



A BOAT OF BIG GAME FISHING DREAMS – RIVIERA 37!

When it comes to big game fishing, Boating World's Durban representative Wayne Barthus and his team grab every opportunity, without hesitation, to cast a line in the water to catch that prize Marlin.

The four-man crew who recently enjoyed the offshore trip from Richard's Bay to Durban raved about the Australian-manufactured Riviera 37 (42ft LOA) and her performance and 'fishability'. Being fully equipped with a fighting chair, outriggers, rod holders, autopilot, a Radome and a Lowrance fishfinder/GPS,

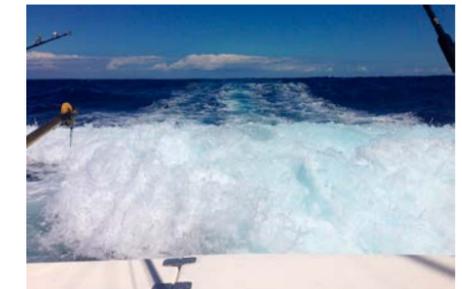
to name but a few of its great features, gave the party a good chance of catching fish along the way.

After making sure the Sport Fisher was prepped and stocked, Wayne met up with the rest of the crew at her Zululand Yacht Club moorings. A festive evening followed at a local restaurant and the relaxed group went to bed knowing it would be a really early start the next morning.

Two of the team slept on the boat and were perfectly comfortable in the luxurious accommodation below decks. The two cabins offer loads of comfort with

a double bed in the forequarter master suite and a bunk bed in the guest cabin. The saloon also offers a pull-out bed to accommodate another two people. Wayne commented that it was as good as any hotel, the only difference being the sound of the water gently lapping against the hull as they nodded off into dreamland...!

It seemed they'd hardly shut their eyes when they were shocked into consciousness before dawn and on the flybridge with skipper Dave de Beer at the helm. From this fantastic vantage point he and his companions, lounging on the comfortable seating alongside, had a



bird's-eye view over the water.

Gliding out of Richard's Bay harbour, they were soon cruising at a comfortable speed (18-20 knots) barely conscious of the twin diesel Volvo D6 (370 HP) engines behind.

Conditions were perfect with blue skies, calm seas and a light breeze making for a delightfully smooth cruise. Relax mode soon shot into high alert about three hours into the trip when John Abrahams hooked and landed a big Wahoo of around 30 kg. Being too big for the hatches, the fish was left on deck to be doused with water at regular intervals to keep it fresh.

Had they not had to keep focused on getting back to Durban, they might have been tempted to stop off and enjoy some filleted fish cooked in the well-equipped galley.

This success kept everyone on their toes and on the lookout and about halfway home Lady Luck struck again. This time it was a small Black Marlin of around 70 kg which put up a 20 minute fight before the excited crew released it back into the sea.

The rest of the trip was relatively uneventful and they enjoyed the breeze while relaxing outdoors on the flybridge. At one point they had an amazing sighting

of a pod of Pilot whales which broke the surface of the water as they journeyed in a northerly direction.

No better vessel to enjoy your big game fishing than on a magnificent Riviera 37 Sport Fisher.

She is available for a private viewing and for investment of R3 300 000. To get more information on her, contact Boating World on (0861) 325 764, or pop down to the Durban Boat Show in July (17th – 19th) where you can meet the Boating World team. They'll be happy to welcome you on board for a closer look. Or you can email: info@boatingworld.co.za