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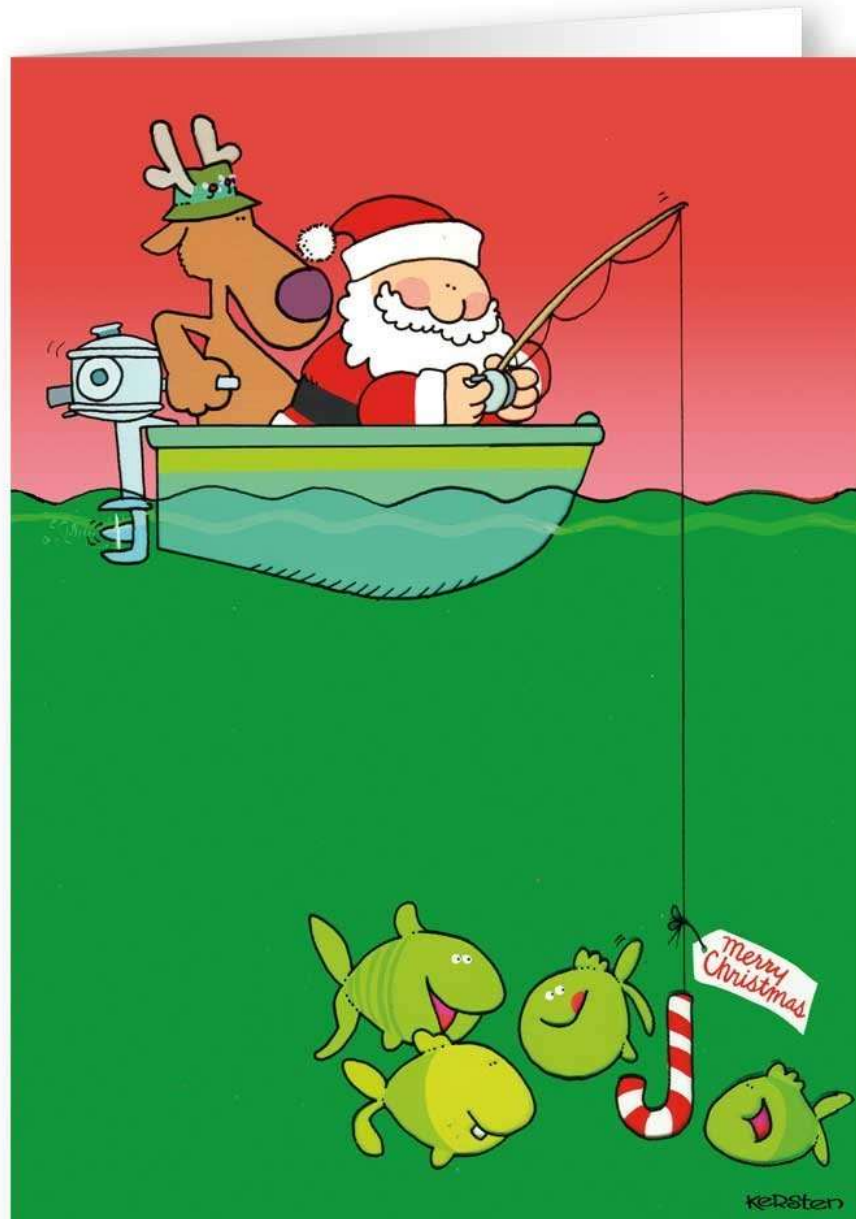
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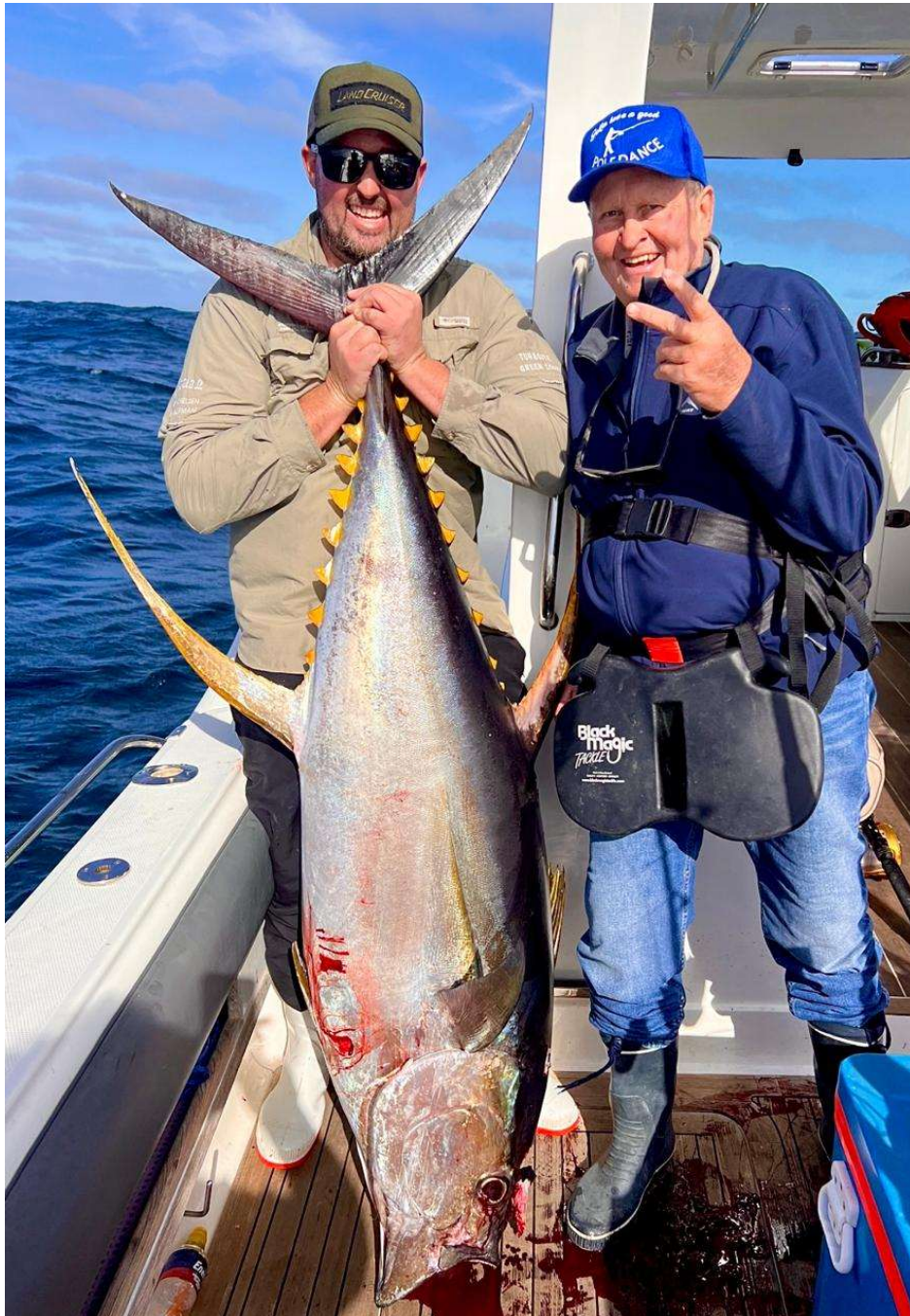
SADSAA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2026				
MONTH	DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	HOST
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY				
	4th - 7th February 2026	El Gouna International Tournament	EL GOUNA	EGYPT
	9th - 13th February 2026	SADSAA Heavy Tackle Billfish Interprovincial	Sodwana	ZDSAA
	28th February - 6th March 2026	Marlin & Bottomfish Invitational	Struisbaai Deep Sea	WPDSAA
MARCH				
	16th - 21st March 2026	Port Francis Ski Boat Club Annual Tuna Competition	Port Francis Ski Boat Club	EP MAPELANE SBC
	18th - 21st March 2026	Mapelane Billfish	Mapelane	SBC
	27th - 29th March 2026	Umhlanga Festival	USBC	NDSAA
	30th March - 03 April 2026	SADSAA Junior Gamefish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	MDSAA
APRIL				
	1st - 4th April 2026	SSBC Gamefish Competition	Sodwana	SODWANA SBC
	4th - 6th April 2026	Couta Classic	Umlalazi	UMLALAZI SBC
	19th - 24th April 2026	SADSAA Tuna Internationals	Atlantic SBC	WPDSAA
	20th - 24th April 2026	SADSAA Tuna Nationals	Hout Bay	WPDSAA
	24th - 27th April 2026	Durban Festival	DSBC	NDSAA
	24th - 30th April 2026	Offshore Classic 2026	Gordons Bay Boat Club	WPDSAA
	27th April - 01 May 2026	SADSAA PWC Tournament	Sodwana	MDSAA
	27th April - 01 May 2026	SADSAA All Inland	Sodwana	MDSAA
	28th April - 02 May 2026	Fedje International Bottomfish Championship	Fedje	Norway
MAY				
	4th - 8th May 2026	Penta Invitational	Sodwana Ski Boat Club	SODWANA SBC
	14th - 17th May 2026	Mapelane Trophy (Interclub)	Mapelane	ST LUCIA SBC
	19th - 31st May 2026	Tuna Masters	Hout Bay	ABC
	22nd - 24th May 2026	SADSAA Gamefish Interprovincial	Zinkwazi	NDSAA
JUNE				
	5th - 9th June 2026	SADSAA All Coastal	Port Alfred/Kenton on Sea	EPDSAA MAPELANE SBC
	12th - 15th June 2026	Mapelane Gamefish Challenge	Mapelane	SBC
	June?	SADSAA Junior Bottomfish Nationals	Port Alfred	EPDSAA
	14th - 19th June 2026	SADSAA Gamefish Nationals	Meerensee	ZDSAA
	26th - 29th June 2026	SADSAA Junior Bottomfish Interprovincial	Umlalazi	ZDSAA
JULY				

