

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

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Newsletter – July 2015

Commodore's Corner

Albert Lombard

Our lives are full of firsts.... first steps, first kiss, first love, first vote, first child, first business and so the list goes on. The fact that a non- sailing Afrikaans guy from the Free State is now Commodore is probably also a first. No, I am not a sailor, but yes, I do own a boat and I hope to see you all out there on the lagoon in the summer!

On a more serious note I would like to thank each- and everyone who has put their faith in me. But being in this position is not about me or the members of the committee. It is about the wellbeing of the club and its members and serving them to the best of our ability. I would like to see the members happy at all times. If there is something that is not working then please let us know so that we can make an effort to rectify it. We cannot guarantee that it will be done immediately but it will certainly be given priority. Please however, bear in mind that Rome was not built in a day! But we will certainly try our level best.

I am a firm believer in open channels of communication. If you have any problems or suggestions, please come and discuss them with anyone of the committee members so that solutions can be found.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members who did such a fantastic job at the club last year. A special thanks to Jim Parkes, Andrew Finn and to Roger Clancy for all the hours which they have put into the club. They will be sorely missed.

Let's make this year a good one. With everyone's support, we can all help this club grow from strength to strength to become the leading yacht club in South Africa.



Photo Courtesy Mike O'Neill

Social News – June

Wednesday Lucky Draw Winners for June were –

03rd	Francois	R108
10th	Pierre Basson	R240
17th	C. Sharrocks	R163
24th	Puleng (new waitron)	R228

 **No winner for Friday Lucky Draw in June ☹**



EV EVENTS for Your Diary (Blue = Sailing; Red = Social) (Blue = Sailing; Red

July is **Knysna Oyster Festival** month - Keep an eye on the Noticeboard and Facebook

Don't forget Wednesday Happy Hour – where winter fires are crackling, friends gather!

Keep track of what is going by registering your number on our SMS system or look up on Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl> to be updated on Events and see all the Club photos!

Inshore Sailing

Knysna Yacht Club was represented in the J22 InterClub Youth Nationals held at the Transvaal Yacht Club in June. The team of Georgou and Markos Divaris, Seth and Sara Young did us proud both on and off the water and ended up 6th overall – not bad at all for a first Regatta as a team on a new Class of boat never sailed before! Thank you to Anjul Trading who sponsored fleeces to keep them warm in the Gauteng chilly evenings.

This was a great event very much enjoyed by the Juniors – our thanks to Ronnie Baer, the Team Manager, who made their participation possible.

Report from Georgou Divaris:

Seth, Sara, Markos and myself sailed the J22...as a first experience in competitive keelboat sailing it was an absolute amazing experience

The boat to me was very similar to a dinghy and yes, you can miss your step and go overboard! The steering is very light, so it is easy to maneuver the boat. The boat is fast, even in light wind. The wind in Harties was light throughout most of the regatta. With a maximum of 12 knots in the duration of the regatta. The racing was very close. I love the boat design and would love to sail it again. The wind was switchy and gusty so I always had to be aware about what's happening on the race course and look out for gusts and opportunities to get that extra bit of speed than the rest of the fleet.

Most important I think we all learned so much not just about sailing but teamwork, tolerance and friendship.

A special thanks to KYC and Ronnie for believing in us and i feel honoured to be trusted with such opportunity and was proud to fly the KYC flag high.

Georgou

Pictured left below: Markos Divaris, Roger Clancy, Sara Young, Seth Young and Georgou Divaris and right, KYC in J-22, bow number 6



Sanele Magqaza, (pictured right) who proudly won many KYC trophies in our last season of racing, prepares for his departure on the 23rd July for Holland where he will take part in the RS Tera World Championships – Good luck Sanele !



Note: A preliminary notice in terms of Clause 17.2 of the South African Sailing Constitution that the Annual General Meeting of South African Sailing shall be held on Saturday, 22 August at 12h00. Venue: Royal Cape Yacht Club.

Any matters to be raised for discussion at the AGM shall be included on the agenda.

Proposed agenda items are required to be submitted with full motivation to the South African Sailing Office at saswc@sailing.org.za before 1200 on Monday 15th July 2015.

Offshore Sailing

Well known KYC sailor, David Shilton (pictured to the right), is part of the SV Dorade team for the Transatlantic race beginning 28th June from Newport, Rhode Island. David has taken part in a number of International Racing events and is known for his passion, ethics and professional manner of yachting as well as technical ability and understanding of yachting. We are very proud of you David and will follow your progress closely.



For frequent updates during racing, follow *Dorade* on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and at <http://transatlanticrace.org/>



Back on home turf we have a group of Juniors who have just completed and written their Radio telephony exam, part of the requirement for the Day Skippers Certificate that they all want to pass this year.

Knysna Yacht Club will be represented in The Lipton Cup Challenge 2015, taking place from 10-17 July this year by a Junior Team. They are: Georgou Divaris on helm, Seth Young on Foredeck, Sage Pretorius as Foredeck Assistant, Sara Young in cockpit with Halyard & winches, Justin on Sheets and Jason on Cars and Spinnaker Trimmer. This is the first time KYC have entered a Junior-only team and we will be watching them closely.

You can follow this race on the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/LiptonChallengeCup?fref=ts> and <http://www.liptoncup.com/>. Good luck team ! *Pictured above left: The Lipton Cup -Arguably the most beautiful trophy in Africa.*

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The canoe club committee remains unchanged for 2015/6 and Di Steenkamp and Nelson Das Fontes join the KYC committee.

Graham Bird's Merrell Adventure Addicts won the Expedition Africa adventure race in Swaziland taking 72 hours non-stop to finish the 460km course. The race included rafting and canoeing. Well done to them! (rugby players are like sissies in comparison)

Pictured below and right: Graham Bird



Administration

Tracey Young

As we welcome the new membership year in we also welcome our new General Committee who are:

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We look forward to sailing from strength to strength with them at the helm.

Have you paid your subs? We do have 6 unallocated payments to date for membership payments for which references are incorrect. Please check with the office, your cards and car/boat stickers are ready for collection.

Key entry: Please do note that we have plenty access keys in stock, still available for R35. We encourage Club members to use these for access at the Boom and Ablution facilities please.

Thought for the Month

In order to discover new lands, one must be willing to lose sight of the shore for a very long time



The editor would like to thank all the contributors for their input and photos and Albert Lombaard for making the colour copies available at the club for the first couple of weeks each month
The editor asks for apologies where photo credits are not given