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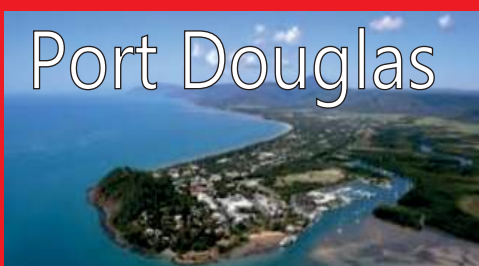
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# Fishing Port Douglas

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Hi to Everyone from the Port Douglas Marlin Challenge team, the cheques have been drawn up, this is real MONEY (there's another 13 cheques behind this Puppy, FYI up to approx 60K) !! October 1st - 4th 2025.

We can say the following Categories are up for the taking:

## Categories

**Winning Skipper / Boat (sponsored by AST Australia)**

1st 20K

2nd 5K

3rd 3K

4th 2K

**Champion Angler (sponsored by Phoenix One Luxury Charters)**

1st 5K

2nd 3K

3rd 2K

**Daily Winners x 4 (sponsored by Sandridge Roads)**

2.5K per day

**Winning Deck Team (sponsored by**

**Australian Sportfishing Charters)**

**3K**

**Calcutta Prize Awarded to Top 3 Placings - Prize Pool TBA**

**60% 1st**

**20% 2nd**

**10% 3rd**

**10% Club**

**World Championship Invites to Costa Rica (over 2 million dollars in prize money)**

**Top 3 boat placings**

If you have a successful event this could be a tournament to REMEMBER for all your team involved .....

For the update, if you haven't registered and paid, time is getting close with only 3 weeks before closure. This is critical for our preparations for the luxury Salsa Bar presentation 4th October 7pm.

Please any questions call me 0409610869 or email [info@fishingportdouglas.com.au](mailto:info@fishingportdouglas.com.au)

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## Local Fishing News

To be honest the month of August didn't quite pan out when it came to the weather. There's no question the days were sunny and very beautiful but there was a touch of wind around which affected offshore anglers, particularly for the smaller boat brigade. In saying this there's always a solution when you visit FNQ.

## River / Estuary

It has been an interesting period with slower tide movement proving to be the key. Those bigger tides have tended to push a lot of dirty water into our coastal systems. Having recently viewed a couple of these systems such as the Mossman, Saltwater and Daintree you can see why. The landscape has changed tremendously ever since that last cyclone a couple of years ago. Sand bars have changed and on those big tides they build up on the mouth banks and then spew over at a rate of knots. This consequently spills a lot of silt and sand into the system. The incoming tide has generally been bigger than the outgoing on certain tides. Thus water clarity has been somewhat a problem and the neap tides keep this situation to a minimum. So fuller moons do create dirtier water and the half moons are considerably better at the moment.

Now the Daintree River has continued to produce fingermark, mangrove jack and javelin fish. The cleaner waters as mentioned are still accounting for nice big queenfish, golden and river trevally. Live sardines are still the killer bait but becoming a bit thinner in supply and soft plastic lures do definitely have their moments. Everyone wants a barra and the warmer days are gradually enhancing your chances. After last years' record year of catching them they have become that bit more challenging to entice and requires patience. Low tide is a preference but a change of the tide of any sort seems to spike their enthusiasm.

Now August pumped out some amazing mud crab results normally associated with May - July. I'm at liberty not to say where but it's worth mentioning and considering. Estuary & Creek waters is all I'll say.

## Reef Fishing

There's no problem there catching your main target species. Coral trout, nannygai, emperor species and trevally. It all depends on the weather and the size of boat to get out there. Again the medium tides leading into and following the moon phases have faired better. A tide difference from high to low or vice versa of approximately 1.5m - 2m seems to be producing the desired results. You just need enough run in the tide but not over bearing at the moment.

Good news the mackerel are still running with no show of slowing down for the moment. Next month we'll elaborate on the State Government's intention to increase the bag limits on the mackerel from the previous Labor Government which put a spanner in the works and contributed to their downfall from the fishing fraternity vote.



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