



Merry Xmas & Happy New Year

"tis the season to be jolly", can you believe another silly season is upon us?! Moreover, can you believe our ninth cruising/diving season has drawn to an end....bring on the party!!

In brief, it has been a busy year, with the addition of the onboard chopper. We changed helicopters during the year and are proud to be working with a local Broome company, Broome Helicopter Services. The pilots have been a fantastic addition to the team with them all fulfilling the pre-requisite of being able to wash dishes, oh yeah, and fly a chopper.

The satellite internet has been a firm favourite with guests whizzing their photos to far flung ends of the country to brag to friends about hooking the prized elusive barramundi!! The real time TV has also been a hit especially with those who travelled during the footy seasons and of course Grand Final matches!!

So with the GFC well and truly behind us (I have since learnt there are a couple of meanings for this but we'll go with Global Financial Crisis for now), we are looking forward to a little time out before our big anniversary year! Yes, The Great Escape Charter Company is turning 10years old!! We wanted to thank all our loyal guests by organizing a cocktail function near you. Of course, we would love to invite all our beloved guests but as you can imagine, we have welcomed quite a few people over the years and it is just impossible (unfortunately) for us to cater for everyone. We have therefore created a completely random, computer-generated guest list and if you were chosen, your invitation is enclosed. So kick off your thongs and don your bling...we look forward to seeing you soon. Oh, please do not forget to RSVP before the 4th of January 2010.

If you did not receive an invitation, thousand apologies. There will be a cancellation list so there may be another chance. If we do not see you in February, we look forward to seeing you again in Broome in the near future.

To continue the celebrations, we have created 4 night Taste of the Kimberley 'Fishing' Cruises - itinerary enclosed). October is a great time to be in the Kimberley when the waters are warming up, the fish are on the bite and there are still waterholes around to cool off in. So if you cannot get 2 weeks away from your desk, call Liz for more information about these great getaways - you will be fishing before you know it! Remember, if you book the whole boat; be awarded our special group rate. Furthermore, because it is our birthday year, we are giving away a Shimano Gold Calcutta 200 with EVERY direct 4 night cruise booking made before our first departure of 2010*, that is March 20th. Don't hesitate to bring your lady love, if she doesn't want to challenge you in the fishing department, we will have her well entertained with other activities like beach walks or swimming or sipping champagne in the spa, maybe a touch of cooking school creativity with the chef....

Other exciting cruises are of course, diving/snorkeling at the Rowley Shoals, and 12 nights at the Northern Atolls. Don't forget we can combine any cruise if you want to experience both diving and Kimberley cruising - just give us a call and we will see what we can do. We are also looking for expressions of interest for a family cruise, a photography-based cruise and Rock art-focused cruise. Please email cruises@greatescape.net.au to register your interest and preferred month of travel.

