



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter December 2017

Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

With Christmas around the corner and New Year upon us, on behalf of your Committee I would extend warm season's greetings to all. It's a time to enjoy family and pass on good cheer.

The tempo of life in Knysna seems to have increased and our usual throng of December and January holiday makers will add to this. To all our country members who will be visiting, enjoy the club and what it has to offer. 2017 will certainly go down in the history of Knysna and the club as one never to be forgotten, particularly considering the June fires that ravaged Knysna and surrounding areas.

Over the past month we have had a few changes to our General Committee for one reason or another: Glenn Hansen our Off-Shore sailing secretary has bought a boat on the other side of the world and has gone off to do what he enjoys most – Sailing and we wish him and Cecile fair winds. Ronnie King, an additional general committee member, as provided for in our constitution, having decided to relocate and retire to Cape Town has resigned and we wish him and Beau all the best. We welcome Earl Seales a regular member of the keeler group who has joined the committee, replacing Glenn.

Our annual Christmas dinner will take place on Saturday 16 December, the menu is up on the notice board, and the offering is certainly mouth-watering. Tickets are on sale in the office don't be disappointed call Nicky (044 382 0166) and book your table.

On Christmas Eve, the band Wonderboom will be playing at the club and tickets for this event are also on sale, come down to the club enjoy the music while sipping your favourite sundowners.

Thursday 28th December the annual Rotary Splash Festival will be held with swimming taking place from the club, Duck races in the quays and water polo in the harbour area. With all this activity launching of boats will not be possible and in the interests of safety the slipway will be closed from 09:00 to 17:00 on that day.

With Christmas behind us, New Year rapidly approaches and we have a party lined up for you to enjoy and dance the New Year in, to music provided by the well known Alan Sass.

Our Sunday roast is proving popular and numbers continue to grow, book early to ensure a table. Because of the Wonderboom concert on 24th and New Years Eve party on 31st we will be taking a break and Sunday Roast will not be available on these days.

NB: The club will be closed on 25th December 2017 and 1st January 2018

December weather is generally great, come down and enjoy your club; don't forget Tuesday and Thursday evenings food is available from our snack menu up to 19:30.

If travelling over the festive season take care drive carefully and watch your fellow road users carefully.

Parking on the causeway is reserved for members with disabilities, displaying a disabled sticker in their windscreen, as issued by the Knysna Municipality. If you don't qualify please don't park where you shouldn't. We would like to clear more of the grass area for members to enjoy, not as a parking area for the lame and lazy; please work with us in upholding our by-laws. If our Motor bikers could also help it would be appreciated; we don't want to have to lock the gates inconveniencing our disabled members.



On Monday 4th December our galley and Restaurant staff was treated to a trip on the lagoon by Knysna Rib Adventures, organised by committee member Albert Lombard. This was followed by a small braai pulled together by Lovemore and Ursula. Thank you Albert and the Knysna Rib Adventures team of Brett Gething and Chris Botes, Lovemore and Ursula, from all accounts a great time was had by all.

The concrete slipway at the club is about the only slipway in Knysna where no charge is levied for the use of the facility. The number of boats using this facility continues to grow with a corresponding impact on the parking area and access. Aligning the use of this slip with others in Knysna we intend to implement a charge for use of this facility. KYC members and residents of the Knysna Quays will obviously continue to have free use of the facility but others will have to pay.

In-shore sailing – Vice Commodore Andrew Finn

Our regular Sunday sailing continues.

Sail training for the juniors was once again a success. Thanks to our coach Mike Pogodin for all the hard work and dedication. Sail training takes a break for the holidays but if there is anyone who would like to do a bit of sailing, the Club has a few boats (single and double handed) that with prior arrangement, can be made available. Contact Nicky in the office and she will point you in the right direction.

Sail training will recommence in January.



KYC Interclub – 10 – 11th February 2018

February 10th and 11th is the annual KYC interclub regatta and a highlight of our sailing calendar. The sailing committee is already working on this event but there is space for a few more hands either before or on the day. Let Nicky know if you are available we would love to have you aboard (prior experience not a requirement other than in the FUN department).

