing limits as defined.
- 4.1.2 A maximum of three (3) rods / hand lines are allowed for each member.
- 4.1.3 Except in very exceptional circumstances a monthly club weekend will not be cancelled or postponed. On such occasions when it is not suitable for fishing an alternative clubhouse based program will be run the content being at the decision of the Club Captain. This could include training/teaching/skill learning, visiting speakers, discussion or social.

4.2 Controller

The Club Captain is the controller for all monthly contests.

4.3 Fishing Boundaries

- 4.3.1 The contest fishing boundaries are limited to the beaches between the Maketu Surf Club and the eastern boundary will be the western bank of the Whakatane River. These boundaries apply to all club events unless notified otherwise through the newsletter or the Club Captains briefing. From time to time these boundaries may be altered for specific competitions.
- 4.3.2 At the club captain's discretion, if the weather is unfavourable for a club weekend, the boundaries can be adjusted to include Mount Maunganui Harbour (Pilot Bay) and the Ohiwa Harbour. Notification by the club captain will be made to members.

4.4 Contest Headquarters

The Clubroom is the headquarters for the selling of entry tickets and for the official weigh-in.

4.5 Competition Hours

Monthly competitions will start at 6pm on the Friday and finish Sunday morning with all competitors having to be in at the Club HQ by 9.00am. Any alteration to this will be advised in the Club Newsletter.

4.6 Competitions

Rod or competition fees are usually payable a half an hour before the official contest start time to allow members to travel to the more distant beach locations.

After the official start time an IOU form will be available for latecomers. These members should enter their name and number of Senior/Junior rods purchased. Payment is made on the Sunday morning during the weigh-in – members are requested not to leave money at the club on Saturday unless there are other club officers present.

Provision is also made for members, who due to personal circumstances, are unable to check in to Club HQ prior to fishing. Such will notify the Club Captain prior to arriving at their chosen fishing location that they wish to be part of that competition.

Members cannot start fishing in the contest before the official start time and without first either paying appropriate fees, filling in the IOU form or notifying Club Captain. Members may sign in via a proxy signature by another competitor but this is to be done prior to fishing. On Interclub Weekends members are requested to remain at the club until after the Club Captain's pre-contest briefing.

4.7 Rod Charges

- Veteran, Men's, Ladies, Golden Oldie\$10 first rod, \$5 each additional rod (maximum 3 rods)
- Juniors\$5 first rod, \$3 each additional rod (maximum 3 rods)

4.8 Weigh-in

All fish brought to the scales must comply with the size limitations specified by MPI. "Fisheries Amateur Fishing Regulation".

- Rays are not accepted for weigh-in.
- All sharks must be brought to scale fully gutted and "trunked"* (*This means that the head, tail and all fins have been removed").

The RFCC size limitations for contest fish, as measured from the tip of nose to the fork of the tail are: -

- Snapper 300mm
- Kahawai 350mm
- Kingfish 1000mm
- All other fish 300mm

Junior members may weigh-in all fish (except rays) that comply with the size limitations specified by MPI "Fisheries Amateur Fishing Regulation".

Competitors must be on the clubrooms property by the official finishing time. The Club Captain has the right to waive this rule if he/she feels there are extenuating circumstances. The Club Captain's decision is final.

Fish may be weighed-in at any time before the official finish time providing another member of the club records the weights.

Fish must be gutted and have the gills removed before being weighed. The exceptions to this are: -

- Possible club (or NZ/IGFA) record fish. These will have to be gutted and gilled before catch points can be allotted.
- Sharks.

4.9 Security

Following a weekend contest, it is the responsibility of the last member leaving the club site to confirm that all of the security measures listed on Appendix A have been adhered to.

5. SECTION FIVE - COMPETITIONS

5.1 Monthly Competitions Prizes

Prizegiving and raffle draws take place on the Sunday morning of a contest weekend following the weigh-in at the clubrooms. The prizes are normally in the form of vouchers, and are awarded for the following catches: -

- Heaviest Snapper
- Heaviest Other Species (excluding Snapper & Kahawai)
- Heaviest Kahawai
- Heaviest fish caught by a lady angler (any species).
- Heaviest fish caught by a junior angler (any species)

Any one fish is eligible for only one of the above prizes.

5.2 Raffles

In addition to the fishing contest, the club runs a raffle event over the weekend. Members select their own numbers from the raffle sheet.

There is also a lucky rod ticket draw - members must be present at the clubrooms at the time of the draw to win this.

5.3 Four or more species

This fun event, run at the discretion of the Club Captain, can run as a form of a sweepstake over the weekend. The decision to run such is up to the Club Captain. It is based upon the number of different species a member catches rather than the size of fish - a minimum of four different species is required to qualify for the prize. The highest number of different species wins. In the case of more than one entry having the same number of different species, the heaviest total weight of those fish wins. Prize(s), additional entry fees or sponsorship of such being the responsibility of the Club Captain.

5.4 Assisted Casting

In club competitions assisted casting is allowed for fishers who because of age, physical handicaps or inexperience are not able to cast a line sufficient distance which would give them fair chance of attracting a catch. This assistance is for the act of casting only and does not apply to baiting of hooks, striking or playing the catch and retrieving of line and catch.

Application for such exemption will be made on the day of the competition to the Club Captain whose decision will be recorded and be binding.

The Club recognises the responsibility of teaching the skills of casting to enable such to proficiently cast their own line.

5.5 Points Ladders

Fish caught during the monthly fishing contests, and also during the away interclub events, are awarded points. The number of points a fish receives differs with each species and is calculated based on a simple formulae of the weight of the fish in kgs (up to three decimal points) multiplied by a species factor.

The species factors are as follows:-

- Snapper25
- Trevally 20
- Kahawai15
- Gurnard 25
- Kingfish 30
- Sharks 10
- John Dory 30
- All other species 10

All Club Members competing at Club Competitions are awarded 10 points on registering regardless of whether or not they weigh in a catch.

Separate points ladders are composed by the Club Captain and displayed at the clubrooms. These are: -

- Smallfry Under 11 years of age
- Junior Under 17 years of age
- Men's 17 years of age up to and including 64 years of age
- Ladies 17 years of age up to and including 59 years of age
- Veteran Men 65 years of age up to and including 69 years of age
- Veteran Ladies 60 years of age up to and including 69 years of age
- Golden Oldie 70 years and over

Points are cumulative over the fishing year with the ladder leaders being shown in the club newsletter each month.

