

KNYSNA



YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORES CORNER #5/5 ANDREW FINN



Dear Members – Spring Edition 2020!

The Club

We are happy to announce that the club facilities are open again. We welcome all members to pop round to swim, sail, paddle, eat and socialise at the club.

COVID-19 protocols are in place, so please adhere to the following when visiting the club:

1. Check your temperature.
2. Sign in for each visit.
3. Observe social distancing
4. Wear a mask except when eating or drinking.
5. Staff have been asked to monitor members and check that all abide by these conditions.

Sailing starts on 12 September. If you would prefer to help on the bridge or offer rescue services, please contact Gayle Newby, Nicky, or myself.

Canoeing is up and running again and time trials are taking place.

After months of lockdown, it is time for some of us to get out and catch up with friends and enjoy the activities we have missed so much. Come down to the club and relish all that is on offer.

Gencom has been meeting regularly, and the club and facilities are all in good shape. If you find anything that you feel needs attention, please make a note in the comments book or mail Nicky @ secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Security

Sadly, since the start of COVID-19, we have experienced an increase in petty crime around Knysna and the club. The Club does use the services of AllSound to monitor our public open spaces, but incidents can still occur. Club cameras are monitored by AllSound, and they react quickly to incidents that do occur.

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 club members to help reduce the petty crime by locking cars and not leaving loose items (spars, paddles, clothing, etc.) lying around.

The Office

Nicky Sachs is continuing with Administration in the Office from 08:00 to 13:00 Monday to Friday.

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

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Sailing

Gayle Newby and her team have been actively preparing for the new season as you can see from her report below.

Restaurant and Bar

The restaurant and bar are open Tuesday to Saturday for Breakfast and Lunch. Starting this Friday, 4 September evening, meals will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note that the seating space has been reduced due to the social distancing protocols, please phone ahead and book.

The menu is more straightforward, so check the Clubs Facebook page to see what's on offer.

The restaurant staffing has also been restructured.

Use to the lagoon for Water Sport.

The lagoon is now open for recreational use. The organised club events such as training will be 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.

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

Yours at KYC
Andrew

In-shore sailing – Gayle Newby

The most exciting news is that the Sailing Season can begin! This means that sailors are permitted to take part in Club organized races, which, by SAS definition, are considered to be training exercises. However, each and every participant must comply with Covid screening procedures beforehand, as required by the Covid-19 Compliance Certificate, issued by SA Sailing. Details are on display at various points at the Club.

The disappointing news is that there will be no Opening Cruise event this year due to Covid-19 Regulations.

The first race, the Joop Wedderpohl Trophy, will take place on 12 September. Check out the rest of the 2020/2021 Sailing Calendar on the website – www.knysnayachtclub.com.

Welcome to Drew Scott, who has taken charge of Junior Fun Sailing. The first session will be on Friday 11 September 2020. Email Drew for more details drew@simplygreen.org.za.

Mike Pogodin, KYC's long serving and dedicated Senior Instructor, is unable to get back from overseas, so he is unlikely to be available for some time.



Sanele Maggaza, a qualified assistant coach who worked consistently with Mike last season, has indicated he is available. He recently obtained his skippers ticket, with flying colours! Well done Sanele!

The Club boats have been made ready to sail. We appeal to sailors to please take good care of the boats and also to help keep the Junior Sail Loft in an orderly condition. There is a logbook in the Junior Sail Loft to report any problems that you find.

Thank you to those few people who have volunteered for Bridge and Rescue duty. We hope that still more people will put up their hands.

Looking forward to seeing many sailors on the water!

Off-shore sailing – Earle Seals

As expected, it is hard to remember what happened before the great plague and lock down! We as a club community seem to have been very lucky as far as catching the virus; and those who have been affected have managed to come through with no problems or consequences. Now things are opening up let's keep to the rules and have fun.

None of our fleet ventured out during the prohibition, a very real sadness but looking on the bright side it was a time taken for repairs, maintenance and some general loving care.

That said, you can't keep enthusiasm down. The moment fishing was allowed, skippers and crews became ardent fishermen and lots of fun was had off shore. We would all starve if we had to rely on what was caught! The lucky few however managed some good sightings of whales and dolphin.

Since the partial relaxation of sailing restrictions, our Saturday sailing has been frustrated by firstly the social distancing rules. Breakfast, where most of crew and skippers are put together, became impossible and was compounded by restrictions for number of people on yachts. Secondly the last couple of weekends were washed out by bad weather. Hopefully Saturday sailing will from now on become and return rapidly to normality.

For all our members who have never sailed on a keel boat, or perhaps have not done so a long time, Saturday sailing was developed to give you a chance to find out why we are so hooked on the sport. Hopefully as the year improves and more vessels become available, we can offer you all a chance to sail with us but as things stand it would be best to contact the off shore secretary or the club office for information.

The OPENING CRUISE always a very important and exciting event has been cancelled but the sailing season will open as usual for the



dinghy sailors as per the published calendar. Perhaps if the keelers can't accommodate you for a sail on Saturdays the dinghy people are always looking for help on the bridge or rescue boat.

Impromptu opening cruise in Feather Bed. The diehards Gemini, Safe Conduct and Nirvana.

In closing, we are proud that the "Roger Clancy Memorial Trophy" is complete and about to be put on display in the Club House. Many thanks to Geoff Goddard for the design concept and Peter Mitchell for the execution. A fitting tribute to the founder and mentor to the Keeler Group. The trophy will be awarded at the end of the sailing season, the winner will be the sailor worthy of the honour according to the following criteria: -

Spirit of Roger Clancy Memorial Award

Award Criterion

Awarded annually in recognition and appreciation of a KYC member who has shown exemplary commitment, generosity, comradery, and dedication to the promotion, enjoyment, and betterment of offshore sailing.



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 allocated parking area. Should you be disabled please display your sticker clearly.

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 be considerate towards each other.

Subscriptions

Thank you to all the members who have paid their subscriptions. If you have not received your Invoice, please contact Nicky

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