



**2026 EFSA**  
**BIG GAME**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**02 - 06 NOVEMBER 2026**  
*Cape Town, Hout Bay*  
*South Africa*







# HOUT BAY

## *...a brief history*

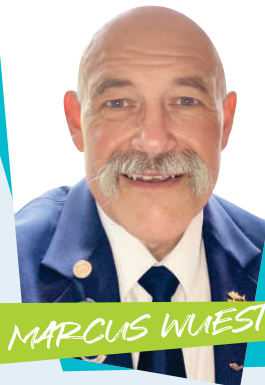
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*Today, Hout Bay is a charming seaside town with a vibrant fishing industry, known for its picturesque harbor and the colorful fishing boats. The area is also celebrated for its natural beauty, with the majestic Chapman's Peak Drive offering breathtaking views of the bay and surrounding mountains. Hout Bay offers visitors a mix of cultural experiences, from the vibrant Hout Bay Market to the historic Kronendal Village. Additionally, the bay is a gateway to Seal Island, home to a large Cape fur seal colony, making it a popular spot for boat tours and wildlife enthusiasts. With its rich history and diverse attractions, Hout Bay is a must-visit destination for those seeking a taste of coastal beauty and cultural charm in South Africa.*

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## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM EFSA PRESIDENT**



**MARCUS WUEST**

Welcome, dear EFSA members and friends,

This year's EFSA game championship brings us back to South Africa. What is unusual about 2026 is that both the boat fishing championships and the game fishing championships will be fished in the country's prolific waters just two weeks apart. The idea was to allow members to fish both competitions with just one long haul trip.

The game fishing part of this doubleheader brings us to Hout Bay. This venue is about 20 km away from Cape Town city centre. as such it is easy to get to. Very uniquely it is surrounded by three mountain ranges and the Atlantic ocean. A town with about 40,000 residence it offers a variety of accommodations and restaurants. It is known for its vibrant community and Mediterranean climate.

Hout Bay is a renowned fishing Harbour specialising in tuna and snook. There is also a lot to do for the the non-fishing guests joining the championship community. On offer are both trips to a seal Island as well as a famous coastal Road plus plenty of family friendly beaches. A huge variety of birds and small animals can be watched here as well.

As always, I hope plenty of you will make the trip down to Hout Bay. I am sure our South African hosts will make every effort to offering a great experience for all guests.

Tight lines,

*Marcus Wuest*

President: EFSA







ANDY SMITH

## **WELCOME LETTER FROM OUR EFSA GAME FESTIVAL OFFICER**

EFSA Big Game Championship – Hout Bay 2026

I am delighted that the EFSA Game fishing championship will again be held at the spectacular Hout Bay in the Western Cape of South Africa, some 20 kilometres Southwest of Cape Town. Having fished at Hout Bay before I can thoroughly recommend SADSAA's, Western Province Deep Sea Angling Association's and the Atlantic Boat Club's wonderful hospitality and great organisation. We are looking forward to fishing for yellow fin tuna, in some of the best waters in the world for that species. This is a great venue for the anglers' families with Chapman's Peak, Cape Town and its excellent scenery being so close at hand. There is also the chance to go on safari, visit the local wineries and see the penguins on the local beaches, go whale watching on the False Bay coast, take a charter cruise to Seal Island, go Scuba diving or snorkelling at Cape Radd or just lazea on the many spectacular local beaches. My thanks to SADSAA for organising what I am sure will be an excellent championship with some spectacular catches.

*Andy Smith*

Game Festival Officer: EFSA







ANDRIES MARÉE

## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM SASACC PRESIDENT**

It is with great pride and excitement that we welcome, on behalf of the South African Sport Anglers and Casting Confederation, all participants, officials, and supporters to the European Federation of Sea Anglers (EFSA) Big Game Championship in the breathtaking coastal town of Hout Bay, South Africa.

Hout Bay, framed by the majestic Table Mountain range and the vast Atlantic Ocean, offers one of the world's most spectacular backdrops for this prestigious event. We believe that the fishing waters of the Western Cape will be favourable to you with great game fish catches. Beyond the thrill of competition, this championship is an opportunity to share our passion for the sea, celebrate international friendship, and showcase the spirit of sportsmanship that unites anglers across nations.

We wish all competitors tight lines, fair seas, and unforgettable memories both on and off the water. May this championship be marked by camaraderie, respect for the ocean, and the joy of world-class big game angling.

Welcome to Hout Bay – and best of luck in the championship!

Regards,

*Andries Marée*

President: SASACC



ANTON VAN DEN BERG

## **SADSAA** **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

A warm welcome to all the anglers, skippers, dignitaries, families, and friends, to this, the 2026 EFSA Big Game Championships in Cape Town, South Africa. Due to the success of the 2024 Big Game Championship, we are honored and privileged to be able to host such a prestigious event again and many thanks to EFSA for the trust they have placed in us to do this.

Hout Bay, in our host city of Cape Town, is without a doubt an incredible venue; rich in history and culture. As a base from which to fish daily, I am sure you will find it ranks amongst the best in the world. On the days that you and your families are able to explore the town and its surrounds, I am confident you will not be disappointed. It is certain that you are all in for a busy and exiting week of angling. South African Deep Sea Angling Association and our hosts, Western Province Deep Sea Angling Association, have an incredible tournament planned. Our thanks to our tournaments committee as well as Western Province Deep Sea Angling Associations and their organising committee for assisting in putting this all together. I would also like to thank the Atlantic Boat Club for making their beautiful venue available to us without a second thought. I am sure all competitors will receive only the best South African hospitality on offer throughout your stay.

