

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – June 2015

Commodore's Corner

*Jim Parkes
Parkes*

I have been extremely privileged and proud to have served on the Committee for a number of years and Commodore for the past three years. Our family has had a long history with the Knysna Yacht Club beginning even before my grandfather donated The Parkes Cup in 1927. My father was Commodore in the 1950's and President in the 1970's and I believe that the Club is one of the finest clubs in the world of which we are all very proud. It was only this last week that we received a request from the South African Ambassador of Japan, who had heard about our club and enquired about having tea here. This endorses the fine reputation of our club throughout the world.

Reflecting on the past few years I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their wonderful support during my tenure, especially the President and the Vice Commodore who have been so loyal to the Club over many years. The past few years has seen the club grow steadily in membership and the facilities have improved in all areas.

The galley and restaurant have seen great changes with Dawn and her team lifting the standards not only of the dining but also the weekly 'specials'.

The Club purchased new RS Terra dinghy's and saw two of our development sailors going to the Worlds' with another development sailor heading to Holland this year for the World Tera-class Competition. Our Juniors have also done exceptionally well at various Club and inter-provincial regatta's, for which thanks go to Mike Pogodin and his team of helpers. Enthusiastic juniors have also been trained by John Young on the L26's and we hope that they make their way to the Lipton Cup this year. Our Hobie sailors, the Edwards and Dodds families have won many National and International awards making our club very proud of their achievements.

It is also fantastic to see so many of our members cruising as well as earning a living from building wooden boats to luxury Catamarans or working on-board, in various places throughout the world.

It is so pleasing to see that the canoe section has gone from strength to strength – starting off with the weekly time trials to canoeists playing regular canoe-polo and participating in events all over the country. Our paddlers have brought new life to the club - bringing their families into the club with active participation in canoeing events which is so important to the future of our club. The 23rd May saw the paddlers hosting a successful Hoogekraal race with 64 paddlers on the water, an event which is sure to grow. Canoeist Michelle Eray continues to participate and win in International events and holds the name of the Knysna Yacht Club high.

I would like to thank Lt Commander Steve Erikson for always being willing and part of the Opening and Closing Cruise, with his Cadets being an integral part of the proceedings as well as sailing at the Club during the week.

I would like to thank my Mother and Dawn for the great teas that they have provided to the hungry sailors after the Parkes' and the Commodores Cup each year which have become 'infamous' and events not to be missed.

My thanks must go to each Yacht Club Member and all the Staff for the support you have shown myself as fellow Sailor, Committee Member and Commodore over many happy years association with the Club.

The AGM is upon us and I urge you to attend and support the future of the Knysna Yacht Club.

I wish the new Committee and all Yacht Club members fair winds for the future.

Social News – May

The Knysna Yacht Club was THE place for sundowners and spectacular sunsets.

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for May were –

06	Vicky New	R196
13	Ruth Powell	R141
20	Gabriella Van Schoor	R165
27	Bob Rauch	R246



No Friday Lucky Draw Winner for May

Harriet's little one Enroy came to pay mom a visit at work !

Below: Tea at the Knysna Yacht Club for the South African Ambassador of Japan Shigeyuki Hiroki & his wife with their local hosts



Pictured Right: Hermann Paris and one of his crew, Francisco Pedro, will leave beautiful lasting impressions

Sunset below - Courtesy of Johan Calitz



Wednesday Happy Hour

A perfect way to end a day watching the sunset and catching up with friends



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

-  **Sunday 14 June: Fathers' Day Luncheon**
-  **Monday 15 June: Restaurant and Club open as normal**
-  **Tuesday 16 June: Restaurant and Club open as normal**
-  **Thursday 18 June: Annual General Meeting – All members welcome**
Nomination and Proxy forms are available from the Restaurant or Office, these have to be submitted before 18h00 on 17 June and displayed on the Notice Board. A copy of the AGM Minutes 2014 are posted on the Notice Board for your information

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

While our adult Sailors have been catching up on maintenance and enjoying the Restaurant and Asches, watching the delightful rain and winter chill from inside there have been many Juniors on the water honing skills for upcoming events.

