

CHARTER HOLIDAY INFORMATION

This manual has been devised to assist you with the frequently asked questions we receive, therefore we hope that by compiling this information in the one booklet, you will be the best informed that you can be. If you do have any questions that are not covered in this booklet or our websites, please feel free to call our offices:

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For charters commencing from Airlie Beach

Driving up:

Airlie Beach is located approximately 1150kms north from Brisbane on the Bruce Highway. Approximate driving time is 12hrs. If you are driving from Cairns, Airlie Beach is approximately 650kms south on the Bruce Highway. Approximate driving time is 8.5hrs.

Car Parking is available at Abel Point Marina in the public car park which is free of charge but is not secure. Security Car Parking can also be arranged with a valet service, where they pick up and deliver your vehicle back to you at the end of your charter. Consult our price insert for more information.

You should plan your arrival time for around 8.45am the morning of your charter, as your brief will commence at 9.00am sharp.

Flying into the Whitsunday Coast Airport (Proserpine) or Mackay

Flights with Virgin Blue arrive & depart daily, generally mid to late afternoon. Flights with Jetstar are not daily.

Transfers from the airport to our base or any accommodation in Airlie Beach and return can be arranged through us with Whitsunday Shuttle Bus or Whitsunday Limousines. Alternatively, you may wish to catch a taxi. If you are arriving late in the afternoon, you may wish to consider a sleep aboard on the vessel that night (usually half the nightly rate), as our briefings commence at 9am daily.

Flights to and from Mackay with Tiger Airways may also be another option in conjunction with a bus to Airlie Beach or perhaps consider a hire car for the day. Travel time from Mackay to Airlie is 1.5hrs of highway surrounded by canefields & little country towns.

Arriving to Airlie Beach by Ferry from the Islands

There are regular services to and from most Island resorts in the Whitsundays. Cruise Whitsunday offer ferry services to and from Abel Point Marina (which is where QYC / DYC are based). See our price insert for costs.

Late arrivals

Should you be arriving to the Whitsundays late in the day, then it is recommended you commence your charter the following day. If you are sleeping aboard the vessel on this night and your arrival is after 5pm our office will not be manned. We will however leave instructions on where to find your vessel (with a map) and marina key on our office door. The fridges will be chilled and the lights will be on.

Abel Point Marina is located a pleasant 7 minute walk from Cosmopolitan Airlie Beach. There are a myriad of restaurants to dine in to suit all tastes and budgets.

Accommodation

If you are arriving to Airlie Beach a day or two before your charter and haven't booked your accommodation, please contact QYC / DYC reservations staff. There is an amazing array of accommodation to choose from in Airlie Beach including budget style 3 star rooms to 4 star hotel rooms, fully self contained 3-5 star apartments, Bed & breakfasts, caravan parks and cabins. Let us know your requirements and we can look into availability & place bookings on your behalf.

Stinger Suits/Life Jackets/Snorkel Gear

QYC / DYC recommend stinger suits be worn during our jellyfish season which generally runs from October to May. We have available thin lycra suits for hire and also for purchase full length ultra thin suits. Please note that Queensland Yacht Charters do not provide children's lifejackets. **As they are now compulsory for children under 12 years (in open boats under 4.8 metres)**, we recommend that you bring your own. An assortment of different sized snorkel gear is provided free of charge on the vessel for your enjoyment. Bear in mind that extra small and extra large sizes are not catered for. You will need to hire any extra's from the Dive shop located here at the marina.

For charters commencing from Hamilton Island

Flying into Hamilton Island Airport

Regular daily flights with Jetstar service this airport, along with 1 flight a day direct from Brisbane with Virgin Blue and 1 direct flight a day with Qantas from Cairns.

Your vessel can be delivered and picked up from Hamilton Island for your charter at an extra cost, with advance notice & subject to availability (please consult our price insert). Unfortunately, we cannot arrange sleepaboards from Hamilton Island.

If you still wish to commence your charter from Airlie Beach, we can arrange your transfers to Abel Point Marina via Cruise Whitsunday (they meet all incoming flights).

Transfers from Hamilton Island airport to the marina

These can be arranged by yourself on your arrival through the resort link taxis. You can use the house phone at the airport and dial 1 for the taxi service. You can also call the Marina office and find out if the vessel has arrived and where it may be berthed. Courtesy trolleys and wheelbarrows for luggage and provisions are located at the end of each marina arm for your use. In the event that you arrive before your vessel, luggage can sometimes be stored in the marina office.

Vessel arrival times and briefing times

Your vessel will be delivered to Hamilton Island between 11am – 12pm on the day of your charter. Your briefing will commence immediately on the area and the vessel, with a sail test to follow, you will then be on your way to your first anchorage.

Should your arrival time be later in the day (after 1.30pm), then assume you will be staying the first night in harbour on the Island. (Please pay marina fees direct to the Marina Office).

Hamilton Island finishes

If you are disembarking at Hamilton Island – your finish time would be 10am unless changed by prior arrangement. If you have an early flight out, our debriefer may not be able to get across to the island in time in which case we would ask that you leave a note with feedback of your charter. For early departures, it is recommended that you pre organise transfers to the airport by the resort link bus or pre-book a taxi.

Hamilton Island Restrictions

At certain times of the year Hamilton Island is very difficult to get into (even if you book way in advance). These times generally are School Holiday periods, New Years Eve and Hamilton Island Race Week (late August). Any booking at anytime will not be confirmed until the morning of your stay there. During Race Week overnight stays are not permitted but you may visit for a couple of hours (for an hourly rate) whilst the vessels are out racing. Hamilton Island starts and finishes cannot be accommodated at this time either.

