



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter September 2018

Commodores Corner – Andrew Finn

Dear members – Golly, what an exciting past month!

The Club is Buzzing!

The Spring Party took place on 1st September which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you to Neil, Tertia and the rest of the team for planning the joyful party. Follow the KYC Facebook page for more information on our upcoming events.

The Opening Cruise went off with a bang! There was a fantastic turnout of boats, as well as people in and around the club. Steve Collins and the Pipe Band kept those on the water entertained. A special thanks to Kevin Fouche for providing the dignitary boat as well the hosts of the event - Neil Sharrocks, Albert Lombard and the rest of the committee.

Member Facilities:

- The club is in the process of allocating parking space for both disabled parking and motorbikes on the causeway. This will be complete in the next few weeks.
- 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 Slipway has been upgraded and is open for traffic (dinghies, canoes and small motor craft). Thank you to Mike Jacobs, his team and sponsors (Charles van Tonder, Knysna Yamaha, Knysna Yacht Company, Brent Watts and Paul) for the upgrade.

Sailing Season

John Winfield, Earle Seales and their enthusiastic sailing members will start of the sailing season with the Dewar Shield Trophy on the 15 & 16th September.

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Upcoming Events

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.

Friday Nights at KYC

Friday Lucky Meal Draw: Every Friday evening diners qualify for the lucky draw which incorporates 50% off your table (meal) bill (up to R 400/table).

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.

Feel free to contact any of our Gencom members with input, we welcome new ideas and positive feedback.

Canoe Polo

Yacht and Canoe Club member, 17-year-old Daneel van Wyk was selected for the Canoe Polo SA U21 side to participate in two International Canoe Polo tournaments in Belgium during August of this year.

The first tournament took place in Gent. It fielded 50 teams. The SA team, of which half were younger than 19, competed in the Men's open category. The second tournament was hosted in Ieper, in South Western Belgium with a whopping 70 teams competed. The team, this time competed in the U21 category.

Typically, South African, the team competed well. They exhibited a lot of fighting spirit and together with good humour, attitude and never die attitude they endeared themselves to the spectators and players alike. They won a lot of friends from the International Canoe Polo fraternity.

The tour was beneficial for the young players in the SA U21 Squad as they are already preparing for the 2020 Canoe Polo World Championships in Rome.



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The experience and skill gained and learned by Daneel will be passed on to the young crop of Knysna Canoe Polo players who will vie for places in the SA U19 team to participate in the U19 Canoe Polo World Champs in Ireland next year.



Off-shore Sailing – Earle Seals



The OPENING CRUISE has come and gone and by some miracle of weather change was a great success. The keel boats really stole the show this year, most skippers going to great lengths to dress their yachts giving the spectators a wonderful display as they passed for the salute.

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Mention must be made of Quan Yin, as always Roger setting the example. Gemini and skipper Geoff really well turned out as usual. The others looking as good Sessy and Emil Silva Plano and Chris together with music by Carpe Musicam! Aries and Colin a rare pleasure.

The lead yacht with dignitaries and pipers was of course the wonderful Knysna 500 catamaran very kindly organized by Kevin- much appreciated.



The other event worth mentioning was the safety talk and display of safety equipment organized by Roger. The weather was bitter which only emphasized the great danger of hypothermia when having to abandon ship. Mike Mork added to the reality of the situation by recounting his experience a few years ago when they were almost lost off Cape Infanta.

Lessons learned from the morning were importantly.

1. No matter how good your safety equipment, if you have forgotten how to use it, you will be in big trouble and
2. Always have somebody ashore to care about where you are. You need somebody to make sure search and rescue actually happens after your MAYDAY calls.

Now the season is open here's to fair winds and lots and lots of sailing



All photos taken by Elle

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In-shore Sailing – John Winfield

The sailing season is upon us once again and was welcomed in at The Knysna Yacht Club on Sunday 9th September with much fun and celebration. Following a week of torrential rain and winter chill, there was fear of a possible postponement. The forces were with us and we were granted a day of sunshine and fair sailing.



The traditional sail past and Commodore salute started at 15.00 and included an impressive fleet of dinghies, catamarans, and canoes ably supported by the NSRI and Knysna Sea Cadets. On our dignitary boat, kindly provided by The Knysna Yacht Company, we were privileged to host the Mayor and representatives from SA National Parks and Concordia Sports Head. The skirl of the pipes from members of the Knysna Pipe Band accompanied the fleet.



