

NOMADS TIDE

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Welcome to the Nomads Family:

Neil Maloney

Patrick Maloney

SADSAA CALENDAR.



SADSAA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2024				
MONTH	DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	HOST
AUGUST				
	7 th - 10 th August 2024	SADSAA All Coastal Interprovincial	Kleinbaai	Overburg BC
	9 th - 11 th August 2024	SADSAA All Stars	Richards Bay	RBSBC
	12 th - 14 th August 2024	San Juan IBT	Puerto Rico	Protea
	23 rd - 25 th August 2024	NRR Interclub	Durban	NRR
	30 th - 31 st August 2024	Queen of the Ocean Ladies Competition	St Lucia	SLSBC
SEPTEMBER				
	9 th - 13 th September 2024	EFSA European Species Championship	Weymouth	Protea
	13 th - 15 th September 2024	Umhlanga Interclub	Umhlanga	USBC
OCTOBER				
	4 th - 6 th October 2024	12 x 12 Species Competition	St Lucia	SLSBC
	7 th - 11 th October 2024	SADSAA Light Tackle Billfish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	NGDSAA
	7 th - 11 th October 2024	SADSAA Light Tackle Billfish Interprovincial	Sodwana Bay	NGDSAA
	13 th - 19 th October 2024	ILTTA	Dominican Republic	Protea
NOVEMBER				
	4 th - 8 th November 2024	OET Game & Bill Fish Tournament	Sodwana Bay	MDSAA
	9 th - 18 th November 2024	Blue Marlin Open	Kenya	Protea
	11 th - 15 th November 2024	Billfish 15000	Sodwana Bay	DSBC
	17 th - 22 nd November 2024	SADSAA Heavy Tackle Billfish Nationals	Sodwana Bay	MDSAA
DECEMBER				

SNOEK DERBY – Gus Pinker & Shaun Aspden.

St Lucia.

22nd – 23rd June 2024.

St Lucia Ski Boat Club

21-23 JUN 2024

ENTRY: R1200 P/P
ENTRIES CLOSE & FULLY PAID 31 MAY
LATE ENTRIES: R1500

FISHING & RULES
Boats, Jetski's and Kayaks are welcome.
Launching will only be from St Lucia launching site.
Boundaries: Lighthouse in the South (28°31'00"S 32°24'10"E) and Three Sisters' last point in the North (28°11'36"S 32°34'12"E).
Launching at 1st light, boom will open at 06:00 - First come first serve.
Scales open at 14:00 & Closes at 15:00 On Sat and open 13:00 & closes 14:00 on Sun (be in the queue before the scales close to avoid DQ)
Minimum weight of 4 kg and a maximum of 5 fishes per angler.

Registration: 21 Jun 2024 at 17:00
Briefing: 21 Jun 2024 at 18:00
Fishing: 22-23 Jun 2024
Prize Giving: 23 Jun 2024 at 16:30

Tournament Officer
Dirk Rosslee
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Shaun and Gus decided to fish the competition as Shaun is the Vice chairman and Gus a member of St Lucia Ski Boat Club. The predicted weather leading up to the competition was not good for fishing with wind around 25 Knots and above. We were both very skeptical whether we would actually get on the water but, in the end, we fished both days of competition.

Day 1.

Was very slow as we could not get any live bait and we managed one hook up only to see a shark barrel roll and break the line. Our heads did not drop and the banter between us was even better.

Day 2.

Got a great send off from Jeff from Fat Bike Fishing who was doing the video of launch and returns. In his words "There go the Ballito boys". It was our day. We headed to 1st rocks where got live bait and started the drift with one engine assisting heading to "Bats". We turned and saw plenty of shoals of sardines. Off mission rocks Shaun said he saw something jump in front but was not sure what it was. This was us. On the line we picked up two Snoek and lost a bomber of a snoek. Headed back

to the weigh in and the rest is history. Gus was tied for 4th position overall and Shaun in 20th position. Brilliant weekend and congrats to Shaun for putting us on the fish.





