

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – September 2016

Commodore's Corner – Allan Waterston

Summer time and all is a buzz at your club.

The Opening cruise was a bumper affair, great weather, a great turn out of boats, a great turnout of members and guests and even greater spread of eats at the tea which followed. Our thanks to Kevin Fouché of Knysna Yacht Company for arranging a Knysna 500 as a dignitary boat for the occasion and to the Dignitaries who joined us on the day, Commodore of GLYC David Laing and Secretary of EDEN Sports Council, Dave van der Walt.

An Opening Cruise would not be complete without SAN Parks and the NSRI and we thank them for their continuing support of KYC activities and the good working relationships that exist.



I must apologize to all for breaking tradition in regard to taking the salute; I made the decision to get my feet wet early in the season and joined the fleet on the water sailing my Laser, and I must say that it turned out to be a great day for sailing. Having opted out of duty, our Vice Commodore Jim Parkes took the salute on my behalf; many thanks for captaining the ship on this occasion Jim it is appreciated.



While the sailing season kicked off with the opening cruise, our keelboat group never missed a beat right through the winter (but then they don't get their feet wet normally). The Saturday morning group goes from strength to strength; well done to all that make it happen, from Roger and Glen to the numerous boat owners who willingly take other members of this group on board.

This group has also been very successful in attracting new members to the club; our facilities are unique and all members are encouraged to bring a guest or two to the club encouraging them to join.

Our paddlers have also been out there holding their regular time trials on a Tuesday afternoon. Ten paddlers took part in the Breede Drew and Bontebok events and I believe that all ten ended up on the podium in one class or another: well done to all of them see Canoe report for the Breede River challenge results held on 1/2 September.

KYC is a club for all, with great facilities either on or off the water. After taking part in one of the water based activities doing what you enjoy, be it sailing or paddling join the social members and spend time on the deck sipping your favourite drink watching the sun set.

It is of concern that while many of our members enjoy and make good use of our facilities there is a minority who seem to use 😊 and abuse 😞.

KYC has a number of club boats, canoes and sailing dinghies, which are available for members to use. However to ensure the condition of the equipment and most importantly the safety of the users, contact must be made with the respective committee member responsible for the section in question to make the necessary arrangements prior to use.

It has been found that equipment is taken, used and in many cases returned damaged, with no attempt being made to either obtain permission for use or to advise anyone of the damage sustained. To illustrate the kind of thing taking place one of the KYC Thor canoes was seen disappearing down to the Heads and it turned out to be two of the development sailors. On another occasion a stranger was seen using one of the canoes and when confronted explained that his girlfriend's father was a member of the Yacht Club!

If you don't know who to contact for permission, a good starting point would be the KYC office.

Please be mindful of your fellow members and respect KYC facilities, a significant amount of effort and cost goes into maintaining the equipment at an acceptable standard.

Other areas are boat parking and vehicle parking. As an example look at the pictures below, these items have been deposited at the club with no reference to anyone, is

this use or abuse? What I do know is that it is an inconvenience to others who now have difficulty in accessing their equipment.



Items of any description deposited at the club without permission will be removed from the premises without notice, even in circumstances where the owner may be known. KYC accepts no responsibility or liability of any description for such action taken and or the items in question.

Our Admin staff, Nicky and Rob, has been doing a great job in helping members bring their accounts up-to-date. If you are one of our members who may not have received their membership renewal invoices sent out earlier this year please contact the office, your club relies on you to be able to provide the level of service expected.

Following a suggestion from the floor at the AGM, a list of items requiring attention has been put together and your committee will be chipping away at this. These vary in magnitude and importance; some will be able to be dealt with as part of the general maintenance but others will require careful planning and matching of financial resources to activities.

In this regard members may have seen a bit of work taking place around the club; your previous committee put in hand the renovation of the wood burner in Asches and this stove has now been brought back into service – with proper care and treatment it should last a lifetime, don't use the top of our stoves as a table at any time.

At the loft the paving has been repaired, a walkway to the gents door laid and a drain under the external tap installed making rinsing of wetsuits and the like easier; this water runs away on to the parking area and not into the sewer. A drain for the purpose of rinsing out portable toilets has been provided, please use this with care and consideration of others. The Gents ablution facility in the Loft has received a makeover and I have no doubt that our Ladies will soon be demanding a face lift to their ablutions.

