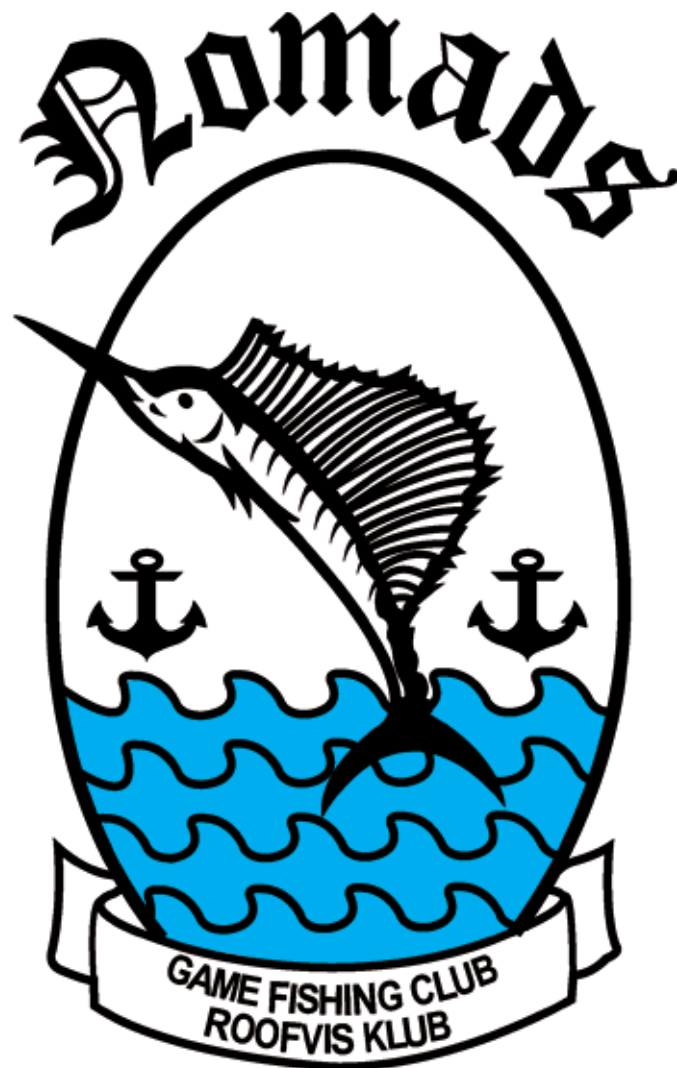


# NOMADS

## CLOSED 2015

29 JUNE - 3 JULY

**MAPELANE SKI BOAT CLUB**  
ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK  
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# 1. Programme

## Sunday 28 June 2015

Registration	15h00
Welcome / Briefing /dinner	18h00

## Monday 29 June 2015

Coffee + Rusks in the Club House	
Launching	First Light
Lines Down after launch depending on conditions	
Lines Up	14h00
Weigh in at the gallows	15h00 – 16h00
Happy Hour	At weigh in
Dinner	19h00

## Tuesday To Thursday 30 June -2 July 2015

Launching	First Light
Lines Down - After launch, depending on launch conditions	
Lines Up	14h00
Weigh in at gallows	15h00 – 16h00
Happy Hour Weigh in	Weigh in
Dinner	19h00

## Friday 3 July 2015

Launching First Light	First Light
Lines Down - After launch, depending on launch conditions	
Lines up	13h00
Weigh in at the gallows	14h00 – 15h00
Prize Giving /dinner	18h00

# 2. Tides As Per Richards Bay

Monday	low 07h55	high 14h10	low 20h10
Tuesday	low 08h35	high 14h50	low 20h50
Wednesday	low 09h15	high 15h30	low 21h30
Thursday	low 09h50	high 16h10	low 22h10
Friday	low 10h30	high 16h50	low 22h50

### **3. Rules Of The Competition**

- a.** All boats must be in possession of a 2015 Seaworthy Disc and all Skippers must be in possession of a valid Skippers Ticket.
- b.** All anglers will be in the possession of a fishing licence
- c.** Entrance fee for all Nomads members will be R2300.00  
(Includes meals, accommodation and happy hour, as detailed on entry form.)
- d.** Juniors must be under the age of 16 years.
- e.** No non-anglers permitted on boats other than invited sponsors.
- f.** Please note. Temporary membership will allow the entrant to participate in the competition being fished in at the time and as such will be eligible to win prizes in that competition only.

### **4. Competition Committee**

Tyron Guar / Dave Martin / Mark Cockcroft / Kevin Allardyce

### **5. Protest Committee**

Tyron Guar / Dave Martin / Mitchell Moore

### **6. Fishing Area**

North - Vidal Light House

South - Mapelane Light House

### **7. Fishing Hours**

Launching from first light. Lines down AFTER LAUNCH. Lines up will be at 14h00 on Monday to Thursday and at 13h00 on Friday. The Competition Committee may change fishing hours depending on launch conditions. Under no circumstances will competition boats, whether they have caught fish during that day or not, be allowed to fish later than the competition hours as specified, unless extra time has been granted.

