

# KNYSNA YACHT CLUB



*Newsletter*  
*December 2019*



# Tribute to Roger Clancy

The legendry Roger Clancy, former President and Honorary Member of the Knysna Yacht Club, departed on his final voyage into the blue beyond on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. He will be sorely missed by all that knew this gentle giant; the man who was at the Club almost all the time since 1977, when he and his lovely wife, Sheila, sailed into Knysna aboard “Kuan Yin”.

Dressed in his blue overalls, he could be found hauling out boats on the east slipway, or aboard his much-loved workshop vessel “Spanner”, fixing jetties and moorings, among many other things, as well as rescuing sailors, who had gone aground or lost an engine.

He came to be recognised as The Face of KYC, the go-to person if you had a boat or club related problem. He was also a teacher. He imparted his knowledge to eager learners at the Saturday morning Keelboat Breakfast Group and at the General Committee and the former House Committee, on which he served for countless years.

He was a keen supporter of Rugby and we can take consolation from the fact that he held on to life long enough to witness the Bokke win the 2019 Rugby World final.

Good Bye Dear Friend – your aura will never be replaced!





Dear members – Festive Season Edition! ....

## The Festive Season

It's the annual Year-end holiday time in Knysna. All members are welcome to pop round to the club over the holidays, the facilities are all in excellent condition and the Committee and Staff wish you all the best for the holidays and new year.

## The Club

As most members are aware Rob Clark left the club at the end of October – we thank him for his contribution to the club over the past few years.

All staff including, Stan (restaurant Manager) and Nicky (Club Secretary) are onboard (with revised job responsibilities).

We are now operating a centralized diary and all requests are to be routed through Nicky in the secretary's office these requests will be sent to the required persons for implementation. The office is open from 08:00 – 13:00 weekdays. This includes, membership applications, functions, haul out requests and general queries.

## Activities

It's the festive season and we have a number of activities and functions planned for December and January – join in the fun.



## Restaurant and Bar

Watch the KYC Facebook page, your mail and sms's for the great specials available.

Happy Hour: We have introduced a new happy hour for members on Friday 17:00 to 18:00. Wednesday remains 18:00 to 19:00.

Morning tea / coffee and Breakfast Menu will be available Tuesday to Friday 08:30 on – the lunch and snack menus from 12:00

Pop round and enjoy the most iconic setting in Knysna

Please remember all the latest news is posted on the KYC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub/>

## Mission:

- To welcome all members, their guests & visitors to the KYC club & its facilities.
- To grow the clubs' membership base.
- To increase the number of functions and activities, both water-based and social.
- To encourage non-members along with their families and friends to join the club.
- To maintain and improve the clubs' facilities and skills

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# CANOE – Grant Trollip

“ The Canoe and Canoe Polo club celebrated a very well attended and fun end of year function and prize giving held in the main restaurant after the usual weekly time trial on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

It goes without saying that without prizes a prize giving wouldn't be a prize giving and one again Suzi and Hein Gillomee most generously sponsored the wonderful hampers that were presented to our prize winners.

The Canoe club would like to thank Suzy and Hein for their generosity and are most thankful to them. They also sponsor a lucky draw prize after the weekly time trial, along with Cafe Mario and Food Lovers Market and the Canoe Club Committee would like to thank these business for their sponsorship over the last year. Special thanks also to the committee members Philicity and Phil Mailer and Holey Godfrey for organizing the evening and the many prizes that were awarded.

Prizes winners were:

(Taken from 20 Nov '18 to 19 Nov '19)

## **Most Wins**

### K1: Martin

Paddled 39 time trials. 28 times in a K1 and won 14 times. Also paddled 11 times in a double and won 4. Special mention for K1 was Daneel Van Wyk with 6 wins.

