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## Newsletter / Nuusbrief: September 2018

### Mr President, NDAC Committee and Members

Anglers from all over Mpumalanga visited the NDAC the past weekend for MDSAA annual general meeting and prize giving which we hosted at the clubhouse and Kwanyoni lodge. A big thank you to all who helped with the arrangements to make it as successful as it was. Congrats to Matthew Potgieter who was awarded Junior Angler of the year.

With NDAC's Annual General Meeting just a week away, I would like to invite all members to the meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Club House and the prize giving that evening at Kwanyoni Lodge.

I am proud to announce that NDAC has now six members serving on the Mpumalanga committee and two members are on the selector's panel. Congratulations to Oom Paul Whitaker President, Edwin Freeman Treasurer, Gert Conradie Safety Officer, Johan Van Der Walt Records Officer, Martin Potgieter Junior and Development Officer, Sam Botha Tournaments Officer, Henry De Pradines Selector and Brad Van Zyl Selector Alternative. Four of our members were selected to represent Mpumalanga at the Light and heavy tackle Billfish Nationals in November. In the Light Tackle section Edwin Freeman (Captain) Gert Conradie and Johan Van Der Walt. Heavy Tackle Section Sam Botha (Captain). Well done on your selection and tight lines.

Congratulations to all our members who is celebrating their birthdays in September. I hope it is a memorable day and a blessed year.

Currently the club is in a good state with 203 members and 171 members affiliated to Mpumalanga and SADSAA. This year's boat test days will take place at the clubhouse in Nelspruit on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Onderberg on October 20<sup>th</sup> and Hazyview on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We as a committee decided to wave all surveyors' fees for the planned three days and will only charge R100 for the issuing of the COF document. Normal surveyor's fees will apply for tests outside the said dates.



***Yours in Angling  
Sam Botha  
NDAC Chairman***





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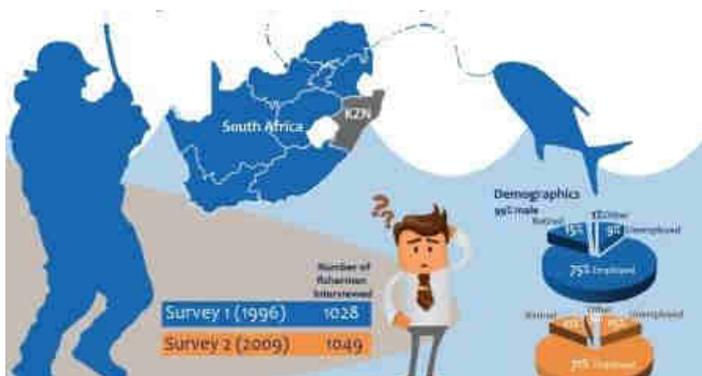


## News Snippets / Nuusbrokkies:

### What do recreational fishermen in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa really think?

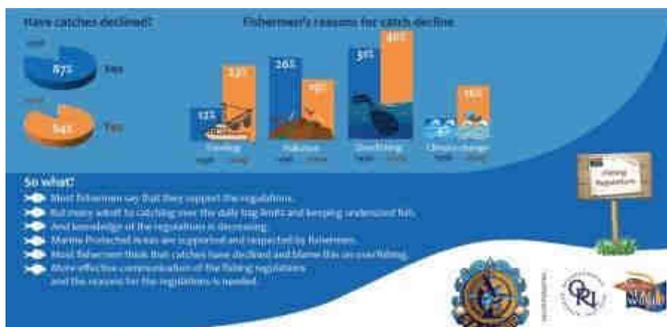
From HW Ntshona, WJ Mann, JW Durbap, M Mandyang & B Phelekezane-Adeboye (2017) Changes in recreational shore anglers' attitudes towards, and awareness of, wildlife management along the KwaZulu-Natal coast, South Africa, *African Journal of Marine Science*, 35(2), 377-387

To manage fisheries we need to understand fishermen. Analysis of data collected during two independent, shore-based snapshot surveys revealed changes over time in fishermen demographics and attitudes.



#### The Challenge

Recreational fishing is a popular pastime in South Africa and it is estimated that over 1.3 million South Africans go fishing for fun. While each fisherman may only return home with a modest catch, collectively their impact on fish populations can be considerable. While a great deal of research has, in the past, been focused on the biology and stock assessment of the fish populations, it is clear that without a better understanding of the fishermen themselves, effective management of this fishery is not possible. Appropriate social aspects including knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of recreational fishermen is needed.



