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Newsletter / Nuusbrief: June/Junie 2018

Mr President, NDAC Committee and Members

With great anticipation and weeks of preparation it was finally time to cross the bay of Maputo to Santa Maria for the 2018 Inhaca Challenge. Once again, the setting was perfect, and the week kicked off with the opening ceremony at Nhonguane Lodge finding everyone ready and eager to get things going. The recent Inhaca Challenge might be something of the past, but the 2018 competition will be remembered as one of the most challenging in recent memory. Tough conditions and even tougher fishing made skippers and anglers work very hard for each catch.

Congratulations to Go Fish, skippered by Gary Larkan, with their first place at this year's event, followed by Catembe and Lewire in third place. At the first weigh-in of the week, Go Fish brought a Wahoo of 25,2 Kg to the scale which was also the Calcutta fish at the end of the week and walked away with an additional forty thousand five hundred Rand in cash. To Anton and his committee, well done and congratulations on a well-organized Competition.

The 21th MRA Inhaca Challenge will be remembered for a long time. Many thanks to all our generous sponsors at this prestige event, without your loyal support events like this will not be possible. To all the skippers and anglers who attended, thank you for a great week with lots of laughs and camaraderie. Well done to our angler of the month Werner Potgieter, AKA Woere, who caught a very nice Black Marlin on 10 Kg line during the Inhaca Challenge. Congratulations to all our members whom are celebrating their birthdays in June. I hope it is a memorable day and a blessed year. Currently the club is in a good state with over 170 members affiliated to Mpumalanga and SADSAA.

The 2018 AGM and prize giving will be held at the clubhouse on September 8th. Please make a note in your diary to attend and come enjoy the evening with us. The next tackle box will be the club's annual Yellow fish competition which will take place on June 16th at Henry De Pradines's farm, Oewersig, Alkmaar. The competition will start at 05h30 am and will end the afternoon with a braai. All fish will be measured and released back into the river. I urge all members to attend these events for a bit of fun, making new friends and catching up with some old ones.

Yours in Angling
Sam Botha
NDAC Chairman





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Competitions / Kompetesies

Inhaca Challenge 2018

Team points - Final

Boat	Score	Rank
Go Fish	122.1	1
Catembe	98.9	2
Lewire	88.8	3
Reel Deal	86.4	4
Mokoro	68.4	5
Mad Marlin Two	66	6
Solid Cat	53.2	7
Fishing Myself Single 11	39.1	8
About Time	38.2	9
Gone Overboard	35.8	10
Numzaan	35.7	11
Katonkel	34.6	12
Supremasea	31.3	13
Mad Marlin	30.2	14
Grande PE	23.6	15
Grootbek	17.4	16
Jack Russel	16.8	17
Hoof Hearted	8.1	18
Hooker	7.5	19
Topshot	6.5	20
Skelmpie	6	21
Rainbow Runner	5.9	22
Galfinho	5.7	23
Vasbyt	5	24
Reel Tite	3.1	25
Suzi Q	-40	26



Team Go Fish, Gary Larkan and crew - winners of Inhaca Challenge 2018!



Hotel & Lodging in Santa Maria, Maputo, Mozambique



Trevor Dubber & Anton Van Niekerk won the Calcutta with a beautiful Wahoo of 25kg!!





News Snippets / Nuusbrokkies:

PLUGGING FOR KINGFISH FROM A BOAT

One of the hardest fighting game fish fishermen tangle with on the East coast of Africa is the Giant kingfish (*Caranx ignobilis*). These brawlers of the ocean are often hooked while trolling over reef, or along reef edges. One of the signature trademarks of a giant kingfish is a brief, hard tussle then sudden slack line with a rough, abraded end. These tough fish are dirty fighters that are not above diving into caves, swimming over ledges, round pinnacles, anything to cut the line off. Most big kingfish hooked close to reef are lost this way.

Kingfish live on reefs that are not too far offshore. They come into very shallow water at times to feed on the baitfish living there. Their forays into the shallows generally coincide with high spring tides, when there is a lot of water movement and white foamy water in the bays. They are also crepuscular feeders to a fairly large extent, doing most of their feeding at dawn or dusk. The reasons for this are firstly that the low light gives the kingfish cover, making it less exposed in the shallow water. Secondly Predatory fish's eyes adjust to low light quicker and more efficiently than do the eyes of baitfish, giving the predator the advantage over its prey.

