

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB
Established 1910



Newsletter – November 2014

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

As we sail rapidly towards the end of 2014 take some time to read all the news and important Membership information in our Newsletter this month – November 2014. And don't forget to order your KYC branded Ties, shirts, caps and recycled-bags THIS month for those special Christmas gifts.

We support the CANSA drive for awareness of Cancer in our society and challenge all our members to join us with growing their 'Mo's' and joining us on the 29th November at our Movember Party – prizes to be won. Cancer has affected every one of us in our personal lives – either through the suffering or loss of a family member or friend.

We have had a busy October at the Club with some good sailing in various conditions. The fabulous Dewar Shield 2 had to be rescheduled unfortunately and we did sail the Parkes Cup with the fabulous tea and cakes afterwards which are always enjoyed. Thank you to my mom for always ensuring our plates are filled with edible treats to wash down with Dawn and her team's steaming hot cups of tea and coffee. A few of our Canoe members took part in the Fish River Canoe Challenge with many triumphs and unfortunate canoe-tragedies.

Two magnificent trophies: On the left the Dewar Shield and on the right The Parkes' Cup



Parkes Cup 2014 winners with Mr Jim Parkes and Mrs Margaret Parkes:: Above- Junior Class from left to right Papu Lukhanyo, Sanele Magqaza, Mzukisi Manyathi



And Open Class winners from left to right were: Bhekumezi Hani, Peter Unite, Dudley Isaac



Our Juniors are entering that time of the year when studies are paramount on their list of priorities and we wish them success and clear minds for their school exams. I understand there are a number of our not-so-Junior members who are also studying, burning the candles well into the night hours – hats off to you all and may you have success and feel very proud of your achievements.

We enjoyed our first annual Knysna Yacht Club Beerfest although the weather did not play along we had many folk enjoying the music and superb craft beers – the rugby was a win which added to festivities. A special thanks to Neil Sharrocks for organising this event and to him and Albert Lombard for the delicious food they cooked outside – against all odds of the cold wind! I was unfortunately away this weekend and couldn't join in with the festivities and visit the KYC members Art & Craft Exhibition which took part in the Junior Loft on the same day. Thank you to our members who took part in this event and to all who supported us.



Our Asche's Honesty Library has been well used already I am happy to announce. There is a little book for members to sign out and in as they borrow the books that have been donated over the years by kind members and visitors to the Club. We would very much like to keep this library alive and appreciate your donations of good quality books – there are some wonderful Sailing books, covering non-fiction travels and various Sailing disciplines – I believe something for everyone. We appeal to you to look after these books for the benefit of all members.

We also appeal to you to take a look at our Photographic files from our Visiting Yachties that have been revamped and are also in Asche's – these are not to be borrowed or removed from KYC please. They are an important part of our Club history, as is 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. To add to our photo-history: Any other photo's you have from over the years which you could donate to the Club will be very welcome.

We have sadly removed the 2014/15 Defaulters from our Membership list in terms of the Knysna Yacht Club Constitution. The Barmen will be asking members for their membership cards if they are uncertain of membership status in the following months with the increase in visitors to our shores – please do remember that this is a requirement in terms of the Liquor Laws and keep your membership cards in your wallets for everyone's ease of reference .

Happy Sailing folks !

Social News – October/November

Neil Sharrocks

Thank you to all our members and their guests who celebrated our first KYC BeerFest with us and enjoyed delicious bratwurst, sauerkraut, patatsalat and mouthwatering crispy Pork belly.



**Knysna Yacht Club Gourmet Wine Evening
With Elgin Vintners
Thursday 27 November 2014, 19h00 onwards
R145.00 per person including wine**

MENU

*Seafood Bisque
Served with French loaf*



*Karoo Lamb Shank
Herbed Mashed potatoes
Garden Vegetables*



Pavlova with Ice Cream & Berry Coulis

Also – Movember time: Diarise to join us on 29 November to crown Mr and Ms Movember – lots of prizes to be won and celebration of 'Mo's', Boerewors-braai and dance the night away !

Come along and enjoy with us.

🚢 Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for October were –

01	Eleanore	R224
08	Chick Ramsey	R134
15	Irene Delany	R234
22	Peter Edgar	R236
29	Rob Clarke	R190



We had a winner in the Club Friday draw – on 3 October Mr TGM McKay won R2000.00 – he was wonderfully surprised!

