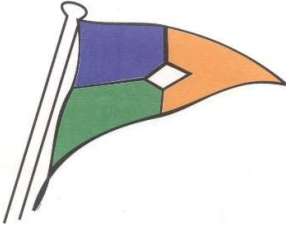


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25 November 2017

Dear members

It is with regret that I have to announce the resignation of Graham Baker as Vice Commodore. Ralph Paterson has accepted this post and Steven Kruger has volunteered to fill in as Rear Commodore for the rest of the year.

Those living around the dam will have seen our advert in the Kormorant. We have had a good response from people living in the area wanting to become social members.

As much as I would like to congratulate the winners of the Potjie Kos competition, with only 1 official entry, we had to cancel the event. Next year we will try again but back in the traditional September slot together with Bart's Bash.

If anyone has any great ideas for (or even better is prepared to organise) social events at the club for members, the committee will only be too happy to assist.

While we do not have anything formally organised, a few of us will be bringing in the new year at the club. Beauty will be on leave but we have rustled up a few committee members to run the bar for the evening. Feel free to pitch up. Bring some friends, food and, if you want, music.

The roster for our staff over the festive season is attached to the end of this letter. They also have families so in the season of goodwill, let's do our best not to infringe on their family time.

The Youth Nationals will be taking place at Henley Midmar Yacht club in the 2nd week of December. Good luck to our youth members who will be travelling.

As some of you may know, the Lipton Cup will be held in Durban next year – hosted by Point Yacht Club and sailed in the L26 class. The regatta will be sailed in the week after MSC week (which is also the J22 Nationals). This is the premier inter-club event on the South African sailing calendar. If anyone is interested in competing for the cup on behalf of TYC, please put together a full campaign proposal and forward it to the admin@tyc – We are still the only inland club to have won the magnificent trophy. Please note – this is not a regatta you can just pitch up at and expect to do well. Lots of hard work and hours on the water are required.

The hyacinth has been putting a lot of strain on boats on their moorings. A number of boats have broken free and been retrieved by Fred and the staff, In almost all cases, the mooring chain has not broken – rather the mooring shackle has worked loose. Please note:

- The club does mooring inspection annually to check on the quality of the mooring chain, shackles and swivels.
- The onus is on the members to ensure that their boats are securely moored.
- It is good practice to use a “spring” through the chain to take the strain of the mooring on the boat and only use the chain attached to the bow as a backup. If you are going to take the tension on the chain then please use a suitable safety line as back up.
- Snap shackles (no matter what the quality) have a habit of opening up/ deforming under constant impact.
- The shackle pin has a hole in it for a reason. After tightening the pin with pliers, a shackle key or a spanner, use a cable tie, wire or a length of chord through the hole and around the shackle body to mouse the pin.

- Check your mooring eyes, fairleads and cleats on a regular basis.

You don't want your boat ending up like this :



Its Time to start Racing again



The photograph above was taken on 14 November. Not a piece of weed in sight. All the initiatives on the dam seem to be making a difference. There are still days when the club is “weeded in” but they seem to be getting less.

With this in mind we are going to officially start club racing in the new year (15 Jan 2018) and will be running our traditional **North West Championships** on the weekends of **10/11 and 17/18 February**. NOR and entry forms will be available soon.

On behalf of the committee and my family, I would like to wish:

- all members travelling over the holiday season a safe trip,
- those going on vacation a relaxing and enjoyable time,
- a blessed Christmas to all celebrants
- and Happy Hanukah to our Jewish members.
- To everyone a peaceful, prosperous and safe 2018.

Regards

Rob Wallendorf
Commodore TYC.

XMAS HOLIDAY STAFF SCHEDULE

**“CLOSED TO VISITORS” SIGN ON GATE FROM 23 DECEMBER (SAT) – 2 JAN (TUE)
TYC DINGHY AVAILABLE ON SLIPWAY DURING HOLIDAY PERIODS.
PLEASE PULL UP ON SLIPWAY AFTER USE**

DEC 24 – SUN – XMAS EVE

STAFF OFF 15H00
FERRY AVAILABLE UNTIL 15H00
BAR OPEN 11h00 – 15h00

DEC 25 – MON – XMAS DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ALL STAFF OFF
NO FERRY AVAILABLE

DEC 26 – TUE - BOXING DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ALL STAFF OFF
NO FERRY AVAILABLE

DEC 27 – WED

STAFF AS NORMAL 08h00 – 16h00
FERRY 08h00 – 16h00

DEC 28 – THUR

STAFF AS NORMAL 08h00 – 16h00
FERRY 08h00 – 16h00

DEC 29 – FRI

STAFF AS NORMAL 08h00 – 15h00
FERRY 08h00 – 15h00

DEC 30 – SAT

STAFF AS NORMAL 08h00 – 16h00
FERRY AVAILABLE UNTIL 18h00
BAR OPEN 11h00 – 15h00

DEC 31 – SUN – NEW YEAR’S EVE

STAFF OFF DUTY 15h00
FERRY AVAILABLE 08h00 – 15h00
BAR OPEN 11h00 – Late

JAN 01 – MON – NEW YEAR’S DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ALL STAFF OFF DUTY
NO FERRY AVAILABLE AND NO CRANE

JAN 02 – TUE

ALL STAFF AS NORMAL 08h00 – 16h00
FERRY AVAILABLE 08h00 – 16h00

NOTE:

**STAFF ROTATE LUNCH TIMES BETWEEN 12h00 AND 12h45 AND 13h00
– 13h45
TEA TIME IS 10h00 – 10h20 EACH DAY**