

POINT WATERSPORTS CLUB CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

FROM THE GM'S DESK

Dear Members,

Our Wine Dinner evening is taking place tonight, and we look forward to another enjoyable evening together at the club. These social evenings continue to be wonderfully supported, and we thank all members who join us and make them such a success.

There is not too much else to report this week other than just how spectacular this time of year in Durban is. The cooler mornings, calm days and beautiful light make this one of the best seasons to enjoy the coast. We have also started noticing the first aloes beginning to bloom, always a welcome sign that the sardines and whales will soon be making their way along our coastline in the coming weeks.

We hope members continue to make the most of these beautiful autumn days and enjoy everything the club and ocean have to offer.

This weekend's entertainment:

- **Friday:** Sandy Elle 17h30 to 20h30
- **Sunday:** Charles Green 13h00 to 16h00

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

Warm regards,
Grant Wessels
General Manager

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

SANDY ELLE
FRIDAY 22 MAY
17H30 - 20H30

CHARLES GREEN
SUNDAY 24 MAY
13H00 - 16H00

DATES TO NOTE

SPEARFISHING TALK
21 MAY

LEAGUE SWIM
30 MAY

FREEDIVING COURSE
29 - 31 MAY

WORLD OCEANS SWIM
6 JUNE

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



After the two major cold fronts that have slammed the East Coast, we look set for some great fishing weather this week and into the late part of next week. The **UKFC Kayak Fishing Tournament** held over the past weekend highlighted just how different this year's Couta season is from last year's. Historically, the kayak tournament produces a lot more Couta than the ski boat festivals, but this year, even the kayakers had a hard time finding fish and getting them past the sharks. In the end, though, **Jamie Wardell** won the tournament with a good Couta of 24.5kg, which was not much bigger than **Wesley Smith's** Couta Festival winning fish. The majority of the bigger fish were taken on the upper North Coast, off of Zinkwazi and Tinley Manor.

Locally, while our guys struggled to get Couta past the sharks, there were still some good catches of Natal Snoek reported, with a couple of Yellowfin Tuna in the mix too. The winter bottom fishing season continues to heat up, and quite a few good hauls of Geelbek are now being seen. Nice Rubberlip and Rockcod catches have also been made.

Over the past weekend, our competitive anglers took part in the **Mapelane Interclub**, and our senior team of **Mark Winterboer**, **Robin Williams**, and **Dave Hewison** managed a respectable 5th place overall. The fishing was reportedly very tough, but nonetheless, the team persisted and after Mark Winterboer caught and safely released a Blue Marlin on the 1st day, the guys went on to weigh a couple of Snoek, a Dorado, and a Couta. Well done, gentlemen.

Finally, on **Sunday, 24th May**, the **Natal Deep Sea Angling Association** will host a Tackle Talk with guest speakers **Mark Brewitt** and **Lyle Taylor** at the Umkomaas Ski Boat Club. The talk is open to all anglers and is bound to be helpful to everyone. Please RSVP to Mary Kane on 082 889 6279 for catering purposes.





Durban Undersea Club

ENVIRONMENTAL

Last weekend was our monthly beach and reef clean up and once again Durban delivered! Another epic reef clean with our incredible volunteers and some great new faces joining in. A total of 11kg of rubbish was collected off the reef and beach, along with some amazing marine sightings throughout the morning. Thank you to everyone who continues to show up and help protect our coastline. Save the date for **20 June** to join us again.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

The next monthly League Swim takes place on **30 May**. Registration opens at 06h45 for a 07h15 start. Entry fee is R100 and includes a bacon and egg roll afterwards. Enter via My Club Account or contact Steve on 082 855 5516 for a race number and more information.

DUC is also proud to be hosting the **World Oceans Day Swim** with Breathe Conservation on Saturday 6 June. Distances include 800m, 1.6km, 3km and 5km. Entry forms and details can be found at breatheconservation.org

FREEDIVING

This is truly one of the most spectacular times of year to be in the ocean, and there's no better time to learn to freedive. We have upcoming courses running from **29-31 May** and **12-14 June**. Freediving is about far more than just holding your breath, it offers a powerful opportunity to better understand your body's response to stress and how to regulate yourself within the demands of modern-day living. Contact **Angie** on 082 874 1706 for more details.

SCUBA DIVING

Another reminder for the upcoming DUC scuba club trip to Ponta **25 to 29th November**! This promises to be an unforgettable adventure with great diving, good company and plenty of ocean time. Contact **Bryan** on 082 809 9188 for bookings or more information, as spaces are filling up quickly.

Closer to home, our regular social divers explored T-Barge over the weekend. Although the large swells created some challenging surge on the bottom, the divers still enjoyed a good dive. Thanks to **Adrian** for sharing his photos from the day.

EDUCATION CORNER | WHAT IS WORLD OCEANS DAY?

World Oceans Day is celebrated every year on **8 June** and is dedicated to recognising the importance of our oceans and the role they play in sustaining life on Earth. Covering more than 70% of the planet, the ocean produces much of the oxygen we breathe, regulates climate, supports biodiversity, and provides food and livelihoods for millions of people. World Oceans Day is a reminder that even small actions, like reducing pollution, supporting conservation efforts, and participating in beach clean-ups, can make a meaningful difference in protecting our blue planet for future generations.