Outstanding Payments Due

All outstanding monies due to QYC / DYC must be pre-paid prior to your arrival at Hamilton Island, as our briefers do not have the facilities with them to collect payments. Fuel will be charged on consumption when the vessel returns to Abel Point Marina (we will need to take a credit card imprint for this prior to your departure).

Stinger Suits/Life Jackets/Snorkel Gear

Please pre-book any stinger suits required through our office prior to your arrival at Hamilton Island (height/weight measurement required). Please note that Queensland Yacht Charters do not provide children's lifejackets. **As they are now compulsory for children under 12 years (in open boats under 4.8 metres)**, we recommend that you bring your own or alternatively purchase from the Dive Shop on Hamilton Island. Unfortunately, you are unable to hire these from Hamilton Island. An assortment of different sized snorkel gear is provided on the vessel for your enjoyment. Bear in mind that extra small and extra large sizes are not catered for.



Hamilton Island provisioning

The facilities for grocery shopping on the island are limited and at a cost you would expect from an island resort. There is a general store where you can purchase your grocery items (or stock up mid charter), a bottle shop which provides a large range of alcoholic beverages and a bakery. It is recommended however that you pre plan your provisioning and order through our providers - Whitsunday Provisioning. See page 8 for further information on this service.

What's Included.

All our vessels are fully equipped with linens (sheets, pillow cases, 2 towels per person, tea towels, pillows and blankets), fully equipped galley with all crockery, cutlery & coffee plunger, gas deck BBQ, good size refrigeration, freezers on most vessels, hot & cold pressure water, stereo/CD player, DVD/TV on most vessels, snorkel gear, dinghy with outboard motor, cabin fans, chart plotters on most vessels, all navigation equipment, depth instruments and wind/speed on yachts and wet weather jackets.

Staples Pack:

Garbage Bags, Dishwashing liquid, bathroom soaps (small hotel style), toilet paper, sponge & scourer, matches, pegs, vinegar, salt & pepper.

What to Bring:

- A beach towel if required or request a QYC towel pack of 10 for \$25.00.
- 30+ Sunscreen & Zinc Cream °
Insect Repellent
- Polarized Sunglasses (a must for spotting reefs and bommies)
Hats & sandals
- Light clothing for summer and light jacket/windcheater/trackpants for winter
- Smart casual clothing for visiting resorts
- Your favorite games & reading material (we supply a pack of playing cards)
- CD's and/or MP3 players - please bring an FM transmitter for your MP3 player
- Your favourite DVD's (check that your vessel has a TV/DVD player)
- Fishing Gear (as we do not supply but can be hired - see fishing section)

Try and pack all your essentials in soft bags, as these are much easier to stow on board. We can store extra luggage on your behalf for the duration of your charter but only if starting and finishing in Airlie Beach.

Boarding the vessel early:

Your charter yacht is like a floating hotel room. We need plenty of time to turn the vessel around from its previous guests and not only make sure the vessel is in the cleanest of conditions but to carry out all the onboard checks to make sure everything is functioning perfectly for your trip.

Due to this we are unable to store any of your provisions/luggage the night before on the vessel.

Sleepaboard Boarding:

For sleepaboards (Airlie Beach only) the official boarding time is 4pm. A sleepaboard is just that - sleeping on board the vessel the night prior to the charter. No briefing is given as this will all commence at 9am the following morning. You will be unable to board prior to this time or place any provisions/luggage on board. We can store your items upstairs in our office if you do arrive early.

On-line Briefings (coming soon):

QYC / DYC are about to release a new product that will save you quality time on your first day of charter. On confirmation of your booking, we will send through our operations manual and map of islands so you are able to familiarize yourself with the product. When you are ready, you can then visit a link to our website where you can complete the questionnaire and complete your on-line area briefing. This will mean on arrival, you will be able to have your boat briefing, touch on a few areas you wish to visit and the head off early to your first anchorage - too easy!

Charging camera/phone/Laptop batteries/phone usage & hairdryers

Some of our vessels have inverters which can be used to charge all batteries using your existing 240v plug. You can also bring a 12v phone charger (the ones you use in your car) as all our vessels have the cigarette lighter outlet for this purpose. If you wish to hire an inverter, these can be provided at a cost of \$10.00 for the duration of charter. You can only charge batteries and not run such things as computers or hair dryers etc. The only time you will be able to use your hair dryer is when you visit a marina and use the 240v power.

Phone reception is reasonably good around the islands but you may not receive any on the eastern side (ie: Whitehaven Beach) and in some deep anchorages such as Nara Inlet. You will generally have reception when traveling between your anchorages and Telstra works best. If anyone needs to contact you, they can always call our office and we will contact you by VHF radio.

How can you prepare for your charter better?

If you have never chartered in the Whitsundays before, it is highly recommended & worth the small cost to purchase the book "100 Magic Miles of the Great Barrier Reef" by David Colfelt. This book will assist you greatly in planning your holiday and will also assist in the briefing process. Although a copy is to be found on all vessels, you will be referring to it at least several times a day whilst on charter. Jam packed with history, resort information, boating information on wind/tides/anchoring techniques/fish & fishing/marine dangers/all anchorages/good diving & snorkeling places – just to name a few!! We can post the latest edition to you – see our price insert for costs.

The operations manual that we post you is also a good source of information that you should be familiar with prior to heading out on your holiday.