Place	Prizes	Name
1st Biggest Snoek	R30 000 Cash: Sponsored by Close-up Mining (Oom Pieter)	Barend, Vyfster, 7.70kg
2nd Biggest Snoek	R8 000 Cash & 5L Soap	Ockie, Hannock, 7.56kg
3rd Biggest Snoek	R7 000 Cash & 5L Soap	Noah, Legasea, 7.44kg
4th Biggest Snoek	R5 000 Cash & 5L Soap	Guy, Fintastic & Carmen, Legasea, 7.36kg
5th Biggest Snoek		
6th Biggest Snoek	R4 000 Cash & 2L Soap	Luan, Wizzard, 7.14
7th Biggest Snoek	R3 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Pierre, Aqua Joy, 6.86kg
8th Biggest Snoek	R2 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Morne, Wizzard, 6.74kg
9th Biggest Snoek	R1 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Peter, Salty Crack, 6.72kg
10th Biggest Snoek	R1 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Kian, AquaJoy, 6.62kg
11th Biggest Snoek	R1 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Tian Pinnical, 6.40kg
12th Biggest Snoek	R1 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Koos, JN, 6.30kg
13th Biggest Snoek	R1 000 Cash, 2L Soap & Pliers	Fransien, Legasea, 6.28kg
14th Biggest Snoek	Fishermans Pub R1000 Voucher & 2L Soap	Johni, Legasea, 5.98kg
15th Biggest Snoek	Fishermans R1000 Tackle Voucher & 2L Soap	Michelle, Hannock, 5.90kg
16th Biggest Snoek	Fishermans R1000 Tackle Voucher & 2L Soap	Carl, Full Thrust, 5.78kg
17th Biggest Snoek	Fishermans R1000 Tackle Voucher & 2L Soap	Gideon, Cross-Cut, 5.56kg
18th Biggest Snoek	Meat & Eat R500 Voucher & 2L Soap	Dieter, Fin&Tonic, 5.46kg
19th Biggest Snoek	Engen R500 Petrol Voucher & 2L Soap	Sone, Aqua Joy, 5.44kg
20th Biggest Snoek	Engen R500 Petrol Voucher & 2L Soap	Shaun, Fintastic, 5.32kg

Place	Prizes	Name
1st Biggest Bag	R7 000 Cash	Vyfster, 68.18kg
2nd Biggest Bag	R4 000 Cash	Legasea, 39.68kg
3rd Biggest Bag	R3 000 Cash	Aqua Joy, 23.8kg

Place	Prizes	Name
Hard Luck Prize	Hammitons Hamper	Graham, Climax

Swindle	Prizes	Name
Swindle Day 1	R5 000	Danie, Cross-Cut, Cuta: 22.24kg
Swindle Day 2	R5 000	Barend, Vyfster, Tuna: 17.26kg

Lucky Draw	Prizes	Name
	2x Yamaha Keyboards	Diane - Pacman & Eliska
	5x Rods	Aqua Joy
	Cellphone Bags	
	Lures	
	Ratel Hamper	
	Tails up Shirts	

Skipper & Angler
Shaun Aspden
Angler
Gus Pinker

SADSAA 2024 JUNIOR GAMEFISH NATIONALS SODWANA BAY

HOSTED BY SOUTHERN GAUTENG

24 – 28 JUNE 2024



SADSAA U19 TEAM

Kaylee McLaren (Zululand) Michael Gruar (SGDSAA) Connor Padoa – Captain (SGDSAA)

The opening ceremony and dinner took place at Leatherbacks Restaurant, with the boat draw being the highlight of the evening. In our draw were some big boats with all the bells and whistles. Little Joey, Go Fish, Kraken, Sista Batista, well known



Marlin Boats with Tuna towers, huge outriggers, and electric teaser reels. A revelation to our team.

Day 1: Monday 24 June

04h45 Breakfast at Leatherbacks -tasty bacon and egg rolls

05h30 Met skipper at the boat

06h30 Launched and waited on the backline. Once all boats had launched it was Game on!



We headed to the live bait spot at Mceni, where we caught Mackerel and Mozzies. Then we trawled 7 Mile Reef Big W, and caught Bonnies for live bait on a daisy chain (Pink Yamashita)

We used a six tube, live bait keeper, that kept our bait alive the whole day. At the Canyon in about 20m deep water, Connor hooked a Couta, the only fish we weighed that day.