	8th - 10th July 2026	Snoek Derby	St Lucia	ST LUCIA SBC
	13th - 17th July 2026	Line-fishing or Spearfishing Competition	Sodwana Bay	NGDSAA
	16th - 19th July 2026	SADSAA Junior Gamefish Interprovincial	Meerensee	ZDSAA
	16th - 19th July 2026	Mapelane Junior Interclub	Mapelane	MAPELANE SBC
	13th - 17th July 2026	SADSAA Light Tackle Billfish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	NGDSAA
	26th July - 31 July 2026	SADSAA Bottomfish Nationals	East London SBC	BDSAA
AUGUST				
	7th - 9th August 2026	Rod & Reel Interclub	Natal Rod & Reel	NDSAA
	7th - 8th August 2026	Queens of the Ocean	St. Lucia	SLSBC
	20th - 23rd August 2026	SADSAA Bottomfish Interprovincial	Umhlanga	NDSAA
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
-	1st - 3rd October 2026	12 X 12 Species	St Lucia	ST LUCIA SBC
	1st - 3rd October 2026	PDSAC Indian Ocean Classic	Meerensee	NGDSAA
	8th - 10th October 2026	SADSAA Light Tackle Billfish Interprovincial	Sodwana	NGDSAA
	19th - 24th October 2026	53rd Tuna Invitational	CBSC	WPDSAA
	19th - 24th October 2026	Tuna Interprovincial	CBSC	WPDSAA
	21st - 24th October 2026	SADSAA Tuna Interprovincial	Cape Boat Ski Boat	WPDSAA
NOVEMBER				
	2nd - 6th November 2026	EFSA Tuna International	Hout Bay - Atlantic Boat	WPDSAA
	9th - 14th November 2026	EFSA Bottomfish International	Struisbaai	WPDSAA
	16th - 20th November 2026	SADSAA Heavy Tackle Billfish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	MDSAA
DECEMBER				



Trevor Moseley

Tribute of His Life



The fishing story of my dad, Richard Mosley “Hooker” as told by his son, Trevor Mosley with input from his mom, Jenny.

