

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*Oh come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!*

Well that certainly applied to our festive Ward Room the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

Christmas in July, a super tradition which has been resumed by the Galley and we will encourage to stay. All the "faithful" arrived and partied rather joyfully indeed.

We had 63 members and 21 kids consume full Christmas fare. And just to remind ourselves how delightful that was, we ate gammon, rolled chicken, peas and carrots, cauli and cheese (my favourite), beans with bacon (what a delicious take on boring beans!), saucy onions and roasted potatoes – and our plates groaned in the generous portions dished with gravy. And the grand finale, Denise's Grandmother's secret Christmas pudding recipe served with piping hot custard!

Thank you to Karine for making the gorgeous table decorations, the flowers were so beautiful. The wardroom looked very cosy and Christmassy. And the weather played along with keeping us all inside close to the fire, those Sherries were a treat. The Christmas gifts we shared were rather quaint, with a selection of Glassware, Blitz and matches, bottles of wine and choccies, really kept the Christmas theme going. The kids gathered around the tree and Karine played Mother Christmas to happy children who also received a Kiddy party pack.



**CHRIS & DELORES**



**PATTY & JOHN TUNSTALL and KEYTEL CLAN**



**JULIA, DENISE AND EDDY**



**WAITING ON MOTHER CHRISTMAS!**



## TRIUMPHANT: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 24 JULY 2011

And as a follow on from the previous night of 'joyful and triumphant' – we had a 'triumphant' Special General meeting.

It was a unanimous YES for the special levy of R 500.00. This money will be put towards the underground sewerage upgrade that this club now needs.

We can all be assured that everyone has the benefit of using the facility plus knowing that we are responsible lagoon users and good citizens for our environment. Small price to pay considering the previous installations lasted the club about 30 years!

## FROM THE COMMODORE

### Andrew Rissik

With the shortest day of the year behind us and the days ahead stretching, I can't help thinking how fast time flies... our new committee has already had its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and managed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time to keep it well under 2 hours! I have to say that I am hugely encouraged by the energy and dynamism of all the members on our committee, it's great to see portfolio holders getting territorial about their areas of responsibility. In order to ensure the various projects and initiatives are effectively driven and managed; we have set up a few active and effective sub-committees. I have noticed that most extra work that needs volunteer inputs is done by existing general committee members. This is NOT effective as it's already a big burden just doing the work which they have committed to.

I would urge all members that have any spare time and passion for the club to consider offering their services via these sub-committees. They are less structured and communication is generally by email or phone, the time inputs are limited. To find out more please contact me directly **andrew@forty-two.co.za**

Recently we requested all members to let us know what line of work they are in so we understand what skill-sets we have in-house. Please email **manager@hyc.co.za** and let Jill know what you do. Please can you also send us your husband/ wife's email address as well as any of your children's emails if they wish to receive Youth related communications.

Please diarise the weekend 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 as it's not only our Opening Cruise but also Hermanus Yacht Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration... See you there!

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACCOMADATION REQUEST - SOUTHERN CHARTER SAS YOUTH NATIONALS

If you do not know it yet, we have are hosting the Southern Charter SAS Youth Sailing Regatta. Dates: 11- 18 December 2011.

We are expecting close on 180 participants and these eager young sailors and families need a place to stay. In addition, we need to accommodate the race officials we have offered them some campsites and cabins.



Please indicate to the Jill, the club manager, if you are able to assist us with space to allow campers on your site, or for folk to stay in your cabin or caravan for the period.

E-mail: **manager@hyc.co.za**

Or call Jill on (028) 314 1420 to leave a message.

## WESTERN PROVINCE COLOURS

We have some extraordinary young sailors. Therefore please can you send Nominations for Western Province Colours to **Bruce\_Keytel@wbho.co.za**.

## VISITORS/GUESTS TO BE SIGNED IN

Folks, this is not an option, all yacht clubs sign their visitors in for safety sake at the very least.

All visitors, once through the gate need to be directed to Club manager and be signed in. There is a small fee to pay whether they are camping or staying a night with a member. And in all fairness, they also consume electricity, firewood etc.

## PARENTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON KIDS

Parents please be aware that at Closing Cruise, property was damaged, namely Ladies Ablutions and the manager's house. This is unacceptable and bad conduct.

This has all been sorted but causes inconvenience and is costly to repair. Therefore, please keep a conscious eye on our younger member's. We all want to enjoy the amenities and have a super time here.

## CLUB MANAGER'S OFFICE CLOSED TILL END OF AUGUST

Jill will be on leave for the month of August, please note the manager's office will be closed for the month.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

*His cover has been blown, please read on for the bio on our "under the radar man"  
Featuring: Nic Clark ... man with neither Cabin, dog, Hobie or power boat.*

I was schooled and grew up in Hermanus. My first experiences of the Club were through my Dad who sailed here in his teens. I have a wife and two daughters and I am a land surveyor. Living in Hermanus, I hope that I can assist the club in making local connections.

I don't have a cabin, dog, Hobie or powerboat at the club. This has allowed me to have an impartial view with the thorny issues dealt with by the Committee.



**So on that note, Fa la la la laaaa , la la la laaaaa !  
JULIA PARSONAGE - MARKETING AND PR FOR HYC**