Day 2: Tuesday 25 June

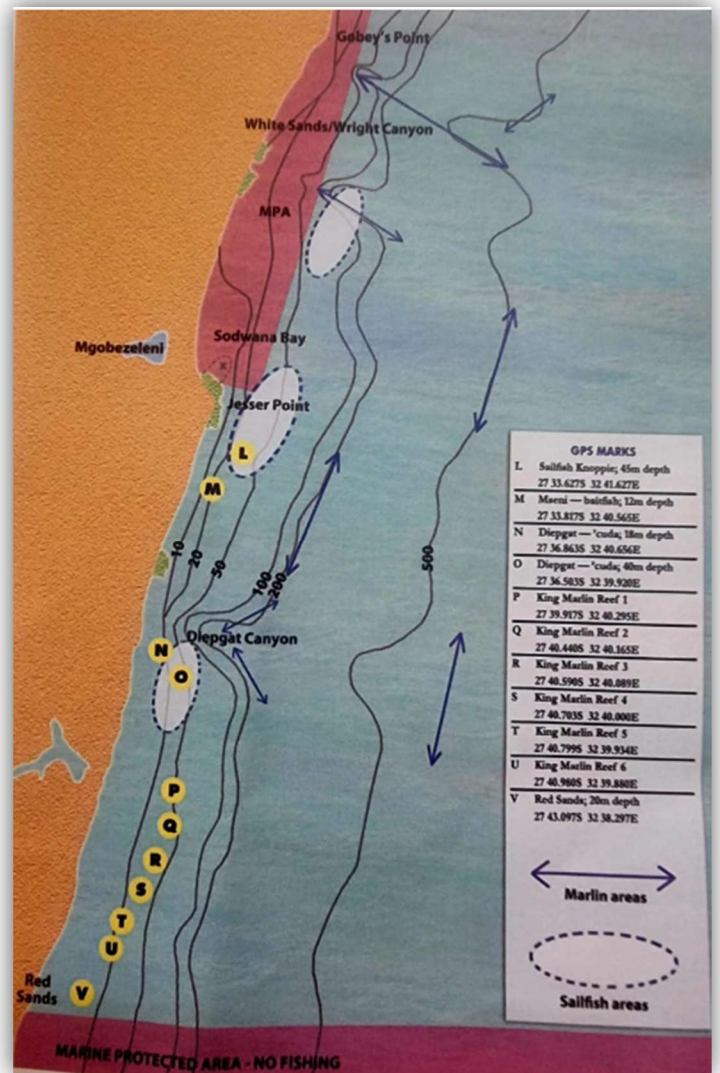
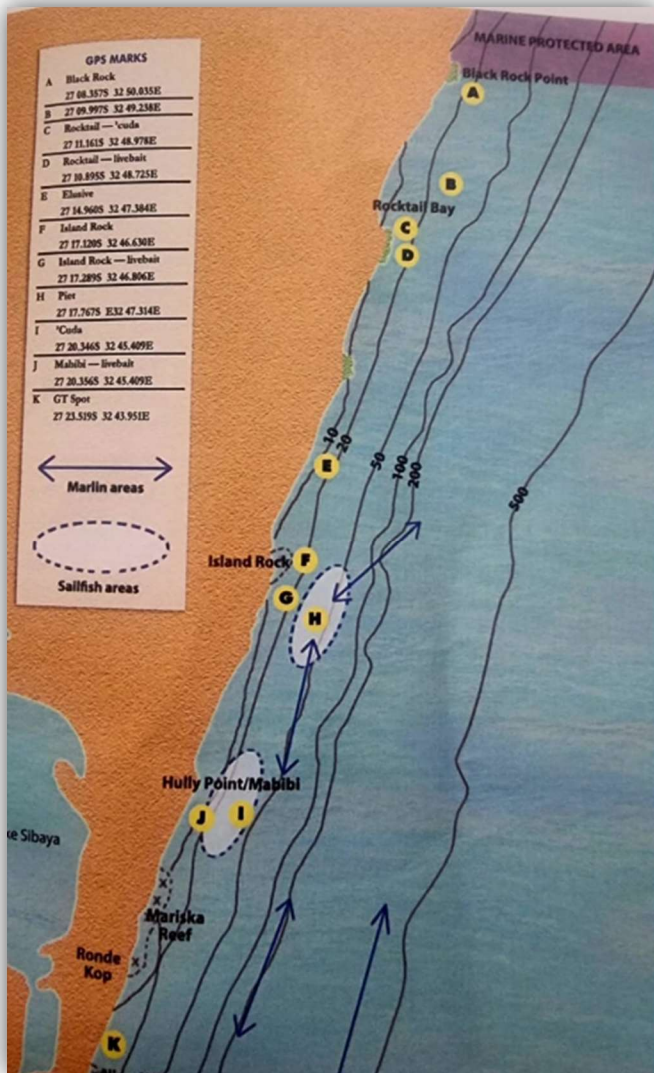
Breakfast and launch as per Day 1.

Headed again to Mceni for live bait and caught Mozzies on Sabiki and Bonnies on daisy chains.

Headed North to "Witsand", where we hooked a Dorado on a pink and white Seastar with Belly shine.

A disappointing days fishing, with nothing to weigh.

Unusual catch on a whipping spoon!



Day 3: Wednesday 26 June



Headed to Mceni for Live bait and caught Mackerel on Sabiki's and then trawled daisy chains for Bonnies.

We enjoyed seeing so much life on the ocean: Leatherback Turtles, Spinner Dolphins, Sharks and free jumping Sailfish. We really expected to hook up while we were trawling and were disappointed when we didn't get a bite.

Two hours before lines up Kaylee got a hook up on a dead Mackerel Couta trace and after a proper fight landed a

personal best GT, which we measured and released. According to the rules of the competition we only received points for a 12Kg fish. Connor also caught a Couta on a live Bonnie.

That evening after weigh-in, the juniors enjoyed a good old fashioned "Plakkie Parade" where dropped fish, mis gaffed fish, stupid mistakes, forgotten tackle, etc were duly punished.

