

POINT WATERSPORTS CLUB CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

FROM THE GM'S DESK

As the festive season winds down, it has been wonderful to see the club return to a more familiar rhythm.

Thank you to our members for contributing to a positive and enjoyable holiday period, and for the patience and understanding shown while the club operated at full capacity over this busy time.

With many members now easing back into their regular routines, the club will be returning to normal trading hours. Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce a new Specials Menu from 1 February, and we are also putting something special together for Valentine's Day, so keep an eye out for more details.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for being part of what makes our club such a special place.

Entertainment Line Up

- **Friday** Christene, 17h30 to 20h30
- **Sunday** Sly the Singer 13h00 to 16h00

We look forward to welcoming you at the club this weekend.

Warm regards,

Grant Wessels
General Manager

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

CHRISTENE
FRIDAY 16 JAN
17H30 - 20H30

SLY THE SINGER
SUNDAY 18 JAN
13H00 - 16H00

DATES TO NOTE

REEF & BEACH CLEAN
17 JANUARY

DSBC MEETING
18 JANUARY

DUC LEAGUE SWIM
31 JANUARY

CLUBHOUSE TRADING HOURS

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Club Office Hours Wed to Fri | 9am to 3pm - Weekends & Public Holidays | 9am to 2pm

Bar Hours: Wed to Sat | 8am to 9pm
Sun & Public Holidays | 8am to 7pm

Kitchen Hours: Wed to Fri | 8am to 8pm
Saturday | 7am to 8pm
Sun & Public Holidays | 7am to 5pm

Coffee Bar: Wed to Sat | 6:30am to 8:30pm
Sun & Public Holidays | 6:30am to 5:30pm

NOTE: Closing times are subject to weather and management discretion.
Kitchen orders to be placed 15 mins before closing time.

Durban Ski Boat Club



The windy conditions over the last week meant that only a handful of boats ventured out during the week, and a small number made a go of it on Sunday morning. Nevertheless, some quality fish were caught by the guys who took advantage of the available gaps. Good catches of Geelbek were made by the boats that went out in the evenings, and a couple of decent Daga were also in the mix.

For the first time in years, we are seeing regular catches of Yellowfin Tuna coming out off of Durban, and while these are still mostly on the smaller side, they still make a tasty change. As expected, the Dorado are still prolific, and one boat recently managed 12 in a short morning session. Based on what happened last year, we would have expected the Couta fishing to have slowed down a few weeks back, but it seems these feisty gamefish are here to stay and good catches are still regularly being made on the North Coast.

This week's weather forecast doesn't look much better than last week's, unfortunately, and Sunday morning might be our best window of opportunity.

Also, a reminder that on **Sunday at 14h00**, we will be holding our **Annual Competitive Fishing Meeting** in the function room. This meeting is compulsory for all current competitive anglers wishing to fish for DSBC this year. Immediately after the meeting, there will be an exclusive game fishing talk by one of our Protea gamefish anglers. Competitive angling is a fantastic way to increase your knowledge of fishing in general, while getting the opportunity to fish some of the best angling destinations on the KZN coastline. Any DSBC member who is interested in beginning their journey toward provincial or national colours in angling is encouraged to attend this meeting. We cater for all ages, from young junior anglers to ladies and seniors, and have an awesome body of anglers who are always willing to share their knowledge and assist new competitive anglers.





Durban Undersea Club

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Underwater Hockey will be back in full swing from Wednesday. Practices will take place at Westville Boys High on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 18h30 to 20h00. We are also exploring the option of beginner practices on Sunday mornings for anyone interested in trying the sport for the first time. If you are curious or want more information, contact **Wesley** on 079 493 8237.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Come and join the **Breathe Conservation** team for a fun snorkel while we clean the reef on **Saturday the 17th of January**. We will meet at 07h00 outside the main bar area. Please bring your own snorkelling gear, although a limited amount of gear will be available to borrow. A great way to give back to the ocean while enjoying time in the water.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

Congratulations to **Graham Du Toit**, who successfully completed a crossing of False Bay. An incredible achievement and a serious show of grit and endurance. Looking ahead, the first monthly league swim for 2026 takes place on the **31st of January**, with registration at 06h45 and a 07h15 start. The entry fee is R100, which includes a bacon and egg roll. Entries close on 29 January. Contact **Steve** on 082 855 5516 for a race number and come join the fun.

SCUBA DIVING

The coral gobie discussion continues, with another great report from DUC member **Adrian Pearton** following last weekend's dive. Adrian reported a really enjoyable 60 plus minute dive on Bikini, with around 10 metres visibility, almost no current or surge, and plenty to see. Highlights included loads of nudibranchs and whip coral gobies, reminding us just how much life exists in even calm, seemingly quiet conditions.

FREEDIVING

There was some added excitement on our most recent freediving session last weekend when a 2m blacktip shark cruised past the base weights. Always a privilege to share the water with these curious visitors. All freediving courses are fully booked through to the end of February. If you are keen to learn more about your body's ability to explore the underwater world on a single breath, contact **Angie** on 082 874 1706 for information on the next available course dates. If you and your family are considering joining the **2nd Annual DUC Sodwana Freediving Trip**, we highly recommend completing a course beforehand to maximise your experience. The trip is open to non-divers, and snorkellers are very welcome too.

EDUCATION CORNER | WHY DO SHARKS OFTEN VISIT DIVERS?

Blacktip sharks, like the one spotted on our freediving session, are naturally curious animals. They are often attracted to unfamiliar objects, movement or vibrations in the water, such as dive lines, base weights or groups of divers. These brief encounters are to investigate and the sharks almost always pass through calmly. Seeing sharks in their natural environment is a sign of a healthy ocean ecosystem and a reminder of the importance of remaining calm, aware and respectful when sharing their space.



A beautiful nudibranch photographed by Robyn Scott.



Stock image of a Black Tip Shark