

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – December 2014

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

On behalf of the General Committee and Staff members at the Knysna Yacht Club I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a year of happiness in 2015. We extend a special welcome to our Country Members and to visiting yachtsmen and women who are on holiday with us during this festive time – may you enjoy our beautiful town with us and leave with treasured memories.



We have had a few visiting yachts from

Europe and America last month which is great – with visiting yachtties Hermann Paris from France and Hans Gier (from Germany) with partner Isabella Lammens (also from France) still here on their Warram cat. Many hours of listening to Hermann's piano playing have been enjoyed by our Members on different occasions.

It's not often that Roger works accompanied by wonderful Piano tunes

Our Restaurant has been very busy this past month and I would like to thank our Restaurant and Ground staff in advance for all the extra time they put in at our Club over the holiday seasons. November saw a number of rugby games, Sailing events as well as 2 social events: The Elgin Vintner Wine Pairing Dinner was spectacular – our Restaurant staff prepared a superb meal that was complimented by excellent wines from Elgin Vintners. This evening is always booked out well in advance and we definitely should see more of these evenings in the future.



*Left: Ms Movember, Sara Young, pictured with Mr Movember, dad John
Above left: A young rapper in the making, Deaclan Sharrocks and, above*

right – all the Movember men with Tasha D'Aguiar

Our Movember party was sadly not so well attended – Neil Sharrocks cooked up a storm with his boerewors rolls, DJ Lew was in perfect form and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by those there.

Don't forget our new stock of KYC branded Ties, shirts and caps which are in stock and recycled-bags (on order) - special Christmas gifts for that special someone.



We are very happy that our Club members enjoy bringing their guests and family to visit the Club – please do remember to sign in your guests as this is a Legal requirement and needs to be enforced. Please also, a reminder to carry your Membership cards with you to show to any of the Administrative staff should they ask during the Season.

May our Club members, friends & families and Staff have a happy Christmas-holiday time!

Social News – November



Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for November

5th	Dawn No. 36	R120
12th	Marlene No 60	R141
19th	Nan No 28	R206
26th	Sarah No 113	R240



Our Friday Lucky Draw Winner in November was Pierre Basson !

The **Rugby Pot** was also won in November – Congratulations to Sally Bekker who took R1000 home for early Christmas presents !

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



Friday 05 December: Christmas Dinner at Knysna Yacht Club



Saturday 06 December: Father Christmas visits KYC Juniors



Friday & Sat 12 & 13 December: KYC Art Exhibition in the Sail Loft



Sunday 21 December: Club Restaurant open for Lunch



Sunday 21 December: Buffalo Bay Challenge – grab a friend, grab a boat and let's go sailing !



Wednesday 31 December: New Years Eve Party – lots of music, come and join in the fun. Entrance just R50 per person. Tickets available.



Please note the following December/January Holiday Trading Hours



December:

16th Breakfast and Lunch

24th Restaurant closes after lunch. Bar closes 18h00. No dinner.

25th CLOSED

26th Restaurant and Bar normal hours

January:

01st CLOSED

02nd Restaurant and Bar normal hours, including Dinner

Keep track of what is going by registering your number on our SMS system or send us a friend request on Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl> to be updated and see all the Club photos!

Inshore Sailing

The Eden Sport Council's annual Sports Awards took place in November - CONGRATULATIONS to William & Lucinda Edwards who were the WINNERS in the category 'Team of the Year' and Sanele Maggaza who was a FINALIST in the category 'Newcomer of the Year'.

You hold the name of KYC up high !



Below: Sanele Maqgaza with coach Mike Pogodin and
 Right: William & Lucinda Edwards, Sanele on the podium
 (seen 2nd from left)



November saw very mixed sailing conditions for eager Juniors and a good turnout of Seniors - the Devereux Trophy as well as the Baillie Cup were completed and Ma Wyatt Trophy 1 sailed. The pictures tell the stories.



December is a busy sailing month with events in various parts of the country, some of the events being the Grand Slam 2 in Theewaterskloof, Youth Nationals at Aeolians Club, #ClemenGold Hobie Regatta in Plettenberg Bay, as well as the Dart18 World Championships and Mirror World Championships.

