



40th Townsville Sportfishing Challenge 2021

With COVID restrictions threatening to derail the 40th Challenge a last minute reprieve allowed fishing to commence as scheduled on 8 October. This year the Challenge was a contest between the Townsville Salties and the Hinchinbrook Club. While the Salties concentrated on inshore and estuary waters (better suited to the weather conditions) a small contingent from the Hinchinbrook Club ventured further afield in search of those “wow” fish.

With eager anticipation at the weigh in on Sunday Hinchinbrook, as the visiting club were invited to the scales first and they did not disappoint with two of those “wow” fish, a large Golden Trevally and a giant Giant Herring. We later learnt that Adam Royle (the ships captain) lost use of his GPS and chartplotter but still managed to find a few fish.



Melissa with a Giant Herring



Adam with a Golden trevally

The Salties fronted the scales and while some good fish were weighed they did not match the “wow” factor of the Hinchinbrook fish. However a combination of light line and number of fish ensured the Salties took out the Champion Club Trophy.



Champion Male Team (Ken, Eddy and John)

Champion Female Team (Irene and Cathy)

The weigh in was a very social event enjoyed by all with plenty of banter and some great raffle items giving those who failed to win at fishing a chance to pick up a prize.



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