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Catch it on Cam



From the Helm



Hi all,

Maybe I should say Aloha, as I write this from a very slow bite off Hawaii?

A lot has been happening since the last newsletter and Nomads has remained active in various competitions with very good report backs from numerous sources. So thanks to those anglers for keeping the 'Proudly Nomads' flag flying high.

It is unfortunate that we had to cancel the Shelly Beach Winter competition due to lack of entries, as the bite has been really hot down there of late and I'm certain that we could have weighed a lot of fish, maybe next year?

Although your committee has had to chop and change, various aspects of the Nomads Closed due to the slow entries and other unforeseen circumstances, I can assure you that those fortunate enough to be going to Cape Vidal are in for a good time, thanks to the tireless efforts of the competition committee, headed up by Colin Green.

The quarterly meetings and social get together's have been a revelation to the winter chill with good attendance, late evenings, and lots of fishing talk with huge pinches of salt, thanks to all the Nomads stalwarts for your continued support and we look forward to the next one. It's great seeing some of the 'old' faces again, with a good contingency of newer, younger faces, in the mix, keep it up.

As we prepare for the spring and a new season of skiboat angling, it is my wish to provide our members with as much assistance as possible, not only for the 2015 Rosebowl, but to empower everyone with sufficient angling knowledge to go out there and make every fishing trip an angling success whether it be socially or competitively.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any suggestions that you may have which you believe could assist you and your fellow anglers to become better anglers, after all, this is your club and we are here to serve.

Until we meet again my friends, set your drags sharpen your hooks and tight lines!

Yours in angling,
Dave Martin



Protea Angling - Local News

A Bredell father of three has left for Hawaii on Wednesday to take part in the 55th Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament.

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Martin, who has fished all over the world, including places like Guatemala, Hawaii, the Amazon jungle, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Panama, among others, is chairman of Nomads Gamefish Club in Benoni.

He specialises in catching sailfish, which, along with spearfish, swordfish and marlin, are categorised as billfish. He uses light tackle to catch these enormous creatures.

The biggest billfish he ever caught weighed an estimated 300kg. Martin has caught over 100 billfish in his life and only one died. He has represented South Africa on six tours, this being his seventh. He was captain of three of those teams and will again be captain when the SA team heads to Puerto Rico in August. Martin says catching billfish is an art. You learn to feel the fish, how its responds, and ultimately wrestle with the giants of the deep.

The winners of this competition will be determined based on the most billfish caught and released. "They encourage releasing the fish unharmed," said Martin. Fish weighing over 300kg will ensure extra points. Over 30 teams representing more than 10 countries participate in this annual tournament with South Africa always held in high regard.

The SA team also sponsored satellite tracking tags, which will be put on the fish caught. These chips will send data about the fish and its migration patterns directly to Stanford University in California.

Bredell dad off to catch the big ones

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Article in Kempton Express

Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament Celebrates 55 Years of Tournament Fishing in Kona



In all, 33 teams from Australia, China, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Vanuatu and across the United States are competing in this marathon five-day tournament.

Kailua Pier is a great place to watch the iconic Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament start each morning at 7:30 am as boats line up across Historic Kailua Bay.

Spectators can expect to see lots of scoreboard action as teams weigh in their big fish at the end of fishing each day at 4:30 pm.

START FISHING, START FISHING, START FISHING.

We are looking forward to the results of our Team - Returning soon!



Protea Deep Sea Anglers representing South Africa in Hawaii: Eric Visser, Phillip Marx (Captain), Dave Martin, Andrew Bowie (SADSAA)

Save the Date

Important Nomads dates to remember

16 August 2014

Broadbill Swordfish Workshop
at The Fishing Proshop



BROADBILL WORKSHOP

28 August 2014

Protea Puerto Rico send off
at Nomads Club *(Please note RSVP required)*
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24 September 2014

Heritage Day
Nomads Braai day at the Club

13-17 October 2014

Nomads Closed at Cape Vidal



SGDAA - Office Holders For 2014/15

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	Johan Lange	Makaira
	(Dress Shirts Columbia)	
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Protea Selector 1	Dave Martin	Nomads
Protea Selector 2	Eric Visser	

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IMPORTANT SADSAA NOTICE

To all Nominating anglers at National Level.

Please note that if you have Skipped your boat in more than two National SADSAA Events, you qualify for SADSAA Skippers Colours.

In order for Lyn to submit your application, please email her, your name, the event and date.

For Example: **MIKE BEANS** **SAILFISH NATIONALS** **2013**
 MARLIN NATIONALS **2012**

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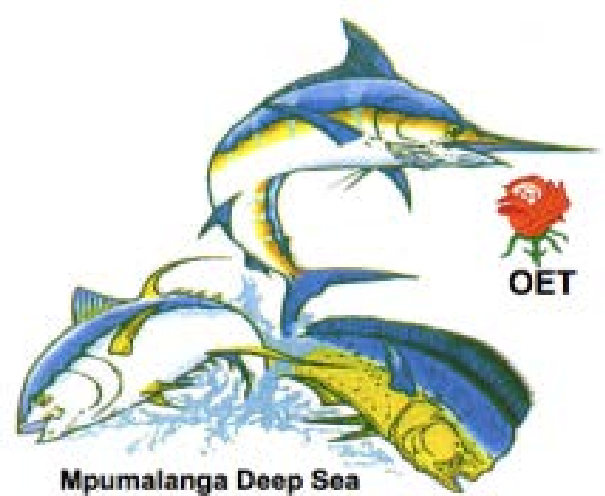
SADSAA Calendar

Month	Event
AUG	8-10 All Coastals - Gonubie 6-9 Bottom Fish Interprovincial - Kleinbaai 15-17 Richards Bay Bottom Fish Interclub
SEPT	23-28 Bottomfish Nationals Durban Rod And Reel
OCT	6 - 10 NtvI Sailfish Interprovincial - Sodwana Bay 13-17 Nomads Closed - Cape Vidal 21-15 Cape Boat Competition
NOV	3-7 Oet Billfish And Gamefish Bonanza -Sodwana Bay 10-14 Billfish 15 000 - Sodwana Bay 17-21 Tri Facet Championships- Sodwana Bay
DEC	TBA Port Alfred Christmas Classic

"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

- John Buchan

Mercury OET Bill & Gamefish Tournament



Mpumalanga Deep Sea Angling Association

For more information click on the link below:
<http://mdsaa.net/2014/07/02/2014-mercury-oet-bill-gamefish-tournament-announcement/>



Copper Fund

Border has initiated a Copper Fund for the cost of the Court Case regarding the banning of Coppers.

If you are interested in supporting the cause by taking tickets please email me as I have books available and can complete this side once funds have been received into Border Deep sea Bank Account, scan and email you the tickets back.

BDSAA account:
FNB
Southernwood
Branch code: 210221
A/c No: 52130264543.

Please note that every 9 tickets sold, you get one for free.

Your assistance in this regard is much appreciated and we all thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

Tracy Taylor
Border Deep sea Secretary on behalf of Tyrone Gower – Border
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New visa requirements

New Visa requirements for South Africans

This is to notify that the Government of the Republic of Kenya has with effect from 1st July, 2014 decided to introduce the following measures for the South African nations who wish to visit Kenya; Ordinary Visa applicants travelling to or transiting through Kenya will be required to pay a service charge of R 750 (\$70).

