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Fishing Port Douglas News

with Heff



Here's a boat new on our books at Fishing Port Douglas and a welcomed addition to the local scene. It was initially due to commence full time operation here but the December cyclone changed plans immensely and has been doing some charter work from Cairns till now. It has returned to add value to our comprehensive range of sportfishing boats which you'll find on www.fishingportdouglas.com.au website.

Atlas is 7m center console built by Ocean Blue boats in 2023, powered by twin Suzuki 150HP 4 stroke engines with a cruising speed of 25 knots. It's the latest of vessels with all the bells and whistles.

At the helm we have Garmin's top of the range units being 8412 series twin 12 inch screens and set up with twin transducers. Atlas also features zipwake automatic trim tabs for that extra smooth and a balanced ride, a 112lb Minkota up front for locking on the marks, fusion sound system and marine toilet. We provide the latest high quality fishing tackle available on the market. Atlas is custom built for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef Sportfishing experience.

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reached within 60 minutes.

Iced esky supplied for BYO lunches, drinks and alcohol. Meeting place for this vessel is at the Port Douglas Public Jetty next to St. Mary's Church in town.

Please call 0409610869 for further enquiry.

The big black marlin season is due to kick off shortly. A recent trip to the shelf which I was part of indicated the currents aren't quite ready yet. Literally there was no run out there and bait and bird life was poor. It may take a week or two for the current to start running from the north before this side of things kick into gear.

Other than this the inshore and offshore fishing has been good to fantastic. On certain parts of the reef the sharks have been fierce and have gone to another level. Those in the know will avoid these trouble spots like the plague.

The weather pattern has finally turned in our favour and we are dead set serious about making the most of it. Reminder of the Reef Closures 30th September to 4th October. Trolling methods only allowed for pelagics.



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Fishing On the Daintree

with Jamie Beitzel



The month of September definitely kept me on my toes with charters and the coming weeks are even getting busier. Despite some favourable weather I've pretty much stuck to my river fishing program. The reason for no offshore fishing is that the river mouth still remains dangerous since the cyclone 9 months ago. The sands shifted enormously creating a serious sand bar and the maritime authorities have yet to replace new markers (which got washed away) for safe passage. If you do decide to take the chance you are playing Russian Roulette and I've witnessed plenty a local come unstuck on the bar.

So back to the river and it has looked after my efforts handsomely. I've had all sorts of clients from families, happy go lucky anglers, serious sorts and 'wannabes'. You do meet some very interesting type of people if you get my drift.

Fingermark are my lucky charm and they have enjoyed the spike in water temperature. They've been around the 50cm mark for the most and I know where to be at the right time to generally entice some action using live sardines. Mixed in whilst targeting them have been a few cod on the side.

I've caught other species in different sections of the river including queenfish, golden trevally and javelin fish which seem to be around in reasonable numbers.

However my brilliant run on the barramundi is still the

highlight and my customers couldn't agree more. It is the Number 1 request by far and it's not as easy as that. Yet as I'm writing this, it is with a smile as my strike rate has been right up there, maybe 70-80% of trips. They've been good thumping sized ones up to 85cm, probably averaging 70-75cm overall. From memory most have been caught utilising live bait with the odd one caught on lures but only with good anglers.

The turns of the tide are critical for an hour or so with low tide probably producing the strongest bite. In saying this I've been able to pluck them at random which shows they are fattening themselves up before the wet season.

We have one more month on the calendar to catch them before their 3 month closure and I can't see why this current form will change as the weather pattern is finally in our favour.

There was one or two days where the river literally became unfishable due to the massive tides on the moon. The water was roaring either side of the tide particularly on the run out. The clarity was terrible and it was a struggle and I'll assess the coming month on those big tides before committing.

Anyway onwards and upwards on the mighty Daintree River. There's plenty of interested anglers so forward bookings are essential.



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with Jason Knack

Hi there, thanks for tapping into what we have to report on with our endeavours for the month.

The start of the month still remained ugly from a weather point of view with south east winds just still providing a headache. We did manage a few coastal trips to save face but even they were a challenge and probably not worth reporting on as even the 'so called I've got good sea legs' clients got churned up.

On a more positive note it took till the second week of the month to gain momentum safely offering coastal and 5hr trips with reasonable results of nannygai, trout and gold spot cod. We pretty much maintained this program for a further week or so.

It wasn't till the third week that we started to see a decent shift in the weather and more consistent. Thus we started to offer up full day experiences to the outer reef. To be truthfully honest the fishing was red hot, no problem hooking into nannygai, spangled emperor, red emperor and coral trout. At times though the 'men in grey suits' stole the show entirely and made it difficult. Trust me we boated some cracking fish but the worst day I had saw me re-rig 40 terminal outfits. Some of the heads of the fish we did manage to boat showed they were thumping fish. It was just a bad section of the reef covering 3-5 miles and I wont be going back there



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any time soon.

You change plans day by day and things ran a lot smoother once you avoided this trouble section. Spewing though because they were good sorts lost to the shark depredation agenda in that area.

School holidays saw a decent run of visitors coming through the region and the weather remained favourable. We found ourselves doing a lot of 4-5hr trips with families with the odd full day experienced angler. It's been a nice change to hit calmer waters and it puts a buzz in your step.

Over the Reef Closure period 30th September to 4th October we'll be only offering trolling trips, not even top water lure fishing across the reefs for even Gt's. As a word of advice, fisheries have indicated that in doing so you may catch a coral trout or some type of reef fin species and land yourself in trouble. The Fun Police will be diligent on this.

October forward bookings look reasonable but I wouldn't say a typical gang buster period. Enjoy the footy finals in the immediate future with whatever code or team you follow.

Saltaire Charters

with Craig Newbold



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