

# KNYSNA YACHT CLUB



Newsletter – April – 2017

## Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

The annual inter-club regatta held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March was another great success with 79 entries from seven clubs in the Western and Eastern Cape. Notwithstanding the lack of wind early on the Saturday morning, the weather improved and provided great sailing conditions. At the end of the day, it was Red House Yacht Club again taking line honours as the winning club.

Georgou Divaris (KYC), Justin Onvlee (RYC) and James Hellstrom (GLYC) were 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sailing Lasers (James a Radial) in the open fleet, respectively. In the cat fleet William and Lucinda Edwards (KYC) took 1<sup>st</sup> place sailing a Hobie 16 with Andrew and Angela Ward (ABYC) and Blaine Dodds and Tony Gradwell (KYC) taking up 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. The juniors were shown the way by the GLYC members all sailing Dabchicks, Christopher Kennedy 1<sup>st</sup>, Matthew de Villiers 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kirstie Gehring in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Well done to them and all the sailors who made the event the spectacle that it was.



A regatta, and for that matter our weekly club sailing, would not be possible without support and I would like to record our appreciation of the time and effort of all bridge and rescue boat crew volunteers.

Our sailing calendar reflects a closing cruise on 29<sup>th</sup> April, however, reviewing this, the Sailing and General Committees have decided that we do away with this event this year. While a closing cruise was held over the past few years, it seems that this has

not been a long-standing tradition at KYC and came about because of having to abandon an Opening Cruise one year due to adverse weather conditions. We hope that removing this from the calendar will not upset too many. No closing cruise does not mean that the club will not be functioning; to the contrary, it will be business as usual with sailing available to anyone who cares to get out on the water.

KYC Canoe section members, who made up the bulk of the three Western Cape teams that took part in the Canoe Polo SA Championships, recently held in Gauteng, showed their mettle. These teams gave a sterling performance; well done and congratulations, the hard work paid off. Read more about the successes under the Canoe section.

Our new membership management system, Club Master, has gone live with invoicing for the new financial year having been processed and distributed via the system during March. Having taken on member data from the Pastel accounting system there are gaps in the data. Please give Nicky a call to check your details and fill in any gaps.

To all the members who have already renewed their membership thank you, new membership cards are in process and you will be notified as soon as these are available. If you have not renewed your membership, please note that in terms of our constitution clause 9.5 all fees and subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April and shall be paid within two (2) months of the due date.

The new access control system operating our vehicle gate mentioned in previous newsletters has been installed. However, the existing old plastic stick (or sucker stick used by some) will still be functional for the next couple of months. The new system is a cellular based system. Your cell phone number held in our records is your key to access. The procedure is simple when arriving at the gate call the number of the gate (073 119 7118) using your cell phone, the system recognising your number (as it has been loaded in to the system) will open the gate. The call you make is a missed call and accordingly there is no charge. If you arrive at the gate and it won't open it means that your number is either not loaded or you have not updated information held by the club. Only the number of the principal member, in the case of couples, was available from the Pastel system so if you have family (Couple) membership please let Nicky have any other numbers that are being used by your qualifying family members.

The new system will afford us the opportunity to be able to more effectively manage the use of the parking area and ensure that all members in good standing have a place to park. Yes, there will be a little disruption initially as we all get used to the new arrangements but I am confident with co-operation from our members these minor irritations will soon be overcome.

I mention the closing cruise and the end of our sailing season, but this also means that our AGM is not far away, 22 June to be precise. Following the provisions of our constitution adopted in December 2016, there will be a call for nominations of candidates willing to stand for election to the General Committee. If you would like give something back to your club and sailing and you have time, why not offer your extensive skills and experience, helping to keep our club as one of the best Yacht Clubs in the country.

Regrettably, Jennifer Nicksch who was elected at the 2016 AGM has decided to resign from the committee due to personal reasons; demands on our time are great and it is often difficult to achieve the right balance.

In years gone-by, we have enjoyed a reciprocal arrangement with the Plett Ski Boat Club located on the beach at Plettenberg Bay to the left of the Beacon Island Hotel as you face the sea. This arrangement has been renewed and when visiting Plett why not drop in at the Ski Boat Club for a meal or a drink. Advise your waitron that you are a member of KYC producing your membership card and you will enjoy the discount structure applied to pricing for members. KYC has a number of reciprocity arrangements around the country and with clubs in other parts of the world, take advantage when travelling; you do not have to be a sailor. Remember that reciprocity arrangements are put in place to allow you the opportunity to enjoy facilities and company of like minded people from time to time when away from your home club.

Easter holiday have begun and if you are planning to be on the roads take care and watch out for the other driver.

### **In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen**

Over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April 3 of our sailors took part in the Algoa Bay inter-club regatta sailed in the Port Elizabeth harbour.

The end of the sailing season is rapidly drawing to a close but April is packed full of events in the Eden District.

The Western Cape Championships are being sailed in Mossel Bay from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April and the Tera National Selections and class Championships from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April at Pine Lake Marina, Swartvlei, Sedgefield.

