

# BILLFISH 2025



**SODWANA SKI BOAT CLUB  
PENTA BILLFISH INVITATIONAL  
4 - 9 MAY 2025**

## ENTRY FORM

### ENTRY CLOSING DATE: 28 MARCH 2025

Max 5 persons per boat allowed

BOAT NAME:  REGISTRATION NO:

SKIPPER		CELL:		SHIRT SIZE	
CREW 1		CELL:		SHIRT SIZE	
CREW2		CELL:		SHIRT SIZE	
CREW3		CELL:		SHIRT SIZE	
CREW4		CELL:		SHIRT SIZE	

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDANCE:

**ENTRY FEE: R14 000  
INCLUDING CALCUTTA**

#### BANKING DETAILS

SODWANA SKIBOAT CLUB  
FNB  
628 466 00931

TOTAL: R

Mail Entry form with proof of payment to: [sodwanaskiboatclub@outlook.com](mailto:sodwanaskiboatclub@outlook.com)





## INDEMNITY FORM 2025

### 2025 SODWANA SKI BOAT CLUB / PENTA INVITATIONAL

In Respect of Participating in this tournament as organised by the Sodwana Ski Boat club at Sodwana Bay (4 - 9 May 2025).

We as participants on the boat

Do hereby acknowledge, accept and declare that we are participating at our own risk.

We accept that Sodwana Bay Ski Boat Club, any of its office bearers, or members, or boats or any sponsor at this event shall not be held liable for any injury, loss of property, damage to property or loss of life or limb in whatever way due to our participation.

We accept and adhere to the tournament rules. We acknowledge that our actions could lead to disqualification as well as the banning from this tournament without any refund of any kind.

We will adhere to the rules of Sodwana Ski boat club regarding their Club house and premisses. We will treat the personnel of Sodwana Ski Boat Club, its security and gate personal with dignity and respect.

I/We acknowledge that I/We have read the tournament rules as well as the indemnity and I/We understand that I/We have no claim as stipulated by this indemnity.




SKIPPER	NAME:	SIGNATURE
CREW 1		
CREW 2		
CREW 3		
CREW 4		
CREW 5		
CREW 6		



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**BUY ANY NEW SUZUKI JIMNY  
FROM PENTA MOTOR GROUP  
AND GET A FREE BILLFISH  
ENTRY AND TEAM SHIRTS**

**FROM R427,900**



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## Program for the week 4 - 9 May 2025

### SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

- 15h00-16h30** Registration at Sodwana Bay Ski Boat Club. Compulsory for all participants. Copies of skippers licence, cof, radio licence, buoyancy certificate and fishing licences of all participants to be inspected at registration.
- 17h30** Official opening and briefing as well as Blessing of the fleet
- 18h30** Boat action

### MONDAY TO THURSDAY 5 - 8 MAY 2025

- 06h00** Launching of participating boats
- 10h00** Call up ch 69 vhf and ch 19 on 29mhz
- 14h00** Lines up
- 16h00 to 17h00** Weigh in.

**THE WEIGH INN RING CLOSSES AT 17H00, NO EXCEPTIONS WHAT SO EVER**

- 17h30** Daily prize giving

**TUESDAY TO THURSDAY WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PROGRAM AS MONDAY**

### FRIDAY 9 MAY 2025

- 06h00** Launching of boats
- 10h00** Call up
- 13h00** Lines up
- 15h00-16h00** Weigh in at the tent. (Weigh in ring closes at 16h00 on friday)

#### Note:

### MONDAY TO THURSDAY

- 17h30** Daily prize giving. Compulsory to all teams to attend the daily prize giving.

### FRIDAY 9 MAY 2025

- 18h00** Official prize giving



# TOURNAMENT RULES: 4 - 9 MAY 2025

1. Amended IGFA and SADSAA rules will apply
2. SADSAA point scoring system
3. Open line class
4. This is a Billfish tournament and all Billfish MUST be released, no exceptions.
5. Proof must be supplied by the Angler with footage of Fish, colour band, date and time. Weigh master must be able to identify the fish and species. If there is any doubt regarding the species, no species bonus points will be allocated.
6. Blue Marlin and Stiped Marlin count as one Species.
7. POINTS PER RELEASE

**Spearfish 100 points**

**Sailfish 100 points**

**Marlin 220 points**

See attached bonus points scoring sheet.