### K2: Darren Berry and Mark Collins

Paddled together 20 times and won 11

## **Fastest TT**

### K2: Darren Berry and Albert Wasserman

Paddled together once and scorched round in 40:38

### K1: Martin Fraser Mackenzie

Kept pace with Darren and Albert to set a K1 time of 40:39

## **International Paddler of the year**

### Chloe Bunnett

For the second year in a row Chloe has represented Spain in the Surf Ski world champs where she came in the top 10. She is currently also the Spanish Champion and will represent Spain in the world Cup on the 19<sup>th</sup> Of February

## **Junior Paddler of the year**

### Daneel Van Wyk

Our fastest junior - won 6 times in a K1 and 4 times in a K2. Daneel also won a Bronze medal at the SA Canoe sprints in the 500m final as well as a Gold in the KZN sprints in the 1000m final and a silver medal in the 200m event

## **Most improved Junior**

### Carla Collins

## **Up and Coming Junior Paddler of the Year**

### Jaco Olivier

## **Notable Senior Paddling performance (or however you want to word it)**

Lee (All round performance in time trials as well as the insane PE2EL race)

## **Most partners**

Iain - 8 partners (Kyla, James, John, Nelson, Taya, Jack, Marie, and Belen)

John Collins was close with 7 partners.

Also had Darren, Mark, Lee, Radie, Daneel, Dave and Martin who all paddled with 4 different partners.

## **Most Time Trials**

### **Senior**

Jerome

50 Time trials out of 52 including one where he was the only paddler.

Runners up - Ron 48, Radie 40, Martin 39, Dave 38, Darren 36, Albert 34 and Lee 32.

### **Junior**

Kyla 14

Just pipped Carla, Taya and Jaco who all had 13.

## **Michael Phelps swimming award**

K2: Mark and Gareth

## **We also need to give bottles of wine to worthy individuals.**

Hubby won his age cat in the Breede

Martin and Sally also got multiple podiums at the Breede

Dave and Radie had a Breede podium as well

Lee gave us a sterling representation at the Pe2el

The guys who did the Fish didn't place but it's obviously a much bigger race.

Radie and Chrisna did pretty well (19th mixed out of 82) , as did Daneel (5th in K1 out of 32)

Danie and Albert were 6th in SGM (out of 21). Ron and Jerome were 18th out of 34 in SM. (Not sure if I've missed anyone out)

Also- Ben Giliomee - He had a podium at Breede and 11th out of 31 U23 in the Fish. Feels like we should acknowledge him even though he doesn't seem to be at the club much?

## **OFFSHORE SAILING – Earle Seals**

The Keeler Group will never ever be the same again. Our founding member, Roger Clancy, has left us with many many fond memories of what sailing off shore is really about.

A special skipper, mentor, comrade and friend will be remembered for all his nautical wisdom and the wonderful and humorous way he delivered his Saturday breakfast talks.

For the rest of us we can only try to preserve this tradition by relying on the input, of those of us that can, and the enthusiasm of the support group who enjoy the wonderful sailing opportunity offered.

As far as sailing this past month is concerned our adventures have been mixed. Negotiating the heads was not too difficult but the seas have been fairly uncomfortable. Once out to sea, great sailing was achieved in a stiff wind of up to 20knots although sometimes a little wet. What more could a true blue sailor ask for?

The Buffalo Bay actually happened but as usual not to Buffalo Bay. The start line was set at Knoetzie for a 14:30 start, all done like clockwork by Glen and Cecile in Freya and got the keel boats off to a close start. For the first time ever we used Willo as the safety boat offshore and although helpful, the crew found the sea a little too much. The two dinghy's Dudley Isaacs in his Finn and Peter Vadas in his Laser were too quick and found themselves at the start an hour early. Because of the sea state they opted to have their own race and their time home was so quick that the bridge was not there to record their finish time. Who knows who won but certainly much quicker than the keelers, in fact the safety boat could not keep up.

For the record the following is the result of the Buff challenge. Handicaps were a thumb suck so should not be taken seriously.

Line positions:-	1 <sup>st</sup> Jeanneu	Anthony Doherty	
	2nd Serendipity	Mark Orpen	Stadt 35
	3rd Safe Conduct	Peter Green	Stadt 35
Handicap	1st Jeanneu	Anthony Doherty	
	2nd Nirvana	Earle Seals	Miura 31
	3rd Gemini	Geoff Goddard	Carter 33

We also had a few other boats participation. Thank you to Isimoya and all the other participants.

