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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010

Hi to all our members

I would like to wish all our members a wonderful and prosperous 2010. Here's my first newsletter for this year. The madness of Round the Island has been and gone and things can now finally go back to normal.

Ladies Round the Island

This regatta took place on the public holiday, Wednesday 16th December 2009. There were 13 entries and initially a fair wind but as time passed the wind died down.

“The Big Monster” Sea Cart 30 from VCA was first over the line in 1 hour 47. Second boat home was the J22 “Da J” from SPYC and third was our own First Lady, Hilda Smit on “Jem” the Stadt 23.

Single Handed Round the Island

The race took place on 1st January 2010 and is not called the “Babelaas race” for nothing. We had 60 starters but only 20 finishers. The first 3 positions were taken by the Hunters.

The results are as follows:

Alex Schon	Hunter	LDYC
Jaco Swart	Hunter	LDYC
Andre Adams	Hunter	LDYC

Tender Race

A festive atmosphere was in the air. All the boats that would be participating in the Single Handed Round the Island Race the following morning were lined up on the foreshore. The ground staff was invited down for a braai. This is the scene that greeted those that arrived to watch the tender race on 31st December 2009.

All in good clean fun and with definitely no cheating in sight, Tielman gave everyone the instructions for the race. Each contender has to drink a beverage and when that is finished, must run down to their tender, start it up and go around the course for 3 laps. First one back is obviously the victor. Much fun was had by all and what great entertainment value. This race was sadly missed last year and we were all happy to see that it was back on the calendar again.

Round the Island Round Up

Commodore's Cup

There were 13 entrants for this race on Friday afternoon 5th February 2010. The race took place in wet and stormy weather.

First home was "Flashdance 2" skippered by Dirk von der Fecht. Second was the J22 "Hang Ten" skippered by Neil Armstrong and in third position was the L26 "Tatoosh" skippered by Tielman Burger.

Tune Up Races

We had 52 entries for the tune up races on Saturday afternoon.

1 st	Dirk von der Fecht
2 nd	Steve Hegerstrum
3 rd	Dries Pretorius

LDYC Round the Island Race

I would like to say a big thank you to all our members for forming a team to do this event. The superb contribution and effort of the various committees and individuals is without match.

The lack of wind and the determined battle of sailors to get around the Island and finish the race were overshadowed by the teamwork in progress.

In the process, we had a lot of getting to know each other, new friends and relationships between members have been formed, in some cases, bumping and bruising each other in the process.

We had many compliments from members and visitors on the overwhelming magnitude of what was presented to the sailors and visitors.

In the two serious medical emergencies, the support of Rob Stephen and his ER24 team were invaluable. The first incident was when a young girl was fished out of our swimming pool. She was revived and I have been told has fully recovered.

Jason Marthinson from Witbank Aquatic Club who rescued the girl, Lebo, out of the pool, became the casualty in the second incident. According to his father Dave, he is at home recovering with no permanent scars at this stage.

Thank you to everybody that assisted in getting all the boats off the water so speedily, towing them back to the club, in most cases using their own fuel.

To everybody, a lot of water and healthy food will give you the energy to join us at Victoria Lake Club, Germiston Lake on Friday 12th February 2010 at 19h00 for the prizegiving.

This report was written by Tielman Burger

Considering that we had no sponsor this year, we can all give ourselves a hearty pat on the back for hosting a stupendous event that will have everyone talking for a long time afterwards....

I would also personally like to **thank all those members** that came and did their duty at our event. A lot of the members told me that they had the greatest of fun and some have signed on to do duties for next year's event already.

To the members that contributed towards our goody bags this year our heartfelt thanks must also go to you. Check out our website www.ldyc.co.za and you will see who made donations.

Our thanks must go to Victoria Lake Club for hosting our prize-giving on Friday 12th February 2010.



Jonathan Crawford & Brian Lion-Cachet with their numerous awards

The Multi 23 "Faster" skippered by Jonathan Crawford with Brian Lion-Cachet as crew came in first in 4 hours 37. Second was the Flying Tiger "Prodigy 1V" skippered by Chris Frost and third was the Hobie Tiger "The Other Blonde" helmed by Mark Kopel. All other results are available on our website www.ldyc.co.za

Some other interesting awards:

- The Oldest Competitor this year was Nigel Sutherland
- First Junior home was Tyrone Hammick on the Inter 20 “Double Espresso”
- The Spirit of Round the Island was awarded to Phil Bennet on the L26 “Windways”. He and his crew managed to get to the finish line but just didn’t make it in time for the cut off.

LDYC members that finished the 2010 RTIR are Danny Adams in 14th position on “Hoosya Daddy”. “The Bog Monster” skippered by Marc Hammick came in 19th and Chris Phillips on “No Compromise” came in 20th. Well done guys, quite some feat when there is no wind.

As usual we had a super duper **New Years Eve Party** again this year on 31st December 2009. Kevin Buchler, our resident DJ played a wide variety of music which got young and old onto the dance floor. Thank you, Kevin. He was joined every so often by another gentleman who jumped onto his drums, that were set up on the verandah, to liven up the beat.