#### Our Solution

Scientists in the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) in Durban, South Africa initiated a project to complement existing recreational fisheries research, through the analysis of demographic and psychographic angler attributes collected from two independent, shore-based snap-shot monitoring surveys conducted on the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) coastline between 1994-1996 and 2009-2010 respectively.

#### The Results

showed that there were significant changes in the demographics of anglers (including ethnic composition, age distribution, years of fishing experience and employment status) participating in the KZN shore-based line-fishery between the two surveys. Traditional management regulations (minimum size limits, daily bag limits and closed seasons), whilst appearing to have support, have had limited effectiveness, based on the increased levels of admitted non-compliance and poor knowledge of regulations for target species. Anglers in both surveys believed that catches had declined over the years, with over-fishing being the most common reason given.

#### What Next?

As management of the recreational fishery in KZN has changed dramatically over the past few years, the results of this study provide an important baseline from which to assess the impact of these changes. The paper discusses the very serious implications of these changes for both fish populations and the people who rely on them and makes suggestions on how to improve management going forward.



## News Snippets / Nuusbrokkies:

*Mpumalanga  
Deep Sea Angling Association*



*Mpumalanga  
Diepsee Hengel Vereniging*

### We would like to congratulate the following anglers on their selection for MDSAA teams in the 2018 Billfish Nationals:

#### Light Tackle Red

- Edwin Freeman (Captain)
- Marius de Vos
- Jan Strydom



#### Light Tackle Blue

- Lise Smit (Captain)
- Gert Conradie
- Johan van der Walt

#### Light Tackle White

- Piet Jordaan snr (Captain)
- Pieter Jordaan
- Armand de Vos



#### Heavy Tackle

- Sam Botha (Captain)
- Nico Zaayman
- Kobus Engelbrecht

#### Heavy Tackle Masters Red

- Kobus Sutherland (Captain)
- Handro Swart
- Danie Visser

#### Heavy Tackle Masters Blue

- Michel De Kock (Captain)
- Dawie Saaiman
- Dwayne Viviers





## Notice Board / Kennisgewings Bord:



Wernich Botha 01/09



Ivor Cason 22/09

Gerhard De Jager 15/09



Cassie Greyling 08/09



Pieter De Jager 21/09

Craig Todd 10/09

Lee Freeman 05/09

Lawrence Good 28/09

Piet Kok 22/09

Charlie Van Veijeren 04/09

Arnold Le Rouxn12/09

Lappies Labuschagne 20/09

MP Olivier 23/09



Bouwer Opperman 25/09

Mark Dedekind 28/09

Devon O' Reilly 16/09

Trevor Smuts 11/09



The symbolism of **September** month focuses on refocusing our energies. ... Like the other months, its name comes from the ancient Romans. It comes from the Latin septum, meaning "seven". This might strike you as odd, since September is the ninth month of the year.

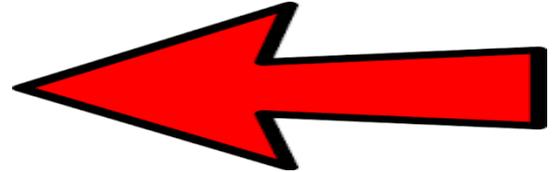
Wouter Barnard 11/09

Aajee Cronje 10/09

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## Notice Board / Kennisgewings Bord:



**WELKOM AAN DIE VOLGENDE NUWE  
LEDE/  
WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW  
MEMBERS**

**Jaco Sevenster**

### **Boottoets Dae/Boat test Days**

Nelspruit – 13 Oktober/ October  
Onderberg – 20 Oktober/ October  
Hazyview – 27 Oktober/ October

***Kostes vir NDHK lede wat bote op die genoemde drie datums laat toets sal slegs R100 wees. Costs for NDAC members on any of the dates mentioned will be only R100***

Vir enige verdere inligting kontak die NDHK komitee/for more information please contact the NDAC committee.

### **TACKLE BOX**



Our next tackle box will be at the club house!!  
**Arno Laubscher** will be hosting the evening in regards to **Tarpon** angling.

