

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB
Established 1910



Newsletter – February 2016

Commodore's Corner

Albert Lombaard

Happy 2016 to each and every member. I realize that it is already deep into the year and I trust that it started off with a bang! I believe that this will be a wonderful year for all of us.

KYC had one of the best seasons ever over the December holiday period. A big thank you must go to Neil Sharrocks, our Vice commodore and his team for all the hard work and planning.

Since I wrote the last newsletter, there have been plenty of happenings around our beautiful club.

Neil Sharrocks went for a heart operation, we got a new secretary and treasurer, and eventually a sailing secretary and a new wine list!

It's all a good indication that we are going to have a brilliant 2016.

On behalf of the club, I would like to welcome Nicky Sachs as our club secretary, Pat Robinson as our Treasure and Andrew Finn as the official sailing representative.

I firmly believe that we will work well together and build on the previous year's successes.

During December, the committee decided to open the restaurant on Sunday's. This however never really took off, so we have changed it back to the normal times from Mondays to Saturdays.

With the help of the Parks' brothers, the wine list has been changed and everyone should once again be happy.

To Jim and George, thanks for your assistance. Hopefully all the members are now happy!

A very big thanks you must go out to Peter Messenger who kindly donated a lovely jungle gym for the kids play area at KYC.

I am sure the kids are going to love that. We have also arranged for lights to be put up in the playing area which will make it much more pleasant for the young ones and their parents in the evenings.

On the 5-6 March KYC will be hosting the Inter club Regatta and we are planning to make it something special. Please come and support our club that weekend.

The canoe section is going well and growing in size on a weekly basis. Well done guys. It's wonderful to see so many canoes on the water each week.

The keelboat group on a Saturday is also growing to such an extent that we haven't got enough boats to accommodate all the sailors. It's all about the fun for these guys.

If anyone would like to join them please speak to Glen Hansen or Roger Clancy.

Making this club a success depends on all of us as the members to work together and give positive input. Let's all build on what we have.

If any members have any suggestions on how we can improve, please contact me by email or by phone. Our committee is always willing to listen and try to assist.

Until next month keep safe God bless.

Social News – January

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for January-February 2016 were –

13th Jan	Edward	R428.00
20th Jan	Marian Forsyth	R610.00
27th Jan	John van Seventer	R730.00
3rd Feb	Beverly Wilson	R600.00
10th Feb	Eugene Coetzee	R475.00



EVENTS for Your Diary

-  Friday 12th February : Valentines Dinner
-  Saturday 13th Feb : Michaelides Trophy 1
-  Saturday 20th & Sun 21st February : Knud's Cup 1 – Active cup 8 & Knud's Cup 2
-  Saturday 27th & Sun 28th February : Buffalo Bay Challenge 3
-  Sunday 28th February : Buffalo Bay Challenge 3
-  Thursday 3rd March : New Members Evening
-  Sat/Sunday 5-6 March : Interclub Regatta
-  Thursday 17th March : St Patrick's Day

Inshore Sailing

Allan Waterston



The current 2015-16 sailing season kicked off in September last year with regular Saturday sailing taking place as per the published calendar. On Saturday 9 January 2016 the second round of the Mathiesen Cup was sailed with 16 boats taking part. The first round was held on 19 December and between the two rounds, some 16 participants took to the water in an attempt to secure the trophy but in the end could not dislodge Colin Mathiesen and he retained his trophy won last year as winner in the open fleet, while JP Kriel was the winner in the Junior fleet. Well done Colin and JP.

Junior sail training was slow out of the blocks this season, starting from early October as our coach Mike Pogodin only returned to Knysna at the beginning of October after taking a well-earned rest. During his absence Cundell Statt assisted with sailing on Saturdays, which ensured that our more experienced juniors continued to build on their skills and experience. The assistance of Cundell is appreciated.

