

## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2011

### CLOSING CRUISE 14 – 15 May 2011

*Julia Parsonage*

The weekend of the 14th May saw the Closing Cruise of the Hermanus Yacht Club. What a superb event that ended a super year of sailing and water events. The member attendance was beyond all comprehension, we were packed to the rafters and it was wonderful to see so many new and old faces.

On Saturday, many a hungry mouth hung around the galley eyeing out the sweets that were to be served for Closing Cruise Tea. Everyone swooped on the lovely spread a little passed 4pm when all boats had completed their "last sail passed". No wind was present and oars could have helped that process!

Karine and a very able crew assisted by Tracy, laid out the most elegant Red carpet affair! In the galley, Denise cooked up a saucy storm. The final act of Commodore Collingridge was a culinary fillet delight with fire, basting and slicing provided by Chris, Bruce and Martin. Delores polished those trophies till we could see our faces in them and organised all the prize winners with aplomb. Chris Sharp was at hand to take the all important photographs, just another way to make our functions most memorable. The children's prize giving, post their yummy meal, kicked off the evening. Young Wiggins did very well. We hope you keep up the youth spirit and bring new mates over to experience the HYC flava! Andrew MC'd the proceedings accepting some prizes himself. Between Brian James and Mike Riley, their seats became quite cold as they stood up many times to accept some well deserved trophies. Well done to everybody and thank you for making this sailing year so full.

The following day was a well attended AGM, which saw Paul officially handing over his post and thanking his committee from 2010 and 2011. This club has leapt forward and membership is up considerably. Wonderful work chaps.

The new committee was introduced and the pressure is on to grow what was put in place from the year before.



We look forward towards a huge Youth Nationals in early December. Here's to MORE BOATS ON THE WATER and a sailing calendar for our youth and "youthful" members, packed to bits with fabulous functions, team spirit and fun!

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SAILING

*Bruce Keytel*



My Family and I have been members for over ten years and have enjoy the way of life at Stofvlei Hermanus and wish to give some time and effort back in to the club to help grow it further along its voyage.

I have been appointed as chairman of sailing and hope to keep the enjoyment of sailing and the participation growing, from the juniors to the seniors. As this is my first time on the committee we will try not re-invent the sailing calendar but keep it along the same lines as those before but with minor changes here or there.

### ***New sailing committee and portfolios as below:***

Rescue Boats	Martin Schultz
Laser Class Rep	Tracey Collingridge
Keel Boat Rep	Mike Riley
Hobie Class Rep	Lindsey Johnson
Youth Sailing	Jacqui Louw
Trophies & Results	Dolores Reitz

The members must feel free to liaise with their class reps for sailing ideas and updates on activities. Please note that with winter upon us, I urge you to secure all boats.

### ***Looking forward to a great year of sailing!***



## FROM THE COMMODORE

**Andrew Rissik**

It is scary how quickly time goes and equally encouraging how much has been achieved in the past few years at our wonderful club. I am delighted that such a mixed group of people have joined me on the committee; our strategy is to build on the solid foundation and to continue driving our membership base with people who sail, want to learn how to sail and more importantly want to belong and contribute to one of South Africa's best Yacht Clubs! With a greater focus on the sailing sub-committee, with their skills and passion in place we intend to get more adults and children onto the water having fun, racing and even canoeing!

As a person who places high value on honesty, integrity and responsibility I urge all members to remind themselves that our club is run by volunteers who need to take responsibility for what they signed up to do but equally need support from all other members. By embracing and supporting positively all the changes at the club, we will enable the committee to function effectively, ensuring our clubs future to the benefit and enjoyment of all; old, young, working and retired!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and the introduction to some of the new committee members. The others will feature in the next newsletter. I wish Hermanus Yacht Club and all its members a wonderful season ahead and may you all enjoy the super events that we have lined up.



## GALLEY & ENTERTAINMENT

**Karine Wiggins**

I am fortunate to be living in Hermanus (Paradise) for the last 13 years where HYC has become a part of our family's life for the last 6 years.

My husband, Henry, grew up with sailing as a sport and sailed at HYC since the age of 12. He introduced me to the sport which then resulted in us sailing a L26 in our younger days. Upon arrival of our two boys, there was no question that we had to introduce them to the magnificent sport of sailing. We have spent many happy, memorable weekends at HYC and have a small cabin there even though home is just 10 km away!

I love the club and its members and am passionate about helping the Club to grow and putting something back into a place that means so much to our family.

### A MONTHLY PUB GRUB AFFAIR

The Galley will be serving delicious Pub Grub style dinners once a month for every Committee meeting weekend until the Opening Cruise. This way set against the background of a roaring fire, we can enjoy a Glu Wijn and bangers and mash fair. The first evening will be on **18 June** (hopefully a long weekend for some?) and we look forward to seeing as many faces there for a cosy evening.

