

GAMBLER

M.V. GAMBLER

M.V. Gambler is a premium, custom-built game fishing vessel built by Assegai Marine on the Gold Coast, Australia.

At 18.6 metres, the new Assegai 61 is built of timber and fibreglass, designed with precision as the newest, most premium game fishing vessel in Australia. With a top speed of 40 knots, M.V. Gambler can access the outer reef and fishing locales and shoals from Cairns for day or overnight charters.

Outfitted with a full suite of Shimano tackle – from heavy-tackle Tiagra reels to light-tackle and spinning gear – all paired with custom Ian Miller rods, M.V. Gambler offers unrivalled performance on the water.

Calling the Cairns Marlin Marina home, M.V. Gambler joined the Morris Nautical fleet in September 2026 as the newest game fishing vessel in Australia.

ABOUT ASSEGAI MARINE

A HERITAGE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, REIMAGINED

In partnership with Morris Nautical, Assegai Marine, an Australian builder of high-end, custom game fishing boats, continues its legacy of building vessels that deliver world-class fishing capability in Australia.

Founded by Barry Martin, working alongside his son Craig Martin, the brand became renowned for its cedar and fibreglass construction techniques, producing strong, lightweight hulls designed to excel in demanding offshore conditions. Celebrated for exceptional quality, performance and meticulous craftsmanship, Assegai Marine brings M.V. Gambler to the market.

18.6 M
ASSEGAI 61

40 KN
TOP SPEED

CAIRNS
CAIRNS MARLIN MARINA



WHERE CAN I GO?

Based in the Cairns Marlin Marina, M.V. Gambler charters throughout the Great Barrier Reef, delivering access to world-class fishing grounds and the ultimate heavy-tackle season experience.

Each expedition is built around a target: giant black marlin on the Ribbon Reefs in season, dogtooth tuna and giant trevally on the remote Coral Sea reefs and seamounts, or barramundi along Cape York. Day charters reach the reef from Cairns, while multi-day expeditions push north to the Ribbon Reefs, Coral Sea and Cape York.

Ribbon Reefs No. 1–10	GIANT BLACK MARLIN
Linden Banks	BLACK MARLIN, SAILFISH
Opal Ridge	BLACK MARLIN, PELAGICS
Lizard Island, including the Cod Hole	GT, PELAGICS
Hope Island	LIGHT TACKLE, GT
Fitzroy Island	SPANISH MACKEREL
Osprey Reef in the Coral Sea	DOGTOOTH TUNA
Bougainville Reef in the Coral Sea	GIANT TREVALLY
Offshore Seamounts in the Coral Sea	TUNA, WAHOO, MARLIN
Princess Charlotte Bay	BARRAMUNDI
Cape York	GT, QUEENFISH



CREW

Operating from Cairns into the remote outer reef and Coral Sea, M.V. Gambler delivers elite sportfishing performance. Days begin before sunrise as the crew runs wide to untouched reef systems, blue-water drop-offs and historic marlin grounds, chasing black marlin, giant trevally, dogtooth tuna and wahoo across some of the most productive waters on the planet.

At the helm is Corey Hard, founder of Hardcore Game Fishing Charters and one of the most successful black marlin skippers on the reef. Raised fishing the waters of Papua New Guinea, Corey has run charters out of Cairns since 2004, with wins including the Cairns 40th and 50th Anniversary Black Marlin Tournaments.

With a First Mate and Deckhand expert in both heavy and light tackle, the crew reads the conditions, sets the spread and tailors each day to the group, whether it’s a first marlin or the lifelong pursuit of a grander.

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Gambler represents everything we believe game fishing should be: serious capability, incredible design and access to waters most people can’t reach. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world’s greatest fisheries, and Gambler allows guests from around the world to experience it at the highest level, whether they’re chasing a first marlin or a lifelong dream catch.”

