

## Nationals 2007

**Who:** I (Rudolf Stolze) represent "Southern Cape Spearfishing". We in conjunction with South African Freedivers Association are organizing and hosting the 2007 South African Inter-Provincial Spearfishing Championships ("Nationals")

**What:** "Nationals" is the most prestigious event on the Spearfishing calendar. This Inter-Provincial Championship is a five day event where the best South African Spearfishermen compete for both Individual and Provincial Team Ranking. Divers participating are awarded Provincial Colours. We expect about 20-24 teams to enter, with 4 team members per team (3 divers per team and a buggy) which leaves a turnout of about 60-72 competitive divers.

**Where:** The 2007 South African Inter-Provincial Spearfishing Championships will be held in the Plettenberg Bay \ Sedgefield area. Accommodation and Social events being provided in Sedgefield. We are currently negotiating with Bayside Holiday Resort on Swartvlei. They have enough bungalows (all the same size and price) to accommodate everyone. Later more on this... The Accommodation is in close proximity to the Swartvlei Launch site.

**No fish may be shot inside the area from 13 April 2007 until the event has concluded.**

The three areas selected are :

1. **Area 1:** Sedgefield Banks from Buffels Bay Blinder (Excluding the blinder) outside the reserve( 1 Seamile from high water mark) to Western side of Gerikes Point. Three Launch sites can be used:
  1. **Buffels Bay slip**, Danie at Buffels Bay Campground has the key - organise with him to open for you. R 50 per day: 044 383 0045 **on office hours only.**
  2. **Swartvlei Launch** falls under the protection and control of Wilderness National Parks. Usage is subject to a R200 yearly fee payable to them. **This is a beach launch and requires a 4X4.** Speak to Mrs. Grootendorst on 044 877 1197
  3. **Knysna** Through the heads, but this is a long run!
2. **Area 2:** Plettenberg Bay from Grootbank to the Western border of the reserve at Natures Valley. Launch at Plett Beach Control at Beacon Isle. No Spear fishing equipment on Plett Lagoon, so those sites cannot be reached through the mouth.
3. **Area 3:** (Reserve area) From Western side of Gerikes point to Herolds Bay. Launch at same as Area 1

**GPS co-ordinates to follow soon.**

**When:** 29 April 2007 to 4 May 2007

Although the competition runs over 5 days, only the 2 *best condition days* will be selected as dive days. The decision whether the divers will go or not go out that day, is made at first light by all A Team Captains. Shortly after the decision has been made the first boats launch, from there all the boats meet at a pre determined mark and once all the boats are accounted for, the *Six Hour Dive Day* starts.

- Sunday 29/04/2007 Cocktail Party (Registration, Opening and Captains Meeting)
- Monday 30/04/2007 Dive day 1, Weigh in
- Tuesday 01/05/2007 Dive day 2, Weigh in, Braai / Social Gathering
- Wednesday 02/05/2007 Dive day 3, Weigh in, South African Underwater Union AGM
- Thursday 03/05/2007 Dive day 4, Weigh in
- Friday 04/05/2007 Dive day 5, Weigh in, Gala Dinner and Prize giving. Smart casual

**How much:**

Entry fees and cut-off dates are still being finalised.

Any one who could assist with Sponsorship, \$, printing, marquee tent, prizes( GPS, Equipment, Wetsuits, Guns, etc), meat for braai, T-Shirts etc.please contact Rudolf. We are working on getting coverage in the local and national press. Anybody with media contacts(TV) let me know.

Looking forward to a great Nationals 2007! May many records be shattered.

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