

Fishing Monthly

Corporate Fishing Charters

Oceaneer

Well I-Fish got out there and had a ball on the sails (over 40 caught in 5 days) during early August and the reports coming back from the Rowley Shoals - 190 nautical miles off Broome are nothing short of amazing. You will be living aboard an 80ft custom built vessel that is equipped with the best Saltie gear and is very comfortable. Plasma screens are installed in the 4 cabins which include a double and a single bed in each room. The vessel itself will take up to 8 passengers comfortably and with at least 5 staff mem-



bers on each trip (including a gourmet chef) you know that you will be very well looked after! The Rowley Shoals are a chain of coral atolls on the edge of one of the widest continental shelves in the world. The three pear-shaped atolls have shallow lagoons inhabited by corals and abundant marine life. Each atoll covers an area of around 80 to 90 square kilometres. The three shoals are strikingly similar in dimension, shape, orientation and distance apart.



Only 300 people will get out to see the Shoals in any one year and with the government fighting to restrict access to this beautiful marine park, we are not sure how much longer we have to tackle this fish rich area. You will be chasing species such as Sailfish, Polka Dot Cod, Coral Trout, Maori Wrass, Dogtooth Tuna, Yellowfin, Sharks and the list goes on for up to 700 species of fish in this incredible area. This is the kind of fishing that most people will only get to experience once in a lifetime! We have obtained a prime date next October so come and join us!

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Upcoming Share Charters:

- 4th - 6th November 2005 Annual Flinders Island Weekend Away
- 13th November 2005 Westernport CFCFC Club Trip
- 27th November 2005 Warrnambool Club Day
- 4th December 2005 Mornington CFCFC Club Trip

Melbourne Fishing Show Report

The Melbourne Fishing Show was a resounding success for us here at CFC. We had a great stand matched by some great representatives and a genuine solid effort put in all weekend long. The aim of the stand as to promote key products and destinations,



and this was achieved through a number of ways. We would like to thank Bernie and Kevin of Oceaneer Adventures and Alan & Heather from Darwin's Barra Base for all their support over the weekend. Our CFC staff were at their usual best

and their help is always invaluable.

The 4 days saw a total of roughly 45,000 people walk through the doors and we found the most enquiry positive days to be Friday & Sunday.

Thanks to all that helped!



Captain Cook Cruises - The Small Ship Cruise Line

Captain Cook Cruises has a well respected reputation within the industry for providing a 100% service to each and every client it takes. Their range of cruises spans both Australia and Fiji in everything from week long tours to day and dinner cruises. Their product encompasses a Murray River Paddle Steamer Cruise, a Fiji Islands



Cruise, a Sydney Harbour Weekend cruise, a Great Barrier Reef Cruise and Day and Dinner Cruises in both

Sydney Harbour and the Fiji Islands. Their product appeals to a range of age groups starting at the 20-30's and going all the way up to 80-90 year olds. Children are welcome on all vessels and they are taken care of by all staff whilst on board.

There is no better way to see the sights of a destination than being surrounded by them while you are on the water. The feeling of stepping out of your cabin and being stunned each time by the different locations and the amazing scenery all around you.

The fantastic element of Captain

Cook Cruises is their representation of culture. If they are in Fiji, the boat will have an all Fijian staff to create that fun village atmosphere, if in the Great Barrier Reef or the Murray the staff on board will all be locals who have been trained in the eco-culture of the area to provide the guests with the utmost information and joy of each location.

Captain Cook Cruises are always updating their vessels for the pleasure of the clients and the MV Reef Escape in Fiji (pictured) has just undergone renovations to include spa facilities for the passengers.

Sofitel Resort Opening December 2005

The launch of one of Fiji's finest resorts is just around the corner on the 12th December when Fiji's Sofitel Resort and Spa will be officially opened to the public for the first time.

