

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2016

Commodore's corner

The 2016 AGM was held on 14 July with an unprecedented number of members attending, with Nicky, Club Secretary and Rob Clark, Club Administrator attending to formalities. It is reassuring to see that we have a strong member group who are interested in the affairs of their club.

The Galley under Dawn once again did us proud providing a simple meal of soup and rolls following the conclusion of the meeting; probably not quite correct to refer to it as a simple meal as much work went into preparing an excellent Mushroom soup and a Vegetable soup.

The Commodore led proceedings and expressed his thanks and appreciation to the committee members, the staff and Roger Clancy for their support and work over the 2015/16 year. In particular, Pat Robinson for stepping in to fill the vacancy as Treasurer created when the term agreed with Alan Flint ended; and Roger for filling the gap following the resignation of Ian Price, taking on the arduous task of attending to maintenance and repairs in and around the club.

The AGM also dealt with the election of a new Committee to take care of, and guide the affairs of the club for the remainder of the 2016/17 year; this committee to serve until the conclusion of the 2017 AGM.

The outcome of this election was as follows:

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| • President | Bossie Monsen |
| • Commodore | Allan Waterston |
| • Vice Commodore | Jim Parkes |
| • Sailing Secretary In-shore | Colin Mathiesen |
| • Sailing Secretary Off-shore | Glenn Hagedorn-Hansen |
| • Canoe Secretary | Paul Dugmore |
| • Liaison Officer | Jennifer Niksch |

As the incoming Commodore on behalf of the club I would like to thank the outgoing Commodore for the time and effort that was put into the running of the club during his tenure.

The year ahead will be filled with challenges, often referred to as opportunities, and I look forward to a productive year, working with the new committee, to ensure as far as possible that the club delivers what is expected by all members.

While the Club is a Yacht club, each and every member is important and plays an integral part in the success of the club and ensuring its sustainability into the future.

If there is anything that is bothering you or issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the committee please send an email to the club at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com or talk to one of your committee members or myself.

While we all huddle up around the fire keeping warm it is hard to believe that we are only four six weeks away from the **Opening Cruise scheduled for 27 August**. This is a bumper day and worth visiting the club to participate in the festivities. If you have not as yet done that bit of maintenance or minor repair to your boat there is still time before the season opens.

Preceding the opening cruise our Canoe members will be off to take part in the Breede – Drew Swellendam and Breede - Bontebok canoe marathons on the 20 and 21 August. We wish them luck don't forget the Old Brown Sherry.

The restaurant and Asches are both well patronised but there is room for more around the tables, nothing like enjoying a good Curry in a warm cosy atmosphere with your friends and fellow club members.



*Back – L to R: Jim Parkes, Paul Dugmore, Glen Hagedorn-Hansen, Colin Mathiesen
Front – L to R: Rob Clark, Administrator, Bossi Monson, Allan Waterston, Nicky Sachs Club Secretary
Absent Jennifer Niksch*

In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen

Yes we are in a closed season however there have been a number of happenings on the sailing front.

After months of preparation a team of Juniors shepherded by John Young, set off to take part in the 2016 Lipton Cup Challenge being sailed out of Royal Cape Yacht Club in Table Bay from July. The team were able to secure a 9th place overall out of a fleet of 15 boats – a sterling effort well done to all who participated and made this happen.

While this team has been playing in the ocean, a couple of our juniors have been hard at it, sailing virtually every day during the school holidays showing their passion for sailing. They say time on the water is what counts and JP Kriel has done just that preparing for his trip to Spain as a member of Team SA to take part in the 2016 Tera Class World Championships. We wish him well, with determination I am sure, he will perform admirably.

A marketing drive is currently underway promoting sailing at the local schools which could lead to this becoming a school sport adding to the offerings to the youth of Knysna: a new year and a new intake of students.

As always we are in need of help to make this a success. If you are keen to help but don't know how speak to Nicky in the office and we will make it happen for you – no committee just fun. Maybe you know of someone who finished school last year and is looking for something to do we would love to talk to them, could be a bit of pocket money in it as well.

