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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2010

Viva Espana!!! The World Cup is over and the Tri Nations begins.

The following members joined our club on 10 July 2010 and we would like to welcome them all:

- ✚ Alan and Karen Bezuidenhout who have two daughters, Nicolette (9) and Mia (6).
- ✚ Gary and Sheila Rowe with their daughter Jessica (10) and their son Grant (8) who sail a Macgregor 26 called “Where 2 now”.
- ✚ Gavin James, a single member who owns a dinghy. Gavin has already participated in Brass Monkey 3 as a crew member and enjoyed it thoroughly.



By MSN SA, Kagiso, 2010/07/21

Whale destroys yacht in Cape Town

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The moment just before the whale crashed onto the yacht in Table Bay.

A couple sailing off the coast of Cape Town narrowly escaped death when a breaching whale landed squarely on their yacht. The southern right whale, estimated to weigh up to twenty tons, left bits of skin and blubber behind on the destroyed boat before sliding back into Table Bay and swimming off.

"It was quite scary," Paloma Werner, who spent the day sailing with her boyfriend and business partner, Ralph Mothes, told IOL. "We thought the whale was going to go under the boat and come up on the other side. We thought it would see us." "There was hardly any wind, so we couldn't get out of the way," said Werner. "We didn't have time to take any evasive action."

The yacht, a 10m training boat called Intrepid, suffered only superficial damage, with its hull left entirely intact. "If it had been a fibreglass boat it would have been sunk, so we were lucky," said Werner.



The aftermath - the yacht is still afloat despite the destruction on deck

MANCOM NEWS

As part of the open policy of our Management Committee, it has been decided to bring you up to date with happenings, improvements and news.

Old Bridge Building

The floors have now finally been finished. Roy Spurdle has generously donated the glass to go into the windows. **Thank you, Roy.** Once the glass is in. we are toying with the idea of putting some "Klingshield" onto the windows. This serves two purposes - safety and comfort. The safety aspect being that it will strengthen the windows and colour them. The birds should see them and if they fly into the windows they won't shatter. The comfort being that the shield reflects the heat and sun away from the building keeping it cool. The only problem is that this is going to cost approximately R15 000 to do. We also need to paint the bridge building too. Is there anyone with contacts out there???

New Workshop

The workshop needs a few improvements before it will be fully operational. The entrance, at the moment, is a huge garage door which isn't practical. A pedestrian door and security gate needs to be installed. Lighting is very poor so there is an urgent need for some windows to be installed. Shelving needs to be erected and there is no electricity in the workshop yet. We would like to call on those members that are electricians to assist us with this project.

Road improvements

We are pleased to see that the municipality has now finally graded our roads leading up to the club entrance. Our roads on the property have also been sorted out. The roads along the Eastern and Western borders of the property cause a great deal of dust, especially in the dry winter months. We have received a donation of some cement and will be using it to lay strip roads. There will be some sort of an indented speed hump incorporated into the strip. We will do it slowly but surely as funds become available. Watch this space...

Breakwater repairs

The general consensus is that we need rock, steel and stone to fix our breakwater. Many of our members have started bringing rocks with them every time they come to the dam. We are trying to get some of the huge concrete blocks that are used for the road construction for the world cup. Anyone know how we can get some of them?

TLC List

Our vice commodore, Kei Ackerman has done site inspections and has asked me to advertise the fact that there will soon be a TLC list on the notice board. "What is this list?" you may ask. We are talking about some **T**ender **L**oving **C**are. Examples of TLC are:

- A coat of paint
- Shade net replaced or repaired
- Roofing repairs - some of the sheets need to be replaced as there are holes in them
- A good clean up – remove rubble lying around, tidy the garden, cut the shrubs and trees
- Give the caravan a wash

Suggestions and Complaints Box

Mancom are requesting that all members that have any suggestions or complaints, to please put them into the box in the bar. You may do this anonymously. Each item will be tabled in the Complaints register and we will address every issue at our next meeting and publish results via this newsletter.

Visitor's Register

The Visitor's Register was kept in the entrance hall of the club house, a long time ago. Mancom would like to re-instate this tradition and ask members to please sign their visitors in.

Life Jackets and Life Rings

Please make donations to the club of any life jackets and life rings that are not being utilised.

Motor Boat Jetty

We have been offered the opportunity of purchasing a second hand motor boat jetty for an excellent price. In view of the number of power boaters in our club, we have decided to look into purchasing it.

