

PANIA SURFCASTING CLUB INC
Information for Members
2015 – 2016

Welcome to the Pania Surfcasting Club. The Officers and Committee trust you will enjoy the companionship of the club and fish with success. If we can help you in any way, please feel free to contact us.

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The Pania Surfcasting Club originated in 1955. The objectives of the Club are:

- ◆ To engage in and encourage salt water angling and competitive casting in New Zealand
- ◆ To affiliate to and support the New Zealand Angling and Casting Association.
- ◆ To co-operate with any government department concerned with the management of recreational fishing in New Zealand.
- ◆ To promote social activities for club members.

Club Competition

Champion Angler - Trophy and Gold Badge

This contest comprises of up to 12 field weekends held from September to May. Fish caught by members on these days gain points according to weight – see the species points table. The angler with the most points receives the honour of being the Club Champion Angler for the season and gains the opportunity to represent the Club at the National Championships.

Within this competition there are separate trophies for:

- Champion Lady Angler
- Champion Veteran Angler (55 years and over)
- Champion Junior Angler (under 17 years at 1 January)

Other Club Trophies

Champion Angler Trophy: fished over 12 field weekends between the boundaries of Mahanga in the north and Herbertville in the south. Same rules as for Champion Angler apply, however anglers may not fish out of this area on field days for their catch to be counted toward this trophy.

Merit Cup: For the member with the most meritorious catch of the season.

Variety cup: For the member who catches the largest variety of fish on the 12 field weekends.

Family Cup: For the Family that gains the highest aggregate points during the 12 field weekends.

Brass Monkey Trophy: This series of three events, held during the winter, is arranged by the Club Captain. Total points gained over the three days go towards winning the Brass Monkey Trophy.

Peter Dawson Cup: Distance Dry Casting Championship, open distance casting event.

Veterans Casting Trophy: Veterans distance casting event.

Ladies Casting Trophy: Ladies distance casting event.

Junior Casting Cup: Junior distance casting event.

Bob Porter Casting Trophy: For the winner of the accuracy event at the club casting day.

Spence Rose Bowl: Heaviest gurnard caught during the season.

Kahawai Cup: For the heaviest kahawai caught during the season.

Snapper Cup: For the heaviest Snapper caught during the season.

Kingfish Cup: For the heaviest Kingfish caught during the season

Fish Cup: For the heaviest of any species caught during the season.

Heaviest Fish Caught by a Junior Cup: For the heaviest fish caught by a junior during the season.

Trout Award: For the heaviest trout caught during the season.

Callum Webb Memorial Trophy: For the heaviest spotted smooth-hound caught during the season.

New Member Award: For the member who in their first competitive season gains the highest aggregate points in the Champion Angler Competition.

Alan Duncum Memorial Trophy: This is awarded annually for the most sportsmanlike act or achievement of the season. The Club Captain chooses the winner from nominations received.

Inter Club Trophies

Pania Shield Challenge: This is an annual event competed for by the Gisborne, Wairoa, and Pania Surfcasting Clubs. The club that catches the heaviest average bag of fish per participating members wins the shield.

Junior Trophy: An annual event of juniors (under 17 years 1 January) competing in the Pania Shield Challenge event awarded to the junior who weighs in the heaviest bag of fish.

Artie Heany Shield: An annual event for ladies competing at the Pania Shield Challenge event awarded to the lady who weighs in the heaviest bag of fish.

Pin Awards and Merit Awards

The procedures and rules for club field days may or may not apply in respect to the catching of pin fish. Note the points below.

To qualify for a pin or merit award, fish over the specified weight must be caught within the club boundaries – Mahanga Beach and Herbertville Beach.

Only two hooks per rod or hand line may be used to catch pin fish. This rule applies to spinners, poppers and sabiki type flies. Note: the two-hook only rule also applies should you catch a possible NZACA record fish.

On non-field days you may catch pin fish at the Iron Pot, Pandora Road etc. You may use spinners, poppers and sabiki type flies at any location, provided you state such methods on your pin application form.

