

# KNYSNA



# YACHT CLUB

*Newsletter*  
*February/March 2019*

## Mission:

- To welcome all members, their guests & visitors to the KYC club & its facilities.
- To grow the clubs' membership base.
- To increase the number of functions and activities, both water-based and social.
- To encourage non-members along with their families and friends to join the club.
- To maintain and improve the clubs' facilities and skills.



## HIGHLIGHTS

Commodores Corner #8  
Inshore Sailing  
Members accomplishments  
Offshore Club  
Canoe section  
Canoe Polo section  
Restaurant & Bar  
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## COMMODORES CORNER #8 ANDREW FINN

Dear members – It's back to the grindstone – only 10 months to 2019 holidays.....

### Latest GenCom News

Our main Projects for 2018-19 are mainly complete  
The Budget for 2019 2020 is being prepared

If any member has a specific suggestion or request, please contact Mike Jacobs or Rob Clark so that we can do research and see if it can be included as a project.

Subs and 2019 2020 fees will be going out shortly – please don't have a heart attack your Gencon is working to keep all pricing as reasonable as possible.

### The Restaurant and Bar

We have introduced the new Menus as of end February –

The restaurant will now have a core menu this will be supplemented by a separate weekly selection from a rotating mini menu (some different and healthier options)

The weekly Chefs specials will still be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The now famous KYC pizza's will continue as per our normal schedule

Don't forget the restaurant is open in the morning – we offer a Breakfast and morning tea/coffee scones etc. -

Our Friday evening pianist, George is back –  
Enjoy !

### Events

The Knysna Interclub Regatta 16 & 17th February – was a great success – thank you to Gayle and her team who put it all together.  
N2R's Steve for the PA and music

Please see notes below on the Canoe and Offshore sailing



## So how do we work? Gencom

The Gencom are Executive and deal with policy and Portfolios. The Administration is headed by Rob Clark, and his team are the implementing agents.

President: Jim Parkes

Honorary role & assists with the Restaurant – The Foodie

Commodore: Andrew Finn

Team builder

Vice Commodore: Neil Sharrocks  
Functions and Entertainment

Inshore Sailing Secretary: Gayle Newby

Sailing calendar, all dinghy sailing events, development training, coaching, regattas – and the rest ☺

Offshore Sailing Secretary: Earle Seals

Everything to do with keelboats / from tender parking to walk on moorings and SAMSA – etc

Canoe Secretary: Grant Trollip

Everything to do with canoeing- paddling, canoe polo, events – what a team☺

Treasurer: Anthony Parker

Makes sure we look after your subs and operate with sound financial principles. (Also has to report to members at the AGM)

### Additional members

Mike Jacobs

New projects and repairs and maintenance

Albert Lombard

Insurance and contracts

Zak Liepner

Membership: Encourages new & active members to the club

### KYC contact details

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## INSHORE SAILING Gayle Newby



### Knysna Yacht Club Interclub Regatta success

A very successful and enjoyable Interclub Regatta was held at the Knysna Yacht Club over the weekend of 16/17 February. This event is held annually and has proved to be very popular with both sailors and spectators. The weather was good and there was enough wind to stage 7 races over the two days.

53 boats competed, representing 6 sailing clubs from the Western & Eastern Cape regions. The competitors were divided into 3 fleets, namely Seniors, Juniors and Catamarans. The winning club for the Juniors was George Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC), for the Seniors it was Redhouse Yacht Club (RYC), and for the Catamarans Knysna Yacht Club (KYC). The individual winners in each fleet were Junior Fleet - Conrad Holm (GLYC); Senior Fleet - Yorgi Divaris (KYC); Catamaran Fleet - Declan Nurse (KYC).



Full results on webpage

SAFETY BOAT OPERATORS COURSE

Western Cape Region

Venue: Knysna Yacht Club  
 Fee: **R1 725,00pp (incl VAT)**  
 Registration forms available on: [www.sailing.org.za](http://www.sailing.org.za)  
 Registration closes: 9am, 7 Mar  
 Enquiries: [training@sailing.org.za](mailto:training@sailing.org.za)

**16-17 MAR 2019**  
 2 Day Programme



**FOR SAFETY OFFICERS**  
**SAFETY AND TECHNICAL ROADSHOW**  
 2 Day "Refreshment" course

There will be a presentation to Keel boaters & interested parties regarding aspects of safety.

Gavin van Meulen – Head Safety Technical will be the presenter

**13-15 March 2019 in Port Elizabeth (to be confirmed)**  
 2 day workshop to current SAS/Club SO's and a presentation in the evening to Club members/Boat owners

Please contact Gayle Newby if you are interested:  
 0824911343

# KYC members - accomplishments

SV Serendipity from Knysna participated in the West Coast Cruise 2018; from Dassen Island to Saldanah Bay, Kraal Bay Langebaan, Clyb Mykenos (optional extra), Paternoster Bay, Stompneus Bay and Port Owen from 26 Dec to 1 Jan 2018.

With beautiful anchorages, great day sailing, meeting new friends, this was an excellent way to end a busy year!

Skipper Mark Orpen receives loads of prizes plus a floating trophy for travelling the furthest to participate in this very well organised event from Derek Robinson and his team.

Collaborating organisers from Port Owen Yacht Club and Saldanha Bay Yacht Club invite and encourage more yachts from Knysna to join this fun cruise event (that attracted over 20 entries) and explore this stunning South African sailing destination, in 2019



# OFFSHORE SAILING Earle Seals

Our regular Saturday morning sailing is growing week by week both in numbers and enthusiasm. The breakfast table often over flows and you need to be early to get a good seat to hear Rogers interesting and informative talk on things nautical. All the sailing action later in the morning is with thanks to the yacht owners and skippers who love to share their sailing with crew who obviously enjoy the sea offshore.

