

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter – DECEMBER – 2016

Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

December again, seems just like yesterday that we were celebrating New Year 2016; now we are heading into 2017. I am sure that many of our members will be travelling to join family and friends in distant places while country members will be flocking to Knysna to soak up the sun and enjoy the offerings of their club. To all our members we wish you a happy, jolly and festive season, when on the roads watch out for that other driver accidents do happen and it is not necessarily your fault.

While some may head off to other parts of the country and world life continues in Knysna and at KYC; **DECEMBER 16th** is the date for the **Xmas Dinner**, seating is limited don't delay give Dawn a call and book a table.

The annual Christmas tree for our younger members (and some of the oldies) will take place on 10th December, give Gillian Gething a call on 076 408 4933 she will give you the detail.

Nine months of our financial year almost behind us and 1 April the start of our new year when subscriptions will again be due; don't spend it all over December save a penny or two for KYC.

Last month I made mention of stickers for your motor vehicle windscreen evidencing a paid up member. A few have taken the trouble to collect stickers and place them on their windscreens but from the number of vehicles in our car park with no current year sticker displayed, we either have a membership that does not care or we have a vast number of non-members using our car park. The holiday season is upon us and with your help we will be able to exercise a little more control and have parking available for members when they visit the club. Is it time for a wheel clamp?

If a country member and you are intending to bring a boat to the club please follow procedure and report to the office; boats and trailers left at the club without permission may be removed from the premises. Boat owners, remember your boat sticker evidencing that your boat parking has been paid for the current year.



The changes to the menu appear to have been well received and restaurant bookings have improved. Your club continues to deliver value for money, if you are dining out make the club your first choice.

Our junior sail training continues on a regular basis during the week and on Saturday mornings. Additional pairs of hands helping to have boats prepared and readied for training is always welcome; if you have some time to spare and would like to give something back here.

A New Year 's Eve party is being arranged for 31st December which following the format of previous years will be on the basis of a Bring-&-Braai. A disco has been arranged for the evening. A nominal R80 per head will be charged to help off-set the costs. Please remember that the club is licenced and members are reminded that they should not bring their own drinks on to the premises; the club reserves the right to charge corkage.

The general meeting held on Thursday 1st December was well attended and the resolution necessary to allow the adoption of a revised constitution was passed. The meeting was followed by cheese, wine and snacks, put together by the Galley, which was enjoyed by all.

DOGS DOGS

Our Bye-laws are very simple when it comes to dogs on club premises, it states;

“Strictly No Dogs are allowed on the club premises”.

While the application of this Bye-law has not been strictly enforced, recognising that often animals, and dogs in particular, are very much part of the family, regrettably through the action of a few it has become necessary to enforce this Bye-law. Please abide by our constitution and Bye-laws, saving yourself and others around you embarrassment and possible confrontation. If you do bring a dog to the club you will be requested to remove it or alternatively not be allowed on the premises.



In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen

Regular club sailing continued through November.

The Fireball Worlds Championship regatta is being held in Mossel Bay from 4th to 16th December and if you are in the area why not drop in at the Mossel Bay Yacht and Boat Club near the harbour.

The 2016 SAS Youth Nationals will be sailed at Theewaters Kloof Dam from 10th to 17th December and will incorporate the Dabchick class 60th Anniversary Regatta. The Dabchick is a South African designed boat that has stood the test of time and continues to be a top choice for young sailors.



The prototype of the Dabchick was designed by Mr Jack Koper of Cape Tow in 1955. He studied the Sailfish, an American designed 'skimmer', but arrived at the conclusion that she was unsuitable.



He then worked on a plan to make a flat bottomed boat out of three sheets of plywood and this became the basis of his thinking and design. Knowing that plywood is not easy to bend or twist the rounded bow was adopted, and so the Dabchick was slowly planned – much of it

during sleepless hours in bed. 60 Years on, many of our youth sailors are still cutting their teeth on the Dabchick.

The Dabbie 60th Anniversary celebrations are scheduled for Thursday 15th December, more detail is available from the 2016 Youth Nationals website at <http://youthnationals.co.za/2016tsc/index.php/48-dabbie-class-60-year-celebration>

Three of our young sailors will be taking part in the anniversary regatta and the Youth Nationals, sailing the Lotto sponsored Dabbies.

Off-shore sailing – Glen Hansen

As we draw to the end of another successful sailing year, I would like to wish all well over the festive season.

The past months have seen some exhilarating sailing on the lagoon and gentle sails out through the Heads. There have been good sightings of pods of dolphins and other sea life, but not many sightings of whales.

