

# KNYSNA



# YACHT CLUB

*Newsletter*  
*November 2020*



# COMMODORES CORNER #6/6 ANDREW FINN



Dear members – Summer Edition 2020! .....

## Thank You

As outgoing Commodore, I would like to thank all members for their support over the past two years. I believe that your committee has done a great job of sharing our long-term vision. We embarked on restructuring and analysing how the club operates and had to make some tough calls. The decisions have not always been easy or popular, but I believe that the decisions have been in the best interests of the club, and its members.

My very grateful thanks to the KYC Staff, who continued to do sterling work, while facing all the trials of Covid-19. Special thanks to Nicky Sachs for her patience and dedication.

I wish the new incoming committee team all the best in taking our fantastic club forward into the post COVID world.

## The Club

We are happy to welcome to the staff Trevor Cooper, Trevor is our new operations manager. He comes to us with a lot of club experience and has over the last five years been running the angling club. If you have any queries or needs, please be sure to contact him. In summary, he oversees; club maintenance, parking which includes all types of parking – dinghy, moorings, walk-ons, vehicles. He will also manage the staff, security, and functions. He is available on the club phone numbers and email: operations@knysnayachtclub.com.

Although we are at level one for COVID-19 all COVID-19 protocols are still in place; please adhere to the following when visiting the club:

1. Check your temperature
2. Sign in for each visit.
3. Observe social distancing and wear a mask while not eating or drinking.
4. Staff have been asked to monitor members and check that all abide by these conditions.

## Security

After consultation with AllSound Security, we have upgraded our premises cameras. The cameras are now AI (Artificially Intelligent). These cameras record 24 hrs a day and monitor the Yacht Club road parking area and facilities. At night, the AI capabilities are activated. An alarm is triggered at the 24hr monitoring center if strange activities occur and an immediate armed response sent to the club. The frequency of random vehicle patrols has also increased.

It is the club members responsibility to look after their own boats and equipment both on the club premises and on the water. We urge all

## 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

## KYC TEAM

President  
Jim Parkes 0832618629  
[parkes@knysna.co.za](mailto:parkes@knysna.co.za)

Commodore  
Andrew Finn 0825564604  
[andrew@123.co.za](mailto:andrew@123.co.za)

Vice-Commodore  
Mike Jacobs 0825667851  
[michael@jacobsproperties.co.za](mailto:michael@jacobsproperties.co.za)

Treasurer  
Anthony Parker 0795107239  
[anthony@parkeraccs.co.za](mailto:anthony@parkeraccs.co.za)

Canoe Secretary  
Grant Trollip 0835563876  
[granttrollip@mweb.co.za](mailto:granttrollip@mweb.co.za)

Offshore Secretary  
Earle Seals 0832695559  
[tteng@telkomsa.net](mailto:tteng@telkomsa.net)

In-shore Secretary  
Gayle Newby 0824911343  
[newbygayle@gmail.com](mailto:newbygayle@gmail.com)

Junior Sailing  
Drew Scott 082 339 1240  
[drew@simplygreen.org.za](mailto:drew@simplygreen.org.za)

Legal, Tenure & Contracts  
Albert Wasserman 0834003342  
[albertwasserman@outlook.com](mailto:albertwasserman@outlook.com)

club members to help reduce the petty crime but not leaving loose items (spars, paddles, or clothing, etc.) lying around.

### **Restaurant and Bar**

The restaurant and bar are open Tuesday to Saturday for breakfast and lunch. Several members are now popping round to enjoy the best venue in town, so do not miss out, the restaurant team will welcome you.

Remember the seating space has reduced due to the social distancing protocols, please phone ahead and book.

### **Internet**

The club has upgraded its Internet and moved away from Telkom. The speed and reliability are now much improved (cost reduced). For those who need to meet and work at the same time, you are welcome to pop round and be appropriately connected.