Fair Winds to all our sailors taking part in events over the festive season and safe travels.

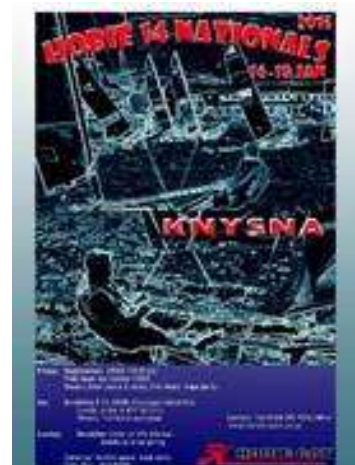
On homewaters we have sailing Regattas on the 6th & 13th with the Buffalo Bay Challenge 1 on Sunday 21st.

1st & 2nd January is the ever popular George Lakes New Year Regatta with boats back and in the water for our sailing 2015 starting off with:

- 3rd January Mathiesen Cup 2
- 10th January Westminster Trophy 1

And don't forget the Hobie 14 Nationals at the Yacht Club in January next year.

For enquiries please call Gayle Newby (Regatta Secretary) on 0824911343 , Don Brink on 0829256240 or the KYC Office.



There will be Sailing Classes in the next few months at KYC as follows:

Level 1 Sailing Classes during the holidays as well as a Level 2-4 Course on 6th & 7th December for R1000 per person. Classes will begin with Mike Pogodin as soon as the schools go back in January. For further information you can contact the office.

Happy Sailing folks



Offshore Sailing

Come along and support our Buffalo Bay Race on 21 December. A good lunch in the Restaurant followed by a race out at sea. Hope to see you there!

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The Canoe Club held their end of year prizegiving with a fabulous spit braai.

PRIZEGIVING RESULTS

Paddler of the year Trevor
Canoe polo player of the year Darren
Most improved canoe polo player Dean
Most improved time trialists Phil and Felicity (55 mins down to 48's this year)
Best K2 time trialists Darren and Nelson (7 wins)
Best K1 time trialist Martin (6 wins)
Best time trial attendance Nelson (34)
Best junior Daneel



Incidentally Knysna's fastest paddlers were as follows
K2 Pierre and Chloe (41.10)
K1 Martin (41.25)

Greg V and Hubby paddled with the most partners
9 different K1 winners
17 different K2 winners

Time trial attendance was impressive. Not a full year, just January to mid November. 303 time trials between the top ten.

25 Albert
27 Zac
27 Greg V
29 Norman
29 Danie
33 Darren
33 Paul
33 Phil
33 Felicity
34 Nelson



Our Congratulations to you all

To raise funds for the Wilderness NSRI, a **surfski race has been organised on Saturday 13 December at 1pm.** You can enter online or on the day (cheaper online). I have attached a Pdf of the two route options (depending on the wind direction). For any race queries you can get hold of the organiser Juan Botes juan@chaingangevents.co.za or enter online on <http://www.chaingangevents.co.za/mtb/events/28> .



Boat Parking & Tenders for Unclaimed Boats/Equipment

Available space for parking of boats at the club is limited with preference given to sailors. The Boat Application forms are available from either the Restaurant or Secretary's Office. Upon handing in this application, a boat number will be issued and invoice will be raised for the cost of the sticker and the parking. Boats and/or trailers left at the club and in respect of which no Boat Parking application has been received, **will be moved to the Trailer and Boat park without further notice.**

A reminder please that any boats that remain in the grassed and shed areas at the end of December, which in the opinion of the club remain stored items, will be moved to the Trailer and Boat Park. The club accepts no liability in respect of any loss or damage to property and all items are left on KYC premises at the owner's risk.

The tender process for the abandoned boats, parts of boats and trailers, including canoes presently in the Trailer park closes on the 19th December. Offers should be submitted to KYC in a sealed envelope. **Any items not bid for will be disposed of by the club as they deem fit.** The Club reserves the right to accept or reject any offer.

Should your boat/trailer be on the list of boats to be disposed of this month please urgently contact the office.

