

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB
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Newsletter – April 2015

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

With wind behind the sails any journey is possible.

We have had such different weather patterns for sailing this last month. With April on us and the close of the Sailing Season with the Closing Cruise scheduled for Saturday, 24th we are looking towards a few good weeks of sailing together.

Our Juniors took part in both the Eastern Cape Interschools and Southern Cape Interschools last month and did us proud. As we go to print Dudley Isaac crewed for Sigi Bailes (ABYC) in the 505 World Championships.

As a Sailing Community and fellow Club members our thoughts and good wishes follow the Finn and Baer families as they continue their life-walk after losing Joy and Glynnis tragically on March 9th.

We also bade farewell to many of our Country members who went north for another summer – leaving us to enjoy an even more-beautiful Garden Route winter-time. Did you know that our town won the Traveller's Choice Award as the 2nd best destination in South Africa by Trip Advisor Travellers recently.

Wishing you a glorious Autumn.

We are all going to miss Nadia Kemoetie in the Restaurant –we wish her every happiness and success in following her calling – she is going back to study to become a Nurse after 10 years with us.

Picture on the right: Nadia Kemoetie

Picture below of Knysna East Head courtesy of The Gremlin



Social News – March

17 March saw our Club Members and their friends having an absolutely brilliant St Patrick's Party organised by Neil and Sharon Sharrocks. DJ Decks was FANTASTIC ! If you weren't there you really missed out.



Pictured from top, clockwise: DJ Decks, the big & little leprechauns, festive Irish, Bowties for the Men and - an event for the whole family

All things Irish -
Greens, Guinness and Flanagans !
And lots of happiness.
Our Canoe Club joined I the day's
event too – well down guys and
girls.



🚣 Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for March were –

4th	Mr Ferreira	R236
12th	Ian Price	R240
18th	Duncan Carter	R232
25th	Hermann Paris	R196



🚣 **No Friday Lucky Draw Winner** which means the pot is bigger and growing weekly !

EVENTS for Your Diary (Blue = Sailing; Red = Social) (Blue = Sailing; Red = Social)

-  **Friday 03 April: Club Closed**
-  **Saturday 04 April:** Club Open as normal hours
14h00 Junior Members Easter Egg Hunt
-  **Saturday 04 April: Baillie Cup 1 & Active Cup 7**
-  **Monday 06 April:** Club Open as normal hours
-  **Saturday 11 April:** Commodore Cup I with Tea & Cake
-  **Saturday 18 April:** Commodore Cup II, Active Cup 8 followed by Closing Cruise & Sailing Prize Giving **All members welcome**
-  **Saturday 18 April: Closing Cruise, All members welcome, followed by Tea & Cake – a Club Bring `n Braai & PARTY – Autumn Party with DJ LEW**



Don't forget Wednesday Happy Hour and Friday night Specials!

Keep track of what is going by registering your number on our SMS system or look up on Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl> to be updated on Events and see all the Club photos!

Inshore Sailing

Allan

Waterston

The Mackinnac Trophy, dubbed the UP RIVER RACE, is normally sailed from Belvidere however due to the Celtic and Blue Grass Concert on the Saturday we raced from the Club this year in varying wind conditions. The forecast was correct as far as the wind was concerned but the timing was bit out and by 14:30 on Sunday we had strong winds and I heard someone say that they had measured in excess of 20 knots. The choice of a 4.7 or Radial rig proved to be a good choice for Laser sailors and there was not too much swimming

18 Sailboats took part, the winner of the Junior fleet was JP Kriel, pictured right with Jock McConnachie of TimberVillage who sponsored the prizes. 2nd place was Lukhango Papu and 3rd place Cundell Statt.

In the Senior Fleet John Fowler gave a good performance on his Laser as usual with his knee holding up. Dudley Isaac on his Finn showed us all how it is done and retained the Senior trophy - well done Dudley good to see you on the water again. 2nd position was taken by Peter Unite and 3rd position by Sanele Maqgaza.



The Michaelides Trophy was sailed in light winds with lots of water – thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in the 3 races.



Some of our Juniors took part in the Eastern Cape Inter-schools regatta at Red House Yacht Club in Port Elizabeth. Our Proud Development Sailors bought back the Trophy for their school, Percy Mdala High, as well as the winning cup for Knysna Yacht Club – well done sailors.

Pictured from left to right: Lukhanyo Papu, Sakhumzi Funda, Apenduli Maneli, JP Kriel and Sanele Magqaza



The Fastnet Trophy series was sailed over 2 weekends with good sailing and was enjoyed by all. (There was a comment that Fastnet 2 could have been renamed the 'slownet'). The races were long hauls to the heads and back and with high water at 16:59 the flooding tide tested the local knowledge of the conditions in the Lagoon.

