

PEDSAC NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

Dear PEDSAC members,

The first quarter of 2010 has already almost passed, and so far we have had a jam-packed year of angling, and events happening at the Club; not to mention the 50m2 extension to the upstairs deck!

Firstly, the angling – in December we had the **Bay Bearings Classic**, sponsored and organised by Gary Tomlinson of Bay Bearings. For those who took part, it was a fantastic competition, with many great prizes. A fine event organised by Gary, and hopefully one which will become a fixture on the PEDSAC angling calendar.

Results for the 4th and 5th legs of the **Super Six** were as follows:

4th leg: We had 81 anglers, the top angler being Dave Mould, fishing on Sea Bear; the top boat was Sea Bear, and the top junior/lady angler was Dannika Didloff fishing on Big John. The heaviest species went to John Allan of Big John, with a 6.4kg Geelbek.

5th leg: We had 77 anglers, the top angler for the day was Neal Murison; his boat Xtasea, was also top boat; Tempised 2nd and Big John 3rd. The top lady/junior prize went to Dannika Didloff, fishing on Big John. (2nd consecutive winner of leg 4 & 5)

John Allan has organized a fantastic event, and we thank him for the time and effort he has put into this wonderful club event and the Friday registration evening snacks.

The Super Six final is at the end of this month (27th March).

17 July – ONE DAY TUNA COMPETITION

The one day Tuna Competition will take place on the 17th July 2010. Last year's event was great fun, and as always well organized, with great prizes won. This year's event promises to be just as good. John Allan, the competitions officer, will have more details closer to the time.

Once again, our present Chairman, Steve Brewis has caught a Marlin! This time a 130kg Marlin was caught while angling on "Bigger G" about 22 Nautical miles off the point. A good couple of shoal Tuna have also been caught during late Feb and early March, and hopefully the Tuna will still be around during the 'Classic.



Steve Brewis and Crew of Bigger G with Steve's 130kg Marlin. (20 Feb 2010)

The next event to take place is the annual **Tuna Classic 2010**, which will take place from the 19-22 May. Many of you may not know that the event has returned to PEDSAC; 2010's Tuna Classic is being organised and run by the Tournament Director, Karl van der Merwe, and his sub-committee. In the absence of a major sponsor as in the past, this Committee has managed to

secure many smaller sponsorships, including sponsorship from many of the generous members of the club. Thanks to all who have offered these sponsorships, and offered to help in the various aspects of organizing and running the 'Classic.

Tuna Classic entry forms have been sent to all members; if you have not yet received one due to the file being too big to download, forms are available from Denise at the PEDSAC office, or can be downloaded from the PEDSAC website on www.pedsac.co.za. Also, please be aware that the club will not be involved in the allocation of moorings for the Tuna Classic – this must be organized on an individual basis.

Once the forms are completed, they must be returned to the PEDSAC office or can be faxed to 041-5821546. Your payment must accompany your entry form in order for it to be accepted.

****Only entries received on/before the 14th of April 2010 will be guaranteed boat packs and shirts ****

If you have any queries regarding the Tuna Classic, you can contact Karl van der Merwe on 082 655 6723.

TROPHIES

If any past trophy recipients are in possession of the "floating" trophies, please could you hand them in at the club, or contact Denise van der Merwe on 084 284 1046.

BOAT INSPECTIONS

The second BOAT INSPECTION date is set at **8 MAY 2010**; Keith and his co-safety officers will be available to survey boats from 8am. If you have any queries, please contact Keith Schmidt on 041 -5816648. A notification will be sent to those members who need to have their boats surveyed at this date, but please check your COC for the expiry date. Please indicate if you will be attending by calling Denise at the office (041 – 5822701). For those boat owners whose boats were due for survey in November, and did not excuse themselves from the November boat inspection, the late boat inspection fee of R500 will be applicable.

Please remember to sign the register when you head out to sea – and please sign back in when you return! If you are taking visitors out to sea (non-family members), please remember to put your money (R10 per visitor) in the envelopes provided, with your details written on, and put into the drop-safe.

CLUB SAFETY

Please be aware that theft is on the increase at the Club! Many mooring ropes have been misappropriated by unknown persons, even a custom-made tarp disappeared mysteriously! This last weekend saw an incident where 3 men unknown to any member at the club were let onto the premises, and were discovered "bathing" in the men's bathroom. It is believed that these persons are dangerous, as they became violent towards a club member when confronted.

We urge all members to PLEASE keep the gates closed at all times club; this includes the main gate, mooring gate and boom.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

As you will notice, the restoration process of the walk-ons is almost complete; Jay Liverick and his assistant Robert, have been very busy ensuring the walk-ons are usable once again. Many thanks to Anthony Donald, who has undertaken the moorings reconstruction as his "pet project", and thank you to all the members who have given of their time to assist with the reconstruction project.

If any mooring owners have queries about moorings, please direct these enquiries to Anthony Donald. He can be contacted on 082 550 4105.

Deck:- the deck extension is almost complete, and already has been in use during these continuing hot days. Wooden benches have been purchased to make more seating available on the deck area, and Kevin Clark donated 4 large umbrellas to the club

for the deck area; many thanks Kevin. We are hoping to have the underneath area paved shortly, and this will then give us additional shaded/undercover space to sit.

The lapa thatch roof was re-dressed at the end of last year, and with the braai's being rebuilt just prior to that, the area is looking great!

EP NOMINATIONS

There is a notice on the club noticeboard calling for anglers to represent the Eastern Province teams for the Tuna Nationals (Hout Bay 10 – 15 May 2010) and the Tuna Interprovincials (Port St Francis 16-19 June 2010) Nomination forms are available from the PEDSAC office, and must be handed in to either John Allan (Competitions) or Martin Gierz (Vice Chairman) by at least the 30th March 2010 (Tuna Nationals) and 30th April 2010 (Tuna Interprovincials).

WATER RESTRICTIONS

With the continuing drought, the club is appealing to all members to use water sparingly. The water to the walk-ons is still not connected, and will only be re-connected once the drought breaks. The taps on the outside of the building have had to be locked, as the water was being wasted.

Consideration is being given for installing one communal tap onto the walk-ons to enable mooring owners/users to flush their motors – there will be no hoses allowed, only the use of buckets will be permitted.

Another concern is that the ice usage in the large freezer downstairs is being abused. Each boat is permitted to take two bags of ice per boat per day, and it has been noted that certain individuals feel they should ignore this, and take excessive amounts, emptying the freezer leaving nothing for the other members.

NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY SECURITY

We have just had word that the long-awaited access cards which some of us queued for hours for, are ready. For those who registered at the NPA for the swipe cards, your cards can be collected from the office. For those new members, and members who have not yet registered, we have been informed that the registration for the swipe cards can be done at the NPA building in the harbour from the **6th – 9th April 2010 between 1pm and 2pm.**

The PEDSAC office will be closed for the Easter Holidays, from the 1st April to the 8th April 2010. If you want to make fuel payments, or have any other queries, please contact Denise before the 1st April 2010.

Wishing all our members and their families a Happy Easter, and safe travelling for everyone.