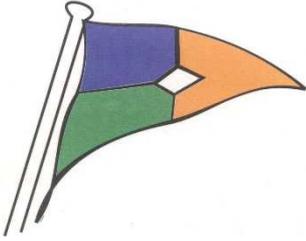


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HARTBEESPOORT DAM



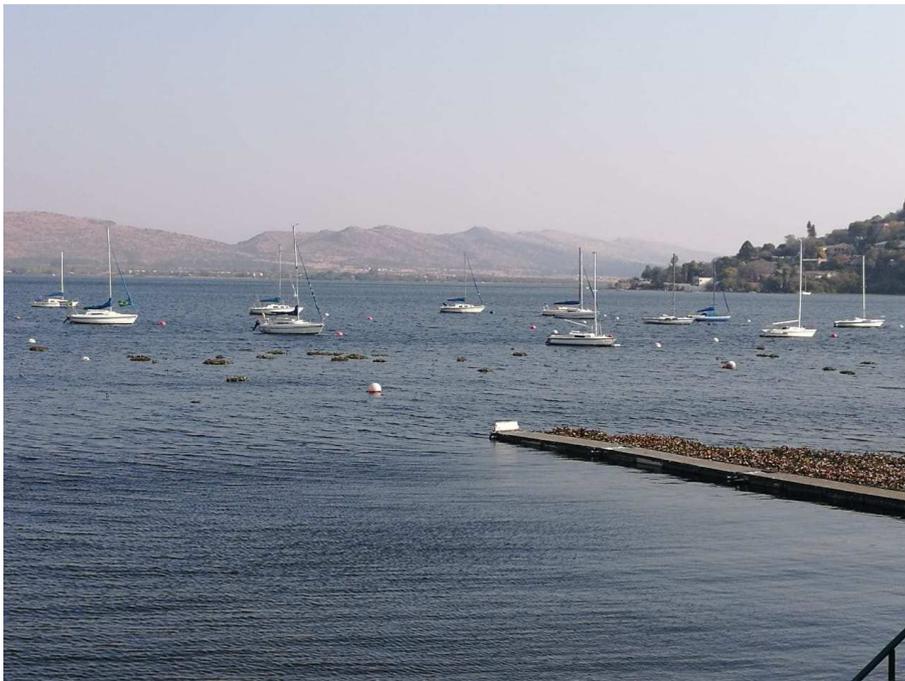
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Hi All

Firstly my apologies to everyone – I didn't realise it was in March that I sent out my last letter. While many buffalo may have passed the club since then, unfortunately, not many yachts have been able to (until yesterday that is).



The picture above was taken yesterday, the opening of the new season – very little hyacinth and great wind. Hopefully the tide is turning and we can have a great season of racing.

At the rather poorly attended AGM (we had to phone nearby members to make a quorum), the new committee was installed. (There were no contested posts so no election was required).

The rotating members of the executive committee for the 2018/2019 year are as follows:

Commodore	Rob Wallendorf
Vice Commodore	Ralph Paterson
Rear Commodore	Stuart Claque
Treasurer	Mary Gurnell
Secretary	Jennifer Wallendorf
Sailing Secretary	Ronnie Gurnell
Training Officer	Rowen Bouwer
PRO	Brett Van Rooyen
Committee Member	Wayne Miller
Committee Member	Terry Paterson

The position of president and trustees do not rotate and these are the same as last year.

As can be seen, we have some new blood on the committee. My thanks to all these people for making their time and experience available to keep our club running.

The prize giving dinner was attended by the usual culprits, with the normal result. Thanks to those who made the effort. Unfortunately the weed and lack of wind conspired to prevent a sail past (leaving me 0 for 2 on that score).

A number of decisions were taken at the AGM:

- The members present raised R 1300 for the purchase of additional lengths of pipe to maintain (and possibly extend) the boom to keep the hyacinth out.
- Les Faber donated his mooring to be used to anchor the boom.
- Honey Gluckman donated R 1 000 to the club.
- Terry and Maxine Paterson undertook to build a wheel chair ramp to make the club accessible to those with mobility challenges. (Construction will commence this week).

We have undertaken to create a "hospital" berth inside the boom. This will be available to members to moor their boats on a temporary basis (**3 weeks**) to undertake maintenance on their boats. Please book this mooring with Fred.

Brett has taken on the role of PRO. If you have any news announcements of items of general interest that you want publicised please get hold of him (lengoloi@gmail.com). He has already done a lot of work on the club web page.

There was a mass migration of J22's to Durban for the class nationals as part of MSC week. By all accounts a good regatta (except for some mental meltdowns by certain skippers). Most of the boats will be moving to the Vaal Dam next for the SAS Northern Region combined Keel Boat Championships at LDYC.

On the sailing front, we decided not to host the Youth J22 interclub regatta this year (a good decision as it turned out – there was no wind and the club was blocked by weed for the entire weekend). The regatta was hosted by LDYC last weekend. The TYC team of Rowan, Rohan and Jarred sailing on Hakahana finished 4th but managed positions of 1st and 2nd under difficult circumstances in 2 of the 5 races. They broke their tiller extension before the 2nd race and had to sail 4 races in strong wind without it. Hopefully the regatta will be able to return home next year.



Yesterday was the opening cruise. We decided on a Sunday morning brunch instead of a Saturday night dinner. This did not seem to make too much difference in the number of people attending. However the dam was clear and with the wind filling in from the poort and strengthening, we were able to have a sail past. (Score now 1 for 3). There were 9 boats on the water. After the sail past a few of us took Rote Hexe out for a burn and had an absolute blast. (I am sure the 2 trimmers will be feeling it today).

Upcoming events

The next social event will be the annual "Ina's Poitjie Kos Competition" on 15 September to coincide with Bart's Bash. The rules and entry requirements for both will be posted soon. While Bart's Bash requires wind and water, the cooking does not – so get those pots out and let's have another memorable night at TYC.

Regards
Rob Wallendorf
Commodore.