We are deeply indebted to our Provincial bodies that so willingly host these prestigious events every year. It is no easy task to put tournaments like this together and the contribution and effort by the provinces, its anglers, skippers and committees does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. We must also thank the anglers, who put in the time and effort to make these tournaments so enjoyable and something to look forward to year after year. Finally, to all the competitors, SADSAA and I wish you tight lines and fair weather and bountiful catches. I am sure you will all make your countries and yourselves proud, fly your flags high whether on the water or at the venue, and most importantly, enjoy the tournament.

Yours in Angling

*Anton van den Berg*

President: SADSAA





NICK NEL

## **WELCOME LETTER FROM SADSAA TOURNAMENT OFFICER**

*EFSA Big Game Championship – Hout Bay 2026*

Dear fellow anglers.

On behalf of the South African Deep Sea Angling Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our extended EFSA family of anglers that have travelled from abroad to come and participate in the tournament.

For those that have been to South Africa before, welcome back and for those that are visiting our beautiful country for the first time we would like to extend a special warm welcome to you all. We hope that when the time comes for you to board your plane leaving back to your respective countries, that you will be leaving with fond memories, an abundance of photographs and countless number of new friends saved on WhatsApp and Facebook. We hope that you all will take the time to experience the true friendliness and hospitality of our beautiful Rainbow Nation, try our stunning cuisine and taste our world class wines. But most of all I wish you all well in experiencing our world class fisheries that we have to offer.

I wish you all Tight Lines, Calm Seas and Spinning Reels for the tournament.

*Nick Nel*

Tournament Officer: SADSAA



ROGER MARAIS

## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM WPDSAA CHAIRMAN**

Dear fellow Anglers and Friends

On behalf of Western Province Deep Angling Association (WPDAA), it is a great honour for the Association and Club to host the first ever 2026 European Federation of Sea Anglers, Big Game Championship at the sunny coastal commercial fishing town of Hout Bay in the Western Cape, a province of the Republic of South Africa. We extend an invitation to the anglers of EFSA and family members to come to South Africa to compete at his Championship and to experience the South African lifestyle, culture, tourism, hospitality and fishing resource we experience but most of all to compete against South Africa's best anglers and to build lifelong friendships.

The waters off Cape Point and Slangkop Light house are renowned as one of the best fishing grounds for the Tuna [Thunnini] species in South Africa. The abundance of this species is as result of the warm Atlantic current on the East coast and the cold Benguela current on the West coast which meet off the Agulhas coastline and is rich in food source for these magnificent fish species. I would like to thank The South African Deep Sea Angling Association for entrusting Western Province Deep Sea Angling Association with the responsibility of overseeing this event. I would like to thank Atlantic Boat Club for agreeing to host this event and to the ABC organising Committee who will do the planning and execution of the event I thank you for your willingness to host the event. I know the anglers and families will be treated to exceptional South African hospitality. We as the Provincial Association are excited to host this Tournament and we look forward to hosting our distinguished overseas and local anglers, family and friends. I would like to thank the anglers, organisers and skippers who make these competitions so enjoyable and an event which all look forward to year after year.

We thank all for expressing an interest in competing at this Tournament and we know the competitors will not be disappointed by the fishing and hosting.

Tight lines

*Roger Marais*

Chairman: WPDSAA



# ACCOMMODATION

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## SALT GUEST HOUSE



Modern, coastal-inspired accommodation in the heart of Hout Bay. Just a short stroll from the beach and local eateries, this stylish guest house features spacious rooms, relaxed communal areas, and warm hospitality—ideal for a peaceful seaside getaway

Rates Starting from R1520 per room | 3.4km from The Atlantic Boat Club

## VICTORSKLOOF LODGE



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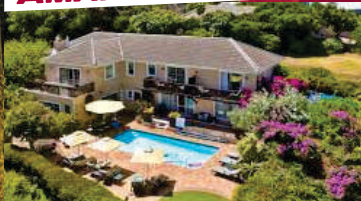
## UMOYO HOTEL



A serene and stylish retreat offering cozy, well-appointed accommodations surrounded by nature. With its peaceful atmosphere, mountain views, and close proximity to Hout Bay's beaches and attractions, it's an ideal spot for relaxation and rejuvenation.

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## AMAKAYA LODGE



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### **COSY CORNER**



1-Bed Self-Catering Accommodation offers a comfortable and private space ideal for solo travelers or couples. Fully equipped with a kitchenette,

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### **DUNE LODGE**



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Rates Starting from R750 per room | 1km from The Atlantic Boat Club

### **BRIGHT WATER LODGE**



Nestled in the heart of Hout Bay, Bright Water Lodge offers charming, comfortable Bed and Breakfast accommodation. This welcoming guesthouse combines rustic elegance with warm hospitality.

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### **HOUT & ABOUT GUEST HOUSE**



This stylish, contemporary retreat located in the heart of Hout Bay. Offering breathtaking mountain and ocean views, combined comfort with modern elegance. Guests can enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a refreshing pool, and personalized hospitality

Rates Starting from R1250 per room | 3.4km from The Atlantic Boat Club

### **HOUT BAY GEM**



Experience an intimate, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere at our charming guest house in the heart of Hout Bay, Cape Town. Perfect for families, couples, and solo travelers, our property offers a warm, easy-going, and social environment where guests can truly unwind.