Cruising area

Our cruising area for most of our vessels, extends from Bowen in the north to Mackay in the south. You should be aware however, that no bareboat charter vessel is able to visit the Outer Barrier Reef. If you have cruised the Whitsundays on numerous occasions then you may want to explore areas further afield than the usual places described in the sample itineraries. If this is the case then be aware that assistance, if required, is not readily available from most of these areas. If your charter is under 14 days, then you will find plenty of places to visit in the immediate areas as described in the sample itineraries without wanting to venture further. You can depart your anchorage first thing in the morning (an hour after sunrise) if you choose. We request, for your safety that you are anchored by 4pm – this allows you plenty of daylight to see the reefs and bommies. Very rarely is anyone out cruising after this time anyway – as it is almost sundowner hour!

Experience

As you would know when you placed your reservation, you do not need a formal qualification or license to hire our vessels (except for the Fountaine Pajot Power Cat). However, we do need you to have hands on experience of handling a vessel prior to your charter. If you are chartering a sailing vessel, then you will need to have some sailing experience. If you feel you may be lacking in certain area's then a sailguide may be just what you need. A half day guide can be placed on board (small extra cost) and they can literally show you the ropes and have you feeling more comfortable and in control. The sailguide will then disembark the vessel (if everyone is feeling confident) usually at Daydream Island, where they will ferry back to the mainland and you can continue on your way to your chosen anchorage.

We want you to have an exceptional Whitsunday Holiday and come back time and again. Your experience level will usually dictate this when the weather is less than favourable and your skills may be put to the test. Please make sure you complete the experience questionnaire fully on the booking form to help us assist you and advise if you may need the extra help.

Crew to make your holiday even more special

QYC / DYC can arrange to have fulltime crew placed on the vessel if you decide that you would rather relax and have someone else take care of all the decisions! Sailguides or hostess/cooks can be provided but please provide plenty of notice.

Insurances:

Charter Négligence Insurance (Personal Liability)

This policy is designed to protect you from claims made against you by others for property loss, accidental death, bodily injury or illness to them caused by (or as a result of) your negligence. For this policy to apply to you, the hire vessel or its tender must be involved in the loss.

Damage Waiver Insurance

The damage waiver is a compulsory, non-refundable payment which will cover against any minor loss or damage to/on the vessel, being the insurance excess.

Security Bond on arrival

We will take a credit card swipe for the amount of \$2000.00 (the amount of which must be available on your card, as we obtain authorization on this). The security bond will cover against any loss or damage to the vessel including Groundings; relating to the rigging; loss of dinghy or outboard; stuck anchors; blocked heads; prop wraps caused by sheets, moorings, anchor ropes, docklines, dinghy painters, halyards, floating rope and the removal thereof; chase calls due to charterer (ie: blocked heads). The bond will be released 7 days after completion of your charter. Please refer to clauses 3.3, 18, 19 of the charter agreement for further detailed information.

Travel Insurance

Highly recommended as your charter fees are non-refundable once the charter is within 60 days of commencing. Please consult us.

Fuel (excluding the Fountaine Pajot Power Cat)

Fuel is not included in the price of your charter. We will collect your credit card details on arrival to be used for fuel. You can expect to use around \$20 p/day for yachts and between \$80-\$120 for power boats. You will need to run the motor for around 3 hours a day to keep your batteries topped up.

Fuel, Damage Waiver & Security Bond for the Fountaine Pajot Power Cat

The damage waiver for this vessel is \$650.00 non-refundable. On top of this we will collect a fuel bond and security bond for this vessel. They will be separate charges as follows:

- Charters up to 10 nights - \$2500.00 Security bond + \$1500.00 fuel bond
 - ° Charters 11 nights or more - \$3500.00 security bond + \$2000.00 fuel bond
- These funds are required to be secured funds that we receive authorization on, therefore this amount must be available on your credit card. You can leave a cash bond instead.

General Inventory List (not vessel specific or quantity specific)

Galley	Navigation	Misc Cont	Safety Equip cont
Cutting Board	Depth & Wind Indicator	Dust Pan & Brush	Dolphin Torch & battery
Can Opener	Log	Wet Weather Jackets	2.5kg extinguisher
Corkscrew	Plotter (on most)	Batteries D cell 2pk	Coastal Life Jackets
1 x S/M/L Container	Autohelm (on some)	Plastic Pegs	Lifering
2L Jug	Charts	Vinegar 750ml	Man Overboard Light
Coffee Plunger	Parallel Rule	Toilet Brush	EPIRB
Egg Lifter	Dividers	Deck Equipment	VHF Marine Radio
Plastic Funnel	Pens & Pencils	CQR Anchor	20L water container
Frypan	Rubber /pencil sharpener	55mtrs chain	Engine room Extinguisher
Rubbish Bin	Library	Boat Hook	Electric Bilge pump
Grater	Guide to Tropical Fish	Broom	First Aid Kit
Acrylic Wine Glass	100 Magic Miles	10L Bucket	Staples
Knife, Fork, Spoon	Small ships manual	Gas Deck BBQ	Dishwashing Liquid
Carving Knife	QLD Tide Tables	Deck/cockpit esky	Sait & Pepper
Whistling Kettle	Vessel Ops Manual	Fenders	Garbage Bags
Vegetable Knife	Resort Info File	Garden Hose	Sponge
3 x Saucepans	Marine Park Info	Mooring Lines	Scourer
Salad Bowl	QYC Ops Manual	Gas Bottles	Small Hotel Soap
Sink Plunger	Snorkel Gear	Winch Handles	Toilet Paper
Serving Spoon	Fins size 12-13	Safety Equipment	
Teaspoon	Fins size 10-11	Inflatable Dinghy	
Teapot	Fins size 8-9	Outboard	
BBQ Tongs	Fins size 6-7	Red hand held flares	

