

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



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Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

OKTOBERFEST 7 October if you have not bought your tickets yet don't delay there are a few left but no guarantee that they will still be there unless you react now; call Nicky (044 382 0166 / 044 382 5724) and make sure that you and your guests are part of the fun of the evening.

As summer kicks in the activity around the club throughout the week is growing. The club provides a wonderful venue to chill out, if you can't get there during the week there is always the weekends. Our club is on the door step you can't ask for better.

Knysna Seahorses have been in the news recently and now we have a few around the club, no not from 34⁰ South, but a group of swimmers who take on the waters of our Lagoon enjoying the environment while getting that much needed exercise. Like their namesakes you will have to get up early to catch them doing their thing, they get going from about 06:00 in the morning. On Saturday 8 October they have planned a long swim, **FROM** the Red Bridge **TO** the Heads, after which they will return to the club for a relaxing braai and sundowners. They are a welcome group at the club, great to have them on board. Read more about the Seahorses further on in this newsletter.

A group of dedicated paddlers are off to the Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon taking place over the weekend of 8/9 October. The event is over a distance of 81kms; good luck, enjoy, have fun, and travel safe.

Regulars to the club taking part in water activities will have noticed a change in the men's ablutions, all bright and beautiful, let's keep it that way it is our facility. If you notice anything requiring attention, drop the club a mail or talk to Roger.

Issues around security are always topical and unfortunately our club is not immune. Recently someone entered the ladies ablution and vandalised the lockers, tenders moored to the walk on jetties have had motors stolen. Tenders moored to the floating jetties have also fallen victim with motors being stolen. One does not want to be an alarmist but please take care of your personal belongings while visiting the club. Our car park area is part of a public thoroughfare; any valuables left in clear view in your car are an open invitation. If you see any undesirable characters loitering around take extra care. Together we can make KYC premises a less attractive shopping mall.

Remember your Car stickers on the windscreen showing you are a paid up member and if a boat owner your boat sticker evidencing that your boat parking has been paid for the current year.

In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen



With the Eastern Cape Championships and the Laser Nationals on our doorstep eight of our Laser sailors have grasped the opportunity to add a bit of competition to the event at Swartvlei. With an entry of 120 boats it provided a wonderful sight and a regatta that I am sure all who participated will remember. The event is taking place as this newsletter is being released; there will be more to tell on this event next month.

The club has been all a buzz over the past few Saturdays with a very successful Open day for juniors held on 24 September. Some 20 youngsters turned up to find out a bit more and were treated to the thrill of sailing, being taken out by a group of experienced sailors, all under the watchful eyes of coaches Mike Pogodin and Cundell Statt. The wind was just right and at the end of the session there was a resounding **YES** to being asked if they had fun. Sign up for the courses is now in process with training to commence when schools return from their October holidays.



If you missed the Open day not to worry there is always space for more give Nicky a call and we will see how we can fit you in. Subject to demand, fun sailing will take place during the holidays for more detail contact Nicky in the office.

Off-shore sailing - Glenn Hansen

Changes to the requirements for marine radio operator licences and equipment have been in the pipe-line for some time. The old RT (Radio Telephone) licence is no longer available and has been replaced by the DSC (Digital Selective Calling) licence SR and LR (Short and Long) range respectively.

Members who operate, or intend operating VHF Marine radio apparatus are reminded of the recent SAMSA Notice to Mariners 32 of 2016, dated 27 September.

<http://www.samsa.org.za/sites/samsa.org.za/files/MN%2032%20of%202016.pdf>

Sailing - Something different

Have you got what it takes to go back to basics?

Whether you sail a one man Laser or a 90 foot catamaran, the chances are you'll be benefiting from modern technology, from glass reinforced plastic hulls to the latest carbon fibre sails.

Strip this tech away however and how would you fare with only your sailing skills and the most rudimentary of boats?

The Adventurists are offering sailors the chance to answer this question for themselves this coming January in one of the less traditional races on the sailing calendar.

The Ngalawa Cup launched last year and, running bi-annually, races for over 300km off the coast of Tanzania, snaking around the Zanzibar Archipelago. This January sees the fourth race set sail.

Maybe this is just what you have been waiting for. Check out the website, follow the link <http://www.theadventurists.com/ngalawa-cup-the-what/>

Canoeing – Paul Dugmore

Congratulations to Chris Visser on achieving a Gold medal in the ICF Canoe Marathon Masters World Cup held in Brandenburg, Germany recently. Chris and his partner finished 1st in the Grand Masters K2 category. Although we have not seen Chris at a time trial recently, he must have put in some serious training in Johannesburg.



Swimming – Delle Henry

We are a new group of open water swimmers in Knysna, group got together in March 2015!

Majority of members are not school hot shot swimmers but 'newbe' swimmers who just love water and embrace our estuary. Wetsuits, flippers, whatever makes you feel comfortable. Bright pink caps are compulsory, I always have spares for purchase. We are very safety conscious and always watch out for each other.



We welcome new swimmers; if you want to join in phone Delle on 083 292 2928

Water-skiing

Knysna has finally become an international tournament water-skiing destination. The weekend of the 27th and 28th February 2016 Knysna hosted its first record capable tournament. The site at Portland manor was approved by the International water-skiing federation as record capable. A brand new slalom course was installed as well as a judge's tower and camera recording equipment to verify scores and if a record was broken. The tournament was well attended including skiers from Europe.

