

NOVEMBER 2012 - NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE CATCH-UP

Andrew Rissik

We blink and winter is finally behind us and we are well into the new season!

A quick catch-up; during winter we lost a few members but more importantly we have had several new family members sign on! We do still want lots more to join. Great winter planning took place around some exciting new initiatives. Jacqui Low has done a super job in keeping the Youth fleet growing and entertained. I think you will all agree that the house and grounds are looking great and the storms certainly helped us along with our alien clearing drive. Great news is that we still have very few sites available and we continue to see members investing in keeping their gardens beautiful and their cabins in pristine condition.

Our mid-winter function on the 28th July was not as well supported as in the past and we will definitely make sure that the Christmas in July theme gets put back on the calendar for next year!

Our manager Jill had a winter break in Durban and is back in full swing, soon you will see her pottering around in a HYC branded Hyundai bakkie! Yes, we have finally made the move and invested in a vehicle. Thanks to Bruce Keytel for arranging the purchase from WBHO. We believe that the money saved on waste removal as well as the efficiency introduced into the ground staff team will more than justify the cost. The vehicle will be driven by Jill in line with an operating policy drawn up by the committee and will not be available for use by members.

Other than that, sailing is getting going for the season slowly and we are seeing the keelboats dropping onto their moorings as well. I look forward to seeing you all at the many sailing weekends that we have lined up!



Please remember the **Southern Charter Grand Slam Series 2** at **Theewaterskloof** on the **1st/2nd December**. All dinghies and Hobies welcome let's see some HYC members on the start line!

There are awesome prizes as well as a lucky draw for an Apple iPad; North Sails have also given some sails and bags for lucky draws as well!

Read more about it on: <http://www.sasgrandslam.co.za/>

WETPUPS DADS 'N LADS 13/14 OCTOBER 2012

Andrew Rissik

The masses descended for the fifth year and the Yacht Club held firm. Not even the low level of the water could detract from what they had come to do, to bond and to have fun in the relaxed environment that is the Hermanus Yacht Club. The lads disappeared into the serene surroundings, absorbed in the serious business of fishing, sailing, canoeing, cricket, soccer, rugby, table tennis and muddy seaweed fights. It was great to see how well integrated the boys were. Dads were graciously given permission to partake in the fishing, canoeing and sailing, but were sadly banned from the others – including the mud fights.

The fires were lit as early as 16.00, starting one of the longest braai sessions some of them have had the privilege of being part of, and continued burning well into the evening. The hungry lads devoured their meals and raced off in search of toads and to play hide and seek, whilst the dads got down to their own brand of bonding ... the bar rocked until 2.30 am both Friday and Saturday night! At 06.00 Sunday morning, the activities resumed. Denise and her team in the Galley fed the ravenous and weary bunch and after some good sailing intermittently, the homeward journey began for tired, but contented, dads and lads. The lads were very well-mannered and well-behaved. For the record – 126 campers, including 76 lads from all grades, with the Grade 2's leading the way at 15, followed by 11 Grade 6's.

Late afternoon on Saturday, Mr Hosty the headmaster arrived to see how things were going. The strong relationship between the school and the club was further cemented at a flag raising ceremony where the Dads 'n Lads flag was raised and the school presented the Commodore with a fine bottle of Rum!



**Mike Hosty (headmaster), Andrew Rissik, Llew Byrne
(Dads 'n Lads organiser)**



EVENT FEEDBACK

Julia Parsonage

Hooray we are open and sailing away!

The winds are pumping and summer seems reluctant to arrive some days it seems, but our enthusiasm for "more boats on the water" and need for yacht club camaraderie pumps just as hard.

OPENING CRUISE

Opening Cruise was off to a "smashing" start!

The sail passed was well attended and the bell rung and HYC opened in earnest on the 8th September 2012. Tea and yummy snacks were demolished! **Thank you to those whole all bought goodies along.**

The evening festivities were enjoyed Greek style.

We had a very exciting talk given by Phillippa Hutton-Squire and Nick who recently completed the Global Ocean Race



One of the toughest races on the planet... 30,000 miles around the Globe exclusive to Class 40 yachts sailed Double Handed.

The Crews on the 6 boats faced the Doldrums, Southern Ocean, rounding Cape Horn and back across the Equator. Phillippa won the spirit award for the Global Ocean Race and the best sailor award for the Global Ocean Race!

[Read more...http://www.phesheya-racing.com/](http://www.phesheya-racing.com/)

"Yiaya" Jill was there to give us her blessing. Denise and Karine bought us food from the Greek Islands and as JJ Smith said "probably the best Greek meal he has ever eaten!" and then he proceeded to bring in the "chucking plates" Mike Riley played the Zorba tune and the plates were thrown down. It was rather refreshing to just chuck it down and hear a rewarding smashing sound and dance in and amongst the chards.





HYC HOLIDAY YOUTH SAILING CAMP

Jacqui Low

We held a 3-day sailing camp at the end of the September school holidays that turned out to be relaxing and most enjoyable.

Overall it seems as if the sleeping on the floor of the Clubhouse was the most exciting for the juniors, even though maybe not for the adults. Thank you to those members who tip toed around on those evenings. It was appreciated. Our rescue driver was called away for urgent business, and Ron Keytel did a fine job filling in.

A big welcome to our newest Optimist sailors, Tristan and Lara Tomlinson! We are so pleased to have these dedicated sailors. They celebrated their 10th Birthday with us, which made our first day of the camp very special.

