



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2009

FROM THE COMMODORE

Paul Collingridge

Four months into the job as Commodore and time has flown, just had a look and over 400 emails relating to Hermanus Yacht Club business have gone through my computer from May. We have had our regular monthly committee meetings and the team is working well, our sailing calendar is complete and printed! We have appointed Karin Reay-Bank to run our Galley and she has spent the last few weekends scrubbing and cleaning and the Galley is looking ship shape. The Opening Cruise dinner has been planned so please book. Karin's email address: thegalleyhyc@gmail.com feel free to book on line and send requests.

For the Opening Cruise I sent out a request to members to donate a cake and the response has been overwhelming, there will be lots of treats to go with our tea. We would like to see the yachts all dressed up with flags etc and prizes will be given out. Karin has arranged a jumping castle for the kids so please bring your kids along and please invite friends and family.

A big **Thank You** to my team we are well on our way to fun filled sailing season!

HYC OPENING CRUISE PROGRAM - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER '09

The opening cruise is on the 19th and 20th September 2009. Please make sure this is blocked off in your diaries as it will be a fantastic weekend. We will send out details as soon as we finalise all the plans. Start getting your boats ready, only seven weeks to go!

14:30	Guests arrive
15:00	Gathering in the Wardroom for Welcome and address by Guest of Honour Rear Admiral JJ (Koos) Louw of SA Navy
15:30	Breaking out of the Burgee and Opening of the Season
16:00	Tea
16:30	Sail Past and salute
17:30	Sundowners in the Wardroom
19:30	Opening Cruise Dinner in the Wardroom

Special Note to Members:

Please ensure that your boats are rigged and you are ready for the sail past
Details on the sail past will be given during the ceremonies.

opening cruise



Here's to a New Sailing Season!

A dress up for the whole weekend!

The **BIG 'S' PARTY!!!**

When: Saturday 19th September 2009

Time: 19h00

Where: Hermanus Yacht Club

Dress: Anything starting with an **'S'**

Dress up ideas:

Sixties, skipper, skin-diver, skinhead, sexy, silver, surfer, seventies, snowman, space, sack, sari, sarong, sash, sports, saucy, savage, scholar, scout, scotsman, servant, service man, shabby, sailor, slave, skelm, sheikh, slut, suite...

Adults menu

Starter: Crumbed Mushrooms
Main: Lasagne
Dessert: Malva Pudding & Custard

- * Main courses served with Rice, Vegetables in Season or Salads
- * Coffee included
- * Drinks not included
- bring along your favourite wine

Children's menu

Main: Chicken Strips, Chips & Vegetables
Dessert: Ice-cream & Chocolate Sauce

Our new Galley Chef Karin Reay-Bank & her team are now running the Galley, bookings are essential! Please see The Galley HYC booking form attached.

RSVP: Email: thegalleyhyc@gmail.com Fax: 086 612 3242 Cell: +27 79 536 1486

website: www.hyc.co.za

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE & TREASURER

Andrew Rissik

Well, winter has certainly flown past and the committee has been very busy planning the new season and getting the club into shape! The behind the scenes efforts initially become visible at the opening cruise, the start of what we need to be a great sailing season, I would like to encourage all of you to make a real effort to attend this special event. Admiral Louw will be our guest speaker and we hope to have some other guests attending.

Our calendar is available online and all duty personnel details are available. Many thanks to Mark Thompson of Southern Charter Financial Services for once again generously sponsoring the printing of our beautiful calendar.

The two things we need to achieve this year to ensure our club grows and continues to be used by our privileged members are: Getting all our boats on the water racing, and ensuring each and every one of us really push to introduce at least one new member to the club. Our costs have shot up disproportionately over the past few years and to avoid making our fees unaffordable we need many more members. If anyone has ideas on how to attract and encourage new sailors to join, please let us know! We hope not to have to seek other revenue that shifts our focus from being a sailing club to a club that offers less complimentary activities.

On the financial side, we have just passed the most difficult part of the year cash flow wise. Sadly we still have 18 members who have yet to settle their subs which were due on 1st March 2009. Our site fee invoices have just gone out so prompt settlement would be appreciated. Once I have reconciled the site electricity and boat parking schedules the relevant invoices will be sent out.