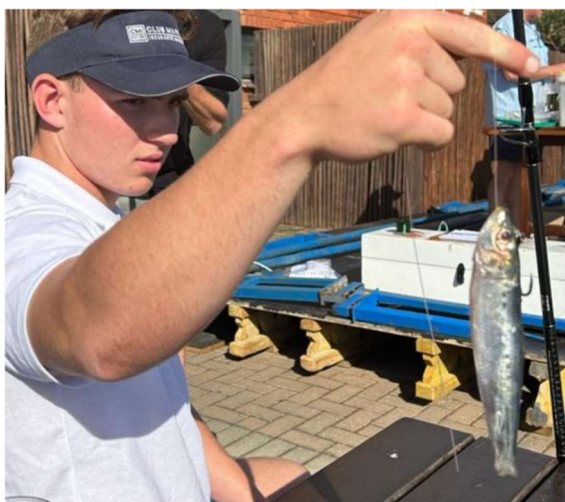
Uncle Jaco dispensed corporal punishment

Great laugh and fun had by all.

Day 4: Thursday 27 June

After launching, we headed to Mceni for our quota of livies. We then trawled skirts rigged with half beaks targeting Sailfish.

We boated a weighable yellowfin Tuna but had no joy on Sailfish hookups. In the afternoon we tried for Couta, and I caught an 8Kg Bonnie on a surface bait – Using uncle Neil Coetzer's dead sardine trick.



Day 5: Friday 28 June



A misty morning!



Due to poor visibility the launch was delayed by an hour, after launching we put out a Sailfish spread and were feeling positive that this final day could be our day, to move up the score board.

With nice fresh halfbeaks rigged on Island and Bite me skirts, we watched our spread in anticipation, expecting a strike at any moment, unfortunately no bills came knocking. We caught two Yellowfin Tuna and with the clock running down, we realised we were not going to achieve the results for which we had hoped.

We fished hard and did our best but were disappointed with our result especially considering we were representing SADSAA.



TOURNAMENT:
VENUE:
HOST PROVINCE:

2024 Junior Gamefish Nationals
Sodwana
Southern Gauteng



Tournament Start Date:

Monday, 24 June 2024

TEAM RANKING - U19

RANKING	TEAM	POINTS					TOTAL
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	
1	Southern Gauteng U19	0,00	33,37	0,00	31,16	278,74	343,27
2	Gauteng U19	283,68	37,26	0,00	0,00	10,76	331,70
3	Gauteng U19 Barbarians	38,09	0,00	64,52	20,98	128,00	251,59
4	FreeState U19	46,22	10,04	11,72	8,32	88,71	165,01
5	Zululand U19	54,32	27,71	28,41	24,21	6,06	140,71
6	SADSAA U19	6,48	0,00	82,04	23,08	6,92	118,51
7	Natal U19	23,83	26,81	0,00	6,62	0,00	57,27



TOURNAMENT:
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2024 Junior Gamefish Nationals
Sodwana
Southern Gauteng



Monday, 24 June 2024

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER RANKING - U19

RANKING	NAME	TEAM	POINTS					TOTAL
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	
1	Ruben Els ©	Gauteng U19	270,98	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	270,98
2	Sheldon Kruger ©	Southern Gauteng U19	0,00	27,04	0,00	18,16	135,53	180,73
3	Marco Forte	Southern Gauteng U19	0,00	0,00	0,00	13,00	143,21	156,21
4	Marco Siemans ©	Gauteng U19 Barbarians	18,36	0,00	0,00	8,34	128,00	154,70
5	Jahnu Jansie van Rensburg ©	FreeState U19	26,51	0,00	5,38	0,00	88,71	120,60
6	Francois Routsouw	Zululand U19	49,20	19,22	20,25	0,00	0,00	88,67
7	Ruben Hendriks	Gauteng U19 Barbarians	13,11	0,00	64,52	8,16	0,00	85,79
8	Kaylee McLanen	SADSAA U19	6,48	0,00	46,08	0,00	0,00	52,56
9	Connor Padoa ©	SADSAA U19	0,00	0,00	35,96	7,84	6,92	50,72
10	Jonathan Szabo	Gauteng U19	0,00	37,26	0,00	0,00	10,76	48,02
11	Matt Howells ©	Zululand U19	5,12	8,49	8,16	15,39	6,96	43,22
12	Rhori Kane	Natal U19	23,83	12,70	0,00	0,00	0,00	36,53
13	Dretn Smith	FreeState U19	9,86	10,04	6,34	0,00	0,00	26,23
14	Megan Bloem	FreeState U19	9,86	0,00	0,00	8,32	0,00	18,18
15	Kaelen McKenzie ©	Natal U19	0,00	8,99	0,00	6,82	0,00	15,81
16	Michael Gruar	SADSAA U19	0,00	0,00	0,00	15,24	0,00	15,24
17	Chris Schneider	Gauteng U19 Barbarians	6,62	0,00	0,00	6,48	0,00	13,10
18	Juanndre Wasserman	Gauteng U19	12,70	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	12,70
19	Matthew Farrell	Zululand U19	0,00	0,00	0,00	8,82	0,00	8,82
20	Dylan Venske	Southern Gauteng U19	0,00	6,34	0,00	0,00	0,00	6,34
21	Jethro Doman	Natal U19	0,00	5,12	0,00	0,00	0,00	5,12

Congratulations to the Southern Gauteng U19 Blue and the Southern Gauteng U16 Teams for winning gold and thank you to all those who made the competition possible; skippers, parents, and fellow anglers, and a special thanks to SADSAA and the organisers Uncle Brett Padoa and Uncle Jaco Lingenfelder.

