

LegaSea Update 21

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Celebrating fish and people

Every year the Wish for Fish Charitable Trust holds a fundraising fishing competition to benefit people with a range of mental and physical disabilities. This year LegaSea was privileged to be part of the event held on March 1st.

Trust mainstay, Bryce Dinneen, reports keen competition between the 102 anglers fishing out of Tauranga.

“While the fishing was unusually hard, everyone had a fabulous time. So good that the contestants are already keen for the 2015 competition.”

This contest takes a novel approach to fundraising, with a bait auction held on registration night followed up by the prize giving at the end of the second day.

After the event the Wish for Fish Trust confirmed its fundraising goals had been achieved and proceeds would be used to help beneficiaries get out on the water to fish.

Proud Gold Partner

Once again Grant Chester and the New Lynn Chesters Plumbing & Bathroom crew have contributed \$5000 to LegaSea. In addition they have donated \$5000 to the local Titirangi Volunteer Coastguard, the proceeds from the fish auction held after their February two-day Fanatical Fishos contest.

For 19 years this Chesters branch has supported its community. In return plumbers and tradies from throughout greater Auckland stay loyal to Grant, Alan Radcliffe and their team.

Every year special effort is put into educating anglers to look after their catch.

If bringing fish in for auction anglers are encouraged to quickly kill and chill their catch. Some of the larger, fatter species such as hapuku, are best gutted and iced before transit to the weighstation.

Fish kept in prime condition make the best eating, and anglers can win a major prize.

Thankfully warm fish wrapped in plastic bags are largely a thing of the past. No ice. No prize.

Nowadays, fish being brought to the Fanatical Fishos scales are most likely to be buried in flake ice with their proud captors struggling to lift heavy-duty chilly bins.

For the LegaSea weighmasters comparing the condition of a crayfish to a kingfish or trevally is never easy, because each species requires different treatment for it to be presented in a pristine state.

The combination of good company, well-kept fish and a filleting service for tired anglers makes Chesters Fanatical Fishos one of the most popular contests of the year.

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