The **Rugby Pot** was also won in October – Kat Forster and Victor Ribeiro shared the winnings! Well done guys.

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

- 🚢 **Saturday 08 November: Devereux Trophy 2 & ACTIVE CUP 3**
- 🚢 **Saturday 08 November: Rugby** South Africa plays Ireland – watch your Rugby at KYC
- 🚢 **Friday 14 November: Canoe Club's Christmas Function and Prizegiving**
- 🚢 **Saturday 15 November: Baillie Cup 1 (Huizemark)**
- 🚢 **Saturday 15 November: Rugby** South Africa plays England
- 🚢 **Saturday 22 November: Baillie Cup 2 (Huizemark)**
- 🚢 **Saturday 22 November: Rugby** South Africa plays Italy
- 🚢 **Thursday 27 November: KYC and Elgin Vintner Wine Pairing Dinner**
- 🚢 **Saturday 29 November: Ma Wyatt Trophy 1**
- 🚢 **Saturday 29 November: Rugby** South Africa plays Wales
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From 18h30 Mr & Mrs Movember crowning - It's our Movember party!

PS Remember that our **Friday night Specials** still apply!

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

Allan Waterston

Two months have already passed since our opening cruise and the season has got off to a reasonable start with a number of our regular KYC series having been sailed. Regular sailing takes place from 14:30 most Saturdays, check out the schedule in your copy of the KYC Calendar.

The Southern Regional Championships was sailed at Mossel Bay over the first weekend of October, where our juniors gave a good display with Sanele Magqaza being placed second in the Tera Pro fleet and Apendule Maneli third. A relative new comer JP Kriel of the Knysna Sea Cadets achieved a third in the Tera Sport fleet.

Pictured with Mike Pogodin are our Junior 2014 EC Regatta team: At the back is Bhekumuzi Hani, in the front: Lukhanyo Papa, Magqaza Sanele, Sibusiso Mangolothi, JP Kriel, Maneli Apenduli



Over the weekend of 25/26th October, 12 of our sailors participated in the George Lakes Interclub. The event boasted 80 entries, one of the best achieved at an interclub in recent years. The Saturday was overcast with fairly strong winds making it a hard sail; the sun shone on the Sunday and good winds made for an enjoyable days sailing. Sanele scored a second in the juniors with Apendule and Sakhumzi Funda placed sixth and seventh respectively.

*Our very active Juniors photographed at George Lakes: Back row - Jason Cooke, Mzukisi Manyati, Mike Pogodin, Sakhumzi Funda, Bhekumuzi Hani
Front - JP, Saneli Magqaza, Lukhanyo Papu, Apendule Maneli*

It was great to see a number of our senior sailors, Knud Jacobsen, Dudley Isaacs, Chris Tiffen and Andrew Finn, taking the time to enter. We need to work on increasing the latter group.

Our Junior sail training, under Mike Pogodin, continues to attract newcomers to the sport which is encouraging and by all accounts the new intake are enjoying themselves. Tera sailors of last year have progressed and a number of them are now sailing the four club Lasers that have been brought back to a sailable condition.

In 2015 the Hobie 14 Nationals returns to Knysna. This should be another exciting event which is being held from 16th to 18th January. It is now time for all those Hobie 14 sailors to shake off the dust and show the rest of the country how to sail.

The Mirror Worlds takes place at Theewaterskloof Dam just outside Villiersdorp in the Cape from 28th December to 9th January 2015. If you are in the area make it a place to visit on your travels, it promises to be another great sailing event. Unfortunately the club Mirror fleet is in no position to be sailed so no sailors from KYC as far as is known.

Last month we reported on the refurbishment of the Club Enterprise. After thinking about the future of this boat, long and hard, it has been decided to sell it, with the proceeds being put back into junior sailing investing in boats that are more manageable for our youngsters. If you are interested in acquiring this boat which is in pristine condition and includes a new cover launching dolly and road trailer, please contact Allan Waterston on 083 226 6028. Any reasonable offers will be considered.



