

## Mooloolaba Marlin

The marlin didn't show up this year for the Sunshine Coast GFC Spring Tournament (with one tagged marlin producing the t&r winner). However, it was great catching up with a whole lot of friends in the area which (almost) made up for the lack of fish.

The day after the tournament we took "Privateer" out to enjoy a social fish. All came to life at around 1730 (sunset high tide & a full moon rising) with a 300kg plus freight-train absolutely demolishing the long corner just to make sure we were all awake & paying attention before a smaller blue took the shotgun shortly afterwards. We finally tagged a 80Kg+ blue marlin on 24Kg Sunday evening at 1800 – sun going down on one side and moon rising on the other in perfect conditions; all very romantic. Tag in and happy, we enjoyed the 40+ nautical mile trip back into Mooloolaba at a brisk 27 knots in the bright moonlight. She is a magnificent boat in every way.

I get the impression Mick & Bob planned for us to stay out however long it took to get their first marlin on this boat. Loads of fun. Thanks for the great weekend guys, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I think the next tournament for Privateer will be at Hervey Bay in November and the plan is for her to head south for the Luhrs Billfish Shootout in February at Port Stephens. Can't wait.

We also caught up with Nick on Aluhra (28 Open) and Graham & Carroll onboard "Nobby's Way" (41 Convertible) while in Mooloolaba. It was an ideal opportunity for the owners and crew to meet and socialise in a beautiful part of the world.



Privateer travelling; spectacular Mooloolaba sunset including whale tail slapping display; Aluhra trolling.

## Port Douglas

With regular reports from the reef that this is the best Black Marlin seasons for many years (for both the weather & fish), I'm looking forward to fishing onboard "Rat Bag" (41 Open) with owners Tony & Brendon & getting amongst the big ones early November.

Renowned angler & marine photographer Dean Butler will be skippering the boat in Port Douglas. I'm eagerly anticipating being entertained after hours with Deans fishing tales of adventures in exotic locales around the world including his recent trip to Panama chasing world records. If you appreciate beautiful photography it's worth visiting [www.deanbutler.com.au](http://www.deanbutler.com.au).

I'm arriving in Cairns early on Sunday 30th October and returning late Thursday 3rd November so if you'd like to meet while I'm in the area please let me know.



# Western Australia

Brothers Andrew & Ian Clarke from Latitude 32 had their beautifully prepared Luhrs 37 Open on display at the Mandurah Boat Show in WA and have come away from the show with plenty of interest & test drives booked.

The 37 Open is the market leader in this size range and features the entertaining space of an Open style express party boat, the luxury family accommodation of a Convertible flybridge cruiser, and the cockpit and manoeuvrability of a hardcore fishing boat. The best of all worlds. All this is fitted into a hull featuring Luhrs legendary offshore performance characteristics and engineering that others aspire to.

In WA, contact Andrew Clarke or contact him on 0407 400 872 or [info@l32.com.au](mailto:info@l32.com.au) for a personal appointment. You'll see that Andrew is justifiably enthusiastic about this model. They'll also have the boat on display at Hillary's Boat Show soon.



The Luhrs 37 Open is available ex-factory as a Hardtop or Tower and either Volvo IPS drives or triple 350hp Yamahas.

## Bouquets

All too often all we hear are complaints about tradesmen so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank:

Tony Cardew from Aquatronics for the work on "Rat Bag" in Port Douglas. It's often difficult to find top technicians in remote areas and Tony came to the rescue promptly & professionally. [www.aquatronics.com.au](http://www.aquatronics.com.au)

Craig Suter, also from Aquatronics in Sydney for helping "Pelagic" (32 Open) down on Botany Bay. Craig helped set up Pelagic when she first arrived in Australia so when Andy called for maintenance help Craig & crew were quick to respond and help. "Pelagic" has been doing a lot of hard fishing duty and has been successful in a number of tournaments and pointscores. [www.aquatronics.com.au](http://www.aquatronics.com.au) or (02) 9905 5655.

Paul Freeburn from A1 Marine on the Gold Coast for quickly attending to some detail work on Leons 35 Convertible. Paul has done a lot of good work for us over the years. He is a qualified shipwright and well versed in all aspects of boat work from detailing to major engineering solutions. [www.A1marinematters.com.au](http://www.A1marinematters.com.au) or 0400 521 526.

## 2012 Luhrs Billfish Shootout

Because entries are limited for the Luhrs Billfish Shootout now is the time to be planning that trip to Port Stephens for the (usually) hot marlin bite this tournament enjoys. Last year over 40 boats missed out so get in early.

BlueWater Power Yachts will be presenting the Champion Boat Tag & Release with a Luhrs Australia cheque for \$10,000 with cash and prizes down to 10th place and Isuzu will be presenting the winner of the Heaviest Marlin trophy \$10,000. There are many other prizes and a good social calendar included in the format of this unique & enjoyable tournament.

2012 dates are — 18th & 19th February. Contact Nigel at Newcastle Port Stephens GFC on 02 4981 0021 or email [nigel@npsgfc.com](mailto:nigel@npsgfc.com). Details at [www.npsgfc.com](http://www.npsgfc.com).



# Luhrs 30 Open

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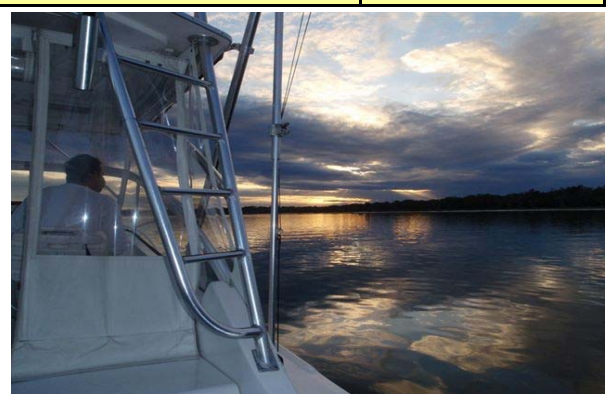
With an LOA of 9.7m and a beam of 3.5m she is a big powerful 30 footer that is also able to be trailered without escorts. We can do removeable tower tops to meet height restrictions on the tower model.

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<b>31 Open Tower</b> — 150 2008 Model	Volvo IPS-350, genset & air-con, Raymarine electronics, outriggers,	US\$195,000
<b>41 Open Tower</b> Eternity 2006 Model	Cummins QSM-11 635hp with under 600 hours .Fully optioned, Summer Galley, Raymarine Electronic. <b>Motivated Vendor. Submit all offers.</b>	US\$339,000 Negotiable
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<b>36 Open Tower</b> - 150	Cummins 480hp shaft drives with electronic controls, "Captain Maintained", well optioned, beautiful boat.	US\$249,000
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<b>28 Open Hardtop</b> 2007	Twin 260hp Yanmars, under 100 hours, kept out of the water. Garmin Chartplotter / Sounder, etc.	US\$109,500
<b>28 Open Tower</b> 2007	Twin 260hp shaft drive Yanmars, approx 250hours, generator & air-conditioning,	US\$119,000
<b>37 Open Tower</b> 2012 Model –New Build	Volvo IPS-500 drives with Joystick controller, Luhrs tower with dualk controls, including NSW Maritime safety gear for 6 people & commissioning. Call for package deal specials.	Starts at A\$579,000





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