The sail past was followed by a feast of tea, cake and savoury snacks in the main Club House and all who participated went home full and satisfied after a memorable day.

On the suggestion of one or two of our “old salt,” this season will see us foregoing sailing on low tide in favour of the introduction of sailing on the occasional Saturday, making a “double header” on the weekend where there is a full tide. It is hoped that we will see those that find Sunday sailing unfavourable due to other commitments on the water.

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Congratulations



Congratulations Blaine and Roxanne!

Winners at the Hobie World Cat 2018 [Westerland, Germany](#)

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Congratulations to Dave Shilton

A top-five finish against the best in the world and an experience he'll never forget have inspired South African sailor Dave Shilton to go after even bigger and better things.

Shilton has just returned from his first ever Sailing World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark. The Knysna sailor was part of a two-week Emerging Nations Programme before competing in the championships in the Finn class.

Read the full article on the link below.

http://www.supersport.com/general/xtra/news/180823_SAs_Shilton_glimpses_susccess_at_sailing_world_champs

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; make it a Friday evening and stand a chance of winning a 50% discount on the food bill for your table or some other surprise.

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

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 Dinner Draw

Swipe your membership card to Enter.

Winning table will receive a 50% discount off cost of meal

Up to R400.00. T's & C's apply



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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.

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

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

Bomber Jackets

Body Warmer

Long sleeve knit

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Navy



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Golf Shirt

Golf Shirt

V-neck T shirt in navy



Navy/Blue/White



Navy



Volunteers needed

SPRING CLEAN KNYSNA
INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Family Saturday

Date: 15 Sept 2018
TIME: 11H00 - 14H00

Meeting Points:

1. Coney Glen
(Ocean Odyssey team) - Jorika 082 737 4732 / Terisa 082 355 2066
2. Costa Sarda
(Sea Cadet crew) - Lt. Charl Laminie 082 529 1822
3. Leisure Isle security booth
(Knysna Basin Project) - Merrisa 076 060 1469 / Nina 073 978 6107
4. Knysna Yacht Club
(boat & kayak crew) - Nelson 072 227 7664
5. Old crabs creek jetty
(SANParks Honorary Rangers) - Sabine 079 473 9705

Be part of the **SOLUTION** and not the **POLLUTION**

To confirm your participation please contact the team leaders.

WHAT TO BRING
GLOVES
WEARABLE SHOES
PUSHING CART
WATERBOTTLE
ANY OTHER CLEANING EQUIPMENT

OCEAN ODYSSEY | KNYSNA BASIN PROJECT | SANPARKS | KNYSNA YACHT CLUB | INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

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RAFFLE



The draw took place on 1st September and the "DO IT NOW" Kayak was won by Gareth Tanner.

A total of R22 000.00 was raised and we would like to thank everybody that bought a ticket.



Below a letter from Jeannine and Jacek

I want to express our sincere gratitude to you and everyone who helped raise the extremely generous amount of money that was deposited into our account for Jacek's care fund. I can't tell you how touched we are that so many people care so deeply about Jacek and his circumstances following his stroke. We are hugely grateful to each and every person who contributed and would like them all to know how much we appreciate their generosity.

The money will be used for Jacek's ongoing care which is quite a substantial monthly amount at the moment. He requires a full-time carer and physio three times a week so that he can become as mobile as possible. Our goal is obviously to get him walking again. He is also going to be starting speech therapy again next month to help him talk again.

Thank you too to all the guys and girls of the Canoe Polo and Canoe Clubs and the Yacht Club who constantly sent their love and support to Jacek while he was in hospital and rehab and still show their support for him through constant messages and encouragement. He has a long road to recovery ahead of him but knowing that there is so much support and positivity surrounding him helps more than you will ever know.

With lots of gratitude and love

UPCOMING EVENTS

Octoberfest – Saturday – 6th October 2018

Many more events to follow – please keep an eye out on our Facebook / web page as well as notice boards.

MISSING LIFE JACKET

During our Opening cruise on Sunday somebody borrowed a New Orange Life jacket with the words "Mocke" on from the Canoe loft garage. Could that life jacket please be returned as it is a personal life jacket of one of our Canoe members. Should you have any information regarding this life jacket please contact Nicky.

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