

COMMODORE'S REPORT 2012

2012 has been I believe a very good year to us and we're blessed both financially and with a good sport fishing year.

As far as housekeeping has been concerned, we thank John Riley for all his effort and time he has put into our garden. The rest of the building and premises we have tried to keep up with maintenance and keep the club looking respectable and a home to all our members. As you know being so close to the ocean our electronics get hammered and replace computers and accessories regularly. We will be upgrading in the first part of the new year to a new card control system in the bar and kitchen.

The CCTV's have also done their work with a few arrests and recovery of certain goods, and at the same time some good laughs for Brenda when "Some" members misbehave a bit, but overall I think run pretty well.

As far as fishing, I think over all we excelled ourselves both in Interclubs and Provincials, congratulations to Elmar Basson in obtaining his Natal Provincial Colours, Kurt Rutter, Juley and Charles du Plessis for obtaining their Natal Association colours and obtaining silver medals in the 1st Sailfish Interprovincial held at Sodwana.

Also our club sides fishing in the Interclubs did very well and held our Club high, both in angling and as Ambassadors, to Pieter Bodenstein, Henry Oosthuizen, Mansie Beer, Jonathan Hunt, PJ Botha, Jason Palmer, Brad Visser, Kevin Smith, Piet Claasen, Chris Nel, Ken Gould, Chris Diedericks, Mike Schneider, Richard Moir, Weasel Coetzee and Clinton Barclay for always assisting us with skippers and their boats which they allow other skippers to man their boat. We are very fortunate to have members who are always first to assist our club and I am very proud to say that we must be the only Natal Club that has this support from their members. Thanks to you all.

Due to the terms of our Liquor Licence we have been informed by our Liquor Board Officer that we will be checked regularly in accordance to our Licence, we have been asked and we request that our members do not take liquor off the premises or bring under aged (18's) persons in to the bar, or allow them bottles or liquor, we have been threatened with R 500,000.00 fine and the loss of our licence.

Please members we all have a vested interest in our club and you have the right to ask persons to refrain from breaking the rules, it is our club and we must look after it and not be complacent or expect management to always solve the problem.

As far as the “Red” area of Protea Reef is concerned, when we started it we had great enthusiasm and do believe it started to work with less sharks. Right now everyone is chumming and bait fishing in the area and guess what? The sharks are worse than ever.

Me as Anton Gets can only say that it is hard for me to enforce the Rules against my members when everyone else fishes on the Reef and catch fish and our members are restricted. The way forward from here I leave it up to you tonight to discuss. There is definite talk that the Reef may be declared a MPA in the near future, but who knows?

I have been in many meetings regarding the recreational boat parking and please ask you not to park your vehicle and trailer in areas not allocated as recreation. Also ensure that if you use a tractor to push you in, your tractor driver parks your trailer at your vehicle and not next to it, the SAP are fining all un-trailerred vehicles in the car park.

When you are finished with your boat make sure your boat assistant cleans up the mess from your boat. No cleaning of fish other than at the demarcated fish cleaning area or at home.

Thanks to the staff who tirelessly look after us and our club, especially Gary who on most occasions has had to run the bar single handed. We also sent R1000.00 to Sonny for Christmas, as a thank you to him for all his past years of dedication to our club.

To Victoria, Lorraine, Phindi and the other ladies thank you. To Brenda thank you from all of us for the hard work you put in for us to make our club very successful.

Then to my committee, a special thanks to Jackie for all your time you unselfishly give to our club and in making the Mallards Mercury Festival a success.

Members we need your support once again to raise sponsorship and also to take part in the Bonanza and to invite another friend with a boat would be an extra bonus. Again we need help with this and please contact us if you can assist.

To my daughters, Mushy and Candy thanks so much for your help over the years and knowing your hearts are where your dad's is.

Last but not least, to Henry Oosthuizen we bestow Honorary Life Membership, since joining Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club you have never stopped assisting us and the least we can do for you is to award you Honorary Life Membership.

I wish the incoming committee all the success as we have had in the past.

In closing, I wish you all a merry Christmas and Prosperous New year.