

POINT WATERSPORTS CLUB CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

FROM THE GM'S DESK

As we settle back into the rhythm of the year, there is not much news to report this week. Trading hours have returned to normal, and it is good to see the club easing into a familiar routine after a busy festive season.

Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce a new specials menu in February, along with details of our annual Valentine's Dinner, which will be shared soon.

A gentle reminder to help us keep the clubhouse clean and comfortable for everyone. Please make use of the outdoor water stations to rinse sandy feet after time on the beach, and avoid rinsing off sandy bodies in the indoor showers. Small courtesies like these go a long way, especially as we move into the warmer months.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and continued support.

Entertainment Line Up

- **Friday** Don Seagreen, 17h30 to 20h30
- **Sunday** Igal, 13h00 to 16h00

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

Warm regards,

Grant Wessels
General Manager

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

DON SEAGREEN
FRIDAY 23 JAN
17H30 - 20H30

IGAL
SUNDAY 25 JAN
13H00 - 16H00

DATES TO NOTE

DUC LEAGUE SWIM
31 JANUARY

VALENTINE'S DINNER
14 FEBRUARY

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 Undersea Club

ENVIRONMENTAL

What an incredible way to kick off 2026. Our first reef clean up of the year saw over 30 volunteers snorkelling the reef and collecting more than 20kg's of rubbish. Along the way, we were rewarded with some special sightings, including a giant scorpionfish, octopus, a ray and so much more. Durban really spoilt us. A huge thank you to everyone who came through, especially to those joining us for the first time. We hope to see you back again. Keep an eye out for our monthly clean ups and get involved. They are a fantastic way to give back to the ocean and are suitable for families and kids of all ages.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

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

Saturday's dive came with a chilly surprise as divers encountered cold, green water, a clear sign of a strong upwelling pushing along the coast. With SW winds forecast this week, we are hopeful that cleaner water will move in ahead of the weekend and bring improved diving conditions.

FREEDIVING

The freedivers headed out with a new group of students to work through key skills. While underwater visibility was not ideal, the surface conditions were absolutely magical on Saturday, making for a great day on the ocean. Congratulations to our three newly certified freedivers. There is currently a 2 to 3 month waiting period for freediving courses, so if you are curious about getting started, it's worth booking sooner rather than later.

EDUCATION CORNER | WHAT IS UPWELLING?

Upwelling occurs when colder, nutrient-rich water from deeper offshore areas is pushed up toward the surface, often driven by wind patterns and currents. While this water can appear green and reduce visibility for diving, it plays a vital role in ocean health by feeding plankton, which supports the entire marine food chain. These conditions often lead to increased marine life activity in the days or weeks that follow, reminding us that what feels unpleasant for divers is often a sign of a thriving ocean system.



Our DUC League Swimmers at the start line for one of our monthly swims in 2025.

Durban Ski Boat Club



We had a very successful competitive angling meeting on Sunday, and it was encouraging to see a great turnout from our junior anglers. There were a lot of our regular faces present, and also a few new young faces, so it looks like the future of competitive angling at Durban is looking solid.

Protea gamefish angler, **Justin Paynter** presented a great tackle talk, covering the importance of tackle maintenance and using the correct rods and reels for the different target species. There were a few demonstrations of just how tough a 10kg line can be, and we got to see and test some of the fantastic tackle available from the Kingfisher. Thank you to all the anglers who made it to the meeting. We can look forward to another great year from our competitive teams.

As expected, not much fishing was done over the last week, although quite a few boats went out on Sunday. Most reported cool, green water and tough fishing, but there were still some great catches made, including a pair of very good Yellowtail, caught by **Garreth Brockett** and **Tyrin Bayne**. These tough fighting fish can be caught at many of the deeper water bottom marks and will definitely test you and your tackle's toughness. They are a great challenge to land and very good eating. There are also some decent-sized Couta around, and while it may take a little more patience to land one at the moment, things should pick up considerably over the next few weeks.

Finally, we are heading for our **Durban Ski Boat Club Interclub Tournament** on the **13th - 15th March**, and if anyone is interested in getting involved with some sort of sponsorship, please contact **Mark Justham** on 083 358 1435. Any help making this another sensational event would be hugely appreciated.

