

# KNYSNA YACHT CLUB



Newsletter – July – 2017

## Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

The recent horrific fires that have ravaged Knysna and the surrounding areas have left the entire community in a state of shock and bewilderment with many not knowing what to do next. It is certainly a trying time for all who lost their homes, while at the same time for many, who appear to have come through unscathed difficult to distance themselves from the devastation around them.

Our club was able to offer a place of refuge for the night to some of those who had evacuated their homes helping the community at large, many of whom continue to enjoy the benefits their membership, having a place to sit and gathering their thoughts and formulating plans on rebuilding their lives in Knysna.

In the midst of all the turmoil on Wednesday 7 June, club members made their craft available to assist the NSRI and others rescue residents of Belvedere and Brenton on Lake. Thank you Knysna Rib Adventures and the NSRI you make a difference to lives.

To the Fire fighters of Knysna we offer and record our appreciation and thanks to you and to all the out of town reinforcements; not forgetting the many helicopter crews flying in extremely dangerous conditions dousing the many fires.

At the AGM held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June amongst other matters the election of your committee for the year to June 2018 took place. The meeting was attended by well over 130 members, which must be a record for an AGM at the club. It was not the greatest of weather to be out in on that Thursday, but I must say thank you to all who made the effort; it is a clear indication of the interest in the wellbeing of your club by a wider membership.

The committee elected is as follows

President	Bossi Monsen
Commodore	Allan Waterston
Vice Commodore	Andrew Finn
Offshore Sailing Secretary	Glenn Hagedorn Hansen
Canoe Secretary	Danie van Wyk
Liaison Officer	Delle Henry
General Committee Member	Colin Mathiesen
General Committee Member	Albert Lombard
General Committee Member	Ronald King



The above unfortunately left us with 2 Flag Officer positions vacant being that of Treasurer and In-shore Sailing Secretary. However, Colin has agreed to take on the role of acting Treasurer again and Andrew will take charge of In-shore Sailing. If there is any member willing to take on either of these roles please let me know. At our first committee meeting a number of sub-committees were formed to deal with the different issues requiring attention.

It was welcoming to see members attending the AGM using their new membership cards, evidencing their status as members in good standing. In the months ahead further use will be made of our cards when purchasing a round of drinks or settling the bill in the restaurant. The activation of the pre-funding option saving you carrying cash when you visit the club will also be implemented and all being equal will allow you a discount on your spend at the club.

The new cell phone based access control system operating our vehicle gate mentioned in previous newsletters is operational and the use of the plastic key will be discontinued during July. The number for the gate is 073 119 7118 if you do not already have it. Allocate it as a favourite or give it a speed dial number on your phone, save having to scratch around when you get to the gate. If you experience any difficulty please contact the office. While on the subject of the gate please wait for the gate to open before driving through, equally don't try and beat the gate if it is closing drive up to it slowly and wait for it to open. Do not destroy our gate, it just means that repairs will have to be carried out and monies that could have been used for other purposes are no longer available.

Ursula Nieuwoud has joined our staff taking on the position of Food and Beverage Manager; we welcome her to the team. I have no doubt that she will make a difference, please give her all the support she deserves as she settles in and gets to grips with her new environment. In the event that there are any comments or suggestions that you would like to make please note these in the book located on the counter to the left of the door as you enter the restaurant.



In addition if there are any matters bothering you at the club please feel free to give me a call on 083 226 6028 or leave your contact details with Nicky and I will get back to you.

There are still a few members from last year who have not as yet paid their subscriptions, please contact Nicky if you have any queries or if you would like to make arrangements to spread the cost over a few months. Our club is unique if you let your membership lapse, you will not be able to enjoy the facilities.

## In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen

Being in the closed season there is not much to report, but this is the time to undertake that little bit of maintenance to your boat making sure that it serves you well for the forthcoming season.

The sailing calendar for the 2017/18 season should be available shortly, which following input from the regular sailors will reflect organised sailing on Sundays, a change from the Saturday afternoon. This change does not mean that you can't sail on Saturday, it means that now you can sail both days if you so choose, Saturday being informal fun sailing.

If you have paid your boat parking dues please ensure that the sticker that you were given is affixed to the transom of your boat. Any boats that do not display a current year boat parking sticker and KYC number will be removed from the premises and placed in the trailer park behind Tait Marine. KYC accepts no responsibility or liability for any damage or loss as a result of moving any boat.

## Club regalia

Winter has arrived and we have a number of items in stock that will keep you warm this winter. Our new range of KYC branded clothing is 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



## Tenders on floating Jetty's

Unidentified tenders on floating jetties remain tied up. If you have not spoken to Nicky and obtained a KYC number for your tender, next time you visit the club there is a good chance that it will not be where you left it.

**NB:** All boats left on KYC premises **MUST** have a KYC number on them.

## Up coming events

The Oyster Festival will be in full swing over the next couple of weeks and a few activities will involve the use of the KYC facilities. These should add to the festivities in and around our club.

Harbour Heads canoe race	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Navy Braai	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Mayoral Cocktail party	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

## Membership

Please remember to advise Nicky of any of your personal details if any of these have. Please call or email your new details to Nicky at [secretary@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)

We would like to thank our members for the payments made but we are looking for the members who have made the following eft payments with no reference to allow correct allocation. If one of these relates to a payment that you have made, please mail Proof of Payment to [secretary@knynsayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knynsayachtclub.com)

27 March 2017	Subs invoice	R1 842.00
29 March 2017	KYC Subs	R 727.00
29 March 2017	KYC001/104038	R 520.00

**NB** when you do an eft, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

## Restaurant and Bar

As Ursula get to grips with the operations at the club we are likely to see changes. Details will be made available as these occur; for now its business as usual.

### Restaurant

Breakfast 08h30 – 12h00 (Tuesday to Saturday)  
Lunch 12h00 – 14h00 (Tuesday to Saturday)  
Dinner 18h00 – 21h00 (Wednesday and Friday nights)

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

### Bar

Normal hours during the week are 11h00 till late and Sunday's 14h00 – 22h00

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

### Lucky Draw Winners for June 2017

7 June	No Draw	
14 June	No Draw	
22 June	Marlene	R150.00
28 June	Tony Berbridge	R165.00

**Friday nights** – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The jackpot currently stands at R2 800.00 and grows by R50 per week until won or reaches R4 000; don't miss out be at the club and stand a chance to WIN

## Braai Area - Nicky

We have braai facilities available to our members and we do love our members making use of them, but please be thoughtful of other members and staff.

It is very unpleasant to come to the club on a Monday morning, and there are cigarette butts, plastic food containers, chicken bones etc., lying all over the brick area as well avocado skin and pips in the pot plants.

Please clean up before you leave, and let's be proud of our club and facilities.

