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Two Oceans Aquarium release two raggy sharks back into the ocean with the help of team Yamaha, Gemini Inflatables & Garmin

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This year the Two Oceans Aquarium continued with its shark conservation efforts by releasing two more ragged-tooth sharks from its I&J Predator Exhibit back into the ocean. Two sharks, Mandy and Noodle, were released on Wednesday 24 February in False Bay with support from Garmin Distribution Africa (PTY) Ltd, Yamaha Distributors & Gemini Marine. This forms part of an ongoing release programme, which was initiated with the release of Maxine in 2004. Her release set in motion the Save Our Seas Foundation - Maxine, Science, Education and Awareness (M-Sea) Programme, an AfriOceans Conservation Alliance (AOCA) initiative, sponsored by the Save Our Seas Foundation. Four sharks have subsequently been released since 2004 and Mandy and Noodle will bring the count to six.

Unlike the previous releases, Mandy and Noodle will be released in False Bay and not in Struisbaai. Ragged-tooth sharks naturally occur in False Bay and east to Kwa-Zulu Natal and Mozambique. The decision was taken to launch from Gordon's Bay Harbour and to release in False Bay in order to reduce the travelling time associated with the release. Also, previous releases happened later in March and this year the release is a month earlier, when it is well known that ragged-tooth sharks are still frequenting False Bay. This was confirmed by the large female ragged-tooth shark that was caught in a national angling competition on Friday, near Macassar. As demonstrated by the other sharks released from the Aquarium it is expected that once released, these sharks will start travelling up the coast towards Kwa-Zulu Natal, as part of what is believed to be an annual migration.

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Both sharks will be tagged with spaghetti (standard) tags. Spaghetti tags carry a tag number and an address. Should fishermen catch one of these sharks, they are encouraged to make note of the location and date on which they caught the shark, the tag number and also record the length of the shark if possible. This information should then be sent to the address on the tag.

Garmin Distribution Africa (PTY) Ltd, Yamaha Distributors & Gemini Marine has offered to support the release effort by sponsoring a Gemini 6.5m Waverider RIB equipped with Garmin marine electronics and a Yamaha 150HP outboard engine.

Noodle was introduced into the I&J Predator Exhibit in April 2008 after being caught by Trail Witthun in Struisbaai. Mandy was caught by the Aquarium's Operations Manager, Tinus Beukes on 18 February 2009 in Hamburg (60km south of East London). Two weeks ago they were moved to a temporary holding facility in preparation for the release. Both sharks will be weighed and measured before being transferred to a transport tank on the back of a truck. All records are kept as part of the research effort and it will be interesting to see how much Noodle has added to her original weight of 101kg and Mandy to her 92,4kg.

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For more information on the release and tagging of the other sharks, please log on to www.aquarium.co.za or www.aoca.org.za

Release by - Renée Leeuwner - Two Oceans Aquarium

Ponta De Ouro, Mozambique – a WaveRunner fisherman's paradise



Just 10 kilometers from the hustle and bustle of the South African border, lays the endless mocha sands of Mozambique's idyllic coastline. Dusty roads strewn with weathered palm trees, warm and friendly locals and climate, picturesque sunsets and stretches of unspoiled beaches comprise the magic enticement of Mozambique. But its also the rich and often rewarding fishing grounds off shore that draw thousands of tourists, more so the avid fisherman, to the East Coast of Africa.

On the 13th and 14th of February 2010, the banks of the Ponta De Ouro beach were scattered with every type, colour and size of Yamaha WaveRunner ever made. The first competition of its kind in that region and the biggest so far - the Racetech Yamaha Praia De Ouro Sul Jet ski fishing Classic - saw some 60 odd competitors on their individual skis take to the open water with newly found enthusiasm.

The skipper's briefing, which took place at the Praia De Ouro Sul Lodge on the Friday evening, was festive as was in keeping with the setting but many of the ardent anglers chose to call it an early night in preparation of the morning's early launch at first light. Fishing times on both days were open to 5pm at dusk after which some welcomed sundowners awaited the anglers at the nearby rustic lodge to draw a conclusion to the day's proceedings.

Competition rules were clear, with all fish being caught to be measured, photographed and then released. Each angler received a measuring decal to be placed on the side of the ski against which the fish would be measured and then photographed. Points were awarded for the length of the fish, and not the traditional weight, multiplied by the relevant points per specie. Qualifying fish species had to be over 3 kilograms and included Billfish, Dorado and Amberjacks. The drop shot and vertical jigging angling techniques used mostly to target bottom fish was strictly prohibited as is legislated in that area. Of course, qualifying anglers had to produce a skipper's license to operate their PWC's, which is now a legal requirement in SA.