### **Use of the lagoon for Water Sport.**

The lagoon is now open for recreational use. The organised club events such as training are taking place. Please observe the COVID-19 regulations as indicated on the notice boards around the club. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### **The AGM**

Members have received notices for the AGM that will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at 18:00

Note that the meeting will be a hybrid meeting. 50 members will be able to be at the clubhouse, and any other member who wishes to be part of the meeting may do so via Zoom. We will stream this live for the whole meeting.

The club secretary will send out the zoom details a week before the meeting.

### **Voting**

Due to COVID-19 circumstances, voting for the appointment of the General Committee members will take place before the AGM. You may cast your vote via one of the following

3 methods – a) via the internet on the voting form provided; b) by emailing your completed voting form to the KYC Secretary; or c) by delivering your completed voting form to the Clubhouse before 13:00hrs on 17th November 2020. Club Auditors will scrutinise the counting of the votes and results announced at the AGM.

Please note that there will be no proxy votes as all eligible members may vote. Please note the deadlines above.

There are a few items for ratification at the meeting that will be proposed at the meeting.

Please remember to check KYC Facebook page for all the latest news. <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub/>

Our events calendar and more club information are on our website <http://www.knysnayachtclub.com/>

## In-shore sailing – Gayle Newby

**HOORAY!** The Sailing Season is up and running, with all Covid-19 compliance requirements in place.

### **HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

An exciting Buffalo Bay Challenge took place on Saturday 7 November. This is an offshore fun race from Buff Bay to KYC Clubhouse, open to wind-powered or paddle-powered boats. Before the start, the sailors have to get to the starting point at Buff Bay, which means sailing through the Heads. This may not be such a big deal for the larger keelboats, but it is a real adventure for the smaller dinghies, multi-hulls. Of the 18 entries, 14 made it to the start line. It was a wonderful and unusual sight to see.

First to cross the finish line was a dinghy, the Fireball helmed by the intrepid Anthony Parker with his crew Marcel Roos, followed by the renowned Greg Davis & Crew aboard SetSea super Cat 2922 and a while later, the feisty Louis Fechter on a dinghy Laser 119736. Not far behind behind came daring Siya Msindo on Laser #1. After an interval, came the keelers, Gemini, Quest, Chevy, and Safe Conduct. Then, sadly, the wind dropped, so the rest of the fleet came home under power.

It was an adventurous and uplifting event for everyone. Hearty congratulations to all the sailors for making the effort. Thank you to all the people who made it possible. Thanks to the photographers who recorded this eye-catching event.

**MORE GOOD NEWS!** For the first time in many years, KYC won GLYC Fast Fleet Interclub Regatta on 10 October, taking the top 3 positions, in a field of 20 boats. Congratulations to the KYC Team! Dudley Isaac, sailing a Sonnet with young Tyrin Williams as crew, won the day!

David Shilton came second, with Greg Davis a close third, both sailing Finns.

Several other sailing events have taken place on Saturday afternoons, since the start of the sailing season. The results of the events are published on KYC Facebook, mostly on the same day or within 24 hours. The Sailing Calendar is available on the KYC website and is updated as changes occur. Please take a look to plan your sailing adventures.



Fireball -1st across the finish line



Setsea Super Cat



Thank you to everyone who responded to the appeal for volunteers on Bridge & Rescue duty. They have been doing a sterling job. There is still room for more!

### **JUNIOR FUN SAILING**

The weather has not been too kind on Friday afternoons, so there is not much to report. However, summer weather is here at last, so there should be some fun ahead.

**CALLING ALL PARENTS** of children who are aged 10 or more! This is an ideal time to give your youngsters the opportunity to experience the fun of sailing without the pressure of racing. This is not formal training but provides orientation.

Two Dragons (very stable multihulls) have been rented from Hobie Cat Yacht Club (HCYC) as from on 1 Sept, to add to the junior fun fleet. For more information contact Drew Scott or KYC Secretary.

