AGM -8/8/ 2016 **CONSTITUTION OF THE CAPE ST. FRANCIS ANGLING CLUB**.

1. NAME: The name of the club will be "CAPE ST. FRANCIS ANGLING CLUB".

2. HEADQUARTERS: The headquarters of the club will be in Humansdorp.

3. OBJECTS: (a) To foster the spirit of Harmony and good fellowship among all anglers.

 (b) To regulate the fishing and manner of capturing fish by its members.

 (c) To assist the Government and Fisheries Department by conforming to their regulations.

 (d) To popularise the art of angling.

4. POWER OF AFFILIATION: The club may if considered advisable affiliate with any similar organisation under jurisdiction of the PARENT BODY.

5. FINANCIAL YEAR: The club's financial year will commence on the 1st July each year. The Annual General Meeting will be held in August of each year. [ AGM – 2014 ]

6. SUBSCRIPTION: The subscription of the club will be:

 (a) Men R 200.00

 (b) Ladies R 100.00

 (c) Juniors R 100.00

 (d) E.P. affiliation fees as advised from time to time. [ AGM 2016 ]

 (e) Entrance fee to the discretion of the committee.

7. MEMBERSHIP: (a) Intending members must be duly proposed by a member of the club and seconded by an Executive Member in Writing on the required application form.

 (b) Juniors under the age of 18 years may be enrolled as members

 (c) Members will be eligible for LIFE MEMBERSHIP at the discretion of the committee and on payment of the sum of R 800.00 provided they are over the age of 60 years [AGM 2015 ]

 (d) Honory Life Membership is at the discretion of the Committee.[ AGM 2015 ]

8. PENALTY: Any member, whose subscription is not paid by 30th November each year, will cease to be a member of the club, but no member will be entitled to any award made by the club for any fish caught, if he has not paid by 30th September each year.

9. MANAGEMENT: The Officers of the Club will consist of a President, Vice‑ President, Secretary, Treasurer, Records Officer, club captain and two additional members.[ AGM 4/8/12 ] Committee members to be elected annual­ly, the retiring officers and committees will be eligible for re‑ election. Four members will form a quorum. The office of any Official absent from three consecutive meetin­gs, may at the discretion of the committee, be declared vacant. Committee will have the power to appoint a subcom­mittee for special purposes, if necessary, e.g. Selection Committee.

10. MEETINGS: (a) There will be an Annual Meeting in August of each year to elect Office and Committee by ballot.[ AGM 2014 ]

 (b) A Committee Meeting will be held at least once a month to discuss business of the Club and to deal with mat­ters relating to competitions in general.at the discretion of the committee meetings can be held in electronic format as and when required.[ AGM 2014 ]

 (c) A Special General Meeting may be called by any mem­ber of the Club, on application to the Committee, by letter signed by ten members, stating the purpose for which such a meeting is to be called. The meeting to be held within 30 days of receipt of application and no other business may be discussed.

 (d) Meetings to be held at places nominated by the Com­mittee. Members to receive notice at least seven days before such meetings.

11. FINANCE: All monies received will be handled by the Treasurer who will be responsible for them until banked.

 (a) Disbursements will be authorised at the monthly meetings.

 (b) A balance sheet together with a revenue and expenditure account, made up at the close of each year, will be presented at each Annual General Meeting.

 (c) Balance Sheet to be checked by authorised person outside commit­tee.

 (d) A Banking Account will be opened in the name of the Angling Club and all withdrawals to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Secretary of the Club.

12. SECRETARY: Will record all minutes held and read for confirmation and will be responsible for all correspondence received and despatched.

13. INFRINGEMENT OF RULES:

 (a) If, in the opinion of the committee, any member is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, or conduct unbecoming to a member of the Club, the Committee may suspend or expel him from membership and such member will not during his suspension be entitled to any privileges.

 (b) Such member may, however, if dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, appeal to a Special General Meeting. The decision of this meeting shall be final.

 (c) Any complaints must be sent to the Secretary or President in writing.

14. FURTHERMENT OR RULES, ETC:

 Whenever it appears to the Committee that the object of the Club may be furthered and its working improved, they may frame bye‑laws to this end, provided that they are not at variance with the existing club rules. Members will be advised of such bye‑laws which shall have force and effect until the next General Meeting or Annual General Meeting when they must be submitted for review and be confirmed.

15. LIQUIDATION: In the event of the Club's liquidation the cash assets will be disposed of as decided by members of the Club at a Special General Meeting.

16. INTERPRETATION OF RULES:

 Should any doubt arise as to the interpretation of any of the rules, bye‑laws or competition rules of the Club, the interpretation placed thereon by the Committee will be final and binding upon all members.

17. RULES COVERING COMPETITIONS FOR ROCK AND SURF ANGLING:

 (a) Two rods may be used at any one time by any competitor in a club competition, unless otherwise stated for special competitions. No hand lines may be used at any time. Members infringing this rule may be expelled.