The Southern Cape Inter-schools regatta took place at George Lakes Club on Saturday and Sunday 28/29 March and there was no formal sailing at KYC. It proved once again to be a popular event - there is always a great deal of enthusiasm and competitiveness at the inter-schools resulting in a great vibe. Saturday saw wind of up to 20 knots but Sunday dawned with very little wind - with only one race sailed in a maximum of 3 knots.



Photograph left: Lukhanyo Papu's smile sums up all that is sailing! and below Sanele Magqaza



Below: Bhekumuzi Hani, Sakhumzi Funda, Apenduli Maneli,



Saturday 4 April we have the first round of the Commodores Cup, the last formal sailing competition on our calendar for the season. The second round is scheduled for 11 April with the closing cruise to take place on Saturday 25 April. All members are invited to attend the Closing Cruise and Annual Sailing Prize Giving.

As we approach the end of our sailing season preparation is taking place for the next season. We have had a few holes in our calendar this season when regional or provincial events have been scheduled. In drawing up the calendar for the new season we will be looking at making sure that we take full advantage of sailing on our local waters plugging the gaps in the current calendar.

Any comments or input to our 2015/16 sailing calendar and or sailing activities at KYC would be appreciated, this is your club -make it work for you to the benefit of sailing

And before the next sailing season - let us all take some time to be familiar with the fundamentals of Sail-Racing Rules and the need to perform penalties when called for. Copies of the ISAF 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing are available from the club and can be downloaded from the SA Sailing website at

http://sailing.org.za/race_management/pdf/ISAF%20RRS%202013-2016%20Final%20layout.pdf

Offshore Sailing

Buffalo Bay Challenge 3 happened ! 11h00 on Sunday 22nd March saw a number of eager Keelboaters meet to head out to sea. Most of the 8 yachts got to Noetzie (plan change due to wind direction) only to have the wind die to a few knots. Heading back in they were greeted by the first lightning strikes of the rain storm.



Pictured from left to right sailing: Earl Seals 'Nirvana', Bernard Strydom's 'About Time' Spinnaker, Patrick Wilson with his lovely yacht, Below left Roger Clancy and crew on 'Restless', to the right Bobby Small with 'Molly B' & Chris Woodcock's 'Silverplana' heading back and bottom Julian Kneale's 'Wahoo' on Sea Trials, Tasha Vermaak's first trip on the high seas, pictured with Sue Brandt



Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

Congratulations to Ian & Holly Godfrey - winners of the Canoe Club Best Dressed Irish Award.



Absolutely fabulous to see young canoeists on the water – both at the time trials and practising for canoe-polo.



The following canoes will be sold to defray storage costs if the owners do not claim them by the 30th April 2015. They have been left lying in the way in front of the canoe storage racks for months and all attempts to trace the owners have failed.

- White Stingray 2 surfski with blue tips
- Yellow and blue Tommahawk surfski
- Grey and pink Stingray 1 surfski
- Blue and red with Accord k2 with white stripes
- Light blue k 1 with yellow stripe 5469
- Orange and white Evo surfski



Safety & Security

You will note that 2 camera's have been installed in the car park area – we now have 24 hour security surveillance in this area. We do ask you all to be vigilant and aware and not to leave any items of value visible in your car at any time. Thank you.

Administration

Tracey Young

Reminder please that it is the time of year to pay **annual subscription** to your favorite Club. **Annual BOAT PARKING has to be applied for please urgently.**

We also encourage all members to **purchase a boom key for easy access** to the Club to facilitate entrance to the parking area and ablution facilities. The **access code** for ablution safety doors can be obtained from the office or barmen.

New Membership cards, car and boat stickers are available from the office awaiting collection.

NEW WINTER stock of great **KYC-Branded beanies and long sleeve t-shirts** as well as a well-priced very well made **Re-sail bag** selection. To view in Office in Asches' Cabin.



Asche's Cabin has a new frame with the vessel 'Mercury' proud to carry the KYC burgee. This vessel has a long and fantastic history.

The top picture was Mercury crossing the line as heroine of the 1971 Agulhas race (Argus) skippered by Gordon Neil.

The bottom picture is an action shot of Mercury taken during the 1971 Fastnet race. Again Gordon Neil at the helm with crew member Bruce McCurrogh (seated) captured in this shot.

Thought for the Month

There is always
a way if you're
committed.
~ Anthony Robbins



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