



Richards Bay
Meerensee Boat Club



21 SPECIES 2026

3-5 JULY 2026

EVENT INFORMATION



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WELCOME & PROGRAMME

The Meerensee Boat Club extends a warm welcome to all sponsors, anglers, skippers, families, and visitors attending the 21 Species Fishing Festival.

We hope you enjoy your time with us and thank everyone who contributed to making this event possible.

Tight lines and enjoy the competition!

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY - 3 JULY

08h00 - 18h00

Registration

18h00

Briefing & Boat Auction

20h00 - Late

Music & Entertainment

SATURDAY - 4 JULY

From 04:30

Launching

First Light - 16:00

Fishing (tags in @ 15:30)

08:00 - 12:00

Kids Bank Competition

11:00 - 12:00

Miss 21 Species

13:00 - 16:00

Weigh-In (be in queue)

16:30 - 17:30

Mnr Boepens

17:30

21 Species Hamper raffle

18:00

Rugby: SA vs ENG

20h00 - Late

Music & Entertainment

SUNDAY - 5 JULY

From 04:30

Launching

First Light - 15:00

Fishing (tags in @ 14:30)

08:00 - 12:00

Kids Bank Competition

13:00 - 15:00

Weigh-In (be in queue)

16:00

Kids Bank Prize giving

18:00

Prize giving & Closing

REGISTRATION & GENERAL

REGISTRATION



- MEERENSEE BOAT CLUB Fri, 3 July: 08h00 - 18h00
- Indemnity forms required for all skippers & crew
- Shirts guaranteed only for pre-entries (*closed 6 June*)

GENERAL

- Park in designated areas (security provided, parking at own risk)
- Vessels to be prepared for launch prior to entering club grounds
- No non-competitors allowed on boats
- Children U12 to wear Life jackets at all times
- Harbour rules strictly adhered to
- Bait and ice available from Radio Room @ 05h00 daily. (Cash or card facility available)
- No overnight fishing permitted
- No time extensions will be given
- No fish cleaning or boat cleaning on premises

Campers may use designated areas from 17:00-19:30 only.
Areas must be left clean or this privilege will be revoked.

PRIZES

- ✓ Winner must be present or nominate a representative
- ✓ In case of tie: First fish weighed wins
- ✓ Prize collection is winner's responsibility



LAUNCHING & COMMUNICATION

APPROVED LAUNCH SITE

Meerensee Boat Club
Richards Bay Ski Boat Club



LAUNCH PROCESS

- Vessels to be prepared for launch prior to entering club grounds
- Competition tags to be collected prior to launch
- Information slip to be submitted to Radio Room and logbook completed prior to launch
- Launch from 04h00 for Deep-sea
- Harbour exit only on instruction from Competition Control at first light
- Vessels shall be released from the harbour in groups of 10, at two-minute intervals
- Bay boats launch from 6:30, fishing commence 7:00
- Ensure vessel documentation are onboard

**HARBOUR EXIT WITHOUT PERMISSION
= DISQUALIFICATION**

COMMUNICATION



VHF
CHANNEL 69

- Official Exit, Entry & Emergency Channel
- Working radio required to launch



**RADIO ROOM EMERGENCY
CONTACT**

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FIRST AID



MOUNTIES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

0861 - 24 - 7 - 911

FISHING AREA RULES & WEATHER

FISHING AREAS

DEEP SEA BOATS

- Between Tugela Mouth and Mapelane Lighthouse
- Must comply with vessel and Skipper Ticket category limits
- Area changes to be reported to Control

BAY BOATS

NORTH: Buoys 1-17 (Green)



SOUTH: Buoys 2-10 (Red)



- Anchoring between yellow boys or within 10 meters of any buoy is prohibited
- Buoy 16-28 Prohibited Area
- Restricted zones apply

WEATHER



**RED FLAG =
NO DEEP SEA FISHING**

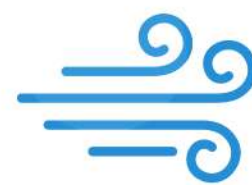
Boats will be permitted to fish in bay area

Safety Officer's decision regarding weather, sea and safety conditions is final

WEATHER/SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Prodical Son
- Logtrans
- Via Pesca

WIND LIMITS



22 KNOTS

WEIGH-IN

Sat: 13h00 (Queue closes 16h00)

Sun: 13h00 (Queue closes 15h00)

- ✓ Valid fishing license required
- ✓ Competition tag required
- ✓ No gutted or mutilated fish
- ✓ No tail-cut fish
- ✓ Weighmaster decision is final



SPECIES LIST & BENCHMARKS



AMBERJACK
12.5 kg



BRONZE BREAM
2kg



CAVE BASS / LANTERNE
2 kg



CATFACE ROCKCOD (only)
4 kg



Dusky Rob



Silver Rob



Spotted Rockfish



Snapper

KOB SPECIES ALL
17.5 kg



EMPORER / SCAVENGER
2 kg



ENGLISHMAN
3 kg



GARRICK
9 kg



GRUNTER ALL
3.5 kg



KING MACKREL / CUD
17.5 kg



PERCH / RIVER BREAM
1.5 kg



ROCK SALMON / RIVER SNAPPER
4 kg



QUEEN FISH
5 kg



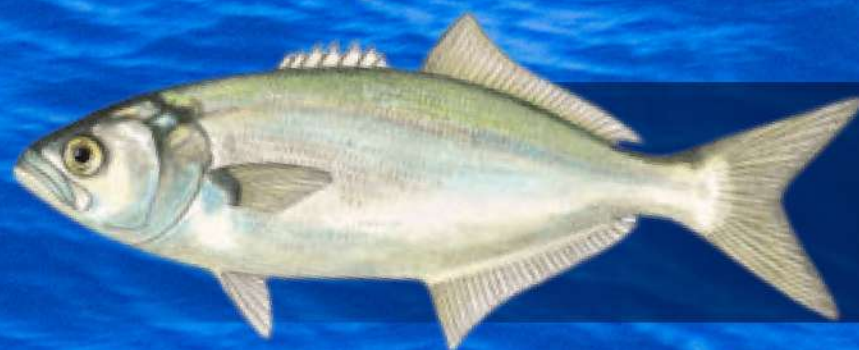
QUEEN MACKREL / SNOEK
6 kg



RUBBERLIP / DUSKY
3.5 kg



STUMPNOSE
3 kg



SHAD / ELF
3 kg



SLINGER
2 kg



SOLDIER / TROLLIE
3 kg



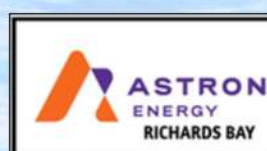
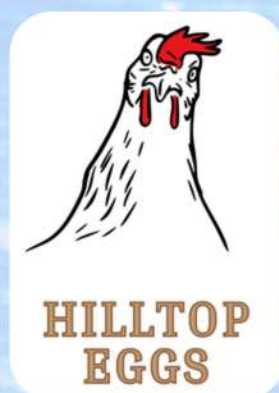
SANDFISH
2 kg



YELLOWFIN TUNA (only)
40 kg

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