



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter March 2018



Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

With less than a month left to the end of our financial year, invoices for membership subscriptions and other fees will be sent out shortly. Last year there was a record response, let's try and beat this, please pay your subscriptions as soon as possible. If for any reason you are not able to make the payment have a chat to Nicky or Rob who I am sure will be able to find a way to assist you.



In-shore sailing

KYC interclub was a great success. We had over 80 boats on the water for the weekend.

Cats Fleet

1 st A Ward & C Ward	ABYC	Hobie 16
2 nd Blaine Dodds & Angela Ward	KYC	Hobie 16
3 rd William & Lucinda Edwards	KYC	Hobie 16

Mono Less 1200 Fleet

1 st Yogi Divaris	KYC	Laser
2 nd Kay Leslie	ZVYC	Laser Radial
3 rd Dudley Isaac	KYC	Finn

Mono-Great-1200 Fleet

1 st James Vonk	GLYC	RS Tera pro
2 nd Ashley Layland	MBYC	RS Tera Sport
3 rd Cameron Hills	Redhouse	RS Tera pro

Thank you to all the Staff and our members for making it such a successful weekend.



Off-shore sailing – Earle Seals

Nothing much of great excitement to report for a quiet short month of sailing. Probably the quiet weather not much wind and an iffy bar could be the reason. We certainly miss the short talks on sailing interests, so well done by Roger Clancy at breakfast, we have decided to revive this aspect.

On the 17th March 2018 at 9am breakfast there will be a Talk and Demonstration from ER24 Emergency Medical Care by Jovan and Thelma Heyns from George.

The talk will be on medical survival techniques which every sailor and would be crew should be familiar with.

Next month a demonstration of safety gear will be organised on a date to be advised.

News of sailors on the high oceans limited to Bobby and crew having visited Devils Island off the coast of Brazil and now safely on their way to the Carribean. However back in town are Glen and Cecile after parking Glen's new yacht in the Seychelles. Rumour has it that they were at sea for 26 days between ports which is a considerable feat. Noanka eventually set sail for Cape Town and we trust they are doing well in calm conditions.

The club L26 has not yet been sold so this could be an opportunity to get into keelboat sailing on the ground floor meaning at a snip. (please see further down)

Looking forward to some good sailing this coming month and perhaps a few new faces to share our wonderful and exhilarating sport.

Thank you Glenn and Cecile who kindly wrote the article below about their sailing adventures.

Living "A Dream" is what we are trying to do!

We flew to Malaysia, at the end of November, and joined our yacht on the island of Langkawi.

We spent the whole of December, in Telaga Harbour, preparing for the long journey back to South Africa.

We can recommend this harbour as a safe and comfortable place to moor or anchor with very little water movement.

During December it was very hot and humid, it felt that you could easily bake eggs in the sun. Other sailors living on the mooring were very helpful regarding where to go for shopping, as many items were not available in the same shop or in the country.

At the beginning of January 2018 we decided it was time to leave and it was sad to say goodbye but we were also happy to go to sailing into the unknown bringing new adventures.

The wind strength predictions were not correct and we had to motor for about 7 days heading across the Straits of Malacca and between the Nicobar Islands into the Bay of Bengal.

Luckily closer to Sri Lanka we picked up lovely winds and currents that would give us a heading towards the Maldives and decided to skip Sri Lanka completely.

We decided to head towards Male, as it was the main city, we thought it would be a good place to refuel.

Trying to call Port Control was not successful and we asked Marine Police for help.

To make a long story short they would not let us fill up with fuel and leave without appointing an agent first, costing US\$500.

After keeping us on anchor for a whole day, in a quarantine area, which was horrible, and lengthy negotiations and settling for a lower amount we managed to get our original yacht registration documentation etc. back and we were told to leave immediately without being allowed to refuel.

Luckily the “wind fairies” were in our favour, and after 26 days at sea we entered the beautiful Seychelles and were received by very friendly Customs, Immigrations, Health and Port Control officials in Victoria.

