



MINUTES OF THE BOAT OWNERS MEETING
HELD AT LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB ON
16th MAY 2009 AT 12h45

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Members present as per attached attendance register.

The meeting was declared open by the Rear Commodore, Tielman Burger, who welcomed and thanked all present.

Tielman mentioned that the breakwater was a serious issue as it is not protected and has now collapsed on the one side. We need to stabilize and preserve the breakwater but it is a costly exercise and the subscriptions and income from the club is insufficient for capital expenditure and projects. We all need to formulate plans to raise additional money to fund special projects like this one.

Tielman stated that members of the sailing committee would continue to check and inspect boats and that our members will be approached to produce certificate of competency (COC) and certificate of fitness (COF) in a bid to promote safety awareness. He warned the members that alcohol is prohibited on boats.

The COC courses (skipper's licences) have been facilitated by LDYC. SAS are now also an approved facilitator. One can download the course notes from the SAS website and write the examination with an approved examiner.

Tielman mentioned that a Grandfather ticket (yacht skipper's licence for inland waters) is now being offered to experienced skippers to handle a yacht of 9m and bigger with extensive hours on the dam. Prospective candidates must submit applications together with a CV and eye test to the panel for review. The window period for applications is the end of June 2009.

Tielman congratulated Rodney Beresford on having recently received his coastal ticket.

With regards to certificate of fitness (COF) for yachts, Tielman made the members aware that Allan Stokes is an approved examiner that is able to issue COF certificates. He warned members that copies of all COF's (renewable annually) must be lodged with the club office and all members boats records must be updated. Boats will be grounded if members don't comply with these rules.

Tielman explained that safety awareness and rules need to be enforced and that we had all been too relaxed for a number of years. We had lost 3 people in sailing accidents in the past year, one of which was an LDYC member. LDYC are members of Northvaal Keelboat Association (NKA) and would, therefore, be governed by NKA rules.

Tielman mentioned that a motor boat jetty was a project that was currently being investigated.

Tielman requested that members don't park their boats sideways on the jetty as it takes up more space and does not allow for other boats. Motor boats and dinghies were reminded not to park beyond the yellow line.

Tielman reported back on the new walk on moorings. Geoff Teasdale has designed a layout for the harbour that parks 60 boats. He is in the process of experimenting with lighter materials and is calculating prices related to the project.

A discussion was held with regards to the etiquette at the slipway. Tielman requested that the yachts and motor boats please co-ordinate with each other but mentioned that yachts are to take priority at the main slipway.

Tielman stated that the old bridge building was in the process of being revived. It makes a fantastic viewing area and could be used as the bridge station for long distance races. Metal sheeting has been sponsored and we will be able to start on the renovation of this building in due course.

Tielman mentioned that LDYC would be hosting the L26 nationals in June and that we were expecting 20 boats and at the Laser Nationals in September we are expecting 100 boats.

The Rear Commodore, Tielman Burger, closed the meeting at 13h15
Per secretary