

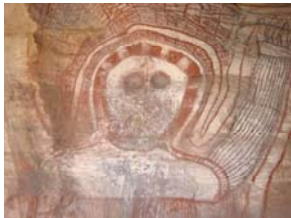


DARWIN BLUEWATER CHARTERS NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

What a year!!! The Hyland C has had more adventures than even we thought possible and all of them have been incredible!

Our time in the Kimberley was nothing short of amazing and really left us all quite humbled due to its harsh splendour and ancient timelessness. There was so much to see and do and as Mal keeps on saying, the Kimberley is more than just a fishing trip. There's amazing walks and beaches to explore, 20,000 year



old rock art, oysters the size of dinner plates to be collected, European historical sites everywhere, bird sanctuaries, waterfalls, cliffs, creeks and islands. And of course there are the fish... BIG fish... EVERYWHERE!!! GT's, queenies, trouts, macks, tunas, goldies, weird stuff we don't know the names of, sailfish, dolphins and whales. Awesome fun!

I think I speak on behalf of all who experienced these trips with us when I say that to visit the Kimberley by water truly is the trip of a lifetime.

At present we are on the hunt for a full Kimberley permit so that we can spend a couple of months a year there in the future. If anyone happens to stumble across one in their travels, let us know because

they are as rare as hen's teeth.

Another big highlight for us was the Broome Billfish Competition which saw us catch a very credible 11 sailfish and 1 marlin over the 6 day comp. We were quite proud of ourselves as all competitors were previously billfish virgins and considering we had the slowest boat in the fleet and no locals on board we did exceptionally well. Our final placing was 6th overall and we won champion visiting boat as well. We also placed 3rd in the women's and 6th in the men's comps. It was a fantastic comp and the fishing club deserves a huge pat on the back for such a professional job done.

Coming back to Darwin was a bit of a let down after 2 months away but it was also nice to be back home and tell all the stories to anyone who would listen. It was certainly nice to shut down the generators and enjoy some peace and quiet for a bit. Little did we know at the time that the big girl would spend another 2 months



running non-stop due to lock repairs on our marina! This has not been helpful at all and made the last part of the years work harder than it needed to be. However, life throws you these ones every now and again and

we've battled on through to the 11th hour—Mal just got the boat back in the marina on the 20th! Thank God for that one!



We decided to head back to trusty old Barra Base at Bathurst Island for a couple of end of year trips and arrived to discover that 70 tonne of legal size barra had been let loose from the farm there! Talk about an awesome way to end the year! 200 barra a day was nothing! We just couldn't stop catching them! All Melville Island trips were rapidly changed to Bathurst—it doesn't take much to convince you guys! I think the phone calls went something like, "We can go to Melville and catch a few, maybe a big one and have a great time or we can go to Bathurst and catch 2000 legal barras, your choice!"

So, like I said a great end to an amazing year for Darwin Bluewater. We couldn't do it without you guys so thanks for your business. We hope you and your families have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2006.

PS. Our new 4.8m Top Ender has arrived with a Yammy 80 on the back! It's a great addition to the fleet.



Darwin Bluewater Charters specializes in...

- > Extended charters to remote locations
- > Spectacular bluewater fishing
- > Barramundi seafaris
- > Small groups—6-7 people
- > Great fun times and lots of laughs!



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Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day,
Teach a man to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime.

Hyland C Adventures—2005

Phil Smith is one of our regular clients and actually has more tackle than the Hyland C! He penned this great poem for us which celebrates all our adventures in 2005. Thanks for the poem Phil.



FOR THOSE THAT MISSED OUT ON A TRIP THIS YEAR
WHAT A SHAME , WHAT A BUGGER BUT DON'T FRET AND FEAR
I'LL TRY TO PUT YOU IN THE PICTURE WITH THE FOLLOWING DITTY
AT TIMES YOU'LL EXCITE AT TIMES YOU'LL GET SHITTY
AND TO THOSE THAT ADVENTURED THIS YEAR ON MAL'S HYLAND-C
I'M SURE THIS POEM WILL JOLT THE ODD MEMORY



TWAZA RED LETTER YEAR FOR DARWIN BLUEWATER CHARTERS
IT WAS THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF THE HYLAND-C FOR STARTERS
WITH HER LONG FUEL RANGE AND NEW DESALINATOR
MAL'S OPTIONS ARE NOW ANYWHERE HE WISHES TO TAKE HER



SO THE FIRST LONG HAUL FOR THE YEAR WAS TO HEAD HER EAST
TO THE NHULUNBUY REGION WHERE THE FISHING'S BERSERK AT THE LEAST
WITH CLEAR WATER AROUND WIGRAM, INGLIS, THE BROMBY AND WESSEL ISLES
BIG GT'S QUEENIES AND TROUT PRODUCED HARD FIGHTS AND SMILES
IN THE TIME THAT WAS SPENT IN THESE TRIPS AROUND GOVE
OVER 200 TROUTIES ON LURES, BALLSY'S MAL'S FAVORITES CAUSE DEEPER THEY DOVE



