



*South African Deep Sea Angling Association*

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## RECORDS REPORT – SADSAA COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2025

Good day everyone,

We are delighted to share that this season has once again been outstanding for anglers, with numerous impressive catches being recorded. These achievements reflect the talent, commitment, and passion within our fishing community.

At the same time, we have faced some challenges that offer important lessons. It is vital for all anglers to take note of these experiences to avoid repeating similar mistakes in future seasons. Our objective remains not only to secure remarkable catches but also to foster responsible fishing, with a strong emphasis on catch-and-release practices.

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### ⚠ Important Notice:

#### **Provincial Records Officers**

On a more serious note, I need to call on all **Provincial Records Officers** to urgently assist in bringing order and consistency to the records application process. It is essential that each of you first ensure you are fully familiar with the **Rules and Application Requirements**. I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank those Provincial Officers who already go the extra mile – your dedication is greatly appreciated.

To strengthen the process, please make sure you are always working with the **latest documentation**, available for download on the SADSAA website <https://www.sadsaa.co.za/record-catches/>. Communicate regularly with your clubs and ensure that information is passed down to all members. Recently, I have received numerous queries directly from anglers, and unfortunately, multiple applications submitted on outdated forms where SADSAA and All Africa were still separate documents. This creates unnecessary complications when capturing and processing information.

I also urge every Records Officer to **distribute the Records Report** to their clubs and members. Doing so not only shares vital information but also allows members to celebrate the significant achievements of their fellow anglers across the country.

Finally, please remember that **all applications must first be checked and signed by you** before being sent through to me for final processing and approval. Should you have any questions or



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require clarification, do not hesitate to reach out. By working together and maintaining these standards, we can ensure the records process reflects the professionalism and excellence of our sport.

### **Line Quality Concerns**

We need to warn all anglers about issues with certain fishing lines currently on the market. Recent testing showed that two record applications on Tripple Fish 6kg line consistently broke above the rated strength, averaging 6.3kg. This is deeply concerning, as it prevented us from approving these as valid 6kg records.

- **Julia Twine** was fortunate, as her fish could be accepted under the next line class (8kg).
- **Jolene Lern**, however, was not as lucky—her fish could not qualify, as the 8kg record was already held by a larger catch.

These situations highlight how line inconsistencies can cost anglers their rightful records. More importantly, during competitions, such problems may lead to fish being disqualified. We strongly urge all anglers to test and verify their tackle to prevent these disappointments.

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We extend our appreciation to those who prioritize catch and release, as it plays a key role in conserving our fish populations. Our length records are designed with fish survival in mind, and we encourage anglers to handle fish carefully during measurements to ensure they are released safely and unharmed.

By following these responsible practices, we can continue to enjoy fruitful fishing seasons while safeguarding the health and sustainability of our aquatic ecosystems.

It is our privilege to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our accomplished anglers. Their skill, dedication, and perseverance have led to extraordinary catches and prestigious records. We invite everyone to join us in applauding these outstanding accomplishments:

- **Conrad Wasserman** had a phenomenal day at Hout Bay on 27 April 2025, landing a superb **Yellowfin Tuna**. Weighing an impressive **87kg**, his catch secured the **SADSAA and All Africa Junior-M 15kg records**, qualified for a remarkable **5:1 line class award**, and was also recognised with **World Record status**. A truly memorable performance – congratulations, Conrad!