Your first fish of qualifying weight of a species gains you a pin and a certificate, while your second and subsequent fish of that species gains you a merit

certificate only for that club season.

Spears, traps, nets, kites, rockets, girties, kontikis or long lines cannot be used to catch pin fish, or to gain merit awards, or to claim Club or New Zealand records.

All fish should be weighed on the club scales held by the Weigh-master, but please ring him/her before calling at their address, and only call during reasonable hours (7am to 9pm). If it is not possible to get to these scales, certified calibrated shop/service station scales are acceptable - the date of the catch, species of fish and signature of the weigher are to be supplied to the Weigh-master on appropriate forms.

Trout (all species). A current New Zealand Sports Fishing Licence is required. Fish must be caught within the Hawkes Bay Region. All Sports Fishing Regulations that apply to the Hawkes Bay Region must be adhered to for any trout to be accepted at a weigh-in or to be considered for a pin, merit or heaviest trout award.

Species weights to qualify for a Pin or Merit Certificate

Rays	20.0kg	Kingfish	8.0kg
Sharks	6.0kg	Snapper	5.5kg
Blue Moki	3.0kg	Barracouta	3.0kg
Kahawai	2.5kg	Trevally	1.5kg
John Dory	1.5kg	Tarakihi	1.0kg
Gurnard	1.0kg	Elephant Fish	3.5kg
Trout	2.0kg	Spotted Smooth-hound	(Trunked)
	5.0kg		

Excellence Pin Awards

Level 1	first 5 pin fish	green pin
Level 2	another 5 pin fish	blue pin
Level 3	another 15 pin fish	pink pin
Level 4	another 25 pin fish	black pin

NZACA Line Class Records

To claim records for a line class, check with the Weigh-master for the record weight in your line class. The weigh-master holds the up to date records. Do not submit an application by chance. This wastes NZACA time, and your own. Fill in the application form and submit sample mainline as specified

Procedures and Rules for Field Days

Boundaries: On a field day you may fish between the northern end of Mahanga Beach and the southern end of Herbertville Beach.

Prohibited Areas: No fishing is allowed in the area known as the Iron Pot at Ahuriri, extending inland from a line marked by Perfume Point. No fishing is

allowed from the Napier breakwater or from any of the harbour wharves. No fishing is allowed in the Te Angiangi Marine Reserve between Aramoana and Blackhead.

Conditions: Open field days will not be cancelled due to weather and sea conditions.

Fishing time: You may begin fishing at 5.00am Saturday morning, and you must reach the weigh in at Napier by 12 noon on Sunday. If you are late for a weigh in, your fish will not be counted for the competition unless the reason for lateness is accepted by the committee. The reason must be exceptional. Members are expected to allow for routine delays.

Rods: An angler may use a maximum of two rods or hand lines. A third rod may be used for catching bait, but any weighable fish caught on this rod will not be eligible for points.

Hooks: Only two hooks per rod or hand line may be used. Note a keeper hook and a main hook are counted as two hooks. There is no restriction on the number of hooks you may use on the third rod used only for catching bait.

Bait and Lures: Fresh bait, artificial fly type lures, spinners and poppers are permissible on field days. Note when using any artificial lure with a skirt of trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, trace, spinner, or lure.

Casting: Lines must be cast in a conventional manner, no kites, rockets, girties, kontikis etc. Anglers fishing at a river mouth must cast out to sea and not into the mouth. Experienced anglers may cast for inexperienced anglers, but can only assist the angler to land a fish with the use of a gaff.

Species Points: Refer to the table of points awarded to different species of fish. All club minimum lengths comply with or exceed those set by the Ministry of Fisheries.

Maximum Bags: Club rules specify a maximum of five kahawai, five sharks or any species, three spotted smooth-hounds (which must be trunked, unless trying for Club or NZACA record) and ten of all other species, but you must also comply with Ministry of Fisheries daily bag limits - some of these are less than ten.

Etiquette: When fishing with a companion, please keep your fish in your own sack or container to avoid confusion before or at the weigh in.

