

Mercury Bay Fishing- 10 February 2010

Last week's easterly blow has brought in the warm water with sea temperatures rising to 22-23 degrees and with it the Marlin fishing has improved.

On Monday 8 February the best fishing was in close at 150 metres and with plenty of action as approximately 12 boats tagged 16 Striped Marlin ranging from 80kgs to 130 kgs. "Escapade" was amongst the action where Denise angled three Marlin for the day – another great effort.

Wider out the water was exceptional- very blue and 23 degrees, however very little bait fish with very few Marlin bites. I am certain this will change.

I suspect that the marlin fishing with the odd Mahimahi and Short-billed Spearfish thrown in should now be very good through to the end of March or maybe early April.

Some notable catches in our region to date include:-

Penny Murray on board "Going Deep" – 283 kg Black Marlin- a great effort.

Steve Wells on "Last Deal" – 226 kg Blue Marlin- well done

Tim Wheeler on "Reel Obsession" , a junior angler- 62 kg Big-eye Tuna- great achievement

Snapper fishing has been harder than normal through the Xmas and New Year period and around the bay and Mercury Islands but was very good at Great Barrier. Cuvier has been fishing well recently and Snapper are now moving into the Mercury Islands and into the bay with some very good catches being reported. Kingfish have been plentiful this season and Teraki have been excellent right through the summer so far.

"Escapade" will be heading north to fish the North Cape and the Three Kings approximately mid March so if you would like to experience these great fishing grounds get in touch and see what we can arrange.

Watch this space for our next update,
Ross and Denise