



**INNOVATION: Riders in the Sani2c will finish the mountain bike race by pedalling across the Nedbank 360Life Bridge at Scottburgh on the KwaZulu-Natal coast.**

## Riders to cycle on water to the finish

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CHRISTIANS say that Jesus walked on it, but cyclists in the Nedbank Sani2c Mountain Bike Race will ride on it: water that is.

The riders will be the first in the world to ride a breaking wave when they pedal across the Nedbank 360Life Bridge at Scottburgh on the KwaZulu-Natal coast.

The three-day race, starting on May 14, is expected to culminate with 4 500 riders pedalling 200m into the Indian Ocean before crossing the finish line on the town's main beach.

Organiser Glen Haw said the Candock system marked the culmination of a series of world-first floating bridges.

Constructed from blow-moulded, high density polyethylene plastic, the 1.5m-wide nautical system was known for its stability, high load capacity and anti-skid surface, Haw said.

"Riders will effectively complete the final kilometre of the 260km route on water."

The bridge includes 600m of lagoon riding before competitors take to the waves for the final 200m stretch.

Lifeguards will be on hand.

"Riding the lagoon and sea provides a fitting end to the journey. By combining arguably the longest floating bridge and a world-first cycle on the ocean, we trust riders will appreciate the best of nature and innovation combined," said Haw.