Disallowed Catches: Fish that do not meet minimum sizes (see chart). Putrid fish will not be accepted. Ensure that your catch is kept in acceptable condition. You may freeze fish you wish to eat later. You may gut your fish, but the weigh-master will not accept fish that have been filleted. Put the gut contents into a plastic bag that can be weighed with the fish.

Access: Access to fishing areas is to be by dry land only. Boats, planes and helicopters cannot be used to gain access.

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Variation to Rules and Procedures: The Club Captain has the right to alter any of the above rules and procedures as he considers necessary.

Club Administration

Subscriptions

Fees are due from the first day of June each year. Fees are set at the first committee meeting after the AGM, and must be paid no later than 3 months after the AGM. Non-financial members may not participate in the club events. Members joining the Club later in the season are requested to pay their fees within 14 days from the date of their acceptance into the Club.

Club Meetings

Club nights are held on the first Wednesday of the month, commencing at 7.30pm. The exceptions are the months of January and June (AGM). After discussion of club business there is time to socialise. Guests or members may be invited to speak on fishing topics.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is held in mid June each year. At this meeting officers and committee members are elected. It is very important that all members attend in order that full support can be obtained in electing the Clubs leaders. This is your chance to have a voice in the affairs of your Club.

NZ Angling & Casting Association

The Club is affiliated to the NZ Angling & Casting Association, which enables our members to compete for various trophies and New Zealand Records. The association is the voice of all amateur fishers and we as an affiliated club support the association when and where we can. The Club automatically pays your affiliation fee to the NZACA form your subscription.

Club Newsletter

A monthly newsletter is posted or e-mailed to members. Members are invited to contribute news and articles. For sale or wanted to buy advertisements are also accepted.

Our Newscaster is Chris Morris, telephone 844 6503

Pania Surfcasting Records at October 4th 2015

Barracouta	4.09	29.07.2007	Kevin O'Connor	North Shore Rd
Cod (blue)	1.32	09.11.2002	Alan Park	Ocean Road
Cod (red)	2.715	25.05.2013	Simon Te Whaiti Jnr.	North Shore Road
Cod (rock)	0.86	05.11.1994	Peter Thompson	Waipatiki
Cod (bastard red)	3.50	14.12.2003	Mark Thompson	Ocean Beach
Crayfish	0.56	31.10.1999	Alan Park	Dinahs Beach
Eel (blind)	1.26	07.10.2006	Aaron Nant	Snapper Rock
Eel (conger)	9.00		Tom Nichol	North Shore Road
Eel (long finned)	6.42	13.12.1997	Kane Wrigglesworth	Ocean Beach