Under the tropical hot and humid weather conditions and relatively flat sea conditions, both days' fishing yielded some great catches. Although the fish weren't as responsive as initially hoped for, there was enough activity to keep the competition alive. A jubilant and enviable Clive Murphy sailed past the competition with 9 sizeable catches, from Black Marlin to Mackerel Couta and even Yellowfin Tuna, to total a whopping 147.98 points. Byron Kane with 82.69 points and Mike Potter with 55.62 points were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively and respectably.

Thanks to proud and forward thinking sponsors Racetech Yamaha, Yamaha Distributors SA, CMH Datcentre, Gladiator and Pulsator lures, Volt energy drink, Dirty Dog Eyewear, Go Fish Magazine, Canon cameras and Island Tribe Sun Protection, the toil and trouble of the competing anglers was well rewarded. In the end though, with heavy hearts, and for some, empty fish bags, the convoy of Yamaha powered fishermen left the shores of Mozambique dragging their feet but with a fierce conviction to return to this island-styled paradise and conquer its challenging coastline.

As one of the fastest growing sports and most unconventional angling methods around today, all the ins and outs of WaveRunner or Jet Ski fishing as featured in the Racetech Yamaha Praia De Ouro Sul Jet ski fishing classic will be broadcast nationally on SuperSport TV in March.

Yamaha are once again official sponsors of the Port Edward Ski Boat Festival

The Marlin Ski Boat Club in Port Edward will be hosting its annual Port Edward Ski Boat Festival from the 30th of April to the 1st of May 2010. Last year, over 1500kg of Couta were caught and local fisherman Mark Snyman was the lucky angler to clinch a brand new Explorer 510 CC boat powered by Yamaha. Once again, Yamaha and South Coast's favourite marine dealer Criterion Yamaha, are the proud and preferred sponsor of this popular family event. Going bigger and better than ever, this year's prize offering is a fully rigged Seacat 510 CC with two powerful Yamaha 40HP motors. Geared towards engaging the whole family, there will be kiddie's entertainment and food stalls going all day as well as loads of other interesting activities. After the warm reception of the presentation by the Natal Sharks Board last year, the guys will be giving another exciting and informative demo and talk again this year. Saturday night's prize giving will also be a festive night with Danny Fisher and the Angels entertaining, along with local favourite, DJ Barry and the SAB music bus. A minimal gate charge will be levied, with proceeds going to the local Lions Club. For entry forms or more info visit www.marlinskiboatclub.co.za



In & Around

Yamaha Summer Sizzler Sales winner – Dudley Hardman of Anchor Boat Shop – Cape Town

ANCHOR  BOAT SHOP

Congratulations to Dudley Hardman, owner/manager of Anchor Boat Shop in Cape Town, who won himself and his partner, Mrs. Frances Hardman, a fully sponsored trip to the Portuguese Islands on board the MSC Sinfonia. The Summer Sizzler dealer challenge began on the 2nd of November 2009 and ran until the 15th of February 2010 and was opened to all sales staff that specialize in the local boat packages.

Initiated by Anthony Daniels, boat rigging supervisor at YDSA, Anthony's sentiments were that all too often the hard work of the ground sales staff are overlooked and that he believed that introducing an incentive would definitely motivate them to move a few more summer units. The drive saw measurable success with 11 boat packages being sold in all, which included some of our slower movers. 6 out of those 11 packages were sold by Dudley who blew the competition out the water.

Dudley sails up the East Coast of Africa on the 15th of March and returns 3 nights later. Dudley and his better half will be flown into Durban courtesy of Yamaha and we'll be sure to have the paparazzi snap Dudley with his leisure kit on - an occurrence you don't often see with the hard working Mr. Anchor Boat Shop!

Eastern Cape WaveRunner fishing workshops

The WaveRunner fishing workshops that were held in the Eastern Cape recently, was most encouraging as most of the local visiting fishermen appeared very curious and enthused about this new sport that has spread like wildfire through KZN and the Gauteng regions and is starting to make its way down to the Cape.

Although the type of fishing in this region is very different to that of the other provinces, anglers agree that there is a definite scope and application for WaveRunner fishing in these areas. In order to encourage and equip dealers to understand and service this market, a presentation on the sport as well as Yamaha's involvement and their applicable products were highlighted at these workshops.

Further to this, the recent airing of the WaveRunner fishing segment in the popular ESA TV series has had anglers all over the country exploring new and exciting ways to fish off their WaveRunners. The fact that these craft can double up as leisure craft for fun family water sport weekends, makes this new market trend ever more popular in a tough economic climate where value for money is a major factor in purchase appeal.