There are trophies and prizes for the winners of each section at the end of the year. The names of all section winners are recorded on the club's honour board. The member with the highest total of points becomes the overall fishing champion for the year.

5.6 The Teams Event

The month is at the discretion of the Club Captain but is usually held during the March monthly contest. Teams are self-chosen and consist of two Club members (any sex or age) - the team that catches the heaviest combined weight of snapper wins. A separate sweepstake is run as a prize for this event and the winning team receives a trophy at the end of the year. The names of the winning team are recorded on the "Team Shield" which is displayed at the clubroom.

5.7 The Family Teams Event

The family teams event consists of adult family members plus children or one adult family member plus children or two or more family adults. All family members must fish to be eligible. Combine heaviest bag of fish (any legal species) caught by a family team. There is a trophy for the winning team.

5.8 The Mixed Pairs

The team must consist of one male and one female. Juniors can participate and visitors who are attending under the club one visit rule. (see section 3 of the handbook). Both team members must fish to be eligible. The highest total weight of fish (any legal species) is the target. There is a trophy for the winning team.

5.9 Wooden Spoon

Most of us from time to time when fishing have done something silly – forgotten the bait - arrived too late for the weigh-in - cast a mighty throw and thrown the rod as well etc. The club has a fun award for this in the form of a wooden spoon which if a member is awarded three times; he/she is expected to add their name to the many already there.

5.10 End of Season Fish-off

The final month for competition points is June and, at the Club Captains discretion, this can be combined with a fishing competition with added prize-money to which members of other fishing clubs and invited guests can take part.

5.11 January Bonanza

The cost of running a club today is high and unfortunately it continues to grow each year. The public Fishing Bonanza that the Club organises annually on the Auckland Anniversary weekend is of major importance for keeping the club subscriptions down and maintaining the clubroom facilities.

It requires the assistance of all our members on this particular weekend to ensure the success of the contest and hence the clubs future. Apart from the financial importance of the event to the club, the weekend is a wonderful time for members and their families to get together. Membership places an obligation on all to play a part in this event.

5.12 Interclub

There are annual fishing contests arranged between R.F.C.C and other local clubs, with trophies being competed for, but not limited to, with Opotiki, Papamoa Beach and Whakatane clubs. These matches are organised on a home and away basis with the team numbers being agreed between the club captains.

Home fixtures are set to coincide with the RFCC monthly contests, while away contests are extra to the club's calendar of events. Members are notified through the club newsletter.

Fish caught at an away contests are eligible for ladder points.

5.13 Club Record Fish

Members please note that to qualify for a club record the fish need not have been caught during an official club competition. It must however be caught within the club boundary as defined. Beginning from the western boundary at Maketu Surf Club to the eastern boundary at the western bank of the Whakatane River. It need not be gutted before being weighed but must be weighed on certified scales. A note verifying the weight should accompany any claim for a new club record. Most storekeepers will oblige by weighing and endorsing a note to this effect. The date and place the fish was caught should also be recorded and if possible a witnesses name and telephone number.

The names of the holders of club records are displayed in the clubhouse.

6. SECTION SIX - CLUB CASTING

6.1 Casting Day

The RFCC recognising the expertise, organisational abilities and availability of equipment of the Whakatane based NZ Distance Casting Federation delegates the responsibility of staging and running of the RFCC Casting Competition to that Body. The results of such competition being used to ascertain the awarding of Club Casting Trophies.

6.2 Date and Venue

This to be at the discretion of the NZDCF. Notice of such to be notified to Club Members via Club Newsletters along with competition rules and conditions. It is acknowledged that such Casting Days could be in the form of an "interclub" or "open" event. In the occurrence of no such interclub/open event being held the Club Captain shall so arrange with the NZDCF a suitable date and venue for an RFCC only competition. It is further acknowledged that the NZDCF has the right to make a charge for those competing in such competitions.

6.3 Controller

The liaison officer between the Club and the NZDCF is the Club Captain. All matters in relation to such Casting Competitions by members are to go to the Club Captain and not direct to the personnel of the NZDCF.

6.4 Multiple Casting Competitions

In any one year – Where the NZDCF runs more than one Casting Competition in any one competition year to which RFCC members are invited to compete the Club Captain, together with the Club Management Committee, has the option of deciding if the results of one, some or all of such competitions can be used in ascertaining Club Casting Trophy winners. Notification of such decisions to be notified to members via Club Newsletters.

6.5 Distance Event

Members cast with normal surfcasting tackle, but without bait. A triangular court is laid out and the cast must be within the boundaries of the court. Weights up to 170gm may be used, a minimum line diameter of 0.25mm is allowed.

6.6 Bait Distance Event

As for the distance event but with a wooden imitation bait attached. "Baits" are supplied by the club.

6.7 Accuracy Event

This requires the contestant to cast a weight with a wooden imitation bait attached at a target set at various distances from the caster. Points are deducted, from a maximum of 20, for each metre the bait lands away from the stake.

6.8 Handicap

All members receive a handicap based upon their previous experience. The more experienced casters receive the higher handicap, there-by giving new casters a good chance of winning this event.

The handicap is calculated as follows :-

160 points minus best cast = total A
 Average of best two casts = total B
 Total A + Total B = handicap points

6.9 Sections

There are six sections these being: -

- Men 17-64 years
- Veteran Men 65 and over
- Ladies 17-59 years
- Veteran Ladies 60 and over
- Juniors 11-16 years
- Smallfry 10 years and under
- Golden Oldies 70 years and over

A number of trophies can be won and winners are recorded on the club casting honours board.

Generally the casting day is a fun event but, with a serious purpose, in that it enables newcomers and juniors to observe the tackle and techniques of the experienced caster. The fish are not always at the furthest cast – but you need to reach them when they are.

Members should inquire off the Club Captain for further details of our club casting event and if they want more information on casting in general

7. SECTION SEVEN - CAMPING

7.1 Camping at the Clubroom

Twelve caravan power points are provided on site for this purpose. A separate room (bunk house) is also available but mainly for emergency overnight use. Tent sites wherever.

There is to be no sleeping in the main building.

