

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

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Newsletter – May 2015

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

What a super way to end the Sailing Season. A lot of April sailing action and perfect Autumn weather!

April 18th saw Our Commodore's Cup Round 2 contenders on the water for a final competitive sail of the season and the Closing Cruise a wonderful colourful festive event with all types of craft on the water – from canoes, dinghies, sailboats and powerboats. Next year perhaps we will have some S.U.P.'s on the water too? Thank you to my mother and to the 'Galley Crew' who put together a superb spread of eats for us all to enjoy with our tea and coffee after the Cruise.

On behalf of the General Committee and members of the Club I would like to extend my sincere and grateful thanks to the Bridge and Rescue teams who willingly give up their time so that the sailors can get on the water and do what they do best – sail. I do hope that before the next sailing season we will see more members actively involved with the support team, who do a great job.

We are very proud of our development Juniors who took part in the Tera World Selections at Swartvlei, with Sanele Magqaza chosen for the South African Team in the Tera Worlds in Holland this year. We are all hoping that this promising youngster will be able to get all his paperwork together in time to join the team. Good luck Sanele.

The same team of Juniors took part in the ABYC Interclub the long weekend of 25th-28th April winning the Junior Title with a clean sweep, taking first 4 podium positions. Congratulations to Coach Mike Pogodin and to them all, holding the name of the Knysna Yacht Club high.

Other members of our yacht club were also part of the competitive field: Dudley Isaac took part with Sigi Bailes in the World 505 Championships held this year at Algoa Bay Yacht Club. Our Hobie sailors were very busy – the Hobie 16 Nationals in Durban were won by William and Lucinda Edwards with the silver medal taken by Blaine Dodds and daughter Roxanne. 6th place was taken by Douglas and sister Pippa Edwards. The Hobie 16 National Womens, held in Langebaan - Gold was won by Lucinda and Pippa Edwards. In the Hobie Tiger nationals William and Douglas Edwards took 4th place while Blaine and Peter Dodds came in 8th.

Our Canoeists, in good ol' tradition, continue taking to the water even when the temperature drops so quickly, as it has done this last month.

Although the competitive Sailing Season has now closed for winter we do hope that our sailors will continue to have great sailing weather in the next few months, with lots more time to socialise in the Club (I believe Asche's fire has already been burning and the Clubhouse Restaurant also boasts a new fireplace!).

Hope to see you all at the Club this month.

Pictured below: Celebrating time honoured traditions – Sailing Prizegiving & Right-April has seen many of our own coastal tablecloth over the dune ridge and in the Knysna Heads



Social News – April

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for April were –

01 st April	Mr Siena	R115
08 th April	James McGee	R170
15 th April	Edward	R100
22 nd April	Bob Rauch	R232
29 th April	Joe Edwards	R170

No Friday Lucky Draw Winner !



Our thanks to Gillian Gething for her continued support and making sure that the Easter Bunny paws came across the Causeway.

Pictured at our Junior Easter egg hunt – frenzy of activity to try and find all those Easter Eggs. Great fun.



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Sunday 10 May: Mother's Day – Spoil your mom – Lunch at KYC
Monday 11th May: Restaurant is Closed
Earliest History of Mothers Day

The earliest history of Mothers Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honour of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome.

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday. Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wishes. Ref: <http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-history.html>

Inshore Sailing

Andrew Finn

Another sailing season has come to an end and a word of thanks is due to the small band of volunteers behind the scenes who give freely of their time to make our regular weekly sailing and special events the resounding success that they are. On behalf of the sailors and the Sailing Committee I would like to thank the following who make it all possible:

Colin and Laraine Brown
Jim Cleland
Stephanie Finn
Barry Giggins
Alice Jagger
Pippa Jarman
Daniel Hennessy
Emil Moller
Dudley Barnard
Gayle Newby
Duncan Paton
Mike Pogodin
Roleen Schoefield
Cundell Statt
Joan Tarboton
Cherry Bullard
Dereck Wheeldon
Sue Mc Iver
Pam Waterston
Alistair Fraser
Nan Jamieson
Francis Lamini
Jock McConnachie
Bob Hunt



And to all Juniors that helped out when they could.

Pictured are from left to right: Joan Tarbaton, Cherry Bullard and Gayle Newby. Joan always hoists the penants on time!

Please remember we are always looking for volunteers to assist with Races and shore-assistance, you don't need to be a sailor or know much about what is going on - there is always someone around to provide that bit of guidance. If you would like to get involved please contact the Sailing Secretary Tracey Young in the office. It is intended to run a basic Bridge Course and possibly a Skippers course for rescue boat crews before the start of the new season.

Tracey Young



April saw our Sailors very active both on home waters and away Regattas.

The 505 Worlds was held in Port Elizabeth which Dudley Isaac took part in, the Dart Nationals took place at East London. The Tera Worlds selection regatta was held in Swartvlei with our own Sanele Magqaza (pictured left) being chosen as one of the South African Team to participate in this year's Tera Class World Event in Holland. Here's hoping that he can get all his paperwork in place to go.

