



THE RAINBOW FISH" BEACH FISHING SAFARI No 4

MAHIA PENINSULA MAY 2012

On 13th May we set off on our fourth fishing safari to Mahia Peninsula in the Hawkes Bay. The fishing wasn't great and the weather not much better but that didn't deter the fishing/ partying and socialising by the 34 people from 19 vans that attended, it was great to see over half were first timers.

This safari saw a record for the greatest number of Kontikis so far - 11. It wasn't long before we realised we were only going to catch sharks off the beach at Mahia. The biggest catch was 23 lemon fish off one kontiki set by Ed (see photo), so each day saw people venturing off to such places as Mahunga Beach, Black Beach and snapper rock with good success by most although the sharks (lemon fish) continued to plague us, in one afternoon off 4 kontikis saw 60 sharks scattered along the beach.



On the social side of things apart from the daily happy hour, one evening we enjoyed pot luck pasta & pizza dinner which saw us host a master-chef taste test of a pasta sauce, this was a real hoot.

On the last day we had a pot luck BBQ lunch and the highlight of the bbq was lots of fabulous venison fillets expertly cooked on the BBQ and awesome South Island west coast whitebait fritters all provided by Ed and Maree.



The rainbow fish " for no particular reason" trophy was awarded to Ed for his huge catch, his generosity and his willing attitude in helping others. Well done Ed.

All in all another great trip made all the better by those who attended.

Plans for the next trip are now in the advance stages, it will be held in the far north from November Monday 12TH November to Sunday 25th November, Bland Bay is a definite but as to other stops we are still sussing possibilities, but for now lock those dates in your diaries.

Cheers

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