

KNYSNA YACHT CLUB

Established 1910



Newsletter – September 2014

Commodore's Corner

Jim Parkes

The Sailing Season is off with a perfect start.

On Saturday, 30 August, Members and their friends joined us at the Club to celebrate the Opening Cruise. We were honoured to have the Mayoress of Knysna and fellow Dignatories on SV Thandiwe – our thanks to Kevin Fouche and to the owner of the yacht for lending us this Catamaran for the day. The NSRI turned up in full gear and our Sea Cadets did us proud in their uniform and smart salute of hands and oars. Many of our Juniors were on the Keelboats together with our visiting Knysna Sea Scouts with their Scout Leaders and Cundell Statt with some of his Junior sailors were also present to 'sail-in' the Season.

Due to your requests the Galley is open the last Sunday of each month, with the next day, Monday, closed. Asche's remains the best place to unwind at the end of the day – in fact any time at all and is especially popular at Happy Hour.

It's Spring Party time and many races to be sailed before summer is here. Our Canoeists have been keeping fit all winter – Sailors now it's your turn.

It's time to wind the winches, hoist the sails and get our feet wet !

Our Annual Calendar's are ready for collection from the Office – please ask Tracey for your copy which covers some of the wonderful highlights of last sailing season as well as Sailing Rules, Instructions, Contact details and other information you may need. The Tide Tables for the new season are out on the Bar Counters for you to take too.

We are busy updating Membership records and upgrading our Communication channels. Please note that where we have been given email addresses your Correspondence will in future be sent by email, unless otherwise instructed. Your Cell phone numbers will automatically be picked up by our SMS system so do please let us know if you do not wish to receive our SMS updates.

Let's make this 2014/2015 Sailing Season a great one together at Knysna Yacht Club.

Opening Cruise was enjoyed by all -



Left Our Guests of Honour, Mrs Govender with the Mayoress of Knysna Ms G. Wolmarans, Mr Owen Govender from SANParks and two pipers from the Knysna Pipe Band & below: Commodore Jim Parkes with a festive crowd



Below: Fun for all



The following **Unidentified deposits** have been made for subscriptions which we cannot allocate against Membership. Please confirm urgently with Rob Clark if you recognise one of these as yours-

Date Received	Reference Used	Total Received
09 April 2014	Grethe Marit Delas	R1537.00
10 April 2014	Account A05 JWamco	R1537.00
09 May 2014	Knysna Yacht Club	R977.00
16 May 2014	Membership Fees	R1350.00
20 June 2014	ABSA Bank KYC	R1517.00
23 June 2014	Cheque Deposit	R 249.30
25 June 2014	Int Banking Pmnt Frm 11536	R2267.00
28 June 2014	W Ratcliffe/J Koch	R254.00
04 July 2014	Payment	R1537.00
31 July 2014	RoPace Construction	R1517.00
26 Aug 2014	FNB UB405 JWAMO	R1537.00

Social News

Neil Sharrocks

Arrangements are in full swing for the Spring Party – don't miss it.

Lucky Draw Winners August

06th Aug	Edward	R236
13th	Brian Smith	R150
20th	Marlene	R184
27th	Susan	R214

Our Friday draw has still not been won by anyone present !
Keep an eye on the SMS and Facebook page for updates on what is happening

<https://www.facebook.com/knysnayachtclub?ref=hl>.

Spring Party

*Saturday 13
September
17h00 – 'til late*

*Spring Cocktails
& Sundowners
Bring 'n Braai
Live DJ Music*

*Members &
their Guests*



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

 **Saturday 06 September: The Springboks against Australia - Don't miss out on your opportunity to predict the correct Rugby Score.**

 **Saturday 13 September: Springboks vs New Zealand on the big screen at KYC**

 **Saturday 13 September: Spring Party time!**

 **Any Thursday in September is Galley Lunch Special ! Please support your Club.**

 **Any Friday in September is Asche's Evening. Catch the evening Spring sun-down with your favourite drink and enjoy our Shooter specials.**

 **Any Sunday in September is braai day – ASCHE'S Bar open from noon to late**

 **Saturday 27 September: Springboks against the Australians – Predict the final score, be here to watch the game.**

 **Sunday 28 September: A la Carte Menu in the Galley, book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that Monday 29 September the Galley will be closed.**

Inshore Sailing

Allan Waterston

The Opening Cruise took place last Saturday and was a huge success. Lots of action on the water and activity around the club was unbelievable with virtually no space left on the deck to

squeeze another body in.

