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## NEWSLETTER – MARCH/APRIL 2011

### ISAF SAILING COURSE – MARCH 2011



**Back Row: Austin Daly, Rob Holden and Mike Bremner**

**Front Row: Kyle Lambie, Jared Wolmarans, Justin Lambie, Sheena Bremner, Dillon Lambie and Stewart Bremner**

Austin Daly held a Beginner's Sailing Course at LDYC, every Saturday during March 2011. The course was attended by Stewart and Sheena Bremner, Jared Wolmarans and Kyle, Justin and Dillon Lambie.

The children absolutely flourished under the individual attention that they received from Austin, with Mike Bremner's able assistance. Austin assisted Shellee Nel during December with her sailing course (also held at our club) but there were over 40 children and it was far too



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hectic to really benefit a nervous sailor or even a beginner.

By the fourth and final weekend, all the children were confidently sailing solo and they all obviously enjoyed the course immensely and have developed a serious love of sailing in the process.

The final Saturday, we were honoured to have Rob Holden, the "Big Boss" from ISAF to hand the certificates to each child. He did this with a broad smile and a hearty handshake. The children were very proud of their achievement. They were the first group of children to receive their ISAF certificate from Rob Holden in the Northern Region.

Mike Bremner was also the first coach to receive his level one certificate.

**FRANK CHRISTOPHER BONNET**  
**13 AUGUST 1933 TO 2 MARCH 2011**



**Chris and Libby Bonnet**

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Chris and Libby Bonnet of Offshore Sailing Academy have been associated with our Club for many years.

Many of our members met Chris and Libby when they attended courses down at Point Yacht Club.

Our sincere condolences go to Libby and the family and friends left behind.

**The service was in a beautiful traditional Anglican Church-St Thomas on the Berea and was filled to capacity with loving friends and work colleagues, past pupils and of course Jean-Francois Fontaine.**

**Although the mood was sombre, there was a sense of relief, that dear Chris has been released from the pain and trials and tribulations of this life.**

**Libby was so brave and her faith has given her the strength to cope with this sad day and hopefully this faith filled strength will be with her always. The fact that she was able to deliver a poignant eulogy, was testament to her courage and fortitude throughout his illness. And so we were able to say Thank You for his incredible life and for all that he meant to so many. He certainly was larger than life.**

**And now we must focus on Libby's life and lift her up in prayer always. She is an amazing sister and together they had a marriage made in Heaven.**

**Tomorrow at 3.30 a flotilla will leave the Durban Yacht basin and sail out to calm waters where Libby will scatter Bon-Bons ashes. Thereafter, a drink at the club and home. So apt that her sailor will be laid to rest at sea.**

These are the words written by Libby's sister.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT



Vicky Fenny, our Kids Club Convener once again organised a fantastic event for our children. The event was quite well attended and organised.

Each child was given a picture of an Easter Bunny to colour in. While the kids were busy with this task, the Easter Bunny was hopping around all over the place, hiding yummy Easter Eggs in the most obvious places.

Once they had finished their picture, the children were sent out 'en force' to find as many Easter eggs as possible and bring them back to Mrs Easter Bunny in her bonnet.

Vicky then made sure that all the children had the same amount of eggs and the "sugar rush" began for kids and adults alike.



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Sharon Douglas Henry wears her Easter bonnet

## EASTER SUNDAY ROUND THE CLUB'S RACE

The (to the best of my knowledge) first running of the Easter Sunday Round The Clubs race was held on the Vaal Dam over the Easter Weekend. The concept is based on a race that is run in Cape Town. The idea being that competitors leave from their home base club and sail a circular course through gates set up at participating clubs and end up back at their home club.

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All competitors sail the same distance. The elapsed times are fed back to central point and the results for the race are calculated.

We changed some of the rules in order to give the race a more relaxed “cruising with attitude” type of feel in line with the more family orientated Easter Regatta atmosphere. These rule changes inadvertently added few interesting dimensions to the race.

The rules were:

- 1) You can start any time you like.
- 2) You can start at any of the club’s gates you like.
- 3) You can go around the course anyway you like.
- 4) You can pause your time and stop for lunch if you want to.
- 5) Cut-off time was 4pm.

This lead to deep discussion as to which course was best suited for the yacht and hectic searches on weather prediction sites to establish the best time of day to set off. If the race is run again, all of these rules will be used again with exception of number 4. This has the potential for abuse as competitors



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stopping for lunch could actually be waiting for wind changes.

Only LDYC and DAC took part in the race, so we added a racing mark at Muster to make things more interesting. The conditions were perfect. The wind played along rising and falling during the day to keep things interesting but never dropping low enough to prompt competitors to abandon.