Acrylic Tumbler	Masks, snorkels & bag	Orange smoke flares	
Gauze Toaster	Mise	Para Flares	
Vegetable Peeler	GME Radio/CD	Cylum Sticks	
Arcoroc Bowls	DVD/TV (on most)	Mirror	
Arcoroc Mugs	Saloon Speakers	V-Sheet	
Arcoroc Dinner Plate	Extension Cord	Flare Container (dinghy)	
3 in 1 Mixing Bowls	Playing Cards	Bailer (dinghy)	
Baking Dish 2L	Washing brush	Fog Horn	
Colander	Coat Hangers	Day Shapes, Balls, Diamonds	

Provisioning Options

Whitsunday Provisioning offers a range of options to suit your specific cruising plans. If you plan to prepare all your own meals in secluded places, you will need full provisioning. However, if you intend to spend some evenings sampling the delights in resort restaurants you will only require partial provisioning (see below for an explanation). Provisioning packages provide all your food items, that you will prepare and cook yourself.

The **Platinum Package** is a must for those who appreciate the finer things in life. This package can be supplied either full or partial (see partial explanation of how partial provisioning applies). As well as prime cuts of meat, a variety of fresh seafood, gourmet cheese, pates and boxed chocolates will be included in your provisions.

The **Full Gold package** gives you three splendid meals a day, as well as snacks, and morning and afternoon teas. This package is suitable for those who wish to take full advantage of deserted islands with the freedom to sail and anchor wherever the prevailing winds dictate. If you plan to prepare all your own meals in secluded far away places, you will need full provisioning.

Special dietary requirements or special requests can be catered for. Please give us advance notice so that we can order in the items that you require - some items are not readily available in North Queensland. Birthday cakes, presentation baskets, wines etc are available on request. (Birthday Cakes are not available for Hamilton Island deliveries due to transportation difficulties). Where a provisioning package exceeds eight days we will automatically re-provision your vessel on the sixth day. This ensures a continuous supply of fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy products and meat. Should you wish to dine at one or more of the resort islands, or enjoy the "catch of the day", you will only require partial provisioning.

Partial Package Provisioning (either Gold or Platinum) will provide you with all of your breakfasts, lunches, morning and afternoon teas as well as snacks, however a proportion of your evening meals will not be catered for ie: in a 5 day package your 1st and 3rd main meals are not catered. This option allows you the freedom to indulge in the restaurants and night life of many of the Whitsunday resorts.

Self Select - Some charterer's prefer to select their own provisions, rather than use our very popular packages, this allows you the freedom to order specific products and quantities. Please use the order list on the website, which will also give you a cost as each selection is made. A 20% handling fee applies. If you choose the self select option and you require a re-provision, please submit two separate self select lists, one for the initial delivery and another for the reprovision with the date required. Reprov's to Hamilton Island will incur an extra charge for delivery.

Packages for children are available in both Gold and Platinum and are designed to compliment the adults menu as much as possible. These packages are only available with a minimum of two adult packages and are recommended for children up to 8 years of age (parental discretion applies). Alternatively, you could choose the Self Select option for the children.

Current Package Rates are included in our price insert.

Beverages – Beverages can also be ordered through Whitsunday Provisioning, using their self select beverage list on line. There is a 20% handling fee on these orders. Alternatively, you will find a bottleshop located here at Abel Point marina and there are bottleshops located at all the shopping centres listed below.

Supermarket information

We have 3 supermarkets in the Airlie Beach area. Coles and Woolworths are the largest and are located a 5 and 10 minute drive away from our base. Their opening hours are:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for Woolworths and 9pm for Coles

Saturdays are 8am to 5.30pm

Sundays are 9am to 6pm

We have a smaller supermarket (IGA) also 5 minutes from base which is open from:

