

Nomads Closed a Social Event
Sodwana Bay
18 to 22 October





1. PROGRAMME

Sunday 17 OCTOBER 2021

Registration payment of launch fees	16h00
Welcome / Briefing	17h00
Bring and Braai	18h00

Monday 18 OCTOBER 2021

Launching	First Light
Blessing of the Fleet –	On the backline – (Chrisjan Jansen).
Lines Down	After the Blessing
Lines Up	No lines up
Weigh in at the gallows	15h00 – 16h00
Happy Hour fines meeting	At weigh in

Tuesday to Thursday 19 to 22 OCTOBER 2021

Launching	First Light
Lines Down	After launch
Lines Up	No lines up
Weigh in at the gallows	15h00 – 16h00
Happy Hour fines meeting	At weigh in

Friday 22 OCTOBER 2020

Launching	First Light
Lines Down	After launch
Lines Up	No lines up
Weigh in at the gallows	14h00 – 15h00
Prize giving	19h00



2. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- 2.1. This competition is governed by
- 2.1.1. The Competition rules set out below,
 - 2.1.2. SADSAA scoring system; and
 - 2.1.3. IGFA rules.

Should there be any ambiguity between these rules, the order of precedence above shall prevail.

- 2.2. All boats must be in possession of a 2021 Seaworthy Disc and all Skippers must be in possession of a valid Skippers Ticket. (You will require this for your launch permit)
- 2.3. All anglers must be in the possession of a fishing licence to be presented at registration;
- 2.4. All boats must be in possession of a launch permit, which can be purchased at the Parks Board Gate (R110 per launch);
- 2.5. Entrance fee for all Nomads members will be **R1250.00**
- 2.6. Temporary membership for the duration of the competition for all competitors who are not fully paid up Nomads members whether senior, male, female, juniors will be an additional R250 to the entry fee. **Please note.** Temporary membership will allow the entrant to participate in the competition being fished at the time and as such will be eligible to win prizes in that competition only.
- 2.7. Juniors must be under the age of 18 years as at the date of the Competition.
- 2.8. No non-anglers permitted on boats other than invited sponsors.
- 2.9. Skippers with Cat C Licence may only proceed 15 nm out to sea.
- 2.10. Skippers with Cat B Licence may only proceed 40 nm out to sea.

3. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

3.1. Competition Co-ordinators

- 3.1.1. Kevin Allardyce / Alex Lockyer/ Colin Green

3.2. Safety / Weather Committee

- 3.2.1. Chrisjan Jansen/Colin Green

3.3. Weigh Master

- 3.3.1. Adrian Feher
- 3.3.2. Ian van Zyl (remote Scorer)



3.4. Tackle Committee

3.4.1. Alex Lockyer/Kevin Allardyce

3.5. Protest Committee

3.5.1. Colin Green / Kevin Allardyce

4. FISHING AREA

4.1. Northern boundary Island Rock

4.2. Southern Boundary Rooi Walle

5. FISHING HOURS

5.1. Launching from first light. On Monday the blessing of the fleet will take place on the back-line thereafter lines down. In the event of a delay in the launch due to surf or weather conditions, the blessing of the fleet will take place on the beach thereafter lines down after launch.

5.2. Lines down (Tuesday to Friday) AFTER LAUNCH.

5.3. Lines up: There will be no lines up call, however at least one member of the team and the team's catch must be at the weigh-in area before 16h00, Monday to Thursday and before 15h00 on Friday. Teams without a representative and their catch inside the "gate" **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE DAY**. "gate" means in the queue at the weigh in. This rule will be strictly enforced.

5.4. The Competition Committee may change fishing hours depending on weather and launch conditions. This decision will be made at the 12:05 call up.

6. EXTRA TIME

6.1. Monday to Thursday: Under no circumstances will the weigh-in time be changed.

6.2. Friday: The closing of the weigh-in time may be extended by one hour on Friday, only in the event that significant fishing time is lost due to weather or launch conditions during the week. The Competition Committee will make this decision and their decision is final and will be conveyed to the fleet on the beach on Friday, or earlier.

7. BEACH CONTROL

7.1. Beach Control will manage launching and beaching the course of the competition. Prior to launching, all launch sheets must be handed in to Beach Control and a radio check must be carried out. You may only hand in your sheet to beach control after your boat has arrived on the beach. Beach Control will then allocate each boat a number in the queue to launch.

8. CALL – UPS



- 8.1. Call-ups and hook ups will be controlled by Kevin on Bulldog, or Colin on Chezzy.
- 8.2. Call ups will be on VHF channel 68.
- 8.3. Call up times will be at 09h05 and 12h05.
- 8.4. 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 grid chart provided at registration.
- 8.5. Any Billfish strikes or hook-ups must be reported immediately Kevin or Colin on channel 68 giving angler name, identity of fish, and time.
- 8.6. ANY BOAT NOT RESPONDING TO A CALL-UP AT ALL FOR THE DAY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED! (Relay messages will be permitted however in the event of a radio problem, Clause 9 applies. Boats wanting to relay must relay all messages after the call up).
- 8.7. Please adhere to radio etiquette and be patient, your call will be attended to.

