



NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2009

FROM THE COMMODORE

Paul Collingridge

Almost a month into the new season with a hive of activity at the club, a few Cariocas being prepared that last saw the water many a moon back. This last weekend we witnessed very enthusiastic Sailors racing in the rain on the Sunday, I do believe that this show of madness puts to bed the rumours circulating at other yacht clubs that we do not sail at Hermanus Yacht Club.

Coupled with the task of commodore I also have the task of Oppie shore manager to my son Dane who has competed in the ZVYC points regatta achieving 3rd spot and we also travelled up to Mossel Bay for the Eastern Cape provincials the regatta was well run but sadly for Dane the winds were light and being on the larger size came 10th the Regatta was won by Cara Stubbs from ZVYC who firmly put the boys in their place, staying with the Juniors there is the annual Camp 24 & 25 at ZVYC the kids have a ball.

Our club is looking ship shape, wondrous aromas coming from the galley and a good buzz from the members.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE & TREASURER

Andrew Rissik

Camping and Cabins....

We are now proactively marketing our facilities to outside campers as long as they belong to a SAS affiliated club elsewhere. We also encourage ALL members to look at the website and see the great camping and cabin rental deals for your friends and visitors. We have made a huge effort over the past few years to make Hermanus Yacht Club look like it does, so please invite new people to experience the magic of our Club. Make all reservations with Mike Kohl manager@hyc.co.za and arrange method of payment with him.

Many thanks to all members who have settled their site rental accounts so promptly. The club's finances are in good shape. Please remember if anything pertaining to your membership changes, e.g. Contact details, disposal/ acquisition of a boat, change of site etc, please make it your duty to advise both the manager@hyc.co.za and the accounts@hyc.co.za to ensure that we bill you accurately, saving time and frustration in future.

With regards to boat parking, in the past we have relied on members advising us of the boats they keep at the club. This hasn't really worked so now we have the register that we are building. Unless we are advised of changes we will invoice as per the previous years schedule. Boats that do not have registered stickers on will be removed to the terraces.

If you have any queries on your account, rather than not paying please email your query to accounts@hyc.co.za and we will address it promptly.

REAR COMMODORE & CHAIRMAN OF SAILING

Roger Bartholomew

Two weeks ago Hermanus Yacht Club hosted the SAS National Council quarterly meeting and feedback was very positive in all respects from sailing to weather to food to accommodation to beverage and most importantly the Hermanus Yacht Club welcome.

President of Council, Rob M'Crystal was seen assisting a woeful Carioca owner pulling his vessel out of the lagoon after dark during dinner, so anyone who challenges SAS about what they do for sailing in South Africa can get a first hand account from the owner Pete du Preez.

Please be advised that duty rosters for the Duty officers, Bridge and Rescue Crew are on the website if you click on the Sailing Calendar. There is a new menu button called "Racing" which has links to the new Procedure Manuals for these functions. Please familiarise yourselves with your duties.

BIG EVENT!! Senior and Junior Club Champs on 13/14 November

PLEASE remember the regulation that states that any boat parked on the Hard or Hobie Beach need to have Boat parking Stickers to prevent them being moved to the Terraces. This will be enforced from 15th October especially as the Hobie Beach is full. Remember parking is allocated on a first come first serve basis. Keelboat owners also need to clear out of the car park at the club house. During season boats are not allowed to be stored at member's sites.

Could all Laser sailors PLEASE E-MAIL **Peter du Preez on pdupreez@shelcoshelving.com**

JUNIOR SAILING

Winston Wiggins

Our first junior training weekend was on 3 & 4 October. On the Saturday we had 12 sailors and on the Sunday 14. Saturday was their first introduction and most of the time was spent getting to know each other and the boat. The latter part of the afternoon was spent looking at tacking and positioning of the skipper in the boat.

With the wind at about 12 knots we got out on the water on the rubber duck to watch Owen Wiggins and Matthew Rissik going through there tacking procedures and sailing their boats. This got a lot of enthusiasm going and a few of the very brave boys had a go at sailing for the first time.

Sunday morning was a perfect day and the group of 14 was split up in 2 and after a few tacking demonstrations on the lawn we got 2 boats out on the water and every one had a go at sailing for the first time. We were supposed to end the session at 12:00 but with all the enthusiasm we only got back at 13:30. This led to a decision to have another training weekend on 7 & 8 November. This is a non-sailing weekend so we will have the club all to ourselves.

There was a huge shortage of life jackets. So I remind everyone to bring the correct fitting life jackets to our next sailing weekend. We are also short of bailers, so anybody with an empty HTH bottle please bring it along.

Juniors who have not yet joined us are more than welcome. See you on 7 & 8 November for our next junior weekend. You can contact me on 083 700 2269 or waswig@mweb.co.za



GALLEY/ENTERTAINMENT

Karin Reay-Bank

CANTEEN TIMES:

Saturdays & Sundays 10:00 and 16:00

BRAAI PACKS AVAILABLE:

Salads at 19:00 on Fridays and Saturdays
Fish Braai and Potjie only by booking

BREAKFAST BUFFET:

Saturdays from 07:00 to 09:00

LUNCH:

Saturdays and Sundays at 13:00

Tel: 028 316 4713

Cell: 079 536 1486

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Gary Shaw

The members that were at the club for the opening cruise may have noticed the dredging pump at the harbour. The dredging on the eastern side of the jetty (Stanford side) has been completed successfully. However, the dredging between the 2 jetties needs to be redone in places, as there are still a few islands of mud. The contractor will mark these islands with sticks (poles) and then return with the equipment to complete the job. Please don't remove his markers if you see them. Hopefully, the whole job will be properly done by the beginning of November.

We plan to sand and varnish the wardroom floor soon, so the clubhouse will be ship shape in time for the festive season. Also on the cards is the removal of the formica on the bar, sand it down to its raw pine, and round off the edges. Bar sliding won't be so dangerous from now on, so bring the soap! We still intend to sort out the showers in the ladies' ablutions, so please be patient - or shower in the gents in the meantime!

A BIG THANK YOU to Roger Lassen for fixing the bar fridge without charge. We really appreciate his generous contribution over the past few years.

See you on the water... or on the bar.

MARKETING & PR

Andrew Rissik

Please visit our website!

We have made a few changes to make navigation a little easier. The full calendar and junior calendars are available online. There are also some fantastic photos of the opening cruise.



www.hermanusyachtclub.co.za – Click on Previous events

CARIOCA NEWS MAILING LIST

Please do let Mike Riley know if you would like to be included on this mailing list.

Michael Riley

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MANAGERS OFFICE

Mike Kohl

Please note the club has a new fax number 028 314 1485.

Please visit the website on www.hyc.co.za for a list of sites available.

And finally.....

This weekend for the last time the members of Hermanus Yacht Club had to witness the messy attempts of Carioca owners recovering their boats from the muddy waters of the lagoon edge.

Over and above the dredging, the committee has also purchased a cradle to assist all keelboat owners and power boat owners to effect repairs on their boats without having to ever attempt an embarrassing recovery in front of all our new members!

Furthermore all the dinghies cramped on the hard will no longer have to be shuffled to create space for vehicles and trailers pulling Cariocas out. Attached are the pictures of the new cradle, due for delivery the week before the Carioca 9-hour at the end of October. To float your boat costs R150 and thereafter R50 per hour on the cradle. Please book your space with the manager Mike Kohl or Sailing Secretary Roger Bartholomew. At last we have spent all the lotto money from the 4.7 worlds.

