

FROM THE COMMODORE

Bruce Keytel

Ahoy all

It's a month into the new season, the opening cruise was a fantastic event. The guest speaker Martinique Stillwell kept us all enthralled with her experience as a youth sailing the world with her parents and brother. It was great to see a different side of sailing other than racing, one tends to forget that sailing can also be an adventure. Thank you to Denise, Karine and team for the hard work in the galley and our braai masters.

As per our indication at the AGM I hope you will see that we purchased two 40 horse power motors which will upgrade our rescue craft. They have both been fitted and ready to enjoy. I do ask that you please take care in using these assets.

Our Club tree felling has been completed, and hope our site holders do the same on their sites to make sure they keep a close eye on dangerous trees. Rex and Team have done a fantastic job to co-ordinate everything.

At present we are still engaging with council on the SDP and getting our services up to regulation with council. As I said at the Opening Cruise, once we have collated all the facts we will inform all, with the intention of getting the most economical solution for the Club and its members.

Sailing News

HYC has now signed the Overberg constitution with Theewaterskloof, so officially the Overberg sailing Federation has been implemented. This will open up doors to us with regards to greater resources from both clubs, also a in road into the Overberg federation with its connection to SASCOC.

The Overberg committee is as present:

Chairman: Kuba Miszewski (TSC)
Sectary: Liza Keytel (HYC)
Treasurer: Jacky Nicholls (TSC)

If there are any other members who would like to be represent HYC please let me know. I would like people that are not on the Club Committee to represent HYC.

Please remember it is Youth nationals at TSC, so those that are there, please offer your assistance.

Club sailing has started off marginally slowly however should gain momentum as we head towards Christmas and the New Year. Taking a look at how full the lagoon, it would be nice to make the most of it. There has been a lot of sailing activity in the Western Cape and abroad and our young sailors at HYC have been performing excellently. Well Done Cullen and Tristan on sailing up a storm - you both make our club very proud!

SASWC have started stepping up their training, starting with a National Judges Seminar held this past weekend. They will be doing a **Safety Boat Course** and a **Level 1 Instructor Course** soon, those interested, please send an email to Jill in order for us to keep on record.

I would like to thank Paula Du Toit for donating a new pool table to HYC for our teens. We will try and get the junior room going and look forward to friends and kids enjoying the new Games Room.

I myself have been scarce due to the completing of the Zeitz Mocha at The royal Portfolio Hotel, it has been two years of construction work coming to an end in November 2016 and as you know, we construction people always finish on time but I will be there over the December / January holidays. Looking forward to all our visitors and friends coming down to the Club to sail and have fun. We welcome all the Sonnet Sailors coming to sail the Sonnet Nationals 26th December – 30th December 2016, we hope to entice them to say and join up for our New Year's festivities. We welcome all to the Club!!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

VICE COMMODORE & CHAIRMAN OF SAILING

Mike Riley

As mentioned in Bruce's report a few congratulations are in order for those members participating in regional events. Well done to those who have been actively participating.

Our season is now firmly underway and I encourage all of you to look at the calendar and do some forward planning for the upcoming events. The water has remained high and is likely to remain so for the duration of the season due to insufficient rain to break the river mouth. Do not let this deter you and rather embrace the situation in that it creates a variation on the regular conditions. We will be making arrangements for tying down boats on the front lawn which will be in place ahead of the next dinghy sailing weekend.

The Carioca owners are to please make an effort to launch their boats on or before the weekend of 12 November. Let's really make an effort to get as many boats as possible on the water for the **Louw Cup on 12/13 November**. The car park is going to be a contentious issue this season with the high water level. Any Carioca owners who are not intending to launch their boats this season are to please move them to the boat parking on the upper terraces. We will be making a few keel boat parking spaces available in the car park for those who plan to "dry sail" their boats for the season. Please do not abuse this and write to me if this is your intention. If not please either launch your boat or move it by 13 November. Thanks in anticipation of your cooperation.

If you are not yet aware of it, HYC will be hosting the **Sonnet Nationals** at the club from **27 to 30 December** (registrations commence on the 26th). This is a great opportunity for us to promote the club and generate enthusiasm for Sonnet sailing at the club (which was a significant class at the club in previous years). We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event and if you are planning to be at the club over this time and are willing and able to assist, it will be very much appreciated. I am looking for people to assist with the following:

- Safety boat drivers and crew (if you can also make a boat available it will be additionally appreciated)
- Bridge boat crew (recorders and signals)
- Results
- Boat parking coordinator
- Medic.



Please send me an email if you are able to assist.

Happy sailing.

REAR COMMODORE & SAIL TRAINING

Cal Tomlinson

The **2016/7 Junior Training season** is now well underway with a large portion of kids from last season carrying on from last season. Encouragingly, the only drop outs we have incurred are due to kids either aging or sizing out of the Optimist dinghy. Dirk Troost however, returns as an ordinary student member and we hope to see him out on a Laser before long.