### **8. Extra Time**

Monday to Friday      1 Hour extra time

Any fish that is hooked up but not landed during the fishing competition hours will count, as long as the boat in question has radioed Beach Control prior to lines up time and has requested extra time. When requesting extra time, the Skipper must state what fish he has on the boat in detail i.e. quantity and species. Should the fish not be landed by the completion of the extra time allowed, the line should be cut and the boat must return to the beach immediately. Extra time will not be granted for any other reason than as stated above.

## 9. Beach Control

Beach Control will be stationed on the beach during the course of the competition. All score sheets must be handed in with Beach Control prior to launching. You may only hand in your sheet with beach control after your boat has arrived on the beach. Beach Control will then allocate each boat a number in the queue to launch.

## 10. Call – Ups

All boats will be called up each day (Monday to Friday) on channel “A” at 09h00, 12h00. You will be required to state your current position and catch at each call up. In order to assist the operator, please use your position as indicated on the gridded chart. Any Billfish strikes or hook-ups must be reported immediately to Beach Control on channel “A”.

**Any Boat not reporting at all for the day will be disqualified!**

## 11. Radios

No boats without a fully operational radio will be allowed to launch and if problems are experienced with the radio during a day’s fishing, it is the Skipper’s responsibility before launching the next day to satisfy Beach Control that the boat’s radio has been repaired and is working properly prior to launching. Radio checks must be performed prior to launch.

## 12. Blow Outs

The competition will run for the duration of the five days as previously mentioned. Should the weather be inclement (bad) it will be each Skipper’s decision whether he launches on that day or not. However, in the event of extreme weather conditions, the weather committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the competition, either prior to, or after the first boats have launched. Should launching be unfavourable at first light, a final decision as to whether to launch or not will be given by 10h00 the latest. Should the wind speed exceed 22 knots (Force 6), the Weather Committee will immediately call the competition off. (This is a SAMSA requirement).

## 13. Safety / Weather Committee

Tyron Gruar / Dave Martin / Mitchell Moore

## 14. Tackle Committee

Mark Cockcroft / Anton Gets

## 15. Number Of Rods

There are no restrictions on the number of fishing rods carried on the boat or used by any angler at any one time. It has therefore been decided that no cognisance shall be taken of the number of anglers on the boat when calculating the “Overall or Daily Boat Prizes”.

## **16. Line Class**

Line class for comp 6kg / 10kg / 15kg / 24kg / 36kg / 60kg

Should any angler be found to utilize a heavier line than nominated, the boat on which he is fishing, the angler himself and all other anglers on that boat will be disqualified for the day. The line tester will be available to all anglers, prior to the competition if any angler wishes to have his line tested. The only instance where a line class greater than the nominated line class will be allowed on the boat is when the line in question is to be utilised for the purpose of pulling a teaser.

## **17. Launch Sheets**

Launch sheets to be filled in correctly and signed and handed in to the Beach Controller each day prior to launching. If your launch sheet is not filled in completely and correctly, you will be required to return to the beach to do so. Once your launch sheet has been handed in and your boat and your crew are ready to launch, you will be required to perform a radio check after which you will be able to launch.

## **18. Weigh In**

The weigh in shall be held at the gallows each day. All anglers wishing to weigh fish must be at the weigh in before the cut off times stated in the programme. Any angler arriving at the weigh in after the specified time will be disqualified for that day. Please note that this rule will be strictly applied. The weigh in must be attended by the Skipper or his delegate and will be supervised by the Weigh Master. The score sheets will be signed on a daily basis by the Skipper or his delegate and witnessed. All anglers weighing fish must wear sponsors shirts / caps etc. when weighing fish.

## **19. Weigh Masters**

Records - Kevin Allardyce, assisted by Tyron Gruar

## **20. Fishing Tackle**

IGFA Rules will apply. Any form of teaser may be used provided it conforms to IGFA regulations. Fishing tackle will be checked daily on a random basis.

## **21. Protests**

Any protest made by an angler against the conduct or practices of another angler or boat must be made in writing and handed to the Competition Committee within 30 minutes of the end of the weigh in on the day of the incident in question. A protest must be accompanied by a protest fee of R500.00 which is refundable should the protest be upheld.

## **22. Safety**

Please ensure drogue anchors are attached properly and easily accessible should the need arise. We request that all anglers wear life jackets during launching and beaching.

## 23. Anchoring

No boat will be allowed to fish while lying on anchor. Any boat doing this will be disqualified for the day.

## 24. Points Scoring

We will be using the SADSAA points scoring system. This system gives benefit to larger fish caught than the line strength used. Any fish of 10kg caught on 10kg line gives a score of 32 points, which is then multiplied by the species factor applicable.

