

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – August 2014

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

The month of July has been a quiet month while we gather our energies to embrace the springtime fast approaching, very warm and sunny and visitors to our shores have been in their T-shirts enjoying our winter-sun. Our KYC members visiting abroad have enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of our Reciprocal Clubs – do take this opportunity of visiting these Clubs when you are on holiday – take with you our Club Burgee as an exchange too. It is lovely to keep these gracious traditions alive.

Following our Annual General Meeting I am pleased to give you the following feedback as promised. This feedback to our Members from the GENCom will be on a quarterly basis from now on as requested.

We did an exhaustive comparison of our Galley and Bar prices against various other Yacht Clubs. We found that we have compared favourably to their pricing structures. We will continue to take the opportunities that our Suppliers give us on specials from time to time and pass these on to you, KYC Members and Guests.

We are currently investigating all options on bar meals in Asche's. Asche's Bar is now open earlier every **Sunday, from 12h30**, so that you can take advantage of our Braai and picnic facilities with a cold drink at hand.

Starting this month we have added the following on a trial basis to our Galley offerings:

Each **Thursday Lunch time** – special Menu Item on offer. This will change weekly. Watch your SMS/Facebook!

Last Sunday of each month Galley Open for A La Carte Menue 12h00-14h00 (Last Order).

Please note that the Monday immediately after this Open-Sunday the Galley will be closed.

We rely on you, our Members, to support our Galley and Bar and hope that you will get full benefit from these improvements.

Other matters bought up were regarding the Showers, which we are pleased to announce that we have not had any further problems in this regard since then.

Children are an integral part of a family Club and are always welcome at KYC. We would very much like to see more children on the water, be it sailing, paddling, waterskiing and swimming. Just having fun.

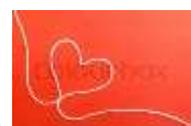
The Lofts are to continue being used as the Junior Sailing Centre and as a venue to hire for functions too. We are still investigating the cost of converting this building into 2 self-catering apartments for rental.

A last matter that was bought up at the AGM was the Security and card system at the Club. We aim to improve and are working on this matter and trust that we will come up with a system best suited for all within the next year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Alan Flint as our Knysna Yacht Club Treasurer.

Please feel free to fill in your suggestions/complaints in our Suggestion Book in the Galley or with our Club Secretary. We discuss each and every comment you, as a KYC member, share with us.

We were honoured to be the host Club of the Tera World Championships 2014 at Swartvlei in July. Our members who visited and supported our Juniors enjoyed the great atmosphere at this venue and we were visited by the International President of the Tera Association and his International Jurors who complimented us on our Club and its facilities.



Let's remember the 9th of August is Women's Day – for all those special women in your life.

The following **Unidentified deposits** have been made for subscriptions which we cannot allocate against Membership. Please confirm urgently with Rob Clark if you recognise one of these as yours-

Date Received	Reference Used	Total Received
08 April 2014	Knysna Yacht Club	R1537.00
09 April 2014	Grethe Marit Delas	R1537.00
10 April 2014	Account A05 JWamco	R1537.00
30 April 2014	Sub 2014/15 ETC	R1537.00
09 May 2014	Knysna Yacht Club	R977.00
15 May 2014	Honda Marine	R1517.00
16 May 2014	Dassie	R1537.00
16 May 2014	Membership Fees	R1350.00
16 May 2014	601145	R2267.00
21 May 2014	Knysna Yacht Club	R2017.00
30 May 2014	601607	R1517.00
12 June 2014	FNB OP Pmt 606138	R2267.00
20 June 2014	ABSA Bank KYC	R1517.00
23 June 2014	Cheque Deposit	R 249.30
25 June 2014	Int Banking Pmnt Frm 11536	R2267.00
31 July 2014	RoPace Construction	R1517.00

Social News – July

Neil Sharrocks

We had a fantastic turnout for both DJ Lew with his music mix last month – we look forward to his return to our shores and him playing again here. I have heard he is bringing his Laser lights with him!

