

Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club
Commodores Report 2022-2023

18th December 2023

Ladies and gentlemen, Welcome to this our 49th Annual general meeting.

What a year this has been for this fine club of ours. There are three tenants to running and managing a ski boat club and that is Fiduciary, Fishing and Fun. I am proud to say that SBSBC has done all three.

Fiduciary

The club has experienced a difficult financial year in large aspect due to some big maintenance items and of course falling victim to our struggling economy. Around us, bars and restaurants are closing or closed already and yet we have kept the doors open and working. The last financial year saw us finally replacing the bar air conditioner unit at a cost of R120k and we have also had to contend with ongoing generator costs of maintenance and diesel itself. However, these two units remain our lifeblood and without them, we would not be able to function. Mention must be made of Tosh Armitage who has serviced and maintained our generator this whole year for no charge. All the club has had to do is buy parts and service items, Tosh has saved us labour this whole year. Thanks Tosh.

The club replaced our camera system due to the old one being outdated and needing upgrading and of course we celebrate our new roofed area outside, as the tent was damaged in a storm. Thanks to Curnow insurance group for their assistance in this regard.

The lease of the building remains an outstanding topic however it is in the stages of conclusion after the first one was rejected by the National Department Public Works. We will keep all members updated as progress is made.

The location of our building remains our exclusive selling point however the maintenance thereof due to our location totals an average spend of almost R65k per month. The onslaught of the elements remains never ending and there is always something that needs to be done. Thank you to our grounds man Phillip for taking care of our building.;

The club still managed to turnover around R11million rand and we extend our heartfelt thanks to our service provider, Messers Loomes and Snyman and of course, Nevelle and the team. They have all kept us well fed and watered and have gone above and beyond sometimes catering to our needs such as braais and specials etc.

We have had the benefit of ongoing sponsorships and I extend our thanks to all our loyal sponsors and wish them all and their families all the best for the festive season. We look forward to working with you next year.

Fishing

SBSBC hosted and incredible 7 competitions this year, Namely:

The SBSBC Interclub
SADSAA Junior Nationals
Tuna Bonanza
NDSAA Tuna Interprovincial
Nomads Closed 2023
Midlands Ski Boat Club Social
SBSBC Heavy and Light tackle Angler of the year.

No other club in KZN has matched this feat and this has received accolades all the way from the President of SADSAA himself. I convey my thanks to the tournament committee for all their hard work. Please allow me to make special mention of Robyn Garbade, Maxine Marlow and Chantal Barclay, as non-committee members, for all the work they have done in making these competitions very special and successful indeed.

SBSBC was represented in one way or another at the following competitions:

Competitive fishing

Protea Charles Du Plessis	IGFA Light Tackle Open Miami, Light Tackle Billfish Nationals
SADSAA Mark Brewitt NDSAA	Gamefish Nationals Mapelane Pennington Gamefish Interprovincial

NDSAA Elmar Basson
NDSAA

Gamefish Nationals Mapelane
Light Tackle Billfish Nationals

NDSAA Owen Barclay

(U21) Pennington Gamefish Interprovincial

Interclubs

Clint Barclay, Owen Barclay, Shaun Barker and Eddie Lahee (Mapelane trophy)

Owen Barclay, Shaun Barker and Eddie Lahee (Natal Rod & Reel)

Clint Barclay, Owen Barclay and Megan Barclay (Durban Ski Boat club)

SBSBC Juniors -Danelle Claasen, Addison Garbade, and Dom Curnow
Seniors – Owen Barclay, Mignon Basson and Piet Claasen

ROSEBOWL Elmar Basson, Craig Bell Roberts, Leon Garbade

I would like to take the opportunity to recognise the following members on their prestigious awards:

Elmar Basson – Natal Colours
Faith Lategan – SADSAA Skippers
Mark Brewitt – SADSAA Angling Colours
Owen Barclay – SADSAA U21 Angling Colours
Charles Du Plessis – Protea Colours

Elmar Basson served the year on the NDSAA Council as Southern area Representative and Leon Garbade as NDSAA Vice President.

Well Done to all concerned on a great angling year and I extend a HUGE thank you to all of our boat owners who gave so freely of their time and their boats to make these competitions possible.

The year ahead will see our mighty club host the following competitions:

SBSBC Interclub

SADSAA Tuna Interprovincial

SBSBC Tuna Bonanza

Fun

The club has hosted numerous member events such as social braais and get togethers as well as a great Rugby World Cup venue with the addition of a big screen and of course a massive Congrats to the Springboks for their historical 4th World Cup victory.

The SBSBC Committee has done their level best to keep the club running and achieving what it has and to this extent I must thank the committee for their hard work and look forward to seeing where the new committee will be taking us in the 23/24 year.

However, members, we must stop targeting committee members. There have been members that have been subjected to boycotts and verbal abuse etc during the last year. This must stop as nobody will wish to stand as committee member in the future. A sentiment that has already been expressed numerous times whilst sitting around the bar. We should be encouraging people to get involved, not attacking them for doing so. We should be fostering and growing our club, not doing our best to tear it down and lastly, we need everyone to start to get involved and take collective responsibility for our club and not “leave it to the committee”.

Thanks

Towards conclusion I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following people for the involvement and guidance:

Mr C Schorn – SADSAA President

Mr N Nel – SADSAA Tournament Officer

Mr A VD Berg NDSAA President and SADSAA Action Committee member

Lindi Visser, our super lady who looks after all of us. Your kindhearted approach and can-do willingness leave me astounded on a daily basis.

My committee – thank you guys for your dedication and hard work. Often under trying circumstances and pressure and yet you all delivered in spades.

To my Vice Commodore – Elmar Basson, many thanks for a great year my friend. I continue to learn from you daily and thanks for your ear and often your shoulder. Your unwavering support and friendship are never taken for granted.

Lastly to my family, Robyn, Addi, and Tosh. Thanks for supporting me and this club.

The year ahead looks calmer than previous, and we will focus on getting the lease signed, the bank account grown and of course, continue to serve as role model and leader for all South Coast clubs.

I thank you all for letting me be the Commodore of this most amazing club and wish you and your families all the best for the festive season and year ahead.

Safe `seas and Tight Lines to all.

Yours In Angling

Leon Garbade

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