The Keeler group, averaging 30 regulars, still meet every Saturday morning for breakfast under the leadership of Roger who keeps us up to date with talks and demonstrations of a nautical nature.

The Keeler group have set aside the afternoon of the 10th December, to have a raft up in the vicinity of Featherbed Bay, for a lunch to celebrate the upcoming festive season. All keelboats and catamarans and their crew are welcome to join in.

Looking ahead to January, we will be arranging a Buffalo Bay Challenge, on a Sunday (with a favourable weather and swell forecast) to which all seaworthy keelboats and catamarans are invited. This entails a leisurely sail down to a designated point off Buffalo Bay, then a bit of a challenge, starting at 14:00, to see who can be back at the KYC club house first. If you wish to receive notification of the event, please forward your cell phone number via email to glenn@hges.co.za As previously announced, the traditional BBC with all boats welcome cannot be staged due to the more stringent SAMSA/SAS controlled event permit requirements.





The club is the owner of an L26 keelboat, the one design yacht for the annual Lipton Cup Challenge. A number of our juniors have sailed on the boat and under the Guidance of John Young participated in the Lipton Cup. The boat is currently moored on a KYC walk-on mooring and we are looking for an interested member to take charge of and be responsible for this yacht giving it the TLC that it deserves. In return the boat will be at the full disposal of the member, to be used as if their own, making the call on who sails it and when. Ideally whoever is interested should also be prepared to join the keeler group on Saturday mornings and train interested youth and development sailors.

Canoeing – Paul Dugmore

Surfski news

In November Chloe Bunnett competed in East London at the Pete Marlin World Surfski Series race. The World Series came to South Africa and was hosted in East London, which doubled as the South African Championships. The race is a downwind course from Orient Beach in the heart of city and finishes at Yellowsands, which is a 20km course. Racing "up" the coast heading north to the finish, everyone is hoping for the South or South-Westerly to blow. Unfortunately on race day the wind was light, but there was still decent size swell to make things tricky. The overall race was won by



an unstoppable Hank McGregor. In the Ladies race it was one of the most competitive fields to date and Chloe finished 5th overall and taking the win in the Sub-Vet's thus becoming the 2016 SA Sub-Vet Champion. Chloe now prepares to take on the 52km Cape Point Challenge on the 17th of December.



Adventure racing

Four of our paddlers, Mark and John Collins of Team Painted Wolf and Graham Bird and Hanno Smit of Merrell Adventure Addicts, recently completed the Australian leg of the AR World Championships which took place in New South Wales two hours south of Sydney.



Team Painted Wolf finished an amazing fourth in this 630 km non-stop, unsupported adventure race which included paddling, mountain biking, trekking, navigating and caving.

Unfortunately Graham's team had mechanical problems on the second bike leg and dropped down the field although they still managed to finish 28th out of the ninety-seven teams.

Well done to all of our incredible athletes!!!!





Knysna Rotary Splash Festival 28th Dec 2016

Canoe races

1 mile family fun race through Thesen Islands, prizes for various classes plus award for the best Xmas themed entry. All paddle craft welcome including SUP's. R50 per paddler entry. Start 10am

15 km & 5 km race open to all racing kayaks and surfskis. R100 per paddler entry. Short course entry R50pp. Start 11am

Venue: Whet Restuarant between SANPARKS and NSRI museum on Thesen Island, Knysna
Registration from 9am. Lifejackets compulsory. All proceeds to charity.
More info Paul, Knysna Canoe Club
pauldugmore@telkomsa.net 0827938815

Swimming

Knysna Seahorses — of another kind

These particular Knysna Seahorses comprise a group of Open Water swimmers who set off from the Yacht Club at 6:30am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, rain or shine. They swim a distance of 1 mile, lasting roughly half an hour; on Sundays, their 'Hot Chocolate' swim takes them a little further, between 4 and 6 kilometres. The Knysna Seahorses, founded by Open Water enthusiast Delle Henry, have been going for around 1½ years and welcome anyone who enjoys swimming to join the group. It is a mix of both strong and weak swimmers, male and female; it also has a strict policy of sticking together as a group, never leaving a person on his or her own. Swimmers may wear flippers or a wetsuit, or both.





Clearly identifiable within the Estuary, the Knysna Seahorses wear compulsory fuchsia-pink caps, which are NSRI-approved.

They have swum in temperatures as warm as 23°C, and as cold as 9°C. One of the Seahorses' biggest achievements as a group was a recent 14-kilometre swim from the Red Bridge to the Knysna Heads. Ten participants started out in a water temperature of 14°C, some swimmers taking part in the form of a relay and all supported by boats. Those who finished did so in roughly four hours, leaving them with an indescribable sense of achievement.

