



## **KNYSNA YACHT CLUB**

*(Established 1910)*



### **Newsletter October 2018**

Commodores Corner – Andrew Finn

Dear members – The Fun Continues...

#### The Restaurant

If you were fortunate enough to have dinner and a birthday this month you would have experienced the staff wishing you well with their wonderful singing.

Our Friday night pianist even got the dinner guests dancing!

So, bring yourselves your friends, family and guests down to the club to enjoy the best facilities in town (btw - the food is well priced and good too)

#### Member Facilities:

- The parking space for both disabled parking and motorbikes is complete. Please park in the designated areas.
- A new bicycle rack, sponsored by SQUIRT, has been provided at the clubhouse. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast with the best views in town after your ride.
- The window project and extension to the restaurant pub is now complete – thanks to Jim Parkes, Michael Jacobs and their teams of helpers and sponsors for all their input and contributions.

#### Restaurant floor and carpets

We will be sanding, sealing and carpeting the restaurant floor and some of the bar area over the next couple of weeks -please bear with us during this process.

#### Changes to Calendar - Inshore

It's never dull at KYC, the sailing calendar has been printed and published – well the sailors have voted to change the main club sailing day to Saturday afternoons. All events scheduled for Sunday will now be sailed on Saturday. Double headers and regattas do not change. See you on the water.

Please see Inshore notes below.

## Scuba Diving

Please see note from KYC member Mike O'Neill on Scuba Diving

For those unaware, the Knysna coast offers some truly spectacular reefs for scuba divers to explore, as well as our famous Paquita wreck. A lesser known fact is that there are actually quite a few KYC members that are certified scuba divers, but many of whom have been stuck ashore for many years. But now is the time for everyone to get off the couch, get your gear serviced and let's get back into the water.

In an effort to resurrect scuba diving in the Southern Cape we would like to reach out to as many certified divers that we can find and create a database so that we can work on revitalizing everyone's interest. If you are certified, or are keen on learning to scuba dive, please drop us an email with your details so that we can keep you up to date on some exciting events planned for the coming months. Mike O'Neill - [diveknysna@icloud.com](mailto:diveknysna@icloud.com)

## Club Access and 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.

## Off-shore Sailing – Earle Seals

After a very exciting, spectacular and enjoyable opening cruise, action on the water has been fairly quiet.

Saturday morning breakfasts have been very popular and well attended but a number of skippers have been unavailable for various reasons. Thank goodness for Roger and Quan Yin, all keen sailors were accommodated.

Most activity was on the lagoon which is always good for instruction and learning, compared to at sea where the emphasis is usually cruising and chat.

In any case the yachts that did venture out of the Heads found the sea very short and uncomfortable. The result being an early return to quiet waters for a well-deserved "regmakers".

The coming month will hopefully see the usual fleet back in action with a number of competitive events planned. We will keep you advised.

## In-shore Sailing – John Winfield

After the hype of a fantastic opening cruise, the Season has taken off to a slow start. The very first day's sailing had to be abandoned due to a lack of wind (and water!). Nevertheless, a number of stalwarts made it to the second day of the opening Dewar's Shield "Double Header." A fairly brisk blow had the fleet batting it up and down a rather soldierly course, due to the lack of water. Rumour has it that our Commodore did himself a grave injury righting his craft after an unfortunate dipping. It will take a couple of weeks for those ribs to heal.

Unfortunately, on the Sunday of the "Braai Day" (Heritage Day) long weekend, despite a full lagoon, lovely blow and full crew on Bridge and Rescue, only two sailors turned up for the first in the Joop Wedderphol series, and racing had to be abandoned. Mutters from a number of quarters about the lack of commitment to Sunday racing, led to a quick poll of the sailors. It turns out that an overwhelming majority favoured a return to Saturday afternoon racing.

Sure enough, despite a low tide, Saturday 29 September saw many of the usual suspects back on the water, including a number of the old salts freshly returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean. Enough races were completed to make it possible to determine who would lift the Joop Wedderphol Trophy.

In other news, our David Shilton had a successful campaign at the Finn Nationals up country, and wrested the trophy as the best of our Nation's best. We remember with fondness a prior KYC winner, Bruce McCurrach, whose name appears on the trophy. Well done to Dudley Isaacs, who acquitted himself well with a 6<sup>th</sup> position overall.

Looking ahead, the first of the Founder's Trophy series will be raced on Saturday 6 October. The following weekend of Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 October our neighbours, GLYC, will be hosting their interclub. No local racing is scheduled for this weekend, and we trust our KYC stalwarts will put in a good showing.

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 October, will see another "Double Header" with the race for the Parkes' Cup. Rumour has it that there will be plenty of cake laid on for all participants!

### **September Results:**

#### **Dewar Shield**

##### **Juniors**

Nyasha Tembo

##### **Open**

1<sup>st</sup> Dudley Isaac

2<sup>nd</sup> Sachumzi Funda

3<sup>rd</sup> Siyabulela Msindo

#### **Loop Wedderphol**

##### **Juniors**

Nyasha Tembo

##### **Hobie Fleet**

1<sup>st</sup> Lee Hawkings

2<sup>nd</sup> Chick Ramsay

##### **Open Fleet**

1<sup>ST</sup> Dudley Isaac

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Unite

3<sup>rd</sup> Colin Mathiesen

### Congratulations

Local sailor new national champ - The day his childhood coach almost ran him over in a sailing dinghy was the day that local, Dave Shilton, knew he would be sailing for the rest of his life. Little did he know, however, that he would one day be the 2018 Finn National Champion at 29 years old.

Knysna-Plett Herald caught up with him at his second home – the [Knysna Yacht Club](#) – on a windy, overcast Friday. Watch a video and read more here: <https://bit.ly/2zOVXzX>



(Article was published by Knysna-Plett Herald)

### Boat repairs and maintenance

As a yacht club we recognize the need of members to do add hock work on your boats. Please contact the Club Manager to arrange where and what you will be doing. We need to respect the rights of all other Club users, the environment and our facilities.

## Restaurant and Bar

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:** a-la-carte 12h00 – 14h00 Tuesday to Sunday (plus roast of the day on Sunday)  
**Dinner:** a-la-carte 18h00 – 21h00 Wednesday and Friday  
**Pizza** 17h00 – 20h00 Tuesday & Tuesday

**Bar Menu** available during above hours plus 17h00 – 20h00 Thursday evenings come and enjoy a special light meal.

**Phone 044 382 0166 to reserve your table.**

### Friday Nights at KYC

Friday Lucky Meal Draw: Every Friday evening, dinners qualify for the lucky draw which incorporates 50% off your table (meal) bill (up to R 400/table). T & C's apply

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.

**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**

Monday – Ashes Bar – 15h00 – 22h00

Tuesday – Sunday's 11h00 - 22h00

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

**Functions** -Please keep KYC restaurant in mind when planning any kind of celebration, weddings, birthdays or Year end

functions.

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

## Membership

### **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:**

FNB Knysna - Acc 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)

## Club regalia

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





Please note:

Should you wish **not** to participate in the Oktoberfest and want to come down to the club to watch the rugby, the rugby will be shown in the Main Restaurant.

Oktoberfest and Rugby will be in Ashes for the members & guests who have purchased a ticket to participate in the Oktoberfest.

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.

Mission

To welcome all members, their guests and visitors to the KYC club and 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.