Congratulations Sanele - we are very proud of you.

At home The Commodore's Cup was run over 2 weekends with the 2nd round the same day as the Closing Cruise and Prizegiving. Round 1 had 16 competitors on the water sailing in a variable light south Easterly wind and flooding tide - very much a tactical race.



Lovely to see those red Mirror sails on the water – photos from Commodore's Cup 1

15 competitors set out in good winds on April 18th to take part in the second round of the Commodores Cup, the last series on the calendar for the 2014/15 sailing season. A fantastic result in the Senior Fleet with the overall winner Bekumuzi Hani and his crew Sakhumuzi Funda sailing a Spearhead – these are 2 of our Junior Development sailors who have come through KYC's Sailing Academy with Coach Mike Pogodin, who have now joined the Senior Fleet. The Junior Fleet overall winner was Apendule Maneli with veteran Pat Tarboton taking Gold in the Hobie 14 fleet.



Above: Commodore Cup 2 sailing photo's



Commodore Cup Prize-winner Photographs above, left to right: Apendule Maneli, Bhekumuzi Hani and Pat Tarboton



Pictured left:
Chick Ramsey shows us how it is done



Very proud Junior
Commodore Cup Trophy Winners

A wonderful turnout for our Closing Cruise with all manner of boats (some very 'dressed all over') taking the salute from our Commodore. The fleet was led by the TS Knysna Admirals Barge, the Margaret Parkes, with the incredible Mrs Parkes on board. See photo's below





Pictured with budding sailors are left, Dudley Isaac and right, Brett Gething



The date of the Closing Cruise was bought forward by 1 week due to the Public Holidays and although the weather was overcast it turned out to be a lovely day with Tea and Cakes enjoyed in the Restaurant followed by the Annual Prize Giving. Asche's was a-buzz and the fire's burnt – after some fun rugby DJ Lew's music was enjoyed until late in the evening. Prizegiving photos will follow in next month's Newsletter.

Our Congratulations to our Hobie Sailors who took part in a number of events in April. The Hobie Nationals in Durban:

Report by Blaine Dodds (sailing with daughter Roxy)

Pictured are Blaine and Roxy Dodds



5 Dragons , 9 Hobie 14's and 44 Hobie 16's entered this year's Hobie National Championships, hosted by the PYC at Vetch's Beach, Durban. Whilst the pre event weather forecasts were grim, reality provided excellent sailing condition with plenty of good sailing enjoyed. We both had a fantastic regatta going down to the wire on the last race with who beats who – William and Lucinda Edwards taking the gold! Well done!
It is good to see such a strong fleet coming out of the Southern / Eastern Cape with ourselves (Edwards' being 1st place and Dodds' team taking 2nd) being Knysna, 3rd Andrew Ward –

ABYC and 5th Robert Archibald – ABYC and Douglas Edwards 6th.

Also would like to note that there was a lot of youth coming through which is encouraging and it shouldn't be long before they should be giving us more of a run for our money.

A couple of weekend's later our Hobie Sailors were off to Langebaan where Lucinda and Pippa Edwards took the Ladies Gold Trophy in the Tiger Nationals. FANTASTIC – well done !

With the Sailing Regatta Season over it is time for some FUN winter sailing.

Let's keep those weekend Lagoon waters filled with colourful sails!

Offshore Sailing

Our social Keeler group (some of whom are pictured to the right) who are on the water almost EVERY Saturday morning without fail continue to meet all year . Perhaps the more adventurous dinghie sailors will join them during the quiet non-racing season to head out to sea.

For any further information about joining up for some sailing contact the office or Roger Clancy. At least one Mosselbay trip is planned for the winter time I hear.



Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

It has been a busy month for the canoe club section with more action coming up in the next few months and attendance at the Tuesday timetrials is at record levels.

Pennypinchers Plett Easter Surski event

Well done to 13 yr old Daneel van Wyk (pictured far right) who finished as the top junior in his first single ski race. Chloe Bunnet (pictured right) added to her long list of wins by taking the ladies prize in the main race. We wish her all the best in the upcoming European Surfski series. She and Pete will be based in the Canary Islands for the season.



19km Goukamma race 18th April

Our first race held at the River Deck Restuarant at the Buffalo Bay turn-off was supported by no less than 44 paddlers. Perfect weather and a nice river level contributed to a great morning.

The 1st place prize-winners are as follows:

K1 male Martin Fraser-Mackenzie

K1 lady Chloe Bunnet

K2 male Iain Hanton & Garreth Tanner

K2 lady Sharon Rennie & Dalene Lindsay

k2 mixed Grant & Claire Lemke

K2 9km Dave Shilton & Dudley Isaacs

Thanks again to Greg Chauncey and Di Steenkamp for shepharding the junior paddlers and to Nelson and Sue das Fontes, owners of Sublime in the Knysna Quays, and Darren Berry of Red Bridge Brewery, for the main prizes.