Bar Upgrade

The step built around the fire place in the bar has been removed and the broken tiles have been replaced with new ones. It looks so fantastic that we intend to re-tile the rest of the floor in the bar, as well as the area behind the bar, the section outside the kitchen as well as those in the men's and ladies toilets.

AGM for 2011

It was discovered that the AGM date has been erroneously made for Mothers Day next year. Luckily, we realised the problem and the date has been changed to 8th May 2011.

SAS NORTHERN REGION WILL HAVE A STAND (PRECINCT P17) AT THE NATIONAL BOAT SHOW – POP IN AND SAY HALLO

See boating at its best, as you run your hands and eyes over the more than 250 leisure, power and bass boats, jet skis and other craft. Experience scuba diving at its finest, as you take in all the latest gear, destinations, gadgets, courses and more. Get a load of the hottest water toys, fishing rods, leisure goods and accessories, and even shop for your family's very own waterfront property and the whole new life that comes with it!

When you're finally done shopping for your new leisure lifestyle,

chill out and compare purchases with the rest of your family and friends at the stylish Peroni Café or Castle Sports Bar. Or, if you have an appetite for more thrilling action, just keep going and take in more excitement from a jam-packed programme of events, which includes, among others, the live weigh-in of the Bass Africa Classic bass fishing tournament and the awesome Wake Wars Pro Wakeboarding Competition.

It's all happening at the National Boat Show, Africa's biggest boat and leisure show. Don't come alone, bring your whole family and friends too – there's something for everyone!

13th - 14th - 15th August 2010

the Coca-Cola dome

cnr Olievenhout & Northumberland Roads,
Northriding,
JOHANNESBURG
Gauteng, South Africa

Friday: 11h00 – 18h00

(trade and consumer)

Saturday: 09h00 – 18h00

Sunday: 09h00 – 17h00

Joe Geldenhuis from New Generation Yachting has offered to let LDYC display at his stand. We will be at the show on Saturday and on Sunday. Come and see us at Precinct P23 – New Generation Yachting. We hope to have a television there with our Round the Island Race DVD playing and pamphlets promoting our Club.

Malawi Marathon - July 2010

Day minus 10: strip boats and pack same into containers at Hobie Shop in Strydom Park.

Day minus 2: Fly off at 10h00 from OR Tambo, en route Lilongwe, Malawi. 3 hour flight, customs present, no problems. From there, 4 hour drive in good bus to starting point. We had some delays along

the way, got to destination after dark. All boats unpacked already, stacked nicely with boxes and boat parts together. Charles Girard and his team had done an excellent job. Rest of the time is whiled away registering and making camp.

Day minus 1: All boats to be assembled and complete capsizing drill (full turtle) by 14h00. Most boats achieve this, some stragglers a bit later, our boat in that lot. In the evening the event is officially opened by the minister of Sport and Recreation and lots of dignitaries. Just like the year before, all come under the impression that this event is really important to the Government of Malawi, and that they would like it to grow even more. In 2009, 22 boats entered, this year the total grew to 46.

In general, the 2010 event was much nicer for the increase in size: there were so many unknown faces to all, that none could feel strange or left out since everybody was strange.

There was lots of interesting people, ranging from the most competitive, to the anxious and inexperienced, of which there were plenty.



Ready for turtle test, day 0

D-Day: The Hobies start off at 07h00, Dart at 07h10 and the Tigers at 07h30. All packing materials and boxes go with the truck to the next camp, ground crew travel in the bus. First day out, many find it quite challenging to break camp and have all packed and ready to sail.

Lots of wind, a couple of Hobies take a tumble shortly after start. The capsize drill establishes a lot of comfort with all that can go wrong, so capsizing is all run-of-the-mill stuff by now. Large amounts of wind and fast sailing.

Day 2: Slow start, and lots of wind increasing in strength as the day progresses. One of the longer distances, about 70 km in a straight line. Hobie 16's do not sail well straight downwind, with all the gybing, we do about 120km for the day.

Day 3: Strong wind, starting straight through the surf. This year, all the boats make it. (Last year, we ended up on the rocks at this start) Some venture out to the island, into the open deep parts of the lake, where the wind is amazing. We learn to surf the waves, and just as we figure out how to sail faster than ever before, 2 capsizes bring us back to reality. I also lose my cell phone to the depths of the lake, which brings absolute relaxation with the knowledge that much as I would like to, incommunicado to the outside world.