### A. Method Of Calculation For Most Meritorious Fish

The points for each individual fish will be calculated as follows:-

Fish weight divided by line strength in kilograms, the result squared and then multiplied by 32. This figure is then multiplied by the fish species factor applicable.

(I.e. A 50kg Yellow-fin Tuna on 10kg line =  $50 \div 10 = 5 \times 5 = 25 \times 32 \times 1 = 800$  points).

### Fish Species Factors

All Marlin species	1	100%
All Spearfish species	1	100%
Swordfish	1	100%
Yellowfin Tuna	1	100%
All Other Tuna	1	100%
Yellowtail	1	100%
Ignobilis Kingfish	1	100%
All Other Kingfish	1	100%
Garrick (Leervis)	0.9	90%
Dorado	0.9	90%
Cobia (Prodicul Son)	0.9	90%
Wahoo	0.85	85%
Sailfish	0.8	80%
Tuna Longfin (Albacore)	0.8	80%
King Mackerel (Cuta)	0.8	80%
Rainbow Runner	0.8	80%
Queenfish	0.8	80%
Elf (Shad)	0.75	75%
Great Barracuda	0.7	70%
Queen Mackerel	0.6	60%
Cape Snoek	0.6	60%

**Sharks And Bottomfish Will Not Count In This Competition.**

## B. Top Daily And Weekly Boat Calculations

The total amount of points scored on the Most Meritorious Fish System by each angler on the boat is added together. Bonus points will be awarded to a boat for the number of species of Gamefish weighed in one day, ALL Tuna species will count as a separate species. Ignobilis Kingfish will count as one Species and all other Kingfish will count as one Species. All Queenfish will count as one Species. All other Gamefish Species will count as separate Species. Please note: These bonus points are awarded to the boat and not the individual angler, irrespective of the number of anglers on the boat on the following basis. To qualify as a “species” the fish must weigh more than the minimum mass as per the rules.

0 – 2 species	Zero points
3 species:	250 BONUS POINTS
4 species:	350 BONUS POINTS
5 species:	450 BONUS POINTS

## 25. Minimun Weight

**All Game Fish Must Weigh A Minimum Of 4Kg**

## 26. Species Limitations

Each boat may weigh a maximum of 10 fish of any one species during the competition, irrespective of the weight of the fish, number of anglers on the boat, or the number of days fished. If fish are brought to the gallows and are found to be underweight, these underweight fish will be counted as part of the 10 fish of that particular species allowed for the week. Please note this rule is in place to prevent underweight fish from being brought to the gallows and will be strictly applied.

## 27. Tip & Release / Tag & Release

The committee has decided that no weighing of billfish will be allowed. The points for a released billfish will therefore be calculated as follows:

Species	Line class	Weight	Points
<b>Sailfish</b>	6kg	28kg	549.00
	10kg	35kg	313.60
	15kg	35kg	139.00
	25kg	35kg	54.00
	36kg	35kg	24.19
	60kg	35kg	8.71
<b>Marlin</b>	6kg	35kg	1,119.00
	10kg	50kg	800.00
	15kg	100kg	1,407.00
	25kg	125kg	866.00
	36kg	130kg	417.27
	60kg	175kg	272.15



To release the fish, the person holding the leader shall try to disengage the hook from the fish or shall cut the leader, leaving a line of approximately 20 centimeters. No jerking of the leader to break it or pull the hook free shall be permitted.

The boat has the option to either call for a witness boat, or photograph the event with a digital camera in order to claim the tip & release / tag & release:

## **28. Witness Boat**

Prior to releasing the fish, a witness boat can be summoned to attend the release. To be counted as a release, the Skipper of the witness boat must: -

- Positively identify the fish.
- Fish MUST BE TIPPED.
- Be satisfied the fish has been released correctly. (If upon getting the fish to the boat the fish is seen to have died, we request that the fish is let go and not taken out of the water – let nature take it's course).
- Confirm the tip by radio to Beach Control.

**The released fish should preferably be seen to swim away.**

## **29. Digital Photo**

Prior to releasing the fish, a digital photo can be taken of the release. To be counted as a release, the digital photo/s should indicate the following:

- The photo should indicate the date and time of the event;
- Positively identify the fish;
- Leader must be in hand. Tipped and colour band visible
- If it is possible bill in hand with colour band

The skipper should then confirm the tip/tag by radio to Beach Control. We request that all digital photos should be taken with a camera with a removable digital card. This is done to simplify the process for the weigh master to identify conformation of the above criteria by the boat claiming the release.

## **30. Swapping Of Bait**

No swapping of bait at sea will be permitted.  
Competitors to supply their own bait.

## **31. General**

Any incident occurring which is not covered by these rules will be decided by the competition committee and their decision will be final and binding

## **32. Priority Boat**

The only boats that have priority will be the weigh master (Kevin Allardyce - Bull Dog) and the Competition convener (Tyron Guar - Kaskazi).