

BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

Boat launch site: Chain Rocks

Feedback period: Jan – Dec 2014

Daily launch limit: 6

Launch Site Licence Holder
eThekweni Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable					2	1							4
Jetski						2						1	2	5
Paddlecraft														
Ski-boat		1	1	6	3	8			2	2	7	14	6	50
Purpose	Charter fishing			2		3					2	3	2	12
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. ¹													
	Commercial fishing								2		1			3
	Private fishing	1	1	4	5	6				2	4	9	7	39
	Private pleasure												3	3
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing					1						1		2
	Other/ unspecified					1						2		3
Total launches		1	1	6	5	11			2	2	7	15	12	62

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day ²	1
	Launches/weekday ²	1
	Launches/weekend day ²	1
	% days launched	12%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel ²	3
	Proportion night launches	3%
	Proportion night beachings	3%
	Duration of outing (hours) ²	5.19
	Popular destination	L-43
	100%	

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	53% bottomfish
		15% gamefish
	Diversity	22 spp
	Main catch composition	
	Red eye sardine	37%
	Mackerel	17%
	Santer	14%
	Slinger	11%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	19.68 fish/outing	

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	35%	Destination	79%
	Boat No.	98%	Launch time	100%
	No. persons	97%	Return time	100%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	42%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	79%

Comments	No launches were recorded at this site during 2013 due to movement of the estuary mouth causing the launch site to be inaccessible. Low site usage was recorded during 2014 with launch site only used on 12% of available days and no launches recorded in June and July. Private recreational fishing (63%) was the main reason given for launching. Catch composition was dominated by baitfish and bottomfish species. Compliance with register completion was generally good except boat name and targeting.
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