Some of the questions raised by attendees centered around the legal implications and difficulties experienced in launching and fishing off a WaveRunner. One of the more important solutions discussed, amongst others, was the collaboration of anglers with local ski boat and fishing clubs, the general public and more importantly local marine authorities to change the focus onto the type of user in operation and not necessarily the craft. In essence, to dispel the negative perception of all WaveRunners or Jet skis as being volatile crafts and position them, in these instances, as fishing craft used by responsible fisherman that most often have experience with and a deep respect for the sea. Some recent developments in safety equipment like the SAMSA approved "Fire Stryker" will also ease the burden of responsibility of fishermen with limited space.

The workshops were held in store at Leisure Yamaha in East London, where an ex-demo ski was sold off the floor afterwards, and at the North End Lake in Port Elizabeth on behalf of Kretz Marine. With a few planned events and competitions in that neck of the woods, we should see increased activity on this front and a steady stream of enthusiasts join this already popular sport.

Round 1 of SAJSBA National Jetsports Tour

Our event correspondent and competitor himself, Wayde Staphorst reported back to us with some encouraging results from the first round of the SAJSBA National Jetsports Tour that took place on the 21st of February at Bronkhorst Spruit. Also in attendance, was our very own Welcome Radebe, who competed with Wayde at the recent Jet ski King's Cup (Grand Prix) in Thailand.

Local racing enthusiast and expert, Geoff Stubbs of Linex Yamaha, made certain that the Yamaha team were geared to go and received the necessary attention. Unfortunately as is the case with racing, you're never quite sure what the day could bring - after winning the 1st heat of the Vets Class, Geoff suffered a major setback when a technical fault on his unlimited ski prevented him from completing the rest of the heats. Further to this, a few communication cross wires involving Welcomes' ski resulted in him competing in the Pro instead of the Standard Stand-Up class but despite this, he managed to pull off a respectable 6th place in the end. Some of the other guys experienced slightly better luck though with Wayde clinching the overall title in the Vets class and a 6th overall in the Pro Stock Class as well as Geoff's son Gareth, picking up a second place in the Novice Runabout class.

Yamaha regional dealers, Z-Craft Yamaha, Linex Yamaha and Perry Yamaha will be involved in the next couple of rounds set to take place in Johannesburg, Vryheid, Empangeni and Durban. Yamaha Distributors have embarked on a drive to emphasize and clearly position their legendary racing line-up, the title-winning FZ series at these events with the assistance of the relevant dealers and representative racers. Regular race updates and results will be featured in the Yamaha marine monthly.

Staff profile – Michela Mazzaro

Michela joined Yamaha Distributors Pinetown in early December 2009 as a Commercial Analyst after an exciting stint abroad as a Partnership Tax Analyst for a UK Law Firm. Michela has a strong affinity towards finance and economics and completed her B.Com Honours in Economics at the University of Cape Town.

Her broader role within the company now, in assisting Greg Bennett and other managers, is to ensure that the ordering and marketing decisions are supported by the right product in the right quantity and at the right cost.



*Above & below:
Images from the 1st Jetsport National Tour*



Her activities include the monthly YDSA and dealer stock and sales reconciliations, verifying and maintaining the factory order process, analyzing and maintaining the AMID stats, budget and forecasting duties and expense monitoring.

Michela is a confident, levelheaded young woman with a myriad of interests and hobbies that make up her leisure portfolio including theatre, music and dance, travel, gym and anything that involves the beach. She has been professionally trained in the disciplines of tap, modern and ballet dance since the age of 3 but she definitely doesn't side step any hard-hitting issues that affect her life and work.

Here are some more Q's and A's with our new recruit...

Strongest attributes? Loyalty and honesty.

Motivators? Challenging tasks, friends and family.

Favourite part of your job? Forecasting and research.

Likes and dislikes about working with dealers thus far? I have not been exposed much to many dealers but from the interaction that I have had with some of them, a dislike would be a lack of adequate communication and late submission of required statistics and information.

Feelings about working for Yamaha? I am happy to be working with such a world-class quality brand.

Motto? "Have no regrets, life is too short!"

Technical Tip of the month

Engine oil filter

Do you know?



An engine oil filter cannot be reused even if it is cleaned out.

- The paper filters in the engine oil filter have been deteriorated by fuel or moisture in the engine oil.
- An O-ring of the engine oil filter has been sclerosed or deformed by heat.
- The sludge silt on the filter cannot be removed by cleaning because the sludge is compressed and hardened like rock.

With maintenance:



- Reduces the abrasion of the engine's interior parts
- Maintains the engine power
- Reduces the oil consumption



Without maintenance:



- Causes the abnormal oil pressure because the oil cannot be circulated smoothly
- Increases the abrasion of the metal parts due to the circulation of dirty oil



This 'n That

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says: *“Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man.”*

The man then replies: *“Yeah, well we were married 35 years.”*



“You're fired, Jack. The lab results just came back, and you tested positive for Coke.”