Our junior sail training programme under Mike Pogodin, supported by Colin Mathiesen and the assistant coaches JP, Ryan and Lameck continues to attract youngsters and a few older folk. The water is on our door step if you are thinking of sailing, or your children are interested or if you know of anyone who maybe interested make with contact Nicky in the office for more information on 044 382 0166. You don't have to be a member to try it out.

### **Canoe Polo – Nelson das Fontes**

The Canoe Polo SA champs took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March in Gauteng at Homestead Lake.

Taking part were teams from Gauteng, KZN and the Western Cape. Teams from U15, U21 and Open all fighting for top position in their categories.

Knysna producing a combined U15 team from Knysna Primary and Montessori scholars.

A combined U21 team with Cape Town based club and Knysna producing three players, two from Montessori and one from York High School.

Two open category teams teaming up to face the other stronger provinces.

The best performing team were the u15's. They played their hearts out, going through the tournament.



Pic1 U15: Kayla Hanton, Carla Collins, Jade Das Fontes, Taya Hanton, Tineke Cooper, Aiden Carr, Thomas Das Fontes, Chris de Bree (canoe polo chairman)

U21: Jacob Hopner(knysna, Daniel Van Wyk(knysna), Cobandean Suttie(Knysna), Justin Mampe(CT), Ismail Muyongo(CT), Peter Thsiani(CT), Evan Carolus(CT)



## Club regalia

Winter is on its way and it will soon be time to wrap up warmly, a new stock of Club branded clothing is on order and will be available shortly. We have retained a similar range of items but if there is something special you are looking for chat to Nicky and she will see what she can do.

Body warmers



Navy

Golf Shirt

Fleece Jackets



Navy

Golf Shirt

Long sleeve knit shirt



V-neck T shirt in navy



Navy/Blue/White



Navy



## Tenders on floating Jetty's

Nicky is requesting that all owners of a tender that is tied up to one of our floating jetty's to please come and see her to identify their tender.

We have a few tenders that do not have a KYC number, and because of that, we cannot keep an accurate record.

Please note: All boats left on KYC premises MUST have a KYC number on them.

## Up coming events

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April will bring an activity of a difference to the Club, the Garden Route 300, a mountain bike event gets underway from the club so a lot happening in and around the club involving cycling on these 2 days.

These visitors help to put KYC on the map and contribute to the well being of the club let's make them welcome.

## Membership

Our new membership system Club Master is operational and is already proving its worth ensuring the proper administration of our membership.

Invoicing of subscriptions for the 2017/18 financial year, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April, was processed during March and invoices distributed to members via e-mail using addresses as contained in our records. In terms of our constitution a member who had not resigned in writing by the end of March in any year shall be liable for the fees due for the following year.

If your contact details have recently changed in any way please let us know. Please call or email your new details to Nicky at [secretary@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)

We welcome the following new members to our club and hope that their membership lives up to expectation, it is great to have you on board:

Adrian & Christine Alley

Country Couple

Jaco Bester

Ord single member

We would like to thank our members for the payments made but we are looking for the members who have made the following eft payments with no reference to allow correct allocation. If one of these relates to a payment that you have made, please mail Proof of Payment to [secretary@knynsayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knynsayachtclub.com)

22 March 2017	Knysna Yacht club	R2 802.00
24 March 2017	Nicolella	R3 802.00
27 March 2017	Subs invoice	R1 842.00
29 March 2017	KYC Subs	R 727.00
29 March 2017	KYC001/104038	R 520.00
3 April 2017	Knysna Yacht club	R1 010.00

**NB** when you do an eft, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

## Restaurant and Bar

Our mornings are delightful and the setting of your club makes it the perfect venue to stop off for breakfast before or after, shopping. Lunch continues to be popular as are Wednesday and Friday night dinner. It's advisable to book a table for lunch and dinner, call 044 382 0166.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Restaurant and Bar will be closed on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, being one of the three days in the year that the club is closed, the other two being Christmas and New Years Day.

### Restaurant

Breakfast 08h30 – 12h00 (Tuesday to Saturday)  
Lunch 12h00 – 14h00 (Tuesday to Saturday)  
Dinner 18h00 – 21h00 (Wednesday and Friday nights)  
Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.



### Bar

Normal hours during the week are 11h00 till late and Sunday's 14h00 – 22h00

**Wednesday nights**– Happy Hour from 18h00 – 19h00 with a Lucky draw in Ashes Bar.

### Lucky Draw Winners for March 2017

1 March	Puleng	R140.00
8 March	Mark Taylor	R335.00
15 March	Tony Duff	R160.00
22 March	Justin Haarhoff	R180.00
29 March	Arlene S	R365.00

**Friday nights** – Another lucky draw but you have to be present at the club when the draw takes place around 19h00. The jackpot currently stands at R2200 and grows by R50 per week until won or reaches R4 000; don't miss out be at the club and stand a chance to WIN