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CATAMARAN IN HARBOUR.

For several days over the Christmas period a catamaran was moored in Challenger Bay. Her owners, who hailed from Cairns, stayed with the Ellnors. More than once they sailed her in the bay and Palm Islanders were impressed by her wide sweep of sail and her swiftness, her speed is reputed at 17 knots, and being a catamaran she is very difficult to capsize.

This type of craft is becoming more popular with the sailing fraternity. Perhaps we will have one on Palm Island before long.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

The aquatic sports were held on 2nd January. People eager to compete or watch had gathered earlier but the sports did not commence until 1;30P.M., as the tide was not high enough before that time.

Most of the races were over a distance of 50 yards, marked by the distance between the jetty and a Japanese bouy. The younger children competed over a distance of 20 yards. Many talented swimmers were noticed and with some serious training would probably develop remarkably.

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Spectators considered the under-water event the highlight of the day.

Diving from the jetty was one of the main features and the somersault was considered the funmiest event of the day.

A PICNIC AT NORTH EAST BAY.

Last Sunday, being a bright and sunny day Mr. Bartlam took the boys from the Boys Dormitory in the company of their Monitress, Mrs. Kippie Simpson for a day around to North East Bay.

On the way around Mr. Bartlam caught a 401b Barracuda, a few mackeral were caught also.

The day proved a nice day for a swim as the tide was in all the time we were there. The boys had a wonderful time exploring the scrubs around the bay.

were found by the boys, and they were brought home on the barge for settlement use.

The barge returned to pick us up and we returned home very tired but glad we'd spent the day at North East Bay.

"Poor little fish" exclaimed May, as the angler unhooked his catch.
"Precisely, madam" snapped the angler. "If he had kept his mouth shut, he might have kept out of