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# Fishing Port Douglas News



## with Heff

Recently our *Dragon Lady* vessel received a grant to trial deterrent devices to deal with the problem of shark depredation - taking of fish catches to sharks. It has been identified as an increasing problem over the years and *Dragon Lady* has been chosen to trial several devices over the next 12 months. They are the only recreational charter to trial this thus far on the Great Barrier Reef due to the amount of sea days they complete over a year. This program just started in the last week or so with the assistance of Jaiden for the next 4 weeks from the University of the Sunshine Coast to get the program up and running smoothly.

Jaiden came onto the boat with 3 devices this particular trip. A product called *Shark Shield* which is lowered down in the water along side the boat. It shoots out electronic pulses over a short distance which repels sharks and not fish. On the first few trials to date it took awhile to position it properly at the right spot alongside the boat. With each change it did indicate to show less fish taken by sharks each time. From Day 1 it had a casualty rate of two fish taken and after a couple of more trips with repositioning it had none. It is a positive sign but there is a lot still to trial. These *Shark Shield* devices retail for about \$5000 currently so not necessarily a viable option for many at this stage.

The second device is called *Shark Banz* which is basically a 6 1/2 ounce device replacing the sinker at the bottom of a paternoster rig. It also has the ability to send out electronic pulses to repel sharks but at a lesser range. The problem we've seen thus far is that they can easily be

caught on the reef as most people experience at times. At \$100 per item they are not viable for the average angler but we have already seen signs that a shark will attack a hooked fish and let it go. This we have observed with scar marks on the fish's flesh but made it to the boat.

The third device is a camera which can be hooked to both products to observe what is actually happening below. With the fishing rig it is tied from the main line in between to the terminal tackle or leader end. It basically looks straight down onto the hook, to observe fish behaviour or any shark presence. At \$500 per item it basically is being used as a tool to collect valuable data at this point.

This program has a long way to go and trialing it at different stages of the year may produce completely different results. We'll keep you posted with each report. If they deem to work the concept is that we preserve our fish stocks whilst on charter. On some bad days in recent years we can lose up to 70% of our catch to sharks.

We are very proud and excited to be pioneering this technology and if it works, it will only improve our business as well.



  
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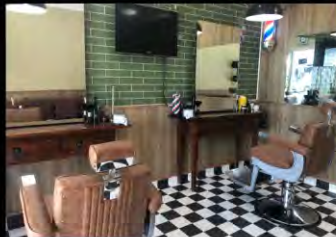
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# Fishing On the Daintree

with Jamie Beitzel



Well it's never a dull moment on the Daintree River as we've seen quite a bit of action over the past month. Charters have been increasingly busy and is now coming to a peak with school holidays already upon us. In between work, family commitments and up-keeping of the boat, I barely have time to scratch myself. I'm not complaining and know there is something that has to be done every day.

This past month we really saw the cooler weather hit the region and one would think that it would make the fishing get tougher. Sure I had some quieter days but my good days, which were more often than not were very pleasing. There's been some high quality fish come into the system obviously escaping the windy coastline. For me this is a blessing lucky enough to be fishing the calmer waters on such a majestic and productive river. Where as the coastal and offshore lads have had a tough time of late with the south easterly trade winds kicking into full tilt and hindering their capabilities.

I've seen some exceptional fish in recent weeks coming into the boat and some have even surprised me. The one metre queenfish are well and truly entrenched in the main part of the river and I pretty much know where to be at what part of the tide to come

across these guys. They are truly are great fish to hook up to and with their antics above and below the water they are one of my favourites. There's also been some sensational giant trevally to 8kg that have also come into the river and seem to competing with the queenfish, so you never quite know at the time of the hook-up. My old faithful fingermark species have not let me down either with my efforts amongst the snags and sunken structure producing quality sized fish averaging around 50-55cm. They fight extremely hard if you've never caught a good one and be assured they are probably the pick of river fish to eat on a plate.

On an incoming tide I've also started to pick absolute ripping golden trevally. At around 5-6kg they certainly give the punters a run for their money. Add to this a couple of permit or oyster cracker fish at the big end these fish pound for pound are probably the best sportfish you'll come across.

To finish off my very happy month a few barra getting up to 82cm have also been forwarded to my efforts. There's been just enough temperature in the water to entice them into a bite but they will get more elusive as the cooler days go on.

It will be head down and bum up for me moving forward and confident the fishing will remain as productive as it has been.