Rates Starting from R1500 per room | 3.8km from The Atlantic Boat Club

### **COTTAGE DE CHEVONNE**



1-Bed Self-Catering double volume stone cottage boasts space, has a large covered veranda, a loft, an open plan kitchen dining / lounge area with a lovely wood fireplace, this cottage is fully equipped with all your essential needs.

Rates Starting from R2000 per room | 3.6km from The Atlantic Boat Club

### **THE HAVEN**



2-Bed Self-Catering Apartment. This contemporary Modern apartment comfortably accommodates up to 4 guests, it is fully equipped with all your essential needs, and boasts its own patio and pool.

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## HOUT BAY MANOR



The Hout Bay Manor, built in 1871, is renowned as one of Cape Town's most graceful landmarks. The recently restored Hout Bay Manor offers 16 individually designed en-suite rooms and a sophisticated restaurant, protected by century-old oak trees, and built in a traditional Cape Colonial style.

Contact Hout Bay Manor:  
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## HOME FROM HOME



3-Bed Self-Catering Duplex centrally located apartment set in a secure private estate is bright and spacious. The open plan living flows out to a small garden where you can take in spectacular views of the mountains.

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## HOUT BAY VILLA



4-Bed Self-Catering Duplex In contemporary-meets classic style, Hout Bay Villa has all you could need to unwind, relax and gather with friends and family. Should you wish to venture beyond the comfort of the holiday house.

