

BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

Boat launch site:	Bluff Yacht Club
Feedback period:	Jan – Dec 2014
Daily launch limit:	Not stipulated

Jurisdiction
Transnet National Ports Authority – Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		3		1	1								
Jetski			1											1
Paddlecraft												1		1
Skiboat		19	11	21	28	23	15	8	4	7	8	11	11	166
Unspecified		1	2	5	3	3	2	1	2	2		5	4	30
Charter fishing		3	1	3	1	3					1			12
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. ¹			1											1
Commercial fishing						1								1
Private fishing		10	2	19	28	20	14	8	5	6	6	10	10	138
Private pleasure														
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing														
Other/ unspecified		10	10	5	3	2	3	1	1	3	1	6	6	51
Total launches		23	14	27	32	26	17	9	6	9	8	16	16	203

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day ²	2
	Launches/weekday ²	1
	Launches/weekend day ²	2
	% days launched	35%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel ²	4
	Proportion night launches	6%
	Proportion night beachings	8%
	Duration of outing (hours) ²	7.42
	Popular destination	N-41
		35%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	63% gamefish
		13% bottomfish
	Diversity	7 spp
	Main catch composition	
	King mackerel	37%
	Tuna	19%
	Slinger	15%
	Snapper kob	11%
	Unsp grunter	7%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	0.18 fish/outing	

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	98%	Destination	26%
	Boat No.	97%	Launch time	87%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	85%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	11%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	8%

Comments	<p>A further 8% decrease in number of launches compared to 2013. Moderate to low usage of site (used on 35% of days). Relatively high proportion of night launches recorded. Private recreational fishing (79%) was the main reason specified for launching. Increased catch composition of king mackerel and tuna species although only 27 fish reported caught by this club. Good completion of launch register fields except destination, targeting and catch returns.</p>
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