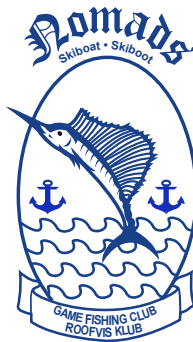
Holders of Official or Diplomatic Passports travelling on Government business are not affected by these changes and will continue to get visitor's Passes on arrival at the ports of entry.

All applicants will be required to produce the following documents:

1. Return Air Ticket
2. Invitation letter from the host in the Republic of Kenya
3. Letter from employer/Institution/College/School
4. Proof of funds (bank statement)
5. Applicants must appear in Person for Biometrics
6. 2 Passport Photographs.

The High Commission further wishes to inform that the Visa Service Fees payments should be made at the Kenya High Commission/Embassy premises and Visas will no longer be issued on arrival in Kenya. It should be noted that the processing period for the visas is strictly five (5) working days.

14th June 2014
Kenya High Commission
Pretoria



BROADBILL SWORDFISH WORKSHOP

In light of this untapped fishery and considering the Billfish 15000 is including BROADBILL in their tournament. Nomads GFC, Dorado SBC and The Fishing Pro Shop have invited anglers who have caught broadbill at Sodwana during day time fishing hours in the past 3 years to conduct a workshop.

Come and learn how they do it.

Workshop is free of charge.

Saturday
16 Aug

09h00 – 13h00
Fishing Pro Shop,

Please join us for a boerie roll and cold beer.

You are also welcome to bring your cooler box and meat.

See You There!

Address:
Fishing Pro Shop,
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Broadbill Swordfish



Without doubt, broadbill swordfish are an iconic oceanic species. They are one of the fastest, most powerful fish in the sea. But they are not easy to catch but talking to people who have caught them, and lost some of them too, it is apparent that they are one of, if not the strongest fish in the ocean.

They are also a fish of mystery as they live in deep water. Few anglers have ever seen a broadbill during daylight hours, let alone hooked or landed one. The broadbill is the epitome of power and their body shape simply confirms this. Big heavy shoulders leading back towards a big lunate tail, with a heavy wrist that carries a single large keel on each side. Its large eye allows it to hunt in the dark, at depths of up to 650 metres, and its physiology is such that it can swim up to the surface from these depths without suffering barotrauma.

The broad, flat bill — from which it derives its name — is approximately one third of the body length of a mature adult, and it is a fearsome weapon indeed. Broadbill are one of the few creatures in the ocean that will attack blue pointer sharks, which inhabit the same territory. Indeed one broadbill was filmed attacking a submersible! No wonder anglers love them.

Broadbill swordfish are a prime target of commercial long-line fleets. Europeans in particular love them, and broadbill are very popular in countries around the Mediterranean. So popular, and for so long, that the commercial fishing pressure in the Mediterranean is believed to have actually brought about a change in the size of maturity of this species. While broadbill swim in the Indian Ocean many anglers will aspire to catch them, some will actually get to try, but far fewer will actually achieve the dream of landing a big broadbill swordfish.

Identification

Broadbill swordfish, as the name suggests, carry a large broad, sword-like, bill which is around one-third of the overall length of the fish. They are a blackish-brown, with a hint of purple, on their backs fading to light brown or cream on the belly. Adults have no teeth or scales. They have two widely separated dorsal fins, no pelvic fins at all and a large keel on each side of the wrist of the tail.

Size

Broadbill can grow up to 540 kilos in weight.

Distribution

Broadbill are widely distributed and can tolerate a very large range of water temperatures from 5-27 degrees Celsius. They congregate around deep seamounts and canyons.

Breeding and migration

Spawning takes place in the upper layers of the ocean and mainly occurs in water temperatures of 24 degrees Celsius and above. Adult broadbill do not aggregate to spawn but breed as a pair. Their pelagic eggs drift around in the ocean currents and when the larvae hatch they tend to stay within a few metres of the surface, where they feed on other fish larvae once they attain 10mm in length.

Broadbill take about five to six years to mature at which point they weigh around 70 kilos. After they reach two years, females grow much more rapidly than males and ultimately achieve a much larger size. Very little is known about the large-scale movement of broadbill, but it is known that they congregate around deep seamounts and canyons.

It is thought that, as swordfish are primarily a warm water species, its major migrations would most likely be towards temperate waters in summer for feeding and then back into warmer water in winter for spawning. It is known from satellite tagging programs that swordfish move into the surface layers of the ocean at night and then move back down to the depths during the day. It is thought by some scientists that this vertical movement may assist in food digestion amongst other things. It may also be that this behaviour assists in helping the fish to recover from the low oxygen and water temperatures in the deeper water.

These vertical movements may occur quite fast and broadbill have to contend with variations in water temperature of up to 19 degrees Celsius. In order to be able to safely undertake these huge variations in temperature the broadbill have various attributes which include a series of blood vessels behind the eye to enable it to operate at optimal temperatures and maintain its acuity.

Threats

The biggest single threat to broadbill swordfish is pelagic longlines. To illustrate this point, the Japanese longline fleet that fished New Zealand waters (inside 200 nautical miles) until the early nineties caught up to 150 tonnes of broadbill whereas the Australian fleet a couple of years ago were taking nearly 2,500 tonnes. This is because the Australian fleet target broadbill very successfully using different fishing gear to the Japanese longliners. The concern is that Australian fisheries experiences, at Mooloolaba in Queensland, have shown that broadbill stocks are very vulnerable to localised depletions and these may well have already occurred in WA waters. Inshore longline closures are looking like the only viable solution to allow recreational anglers to access this icon species.

Tackle and bait

Because broadbill are so strong, I would suggest that 37kg and 60kg game fishing gear is best suited to the task. You will need heavy mono traces and the strongest crimps and

swivels you can find when targeting this species. Large tuna circle hooks are preferred by anglers chasing broadbill using baits, Broadbill feed primarily on pelagic fish species like tuna, Dorado and flying fish, as well as squid. On the occasions that they move over the Continental Shelf they will feed on mackerel & sardines. This means there are a range of bait options that can be used for broadbill.

Fishing methods

The old tried and tested internationally accepted way to catch broadbill was to drift at night and set a range of baits at various depths ranging from 20-150m below the surface. Squid, mackerel or small tuna were the preferred baits. Now this method still certainly works, but increasingly anglers are looking to cover more water and adopting slow trolling methods to do this. Slow trolling is carried out at boat idle speed and a whole squid, tuna, or a fresh belly flap, is rigged behind a softhead skirted trolling lure and then set to swim deep using breakaway sinkers or a down-rigger. This is the way I would fish because it allows me to fish the structure I have chosen rather than simply drifting at the whim of the current and wind. Importantly too, it allows me to cover more of the ocean to find a broadbill.

The strike of a broadbill is a bit different to what you might expect from such a large and powerful fish. Often it's a slow clicking of the reel as the fish takes the bait, increasing gradually as the broadbill picks up speed. But a word of caution here; the mouth of a broadbill is quite soft in parts so quite a few fish come unstuck early in the piece leaving anglers shaking, bewildered and wondering what might have been. But if your hook holds the fight from there on I can guarantee the fight will be hard and exciting. They really are very special fish.

References: Australian Fisheries Resources by Kailola, Williams, Stewart, Reichelt, McNee and Grieve. FAO Species Catalogue No. 5, Billfishes of the World by Izumi Nakamura.

