

**Seaquel Mercury Bay Open Spearfishing  
Queens Birthday Weekend 2012  
Report from 'Herb' Herbert**

After four occasions of 2nd place results , Dave Mullins finally pulled off a No1 spot win, helped by a mammoth swim to the end of the area to collect two Pinkies, the only ones weighed in.

The competition was held around the usual Peters Rock / Double Is, an area that has seen a lot of competitions over the years , but as we all know it is about giving divers the best spot on the day. This was the best we could offer , so there we were!

The only Kingfish came in with No 2 pair Karl Doyle and Scott Perkins. It was a good competition sized fish, 90cm and 5.5kg . 'Rats' were around but that was it for competition day. Lacking were the Tarakihi , John Dory ( 1 only) and Boarfish. A small cause for concern we wonder?

On the upper however were the number of Porae, and ample numbers of Butterfish and Blue Maomao.

Dinner was a winner with Roast Pork , Venison and home kill Lamb as main , preceded by Dave's traditional Seafood chowder, and Mercury Bay Spearfishing Club supplying all of the meat, fish, crays, scallops needed for this outstanding after match function!

Prizes for all. An outsider won the wetsuit draw, but he's an up and coming diver needing a suit, Jacob Morris from Tairua.

Thanks heaps to Seaquel's new owners with the same support for us.

Juniors results were close, with a judge's decision needed and resulting in local up and coming Kina diver Connor Cawley edging out Braydon Allen from Auckland. Braydon's younger brother Caleb also put in a great effort and assured us all he will be back next year to make his older brother really work to take the trophy , if not take it himself.

Again thanks to the local Lions club , conducting the auction and generating \$1000+ for local charities.

Next year - same place , same time , see there!

**Results**

Place	Pair	Points
<b>1st</b>	Dave Mullins - Adam Flaws	1,930
<b>2nd</b>	Oceanman - Fig Jam (Scott Perkins - Karl Doyle)	1,620
<b>3rd</b>	Tom - Richard	1,601
<b>4th</b>	Ian W - Colin S	1,580
<b>5th</b>	Pat-o - Kerry (1st Timer)	1,454
<b>6th</b>	Jackson Wette - Sam Power	1,446
<b>7th</b>	Kevin Squared (Lowery - Byers)	1,394
<b>8th</b>	Steve - Spencer	1,381
<b>9th</b>	Long John - Andrew (National Champs)	1,340
<b>10th</b>	Todd - Besty	1,213
<b>11th</b>	Richard - Johnny (Parent / Child!)	1,151
<b>12th</b>	Caleb - Brayden	812
<b>13th</b>	Lindsay - Phil	800
<b>14th</b>	Eddie - Jacob (Suit , Spot prize)	610
<b>15th</b>	Connor - Herb	580

**Meritorious Fish**

1 Kingfish

1 John Dory

2 Pink Maomao