Monday to Friday - 7am to 8pm

Saturday from 7am to 7pm

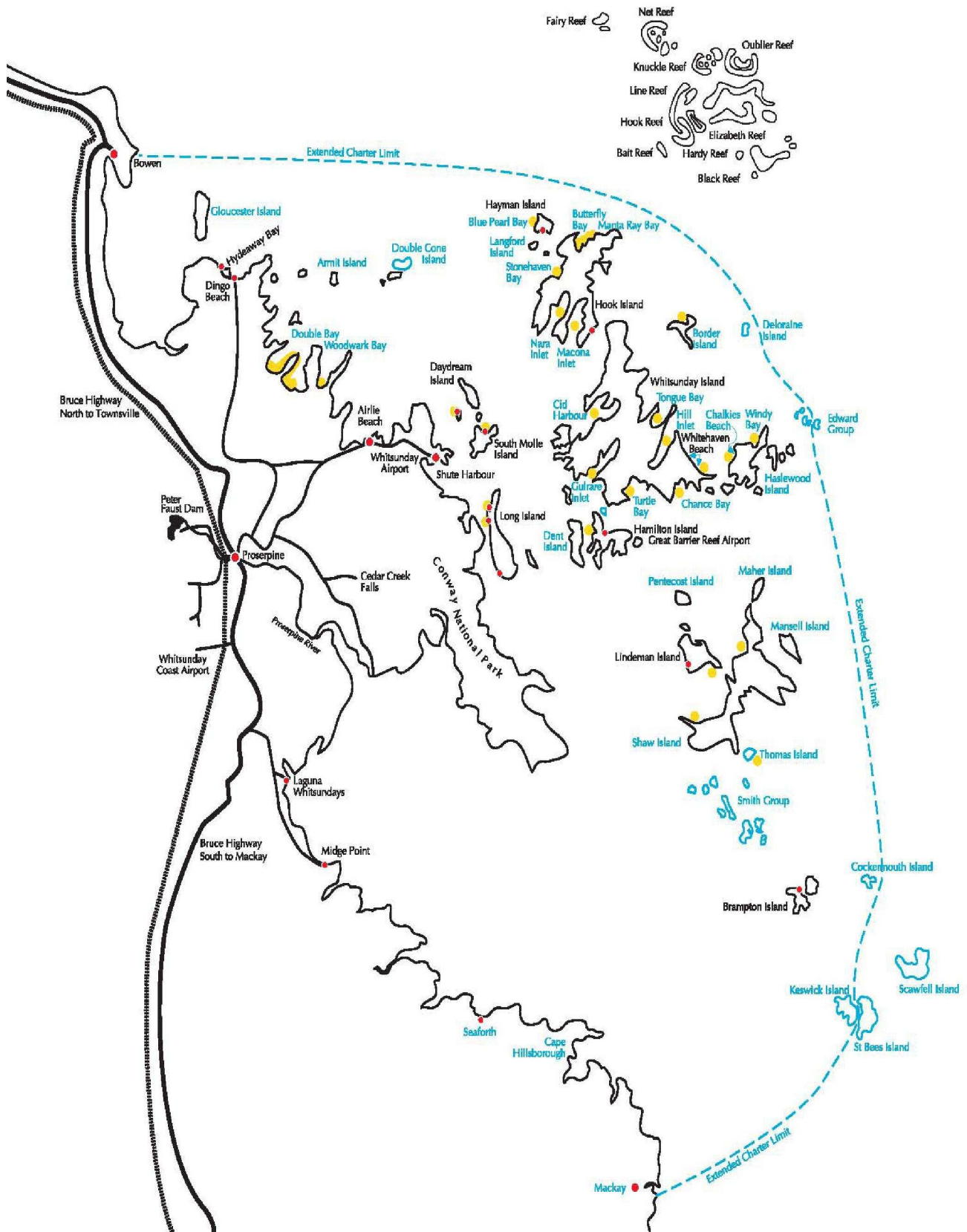
Sundays from 7am to 6pm

Wine Club Deliveries

Deliveries of Alcohol are excepted up to a few weeks before your charter but please make sure that the boxes are clearly marked with your charter name. We can then store until your charter commences. We will not accept any liability for damage or loss should it occur. You can have these delivered to the following address:

Queensland Yacht Charters
Upstairs Building 5, (opposite roundabout)
Abel Point Marina
Abel Road, Airlie Beach QLD 4802

Map of the Whitsunday Islands and cruising area



Sample Itineraries

	Airlie Beach - 5 night	N/M
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Nara Inlet	13nm
Day/night 2	Nara Inlet to Butterfly Bay	12nm
Day/night 3	Butterfly Bay to Whitehaven Beach	18nm
Day/night 4	Whitehaven Beach to Hamilton Island	10nm
Day/night 5	Hamilton Island to Cid Harbour	7nm
Day 6	Cid to Airlie Beach	15nm
	Airlie Beach - 7 night	N/M
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Nara Inlet	13nm
Day/night 2	Nara to Cid Harbour or Gulnare Inlet	8nm/14nm
Day/night 3	Cid/Gulnare to Hamilton Island	7nm/3nm
Day/night 4	Hamilton Island to Whitehaven Beach	10nm
Day/night 5	Whitehaven to CATERAN Bay	8.5nm
Day/night 6	CATERAN to Butterfly Bay	10nm
Day/night 7	Butterfly to South Molle or Palm Bay	14.5nm/20nm
Day 8	South Molle/Palm Bay to Airlie Beach	8.5nm/12nm
	Airlie Beach / Airlie Beach - 10 night	N/M
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Cid Harbour	14.5nm
Day/night 2	Cid Harbour to Whitehaven Beach	12nm
Day/night 3	Whitehaven to CATERAN Bay	8.5nm
Day/night 4	CATERAN Bay to Nara Inlet	10.5nm
Day/night 5	Nara Inlet to Daydream Island	10nm
Day/night 6	Daydream to Stonehaven	11.5nm
Day/night 7	Stonehaven to Butterfly Bay	4nm
Day/night 8	Butterfly Bay to Blue Pearl Bay	5.5nm
Day/night 9	Blue Pearl to Macona Inlet	11nm
Day/night 10	Macona Inlet to Woodward	16nm
Day 11	Woodward to Abel Point Marina	8nm
	Airlie Beach / Airlie Beach - 14 night	N/M
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Cid Harbour	14.5nm
Day/night 2	Cid Harbour to Plantation/Neck Bay	17nm/18nm
Day/night 3	Plantation/Neck to Thomas Island	10.5nm
Day/night 4	Thomas Island to Palm Bay	22nm
Day/night 5	Palm Bay to Whitehaven Beach	17nm
Day/night 6	Whitehaven Beach to Hamilton Island	10nm
Day/night 7	Hamilton Island to CATERAN Bay	18.5nm
Day/night 8	CATERAN Bay to Macona Inlet	8nm
Day/night 9	Macona Inlet to Stonehaven	8nm
Day/night 10	Stonehaven via Langford to Blue Pearl	4nm
Day/night 11	Blue Pearl Bay to Butterfly Bay	5.5nm
Day/night 12	Butterfly Bay to Nara Inlet	11nm
Day/night 13	Nara Inlet to Happy Bay	12nm
Day/night 14	Happy Bay to Mays Bay	8nm
Day 15	Mays Bay to Airlie Beach	14nm

These itineraries are samples only and care must be used regarding the wind & tide conditions you are experiencing at the time. The following anchorage details have been sourced from "100 Magic Miles of the Great Barrier Reef" by David Colfelt.

Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Island)

Sawmill Beach is a very good anchorage in anything except W-NW-N winds. In this case anchoring in Dugong Inlet is an option in all but West winds. Sawmill Beach has a great walking track which is not too strenuous around to Dugong Beach or if you are fit and have the whole day consider a walk to Whitsunday Peak for spectacular views over The Whitsundays. This anchorage is teeming with Turtles and you will also spot Sea Eagles and the occasional Dugong!

Plantation Bay (Lindeman Island) or Neck Bay (Shaw Island)

Plantation Bay is a tranquil anchorage with a nice long beach to explore. Good anchoring in NW-NE and okay in E-SE-E up to 15 knots.

Neck Bay has a great beach and you can access the other side of the island by a short walk. There is an extensive reef, so you need to watch the tides when going into shore. Good in S-SE winds and can be a bit roly if it is more easterly.

Thomas Island

There are anchorages on either side of Thomas that afford protection from all breezes up to 15-25kn except from the West. There are nice sandy beaches on either side and this island is less frequented than those to the north. Some vessels are restricted in coming this far south. Check with reservations.

Peppers Palm Bay (Long Island)

Bookings are a must in this small boutique resort. Excellent in all winds except W-NW. Overnight stays can be on an inside lagoon mooring tied up to a Palm Tree or on a mooring outside of the lagoon. It is recommended to dine in, as the food is exceptional. Beautiful pool and spa area to enjoy and shower facilities available. Children are not really welcome nor are bigger groups of people in this intimate, romantic resort.

Whitehaven Beach (Whitsunday Island)

This 5km beach of pure white silica sand is extremely popular and a must to visit on everyone's itinerary. Can sometimes be roly at night and at dusk and dawn if on the beach watch out for the sandflies! Good in all breezes but N-NE.

Hamilton Island Resort

This resort island is located in the middle of the Whitsunday group and can be a great mid charter stop over for many reasons. You are free to use all the resort facilities (pools, restaurants, showers, etc) and there are a great many restaurants and cafés to choose from and a good range of activities to keep you amused. Fill up with water, top up the fridge & get rid of your rubbish. There is also a Doctors, General Store, Bakery, Bottle Shop, Bank, Post Office and many boutique clothing stores.

Cateran Bay (Border Island)

Good in E-SE-S-SW breezes but can be a little roly as the wind eases. Best in lighter conditions. Great snorkeling and diving and a pretty beach accessible at high tide. There are public moorings in place here and anchoring is permitted outside of the reef protection buoys.

Macona Inlet (Hook Island)

Entrance to Macona is on the Port side. Almost as protected as Nara Inlet and has some nice sand beaches to explore. Good in all winds.

Stonehaven (Hook Island)

This is a really good anchorage that has 10 or so Moorings to pick up. Anchoring is also possible however it will be in fairly deep water. This anchorage is known for it's bullets in strong breezes but does offer protection between NE-E-SE-S between 15 to 25 knots. There are some snorkel spots to be found here.

Langford Reef (Langford Island)

When approaching Langford from Stonehaven be very careful to negotiate your path between the special mark on the southern end of Black Island and the starboard mark on the SE edge of Langford's sand spit. There are moorings to pick here and very good snorkeling. Great lunchtime spot and walking along the sand spit which gets more exposed as the tide is goes out is amazing. Protected in SW-S-SE to 15 knots.

Blue Pearl Bay (Hayman Island)

Can be reached easily from Langford, making sure you stay on the outside of Akhurst Island as you make your way into this anchorage. There are moorings to pick up and some great snorkeling and diving to be found in this popular anchorage. Protected from NE-E-SE 15-25kn this anchorage can get roly at times. Hayman Island Resort is not accessible to non-resort guests but water may be purchased for the vessel at a cost of approx \$50.00.

Butterfly Bay (Hook Island)

A great place to snorkel or dive. There are quite a few public moorings in these bays but anchoring can also be done outside of the reef protection markers. Bullets can be frequent in strong southerlies, so if anchoring make sure it is well set. From Butterfly you can also dinghy around to Maureens Cove for more beautiful snorkeling and diving. There is an abundance of fish and corals that can take you days to explore. Not a good anchorage in northerlies & fishing is not permitted.

Nara Inlet (Hook Island)

Beautiful Fjord like inlet. Entrance is on the starboard side as there is an extensive reef to port. Nara Inlet features ancient aboriginal cave paintings with a good bush walk and views over the inlet. Take a walk to the top of the waterfall which is spectacular after heavy rains. Anchoring only (no moorings) with very good holding and one of the best places for a sound night's sleep in all conditions.

Happy Bay, Club Croc (Long Island Resort)

Good in NE-E-SE-S-SW 15-25kn. Can be a good first night or last night stop over. Moorings are available. There are 20kms of walking tracks for those wanting to stretch their legs or the on island activities include tennis, mini golf, jet skis, parasailing, volleyball etc. Have a meal in the restaurant or café or laze by the pool with a few drinks from the bar!

May's Bay

A pretty anchorage that can give a great view of the sun setting over the mainland. Caution must be taken when anchoring here as there are a few isolated bommies. The anchorage can be roly in a more easterly breeze but suitable for conditions E-SE-S 15-25 knots.

