

**2011 is well and truly under way and more than 25% done already in fact. All is in place for our 2011 season and we look forward to the company of our regulars and new anglers joining us for the first time. There are some places available on existing trips for anyone wanting to join and some limited dates available start your own with a group. Don't hesitate to contact any of our numbers or email addresses from the site.**

**We have had a very mild monsoon or wet season compared to other parts of this great country that have not fared so well. Cape York itself, at 10 degrees south latitude is said to be protected from cyclones as they form in the warm deep waters of the Coral and Arfakura seas east and west of us and spin off to the south, leaving us behind in the navigable semicircle in nautical speak. When the monsoon trough and its imbedded cyclonic activity is to the south of us the weather is magnificent here on the cape. There is no recorded history of any direct crossings of cyclones in the Torres Straits and my 35 years of maritime history in the area I am starting to believe it myself....touch wood. The tip of Cape York is a great place to be all the time but especially between December and April if you are a boat owner and having to protect your asset from cyclones. I sure hope it doesn't change.**

**We did some accommodation work at Yam island in the Torres Straits for a very nice bunch of guys putting new microwave dishes and other equipment on a massive 120 meter tower on the island during this monsoon season. In in the 54 days they lost only 5 days to rain. The Yam island people are and were very nice to us and we had a very nice time enjoying their courteous hospitality and their beautiful island. And catching some nice fish in the afternoons after work.**

As always the close inshore grounds hold pelagic species to stretch your line and arms, all the usuals Tunas, Mackerel, Trevally and Cobias and others were caught. Numbers were down a little on previous early season trips but still way plenty to ensure everyone happy days with good results.



**Early May 2011**

With arms like legs the hard pulling Golden trevally and cobia on the close inshore reefs don't stand a chance..... when they chose to attack Neil's lures that is. Plenty of other big fish also had it *their way* and didn't make it to the photograph.



**The estuaries and river mouths produced very well after the sessions off shore with large Queenies being the standout. Flies and cast and trolled plugs were super deadly often a fish a cast. Yo Zuri crystal minnows were a very good producer this week.**







**Bull, and Pig eye Java Sharks give us some curry at times stealing our catch. We get some pay back on them at times if anglers are interrested to do so and they make real good sport especially caught from the bank. All sharks like this fine specimen are released also.**

**Jacks and Barra were obliging as well in the upper reaches. All you have to do is be there and put in the effort in this magnificent diverse fishery.**





**Good light for photos following the two standard rules of photography....always shoot with the light behind you, and always shoot with the light in front of you.**

**Nice tight loop fly cast and following a nice portrait of a very nice man relaxing with a favorite beverage after a day on the water.**

Those of us lucky to know him,  
know him as one of this worlds  
gentlemen.



**A favorite and scenic run through the narrow interconnecting creek between the Cottrell and Doughboy rivers.**



**Simply amazing  
what Judd and  
Naomi produce  
from the galley.**

No one ever loses weight  
on these trips, a real  
problem for us that have to  
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Another report soon  
thanks for opening.