### **KYC TRAINING ACADEMY**

Our Senior Sailing Coach, Mike Pogodin, is still stuck overseas indefinitely. We are in the process of trying to find someone, with suitable qualifications, who could stand in or become a permanent part of the Sail Training Team. Please contact Gayle Newby for more information.

### **BOAT MAINTENANCE**

This is an ongoing problem with Club boats, made worse by the fact that when sailors, inadvertently damage a boat or have something go wrong while sailing or launching, they do not report the incident. There is a logbook in the Junior Sailing loft for sailors to give a report or they can contact the KYC Secretary or Inshore Sailing Secretary. Please help us to keep the club fleet in good working order by telling us if something goes wrong.

We are most grateful that Michael van der Walt, of Kinetic Catamarans, has volunteered to help with boat maintenance during his spare time and has already started on repairing the badly damaged Sonnet.



## Canoe – Grant Trollip

Since restarting competitive paddling after the Covid-19 lock down, the Canoe Club have enjoyed tremendous success in major canoeing events over the last few weeks.

The South African Canoe marathon and Surf-Ski champs were held in St Francis Bay on the 10-12 October 2020. Our paddlers flew the Knysna flag high with twins Kyla and Taya Hanton winning gold in the ladies K2, U16 age category. After some incredible racing, Daneel Van Wyk and partner Bryce Lawson won silver in the men's U19 K2 event.

Carla Collins and Jade Des Fontes won bronze in the K2, U18 age group and Jade achieved a respectable 5th place in the K1. Darren Berry and Thomas Lovemore earned a 6th place in the senior men's K2 race. Sub-grand masters Albert Wasserman and Danie Van Wyk were 5th in their category. International paddler Chloe Bunnett had a very good weekend in the Surf-ski achieving 4th place overall in a world class ladies' field.

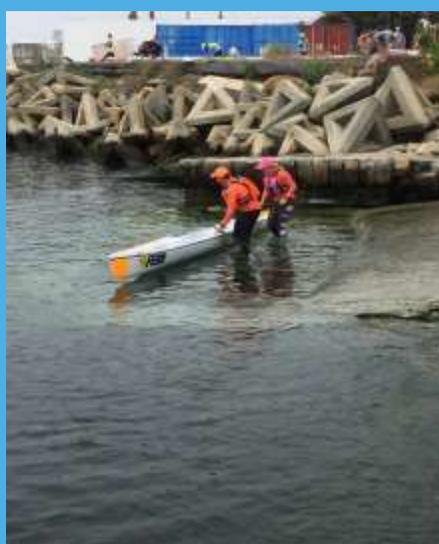


On Tuesday, 20 October 2020 newcomer to the club Tom Lovemore and brother Hamish obliterated the K2 time trial course record by 2 minutes. Unless the course is changed this record is likely to stand for a very long time.



The 30km Freedom Surf Ski race from Granger Bay around Robben Island and back was held in tough conditions on Saturday, 24 October 2020.

Out of 130 surf-skis that took to the water Daneel Van Wyk and Tom Lovemore were 2nd in their U23 age group and 6th overall. Chloe Bunnett and her partner Amica De Jager were 3rd in the ladies' event. Darren Berry partnering with Danie Van Wyk were 32nd overall and 3rd in the sub-veteran's category. Neil and Di Steenkamp were the 6th mixed double and placed 56th overall.



## Parking

We have notice that members are parking in the disabled parking area and also inbetween the boats on the grass.

We request that you please use the parking area, so that our disabled members can use the disabled area.

With sailing season starting soon, our sailing members will not be able to get access to their boats on the grass if there are cars parked there.

Please let's all be considerate towards each other.

## Subscriptions

Thank you to all our members who have paid their yearly subscriptions. If you did not receive your Invoice please contact Nicky

## Knysna Yacht Club

*Street Address*  
*Yacht Club Road, Knysna*

**PHONE:**  
**+27 (0)44 382 5724**

**GALLEY:**  
**+27 (0)44 382 0166**

**E-MAIL:**  
**[secretary@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)**

