

Australian Captain Says

Fishing and Comfort Are Both Covered Thanks to WESMAR

Simon Carossi, Captain of the 3-year-old, 65-foot custom built Australian Sport Fisher Brilliant Company, works hard to show his guests a successful fishing trip and a good time. As a private charter captain part of the good time means doing his best to locate the fish and take them in and out of port comfortably. He says he has both covered, thanks to WESMAR.

"In the build we installed a WESMAR HD800/160/ft- 6" sonar for fish finding and a WESMAR dual prop bow thruster for easy docking."

"I always have the sonar running. And the Bow Thruster, which I use primarily for birthing the boat, is amazing. It makes me look good."

His headquarters is around Hamilton Island, North Queensland. He spends 4 months (September through December) on the Great Barrier Reef fishing for Black Marlin and then travels to the Gold Coast for the Blue Marlin season.

The Brilliant Company is a tag and release boat, and Carossi could be described as a Brilliant fisherman. Among his most memorable catches is a 1200-pound marlin. He humbly gives the sonar credit for much of his success.

"The sonar is invaluable when finding bait schools." The tournament boats will come into an area and he watches the other boats leave one by one when they cannot locate fish. Then he looks around with

the WESMAR sonar until he finds the bait schools. "The marlin are generally close by," he says.

Twelve years of fishing out of Cairns has given Carossi considerable experience. He was runner up at the highly competitive Townsville Light Tackle Tournament this year and said the "sonar was working brilliantly during the recent Mooloolaba Billfish Challenge. On day two, when I came inshore, it was marking bait schools just like the WESMAR brochure photos."

Simon also relies on the WESMAR sonar for navigation to return safely to anchor from the dangerous pinnacle laden waters around the barrier reef.