Day 4: Again, starting upwind through the surf. Not much wind, compared to days 1-3, in the order of about 15-20kts. A gust takes out a number of 16's, fairly close to the starting point. In the process, we tumble a cam and are unable to roll it back in the water. We start looking for a rock-less beach, which takes about an hour. Immediately on beaching, we are swamped by hundreds of villagers. A young woman is in difficulty in childbirth. Thomme quickly does a caesarian with a pocket knife, stitching the mother up with twine. Triplets!!! As we sail away, we run directly over a small hippo, who angrily chomps off the tiller extension. We end up last sailors of the day, making up lots of excuses as to our extended disappearance.

Day 5: The best of the marathon: a rest day. Lots of entertainment and plenty of greens and repairs.

Day 6: The night before, a change to the plans of action come into the process: all are to take their sleeping bags and extra clothes across to Likoma Island on top of their tramps. This plays havoc with the crews and their managing the jib sheets. Lots of wind at the

start, nothing at the meeting of the two landmass winds in the middle of the lake, thereafter we coast in to the beach in light weather. A major party was had by many, lasting all night.

Day 7: Last leg. A long run across the breadth of the lake to the finish line, wind dies out altogether towards noon. Some teams are back at finishing point of day 4 :-). One team is found at dusk only, right in the middle of the lake, had to be towed in for more than half the distance.

When you get to the end of this leg, boats need to be packed up for the trip back to SA, and quickly so. Packing up quickly is a major mission. Packing up entails stripping the boats down into their elements, wrapping and packing same into the correct container (note) setting up camp, catching a shower before dressing up in your cleanest, dirty clothes for the closing function, again hosted by the ministry of sports and recreation.



Packing up on last day

Day 8: Early on the bus, back to Lilongwe for the flight to South Africa.

The Malawi Lake Marathon is really an event all sailors should do at least twice. The first time is a bit intimidating, specifically with respect of the long distances to be covered every day, the camping, the magnificent scenery, and the hectic and furious sailing. The second time around you know what to expect, and are able to enjoy and relax. The rescue process is very well managed and providing you stick to the rules and safety regulations/equipment, all is quite safe.

It is also fairly demanding, to the extent that between exhaustion and holding on for dear life, you will probably experience the most comprehensive break with everyday life. There is nothing to worry about: you are fed thrice a day, lots of doctors in the medical team, weather is warm, water is warm, everybody becomes relaxed as they become tired, you meet interesting people and start wonderful friendships. Management of the marathon is excellent. And you learn how to sail fast and fearless.

During the closing speeches, the minister requested of the organizers to again double the number of entrants for 2011. Imagine that!



“Get a Life, Go Sailing” boat

I sailed on this boat. I would like to thank Joe Geldenhuys from New Generation Yachting who sponsored the boat.
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Thanks to Kobus van Huysteen for this report.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our "Christmas in July" entertainment evening was held in the bar on 24th July 2010. Members enjoyed a scrumptious meal of chicken schnitzels, mash and vegetables with a salad. Thereafter, the game was on. Once again, everyone got into the Christmas spirit and donned their red Santa hats.

Vicky produced a game of "Charades" and we decided to play in the bar next to the warm fire. Spectacles were passed around to those who couldn't read the card. The person is not allowed to talk, but by actions must describe the book, movie, etc. If you couldn't act out the answer correctly, you were penalised with a penalty dop. Much fun and laughter was the result.



James and Jean Haddock chat to Carol and Michael Gradwell

Forthcoming Events for August 2010

01 Aug	MOD Winter 6	VCA	10h00
7-9 Aug	Keelboat Provincials	LDYC	Notice
14-15 Aug	Reserve – Keelboat Prov	LDYC	Notice
13-15 Aug	National Boat Show	Coca Cola Dome	Notice
21 Aug	Kidz Club – Kite Building	LDYC	13h00
	Potjiekos Competition	LDYC	18h00
22 Aug	Brass Monkey 5	LDYC	10h00
21-22 Aug	Ron Roseveare Night Race	PNYC	Notice
21-27 Aug	Lipton Cup	RCYC	Notice



“Character is who you are when no one is watching”

Anonymous

Yours in Sailing

Teresa Wolmarans
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