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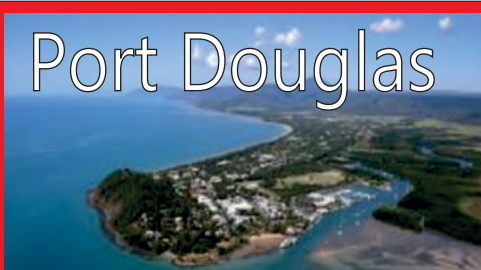


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Fishing Port Douglas News



with Heff

Here's the results from the Port Douglas Marlin Challenge 2022 presentation night, held last weekend. In it's 13th year it is the only remaining dedicated heavy tackle tournament in the southern hemisphere and Australia. This is testament to the committee maintaining its status as a blue ribbon tournament.

It was a great 4 days on the water with some picture perfect weather conditions and some good fishing competition which left the tournament open to a number of boats taking it out on the final day. It did go down to the wire in the end. Here are the final results:

Champion Boat and winner of the Leon Thomas Memorial Trophy: SHAKA, chartered by a group of friends from New Zealand and skippered by Damien Collete.

Champion Male Angler and Champion Angler Overall (winner of the Brett Thomas Memorial Trophy): IAN BLADIN, with 3 fish tagged on board Aspro.

Champion Female Angler: REBECCA HARRISON, with 1 fish tagged on board Aspro.

Runner Up Champion Boat: GORILLA, with 4 fish tagged, skippered by Mark 'Statue' Stephenson.

Daily prizes went to:

- DAY 1: Iluka - 2 tags
- DAY 2: Gorilla - 3 tags
- DAY 3: Shaka - 3 tags
- DAY 4: Aspro - 1 tag

And the final overall boat standings:

1. Shaka
2. Gorilla
3. Aspro
4. Iluka
5. Miss Nic

6. Little John II
7. Freedom Shores
8. Above Grade
9. Stiff Rod
10. Kona

The winning team on Shaka also took home \$9000 in calcutta winnings as well as some amazing prizes - well done!

A huge thanks must go to our club sponsors: Tackle World Cairns, Shimano, Tin Shed, Above Grade Marine Services, Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Big Boat Shed and ICIT who without their backing this tournament would not be the success it is.

And of course a big thanks and congratulations to all the boats that entered. We hope to see you all again next year.





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Fishing On the Daintree

with Jamie Beitzel



Due to annual leave for the month of November, I don't have anything to report sorry. I can say that I'll have a regalvanised boat trailer looking like new. We start operation again in December and with a bit of recent rain I

anticipate the Daintree River will have a new lease on life and be quite dynamic in regards to fishing action.

We'll have a report for you in the next edition.



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Dragon Lady Charters

with Steve Adamson



Following a disruptive month in October due to a big delay in refitting a new gear box, we got back into business at the start of November.

General tourist business definitely went a bit quieter in regards to shared charters but we went gang busters with private charters, a lot of them staff Christmas parties for local businesses. It has been very much in demand and increasing every year. So much so every Friday, Saturday and some Sunday's are booked out right till Christmas with such requests. The trade industry is behind this with a lot of male employees preferring a treat like this as opposed as to a traditional office party at a restaurant.

The fishing overall has been handy enough with some bumper days on the coral trout. Gee's they've become a really staple catch over time and ideally a top notch target species. We saw on occasions solid trout to 5-6kg one after the other so that's fantastic fishing in anyone's books.

Other smatterings of fish included large and small mouth nannygai, red emperor, cattle



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dog cod, maori bream, cobia, morwong and spanish mackerel on the float. Then we had some big sessions on the gold spot trevally to 7kg which bend rods, peel line and put a decent strain on the angler. They always turn into a pretty hectic time on the deck. For many tourists or locals they rarely get to see what chaos is like when we tap into a school of these brutes.

One species which went on the quiet for us was the spangled emperor which prior was a significant player on any given day. The reason being, even I'm not sure.

It looks like we'll see a traditional pre-covid build up to Christmas with things bursting at the seams later into December. Pre-bookings will be absolutely essential to secure your spot.

Saltaire Charters



with Craig Newbold

November for us flew by quickly with quite a few charters undertaken. We completed all and sundry from family day trips to the reef, to more serious reef fishing efforts, popper and light tackle, heavy tackle, overnight and extended trips over 4 days. We were assisted by some really good weather which is always a blessing.

With so much going on our typical reef fishing days saw us have some big days on the coral trout in particular. For us it wasn't too hard to produce overs in this department. Most sized fish ranged between 3-5kg.

Our popper fishing across the top of the reefs saw us tangle with giant trevally up to 15kg at times but they were a little bit cagey this month not fully committing to the bite in our opinion. There was a lot of slapping at the lures as opposed to crunching them in typical fashion.

Our light tackle efforts made up on the surface scene and we caught a variety of good fish. Spanish mackerel, mack tuna, northern bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, scaly mackerel and a few big barracuda provided some really exciting moments for our anglers. The mack tuna and scaly mackerel went into the coffers to utilise as fresh skip baits for black marlin.

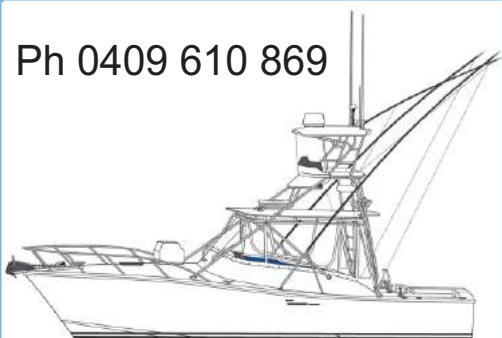
We did quite a few heavy tackle days with our best fish coming in at 500lb. We did lose one considerably larger but that is the nature of the game. There were quite a few hook ups to 200-300lb models which in fact are probably more

theatrical on top of the water with multiple stunt acrobatics. There was a lot of other traffic on the water for the month with around 15-20 boats working the same area at times. We witnessed plenty of other fish being caught around us, sometimes in front of our noses. So there was enough interest out there to chance your luck at a fish of a lifetime.

We are rounding off the month with a tackle company trying some new product which will hit the market soon, so I'll report on this next time. Christmas and New Year look like being busy so contact us to tailor make a trip that is suited and very personal.



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2 fillets of whatever tropical fish takes your fancy - coral trout, nannygai or mackerel are ideal
Soft Tacos shaped like a boat or a tub - easily found in supermarket
Brand Name - Tandaco Seasoning Salt & Pepper, again in supermarket isles
Baby Spinach - packaged in supermarket
2 avocados
Aeoli Garlic Sauce



Method

Coat fish fillets in Tandaco seasoning and cook in a shallow pan till golden brown, a good knob of genuine butter is required to achieve this.
Blend avocados in something like a Nutri Bullet machine with a dash of olive oil.
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