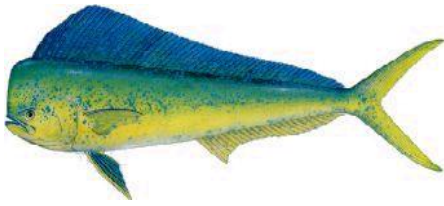
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28th Billfish 15 000

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Dear Boat Owner, Skipper & Angler

RE: INVITATION FOR THE BILLFISH 15000 TOURNAMENT - 2014

It is with great pleasure to announce our *28th Billfish 15 000 Tournament.*

During the week of the **10th to the 14th of November 2014**, Dorado Ski Boat Club will once again host their Annual Billfish 15000 Tournament.

This is the biggest event of its kind in the world, and we have had participating teams from Finland, Wales, Italy, Australia, England, Hawaii, Zimbabwe, Azores, Namibia, Germany, Canada and Swaziland. The tournament program consists out of registration (where every angler receives a hamper with T-shirts, caps, glasses, magazine etc.), a grand opening function (all functions are held in a 30 x 40mtr marquee tent), fishing (Monday - Friday from first light - 14h00), daily weigh-in and happy hour and a spectacular prize-giving function on the Friday evening.

In the past years we have relied on various sponsors to support us by means of buying an advertisement in our annual magazine or folder, sponsor towards TV broadcast, cash sponsorships or some of their products as prizes. In the light of the Tournament's past success, we kindly ask for your support towards the Billfish 15000.

This tournament has a unique point system in place. Thereby they determine their winners, but also enforcing conservation through tag and release. This tournament evolved in to a fully tag and release competition. The biggest billfish caught in the history of the tournament was a Black Marlin of 375kg caught off the boat Mitsufushi in the 2000 tournament. In 2010 a Black Marlin was caught off the boat Sledge Hammer and weighed 351KG the second biggest for the Billfish 15000 in 24 years. The Billfish 15000 actively contributes towards research by assisting O.R.I in collecting all statistics of catches of game fish, T&R of every billfish that is released. We also generously contribute financially towards Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for conservation and development.

In 1987 the first Billfish 15000 took place and had 60 Boats competing for R15 000. In the 2000 tournament, 179 boats competed for prizes (Cash, Big Bangers etc.) to the value of R1.5 Million. There was one important difference apart from the major increase in the value of the prizes and the number of participants, and that was the number of billfish released. In 1987 virtually no billfish were released. During the 2009 tournament in which there were only 2 days of angling due to weather conditions 4 Marlin were caught and weighed and 14 Billfish were released. In 2010 a record number of 62 releases were made. The Billfish 15 000 made headlines with a new world record in 2011 where 133 billfishes was successfully released in 5 days. The current average ratio is 27:1. Twenty seven billfish released for every billfish weighed. In 2012 the Billfish 15 000, again successfully tag & released a total of 89 Billfish.

The Billfish 15000 committee has been brainstorming for a while trying to make this tournament even more special & unique, without complicating it or changing its character. It has to remain beyond doubt the only tournament of its kind in the world. Is this possible?

Our statistics point out that anglers have caught 5 billfish species on the Monday of the Billfish 15000 tournament during the last couple of years. This is a great achievement both nationally and international. There are very few billfish grounds around the world where you can successfully target black, blue & striped marlin, sailfish and shortbill spearfish on the same day. We know that the best of the best billfish anglers are competing in our tournament and we are convinced that we can achieve something greater, with the combined knowledge and skills of all these exceptional anglers.

The only available specie of billfish that we have not yet been caught during the Billfish 15000, is the Gladiator of the deep – *Broadbill*. Can it be done?? Of course!!!

Various anglers have caught broadbill at Sodwana during day time fishing hours in the past 3 years. Obviously the technique is new and different to that what most of us are familiar with. We made an effort to consult with some of

10 - 14 November - Enter now

these successful broadbill anglers and they were all more than willing to share knowledge & experience and give advice.

We will be sending out more info concerning this in the near future but for now we are prepared to say that broadbill will be part of the 2014 Billfish 15000 tournament! The points allocated for the release of broadbill will be more than the points for marlin or sailfish.

Interesting Statistics 1987 - 2013

Number of anglers that participated	10190	anglers
Number of boats that participated	2495	boats
Man-hours fished for billfish	421360	hours
Fuel consumed by boats only (excl. Vehicles)	18434700	litres
Committee hours to organize these tournaments	119127	hours

The tournament is limited to a specific amount of boats and works on an invitation-only-basis. The Billfish 15000 organizing committee scrutinizes every entry to ensure that only the best of the best compete in this prestigious event.

Prizes will be allocated to the boats with the most points. Only fully paid up boats will be entered in the competition. **We are limited to the number of boats. Enter now to avoid disappointment.**

We will bring you updates via E-mail as to the progress of the competition, including prizes up for grabs. **Please ensure that you include your correct E-mail address.**

Please take note of the following:

1. **Registration will be Sunday 9th of November 2014 at 14h00 – 16h00 in the Marquee Tent.**
2. **The Entry fee of R6 500 (Six Thousand Five Hundred Rand) must be paid in full per boat. Crew must consist of not less than 3 (three) persons and no more than 5 (five) persons on the boat. Thereafter R1300-00 (One Thousand Three Hundred Rand) per additional angler if boat permit**
3. **A registration fee of R400-00 (Four Hundred Rand) per non-angler** will be charged at registration in order to enjoy happy hours (glass only) every evening in the Marquee tent
4. All participants have to make their own arrangements for accommodation (camp sites KZN Bookings 033 845 1000), freezing facilities etc. for their own account.
5. **Participants staying outside Sodwana Camp site please make arrangements with me for permits to enter at the second camp gate (Marquee Tent) - to collect on day of registration**
6. **NO SPONSOR OTHER THAN AN OFFICIAL BILLFISH 15000 SPONSOR TO BE PROMOTED IN ANY WAY (INCLUDING BOAT STICKERS, BRANDED CLOTHING ETC.)**

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If you have any queries or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on, Cell: 079 635 4116 or via Email.

God - The Giver of all good things gave us domain over things on earth. We now pray for wisdom and reverence, so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them and that generations yet to come may praise Him for His bounty.

Yours in angling,

Blyde Pretorius

Coordinating & Administrating
Billfish 15000

Rose Bowl SGDSAA Interclub Report

23 - 28 March

The opening ceremony went off relatively well, although a bit of time was wasted trying to decipher some of the more ambiguous rules prior to the kick off. It is always great to see the other provincial anglers, people who have become our friends. The Rose Bowl atmosphere was positive and friendly. Thanks must be given to Guinjata and Bret in particular for organizing the competition at the new venue on very short notice.

On the way down the team and other teams had a brace of incidents involving pedestrians and extreme caution must be exercised while driving towards Pongola and the more rural roads. It appears to have got worse than before with domestic stock, inebriated pedestrians and small children crossing the road. However the team arrived safely, so all was well.

Day 1 was very tough fishing but still Nomads ended up as the top club for the day. A good start. Gaffer Dog brought a sailfish to the table, but unfortunately it was disqualified due to the leader lines not being within the IGFA dictated length parameters. Wade Martin fishing on Gaffer Dog was devastated, but a lot of positive was derived from the incident. Firstly it gave us a depth, direction, lure type and a speed adjustment to be utilize for the balance of the competition with regard to targeting Sailfish. It also highlighted the need for the club to tackle our development with greater enthusiasm. To Wade, sorry man, but well fished to have got the sailfish and for maintaining a positive outlook. I will be the first to break champagne against the bow of your first future boat which I believe will be named 1;3;1.