Administration

Tracey Young

After much contemplation the decision has been made to make changes to our Telephone and Internet contracts. We have installed a central PABX which improves communication to and around the club and the Internet access for Club Members is restricted to a maximum of half-hour per day per user. While at the Club coverage can also be obtained from the Waterfront and dvfree networks – these are unlimited. The process of this changeover is presently underway.

We also appeal to you all (more especially our visiting members only here for a short while) to take a look at our Photographic files from our Visiting Yachties that have been revamped and are in Asche's library – these are not to be borrowed or removed from KYC please. They are an important part of our Club history, as are the photographs which we have found and placed in a file there – please see if you can identify the persons and year's in the photo's, slip a little paper in with the photo details and we shall mark them accordingly. Please - Any other photo's you have from over the years which you could donate to the Club will be very welcome.

Financial Report

Alan Flint

To the Members of the Knysna Yacht Club

There was a request at the AGM that the Gencom update Members from time to time on the financial affairs of your Club.

The attached table reflects the Net Income for the seven months ending October 2014 as against the Budget for the same seven months and the required Net Income for the remainder of the financial year in order to achieve the Full Year Budget.



Whilst the seven months to date do not reflect an adverse position it should be noted that:

- Bar sales have exceeded Budget by 27% and the gross margin is 4% better than forecast
- That does not indicate overcharge for any product type but a variance in product mix
- Catering sales are marginally behind budget and the gross margin at 38% is 4% behind budget. The budgeted gross and net margin may well be achieved should the last 5 months, especially the festive season, realise the sales forecast.
- Administration costs are in line with the budget for the seven months and are not likely to exceed the year budget
- Maintenance and Sailing related activities have been combined as the allocation of maintenance costs is complex. General maintenance costs have exceeded the budget to date by some R 60,000 and sailing related maintenance is R 40,000 over budget.
- As you are all aware the Club facilities are increasingly in need of expensive maintenance and these costs cannot always be delayed, as the end cost is always greater. Thus there is a risk that the full year costs for maintenance will be greater than budgeted.
- The seven months reflect a surplus of income as against costs of R 504,000; however it must be noted that receipt of subscriptions, which are more than satisfactory, is front ended in the budget. Net costs for the last 5 months of the financial year are forecast to be in the region of R 335,000 leaving little leeway for a surplus.
- The full year net income, after allowing for Debenture redemption of R 129,000 is marginal in the Budget (R 41,000) and is in all likelihood not going to be achieved.
- With this in mind the Gencom will be approaching the Debenture holders to
 - Waive the redemption of the Debentures in favour of the Club or
 - Waive the interest for this year and future periods and
 - Agree to an extended period for the redemption
- Without the support of these debenture holders your Gencom will need to cut back on operations and maintenance.



Above: Visiting yachtsman Stuart Stovall with Roger Clancy & Right: Launching of 'Jemima' by the Susman family and Far Right: Glee has a new owner and new name – SV Beluga belongs to William & Lucinda Edwards





KNYSNA YACHT CLUB			
EXTRACTS FROM THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS			
		7 Mths to October 2014	Forecast 5 Mths
		BUDGET	to March 2015
			ACTUAL
SUBSCRIPTIONS		1 123 645	1 156 328
ENTRANCE FEES		29 169	29 254
SAILING RELATED INCOME		141 625	142 084
SUNDRY INCOME		17 105	27 457
BAR			
SALES		550 000	701 497
GROSS PROFIT		231 000	324 316
NET PROFIT		134 239	226 179
CATERING			
SALES		779 919	757 272
GROSS PROFIT		327 299	290 885
NET PROFIT		-95 552	-142 954
		1 350 231	1 438 348
ADMINISTRATION		577 834	566 907
MAINTENANCE AND SAILING COSTS		255 266	366 513
DEBENTURE REDEMPTION			129 000
		517 131	504 928
			-463 835

Thought for the Month

Therefore; be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. Whatever your labours and aspirations; in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be Cheerful, Strive to be Happy. –Excerpt from “The Desiderata’ by Max Ehrmann

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