- The club camping facilities are not available for general public use and only club members or other authorized persons are allowed use thereof.
- There is no charge for the camping facilities on official club weekends. All other times incur payment of set charges. On all such occasions the register **MUST** be filled in as to whom staying, when and for how long. This is an insurance requirement.
- Camping on Bonanza weekend may be limited to those who are performing duties in conjunction with the event
- Club members may have visitors stay with them but are expected to make the appropriate donations.
- Depending on conditions agreed, Associate Members may also have rights to use camping facilities
- Members wishing to stay at the clubroom between contests must first obtain a key from a key holder (usually a committee member). Must complete the Register in Clubrooms on arrival and either leave required fees in box in clubrooms, pay via direct bank credit or pay to whom they received the key from. Note: Except in special circumstances those staying at the Clubrooms do not have sole rights of occupancy.
- The various instructions regarding use of the Clubrooms as shown on the Notice board are to be followed.
- No smoking at any time in the clubroom – members are requested to use ashtrays if smoking outside.
- The gutting/cleaning of fish is not permitted under any circumstance on the Club grounds. Facilities for the washing and filleting of fish are provided at the rear of the Clubroom in a concrete tub clearly marked for this purpose. All fish waste must be removed from the club site.

7.2 Pet Animals

These are permitted subject to the following rules:

- No animals are allowed inside the Clubroom.
- Dogs must be kept tethered whilst on site.
- All offensive material dropped by animals must be removed immediately by the owner.

7.3 Site Charges

These are set out in Appendix C. They are deemed to be donations.

- Members are responsible for their visitors whilst they are on Club property and the Club does not accept any responsibility for any loss and/or damage to member's property whilst they occupy a camping site.
- Camping is not permitted by any non-Members (and where applicable non-Associate Members) unless accompanied by a Financial Member.
- Caravans or tents may be left unoccupied at the club site, but at the owners risk and for a maximum time of one week only
- Other clubs and / or organisations can negotiate with the Club Management Committee regarding hire of site.

7.4 Visiting the Club Site

Members are to ensure that all of the checks shown in Appendix A are carried out before leaving the site.

7.5 Club House Keys

If you are a regular user of the Club Rooms at periods other than Club Days you may wish to “purchase” a key for your own use. This, naturally, comes with responsibilities, the most important of which is the security of the key assigned to you and the security of the property. Loss of the key or failure to comply with rules regarding the property may result in financial penalties.

Keys will be available to Club Members who have been in the club for more than twelve months and who have attended some club days in the past. The key will carry a

\$40 bond that is repayable on its return and will be on a yearly review basis.

If you would like a key please contact Club Secretary for referral to key co-ordinator

Users of the Clubrooms are reminded that such use comes with obligations.

- One of course is the payment of required fees, which is to be either deposited in the box on the kitchen server, paid via direct credit or paid to the Club Treasurer.
- Second is to fill in the Register, which is kept beside that said box.
- Thirdly, and this goes without saying, the Clubrooms are to be left in a clean and tidy state when you leave and the various instructions shown on the Notice Board followed.
- Fourthly, the loss of a key in your charge may come with a financial penalty – the cost of replacing all the affected locks and the issuing of new keys. This penalty charge will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- Fifthly, protect the sand dunes, use the tracks provided. The club works with Coast Care to rejuvenate the dunes by helping planting native species on them each year.

Our Clubrooms are a tremendous asset and the envy of many. They are there for all our use but we need to look after them and respect others rights to use them also.

8. FISHING TIPS

8.1 Reading the Beach

Unfortunately, since we cannot see under the water we must attempt to plot the position of sandbars, channels, holes and gutters by watching for changes in the height and pattern of the waves as they approach the shore. The sea currents that form the various underwater sand structures are generated by a combination of the moon's gravity and offshore surface winds. The moving water sculpts the seabed as it flows, changing and creating channels while building or breaking down sandbanks. This exposes the food underneath the sand making it available to the fish. Under certain conditions holes and gutters are formed that can trap dead food - attracting crabs, baitfish and the like.

Without a doubt the best way to read the beach is to go with an experienced surfcaster and get them to show you – for those with a “do it yourself” approach, here's a few basic ideas to start you off.

- Try to view your beaches over the low tide since the underwater features are more easily identified then.
- Read the incoming waves - breaking white water indicates shallows or sandbars – gradually lifting waves indicate a shallowing of the seafloor – a flat or none lifting sea tells of deeper water - a quick flattening of a wave after it first breaks suggests a hole, gutter or channel in front of a sandbank. The calmer the sea the harder it is to read the beach and the underwater terrane can appear to be different during an outgoing tide than with an incoming one.
- The flow from streams and rivers create channels and these fresh water outlets usually have shellfish beds in front of them. The flow from rivers may appear to go straight out to sea but with incoming tides they can change direction and return to the beach a few hundred metres further down - forming new channels.
- If a beach is hard and flat and slopes continuously from the back to the water edge it usually means that the sand from this beach has been swept into the sea.
- This tends to choke the seabed for a period and fishing is not usually very good over that time.
- If the beach is level and then drops off sharply into the sea it suggests deeper water close inshore at high tide – good beach to try out.
- Live shellfish on the beach usually means an active current offshore.
- There are permanent natural features that direct the currents flow onto the beach - offshore islands, reefs and underwater ridges. Because of these, some positions regularly appear to be good fishing spots – if you identify one, keep it to yourself, I do!!
- One of the best tips is not to be static. If there are no bites, move your rods 40 metres along the beach each cast until you find the fish - if nothing else it keeps you active and warm.

Good fishing - Barry Hand

8.2 Increasing Your Catch

Most of us use two rods for our monthly fishing competitions. We all have our favourite rigs and tend to use both rods with the same set-up. Try experimenting by using your second rod with a different rig. There is no rig that is bad; they all catch fish in their turn but some rigs do work better at different times. When you find which system is working best on the day you can change both rods over to that style.

The most common rigs I use are the fixed sinker rig, with a trace of around 35cm long and a breaking strength of 30/50 lb depending on the time of the year. The second type is the ledger method using two traces of approximately 50lb breaking strain and a length of 7.5cm. There are other rigs I use occasionally but these two are the most successful.

Good luck - George Maunder

8.3 Good Ideas

I use a rubber docking ring tied to the end of the trace, this acts as a shock absorber and stretches when the fish strikes the bait - I have never had one break yet. It also helps if you drop your trace in the sand, you can easily find it with the coloured ring on the end. When using a fixed sinker rig occasionally the sinker will break off under the impact of the fish strike but with the docking ring this does not happen.

As I move down the beach I keep an eye open for the shallow stirred up area of sea that is within casting distance of the beach. One would think there would not be fish in that type of water but it is surprising how a cast on the edge produces both Snapper and Kahawai.