Twenty one competitors had a great day out on the water. Tielman Burger, on the JS9000 Agattu, timed his run perfectly and won comfortably. (Well that's his story anyway. I happen to know that he was stuck in a committee meeting and missed his planned starting time)

The feedback from those who took part was that they enjoyed the concept and looked forward to it becoming a regular feature of the Easter Weekend.

Report by Rodney Beresford

## **EGOTEK (SAFIC) SUMMER SERIES**

Our thanks go to Luke Quinn of Egotek (SAFIC) who was on hand at our Summer Series prize giving for the radio



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controlled yachts, to hand out the fantastic prizes that were sponsored.

## Results:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Name of Boat</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cornelius du Plessis	Foreplay
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arnold Spies	Rigby
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Johnny Smit	T Bone



**Luke Quinn hands Cornelius du Plessis – First prize**

## **SKIPPERS CLUB TRAINING ACADEMY**

Jan Nienaber came to LDYC on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to present another of his fantastic Power Boat Skipper's Course.

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The course was attended by quite a few members who then wrote the exam the same day and got their results straight away.

## RICHARDS BAY TO DURBAN – MARCH 2011

Since we would be sailing on an old Tornado, the assembly of which takes forever and a day, we decided to leave the Wednesday after work, drive through the night, and use all of Thursday to assemble the boat, thus ready for once to start together with everybody else.

Peter Pace and I were accompanied by one of our fearless ground crew to Malawi the previous year, Tanya Wichmann.

We found out quickly that there is little point in arriving in Richards Bay 06h00 in the morning. The guys down there are pretty much laid back, no restaurants open before 09h00, except for Mac Donalds.

Assembly of the Titanic took place in hot and humid weather, ending in lots of rain but fortunately, no tears.

On Friday, the Tornado behaved perfectly as she was put through her paces.

Saturday morning: start of the race. Our agreement with the sisters was that they would each sail one leg of the race with us on the Tornado, all legal, complete with transponders for each individual.

Off we went at the start of the race, all going well,

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spinnaker up and moving along nicely. Without a warning, all of a sudden, one very loud clap, spinnaker explodes into shreds.

In preparation for the race, we had stiffened up the tapered mast with carbon fibre strips. When the spinnaker exploded, the recoil on the mast was such that it whipped back violently, capsizing to weather and spilling all three of us in the ocean. Our saving grace was that we were sailing with a mast float on top of the mast. As soon as the mast float struck the water, the stiffness in the mast whiplashed the boat upright again, scooping all three of us back onto the tramp, and on we sailed without missing a beat.

After that, the sailing became much of a dull thing, running out of all wind towards the end of the course.

Eventually, NSRI became impatient, instructing us to drop the main and be towed in to Zinkwazi. Imagine beaching through heavy surf in little wind and no main? Excitement to the very end..

Soon afterwards, rain started pelting down, and kept on doing so through the night. Next morning, NSRI issued instruction for the last leg to Durban to be cancelled in anticipation of low visibility and strong winds, disappointment.

With all the bad luck, sometimes some good luck. With the Tornado back at LDYC, on its first sail directly in front of the clubhouse, one whole side stay tore out of the hull,



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mast collapsing and general mayhem. Thank heavens that did not happen on the ocean.

## Report by Kobus van Huysteen.

### FORMULA ONE HIGHVELDS – 19-21 MARCH 2011

The Formula One Highveld's Regatta, in conjunction with the Mistrals Highveld's, was hosted by LDYC over the Human Rights Day long weekend. A special vote of thanks goes to Rodney Beresford, Sailing Commodore, and his team for accommodating us at short notice. This was in fact the first time the Formula One Association has held a Highveld's Regatta and it only came about as insufficient entries were predicted for the scheduled Nationals. It will definitely be part of our racing calendar in future.

We were lucky with the weather as the forecasts had been for an 80% probability of heavy rains. With the exception of a light rain storm on the Saturday the weather was fine with generally light to moderate westerly winds. Although we only managed a fleet of six boats, it was made up of the top end skippers which led to some highly competitive sailing. In all seven races were sailed, allowing for one discard.

The regatta was won by Chris Phillips in "Radio Holland" with his crew of Robert McCarthy and Jay D'Engle, who came up from Durban. (with 8 points)

This win was not, however, without an epic battle with Rodger Attridge's boat, "Jolly Roger", skippered by Chris Duff and crewed by Mike Spring and Rodger Attridge (finished with 9 points). At no stage, over the three days, was there a clear winner which made for a really exciting regatta. "Radio Holland" finished with four firsts and two seconds to count. "Jolly Roger" had three firsts and three seconds.

