

# KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

*(Established 1910)*



## Newsletter – NOVEMBER – 2016

### Commodores Corner – Allan Waterston

With holiday season approaching the number of visitors to the club will increase. To help us manage our club, as mentioned in the October newsletter members will be required to show their membership cards from time to time going forward. Nicky has numerous cards of members who have paid but not bothered to collect, don't be caught out collect your card as soon as possible.

As with membership cards a Car sticker on your windscreen showing you are a paid up member will help us to ensure that there is parking available for you when you visit the club. The area is not a public parking area and measures are being taken to manage this.

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.

These days one does not often have the privilege and benefit of loyal employees, however, at KYC we still have some old style values; on behalf of the members and past Committees, I would like to thank Dawn for her loyal service over the past 15 years, well done.

Like all businesses, and even in our personal domestic situation, our club is faced with continual price increases. While we can do our best to manage costs within our control there are many which we have no choice other than to pass on through our bar and restaurant pricing. Our menu has been reviewed and a number of changes made and we hope you will enjoy the new fare. Suggestions are always welcome and generally easy, translating these into a deliverable product is where the trick lies; suggestions will be evaluated to determine if they are capable of implementation and economically viable.

A number of our paddlers took part in the Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon over the weekend of 8/9 October. As always they put up a sterling performance, read more about their experiences below.

Our sailors taking part in the Eastern Cape Championships and the Laser Nationals at Swartvlei held at the beginning of October showed that the standard of sailing at KYC is right up there with the rest. Well done to all who took part and especially to our juniors who made their presence felt occupying podium positions in both events. Read more below.

After a successful drive we are fortunate to have the opportunity to introduce sailing to a new in-take of young sailors. Training takes place during the week and on Saturday mornings. There is always space for a few more so if you know someone who would like to learn to sail, suggest that they contact Nicky in the office.

October has come and gone and with it the Oktober fest. A short survey was undertaken contacting members and guests who had attended; generally the feedback was positive and the negative aspects that were highlighted have been noted for future reference. Catering for





events is very difficult if numbers are not known, advance booking will assist greatly not only for special functions but also when intending to dine at the club, help us to help you. Our thanks and appreciation to N2RS for the music and organisation.



Any comments and suggestion in respect of entertainment at the club will be appreciated. Only with your input will the club be able to deliver what you are looking for. Drop a mail to Nicky or leave a note in the suggestion book in the restaurant.

Last month I mentioned that your committee were continuing to evaluate membership systems, an initiative started under the previous committee, and I am pleased to say that the decision has been made to move forward with the installation of the Clubmaster system. Members who are members of the Knysna Golf Club will be familiar with the system and benefits. Key to the success of any system is the data and we will be going through an exercise to update our existing records. Your assistance in this will be appreciated.

After months of work your committee has completed a revision of the constitution. A general meeting is to be held on **Thursday 1 December 2016 at 18:00** for purposes of passing the necessary resolution to allow the adoption of the revised constitution. A notice of meeting with more details will be sent out shortly in accordance with the provisions of the existing constitution. Make a note of the date, the meeting will be followed by a Cheese and Wine evening and include our new members evening.

## In-shore sailing – Colin Mathiesen

By the time you read this newsletter it will be November, well into our sailing calendar. The Parkes Cup series was sailed in October with Peter Unite taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the seniors and Sanele Magquazza 1<sup>st</sup> in the junior fleet. In keeping with tradition the second round sailed on 29 October was followed by tea and cake generously sponsored by Parkes & Son and was enjoyed by the few who came down to enjoy their club and the hospitality; Mrs Margaret Parkes did the honours presenting the trophy to the winners.

Well done to our juniors who participated in the Eastern Cape Championships and Laser Nationals at Swartvlei at the beginning of October. Sanele Magquaza took first place in the Laser 4.7 class with JP Kriel in third place and Apenduli Maneli fourth in the E Cape Championships. In the Laser Nationals Sanele was piped at the post on day four, taking second place with Apenduli and JP in third and fourth places respectively. Lamick Jason a new comer to Lasers managed seventh place out of a fleet of 12. Our Grand Masters Colin Mathiesen and Peter Unite put up a good showing. Conditions were difficult with winds in excess of 20 knots at times; a good performance by all from KYC. Junior sail training commenced on Saturday 15 October and by all accounts we should see some new faces on the water shortly.

A SAS trainer's course was held at the club over four days from 13 to 16 October with participants from Mossel Bay, George Lakes and Red House Yacht club in attendance. By all accounts it was a worthwhile course and adds to the skills of trainers in the Eden District and Eastern Cape Region. All completed the course;

however a few require additional experience as well as certification in fields such as First Aid and Rescue & Safety Boat.





The first inter-club of the season in the Eden District was hosted by George Lakes Yacht Club on Island Lake in the Wilderness over the week end 22/23 October. It was a great event well supported with a total (Juniors and Seniors) of 44 participants. A number of our sailors participated with Dudley Isaac taking top spot on the podium finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the senior fleet on his Finn. Sanele Magqaza on a Laser 4.7 finished 7<sup>th</sup> with JP Kriel 8<sup>th</sup> overall and JP the first Dabchick across the line. Well done!

## Canoeing – Paul Dugmore

The Hansa Fish River Canoe Marathon was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October and this year twelve of our paddlers were there to experience this iconic event. The race starts with a dash across the Grassridge Dam on the Brak River and ends 81.8 km later at the Cradock Sports Complex. Albert Wasserman and Danie van Wyk were our top finishers in 6 hours 7 minutes with Di and Neil Steenkamp just behind them amongst the 542 boats that survived the weirs, rapids, trees and rocks.



Soutpans rapid

Ron Godfrey and Johan Olivier

## Up coming events

1 <sup>st</sup> December	18:00 General Meeting & Cheese and Wine
10 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 KYC Christmas tree for the Kids
16 <sup>th</sup> December	18:00 KYC Christmas Dinner
27 <sup>th</sup> December	15:00 Rotary Splash - SWIM
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Rotary - Canoe race – Thesen Island

## 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](mailto: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@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.com)

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reference on Statement	Y/club subs	R1 953.00
6 <sup>th</sup> May	" " "	Knysna Yacht Club	R 960.00
30 <sup>th</sup> May	" " "	Cash Deposit	R 500.00
29 <sup>th</sup> 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@knysnayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@knysnayachtclub.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

Come and celebrate the Summer Season at your club.

We have exciting changes at the club. New look menu's and wine lists.

Every Wednesday's and Friday's we are having wonderful specials.

Please remember the following dates:

KYC Christmas Tree for the Kids Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 11h00

KYC Christmas Dinner Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Members please phone early for your reservations in the Restaurant for the Christmas Dinner 044 382 0166 to assist us with smooth sailing and to avoid disappointment 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 Lucky draw in Ashes Bar.

Friday night's we are now having Shooter specials and once a month DJ Lou will entertain us with music in Ashes Cabin.

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 R1100.00 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 October 2016**

5th October	Harriet	R404.00
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Clive	R235.00
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Duncan Carter	R155.00
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Chris van Zyl	R360.00

## KYC Clothing

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	