



## DAY 4 – THE FINAL SPRINT

### McDonald's Northland 56<sup>th</sup> International Yellowtail Tournament 2026

Stop fishing, stop fishing, stop fishing...

Tournament tally - 119 Yellowtail Kingfish weighed and 4 Snapper, 5 Yellowtail Kingfish tagged and released and 22 Yellowtail Kingfish measured and released – A total for the tournament to 145 fish.

What a beautiful week we've had. While the tournament briefing may have started with a few ripples, they were soon forgotten as the week unfolded, delivering some fantastic fishing, memorable catches, and great camaraderie both on and off the water. Thank you to all the anglers and crew who helped make this year's tournament such a success.

Had a few lengthy hookups today, some ended in success while sadly some ended in a dropped catch. Special mention to Avalon who after a three hours fight, the fish broke off.

Another potential junior record, this time for Ella Davey aboard Florence Nightingale IV – well done Ella!

If spiderman is looking for his mask and socks, they are down here at the office.



L-R: Team St Mortiz, Team Storm II, Ella Davey

## Housekeeping:

- Today's catches are attached, but results will be published after prize giving – We're sure the math has been done by some teams 😊
- If teams have any nominations for Hardest Trying Junior, Most Improved Junior and Mr Bottomly Award please email them through to the office before 9am Friday.
- Buffet tickets will be available to pick up from the office Thursday and Friday.
- Spot prizes still to collect at the office.
- Prize giving is 6pm sharp Friday. Dinner will follow downstairs (Butterfish) and upstairs.
- Don't forget yellowtail merchandise available from the office or bar.

The McDonald's Northland 56<sup>th</sup> International Yellowtail Tournament would like to thank:

- Big thanks to Dana and Kane MacDonald for providing the smoked fish tonight and to Nauti Penguin for preparing it for everyone
- The anglers, skippers and crew for joining in the fun this year.
- Our tournament major sponsors Lynley and the team at McDonald's Northland, and all our other sponsors and supporters
- Our incredible team of volunteers
  - Garry Townley, Mitch and Merryn for weighing the fish
  - Kaden and Emma for measuring the fish
  - Gray Mathias for testing line
  - Junior skippers and deckies: Greg Morgan and Hadley board Opportunity II, Chris Ash, Bruce and Jayden aboard Mad Hooker, and Phil Wellington, Craig and Simon aboard Just Magic. Our junior skippers and deckies have done an amazing job this week – thank you.
  - House Committee Russell, Trish and Jenni for all the support they give us.
- Erin and Graeme for on the radio. Thanks Graeme for kicking off each day so Erin could spend a bit of time with her girls, it was greatly appreciated.
- Hammer and Fraser for being our unofficial photographers
- Smokey Dave for smoking all the fish.
- Butterfish for use of their space
- Greens our caterers for keeping us well fed
- Grazing table for office treats
- All our staff for their fantastic effort

See you all for prize giving at 6pm on Friday

*Tight lines to all*



# Today's Catch

Angler	Club	Boat	Species	Weight	Line
Ella Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail	20.25	6
Rob Lang	BOISC	Southerly	Yellowtail	20.00	6
Ella Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail		6
Sharon Oates	Victorian Game Fishing Club	Lady Margaret	Yellowtail	19.40	6
Kenneth Newcombe	BOISC	Black Bart	Yellowtail	17.80	6
Dylan Christie	WDSAC	Why Knot	Yellowtail	17.50	6
Blair Drinkwater	WDSAC	GPS	Yellowtail	17.00	6
Luke Poulsen	BOISC	Skipjack II	Yellowtail	16.65	6
Faith Martin	BOISC	Rowe'De'O	Yellowtail	16.65	6
Joshua Eggins	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC	Reel Thing	Yellowtail	15.50	6
Matthew McKenzie	WDSAC	GPS	Yellowtail	15.30	6
Adam Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail	15.30	6
Kenneth Newcombe	BOISC	Black Bart	Yellowtail	14.20	6
Sharon Oates	Victorian Game Fishing Club	Lady Margaret	Yellowtail	14.05	6
Jeff Whyte	Swordfish & Tunny Club	Diomedea	Yellowtail	13.45	6
Skylar Styles	BOISC	Mad Hooker	Yellowtail	13.40	6
Malakai Ogle	Whakatane SFC	Opportunity II	Yellowtail	15.30	8
Faith Martin	BOISC	Rowe'De'O	Yellowtail	13.15	6
Lachlan Eggins	Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC	Reel Thing	Yellowtail	12.95	6
Manu Hargreaves	BOISC	Joe Public	Yellowtail		6
Terry Titchener	Swordfish & Tunny Club	Diomedea	Yellowtail	12.75	6
Tyler Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail	12.35	6
Rochele Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail	12.25	6
Ella Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail		6
Leighton Matthews	BOISC	St Moritz	Yellowtail	11.55	6
Taj Leeder	Whakatane SFC	Opportunity II	Yellowtail	13.25	8
Anthony Andreini	Whangaroa SFC	Pez Zorra	Yellowtail	11.00	6
Bryan Andrews	BOISC	Storm 2	Yellowtail	6.95	6
Tony Poulsen	BOISC	Skipjack II	Yellowtail	6.25	6
Ella Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail		6
Bryan Andrews	BOISC	Storm 2	Snapper		6
Ella Davey	BOISC	Florence Nightingale IV	Yellowtail		6