Tea and cake was also up to the usual high standard and was enjoyed by all, thanks to Mrs Parkes and the Galley staff for a great spread



If you were not there to experience it, you missed a great day at your club.

This weekend we have the first event of our sailing calendar to be sailed over 2 days Saturday and Sunday. High water is at lunchtime (14:12) and we are aiming to start at 14:00. Sunday high water is a little later at 14:57.

With all this water around we need to make the most of it. The weather looks like this (below) on YR but this is just a forecast and we know that the weather in Knysna is a little unpredictable, whatever the weather lets go sailing this weekend spring is here

**Saturday
06/09/2014**

02:00–08:00	12° 0 mm	↙	Light air, 1 m/s from north
08:00–14:00	14° 0.1 mm	↘	Light air, 2 m/s from west-northwest
14:00–20:00	16° 1.1 mm	↙	Gentle breeze, 4 m/s from southwest
20:00–02:00	14° 0.1 mm	↘	Light breeze, 2 m/s from west-northwest

Sunday 07/09/2014

02:00–08:00	13° 0 mm	↙	Light air, 2 m/s from north-northwest
08:00–14:00	13° 0.4 mm	↘	Light air, 2 m/s from northwest
14:00–20:00	14° 0.7 mm	↙	Gentle breeze, 5 m/s from southwest
20:00–02:00	13° 0 mm	↘	Light breeze, 3 m/s from west-southwest



Grand Slam Series starts early next month

Offshore Sailing

August saw the young team sailing under the KYC banner with John Young in the Lipton Challenge Cup 2014. They sailed under conditions varying from very light winds to 45 knot gusts – great learning curve for these Juniors. Our thanks as a Club to all the many local sponsors who rallied together to help this team take part in this prestigious event.

*A very proud Lipton 2014 Team
With Bruce McCurrach as Team
Manager –*

Left: Opening Ceremony

Right: Before the start of final day racing



Please call the Club Secretary to offer your valued help with **Bridge and Rescue** – we are still needing some Members to help us for this Sailing season. Thank you.

Canoeing

Paul Dugmore

The K2 Green Kalahari Canoe Marathon took place on the Orange River over three days in August between Upington and Augrabies. The river level was the lowest in years which made it quite technical and a number of teams had to withdraw with broken boats. Knysna paddlers Norman Frost and Paul Dugmore placed 30th overall and 3rd in their age group. The race was won by the Czechoslovakian white water world champion and his partner. The Scandinavian champs came in sixth. A very enjoyable event with friendly Northern Cape hospitality, excellent food, nice campsites and wonderful scenery.

Last Race of the Winter Series this month:



Boat Safety & Parking

Please remember that your boats should be returned to their allocated bays after sailing and must display a KYC number and your boat sticker 2014/15. **Boats not accounted for with stickers on KYC property will be moved to the trailer park.**

Kindly note that the trailer park is only open Monday to Saturday from 08h30 to 17h00.

Support the NSRI

It's caring people like you who help the NSRI to save lives at sea. Be part of the renowned and exciting annual Car Competition that helps raise the funds for NSRI - Full details attached herewith and on our website. Please remember to request that you support **Station 12, Knysna.**

Yacht Club Branded Clothing

September Special stock clearance on Matrix golfers for adults & children! Also this month get your orders in for the new ties, KYC caps in Red and Blue as well as KYC-branded recycled-Sail bags – on view at the Club.

Thought for the Month

When we look at modern man, we have to face the fact that modern man suffers from a kind of poverty of the spirit, which stands in glaring contrast with a scientific and technological abundance. We've learned to fly the air as birds, we've learned to swim the seas as fish, yet we haven't learned to walk the Earth as brothers and sisters. — Martin Luther King Jr

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