It was great to welcome SuJo back to Asche's in July – we hope they will be here to play again very soon. Support your Club everyday – I have a whole lot of ideas up my sleeve - keep an eye on the SMS and Facebook page for updates on what is happening <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl>.

The annual Naval Ball was a great success as usual and the Waterfront was packed with visitors enjoying the Naval band on Sunday 13th July – if you were not there you missed out, we even had a group of Japanese tourists dancing next to the ice-cream kiosk.

 **Lucky Draw Winners July** – The only person present in July to claim their prize money was Lovemore ! He was SO delighted with his prize of R144.00.

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

 **Saturday 16 August: The Springboks are back with their game vs Argentina. Don't miss out on your opportunity to predict the correct Rugby Score. Winning prize money now stands at R6083.**

 **Friday 22 August: DJ Ash playing in Asche's Cabin from 18h00**

 **Saturday 23 August: Springboks vs Argentina – catch them on the screen at your favourite Asche's Pub.**

 **Saturday 30 August: Opening Cruise Time and Braai! Fun for all.**

 **Any Thursday in August is Galley Lunch Special !**

 **Any Friday in August is Asche's Evening. Watch the evening sun go down with your favourite drink and enjoy our Shooter specials.**

 **Any Sunday in August is braai day - let's start the Spring Vibes early. Asche's Bar is open from 12h30.**

 **Sunday 31 August: A la Carte Menu in the Galley.**

Monday 01 September the Galley will be closed

PS Remember to diarise now the weekend of Spring Events 5-7 September! 😊

Inshore Sailing

Allan Waterston

It seems just like yesterday that we were dealing with the closing cruise, and now we are looking forward to the opening cruise on Saturday 30 August; where has the time gone?

The weather is rather unpredictable at present and we seem to be in the middle of winter one day and summer the next but what is obvious is that the sun is rising that little bit earlier each day. This means that things are warming up.

However, never mind the weather we have sailing to deal with and with the opening cruise set for 30 August now is the time to take the covers off your boat and check out the fittings and rigging so that you are ready to take to the water.

The sail past will take place at 15:00 followed by tea and cake at 16:00

The first race on the calendar is The Founders trophy which is traditionally sailed up the Ashmead Channel. This series is sailed over two days Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September when, if all goes according to plan, we will have high water at 14:12 and 14:57 respectively. Subject to wind we should be able to start at 14:00.

If you require any advice or assistance in regard to getting your craft back on the water come down to the club and talk to any one of the regulars or drop the club an email at kyc@kingsley.com and our secretary will pass your mail on to the sailing section for a response.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in running club races. While it may appear a daunting task for anyone who does not know a great deal about sailing it is rather simple and a lot of fun; there is always someone around who will show you the ropes.

The full KYC Calendar has been posted on the website and as in past years will shortly be available in printed form. If you are interested in getting a little closer to the sailing activity at your club and don't want to get your feet wet contact Tracey in the office on 044 382 5724.

The Worlds Tera Pro and Sport Pro Championship have come and gone. Sailing on Swartvlei Sedgefield provided challenges for the young sailors however a good time was had by all.

Of the 57 competitors in the event, organised and run under the South African Tera Class Association in conjunction with the International Tera Class Association, South African sailors were able to claim top podium positions. The staging of this World Championship event on our doorstep afforded junior sailors from Mossel Bay, George Lakes and Knysna Yacht Clubs in the Eden Region a unique opportunity to compete in a World event.



Pro Fleet Podium Winners



Sport Fleet Podium Winners

The winner of the Pro fleet was James Hellstrom from George Lakes Yacht Club, Jason Gray from Milnerton Aquatic Club 2nd and Christopher Crawford from Jacana Yacht Club 3rd. The winner of the Sport fleet was Arin Long of the Theewaters Sailing Club, Michaela Robinson of Royal Natal/Boskop Yacht Club and Benji Daniel of Point Yacht Club in 2nd and 3rd place.