The opening cruise takes place on 27 August and then it is into our sailing calendar with club racing taking place every Saturday afternoon at 14:30.

The Laser Class SA Nationals is being held at Swartvlei Sedgefield on the 1st to 4th October together with the Eastern Cape Championships. These regattas should offer some excitement and be worth the trip going out to Pine Lake Marina.

Please note:

We now have a Sailing Log book for all In-shore sailors at the Entrance of Aches.

Please fill in this register so that Nicky and Rob can keep an accurate record of sailors using their boats. This will assist them with invoicing the correct amount for boat parking in the future.

Off-shore - Glenn Hagedorn-Hansen

The Offshore sailing group have had a few group outings over the past months.

The memorable ones are the time when SV Gemini and SV Clarity went down to Mossel Bay and stayed overnight in the harbour.

There were 8 participants, 4 on each yacht. We were made very welcome by the members of the Mossel Bay Yacht and Ski Boat Club.

On the return we were blessed with 7 catches of mackerel, but we only cooked 2 over the coals for lunch, the rest we set free. When the navy arrived on the 4 July, there was an armada of yachts and power boats to greet them. A group of yachts went to the Heads to have lunch together.

There they rafted up to each other, braaied and shared their lunch. When the navy came through the Heads they followed the navy back to Thesens Harbour

The Offshore sailing group meet at KYC every Saturday morning at 09:00 for breakfast. All club members interested in the sailing of yachts in the lagoon or on the open waters must please feel free to come and join in and experience the invigoration of sailing.

Anyone interested in joining the group are invited to contact Glenn Hansen (0825589747) or Roger Clancy (0836900214)



Towing practice on the lagoon



Raft up on Lagoon awaiting Navy



One that did not get away, but became Lunch

Canoe – Paul Dugmore

The last few months have been very busy ones for the canoe section starting off with the Parkes Hoogekraal race, sponsored by Jim Parkes and held on their wonderful forestry property. The race which took place on a beautiful Sunday morning was once again well supported by the local Garden Route paddlers. Participants and friends enjoyed a beer and burger afterwards on the banks of the Hoogekraal River which feeds into the Swartvlei lake

More recently Darren Berry put on the annual 22 km Harbour to Heads race again which drew out some big names competing for the R10,000 "winner takes all" first prize. The event forms part of the Knysna Oyster Festival and is one of the events eligible for both the Big Five and Lite Five multi-disciplinary sporting competitions. Ling Dobson of sponsors Pam Golding was on hand to present winner Greg Louw with the trophy. Simon Van Gysen was narrowly beaten into second spot and another top South African paddler Lance King came in third. Thanks to the other sponsors including the Knysna Waterfront Quays and Albert Lombaard plus all the helpers and paddlers who made the day a success.

Also during the festival Nelson Das Fontes organized a junior Canoe Polo event the day before the seniors' competition. Twenty five children competed although rain prevented the final outcome.

The exciting senior tournament took place over the following two days where Knysna won the inter-club against Cape Town. In the first set Knysna came back from being down four to one to winning seven-four. After losing the next set they rallied and finished four-three ahead in the last set giving them first place.

The standard of canoe polo is constantly improving in the club both amongst the kids and adults and has greatly added to the impetus of the club as a whole. Well done to all the players

We would all like to thank our long-standing timekeeper time keeper Nick Ocker and Holly Godfrey for all her great pics and help with the weekly paddle having taken over from Norman Frost who did so much to revitalize the time trials.

Congratulations to Peter Unite who recently paddled the 326kms of the Thames from source to sea. It goes to show that even in your sixties you're never too old for an adventure!