Rates Starting from R9500 per room | 2.7km from The Atlantic Boat Club

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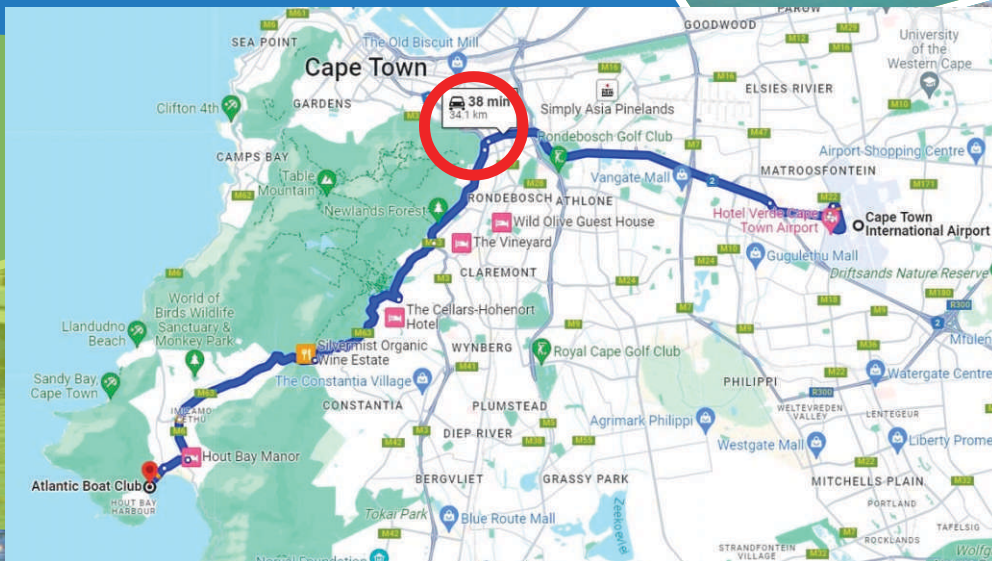
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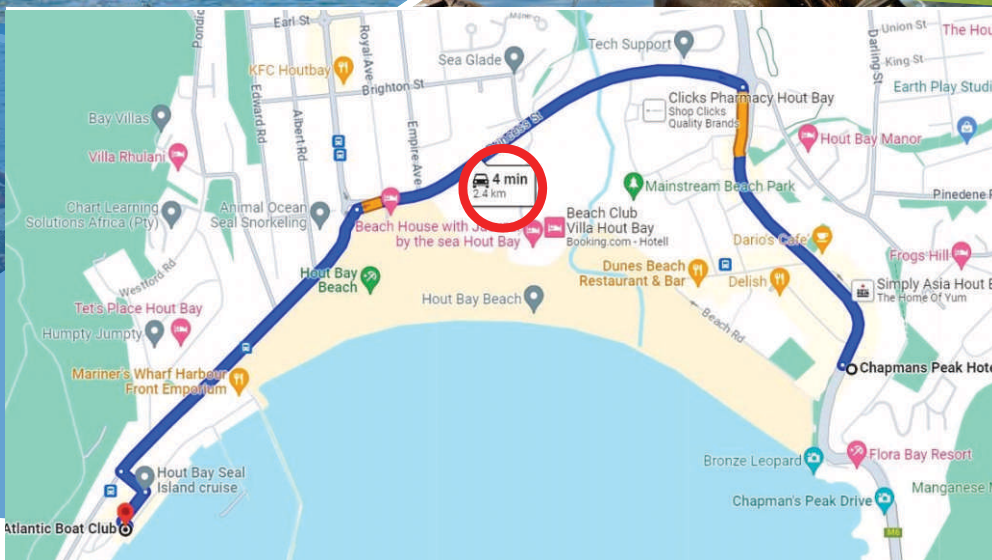
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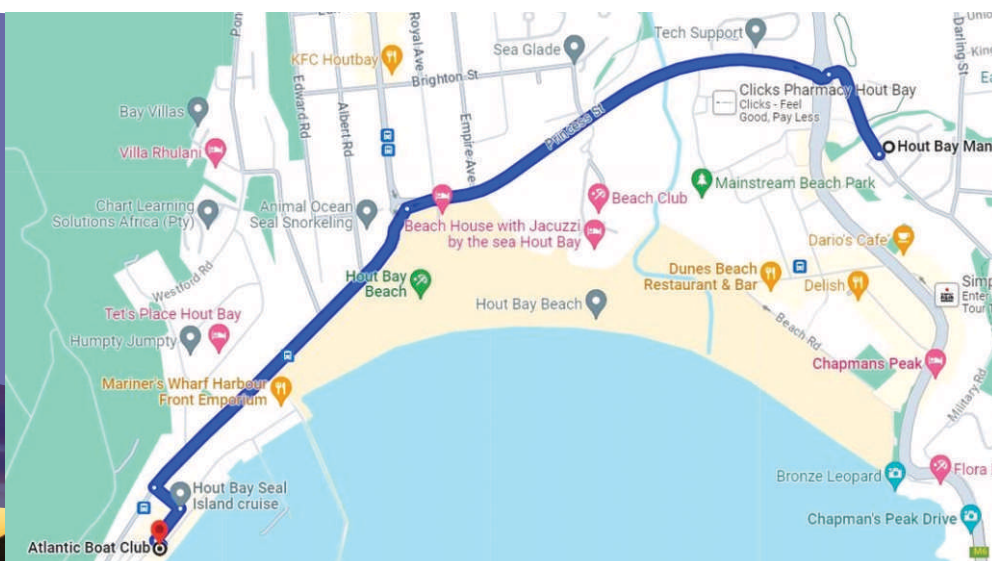
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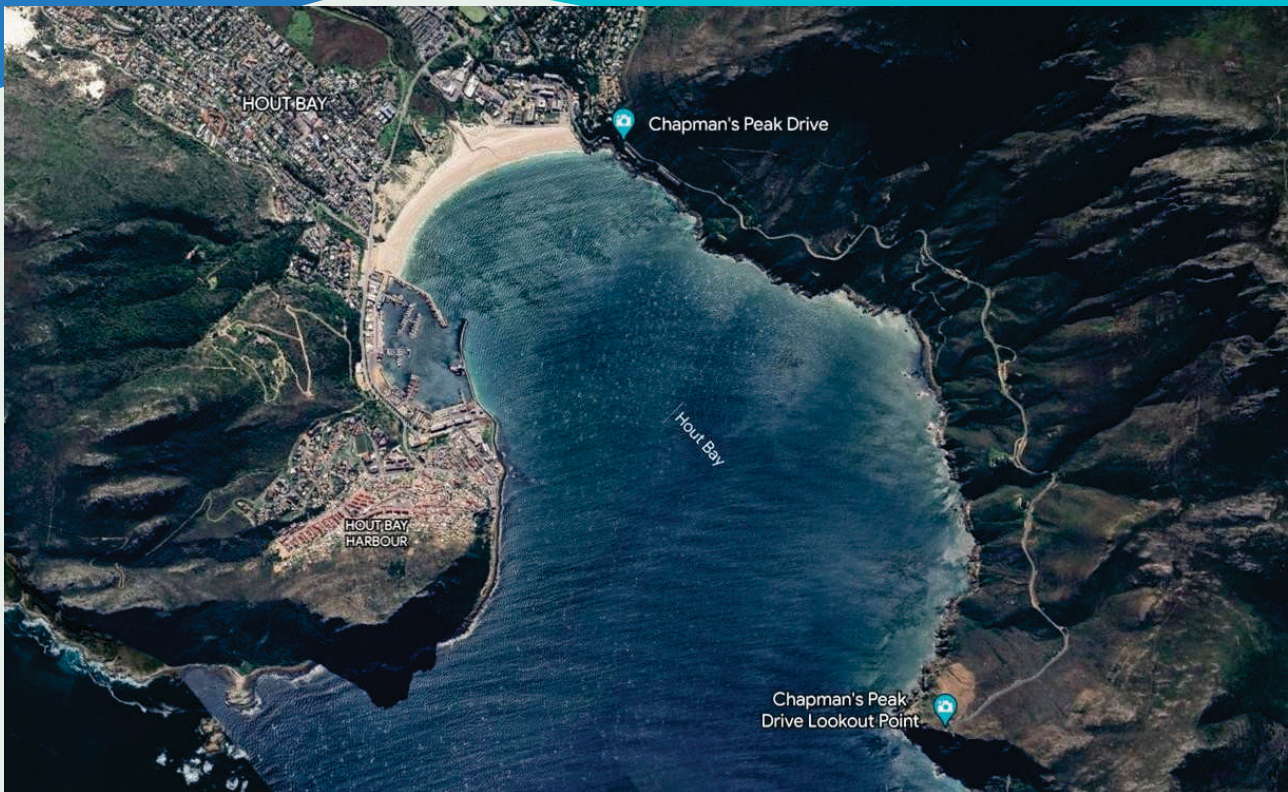
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**HOUT BAY  
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# HOUT BAY AERIAL VIEW



## SOME GREAT CATCHES!

The size of Yellowfin Tuna ranges from 15kg to 120kg. Longfin Tuna from 8kg to 34kg. Big Eye Tuna from 35kg to 130kg.