 (b) No artificial support of any kind for the rod during play will be permitted, save that a rod bucket, harness and hand palm will be allowed and the competitor will have no assistance whatever in hooking or playing the fish, but reasonable assistance will be allowed in gaffing. However, members suffering from disabilities may receive privileges upon application.

 (c) No competitor will be allowed to fish in the competition waters during the six hours prior to the commencement of the com­petition.

 (d) No shell fish, eels, barbels, tobies or catfish may be weighed in, only fish of not less than 1,0 kg to be weighed in and non‑edible fish of 5,0 kg. Out of competitions. [ see rule 21 r ]

 (e) All fish hooked previous to closing time of competition may be weighed in and in the event of two persons hooking and landing the same fish, the weight will not be counted.

 (f) All fish must be washed free of sand before being weighed on authorised scales, by weight officials if present. Scales to be checked by Committee if not Government assized.

 (g) Not more than two single hooks or one treble hook may be used.

 (Except for lures that may be used as purchased).

 (h) Boundaries will be the Groot River at Oubosrand to the Fish River east of Port Alfred.

18. JUNIORS:

 (a) Juveniles must apply for membership, but will be admitted as members immediately on receipt of such application, provided their subscription fees are fully paid.

 (b) A Juvenile will remain as such until attaining the age of 18 years.

 (c) All Juvenile members will be governed by the rules and regula­tions governing the senior members in addition to those of the Juveniles.

 (d) Any regulation governing Juvenile members, who may be in dis­pute at any time, must be referred to the Club Committee whose decision will be final.

 (e) All Juvenile members will be entitled to compete for all Club Trophies and Awards competed for in the Adult Section, in ad­dition to the special trophies or competition available for their section.

19. INTER‑CLUB EVENTS:

 (a) The team or teams representing the Club will be selected by the Committee.

 (b) The Captain of an Inter‑Club event will be elected by the selec­tion Committee.

20. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

Changes to the Constitution may be made at a General Meeting called for that purpose provided that a two‑thirds majority is obtained.

21. BYE‑LAWS:

 (a) All fish to be witnessed. If signature is eligible or witnesses not a club member, name and address to be provided on the back of form. No fish will be accepted unwitnessed.

 (b) All catches to be handed to the records officer or posted to Records Officer, P O Box 21, Humansdorp within 15 days from end of the month when fish were caught, except at end of June when 7 days only are allowed.

 (c) If any Club record is being claimed, the scale on which such record was weighed, must be presented, if an Government assized scale was used it is unnecessary.

 (d) All members will be allowed assistance with their casting in Club Competitions but not in E.P. Competitions.

 (e) It will not disqualify a fish if another angler handled the rod before such fish was hooked. Refer clause 2 under competition rules.

 (f) Where fish of same weight are recorded the fish caught first will win except where trophies are concerned. If on same day, prize will be shared.

 (g) Only one specie of fish may be entered on one line of entry form, but more than one of that specie can be entered.

 (h) No angler belonging to more than one Club can win a prize in our Club for a fish which has already won a prize in another Club within our boundaries.

 (i) Rock & Surf Club, therefore points from Deep Sea are not allowed to be mixed with Rock & Surf.

 (j) Points in club competitions will be scored as follows:

 Edible: 2 pts per kg with , Non‑ Edible: 1 pt per kg. Qualifying weight for non edibles = 1 kg and edibles = 5,0kg as qualifying weight. ( See rule 21 (s))

 (k) Light tackle will be any nylon, which is not thicker than .42mm i.e. 0.40mm + 5% tolerance with a 3m leader from main line.

 (l) Veteran’s Trophies are only eligible to club members over the age of 55 years. Such members must advise the Records Officer of their age.

 (m) A fish must be on hook when landed. A fish gaffed by someone other than the angler when not on hook may not be weighed in.

 (n) There shall be no restrictions on the diameter of monofilament line, the breaking strain of braided line, or the diameter, breaking strain and length of any shock leader used is limited to a maximum of nine [ 9 ] meters. Line restriction with regard to the club light tackle competition will continue to be -- .40 monofilament with a maximum of a three meter leader.[ AGM – AUG. 2015 ]

 (o) In all official competitions the Club colours must be worn, where possible.

 (p) A member may fish in any area within the boundaries of the club and submit weight cards for all catches made in such areas. [ AGM 4/8/2012 ]

 (q) Competition rule: NO FISH MAY BE ENTERED BY ANY MEMBER ON THE DAYS CLUB OR E.P. COMPETITIONS ARE BEING FISHED EXCEPT FISH CAUGHT DURING THE COMPETITIONS.

 (r) **Minimum weights: out of competitions** for club prizes and trophies = All edibles 1,0kg

 All non‑edibles ‑ 5,0kg

 **Minimum weights : in club competitions only** = Edibles

 0.5 kg and non edibles 1.0 kg. [ AGM – Aug. 2015 ]

1. Gutted fish may be measured or weighed where the angler wishes to gut the fish before a witness is found. Gutted weight must be recorded. Fish weighed must be done so[ for scale accuracy ] on a scale that has been approved by a committee member

 T] fish caught on slides will not be accepted for club points and will not qualify for trophies.