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Can you believe that the London Boat Show and the Marlin competition in Durban have already come and gone? But just because the holidays are officially over doesn't mean the end of all the fun!

Summer means boating and there is much to look forward to – weekends on the water; the bass circuit starts soon; exciting boat shows; fishing competitions; waterski and wakeboard tournaments; the new Lowrance Go fish TV Series where we are also sponsors plus much more !



On the move?

If you're travelling to America why take in the Miami Boat Show this month – your eyes will pop at the new boats and water toys available. Or perhaps you're planning a trip a little closer to home up Zululand way for a Valentine's weekend on the water ... where you'll only fish a little!?

If so, Club Marine has an important **REMINDER:** Please secure all equipment stored in your boats, especially at the Stop and Go road construction area between Pongola and Sodwana, and remain vigilant at any other stops on your journey. The modus operandi of thieves in the area is to jump on to the back of boats and remove easily removed valuables.

Also remember to service your trailer annually (keep all your invoices for trailer repairs and maintenance), check



the wheel bearings, and carry a spare wheel. Above all, have a safe trip.

Billfish 15000 news

This prestigious event held at Sodwana attracted 71 boats and organiser Jan Hendriks of Dorado Skiboat Club says even the weather played its part in making this popular competition a huge success. Only one day was blown out but the rest of the week went as planned.



62 Marlin and Sailfish were released in five days with two qualifying for weigh-in (min. weight 150kg). These included the second biggest Marlin ever caught in the 24-year history of the tournament – a Black Marlin of 351 kg caught by H Portwig (Wahoo Skiboat Club Gauteng) and a Blue Marlin of 161 kg (N van Zyl).

Anglers were awarded 160 points for every fish released (and bonus points on Species), while Richard Scott of Sodwana Bay Lodge and his team on the boat Magnum Too took the honours with 854 points – winning the grand prize of R200 000 cash plus other prizes.

Club Marine sponsored a prize for the first time this year. Team Get Reel won the colour hand-held GPS which was awarded to the best maintained outfit ("blingiest" – boat, motors, trailer and team shirts).

Club Marine tip

Never be tempted to leave removable items "unattended" on your boat, especially while travelling and stopping at garages/shops even if it's just for a few minutes – your cover could be compromised and any claims repudiated!

Even if you have sent your Insurer/broker an itemised list to be covered under the Specified All Risks section, these may only be covered in the event of loss, theft or damage "while in use", or where there is proven violent or forcible entry.

It is the policyholder's obligation to make decisions on the safety of the vessel and equipment as if uninsured and to take all due precaution to ensure their safety at all times.

Wakeboards, skis, life jackets, fishing rods, removable fish finders/electronics or other loose items need to be removed from your boat if there is no responsible person in charge. **LB**