Day 2 very few fish where brought to the scales and Nomads slipped to 2nd position. I also become obvious that the light tackle boats, targeting game fish had a better game plan as highlighted at the weigh in and with the overall fishing being so slow. Up to this point the 36 boats partaking had zero success at releasing a bill. Some Nomads boats adjusted their focus from Marlin to Sailfish and game fish. We still had Free Spool and My Dream doing the hard yards in the deep water to find that elusive Marlin for the club.

Day 3 started with a big surf and an unfortunate incident, where a Guinjata boat capsized in the surf. Nobody was injured and the resultant shock made many skippers opt out of launching for the day. As far as I was concerned it was the wiser and more level headed that chose this option. The entire days fishing was slow and then in half an hour we had 4 boats in the fleet hooked up onto billfish. Gaffer Dog, with Anton Getz the angler, brought another sailfish to the table, thanks Ballie, RamKat hooked up but lost a Sailfish and Ocean Commotion landed a Marlin. Father Time hooked into a 20kg Marlin while drifting for a Cuta and landed the fish and secured the competition for TSC. Good fishing and it looks like the ghost of Henry is still on the boat.



Day 4 was a 50:50 day with strong winds in the morning and a forecast that indicated the winds would increase at around 9H00 hours to 25knots gusting 35 knots, most opted to go drink a beer and a few skippers launched and fished for a few hours before the wind chased them off the ocean. Notably the Nomads boat Bulldog under Kevin took to the seas and produced some fish which included species and brought good points to the table.

Day 5 was also bad weather, bad fishing and bad seas, Enigma got knocked over by a freak wave at the 600m depth mark. The wave hit the boat so hard it cracked both engine cowlings and bent the starboard outrigger. Very close call. In the end TSC were the winners, Makeria took second place and Nomads ended up a lowly third position. Well it is time to say thank you to the team for all their efforts, scratch our heads, lick our wounds and compile a better plan to approach the next Rose Bowl with. The Southern Guateng guys are a great bunch and it is always a pleasure fishing with them.

Regards, Mitchell Moore





Congratulations to TSC



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2015 Rosebowl News

35th SGDSAA INTERCLUB



July 2014

Durban Ski-Boat Club, sends warm welcome to SGDSAA for the Interclub 2015

Firstly we are very honoured that you have considered our club as your venue for such a prestigious event. You can rest assured that we have the physical resources, well organised and committed management to "do you proud".

We in Durban recognise the fact that our club and facilities not only belong to our members but we have a greater responsibility to anglers all over SA and further a field to ensure they can enjoy the ocean, and have a happy Durban fishing experience. We embrace visitors, who more often than not become members whilst they are with us. In a nutshell you will become part of the DSBC family.

I will put in point form what we can offer you to add value to your members, and your event:

1. You will have full hospitality in the sense you and your families must just make themselves at home.
2. We will issue all participants and guests with entry cards.
3. Secure parking will be made available for all boats and vehicles.
4. We can arrange mechanics to be on standby if any engines start playing up.
5. 3 tractors will be available for launching and retrieving boats at no cost. We also have push poles for those who prefer looking after their trailers. Please note our tractors are not fitted with winches but members can use their own vehicles to trailers their boats. Members can also use their own vehicles to launch boats. It is a soft and safe launch site with plenty of room.
6. Members are welcome to camp on the DSBC premises at no cost. The club is open 24/7 so the showers and toilet facilities are available 24/7.
7. For the duration of the competition we will have a dedicated coffee bar with rusks early morning, this will be included in your entry fee.
8. Although DSBC has professional security, additional security will be hired for the duration of the competition to ensure the safety of your boats and vehicles.
9. DSBC has a kitchen which will be open for meals during the day, and night, (all evening meals will be provided for all participants in your entry fee). We also have 2 bars--- a wet bar downstairs, and an upper bar with a deck and magnificent views. There is also a top dining room, linked to the upper bar and top deck.

10. An area for boat washing will be arranged.
11. DSBC has a radio room with a VHF and 29MGH, with 2 retired, experienced radio controllers who will assist with the call ups, they also have a strong relationship with NSRI Durban (Station 5) incase of emergencies.
12. For the blow out days there is plenty to do in Durban, Ushaka and the Aquarium is next door, and plenty of restaurants and watering holes.
13. DSBC also has a grass patch in the front of the club house, that has braai facilities (for those wishing to do thier own cooking), we provide the fires but please support our bar while you braai. Gazebos are also provided to keep the hot sun from burning those Gauteng bodies!
14. DSBC prides itself in being a family club as well as a fishing club, so we make sure our facilities cater for Mums, Grandparents and all the children. So bring the family along and have a week in the sun having fun with your Province.



Durban has something in store for all young and old!!



Durban Interclub Report

29 - 30 March

Day 1: The weather was very good in the morning and most of the boats caught fish. We caught 5 snoek, but only two weighed (2.5kg and 2.3 kg). Two caught by Kevin and I and Brad one. Unfortunately Kevin missed out on a lovely fish, that the skipper missed gaffing.

Day 2: A strong wind was blowing making fishing conditions unpleasant. We tried for some Yellow fin behind some Dolphins but the Shelly Beach team told me that you must be virtually on top of them as opposed to behind them. Brad lost a very good sized yellow fin and Kevin a monster – could have been a Yellow fin but more likely a shark which he fought for half an hour before the fish came back at us and the line was cut. The only thing I 'hooked' was a plastic bag!

There were 19 teams competing, The juniors knocked the spots off everybody with the DSBC junior boys winning the comp and the junior girls placed 5th. We were the only Inland representatives.

At first the boat allocation was a bit of a concern for us as we were advised that our skipper had cut his leg and was not available. Fortunately Graham Blackburn filled in as the



Anglers: Ivor Mathee (Captain) Kevin Brown & Brad Smith

replacement skipper with the boat 'Starfish' and turned out to be a great guy!

We had a great time and it was refreshing to fish with Brad (one of our new members). A first class, very enthusiastic, young man and an excellent 'catch' for the club.

Cheers
Ivor

Umhlanga Interclub

17 - 18 May

We drove down to Umhlanga on Friday and checked into Umhlanga Sands Hotel. After a nice cold beer while enjoying the superb view, we set up our rods and organised our tackle. Jordan impressed us by tying an excellent Bimini. Way to go Jord – Practise makes perfect!

After donning our Nomads shirts we left for the Umhlanga S.B.C. On arrival we were early and helped "Dizzy Lizzy" set up tables. For those of you who don't know, Lizzy is the hard working organiser and always goes the extra mile to make sure everything runs smoothly & everyone has a great time.

On opening night we drew Paul Watkins as our skipper. A very enthusiastic and obliging fellow who is based at Durban S.B.C. The weather did not play ball & we could not launch from Umhlanga. We had to launch from the sheltered Durban S.B.C.

On Saturday, we had a Yellowfin converted (Tax man) & Jordan caught a Hammerhead.

We also boated a few skipjack. Jordan dropped a decent Yellowfin close to the boat and for his first comp. & fourth time out to sea he did remarkably well.

On Sunday, we again caught nice live bait and I thought this was going to be our day. We fished hard without even a single rev! We did not feature on the leader board however the comp. was a great learning curve for Jordan and he couldn't stop thanking Nomads for the opportunity.

