

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB
Established 1910



Newsletter – August 2015

Commodore's Corner

Albert Lombaard

It is unbelievable to think that by the time you read this newsletter it will already be August and as well all know, the Opening Cruise and with that the start of the sailing season. It is a very busy and exciting time in the calendar year when everyone starts gearing up for the summer – albeit still a while to go!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Knysna Yacht Clubs General Committee for the upcoming year:

Albert Lombaard – Commodore – Kitchen / Kitchen staff / Restaurant

Niel Sharrocks – Vice Commodore – Maintenance

Alan Flint – Treasurer – Staff

Bossi Monsen – President – Safety Officer

Paul Dugmore – Canoe Secretary

Di Steenkamp – Liaison Officer

Andrew Finn – Sailing

Allan Waterston – Sailing

Glenn Hansen – Off-shore sailing

Nelson das Fontes - Canoes

Roger Clancy – Safety Officer

We can still accommodate one or two additional members in the sense that we would like to see all the water sports represented and not only the sailing and canoeing. If there is anyone who would like to represent their sport eg SUP boarding, motor boats, kite surfing and even boat building- which plays a huge part in the boating community of Knysna, please feel free to contact me. It would be great to have all parties on board. AS I have stated before, it is not about individuals, but rather about what we as a committee can do for the club and its members.

Joanie and I attended the Lipton Cup Yacht race in Cape Town on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July. This year John Young and his young and very able crew represented the Club at the highest level. What a team they were! They averaged the youngest crew at the competition and ended 13th overall – with only 7 minutes separating all the teams. I had a wonderful time with John and his team – they always had smiles on their faces, making jokes and thoroughly enjoying themselves. True ambassadors of the club.

Dawn will be back from holiday and in the restaurant at the end of July. A big thank you must go to Tracey and Ian for standing in while she was away. You two have done a sterling job. We have a few new ideas for our menu which we are busy planning at the moment. We are also considering the idea of opening for a buffet lunch on a Sunday so that families can spend time together at the club and then closing the restaurant on a Monday. However there are cost implications and risk factors involved, so we will keep you posted.

Ian Price will be leaving us at the end of July and it will be sad to say goodbye. He has become part of the furniture here at the club and has played a very important part in the daily running of the club. From all of us at the club, thank you Ian for everything that you have done. It is greatly appreciated. Enjoy being served instead of serving!

As I mentioned previously, the season opens on Saturday 29 August 2015. Let us see if we can get a record number of boats on the water this year. Whether you have a sailing boat or a dingy, a canoe, SUP board or anything that you feel worthy of putting on the water, please come and join us for a fun day. Everyone is welcome!

Social News – July

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for July were

1st	Dawn No 69	R218
8th	Stuart Truter	R210
15th	Mikey Price	R126
22nd	John Clogg	R204
29th	Michael Lavery	R200

SA Navy leaves Knysna



No Friday Lucky Draw Winner for July

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

 **Saturday 29 August:** Opening Cruise

 **Saturday 29 August:** Opening Cruise & Spring Party

Don't forget Wednesday Happy Hour – enjoy August at KYC !

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!



In-Shore Sailing

Lucinda Edwards

Blaine Dodds representing Knysna Yacht Club, RSA, has been crowned the Hobie 14 World champion for 2015. Congratulations Blaine. Great celebrations were held. The SA team held the flag high.



Left: Blaine Dodds

This week the Hobie Tiger World championship started. William Henry Phillips Edwards and Douglas Edwards sponsored by ClemenGold are leading the fleet representing Knysna Yacht Club, RSA. Blaine and Peter-



Blaine Dodds are lying 2nd tied with Great Britain. (Pictured right above) Final races not yet held at time of going to press.

Going to press – the results of the RS Tera World Championships in Holland are not known.

Off-Shore Sailing

Tracey Young



The Transatlantic Race 2015

David Shilton and his crew mates came in 2nd in their Class on SV Dorade on the Transatlantic Race and broke their previous record. (Pictured left)

Lipton Cup Challenge 2015

The annual Lipton Challenge Cup is the top 1-design keelboat ocean racing event in the country and is a race rich in tradition and history, being started by Sir Thomas Lipton in 1911.