Richard's love of fishing started when he was a small boy.... It's in his genes. His Dad made his fishing rods, and they spent many Christmas holidays in Hibberdene where Richard fished off the beach and rocks and caught shad at Shad Bay for their breakfast.

In his early twenties he designed and built his own racing boats and also fine-tuned his motors to give him the edge in beating his opposition. He raced on rivers and

lakes around South Africa and earned his Springbok Colours in 1973 and 1977 when he was given the opportunity to race in the UK, Paris and Europe. He was also awarded the State President's award for power boat racing in 1977.

It was at the boat races on the Kowie River in Port Alfred that he met a man called Jack Tenner who introduced him to deep sea fishing. It was through Ted Adams, who was well known in the fishing and boat racing fraternity, that he joined the Nomads Ski Boat Club.

It was inevitable that with Richard's love of fishing and boating, he would invest in a ski boat. In 1982 he bought an Eldorado, 16,6 with 2 70 Johnson motors, named it "Hooker" and this was the start of many deep-sea fishing trips to Shelley Beach, especially over the December holidays, or even when the weather was great and the fish were biting! Richard's latest boat was Hooker v a 585-sea cat,

Mike Koch, whose boat is called Tequila Sheila, and Richard knew each other when they played tennis and soccer in their youth and when they found out they both love deep sea fishing, their friendship and bond grew over all these years... and they enjoyed many fun filled fishing trips, family holidays together to many fishing spots , including Shelley Beach, Sodwana Bay, St Lucia, Cape Vidal, Cape Town, Mozambique, Bazaruto and Hawaii. They were both so happy to go fishing at any opportunity, even if it meant they only had a tin of bully beef to eat on the boat!

Richard entered many deep-sea fishing competitions, and he loved the camaraderie, the friendship and the "gees" of these competitions the most and made lots of lifelong friends! He always had the best time with the guys ... and always had stories to tell!

His biggest accomplishment was to teach his son, Trevor, as a young boy all the tricks of the trade.... to build traces, how to launch safely, how to catch fish ... and most importantly to have fun, network and make friends. Their roles reversed in later years, and this made Richard very proud! He liked nothing better than to be with people he loved and even attempted to teach his daughter, Gina, how to fish as a young girl. He also liked to learn new tricks and ideas and often said he learnt with his eyes and his ears! He was also willing to share his knowledge.



Richard's excitement to go fishing and to catch a fish was always infectious. He always aimed to be the first to launch and the last to beach. He made the most of every opportunity ... and this applied with fishing and in his life in general! He had endless energy and put younger guys to shame... even though at times he would arrive home with bruises all over his aching body!

He was proud of his achievements but wasn't one to keep a record or to have a CV. This is the best we have based on our memory or from some of his fishing trophy's that we have found.

2005: Guinjata Bay. Most meritorious cuta: 20kg cuta on 10kg line.

2005: Tag/Tip & Release Billfish

2008: Top Boat: Tequila Sheila.

2010: Paradise View. Most meritorious cuda: 21.64 kg cuda on 20kg line.

