

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – January 2015

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

We have enjoyed a great summer with many welcome guests at the Club !

Asche's Cabin continues to be a very popular spot for sundowners with the new children's coefferie slide being the MOST popular recent attraction this side of the causeway! A special note of thanks to Chick Ramsey who supervised the building thereof.

Roger Clancy, President of KYC, was always on hand assisting with many queries and assistance for both our members and their guests/visitors and we are ever grateful for his friendly helpful ways.

The Restaurant has been filled to overflowing on many occasions over the Christmas season and our Congratulations to Dawn and her Restaurant team for their excellent service and tireless attention, during even the long overtime hours in the Christmas season, to every whim – our Restaurant goes constantly comment on the great food they enjoy at KYC. Ian Price and his team had their hands full too as our boat- and car-park were full to the brim.

I would say that the Eskom Load Shedding on our Christmas Dinner even added to the atmosphere of the evening. We saw a fantastic turnout for this popular dinner with some particularly elegantly dressed diners who had heads turning.



Our New Year Party was again a super success – thank you to DJ Lew and Neil Sharrocks who co-ordinated this annual function. Our barmen are simply the best in town and together with their helpers on New Year's Eve kept the ice cold and drinks flowing, always with a smile.

We have two major Regatta's taking place in the very near future at the Club – the Hobie 14 Nationals are being hosted by KYC the weekend of 16-18 January and the InterClub Regatta on the 14th & 15th February coincides with the romance of Valentines Day. Come along to enjoy the Sailing experience and evening fun festivities and to welcome our visitors. Let's bring the Interclub trophy home to Knysna this year.

May 2015 find you all visiting the Club more often and be a year filled with all good things for our members, their families and friends.



*New Year photograph of the Club
courtesy of Elle Photography*



Social News – December



Christmas is a time for family and we had many visitors to our Club.

A great Christmas dinner started the month, then Father Christmas visited our Juniors. Thank you to Gillian Gething for all her organisation and who convinced Father Christmas to visit our Club again this year to bring many smiles to those little faces.

A very cool Father Christmas – who got married sometime during 2014 from the ring we see on his finger!



DJ Lew had us all with our dancing shoes on for the last few hours of 2014 and to welcome the New Year 2015 in with style and great music.

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for December were

3 rd Dec Steve Walker - R232
10th Dec M Price - R238
17th Dec Val Williamson - R236

No Friday Lucky Draw Winner for December

2014 Rugby Test NTS Competition

The overall 2014 NTS winner is Sally Bekker with 39 points for the prize of R1 000, second in the standings was Paul Coetzee with 32 points, and tied for third place were Ian Bekker and Maureen Price with 18 points each



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

-  **Thursday 01-Saturday 03 January:** George Lakes New Year Regatta
-  **Saturday 03 January:** Mathiesen Cup 2
-  **Saturday 10 January:** Westminster Trophy 1 (Garden Route Business Circle)
-  **Friday 16 January:** Hobie 14 Nationals Party Evening – open to all members and their guests
-  **Saturday 17 January:** Hobie 14 Nationals Party – open to all members and their guests
-  **Friday 16-Sunday 18 January:** Hobie 14 Nationals
-  **Saturday 24 January:** Westminster Trophy 2 (Garden Route Business Circle)
-  **Saturday 31 January:** Knud's Cup 1

2015 Friday night Specials still apply!

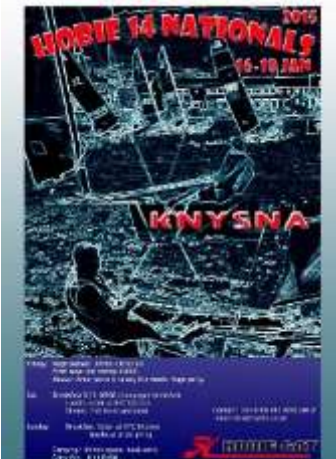
Inshore Sailing

Calling experienced Sailors - You are needed:

Mike Pogodin needs a few helpers teaching rudimentary sailing skills to the Junior sailors. Please contact him directly to see where you can be of assistance. You will have the ISAF book of guidelines and work alongside Mike –contact him on 0762767960.

December saw some perfect sailing weather
– and some other weather too.

Sunshine for Mathiesen Cup 1



The Mirror Worlds is presently taking place at Theewaterskloof Dam just outside Villiersdorp in the Cape with a group of local Junior Sailors taking part. We wish them all the best and fair winds.

16 – 18 January sees the 2015 Hobie 14 Nationals return to Knysna. Hobie 14 sailors have been practicing on local waters during the holidays – with our two local International sailors, Blaine Dodds and William Edwards, the competition is strong and this will be an exciting regatta to both take part in and to watch.

Offshore Sailing

We had a busy December with many visitors to our beautiful lagoon, visiting yachties as well as visitors to our Resident yachts.



The Buffalo Bay Challenge 1 was regrettably cancelled due to weather conditions – the next Challenge is scheduled for 22 February so get all those boats ready.

Our long-term visitors Hans and Isabelle Lammens on their beautiful Warram cat have left – we will miss them – while Hermann Paris is still here to delight us with his piano playing.

The Saturday morning Keeler group welcomes new comers and continues to grow in strength.

Left: Roger Clancy teaching the fine art of small motor-dingy handling.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The Rotary Splash Dragon Boat Races were held on the 21st December and it was once again well supported by our canoeists. Teams were given the choice of entering either the fun event or a more competitive class.

The latter was won (for the third year running) by the Knysna Canoe Club team in a photo finish final against the Knysna Canoe Polo squad who also managed to set the fastest time of the day in the semi's. Lee Esterhuizen's Toyota team won the fun event in the Dragon Boats.

Pictured right: Canoe Club hoisting the trophy



Really a fun day out on the water in craft a little bigger than we are used to! Thanks to Pam Golding and Frost Brothers for the sponsorship.



Pictured left to right: Knysna Canoe Club versus Canoe Polo in the semi's, Jennifer Niksch's Pam Golding lady paddlers and Canoe Polo team Silver medalists. Dragon Boat pics were taken by Elle Photography



One of the world's premier surfki events, The Fenn Cape Point Challenge, also took place on the 21st December and drew many of the world's top paddlers. The men's Overall winner was World Marathon Champion Hank McGregor and in a fantastic effort our own Chloe Bunnet scooped the Ladies Overall victory. Knysna paddler Bret Esterhuizen and partner Carl Behrens also did well to finish in the top half of the field!

Pictured left: Chloe Bunnet, Ladies Gold

Boat Parking

December saw the tender process close for the items unclaimed in the Trailer Park. The outcome of the tenders will be ratified by the SAILCom at their meeting on 8th January. These funds are very welcome to the Club and will be put to good use in the best interests of sailing.

As per Knysna Yacht Club Bye-Laws, Items No. 4, 6 & 9:

Please be reminded that parking for all boats and trailers on the Club premises has to be paid for, a boat number displayed as well as a valid boat parking sticker. The onus is on the owner of said vessel to ensure this is displayed. Boats and trailers without said identification will be moved to the Trailer Park. The Club cannot take responsibility for items missing while stored on Club premises.

Parking application forms are available from the website, Restaurant or Office. Thank you.

Thought for the Month

If we do not feel grateful for what we already have, what makes us think we'd be happy with more?



The editor would like to thank all the contributors for their input and photos and Albert Lombaard for making the colour copies available at the club for the first couple of weeks each month.

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

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