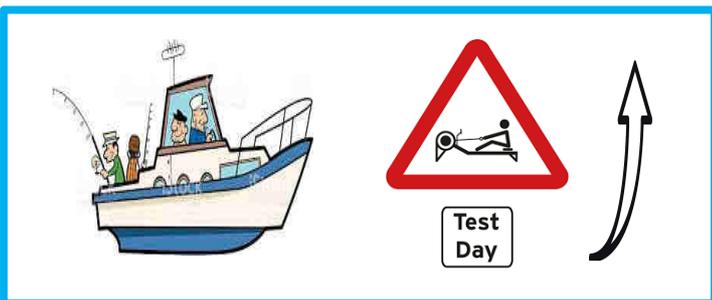
**10 October/Oktober 2018**  
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Please support our tackle box events!!

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All welcome!!!

Contact: Henry de Pradines for more information  
on 082 556 5820.





## Angler of the month / Hengelaar van die maand:

Any paid up member of the NDAC is eligible for the "Angler of the month" award which is a R200 gift voucher sponsored by Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...simply send in your pictures to qualify. Winners will be announced in the Newsletter and collect their vouchers from Solly's. All pictures received will be published in the Newsletter under the new "Members photos" section so please send in your images to [ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za](mailto:ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za) today!!!

Enige lid van die NDHK wie se ledegelde opbetaal is kan in aanmerking kom vir die "Hengelaar van die maand" toekenning wat 'n R200 geskenkbewys is geborg deur Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...dis eenvoudig, stuur net julle foto's in om te kwalifiseer. Weners sal in die Nuusbrieff aangekondig word en die geskenkbewys kan af gehaal word by Solly's. Alle foto's wat ontvang word sal in die Nuusbrieff geplaas word onder 'n nuwe afdeling "Lede se foto's so stuur asseblief julle foto's vandag nog na [ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za](mailto:ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za)!!!

### The top 3 most difficult fish to catch:

#### Atlantic blue marlin

The Atlantic blue marlin tops the list on the most difficult fish to catch and for good reasons. It combines a trio of massive size, a fighting spirit, and rarity. These combined makes the Blue Marlin considered the Holy Grail catch and a prized collection for trophy fish collectors. The Atlantic Blue Marlin called the Blue Marlin is usually found in the Atlantic Ocean, so access to them is somewhat restricted. That aside, they are very evasive and hooking them always poses a serious challenge. Catching the Blue Marlin isn't for every angler. It requires a lot of patience and experience not forgetting proper gear and well-timed hook set as this fish have tough mouths. Once hooked, the Blue Marlin puts up a serious fight which can tumble a small boat when they are being reeled in.

#### Sailfish

The sailfish are swell looking members of the billfish family. These fishes lurk around ocean bottoms and are tough game to land. Their super speed (which reaches about 68 mph making them the fastest ocean dwellers) makes them a challenging fish to catch. These magnificent fish are quite abundant and can be easily hooked when feeding with either a squid or octopus bait. But, how do you catch a speedster of about 10 feet and a weight of up to 220 pounds in its natural habitat? Sailfish are not just super-fast underwater dwellers, these saltwater fish puts up a fight when hooked. They have been known to leap and repeatedly dive in a fit while trying to break the line. You would need a lot of patience to reel them in as they can take up to several hours to land.

#### Wahoo

This elongated fish is a speedster. Anglers looking for a thrill can decide to catch one of this awkwardly named fish. Wahoo have a body built for speed and have been known to reach a speed of 50 miles per hour when on the move. Wahoo is mostly fished for sport due to the stress they bring in the catch. Their first run is the deciding factor as they bring the fight here. They use their fast speed to make a run for it usually going from 0 to 50 mph and covering several hundreds of yards in just seconds. On the flip side, wahoo are not scarce, and their population isn't dwindling. They can be found in warm temperate oceans. They are easily located near reefs and wrecks with plenty of smaller fish.

**Please send us your pictures when you go fishing... This way you can share your catch with our fellow members, and perhaps you can become our angler of the month!!!**

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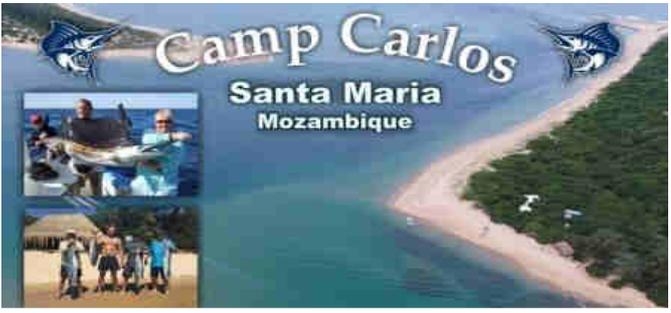
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