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The racing was down to the wire with "Jolly Roger" needing to win two races on the Monday to beat "Radio Holland".

The first race on the Monday was sailed in a nice steady breeze. Chris Duff split tacks with "Radio Holland" soon after the start, sailing up the South Bay side of the course. This proved to be the right tactical move with "Jolly Roger" taking the gun.

This meant, with one race to go, "Radio Holland" and "Jolly Roger" were tied on points.

At the start of the second race, three boats were over at the start and had to come back and unwind themselves.

As luck would have it both Radio Holland and Jolly Roger were over.

By the time we had reached the weather mark both contenders were out in front again, just behind Richard Bremner. About thirty metres from the buoy, Richard fell overboard when one of his webbing life lines broke. This exercise not only cost him places but earned him the "Broachers Trophy".

By the last leg of the race the wind had dropped and had become very patchy. With only the leeward mark to round before finishing, "Jolly Roger" was a few boat lengths ahead but to leeward of "Radio Holland". At this point a big wind shift came through. Chris Duff opted to drop the bag and reach into the mark. "Radio Holland", who was slightly to windward, could just carry their spinnaker, although it was very tight. The decision to drop our bag was the right one as we had to almost beat to get to the mark which was only about four boat lengths away. This was all an experienced skipper like Chris Phillips needed to slip through and take the gun and the regatta. They were awarded the new Formula One Highveld's Trophy and the gold medal.

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Well done Chris and crew. What a fantastic three days sailing.

Louis Nortje in "Finesse" with his daughter Melissa and her husband Cain as crew came in third. He also enjoyed a closely sailed regatta getting one second, two thirds, a fourth and a fifth to count, finishing one point ahead of the fourth boat. It was good to see Louis back on the water as he has been out of sailing for a while.

Brian Uban in "Chequered Flag", sailing with his father Mike and Vaughen Klibbe, was fourth. He was the most consistent sailor with one third, four fourths and a fifth. Brian and his crew were awarded the Dave Cutts trophy for "The Spirit of Sailing". Again, only one point behind the third boat.

Richard Bremner with Gert Badenhorst and his daughter Dayna as crew was fifth, only one point behind the fourth boat. He was sailing in his newly launched Formula One, "Invincible". It was only launched on the Saturday morning after a total rebuild. With some boat tuning Richard will be the man to watch in future.

Francis Gibbons sailing his boat "Finster", with his crew of Peter Haslam and Mark and Darren Gannon, came in sixth. He won the most improved skipper's trophy by finishing with three sixes, a fifth and two thirds.

## **Report by Rodger Attridge**

### **Manten Marina Summer Series**

Our thanks must go to Dickie and Kathy Manten, the sponsors of the Manten Marina Summer Series for the super cash prizes that were handed out at the prize giving.



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The series culminated with the prize giving held on 17 April 2011.

Eight boats participated in the series and it was split into the cruising and racing fleets. The cruising fleet had only one entrant and one winner throughout in the form of Ian Harvey on his vivacity "Dream One"

The racing fleet results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jem	Johnny Smit	Stadt 23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noumea	Deon van der Walt	Mistral
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mega Magic	Kei Ackerman	Stadt 23
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sheba		Hunter
5 <sup>th</sup>	Flashpoint	Tyronne Morris	Stadt 23
6 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Ride	Trish Conninx	Mistral
7 <sup>th</sup>	Clockwork	Austin Daly	Hunter



**Sharron Beresford, Hilda and Johnny Smit, John and Sleigh Haynes, Rodney Beresford**

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## **EASTER REGATTA – 22-25 APRIL 2011**

Ten boats participated in the Easter Regatta.

The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jem	Johnny Smit	Stadt 23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kinetics	Arnold & Eleanor Spies	Muira
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flashpoint	Austin Daly	Stadt 23

## **HELLO FROM QINGDAO**



Yesterday I went to the penultimate day of the Extreme 40 racing in Qingdao.

The weather was beautiful but not much wind. The racing was "stadium style" and was well commentated in English & Chinese over PA system around the entire harbour. The races were short, tactical, spectator friendly and professional.

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I took loads of photos but did not expect to find myself in the photo which is posted on the "extreme sailing" web site. Well that's me in the red amongst the grey & black of the Chinese, Koreans etc. I even had one guy rest his camera on my shoulder.



The wind was extremely light but these cats still flew. For those of you are interested in more info, you can google "extreme sailing".



**From Sheryl Fisher**

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**Members can check out our news and events on face book and twitter.**



***"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies"***

***Mother Teresa***

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