9. RADIOS

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Radio checks must be performed prior to launch.
- 9.3. All Skippers will adhere to the Radio Procedure rules at all times.
- 9.4. Skippers not adhering to correct radio procedure will be dealt with accordingly.

10. BLOW OUTS

- 10.1. The competition will run for the duration of the five days. Should the weather be inclement (bad) but fishable it will be each Skipper's decision whether he launches on that day or not.
- 10.2. However, in the event of extreme weather conditions, the Safety/Weather committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone the competition for the day or remainder thereof, either prior to, or after the first boats have launched.
- 10.3. Should the wind speed exceed 22 knots (Force 6), the Safety/Weather Committee **will immediately call the competition off.** (This is a SAMSA requirement).
- 10.4. Should the competition be called off whilst boats are out at sea, all boats will return immediately to the beach. Should a boat be fighting a fish, then that line must be cut immediately for the boat to return safely to base. This is a SADSAA Safety ruling.
- 10.5. Should launching be unfavourable at first light, interim updates will be considered and a final decision as to whether to



launch or not will be given by the latest 10h00.

11. NUMBER OF RODS

11.1. 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".

12. LINE CLASS

12.1. The competition has been structured for the following SADSAA approved line classes, 10kg and 37kg only.

12.2. The Skipper must nominate the line class being used by the boat for that day, prior to launching on the launch sheet.

12.3. Only one line class per boat per day will be allowed.

12.4. The new weakest link IGFA rule adopted by SADSAA shall apply in respect of backing and the minimum length of specified line in the class fished. [IGFA rule states that a minimum of 15ft, 5m, of the nominated line class must be attached to the leader/double line].

12.5. 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.

12.6. 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.

13. LAUNCH SHEETS

13.1. 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 in the sequence determined by Beach Control.

14. WEIGH IN

14.1. The weigh in shall be held at the Viskoors each day. All teams wishing to weigh fish must be represented at the weigh in before the cut off times stated in the programme- refer to Rule 5.3. Any team or team delegate 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 must be signed on a daily basis by the Skipper and witnessed by the Weigh Master.

14.2. All anglers weighing fish must wear sponsors shirts / caps etc. when weighing fish.

15. FISHING TACKLE



15.1.IGFA Rules will apply.

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

15.3.Jigging will not be allowed. Anglers are required to acquaint themselves with the definition of jigging lures.

15.4.No stainless-steel hooks are permitted.

15.5.Only circle hooks may be used when bait fishing for billfish.

16. PROTESTS

16.1.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 R1000.00 which is refundable should the protest be upheld.

17. SAFETY

17.1.All anglers shall wear life jackets during launching and beaching.

17.2.Please ensure drogue anchors are attached properly and easily accessible should the need arise.

17.3.Any boat that runs out of fuel will be disqualified for the day.

18. ANCHORING

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

19. POINTS SCORING

19.1.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.

19.2.The new SADSAA scoring system for bill fish will NOT be applied however a 5 point bonus will be granted for bill fish caught and released on a circle hook.

20. METHOD OF CALCULATION FOR MOST MERITORIOUS FISH

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

20.2.Fish weight divided by line strength in kilograms, the result squared and then multiplied by 32.

21. SPECIES BONUS POINT CALCULATIONS



21.1. Bonus points will be allocated to teams catching 3 or more species according to the following table:

0 – 2 species Multiplication factor 1 x total game fish points;

3 species: Multiplication factor 2 x total game fish points;

4 species: Multiplication factor 3 x total game fish points;

5 species: Multiplication factor 4 x total game fish points;

And so on.

21.2. Bonus points will be awarded to a boat for the qualifying number of species caught **PER DAY**.

21.2.1. ALL Tuna species will count as a separate species;

21.2.2. Ignobilis Kingfish (GT) will count as one Species; and

21.2.3. All other Kingfish will count as one Species.

21.2.4. All Queenfish will count as one Species.

21.2.5. All other Gamefish Species will count as separate Species.

21.2.6. Jobfish may not be targeted and therefore do not count. Jobfish if caught per chance must be released immediately.

21.2.7. All billfish caught will be recognised as a separate species, however the points will not be added to the team score for calculation of the bonus points.

21.2.8. **5 Bonus points** will be awarded to a billfish caught on a circle hook, a clear photograph must be produced.

Please note: With the exception of circle hook bonus points, all other 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.

22. MINIMUM WEIGHT

22.1. ALL GAME FISH MUST WEIGH A MINIMUM OF **4KG**

22.2. Minimum fork length of all kingfish **60cm**

23. SPECIES LIMITATIONS

23.1. Each angler may weigh a maximum of 5 (five) fish per day regardless of species, 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 scale and are found to be underweight, these underweight fish will be counted as part of the 5 fish allowed for the day. Please note this rule is in place to prevent underweight fish from being brought to the scale and will be strictly applied.



