

POINT WATERSPORTS CLUB CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

FROM THE GM'S DESK

We were treated to spectacular ocean conditions and beautiful beach weather this past weekend. It was one of those golden weekends that remind us why we are so fortunate to have this incredible space on our doorstep.

With weather like that, the club naturally runs at full capacity, and we appreciate the wonderful atmosphere created by our members. On especially busy days, please keep in mind that the kitchen may experience delays due to the high volume of orders. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding. The team works extremely hard to keep service moving as efficiently as possible.

Calling all **"Reefers"** to join us for a networking evening in the Function Room on **27 February** from 18h00. This is a great opportunity to trade, sell, purchase, and connect with fellow reef enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you there.

This weekend's entertainment:

- **Friday:** Rick Rythms | 17h30 - 20h30
- **Sunday:** Hagar Blu | 13h00 - 16h00

We look forward to welcoming you to the club for another great weekend.

Warm regards,

Grant Wessels
General Manager

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

RICK RYTHMS
FRIDAY 27 FEB
17H30 - 20H30

HAGAR BLU
SUNDAY 01 MARCH
13H00 - 16H00

DATES TO NOTE

TALK: MIKE FRASER
26 FEBRUARY

REEF NETWORKING
27 FEBRUARY

DUC LEAGUE SWIM
28 FEBRUARY

BEACH & REEF CLEAN
21 MARCH

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

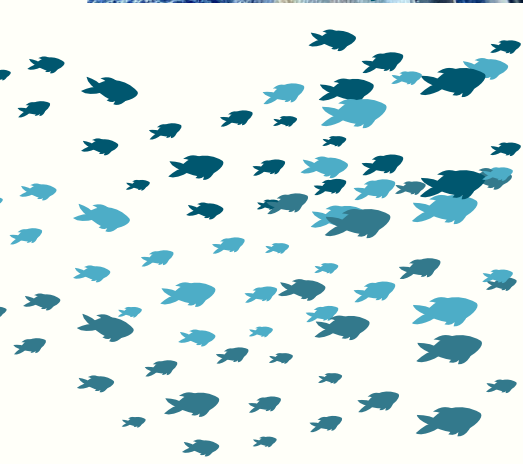


Once again, our safety officer, **Ronny Windsor**, has asked that all skippers remember that the area from the beach to the end of North Pier is a **"No Wake Zone,"** and that this needs to be strictly adhered to. With the hotter temperatures recently, there are a lot more bathers in the water, and they are not always aware of approaching watercraft. When approaching the beach, do so slowly, and ensure that your path to the spot where you intend to beach is clear of any bathers, before making your approach run. Also, skippers are reminded to stay 100m away from all dive buoys, and all spearfishermen and divers are required to deploy a buoy before starting a dive.

The fishing over the last week was once again on fire. We have definitely seen the best wahoo season in years, and seeing 10 or more Wahoo at the wash bay on a single day isn't uncommon. These speedy gamefish have been caught on everything from konas and trolling lures to live bait and even poppers. With our water temperatures expected to remain above 24° C for a few more weeks, these fish should be around for a while still.

Good numbers of Couta were also caught last week, with many fish topping 20kg. The kayak anglers have had great success on the north coast around Umdhloti and Westbrook, and some excellent catches were also made on the South Coast. Yellowfin Tuna, Dorado, and some Natal Snoek made up the majority of the rest of the last week's catches.

We have less than a month to go before our **CMH Pelagic Social Competition**, which will be held on the **21st of March**, and which has R20 000 worth of cash prizes up for grabs. With all the fantastic game fish species around at the moment, this should be a very exciting and interesting competition, which anyone could win. The competition is open to all ski boat anglers, and the entry fee is R200 per angler, which includes a free boerie roll at prizegiving

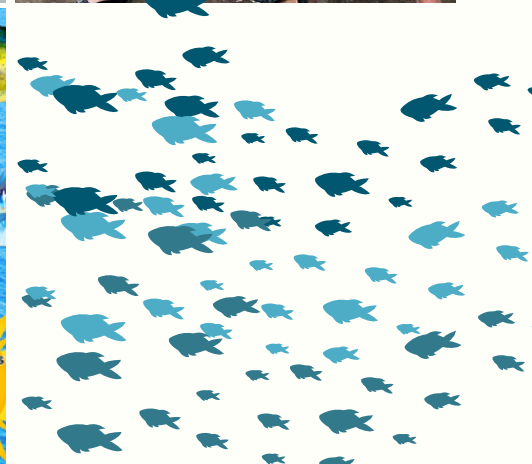


CMH GROUP
SOCIAL COMPETITION
R20 000
IN CASH PRIZES

For the biggest pelagic catch
Overall, Senior, Ladies, and Juniors
Open to all ski boat anglers.
Entry - R200 per angler.
Saturday 21 March
(Sunday 22 March - Weather Day)

Includes
Free Boerie Roll
at Prizegiving.

