



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter December 2018

Commodores Corner #6 – Andrew Finn

Dear members – The Knysna's busy season has arrived ...

The Piano and The Restaurant

As you will have all noticed the restaurant floor has been sanded and we have moved the piano into the centre of the restaurant. This is a fun place to be and we therefore invite any member who would like to use the piano to just pop down and come play during breakfast, lunch or dinner – just check in with Lovemore or Rob when you arrive. We will continue the Friday evening piano sessions during the season.

Pizza – at KYC

The Clubs new Pizza oven is up and running – Pizzas are being served Tuesdays, Thursdays (evenings) and Saturdays 14:00 till 15:00. Enjoy!

Happy holidays

Happy Holidays to all our members and guests, have a well-deserved break over this traditional Festive Period and a Happy New Year. As a team your KYC Gencom wishes you all the best for the New Year. The Club is in good shape the staff and members will be on duty over the season to assist you and make your break memorable.

Who's Who at KYC

We have the privilege of having the following key persons to assist you; Club Manager is Rob Clark, he is assisted by Nicky Sacks (Membership and Secretary), Lovemore Tembo (Restaurant and Bar Manager), Elton Bowers (Our chef and his team) and Jason Soanes (Bosun, Parking and maintenance manager)

Floating Jetties in front of the club

The club jetties in front of the club are for the use of members to drop off and collect persons, and or supplies. Please be courteous to other users and allow everyone a turn. If you need to leave your boat for more than 4 hrs please arrange with Rob Clark or Jason Soames. Remember Saturday sailing – keelboats in the morning and dinghy's in the afternoon. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Disabled Parking

The club is busy at the moment – all disabled parkers please display your official (Doctor supported) disabled parking sticker when using the clubs disabled bays.

Upcoming events

Please note the club has the following key events between now and the New Year, you are welcome to join and be part of them all.

14th December - KYC Annual Christmas Party – details at the club website

www.knysnayachtclub.com

29th December - Knysna Rotary Splash Festival – will be held from the Club and is a swim and duck race. Details at www.knysnasplash.co.za

31st December - KYC Years party – music and fun with Gary White all night – details at the club and tickets will be on sale at the door. www.knysnayachtclub.com

Well done to our dinghy sailors

Have a look at the inshore notes below, KYC did it again at the Annual December Theewaters Grand Slam – we won both the Finn and Hobie classes!

Off shore Sailing – Earle Seals

This last month was filled with much activity with regard to the off shore sailing group. All Saturdays were very well attended, no spare seats at the breakfast table, so it was fortunate that regular skippers were in attendance with sufficient berths on available yachts. We managed to go to sea on all weekends with sufficient wind to do some good sailing although generally we could have done with something a bit stronger to get the adrenaline going.

Saturday 24th was the day of our pre Xmas party. After a good mornings sailing yachts rafted up in featherbed bay for great braai and refreshment. Kuan Yin and Grace were fist to anchor and were joined by the rest of the fleet. A great time was held with much hospitality and conviviality before returning to the club in the late afternoon.



We often have visiting yachts all with their own interesting stories all to a pattern, but occasionally something really different.

Fleur de Passion a 33m ketch built in 1930 something as a gun boat for the German navy and then converted to a very capable sailing yacht and registered in Switzerland of all places. The yacht is sailing around the world with 4 missions 3 of which relate to surveys, such as pollution-weather-etc., but to me the most interesting was the make up of the crew. They take on 2 young people who have been committed for substance abuse and according to the skipper they have had great success in getting them right. Also they take on local young crew on each leg of the voyage. What a great way of giving young people a new and better chance in life!



Regarding the nav aids in the estuary, we attended a Parks board meeting to learn that they are consulting with SAMSA and will be upgrading the facilities at some time. We offered to be part of the process and will be chasing this up and will advise of any progress.

With many requests to revive the now defunct Buffalo challenge, we are looking at a similar event when tides suit in mid-January. A notice will be placed on the notice board and sent out on the Keeler group whatsapp shortly.

In-shore Sailing – John Winfield

The slow start to the Sailing Season has continued into the season. Races have generally either been poorly attended or altogether abandoned due to insufficient numbers turning up to warrant a race. Having said that, KYC had a great turnout at the Theewaterskloof Regatta held over the weekend of 1 & 2 December. Dave Shilton took line honours in the Finn class, with Dudley Isaacs a close second. In the Hobie 16 tussle, William and Lucinda Edwards edged out Blane and Roxanne Dodds, followed by Douglas Edwards and “PJ” taking third spot. Declan and Adam Nurse did well to come in 7th place.

Here’s hoping we see some sailing happening in the rest of December after Knud’s Cup 1 was called off on 1 December due to poor turnout of sailors. At the time of writing, Knud’s Cup 1 & 2 was scheduled to take place on 8 December, followed by Westminster Trophy 1 and 2 scheduled for 15 and 22 December.

Let’s hope the New Year sees more sailors taking up the challenge to get on the water. Plans are well underway for our own Interclub to be held on 16 & 17 February 2019. It would be great to see a large contingent from KYC defending their honour at this event, which is always well attended by visiting clubs.

Canoe Polo Trials @ Training Camp – Nelson das Fontes

The first of three selection camps took place in Parys @ the Likkewaan Canoe Club over the first weekend of December. The next training camp will be in Knysna (February 2019) and then KZN(March 2019).

With the largest ever number of players attending in juniors and seniors, made this one the most successful training camps in South Canoe polo history. With the numbers of players attending means that no-one is guaranteed a spot. Teams will be announced in March 2019 at SA champs in KZN. This is extremely exciting for Knysna canoe polo as all our players impressed all the coaching staff and selectors, hard work is paying off.

Our ten young players(5 boys and 5 girls) all fighting for a spot in the U21 teams that will attend next year’s Juniors Worlds in Ireland with 23 countries taking part and then World Champs in Italy in 2020.

They were put through a four day of intense testing.

They are great ambassadors both on and off the pitch for Knysna & Knysna Yacht club.

I'm extremely proud of our juniors on what we have accomplished in such a short time.

We are now looking for more kids from the ages of 13 years old to join us as we need the next wave of youngsters to start.



Club Maintenance – Mike Jacobs

Maintenance is ongoing at the Club – this department will be taking a well-deserved break over the holiday period and only emergency work will be done.

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 17h00 – 19h00 Thursday 14h00 – 15h00 Saturday

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

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.

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).

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.

Membership

Pay with your pre-funded membership card and get 10% discount

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 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.

Club regalia

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

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.

Christmas Dinner – Friday - 14th December

Limited seats available

MENU

STARTERS

Cold smoked Ostrich Carpaccio with rocket, olives, pepper dews,
avo pulp on a potato rosti garnished with balsamic reduction

Or

Baby marrow fritter with pickled beetroot, rocket and feta cheese
drizzled with Honey and tarragon dressing

MAINS

Smoked Gamon & Turkey with seasonal vegetables and cherry sauce

Or

Kingklip wrapped with parma ham, basil pesto served with
crushed baby potato and topped with tomato and olive sauce

DESSERT

Chocolate volcano with Ice cream

Or

Lemon sorbet

Or

Ice cream and berry sauce

R200.00 P/P



New Years Eve Party – 31st December



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Music - DJ Gary White

Monday 31st December - 18h00

*Grab your friends and come down to the best PARTY in Knysna
to celebrate the New Year!*

Children under 12 - R20.00

Bring & Braai OR Picnic basket

Adults & Children above 12 - R50.00

Please NO Alcohol - Our Bar is open

Tickets available from Office or Bar

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.