Elephant Fish	5.18	31.10.2002	Mark Bannister	Ocean Beach
Flatfish(turbot	2.43	21.02.2007	Peter Chambers	North Shore Rd
** (yellow belly flounder)	0.67	23.05.2007	Mark Ives	Awatoto
** (common sole)	0.40	20.07.2007	Kane Wrigglesworth	Westshore Beach
Gurnard	1.58	09.11.2002	Gary Kemsley	Porangahau
John Dory	2.54	07.12.2007	Chad Prentice	Snapper Rock
Kahawai	3.93	24.02.2008	Chad Prentice	Blacks Beach
Kelpfish (Hiwihiwi)	0.90	25.04.2003	Colin Taylor	Breakwater
Kingfish	33.97	22.02.2011	Kane Wrigglesworth	Whakaki
Mackerel (blue)	1.70	27.12.2003	Roy Frost	Clifton
Mackerel (Jack)	1.94	20.01.2003	Mark Roberts	East Clive
Moki (blue)	5.9	2009	Mark Roberts	Te Awanga
Moki (red)	1.02	10.10.1998	Richard Armstrong	Tangoio
Mullet (yellow eyed)	0.64	12.06.1996	Kane Wrigglesworth	East Clive
Octopus	6.18	22.09.2011	Alan Park	Whirinaki Reef
Paddle Crab	0.50	28.11.1999	Mark Thompson	Awatoto
Porae	3.24	26.10.2002	Kevin O'Connor	Dinahs Beach
Parore	2.53	10.11.2007	Greg Sudfelt	Town Reef
Ray (eagle)	51.00	02.05.1998	James Parahi	Mahanga
Ray (short tail)	108.80	28.11.1999	Gary Kemsley	Awatoto
Shark (blue)	38.20	19.01.2014	Dion Jeffares	Westshore
Shark (bronze whaler)	23.73	24.09.1995	Alan Park	Mohaka
Shark (carpet)	3.98	01.06.2004	Duncan Torwick	North Shore Rd
Shark (hammerhead)	5.36	24.11.2008	Aaron Nant	Blacks Beach
Shark (seven gill)	74.20	24.05.2001	Kane Wrigglesworth	Mohaka South
Shark (thresher)	10.06	10.02.2013	Roy Frost	Awatoto
Skate	5.36	21.10.2007	Chad Prentice	Mahanga
Snapper	14.40	16.07.2000	Roy Frost	North Shore Rd
Spiny Dogfish	4.04	15.04.1999	Charlie Champion	Waihua
Spiny Dogfish (grey)	2.89	25.05.2006	Kane Wrigglesworth	Mohaka South
Spotted Smooth-hound	23.00	20.01.2001	Dick Lash	Whakaki
Spotty	0.55	21.05.1995	Philip Clinch	Hardinge Road
Stargazer	1.00	27.11.1993	Jason Bryant	Waipatiki
Tope	26.00	10.09.2005	Sue Chambers	Whakaki
Trevally	3.16	13.12.1997	Ed Douglas	Ocean Beach
Wrasse (banded)	1.12		Andrew Prosser	Town Reef

Minimum Fish Size for Field Days

Species	Pania	Ministry of Fisheries	Pania Bag Limit
Kingfish	75cm	75cm	3 (MoF limit per day)**
Snapper	30cm	27cm	10

Blue Moki	40cm	40cm	10
Gurnard	500g	25cm	10
Trevally	30cm	25cm	10
Blue Cod	33cm	33cm	10
Tarakihi	25cm	25cm	10
John Dory	500g	-	10
Groper	1kg	-	5 (MoF limit per day)
Kahawai	45cm	-	5
Barracouta	500g	-	10
Sharks*	100cm	-	5 per species
Stingrays	Not permitted	-	0
Eagle Rays	Not permitted	-	0
Mackerel	500g	-	10
Red Cod	40cm	25cm	10
Red Moki	40cm	40cm	10
Eels	100cm	-	10(MoF limit 6 freshwater)
Parore	500g	-	10
Porae	500g	-	10
Other Cod	500g	-	10
Flatfish (except sand flounder)	25cm	25cm	10 per species
Sand Flounder	23cm	23cm	10
Elephant Fish	500g	-	10
Spotted Smooth-hound (trunked)	100cm (65cm)	-	3
All other species	500g	-	10
Trout (all species) Hawkes Bay Sports Fishing Regulations Apply			

Note that any fish must weigh at least 500g. Flatfish that reach the MOF minimum length may not qualify under club rules.

*Juniors: The minimum size for sharks 80cm

**Hapuka/Bass and Kingfish: MoF combined daily bag limited of 5 with no more than 3 Kingfish.

Note the MoF daily bag limit of 20 finfish, consisting of any combination of:

Blue Cod	Blue Moki	Blue Nose	Butterfish
Elephant Fish	Flatfish	Grey Mullett	John Dory
Kahawai	Parore	Porae	Red Cod
Red Gurnard	Red Moki	Red Snapper	Rig (Spotted smooth-hound)
School Shark (Tope)	Tarakihi	Trevally	

Additionally, individual limits, over and above the combined bag apply to: Snapper daily bag limit of 10, the combination of Hapuka/Bass and Kingfish, freshwater eels.

There is no MoF limit on other species.

Club members are responsible for keeping themselves up to date with the latest Ministry of Fisheries regulations.