CMH Customers
Will Double
Their
Prize Money



Durban Undersea Club

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

The highlight of the weekend has to be the 5 Beaches Swim, with 90 swimmers taking part in what can only be described as spectacular ocean conditions. The water delivered in every way and the smiles at the finish said it all. A big thank you to **Niamh Walsh-Voster** for the stunning images that captured the magic of the day, and well done to the organisers for yet another successful open water event like no other. This coming weekend is our monthly league swim on **28 February**. Swimmers can choose between two routes: 2400m or 1200m. The entry fee is R100 and includes a bacon and egg roll. Enter via My Club Account or contact **Steve** on 082 855 5516.

SCUBA DIVING

Some of our club divers headed to Aliwal Shoal over the weekend and were rewarded with absolutely world-class conditions. With over 30m visibility and warm 27-degree water, the ocean was alive. Highlights included two manta rays, white tip reef sharks and dolphins. Thank you to **Dennis Guichard** for the exciting update. Join us at the club on **Thursday** for a presentation by **Mike Fraser**. Mike will be speaking about rebreathers, underwater photography at depth, and his encounters with the resident coelacanths off Park Rynie. A rare and fascinating glimpse into deep South African diving.

FREEDIVING

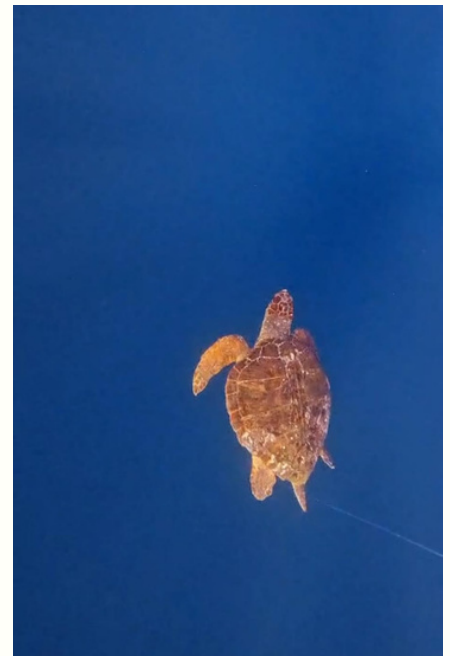
The freedivers enjoyed another spectacular dive off Durban and were delighted to find the blue water still holding. While the intention is always calm, meditative depth diving, the ocean had other plans. Schooling hammerheads (again!), bull sharks, blacktips and even a lone loggerhead turtle made appearances. Sometimes it's hard to stay focused on the line when Africa's wild ocean puts on a show like that. We truly are blessed to call this coastline home. For more information about freediving, contact **Angie** on 082 874 1706.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The ocean magic continued with a beautiful morning for the **Breathe Conservation** monthly beach and reef clean up. Thank you to every volunteer who showed up to help protect and preserve our playground. Your effort makes a real difference. Make sure you join us next month and save the date for **21 March**.

EDUCATION CORNER | THE AGULHAS CURRENT

The warm, crystal-clear blue water we have been enjoying may be linked to the powerful Agulhas Current flowing closer inshore than usual. The Agulhas Current is one of the strongest western boundary currents in the world, moving warm Indian Ocean water down South Africa's east coast at speeds of up to 2 metres per second. It transports enormous volumes of warm water southwards and plays a major role in regional weather and marine biodiversity. When it pushes closer to shore, it can bring exceptional visibility, warmer temperatures and pelagic visitors, which might explain the incredible run of blue water and big sightings we've experienced recently.



Left to Right: Our Open Water Swimmers at the final leg of 5 Beaches. A curious loggerhead checking out the freedivers.