

Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club  
Commodores Annual Report 2021-2022

My fellow Anglers.....

Welcome to all of you esteemed members to this, our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. It is with immense pride that I table this, my report as Commodore for the 2021-2022 year. For me this has been my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Commodore of this great club, and I have enjoyed every minute. This year has been a great year of learning for me, especially on the competition front and its safe to say that the "bug has bitten" and I can't wait to get going next year.

Fishing has ranged from sublime to downright difficult at times and we have all most certainly seen the effects of a tight economy leading to a drastic reduction in the number of launches for the year under review. I believe there has been a collective "breathhold" by many of us to see just where the economy is going before leisure spending could take place.

So, what makes me believe our club had a great year? Well in my mind the answer is simple: We fished, we have money in the bank, we hosted an interprovincial competition and of course our own tuna Bonanza and then to top it all off, we enjoyed many, many instances of fellowship around our own bar and made awesome memories.

SBSBC was represented on the NDSAA council with two representatives being our own Vice Commodore, Elmar Basson and myself. Much of the year was spent opening lines of communication and trying to get interest going in competitive angling amongst our southern clubs. The support we have received from the NDSAA President Mr. Dave Murgatroyd and Vice President, Mr. Anton VD Berg has been unparalleled and their attendance at our AGM tonight is testament to that support. A Huge Thank you gents for the support and friendship.

SBSBC hosted a successful Tuna Bonanza and due to our steadfast belief in this competition, the club invested R150 000 of its own funds in the way of prizes and a "give back" to the angler. We then staged a great Tuna Interprovincial competition which saw teams from all over the republic, battling it out for top honors. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and riding off the back of this, SBSBC has been awarded the rights to host the Junior Gamefish Nationals from the 28<sup>th</sup> of June to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2023, we then host the bonanza from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of July and close off with the Tuna Interprovincial from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. This landmark run of competitions has been dubbed the "Festival of Fishing" and promises to be an angling spectacle the likes that has never been seen.

I would like to take this opportunity to identify the following anglers for their achievements in the sport of competitive angling:

Interclub:

Mark Brewitt x 2 caps  
Clinton Barclay x 2 caps  
Shaun Barker x2 caps

Interprovincial:

Owen Barclay x 1 Cap  
Mark Brewitt x 1 Cap  
Elmar Basson x 2 Caps (Captain)

Nationals:

Mark Brewitt x 1 Cap  
Elmar Basson x 1 Cap (silver medal gamefish Nationals)

Protea Caps:

Charles Du Plessis x 1 Cap  
Dave Martin x 1 Cap

SADSAA Skippers

Faith Lategan – 1 Cap. (12 in total)  
Chris Diedericks – 1 Cap (3 in total)

Meritorius Fish

Dewald Coetzee – Rainbow Runner WR

SBSBC hosted a very successful junior day where we ran a small introduction to competitive angling and deep-sea angling. The first stage saw all the kids get a goodie bag and attend a small talk on competitive angling, tackle differences and a talk on boat safety. I would like to thank Sharon Bennet of the Tackle Box for giving of her time to chat to the kids and walk them through her shop. I would also like to thank the committee members who gave of their time to spend the morning with the kids.

The club has run well and our service provider, being Mark Snyman and Paul Loomes continue to prove that contracting the function of bar and restaurant out, was and still is the right decision to make. This past year has seen us attain a turnover of nearly R12million and we retain a gross “rake off” of just short of R1million. In today’s economic climate this is remarkable, and we must bear in mind that there were also some COVID closures in the period under review as well. To Neville and your team, I extend a heartfelt thanks for always looking after us and being flexible enough to always accommodate us. Our location is possibly our biggest selling point however is also our most costly overhead. We have spent nearly R500 000 on desperately needed maintenance items such as sealing walls, the concrete roof section between us and the NSRI and of course many air conditioners and TV’s have also been replaced. I do foresee this amount dropping in the next financial year as many of these jobs had been “carried over” from previous years.