Yours in angling

Michael Gruar

SADSAA U19 Team

SADSAA Tuna Inter Provincials.

Shelly Beach

11th – 12th July 2024.

SGDSAA Silver Team

Gus Pinker – Captain

Anthony Illing

Stephen Smit

Richard Hartley – Skipper

The competition was held in Shelly Beach at the Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club as hosts. This facility is one of the best around and can be seen by the number of competitions that are held at the venue.

Wednesday 10th July 2024 was the registration and the opening. Teams were introduced together with skippers and ended off with dinner.

Day 1.

Thursday morning all teams gathered and were pushed in by two tractors which served the competition for the 3 days. All boats had to muster at the backline each day and when all boats were there, all clear was given. The silver team had a slow start with 4 sharks and 2 bonnies being caught that day. Our game plan was to hunt the big Tuna weighing over 30 kg as we had a reputable skipper who knew the area and had significant results for tuna fishing in the past.

Day 2.

Still persevering in our game plan Gus caught a 7.17kg tuna that put the team on the score board. An Amberjack weighing 10kg was also caught by Gus, which was not part of the competition and was released safely.

Day 3.

Make or break day with lines up also 2 hours early, the team with high spirits continued with the plan. Unlucky we did not catch anything.

A very good competition and this is a definite for the future.





TOURNAMENT:
VENUE:
HOST PROVINCE:

Tuna Interprovincial
Shelly Beach
Natal



Tournament Start Date:

11/07/2024

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER RANKING

RANKING	NAME	TEAM	POINTS			
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	TOTAL
1	David Nyce	Natal White	37,74	15,68	0,00	53,42
2	Welsey Uys ©	Southern Gauteng Bronze	15,18	0,00	17,84	33,02
3	Richard Randall	Natal White	13,68	15,09	0,00	28,77
4	James Fourie ©	Natal Black	0,00	0,00	25,92	25,92
5	Jannie Griesel ©	Griquas Red	0,00	0,00	23,47	23,47
6	Trystan Thoesson	Natal Black	0,00	0,00	18,40	18,40
7	Neil Coetzer	Southern Gauteng Gold	0,00	0,00	16,14	16,14
8	Adrian Feulner	Southern Gauteng Gold	0,00	15,30	0,00	15,30
9	Henk Liebenberg ©	Southern Gauteng Gold	15,09	0,00	0,00	15,09
10	Shane McLeod	Southern Gauteng Bronze	14,97	0,00	0,00	14,97
11	Maryke Du Plooy	Natal Black	0,00	0,00	13,94	13,94
12	Martin Brougham-Cook	Western Province	0,00	10,76	0,00	10,76
13	Matthew Preen ©	Western Province	7,58	0,00	0,00	7,58
14	Leon Orsmond	Southern Gauteng Bronze	7,17	0,00	0,00	7,17
15	Guy Pinker ©	Southern Gauteng Silver	0,00	7,17	0,00	7,17
16	Michael Baines	Western Province	5,83	0,00	0,00	5,83
17	Jan Du Plessis Jnr ©	Natal White	0,00	5,64	0,00	5,64
18	Piet van Wyk	Griquas Blue	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
19	Rudi Evans	Griquas Blue	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
20	Mark Warner ©	Griquas Blue	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
21	Donald Findlay	Griquas Red	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
22	Alta Matthews	Griquas Red	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
23	Anthony Illing	Southern Gauteng Silver	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
24	Stephen Smit	Southern Gauteng Silver	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00



TOURNAMENT:
VENUE:
HOST PROVINCE:

Tuna Interprovincial
Shelly Beach
Natal



Tournament Start Date:

11/07/2024

TEAM RANKING

RANKING	TEAM	POINTS			
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	TOTAL
1	Natal White	51,42	36,41	0,00	87,83
2	Natal Black	0,00	0,00	58,26	58,26
3	Southern Gauteng Bronze	37,32	0,00	17,84	55,16
4	Southern Gauteng Gold	15,09	15,30	16,14	46,53
5	Western Province	13,40	10,76	0,00	24,16
6	Griquas Red	0,00	0,00	23,47	23,47
7	Southern Gauteng Silver	0,00	7,17	0,00	7,17
8	Griquas Blue	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00



TOURNAMENT:
VENUE:
HOST PROVINCE:

Tuna Interprovincial
Shelly Beach
Natal



Tournament Start Date:

11/07/2024

SKIPPER RANKING

RANKING	BOAT	SKIPPER	POINTS			
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	TOTAL
1	Aquaholic	Jan Du Plessis Jnr	51,42	36,41	0,00	87,83
2	Kataza	Ralph Jones	0,00	0,00	58,26	58,26
3	Whe Daa Fish	Leon Uys	37,32	0,00	17,84	55,16
4	That's Him	Seth van den Berg	15,09	15,30	16,14	46,53
5	Durban Marine	Ryan Pellew	13,40	10,76	0,00	24,16
6	Mazzara	Nathan Pienaar	0,00	0,00	23,47	23,47
7	Father Time	Richard Hartley	0,00	7,17	0,00	7,17
8	Magwana	Mark Warner	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

Gus Pinker.

