



Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club

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Newsletter – December 2014

Christmas Classic Bottom Fishing Species Competition.

It is that time of the year when we will be hosting the annual Christmas Classic competition which is usually held between Christmas and New Years.

The competition prize money has been boosted with the help of our loyal sponsors and would like to extend a hand of gratitude to all those involved with sponsoring and organising the Christmas Classic.

Total prize money for the 10 nominated species and top boat will total around R28,000-00 with many more valuable lucky draw and consolation prizes up for grabs. This year, it was also decided to open the competition for boats from other clubs not registered at Pedsac. It will be required to provide a copy of your valid COF to obtain temporary numbers for use in the harbour for the duration of the competition only.

Entries will be R150 per angler.

Registration and skippers briefing will be held on the 26th December from 16:00 onwards.

Please keep an eye on the Pedsac Facebook and website pages for any further announcements.

National Colours.

We would like to congratulate Martin Gierz on obtaining his Protea Colours and will be representing South Africa during a bottom fishing tournament in Scotland next year. Martin has put in a lot of hard work and dedication in realizing this huge achievement and we wish him all the best.

Parking for boats and cars at PEDSAC.

With the Christmas holidays around the corner, we ask all boat owners and members to park boats and vehicles in such a way to create the least amount of congestion for visitors and members at Pedsac. The Christmas period is extremely important for us as this is the time we generate a lot of revenue that enable the club to maintain healthy finances and thereby reducing the possibility of increasing the annual membership subscriptions.

The NSRI building alterations and temporary NSRI container buildings have severely affected the available parking's in close proximity at Pedsac.

We have therefore on numerous occasions requested that boat owners who pull their boats from the moorings for maintenance, or just park and leave their boats on the grounds across the road from the club house, to do so in a responsible manner at least one car length deep from the road to allow patrons and visitors reasonable and convenient parking space. This land belongs to Transnet and is not a demarcated boat storage, permanent boat parking space or bone yard area.

All unused or scrapped boats must be removed from Transnet property as they will hold Pedsac liable for costs in the event that they should impound or remove the boats from their property.

All persons launching boats are requested to park their vehicles and trailers on the open grounds opposite the moorings, or alternatively on the strip of land directly adjacent to the wash bay where we usually erect the Tuna Classic tent.



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PEDSAC monthly steak evenings.

The committee will be introducing a monthly steak evening on the first Friday evening of every month from next year February onwards.

Chips, a sauce and salads will be served with a steak that can be cooked on braai fires to your own liking.

Entertainment on these evenings will range from music trivia evenings, bands playing to karaoke evenings for those who enjoy a bit of fun.

The emphasis will be on changing the mindset of the club by providing fun and entertainment for everyone in a family orientated environment.

Details on this development will be placed on all our media pages, per sms and email closer to the time. Any other ideas from members will be appreciated and can be mailed to richard@lmcservices.co.za or denise@pedsac.co.za

BLG Logistics Tuna Classic.

The Tuna Classic committee for the 2015 event has been selected and preparations for next year's event will get under way shortly. The competition format will change slightly and other game fish species such as Bonito, Marlin and Dorado will now form official part of the competition. The Yellowfin Tuna will remain the main and overriding prized fish. This change will add more spice to the mix and attract more anglers as well as making the competition more accessible for the fisherman with smaller boats. Dorado, Bonito, Marlin and even young Tuna can be caught within 15 miles from shore due south if the conditions are favourable and with schools of baitfish present.

As usual, the committee appeal to all members and business owners for any assistance with sponsorship towards prizes and the cost of organising this event. Please contact Richard Donaldson on 0722150038 or via email at richard@lmcservices.co.za should any further information on the competition be required.

Judgment on the Copper / Red Steenbras Ban

Massive congratulations to all those involved in bringing this 4 year slog to finalization. Border Deep Sea Angling Association, John Rance, Gary Thompson, SADSAA and everyone else that worked tirelessly for this cause.

The court has set aside the ban on recreation catching of Red Steenbras. Commercial catching of this specie will remain closed as commercial exploitation of Red Steenbras cannot be sustained.

Pedsac however urge all members to take caution as DAF could still appeal this ruling which will result in the ban being re-introduced until the finalization of any appeal process. Please remember that the bag limit is only one fish per person per day with the Pedsac minimum prescribed limit being 700mm as opposed to the legal limit of 600mm. Please do not keep any fish should DAF launch an appeal.



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Christmas Holidays

The Pedsac committee wishes all our valued members and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

We urge all our members who will be embarking on journeys to out of town destinations to have their tyres and other critical components on their vehicles inspected to ensure a safe journey.

Please remember to wear your safety belt and to safely strap all young children into their safety or booster seats by using the correct ISOfix points or correct strapping procedures as this could save a life in the event of an accident.

It is also imperative to stop for a rest and refreshments after every two hours of traveling time.

Please ensure that you have all the vital emergency numbers such as Medical Aid contact details, the AA, your insurance toll free numbers, etc available in case of emergencies.

Club Maintenance projects: 2014 and 2015

This year saw the completion of the boat washing bay adjacent to the club grounds. The committee also embarked on a major rehabilitation project of the club waterfront that was rapidly eroding and causing a concern for a total collapse.

A new fence was sponsored by Hyman Master Fence who then additionally erected a brand new Vibracrete wall on the South side of the club.

Other various little maintenance and improvement projects included the new sliding gates installed on the south boundary wall, minor repairs and maintenance to the deck and deck furniture as well as the fitment of UV heaters for those cold winter nights amongst others.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those involved with all the work completed at Pedsac over the past year.

We have some ideas for a few items that will be addressed in the New Year. One of the first items to be addressed will be our braai facilities at the lapa which are in dire need of repairs and upgrading.

All members will be kept informed on what we have planned and when such repairs or upgrades will be undertaken. Any suggestions for viable improvements to our club can be made via email or posted in the club suggestion box located upstairs in the foyer.

Club Clothing.

It was decided during the club AGM in 2013 that all clothing shall comply to strict guidelines and colours. An official range of clothing ranging from fishing jackets, winter jackets, club shirts, step-outs and other items are available on order from the committee.

We urge members not to proceed with making their own clothing and using their own designs with the official club logo and request that any such undertaking be presented to the committee for approval first.

This is done to avoid designs doing the rounds causing the Pedsac identity to become mis-matched.



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In closing.

Any member who wishes to submit a contribution to future newsletters can do so by mailing your content to richard@lmcservices.co.za.

Yours in Angling,

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