Please treat these facilities with the same respect that you would as if it were in your own home. If you see anyone abusing these, please obtain the name of the

individual and report the incident to the office so that appropriate action can be taken.



Radio Controlled Sailing

A group of Laser sailors of a slightly different kind will soon be seen around the club. The group will be sailing their radio controlled Lasers from the wooden slipway on Saturday afternoons at high tide. While there is bound to be the odd bit of congestion from time to time, generally there is more than enough space for us all to enjoy the water. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Brain Beauchamp at beechies@telkomsa.net

In-Shore Sailing

The Sailing calendar for the year has been printed and copies are available from the club, it is a handy card that you can slip into your pocket. The calendar is also available on the website.

Regular sailing commenced with the first race of the season on Saturday 3 September, not the best turn out but it can only improve, come on all you boat owners come down and take part in the sailing on Saturdays. It may sound formal and competitive but don't be fooled it's all a casual affair and lots of fun. If you wish to help let Nicky, in the KYC office, know, she will place you with a more experienced helper so that you can learn the "ropes".

Our young sailor JP Kriel who went off to Spain as one of Team RSA to the Tera World Championships is back home. Well done JP on achieving 22nd spot in the final results of the regatta. He had a great time with many firsts from the time he left Knysna, his first time to set foot in an aeroplane his first excursion outside of South Africa, his first time to ride in a train etc. etc.

His comment with regard to the sailing in a world championship event, "there is lots of pressure and the sailing is very competitive".

The Laser Nationals and the Eastern Cape Championships are being sailed at Swartvlei, from Pine Lake Marina just beyond Sedgefield, from 1 to 4 October. These events will attract a significant number of boats and hopefully a few of our sailors will leave their mark as they have done in the past. If you are not sailing no matter take a trip down the road and enjoy the event.

Please note:

We now have a Sailing Log book for all In-shore sailors at the Entrance of Aches.

Please fill in this register so that Nicky and Rob can keep an accurate record of sailors using their boats. This will assist them with invoicing the correct amount for boat parking in the future. Off-shore

Coaching

During August an assistant coach course, a Powerboat skipper's course and a Safety & Rescue course were held. I am sure that all who took the time and trouble to attend took something away with them; when we think we know it all, we soon find out that while what we have been doing has served us well. There are a few tricks and smarter ways of doing things, yes you can't teach an old dog new tricks but you can show them a better way, its then up to them.

Junior sail training will get underway with the start of the new term following the school holidays and an **OPEN DAY** is planned for Saturday 24 September from at 10:00. If you know of any budding sailor now is the time for them to find out more about the sport and have fun on the water; come down to KYC on 24 September or contact Nicky in the office and we will do the rest.

Offshore Sailing

Our keelboat group which meets on a Saturday morning continues to grow as does the fleet of boats on the water, a clear indication of this was the amazing turnout of keelboats for the opening cruise.

If you have a keelboat moored on a jetty or a swing mooring or possibly at anchor in the lagoon please make sure that all lines are secure and when on anchor that the appropriate anchor is deployed and that it is correctly set. The last thing that you want is your boat to end up sailing away with no skipper or crew.

Anyone interested in joining the group are invited to contact Glenn Hansen (082 558 9747) or Roger Clancy (083 690 0214)



Canoeing

The Drew Bridge to Swellendam Breede River pre-race took place on the 20 August and was attended by thirteen Knysna paddlers. The river level was quite low which meant that there were more obstacles to negotiate than usual and a number of canoes were damaged by rocks especially at the weir 5 kms from the Bontebok National Park finish. Neil and Di Steenkamp finished well in 18th place overall and were the second mixed double and third sub-vet team. They covered the 38 kms in 3 hours and 8 minutes without falling out at all.

Albert Wasserman and Danie van Wyk managed a 2nd place in the sub-grandmasters category.

Paul Dugmore and Felicity Mailer were the 3rd mixed double and 2nd grand masters combination to finish.

Greg Chauncey and Phil Mailer also made the podium finishing 3rd in the master's class.



Breede

A contingent of KYCC paddlers took the scenic drive to the Breede River Valley to partake in the Breede Canoe Race over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th September. Many paddlers from Plett Canoe Club also made the trip and nice to have so many members of our sister club on the water.