Tight lines – Barry Gordon

8.4 Think like a fish

Welcome to a lifetime of dreaming and scheming and many hours of pleasure on the beach. We go out to catch fish so a few tips to help you on your way and remember, “to catch a fish you must think like a fish”.

- Gear – Always buy the best you can afford – cheap tackle will do the job for a while but is likely to “clap-out” under pressure (the big one).
- Rods – There are many good brands on the market, however you should always buy the rod that suits your build. The bigger and stronger you are the heavier the rod you can swing. However if you are of a slight frame, or not so tall, a lighter and shorter rod may be the key and if used correctly will get the bait out to where the fish are just as well, without wearing you out. A stiffer rod will often cast further but will sacrifice the sensitivity that catches fish. I prefer a rod with a softer tip action myself.
- Reel – For our beaches a “long casting” reel type is best. Always check when choosing the reel that it lays the line evenly onto the spool, this is important since a better cast is achieved.
- Line – A line strength of 6.8kg (15lb) with a thickness of 0.30mm is suitable for the mainline and 13.6kg (30lb) for traces and leader.
- Sinker – I use two types of sinker – an 113grm (4oz) skud type for normal sea conditions and a breakaway type or similar weight for heavy seas. I use these mainly on a fixed sinker rig.
- Bait – Anchovies are excellent bait that catches most species. I have found the best way to fish them is on a two-hook rig where the lead hook is a 4/0 or 5/0 and the keeper hook one size smaller. The hooks are spaced to suit the bait and the keeper hook is fixed to a trace of 40/50cms long - make sure the hook points are exposed. Lightly salt your anchovies and tie on with tying elastic. I have also found that tuatua on both hooks work well.
- The beach – Remember “think like a fish” and where they might be. The beach always changes with the tide movement. I always look for water close to the white break because that is where the food is being exposed and I keep moving following this pattern and hunting the fish – in 50 to 100 metres everything can and often does change.
- Final tip - Lastly, don't be afraid to ask the experienced members, they will always help you.

Happy fishing – Wayne Gibbins

9. NIGHT FISHING

Night fishing can be real rewarding and great fun. Most of the club's top anglers catch most of their fish at night. First find a good fishing area during the day - an area you are not losing bait and set up above the high water mark. Here are a few tips and equipment to have when night fishing

9.1 Shelter

Foot anglers lean-to's, umbrella or small tent to keep you out of the weather conditions. 4WD (and in some cases motorbikes) are a good shelter in themselves. Fold-up chairs come in handy to keep bums of damp sand – or find a suitable log.

9.2 Clothing

Warm clothing is essential, especially in winter months. Spare clothing in case you get wet, and wet weather gear. Knee high lengthened gumboots again especially in winter.

9.3 Waders

Are great to keep you warm and dry but not essential. If wading out at night it's advisable to wear a life jacket. At night preferably fish with a buddy and have a red light at the back of your head. It is a safety precaution to let other anglers know where you are fishing if you are fishing alone. Just ask a couple of members who have had their waders full of water how hard it is to get back to shore.

9.4 Food

Most of the club anglers will fish the whole night and you will have to fuel your bodies. Food and liquids are essential to stop you getting dehydrated. Gas stoves are a good investment to cook up food and a brew.

9.5 Good Lighting

Lanterns, torch, head lamps and spare batteries are a must.

9.6 Tip Lights

These lights are placed on the back rod near the second eye down from the tip. Reflecting tape is also good for night fishing – easy to see when shining your light on it to see rod movement.

9.7 Strike Alarms

These alarms are great when fishing more than one rod or have rods spaced at some distance apart. There are many varieties and many club members have their own inventions and they will be happy to show you.

9.8 Coloured Traces

Are great at night, you won't lose any. A coloured tube on the trace is another idea. Hint ; It will help if you make up a few extra traces baited and soaking in fish oil.

9.9 Spare Tackle

Most of the top anglers have spare reels ready to go in case of break-offs or a reel jamming or bits breaking off. Extra sinkers, shock leaders, swivels, hooks etc. Fishing Times : Best fishing times are often at change of light and from 10pm to 3am.

9.10 Communications

With the age of the cell phone it is advisable to keep in touch with other members. If you do get into trouble of any sort you are only a phone call away from getting help.

