



The Nomads Tide - A Monthly Brief May 2021



What has happened since the last newsletter.

Junior Nationals

Nomads had two members fish for SGDSAA in the Junior Nationals out of Durban. Ethan Baty (U16) - a first cap and Michael Gruar (U19). Ethan's team were unplaced whilst Michael's team bagged a Bronze medal. Congratulations and well done.

Rosebowl

This was a difficult comp for Nomads. The teams only weighed two fish and had a sailfish disqualified. Overall not Nomads best result but hopefully next year Nomads will be a force to reckon with.

All Inland

Fished out of Sodwana, the SGDSAA team with Nomads members Dave and Wade Martin were placed third. A sailie on the first day put them in the lead but they slowly slid down the leader board. A nice wahoo on the Thursday saw them cement third place and Bronze. Friday was a blow out. Congratulations and well done on keeping the Nomads flag flying.

Mapelane Trophy

Nomads entered two teams in this Interclub and neither were placed. A great learning experience for both teams.

Team 1: Skipper Colin Green. Team members: *At Sea* crew Graham, Courtney and Chris.

The first day they battled to get bait but managed a small bonnie on a rapala. The second day they managed to get some live bait. The bonnie managed to get them a 11.7kg cota but they were unplaced in the competition.

Team 2: Skipper Tyron Gruar. Team members: Mark Cockcroft, Chrisjan Jansen and Mike Baty.

Fishing was tough but the team weighed a skipjack and a small tuna. Mark also released a very big rock cod whilst drifting.

Michael Gruar - a Nomads junior - but fishing for Mapelane won the competition with a 14.7kg cota. Well done young man.

Shelly Interclub

Leon Nel (capt), Dudley Saunders and Ian van Zyl represented Nomads in this comp. They drew *MeSteph* skipper by Faith Lategan. On launching they had a minor mishap hitting one of the rocks in the surf which bend a prop and knocked off the lower skeg on the starboard motor. That didn't prevent them fishing. Live bait was collected just off Sheppies where after they went to the deep reef and drifted. Leon was onto a Marlin but the fish broke the 65lb leader. Later Dudley went on to a bus which was lost to the sharks. Leon also went on with a nice fish but the line parted. Ian went on and after a battle of 20min landed a 19kg YFT. That allowed Nomads to take over the lead from Durban Skiboat Club who had a 18.3kg YFT. On Sunday morning, the comp was called off due to high seas and heavy winds. Nomads took Gold - the first interclub win in 15 years - and Ian was top angler. Congratulations on a job well done.

Social fishing

Mike Koch, Richard and Trevor Mosley fishing off *Tequila Sheila X* in Cape Town managed to land some very nice YFT on more than one occasion. Maybe Nomads should consider fishing their Closed out of the Cape 😊.

Other

Dries Liebenberg was hospitalised with Covid but managed to beat the bug and pulled through. It will take a lot more to keep him down.

Congratulations Matthew Meredith on the birth of your son. Warren is already planning his next fishing trip with the latest crew member.

Some Nomads members (Friedel, Colin, Sean, Adrian, Greg, Ryan and Ty) partook in the Makaira Shotgun shoot. The top team (not Nomads) scored 187/200 with Adrian managing to shoot 36/40. The team was unplaced but nonetheless a great social event. Look out for next year's event.

Congratulations to Chrisjan Jansen who married Sumari on 22 May. May they be blessed with many great years together.

On a sad note: Lappies Labuschagne passed away from Covid related illness. He was very instrumental in many Nomads' members fishing careers. *RIV ou grote*



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