

had many laughs and a lot of fun, which made the day a real adventure.

Havoc was a brilliant tutor. Before leaving and from the photo boat, he taught and instructed us on all we needed to know about baiting up, even though we only used soft baits (it felt like we were cheating slightly – but even the boys are big on soft baits right now). He explained all about jigging, what to do when we felt the fish biting and all we really needed to know to about the basics of fishing. It was quite exciting as we started hooking up and catching fish.

Screams could be heard all round especially when Tracey hooked in to a big one. We now have a lot more empathy for the guys, having to be so very patient and realising how long things take, in the world of fishing, at the same time enjoying the thrill and excitement when bite time finally comes on.

All in all we had a great day out on the water, learnt a lot, laughed a lot and caught some fish. We were happy to learn how to fillet them, an experience none of us were that rapt about, but loved it when we continued the theme of the tables being turned, making the boys cook the fish for us. We sat back, ate our catch, enjoyed a nice glass of sav and chatted about how keen we were for our next chance to get out there again!

I would encourage and recommend anyone who has a partner/husband/father/brother who is a keen boatie, to learn more about boating, complete a course and generally get in amongst it, because as another old saying goes, 'If you can't beat 'em... then join 'em!'

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Note: Since our day out, we have been told there are some fun and interesting ladies fishing tutorial nights at some local fishing and boat retailers. Check this out and make enquiries, don't delay... there is a lot of fun is to be had, once you have some know how and confidence.



Proud Jen shows off her Bay of Islands snapper



Charging out to the hunting grounds with all the enthusiasm seen at a 50%-off sale!