Giant kingfish are very aggressive predators that will hit any injured or panicked baitfish that they come across. They chase their prey with spectacular vigor, creating huge splashes and swirls behind the jumping baitfish. They stay focused on their prey until it tires and its jumps become shorter and less energetic, then there is usually one last swirl and the action is over.

Because their prey so often takes to the air in a futile bid to escape, kingfish are very tuned in to any surface movement. Any splash immediately draws a reaction from any kingfish in the area, as it triggers an aggressive response.

Taking all of the above into account it therefore makes sense that if one was to target giant kingfish specifically, then ideally one would use a surface plug and work it hardest either at first light or at last light. Over periods of high spring tides, especially the three days after springs, when the high tide coincides with dawn and dusk then it is worth trying for these fish in the shallows.

The tackle for this sort of fishing is pretty specific. You could either go with a spinning rig or a multiplier on a casting rod. Whichever you choose to use the reels must be big enough to load with more than 150m of 40lb line and the retrieve ratio needs to be quick enough to give a surface plug decent action. On multiplier reels this would be 6:1 or faster.

For a fixed spool reel a rod of anywhere between seven and nine foot would be fine as long as it has a very strong butt section so that you can put serious pressure on a big fish. The rod to use with a multiplier would ideally be between nine and twelve foot in length and also be very strong.

Load your spool with forty pound breaking strain monofilament of the high abrasion variety, or a braided line of at least eighty pound. On the end of your main line tie on a wind on casting leader of at least eighty pound monofilament and to the end of this attach your lure (Using a non-slip loop).

For casting with multipliers the best surface plugs to use are the chisel nose type. The very fat Aubrey Da Gama plugs are excellent when the wind is behind you, or there is no wind. They are too bulky and light to cast into the wind properly, but make a very large and attractive splash. If you need to cast into the wind then the Predator plastic plugs are best, they have a higher weight to bulk ratio and cast well. For casting with a fixed spool set up then chugger type plugs such as Creek Chub striper strikes seem to be best.

It is always a good idea to change hooks and split rings on plugs to be used for big kingfish. Buy some heavy duty stainless spring steel split rings with a test rating of at least fifty kilograms (Dr Hook makes excellent ones) and get some extra strong treble hooks of at least 4/0 in size, VMC make brilliant hooks for this. These can be rigged onto plugs quickly and easily using a pair of split ring pliers.



Before you go fishing test all your knots, hook strength, split rings etc by hooking the lure onto a log or something, walking about thirty or forty metres of line out and then tightening up the drag and pulling as hard as you can. I really mean as hard as you can, it is impossible to break forty pound line with the rod tip up. If anything gives it would have gone with a fish on the end anyway. If nothing gives then you can go fishing for kings with the confidence that you at least have a chance of landing one.

It is well worth keeping a casting rod on board your boat, rigged with a plug, ready for the occasion that you find a patch of milky, churned up water off a sandbank or reef which is close to a deep channel. These spots are prime ambush sites for giant kingfish and are sure to be holding at least one of these magnificent fish when the tide is pushing and the baitfish shoals are being pushed around by the currents.

Charl and Etienne Carey landed some beautiful Kings on a recent trip to Vilanculos with plugs:



- Giant Trevally (*Caranx ignobilis*) are also known as Giant Kingfish, Barrier Trevally, Lowly Trevally, Ulua (in Hawaii) or GT for short
- GTs have an average length of 85cm – specimens of around 60cm will be 3 – 4 years old and those over 1m in length will be roughly 8 – 10 years old
- Giant Trevally can reach top speeds of 60km/h
- This species is a silvery-grey colour with mature males (70cm+) being dusky to jet-black
- When threatened or stressed, GTs lose their dark colouration and become more silvery-grey
- GTs are known to be ciguatoxic as they feed on species like Grouper and Wrasse which contain ciguatoxins
- Specimens of over 1.7m in length and weighing over 180lbs have been documented
- The current IGFA All Tackle Record for Giant Trevally stands at 160lbs for a specimen caught in Kagoshima, Japan
- Evidence in Hawaii has shown that a GT can mate with a Bluefin Trevally after an impressive 88lb Bluefin was captured
- GTs have been known to follow Monk Seals and Sharks when hunting, feeding on 'forgotten' prey

Giant trevally



How Sunglasses Help for Fishing

Keep your eyes protected from the sun when out on the water.

