



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



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Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

The festive season has come and gone and we welcomed in 2018 in style at the club on 31st January. The club was buzzing from early in the evening and jam packed at midnight with all party revellers enjoying the music pumped out by DJ Alan Sass.

The tempo in the restaurant increased as December wore on; with the number of items served on the last two Wednesdays of 315 and 215 being substantially up on the normal daily average of 106. Our staff complement remained static, and it was all hands on deck. Yes there were some issues; some folk were unhappy having to wait for their food and on one occasion we experienced a shortage of eggs, but on balance I believe that our employees did a sterling job holding it all together. Well done to Lovemore and Harriett under the guidance of Ursula.

Don't forget Sunday roasts and the goodies from our snack menu on Tuesday and Thursday evenings available up to 19:30.

A new coffee machine has been acquired, which together with a coffee bean grinder, means that awesome coffee is now available, when in town and you are looking for that cup of coffee try KYC, ask for a croissant to go with it, you never know, you may be surprised.

As life returns to normal and holiday makers return home, the waters of the lagoon open up to our regular Sunday sailing. The second weekend of February is the KYC Interclub regatta, time for our sailors to get on the water and who knows we may even have a chance of taking the trophy.

There have been some staff changes and we welcome Jason Soanes who has joined the crew taking control of repairs and maintenance.



An American Knysna supporter has donated a limited number of belts bearing the KYC name and Logo asking for these to be sold to raise funds to assist the Knysna community to re-establish following the June 2017 fires. It is through generous people such as these that Knysna is able to pick itself up and get on with life. The proceeds of the sale of these

belts will go towards Pledge Nature Reserve. As members of KYC and Knysna residents let's get on board with this generosity and contribute towards the redevelopment of Pledge Nature Reserve, a very special place right in the heart of Knysna.

R150 seems a reasonable price and not a lot to pay for a belt, promoting our club while supporting a good cause. Contact Nicky in the office this is a once off offer and the number of belts is limited



In-shore sailing – Vice Commodore Andrew Finn

George Lakes Yacht Club held their traditional New Year regatta over the week end of 30th/31st December and 1st January, the GP14 National Championships was held in conjunction with this regatta with Dave Shilton and Dudley Isaac taking top slot on the podium, congratulations and well done.

Junior Sailing

We will re-start sail training again on Sunday 21st January 2018, when the next course will start. Please contact Nicky should you wish your child to participate.

Off-shore sailing – Earle Seals

Activity over the festive season was a little low key, most having family duties that took preference over our favourite sport. For the lucky few who had family ready to crew we had some surprisingly good sailing with flat seas and gentle breezes. The first Saturday of the new year saw the return of many keen sailors, so much so that we were a little short of vessels, which hopefully will not be a problem once we have the return of skippers from living it up offshore. One yacht that we do miss is MOLLY D which has already had a great passage to St Helena and is already on her way to Ascension.

So early in the new we wish to remind members who have no sailing experience but would like to try this wonderful sport are welcome to join us for breakfast at 8 am Saturdays. However a call to myself on 0832695559 would help with sailing arrangements.

The club has decided to sell our L26. Originally it was bought for members to use but over the years nobody would take responsibility for its wellbeing, so unless a member comes up with a plan it will be sold to the highest bidder. Any member interested will get preferential treatment.

Wishing you all the best and fair winds for 2018

Sonnet Donation – Mike Pogodin

We would like to thank Kobus Maree who donated a Sonnet to the KYC Junior Sailing School. Thank you Dudley who fixed it up and got it back on the water. Below Dudley with one of our junior sailors.



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

The annual Rotary Splash Festival took place at the Club and Waterfront on 28 December. The weather, despite being very windy, was kind and record crowds attended, some participating in the Lagoon Mile Challenge, many enjoying the now famous, Duck Race, and some enjoying the Canoe Polo Matches. This festival takes place every year as one of the minor fund raisers for Rotary, but also as a fun-raiser to create some awareness about Rotary, and to raise funds for their beneficiaries. Safe Swimming is one of the beneficiaries as will also be the Mayor's Stationery Drive.

Despite the number of swimmers being a few less than the previous year, the Lagoon Mile was very exciting with swimmers ranging from very young to quite mature.