The Eastern Cape Championships held at Wriggleswade reported on in the October newsletter was followed by the 2015 Youth Nationals held from 12th to 18th December, also held at Wriggleswade. As this event was held in the school holidays we were only able to enter two of our junior sailors, JP Kriel and Lamick Jason. Winds were good and they were able to secure a second and sixth place respectively in the Open fleet of some 18 boats.

The George Lakes inter-club regatta was held at the end of October with Sanele Magqaza sailing a Laser 4.7 managed 11th place while Sakhumzi Funda and Aphenzule Maneli were placed 19th and 20th sailing a Laser, radial and 4.7 respectively. This was a pleasing performance given that they were sailing in the senior fleet of 34 boats, skippered by some of the finest dinghy sailors in the Eden region. In the junior fleet JP Kriel (Tera Pro) again did KYC proud securing 9th position with Lukhanyo Papu (Tera Pro) 10th, Lameck Jason and Devaundrey Slinger (GYPSY) 12th, Asenathi Rhulumente (Tera Pro) 13th and Steven Nobre and Ryan Hughes (GYPSY) 14th.

George Lakes held their traditional New Year's regatta, which incorporated the GP14 Nationals, from 31st December to 2nd January. KYC was represented by JP and Lamick both on Tera Pros in 2nd and 3rd places respectively and Dudley Isaac and Sean Johnstone taking third place in the GP14 event. It is a pity that we can't get a few more of our sailors to represent KYC at these away events.

The KYC inter-club regatta is scheduled to take place on 5th and 6th March. This is a great fun filled event drawing participants from as far afield as East London and Cape Town and in the past we have had 80 plus boats on the water. As sailors we don't put on a good show at the away events so here is the opportunity to get on the water and show the others that we still have a strong sailing contingent. Make a note of the dates and be sure to take part in the festivities of the weekend.

We are still short of volunteers to assist with sailing at KYC. We have a very keen junior group but resources are limited and a few extra hands on deck would go a long way. If we could add to the band of willing helpers who run races and provide rescue services on a Saturday it would ease the burden, prior experience not required. Contact Nicky in the office or Allan Waterston.

Offshore Sailing



Photos taken by Ash Stiebel

Geoff Goddard

During the last quarter of 2015 the Knysna Offshore Sailing group was blessed with very favourable conditions with unusual long periods of relatively flat seas. This allowed some of the smaller craft to put to sea in the company of larger vessels. SV Nirvana, SV About Time, SV Gemini, SV Moly D, SV Silver Plana & SV Clarity were regular participants in the Saturday Offshore Sailing Interest Group day sails which continues to be popular with experienced sailors and new comers alike.

Unfortunately the scheduled Buffalo Challenges stages for the 15th Nov & 29th Nov were met with unsuitable swell conditions and were therefore cancelled. Buffalo Bay Challenge try number 3 is scheduled for Sunday Feb 28th

Canoeing



Summer Canoeing news

Splash Canoe

20th December at Thesen Island

For the first time the Knysna Rotary Splash Festival included two paddling events with some help from the Canoe Club. The bad weather unfortunately may have put some paddlers off but all the competitors who entered had a great time. The races were well organized with sponsorship and generous prizes coming from Sanlam Private Wealth.



The One Mile Fun Race had a Pirates of the Caribbean theme and the award for the best costumes went to the Van Wyk family of Ronelle, Daneel and Gabriel. Prizes were awarded for the winning canoe of each type, most of which were won by our members and children.



The 10 km race consisted of two 5km laps through the Thesen Island Canals with a portage on Leisure Island. The wind picked up for the second lap adding to the excitement. Martin Fraser-MacKenzie was the overall winner in a time of 50.22 minutes.

Hopefully we will see the Splash Canoe Festival will grow into an even more successful event in the future. Thanks to Mac Thorpe and the rest of the Knysna Rotary team



Sabrina Love Ocean Challenge

22nd December at Main Beach Plettenberg Bay

This 15 km surfski race took paddlers from the beach next to the Beacon Isle to a buoy near the point of Robberg. On rounding the buoy paddlers then steered past the Robberg cliffs, seals and sharks to another marker off the beach before heading back to the start. The conditions were quite tough and choppy and Knysna paddler Brett Esterhuizen did well to come in 3rd on a double ski with Neal Stephenson of Plett.

