



KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

(Established 1910)



Newsletter August 2018

Commodores Corner Andrew Finn

Greetings Fellow Members

As many of you have witnessed, the club has been bustling with activity; the new windows in the main Clubhouse are almost fully installed, the old smoking room is now an extension of the bar and the wooden slipway is currently being upgraded and will be ready and operational for the Opening Cruise. Please remember that this is a wooden slipway and can only accommodate the launching of small craft / canoes. Motorised vehicles and large yachts must use the cement slipway.

Follow the active KYC Facebook page for up to date information and activities of our members - <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub>

Our website is in the process of being updated with an up to date calendar with both social and sporting activities listed <http://knysnayachtclub.com/>

To add your activities to either the Facebook or website, please contact Nicky at the KYC office at 044 382 5274.

Upcoming events to note

Spring Party 1st September 2018

Come to KYC and party the night away

Neil Sharrock's and his team are busy with the entertainment program for the year

Opening Cruise – book the date SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

You and your guests are invited to the KYC annual opening cruise – this is an open day – bring potential members down to enjoy the club.

Friday Nights at KYC

Don't forget the Special – meal discount every Friday – get 50% of your tables' meal bill up to R 400/ table

KYC welcomes all members, members' guests and visitors to our wonderful club and its facilities. Encourage non-members to join the club with their families and friends. Maintain and improve the Clubs facilities and skills.

Live background piano music will also be played in the Clubhouse twice a month on Friday evenings – dates will be published on Facebook SMS.

Come and relax to the music while you enjoy your evening's meal.

Don't forget to feel free to contact any of our Gencom members with input as we welcome new ideas and positive feedback.

Off-shore Sailing – Earle Seals

A quiet past few weeks, in fact a Saturday when nobody went sailing because of the calm and shortage of vessels. We even missed our usual tech talk by Roger and consequently chips and beer. This is certainly a first to my knowledge but without doubt with the Opening Cruise just around the corner all will be back on track.

Our Saturday morning school was conceived by Roger, to be an encouragement to all would be sailors, to go on to long distance cruising. With this in mind we are publishing a letter which I am sure will be of great interest. Although Rowland Stanton never had the pleasure of sailing with our group there have been a number of sailors who started in our school who are now proud owners of off shore yachts and our busy living out their dreams in all parts of the world. More about these adventures in later newsletters but for now enjoy the following letter.

News from our member friends over the oceans “Rowland & Miki Stanton”

An update on Spirit of Africa's travels.

Spirit of Africa is a 44' Orana 44 catamaran built by Fountaine-Pajot, France, and collected by Miki and I in La Rochelle in France in August of 2008.

We left Cascais, Lisbon, Portugal on Sunday 7 September 2008 to start our voyaging which about a month ago ended in Cascais as our sailing circumnavigation of the world.

On Tuesday 5 June 2018 in the early hours of the morning, just over four weeks ago, in starless and cloudy darkness and thick mist, after 47750 nautical miles and after just short of 10 years, we returned to and docked at Cascais.

Two weeks later Miki and I hosted family and friends in Cascais for a few days to celebrate the successful conclusion of our trip.

During the 10 years of our amazing adventure we visited more than 400 anchorages and marinas in more than 50 countries and several hundred islands in many and most of the world's oceans and many of its seas.

We also sailed up some of its incredible rivers including the Paraguacu in Brazil and the wonderful Kinabatangan in Malaysian Borneo where we sighted orang-utans, proboscis monkeys and pygmy elephants amongst many other animal sightings.

Spirit's route took us from Portugal via the Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Ascension, Angola, Namibia, St Helena, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, the Falkland Islands, Chile, Cape Horn, Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, New Zealand, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Australia, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Borneo, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Djibouti, Sudan, Egypt, Cyprus, Tunisia, Spain and back to Portugal where we now find ourselves.