As always, the Duck Race proved to be very exciting with the 1000 ducks taking to the water under the main bridge at the waterfront. There were two heats with the twenty winners from each heat making it to the finals. The canoe polo also produced a great deal of spectator entertainment.

Once again, the Rotary Club of Knysna would like to thank all those involved in putting this fun day together and helping the to continue to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

KYC supplied a well supported braai and was open to the visitors and all members
A big Thank You to all members and Staff for welcoming the Event



Restaurant and Bar

As most members are aware the Restaurant Opening hours have been extended and every effort is made within the numerous constraints to provide and cater for all tastes.

Over the years it has been recognised that the KYC catering activity is only sustainable through increased turnover.

It is however, expected that members, guests and visitors to the club, while enjoying the surroundings and facilities, support the activities.

In this regard liquor and food may not be brought on to the premises.

The former in terms of the law and the latter just simply good etiquette, you don't go to any restaurant and take your own food, why should our club be any different.

Watch for the Clubs Weekly specials and don't forget to book your table

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 Ashes 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 BELIEVING WE ARE FULLY BOOKED.

Lucky Draw Winners for December 2017

6 th December	Mark Taylor	R235.00
13 th December	Bruce McCurrach	R280.00
20 th December	Chick Ramsay	R235.00
27 th December	Steve	R405.00

Friday nights – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The draw has reached the R4000 cap and will remain as is until won; 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

A big THANK YOU to all the members who have collected their membership cards and 17/18 car stickers, however there are still members who have not collected.

If you are unable to get to Nicky at the Office between 8h30 – 13h00, let her know and she can leave it with the Barman for collection.

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.

Tenders and the use of floating Jetties

As with all our facilities there are always a number of people who choose to ignore the Constitution and Bye-Laws of our Club by which the Club is managed for the convenience of our members.

The use of our floating jetties and tying up of Tenders is no exception. There are a number being tied up on a regular basis which do not display a KYC registration number and in respect of which no fee has been paid. As a result of this practice members who have paid and registered their boats are denied usage through congestion of our limited facility often causing damage to other tenders and the jetties.

We wish to remind tender owners of the applicable Bye-Laws as below:

Tenders may not be left on the Western side of the deep water floating jetties overnight. This space is reserved for Keelboats and powerboats

Tenders may be tied on the Western side of the two deep-water jetties during daytime provided there is no other jetty space available and that provided the owners remain on KYC premises and are available to remove their tenders if requested by the Management, Committee or Keelboat skippers wishing to use the jetty.

No tenders, which are not in regular use, shall be left tied to the jetties unless berth is paid for.

All members tenders tied to the jetties shall prominently display KYC registration numbers

Members who use floating jetties regularly for tying up their tenders shall be required to pay for the parking

Please be advised over the next few weeks we will be inspecting all tenders and removing those not displaying KYC registration numbers and for which we have not received payment. The remaining available space will be allocated to registered tenders and paid for parking and if still available there will be space provided for limited period day time only visitor parking.

PARKING

There has been much written over the past few months regarding the abuse of our very limited parking space and we once again appeal to all members and their guests to assist us in providing you with a degree of comfort and convenience;

There are still a handful of inconsiderate offenders:

- Leaving unattended trailers, sometimes with vehicles not displaying current year parking discs, on Club property after launching their boats
- Occupying more than one allocated parking bay with vehicle and trailer
- Parking vehicles and/or trailers in the public walkway thereby obstructing pedestrians and restricting space available for reversing out of demarcated parking bays
- Parking in the clearly demarcated (yellow line) no parking areas particularly in front of the workshops, canoe and sail lofts even when there are vacant parking bays but also at the end of the parking area adjacent to the concrete slipway
- Parking selfishly in the area allocated for the handicapped without displaying Municipality handicapped stickers
- Parking boats on the grass area to the West of the walkway without permission and to the inconvenience of those members who have registered, paid and been allocated a specific bay
- Failing to display current year parking discs
- The occupation of parking bays during peak periods, not for the purpose of enjoying the facilities of your Club but rather as a convenience to visit shops and restaurants in the Waterfront.

It is a daily grind to attempt to implement control in order to accommodate and provide for our large number of cooperative members who support the club facilitating the convenience they deserve.

Please help us to help you our valued member and assist us in identifying and bringing to order all who abuse

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



Upcoming Events

Make a note of the following dates:

KYC Interclub Regatta: 10th – 11th February

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