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- **Janes Wasserman** joined the Hout Bay action on 27 April 2025, landing a massive **20.05kg Longfin Tuna**. His catch was honoured with the **SADSAA Men 37kg record**. A fantastic achievement – congratulations, Janes!
- **Colin Barris** had an exceptional season at Port Elizabeth and Algoa Bay, achieving multiple record catches. On 23 May 2025, he landed a **6.25kg Red Stumpnose**, earning both the **SADSAA and All Africa Men 2kg awards**.
  - On 4 September 2025, he added four more records:
    - **5.05kg Geelbek** recognised with **All Africa Men 2kg record**
    - **1.42kg Carpenter**, recognised with **SADSAA and All Africa Men 2kg records**.
    - **6.05kg Geelbek** and **2.85kg Carpenter**, each recognised with **All Africa Men 3kg levels**.A phenomenal series of achievements – congratulations, Colin!
- **Graham Doman** demonstrated his versatility in Durban waters with a remarkable series of catches. On 4 May 2025, he landed a **2.55kg Cavebass** (*pending World Record*) and a **3.8kg Javelin Grunter** (*pending World Record*). Just days later, on 10 May, he added a **2.25kg Tomato Rockcod** to his tally. Each of these outstanding fish was recognised with **SADSAA and All Africa All Tackle awards**, with two also under consideration as **pending World Records**. An exceptional run of achievements – well done, Graham!
- **Jethro Doman** impressed across different waters with three outstanding records. At Port Elizabeth on 29 April 2025, he caught a **1.7kg Cape Gurnard** (*pending World Record*), earning dual **SADSAA and All Africa All Tackle records**. He followed this with a **2.5kg Brownspotted Rockcod** in Durban on 18 May 2025, again receiving dual **SADSAA and All Africa All Tackle records**. Jethro then sealed his season on 7 June 2025 with a magnificent **32.6kg Black Musselcracker** (*pending World Record*), awarding him with **SADSAA and All Africa Men 24kg & All Africa All Tackle records** and adding **two pending World Records**. A remarkable trio of achievements – congratulations, Jethro!
- **Jayden Smith** showcased his skills at Shelly Beach on 13 April 2025. He landed a **4.7kg Atlantic Bonito**, recognised with the **SADSAA All Tackle record**, and added a **1.3kg Slinger**, awarded with **All Africa All Tackle level**. A fine double achievement – well done, Jayden!



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- **Julia Twine** made headlines at Witsand on 2 May 2025 with a spectacular **39.5kg Dusky Kob**, a catch that earned her the **SADSAA and All Africa Junior-F 8kg records**. An outstanding accomplishment – well done, Julia!
- **Deon van Jaarsveld** wrote his name into the record books with a **2.3kg Zebra** caught at Algoa Bay on 29 April 2025. This notable fish was awarded with **SADSAA and All Africa All Tackle recognition**. Well done, Deon!
- **Dakota Neilson** from Zululand impressed at Sodwana Bay on 3 July 2025 with a **9.9kg Eastern Little Tuna**, a catch that earned both the **SADSAA and All Africa Junior-M 10kg records**. Congratulations, Dakota!
- **Owen Lineker** secured his record at Port Elizabeth on 30 April 2025, where he landed a strong **5.9kg Red Stumpnose**, recognised with the **SADSAA and All Africa Junior-M 10kg awards**. A fine achievement – well done, Owen!
- **AJ Otto** made his mark at St Lucia on 4 June 2025, landing an impressive **11.1kg Talang Queenfish**. His outstanding catch earned him the **SADSAA Men 10kg record**. Congratulations, AJ!
- **Jolene Lern** caught an excellent **2.45kg Roman** at Port Elizabeth on 7 September 2025. This outstanding catch earned her the **All Africa All Tackle record**. Congratulations, Jolene!
- **Warren Marlow** caught an excellent **3.9kg Antarctic Butterfish** at East London on 17 May 2025. This remarkable catch earned him both the **SADSAA and All Africa All Tackle awards**. Congratulations, Warren!

We extend our warmest congratulations to every angler who has showcased their skill, passion, and dedication through these remarkable achievements. At SADSAA, we celebrate not only the records set but also the unwavering commitment that makes these moments possible. Your talent and determination continue to raise the bar in our sport, and we are proud to recognise your place in the angling community.

As one experienced angler once shared, *"It only takes one catch to transform a day on the water into a memory that lasts a lifetime."* This spirit of adventure, perseverance, and excellence is what defines our community. May your accomplishments inspire others to pursue



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their own journeys with the same drive and dedication. Keep leading the way – the future of angling shines brighter because of you.

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**Fees Applicable:**

- SADSAA Line Class & All Tackle R50-00 per application
- SADSAA Merit Awards R50-00 per application
- SADSAA Catch Certificates R50-00 per application
- All Africa
  - R200 per Application for people residing in South Africa
  - US\$10.00 per application for people outside South

**Banking Details:**

Account Name: SADSAA  
Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa  
Account Type: Current  
Account Number: 051 397 498  
Branch Code: 042 826

I ask all Provincial Record Officers to ensure that the amounts are paid by a bank transfer, as cash deposits attract a minimum of R25.00 cash banking fees.

Please email confirmation to [records@sadsaa.co.za](mailto:records@sadsaa.co.za), with the angler's name as a reference.

Tight lines,

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