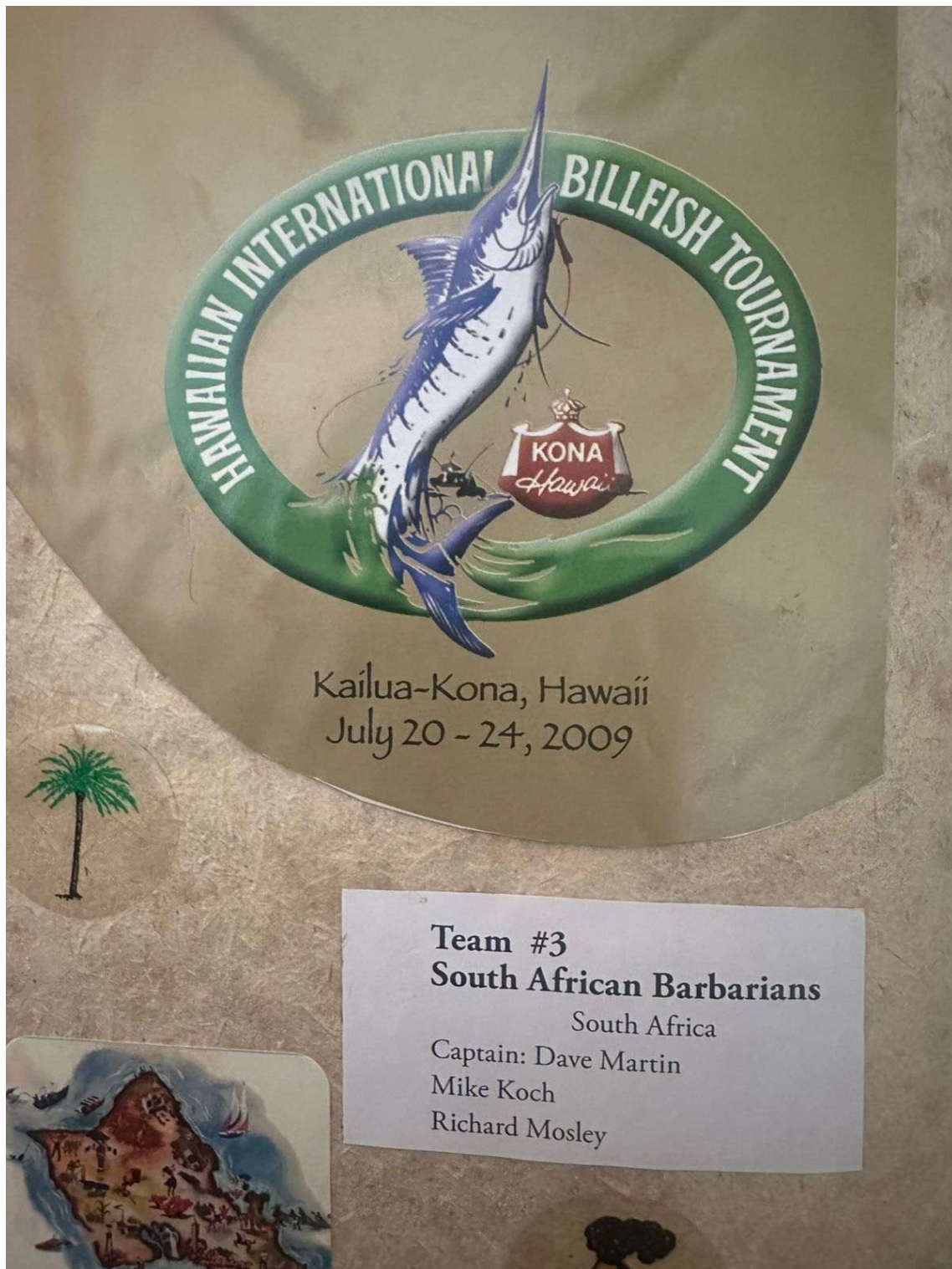
2011: Paradise View. Most meritorious cuda: 11.90kg on 10kg line

2011: Sailfish released at Sodwana Bay

2011: Sodwana Bay: 4 species: 213,43 points

2012: Ponto du Ouro: Sailfish released.

Richard, Mike and Dave Martin formed the South African Barbarian team to fish in the 50th Hawaii International Billfish tournament in Kona, Hawaii from 20 to 24 July 2009. They won first place for the number of tuna points, having scored 262 points. This was the trip of a lifetime and he always said it was made extra special that their wives, Jenny, Sheila and Elmarie were with them to enjoy the experience!