I would like to thank my committee for a great year. You all worked extremely hard and having said that I would like to thank a special member of this committee, Mr Clive Lynch for his undying support of this club through all the years he has sat on the committee. Clive you are a man amongst men, and I thank you for all the monies you have raised for this club. For your dedication and hard work and you have most certainly earned a break from sitting on the committee. I wish you all the best and I look forward to having a cold, albeit sugar free” dop at the bar with yourself. We unfortunately also say goodbye to Faith Lategaan who wishes to focus on her competitive skippering and has committed to assisting us in this portfolio for the competitions. Faith, I thank you for your service and look forward to working with you in the future.

To the incoming committee I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to working with you in the year coming. We certainly have a busy year ahead of us. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kimon Palmer and Lyle Taylor to the committee, as first timers. I look forward to your fresh input and new energy that you will bring to the table.

To Lew Owen, Craig Bell Roberts, Jen van Rooyen, Dean Riley and Piet Bodenstein I say a huge thanks for standing again, you will serve as the backbone of the new committee, and I know you will deliver in spades. Thanks to each of you.

A club of this magnitude and nature requires a full-time admin person and to this extent we can count ourselves lucky that we found Ms. Lindy Visser. Lindy, you have become very dear to all of us, especially me. I know you look at me sometimes as if to say, “he’s mad” and I probably am, however, with your support in the office and undertaking our admin tasks with such professionalism and ease, how can we fail. Lindy, you were thrown in the proverbial deep end, and you have swum like an Olympian. Thank you for all you do.

No, I haven’t forgotten someone.....

Elmar Basson, I cannot thank you enough, I have learnt so much from you this year and your support and friendship has been without comparison. You stick to your guns and have an uncompromising sense of loyalty to this club. We are extremely lucky to have you as our Vice Commodore and I count myself privileged to call you a friend. Thank you for sharing your time and family with myself and my family and I look forward to 2023.

Members, what a year this has been. The biggest triumph in my eyes is hearing “fishing” being discussed at the bar again. Our focus now remains on catching fish and what lures work best and not on scandals, and of course, running a bar and kitchen. We are a fishing club, nothing more and nothing less, and that we are doing. I proudly am watching a sense of camaraderie build with this club, with members sitting together at away competitions, with members genuinely showing an interest in each other’s catches, sharing ideas and trade secrets, rather than being insular and secretive, we have accepted the collective and now share wisdom in the pursuit of bettering the anglers catches. Members I can’t thank you enough. You are fast displaying a “can do” attitude and you are all taking a keen interest in club matters. I thank you for this and I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

This club was established in 1974 and is steeped in traditions, we have members who have passed and members that are long-standing. It is my honor to recognize the following members as “long-standing” and thank them for their years of dedication and service to the club. It is with respect to these gents that we continue to work hard to keep SBSBC moving forward:

Please can we recognize the following members for their long service:

25 Years Membership:

Richard Pratt

Clive Kern

30 years Membership:

Dick Smith

Neville Scrooby

Kevin Smith

Neill Scott

John Riley

Tosh Armitage

My fellow anglers.... I look forward to another year as your commodore and hope that you will be proud of my efforts and that I do justice to this most auspicious club. I commit myself 100% to being your Commodore and will always do my best to promote our club and will fiercely protect our image and reputation. I thank you for your support and hope that it will continue.

In closing I wish to make the following comments. SBSBC continues to be a leader amongst clubs, always being guided by the principle of “angler first”. We do everything in our power to develop the sport and in so doing, I wish to say that our focus will remain on junior development as well as the development of bonds and ties between ourselves and our fellow NDSAA affiliate clubs. We will continue this mission until it is achieved and the global community of anglers and Deepsea angling is left in a better condition than we received it in. I would like to thank our primary club sponsors, Build-it, Penn, Tightlines, RBH Enterprises, Lowrance SA, Man Size Fishing, Tackle Box and Ice Cool Boxes. Without you, we would not be able to achieve our mandate.

Lastly, and certainly not least, a huge thanks to my wife Robyn and my daughter Addi. I love you guys both lots and thank you for your support.

With all that said and done, I would like to Table this, my annual report for adoption.