

Samurai Reaction

According to Samurai Reaction, its fishing rods are meant to make you feel “like a warrior”. With camouflage-style grips, the latest Fuji K series titanium guides and soft, smooth reel seats, these seriously tough rods weigh next to nothing. All who used it felt more like a ninja than a warrior.

Samurai offered up one of its popping rods to go head to head against the ravenous fish of Cape York. At 7ft 6in long and rated from 50-80lb, the rod has some serious pulling power. Like most popping rods, it has a two-piece design and can be split up for ease of transport and storage.

Primarily designed to throw jumbo poppers at the notorious giant trevally (GT), these rods need to be so strong as to physically drag the fish away from the razor sharp reef. With this in mind, they must also be light enough to cast all day without tiring the user.

Over the course of the Cape York TTT I used this rod more than any other. It caught a shipload of GTs, yellowfin and mackerel. Quality rods, like the Samurai Reaction, really give you the confidence to get stuck into a fish — safe in the knowledge your gear isn't going to blow up into a million little pieces when you click that drag to the max.



FROGLEYS OFFSHORE

RRP: \$500

RATING: ★★★★★

WEB: www.frogleysoffshore.com.au

COMMENT: Tough as nails and light as a feather, Samurai rods couldn't be broken on the TTT.

Sovereign BBQ

Sovereign make versatile, heavy-duty stainless steel barbeques that are built for the rigours of boating and camping even in extreme marine environments. They are also perfect for less demanding applications such as outdoor balconies, and have a neat stainless steel finish that will fit in with modern furniture in a more urban scenario.

The Sovereign is a tough product. We challenge anyone to break one of these solid, stainless steel units. We tried during the Cape York TTT and didn't succeed. The Sovereign is compact for travelling with detachable folding legs. It saved the day for a very hungry crew on more than one occasion.

We mostly used the standard hotplate, however the grilling rack elevated fish fillets for smoking and the “Boaties Frypan” came in handy for the skipper's speciality — coral trout in orange juice with cracked black pepper (you just gotta try it).

The Sovereign is a single elongated burner with a surprisingly solid hot plate including a run-off drain. Excess fat runs through the drain to a slide-out fat tray. It folds up quickly for transport and can be easily carried by the lid handle. The roasting hood is vented and the sides have wind / splash guards. It comes with a number of mounting options for various installations for slide out RV's, pedestal and rail mount alternatives.

We cooked breakfast and dinner for up to 14 people at a time with a little juggling, and did everything from bacon and eggs, lamb roast, fish and even smoked fish to test the versatility. The Sovereign is a saviour and the flavour is sensational! It was one of our favourite products on the TTT.

Options include a foldout stand (\$175), cover (\$90) and frypan (\$38).



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SOVEREIGN BBQS AND GRILLS AUSTRALIA

RRP: \$799

RATING: ★★★★★

WEB: www.sovereignbbqs.com

COMMENT: The Sovereign was the saviour!