Local skier and KYC paddler Andrew Stam managed to be selected for the SA 45+ team to ski in the Europe Africa championships in Sesena Spain.

There will be more tournaments later in the year in December 2016 and February 2017 as well as a mini league in which anyone that can get up on a slalom ski can participate.

Anyone interested in learning and participating in this awesome sport can contact Andrew Stam on 076 522 0712.



Membership

The previous committee initiated investigation into a new membership system for the club. Preliminary work indicates that the introduction of a system designed for membership management brings with it many benefits and introduces efficiencies in areas where a lot of time and effort is spent with mediocre results. Once evaluation has been completed and with a positive outcome it is anticipated that the 1st April 2017, being the start of the next financial year will be the effective implementation date.

With any system there will be change some of which involves members and their use of the club, the new system comes with a new generation membership card which will be required when visiting the club. To assist members in making the transition to the new system, as of now you will be required to show your membership card when visiting the club, ordering drinks and booking in the restaurant. While for some this may initially be an inconvenience we are sure that after a couple of months the process will have become a habit. If any difficulty is encountered in this process please contact me on 083 226 6028 or leave a message at the office and I will get back to you. Your cooperation will be appreciated; together we can make this work for all.

After contacting members who are in arrears in respect of subscriptions we have been able to reduce the outstanding amounts considerably. Regrettably there are a number who have not responded at all and as of now are past members, their membership having been suspended as provided for in our constitution. We are sorry to see them go but clearly, due to their non-response, we must assume that they are no longer interested in belonging to KYC. If we have got that wrong in any way contact Nicky in the office and set us straight.

If your details have change in any way, please forward new details via email to Nicky at secretary@knysayachtclub.com

We are still 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@knysayachtclub.com

3 rd March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
6 th May	“ “ “	Knysna Yacht Club	R 960.00
10 th May	“ “ “	Knysna Framers	R 390.00
30 th May	“ “ “	Cash Deposit	R 500.00

Just a friendly reminded, when you do an eft, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

Boat Parking

Boat owners who have defaulted in respect of their boat parking fees have forfeited their boat parking and their boats have been moved to the trailer park behind Mortons/Tait Marine. Other canoes and PVC paddle skis pictures of which were in the September newsletter have also been removed from the premises.

To avoid similar action being taken if you have indeed paid your boat parking fees, please ensure that your boat bears a current year boat parking sticker. If you don't have a sticker, speak to Nicky in the office.

The club accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur to boats and or trailers moved as provided for in the terms and conditions relating to boat parking.

Please refer to the Bye-laws relating to boat parking; the club is not a storage yard and non-sailors who store boats at the club may be subjected to the "use it or lose it" clause as provided for in the Bye-laws.

Use of Causeway - Vehicle Parking

Please note that parking on the causeway is permitted only for vehicles bearing an official 'Disabled Sticker' as is issued by the Knysna Municipality and not for general use. The use of this area by vehicles is the cause of much of the damage to the paved area and in the interests of maintaining a safe walkway for pedestrians we would like to keep use of this area by vehicles to a minimum.

Volunteers



Are you at a loose end on Saturday afternoons?

Why not come down to the club and help with the club sailing, using the opportunity to get to know fellow members. Starting and time keeping for the sailors is not difficult and can be a lot of fun. If you would like to help on the Bridge or act as crew on the rescue boat, please contact Nicky in the office 044 382 5724 or send her a mail secretary@knynsayachtclub.com

GUARANTEED YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR FEET WET

KYC has a number of employees and having a person who is willing to help with **Human Resource** matters available for consultation will be a great help, no committee just guidance and assistance. If you have experience in the HR field and would like to impart some of your skill give Rob a call on 044 382 5724/044 382 0166.

We are still on the lookout for a **Treasurer** if you have the skill and a few hours to spare give Allan a call 083 226 6028.

Restaurant and Bar

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

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

BAR

The bar hours for Sunday's have been changed, and is now open from 14h00 – 22h00

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

Friday nights – There is another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. A recent lucky member walked away with the JACKPOT of R4 000, the stakes have reset to R500 and will grow by R50 per week until won; don't miss out be at the club and stand a chance to WIN

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for September 2016

07 th September	Tony	R290.00
14 th September	Edward	R355.00
21 th September	Marlene Boyce	R385.00
28 th September	Marion Boltar	R130.00

PLEASE NOTE:

When a member books a table for Lunch or Dinner for more than 10 and does not arrive or cancellation fee of R350.00 will be charged to the member who reserved that table. Please be considerate to other member we have to turn away because we are keeping a reserved table.

For Sale

Light Industrial Oven – Make us an offer

Last year the club purchased two new ovens for the kitchen and have the old unit available. I am given to understand that it requires a minor repair. Is there anyone interested in taking this over, if so give Rob Clark a call on 044 382 0166 or 044 382 5724.

Some humour (Reproduced from 'Talking Sailing')

A sailor who smelled like a distillery flopped on a subway seat next to a priest. The sailor's tie was stained; his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket.

He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the sailor turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

"Mister, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man."

"Hmmm" said the sailor, "This newspaper article claims that the Pope has it!"

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