Galley Accounts: I agreed to take over Fay's Galley book at the end of last season. There are members who have o/s accounts and members who have credit with the Galley. In order to start the new season on a clean sheet, the committee agreed that we simply credit accounts of members with credits and debit accounts of members who owe the Galley. With effect 1st September 2009 the Galley will be run as a separate entity by Karin, so please deal with her direct going forward. I will post a copy of Fays closing schedule on the notice board, these amounts will appear on your next statement of account.

REAR COMMODORE & CHAIRMAN OF SAILING

Roger Bartholomew

A check at the Club recently resulted in Chris Sharpe and I doing a clean up in the Boat Shed and mast locker. It seems that some members just thought they were a place to dump! We have removed some masts that were identified as not having been used for a long time and some sails and Rudders. These were taken to the Dam and packed neatly. Please contact the manager, Mike Kohl if you seem to have lost something.

A Boat parking Application form is now available on our website or from the Club Manager.

The Club is honored to host the SAS Council meeting on weekend of the 3 & 4 October 2009. This is an active sailing weekend with formal racing so lets show SAS what an active Club we are!

Race Management Manuals

Race management Manuals have been compiled to ensure Duty Officers, Bridge and Rescues Crews understand their responsibilities. These manuals are in the Sailing Office and on the Bridge.

Duty Officers, Bridge and Rescue Crews are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these manuals designed to make things easier. They are also available on our website.

Please study them and arrive at the Club for your Duty with a good knowledge of your responsibilities.

JUNIOR SAILING

Winston Wiggins

The new sailing season is on hand with the opening cruise on 19 September. The first junior training weekend is on 3 and 4 October. See sailing calendar for more info.

Cost per junior sailor for the season is R300-00 for training and R250-00 for boat rental. Training will be from 14:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays and 10:00 to 12:00 on Sundays. All junior sailors must have their own life jackets, hat, sunscreen, warm wind proof top, towel, dry change of clothing and protective clothing against sun. It is very important to have life jackets that fit properly. In case of the weather gods not doing their thing, we will still be doing things like tying knots and playing boat games in the clubhouse. So every junior training weekend we will be doing something even if we can't get out on the water on the day. Junior sailors are aged between 7 and 14 but little brother and sister are welcome to come for a ride on the rubber duck and watch, as long as they are suitably clothed and wearing a life jacket.

Let me know if your junior sailors will be attending and if they have their own boats or if they will be using a club boat. You can contact me on 083 700 2269 or waswig@mweb.co.za

GALLEY/ENTERTAINMENT

Karin Reay-Bank

Tracy Collingridge would like to update the club's music archive with everyone's taste. Please would you bring along your favourite CD's for her to download during Saturday 19th Sep for the evening's party. Please make sure your CD's are clearly marked for her to return in the afternoon.

We are all eagerly waiting to see what our new Galley serves us all, please email your confirmation of attendance to thegalleyhyc@gmail.com

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Gary Shaw

We now have a new **Tag Reader** as well as the **key pad** and **intercom system** at the entrance to the Club. Please exchange your old Tag for a new one at the secretary's office when you are next at the Club. Check that your new Tag works (opens the gate) before you leave the club to avoid any future inconvenience. The key pad system will remain active until the end of October, after which it will only be activated during regattas for obvious security reasons.

RECYCLING?

That's something we usually only have to do for our Kid's schools..... Well, let's do it at our club as well!

Karin in the Galley has promised special bags from the recycling depot. These bags will be placed in the appropriate bins and collected every Monday morning during the season. There will be 3 main categories: GLASS, TINS, OTHER. Only the glass and tins will be recycled at this stage. So, please don't mix them up or throw other rubbish in with the glass or tins.

MAINTENANCE

Many of you may have used the maintenance book in the past and your comments were ignored. Let's try again. Any comments or suggestions you have, please let us know. I am also looking for suggestions for an "upgrade" of the ladies ablutions..... unisex maybe?

Looking forward to a great new season!

MANAGERS OFFICE

Mike Kohl

Please note that the Telkom cables between Hermanus & HYC have been stolen. The club's number has been temporarily forwarded to Mike Kohl's cell phone and the new fax number is 086 6600 290. When trying to call the club, please use the following cell phone number 082 856 8997 until further notice.

Sites available will be posted on the notice board and on our website.