

## Port Douglas

Whenever visiting the Great Barrier Reef I cannot fail to marvel at its majesty. An hour or so travelling time out of the comfortable suburbia of Port Douglas and you're in the wilderness. As it was only a quick trip this year and primarily to help Dean Butler familiarise himself with Rat Bag prior to the Port Douglas Black Marin Challenge, we fished straight out the front at Opal Reef during my all too brief trip.

Trolling alongside the reef edge we caught Spanish Mackerel, Wahoo, and even a good sized GT when fishing for bait. You know you're hunting serious fish when you see a 15Kg fish being stitched up as a swimming or skip bait. Seeing a big black marlin lit up, prowling through the spread and then savagely wolfing a big bait is amazing.

One of the biggest benefits of staying out on the reef is being able to enjoy the sunset bites. Using carefully prepared and stored tracks allows safe navigation back in behind the reef after dark to protected anchorages. There are still plenty of uncharted coral heads on commercially available cartography to catch the careless or unwary.

Like fishing anywhere in the world, if the fish don't want to eat when you're running over them there's not a lot you can do. We had a number of good opportunities with fish to 300+kg but unfortunately they didn't want to eat our baits. Next time.

Enjoying good company, interesting conversations, & fine food in this magnificent part of the world (almost) makes up for our lack of success with matters piscatorial. The spacious outdoor living areas on the Luhrs 41 Open make it perfect for the after hours part of the occasion. Much thanks to Tony & Brendon for being such wonderful hosts.



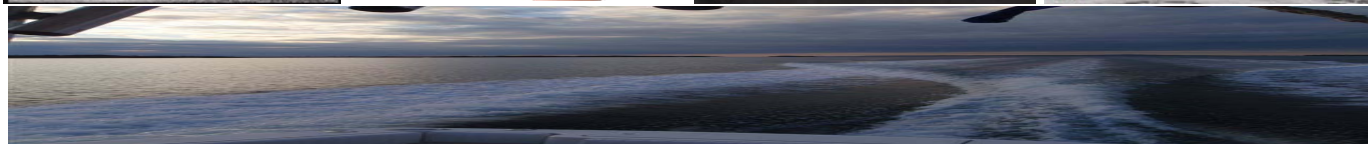
The Rat Bag crew; tinted windows & 3 air-con units keep the tropical heat at bay; a handsome boat from any angle.

## The Perfect Christmas Gift

I saw the new Raymarine (FLIR) Thermal Imaging Scopes a few months ago and having just received C-Tick Approval, they are now available in Australia. For night-time close in manoeuvring whether coming into an unknown crowded anchorage, searching for a man overboard, keeping a look out for unlit channel markers, or coming down the harbour after the New Years Eve fireworks, nothing beats them.

Unlike night vision scopes that rely on a degree of light, the new units are true thermal imaging scopes that pick up temperature differences to create the image (up to a kilometre distance with these handheld units). They work effectively in zero light (eg new moon or heavy overcast nights). Best news is that even I managed to operate one efficiently without help.

There are also larger fixed units available. Visit [www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com) for further details & demonstration videos. There are limited numbers available prior to Christmas so if you'd like to order one please let me know asap.



## a hullot'a beauty goin' on



As with all their new model launches, Luhrs is hastening slowly with the development of the new 34 Open. Best to get it right first time. Things that stand out in these photos are that she'll be good looking and a superb sea boat. With a beam of 4.27m she'll also offer plenty of onboard space. Power options will include both shaft & pod drives.

More details as work progresses..... and apologies to that '60's song.

## 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.

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) or download entry forms from [www.bpy.com.au/events-news-media.html](http://www.bpy.com.au/events-news-media.html)

2012 dates are — 18th & 19th February.

## Boat of the month



Launched in 2008, well prepared, well maintained, and well presented, "Rat Bag" has it all. She's fully optioned including Cummins QSM-11 645's (with warranty to 2014), a full compliment of Garmin electronics including Radar, 1Kw sounder, and SIMRAD Autopilot. All electronics are duplicated on the tower. She's currently in Port Douglas and ready to go fishing and travelling. A top boat in any company.

A\$549,000—call for inventory & inspection.

\*Fully imported and converted to Australian Standards 240v and gas by BPY - not a grey market boat.

## Luhrs 30 Open

Everyone who has ever been in a Luhrs 30 Open at sea is amazed at how well they perform offshore. I was enjoying a cool ale with a respected pro-skipper in Port Douglas the other day and he said he was amazed to see one overtake his much larger vessel in poor weather.

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 removable tower tops to meet height restrictions on the tower model.

Call for super package deals.



# For Sale – new, demo, & 2<sup>nd</sup> hand

	A selection of boats available at 20th October 2011. Prices & specifications subject to change without notice.	
<b>31 Open Hardtop</b> – 157 2008 Model	Volvo IPS-350, genset, E-Series electronics . Under 200 hours. Well optioned and in immaculate condition.	A\$359,000
<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
<b>41 Convertible</b> Luna Sea 2006 Model	MkII hull; Cummins 635hp diesels with under 400 hours, Very well optioned and cared for. Dealers personal boat. <b>Motivated Vendor. Submit all offers.</b>	US\$359,000 Negotiable
<b>36 Open Tower</b> - 150	Cummins 480hp shaft drives with electronic controls, "Captain Maintained", well optioned, beautiful boat.	US\$249,000
<b>30 Open Hardtop</b> 2012 Model - New Build	Twin 260HP shaft drive diesels, including NSW Maritime safety gear for 6 people & commissioning. Call for package deal specials.	Starts at A\$282,000
<b>30 Open Tower</b> 2012 Model –New Build	Twin 260HP shaft drive diesels, NSW Maritime Safety Gear for 6 & commissioning. Call for package deal specials.	Starts at A\$299,000
<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



## Others Available—call for details



## Luhrs 41 Convertible Dealers personal boat



## Call for factory backed new boat package deals



# Let us help find the best Luhrs for you

**If quoted, BPY A\$ prices include** currency protection, all documentation & title searches, insurance while the boat is in the USA, Australian Standards 240v & gas conversions (including new appliances & fire fighting systems as required), deliveries, cradles, loading, shipping insurance, all shipping (to Brisbane or Sydney) and unloading charges, quarantine, customs, GST, and duty if applicable. Australian modifications, commissioning & detailing are also included.

Our job is to make it easy for you to purchase, own, and enjoy a good quality boat. We source any 2nd hand boats through reputable dealers and use independent surveyors to verify quality prior to committing to purchase. You have the advantage of our knowledge of the Luhrs range and individual boats, access to Luhrs records, and the modifications each model requires to offer the best possible performance in Australia. Our research is constant and ongoing so we know pretty well the boats that are poorly maintained, thrashed, stripped, or damaged. We work hard to find good quality boats for our clients.

As the appointed Luhrs Australasian Distributors, any factory warranties apply on boats purchased from us. Similarly. We offer ongoing service & parts support. Luhrs is an authorised Raymarine and Garmin OEM fitter so worldwide warranties apply to factory fitted boats purchased via us. BPY is also a sales agent for most brands and uses authorised technicians for fitting work so you get the best available warranties.

We are happy to quote & sell ex-factory at US\$ prices and will match any genuine US Authorised Luhrs Dealer written quote plus the required 240v & gas changes for Australasia. Visit the [www.bpy.com.au](http://www.bpy.com.au) FAQ's section for further information.

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