

EXPLORING QLD's Magnificent CURTIS COAST - Part 1/2 Featuring 1770

Fitzroy - Lady Musgrave - Pancake Creek - Bustard Head

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Finally, after nearly 6 years of wishing, wanting and waiting, we were off on our adventure.

Aiming the Kevlacat 7.2 northwards from Mooloolaba, signalled the start of a trip we've been planning for a long time.

Ahead lay the warm, fish-rich waters of the Curtis Coast, and in particular, the area around The Town of 1770 where we

planned to spend two and a half weeks camped on the beach front



overlooking Round Hill Creek. From there, Plan 'A' was to fish out to the Great Barrier Reef coral islands off 1770. If the weather let us down, Plan 'B' would see us fishing the inshore creeks and estuaries around this central Queensland fishing hot-spot. Under Plan 'C', we'd do both. Driving the boat to 1770 presented an

adventure in itself. We were confronted with the challenge of having to

navigate up through the Great Sandy Straits, pass through Hervey Bay (and adjacent Fraser Island) before heading further north to reach the 1770 entrance.

This month, we're going to have a look at this coastal passage between Mooloolaba, our home port, and the near 180 nautical mile run up to The Town of 1770.

We'll also take a look at the huge array of options available to all types of boaties once in 1770.



Regardless of the type of boat you have, or how you get it to 1770, there is enough fishing and boating opportunities to keep you exploring this area for years, let alone a visit of a few weeks.

Next month, we'll take a good look at the incredible fishing we experienced around 1770 and its adjacent offshore coral reefs, quays, lagoon's and inshore creeks. And let me assure you, it was nothing

short of spectacular! Join us now, as we head north to 1770 . . .