



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2021 - NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S CORNER (Mike Jacobs)

RCYC Annual Knysna Raid

The RCYC sent up a fleet of 10 Yachts to visit Knysna on their now second visit. Eight of these Yachts braved entering the Knysna Heads at 1500 on Tuesday the 21st September. The entry was exciting to say the least with the Heads living up to their reputation as being unpredictable.



High Tide was at 1630 and the Yachts started to cross the Bar at 1500 on a flooding tide. One Yacht, a catamaran, which had experienced engine problems on the way up lost one engine while entering, resulting in the Yacht broaching to port with no propulsion on the one hull. The Skipper however masterfully corrected this and had no further drama.

Maybe a few soiled underwear and the adrenalin sky high but excitement never to be forgotten.

Six Yachts tied up and rafted up on the floating jetties in front of KYC.

The 50 odd crew enjoyed the facilities and hospitality KYC is famous for until their departure on Saturday morning at 0600 on the 24th.

They had organized a braai, Gin tasting and playing Bowls, (all in dress up)! and rounded off their week with a braai cook off among the Yachts with Capensis winning the spoils.

The quality of the food prepared was mind blowing using only our braai facilities and the boat's cooking facilities.



Prize giving followed which was both hilarious and well received.



To round off, a floating trophy was presented by KYC and a plaque will be attached every year with the names of the Yachts in attendance. This trophy now resides on the piano in the restaurant for all to see, a beautiful carving in Yellowwood by Keith Barnes.



The Bar turnover was excellent as well as the crew enjoying the Restaurant. Special mention was made at the prize giving of the quality, friendliness and helpful Staff we have. As a Club we can be proud of our facility and the staff who make it so special.

INSHORE SAILING - Ken Reynolds

The sailing season has got off to a great start and we have already had some interesting racing and events, with more to come

Past events

4 September - opening cruise



This was held under Covid regulations so was scaled down from previous years, the commodore however still got very wet.



11 September - Joop Wedderpohl Trophy

3 races were sailed around a shortish course and Jacques Louw on his laser finished first on handicap ahead of David Shilton on his Finn. Aden Gething was the only junior to complete.

18 September - Fastnet Trophy

The race to the heads and back was held in a strong gusty South Easter making for interesting sailing especially getting round the stake off the NSRI base. Thrills and spills aplenty with the rescue boat being kept busy.

After plotting his own private course through unmarked channels in the sandbanks David Shilton in his Finn was first on handicap followed ed by Peter Unite in his Laser 4.7. Luca Lutolf was the only junior to complete the race.

25 September - Dewar Shield

The weather gods did not play along on the day as there was insufficient breeze to sail against the incoming tide so racing did not take place.

Upcoming events

2 October - Club Cup

This is the first of 5 dates to sail this series. The series will be sailed on a high-points scoring system with each sailor best 9 races to count out of a possible 15 races.

9 & 10 October Inter-Club at GLYC

Please come and support this event and defend our club's position as holders of the Trophy (see poster below)

13 November - Buffalo Bay Race

This event is run by the keelboat section and gives all sailor the opportunity to sail in and out of the heads and experience some offshore conditions, dinghies and cats usually turn in good performances. Further instructions will follow but we will need to launch early in order to go out of the heads on a slack tide

Dinghy Dash

These fun events will start again from the 6th of October at 17.30 and then on Wednesday evenings every week.

The emphasis here is on having fun with lucky draws and Pizza's on sale.

Bridge and Rescue

As it stands we have 4 teams in place but it would be great to expand this base and release active sailors to race in place of running the events.

Bridge duty entails assisting in running the club racing on Saturday afternoon once a month from the shore bridge in the club house, a great way to get to know more people at the club and improve your knowledge of how racing is run.

If you are interested in participating, please call or message me on 082 9004 244 or speak to Nicky in the Club office.

We are also planning a bridge training/refresher course at 11.00 on the 23 October, same details as above if you would like to take part.

Sail training

Mike Pogodin is back from his time abroad so both junior and senior training will commence from next month, please check with Nicky for times and details. Courses will be arranged according to demand.

See you on the water!



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GLYC INTER CLUB REGATTA

FIRST RACE STARTS AT 12H00

Open to dinghy and catamaran classes.

Notice of Regatta and Entry Form available on:

www.glyc.org.za



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All Covid-19 Regulations apply! No Mask - No Entry

OPENING CRUISE

A big thank you to all our Sailors, canoeist, swimmers who took part in the Opening Cruise. Also a big thank you to the Sea Cadets, Sea Rescue ,Parks board and our VIP guests.



CANOE SECTION - David Gorven

Its been a cold and windy winter, but a dedicated group of paddlers have been out there for Tuesday Time Trials, Thursday canoe polo and long Saturday paddles on surfskis in the ocean or in canoes on the Lagoon. What an amazing privilege it is to be able to do the sport we love in such an amazing setting!

The big news of the past few months has been a season of world class performances in Spain by our own Chloe Bunnett. These are the results from the major events that took place:

- July 7th overall & 6th senior World Surfski Champs , Lanzerote , Spain
- August 2nd overall European Ocean Racing Champs , Spain
- September 2nd overall Spanish National Surfski Champs

Huge congrats, Chloe -that's an astonishing set of results and we're really proud of you! Welcome back to Knysna for some slightly more sedate club paddles - you've earned it!



September heralded the annual Breede Marathon on a full river, and our lone paddler this year was the evergreen Hubby Sandberg, who won the Grandmasters age group with his partner. Respect Hubby!!



Canoe Polo continues to thrive under Nelson's passionate guidance. The club recently hosted an SA U21 training weekend, with the club playing a "friendly" against the SA U21. A squad of youngsters is being trained weekly, which is encouraging and will continue the growth of Canoe Polo.

Weekly Junior canoe training sessions on a Tuesday have continued to flourish organised by Holly and Di, and assisted in the water by many volunteer club members.

There is no doubt that interest in canoeing continues to grow. Our sincere thanks to all those club members who continue to give of their time for coaching, organising and assisting in all the various canoe club activities.

RESTAURANT & BAR

Members: Please note the Restaurant will not be open Sundays but Asches Bar will be open from 3pm.

We will be launching our new summer menu soon.

Members who produce their membership card will enjoy a 20% discount on Food and Drinks. The card must be used to pay your bill to enjoy this discount. Cards can be loaded i.e., cash/credit card with waitrons, Barman or secretary.

The Membership cards do not change yearly.
If you do not have your card, please contact the Secretary

Restaurant Hours:

Tuesday to Friday	Breakfast -	08h30 - 11h00
Saturday	Breakfast	08h30 - 12h00
	Lunch	12h00 - 14h30
Wednesday & Friday	Dinner	18h00 - 20h30
Pizzas	Tuesday	18h00 - 20h00 (from 5 th October)
	Wednesday	17h00 - 19h00 (from 6 th October)

Bar Hours:

Monday & Sunday (Asches Bar only)	15h00 - 22h00
Tuesday to Saturday	10h00 - 22h00

KYC CONTACTS

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If you have been to club lately you would have notice the new look.

A big thank you for the donation of R5000 by one of KYC members, Mr Ruediger Ackerman.

This was used to purchase material and redo all curtains and blinds.