A special welcome to our newcomers, James Rae, Dylan Hall, Sarah Staples, Sophia Raynham, Jumah Brandt and Marco du Toit. Note that the HYC Oppie Fleet has also grown over the last season:

Stella Bakker	-	<i>'Piglet'</i> (Calvin Gibbs', coach and ex owner was horrified)
Sienna Jones	-	<i>'Hakuna Matata'</i>
Rory Allen	-	<i>'Titanium'</i>
Nika Du Preez	-	<i>'Macavity'</i>
Shaun Du Preez	-	<i>'Red Wind'</i>
Luca Revett	-	<i>'Wind Warrior'</i>
Fabio Revett	-	<i>'Wild Wanderer'</i>
Dylan Hall	-	<i>'Woosh'</i>
James Rae	-	<i>'Lightening'</i>
Esterhuyse Twin	-	<i>'Brevity'</i>

Over the last few seasons I have made overtures to the rest of the committee about an Optimist dinghy rack. With the fleet growing at the pace it is, it is now an inevitability. Rex Laver and I will be working at identifying a good spot that is convenient and weather proof.

Tristan & Lara Tomlinson spent part of the winter in the UK and managed to sail in the one of the Southern Region Open Optimist Regattas. What a treat it was to see how well the UK junior sailing is organised. Both kids coped well with the very different conditions and weren't fazed at all by the 5 knot tides in the River Hamble.

Tristan Tomlinson also flew the HYC banner at the Optimist African Championships. He didn't get the result he wanted, but it was an eye opening experience for him (and a wallet draining experience for his Dad!).

The committee, at my advice, has taken the decision to sell the old wooden Optimists that languish under the deck. The price is R600 without the foils or mast. If anyone is interested, please get in touch – tomlinson.cal@gmail.com . They can be turned into anything from a playpen to a bookshelf.

All the best for the forthcoming season – see you on the water.



Spot the jaapie – RSA 1426

GROUNDS

Rex Laver

It is a little while since our last News Letter so forgive me if I overlap on things that you may already be aware of.

First of primary importance is a summary of my meetings on your behalf with various departments of the local Council and Governmental Environmental Agents.

Our HYC owned grounds have now been registered with The Town Planning department as a Caravan and Mobile Home Park served by a Club House and two Ablution Blocks with two Residences. The 102 sites are a combination of Mobile Homes and Caravans with the exception of a very few permanent cabins registered with council some time ago.

Our boundaries are properly defined under survey and these are referred to as our Cadastral Boundaries.

Under my discussions with the council I have advised that the makeup of our 102 sites can fluctuate from time to time in respect of the ratio of Caravans to Mobile Homes.

While Caravans are readily defined as being towed by a vehicle. Mobile Homes must be movable on a self-supporting structural frame that can be readily moved in tact into and out of position. They must also be placed on a paved area so as to prevent subsidence under the Mobile Home.

Our current by laws and indeed our Constitution have been lodged with the Town Planning Department as these are in effect our body corporate rules which define our legal status. If only that was that and I could report job done!!

Moving on, we are now under scrutiny by the various local authority engineering departments to ensure compliance with building regulations pertaining to a Caravan and Mobile Home Park. You have been previously advised that our sewage system does not comply with regulations and that we have retained the services of a locally registered Engineering Practice to work with me on your behalf to seek a solution that will minimize our costs in obtaining a proper compliance certificate. It is not appropriate that I go into finite detail in this News Letter as the matter is still very fluid. Suffice to say for now that we are involved currently with the Local authorities engineering department plus the sanitation department and as of 10 days ago, The Governmental Environmental Dep for our area.

In the interim while we strive for a solution that will keep down our costs our existing septic tanks are being utilized as conservancy tanks and being regularly emptied by the local sanitation department. All records of my meetings and actions are reported to your committee as and when they arise and our Manager Jill, is keeping a progressive hard copy file in her office.

Our Electrical Reticulation will also need a compliance certificate and to that end, we will shortly be appointing a local council approved Registered Electrical Engineer to carry out a survey.

The tree felling a tricky operation by and large went well and thanks for the cooperation from those with the temporary movement of caravans.

Our staff have been as usual busy about the place our lawns and common hedging are being kept trimmed and you will have noticed the freshly painted benches and ablution blocks, they have managed this as well as a substantial effort in removing loads and loads of brush wood being the residual from our tree cutting campaign.

The very large male baboon has recently found its way in by bi-passing our electrified security fence into our property. It caused some mayhem last weekend in the club kitchen and other members' sites. He seems friendly enough so long as he is not cornered or threatened while eating your fare. Indeed during his previous visits last season I was in my cottage watching TV and thinking it was my wife working at the kitchen table behind me, I turned round to speak to her to find it was the baboon eating our fruit and quite happily watching TV with me.