For more details go to: <http://knysnayachtclub.com/>

Knysna Rotary Splash Festival – 28th December

This event will be hosted at Knysna Yacht Club.

Registration will be in Ashes Cabin from 10h00

Fun day for all to take part.

Chicken burgers, Prego Rolls and "Boerie" rolls will be available at the club.

For more details and to enter go to the following website: <http://www.knysnasplash.co.za/>

Off-shore sailing

A change in scribe since last month due to the departure of our off shore Secretary Glen, to take delivery of his new yacht, what a lucky sailor. Your new replacement Earle Seals has been thrown in the deep end and will try to get things up to date.

Our main activity the Saturday school becomes more popular by the week and hopefully we are not losing the sight of sail training while our founder Roger Clancy has been indisposed. You all probably know by now that Roger has been seen at the club, his usual and cheery fun self. Take it easy skipper while you can, we have lots planned. The last few weeks have been surprisingly good with flat seas and good wind, only one day with an iffy bar, which kept us in the lagoon but fun sailing all the same. For the un-initiated the Knysna fleet is most diverse and comprises of “Sessy” a Cape cutter with skipper Emil arguably the smallest to go off shore through to “Windspirit 23.4 ft “ skipper Arnold moving on to the light weight keelboats, “Jemima “ with skipper Mark, “Balance”, “Sambuca” and the middle weights, the most active “Gemini”, “Clarity”, “Cameron”, “Safe Conduct”, “Comfortably Numb” and “Nirvana” next the heavy weights “Quan Yeng”, “Silvaplana” and “Grace”. Lastly the catamarans “About time” and other impressive vessels which Roger conjures up when we have an over flow of would be sailors.

Hopefully our non-sailing members will remember the yachts from our opening cruise, that is, those who attended to watch the spectacle (most impressive). Hope to see many members over the holiday season sailing spectating and joining in the fun. Wishing you all the very best

Canoe – Danie van Wyk

The Knysna Canoe Club had a bumper 2017 as evidenced by the number of outstanding achievements

To name but a few: The victory of our u/15 kids at the SA Canoe Polo Champs and the Bronze medal of the u21 Team. The Masters Team clinched bronze at the World Masters Games in NZ. The Breede River Canoe Marathon saw Paul Dugmore claim bronze in a K1 and Albert Wasserman and Danie van Wyk the bronze in the K2 Masters division. The weekly Tuesday canoe time trials and canoe polo games were very well supported.

So, it was no surprise that the yearend games and function was also well supported. The tug of war, egg and spoon race, bag race and tug of war made us realise that the ever-helpful non-paddling mothers, fathers and kids who support the paddlers throughout the year were



every bit as competitive as the paddlers. Our

thanks go to Hein and Suzi from Caltex who kindly donated the Year End Function prizes where nine categories of serious and not so serious performances for the adults plus four for the juniors were recognised.



We thank all the entities who throughout the year sponsored our weekly canoe time trials with lucky draw prizes: Charles and Leslie - 34 South, Herman - Food Lovers, Genaro-Café Mario's, Earth Scout, Hein - Caltex Waterfront, Roeleen- N2RS Westhill , Head Over Hills, Persello Pizzeria, Pam Golding, Lemke's Honey, Tiger Lilly's Dancewear , Darren Berry- Red Bridge and Kekkel en Kraai. Norman Frost and Holly Godfrey deserves our appreciation for sourcing the prizes.



Restaurant and Bar

Our extended hours which now include opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays are gaining in popularity, a snack on the deck with your favourite drink and good company what a way to go. Invite a few friends and neighbours and show off your club.

Restaurant

Breakfast: 08h30 – 11h00 Tuesday to Saturday
Lunch: a-la-carte 12h00 – 14h00 Tuesday to Saturday
Sunday Roast 12h00 – 14h00
Dinner: a-la-carte 18h00 – 21h00 Wednesday and Friday
Snack Menu Tuesday and Thursday evenings come and enjoy a special light meal, from 15:00 until 19:30.