Tight Lines - Dave Brown

10. GENERAL TIPS

Here's a few ideas: -

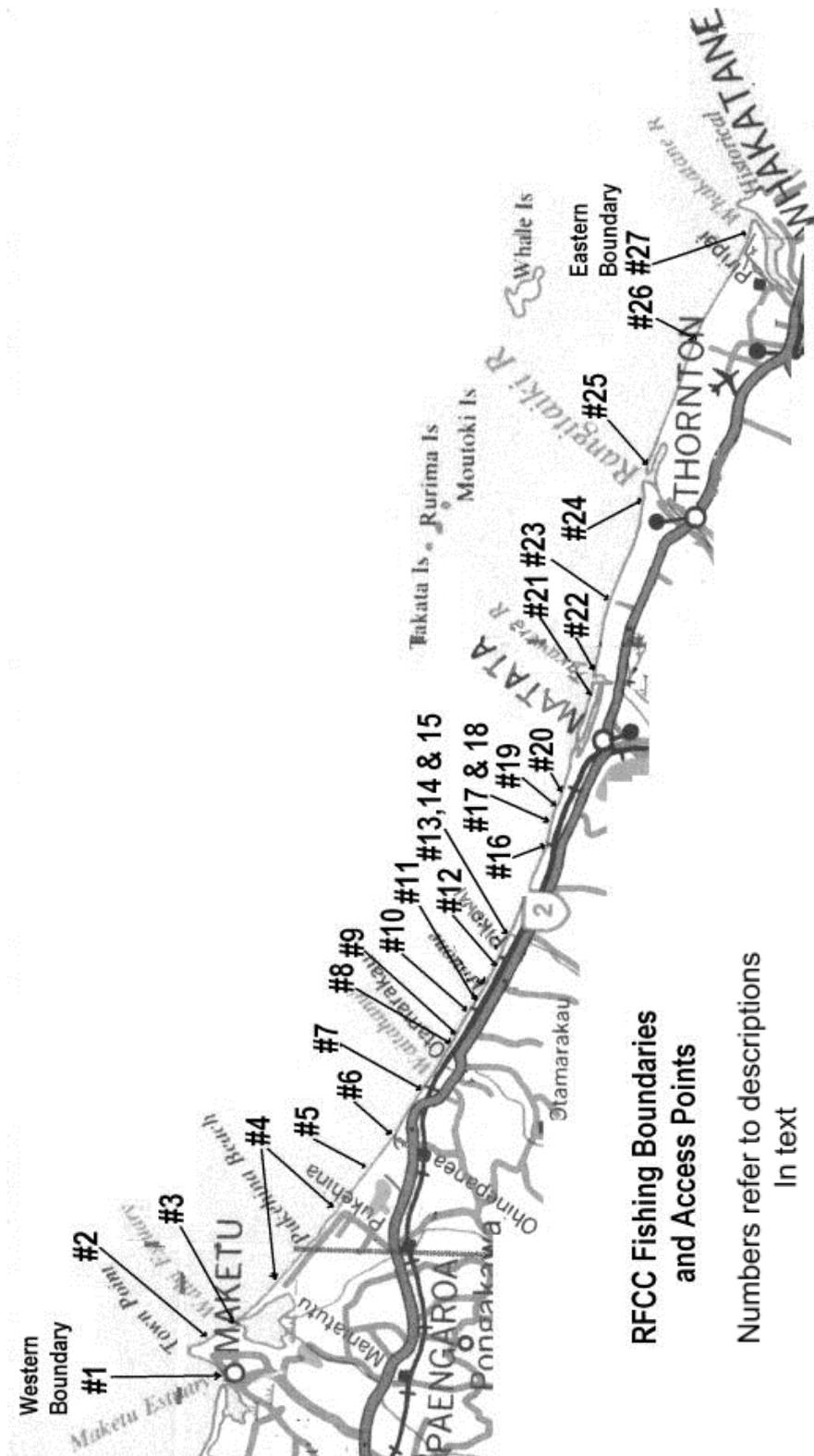
- Electrical insulation tape – Always carry a couple of rolls in your box, you will be amazed just how many ways it can be used in an emergency. Over the years I have used it as a plaster for the cut finger (bad cast) – repair to rods, reels and rod stands – replacement for headlight elastic, trouser belt, shoelaces and lots more too numerous to list.
- A spare rod tip ring – You can get by without most other rings on the rod but casting without the top- ring is a nightmare. Keep a spare in the box.
- Cleaning up – Fish smelling hand towels and boxes can be cleaned by soaking overnight in cold water with an enzyme soap powder. Rinse the following day with clean water but never clean your bait box this way, it may taint your bait.
- Hooks and swivels – The hooks we use today are generally of the hardened carbon steel variety, which hold their sharpness over a number of fishing trips. The problem is they also rust badly in between trips. I keep a small plastic jar half full of dry beach sand to which I add just enough kerosene to dampen the sand. Put your used hooks and swivels into a jar and give it a shake – they keep as good as new.
- Kerosene - I was told many years ago that in the old days anglers would soak their bait in kerosene, they said it encouraged the fish to bite. I tested it on one fishing trip by using bonito bait treated with kerosene on one rod and the same bait untreated on the other. I alternated the baits between rods and the rod positions throughout the day. The results were pretty even with five fish on one and four on the other (can't remember which bait caught the five).

Catch the big one - Barry Hand

11. FISHING ACCESSES AND BOUNDARIES

[refer to map]

Beginning from the Western Boundary at Maketu Surf Club to the Eastern Boundary at the Western Bank of the Whakatane River.



RFCC Fishing Boundaries and Access Points

Numbers refer to descriptions in text

1. Maketu Surf Club

Surf & Rock Fishing

Maketu Road off State Highway 2 near junction to Paengaroa will get you to the Maketu Township and on to Beach Road to Surf Club. This is the entrance to Maketu Estuary. Watch for high tide as you will get caught if fishing from rocks. Access by foot only.

2. Newdicks Beach

Surf Fishing

Take Townpoint Road at the Maketu Township and find Newdick Road at end. Newdick Road is a private road and is closed at night – signage will give times. A donation at the gateway is required. Access to beach by vehicle and by foot from car park at end of road.

3. Little Waihi

Surf Fishing

Take Little Waihi Road from Maketu Township, turning right into Arawa Ave then left into Bledisloe Park Ave which takes you to Bledisloe Park Camping Ground. Need to ask permission at Camp Office for access – by foot only. Walk around estuary to Estuary entrance and to Newdicks Beach.

4. Pukehina Beach

Surf Fishing

Access at end of Pukehina Parade Road to the mouth of Little Waihi Estuary. Access to beach all along Parade Road by foot only.

5. Nanric Road

Surf Fishing

Private access at end of road. Ask landowners for permission. Access by foot only

6. Rodgers Road

Surf Fishing

Access at car park to all 4WD, Motorbikes and by foot. Turn left will take you to Pukehina and turn right to Waitahanui Stream at Otamarakau.

7. Flyover Bridge (Otamarakau Beach)

Surf Fishing

Access at car park. Walk down steps to beach. Foot access only

8. Otamarakau

Surf Fishing

At beginning of Matata Straights. Access to all forms of transport. Turn left to Waitahanui Stream and turning right will take you to the Hauone Stream past the clubhouse. Members are not to access along the top of the sand dunes but keep to beach.

9. Clubhouse

Surf Fishing

Access by foot across highway and railway to bridge. Follow track to beach. Foot access only.

10. Hauone Stream

Surf Fishing

Park in area adjacent to railway just before bridge. Access by motorbike has been stopped by Kiwirail so access by foot only now.

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- 11. Ernie Jones home**
 Surf Fishing
 Park outside Ernie's home (# 1017 State Highway). Access by foot only
- 12. Signal Boxes, Hauone**
 Surf Fishing
 The official access across the railway line to the beach has been closed by Kiwirail although foot access beach track remains visible. Parking is on roadside.
- 13. Pikowhai Stream**
 Surf Fishing
 Access is from the camping ground by turn left.
- 14. Pikowhai Camping Ground**
 Surf Fishing
 This is a public Camping ground administered by the local Council. Access by 4WD, motorbike and by foot. Access gate closed at night and re-opened normally at 7.00am.
- 15. Stinky Creek**
 Surf Fishing
 Access by turning right at the Pikowhai Camp. It's about 200 mts past the camp.
- 16. Greenfield's Farm [formally Drummon's Farm]**
 Surf Fishing
 Park well off the main highway on the farm side. Access by motorbike or foot. Turning right will take you to the Herepura Stream.
- 17. Mimiha Stream**
 Surf Fishing
 Access by turning left at "No.2 Carpark" (the signposted rail crossing, rest area & carpark prior to Murphy's Motor Camp). Access for all 4WD vehicles and by foot to stream.
- 18. No.2 Carpark (See above) :**
 Surf Fishing
 Access by 4WD and by foot on to beach. Left to Mimiha Stream or right to Stoney Creek and Murphy's Camp.
- 19. Stoney Creek**
 Surf Fishing
 Parking place beside highway and access by foot only down track.
- 20. Murphy's Camp**
 Surf Fishing
 Access from car park beside camp by 4wD vehicles or by foot.
- 21. Matata DOC Camp**
 Surf Fishing
 Access for all at end of gravel road leading to sand dunes. Left along beach towards Murphy's Camp or right to West bank of Tarawera River.