Please practice catch and release of undersized fish and do not transgress the catch limit.

Contravention of this rule may jeopardise future applications to host competitions within the iSimangaliso Marine Reserve.

24. TAG AND RELEASE

24.1.No weighing of billfish will be allowed.

24.2.No weighing of kingfish will be allowed.

24.3.No weighing of queenfish will be allowed.

24.4.No bonus points will be awarded for tagging a fish however all anglers are encouraged to tag and release fish.

24.5.The points for a released billfish, kingfish, queenfish will be calculated as follows:

Sailfish	Release	10kg line 37kg line	230 points 40 points
Spearfish	Release	10kg line 37kg line	200 points 30 points
Marlin	Release	10kg line 37kg line	600 points 450 points
All Kingfish and Jobfish	Release	10kg line 37kg line	Points will be awarded According to the measurement Species and fish weight calculator

25. BILLFISH RELEASE PROCEDURE

25.1.Once a billfish hooked up and identified as a billfish, the hook up is to be reported to Kevin or Colin who will record the time and the angler on the rod and provide a band/card colour or hand signal.

25.2.When the fish is alongside the boat and under control (A fish shall be deemed to be under control if the photo or video footage demonstrates that the fish is swimming alongside the boat with the leader in hand) a photograph or video of the fish must be provided and all the following conditions must be met:

25.2.1. A photograph or video capturing: the identifiable fish; the band colour (or hand sign) provided by Control, **AND either** the leader in hand, leader through the eyes of the rod, **or** bill in hand.

25.2.2. The camera must show the date and time of the catch.

25.2.3. The bill does not have to be in hand however this is preferable.

25.2.4. If the fish is not identifiable as a billfish, then it will not count as a catch.



25.2.5. The picture on the camera or video must be computer downloadable.

25.2.6. The skipper to confirm the release to Control who will confirm the time of release.

25.3. In the event of a double or a triple strike/release, the team are to report to Control regarding time, angler, colour coding of the items required in the photograph.

25.4. If the team has a digital video camera the team has the option to either call for a witness boat or record the event with a digital video camera in order to claim the tip and release or tag and release. The video must be conclusive that two or more fish have been released.

25.5. In the event that the team does not have video camera to record the event, a witness boat must be summoned through Control. The skipper of the witness boat must confirm to the weigh master that he witnessed the release of the billfish in accordance with Rule 26.

25.6. 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 centimetres. No jerking of the leader to break it or pull the hook free shall be permitted.

26. WITNESS BOAT

26.1. Prior to releasing the fish, a witness boat can be summoned to attest the release/s. To be counted as a release, the Skipper of the witness boat must:

26.1.1. Positively identify all the fish;

26.1.2. Confirm that the fish were tipped, leadered or bill in hand;

26.1.3. Be satisfied the fish were under control. (A fish shall be deemed to be under control if the photo or video footage demonstrates that the fish is swimming alongside the boat with the leader in hand) ;

26.1.4. Be satisfied the fish has been released correctly. The released fish must be seen to swim away;

26.1.5. Confirm the tip and release time by radio to Beach Control.

26.1.6. Take photos if the team cannot.

26.2. Witness boats will be awarded 5 bonus points for acting as the witness.

26.3. If the boat loses all but one of the multiple hook-ups, the witness boat will be free to continue fishing and the boat will revert to the release procedure under Rule 25.2. The witness boat will still be eligible for the bonus 5 points.

27. BOAT FUEL/OIL

27.1. Teams to supply their own fuel and oil for the duration of the Competition.

28. BAIT



28.1.Teams / Anglers to supply their own bait.

28.2.Only live bait caught out at sea on the days of the competition allowed.

28.3.No swapping of bait at sea will be permitted.

29. TACKLE TESTING

29.1.Each team may have their tackle checked daily by the Tackle Inspector.

29.2.The tackle committee members may request line / leaders from anglers to be tested and may board your board to inspect your tackle box.

29.3.Every angler releasing a billfish for the day must bring their rod, reel and terminal tackle as it was used to the weigh in. Should that rod be put back into action the angler MUST remove the leader above the double line knot and keep it for testing. The lure may be re-used. Save for the lure, a new leader must be tied.

30. TRACTORS

30.1.A tractor will be on the beach to help during launching and to pull boats out the water after beaching. The cost is R250 for a push and pull.

31. PRIORITY BOATS

31.1.The only boats that have priority will be the Weigh Master and the Scorer. If necessary, the Competition coordinator.

32. GENERAL

32.1.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.

RESPECT THE SEA – RESPECT YOUR FELLOW ANGLERS –

PRACTICE CATCH AND RELEASE - HAVE FUN AND REMEMBER

SAFETY NEVER GOES ON VACATION