

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB



Newsletter – January – 2017

Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

The holiday season has come and gone and with it an exodus of the visitors. Visitors are most welcome and an important component in our recipe for success but we nonetheless breathe a sigh of relief as tranquillity settles on Knysna and the club.



As the sun set on 2016 the New Year party got off to a good start and 2017 was brought in with revellers partying until the early hours of New Year's Day. As usual we had a cover charge to help meet the costs associated with the extras provided for the evening and it was a little disappointing to see that a few of our members are unwilling to pay the extra, but nonetheless enjoy all that is provided.

In preparation for the holiday season Lovemore, Clive and Patrick were treated to a little relaxation courtesy

of Mark Orpen and Southern Yachting Academy. They boarded the famous classic ocean racer SV Mercury (with original sail number SA3) in front of the club and sailed off through the heads; a wonderful first time experience for them, who knows may be our next Lipton team.



I had the opportunity to help on the first day of the Fireball

Worlds Championship regatta at Mossel Bay on Sunday 11 December assisting in the laying of one of the course marks. Bobbing around on a rubber duck trying to hold on to a 1,5m³ inflated course marker in 22 knot winds and swells of 3, 5 to 4mt was a challenge but nowhere near as challenging as what the

participants faced. There was some excellent sailing by the participants; it was certainly no child's play. Visit the Fireball World Facebook page and see more pictures and you will gain an appreciation of what I am talking about



https://www.facebook.com/fireballworlds2016/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE

Eden sailors acquitted themselves well in the regatta, again showing the world class level of sailing in the district; Georgou Divaris & crew Ferdinand Holm came 4th in the fleet of 25 international entries. Anthony & Diane Parker were 12th, Dave Laing & Chris du Toit 16th and Cundell Statt & Rory Laing in 17th position.

South African Sailing (SAS) recently announced that it has taken a significant step in the transformation of the sport in South Africa with the appointment of its first full time CEO and a dedicated Transformation Councillor.

Greg Smith and Golden Mgedeza were appointed into these roles with effect from 1 November. The goals are to grow substantially the number of participants across all disciplines of sailing, open the sport to all South Africans, and develop the future heroes of the sport.

The holiday season has been good for the club; the Galley staff continue to slave away producing lovely dishes like the one on the right. If you have not tried this dish 'Smoked Salmon Bruschetta' you are missing out. Like the Galley staff our Bar staff have been toiling away making sure that the bar is stocked and they are able to pour your favourite drink. Their efforts are appreciated and add to the experience enjoyed at our club.



An interesting quote recently published in Talking Sailing which makes one stop and think; it may apply to sailing but I believe that it applies equally to our everyday lives and dealing with others.

"You haven't won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen



Three of the KYC junior sailors participated in the 2016 Youth Nationals and the 60th Anniversary of the Dabchick regatta held at Theewaterskloof Dam in early December. Sailing Dabchicks at KYC was a new experience for the three JP Kriel, Lameck Jason and Ryan Hughes who gave a good account of themselves finishing 15th, 26th and 35th respectively, in a fleet of 46 boats. Well done.

Saturday sailing continued during the month with the Fastnet trophy series being won by Colin Mathiesen. The first round of the Mathiesen Cup was sailed on 10 December.

January 7th we have round 2 of the Mathiesen Cup and towards the end of the month over the weekend 28th and 29th the Mackinnac Trophy (Up river race) sponsored by Timber Village which is sailed from Belvidere (a change from the published calendar to take advantage of the tides). This is always a great event and the bit of effort in getting to the other end of the lagoon is well worth it. An invitation has been extended to the owners of wooden boats in Knysna to join in, which will add to the event. After sailing on the Saturday, Mike and Sue Mills of Belvidere will provide steak rolls at nominal cost and a limited cash bar.

Last year we ran a very successful junior training programme with many new faces around. Training took place on most week day afternoons and on Saturdays mornings. By all accounts these budding sailors had a great time learning the basics of sailing coupled with the opportunity to spend time on the water with some of the more experienced sailors.

It is intended to continue with these training sessions; further information and detail will be available in a week or so.

While we talk about junior sailing, instruction is not confined to juniors; parents are also welcome, making sailing a family activity.

Contact Nicky in the office for more information on 044 382 0166



Off-shore sailing - Glenn Hansen



Serious stuff

Our Off-shore keeler group kicked off their festive season (that is if they do have a festive season as such; they are always having a ball) with a fish and prawn braai. The day was a little fresh after the hot weather experience in Knysna at the beginning of December but this didn't deter them at all.

Mouth-watering grub and a delight to see these members enjoying the camaraderie of their fellow sailors at the club.



Going down well



All done

A couple of snippets from *Talking Sailing*

An early notification for the Vasco da Gama Race, the race will start on Thursday 27 April 2017 in Durban and finish 400nm later in Port Elizabeth - must be one or two KYC sailors interested!

Marine Notice 37 recently published deals with Approval of Lifejackets and Buoyancy Aids and the Compulsory Standards for Lifejackets used on South African Vessels' and it is suggest that all keelboat and sea-going catamaran owners, skippers and sailors read this notice, issued by SAMSA follow the link '.

<http://www.samsa.org.za/sites/samsa.org.za/files/MN%2037%20of%202016.pdf>

Up coming events

Christmas and New Year have come and gone and life in Knysna and activity on and in the Lagoon returns to normality with a sigh of relief from the mud prawns to sailors, swimmers and paddlers.

We take it easy in January, easing into February



with Valentine's Day on 14th

and then



St Patricks Day on Friday 17th March

Membership

Many of our members are constantly on the move, we don't want to lose track of you, if your contact details have changed in any way please let us know. Please call or email your new details to Nicky at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Are you over 65 years of age and have been a member in good standing for 7 years or more, or 75 years of age with 20 years membership in good standing, you could qualify for Senior or Veteran membership, and qualify for a discount on your annual subscription effective 1 April 2017; make application in writing to the secretary.

We welcome the following new members to our club and hope that their membership lives up to expectation, it is great to have you on board:

Richard & Glynis Compton

Gregory & Nicolette Dwyer

Barry & Debi Haywood

Leslie Hans

Julian Lincow

Kathryn Michaelides

Michaela Mihalik

Daniel Ponelat

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@knysnayachtclub.com

3rd March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
30th May	“ “ “	Cash Deposit	R 500.00

NB when you do an eft, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

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.

HELP

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

After the lavish eating, over indulgence and hard work of the festive season providing hospitality to family and friends take a break and pop down to the Club for a good wholesome meal.

Restaurant

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

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

PLEASE NOTE:

A NO SHOW fee of R350.00 will be charged for tables booked for 10 or more if the party does not arrive or cancel the day before.

Please be considerate to other member who we may have had to turn away.

Bar

Normal hours during the week are 11h00 till late and Sunday's 14h00 – 22h00

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

Lucky Draw Winners for December 2016

7 December	Edward	R265.00
14 December	Edward	R145.00
21 December	Susan Campbell	R570.00
28 December	Kelly Overton	R715.00



Friday nights – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The jackpot currently stands at R1500 and grows by R50 per week until won or reaches R4 000; don't miss out be at the club and stand a chance to WIN



Lastly, the General Committee and all the Staff at KYC would like to wish all our members a very prosperous 2017.