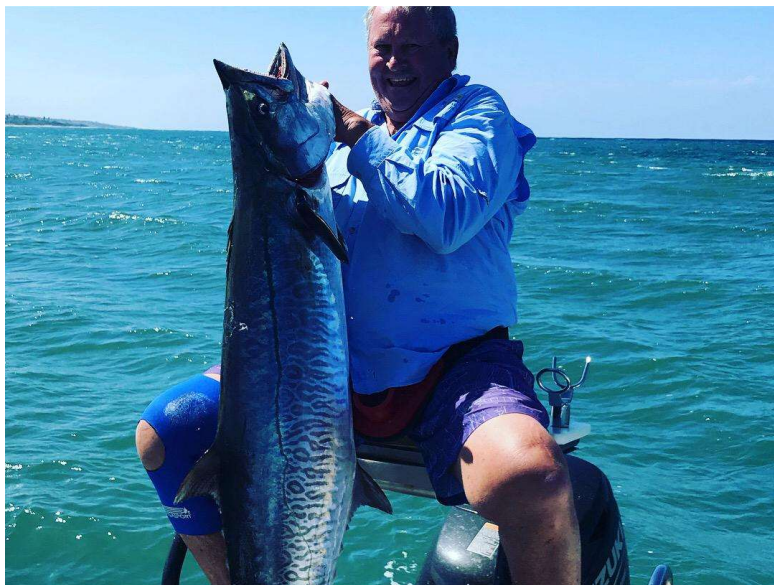




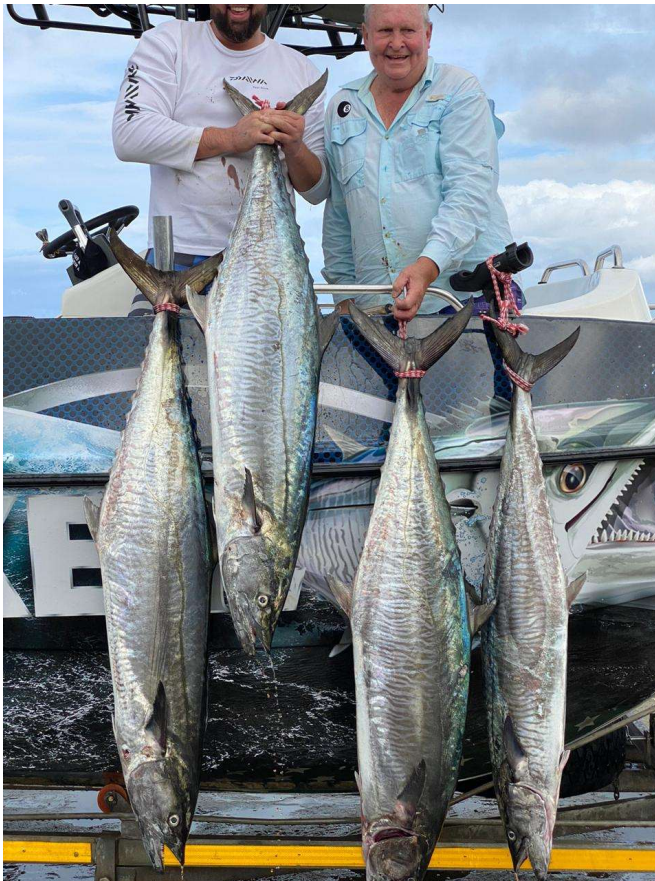




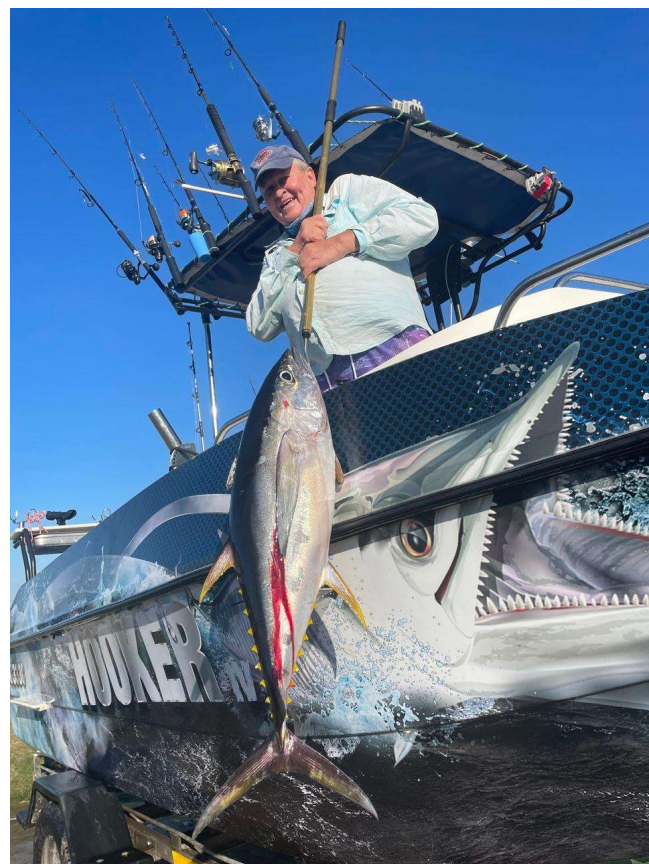
Good start to the season 🍷 — with Trevor Mosley.