Captain SGDSAA Silver Team.

SADSAA Tuna Inter Provincials.

Shelly Beach.

11th – 12th July 2024.



SGDSAA Gold Team

Henk Liebenberg – Captain

Neil Coetzer

Adrian Feher

Seth – Skipper

Another well organised competition organized by Natal Deep Sea Angling Association and Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club. The weather was great, the fish were biting but as we all know those sharks were hungry and not letting an inch of fish go by. Our team managed to sneak a few fish pass them and held on to third place until the last day when NATAL black weighed some good fish and went up to 2nd position. 2nd, 3rd and 4th place were only separated by a few points.

If there was a spirit trophy SGDSAA Gold would have taken the award, it has been an exceptionally long time since I had that much fun and that's exactly why we do this sport.





Henk Liebenberg.
Captain SGDSAA Gold Team.

Richards Bay Ski Boat Club - Full Release Garrick Interclub.

**Richards Bay.
26h – 28th July 2024.**



Nomads entered 3 teams.

Shaun Aspden – Captain

Eleanor Roode

Chrisjan Jansen – Captain

Gus Pinker

Hennie Liebenberg – Captain

Hein Engelbrecht

The teams were named as:

Nomads Pink

Nomads Black

Nomads White.

This was the first event ever held of its kind in South Africa and Richards Bay Ski Boat Club hosted an event that will continue for years to come judging by the success of this event. Camping was offered to all anglers free of charge in the caravan park which helped to reduce the costs. Teams were supplied a boat and a skipper per day done via a draw. Eight teams took part and the local teams ended up on top.

Our teams battled tirelessly for the two days with none of the teams getting on the score board. In saying that Eleanor Roodt managed a fish in the dying minutes of the day only for it not to be filmed. The downside was the rule that only one hook be

used and either a J or Circle. A lot of the hookups were lost to fish biting lower on the bait.

The Nomads teams agreed that a lot more planning, preparation is required for next year's event. Finesse is required with this fishing. Building of friendships and learning another side of fishing was high on the agenda for all our teams.



Fishing life of Friedel Kirstein.



I spent my childhood growing up on a farm in the Bethal district. From an early age hunting and fishing was always my “happy place”. Hunting would mostly consist of shooting “mossies” and pigeons with my pellet gun with a big ceremonial braai and pretending the meat tastes great. I was however one of the very few fortunate kids to go on an annual hunt with my dad and friends to the bushveld where we would hunt all different type of species with my dad’s 30-06. December holidays were always in a caravan somewhere in the Southern Cape and there I would spend hours on the rocks catching “strepies” and shad. Looking back, I was extremely fortunate not to have overprotective parents that allowed me this time as a school kid all on my own on the rocks fishing all day. On the sport field I competed in athletics and earned my provincial colours in both the 400m and 800m. Schoolwork was never a priority, but I did manage to proceed to university after school to study law. This could only be due to my mother prayers answered.

At Varsity I met likeminded people such as big Dirk van Niekerk who often hunts and fishes with me to this day. My folks relocated to Pretoria and shortly thereafter my dad started to publish “Stywelyne” magazine. This opened a new world to me as I would start to fish places like Hentiesbaai with some of the best rock and surf anglers doing articles for the magazine. I have profound respect for a good rock and surf angler. These people know how to prepare and present bait and to read conditions. After I finished my studies, I pursued my dream to start my own transport company. Our first step in this direction was to start a consulting company, implementing Owner-Driver schemes for big corporate companies. This led me to relocate to Durban in my late 20’s. This had a crucial impact on my fishing career!

As a bachelor with all the time in the world but with no money, I met Danie van der Merwe in Durban. He was in a similar position. We did not allow the money hurdle to stand between us and the beautiful big blue ocean staring at us. Danie converted a little 13,6-foot cabin boat and 2 x 35 HP Yamaha’s, by cutting off the cabin. We joined a Light Tackle Boat Club in Durban. This was our start to ski-boat fishing! Danie recently fished the Rosebowl with me in Xai-Xai and it is always such a pleasure to have him onboard. Unfortunately, duty called me back to Johannesburg where my life would take interesting turns.