The **J22 Youth Interclub Regatta** to be held at the Transvaal Yacht Club on Hartebeespoort Dam from 13-16 June. Knysna Yacht Club will be represented by a great team of Juniors Seth (foredeck) & Sara Young (genoa trimmer and spinnaker sheets & guys) with Georgeou (helm) and Markos (spinnaker) Divaris. Our sincere thanks to the team manager, Ronnie Baer, who will be with them on this exciting journey and may they have some great sailing on inland waters. You can follow this event on our facebook or <http://www.tyc.co.za/>

Although we do not have any J22's at the Club the team have been training on a similar keelboat, the L-26. The J22 is a 22ft strict one design keel boat sailed by either 3 or 4 crew members with a total crew weight not exceeding 275kg. The class has developed rules that emphasize both fun and fair competition. For more information see: www.j22.co.za

Sanele Magqasa is off to the **Tera Class World Championships**, 24-31 July, in Ruinisse, Holland, and our warm wishes go with this deserving young Development Sailor as he sets off on this adventure with the South African team. In last year's World Event he finished 12th so we are looking forward to seeing him in action on International waters. Our sincere thanks to Cathy Avierinos of the Tera Class Association who has assisted in obtaining the necessary funding for him to participate and for looking after the team while they are away.



Pictured right is Sanele at our recent Prizegiving where he was awarded the Rietie Barnard Trophy Junior winning the most races for the past season

Offshore Sailing

Jaco Delport reports from his trip – Cruising to Mossel Bay and back:

290` and the wind on the port Quarter

That was our angle of sail down to Mosselbay on 'SV Mila', a 28ft Spirit. My close friend Cassie, and the notorious two sea dogs, Roland and Johan were my crew. Roland and Johan sailed the same route previously in their bathtub - a 19ft Pirate.

We left the lagoon at 10 o'clock, two hours before high tide. With the Heads astern and 260` on the compass, trolling a red and white Haloco lure, we pressed on until 80meters of water. Opposite the Gougamma River Mouth we started to plot a more westerly course at 290`.

It is here where the first Horse mackerel paid us a visit and took the lure. By the third fish we realised that no one was steering the boat, all sailors diagnosed with a severe case of fish-fever, even the seasick-sailor laying inside on the berth was miraculously healed and joined in the fun in catching the mackerel. Thanks to heavenly intervention we lost both lures other wise we would still be looking for 'one' more!

At last we got on with the Job of sailing the boat. Spirits high when at last we got the kite up and flying. It was a lovely calm sea and some of the crew took to the berths to 'inspect the ceiling for any leaks' and that wasn't a job to be taken lightly.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunset and as soon as the first star appeared in the night sky the first fishing trawler from MosselBay sailed by. Beaconed by the Cape Saint Blaze light and

with florescence in our wake, we made our final push under diesel power. We were amazed to see the sea come alive under us as little bait fish darted away from the bow, lighting up with florescence and making a beautiful underwater fireworks show. The highlight of the show was when the dolphins joined in, neon green dolphin shapes all-around the boat.

The Quick flashing red of the breakwater marked the end of our journey, what can go wrong know? Suddenly black fog rolled in and blinded the entrance to the harbor. Thanks to Steve Jobs (the Ipad) and navionics we slowly and carefully crawled to the harbor entrance. " Mosselbay port control, Mosselbay port control, this is sailing vessel Mila, sailing vessel Mila, permission to enter harbor. Permission granted.

The end of an eventful day of sailing.

Hereby a great thanks to Roger and the Saturday morning sailing crew who have taught and instructed us, enabling us to go out and enjoy these adventures.



KNYSNA – a good place to learn the 'ropes' and a great home-base !