Other Whitsunday Resorts

Bauer Bay (South Molle Island Resort)

Good in E-SE-S-SW 15-25kn. Can become roly as the wind swings more east. This resort has become a little rundown of recent times, however is worth stopping at to stretch the legs and enjoy over 16kms of walking tracks (some offer outstanding views). There is a fee to visit and they have such activities as squash, tennis and a 9 hole golf course, along with restaurant, bar and pool.

Daydream Island Resort & Spa

There are moorings here which are located just outside the harbour entrance. This anchorage is not the best in windy conditions but the resort is well worth a visit especially if you want to treat yourself to a wonderful spa experience. There is a bar, restaurants, pool, outdoor aquarium, mini golf and outdoor cinema to enjoy.

Hook Island Resort & Observatory

Visit the Observatory to view fish and some coral. This is a small resort with camping facilities, dorm units and a few cabins. There is a café & bar and some basic items can be purchased from the kiosk (milk, ice, bread). Good in most winds except from the NE.

Lindeman Island (Club Med Resort)

There are 3 moorings here for resort visitors. The price of your visit includes all activities except excursions and include such things as Tennis, Archery, 9 hole golf, Circus, watersports etc. Protected in N-NE-E-SE-S up to 15 knots.

Our Price insert has details of associated costs in visiting these resorts or you can also visit our website

www.yachtcharters.com.au

FISHING IN THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK

For those in the know, fishing around the Whitsundays can be very fruitful. For those not so knowledgeable, it can simply be fun to drop a line & see what happens. Having said that, there are many rules and regulations to abide by and it is advisable to get the latest updates by visiting www.dpi.qld.gov.au/fishweb

The information contained here is gained from many different sources and is by no means complete and is only to be used as a basic guide. You should do your own research before embarking on your fishing trip as changes to legislation, etc may occur.

What type of fish can you expect to catch in the Whitsundays?

Bluefin and Mackerel are in abundance all year round. They can usually be located by the sight of seabirds skipping over the surface of the water where the tuna are. Casting or trolling around the headlands and in the passages between the islands should also land you a few good tuna for dinner. There is excellent estuary fishing to be found in Gulnare inlet, Hill inlet, Nara and Macona inlets.

Coral Reef Fishing can provide the likes of Coral Trout, Sweetlip, Emporers, Gropers etc.

Before visiting the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, it is important you study the zoning map for the area you are visiting to be sure of the activities that you can do and where you can do them. A link to the zoning map is below: http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/management/zoning/zoning_maps.html click on the MPZ10 map.

Why do we have closed seasons?

Closed seasons prevent people from fishing at certain times of the year to protect species at vulnerable times in their life cycle, such as during spawning seasons.

Barramundi

Throughout the Queensland East Coast, a closed season applies to Barramundi from midday on the 1st November to midday 1st February.

There are 3 x nine day periods that have been implemented as closed seasons for the taking of all coral reef fish. These are October, November and December each year around the new moon phases. The closures apply to all Queensland East Coast waters between latitude 10°41 'S and 24°50 'S. The closures are designed to protect spawning aggregations of most Coral Reef Fish Species.

Marine Hazards – Jellyfish

The box jellyfish is a potential hazard all along the Queensland Coast during November through to May, although peak season in the Whitsundays is more likely around March-April. The box jellyfish breed in the mainland estuaries & rivers and in summer with the rains they are usually washed down and found along the mainland coastline and very seldom around the islands. The box jellyfish causes extremely severe stings & possibly death.

Irukandji is a very small, hard to see jellyfish that can be extremely hazardous to the elderly or children. If you are stung, you usually don't feel the symptoms until 30 minutes afterward. These jellyfish can be found everywhere but generally their presence is higher after having persistent strong northerly winds (usually October to March).

Wearing a stinger suit with the gloves, booties & hood is known to reduce the incidence of stings by 75% or more. So well worth it.

Hiring Fishing Gear

As Queensland Yacht Charters do not supply fishing gear, it is recommended you either bring your own equipment (Generally handlines are the easiest if you just want to dabble) or you can hire gear from Rods n Hooks as detailed in our pricing insert.

Hire Paddleboards

Single paddleboards can be hired for the duration of your charter (minimum 5 nights) on request. Paddleboards are similar to a Kayak but they are very light weight and you sit on top of them, rather than in them. See pricing insert.

Christmas and New Year Bookings

QYC will be closed on the 25th December, 26th December and 1st January. We will be doing one radio sched on these days which will be in the morning at 9am only. Outside of this time the base will not be manned and radio calls will go unanswered. However, if there is an emergency one of our staff members will be contactable by mobile phone or if no reception then VMR Whitsunday will be of assistance.

What you need to be aware of :

On your arrival to base, we will collect a \$500.00 credit card bond. This bond will be authorized and refunded to you within 7 days of your charter completion unless loss or damage has occurred to the vessel or dinghy.

Your vessel is dived upon and the hull is checked for any damage prior to your charter commencing. Once your charter is finished, a dive check is then carried out prior to the next charter. If damage is found to the hull and QYC were not notified by the client, then charges will occur and a loss of the charter bond is a possibility.

Call out fees:

If QYC are called out for a problem to the vessel for which you are not at fault, you will not be penalised. However, if QYC are called out for a problem such as those detailed below the charge for this call out fee will be taken from your credit card bond, along with time taken to fix the problem. .

Wraps:

Take special care to avoid prop wraps, especially dock lines (to be stowed in a cockpit locker when not in use), dinghy ropes and Mooring Buoy lines. As your briefer would have made you aware, you need to check where your dinghy rope is located at all times and your dinghy must be pulled in close to the vessel when anchoring, reversing etc, so as not to foul the prop with the rope. This can cause major damage to your vessel and QYC must be notified immediately, so appropriate checks and action can be taken. If a Mooring Buoy line is destroyed, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Association will also charge for the replacement of a new one.