SAM ALDRED, CEO MORRIS NAUTICAL



GAME FISHING

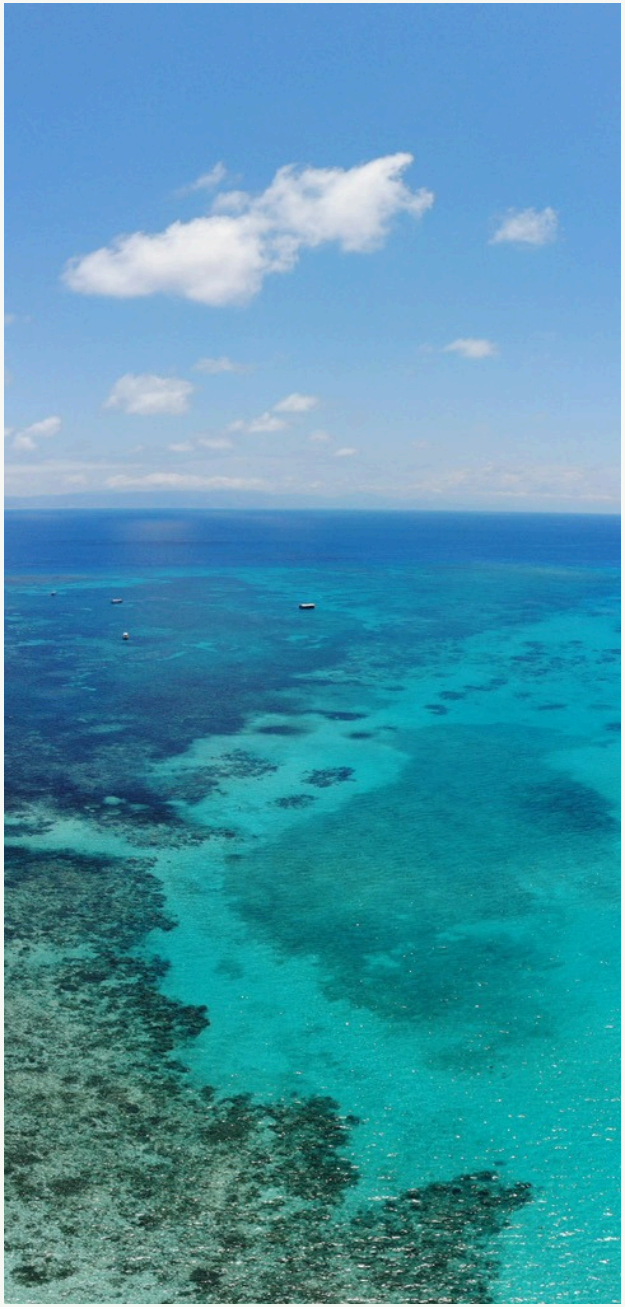
WHAT'S BITING, YEAR-ROUND

A fishing trip with Morris Nautical is defined by variety and seasonality, with opportunities available year-round. The waters around Cairns are uniquely positioned to deliver an exceptional mix of pelagic, reef and estuary fishing, making it one of the few destinations where anglers can target species such as giant trevally, Spanish mackerel, tuna and barramundi within the same region.

BLACK MARLIN SEASON

Black marlin season peaks from September to December, when the waters of the Great Barrier Reef come alive with some of the largest fish on the planet. Widely regarded as the best place in the world to land a thousand-pound black marlin, the region's offshore grounds and Ribbon Reefs have produced record-breaking giants for decades. During this season, M.V. Gambler comes into her own as a purpose-built platform for serious anglers chasing the fish of a lifetime.





MOTHERSHIP WITH MORRIS NAUTICAL

Unlock your next fishing adventure with Morris Nautical, the only operator in Australia pairing a purpose-built game boat with its own fleet of superyachts. Choose M.Y. Flying Fish, M.Y. Beluga or M.Y. Northern Escape as your mothership and fish further, for longer.

By day, Gambler runs wide to the Ribbon Reefs or the Coral Sea. By night, guests return to superyacht comfort: spacious suites, a private chef and a crew that takes care of every detail. The mothership carries fuel and provisions and stays close to the fishing grounds, so there are no long runs back to Cairns, just more time on the water.

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ITINERARIES

M.V. Gambler is available for day, overnight and multi-day charters throughout the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea. Every itinerary is shaped by season, conditions and your target species, and planned with the crew to suit your ideal fishing adventure.

DAY CHARTERS

Fish the outer reef and continental shelf for pelagics and reef species, or target billfish on light tackle early in the season. Up to 11 guests, or 6 dedicated anglers.

OVERNIGHT AND MULTI-DAY EXPEDITIONS

Chase the bite north along the Ribbon Reefs towards Lizard Island or into the Coral Sea, wake on the best fishing grounds each day and fish late into the afternoon. 6 guests in 3 cabins.

GIANT BLACK MARLIN SEASON

From September to December, target giant black marlin on heavy tackle across the Ribbon Reefs and Linden Banks.

MOTHERSHIP EXPEDITIONS

Pair Gambler with M.Y. Flying Fish, M.Y. Beluga or M.Y. Northern Escape and cruise north to Princess Charlotte Bay and Cape York for trophy barramundi, fish the northern Ribbon Reefs, or head east into the Coral Sea in search of giants.



FISHING GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

M.V. Gambler is fitted with premium fishing gear on custom-made Ian Miller rods, including:

- Shimano Tiagra 130s and 80s for heavy-tackle marlin
- Shimano Talica 8s, 12s and 50s for bottom fishing and light-tackle trolling
- Shimano Stella 6000 and 8000 for topwater spinning; 4000s for barramundi and estuary fishing
- Shimano Curado or Chronarch baitcasters for barramundi
- Selection of Riffe and Rob Allen timber and alloy spearguns

Millerods is home to Australia’s highest-performance sportfishing rods, designed and handcrafted by Ian Miller.



PRICING

FROM
AUD $9,000
PER DAY, 4+ DAY CHARTERS
6 GUESTS IN 3 CABINS

FROM
AUD $12,000
DAY CHARTERS
UP TO 11 GUESTS
OR 6 SERIOUS ANGLERS

All charters are led by an expert crew including a Captain, First Mate and Deckhand

Includes crew, fuel, tackle and equipment

Optional: bespoke catering, multi-day expeditions and tailored itineraries



DISCOVER THE MORRIS NAUTICAL FLEET

M.Y. NORTHERN ESCAPE ↗
41 METRE BENETTI OASIS



M.Y. BELUGA ↗
35 METRE MOONEN



M.Y. FLYING FISH ↗
32 METRE WARREN



Morris Nautical

Calling Cairns, Tropical North Queensland home, M.Y. Northern Escape, M.Y. Beluga and M.Y. Flying Fish roam the unspoiled waters of Queensland. Offering extended overnight charters, a bespoke itinerary will highlight the best sights and experiences of these wondrous regions, allowing you to indulge in an experience like no other. From scuba diving the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef to unparalleled luxury and fine dining, Morris Nautical's three luxury superyachts await your next ocean expedition.

The newest addition to the fleet, M.V. Gambler brings world-class game fishing to Morris Nautical. A purpose-built Assegai 61, she can be chartered on her own for day and multi-day fishing expeditions, or paired with one of our superyachts for the ultimate mothership adventure.

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