PAMELA PEEKE, MD

Author, spokesperson, professor, and nutrition and fitness correspondent for Discovery Health Channel

9. Laugh a lot—why? It will put you in the right mood to not take life so seriously. We spent years studying cortisol, and when you laugh stress hormones plummet.

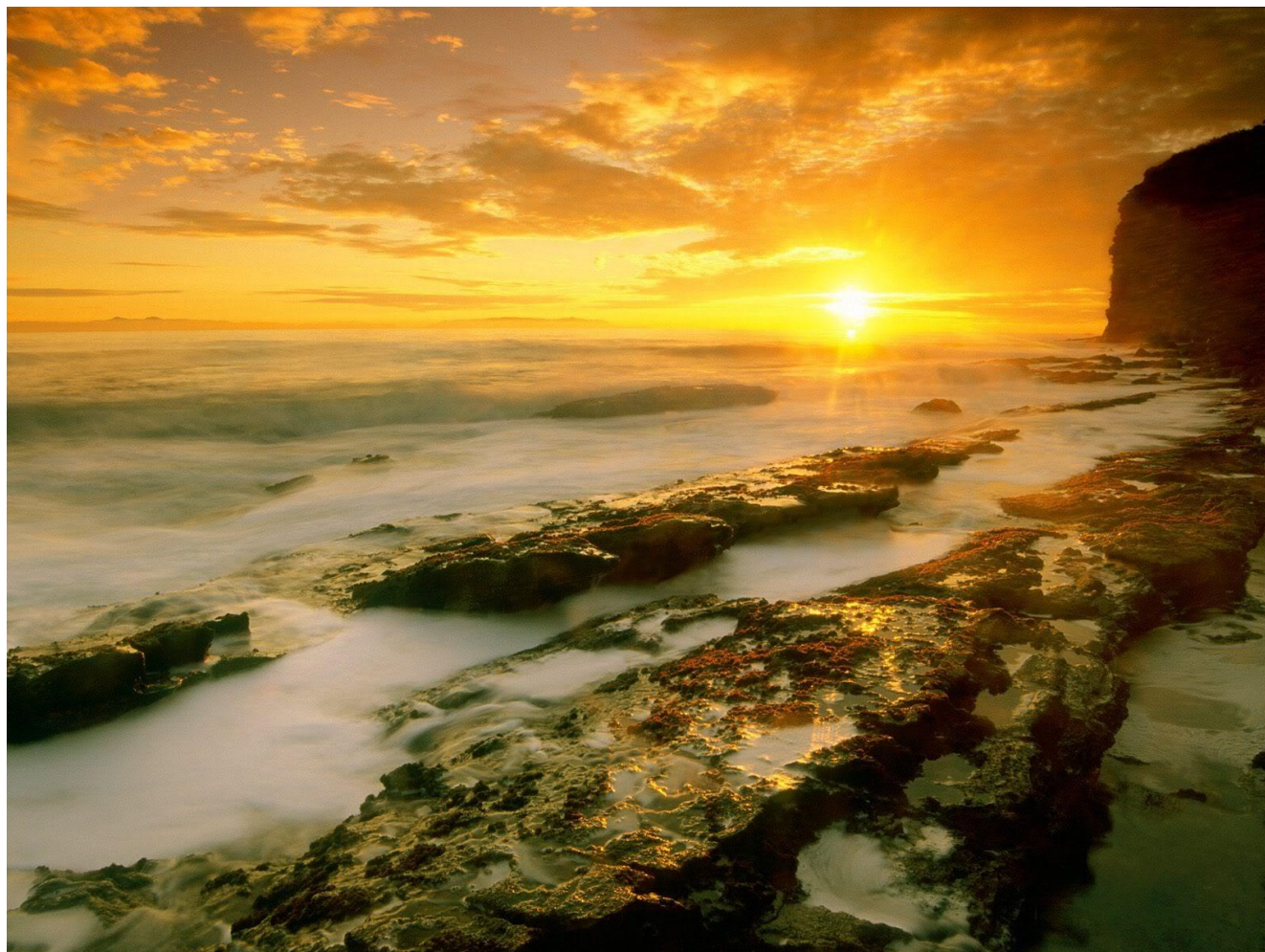
10. Have a rich social life.

11. Take a mini-chill. Hubert Benson, founder of Harvard’s Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine, taught me to incorporate mini meditations throughout the day. It allows the mind and body to have a moment to just turn it off.

12. Avoid toxic stress—meaning any stress with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness and defeat.

13. Use your head. The secret to living a healthy life starts with a healthy mind that must be maintained throughout your life. It’s gotta be worked.





Leadership: The art of getting
someone else to do something
you want done because he wants
to do it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