WITH THE DRIEST WET SEASON IN MANY A YEAR
NOT THAT MANY BARRA AROUND FOR YOUR BAITCASTING GEAR
SO TO BE ON A COMFORTABLE LONG RANGE MOTHER SHIP
OPENS UP PLENTY OF OPTIONS FOR A MEMORABLE TRIP
I FELT SORRY FOR THOSE TRAILER BOAT BARRA GUIDES WITH PUNTERS CONTRARY
AFTER "NO FISH" DAYS TROLLING RIVERS TOMMYCUT AND MARY
BACK IN THE AIRCON WITH A COLDIE AND NIBBLIES ON THE HYLAND-C
THE PUNTER'S WERE REVIEWING THE DAYS PHOTOS AND VIDEOS ON THE BIG LCD



A GREAT TRIP FOR THOSE PUNTERS FROM GOVE BACK TO CULLEN BAY
SEEING THE BEAUTY OF THE ARNHEM LAND COAST ON THE WAY
IT WAS GAZZA THAT IN THE HOWARD RIVER BEHIND ELCHO ISLE
WHO GOT THE YEARS BEST BARRA CASTING A GNARLY SNAG PILE
THEN HIS BROTHER RAY CHIMED IN WITH A SIGHT CAST TO A BIG QUEENFISH
AT OVER A METRE UP A SMALL CREEK A GREAT CAPTURE TO ACCOMPLISH



NOW THE DRY SEASON, NOT MANY BARRA AROUND JUNE
SO MAL THINKS OF SAILFISH - LET'S HEAD TO BROOME
TROUBLE IS TO GET THAT FAR DOWN THE COAST OF W. A.
ALL THE BORING FISHING AND SCENERY ALONG THE WAY
AFTER A TRIP OF ALMOST A COUPLE OF WEEKS
THROUGH A LAND CALLED "THE KIMBERLEY" WHERE TIME HARDLY SPEAKS
MAL, GNOMES AND ANTONY WERE GEARING UP FOR A ROMP
AS THEY PREPPED "THE -C" FOR THE BROOME SAILFISH COMP

NOW THE HYLAND-C IS LIKE A LOT OF US BUILT FOR COMFORT NOT SPEED
BUT AFTER ARRIVING LAST ON THE FISHING GROUNDS SHE DID THE DEED

CAUSE ON THE SIX DAYS THEY FISHED WITH GARFISH BAITS OUT
 AFTER 15 MINUTES OR LESS THEY HAD A SAIL DANCING ABOUT
 OUT OF THE 19 BOATS THEY FINISHED IN 6th PLACE
 WON BEST VISITING BOAT AND GNOMES CAME IN IN 3rd PLACE
 WITH 11 SAILS BOATED AND 1 MARLIN AS WELL
 MAL STILL GETS EXCITED WITH THE STORIES HE'LL TELL
 NOW FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVEN'T BEEN KIMBERLEY BOUND
 GRAB ANY SPARE LIRA, DOLLAR OR POUND
 MAL'S TRYING TO BUY A LICENSE TO CHARTER THIS PLACE
 I'VE BEEN BACK 5 MONTHS BUT THE SMILE IS STILL ON MY FACE
 BELOW IS A STANZA THAT I PENNED DURING MY TRIP
 AND ALL POSSIBLE THANKS TO MAL, HIS CREW AND GOODSHIP

HOW CAN I DESCRIBE WHAT WE HAVE SEEN ON THIS TRIP
 IF YOU HAVE THE WORDS PLEASE GIVE ME A TIP
 FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET AND ALL THINGS BETWEEN
 ALL JUST SLOT PERFECT INTO THE KIMBERLEY SCHEME
 FROM BOABS, RED ROCKS AND A WHITE SANDY BEACH
 TO SAILFISH AND QUEENIES AND A HUGE WHALE BREACH
 WATERFALLS, ROCK ART AND THE STARS AFTER DARK
 CYCADS AND CROGS AND FISH ATTACKED BY A SHARK
 GORGES, CANYONS AND CLIFFS IN EVERY RED HEW
 AND THE SKY AND THE OCEAN IN EVERY TONE BLUE
 FLYING FISH, TURTLES AND JUMPING STINGRAYS
 NOISY BIRD ATOLLS AND THE SUN THROUGH SMOKE HAZE
 RED OCHRE TROUT AND BARRA PURE CHROME
 WE'RE MILES FROM NOWHERE AND THE WORLD SEEMS OUR OWN

A DARWIN BLUEWATER KIMBERLEY TRIP IS MORE THAN JUST FISH
 IT'S SCENERY, WILDLIFE AND OYSTERS THE SIZE OF A DISH
 DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A MAD FISHD OR NOT
 THIS ANCIENT REGION HAS JUST GOT THE LOT
 NOT JUST A TRIP FOR YOUR MATES TO HAVE THE TIME OF THEIR LIFE
 ONE THAT I'M GOING TO AND RECOMMEND YOU SHARE WITH YOUR WIFE

