



Transvaal Yacht Club

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TACTYC

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It's the frost bite season, with sailing closed for the winter, silverware is handed out, this year the focus being on Junior Sailing with certificates and Trophies handed out for their achievements. The prize giving dinner was a great success with over a hundred people attending, the biggest numbers reached in many years.

The AGM had good attendance with the biggest objection being the issue around the bye laws related to guests of members and the payment of an entry fee for guests. Proposals have been requested by the committee, so those who have raised concerns can be considered. Please submit alternative proposals in writing in respect of the current Bye laws.

A new Committee has been elected for the forth coming year and the closing cruise went off with great success. We would like to thank Rowan Bower for his efforts as Commodore over the past two years and would like to introduce the New Committee; Steve Kruger as Commodore, Rob Wallendorf as the Vice Commodore, and Graham Baker as the Rear Commodore.

Werner Hautmann will no longer be the Youth Representative on the Committee but will remain as Senior Coach and is replaced by Tony Money. Ron Gurnell will continue as Sailing Secretary / Bridge Officer, and Mario Scalco as the Cruising representative assisting Ron on the Bridge.

You may have noticed that the Club has been going through some changes; The pool side Braai area has had a bit of revamping, Steve Kruger and his staff are in the process of Installing a "Fire pit" for those winter nights with Glu wine and Old Brown Sherry, and summer evenings where the moon is bright, the beer is flowing and we are exaggerating our sailing stories after a great days sailing. He has also built a secure wall and Gate near the pool. Some major construction work is being undertaken outside the NSRI base and TYC flagpole due to the retaining wall collapsing. We're hoping this work will be completed in the shortest possible time. Please can we ask for everyone's understanding during this phase of difficult construction?

We have had a great year with the introduction of the Youth Dinghy Sail Training program, which has been a great success, with over 50 candidates having participated in the program over 10 Sessions throughout the year, we have grown the fleet to over 20 Boats, and encouraged parents to purchase their children boats as such we have 6 new private dinghy's in the Club. Furthermore we have had 2 Adult Sail training sessions, with over 32 Adults and 12 Boats going through the program.

The success of the program needs to be accredited to the Coaches, who have volunteered their time and skills to train the youth. The Coaches, this year, have all been through a SAS level one Coaches course, a SAMSA Category R Skippers Course, and ECG Level one First aid Course with CPR, and will be attending a SAS Safety Boat Course.

The Coaches are:

Werner Hautmann	Senior Coach	Mario Scalco	Coach
Steve Kruger	Coach	Ricci Scalco	Coach
Tony Money	Coach	Tyler Smith	Assistant Coach
Ralph Paterson	Coach	Jason Hooper	Assistant Coach
Jon Kock	Coach	Paul V/D Bergen	Adult Coach
Stuart Clague	Coach	Graham Baker	Adult Coach
Rowan Bower	Coach	Terry Paterson	Bosun
Peter Rautenbach	Coach	Ron Gurnell	Bridge Officer

The Gentleman's Challenge was great fun with Players guiding "Gentlemen / Lady" Skippers and coaching the various crews around a medium distance course, with 7 entries, Line honours went to "a Lipton Crew!" on "Rote Hexe", skippered by Leigh Lucas, with the overall handicap winner being Andrew and Les with a complete novice on "Aqua Chill", second was David on the Formula one, and in third place, Debbie, Tyler and Rosetta on the L26 "Queenie".

Club racing was limited, and for some reason the wind gods, *Boreas* the north wind and bringer of cold winter air, *Zephyrus* the west wind and bringer of light spring air and early summer breezes, *Notos* the south wind and bringer of the storms of late summer and autumn, and *Eurus*, the cool east wind, rarely brought sufficient wind for the J22's & cruisers to race. Although, credit should be given to Ronnie, who was there every Sunday, writing up the Course and preparing the Bridge boat waiting for the fanatics who had checked on wind finder identifying that there would be little wind and decided not to come out.

Referring back to the Gods, although they were sometimes represented as mere gusts of wind, according to Greek mythology, at other times were personified as winged men, and at still other times were depicted as horses kept in the stables of the storm god "Aeolus". The only people to benefit were Eddie and Honey, on the J22 "Aeolus" who persevered every Sunday sailing in their own pockets of "Gusts".

Zephyrus, and Notos on occasion played havoc this year, with Storms from the South West ripping the retaining wall out in front of the Youth Sail training room, which you will notice is now under construction thanks to our incoming commodore Steve Kruger. (as mentioned above)

Upcoming events

We are fortunate to host the 21st Youth Inter Club Regatta at TYC, from 13 -16 June 2015; the event has South African Sailing National Status, sailed by crews generally made up of 4 - 5 Youngsters per boat, under the age of 19. This Year we have 11 entries from around the country made up of youth who are either National representatives in their Dinghy Class, and or SA Representatives in their dinghy Class, some of whom have competed on the international circuit. There are 55 youngsters and 11 managers plus organisers mark layers, Committee members and Sponsors.

We would like to thank the Major Sponsors, Roodepoort Metal Exchange, Amtec Racing and The sub sponsors, Ullman Sails, The Kormorant, Personal Sponsors, Terry Paterson, Buddy Philips.

We would also like to thank The Owners of the respective J22's who lend their prize possessions, their boats, to the youth teams. This year we have entries from Point Yacht Club (KZN), Glenwood High School Yacht Club (KZN), Algoa Bay Yacht Club, Red House Yacht Club, Knysna Yacht Club, (Eastern Cape), Deneysville Aquatic Club, Lake Deneysel Yacht Club (Vaal OFS), Boskop yacht Club, Transvaal Yacht Club (2 entries) (Northwest) and Transvaal Catamaran Club (Mpumalanga).

Although the sailing season has ended for that winter, is it really that cold not to sail? Ronnie has organised the Frost Bite Series starting 7 June 2015, followed by the Winter Series starting 5 July 2015 challenging for the "Bert Winkler Cup", so all you fanatics get out there and lets go sailing!

We have the First Youth Sail Training weekend of the Season on 18 & 19 July 2015 with a few New boats entering the fray, Oliver Booysen has got his own Wooden Optimist, there is another optimist and Dabchick, and one returning from repairs, so we should be able to get 10 Optimists on the water and 6 Dabchicks, Plus some lasers.

A "Birdie" tells me that the Ladies are Planning a "Christmas in July Party" so for all you party goers make use of the Cosy Bar and Lounge and lets have a Party!

On a closing note, just because it is winter and getting a little chilly at times, there is no reason not to come out to your glorious Club and enjoy what it has to offer.

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