***Please contact Karine Wiggins on [thegalley@hyc.co.za](mailto:thegalley@hyc.co.za) to book.***



## YOUTH SAILING

*Jacqui Low*

# THE SOUTHERN CHARTER SAS YOUTH NATIONALS 2011 HERMANUS YACHT CLUB FROM 11 – 17 DECEMBER 2011



*Entry are available on our website [www.hermanusyachtclub.co.za](http://www.hermanusyachtclub.co.za)  
Book now for an early bird discount!*

Hermanus Yacht club will be the host venue for the **Southern Charter SAS Youth Nationals**.

All Dinghies, 15 foot and under and all Multi-hulls 18 foot and under. This is a selection event for the following classes: Optimist, Lasers, 420 and Hobie 16 Racing. Classes will be allocated to one of three different courses and races will be run on each course according to the RRS 2009-12 AD.

Please see our website for all race entry forms, accommodation and contact details!

We joined Hermanus Yacht Club at the beginning of this season and have had an absolutely awesome year at the Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed sailing a Laser again and now we have got the Carioca 'Flamingo', to sail as a family, I would like to sail almost every Laser and Carioca Race.

The Club members are exceptionally supportive of the juniors. In joining the 2011/12 Committee I would like to assist in encouraging the juniors to enjoy their sailing first and to look towards sailing in the Junior Nationals at the Club in December and the Interschool's in the New Year.



## FROM THE TREASURAR

*Tracy Wellington*

I am appointed as the incoming Treasurer. I am a Chartered Accountant, working in Butchery Corporate Finance for Pick 'n Pay at their Head Office in Kenilworth, Cape Town. I am married to Neville, who is a medical GP, and a Hobie sailor. I have 3 Children: Richard is 11 years old and at Wetpups, sails Oppies and crews for his dad. Gemma is 8 years old at Herschel, and paddles a Fluide junior Kayak; and Julia is 6 years old, also at Herschel, and is just a passenger on Dad's Hobie - like her Mom!



## MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Jill Price – manager@hyc.co.za**

### SAFETY AND SECURITY AT HYC - CONTRACT WORKERS

PLEASE do not give your gate access tag to contract workers, unless the office is informed.  
Should any work need to be carried out on members' cabins, pletts or boats kindly inform me.  
For general safety and security of our club, it is essential that I know who is working where, when and for whom.  
The gate has a newly installed camera and intercom. Security is a high priority; we all want to be safe and sound.  
Your co operation is appreciated.

## HOUSE & GROUNDS

**Chris Shearar**

Apart from one year, I have served on the Hermanus Yacht Club Committee since 2000. I have been a Past Commodore and truly enjoy the yacht club experience barefoot and all. As a firm rule of "Fire maker in chief" I insist on "blitz less" braais! I have some exciting new outdoor additions to make to our club and look forward to a good Youth Nationals.



## HOUSE & GROUNDS

**John Tunstall**

I have been a member of Hermanus Yacht Club since the early 80's and it has become our second home. It is also the main reason Pat and I decided to retire to Hermanus. Now that I have time I wanted to assist in some way to help grow the club membership and improve the facilities. I was elected on to the Committee for the first time last year and look forward to working with the newly elected committee to reach our goals.

## GENERAL & BOAT PARKING

**Gordon Smith**

I have been a member for a number of years and have developed life long friendships with members of the club and believe that it is necessary for each member to be involved in the committee at least for a term to give back what we all take for granted.

The club provides a great environment for kids to grow and develop their own circle of mates.

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

**Roger Bartholomew**

We are currently putting together the Race management team and would appreciate as many as possible Hermanus Yacht Club members offering to assist with Bridge and Rescue.

If you would like to do this please contact Roger Bartholomew at 082 924 4553 or email [rbartholomew@isat.co.za](mailto:rbartholomew@isat.co.za)

## PR & MARKETING

### *Julia Parsonage*

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I have been a member of this club for some ten years and always enjoyed the time that i have spent here.I felt that it was time to put back some of the joy that i have experienced. It also seems fitting, with Denise Ladegaard's history and her keen involvement with the committee, that I now make an appearance within the committee.

With the Youth Nationals coming up in December, it will be all hands on deck to market the club as a holistic family destination with value add for all!

I hope to hear from all of you in the coming months with any new ideas, sponsor information and general additions that I can make to the successful marketing of our club.

I can be reached on [julia@wideopenplatform.com](mailto:julia@wideopenplatform.com)

### *CALLING ALL SPOUSES!*

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Win a bottle of Jameson's whisky. We need all wives and kids email addresses so we can communicate more effectively. This way , if dad does not manage to read or respond to an email for a fun weekend , them Mom is reading it ( and often she knows the social calendar of most households)  
And if Mom is not responding , the kids in the family can.

Then everyone is up to date for Youth functions and weekend etc, we need to build on the great response to sailing that we have, especially working towards a full Youth nationals on 11 December 2011.

There will be a lucky draw to win a bottle of Jameson's whiskey for the lucky person who responds with these emails before 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011!

**Please send your details to [manager@hyc.co.za](mailto:manager@hyc.co.za)**