

## PEDSAC NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2011

Our compliments of the season and everything of the best to all our members for 2011 –we trust you had a wonderful holiday, and for those of you who did manage to find a gap in the weather to do some angling, we hope you had successful outings and enjoyed the great facilities that the club has to offer.

The Committee has already met once this year, and there are some exciting developments on the agenda this year, which will be detailed further on in this newsletter.

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

First and foremost, we warmly welcome all new members who have joined the club in recent months, and hope that your time with us will be a happy and enjoyable one. Your committee and fellow members are always on hand should you require any assistance.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries regarding any procedures or club rules. This goes for all club members as well.

In this regard please feel free to contact Denise or any member of the Committee.

The Committee contact numbers are on the notice board outside the PEDSAC office and also reside on the PEDSAC website

### **HOUSE RULES BOOKLET:**

An exciting development which members of the Committee have been working on some time is the formulation of a “House Rules” booklet, which will be an A5 handbook with all relevant information pertaining to the Club, its Constitution and bye laws. The booklet will provide guidance on many of the aspects of the Club and its procedures. These will be going to print shortly and one copy will be available per member. All members will be notified once they are available. An electronic version of this booklet will also shortly be available on the PEDSAC website.

<http://pedsac.co.za>

Our grateful thanks go to all our sponsors who have contributed to the production costs of this booklet.

Whilst we have attempted to make sure that all the detail is correct, we are after all “only human” and should any errors be noted or points that you feel should be added to the booklet we would be grateful if you would alert the Administration Office and we will correct in the future print runs of the booklet.

### **COMPETITIONS:**

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The remaining stages (only 2 still to go!) of the **Super Six** are scheduled to take place over the next two months. The first of the remaining stages takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011, with registration taking place on the Friday evening before the competition.

Our flagship event -**The Algoa Bay Tuna Classic**- is scheduled to be staged from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Full details of the event and the plans for the week will be communicated to all members in due course, but in the meantime, please diarise these important dates.

We are also delighted to announce that **John Allan** has been appointed as Tournament Director for this year event, and we are sure that he and his very capable team will once again stage a brilliant event. If you are able to assist in any way with any form of sponsorship or support for the event please feel free to contact John as your support or assistance will always be gratefully accepted.

Entry forms for the Tuna Classic are in the production stage and will be made available nearer to the event.

For information we have already had considerable interest from clubs as far afield as Cape Town indicating that they wish to participate in this year's competition, so we are in for a bumper event and may the weather once again play its kind hand. A team from Cape Town will be travelling to the event by **sea** for this year's event..... we don't envy their fuel bill but the experience must be fantastic!

Other competition dates that may be of interest are:

St Francis Tuna and Marlin Classic      6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> July; Registration 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Vang-n-Tannie, Jeffreys Bay              21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> April; Registration 20<sup>th</sup> April

### **SAFETY:**

For those members who did not have their vessels surveyed in November, the next "mass" boat inspection takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Times to be confirmed closer to the date. For those members whose COF's expire before May they should make an appointment with Keith Schmidt for a vessel survey.

**Safety and security of all of our members is a priority at our club.**

Unfortunately we have recently observed a laxness in the discipline of skippers in completing the logbook for vessels proceeding and returning from sea. We are in the process of having signs made to remind all skippers of their obligations as a member of the club, and these will be placed at a number of points on the club premises to remind skippers of their obligations.

**There are far too many members/skippers who are not filling in the logbook when going out to sea, and/or not signing back in.**

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### **PLEASE REMEMBER that PEDSAC and its members are obliged to comply with Maritime Laws and this is one of the requirements.**

As a consequence of this, a letter of warning will go out to those members not adhering to these procedures. This will be followed by a fine that will be imposed and for repeat offenders they will face possible suspension.

We have also been made aware of the fact that PEDSAC members are still allowing non-members to use and take their vessels out to sea without there being a paid up member on board; PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

We have also had a number of requests from members to have access to the walk-on moorings to load/offload their crew. Unfortunately the Mooring Association is not able to grant boat access to non-mooring owners. We should point out that this Association is a completely separate entity from PEDSAC and the mooring owners pay a premium to have the privilege of using the walk-on moorings, and in turn deserve the security and protection that this facility offers them.

There are however some very exciting plans on the drawing board to have a loading platform constructed on the PEDSAC jetty in front of the NSRI. Once fully developed and sanctioned for approval, it will provide a very satisfactory solution for all members of the club.

In addition, please remember that children are not allowed on the walk-ons, unless accompanied by an adult. This includes the main jetty in front of the PEDSAC clubhouse.

### **VHF OPERATORS COURSE:**

Toward the end of last year, we made mention that the TNPA has informed its tenants and users of the Harbour, that within the next 12 months the 29meg radio service will be discontinued, and all vessels leaving the harbour will have to have a VHF radio. In order to have a VHF radio, the operator requires a operators licence. We asked all members interested in attending/writing the exam through PEDSAC to please put their names on a list – we still have the list on hand, and will be informing all members of developments within the next few weeks.