Umhlanga S.B.C Interclubs are always fantastic affairs and are well worth fishing!

We had a great time and all returned a little wiser. Hopefully it shall not be long before we once again see Nomads at the top of the leader board.

Yours in Fishing
Tyron



Ray Henderson



Tyron Gruar (Capt.)



Jordan Henderson (12 Yrs.)

Mapelane Trophy & Zululand Interclub Report

23- 25 May

The Mapelane interclub trophy is based on IGFA rules and we fished a 10kg line class. The teams are allocated their skippers some time before the competition and these allocations apply to accommodation and boats for both days.

Two days before the competition, our Skipper, Hennie de Beer phoned to introduce himself and ask if there were any requirements. I found this to be very thoughtful. When we met, I found him to be a first class gentlemen and he and his colleague did everything they could to make us welcome.

The club displayed similar tendencies to welcome us and make everyone part of the community. Apart from a fairly lengthy and uncomfortable drive along the last 35km to the camp, the accommodation, club house, ablutions, wash bay facilities and weigh in station were all comfortable, in good working order and well run by the club members.

The boat allocated to team Blue was a 21ft Yeld and likewise, was very well maintained and professionally cared for.

The skippers passion is bill fishing. However he constantly referred to me and the team asking what WE would like to do, interjecting with some of his own advice at times.

On day 1, the North Wester started blowing early and both teams took a good old pounding on the sea. Team Blue weighed a small yellow fin, knowing that it would not make the grade (3.6kg). Team Red also caught a small yellow fin and these were only weighed as part of the banter between the teams who had a private bet on the biggest fish. (Team Red is owed a lunch for their fish that was 200g heavier). The camaraderie between the Nomads teams was fantastic as was the relationship between Nomads and the other teams.

Tig and Alta Andrin and Trevor Spence joined the party for the week end and introduced us to a number of other Zululand anglers. Socially we had a great weekend.

A strong wind gusting above 24 knots blew most of the Saturday night and there was doubt we would launch on the Sunday. Team A's skipper made a call himself early on Sunday morning not to launch, but Team Blue decided that when the tide pushed



in enough water for the big boat to get over the sand bank, we would get some time on the water. Unfortunately, pressed for time in every decision that is all it was, time on the water.

Ultimately neither team weighed a fish worth a point. Whilst Team Red might argue that they only fished for one day, the fact that Team Blue did not weigh a fish could possibly be attributed to our lack of experience and time on the sea in really tough conditions. Something the Zululand boys are well conditioned to. Our skills are the skills we took to the competition and the decisions we made were by and large our decisions.

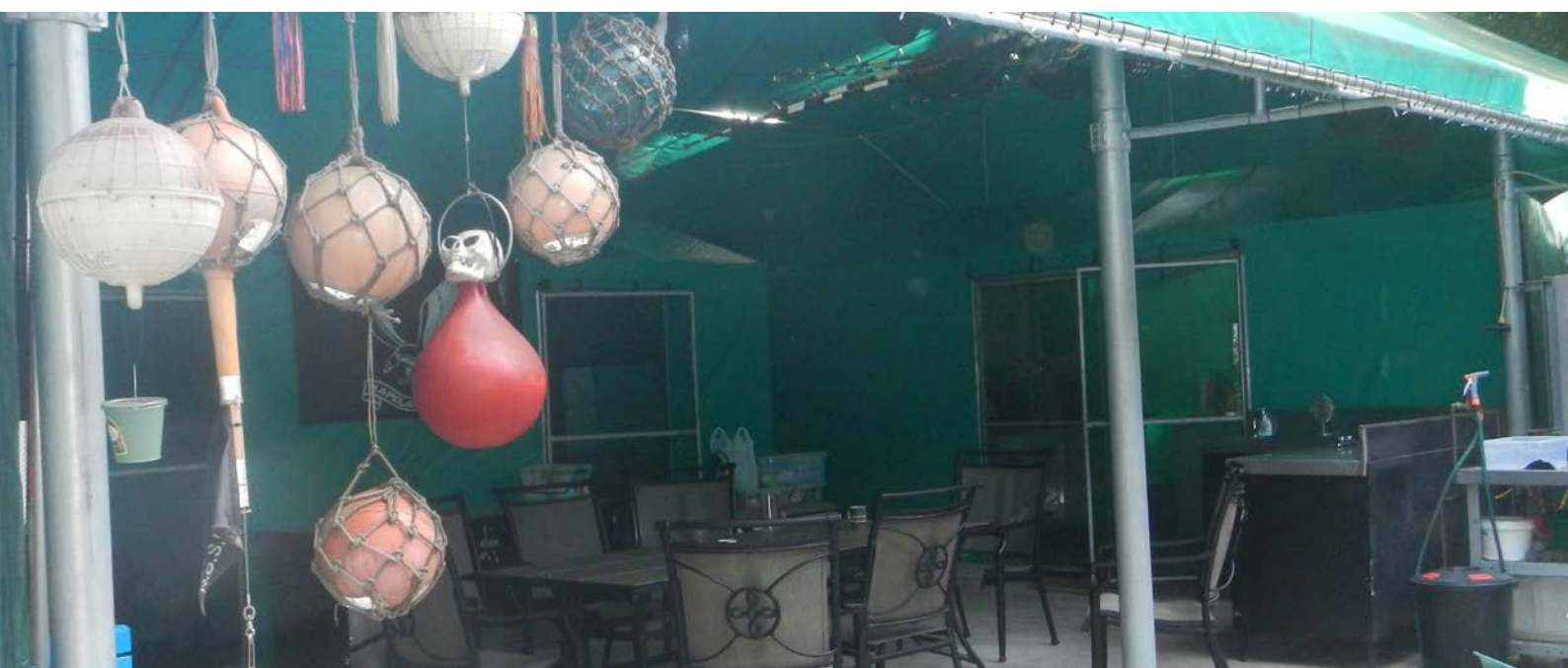
The prize giving was very well executed, although it started slightly late it was over within time for all the anglers heading back to Durban to negotiate the 35km of dirt in day light. The Nomads teams elected to stay over for the night and return on the Monday which turned out to be a wise decision.

All in all, a very well run competition, comfortable accommodation, good food, a well stocked bar and great spirit amongst the anglers.

Well worth trying again next year.

In closing I would like to thank my team, better luck next time. We might not have caught anything but the knowledge we gleaned meant we did not come away empty handed.

Kind regards
Mark



Zinkwazi Interclub Report

31 May - 1 June

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Nomads Committee for selecting Myself, Magriet and Ivor - we thoroughly enjoyed the Interclub, had great fun and the camaraderie amongst all the various teams was exceptional. The hosts pulled out all the stops to make this one of the best interclubs ever had.

On Friday evening we registered and received our packs and after the briefing 8 teams did boat draws for the Saturday and Sunday fishing days. It may be mentioned that other teams were allowed to supply their own boats which we were not aware of.

Nomads drew "Licence to Chill" - Skipper - Steward, on Saturday and "Fishfull Thinking" - Skipper Christo, on Sunday. Both boats were good draws as they were 19 and 21 ft Tomcats. The overall quality of the boats participating was excellent as can be seen from the enclosed photographs.

