

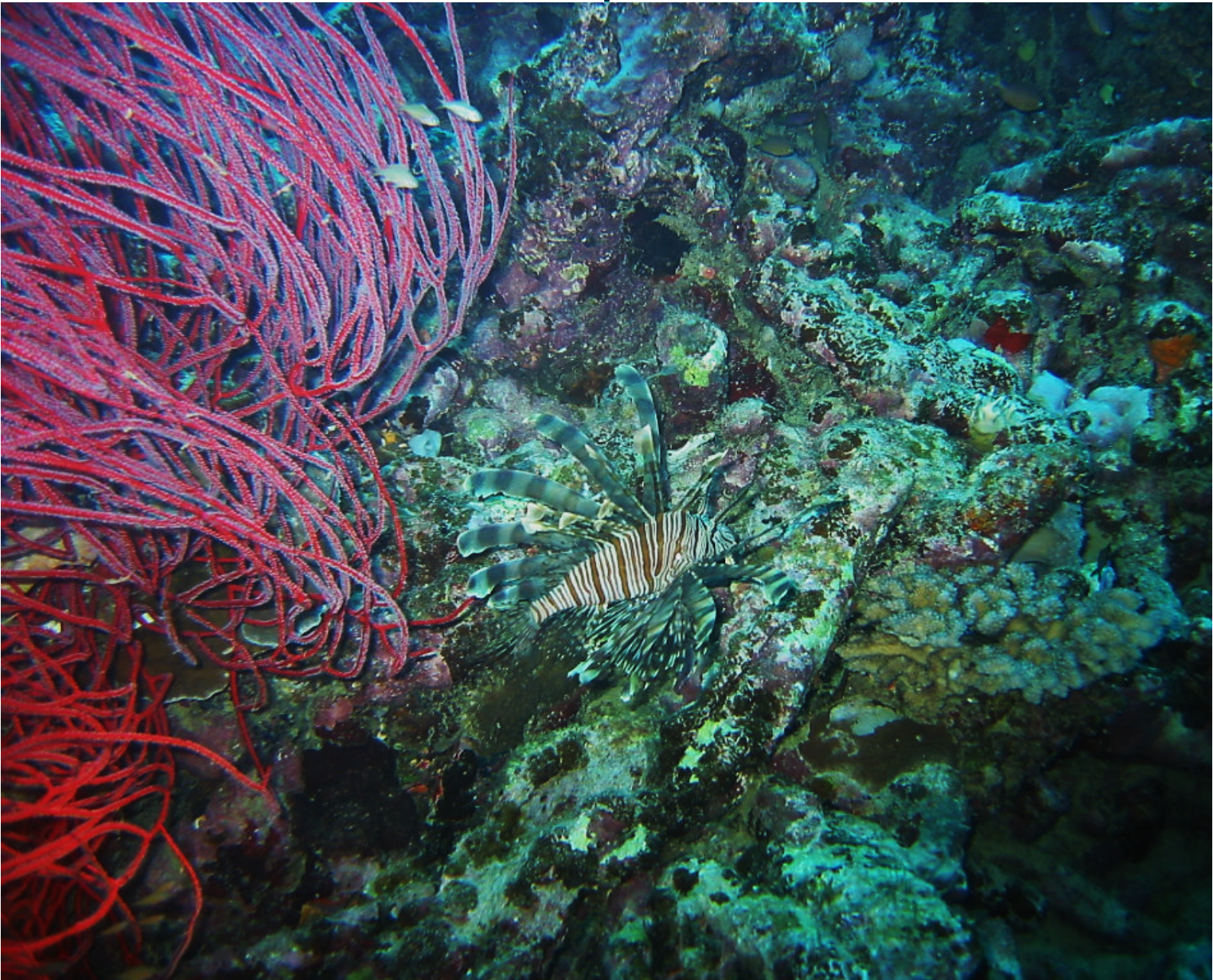
NZ Dolphin Underwater & Adventure Club

Newsletter April 2024

Club Meeting 7:00pm Wed 13th April 2024

What's on : A video – Crash & Splash

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Cover Page Photo:– Lion Fish – Beqa Lagoon by Denis

WHAT'S ON?

10th April – Wed. – 7.00pm – Club Room – Northcote Rd Ext'n, Takapuna. A video “Crash & Splash.”

Dive trips, NZ & Overseas – Check out the dive shop's web sites, there is plenty available, but you do need to contact the shops in person to confirm costs & booking availabilities.

Performance Dive NZ - Ph. 489 7782. or <https://www.performancediver.co.nz/Dive+Trips++Events>

Global Dive - Ph. 920 5200. or <https://www.globaldive.net/page/trips> .

Aucklandscubadive – Ph. 478 2814 or <https://www.aucklandscubadive.co.nz/dive-trips>

Other events & suggestions please contact a committee member or organise it yourself & get the club to make up your numbers. i.e. – Dives, trips NZ & O'Seas, Events, Outings, Tramps, Dinners, Movies, etc.

Our Club's Trip Rules (Organiser's rules apply for overseas trips)

- A. Bookings allowed on all trips. *Two trips & club membership is a must.*
- B. **A deposit or full payment to be made at time of booking.**
- C. Full payment **MUST** be paid at least two weeks before departure date.
- D. Trip Organiser to handle trip & bookings, & Treasurer to handle finances. Cancellations due to weather will be refunded in full, or transferred to another trip.
- E. Members cancelling for any reason will lose full monies unless they find a replacement for their position on the trip.
- F. The trips Organiser will determine if there are enough people to run a trip & if not will notify cancellation two weeks prior to departure. **Non - financial members will be charged an extra \$10 on trips.**

NB: All Memberships Now Due: Single – \$40 Family- \$50.00

For the club to continue we need paid up members see Margaret or Trish next meeting or do it online.