Groundings:

No matter how small the grounding, if your vessel "touches" the bottom, you must let QYC know so we can discuss, check and assess for any damage that may have occurred. As detailed above, the vessel is dive checked before and after any charter, so any damage caused by your charter may be charged to your bond. Do not anchor in shallow water less than 4 metres (with the exception of Gulnare & Dugong Inlets).

Blocked heads (toilets):

The heads are checked before your charter to make sure they are in working order and not blocked. Please take care with the heads as they can be **easily** blocked - most commonly with the following:

- Tampons
 - ° 2/3 ply toilet paper (please only use paper issued by QYC)
- Baby wipes/moist towelettes/face wipes
- Too much paper being used
- Flushing anything that you have not eaten

Not only is a blocked head a total inconvenience to your charter holiday but charges may occur if the above items have been found to cause the blockage. You will need to come back in to harbor at Abel Point Marina for the blockage to be cleared.

Sailguide:

If you have taken the option of the sailguide, you need to be aware that should the guide feel that you are not quite ready or confident to take the vessel for the night (especially in instances of strong winds etc), then you will return to harbor for the evening and have the option of the guide for a further instruction, at your cost, if needed.

If you have chosen not to have a sailguide and your briefer deems you to be too inexperienced to be in control of the vessel, you will have to take a sailguide for at least a half day, returning to Abel Point Marina for the night and you may also have to have a sailguide for the following day at your expense.

Pricing Sheet. Subject to change

Whitsunday Shuttle Bus – \$15.50 p/adult up to 4 people. 5 people + \$13.50 p/adult and children half price.

Cruise Whitsunday Ferry – \$55.00 p/adult from Hamilton Island to Abel point

Whitsunday Airport Secured Parking – from \$100.00 for 5 nights/\$115.00 for 7 nights

Whitsunday Limousines – \$80.00 one way from Proserpine to Abel Point in Fairlane for 4 passengers or \$120.00 one way for the stretch limo for up to 7 passengers.

Whitsunday taxi – Between \$80.00 - \$120.00 one way from Proserpine to Abel Point marina.

Hamilton Island Start - \$210.00 **Hamilton Island Finish** \$170.00 (both on request only)

Stinger suit hire & buy – \$20.00 per suit hire & \$35.00 per suit to buy

Provisioning costs: Passenger Numbers

Package Type	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Partial Gold	37	36	35	33	32	31	31	30	29
Full Gold	43	42	41	39	38	37	36	35	34
Partial Platinum	48	47	46	45	44	44	43	43	42
Full Platinum	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	46
Childrens Package	\$28.00 per child per day (min order of 2 adult packages)								

Charter Negligence Insurance costs: \$60.00 up to 5 nights; \$115.00 for 6-9 nights; \$150.00 for 10 nights+

Travel insurance with Suresave: priced from \$73.00 for single cover/\$141.00 for family cover but varies greatly depending on the package and duration.

Fishing Gear hire:

Fishing Pack: 1 x 25lb rod & réel, 1 x 50lb handline, 1 x landing net, 1 x tackle box with asstd hooks, sinkers, swivels & soft plastic lures @ \$12.00 p/day or choose single items:

1 x Heavy Duty Mackerel Hand Line (110lb braid line) with lure @ \$2.00 p/day

1 x Baitcaster Rod (12lb light/medium spinning) including a box of assorted swivels, hooks & sinkers @ \$8.00 p/day

1 x Overhead Rod (40lb Trolling line) including a box of assorted hooks, sinkers, swivels, @ \$8.00 p/day

1 x Hand Line (30lb line) including a box of assorted hooks, swivels, sinkers & wire trace @ \$2.00 p/day

Crab Pots, Landing Net & Gaff @ \$1.00 per item per day

Bait: Pilchard 380gm @ \$3.50; Squid 350gm @ \$5.50; Prawn 200gm @ \$5.70

Paddleboards: \$16.00 p/board per day (min 5 day hire).

Crew:

1/2 day sailguides @ \$180.00, Fulltime sailguides @ \$300.00 p/day (+ surcharge for Christmas/New Year days), Fulltime Hostess/Cook @ \$285.00 p/day (+ surcharge as above). Food also to be provided for the fulltime crew by clients.

Resort Mooring Prices:

- Hamilton Island - \$90.00 overnight marina berth or \$15.00 p/hr. Reservations essential
- Long Island Happy Bay - \$75.00 overnight mooring. Reservation required
- Long Island Peppers Palm Bay - \$45.00 inside mooring, \$15.00 outside mooring & \$25.00 p/person to use the resort facilities. Reservations essential
- Daydream Island \$55.00 for an overnight mooring. Reservation required
- South Molle Island - \$49.00 for an overnight mooring. Bookings not required
- Hook Island Observatory - \$45.00 for an overnight mooring or \$25.00 p/hour
- Lindeman Island Club Med - \$30.00 for a half day mooring; \$50.00 overnight mooring + pay for meals as follows:
 - Breakfast 6.30am to 11.30am - \$22 per adult/\$11 per child 4-11 Lunch
 - 10.30am to 6.00pm - \$72 per adult/\$36 per child 4-11/\$7 per infant Dinner
 - 3.30pm to 11.30pm - \$72 per adult/\$36 per child 4-11/\$7 per infant Soft drink,
 - wine and beer are included with meals