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Westernport - New Boat

Do you fancy a spot of whiting fishing in Westernport? Well we have the ultimate combination for you...

The Katrina Louise is a boat that has been fishing these waters for over 10 years now, it has recently been purchased by one of Melbourne's best whiting fishermen providing the ultimate local affordable fishing trip for Melbournites. There is nothing better than jumping on a charter boat on a beautiful Sunday morning with a guide who knows the best spots whether you are a novice or a pro angler. You can rest assured that the combination of this skipper and this vessel makes for one of Melbourne's best fishing operators.

The Katrina Louise is a old style wooden vessel which takes a maximum of 10 anglers. It has a great record for Whiting in Westernport Bay. We have known the owner and the new skipper for a number of years and have full confidence that they will look after our clients including hot dogs instead of your standard on board BBQ.

For this boat's availability please contact us on 03 9807 6622 we look forward to providing our customers with another local option for fishing!

Fishing Report - March Club Trip 2010

Another year and another Elephant Fish season in Melbourne and the first club trip for the all new Fishing Getaways! We were lucky enough to fish with some of our fantastic regular club trip attendees as well as a few new faces on a day that we thought we would be blown off the water! There were a few shaky weather phone calls to start the day but we were all relieved to arrive in Hastings and find not a breath of wind.

Though Elephant's were our main goal the first catch of the trip was certainly a strange one. Jacqui, usually the queen of Flathead on these trips, managed to pull in a Pinkie which was the last thing we expected on the Elephant banks!

Then we started to get into the Elephants though it took a bit to get started... it was great to see quite a few Elephants brought on board though most were the smaller male species. There were as always a couple of fishing all stars on board watching Christine (or nag as we call her) almost outfish hubby Pete was a great laugh, there is nothing like a fish on to interrupt a good book! And new face Matt Barbatiello

fishing with Dad John seemed to have a pretty good run throughout the day though we didn't hear a peep from him almost all day! Surprisingly Jay managed to hook onto an Elephant Fish and get it all the way to the boat before a slight mishap made it the one that got away. We had an array of other fish brought on board including Eagle Rays, Flathead and a Port Jackson Shark. All in all, we had a great Fishing Getaways day on the water and look forward to doing it all again very soon. Our congratulations to Matt Barbatiello who took the Champion Angler title for this trip!



Queensland Barra Fishing in Cooktown

What is fantastic about having regular Fishing Getaways customers is that they love to tell you about the fantastic fishing trips they do. I was having a catch up with a long standing customer who has just moved to north Queensland and called to say that he has caught more Barra there in 1 day than he did fishing the Territory for 5 days! Of course my instant reaction was ... Send me this operators details! Over the last couple of weeks we have been working putting together a short break to Cooktown to make available to you. This will include accommodation at this customer's own motel in Cooktown, fishing with a highly recommended guide on board a 5.3m purpose build aluminum punt and return flights from any capitol city.

If you would like to experience some of Australia's most fantastic and untouched fishing in Fishing Getaways' most recent destination email us at:

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Fishing in Asia - A New Fishing Getaways Product

With the increasing Australian holiday trade to our neighboring continent to paradises such as Bali and Thailand there has been a significant increase in requests from customers for us to research Asia as a fishing destination.

We have begun our research into this area and have discovered a fantastic contact in Thailand. Good old ex-patriot skippers, our Aussie fishermen can be found all over the world and we have been lucky enough to track one down who can provide us with the best operators in every major sea side destination in Thailand. At present we are gathering details on fishing operators in Phuket, being Thailand's number one destination for us Aussies.

We have also begun making contact with operators in Bali's central holidaymakers district of Kuta. To our way of thinking if there are that

many beautiful beaches in these destinations then there has to be some great fishing there too!

To keep you all updated we are waiting on season guides and vessel information from our Thailand contact. The season guide will contain both the native species and the best we can do at an English translation for you. When we developed these season guides in Fiji this was one of the things that took some time.

We do have preliminary pricing available in the office at the moment and when we get next month's newsletter out to you we will have all of the details.

If you are heading to Thailand or Bali in the next month and would like to get some fishing in while you are away just give us a call!