Just before I relocated back from Durban, I bought my first ski-boat. It was a beautiful 15,6 ft Yeldcat with 2 x 60hp Yamahas. I felt like the richest guy in the world! As I got to Johannesburg, I knew I had to find a fishing club to continue progressing in the sport. Although I did enjoy the light tackle boat fishing, I always wanted to do more game fishing. I cannot remember who pointed me to Nomads (the days before “google”), but I remember like yesterday walking in on a Nomads AGM in 2001 with Leon de Beer as Chairperson. There were strong characters like Ted Adams and Pierre Barnard in the meeting with heated debates going on. Little did I know at the time, the impact that this fishing club would have on my life. I did not know a single person in that room that night, and it would take me sometime to “earn my spurs” in the club.

Shortly after this I met a girl named Suzanne. She was a clever CA(SA) qualified with beautiful high heels. I was not sure if she would fit in with the fishermen. There was only one way to find out. So, the two of us went with my boat and a 4 X 2 bakkie to Guinjata for a week. She lasted the week without getting seasick. We caught some

nice Cuta, and I knew this was a keeper! We got married and my eldest daughter (Margitte) was born exactly 2 weeks before the Rosebowl was held at Guinjata. Not only did my wife allow me to go fish, but she also gave me 2 Jan Cruiser fishing rods that Warren Meredith handed to me on the beach the day before the competition! These 2 rods have a special place on my boat to this day! Margitte is currently a first-year medical student at Tukkies. She loves hunting with her dad in the Kalahari. Her boyfriend Ruan became part of the family very quickly and he thoroughly enjoys the hunting and fishing with us! Just over 2 years after Margitte, our second daughter was born. Grete is a tiny blonde and she loves fishing with her dad. I think the time she enjoys being out on the ocean more than the act of fishing itself. It is a privilege to have her on the ocean with me. Grete is Grade 11 at Helpmekaar College, and her dream is to study Architecture at Tukkies. Our youngest daughter is now grade 5 at Laerskool Jan Celliers. She is not into hunting and fishing with her dad yet, but she is a very resolute sportsgirl who loves her Aerial gymnastics and acrobatic dancing. She recently made a South African team and is currently dancing in New York as I write this.

I served on the Nomads Committee firstly as Competitions officer for 3 years, whereafter I served as Chairperson for 3 years. It was not easy times as I was faced with some strong people in the Club wanting to influence the course of things, but a strong personal learning curve! Thereafter I served as Chairperson of Southern Gauteng for 3 years. This was somehow a vastly dissimilar experience as we were a young group of chairpersons from the different clubs who wanted to have influence and set aside the individual politics. Those were wonderful times, and we achieved as a committee.

But it was on a cold winter's night after a Nomad's quarterly meeting that my affiliation with Nomads would have a drastic impact on my life. At the time I was consulting in the Transport Industry, and we were managing Owner-Driver schemes with about 230 Owner-Drivers on our books. It was because Mike Koch mentioned to me that night that they were operating trucks into the DRC, and they were looking for additional sub-contractors to assist on this route. I always wanted to operate my own fleet, and this gave me the perfect opportunity to begin. We had some tough times after the stock market crash in 2008, but we pushed through, and today I am operating 130 of my own trucks into Zambia and DRC.

On the fishing side I proceeded to earn my Protea Colours where we represented South Africa in a Fips tournament in Angola where our team placed second. I love competitive fishing and species fishing remains my favourite. The luck element is slightly replaced by a good skill set to target different species. I know this might trigger a big debate, but I suppose that is half the fun!

I am thankful for what Nomads meant to me over the years. It is not only about the fishing. I have made great friends that became family. Many a hard Rosebowl battle was fought next to friends such as Mitch Moore, Richard Mosley, and Mike Koch to name a few! I often get a Friday afternoon phone call from Uncle Richie just to check how things are going with me and the family. It is always such a pleasure to fish Shelly with Trevor Mosley. The ties are strong, and it all comes back to this wonderful fishing club we have.

I love the new vibe we feel at the club now. We have a lot to thank the Chairmen that came after me who sometimes had some real uphill battles to keep things going. We have new blood and new young leaders. The recent success we had at Xai-Xai might just be a glimpse of what is to come. Although we only fished one day, you could feel that we have skill sets coming into play now. I am looking forward to the future with Nomads.

Nomads, I salute you!

Suzanne – Stalwart of the family



Margitte



Hilde – last born



Grete – the fishing partner



Ruan – the boyfriend



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Regards,

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Interesting Article. MIKE TYSON OF THE SEA

Targeting amberjack out deep off KZN

(Published in the November 2018 issue of Ski-Boat magazine) By PJ Botha

BACK in 2008 my crew and I started targeting amberjack on the KZN South Coast with what we thought was the correct tackle and bait. Yes, we landed some good fish, but we also got a hiding of note because these guys are world class fighters. However, we learnt a lot and eventually found the correct set up which I'll share with you in this article.

MIKE'S HANGOUT

The perfect depth is from 70- to 90 meters and on the edge of a big hole or canyon. The reason for this is that the hole or canyon creates an upwelling which becomes a thriving Mac Donald's for fish like this.