Our newest family members, Le Roux, Carli and Abram Mostert, joined in with great enthusiasm. Le Roux really seemed at home in the Optimist often having his younger brother, 8-year-old Abram crewing with him, and Carli was a great Dabchick crew.

Theon and John Smith and John Georgala have certainly become most competent at the boat handling and are sailing very well on their own now.

Kerry Collingridge reminded us all that it is not a good idea to run holding a glass. She slipped and ended up with badly cut feet that made it impossible for her to sail, but at least we had her enthusiastic and helpful company.

Robbie Collingridge showed wonderful confidence and ability as our youngest Optimist sailor with Paul and Dane Collingridge doing a sound job coaching all the beginners.

Andrew and Emily Low and Cullen Keytel spent a lot of time on the water practising roll tacks and gybes with lots of loud input from Else and Owen as they needed to get rules (especially Emily and Cullen!), tactics and starts sorted out before they can go to the Nationals at the end of the year at Swartvlei. Good luck.

Although we really wanted to get a whole Dabchick fleet, we did get one Dabchick sailed by Matthew Rissik and his cousin Liam. This actually proved rather fun for the rest of the fleet as the Optimist sailors had the experience of swapping in as crew. It will be most encouraging if we can get a Dabchick Fleet going at HYC, especially as in a few years there will be plenty of over 15 year olds to sail them.

Unfortunately Kieran Smith could only spend one morning with us but he certainly put in effort. We hope he can join in the Club racing and coaching again soon.

Karine and Denise catered for us and kept the tuck shop open which was most important! Added to this there was a stokkie brood knot competition and pancakes made by Tracey Collingridge.

Else Hugo and Owen Wiggins are becoming regular coaches. Please feel free to approach them with any queries or suggestions.



YOUTH SAILING

Jacqui Low

Youth coaching is held on Saturday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30pm and Sundays 10-12am. We still have the weekends 17/18 November and 1 /2 December to look forward to this side of Christmas.

The **Meissner Trophy** will be sailed for on the **17/18 November** and there will be Club racing on the 15/16 December.

It would be wonderful if by the **Southern Charter Grand Slam Regatta on the 16th/17th February**, we can have all of our optimists on the water. This event will be hosted by Hermanus Yacht Club.

SAILING

Bruce Keytel

Well we are already well into our season with lots happening around the club and the Western Cape. The first major event to be held was the Grand Slam Regatta no.1 been held at Zeekoevlei .The old Point series has been revamped to have 4 grand slam regattas. The first at Zeekoevlei, second at Theewaterskloof in early December, this would be nice to get a strong Hermanus representation there, Third event at Hermanus mid-February and fourth to be held over Easter weekend either at Saldanha / Langebaan. There was much interest shown with there been a good entry of 120 boats so this bodes well for the future events.

Hermanus was well representative by our members at this event:

Frank van Baarsel
Dane Collingridge
Ilse Hugo
Alistair Keytel

We have had a lot of our events at the club been affected by the strong winds, but this has kept the enthusiasm with sailors even setting up races over the public holiday.

There are some events coming up please check the program on our web site to plan ahead.

LADIES AHOY

We have the **LIONS OF AFRICA** Ladies races on the 08 November 2012; Martin Schultz has offered his L34. We have 8 ladies competing, so good luck girls.

UCT SAILING

There is also an Inter club event been held at UCT on the 24&25 November, we require a team of 6 members, your club needs you so volunteer. Please contact me if available.

Check your moorings with all this strange "out of season" weather. And any need of use for "bottom level equipment " please contact the manager



FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Jill Price

SECURITY

Again a reminder to you all, please inform the manager about contractors and /or labourers. Members are not to give the contractors and /or labourers their gate access discs.

Please note the following for correct procedure:

There are no contractors and /or labourers allowed at the club from Thursday nights to Monday morning out of season. NO overnight stays during the school holidays.

ALIENS

No not the ones in flying saucers we see after too many Brandy & Cokes...Please be responsible and cut down and pull out the baby alien vegetation around the campsite & caravans when you see it.

ELECTRICITY

Each cabin/ caravan is permitted a Maximum of 5 AMPS.
We will do periodic electricity checks.

SITE AVAILABILITY

Please check the Notice Board and the web site for all site availability.

I'm sure you will all agree that the flooring in the SALTS Ablution block looks smoother and neater – thank you John Tunstall for sorting that out.

THE GALLEY

Karine Wiggins

Can you believe it, school are breaking for end of the year on 7 December 2012!

Time to think about Christmas and the New Year's Eve celebrations! Please book online by clicking on:

<http://www.hyc.co.za/booking-form.php>



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
CELEBRATIONS**

"Come one , come all for Ye Olde New Year's eve festivities"

Sundowners and sizzling eats

Sing "Aulde Lang sijn" and sip your champers down at the club!



DINNER MENU

Champagne cocktails with
sundowner snacks on the deck
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Braai roasted fillet
Baked potatoes
Medley of salads
Pepper sauce / Mushroom sauce
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Tiramisu

Cost: R150.00 per person
Dress: Smart casual

CHILDREN UNDER 12

Fruit juice & snacks
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Braai roast fillet
Baked potatoes
Salad
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Ice cream and Marshmallow cones

Cost: R 50.00 per child

Bookings essential by clicking on the "book now" button below:

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