The piece de resistance was the **fantastic fireworks display** that was sponsored for and organized by another of our members, Alan Stuart. The fireworks were set off on Lakeview Estates ground next door and the display took place over the water. Thank you, Alan for the wonderful show. A great night’s entertainment and a “jol” were enjoyed by all present.

Some of the members got a collection together and a **gift hamper** was **presented to our barman, Andre** for all his hard work and enthusiasm during the year. This came as quite a surprise to Andre who graciously accepted his gift.

Pretoria Boys High School was given permission by Mancom to host their prefect leadership camp at LDYC from 7th to 9th January 2010. 15 boys attended this camp and they were all extremely comfortable down in our caravans. The two teachers were housed in the cottage and Daniel Harvey, a member at LDYC and house master at the school, stayed at his site.

Kei Ackerman, kindly took a day off work and came through to the club on the Friday to give the boys a few pointers and a talk on sailing. Thanks Kei, your interest is much appreciated. Thanks must also go to Tielman, who arranged for the club boats and paddle ski's to be available on the foreshore for the boys to use.

The boys all enjoyed the couple of days immensely and have requested that I relay their thanks to LDYC and Mancom for the use of our facilities. They hope they may come back again next year....

Ronnie Hamlette tragically passes away

Ronnie Hamlette known to many of us in the sailing world as the skipper of "Tequila Sunrise" tragically passed away on Sunday 24th January 2010. Ronnie and Peter often participate in our races, attend our prize-givings and other club functions too. Our thoughts and prayers go to Peter Sillard and to Ronnie's family.

A memorial service was held to celebrate his life, not mourn his passing at St Peters Church in Deneysville and the reception afterwards was held at the LDYC club house. Ronnie, our friend, you will be sorely missed....



Mancom would like to welcome to the following new members who joined in January 2010:

- Luke and Edwina Quinn who sail a Holiday 23 called “Adventurer
- Werner and Luani Crouse and their toddlers, Joanei and Ronald who own a powerboat. They manned the regalia stall at Round the Island and have kindly donated their left over stock to us.
- Paul and Dale Rajchl who own a speedboat.
- Warren and Charlene Bates who own a hobiecat called “Minstral”
- Brian and Rosemary Hosking and their two girls, Megan and Angela who sail a Hobie 16.
- Kevan and Margaret Jones with their daughter, Heather who sail on an L26 called “Sandpiper”
- Chris and Paula Swanepoel and their 2 children, Joshua and Hannah. Chris donated the impressive sign at the end of Union Road, as well as various other signs to the club.
- Gary and Belinda Bruyns with their kids, Kyla and Tegan who own a rubberduck.
- Jason and Jessica Edgecombe with Makagla who own a pair of jet –skis.
- Albert and Hester Botha – parents of Eddie and Alba Swart

R1 000 deposit to be paid when alterations are done at your site.

I have mentioned in the November 2009 newsletter about members that damage cable and piping at their sites when they are doing alterations. Mancom has decided that, in future, any member that wants to do alterations at their site will have to lodge their plans together with a refundable deposit of R1 000 to Marian in the office. This will only be refunded once we have established that there has been no damage to club property.

Please ask for your receipt at the gate

Members and their visitors are asked to please insist on a receipt at the gate when paying entrance fees. The cost of entrance fees for a non member or visitor is R30 per person per day. Children under 12 don't pay.

Many of our member's visitors are not paying their visitor's fees and quite often the visitor's book is not completed either. Due to this the club is losing a fair amount of revenue. Your guests make use of the club's facilities and the onus rests on you to make sure that they have paid to come in at the gate. Please be aware that the club may bill you after the fact, should they find that you have had visitors that have not paid their dues.

No visitors may be at the club or at your site if you, the member, are not also present. The visitor and the way that they behave is your responsibility. Therefore, if your visitor misbehaves, it is your problem and you will be accountable.

The Vaal Dam caused LDYC quite some concern when its level began to rise towards the end of January 2010, with Round the Island Race barely a week away. The level reached 105.4 % and up to 8 sluice gates had to be opened. Quite a bit of flooding took place all around the dam and Kathy Manten kindly sent us a few photos showing the levels at Manten Marina. Dickie even had to remove the electricity from their harbour for safety reasons. Dam level is back down to 100.4%.



Manten Marina 27 January 2010

Forthcoming Events for March / April 2010

20-21 March	Kidz sailing	Notice
21 March	Proposed Medium Distance Regatta LDYC	14h00
27-28 March	Margo Mackay Night Race - VCA	Notice
3 April	Easter Regatta – LDYC	14h00
	Radio controlled boats	17h00
4 April	Open Raft Up	Notice
5 April	MOD Winter 2 – LDYC	Notice
17 April	Management Committee Meeting	09h00
	Ancient Mariners	14h00
18 April	Summer 4 – LDYC	10h00
24 April	Formula 1 Nationals – PNYC	Notice
25-27 April	J22 Mpumalanga Champs – Witbank	Notice



“Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame, but for greatness, because greatness is determined by service”

Dr Martin Luther King Jnr

Yours in Sailing

Teresa Wolmarans
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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