Please phone 044 382 0166 to reserve your table.



Bar

Normal hours during the week are 11h00 till late and Sunday's 10h00 – 22h00.

In the interests of safety and security when there are only a few members in Asches, the front door will be locked and entrance will be via the side door off the large deck.

Wednesday nights– Happy Hour from 18h00 – 19h00 with a Lucky draw in Asches Bar.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE UP A RESTAURANT BOOKING PLEASE LET US KNOW TIMEOUSLY. WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE THAT TABLE TO OTHERS AND NOT TURN MEMBERS AWAY AS WE ARE FULLY BOOKED.

Lucky Draw Winners for November 2017

1 th November	Ronnie King	R175.00
8 th November	David Morewood	R225.00
15 th November	Marshall	R185.00
22 nd November	Christopher B	R190.00
29 TH November	Diana	R165.00

Friday nights – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The jackpot currently stands at R3 900.00 and grows by R50 per week until won or reaches R4 000; don't miss out, be at the club and stand a chance to WIN

Functions -Please keep KYC restaurant in mind when planning any kind of celebration, weddings, birthdays or year end functions.

Contact Ursula at 044 382 0166 for information on use of the venue and catering.

Membership

There are members who have not collected their membership cards and parking stickers from Nicky at the office as yet. Please do so urgently.

Country members, when you visit Knysna, please make a point of collecting your cards.

Once the requirement for swiping of your membership card when paying for drinks, meals, etc. comes into effect, and you do not have your card, it might be a problem.

Parking disks must be clearly displayed on the windscreen of the car, otherwise you might get a sticker attached and this will only annoy you which is not our intention, think of others. We are trying to accommodate all members, please comply with the rules of the club.

Please remember to advise Nicky of any of your personal details if any of these have changed.

Please call or email your new details to Nicky at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Please note if you have not paid your Subs, you are now a defaulter, and will not be able to access the gate with the new phone system. The plastic key system at the gate has been disabled.

Please make sure your Cell number is correct on the system.

Speak to Nicky should you have any problems.

We welcome the following members to KYC:

Abraham Botes & Celeste Oertel	PE
Nick Brett	UK
Sarah Hans & Anthony Clemente	USA
Wessel Lategan & Sherri Greeff	PE
Sarel Maree & Engela Fourie Maree	CT

Boat Parking - Nicky

We continue to have members that are dumping boats and trailers without informing any Staff member.

Please work with the administration. If boats/trailers are dumped without permission, we will remove them to the trailer park.

Boats with outstanding fees, will also be REMOVED to the trailer park.

Club regalia

KYC branded clothing and caps are available from the Office or from the Bar. If there is something special you are looking for chat to Nicky and she will see what she can do.

Fleece Jackets



Navy

Bomber Jackets



Body Warmer



Navy

Long sleeve knit



Golf Shirt



Navy/Blue/White

Golf Shirt



Navy

V-neck T shirt in navy



Braai facilities

Our braai facilities are available to all members of KYC.

All we ask is when you finish braaing, to clear the plates, wash them and not leave it for the Staff to clean on a Monday morning. Please let us all work together to make it pleasant for all members and staff this Festive season.



Upcoming Events

December is upon us.

The club will be abuzz with all our Country, Local members and Guests.

Make a note of the following dates:

16th December - Christmas Dinner – R190 p/p

A wonderful 3 course menu has been presented by Ursula.

Please see Facebook, KYC website (news) or our Notice boards to view the menu.

Book your table as there are limited seats available and it is filling up fast!!



24th December - “Wonderboom” – music festival – R150 p/p

Tickets available at the office and bar.

Chicken burgers, Prego rolls and “Boerie” rolls will be available at venue.

31st December - New Year’s Eve party

Adults & children over 12 -R50.00 p/p – Children under 12 – R20.00 p/p

“DJ AL” to get your feet going.

Bring a picnic basket or have a braai.

Dust of the dancing shoes and come and enjoy the evening with friends & family.

Get on board join in, have fun and make KYC part of your lifestyle



Merry Christmas