



# NOMADS

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## NOMADS TIDE MAY 2022

Dear Nomads

Mark has submitted his captain's report which is reproduced below. It does not make pretty reading.

Whilst we are a club in transition, there is no doubt that we have anglers with the necessary skill, ability and passion to win the Rosebowl.

The Closed is from 3-8 October 2022. This is an opportunity that we must use to prepare for next year's Rosebowl at Sodwana. The committee is in the process of arranging for a billfish (marlin and sailfish) guru, Henk du Plessis from Sodwana to give a detailed workshop of how to fish Sodwana. Details to follow.

I would like to impress upon members to make the effort and fish the Closed. As a committee we are aware that the current financial climate is not easy; there are other commitments, and that some of our anglers are fishing nationals and other tournaments in pursuit of higher honours. If you as a senior angler cannot fish the Closed, then may I propose that you assist the junior anglers fishing the Closed by attending the workshop and sharing your knowledge.

It's about time that the Rosebowl came home !!.

*CAPTAIN'S REPORT*  
*ROSEBOWL 2022 – ST. LUCIA*



*The 2022 Rosebowl was hosted by Albatross and was held at St. Lucia, Zululand. The spirit of the tournament was as always high and many old friendships were rekindled between the clubs and club members.*

*Sadly, in terms of boats and anglers, Nomads again had a dismal turnout however on the positive side, in terms of support we certainly had the best ground crew with a number of wives and family members joining us at the weigh in and functions.*

*Unfortunately, we were found wanting in boat numbers and anglers. Watermark, Chezzzy, Finding Nemo and At Sea made up the Nomads fleet with Bulldog busting a transom on day one and Bob Marlin pulling out at the last minute.*

*The first few days of the competition were dogged by 10 to 20 knot winds that darted around from the southwest to southeast. This made the launch out of the estuary very technical with shallow water over a sand bank in the mouth and choppy shore dumpers that stood up out of nowhere. It made for neryv times but as a club we escaped with no physical injuries albeit that some of the boats suffered minor damage to T tops.*

*The southerly made fishing very difficult and uncomfortable and very few fish were weighed in the first three days. Despite our best intensions Nomads could only show its strength by propping up the entire leader board.*

*On the fourth day fishing started to improve and some quality fish came out. Unfortunately, the quality fish were coming out on the other boats. At the end of the fourth day Nomads was still holding up the leader board in 6<sup>th</sup> position just behind archrivals Makaira.*

*On the 5<sup>th</sup> day the north easter blew and the fish turned. Unfortunately, despite our plan to snag as many sailies as we could, our numbers (4) counted against us and we could not cover the ground we needed to cover. In contrast, Makaria's depth of boats (approx 12), allowed them to spread themselves across all three facets in all quadrants of the fishing grounds. With 3 marlin, 2 sail fish and a load of game fish they rocketed from 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> place in one day.*

*Whilst we congratulate Makaira for the greatest come back since Lazarus, we have to look at ourselves as a club in terms of new members, boat numbers and skilled anglers.*

*We had a number of new members joining the club and they are full of enthusiasm and eager to learn, I think of At Sea who caught a bomber of a yellow fin on the last day on 37kg line and are learning all the time, I think of Dries and Chrisjan and Mike Baty, these are guys have oodles of passion and are eager and willing to learn.*

*The learning ground guys, and where I cut my teeth, is at competitions like the Closed and the Rosebowl, where I stole with my eyes watching Grant Estman rig a half beak or Dave Martin tie a chokka strip, or Friedel showing a new methods of sail fishing with a coffee grinder. Much of that knowledge and more was gleaned from the senior anglers that graced the likes of Denwa II, Gaffit, Gaffer Dog and many other Nomads boats.*

*However, you don't have to be a Protea to teach someone something about the way you fish. Shaya-Lo-Manzi, Fish Hunter, Tjaila Tyd, Wild Cat, Reel Screamer, you guys are all top class anglers and you have so much to offer the youngsters coming through. We need you chaps, not only to pass your knowledge on but to help the club restore some pride at next years Rosebowl.*



*The Closed is from 3 - 8 October 22 and the next Rosebowl is in March 2023, let's make a committed effort to have no less than ten boats at both venues with senior, junior, male and female anglers.*

**Kevin Allardyce-Chairman**

