

## **Fishing Report 07 July 2010**

**Snapper** - with the water cooling (15 degrees), the smaller Snapper have moved out to deeper water leaving the bigger fish to tough it out. To catch these bigger Snappers, 5kg to 10kg fish, burly up in the afternoon/evening and strayline in 10 to 25 metres of water, is the way to go, around the islands and over the fowl where there is reasonable current.

**Other bottom fish**- during the day ledger rigs will supply a mixture of Snapper, Terakihi, Trevally and John Dory and the occasional small Hapuka on the edge of fowl areas in 30 to 60 metres.

Last year was one of the best for Terakihi and they are beginning to show up on the fowl so lets hope this year is a repeat.

**Hapuka**, many between 5kgs to 20 kgs are out there in the deeper water. Livebaits, Squid and Barracutta are my preferred baits for these excellent table fish.

There is very good **Kingfish** fishing in the shallows around the outer islands taking livebaits (Jack Mackerel, slimmy Mackerel and smaller Kawhai). Out deeper over the pins livebaits and jigs are working well catching fish up to 25 kgs. On the negative side, the razor gang (Barracutta) have arrived and are creating some havoc on the gear- but they do make very good bait, especially stray lining for Snapper and fishing deep for Hapuka.

Congratulations to Mike Stables, a beauty 12.96 kg snapper in the trailer boat tournament recently.

Escapade is currently making plans to go to Vava'u, Tonga, next year (2011) from May to November. (check out our previous trip details on the website). Fishing at one of the world's best fishing grounds and a great way to get away from our winter and cooler months.

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