To Peter and Nicky Swales, we would like to thank you for fetching us at the Seychelles Yacht Club, they suggested that we follow them to an anchorage at Anse Royal. They helped us through all the Departmental drill and their help was time saving and much appreciated. There are many yachts waiting for the cyclone season to pass and we are looking forward to sailing further south towards SA.

We would like to thank Roger Clancy for the sharing of his valuable knowledge with us over the years.

By : Glenn & Cecile



Canoe – Danie van Wyk

By : Radie Dippenaar

“Dad, how about doing the Dusi”, asked my daughter Chrisna, on our way back from the Fish last year in October. I took a moment to answer, thoughts of all the training, how difficult it is to run with a boat and she only being paddling for 7 months went through my mind. “It’s an endurance event and you will have to start running and me too (I had a bad knee injury and couldn’t run for a whole year)”. We both started running on our own and kept on doing canoeing time trials.

Middle of December we decided to go for it and started to run with the boat around the block and eventually all around Knysna combining running and canoeing on Saturdays. The longest training session 3hr 15 minutes

On February 15 we started the 120km race in Pietermaritzburg with a bunch of guys who had 20 + Dusi’s under the belt, but quickly learned that even they can easily make mistakes on this treacherous piece of water. At the first weir I pushed the nose too much to the right and hit a grass pole, but fortunately we made it. After the next weir we started to combine nicely, with nerves settling down. At mussons rapid the experienced guy in front of me hesitated and a spectator shouted left so I went left and just saw rocks in front of me. I just shouted “roei” and went straight over and made it, Afterwards I read the comment on the website “ In a medium to full river there is an exciting option to shoot Mussons on the left”! From then on we were wide awake.

The river was at a nice medium level and we could shoot all the rapids. We took the first shorter portage of about 3.6km going too fast on the first hill, but soon fell into a nice rhythm and felt that we could keep up and even pass others now and again. We really enjoyed the first day of about 11km running and 31km canoeing and finished in 4:40(310th overall) we had some patching to do and with the start of the 43km day 2 we discovered that the water has dropped considerably overnight. We saw Chrisna’s seat was loose, quickly glued it back into place and we were sitting slightly skew. I tried to remember all the places the experienced Hubby Sandberg told me to get out, but soon gave up and told Chrisna “people overrated the rapids, lets shoot them”(afterwards I realised some of these rapids can be very dangerous). We ended up shooting everything and had

a thrill of a time. Below Hippo (about halfway) Chrisna's footrest came loose and our balance was severely affected, and we took our first swim in a simple rapid. Then came the dreaded Inanda dam 10km flatwater stretch and my old problem of "Ass is baas" (that means the skinny guys sit on a nerve that start to burn and pain that you feel like jumping out of your boat). I was surprised with Chrisna seeing that she has done no endurance event before, looking much better than me at the end of day 2! We had a lot of patching to do after day two and also a badly bended radar, a common problem on the day.

The last day of 32km had even less water than the previous day and it became a nightmare to miss the rocks. We were sitting badly skew, were tired and could not find rhythm and balance. We decided to do Burma portage which is a 2km climb to the top of the hill and 2km back to the water, much higher than the highest point on Brenton on hill from the lagoon! It took us an hour and 20 minutes to do this climb and surprisingly with Chrisna in front she never put the boat down to rest until we were at the water point on the top. We swam thereafter 3 times due to arms that were tired, balance and mistakes of other paddlers.

Just before the flat water of Durban lagoon, a boat in front of us made a mistake and we also felled out, and here my ankle got wedged in between a v-shaped rock and with stream pushing me downriver, I was helpless. I shouted for help and the next moment my ankle became miraculously loose (somebody's prayers saved me there)

We finished 370th overall and we took 15hrs 23 minutes to complete the 120km to Durban. This was really special to do it with my daughter. After only paddling for 11 months working every day from 7-5 Chrisna surprised me completely. Not once did she complain and even up Burma portage, she was saying "kom papa"! I was quite emotional at the finish and will cherish the memories for a long time.