Pictured left: Nelson and Sue Das Fontes shooting weir and right, Upstream race start.

Pictured below: Greg Chauncey with the Junior Paddlers who took part in the Goukamma Race – fantastic.



A reminder to all paddlers and spectators of the rebranded H2H event being organized by Darren Berry, Sunday 5th July. Check out the poster for details

Knysna Sea Cadets

Steve Eriksen

TWO KNYSNA SEA CADETS FOR USA

The success achieved by Petty Officer Amber Cloete was reported two weeks ago, to tell the public that she had been selected as the winner of the National Sea Cadet of the Year Competition. As her prize or reward we reported that she was going to visit the United States of America to join the US Cadets, and other cadet from other countries around the world, for a three week summer camp run by the US Navy at their Officer Training Facility on the East Coast.

Not only did Knysna have the honour of the Cadet of the Year (pictured right) coming from their unit, but the Cadet who came third in the Competition was also from Knysna, the Master at Arms Cadet Petty Officer Delisen Juries (pictured left). His reward will be to also travel to the USA with Amber Cloete to participate in the Cadet Summer Camp at Newport, Rhode Island. The two will learn a lot about life on the sea, and about the ways of life in other countries through mixing with cadet from eleven other countries.



Their commanding officer Lt. Commander Steve Eriksen is appealing to the residents of the greater Knysna area served by the Knysna Plett Herald to please assist with raising the funds necessary for their trip. The airfares from Johannesburg to the US and back have been sponsored, but their flights to and from Johannesburg have still to be paid, and the USA Visa must be obtained, together with camp fees of R1,800 each, and recommended pocket money of R2,500. The youngsters need to raise R7, 000 each, which is a daunting target. If anyone can help, for any small amount that can be found, please contact Steve Eriksen on 083 653 7060, at any hour of day or night, or by email at seacadet@seanet.co.za

The Knysna Yacht Club is very proud of our Sea Cadets – well done to you both.

Administration

Tracey Young

Our **Annual Subscriptions** are due by the 31st May of each year. This is the first year where we have used email addresses for ALL accounts and correspondence and we have noted that many invoices have been rejected or returned to us – please do look in your 'Junk Mail' folder and accept mails from the email account: robc@123.co.za.

Kindly note that if you have not received your invoices we may not have your updated contact details.

Boat Parking is applied for on an annual basis and to be paid for on allocation of your bay. Please note and sign for the Conditions of Parking on the reverse side of the form which can be downloaded from our website or picked up at the Club.

Membership cards and parking stickers are ready for collection at the Office. Please do let us know if you wish us to post these to you.

The **WiFi Connectivity** at the Club has been changed. You need to connect to Telkom Guest and either:

1. Follow the procedure (as listed on notice in the bar) to gain 30 minutes free WIFI per day per user, OR
2. If you have a smart phone or Tablet you can get 10Gig free data per month with your ATO Telkom simcard, as long as it has airtime on. This is available from Telkom and cost is minimal.

You will note that, in the interests of security, camera's have been installed to monitor movement to and from the Club.

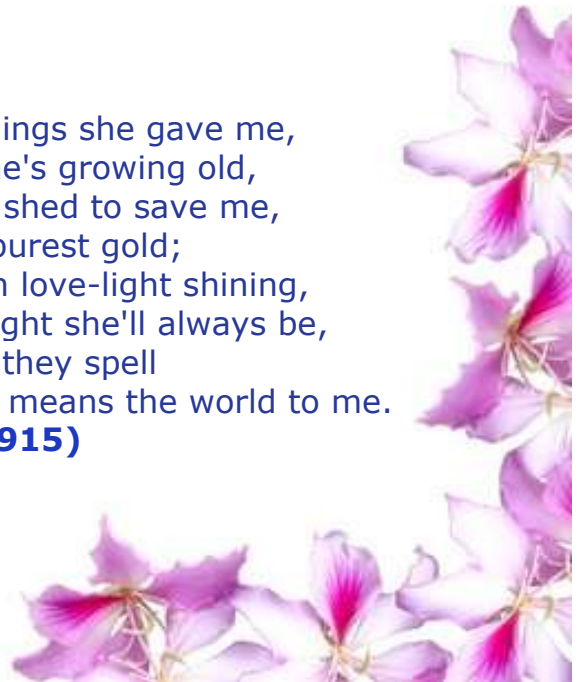
Please remember that the **Annual General Meeting** is provisionally scheduled for 18th June and both Nomination and Proxy forms are available from the Club. The deadline for any Nominations for candidates for the General Committee are to be delivered to the Club Secretary 24 hours prior to the opening of the meeting.

Thought for the Month



M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell
"MOTHER," A word that means the world to me.
Howard Johnson (c. 1915)



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