All this fun is available to members who would like to try keel boat sailing but our aim is to train you for competent crew and not necessarily for a Saturday jolly.



If you don't try you will never know and there are keel boats for sale.

Any voyage weather, in the lagoon or out at sea, always brings challenges such as equipment, rigging, engine or navigation problems which are testing and exciting but usually fixable and make for chit chat over drinks later. However sometimes things go badly wrong and end up in the newsletter.

## QUAN YIN SAVED

I am sure that all members have heard the story of QUAN YIN being holed on the rocks near the Heads.

That was the head line story, but the real story was the saving of the iconic wooden yacht after the incident.

I can only believe, but for the experience and knowledge Owner /skipper Roger, things would have turned out very differently.

Roger having seen the extent of the water ingress below and unable to repair made an instant decision to cross the lagoon and run the vessel onto the Pansy bank and although partly flooded the vessel was saved from sinking.

From here on help arrived from all quarters (what wonderful members and friends we have) and the NSRI.

The crew were all safely taken ashore, Yuen Yin pumped out and patched and by the end of the day was towed back to her berth in the harbour. What a slick operation! We wish Roger all the best for QUAN YIN repair and for many more days of happy sailing.

In closing a thought on our clubs reputation and hospitality see following letter:-

Dear Knysna Yacht Club,  
On behalf of visiting yachts KiwiDream,NZ,Fathom,UK,Atalanta,USA,Roke,UK,and Uno Mono UK, we would like to thank the club and its members for its generous hospitality over our too short a visit over the Xmas period.We were made extremely welcome and our Xmas Day was made very special by our having the use of the Braai facilities and deck.

It truly was a fantastic setting and day and really made our visit. Thank you again and rest in the knowledge the club and its members lived up to its reputation for hospitality!  
kind regards to all,Alan and Annie  
SV KiwiDream....Capetown.

## Canoe section

On 14 February 2019 Daneel van Wyk 17 yrs, Knysna Canoe Club member undertook the long trek to Pietermaritzburg to part take in the KZN Schools and Junior sprint championships. The event was hosted by Umzinyathi canoe club on the Shongweni Dam and Nature Reserve just outside Pinetown.

Daneel focused on the K2 events with his partner, Sean from the OFS.

They won a gold medal in the K2 1000m.

Daneel's focus event, the 200m, they finished with a credible silver medal following a fight back after struck by bad luck when the boat pedal foot strap broke halfway through the race.



## Canoe Polo section — Nelson das Fontes

This past weekend saw the third and final national U21 trials/training camp being held in Knysna.

Players needed to attend two of the three trials/training camps to qualify.

Coaches flew in from around the country to train and assess players on skills and fitness.

With players from all other provinces also taking part hoping to get a spot in the squad.

The teams will represent South Africa next year in Rome for the World Canoe Polo Champs.

Coaches have their hands full as both girl and boy team's positions are highly contested.



Knysna based players level of play is highly respected across the country and we should see most of our juniors making the squads.

Squads will be named at SA Champs which are to be held in KZN next month.

We have 10 juniors all trying out for the U21 sides.

Good Luck!



## CLUB ACCESS & MAIN GATE CONTROL

All paid up members have access to the club through the main gate via their mobile phones.

Please confirm your phone details with Nicky at the office to ensure that you can open the gate.

We no longer have someone on the gate, this function has been discontinued

Visitors and guests will need to buzz the club from the gate to gain access.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## FRIDAY NIGHTS AT KYC

### Friday Lucky Meal Draw

Every Friday evening, diners qualify for the lucky draw which incorporates 50% off your table (meal) bill (up to R400 /table).

Live piano music is being played in the Clubhouse twice a month on Friday evenings – dates will be published on Facebook and by SMS.

Come and relax to the music while you enjoy your evening's meal.

## MEMBERSHIP

Pay with your pre-funded membership card and get 10% discount.

### PRE-FUND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

1. Cash or Credit Card top up with our staff at the Office, Bar or Restaurant.
2. An EFT can be done to the same KYC account as the subs.

Please use your membership number and add **SP** at the end, so that we know that amount must be allocated to the members spending account, example 1859SP. This amount will be allocated to your account as soon as it appears on our bank statement.

Please bear in mind the delay in the banking world when transferring from one bank to another e.g. Absa to FNB, this may take up to 48hrs.

Banking Details:  
First National Bank, Knysna  
Account number: 62288441464  
Branch: 210214

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](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)

## HAPPINESS IS



...sailing all your troubles away.

## RESTAURANT

Our team in the galley continue to produce quality food beautifully presented and served by our friendly waitrons. If you have not been to the club for a while for a meal I would recommend a visit.

Breakfast: 08h30 – 11h00  
Tuesday to Sunday

Lunch: 12h00 – 14h00  
Tuesday to Sunday  
a-la-carte  
(plus roast of the day on Sunday)

Dinner: 18h00 – 21h00  
Wed & Friday  
a-la-carte

Pizza:  
Tuesday: 17h00 – 20h00  
Thursday: 17h00 – 19h00  
Saturday: 14h00 – 15h00

Reservations: 044 382 0166

*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.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday - 17<sup>TH</sup> March 2019  
St Patrick's day



Follow the club members and activities online

Face Book:

<https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub>

Website: <http://knysnayachtclub.com/>

To add information to Facebook page or the website, contact Nicky at the office, 044 3825274

## CLUB REGALIA

KYC branded clothing and caps are available from the Office or from the Bar.

and catering.

## Knysna Yacht Club

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***Feel free to contact any of our Gencom members with input, we welcome new ideas and positive feedback.***