

# FISHING

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A SIGN reading "I Hate to Boast, but I Catch the Most," would not look out of place hanging above the entrance to Matt Palmer's man cave.

Palmer, a *Townsville Bulletin* printer and column regular who often reports on the Oonoonba Hotel Fishing Club shenanigans, took advantage of big tides and recent weather events to claim his largest wild barramundi to date.

No stranger to big numbers of barra, having previously worked at the popular Barra Farm at Kelso, Palmer claimed a well-conditioned 90cm model while recently fishing

that the mullet was one of several sourced from the flats at Long Beach inside Cape Cleveland.

## Gaining sounder advice

THE technologically challenged among us, myself included, might accelerate the learning curve and reap huge rewards from a "sounder information seminar" presented by expert local anglers Dan Missingham and Jay Wilkins.

The pair will present the how-to of advanced sounder and side imaging operation – "a masterclass," they call it – at the Boating & RV store Charters Towers Rd on Thursday evening, April 19.

A modest \$10 entry fee covers detailed set-up and use of all brand side imaging sonar units by Missingham while Wilkins is recognised as an expert on all things Lowrance.

Side Imaging technology is considered a must-have by the modern fishing and boating generation and it is now rare that a new boat is sold with a traditionally standard sonar 2D sonar.

Seats are limited and booking essential either instore or email [info@boatingandrv.com.au](mailto:info@boatingandrv.com.au)

## Moody's charitable move

RECENTLY retired fishing guide Ryan Moody is spending time rubbing shoulders with rugby league sporting legends Matt Sing

Moody has stepped up to help Ballard and his quest to raise a whopping \$80,000 by raffling a spot for two anglers, for a day, on his 13m game boat *Mood Swings* – alongside Sing and Ettingshausen – fishing out of Townsville.

Moody said the winners would not only fish with the footballing greats, but also receive a \$1000 cash, a \$500 voucher from BCF and two nights' accommodation at The Ville, meals included.

Winners will also have the opportunity to appear on Ettingshausen's television show *Escape with ET* as his crew films an episode for his new series.

Now that's a ripper prize in anyone's language, only 1000 tickets at \$50 a pop and drawn late this month.

Remember, all proceeds go to cancer research charity *Tour De Cure* and are available at [ryanmoodyfishing.com](http://ryanmoodyfishing.com)

## Celebrate migration

AND the chances to win just keep on rolling by.

Anglers and members of the public have an opportunity to fish with well-known barramundi fishing guide Andrew Mead of Aussie Barra Charters when they attend a celebration of World Fish Migration Day.

"Removing barriers the key to healthy fish stocks" is the mantra of