Regards to you all

MANAGER

Jill Price

SITES AVAILABLE		
DATE	SITE NO	TYPE
20-Oct-16	E27	CABIN FOR SALE (R48K)
24-Mar-15	E29	CABIN FOR SALE (R200K)
27-Oct-16	E34	CABIN FOR SALE (R140K)
07-Sep-16	E35	VACANT
2010	E45	(CARAVAN STORAGE)
07-Mar-16	E46	VACANT
17-May-16	W13	VACANT
27-Sep-15	W31	VACANT
26-Jan-15	W32	CABIN FOR SALE (R180K)
08-Sep-16	W38	VACANT
2010	W39	VACANT

GALLEY

Karine Wiggins

Sonnet Nationals - as you all know, HYC is hosting the Sonnet Nationals between Christmas and New Year. You also know, kids, friends, parents, spectators, helpers and officials must eat and drink! We are busy planning to feed everyone however, we cannot successfully accomplish this task alone and appeal for help at the galley counter.

We will open for breakfast at 8 am and close at approximately 7 pm. Our rush hours are breakfast and lunch and any time that you can spare will be hugely appreciated. Please drop me an sms/whatsapp on 083 537 6131 if you are able to help.

New Year's Eve

We decided to change the format this year from the formal sit down dinner to a more informal occasion. We encourage members to set up their own tables in the ward room or on the stoep/deck. We even suggest picnic blankets on the lawn and a few lanterns or candles to add to the ambiance.

We envisaged a relaxed evening while you make your way into the New Year at your own pace, relaxing with family and friends. Whether you choose to have a drink in the bar at sunset, bring down your basket and have a picnic on the lawn, have a braai or go down to the beach for a drink and join everybody at the club later in the evening. We are sure everyone will enjoy themselves while reflecting on 2016 and have a toast to 2017.

Fires will be lit for braaiing to add to the festive atmosphere. We will provide entertainment in the form of music in the bar where you can boogie the night away.

Enjoy!!

HOBIES

Andrew Rissik

Dear HYC Hobie Catters

A quick note on some key dates that we as a fleet should diarise to get some numbers on the water. I propose we hold a second clinic on the last weekend of November this year. This session will be a great way to prepare for some racing and also the upcoming Christmas break. It would be awesome to see some of us entering the Southern Charter Classic being sailed the following weekend at Theewaterskloof Sports Club.

Another date to also log is the weekend of 28/29 January 2017 which is possibly the 3rd clinic we should aim for and then the week after that is the HYC Southern Charter Classic... it would be even more awesome to see lots of HYC Hobie entries at our own regatta.

- **26/27 November 2016 – Hobie Clinic No. 2 | Frylinck Trophy (if racing)**
- **03/04 December 2016 – Southern Charter Classic at Theewaterskloof**
- **28/29 January 2017 – Hobie Clinic No. 3 | Brody Trophy**
- **04/05 February 2017 – Southern Charter Classic at HYC**

I have asked Fadiel if he can attend both the weekends of the Clinics. Please advise him of any bits you may need like rigging, ropes, shock cords etc.

Fadiel Frederick's m: +27848953872 e: Waredia.Fredericks@renniestravel.com

Please RSVP as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly, YES attending or NO not attending.

I look forward to hearing from you.

GENERAL

Brian Willcocks

Win a week in paradise on a Sunsail Catamaran

**UPDATED – New entry closing date of 18 December 2016 – Draw on 20 December 2016
(Delayed to allow all clubs members equal opportunity to enter)**

One lucky South African Sailing (SAS) member will win a week on a Sunsail charter holiday in the Seychelles to the value of R70 000

Cruising the Seychelles is a unique experience. Catch fish for dinner every day; swim in warm, clear blue waters; snorkel freely surrounded by an array of sea life; catch beautiful sunsets while sipping cocktails on deck. The waters are calm and the wind is gentle and warm. The prize includes a 4 berth charter catamaran for 7 nights - bare-boat, excluding flights and provisions.

To be eligible to enter this competition your SAS membership must be paid up and reflected as "ACTIVE" on the SAS database. To enter you need to update and confirm your details on the SAS database - visit the SAS website www.sailing.org.za, login via "Membership Login" button in top right hand corner, and update your email, contact number, postal and residential address, sailing discipline, agree to the terms, and save to update. Simple!

If you need to refresh your SAS Membership login details, call SAS office (021 531 1860). For more information on Sunsail holidays in 25 destinations around the world, visit www.sunsail.com or contact Ikraam on 021 200 1836, or ikraam.galant@tuimarine.com



UPDATED Entries close at 23h59 on 18 December 2016 with the winner being announced on the SAS Facebook Page on Wednesday 21 December 2016.

A Warm Welcome to our **New Members**, we hope you have many years of happy sailing at HYC !!

Andrew, Rene, Callum, Ashlyn **Stegmann**
Anthony, Katherine, Luke, Anna **Rissik**
Nico, Carla, Nicaus, Minca **Botes**
Stefan **Schonsee**
Dew Anna **Chase**
Judith **Oakley**

A reminder that we try and keep our **Facebook** page up to date with all the sailing activities, which is also a good way to keep up to date on last minute changes, as well as the general sailing loop.

We would like to urge Members to please keep Jill updated with any changes of contact details, i.e. email addresses or phone numbers etc.

Your input is always welcome; current pictures taken at the club of interesting happenings, events, outside achievements/ accomplishments or just amusing captures. Please feel free to forward these to us to share with members in our Newsletters - marketing@hyc.co.za

Fair Winds!



Opening Cruise Braai Masters !!