Lizard Island Marlin Classic 2010

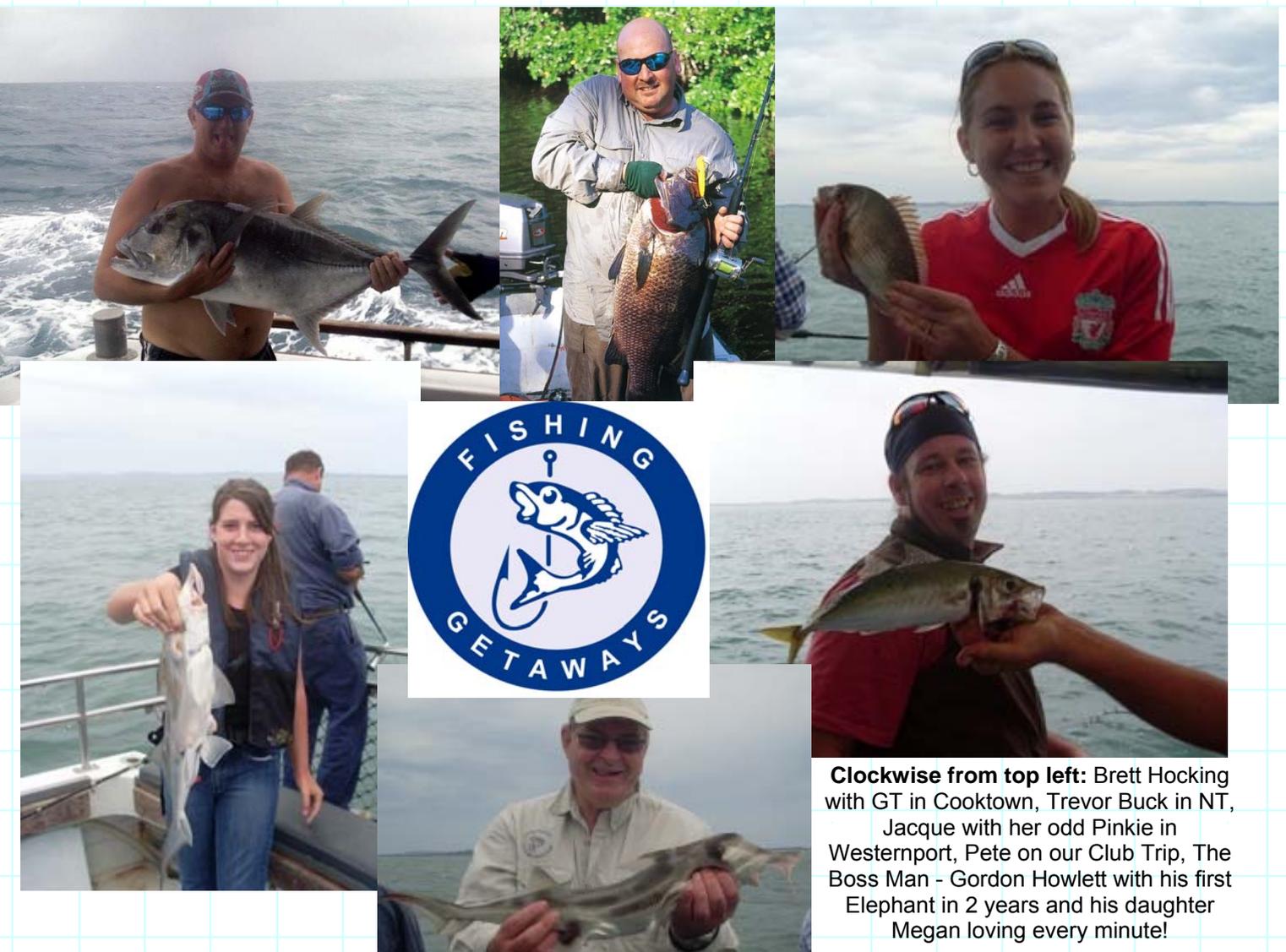
We still have 2 boats in Cooktown with vacancies to fish the Lizard Island Marlin Classic for 2010. Have you ever dreamed of fishing in one of Australia's most renowned gamefishing competitions? Well here is the reality! The 24th Lizard Island Marlin Classic is set to happen from 16th - 24th October 2010 with fishing occurring from Sunday 17th October to Saturday 23rd October between the hours of 1100 and 1730 each day. This competition focuses solely on the 3 main species of Marlin; Black, Blue and Striped though Black Marlin are the main species which are abundant in the Lizard Island area. This competition is run by the Lizard Island Game Fishing Club who are dedicated to the conservation of the Marlin species.

Of the 3834 Marlin that have been caught in the 23 year life of the Lizard Island GFC only 22 have been presented at the weigh station. This competition is a Tag & Release only event. We have 2 boats available to fish this tournament, the first takes up to 10 anglers and is a luxury live aboard vessel, you can fish in style with all the comforts of home for around \$2500 per day.

The second vessel is a little more down to earth and flexible. The package on this vessel will be tailored to suit your needs specifically and will only fish 4 anglers on board for comfort for around \$1500 per day.

For further details on the boats we have available or to request a quote for a full package (about 10 days should do the trick) contact us on (03) 9807 6622.

Some photos from Fishing Getaways Customers



Clockwise from top left: Brett Hocking with GT in Cooktown, Trevor Buck in NT, Jacque with her odd Pinkie in Westernport, Pete on our Club Trip, The Boss Man - Gordon Howlett with his first Elephant in 2 years and his daughter Megan loving every minute!