Offshore Sailing

Photo courtesy of Ocean Odyssey



October month saw Visitors to our shores, Stuart and Shelia Stovall, who have also so enjoyed Knysna that they have joined as Members. We wish them fair winds - they will be back to visit they promise.

Our longterm visitors Hans and Isabelle on their beautiful Warram cat are still resident as well as our talented-pianist Hermann Paris. Hermann is leaving us in November – fair winds Hermann, may melodies always follow you.

Our Offshore sailors have had wonderful sightings of whales and dolphins this past month – another good reason to sail through the Knysna Heads.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The 2014 Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon in October is always an exciting race and this year was no exception with the river running at a slightly higher level and making some of the rapids even bigger. The 81.8 km two day race starts at Grassridge Dam and ends at the sportsgrounds in Cradock.

Knysna Canoe Club had eleven of the more than one thousand two hundred paddlers entered and it is just as well that everyone could swim as no one escaped an unscheduled dip. For the first time the race doubled as both the SA K1 and K3 championships and a record number of 103 K3's took to the water. Although more stable they were not easy to steer through the tighter sections.

Our own K3 team of Trevor and Jennifer Niksch and Chris Stubbs's Fish ended halfway through Day One when their boat was trapped against an island of trees by the force of the water. Luckily they survived a dangerous situation but they were unable to free their craft and had to abandon it.

Ron Godfrey was another K3 entrant who had an eventful first day. They did some serious damage to their craft losing about 40 minutes on temporary repairs and then had to paddle very carefully to the overnight stop. They ended up in 479th position having made up 30 places on Day Two.

Zac Isaac's partner Danie van Wyk was still too ill to start so Zac paddled part of the 45.8 km Day One in his K1 before switching to a K2 for a happier second day.

Greg Chauncey and Kaylie Beers also suffered bad boat damage and a long swim on Day One but survived to finish (457th)

Brett Esterhuizen and his Plett K2 partner also had a first day with too much action and they finished 357th. Along with seconds Millie and Johan they were one of the best " blinged safari " themed crews.

Albert Wasserman took along Knysna Racing's Spanish agent for his first South African river race and still managed to finish in 217th position despite a couple of swims. Florentino loved the rapids!

Hubby Sandberg in his 18th Fish teamed up with another grandmaster Andre Rabie and did really well to finish in 161st place despite a swim at Cradock Weir. They were 28 minutes ahead of the next boat in their agegroup. K1 paddler Paul Dugmore who was able to pass them then at Cradock Weir ended in 154th spot. Michele Eray was once again our podium star, finishing as the second lady in 55th position overall!!!!



psalthough he did not enter this year Peter Unite has also completed 18 Fishes. Come on Peter.

Boat Safety & Parking

Allan Waterston

Available space for parking of boats at the club is limited with preference given to sailors, this being reflected in the annual boat parking fee.

There are numerous members with craft and trailers **stored** at the club, some boats not having touched the water for months if not years. If you have a boat and/or trailer stored at the club and you do not intend sailing in the next month or two we would request that you consider moving it to the area adjacent to Mortons which is available for storage of boats and trailers. 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.

In addition to boats and trailers mentioned above, over the years there has been an accumulation of abandoned boats, parts of boats and trailers, including canoes. **Attempts to trace the owners of these items have met with little success and accordingly it has been decided to dispose of these to anyone who would care to submit and offer.** Ian Price has a list of the items that it is intended to dispose of. Offers should be submitted to Ian in a sealed envelope by **no later than 30th November.** **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.

Please remember that Boat Parking at the club is only available on application. 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.**

Administration

The **Lockers in the Ablution blocks** need to be maintained and the Yacht Club are going to be putting their own locks on each Locker.

If you are presently using one of these Lockers and have not already confirmed as such, please report to the Membership Secretary– personal locks and lockers unclaimed by the end of November will be opened and contents therein removed.

These lockers will cost R75.00 per year, the fee is payable with the Membership Secretary. Locks and keys will be issued on payment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Knysna Yacht Club Branded Items

Tracey Young



Perfect for that special gift

Please note that it is important to get your orders in early in November so that we can ensure stock and delivery on time for items we do not hold stock of.

Don't be disappointed !



Thought for the Month

*I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;....*

*I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied....*

Excerpt from 'Sea Fever' by John Masefield

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.