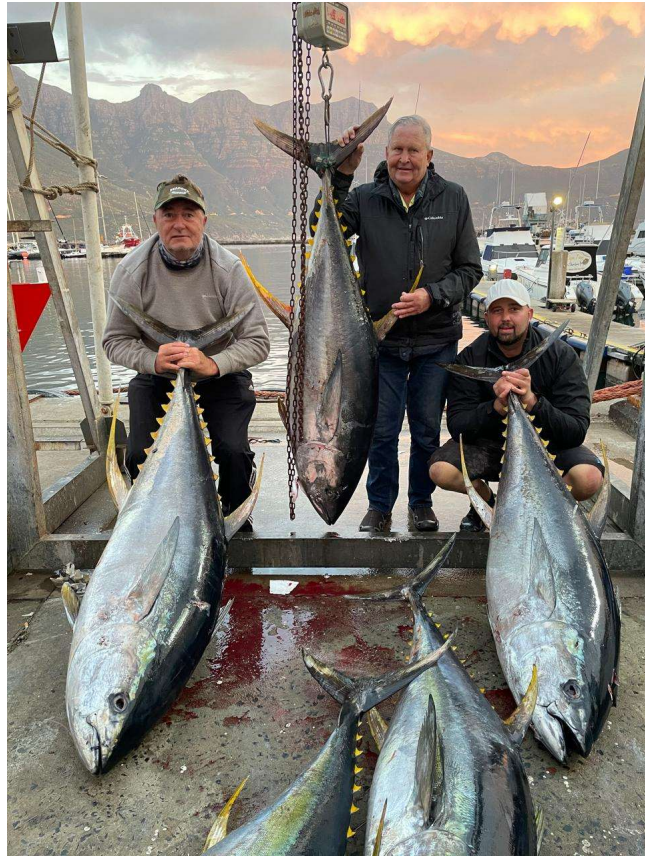


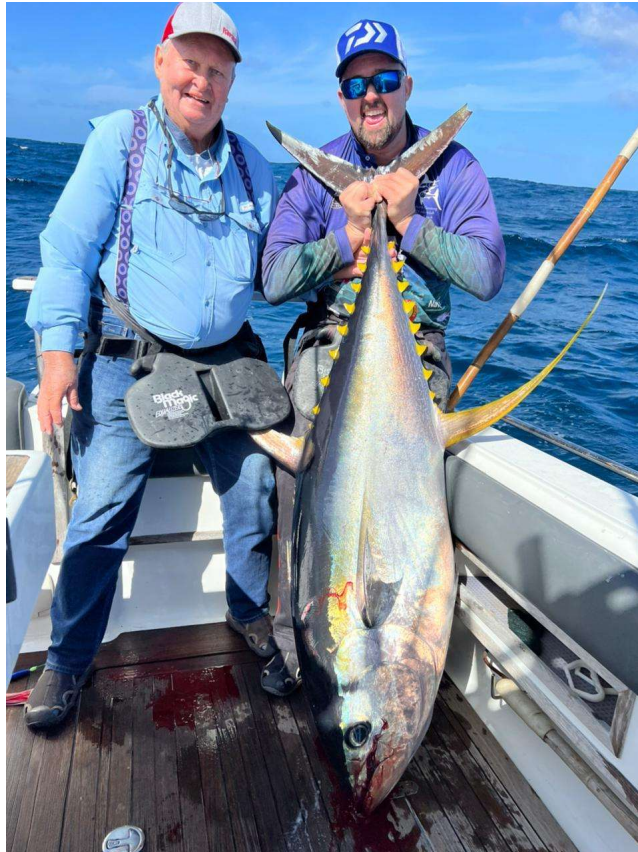


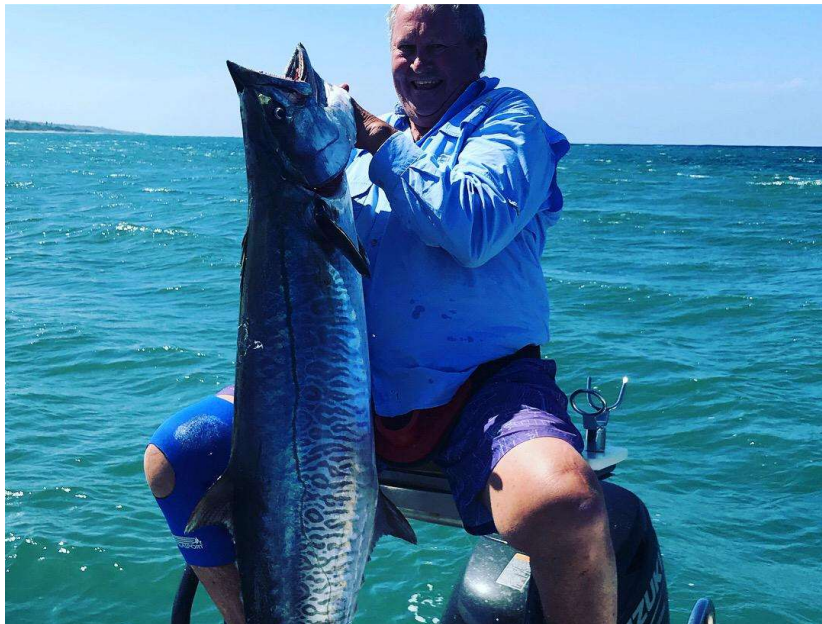












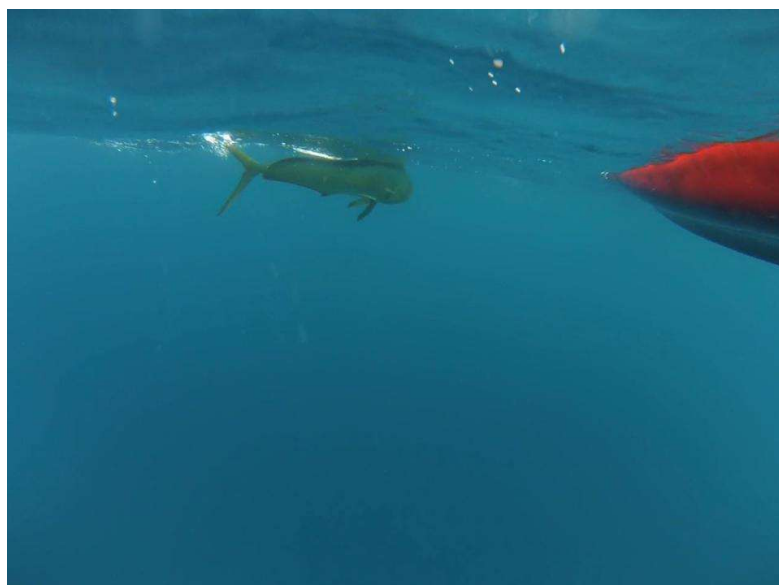
We at NOMADS GAME FISHING CLUB salute this legend. May he “Rest in Peace” and may his legacy continue for many years. - Editor

POP POP BANG BANG



Targeting the favourite Popcorn bream

Dorado, Mahi Mahi, Dolphin Fish, Popcorn Bream, Green Machine...Call them what you like but *Coryphaena Hippurus* are one of the most exciting and acrobatic fish to target. They fight hard and fast and pull no punches. Their antics include normally jumping out of the water again and again with some incredible acrobatic displays, and darting off on swift powerful runs, knitting your line if you are not careful and having zero regard for you as an adversary. So often you will also find that you double up so that means double the chaos and double the fun. Even when you have them boated you may think the fight is over, but it almost never is. So be very careful when boating a "green" fish as this fish is a Cage fighter of note and it's for all the above reasons why they are so gleefully targeted by us anglers. Plus, the fact that they are delicious to eat as well.



As the water starts to warm up you will find these beautiful green bullets arriving in great numbers and normally the Dorado starts arriving around mid-November in KZN waters up at Cape Vidal and Sodwana. This year they arrived very early. The guys were catching good numbers and good size fish in Cape Vidal over this first weekend of November and the first Dorries have been caught in Durban Waters already. Dorries are even caught as far South as the waters off Cape Town but are more often found up to and including parts of the Transkei. They love the warm, clean water so if the warm currents go far South, so will a few Dorries. And they are generally around until the end of March with some being caught as late as June in some years. As the winter sets in so they follow the warmer waters back north or deep and it is the warmer waters that give them such a healthy appetite with some anglers having caught one Dorado on several baits as he was munching his way through the boat's spread.

Dorado love blue water and open ocean migratory fish and when that water is that almost purple colour you are sure to have some Dorado around. They travel at high speed and cover huge distances. So, they will often be caught in deep water meaning the guys fishing who are fishing for Marlin and big Tuna in the deep will often get Dorado as a by catch even when not targeting them specifically. Off KZN they are very often found in around 35 to 40 metres of water making them easy enough for Kayaks, Jet Skis, smaller boats and the big boats to target. They will frequent areas where there are lots of baitfish and hunt voraciously and have on quite a few occasions been caught right on the backline. I caught one in about twelve metres of water off Eastmore about two years ago, so keep your bait out all the way till you are ready to pack up, especially if there has been bait in the shallow water then fish that water for a bit.



