

8 November 2007.

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Re: Upgrade of Mount Cook Repeater for VHF Channel 21.

Dear Helen

I write to thank you for finalising the upgrade of the Mount Cook Repeater for VHF Channel 21 in time for the holding of the 21st Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic, held 13th to 20th October 2007.

Our fleet, with Teams from every State in Australia, as well as the USA, Russia, New Zealand, The UK, South Africa, Singapore and The Maldives, was very impressed with the improved range and reliability of the communications from and to our Radio Boat, "Rebel".

With safety and Tournament Reports needed over the seven days of fishing from a fleet spread from Jewel Reef in the North, to Pearl Reef in the South, to "Rebel" located on Ribbon Reef 10, at long last no problems were encountered.

As you are aware, this event is recognised as the Premier Heavy Tackle Black Marlin Tag & Release Tournament in the World and is reliant on effective radio communications. Thank you for your efforts in obtaining the grant from The Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme and completing the upgrade in time for the 21st Black Marlin Classic.

We also thank the Cooktown Flotilla for allowing us to use the Repeater during the Tournament. Without your support we could not hold this important event which contributes so much to the economy of Far North Queensland.

Next year's event will be staged from 4 to 11 October 2008 and we look forward to your continued co-operation in allowing us the use of the repeater.

Yours faithfully
Lizard Island Game Fish Club Inc

Bob Lowe
President.