



HERMANUS YACHT CLUB – NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

FROM THE COMMODORE

- Nicolette Lloyd

If you were unable to be present at our opening cruise last month, you missed a wonderful weekend, a great feast, a smashing party and a festive and very colourful sail past; this all promises a good season to come. Look forward seeing you all at the club this season.



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE & JUNIORS

- Paul Collingridge

Summer has finally made an appearance and we can get out on the water and enjoy some sailing. The juniors have already been busy this season, Murray Wilcocks, Greg Wilcocks and Dane Collingridge sailed at Mosselbay in the Eastern Cape champs. The weather was light with a moderate swell. Three races were sailed on Saturday with no sailing Sunday due to lack of wind. However on the Monday they managed to squeeze in the fourth and final race. Results in the Oppie class Murray 2nd, Dane 11th, and Greg 13th.

Last weekend Dane sailed at Voelvlei points regatta and finished 3rd overall. James Ballantyne took the Sonnet's 1st place and Nikki and Davey James walked away with the open class – well done to all. All four races were sailed in very light conditions with the boats coming off the water in the dark.

Reminder: the annual Zeekoevlei Yacht Club junior training weekend will be held on the 25 – 26 October 2008; this is a festive event for all our juniors.

More importantly there will be junior training this weekend!! Please come and sail.

REAR COMMODORE AND TREASURER

- *Andrew Rissik*

Well last weekend the weather was great and we managed to get 3 Cariocas out for a proper sunset cruise. Even the commodore managed to get her boat under sail!

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Thanks to all members who have paid their accounts. We do still however have an unacceptably high level of outstanding subs and site fees. Please can all members bring their accounts into order as soon as possible. If your accounts are more than two months in arrears the committee will be required to take action in terms of the club's constitution.

AUCTION OF BOATS, TRAILERS, MASTS, SAILS AND CARAVANS (DONATED)

- *Andrew Rissik*



Auction date 29th November 2008 12h00.

Important reminder that all unidentified boats, trailers, masts, sails and caravans will be listed and auctioned off to raise funds for the club. Please contact the manager and register in order to obtain the required ID sticker for 2008/09. There is a fee payable for all boats, however trailers and tenders are free (they do however require a sticker for id purposes). Please also make sure your sails and masts are identifiable in the sail storage shed.

GALLEY/ENTERTAINMENT - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

It was decided to have a spit braai for New Years Eve on 31st December 2008. The spit braai will be done by Mr. Spit braai from Somerset West. The menu will be the following:

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| * Roast lamb on spit | * Roast potatoes | * Roast onions |
| * Garlic bread | * Greek salad | * Pasta salad |
| * Three bean salad | * Chocolate mousse and ice cream | |

The cost will be R150 per adult and half price for children under 10. Music will be provided by juke box. In view of time constraints it is imperative that members confirm numbers of persons that will attend (adults/children) by latest 25th October 2008. RSVP: Faye on Tel 083 518 7278 or e- mail gbes@mweb.co.za

HOUSE AND GROUNDS

- *Chris Shearer*

As members will have noticed, significant progress has been made in clearing the grounds of invasive aliens, particularly at the entrance to the club. This is in a bit of a mess at the moment with cut logs lying all over the place and we would appreciate some help from members in moving these to the vacant site next to the tool shed. There is enough firewood to last us a couple of winters. Expert opinion is that the natural fynbos will assert itself over the next 12 to 18 months and this is already apparent. We intend to plant a fast growing indigenous hedge along the top boundary to give some privacy from the road and to minimize road noise. Indigenous trees such as white Stinkwood, Outeniqua Yellowwood, Boekenhout and Cape Ash will be planted on the top terraces. The plan is to purchase these from a local nursery, with whom we are establishing a relationship, and members are encouraged to "adopt" a tree (or trees) by paying for it and help looking after it. The cost is around R 70.00 for a 20kg bag which translates to a tree about 1.5m high.

MANAGERS OFFICE

Tree felling policy

- (a) Any tree on or around a members site which they would like removed, is the responsibility of the site holder to cover the cost of felling.
- (b) Any tree on common ground which is considered dangerous. Will be removed at the club's expense (this decision will be made by the committee).
- (c) Any trees adjacent to the club grounds which are considered dangerous, will be felled at the neighbours expense.
- (d) All tree – felling activities conducted on club grounds, must be carried out by a qualified tree feller.
- (e) Please do not contract the club's grounds staff for this work.

It is suggested that individual members come together and discuss their requirements and then contact the tree-feller and obtain a quote for the trees which they would like felled, this would also make it more cost effective for the tree-feller and the members concerned. The tree-feller that has been used before with total satisfaction is François Krige who can be contacted on 082 658 0427.

SITES AVAILABLE

E05, E40, E44, E48, E51, E53

W06, W12, W14, W18, W19, W20, W28 ,W29, W30, W31, W39

OTHER EVENTS AT THE CLUB

DADS AND LADS CAMPOUT 25TH / 26TH OCTOBER 2008

Western Province Prep School (WETPUPS) is having their annual dads and lads all grade camp out this year will be held at the Hermanus Yacht Club and will take place from Saturday afternoon 25th October to Sunday 26th October 2008. Camping will be limited to 60 tents and the dads/lads (one father/one son) will use the braai and ablution facilities. The event will generate income for the club from the camping and will be a great opportunity to showcase the Hermanus Yacht Club to potential new members.

Please can as many members as possible be available to take the lads sailing. If you can help call Andrew Rissik on 082 4100 290.



ARCHITECTS CONFERENCE – 23RD OCTOBER 2008

The above conference will be held at the club on Thursday 23rd October 2008 from 08h00 to 15h00.