If you are keen to try the wonderful bonding sport of Open Water swimming, contact Delle Henry on 083 2922928 or plumsteaddelle@hotmail.com

Up coming events

10 TH December	11:00 KYC Christmas tree for Kids
16 th December	18:00 KYC Christmas Dinner
27 th December	15:00 Rotary Splash - SWIM
28 th December	Rotary - Canoe race – Thesen Island
31 st December	New Year’s Eve party with DJ AL

Membership

Many of our members are constantly on the move, we don't want to lose track of you, if your contact details have changed in any way please let us know. Please call or email your new details to Nicky at secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

Are you over 65 years of age and have been a member in good standing for 7 years or more, or 75 years of age with 20 years membership in good standing you could qualify for Veteran membership, write to the secretary you may qualify for a discount on your annual subscription effective 1 April 2017.

We are still 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

3 rd March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
30 th May	“ “ “	Cash Deposit	R 500.00
29 th Sept	“ “ “	602135	R1 050.00

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



Boat Parking

Please refer to the Bye-laws relating to boat parking; the club is not a storage yard and non-sailors who store boats at the club may be subjected to the “use it or lose it” clause as provided for in the Bye-laws. If you are a casual sailor and do not participate in regular club sailing please remember to complete the register in the foyer to Ashes. By completing the register you will not be subject to punitive boat parking costs or a possible request for you to remove your boat as it is not being sailed; preference will be given to regular sailors.

Use of Causeway - Vehicle Parking

Please note that parking on the causeway is permitted only for vehicles bearing an official ‘Disabled Sticker’ as is issued by the Knysna Municipality and not for general use. The use of this area by vehicles is the cause of much of the damage to the paved area and in the interests of maintaining a safe walkway for pedestrians we would like to keep use of this area by vehicles to a minimum.

HELP

Are you at a loose end on Saturday afternoons?

Why not come down to the club and help 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 send her a mail secretary@knynsayachtclub.com

GUARANTEED YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR FEET WET

KYC has a number of employees and having a person who is willing to help with **Human Resource** matters will be a great help, no committee just guidance and assistance. If you have experience in the HR field and would like to impart some of your skill give Rob a call on 044 382 5724/044 382 0166.

We are still on the lookout for a **Treasurer** if you have the skill and a few hours to spare give Allan a call 083 226 6028.



Restaurant and Bar

Can you think of a better way to start the day, breakfast at KYC on the deck, this group take every opportunity to enjoy the good food and the environment. The days are getting longer and the mornings are perfect; if you have not had breakfast at the club you are missing out.



Restaurant

Breakfast 08h30 – 12h00

Lunch 12h00 – 14h00

Dinner 18h00 – 21h00 (Wednesday and Friday nights)

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

NEWS FROM THE GALLEY



KYC Christmas Tree for Children

Saturday

10th December @ 11h00

Parents please note : All gifts to be dropped off at the Office before Friday the 9th December between 8h30 – 13h00, so none of them get misplaced.

KYC Christmas Dinner

Friday

16th December

K.Y.C. CHRISTMAS DINNER

STARTER : Tropical Seafood Cocktail

MAINS : Gammon & Turkey, seasonal Vegetables and all Christmas fare

DESSERT : Christmas Malva pudding served with Brandy custard

FREE glass of bubbly on arrival

R190.00 per person



Members tickets are available in the Restaurant for the Christmas Dinner - 044 382 0166. Please assist us with Smooth sailing and to avoid dissatisfaction during the festive season.

PLEASE NOTE:

A NO SHOW fee of R350.00 will be charged for tables booked for 10 or more if the party does not arrive or cancel the day before.

Please be considerate to other member who we may have had to turn away.



Bar

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

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

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 R1250.00 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

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for November 2016

02 Nov 2016	Vic Sharrock	R410.00
09 Nov 2016	Sally Bekker	R300.00
16 Nov 2016	Mike Brewis	R245.00
23 Nov 2016	Ben Audibert	R260.00
30 Nov 2016	Gerda van Tonder	R205.00

We still have a few KYC clothing articles available from the Office or the Bar.

White Long sleeve T-shirts@	R143.00	Sizes available S / L / XL
Navy long sleeve T-shirts @	R143.00	Sizes available S / M
Anoraks Jackets @	R130.00	Sizes available 3XL
Fleece Ladies ¼ Zip @	R344.50	Size available M
Fleece Ladies Zipoff @	R362.70	Size available L
Golf Ladies Keeler shirt @	R254.80	Sizes available S / M
Golf Men's Keeler shirt @	R254.80	Sizes available M
Peak Navy Caps @	R 54.60	
Keeler Caps @	R 85.50	