Tips for easy places to target Dorado is around the ships off Durban- but be sure not to interfere in any way with that ship. Normally you will be fine just trolling around them as they are anchored. Be careful not to go too close and be aware that the water can become a bit turbulent around the big vessels so be smart when doing this. Close to popular wrecks such as the “Fonte” near Umhlanga, off Salmon Bay, Jolly Rubino off St Lucia, as this is where there is a lot of baitfish. Colour lines - if you find a definitive colour line work the water on the clean side. The scum line attracts smaller fish feeding on nutrients which in turn attract bigger baitfish, which in turn attract Dorries. Floating debris or flotsam- it's like a mini ecosystem being created. Flotsam that has been in the water for a while quickly becomes a mini reef system complete with different life from all levels of the food chain from barnacle to Trigger Fish to even juvenile Dorado. Besides the attraction of the food available, scientists in the US have found that Flotsam is used by certain fish to orientate themselves in the vast expanse of the ocean. They will use this as a ‘home base’ as well, hunting in the deep and then returning to their ‘home’. The study was done on Tuna but who's to say Dorado does not do the same. A good pair of Polarized sunglasses will come in handy here. And then there are particular fishing spots that are well known for Dorrie activity, such as Cape Vidal. The beauty about a spot like cape Vidal is that they can be found very close to shore. You have the option of going deep if on Ski Boat or Jet Ski or target them just off the launch site on a kayak. Generally best tactic at Vidal is to go out and grab your live bait early and then work the point area in about 25 to 40 metres of water. If you feel fit enough on a kayak work your way down to the lighthouse but beware when the Dorado are around it means the North to South current is pushing and your paddle back will be fun, to put it mildly. At Vidal don't be scared to work in the bait mark area. If there is bait, then the gamefish will feed there eventually as well. You will also often find Dorado feeding with other game fish among the birds so always be on the lookout for birds diving. But don't race straight through the bait ball on your jet Ski or Ski Boat please, the bait will just sound and the fun will be over before it has even begun. On a kayak you can get away with it but in a motorised craft always approach that bait ball from the sides. Dorado are not lonely fish. You will find the smaller size fish in bigger shoals, and the big ones travel in pairs. When targeting them always expect at least a second fish and keep fishing the area even after hooking and landing the first. A good tactic is to keep the hooked Dorado in the water near the boat to attract the mate in, and once they close enough pitch a bait to the mate and you should go tight there too.





Dorado tactics being such greedy feeders, these Bolts of Green and Blue can be targeted via numerous methods- Live Bait, Dead Bait, trolling lures and Kona's, Stick baits, poppers and even spoons and jigs.

Lures.

This type of fishing for Dorries is very fun and can be pandemonium if the fish are wild. If fishing from a Jet Ski or Ski Boat pulling Kona's deep diving lures when on the move can be very effective. Using this method, you can find those Dorado in the middle of nowhere. Good lures to use are The Williamson Soft Dorado catcher(Motorised lure), Williamson Diamond Jet Feather (motorised lure), Williamson Sailfish Catcher, the new Rapala X Rap Extreme, Nomad DTX Minnow, Halco Max 190 and 130, Halco Laserpro 160 to 190, Williamson Speedpro in natural Slower trolling or trolling on the kayak then change those Halco Max to the 110 size, Halco Laserpro to 120 or 140DD, even though the 160 can still be effective, The Kingfisher Rattler, Strikepro magic Minnow even depending on what they feeding on. Colours I would focus on here is the Purple/black/silver Halco (R 15), bonito, blue sardine – Halco, red head and Fire and pink tiger. Like I said earlier you can very often go double up, but if you don't then make sure you have a casting lure handy so if you reel in the first Dorrie you can throw a popper or Stick bait straight away to try and attract its mate or mates. Watching a Big Bull Dorado, or any size Dorado for that matter, hit a popper on the surface is a real sight to behold. When targeting these fish this season, be sure to put some time aside to target them on Poppers. When they hit you will not be disappointed. Some good Poppers to try out this season are the Nomad Design Chugg Norris, same lure that Bok Van Blerk got his cover fish on, Fish Inc also have a great range of poppers such as the Scrumhalf, and then there is the Halco Roosta range which has been tried and tested many times in our waters, Rapala have just brought out the X-Rap Magnum Xplode and if you don't have at least one Sox Handmade Popper in your arsenal then you are missing out on one of life's great pleasures. When using a popper, you generally sighting fishing or have seen the fish already. Another time to use the popper is when you pull up next to a bait ball getting smashed then throw it in

the mix. And as mentioned earlier when you have already bagged your first Dorrie, or your mate is on and you are in the vicinity, pop for its buddy. Stick baits can be used to very much the same effect. Try out the floating range from Fish Inc such as Wing, Winglet and Prop. These have incredible action. Fish Inc also has a sinking Stick bait called the Hooker. This is great to cast over the edges of a bait ball and bring it back deeper thus targeting the fish that are darting in and out of that bait from the depths. The sinking stick works especially well when the winds up. The Nomad Madscad is exactly that. It has a mad action and perfect for chasing that Dorrie, who's mate is busy tussling with your fishing buddy.

Jackfin Pelagus is also a great lure, and the flying fish pattern looks deadly. Spoons such as Halco Twisty's, Bite Me and Kingfisher Sprat spoons are perfect for when the Dorado get fussy. Believe it or not it does sometimes happen. They may be only feeding on smaller sprats, so you need to match the colours and pink, Dorado loves pink.

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And then something from left field. Dropshot. There are more than a few anglers who swear by Dropshot for Dorries. They reckon they cannot leave them alone. Another method is Bucktails such as the Spro range. Everything loves bucktails.