Kids canoe polo



Senior canoe polo tournament



Parkes Hoogekraal and Harbour to Heads

Subscriptions 2016/2017

According to club records there are still a number of members who have not paid current year subscriptions and or boat parking, mooring fees. Letters to members are currently being prepared and will be going out shortly. There were some difficulties experienced at the beginning of the year and if you have not received your invoice for subs, please send Nicky an email at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com so that she can forward your Invoice. If your details have change in any way, please forward new details via email to Nicky at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Our bank statements often reflect payments that we cannot match to a Member or allocate; the following payments have been received, if any one of these belongs to you, please email Proof of Payment to secretary@knysayachtclub.com

3 rd March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
6 th May		Knysna Yacht Club	R960.00
9 th May		Knysna Framers	R390.00
10 th May		Absa Allsure Storage	R1 730.00
27 th May		Vantell (Pty) Ltd	R2 590.00
30 th May		Cash Deposit	R500.00
31 st May		Magatape Credit	R2 590.00
3 rd June		J11 Thesen Island	R1 750.00
15 th June		Subs 2016/2017	R1 730.00

Please remember when you do an EFT, please use your Surname or membership number as the reference.

VOLUNTEERS

Are you at a loose end on Saturday afternoons?



Why not come down to the club and help out with the club sailing, using the opportunity to get to know fellow members. Starting and time keeping for the sailors is not difficult and can be a lot of fun. If you would like to help on the Bridge or act as crew on the rescue boat, please contact Nicky in the office 044 382 5724 or drop a mail at secretary@knysayachtclub.com

GUARANTEED YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR FEET WET

POWERBOAT SKIPPERS COURSE

A Powerboat skipper's course will be run on 13 August at KYC. After successful completion of the course you will have a Category E or R Certificate of Competency. A category E COC allows operation of a vessel up to 1nm from shore and up to 15nm from an approved launch site (daylight hours only) while an R qualifies the holder for inland waters - Lagoons, Rivers, Estuaries and Dams.

Requirements for the two also differ in that a minimum of 25 hours experience is required for the R, 50 hours are required for the E

This course is being provided by an outside service provider, approved by SAMSA the controlling authority. As a KYC course, the cost is R2 100, discounted off the usual price R2 400.

Numbers are limited.

Please contact Nicky in the KYC office on 044 382 5724 (secretary@knysnayachtclub.com) or Allan Waterston on 083 226 6028 if you wish to attend.

Restaurant – When can you dine at the club

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESTAURANT WILL NOT BE OPEN ON SUNDAY'S & MONDAY'S

Breakfast 8:30 – 12:00
Lunch 12:00 – 14:00
Dinner 18:00 – 21:00 (Wednesday and Friday)
Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

BAR HOURS

The bar hours for Sunday's have been changed, and is now open from 14h00 – 22h00

PLEASE NOTE:

If you book a table for Lunch or Dinner for more than ten and DO NOT ARRIVE or DO NOT call to CANCEL at least 2 hours before, a fee of R350.00 will be charged to your account. Please be considerate to other members who we have possibly had to turn away, not to mention the kitchen staff that is geared up to serve you. Our staff in the Restaurant & Kitchen do a sterling job.

Weekly draw

Its been some time since the results of the weekly draw have been published so here they are **Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for April - July 2016 were –**

6 th April	Bruce Maccurrach	R300.00	01 st June	Marlene Boyce	R240.00
13 th April	Susan	R300.00	08 th June	Bruce McCurrach	R320.00
20 th April	Dereck Wheeldon	R360.00	15 th June	Ansie	R280.00
27 th April	Audrey Maynard	R285.00	22 th June	ED Jamieson	R330.00
04 th May	C van Zyl	R225.00	29 th June	Thobela	R445.00
11 th May	Ian Price	R421.00	06 th July	Susan	R420.00
18 th May	D Thom	R205.00	13 th July	Thobela	R305.00
25 th May	Ronnie v d Berg	R295.00	20 th July	G Hansen	R235.00
			27 th July	Steven	R395.00

EVENTS



Powerboat Skippers Course Saturday 13th August 2016



KYC Opening Cruise Saturday 27th August 2016