Daneel van Wyk was the youngest entrant and paddled with Greg Vogt to finish 17th overall. Other Knysna paddlers were Gabriel Van Wyk in 14th, Paul Dugmore and Jennifer Nicksch in 23rd spot and Danie van Wyk paddling a single surfski in 25th position.

On the 19th December the Knysna Canoe Club once again provided the safety marshals on the water for the Rotary Splash One Mile Swim.. This event is growing yearly and our help was appreciated by many.

The weekly Tuesday time trials have been well supported with lots of close dicing throughout the field. As usual newcomers are welcome regardless of fitness or expertise. Summer is the best time to learn!



Hobie 16 Missing Road Trailer

The club was donated a Hobie 16 catamaran about two years ago in fairly good condition. It was sailed a few times by a member but for the majority of its life at KYC it has been on the grass.

It came with a road trailer which now appears to have disappeared.

We are appealing to any member who can advise what has become of this trailer to contact Nicky in the office.

If it was borrowed could it please be returned as soon as possible, advising Nicky or Roger Clancy when it is returned to the club?

Restaurant – When can you dine at the club



Breakfast 8:30 – 12:00

Lunch 12:00 – 14:00

Dinner 18:00 – 21:00 Wednesday and Friday nights

Please phone 044 382 0166 to Reserve your table.

Social News – December



Father Christmas arriving @ KYC

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

Father Christmas visited our Juniors and many smiles were seen on their faces.

A Rare Phenomenon – emailed to KYC by Chris & Maria Henwood

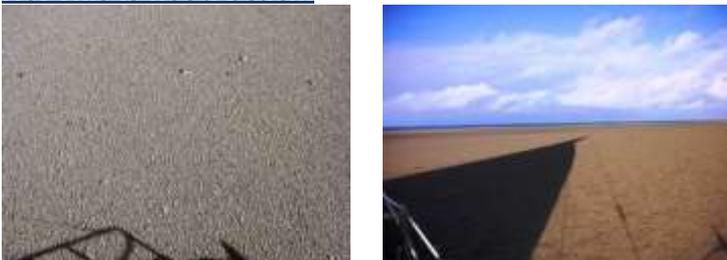
Never before seen phenomenon in South Pacific Ocean.

A yacht was traveling in the South Pacific when the crew came across a weird sight. Look at these photos and try to imagine the thrill of experiencing this phenomenon.



A BEACH?

No! This is not a beach.



Note from Helen: These are not "stones" - it is pumice!!

It's Volcanic Stones floating on the water.

WHERE IS THE VOLCANO?



AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT, SO I HAD TO TAKE PICTURES BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IT!

**THE WAKE FROM MY YACHT.
WE STAYED ON THE EDGE OF THE WATER.**

**THEN THIS WAS SPOTTED:
ASH AND STEAM RISING FROM THE OCEAN.**



And, while WE were watching,

**A plume of black ash, a HUGE CLOUD.
COVERING EVERYTHING IN RED, EVEN THIS FAR AWAY.**



THEN THE SKY TURNS BLACK WITH ASH AND THE OCEAN TURNS GOLD FROM SUN'S REFLECTION.

OUT OF THE OCEAN, MOUNTAIN PEAKS ARISE !



MORE ERUPTIONS; ASH AND CLOUDS.



**THEN MOUNTAIN PEAKS RISE HIGHER WITHIN MINUTES,
AND A BRAND-NEW ISLAND IS FORMED!**



CREATION OF MOUNTAINS!

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE THRILL OF BEING THE FIRST AND ONLY PEOPLE TO WITNESS A NEW ISLAND BEING CREATED WHERE THERE WAS NOTHING THERE BEFORE?

Mother Earth has produced a new baby!

Crazy world of Sailing – Funnies for the month



New Email addresses for Committee Members

Please take note of the following New email addresses:

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