Saturday started off with big swells and the launching of the boats took quite a while as there were 21 teams participating. A strong NE wind of 25 knots was predicted and sure enough it hit us at about 10h30 that morning. We got our live bait and fished around High Point but fishing was very slow and only a few boats managed to get weighable fish. Steward our Skipper tried very hard we tried to get some Garrick close inshore had one strike on Magriet's rod but the fish did not come back to feed again. We ended the day trying to get some bottom fishing for big Cob that was around but we could only get a under size Grunter. Albatros SBC from Middelburg was tops on "Fishfull Thinking" with 4 Yellowfin tuna of 20 plus kg on day one.

Sunday was met with excellent weather and we pulled out all the stops to get points on the scoreboard. Christo our Skipper who was leading suggested that we find the school of big Yellowfin which he had managed to get the day before and after trolling most of the morning was unsuccessful.



Anglers: Ivor Mathee, Leon Nel (Capt.) and Magriet Nel

We went to High Point to get live bait but this was hard to come by, only small red eyes were on the bite and we could not get any Mackerel. So we did some Cuta fishing till 12h00 and on our way back managed to get a full strike and landed 3 Yellowfin tuna the biggest a 6.9kg and two of 4.1kg, each of us had a fish! Lines up was at 13h30 and weighin closed at 14h00.

Some good quality fish were caught on the day. The heaviest a Cuta of 26,4kg by a junior lady from Richards Bay SBC. The event was won by Zinkwazi Juniors and Nomads was placed 15th.

We as a team learned a lot from the local Skippers especially how to fish for Garrick and will certainly be back next year to challenge again. The accommodation, food and the tournament was excellent and Zinkwazi can be congratulated on a well run comp.

Best regards
Leon Nel
Captain



Top Tips

By Al McGlashan

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Fishing almost on a daily basis these days, I often take some of the finer points for granted. A classic example of this occurred when I took some old mates out for a kingy fish recently.

After my usual early start at about 8.30 (the need to chase kings early in the day is a fallacy), we headed out. With the Honda purring, we powered out with a tank full of liveys. As we made a bee-line for one of the reefs I normally target, I explained the game plan for the day – first we were going to check out a couple of reefs, then run up to a wreck in deeper water, before coming in close to a ledge that has been productive in the past. In the deeper water, we were going to drift liveys on heavy tackle and work jigs as well, while in the shallows we were going to troll a livey on my Strikecam video camera and work surface lures



Above Left: Attention to detail – it's the little things, like inspecting leaders and checking hook points, that will make all the difference to your fishing. Above Right: Be prepared – set all your gear up and be ready well before you hit the water.

The first couple of reefs were quiet, but then we found fish marking up well on the Furuno at the third spot. Feeding two slimies down, the guys failed to get a strike on the first drop. Knowing there were fish there, I sent a livey down on the next drift and hooked up immediately.

Okay, so what did I do differently?

Well, first it was attention to detail. I watched the sounder and saw the fish were holding deep, but my mates' liveys stopped well short of them, obviously unwilling to go any further. While the others misinterpreted this as the bottom, I wound in the line and added a bit more weight to get the bait fish down into the strikezone.

Secondly, when the fish struck, I gave it ample line, realising that the big slimy was going to be difficult for it to swallow. One of the other anglers finally got into the strikezone, but then missed two fish because his drag was too tight and the fish simply spat it out.



A massive mahi mahi caught after a bait school appeared on the sounder.

This example shows that it's the small things that count and, by paying attention to detail, you will dramatically improve your results. Remember, no matter what you are chasing, you will only get limited opportunities so you have to make the most of them. This was emphasised on another trip when, as we ran to the kingy grounds, I spotted a massive school working on the surface. Racing over, I instructed everyone to cast in, but turned around to see them all still rigging up. My rod was the only one ready and, as it turned out, I was the only one to pull a fish.

Fishing has changed dramatically in the last decade. Fish stocks are declining and the only way we are still maintaining reasonable catch rates is because of dramatic improvements in tackle, technology and technique. No longer is fishing simply a matter of cruising around and hoping to luck onto something. Instead, we now need to focus our efforts and utilise our skill base to ensure success.

There is no doubt that recreational fishermen are becoming far better at catching fish. Not only are they utilising technology, but they are becoming more target-specific and, for the first time ever, anglers are starting to share their knowledge utilising resources like the internet.

Working as a professional sportfisherman/photojournalist, I rack up around 200 days on the water every year. As they say, practice makes perfect, but fishing is something you never fully master and every day on the water I learn something new. Having said that, over the years I have learnt there are a number of key elements that are paramount to success, irrespective of what fish you are chasing.

Tip 1: Be prepared

Preparation starts well before you hit the water and includes everything from regular boat maintenance to servicing reels and inspecting all your terminal gear. Basically, you should go through everything – run your engine, check the battery and electronics are operating, reels are working smoothly and so on. How often do you see someone at the ramp with engine troubles or your mate, who discovers that his reel has seized just as he hooks

a fish? These are classic oversights that happen far more often than many of us would care to admit.

Basically, everything should be set up and ready before you hit the water. A couple of hours' preparation can turn a fishing trip around. Do it right before you head out and you won't waste valuable time setting up when you should be fishing.



Top: Salmon are relatively easy to catch, but you still need to keep moving to find the schools of surface-feeding fish.

Above: Plan your attack so you can maximise your chances and work as a team to avoid tangles.

Tip 2: Attention to detail

Good anglers, like tradesmen, don't blame their tools for their mistakes. At the end of the day, you only have yourself to blame. It's a matter of thoroughly checking all your gear before you put it in the water.

When it comes to tackle, it's paramount in my book to regularly replace mainlines on all the reels. I should point out this is particularly so for monofilament, which stretches and wears quickly. Braid, on the other hand, can last more than a year, but should still be inspected regularly.

As a rough guide, I inspect my leaders by running my fingers over them as well as visually inspecting them for wear or nicks. Then, I test all knots and finally have a quick look at the hooks. Don't be afraid to really test your knots, yanking on them to make sure they are one hundred per cent right. If there's any doubt at all, redo them. If I have any doubts about any part of my terminal tackle, I replace it.

Tip 3: Pick your target

Fishing really has changed over the years and as anglers get more and more proficient, their approach has become more specialised. These days, if you want to catch fish, you have to choose a specific target species and set yourself up accordingly.

Even casual anglers head out chasing specific species, be it spinning for bream in an estuary or cubing for tuna offshore. Focusing all your resources and efforts on one species, rather than using the 'shotgun approach' and hoping for anything that happens to be around, will make you more effective.

Tip 4: Do your homework

Once you've decided what species you're after, the next step is to get in tune with what is happening. Now, I am guessing that most Club Marine readers are experienced enough to know the seasons for the most common species – barra at the end of the wet, Victorian snapper in the spring, NSW marlin in autumn and so on. But even in season, the fish may be snapping their heads off at one spot and dead quiet at another, so it is crucial to know where they're on the bite.

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening is through your fishing buddies. Over the years, I've developed a great network of friends up and down the coast, who share information on what's happening. As a result, I know exactly where the tuna are firing or which reef is producing snapper. This information is vital and, to be honest, it is paramount to my success. Obviously, it's a reciprocal relationship and has developed over the years. We all share what we know and, by doing so, save each other a lot of wasted time, money and energy.

Fishing mates aside, internet chat forums, charter boats and tackle shops can also be good sources of information. Having said that, if you don't know or trust the source, then ask questions. Don't be afraid to interrogate your source. Which boat? Who was the angler? What time of day? What was the current doing? There is a lot of rubbish out there – it's a matter of making sure your information is correct.