The commercial tuna fleet from Cape Town has reported of Yellowfin Tuna and Big Eye Tuna carcasses weighing at 135kg+. Bluefin Tuna has also been caught during the last season with one weighing in at 135kg.

Fishing methods used are that of trolling on the backline with various spread of favourite lures (Surface lures or deep swimming lures). Other methods used are baiting by means of chumming or chunking of sardines, Japanese mackerel and spinning with spinners or jigging for Longfin Tuna (Albacore). Fish are usually located by means of spotting bird activity, Tuna Pole Boats, Long liners and Hake trawlers.





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For more than a decade, STAFU PRO has proudly supported the global sport fishing community. We are the main sponsor and owner of the legendary Tuna Masters Teos Tournament, one of Europe's largest offshore tuna events, celebrating its 10th year in Türkiye. We also sponsor the Alaçatı leg of the championship and collaborate with numerous fishing tournaments across Italy and Türkiye, where hundreds of professional anglers compete wearing STAFU PRO gear.

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We are honored to stand beside the world's best anglers as Proud Sponsors of the 2026 EFSA Big Game Championship.

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# VINEYARDS & WINE TASTING



## **GLENWOOD VINEYARDS**

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# **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

## **VENUE**

Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay Harbour, Cape Town

## **DATES**

2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (4 days fishing)

OPENING CEREMONY: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

## **REGISTRATION**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026 @ 16h00

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026 @ 18h30

## **ENTRY FEE**

€5466.98 per 3-man boat of 3 anglers inclusive of:

- Opening & closing function,
- Breakfasts,
- Lunch Packs, which includes refreshments on the boat,
- Dinner for the anglers each evening,
- Boats are included, between 26 and 36 feet,
- Bait (10 x 5kg boxes of bait per boat per day),
- But excludes: Accommodation for teams.

## **REGISTRATION**

All anglers, prior to the commencement of the tournament, shall sign an indemnity form which indemnifies the host province, SADSAA, the sponsors, and any person involved in the tournament or its organisation.

## **DRESS CODE**

Opening & Closing Ceremony - Full Step Out Uniforms.

## **SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

There will be a compulsory team captain's and skipper's briefing @18h00 on Monday evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2026.

## **PRIZES**

Will be medals, trophies or pins or a combination thereof.





## **PRIZE GIVING**

The prize giving will take place at The Lookout - Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay at 19h00, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026. It is compulsory for all teams to be present. Requests for extra guests must be made to the organizers at least 1 week beforehand and will be charged for.

## **RULES**

IGFA/SADSAA rules will apply, as per this brochure.

## **TEAMS**

Each team will consist of a maximum of nine (9) anglers on three (3) boats, but may be less than this. Each boat will consist of three (3) anglers. Should there be anglers who cannot fill a boat, they will be paired with anglers from other countries.

## **BAIT**

Bait will be supplied each morning before departing from the docks. Bait may be carried over each day.

## **FUEL**

Each boat will be allocated 300l fuel, per official fishing day. Any extra used will be for the teams/anglers cost.

## **WEATHER**

The weather committee will decide on the weather each day from 05h30.

THE WEATHER COMMITTEE AT SEA WILL USE AN ALTERNATE CHANNEL 69 & KAVI COMM WHEN A DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE AND NO OTHER BOAT MAY GET INVOLVED IN THE DECISION.

They may decide to call the competition off or shorten the fishing hours for any day, if weather conditions so require. Any fish still being fought that was hooked prior to this call must be reported to the control boat or Ski Boat Mobile immediately. In this event, the fish must be cut off immediately.

NB: ALL QUERIES REGARDING THESE RULES MUST BE RESOLVED IN WRITING, AT THE LATEST, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.

*Tournament Committee is still to be announced.*



# TOURNAMENT RULES

## 1. BOATS AND SKIPPERS (CAPTAINS):

- 1.1 A list of Tournament Boats and Skippers (Captains) will be supplied by the Tournaments Committee from which the teams will select through a boat draw that will take place at the opening briefing, for their vessels for the week.
- 1.2 Only boats that hold a current, Valid South African Seaworthy Certificate (Certificate of Fitness or Local General Certificate) for that year may be used in the Tournament.
- 1.3 Only Skippers considered to be competent by the SADSAA and the host Province will take part in the Tournament and they should hold a recognised valid Skipper's ticket (Certificate of Competency).
- 1.4 Each boat will carry a Skipper, a deck hand and an international team consisting of three (3) anglers.
- 1.5 The Skipper of the boat will be bound by IGFA Rules except that he may not assist the competitors in the making up of terminal tackle or the rigging of baits whilst at sea. Only one person, either the Skipper or second crew member may assist at any one time.
- 1.6 Skippers will adhere to all rules, radio reporting times and procedures as laid down by the organisers.

## 2. WEIGH AND RELEASE TOURNAMENT

- 2.1 This tournament will be a full release tournament, however 1 x boated fish may be brought to the scale per team per day.