Our route this year of just over 8000 nautical miles started in Phuket (Thailand) and then took us via Trincomalee (Sri Lanka); Cochin (India); Djibouti; the Red Sea; Suakin, Sudan; Port Ghalib, At Tur and Port Suez, Egypt; the Suez Canal; Limassol, Cyprus; Bizerte, Tunisia; a few ports and anchorages in Spain and Portugal and then on to Marina de Cascais where we now find ourselves.

We are currently exploring the Atlantic coast of Portugal and intend ending up in Portimao in the Algarve before 7 August where we will take Spirit out of the water and store her on the hardstand for about 9 months and a good rest for her and us.

We return to Johannesburg in mid-August.

Over the 10 years we had the great pleasure of enjoying many friends and family on board at different times in different places.

Five of our grandchildren - Stephanie (Tonga), Madison (Papua New Guinea) and Isabella, Nina and Jack (all Thailand) - have spent time on Spirit. We have a deal where each grandkid plus one parent comes to Spirit after their 8th birthday. What a privilege for us!

The trip, the exposure to, and exploration of new countries and places, and the visits by family and friends, has for us has been an absolute adventure and privilege.

I have attached a few of photos to share a tiny bit of the wonder of our voyage of the Spirit.



27 August 2009
- Spirit of African under sail in
Baia de Camamu, Brazil



11 November 2010
- Miki & Rowland rounding Cape Horn, Chile



15 January 2011
- Tied on in Caleta Alakush, Beagle Channel, Chile



19 May 2015
Maddy, granddaughter, at Ungalik Island,
New Ireland, PNG



14 May 2018
- Miki on deck with Rock of Gibraltar in background

Restaurant and Bar

Our team in the galley continue to produce quality food beautifully presented and served by our friendly waitrons. If you have not been to the club for a while for a meal I would recommend a visit; make it a Friday evening and stand a chance of winning a 50% discount on the food bill for your table or some other surprise.

Breakfast: 08h30 – 11h00 Tuesday to Sunday

Lunch: a-la-carte 12h00 – 14h00 Tuesday to Sunday
(plus roast of the day on Sunday)

Dinner: a-la-carte 18h00 – 21h00 Wednesday and Friday



Bar Menu available during above hours plus 17h00 – 20h00 Tuesday and Thursday evenings come and enjoy a special light meal.

Phone 044 382 0166 to reserve your table.

Friday Dinner Draw

Swipe your membership card to Enter.

Winning table will receive a 50% discount off cost of meal

Up to R400.00. T's & C's apply



PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TAKE UP A RESTAURANT BOOKING PLEASE LET US KNOW TIMEOUSLY. WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE THAT TABLE TO OTHERS AND NOT TURN MEMBERS AWAY BELIEVING WE ARE FULLY BOOKED



Bar

Normal hours during the week are 11h00 till late and Sunday's 10h00 – 22h00

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

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

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

Membership

PRE-FUND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

C1] Cash or Credit Card top up with our staff at the 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.

Banking Details:

FNB Knysna - Acc 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

Club regalia

KYC branded clothing and caps are available from the Office or from the Bar. If there is something special you are looking for chat to Nicky and she will see what she can do.

Fleece Jackets



Navy

Bomber Jackets



Body Warmer



Navy

Long sleeve knit



Golf Shirt



Navy/Blue/White

Golf Shirt



Navy

V-neck T shirt in navy



Volunteers - Bridge

Opening Cruise is almost upon us

Are you at a loose end on Sunday 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@knysnayachtclub.com



GUARANTEED YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR FEET WET

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RAFFLE

The Canoe section is raffling off tickets for R50.00 to assist Jacek with his recovery after suffering a stroke.

Please support this wonderful gesture and buy a ticket from the Bar or Office and you could Win a “DO IT NOW” Kayak. The Kayak is displayed in Ashes Cabin. Draw will take place on 1st September.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Party – Saturday - 1st September 2018

Opening Cruise – Sunday - 9th September 2018

International Spring Clean Knysna – 15th September 2018

Octoberfest – Saturday – 6th October 2018

Many more events to follow – please keep an eye out on our Facebook / web page as well as notice boards.