These are all avenues that will help you form a picture of where the fish are and give you the heads-up as to where to head.

Going one step further, anglers can also employ technology for particular species. These days, all my offshore fishing revolves around real time satellite images of the sea surface temperature (STT charts). Downloaded off the internet from subscription services like Seasurface.com, I can get a clear picture of the SSTs and identify fish-holding temperature breaks. I can also check out long-range forecasts and even view 3D images of remote seamounts. The internet can be a wealth of knowledge once you know where to look.



Be observant and do your homework so you can read things like seabird behaviour. Little things like this will greatly improve your fishing.

TIP BITS

Fish with confidence - if you doubt yourself, you won't fish to your full ability

Top Tips

Tip 5: Plan your attack

Now you know the general areas that have been producing fish, the next step is to get more precise and develop a game plan for the day. This really is a key to becoming a better angler. It doesn't matter how good you are, you have to fish where the fish are, because you simply can't catch them if they aren't there.

There are daily variables that need to be added into the equation, like tides and weather. Tidal information is essential and dictates the movements of nearly all saltwater fish. Basically, irrespective of what you chase, you are better off fishing around the tide change. Therefore, if there is an early morning tide change, it is well worth getting up extra early to catch it.

The weather plays a huge role in fishing, too, especially for the boat angler. If I'm running offshore for the day, and there is a strong nor-easter reported for the afternoon, then I will generally fish north so I can come home with the wind. Alternatively, if I'm going fishing for bass in one of the impoundments and there is an afternoon thunderstorm rumbling in, I'd be on the water in a flash, because natives always come on the chew before a storm.

Obviously, different variables come into effect, depending on where you are fishing and what you are chasing, but if you add them all into the equation, your chances of success are greatly increased.

Tip 6: Keep on moving

If you're serious about your fishing, then there's no point in heading out for a relaxing afternoon with your mates and a few beers. Instead, you have to be proactive and keep moving to find the fish.

For instance, when chasing snapper in Port Phillip Bay, I may pull up the anchor (a lowly-paid hack like me can't afford an electric winch) a dozen times while searching for feeding snapper. Believe me, it's no fun hauling a huge anchor off the bottom every few minutes, but by moving regularly I'm covering more ground and will ultimately find the fish.

Not only should you keep moving, but you should also know the lay of the land. GPS plotters, with mapping cards, are loaded



Be target-specific so you don't waste your time and resources. We put in a lot of effort to chase giant bluefin tuna in Victoria, and this was our reward.

with information and that, coupled with a good sounder, like a Furuno, means you can quickly find any distinguishing features such as reefs, wrecks, drop-offs or bommies that are likely to hold fish.

One thing I do is to keep my sounder going while I'm underway, so that if I see anything interesting I can mark it for later in-

vestigation. Some of my most productive kingy spots off Sydney have been found this way.

TIP BITS

Never stop fishing

Tip 7: Interpret the signs

The sea often looks like an empty expanse of blue, but in reality it's loaded with signs that will point you towards fish. One of the most obvious is the presence of seabirds. By knowing a bit about each species, you will be able to interpret their behaviour.

A classic example happened while chasing monster bluefin tuna in Victoria a few years back. Along with two other boats, we were chasing a patch of birds that were working over the tuna. The fish were blowing up sporadically, making it difficult to get the lures into position. At one stage, the larger albatross kept flying forward, while the more agile terns and gannets suddenly did a one-eighty. The other boats continued to follow the albatross, while I spun around and positioned the lures exactly where the tuna erupted on the surface. This tactic resulted in an 87kg tuna – the only one caught that day.

Our success hinged on the fact that I knew which birds were more agile and I was also aware that the terns and gannets opportunistically feed over the tuna, while the larger albatross are more likely to feed at night.

Seabirds are not the only signs – whales and dolphins can also help to pinpoint fish. Over the years, I've caught countless tuna under whales and found marlin around dolphins. There are also less subtle signs that indicate a temperature break or current edge. Blue bottles ride the ocean currents and, like foam in a stream, they get caught on the edge, so a build-up of these stinging critters can signal a current edge or temperature break.

Tip 8: Maximise your electronics

Like it or not, we are in the age of electronics and they are becoming increasingly important for serious anglers. The technology utilised in GPS and sounders these days is amazing and, when used correctly, can dramatically improve your fishing. Believe it or not, some commercial sounders can now estimate the weight of a school of fish and then track it using side scanners and an autopilot.

Remember, your sounder is like your eyes underwater, so the more you spend on your initial purchase, the better the unit and the clearer your picture. These days, I'm so reliant on my sounder that if I went to sea and discovered it wasn't working, I would simply turn around and go home – it really is that important to my fishing.

With a thorough understanding of my sounder, I've found it pos-



every day on the water you learn something new and that makes you a better angler

A big blue marlin launches into the air.

HAVE A LAUGH

At a Senior Citizen's luncheon, an elderly gentleman and an elderly lady struck up a conversation and discovered that they both loved to fish.

Since both of them were widowed, they decided to go fishing together the next day!

Early the next morning, the gentleman picked the lady up, and they headed to the river to his fishing boat and started out on their adventure.

They were riding down the river when there was a fork in the river, and the gentleman asked the lady, 'Do you want to go up or down?'

All of a sudden the lady stripped off her shirt and pants and made mad passionate love to the man right there in the boat!

When they finished, the man couldn't believe what had just happened, but he had just experienced the best sex that he'd had in years. They fished for a while and continued on down the river, when soon they came upon another fork in the river.

He again asked the lady, 'Up or down?'

There she went again, stripped off her clothes, and made wild passionate love to him again.

This really impressed the elderly gentleman, so he asked her to go fishing again the next day.

She said yes and there they were the next day, riding in the boat when they came upon the fork in river, and the elderly gentleman asked, 'Up or down?'

The woman replied, 'Down.'

A little puzzled and disappointed, the gentleman guided the boat down the river when he came upon another fork in the river and he asked the lady, 'Up or down?'

She replied, 'Up.'

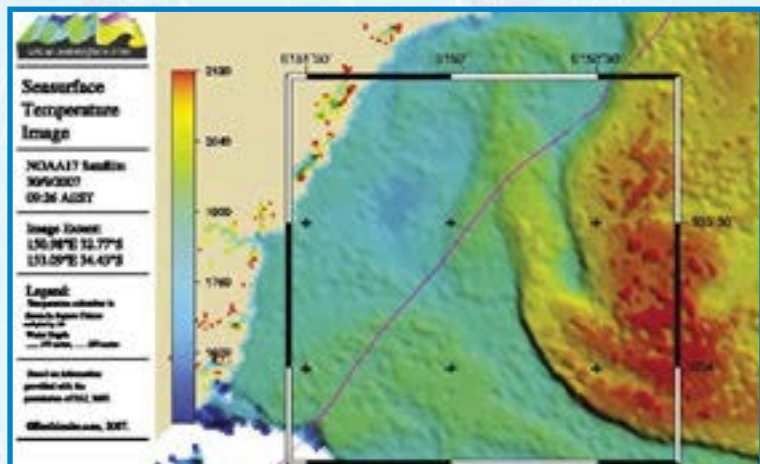
This really confused the gentleman so he asked, 'What's the deal?'

Yesterday, every time I asked you if you wanted to go up or down you made mad passionate love to me.

Now today, nothing!'