Fishing requires special tools, and polarized sunglasses headline the list, as they allow you to see into the water and spot the fish, enhance navigation and physically protect your eyes. Choose the right glasses to match your needs. Sunglass lenses come in two materials: glass or optical-grade polycarbonate. Glass lenses offer the sharpest optics and better scratch-resistance but cost more and weigh more. Polycarbonate lenses weigh less and still offer exceptional clarity, so the decision boils down to personal preference. Polarization is particular critical to angler. Light reflected off surface of water creates glare, making it tougher to see. Polarized sunglasses feature a special filter built into the lenses that blocks the natural glare and haze. This allows you to spot fish on or just below the surface. Shoals, oyster bars, rocks and other obstructions stand out while the boat is underway too. Polarization sometimes makes it harder to read LCD electronic displays, and you might need to remove or pull down the glasses to monitor the chart-plotter. Each lens color offers its own advantages. For visibility in shallow depths, copper or amber-tinted lenses provide the best contrast. Yellow or vermillion tints are designed for low light conditions. Offshore, where the glare is intense gray lenses remain the top choice for maximum acuity. Exterior lens coatings are another filter to add to the lenses. Coatings limit the amount of light entering the eyes, which increases the comfort level and reduces eye strain. Green, blue and mirror coatings are the most popular but they are just another layer on top of the base tint. Wearing quality sunglasses protects your eyes from harmful damage. Ultra violet B rays causes cataracts, macular degeneration and other problems. UV rays cannot pass through glass, however, which is why eye doctors urge anglers to always wear sunglasses on the water. They also protect you from wayward lures and flies. Like pliers, landing nets and hook files, a quality pair of polarized sunglasses should be part of every angler's equipment. There are dozens of frame styles to match individual tastes. Just pick the right components to maximize the catch without compromising the peepers.



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Marilyn Monroe 1-June
Angelina Jolie 4-June

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Prize Giving



8 September 2018 – Clubhouse – Marlin Pub & Grill.....

TACKLE BOX



Saturday 16 June 2018
Oewersig Farm/Plaas-Henry de Pradines

Yellow Fish T & R Competition!!

Starts at 05h30 – R50.00 pp entrance fee with a 'Braai' afterwards....

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Make new friends and catch up with old ones.

All welcome!!!

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





Angler of the month / Hengelaar van die maand:

Werner Potgieter aka "Woere" is our Angler of the month with his Black Marlin he caught during the Inhaca Challenge 2018.

Congratulations Woere!!!

Werner Potgieter aka "Woere" is ons Hengelaar van die maand met sy Swart Marlyn wat hy gedurende die Inhaca Challenge 2018 gevang het.

Baie geluk Woere!!!



Black Marlin Basic Facts

- The scientific name for the black marlin is *Istiompax indica*.
- These fish are mainly found in the warm tropical waters of the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Due to their huge size and appearance Black Marlins are a very popular game fish among sport fishermen.
- Besides being a prized game fish these animals are also fished for commercially.
- These fish can migrate long distances. One Black Marlin was tracked traveling from Australia to the coast of Costa Rica; a distance of 9,045 miles (14,556.5 km).
- The lifespan of a Black Marlin can reach 25 years.
- The Black Marlin's diet includes squids, scads, mackerel, cuttlefishes, octopuses and other small fish.
- These speedy fish have been recorded diving to depths of over 2,000 feet (610 meters) but usually do not dive below 600 feet (183 meters).
- These fish are rarely dangerous to humans but on rare occasion have been known to attack fishing boats with their long sharp bill.
- The Black Marlin is named black due to the fact that is the color they turn when dead.

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 today!!!

Enige lid van die NDHK wie se ledegedelde 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 Nuusbrief aangekondig word en die geskenkbewys kan af gehaal word by Solly's. Alle foto's wat ontvang word sal in die Nuusbrief geplaas word onder 'n nuwe afdeling "Lede se foto's so stuur asseblief julle foto's vandag nog na ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za!!!



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