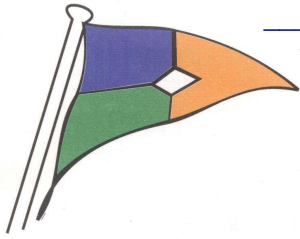


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Hi All

The last 3 months have been rather hectic and unfortunately I haven't had much time to sit in front of my computer for any purpose other than work. Hopefully I can remember all that has happened since my last letter to members.



This image was posted by Hannes on the TYC social Whatsapp group yesterday. We really are privileged to have a venue with this view. Given that it is almost time for New Year's resolutions here is one to add to your list for 2019:

Get out to the club AND ON THE WATER at least once a month.

Over the last few months the weed has definitely diminished and the chances of sailing is much improved (wind permitting of course).

In October we had the club championships. We only managed 1 day of racing (due to lack of wind more than weed) over the 2 weekends – but what a day's sailing it was. 3 races in the morning, a lunch break and then 2 races before getting back to moorings as a storm hit. 6 boats took part (a little disappointing) with boats doing some strange things under spinnaker (we are still looking the Chinese person responsible for some of those spectacular fall downs). It was nice to Nevan and Steven out on the Viper. It looks incredibly fast but also has a lot of tricks up its sleeve if you don't do it right.

I sailed the event with my daughter and son-in-law who are both novices and didn't fly a spinnaker. I managed 3 third place which goes to show that if you mess it up with the kite you lose big time.

A big thanks to the bridge crew and mark layers.

The final results are :

1st Ralph , Robin and Terry Paterson

2nd Donovan and Steve Kruger

3rd Brett Van Rooyen and Andrew Brown.

(Our previous club champion was otherwise occupied on Lake Kariba, something about fishing is what we are led to believe.)

Next week are the Youth Nationals at StillBaai Yacht Club. Good-luck to all competing. TYC will be well represented off the water as well. I am chairman of the protest panel, Ralph and Brett will be assisting with protest duties and on the water judging for rule 42. We will also be using Afrox as a judge boat.

Looking forward we have the North West Championships over the weekends of 9/10 and 16/17 February 2019 and hopefully the J22 Nationals from 1 to 5 May 2019. We will make a final decision on the nationals towards the end of the first quarter when we can accurately assess the weed situation. We have an arrangement with Witbank should we decide we cannot go ahead at TYC.

Regular Club racing (and cruising for that matter) has suffered quite badly this season but I think things are looking up. Let's get back out there on the water. We will start racing on 13 January.

On the matter of the weed, I must eat humble pie, I was one of those who said the only way to sort the issue out would be by spraying, it appears that the various initiatives around the Dam have made a big dent in the infestation. I have been told that with the level of nutrients in the water having dropped and the new growth being infested with a worm, the growth rate has been dramatically curbed.

A big thank you must go to Maxine and Terry who paid for a wheel chair ramp to be installed. For those who haven't been to the club recently, the ramp replaces the stairs on the Eastern side of the Flitton Rooms. The ramp was opened by Scott Money who test drove it in his electric wheel chair. Hopefully we will now see Lisa and Scott more often at the club. By the way it's also a great way to move bulky gear (braai and beer supplies and bedding when staying over if you have a trolley).

With the holidays coming up, I have attached the duty roster for the club staff at the end of this letter. They are also entitled to spend the holidays with their families so please do your best to keep the club looking neat and tidy. Alta and Phillip are also taking a break. Sunday breakfast service will resume on 6 January 2019.

Finally from Jenny and Myself, for those celebrating religious occasions may they be blessed, for everyone travelling stay alert, drive safely and defensively (rather take a little longer and the road and actually arrive) and finally for those lucky enough to be on leave – relax and enjoy.

Regards
Rob Wallendorf
Commodore.

XMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

- STAFF 08h00 – 16h00
- FERRY OPERATING 08h00 – 18h00

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

- STAFF OFF DUTY DAY

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER THRU SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

- STAFF AS USUAL
- FERRY AS USUAL

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER

- STAFF OFF DUTY DAY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – XMAS DAY TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER

- STAFF OFF DUTY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – BOXING DAY WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER

- STAFF OFF DUTY

THURSDAY 27 DECEMBER THRU SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER

- STAFF ON DUTY AS NORMAL

MONDAY 31 DECEMBER

- STAFF OFF DUTY DAY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NEW YEARS DAY 1 JANUARY

- STAFF OFF DUTY

NOTE! Club dinghy available on jetty at all times when ferry not operating.
Please do not try and row through hyacinth – Oars break off

Last Sunday breakfast 9 December and closed until Sunday 6 January