## 3. TACKLE, EQUIPMENT AND RULES:

- 3.1 This will be a 50lbs (24kg) line class tournament.
- 3.2 Heavier breaking strain line, other than the prescribed line classes is permitted on the boat exclusively for the purpose of towing teasers or utilization for leaders and traces.
- 3.3 Any team member using line with a heavier breaking strain than the line class of the Tournament will result in his entire team's catch being disqualified for that day. This excludes the line when used as described and covered in point 3.1 or 3.4.
- 3.4 The IGFA weakest link rule will apply as described below:
  - 3.4.1 Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used.
  - 3.4.2 Wire lines are prohibited
  - 3.4.3 Backing is permitted but may not exceed 130lbs (60kg)
  - 3.4.4 The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 5 meters (16.5 feet) of line directly preceding the double line, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogenous piece of monofilament line and may not exceed 130lbs (60kg) line class.
- 3.5 All tackle and gaffs shall conform to IGFA rules (with additions as stated in these rules) as it applies to the line class used.
- 3.6 No braid line may be used for the "weak link" but may be used before the weak link as backing.
- 3.7 Spooning and popping is permissible.
- 3.8 The use of offset circle hooks is not allowed.
- 3.9 If fishing with a circle hook, only non-offset circle hooks may be used for all baits.
- 3.10 The use of rigged artificial lures that have been rigged with treble hooks are permissible as per IGFA Rules.
- 3.11 NOTE: Anglers are warned that should they use the minimum length of line as specified in the "weak link" IGFA rule, there may not be sufficient line for testing for record purposes. It is advised that a minimum of 15 meters be used.



- 3.12 All fish released must be unscathed and will be deemed as a recorded fish for the angler's total for the day. Once a fish has been recorded by the Skipper on the official weigh sheet, it will be deemed as binding.
- 3.13 If a fish is unable to swim away unscathed, that fish may be boated but NOT brought to scale at all. Such a fish will be utilized or donated to the underprivileged.
- 3.14 The Skipper remains the Tournament and SADSAA's referee to ensure the adherence of these rules.
- 3.15 There will be no more than two (2) lines per angler in the water at any one time.
- 3.16 The team scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner.
- 3.17 Leader in hand is deemed as a caught fish, however the bite trace should be cut as close to the fishes' mouth as possible for the release.
- 3.18 In the event of a tie, it will be decided by time. The team with the quickest release on the last fish will be deemed as the winning team.
- 3.19 The results of the Tournament will be decided over the actual number of days fished.
- 3.20 The Skipper positions over the Tournament will be determined by the SADSAA point scoring system.

#### **4. TOURNAMENT ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE**

- 4.1 There shall be a Tournament Adjudicating Committee consisting of the following three members:  
MR. ANTON VAN DEN BERG | MR. NICK NEL | MR. STIAAN DU PLOOY

#### **5. BAIT**

- 5.1 10 X 5Kg Boxes of Pilchards will be supplied and available for collection at the beginning of each day. It is the responsibility of the team to collect this.
- 5.2 No other bait, other than the supplied bait or that purchased from the Tournament Organisers, or bait caught out at sea on the day, may be used.
- 5.3 Any bait that was not used for the day can be carried over for that following day.

#### **6. FISHING TIMES**

- 6.1 Fishing times will be from 06h00 to lines up at 15h00 every day except on the last day.
- 6.2 On the last day of the tournament the fishing times are 06h00 and lines up is at 14h00.
- 6.3 All fish must be hooked by the "lines-up" time and team which report by radio before lines up time, the fact that the fish is hooked but not yet boated, will be allowed extra time of a maximum of one (1) Hour. Any fish hooked by an angler after "lines-up" will be disqualified. No extra time will be allowed on the last day.
- 6.4 Fishing hours may be adjusted during the tournament by the organisers if they deem it necessary for the purpose of safety. Should the organisers wish to extend fishing hours beyond the published times, for whatever reason, then all teams must be informed before the launching of the boats on that specific day.
- 6.5 All teams must report to the scales for "weigh-in" by no later than the time specified by the organisers unless the organising committee decide so, or for reasons of breakdown or rendering assistance to a distress call. To extend the weigh-in time for that specific craft only. The decisions of the adjudicating committee will be final.
- 6.6 Should the decision be taken to call the tournament to a halt by either a "on-sea" or land-based Safety Committee, then all boats will immediately return to the harbour. Any boats fighting fish will immediately cut the line and proceed to the harbour.
- 6.7 If the tournament is called off due to a weather or a safety call, then no boats taking part in the tournament will be allowed to proceed to sea on their own accord, or if the tournament is called off whilst at sea the no boats participating in the tournament will be allowed to stay out at sea and continue fishing.



## 7. BREAKDOWN OF THE TOURNAMENT BOATS

- 7.1 Should any craft break down during the tournament this must be reported by radio to the Adjudicating Committee immediately.
- 7.2 Lost fishing time will not be made up, but the Adjudicating Committee will endeavour to replace or repair the broken-down craft as soon as possible.

## 8. WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING

- 8.1 Weigh-in will be verified by clear, time stamped photograph or video footage taken by the team or Skipper.
- 8.2 The official footage must have a clear date and time visible on the video or photograph.
- 8.3 The entire team and the Skipper must be present at the weight station. The footage must be submitted by the Captain to the Weigh Master, and his decision will in all respects be final and binding.
- 8.4 Each team's catch shall be recorded on a catch return form furnished by the tournament host. This form must be signed by the team captain, Skipper and weigh master at the weigh in.
- 8.5 The angler shall be required to exhibit the bait (lures), rod, reel and any relevant tackle with which the fish was caught, to the Weigh Master, if the Weigh Master deems it necessary.
- 8.6 The Adjudicating Committee may investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament as they deem necessary.
- 8.7 Any protest concerning validity of any catch, shall be filed in writing accompanied by R1000.00 fee, signed by the protesting team and delivered to the tournament Adjudicating Committee within one hour of the close of weigh-in on the day in question.
- 8.8 The decision of the majority of the Adjudicating Committee shall be final.
- 8.9 If the objection is upheld, the protest fee will be returned: if set aside, then the protest fee will be retained by the organising tournament committee and utilised as they deem fit.