SO BACK IN LATE AUGUST WITH CLOSE TO 60 DAYS AWAY
 NOW TO THE "BUILD-UP" WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE TO PLAY
 NORMALLY TO MELVILLE THE JESSIE AND JOHNSTON'S THE GO
 BUT THE BARRA REPORTS FROM THERE SEEMED A BIT SLOW
 A BIG TIDE AND STRONG WIND GAVE MAL JUST ONE CHOICE
 CAUSE IT TIPPED OVER A PEN AT PORT HURD TO THE ANGLERS REJOICE
 70 TONNE OF PRIME SALTWATER BARRA
 ESCAPED INTO THE SYSTEM UP CREEKS WIDE AND NARRA
 WITH AN AIRSTRIP NEARBY AND A TOP ANCHORAGE
 AND ENOUGH BARRA TO ALWAYS HAVE A FULL FRIDGE
 PORT HURD WAS NOW BARRA HEAVEN ON A STICK
 TRIPLE HOOK-UP'S ON THE TROLL OR THE FLICK
 LURES HARD, SOFT, SHALLOW, DEEP, DARK OR LIGHT
 DIDN'T MATTER THEY WERE ALL IN FOR A FIGHT
 WITH NEARLY ALL BARRA OVER LEGAL LENGTH
 IT WAS A TEST OF ANGLING ENDURANCE AND STRENGTH
 MAL AND GNOMES WORKED WITH PLIERS FIRMLY IN HAND





WITH NUMBERS RELEASED IN A WEEK WELL OVER A GRAND MIXED IN WITH THESE BARRA WERE SOME THREADIES SIZE LARGE THEY FOUGHT LIKE YOU'D HOOKED THE BARRA FARM BARGE JEFF HUNT CAUGHT THE BIGGEST IT WAS NEAR 25 POUND AND AT 114 CM A NEW HYLAND-C RECORD WAS FOUND A FEW LITTLE DAY SORTIES FROM BATHURST ISLAND TO MOSS SHOALS WHERE ALL SORTS OF CRITTERS PUT A BEND IN YOUR POLES FROM GIANT MACS TO MARLIN AND SAILFISH RAISED BARRAMUNDI COD, TURTLES AND MANTAS KEPT ALL AMAZED WITH CLEAR BLUEWATER AND SEEING FIFTY FOOT DOWN WHAT A CONTRAST TO PERAKARY CREEK AND IT'S TANNIN BROWN

SO THAT'S JUST A SNIPPET AND SAMPLE OF THE YEAR THAT'S JUST PASSED IF YOU WANT A PIECE OF NEXT YEAR, BOOK SOON AS WE'RE FILLING UP FAST AND FROM DARWIN BLUEWATER CHARTERS A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VENTURED WITH US FROM BROOME TO THE HOLE IN THE WALL WE HERE ALL WISH YOU SEASONS GREETINGS AND HOPE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON BACK OUT WITH US ON THE SEAS BLUE .

Happy Fishing!

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Skippers Tales

Happy New Year everybody and I hope you have enjoyed our newsletter. Naomi has done a great job again and Phil's poem pretty much sums up our year. If Santa didn't bring you a copy of the legendary Hyland C annual cookbook, with all my favourite recipes (and a few of Naomi's) then you will have to wait for the revised edition next year.

To all of you out there who have pulled in a big one or three out of the mighty Gobbler you will be sad to know we have finally put the good little tender out to pasture. But I'm sure you will have twice as much fun in our new pride of the Bluewater fleet, the mighty ...?..... Yes, we haven't come up with a name for the new 4.8m topender with the 80hp 4-stroke as yet, so if you think you have a good one, drop us a line. We are trying to make it's name start with the letter H...

As you've heard we finished the '05 season with the absolute motherload of barra. It's the first year we haven't cracked the magical metre mark on barra but we well and truly made up for that with our total number of barra caught cracking 4000...Truly amazing fishing, and I'm sure it augers well for the seasons to come at Barra Base.

Now for the final awards of the year, and I'm going to allow crew to be eligible for these because I still reckon the catch of the year and the mighty sporrán would have to belong to Antony—deckhand extraordinaire—for his 25kg Sailfish capture out of the Groper. The runner up Rasta could have belonged to so many of you, as the quality of fish caught this year has again risen 'Bluewater's bar. However I have decided to give it to Jeff Hunt for his Hyland C record

Threadfin Salmon measuring 114cm caught on our last charter for the year. The Jockey Hat...Well that's a hard one. I don't mean for who to award it to, but for which particular mishap he gets it for! Everyone's favourite deckie, Antony, owns this hat and he wins it hands down! From lost rods to broken ones, canoeing with crocs and sending out swimmers, the Jockey award is all his!

2006 is shaping up as another busy year and I look forward to seeing you on board when your time comes around, but until then you will just have to be content with trolling our new look website, which from early Feb will be updated on a far more frequent basis.

M. J. Miles

Don't forget to check out our website in the New Year—a whole new look awaits...



Darwin Bluewater Plane Charters??!