

## **SHELLY BEACH SKI-BOAT CLUB**

### **VOLUNTARY PROTECTION OF PART OF THE PROTEA BANKS**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Shelly Beach Ski-Boat club held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010, members voted in favour of introducing voluntary restrictions on angling activities on a portion of the Protea Banks.

The area within the boundaries of the following weigh points will be subject to the agreed special angling restrictions:

35-52-00 South	30-27-00 East
30-48-00 South	30-29-30 East
30-53-00 South	30-29-00 East
30-49-00 South	30-31-30 East

Anglers have become increasingly aware for a number of years now that it has become more and more difficult to catch fish in this area, as a large percentage of fish hooked are taken by sharks. Indigenous reef fish have become smaller and numbers have dramatically reduced. In recent times huge amounts of chumming has been used over the high points of the Banks by recreational and sports anglers, charter boats and dive operators. It is a proven fact that chumming attracts sharks to an area and that sharks that have been attracted tend to become resident if chum is used on a regular basis.

In an endeavour to restore nature's balance and preserve one of the finest off-shore reefs on the South African coast, members have agreed to the following restrictions within the area as defined above:

1. NO BOTTOM FISHING
2. NO BAIT FISHING, either live or dead bait. Only artificial lures maybe utilised
3. NO CHUMMING
4. The area will be CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING ACTIVITIES during the period 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER each year.

Certain Diving and Charter Boats who operate from the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour have verbally indicated their co-operation and Club Members will use their best endeavours to ensure these measures are adhered to by all users of the area, regardless of the sporting discipline or launch site.

There is no time limit on these restrictions, The Club will keep records and monitor the situation on a regular basis. The Club's recommended period is for a number of years to allow the natural processes of nature to restore the balance.

Please report any users of the area not adhering to these restrictions to the  
HOT LINE NUMBER : 082 555 6666.

Shelly Beach Ski-Boat Club  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2010