## 9. PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes shall be in the form of pins and/or trophies only and shall consist of the following minimum number of awards per tournament:

| TEAM      |                                                                                               | BOAT      |                                                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1st Place | Gold Pins and Trophy<br>(Max. of 9 anglers, total score<br>divided by number of team members) | 1st Place | Gold Pins and Trophy<br>(Max of 3 anglers per boat) |
| 2nd Place | Silver Pins                                                                                   | 2nd Place | Silver Pins                                         |
| 3rd Place | Bronze Pins                                                                                   | 3rd Place | Bronze Pins                                         |
| ANGLER    |                                                                                               | SKIPPER   |                                                     |
| 1st Place | Gold Pins and Trophy                                                                          | 1st Place | Gold Pins and Trophy                                |
| 2nd Place | Silver Pins                                                                                   | 2nd Place | Silver Pins                                         |
| 3rd Place | Bronze Pins                                                                                   | 3rd Place | Bronze Pins                                         |

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 All radio communications between tournament boats and between the organisers and tournament boats will be initiated by a call up on VHF Marine Channel 71 only unless otherwise instructed by the organisers.

## **11. COMPETITORS**

- 11.1 A team may consist of a maximum of 9 (nine) anglers, in multiples of 3 (three)
- 11.2 A boat will consist of a maximum of 3 (three) anglers, with a maximum of 3 (three) boats per country.
- 11.3 Awards will be for top teams, top boats, top anglers and top Skippers.
- 11.4 INFRACTION: Any person, including Skippers guilty of infraction of any of the rules may be disqualified from participating further in the tournament and all future tournaments sanctioned by SADSAA.
- 11.5 The latest IGFA rules will apply to tournaments, and the onus will be on participants to keep themselves informed of the latest rules and amendments.

## **12. POINT SCORING - FOR RELEASED FISH**

- 12.1 Long Fin Tuna = 5 Points
- 12.2 Yellow Fin Tuna, Blue Fin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna = 30 Points

The points for each individual fish will be calculated as follows:

## **12. POINT SCORING - BOATED FISH**

- 13.1 One (1) Fish per team is allowed to be boated per day.
- 13.2 The minimum weight for such a fish is 60kg (IF THE FISH BROUGHT TO THE SCALE TO BE WEIGHED IS LESS THAN THE PRESCRIBED MINIMUM WEIGHT, ONLY HALF OF THE FISH'S WEIGHT IN POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE ANGLER).
- 13.3 1 X Point will be allocated per kg.
- 13.4 60kg Yellow Fin = 60 Points
- 13.5 55kg Yellow Fin = 27.5 Points

## **14. GENERAL**

- 14.1 All anglers will prior to the commencement of the tournament sign an indemnity form, which indemnifies the host Province, SADSAA, the sponsors and any person involved in the tournament or the organisation thereof.
- 14.2 Each country must supply an audio recording of their country's National Anthem.
- 14.3 Acceptances / non-participation to the invitation must be returned by email no later than the final date specified by the invitation.

A fully completed expression of interest form from a country should be returned by no later than the 31st of May 2026 including a 50% refundable deposit of the total amount of the entrance fee €5466.98 per 3-man boat. The remaining 50% of the entrance fee is payable by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026 to secure your spot in this prestigious tournament. If the team wishes to withdraw by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026 the 50% deposit will be refunded to the team.

Entry fees are payable into the following account:

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## ENTRY FORM

Name of Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

|    | Name | Surname | T-Shirt Size | ID/Passport Nr |
|----|------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 1  |      |         |              |                |
| 2  |      |         |              |                |
| 3  |      |         |              |                |
| 4  |      |         |              |                |
| 5  |      |         |              |                |
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| 10 |      |         |              |                |
| 11 |      |         |              |                |
| 12 |      |         |              |                |

Email of leading newspaper in your country: \_\_\_\_\_

Any company attending the function with you - Name & Surname:

|   |       |    |       |
|---|-------|----|-------|
| 1 | _____ | 7  | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | 8  | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | 9  | _____ |
| 4 | _____ | 10 | _____ |
| 5 | _____ | 11 | _____ |
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Please confirm the number of team members attending for evening for evening meals:

Special dietary requirements:

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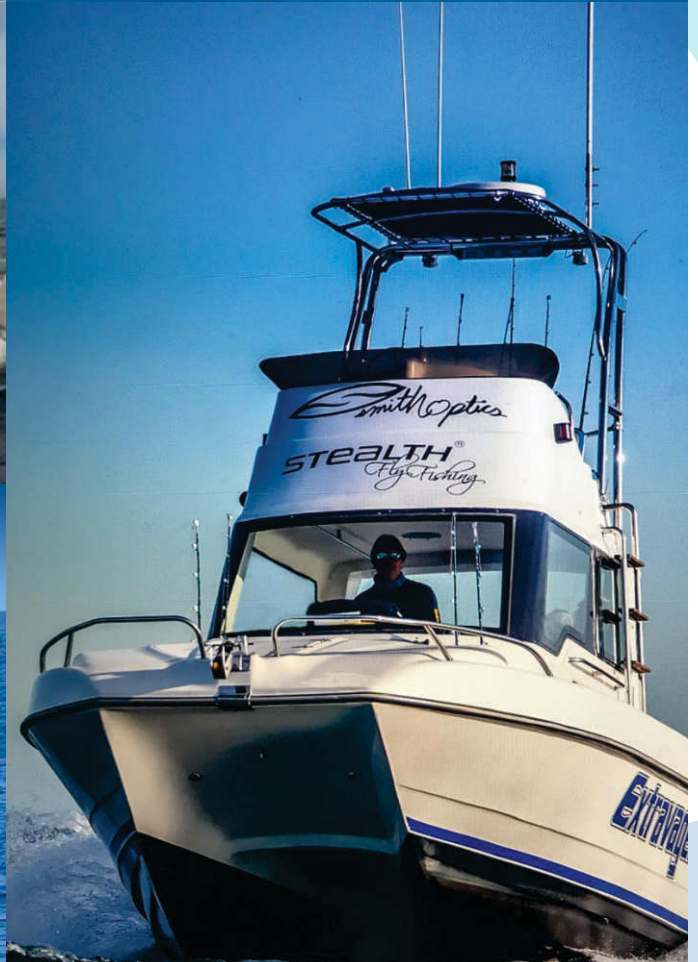
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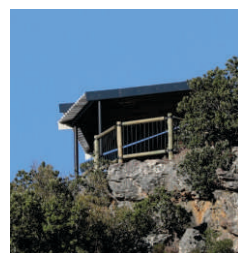


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## Bait Trace

Fluorocarbon bite trace

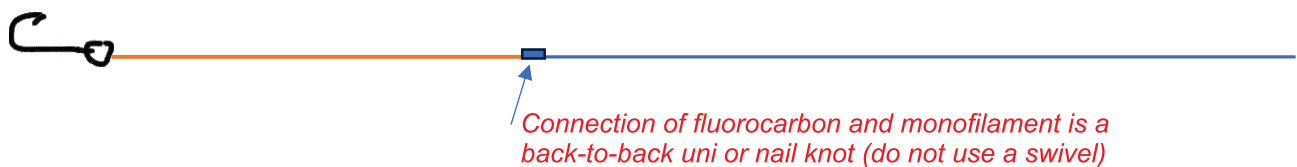
Diameter 0.9mm -1,1mm

Length 1,2m - 1,5m

Monofilament 0,9mm - 1,0mm

Diameter 0.9mm - 1,0mm

Length (max per IGFA taking into account the length of Fluorocarbon)



## Surface lure trace

Monofilament bite trace

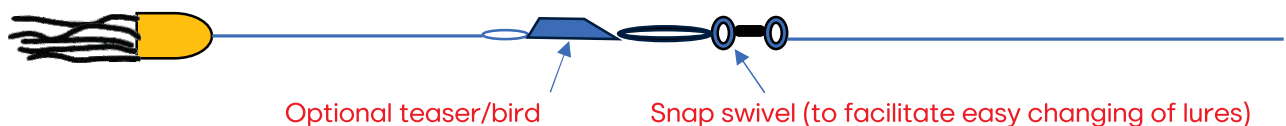
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Length 1,0m - 1,2m

Monofilament

Diameter 0.9mm -1,1mm

Length (max per IGFA taking into account the length of bite trace and teaser)



## Diving lure/spinner/popper trace

Monofilament

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Length 8,64 max. (50mm allowed for the lure)







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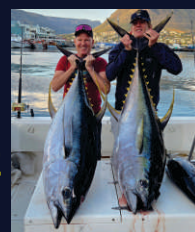
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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## OPENING FUNCTION:

Monday 2nd November 2026

|       |                                                  |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 16h00 | Registration & Handout                           |
| 17h30 | Team Photographs                                 |
| 18h00 | International Parade                             |
| 18h30 | Captains & Skippers Briefing                     |
| 19h00 | Opening Announcements                            |
| 19h30 | Team Presentations                               |
| 19h55 | Skippers Presentation                            |
| 20h00 | Dinner at The Lookout Deck<br>Atlantic Boat Club |

## CLOSING CEREMONY:

Friday 6th November 2026

|       |                                                  |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 14h00 | Lines up                                         |
| 15h00 | Weigh station open                               |
| 17h00 | Weigh station closes                             |
| 19h00 | Closing Ceremony                                 |
| 20h00 | Dinner at The Lookout Deck<br>Atlantic Boat Club |

## Daily Program for Fishing Days

|       |                                                        |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 05h30 | Breakfast at The Lookout<br>Deck or Atlantic Boat Club |
| 05h30 | Weather call at<br>Atlantic Boat Club                  |
| 05h30 | Lunch box collection                                   |
| 05h30 | Bait Collection                                        |
| 05h45 | Launching                                              |
| 06h00 | Depart from harbor                                     |
| 11h00 | Boat Catch Report                                      |
| 13h00 | Boat Catch Report                                      |
| 15h00 | Lines Up<br>(subject to change)                        |
| 16h00 | Weigh station open                                     |
| 18h00 | Weigh station close<br>(subject to change)             |
| 18h30 | Dinner at The Lookout Deck<br>or Atlantic Boat Club    |

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