### Proposal for a Roger Clancy memorial trophy.

We are considering a trophy to be presented at the Prize giving awards at the end of the season i.e. after the closing cruise. The criteria for winning would be based partly on performance racing the Buff Challenge with bonus points added for dedication and support of the Keeler Group. Any input as to the formula would be gratefully received.

## INSHORE SAILING – Gayle Newby

The busy season is upon us! The sight of many sails out on the Lagoon is wonderful to behold and to be onboard a boat even more so!

The sailing events that took place during November included -

**A Fun Race**, held on 12/10, arranged at short notice by the Commodore, was sailed by 5 Junior boats and won by Luca Lutolf.

**The Founders Trophy**, held on 09/11, saw 9 boats on the water. The Open Fleet was won by Lee Hawkins and the Junior fleet was won by Luca Lutolf.

**The Buffalo Bay (Noetzie) Challenge** was well attended by the keelboats, while only two, very brave, dinghy sailors participated in pretty difficult conditions, namely Dudley Isaac & Dave Shilton. Well done guys!

**The Westminster Trophy**, held on 23/11, was sailed by 10 boats. The Open Fleet was won by Robert Vadas and the Junior Fleet was won by Tembo Nyasha.



**The Parkes Cup**, sailed on Saturday, 7 December, was a great success. The sun was shining, and the wind was good, allowing the fifteen boats that jostled on the start line to sail 3 races at a fair pace.

Congratulations to Dudley Isaac, sailing a Finn, who won the Open Fleet of 10 boats; followed by Peter Unite, sailing a Laser 4.7, with Sakhumuzi Funda, also on a Laser 4.7, making a close 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Well done to Ryan Steenkamp, who won the Junior Fleet of five RS Tera dinghies. Ayden Gething came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nyasha Tembo was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This was an ideal event for these sailors to put in some practise for the Youth Nationals being held at Theewater later this month and also for the RS Tera World Champs being held in April 2020.

Many thanks to the Parkes family for making it a special occasion, especially as the steadfast Mrs Margaret Parkes was there to hand the Parkes Cup to the winners. Everyone was invited to the wonderful Tea after the event. The cakes were outstanding, and the snacks were scrumptious.

**The Sail Training Academy**, with Head Coach Mike Pogodin and Assistant Coach Sanele Magqaza as well as others, has been holding training sessions on Wednesday afternoons for the Sea Cadets and Saturday mornings for Level 1 and Level two trainees. These intrepid young sailors have now completed 10 sessions each and have opted to continue with training during December and January to keep their momentum going. Great show of Spirit!

**The Junior Sailing Fun Group** of 10 or more participants, supervised by Lee Hawkins, has had some good sailing experience on Friday afternoons

**The 2020 RS Tera World Championships** will be held on the Swartvlei Lagoon from 4 to 9 April 2020, on the Swartvlei Lagoon. KYC is aiming to have 10 entries in the event and sailors need to start training in earnest. This event is being organised by the RS Tera Class Association under the banner of KYC. The Rules for the event are set by the International body and the requirements are stringent.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT KYC IS NOT THE ORGANISER.**

The entry fee is R4,840; (Early bird R4,400 if paid by 29 December 2019). This seems high but it does cover 6 days of organised sailing, daily lunch for sailors and a vast amount of organisation and management to ensure a successful event. Most of the work is done by volunteers but there are requirements that the local body has to comply with which increase costs. If there are any sponsors out there who would like to help KYC youngsters achieve their dream, we would really like to hear from you.

**Congratulations** to Dave Shilton, who has been awarded a certificate as a finalist for Sportsman of the Year 2019 from the Eden Sport Council.

**LOOKING FOR**

This is a very long shot, but you may be able to help or direct me. I am a member at FBYC (and a director of the Marina Company) and I am looking for a Woods design **Elf 26 Catamaran** - preferably in the Western Cape (there are a couple at Manten Marina, but logistic are tricky and expensive). It is an open deck cat, LOA 7.8 m, Beam 5 m, of which a number were built in Cape Town in the early 90's. There is reference on sailing forums to a couple of Elf 26's being sailed in the West Coast Cruise some years back, but most appear to have been sailed in protected waters (hence my casting a query in your direction), and I wondered whether you might have some idea whether there are any still being sailed (or for sale) in or around Knysna? Other similar size grp open deck cats would also be of interest.