8. Boundaries South: Rooiwalke North: Island Rock cell phone tower.
9. Skippers must be qualified and boats must be seaworthy.
10. Only fully paid up anglers on boats.
11. Billfish hook ups must be reported to radio control.
12. If a hook up occurred before lines up the onus is on the angler to be at the weigh in before cut off, at 17h00.  
TAKE NOTE: Cut off for Friday 9 May 2025 will be at 16h00
13. The tournament committee will consist of the Club chairman, Tournament officer and weigh master.
14. All official complaints must be in writing and submitted by 17h00 on the same day of objection with a payment of R500 to the tournament committee.
15. The tournament committee decision will be final.
16. Beach control will give permission for launching and beaching.
17. Contravention of tournament rules will lead to disqualification.
18. The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the program or the rules.
19. Rod, reel and trace to accompany all claimed releases at the weigh in.
20. A "Fish on" flag must be flown when hooked up.
21. Prize winners will forfeit prizes if not present at the daily prize giving.
22. Prizes and Vouchers are not redeemable for cash or exchange.
23. The weather committee will consist of the Tournament officer, Safety officer and Club chairman.
24. The weather committee's decision is final.
25. The competition will be called off when wind speeds exceeds 22 knots or as decided by the weather committee.
26. When the competition is called off due to weather, all boats will beach. No boats will be allowed to stay on the sea or to launch when the day is called off.
27. The responsibility is still with the skipper to launch or not (at his own discretion) after a day is called "on".
28. All participants to adhere to KZN, EZEMVELO and ISIMANGALISO park rules, this include nature conservation law's and park boundaries.



29. When a bait is presented to a Billfish (Marlin or Sailfish) without using a skirted lure, a circle hook must be used. When a bait is presented to a Billfish (Marlin or Sailfish) using a skirted lure, you are allowed to use J-Hooks.... Take note, a small chugger is also a skirt. If an Angler can't proof the use of a circle hook by photo or video, no bonus points will be allocated to that fish. 5 bonus points will be allocated to circle hook releases as per SADSAA Point scoring sheet.
30. Anglers are more than welcome to bring their own cooler box to the venue, no cash bar or free liquor available, In this tournament we focus on serious fishing.
31. LEADER LENGTHS WILL BE MEASURED WITH EACH AND EVERY RELEASED MARLIN AND MUST COMPLY TO IGFA RULES AND SPECS.
32. We will not disqualify an angler for sitting in the fighting chair while a crew member hands him/her the rod with a hooked up Marlin, however if any person touches the rod, reel or line after the rod was handed to the angler, it will result in immediate disqualification.

### GAME FISH

1. Only the biggest game fish caught on the day may be brought to the scales as there is a prize for the biggest bycatch of each day.
2. The biggest Wahoo will also receive a price each day.
3. The biggest gamefish overall will receive the Calcutta Prize money.

### R1,000,000.00 MEASURED MARLIN

1. Each and every participating boat will receive a marlin ruler in their goodie bags.
2. A marlins length to qualify MUST BE 3.65m in short length (tip of bottom jaw to fork of the tail.)
3. Footage must prove the overall length without a doubt.
4. A witness boat must take separate footage in order to qualify for this prize.
5. If the battle continues after lines up, it's the responsibility of the angler to arrange a witness boat. (you will need this for proof and additional footage that must show clearly the total length of the Marlin with the ruler next to it)
6. The scale closes at 17h00, NO EXCEPTIONS EVEN IF IT IS A 1000LB FISH. On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 the weigh inn will close at 16h00. Boat owners must keep in mind that Isimangaliso also closes and locks the beach gate at 17h00.
7. NO MARLIN ON A BOAT, NOT EVEN A 1000LB FISH. IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION IF A FISH IS LIFTED OUT OF THE WATER, EVEN IF ITS DEAD.

Be safe, enjoy the sport and may the best angler prevail.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Dr Nkosi	083 260 8308
Mseleni hospital	035 574 1559
Beach Control (Melissa)	081 833 5730
Club Chairman	082 776 8118
Tournament Officer	082 822 8807



## Message from the Chairman

I would hereby like to thank all participating boats and anglers for supporting Sodwana Ski Boat Club in this tournament.

This is one of the big tournaments with probably the biggest prize money up for grabs.

It is with great appreciation towards our sponsors that we were able to accomplish this milestone tournament.

To the organising committee, the tournament officer and the tournament secretary, I wish to thank you whole heartedly for all your work and efforts behind the scenes.

To the sponsors and in particular PENTA SUZUKI, thank you so much for bringing these magnificent prizes to the table.

I would also like to thank ZIZWE MINING, ROBIT, X FUELS AND SALARIA for sponsoring the R1,000,000.00 towards a measured Grander.

Sodwana Ski boat Club has grown from humble beginnings to the third biggest Ski Boat Club in Zululand within three years. We have erected a Club facility with a magnificent competition venue. This achievement was only possible with the help and support of our dedicated members in our Club as well as sponsors from outside the Club.

To all anglers, enjoy your week in Sodwana, be an ambassador for organised angling and get yourself ready for next year's tournament.

Riaan Odendaal.

**SSBC Chairman**