**Club's Internet bank account is 06 0122 0074227 00 & don't forget to put in your name
Club Membership also includes Affiliation to the New Zealand Underwater Association**

Packhorse rock lobster



Fisheries New Zealand

Tini a Tangaroa

There is a new rule from 1 April 2024



MPI Fisheries - Northland

From 1 April 2024, new rules for measuring **packhorse rock lobster** mean fishers must measure the **tail width**.

The minimum legal size is a tail width of 84mm for male and 90mm for female packhorse rock lobsters.

The new tail width measurement for **packhorse rock lobster** is the same as the way spiny red rock lobster are measured, although it has a different minimum legal size.

Measuring the tail width is less stressful for the rock lobster, and easier for fishers.

Fishery Officers will be enforcing this new rule by checking fishers have measured the tail width and not the tail length. Failure to measure these rock lobster correctly could result in a fine.

To check the rules go to [✓ fisheries.govt.nz/rules](https://fisheries.govt.nz/rules)

More information about this rule change, including the decision document, can be found on MPI's website at [✓ mpi.govt.nz/packhorse-consultation](https://mpi.govt.nz/packhorse-consultation)

13-Year-Old Scuba Diver Sets New Record, Performs 38 Magic Tricks Underwater

Curated By: [Buzz Staff](#)



The previous record Avery Emerson Fisher made the record by performing 38 magic tricks underwater in three minutes.

A 13-year-old girl from the United States has been making headlines for her extraordinary abilities. People were surprised by her capability to perform outstanding magic tricks while she remained submerged in water. She set the record for most magic tricks underwater in three minutes. In a video shared by the official Instagram handle of Guinness World Records, she was dressed in scuba diving gear and performed various fascinating tricks. The caption read, “Congratulations to 13-year-old scuba diver Avery Emerson Fisher (USA) who’s conjured up some underwater magic.”

Further, Guinness World Record mentioned, “Avery felt so at home in the tank when she was there – despite the cold—that she named the fish swimming around her during her practice sessions, including one she named Zeeto who seemed keen to join in as much as possible.” Avery performed 38 tricks within the time limit. She surpassed the previous record of 20, established by professional magician Martin Rees in the UK in 2020.

Guinness World Records stated that Avery had always enjoyed going to her local aquarium and decided she wanted to learn to scuba dive during the 2020 lockdown when she was only 10 years old. Reportedly, Avery started studying and passed all of her online exams. She began training and obtained her open water diver certificate during the summer, and she has since acquired a total of 12 certificates and completed over 30 ocean dives. Avery took her passion for scuba diving to a new level by setting this record. She went to the Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, California, on November 11 to set the new record. As per the official report, her effort occurred within the tunnel aquarium, where temperatures dropped to 58 degrees Fahrenheit (14 degrees Celsius) as several fishes swarmed about her. The judges associated with the Guinness World Records and a pair of expert witnesses then analysed her footage and determined she had successfully completed 38 illusions out of the 50 she had planned.

GWR mentioned that Avery prepared for her record attempt for months and even acquired a Scuba Magician qualification from Chef Anton, the inventor of Scuba Magician, a PADI Distinctive Speciality.

Her family and friends watched Avery perform as many magic tricks as she could in three minutes. Reportedly, the young girl is extremely passionate about marine conservation and environmental sustainability, and she intends to raise awareness while inspiring others to try scuba diving.

Here is something the club members could join in with

Kia ora Denis,

We're co-hosting an event, Discover Pupukemoana, on the 14th of April at Lake Pupuke. We will have guided kayak tours with Auckland Sea Kayaks, snorkelling with EMR, weaving workshops with local kairaranga, freshwater workshops by Whitebait Connection, park tours by council rangers and grow your own backyard workshops run by us. There are also going to be games, activities and prizes to win.

Just a heads up that it will be busy at Killarney Park and on Lake Pupuke. I have attached a poster with the info. We hope to see some of the NZ Dolphin Underwater & Adventure Club there!

Ngā mihi nui,

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Discover Pupukemoana
14 APRIL 2024 | 9.30AM - 3PM
KILLARNEY PARK

SNORKEL TOURS
KAYAK TOURS
WORKSHOPS & MORE ACTIVITIES

LEARN ABOUT FRESHWATER PESTS & BE IN TO WIN A KAYAK PACKAGE

FREE FAMILY EVENT*
DISCOVER THE UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL TAONGA OF PUPUKEMOANA

PUPUKE BIRDSONG PROJECT
Forest & Bird
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
TAKAPUNA NORTH COMMUNITY TRUST
Water Safety NEW ZEALAND
Auckland Council

* ZERO WASTE EVENT | CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY GUARDIANS AT ALL TIMES

REGISTER FOR FREE SNORKEL & KAYAK TOURS  WWW.TAKAPUNATRUST.ORG.NZ

Dr. Nicole Miller

A well known Kiwi is speaking at **TEDxWellington 2024** - 13th April

Details at <https://eventa.nz/tedx-Wellington-2024>

Dr. Nicole Miller is a well-known citizen science leader with a special interest in marine ecosystems. She works with community groups across New Zealand to document, restore and protect the marine environment. As the founder of Explore Your Coast Nicole is passionate about bringing New Zealand's underwater world above the surface, inspiring people to engage with their local marine environment. Nicole is Chair of the Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve Charitable Trust and a member of the Green Gravel Action Group, an international network of seaweed restoration experts.

Practice being safe & staying safe for you & your buddies & we will see you all at the club meeting

The MAF regulations vary in particular when it comes to your catch size/limits & locations

NB: Especially in the Hauraki Gulf area, things have changed.