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Fellow Anglers,

A new year, with lots of new opportunities for our Lady and junior anglers, with the creation of a new line class section for them under the All Africa records.

The first to make use of this new ranking is young Dale Leenstra, Zululand's up and coming light tackle angler. Dale established a new Junior All Africa record for his 55.5kg Striped Marlin taken on, the 10th January on 15kg line class. This fish is also a new South African Junior record for the species. Not to rest on his laurels, Dale also establishes a new Junior South African record with a Dorado of 9.2kg taken on 4kg line. Both fish were taken off Richardsbay. Well done to Dale! Carry on the good work boet.

It has been a season for the young so far. The Meyer brothers, sons of past Western Province Chairman Hubert Meyer, have also been vying for light tackle honours. First elder brother, John-Hubert landed a fine White Steenbras of 10kg on 3kg line test. He also established an All African All tackle record with his catch. Not to be out done, younger brother, Micheal landed a 3.2kg Katonkel on 3kg line test for a new SA Junior record. This fish also captured the All African Senior record. He could not claim a new junior record as the fish was caught off Cape Town before the new listings were invoked. Well done to the brothers.

Fishing from Richardsbay in December, Protea Angler, Trevor Hansen of Eastern Province, landed a 51.4kg Striped Marlin for a new 10kg Men's record. He receives a 5:1 meritorious award as well.

Also fishing from Richardsbay in August, Julie Oellermann, sister of Jonathan Booyen, Zululand's top light tackle angler, accounted for a Garrick of 9.2kg taken on 3kg line class. Well done. One for the Ladies!

Our last angler to record a fish was Daniel Hughes of Western Province. Fishing with 2kg line strain in November, Daniel landed a 5.78 kg Yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*). This fish accrues both South African and All Africa records.

It is great to see that more and more anglers are using lighter lines to pursue their sport.

On a closing, a note of concern. I received two applications for Bottomfish records, which I had to turn down. In both cases, contrary to our and IGFA rules, three hook traces were used. Whilst the anglers are upset, I can only grant records that comply. I must ask each Province to ensure that they have Records Officers who can vet, as they are supposed to do, each application before they are forwarded. This would save time, money and aggravation to the anglers. Provinces must try to assist their anglers by providing them with the current rules and regulations concerning bottomfish angling

Tight lines to all our true anglers,

Dave