She replied, 'Well, yesterday I wasn't wearing my hearing aid and I thought the choices were f##k or drown.'

sible to identify target species, such as kings, and even distinguish them from other less desirables, like sweep. Every sounder is different so, while I can tell you the tricks that work on my Furuno, the best approach is to really get familiar with your own unit and use it to the max.



This was the target species for the day as the SST charts had revealed a patch of hot blue water pushing in.

GPS units can be even more important than sounders as they put you exactly on a mark and have really changed the way we fish. Always make sure you have a back-up record of all your waypoints, either by writing them down or downloading them into your computer. These days, waypoints are becoming more important - than just about anything else in fishing.

Tip 9: Be ready for anything

Fishing is unpredictable at the best of times and you simply never know what is going to happen next. With this in mind, smart anglers have all their gear rigged and ready for a wide range of options. A classic example happened a few years back, while fishing for kings on an inshore reef. Without warning, a marlin free-jumped a hundred metres away.

Luckily, I had a 50-pound outfit rigged and ready. Racing over to the spot, we fed a livey down and within seconds were hooked up to a marlin in just 20 metres of water in winter.

Tip 10: Go hard and don't go home

Cubing off Sydney a few months back had produced zilch for six hours of fishing. But as tempting as it was to pack it in and head for home - as most of the other boats had done - our persistence was rewarded with a heap of tuna right on dark, including a ripper 48kg yellowfin. By staying out for an extra hour, our long and hard efforts had paid off.

These days, with leisure time becoming more and more limited, it really is essential for anglers to put the hours in and fish hard. At the end of the day, the more time you spend on the water, the better your chances. Don't make excuses - just get out there and give it a go, because every day on the water you learn something new and that makes you a better angler.

12 Biggest in history



890-Pound Large-Tooth Sawfish

On May 26, 1960 Jack Wagner reeled in a massive 890-pound, 8-ounce large-tooth sawfish.

He caught the big fish off of Fort Amador in the Canal Zone of Panama using a bonito as bait.



1,280-Pound Great Hammerhead Shark

On May 23, 2006, Bucky Dennis caught the record great hammerhead shark off of Boca Grande, Florida.

Dennis used a stingray to catch the 1,280-pound shark.



1,182-Pound Swordfish

On July 7th 1953, Luis Marron caught a mammoth 1,182-pound swordfish off of Iquique, Chile.

The fish was caught using a bonito as bait.



1,298-Pound Sixgill Shark

Clemens Rump landed the all-tackle record sixgill shark off Ascension Island in the Atlantic Ocean.

The fish was caught using dead bait on November 21, 2002.



1,221-Pound Mako Shark

Luke Sweeney caught this massive mako on July 21, 2001 off the coast of Chatham, Massachusetts.

The fish weighed in at an astonishing 1,221 pounds. The bait used to catch the fish was a bonito.



1,376-Pound Pacific Blue Marlin

On May 31, 1982, Jay de Beaubien caught the all-tackle world record Pacific blue marlin.

The 1,376-pound fish was taken off of Kaaiwi Point in Kona, Hawaii, using a Kita lure.



1,402-Pound Atlantic Blue Marlin

Fishing off Vitoria, Brazil, Paulo Amorium reeled in a 1,402-pound, 2-ounce Atlantic blue marlin.

He caught the blue using a Moldcraft lure on February 29, 1992.



1,708-Pound Greenland Shark

On October 18, 1987, Terje Nordvedt caught the largest Greenland shark ever off Trondheimsfjord, Norway.

The shark weighed 1,708 pounds, 9 ounces, taken while using a herring as bait.



1,496-Pound Bluefin Tuna

On October 26, 1979, Ken Fraser caught the record 1,496-pound bluefin tuna.

He caught the fish in Aulds Cove off Nova Scotia, Canada, using a mackerel.



1,785-Pound Tiger Shark

On March 4, 2004, Kevin James Clapson caught the current, all-tackle world record tiger shark.

The big, 1,785-pound, 11-ounce shark was caught off Ulladulla, Australia.



1,560-Pound Black Marlin

Alfred Glassell Jr. caught the all-tackle record black marlin off of Cabo Blanco, Peru, on August 4, 1969.

The fish weighed a whopping 1,560 pounds and was caught using a mackerel as bait



2,664-Pound White Shark

The biggest fish ever caught and approved as an IGFA world record was a white shark.

The giant fish weighed 2,664 pounds! Alfred Dean caught the beastly shark off Ceduna, Australia, on April 21, 1959 using a porpoise as bait.

Whynot Mauritius

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Activities:

- Big Game Fishing
- Line Fishing
- Kite Surfing
- Hunting in season
- Snorkling

Fishing Charters, Diving, Sunset Cruises, Catamaran Trips and Picnic trips offering Chicken/Fish braais, to other neighbouring islands can be arranged by locals of the area.

Within walking distance:

Local superette, Church, Hotels, Restaurants and Post Office.



Recipe of the Month

Nacho Dorito Dorado

A quick fix if it is too cold to go outside and braai!

Take a fillet of the elusive Dorado about ½ to ¾ inches thick.

- PAN
- Egg
- Real Butter
- Your Stove

Butter both sides of the fillet – very well – no missed spots
(Fillet should be dried between layers of paper towel as moisture causes hot spots)

Place the buttered fillet on the cookie sheet to make a “footprint” then lift it back off.

Pour crushed Doritos on the footprint – let them stick to the butter mark.

Run the buttered fish through a well whipped egg and put it back on the footprint / crumbs and pour on the rest of the Doritos.

Place on the top rack of the oven and broil for about 8 minutes.
(also try a small amount of grated cheese some time)

ENJOY



Contributions:
If you have a recipe
to share,
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Some members still have outstanding subs (You know who you are!). Please pay your Subs

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We need your contributions, please email pictures, links, interesting articles that we can include in the Nomads Tide to share with members, friends and family.
It makes our task easier and we put together a quality publication on a more regular basis with your input.

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Check this out! Click on the link

Pakula Lures 502 Sharpen Hook

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6Pqv2mNVTA>

How to remove a fish hook

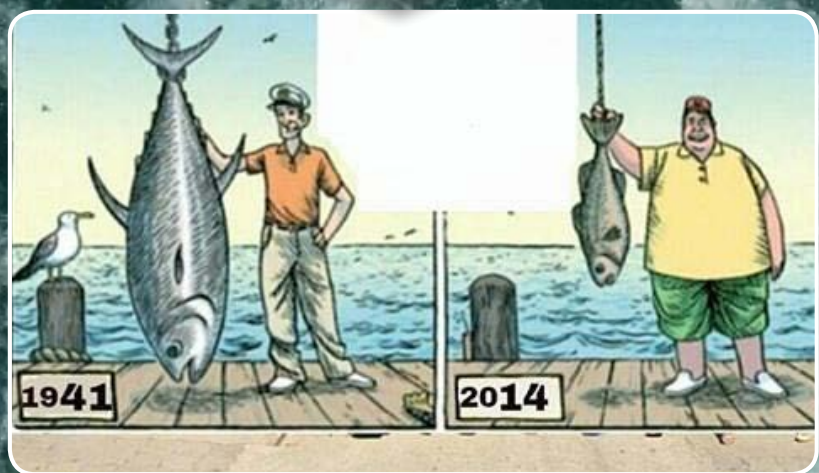
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgfpsupmu98>

Funny ecards video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uec1M5wBdl>

Extreme Boat Launches

<http://www.boatingmag.com/extreme-boat-launches>



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