

Saltwater Report Matava April/May 2008

Saltwater Fishing Report - April-May 2008

For the waters around Kadavu Island- Fiji Islands - South Pacific.

Charter Operator - Matava Resort Gamefishing

Boat Names - Bite Me (Offshore) and Offensive Tackle (Inshore)

Average Water Temp - 29.5

Average Sea State - 40% Wind chop to 2ft, groundswell to 4ft / 60% calm

Average Winds - 50% 5-10kts / 50% calm

Water Clarity - Variable inshore after tropical rain, good offshore

Up To Now:

Offshore

The summer Yellowfin run has proved to be plentiful with many fish to 100Lbs. Large schools of smaller fish offered great sport on the light tackle and plenty of bait for the heavy tackle marlin enthusiasts.

Blue marlin to 200kgs have been regularly seen with some much bigger fish mixed in. Bite Me fought a blue conservatively estimated at 700lbs for almost two hours only to have the line eventually part under sunset drag. With the water temp now at almost 30 degrees, the blue bite is quiet but will fire up again from the end of April when water temperatures start to ease.

Inshore

The GTs and other trevallies are loving the calm hot water with a superb bite all month - especially around the full moon when they went completely berserk. Lurestreet's new upgraded Mother-in-Law poppers have been getting a thorough work-out and Anglers aboard Bite Me made the most of the hot bite taking three new Fiji National line class Records using the new MIL.

Outlook:

May will see the start of the much anticipated wahoo and sailfish run that Fiji is famous for. Packs of sails start to congregate and the big packs of marauding wahoo gather along the Great Astrolabe barrier reef from May. These pack wahoo average about 50lbs with fish to 100lbs. This season, anglers aboard Bite Me will be making several attempts at the IGFA World Records on line class and on the fly. Amazingly, the first wahoo pack has already turned up on the Kadavu seamount and the first sails tagged. Very early but very welcome and the coming light tackle mayhem is eagerly anticipated by all.

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