SA Canoe Polo Championships – 30 March – 1st April

**DRAGON BOATS
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**SA-CHAMPS
CANOE POLO
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30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**

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Please note: To accommodate all competitors and spectators for the Canoe Polo Championship, the grass area must be cleared. We will be moving boats to the Trailer park on the Thursday 29th March. Security guard will be on duty. Should you prefer to move yourself, please do so by the Wednesday 28th March.

We apologise for any inconvenience, but this is a great opportunity for KYC to hold the Championships with the view of hosting the World champs.



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

New Snack Menu



Tuesday and Thursday evenings come and enjoy a special light meal, from 14:00 until 19:30.

Please phone 044 382 0166 to reserve your table.

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



Bar

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

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

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



Membership

The New Year is around the corner, and Invoices for the Subs will be emailed towards the middle of March.

There are still members who **have not** collected their membership cards and parking stickers from Nicky at the office. 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:

Bruwer & Sanet Basson	Knysna	Ordinary member couple
David & Wendy Gorven	Knysna	Ordinary member couple
Chris Velthuisen & Tech Goh	Singapore	Country member couple



L26 For Sale

KNYSNA CHALLENGER FOR SALE – SUBMIT OFFERS

As we find that our L26 is not being used sufficiently we are offering this yacht for sale.

This would be a great opportunity for a club or an individual to acquire this vessel at a very good price as we will consider all offers. The club has a reserve on the price and will not be bound to accept the lowest offer.

The hull and standing rigging, are basically sound, although deck and interior would need a cosmetic uplift. What would make this purchase attractive would be the sails. Besides the main sail, there are No 1, 2, 3 jib sails and 3 spinnakers all in above average to good condition.



INVENTORY

Hull	GRP painted blue/white S A 2487 C
Rigging	S/S good condition standard mast and boom
Sails	Main in good condition two pinholes at foot No 1 2 3 jib all in good condition 75 oz Spinnaker plus spare two sails all in very good condition
Sheets	All need renewing as with halyards
Winches	Four non-tailing good condition
Cleats	All jam cleats in working condition
Electrics	Non-existent except for compass
Radio (VHS)	Not working
Engine	5 Hp Mariner working condition, old and needs service
Damage	Only slight damage on port toe rail at stay bottle screw
Trailer	No trailer but delivery could be arranged

Enquiries: Rob Clark accounts@knysnayachtclub.com
or
Earl on 083 269 5559 – tteng@telkomsa.net



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

SAFETY BOAT OPERATORS COURSE

Western Cape Region

Venue: Knysna Yacht Club, Knysna

Fee: **R701,10pp (incl VAT)**

Registration forms available on: www.sailing.org.za

Registration closes: 9am, 9 Mar

Enquiries: training@sailing.org.za

17-18 MARCH 2018
2 Day Programme



20th March

Andrew Young live performance at KYC



Tickets are R180.00 p.p. Only available to purchase through quicket.

Link to tickets here - <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/41374-easy-street/#/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1260761350690918/> - Tickets available on this link too. Click on Find Tickets. (to open link, hold mouse over link, press Ctrl and click to follow link)

30th March- 2nd April

Canoe Polo Championships



A bit of fun

Find the St. Patrick's Day related words in the St. Patrick's Day word search puzzle grid. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keep in mind that letters may be used in more than one St. Patrick's Day word. When the St. Patrick's Day word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn 2 interesting St. Patrick's Day facts. Note that sometimes smaller words can be found in larger words or phrases, so be careful.

St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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 E I S C E N L S E B R A P T E
 K D L O G I R E L A N D R D E
 A A A C H A Y V E A R O A N M
 N Y A R R S C E M A E W Y N H
 S A N S A E V N E N T E E E N
 T D H E C P A T R I C K R O M
 M I E M E O R E A T I N S G T
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 A O T R H O G N F I A R E L A
 N H S I R I D T S M P A T M R
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BISHOP	MAEWYN	HOLIDAY	SEVENTEENTH
CELEBRATE	MARCH	IRELAND	SHAMROCK
CHRISTIAN	PARADE	IRISH	SNAKES
CLOVER	PATRICK	LUCK	TRINITY
GREEN	PRAYERS		
GOLD	SAINT		