This resort is set to be one of the best in Port Denarau and is so close to Nadi that is readily accessible by all whether it be for a lunch, dinner or extended stay. The resort will also have a fantastic element of water based activities

run by a client of Corporate Fishing Charters. Fishing will be conducted on board a 51ft Riviera and a 10m Kevlacat which will be decked out with the best and most appropriate

"Fishing will be on a 51ft Riviera and a 10m Kevlacat... decked out with the best gear"

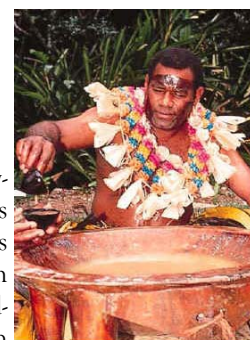
gear for the location. This fishing can be booked through Corporate Fishing Charters by hotel guests or travellers to other properties. The vessel's staff will have the utmost training and instruction to be able to provide you, the client with a fantastic and unforgettable fishing experience. There will also be a range of other water based activities including jetski's, banana boat rides, parasailing and many more!

The Story of Kava

Yaqona / Kava Yaqona - better known as Kava - is Fiji's national drink. Made from the pulverised root of the Piper Methysticum tree that is found throughout the Fijian islands, Kava is attributed with great pharmacological properties. These include anaesthetic (numbing effect); analgesic (pain deadening); anti-convulsive, spasmolytic (anti-smooth, muscle contraction); antimycotic (anti-fungal) and barbiturate narcosis intensification (sleep prolonging). Originally, Kava was prepared by young girls chewing the pieces of root into a soft pulpy mass,

and then spitting them into the tanoa, or bowl. It was then diluted with water. Today however, the root is pounded or grated before being mixed with water served into a half coconut shell or bilo. Kava is not an intoxicating drink in the European sense. However, it does have a numbing effect on the mouth and limbs and after consuming some quantity, is soporific. As always, Kava is prepared in the tanoa - a shallow wooden bowl with evenly spaced legs - the gritty pieces of root are strained out by passing a bundle of vegetable fibers through the brew and

when the 'muddy-looking water' liquid is ready. Traditionally this bowl was carved from solid blocks of vesi hardwood, some of which were 1.2 meters across. A long rope of plaited sennit, decorated with white cowrie shells was attached to the bowl and after repeated use, acquired a bluish-grey patina. Today, the Yaqona ceremony is still an important part of Fijian life. From social occasions to official ceremonies, the formal drinking of Yaqona is always included.



Darwin's Barra Base



HEADING TO DARWIN? LOOKING FOR A GREAT DAY BARRA FISHING?

Then here is your answer. Darwin's Barra Base is a relatively new company who takes pride in providing the best possible service on the water. Run by husband and wife - Alan & Heather

this is one of the best kept Barra fishing boats in the Territory. All it will cost is \$280 per person to do a full day trip to where ever is providing the best fish including places like Corroboree Billabong, Mary River or Dundee Beach. You will be collected from your accommodation at approximately 5am and whisked away to the billabongs for a day in fishing heaven.

All the trips run by Darwin's Barra Base are orchestrated on the tides so you will always be fishing for the right species at the best time. Every client that CFC has booked with these guys has come back rating them no less

than 10 out of 10 every time for their service, knowledge and operations and that is a great statement for clients to make! This is the ideal way to spend a day in the Territory and you will be seeing magnificent Birdlife, Lagoons and the ever present Crocodiles and for such a reasonable price! All you need to do is contact Corporate Fishing Charters to let us know when you will be up there and how many days you want and we will do the rest. You will be taken care of from the time you make the phone call until you are back in your hotel room marveling at the photos of the day!

October CFCFC Trip Report

The Corporate Fishing Charters Fishing Club Trips are BACK! We conducted our first of the season on October 2nd and it was a great day out of St Kilda. One decent sized snapper on board with the usual flow of flathead was enough to keep us entertained and more than we could expect for early October. We had a mixed group on Bo Jangles that day including 5, 9 and 13 year old children, serious fishos and a few mates just out to have

some fun! It was a great group of people who thoroughly enjoyed the morning and Brent was the most successful of the day taking home the pot and his beautiful snapper. We had a few other winners on board that day including Stephen winning a prize for most fish (even if they were flatties) and Jay taking out most gullible for a plastic fish. These trips are all in good fun with a few fish caught but I believe that the competition is heating



up between our CFCFC members to start battling for our angler of the year award. Jim Cooper took out last seasons and I cant wait to see what tactics come out to take out this seasons prize. Good luck guys and we will see you on the 13th November.

