



SADSAA International and Tuna Nationals 2023.

Hosted by WPDSAA and Atlantic Boat Club

## 1. Introduction

It is with pleasure that we are able to submit a report on behalf of WPDSAA to SADSAA on the 2023 Tuna International/Nationals run out of Hout Bay from the 15th to the 20th May 2023. The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the week's event and to outline where improvements can be made and to work on making it a successful Tuna Nationals in the future. It's also an opportunity to place on record the financial, skipper and angler results of the tournament.

We would like to thank SADSAA for allowing us the opportunity of hosting this prestigious tournament and we wish to make this an annual event to be held at Hout Bay and hosted by ABC.

## 2. Representative Provinces and SADSAA teams

### PROTEA TEAM

Chris Pike (Cpt)  
Colin Joubert  
Marius Coetzee



### SADSAA

Ockie Theunissen (Cpt)  
Albert Burger  
Pierre Westerveldt



### Blue Barbarians

Nick Nel (Cpt)  
Alain Khan (Natal)  
Chris Schorn (Southern Cape)



### White Barbarians

Andreas Papachristoforou (Cpt)  
Jacques Van Wyk (Zululand)  
Gerard Von Bonde (WPDSAA)



### Griquas

Shaun Joubert (Cpt)  
Phillip De Lange  
Clive Webb



Eastern Province Red

Colin Barris (Cpt)  
Ian Pienke  
Paul Smith



Southern Cape

Connie Gartsman (Cpt)  
Ewald Crause  
Brett Weihann



Western Province

Matthew Preen (Cpt)  
Mark Rode  
Michael Baines



Eastern Province Black

Wayne Gerber (Cpt)  
Marius Moolman  
Emil Goosen



SADSAA Junior

Rourke Muller (Cpt)  
Jordan Khan  
Alex Tydesley



Mpumulanga

Bryan Jooste (Cpt)  
Marius Claasen  
Wolle Prinsloo



SASSAC

Nishaad Ibrahim (Cpt)  
Michael Riley  
Francois Bezuidenhout



Egypt

Omar Khalifa (Cpt)  
Ahmed Mitkees  
Essam Elwy



### 3. Timing of event

The timing of this year event worked well. We had 3 weather days and very good fishing. We would like to propose that as next year there is a Tuna international being hosted in May that we would like for a date in April for 2024.

### 4. Facilities

Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay is undoubtedly the best place in the Western Cape to host Tuna Nationals. With fish moving North this time of year, it makes the most sense to host the tournament here,. There is fuel provided by The Hout Bay Boatyard, mooring and parking facilities within the harbour precinct and a clubhouse that overlooks the harbour. Hout Bay having plenty available accommodation this time of year and everyone being near launch and all the facilities that go with it.

### 5. Boats and skippers

Bad Romanz	- Iaan Viljoen
Olof	- Thys Louw
San Diego	- Roger Marais
Gallus	- Martin Brougham Cook
Monish	- Patrick Christodoulou
Pixel	- Ockie Vermeulen
Piremeiro	- Skipped by team
Relentless	- Daniel Hughes
Seaduction	- Corrie Dercksen
Jumper	- Allan Santana
Fly eyes	- Warren Muller
Overflow	- Steve Potter
Tequila Sheila	- Grant Scholtz/ Sean Todd

The own boat concept was a great success and assisted many of the teams with bringing their costs down.

### 6. Results and fishing

Day 1 was called on as a fishing day most of the boats had hook ups, with Western Province, SADSAA juniors, Mpumalanga, Southern Cape landing yellowfin with a few of the other teams landing longfin, results for day one was SADSAA Juniors first, Western Province second and Southern Cape third.

Internationals : Protea team had a very good day landing 7 nice class yellowfin and 12 in total, with the Egypt also landing fish, Placing after day 1) Protea 2) Egypt 3) SASSAC

Day 2 was again called on and the SADSAA men's team had an excellent day landing six yellowfin, Griquas also had a good day most teams of the teams caught fish, standings after day two was SADSAA Men first, Southern Cape and Western Province.

Internationals : SASSACS Nishaad Ibrahim having a very good day, landing 5 yellowfin himself, EGYPT fought one fish for five hours and lost the fish at the boat. Positions remained as Protea 1<sup>st</sup>, SASSAC second and Egypt 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Day 3 was called off.

Day 4 was called on and Barbarians White had the best day of all the teams and landed three very nice yellowfin moving them from second last into the medals. SADSAA men continued their strong second day



and consolidated their first place, with Southern Cape and Griquas also having good days. Other notable catches were Alex Tyesdale's 74kg yellowfin and Brett Wiehan's 81kg yellowfin: a new Southern Cape record on 10kg

Internationals: SASSAC again had a good day landing fish consistently through the day. Unfortunately the Proteas had a late start due to mechanical issues, but got some fish to top off a good tournament.

Day 5 called off

## 7.Placing

### Nationals teams

Top Anglers were 1<sup>st</sup> Pierre Westerveldt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ockie Theunissen and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alain Khan  
Top skippers were 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Hughes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thys Louw and 3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Marais

SADSAA Men took Gold, Southern Cape Silver and Barbarian Blue Bronze.

### Internationals

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Tops skippers were 1<sup>st</sup> laan Viljoen ;2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Christodolou and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ockie Vermeulen

Protea team took Gold, SASSAC Silver and Egypt Bronze





## 8.Conclusion

The tournament was a great success from a participation perspective, the catering, boats and the feedback by anglers was very positive and as is always the case many anglers lost fish and will hopefully be back for the challenge again. WPD SAA and ABC look forward to being given the opportunity to host the 2024 Tuna Nationals and would like to thank SADSAA for affording us the opportunity of hosting Tuna Nationals 2023. We would also like to thank the two selectors Hubert Meyer, Chris Rothmann and Andries Maree (SASACC) for their attendance.