KYC had six sailors competing and while they were not able to achieve a podium position, each gave a good account of themselves enjoying the sailing and the experience of World event. They held various raffles at KYC before the Championships – winners of the various prizes were D.Ikin, G. Hansen, S. Campbell, Elaine Grinnaker & Melinyani. Thanks to our sponsors Greeffs and So-Ca.



KYC Team with Jim Parks: Mzukisi Mayathi, Aphenhule Maneli, Sanele Magqasa, Sakhumzi Funda, JP Kriel, Sara Young – in their tracksuits the raffles helped buy

Congratulations must go to the sailors and to junior coach Mike Pogodin for the results achieved and appreciation for all the hard work he has put in to bring these sailors to a level which allowed them to participate in this event. Our thanks to David Shilton who did some special high performance training for the Tera World's Team.



The 12 Unique (and beautiful) trophies for the event were also handcrafted in Knysna under the director of the Eden Community College and were unique stainless steel sails on a bead swivel with a locally sourced wood base.



Thank you to the KYC Members who went the extra mile to help on and off the water for these Championships.

KYC President Roger Clancy handed over the KYC Burgee to Frans Boer, the International President of the Tera Class Association at breakfast in the Galley

Offshore Sailing

Tracey Young



August marks the month of the Lipton Challenge Cup, this year it will be held in Simonstown, from 22nd to 29th August. Flying under the KYC pennant this year will be John Young (Skipper) with his all-Junior crew. This is an exciting achievement for our Junior Sailors and we wish them fair winds, great competition and lots of fun.

Follow them on their website and through our Facebook page – we will keep you posted on the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/LiptonChallengeCup>

<http://yachtclubknysna.wix.com/liptoncup>

The Knysna Yacht Club Lipton 2014 Challenge Team are:

Seth Young, Sara Young, Ashleigh Hellstrom, Sage Van Aardt, John-Marc Olivier, John Young (Skipper) on 'W-Squared'

*Our Offshore Sailors have great fun –
Sally made these Scarecrows for Earl –
And they are serious about their sailing too.*



August also means your sailing craft need to be readied for the season. 30 August is the date of our Opening Cruise and Braai this year – diarise to join us whether on the water or as valued shore-support

I Want to Volunteer ! I hear you cry.

Please call the Club Secretary to offer your valued help with **Bridge and Rescue** – we are still needing some Members to help us for the forthcoming season. Thank you.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The Canoe Polo section put on a very successful Oyster Festival Canoe Polo Tournament and showed a huge improvement in play to beat the team from Cape Town in the finals held on Sunday 13th July.

Paul Dugmore took part in the Berg River which we will report back on next month.



The George Dam Canoe Race will take place on Saturday 23 August.
Look forward to seeing you there.

27 July saw happy winners at the Time trials – and swimmers the Collins brothers!

Well done to Daneel our young star for an amazing time and grateful thanks to our lucky draw prize sponsors.

Boat Safety & Parking

An increasing number of items have been stolen from the premises of Knysna Yacht Club – goods from the change rooms and a number of items from the car park (especially trailer wheels). We need to be vigilant and we appeal to members not to leave valuables unlocked or in public eye.

In the interests of safety of your possessions we appeal to ALL members to please register your guests in the Guest Book. If you have visitors using your equipment or your boat it is your duty to advise the Club accordingly before the time, this will ensure safety within our grounds as well as any possible embarrassing questions. The jetty gate will be locked at night – for access you need to purchase a key.

Personal property left on Club premises is not covered by Knysna Yacht Club Insurance.

On a Monday morning Ian will check to ensure all boats are returned to their parking bays. Please remember that your boats must have a KYC number and your boat sticker 2014/15 can be collected from the member Secretary.

Boats not accounted for with stickers on KYC property will be moved to the trailer park.

Support the NSRI

It's caring people like you who help the NSRI to save lives at sea. Be part of the renowned and exciting annual Car Competition that helps raise the funds for NSRI - Full details attached herewith and on our website. Please remember to request that you support **Station 12, Knysna**.

Thought for the Month

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples - Mother Teresa

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