The size of the fish you will find in this depth ranges from 17- to 50kg.

THE FAMILY

We have noticed that the junior and teenage fish shoal together in the summer months of December and January. You will find 2- to 8kg specimens on good reef structure with 5- to 10 meter drops and in depths up to 40m. The perfect conditions are slack current with a thermocline at mid-water. The older guys and girls' range between 8- and 16kg and are found in 50- to 60-meter-deep water. Once again ideal conditions feature a slack current with a thermocline at mid-water.

BAITING UP

The junior and teenage fish love the whip spoon, the 100-200g Benthos jigs and the bucktail jig. Silver, green, orange, and chartreuse are all successful. For the older guys you need to move to the heavier 200-300g Benthos jigs and live bait. My favourites are shad, mackerel, and torpedo scads, the slenderer the bait the better. When you are baiting for "Mike" we have three options — yellowfin tuna, frigate tuna and skip jack tuna. The size of the bait is of utmost importance as the amberjack does not have an excessively big mouth; anything up to 4kg is good.

TACKLE

In the beginning we started jigging with grinders and two-piece rods, but we quickly found out that we were under gunned with the two-piece rods and the middle of the range grinders. We then invested in Shimano Stella 18 000W and one-piece Shimano Blue Rose jigging rods. Our success in landing the bigger fish improved. We then started live-baiting with the grinder set up which cost us lots and lots of tears, never mind the injuries sustained when we hooked bigger and stronger fish and had no option but to increase our drags. With the grinder being at the bottom of the rod, the constant pressure of 25kg-plus drag and the fish's pounding tail kicks, the rods were snapping left, right and centre. The answer to our challenge was to find an overhand set up that was not too heavy to manage due to the technique we use. We invested in a Shimano Ocea jigger 4 000 star drag reel which has an 18kg max drag and matched it with a one-piece Kingfisher 450g rod. We spooled the Ocea with 120 lb. Saltiga multi-colour braid and attached a 1.8mm x 5m long mono leader to the braid by means of a plaited knot. Our trace for the live baits was a

remarkably simple one to start with. The mono diameter was 1.8mm and it was 1.2m long. On one side we put a 3/0 three-way swivel and on the other a 12/0 Bandit single hook. The sinker line attached to the three-way swivel and — particularly important — the sinker line length must be between 6- and 10m long. The length of your sinker line determines the distance between the reef and where your live bait is swimming, therefore giving you a greater chance of keeping the fish from cutting you off on the sharp rocks. The tackle and trace mentioned above was very efficient and produced fish of up to 32kg. Unfortunately, the Ocea jiggers did not last too long; the gears stripped, and the one-way bearing disintegrated but as least we were not breaking rods. We still found ourselves locking up the Ocea jigging reel to full drag including the left thumb pressing down onto the spool as hard as we could, and the fish still took line off the reel and swam into the reef. In this situation there is only one stance you can take

— download a song called Bend Ova by Lil Jon, listen to the song, and imagine your knees touching your elbows all locked up under full pressure. We then started doing homework on another reel. It had to be light and small, but with an immensely powerful drag system. We found the king of all reels for our application — the Jigging Master PE10. This reel's drag maxes out at 100 lb., it only weighs 830 grams has a 1:3.6 ratio, a lever drag system and enhanced power T-BAR aluminium handle. We matched the PE10 with a Shimano Beastmaster 20/30 rod which is your perfect combo. After repeatedly cut off on the rocks on the 1.8mm mono, we decided to give another trace line a go. We opted for 200- to 300 lb carbon-coated steel wire. The advantage of the carbon coated wire is that it ties a remarkably simple knot and has a very thin diameter — just what you need. (See photos on previous page.)

THE FIGHT

Round one — the bite — is insane to say the least! One moment your rod tip is facing the sky and in zero point zero seconds your rod slams the gunnel, the tip is in the water, and you let your knees touch your elbows!

Round two — the first wind of the reel — is the most important, and if you can get a second, third, fourth and so on, all the better. Even with a long sinker line you still need to power the fish to keep it as far away from the rocks as possible.

Round three is a real tug of war. At this stage of the fight the fish will settle into some off the strongest tail kicks you have ever experienced. Every now and then it will try to dart off to the bottom. The pressure on the tackle and your body is intense and you need to hang on for dear life or all will be lost.

Round four we will leave for you to experience for yourself.

THE MAN ON THE WHEEL

A particularly crucial factor in this complex process is the skipper. Our experience has showed that the angle of your line to the boat is of utmost importance. Remember if the angle of your line is at 45 degrees to the boat, all the fish has to do is swim straight down and, without any pressure on the line, it will make at least 8m in 80m of water. The line angle must be straight up and down so the angle is at zero degrees; this will ensure you keep maximum pressure on the fish so that you can control its actions.

Found this in an old newsletter

Should we resurrect this?

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