22. Tarawera River

Surf Fishing

Across highway bridge to a track on left just passed the bridge. Carpark at end of track. Access for 4WD and by foot to beach. Turn right will take you to Rangitaiki River at Thornton

23. Walkers Road

Surf Fishing

Access at end of road via track to the beach. Access for 4WD and by foot.

24. Thornton Road

Surf Fishing

At end of road is the Thornton Motor Camp and boat ramp. Access to beach for 4WD and by foot.

25. Rangitaiki River

Surf Fishing

Access for all on both sides of the river. Thornton Road on western side and Thornton Hall Road on the other.

26. Golf Links Road

Surf Fishing

Access for all at end of road. Turning left takes you up to Rangitaiki River and turning left to Coastland Beach and western bank of Whakatane River.

27. Keepa Road

Surf Fishing

Turn left at roundabout opposite The Hub shopping complex into Keepa Road. Go to end of road to another roundabout. Straight ahead to Ohuirehe Road to the beach where there is access by 4WD and by foot. Turning right will take you to the club eastern boundary at the western bank of the Whakatane River. Turning left takes you to the Rangitaiki River and turn right takes you to the Coastland Beach.

West bank of Whakatane River marks eastern boundary for club fishing.

Dave Brown

12. BREAK-OUT SINKERS

Break-Out sinkers are excellent for holding lines in strong currents and heavy seas.

The other, possible greater benefit, is that they are to a great degree self-hooking when the correct rigs and grip- wire settings are used. They are generally more effective than the surfcaster trying to set the hook. He or she has first to take up the slack in the line and some of the stretch in the nylon before getting any movement at the sharp end.

Many surfcasters are also, surprisingly, using them successfully in rocky areas and areas of light weed. The grip- wires stop the sinkers getting into crevices and also hold the sinkers where tournament or ball sinkers will roll or drag into the rough.

12.1 Sinker Size Selection

As a general rule, select a sinker weight that matches your Surfcasting Rod Manufacturer’s recommended cast weight, remembering of course to make some allowance for

the weight of your bait. This should give you the optimum balance for casting.

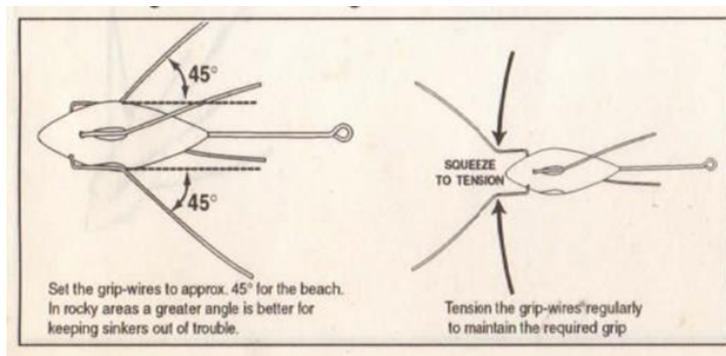
When you are fishing an area where extra grip is needed, you should first try re-setting the grip-wires of your normal weight sinker before you go up a sinker size. Sinker grip can be increased to the degree where they will almost break a 6kg line when being released for the retrieve.

Increasing the sinker weight should seriously be considered if you are having to cast into an offshore wind. The greater inertia of the heavier sinker means that it will carry the bait further.

Another trick which can also enable you to cast further in an offshore and side winds, especially with “egg-beater” reels, is to keep the line level a little low on the spool. The extra drag from the spool reduces the “belly” in the line formed when the wind catches it. Casting low into the wind also stops the “belly” forming and generally gives a longer cast.

12.2 Setting the Grip-Wires

Set the grip-wire angle to about 45 degrees.



Tension the grip-wires into the grooves to suit the fishing conditions. As a general rule:

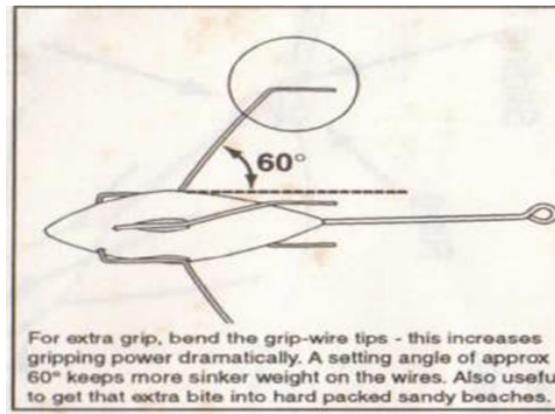
- Strong currents or rough conditions – Firm tension
- Calm or light conditions – Light tension

The correct tension helps to hook the fish as the sinker will come free and keep the pressure on the hook.

For an extra strong grip, bend the end of the grips parallel to the sinker tail wire and tension the grips hard into the grooves. Also set the grip wire to about 60 degrees which puts additional sinker weight on to the grip-wire points.

Be careful when using this setup as they can grip sufficiently hard to break up to 6kg line when being released from the bottom.

On beaches with hard packed sand, the same technique of bending the grip-wire tips but with lighter tension helps the sinker bite in a bit quicker.



12.3 Rigs

In our experience running rigs give a far superior catch rate. However, as with all types of fishing, if you don't have the bait where the fish are, you won't catch fish. With this in mind, if your cast isn't reaching the fish, use tiny baits, shorten all traces and even use a fixed rig. Any bait that is where the fish are is better than the prettiest rig and the juiciest bait where there are no fish.

Always have a swivel between the Break-Out sinker and the main line as these and most other type of grip-wire sinkers spin during a cast. Consequently, not recommended is any running rig with the mainline threaded through the sinker eye. These rigs frequently lead to tangles and running rigs that don't run – with a greater likelihood of reduced catches.