Live bait.

Your most common and live bait works well. Small Maasbunker, small Mackerel, redeye and even Sand Soldiers. There is a variety of tactics you can deploy. Circle hook size 3 on 30-pound Fluoro or Mono leader tied with Snell or Rapala knot is always good when you know there are not too many toothy critters around. A trace I have had a good degree of success on is a single Treble size 4 to 2 depending on size of your livie on no 4 wire. This is pinned behind the head of the livie, so it forces it to swim down a bit. If fishing a place like Vidal where toothies roam freely then simple single size one with a size four treble on number five or six wire fore bite trace, and size four or five wire leader.

Slow drift or slow troll when live baiting and it's a good idea to keep one livie on the surface, and the other down rigged to about ten or fifteen metres on a six-ounce sinker. Leave the drag set very loose or even on free spool, with the ratchet on. When the fish takes the bait let him eat. Count slowly to eight or ten then tighten up. If you fish a circle hook all you need to do is tighten the drag and the hook will set itself, especially when using a Snell knot.

Dead Bait.

Dorries are hungry creatures and will not leave a dead Sardine or mackerel alone if presented correctly. A simple dead bait trace that works very well is a small no 1 single through the nose, no. 6 wire bite trace, no. 4 treble through the back of the bait, a pink skirt finished off with no. 5 or 6 wire lead trace.

So go out there and have some awesome Dorado fun this season. Remember to show a lot of respect to this fish while fighting it and once it has been boated, always be alert for surface action, flotsam and other tell-tale signs.

Dorado are among the fastest growing fish making them very resilient to fishing pressure. However, their current vulnerability is moderate to high, and as with all our fish stocks, show respect, throw the little ones back and don't over exploit them, regardless of who your skipper is, who your mommy is or what your status with your mates is.

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Nomads Prize Giving – 2025

Southern Gauteng Interclub			
Top Angler			
Gold	Mike Baty	214.35 points	
Silver	Wade Martin	89.31 points	
Bronze	Adrian Feher	73.31 points	
Top Skipper/Boat			
Gold	Watermark	254.84	
Silver	Tjaila Tyd	224.84	
Bronze	Gaffer Dog	183.89	
Nomads Closed Cape Vidal			
Top Angler			
Gold	Guy Pinker	618.63 points	
Silver	Alex Lockyer	201	
Bronze	Sean Cockcroft	58.19 points	
Top Skipper/Boat			
Gold	Mark Cockcroft	Watermark	689.37
Silver	Shaun Aspen	Fintastic	270.70
Bronze	Alex Lockyer	Cheezy	206.38
Floating trophies			
Sally Greening Trophy	1 st released Marlin	Guy Pinker	Closed
Anglers Corner Trophy	1 st Released Sailfish	Mike Baty	Rose Bowl
Herbert Green Trophy	Top placed angler representing club province country		
J&C Blake Trophy	Most Meritorious Gamefish	Adrian Feher	13.98 Prodigal Son Rosebowl
Dave and Lyn McMillan Trophy	Most Meritorious Cuta	Shaun Aspen	8.1kg cuta on 6kg line Closed 58.32points
Anglers Taxi Trophy	Most Meritorious Dorado	Wade Martin	12.34kg Rosebowl
Dave and Lyn McMillan Trophy	Most Meritorious Tuna	Sean Cockcroft	10.9kg 38.02 points Closed
Oom Ben Trophy	Heaviest other gamefish	Patrick Maloney	Dorado 14.51kg Rosebowl
Kobus Botha	Best Junior Angler		
Total Holiday Inn Trophy	Lady Angler of the Year	Eleanor Roode	6.15kg & 5.64kg cuta Rosebowl on 10kg, yellowfin 5kg, 4.8kg on 6kg line Closed
Hans Bonarius Trophy	Top Angler of the Year	Guy Pinker	618.63 points
Mercury Outboard Trophy	Top Skipper/Boat of the year	Mark Cockcroft/ Watermark	944.21 points
Peter Henderson Trophy	Top Upcoming Angler		
Leon de Beer Trophy	Most Successful Billfish angler	Dave Martin	15 sailfish and 1 blue marlin
Ivanhoe Trophy	Nomads Member who contributed Most to Deep Sea Angling	Gus Pinker	
Craig Shorter Trophy	Top Billfish Skipper for 2024	Kevin Allardyce 5 Marlin 1 Sailfish	
Trophy for Tag and Release Billfish in either the Rosebowl/ Closed	Mike Baty Sailfish Rosebowl/ Alex Lockyer Closed/ Guy Pinker Marlin Closed		









Thank you to the committee of 2025 for all their hard work throughout the year. This does not go unnoticed. The prize giving is a milestone for the club, and we trust that more members will be available to attend in 2026.

REMINDER.

NOMADS CLOSED

2026

15 – 19 June

Xai-Xai

Mozambique

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The Nomads Chant

We're Nomads We're Nomads

We live in the sea

Our boats are our homes

And our spirits are free

We travel the coastline

In search of our wish

And when we get lucky

We catch that big fish

We're loyal to Nomads

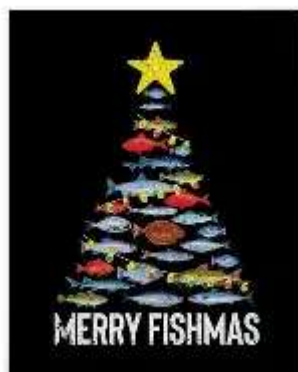
'cause we are the best

And if you're not with us

You will **lose with the rest!!**

..... Nomads!!!

*To All the Nomads Family may you be blessed over festive
season and safe travels.*



“Tight Lines and may all the hook ups stick”

Gus Pinker – Editor.