Evening Snapper Trip 11th November 05

Snapper are an incredible species that are only available in Port Phillip Bay for the warmer months of the year. They are the main focus of our Melbourne fishermen at this time of year and you don't need a boat to be able to catch one. What better thrill is there for someone who has not fished a lot in past to feel that rod go off and land an absolute dream fish? I have countless photos of this experience for many different people.

The beauty of fishing on board a charter vessel is that no matter what happens on board you are always in the presence of years of experience in the skipper, deckhand and other passengers - so when the big one hits you will have the exact guidance that you need to bring it in. And this is the time that is best to get out looking for the Snapper - NIGHT FISHING. All it will cost is \$65 per person to jump on board our Mornington vessel on

Friday 11th November 2005 for 4 hours and test it out. You will be guided and skippered by some of the best in the business and combined you will be traveling with almost 80 years of experience.

Contact Jay in the Corporate Fishing Charters office on (03) 9807 6622 for further details or to book your place on this fantastic evening trip.

Hurry there is only 8 places left!

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We will put you on the right boat, in the right place, at the right time to give you a trip you will never forget!



Jay's Monthly Update

It has been the first of many hectically busy months to come and due to our workload we have added an additional member of staff to the Corporate Fishing Charters list. Elissa Young is the wife of a mad keen fisherman and enjoys putting up with Gordon & my crazy antics so we would like to officially welcome her to the team.

The fishing show was indeed a productive one with the Oceaneer boys and Alan of Darwin's Barra Base coming down to help out. The show has been a success to us and there was no shortage of entertainment from that weekend! A personal thank you from me to all who supported us at this show, it was a major event and your participation has been nothing short of wonderful to have you all there.

In other news, those of you looking to book your Christmas functions had better act quickly - especially if you are looking at booking them during a weekend. Most of the morning trips on our 3 vessels have sold out and if you were to secure one at this stage I would say you were pretty lucky. We can do up to 18 people on one vessel or up to 35 over 2 boats so there is a fair bit of room to move.

I look forward to speaking to you all in the near future... Cheers

Your Regular Fishing Updates Right through the season!

LATEST NEWS!

Corporate Fishing Charters is beginning to put fishing packages together for the following destinations:

Argentina, The Amazon, The Bahamas, Belize, Christmas Island, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, The Caribbean, Scotland and the USA!

Westernport Bay (Hastings) - The snapper fishing in Westernport Bay has been sensational over the last weekend with 35 snapper up to 4kg caught over 4 days on our boat! According to the operator the snapper fishing will continue as is until around mid December so get out there! There are a few whiting around and 5 gummy's were also caught last weekend.

Port Phillip Bay (St Kilda) - Snapper have come on with a bang in the last week. And it seems the word had got around quickly. I counted approx. 100 boats out Saturday morning 22nd on one mark, and about the same Sunday. Transit markers in 15m of water beyond Faulkner beacon seems to be the hot spot. Most early risers on Saturday got fish. Early morning sessions seems to be the key. The 4am starters are getting the fish. Us 7am

starters are struggling. First and last light is the time for the snapper. We have been sounding fish up all over the place through out the day. Best fish we saw one bloke land, looked like a fish well in excess of 10kg (off the No.4 Port Marker near channel) mid afternoon Saturday. Some guys are lucky. Plastic prawns are the go here. Flathead of course are around by the millions. No pinky action yet.

Flinders Island - After speaking to James in Flinders Island it looks like we are set for a great trip next week! They are catching some nice snapper for this time of year around the 2-3kg as it is still a bit early for them over there, there are a few striped trumpeter around as well as some good gummy sharks around the full moon and the flathead are running well.