Attach the line (or swivel) to the Break-Out sinker preferably with a split-ring. This will reduce the line and knot damage from sharp shells and rocks during the retrieve. The Mustad Oval Split Rings in sizes 1/0 and 2/0 are ideal, much easier and quicker to use than the standard round split rings. The alternative is to tie the line (sinker dropper) to the sinker – however it is recommended that you protect the knot with some plastic rig tubing.

All of the items used in your rig must for safety's sake be able to take the shock of your cast, so please ensure that the swivels, rings, traces etc are of the required breaking strain and also allow a safety factor.

Make up a selection of rigs at home and store the individually in snaplock plastic bags in your tackle box. This saves a lot of precious fishing time on the beach. The oval split rings are ideal here as it only takes a few seconds to attach the sinker of your choice.

12.4 Always keep your hooks needle-sharp

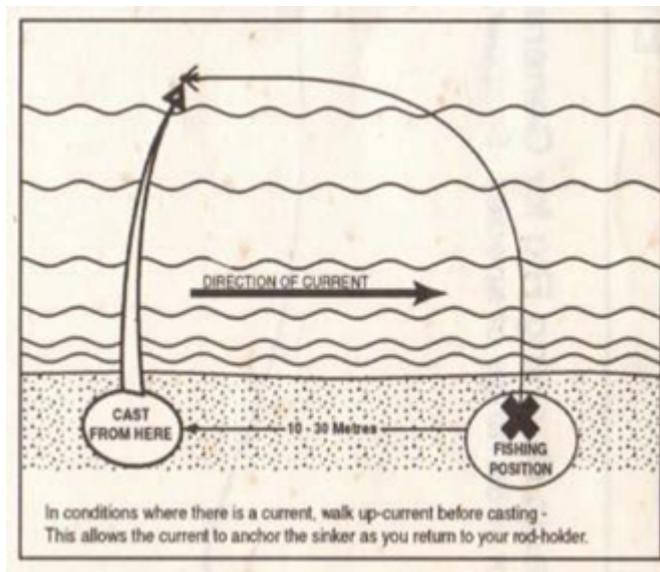
Check them after each retrieve and sharpen if necessary. Test the points on your thumb nail, – if they dig in, bait up and cast out again, - if they slide off, they are blunt and require sharpening. Easilap diamond files (medium and course) are ideal for sharpening hooks on the beach. They have a plastic base and are pretty-well rot free.

12.5 On the Beach

The easiest way to fish with Break-Out sinkers is, once the line has been cast and the sinker gripped, is to place the rod vertical in a rod-holder, gradually take up the line and lightly pre-load the rod tip. Even bites from relatively small fish can usually be seen at the rod tip.

Vary the line tension to suit the conditions. For normal sea conditions, a slight bend in the rod tip is best, but for calmer conditions, allow some slack line. When fishing in strong currents you have no option but to have plenty of tension because of the water pressure on the line.

In strong currents the sinker should be treated as if a mini-anchor. Before casting, walk up the beach 10 to 30 metres against the current. The stronger the current, the further you go. Cast your line, then let the current form a belly in the line as you walk back to the rod holder. Feed out more line if necessary so the sinker is bedded into the seabed like an anchor, giving the sinker plenty of time to grip before you take up the slack line.



In heavy conditions any line tightened up to soon, before the sinker is bedded in, will cause the sinker to roll out on to the beach. To minimise the tension on the line from the swell, have your line enter the water square to the waves. This also makes bites much easier to detect. Bending the ends of the grip-wires so they are parallel to the sinker tail increase the grip greatly.

For those who wish to have a lighter grip more suitable for calmer East Coast beaches which have very fine sand, and for lighter conditions on our other sandy beaches, the Break-Out sinker “Rolls” version is just the answer. The shorter wires combined with the plastic sleeves provide a lighter grip and smoother release to match these conditions.

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APPENDIX A - SECURITY

Below is a check list of items which need to be checked off when departing clubrooms.

1.1 Kitchen Area

- Removed rubbish from kitchen to take away with you
- Microwave off at wall switch (but fridge/freezer left tuned on)
- Hot water cylinder turned off
- Stove cleaned and turned off at wall
- Electric jug plug removed from wall socket
- Water Taps not dripping
- Wiped down benches and floor swept
- No food left out
- Lights off

1.2 Main Room

- Windows closed & secure, curtains drawn
- Electric water urn unplugged from wall socket
- Fridge in main room off at wall (leave door open)
- Other appliances (radios, karaoke machine, TV, heaters etc) all turned off
- Gas bottles on heater and BBQ's all turned off
- Front ranch slider door locked top and centre
- Floors swept
- Lights off

1.3 Ablution Areas

- Windows closed and secure
- Wipe around wash basins & toilets ensuring taps turn off tight
- Showers cleaned and curtains left so they dry
- Rubbish baskets emptied
- Floors clean
- Lights off

1.4 Bunkhouse (if used)

- Vacuumed or swept
- Bunk house electricity turned off at sub-main in bunkhouse
- Bunkhouse doors locked (two locks - grill & ranch-slider)

1.5 Outside

- Sheds securely locked
- No chairs left outside or on front deck
- Outside BBQ secure

1.6 Rear Porch Area

- Bait fridge/freezer empty and turned off at wall (leave doors open)
- Floor swept and all (including outside) lights off
- Water pump off
- Internal rear door closed and locked
- Rear Door locked (on way out) then lock gate
- Did you remember to fill in the visitors book?

APPENDIX B - AWARDS

Club Trophies - The following trophies are competed for annually within the confines of the Club:

1.1 Annual Fishing Awards

- Lords Sports Service Cup
Heaviest Snapper caught during a competition year (all members eligible).
- Frank Lord Annual Trevally Trophy
Heaviest Trevally caught by a member during the competition year (all members eligible).
- Dave Brown Trophy
Heaviest Kahawai caught by a member during competition year (all members eligible)
- Talyors Heaviest Kingfish Trophy
Trophy for heaviest Kingi caught by a member during competition year (all members eligible)
- RFCC Gurnard Challenge Cup Heaviest Gurnard
Cup for heaviest Gurnard caught by a member during competition year (all members eligible)
- Henry Stagg Memorial Mustad Hook Trophy
Heaviest fish caught using a mustad hook by a member during competition year (all members eligible)
- Wallace Supplies Cup
Heaviest fish (any species) caught by a lady member during the competition year.
- Tony Cunningham Memorial Cup
Heaviest fish (any species) caught by a junior member during the competition year.
- Angra Trophy
Heaviest fish (any species) caught by a Small-fry member during the competition year.
- Veteran Mens Award
Heaviest fish caught by a Veteran Man member during the competition year.
- Veteran Ladies Award
Heaviest fish caught by a Veteran Ladies member during the competition year.
- Golden Oldie Award
Heaviest fish caught by a Golden Oldie member during the competition year.
- RFCC Challenge Shield
Heaviest bag of Snapper caught by a team of two members during the Teams Event.
- Irene & Barry Gordon Trophy
Heaviest bag of fish caught by a team of 1 male and 1 female during the Mixed Pairs Event.
- Most Meritorious Catch Trophy
As decided by the Club Captain and Club Weighmaster.
- Kelvin Barton Memorial Trophy
Heaviest bag of fish caught (any legal species) by a family team for the The Family Teams Event.