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# Dragon Lady Charters

with Steve Adamson



*For us on Dragon Lady Charters we've had an interrupted month, firstly because we had to have a compulsory slipping of the vessel for survey purposes and then we experienced a horrible run of weather at the back end of the month. The winter or south easterly trade winds certainly kicked in during June and even on the days we did operate we had to contend with some challenging conditions.*

*The fishing however was quite reasonable considering we had to fish up in the shallows for extra protection behind the reefs. Coral trout definitely became our staple catch ranging from 1kg up to 4kg at best. Typically there were quite a few other reef species mixed in including spangled emperor, stripeys, trevally and sweetlip. Overall though, numbers of fish were quite good and punters went home with a bag of fish on each trip. We also experienced a lot of hard fought battles with the Chinaman Fish, not keepers being a non-take fish, but they provided some hard hitting action. The mackerel float remained pretty quiet mainly because we were forced to fish in shallow sections and we tend to source them at this time of year in more deeper water.*

*From memory we had a brief stint fishing for nannygai in the open waters on a rare couple of occasions with some good success, but we know they'll be there when the weather settles. They will be a real focus for us in the coming month or two and I'm anticipating some big days given the chance.*

*With most days of late on the water being overcast, cool and windy we are well and truly due for a break in the weather.*



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*Unfortunately for some, the terrible sea conditions have coincided with their school holiday plans but it is not a big surprise at this time of year.*

*We started our Shark Depredation Grant Program this past month but haven't been able to sink our teeth into it properly due to the adverse weather in the back end of June. With the assistance of Jaiden from the Sunshine Coast University we have ironed out a couple of kinks and really look forward to testing out the anti-shark devices in the coming weeks to see if they actually reduce the amount of fish taken by the 'men in grey suits'. Initial trials seem encouraging but there is a long way to go and it will see us commit to this study for the next 12 months. We are the first charter to trial a couple of different products on the Great Barrier Reef and there's a lot of interest on a wide scale as to the outcome. If it works it will only improve our charter business but also reduce the amount of wasted fish kill due to the shark problem.*

*Bookings remain very strong so please book in advance.*



# Saltaire Charters



## with Craig Newbold

*We have a reasonably busy month in June but invariably lost a few charters at the back end of the month with some horrible winds darting up the coastline. As you may depict by the accompanying photos we got off to flyer at the start of the month in more moderate conditions. These days were few but by hell they were very productive with the reef species off the bottom being of the highest end. It wasn't a case of how many but more so how big they were going to be. Nannygai and red emperor were up and about in a big way.*

*As the days progressed the weather gradually deteriorated and made a three day trip to Hope Islands a bit of a handful as well. Reef fishing became a serious challenge to hold anchor properly but the beauty about our vessel there is always a Plan B.*

*On quite a few charters we had no option but to troll lures riding in and out of the swell. This proved to be a winning formula considering the conditions and on a couple of occasions we hit the 'Mother Load'. Our best day included hooking up 14 spanish mackerel and over half a dozen big trevally. A lot of fish were released to live another day but it was encouraging see the pelagic aspect really fire up. The best mackerel was in excess of 15kg and the trevally were all around 6kg. Under these conditions and at this time of year we have a favourite patch of water where we simply run hard body lures at various*

*depths. It is not in overly deep water but it was producing double and triple hook-ups. That certainly gets the adrenalin pumping both from an angler and a crew point of view.*

*We also suspected a couple of hits on this day from billfish. The reels would ignite but not engage and upon retrieving the lure for inspection, the leader was chaffed on a couple of occasions. This is a tell tale sign from a small black marlin swiping at the lure with its bill. It is good to know they are up and about and we'll run with a spread of skirted lures and rigged garfish when we fully concentrate targeting these guys.*

*We also did a couple of days dedicated to snorkelling organised by a dive company and we have quite a few forward bookings as well. It seems quite a few people are keen to have their own personal boat for their reef experience and the bonus is we are happy to have a fish as well to bonus add to the day.*

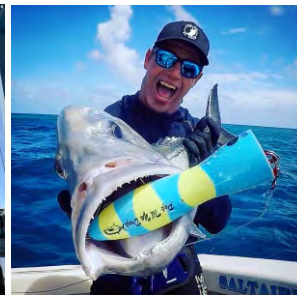
*For us at the moment it is a case of sitting and watching the for the opportunity to fish in between what may prove to be a windy winter period. One thing that can be assured is that we'll deliver in spades as the outer reef fishes exceptionally well mid year given the chance. Bottom fishing or surface fishing we are looking forward to it. Technically it is now full on tourist season for the rest of the year.*



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## Top 6 Ranking

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## Reel Cooking with Heff

### Garlic Buttered Mackerel



#### Ingredients

4 fillets portioned of Spanish mackerel

Plain Flour

Splash of Vegetable Oil for searing fish

Salted Butter

Finely chopped clove of Garlic (not minced as it burns too quickly)

Preferred salad dish & crusty bread



#### Method

Dust Mackerel fillets in flour and then sear on pan on moderate heat to create a golden crust without cooking through completely. Cook both sides.

Once golden brown add cubed butter and chopped garlic, turn pan on its side to accumulate the butter and garlic mix to one side.

With a big serving spoon baste the fish turning the pan from side to side to ensure a even spread of mix over the fillets. You'll soon see the mix take to the fillets giving it an even more golden look.

Serve a bit of chopped parsley for presentation on fish with salad & crusty bread on side.



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