Any help or redirection will be greatly appreciated.

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083 261 2295

**CLUB ACCESS & MAIN GATE CONTROL**

All paid up members have access to the club through the main gate via their mobile phones.

Please confirm your phone details with Nicky at the office to ensure that you can open the gate.

We no longer have someone on the gate, this function has been discontinued

Visitors and guests will need to buzz the club from the gate to gain access.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**RESTAURANT**

Bar Only : Monday:  
15h00 – 22h00 (Ashes)  
Tuesday – Sunday: 11h00- 22h00  
Wednesday Nights:  
Happy Hour Wed 18h00 – 19h00  
Fri 15h00 – 18h00  
Lucky draw in Ashes Bar on Wed



## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT KYC

### Wednesday Evenings

Happy Hour in Asches between 18h00 & 19h00. We also have a lucky draw, pick a number for R5 and you could win. Dinner always popular on Wednesday, so please book a table to avoid disappointment.

### HAPPY HOUR

New Happy Hour times: Wednesday's 18h00 till 19h00  
Fridays 17h00 till 18h00  
This will be implemented for a trial period. Discounted prices will apply on all alcoholic drinks – excl. minerals  
**PLEASE NOTE**  
**The discount will ONLY apply to members who present their membership card to the Barman to be swiped**

### Restaurant Hours

**Please take note that the Restaurant will be open during the festive season for Breakfast on Sundays from 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – 12 January 2020**

### RESTAURANT HOURS

Breakfast Tuesday - Saturday  
8h30 – 11h00  
Lunch Tuesday - Sunday  
12h00- 14h00  
Dinner Wednesday & Friday  
18h00 – 21h00

## FUNCTIONS

Please keep KYC restaurant in mind when planning any kind of celebration, weddings, birthdays or year-end functions.

Contact Nicky on 044 382 0166 for information on use of the venue and catering.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Pay with your pre-funded membership card and get 10% discount at the Bar & Restaurant**

### PRE-FUND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

1. Cash or Credit Card top up with our staff at the Office, Bar or Restaurant.
2. An EFT can be done to the same KYC account as the subs.

Please use your membership number and add **SP** at the end, so that we know that amount must be allocated to the members spending account, example 1859SP. This amount will be allocated to your account as soon as it appears on our bank statement.

Please bear in mind the delay in the banking world when transferring from one bank to another e.g. Absa to FNB, this may take up to 48hrs.

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First National Bank, Knysna  
Account number: 62288441464  
Branch: 210214

Please remember to advise Nicky of any of your personal details if any of these have changed.

Please call or email your new details to Nicky at [secretary@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)

### Upcoming Events

Follow the club members and activities online

Face Book:

<https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub>

Website:

<http://knysnayachtclub.com/>

To add information to Facebook page or the website, contact Nicky at the office, 044 3825274.

## CLUB REGALIA

Various KYC branded clothing and caps are available from the Office or from the Bar.

## EVENTS - Entertainment

Get your tickets now. Available from Bar or Office



**KNYSNA YACHT CLUB**  
**2020**  
**NYE PARTY NIGHT**

NO alcohol may be brought onto premises - Our BARS will be Open

*Grab your friends and come down to KYC  
for the best Party in Knysna*

Bring & Braai OR Picnic Basket  
KYC Members : R50      Non-Members: R100

Music by : DJ Allan Sass       MEDUSA MOBILE EVENTS

## EVENTS - Sailing

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Commodores Cup (Sailing)



**Parkes Hoogekraal**  
**Canoe races & KYC annual picnic**  
**Saturday 21st December**

Race distances 4km, 10km & 19km  
Briefing 9.30 start 10am  
Lifejackets compulsory  
R60 per paddler / R30 Juniors  
including a beer/coke and burger.  
Braai fire

Directions  
Karatura turn-off N2 near Sedgfield  
4.5km turn left & cross river  
2.6 turn left onto Hoogekraal gravel road  
1.1km cross causeway & turn left through gate

Paul 0827938815

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Buffalo Bay Race



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