Two days of paddling - 37 and 34 kilometres down a clean river. Day 1 dawned cold and raining but despite the rain, the river levels were low. Day 2 ended sunny and warm and presented a number of podium finishes. Hubby Sandberg and his partner Matt Carsile finished first with Albert Wasserman and Danie van Wyk second in the master. Neil and Di Steenkamp did well in the mixed doubles. Well done to our first time paddlers. Iain Hanton, John Collins and Johan Olivier taking part and completing their first river races. Thanks to Holly for taking pictures.

Good to see so many paddlers on the river and a great weekend for all.

Boat Parking

Boat parking at the club continues to be in demand. If you have paid your boat parking for the current year please ensure that you have affixed the boat parking sticker to the stern of your boat.

If no sticker your boat may be removed from the club to the Trailer Park behind Tait Marine. Please note that KYC accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to any property belonging to members, this includes any damage or loss that may occur as a result of moving boats.

If you have paid your boat parking and do not have a sticker please obtain one from the office and affix this to the stern of your boat without delay. KYC will not be responsible to return boats to the club that have been moved because they do not have a current year Boat Parking sticker.

While on the subject of parking if you have paid your subs for the current year you should have received a car parking sticker to be affixed to your windscreen, lower left side preferably. Please help us to manage our car park by displaying your sticker. If you dont have a sticker these can be obtained from the office.

Looking for a Treasurer

Are you looking for something to do and enjoy figures why not join us on the committee and look after the financial affairs of your club. The finances of your club and the correct management of these is important. The position is not hugely demanding but for the incumbent an opportunity to give something back. You dont have to be a sailor to take on this position but having an appreciation of what we are about will help put the numbers in the right place. If you feel you would like to help but would like to know more about the function please give me (Allan Waterston 083 226 6028) a call or drop me a mail to commodore@knysnayachtclub.com

Subscriptions 2016/2017

If you have not received your new Invoice for subs, please send Nicky an email @ secretary@knysnayachtclub.com so that she can forward your Invoice.

If your details have change in any way, please forward new details via email to Nicky @ secretary@knysnayachtclub.com

We have received the following payments that we cannot match to a Member

If this payment belongs to you, please email Proof of Payment to secretary@knysayachtclub.com

30 th May	Ref number	Cash Deposit	R 500.00
11 th August	"	Annual Membership	R2 590.00

Just a friendly reminded, when you do an EFT, please use Surname or membership number.

Advertising

Following a recent approach by one of our members it has been decided to allow a limited amount of commercial advertising in a designated area adjacent to the main bar, as a service to members.

There are numerous suppliers operating within Knysna, supporting activities taking place at our club. While many of these are known to the old hands, newcomers often find difficulty in locating bits and pieces or service providers around town. If you are interested in making use of one of the designated advertising spots please contact Nicky in office for details. The available slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Social Scene

The month of October immediately brings to mind an Oktoberfest. We are not going to let the opportunity pass us by and will be having an Oktoberfest on **Friday the 7th October from 18:00**. Safe the date and keep an eye out for details coming out soon. Tickets will go on sale from September 14th and available at KYC reception. For more information contact Nicky during normal KYC office hours or speak to Roeléén contact +27 (0)798103019.

TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED SO DONT DELAY AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE PART OF THE FUN.

Did you know? - Oktoberfest traditionally starts in the third weekend in September and ends the **first Sunday of October**. It began with the Royal Wedding on **12 October 1810 when** Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

Restaurant

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESTAURANT IS NOT OPEN ON MONDAY'S

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.

BAR

The bar hours for Sunday's have been changed, and is now open from 14h00 – 22h00

Wednesday nights– Lucky draw in Ashes Bar takes place during Happy Hour.

Friday nights – Lucky draw but you need to be present to stand a chance of winning.

PLEASE NOTE:

When a member books a table for Lunch or Dinner for more than 10 persons and does not arrive or phone to cancel, a fee of R350.00 will be charged to the member who reserved that table.

Please be considerate to other member we have to turn away because we are keeping a reserved table.

We would also like to thank the Staff in the Restaurant & Kitchen for all their hard work. They do an amazing job.

Weekly Draw

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winner for September 2016

3 rd August	Susan Campbell	R465.00
10 th August	Susan Campbell	R320.00
17 th August	Don Van Lier	R210.00
24 th August	Corna Bluck	R160.00
31 st August	Susan Campbell	R150.00

Friday night Lucky Draw

A big congratulations to our winner, Miss M Price who won the Jackpot of R4000.00 last Friday 2 September. The Jackpot now goes back to R500. You must be at the club to stand a chance of winning – don't miss out, be part of the fun at KYC.