Pictured below left: Heino Werth, the new owner of 'SV Grace' onboard with John Young, brother Volker and dad Bill and Right, 'SV Comfortably Numb' before her voyage to the Seychelles – Colin, Warrick, Owners Gavin and Suzette Whyte, Dirk and Grietje



Flare and Liferaft Demonstration

On Saturday 30 May sharp Roger Clancy held a fantastic informative demonstration of Handheld flares and Liferaft and in true Roger-style added many laughs to the day with his super sense of wit and wisdom. Thank you Roger – we all learnt so much and for almost all it was the first time actually seeing the Liferaft pop open in the water.



The **Lipton Cup Challenge** to be held in Table Bay at the Royal Cape Yacht Club takes place on 10-17 July this year and we have a Junior team rearing to go, complete with a qualified Junior Skipper. They have been practicing on Saturdays as a team, working around their busy school sports programmes. Meanwhile they are holding thumbs for a sponsor(s) to assist them with the costs of participation in this prestigious sailing event and a place to stay during the event in Cape Town.

More about this next month!

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

Start of the Race

Parkes Hoogekraal Race

There was a great turnout of 64 paddlers for the Hoogekraal race, held for the first time at a wonderful new venue. Jim Parkes made their property along the river available to the club and generously sponsored the prizegiving. Two lovely scarves went to the lady's winners courtesy of Sublime Clothing at the Waterfront.



The overall winner of the main 17 km race was Martin Fraser-Mackenzie followed by Albert Wasserman and Nelson Das Fontes. Third spot went to Rob Hansen of Plett. In the 9.5 km race Phil and Felicity Mailer finished first followed by Dudley Isaac and Dave Shilton, then Alastair Fraser and Janet Neilson. The 4.5 km guppy race was once again sheperded by Greg Chauncey. First place went to Toby Tyrrell, second to Brian Fraser-Mackenzie and third to Thomas das Fontes. Well done to everyone.



Pictured left is Toby Tyrrell, above left Kobus and Jaques Maritz from Mossel Bay, above right Phil and Felicity Mailer, below right: Albert Wasserman and Nelson Das Fontes

And while some paddled hard.....
Others enjoyed the scenery more



*Left below is Lelia Tyrrell and Tammy Hanton and Pam Booth and Andrea Lamprecht on the right
Photographs by Janet Stanwix*



We are already past the time of year when everyone should have a light attached to themselves or their boat as it is pitch dark by the time we finish timetrials. Belen of Earth Scout has AAA- waterproof strobe lights called "gloo toobs" available to KYC members at the special of R145 each. Please note you must produce your 2015/16 Membership card.

Don't forget the Harbour to Heads canoe race on the 5th July organized by Darren Berry.

Administration

Tracey Young

Our Library books are not all being returned – Please Club members do enjoy and keep the books borrowed for a maximum of 2 months or sign them out again. There is some very valuable reading material and we would like this library to remain so for years to come. THANK YOU to all our members (and non-members) who have donated books to our library.

It is really wonderful that the Club is a great place to meet with friends and family. In the spirit of Membership and community please keep any meetings/business at the Club discreet and remember that the Club is there for the benefit of ALL members at any time.

Please remember the cut-off date for payment of membership subscriptions is the end of May, unless you have written confirmation of agreement to pay off your subs.

We have the following unallocated payment – please let us know if this is your subscription payment.

Date Received	Reference Used	Total Received
08 May 2014	R015EHOBRO	R1630.00

Please use your account number when paying any fees to the Club

Boat Parking is to applied for on an annual basis and we have to allocate boat parking as applied, with preference given to active sailing vessels.

WE ARE RECYCLING:

Please support us with keeping our Recycling project on the ball. We are separating glass, cardboard, plastics and general rubbish. Thank you. If you do not access to glass and paper recycling at home you are welcome to neatly put these items in a bag/box outside the rubbish sheds only to be collected.

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The editor asks for apologies where photo credits are not given.