2015 is the first time KYC has entered an all-Junior team in this prestigious event - skipper Seth Young (at

16 the youngest Skipper of the fleet & his 4th Lipton Cup) with Jason Cook, Justin Stoker, Sara Young, Sage Pretorius and Georgou Divaris. Our helmsmen Georgou – the youngest in the fleet



Pictured above are the crew: Sage (front), Sara, Seth, Justin, Georgou and Jason, and Flying a great spinnaker

at 15 - is a RS Tera World Champion and African Junior Laser Champion. Together they formed a super team with great team spirit, having sailed with the keelboaters at the Knysna Club every Saturday over the last few years. With an average of 16.4 yrs old they were the youngest team ever to have taken part in Lipton and looks good for the future of keelboat racing in Knysna. The Spinnaker flew proudly, sponsored by The Featherbed Company and our team wore bright yellow sailing vests kindly sponsored by Ocean Odyssey and Springtide Charters. Every evening is debriefing & social time and the team looked Super in 'team clothing' for which we thank The Knysna Yacht Company, The Leisure Isle Coffee Shop and Anjul Trading. The teams left early every morning for the day's racing and packed their food and foul weather gear in bags sponsored by Resail, Cyberperk, Caffee Mario and African Rhythm Adventures. Entry fees, Running boat repairs, travelling costs, food and accommodation for the team was covered by kind donations from the Yacht Club, The Super Spar Knysna, Food Lover's Market Knysna, So Ca Distributors, Lombkor Insurance Brokers, SV Clarity, Knysna Storage Pods, All that Jazz, Tradirrs and Knysna RIB Adventures. Thank you all.

Our team was placed 13th overall.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

July has been a busy month for our canoeists kicking off on the 5th with the annual **Harbour2Heads** race which was very ably organized by Darren Berry. The main race of 22kms consisted of two laps down to the Heads and included a portage in Thesen Island and a circuit through the Knysna Waterfront Quays. For the not so fit there was an 11km race too.

*Right: Tom Schilperoot 2nd place and 22km winner Greg Louw
Below from left clockwise: Ron & Holley Godfrey and Phil & Felicity Mailer,
The start, Grant & Claire Lemke, Ruth & Mike Jacobs, Legendary paddler
Jannie Malherbe 75 yrs old and still going strong*



On the following weekend the club once again put on an excellent **Canoe Polo tournament** run by Kate Southey. In the final game Knysna once again managed to hold off the team from Cape Town.

On the 16th Di Steenkamp then ran a canoe race for the **juniors** in the Knysna Quays. Depending on their age paddlers had to complete a certain amount of laps around the residential island before ending at the slipway. Lots of fun and tired arms! The event finished off with a braai by the dads.

.....Thanks to all of the helpers and sponsors (and photographers) of these events!!!



Well done to Brett Esterhuizen (*pictured left*) who finished his first **Berg Marathon** in mid July. Not only was it bitterly cold, rainy and windy but the river level was extremely low making for long days on the water. Brett completed the 244 kms in just over 28 hours.

Congratulations to Gabriel Van Wyk who is currently in Portugal representing South Africa at the ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships where he will be competing in the K2 200m event. More news next month!

Time trial attendance has been surprisingly good this month considering the unusually cold winter!

Administration

Tracey Young

Asche's Cabin is intended for the use as a Members Bar and we welcome all members and their accompanying friends to share special times here at the Yacht Club.

We ask you please to be considerate and mindful of other member's in Asches – it is not an office and we have received numerous complaints about business meetings during meal times and other busy times.

Parents are please reminded that it is solely their responsibility to ensure that your children behave in the Yacht Club Property as befitting a Club with no running or playing inside the buildings and be reminded that bicycles and skateboards are not allowed to be ridden on the deck areas.

It is of great concern that non-members are using our Club – we appeal to all members to assist us in signing in their Guests every time they visit and to bring to our attention non-members who are using the Club facilities in any way.

Kindly remember the same guest may not be bought in more than 4x in a year.

Please enquire as to the Visiting forms to sign your family members in if they are on holiday with you.

Please note the following unallocated deposits made into our account for membership fees. If any of these are yours kindly advise urgently.

Date Received	Reference Used	Total Received
08 May 2015	R015EHOBRO Grethe Marit	R1630.00
08 May 2015	SMITH	R2410.00
03 June 2015	R01FA2YDO WORLDPAY	R1505.00
11 June 2015	Knysna Yacht Club	R1040.00
13 June 2015	606268	R1630.00

A bit of history: We have a large Ships' wheel donated by Captain William Weller on the north wall in the Clubhouse. Captain Weller was vice-Commodore of KYC from 1945-1948. Does anybody have any history to share about from where this wheel originated? It was made by Brighton Railway Works, England , one of the earliest railway-owned locomotive repair works, founded in 1840. These works were closed in 1962. Please let me know.



Saying good bye to Ian Price, Club Bosun, who is retiring end of July ! Happy Retirement Ian.

Pictured left

*Back Row: Rob, Clive, Ian, Lovemore, Clive, Dawn
Front Row: Thobelo, Harriet, Puleng, Mina and Zibby*

Thought for the Month

20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbour.

Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover – Mark Twain

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