### **MOORINGS FOR SALE OR RENT:**

We have a few moorings for long-term rent and sale. Please contact either Denise or Ian Burrell if you are interested in renting moorings, as we already have a number of requests from visitors to rent moorings during the Tuna Classic. Longer term rentals will be given preference.

### **EASTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATION:**

Congratulations to Martin Gierz and Neal Murison who will represent EP at the AllCoastals in East London on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 – make us proud guys!

### **MARLIN'S HEAD/BAR:**

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Koos and Vanessa Stander were appointed at August's AGM to take charge of Marlin's Head, and we are planning to make some progressive and positive changes to both the aesthetic appeal of the bar area and the service levels.

All members who visit Marlin's Head /Bar please make note of a few changes in operation at the bar:

1. Under no circumstances are the Barmen allowed to open "handwritten tabs", as they may have done in the past. **The only exception to this is during a power failure.**
2. Those members who pay using their credit cards must have all rounds rung up as they are ordered, and the Barmen will keep a tally of these till receipts, which must be paid in **FULL** **by or at the end of the evening.**
3. The Barmen are NOT to be pressurised into making use of any of the equipment or stock from the kitchen.
4. We have recently introduced new procedures for the Barmen, to ensure the optimum management of the bar, and to prevent stock shortages – please be PATIENT with them, they are following procedure.
5. We are looking into a new, more user friendly point of sale system with a touch-screen for the barmen, to improve efficiency and service

### **PEDSAC RESTAURANT – "UP THE DECK":**

Many PEDSAC members are aware of the new caterers who have taken over the running of the kitchen at PEDSAC, and have been drawing members and their guests with their excellent fare. Linda van Wyk and her team have a great menu with incredibly reasonable prices, and continue to produce fantastic meals. Linda is also available to cater for your function at PEDSAC, and on request will open for dinners. Thank you to those members who have supported Linda in the last few months.

### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**

This weekend that was set aside for Junior Development in January did not take off well, with only 2 interested parties; we are hoping to arrange this weekend for later in the year – possibly after the Tuna Classic. If you are interested, please could you indicate this to our Competitions Officer, Neal Murison.

### **FRIDAY BRAAI NIGHT:**

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The first Friday of the month is PEDSAC Braai Night, where members and their families and guests are encouraged to “bring and braai”, and enjoy a social evening at PEDSAC.

### **100 CLUB:**

This club evening takes place on the last Tuesday of every month (except December), from 18h00, where we have R2000 up for grabs, and a few spot prizes also to be drawn. This year we are calling on members/guests who would like to sponsor something toward a single draw or for the series of draws. In return, we will offer the sponsor an opportunity to advertise for the evening. We still have some tickets available for purchase at R240 per ticket for the year, and urge new members to please join in – it’s a fun evening out, and an opportunity to meet other members of the club too.

Please contact Denise if you would like to purchase a ticket.

### **ADMIN/OFFICE HOURS:**

The on-site office hours will be minimised shortly, on a trial basis, and Denise will be administering the Club remotely from a home office as well as the onsite office.

She will be in the PEDSAC office on a Tuesday and Thursday from 08h00 – 11h45, and can be contacted on her cell during the day as well.

### **FUELING SYSTEM:**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PROCEDURE\*\*\*\*\***

The top-ups for fuel account credit will, in future, only be transacted on a

### **Thursday between 08h00 –11h45**

Please ensure that your payments are made on time (i.e. same day for Standard Bank, other banks at least 1 day beforehand.) Please e-mail or fax through the remittance advice with your NAME or VESSEL name as your reference.

If you require banking details for the PETROL account, please contact Denise on 0842841046, or revert to the new house rules booklet where all the details are available.

**If you miss the deadline, credit will only be loaded the following Thursday**

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Please note that you are also able to view your Credit balance at the fuel filling station using your key fob, so please make sure that you have sufficient credit on hand as top-ups outside of the Thursday window will not be allowed except in extreme cases of emergency or during the Tuna Classic.

### **OPEN AREA BEHIND PEDSAC CLUBHOUSE:**

We once again advise all members that the open area behind the PEDSAC Clubhouse is not to be used for long term storage of boats, trailers and other equipment. The NPA have advised us that all such items are to be removed from their land as per previous notifications.

The Club Chairman and two members of the Committee are meeting with the NPA shortly to discuss other important issues pertaining to the club, and we expect them to raise this once again as an outstanding issue. The NPA have been very tolerant thus far but we expect that their position will change, so please assist us and comply with their request.

And finally,

We have a fantastic club with really good facilities that we continue to expand and develop going forward. Our membership is growing and we have many prospective members wishing to join our ranks, a sign of a very successful and healthy club.

The year is packed with really exciting events to look forward to and we encourage all members to take an active interest in the club and its events.

We leave you with a few thoughts from Zane Grey's book, Tales of Swordfish and Tuna:

*"A fisherman's hopes are of the future and his joys are of the present"*

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Tight lines for 2011.

**PEDSAC Committee.**