1.2 Annual Casting Awards

- Laureen Tubby Casting Trophy
Best score by senior male during club casting competition
- Presidents Cup for Ladies Casting
Best score by lady during club casting competition
- Men's Veteran Casting Trophy
Best total points by a veteran man on the Club Casting day.
- Veteran Ladies Casting Trophy
Best total points by a veteran lady on the Club Casting day.
- Golden Oldies Men's Casting Trophy
Best total points by a Golden Oldie male on the Club Casting day.
- Lew Tubby Cup
Best total points by a junior on the Club Casting Day
- Miz T Cup
Best total points by a Small-fry on the Club Casting Day
- CA Voss Cup
Longest cast on the Club Casting day.
- Accuracy Casting Trophy (T.A.C)
Best accuracy points on the Club Casting day
- E.Gibbins Handicap Casting Cup
Best handicap points on the Club Casting day.
- Ron Carter Memorial Trophy
Best Overall Caster

1.3 Annual Fishing Points Awards

- Annual Points Small-fry
Best total points by small-fry during competition year
- Annual Points Trophy Junior
Best total points by a junior during the competition year.
- Annual Points Trophy Veteran Man
Best total points by a veteran man during the competition year.
- Annual Points Trophy Veteran Lady
Best total points by a veteran lady during the competition year.
- Annual Points Trophy Golden Oldie
Best total points by a golden oldie during the competition year.
- Annual Points Trophy Ladies
Best total points by a lady during the competition year.
- Annual Points Trophy Men
Best total points by a man during the competition year.
- Dave Long Shield
Overall winner of annual points during the competition year.

1.4 Non-Competition Awards

- Nigel Woods Memorial Trophy
A non-fishing trophy awarded each year to a member or members who have demonstrated great sportsmanship, or “gone that extra mile” to further the aims or objects of the club, or whose actions and deeds are felt worthy of recognition. Nominations, in confidence, to President and/or Immediate Past President by end of June

APPENDIX C - DONATIONS FOR CAMPING

- Over a Club monthly competition weekend from Friday night to Sunday night inclusive and other official club activities. No donation is expected..
- Over the January Fishing Bonanza, camping is free of donations for the whole of the Anniversary Weekend, but first preference reserved for the helpers associated with organising and running the Bonanza Contest.
- For all other periods: a donation will be expected, to cover the cost of power usage etc, Donation expectations vary according to status.

Note:

Camping facilities are viewed as a privilege for members, and not as a right. The discounted level of suggested donations are only ***applicable to those members who have participated in some form of club activity on at least two occasions during the past 12 months prior to their stay***, otherwise the donations expected are those detailed below:

1.1 For club financial members and immediate families

- \$5 per person per night per caravan or tent site, and \$5 per person per night if the bunkhouse is used. For families the expected donation is \$10 per night. Reduced for weekly (7 nights) stays to \$25 (single), \$50 (families)

1.2 For extended families of club financial members

- \$10 per night per person or \$50 per person for 7 night week.

1.3 All others (Non-club Members)

- Must be accompanied by a financial club member
- \$15 per night per person or \$70 per person per 7 night week

1.4 Note

- Non-working children, in all categories, are not expected to pay a donation
- Donations can be made using the envelopes and box in the Clubhouse kitchen or via direct credit to club bank account which is :- Kiwibank 38 : 9011 : 0887690 : 00

APPENDIX D - CLUB RECORDS

1.1 Fishing Club Records

- Snapper
 - T Savonje 9.00kg
- Kahawai
 - J Deadman 4.275kg
- Trevalli
 - M Thomas 6.370kg
- Gurnard
 - D Tarbuck (Lady) 1.47kg
- Kingfish
 - R Falkner 15.325kg
- Shark
 - E Chandler 20.00kg
- John Dory
 - Janet Toni 2.11kg
- Barracouta
 - J Sands 4.060kg
- Skate
 - S Kemp 3.320kg
- Eagle Ray
 - S Morris (JR) 27.70kg
- Red Cod
 - G Maunder 1.350kg

1.2 Casting Club Records

- 56 grams Distance
G.Maunder 142.36 meters
- 113 grams Distance
J. Sands 189.68 meters
- 113 grams Distance Bait
P. Hill 160.50 meters
- 150 grams Distance
Corey Warrander 206.96 metes
- 170 grams Distance
- 170 grams Distance Bait

APPENDIX E - ANNUAL CALENDAR 2022-2023

Note: Please read the monthly newsletter for actual dates and times.

3 - 4 September 2022

Club Weekend - Interclub with Whakatane (Rotorua Hosting)

7 - 9 October 2022

Club Weekend

11 - 13 November 2022

Club Weekend

27 - 28 November 2022

Working Bee - Clubrooms and Bonanza

9 - 11 December 2022

Club Weekend - Christmas Fish Mixed Pairs - combined weight of fish caught by a male and a female

14-15 January 2023 (TBC)

Boys Night Out / Kelvin Memorial Trophy / Bonanza Touch Up

29 January 2023

54th Annual Bonanza

10 - 12 February 2023

Club Weekend

25 February 2023

RFCC Casting Day

11 - 12 March 2022

Club Weekend - Interclub with Papamoa Beach SC (Papamoa hosting at Rotorua Clubrooms)

7 - 9 April 2023

Club Weekend - Teams Event (Snapper) - Henry Stagg Memorial - Mustard Hook Trophy

20 - 21 May 2023

Club Weekend - Interclub with Opotiki (Opotiki hosting)
Cath Riri Memorial Trophy

9 - 11 June 2023

Club Weekend

7 - 9 July 2023

12 August 2023

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APPENDIX F - COMMITTEE

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